

## Description & Summary of Santa Fe County Redistricting Options

### Introduction

The release of the 2010 Decennial Census data by the US Census Bureau for the State of New Mexico and Santa Fe County revealed that Santa Fe County's five (5) County Commissioner Districts must be adjusted in order to balance population as equally as possible among each of the five districts. Santa Fe County, with a total 2010 base population of 144,170 persons, ideally should have five (5) County Commissioner Districts composed of 28,834 persons per District (144,170/5). In the context of state and local districting, the Federal Courts have generally viewed population deviations of five percent or less between districts as substantially satisfying the equalized population requirement of "one person, one vote". Applied to Santa Fe County, this five percent allowable deviation translates to an allowance of +/- 1,442 people (5% of 28,834) per district. In other words, each proposed realigned Commissioner District should contain no more than 30,276 persons and no less than 27,392 persons (28,834 +/- 1,442).

An analysis of the current County Commissioner Districts with the 2010 Census population figures shows that Districts 1, 2 and 4 are under the ideal population of 28,834 persons, while Districts 3 and 5 are over this ideal population.

| <i>Commissioner District</i> | <i>2010 Population per District</i> | <i>Deviation (max +/- 5%)</i> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>                     | <b>26,023</b>                       | <b>-2,811 -9.75%</b>          |
| <b>2</b>                     | <b>28,164</b>                       | <b>-670 -2.32%</b>            |
| <b>3</b>                     | <b>32,842</b>                       | <b>4,008 13.90%</b>           |
| <b>4</b>                     | <b>26,045</b>                       | <b>-2,789 -9.67%</b>          |
| <b>5</b>                     | <b>31,096</b>                       | <b>2,262 7.84%</b>            |

Any redistricting scenarios/plans developed for consideration should adhere to the following basic principles of districting:

- Equal Population
- Avoid Dilution of Minority Voting Strength
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Maintenance of Communities of Interest

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners in reviewing this analysis and guided by these basic principles requested that several variations of redistricting plans be prepared. A narrative description of each of redistricting plans currently being considered by the Board is provided on the following pages. The current redistricting options are Option C2 and Option C3.

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### Option C2

Redistricting Option C2 is a variant of a redistricting scenario that strives to use predominately major roads & visible features (e.g., rivers, railroads) as district boundaries.

**District 1** picks up four precincts west of St. Francis (pcts. 20, 21, 25 & 83) from District 2, and loses two precincts (pcts. 9 & 36) to District 4.

Additions:

**Precincts 20, 21, 25 & 83** (Monte Sereno/Tano Road/La Tierra/Las Dos/Piñon Ridge/Casa Solana/Alto Park areas) from District 2

East: St. Francis/US 84/285

North: Tesuque Pueblo

West: Calle Adelina/Paseo de la Tierra/Alamo Creek/Paseo de Aguila/Lluvia de Oro/Fin del Sendero/Camino la Tierra/Buckman Road/Paseo de Vistas/Rincon de Torreon/north bank of the Santa Fe River/Camino Alire

South: Agua Fria Street

Deletions:

**Precinct 9** (Aspen Basin/Hyde Park Estates/Cerro Gordo/Valle Lejano areas) to District 4

East: San Miguel County

North & West: NM 475 - Hyde Park Road/Gonzales Road

South: East Alameda/Santa Fe River

**Precinct 36** (Capitol area) to District 4

East: Old Santa Fe Trail/Arroyo Tenorio/Garcia Street/Canyon Road/Paseo de Peralta

North: East Alameda/West Alameda

West: South Guadalupe

South: Paseo de Peralta/West Santa Fe Avenue/Don Gaspar/Buena Vista Street

**District 2** picks up two precincts (pcts. 64 & 67) from District 3, and loses seven precincts; four to District 1 (pcts. 20, 21, 25 & 83) and three to District 4 (pcts. 43, 44 & 45).

Additions:

**Precincts 64 & 67** (Las Acequias/Fairway Village/County Club Gardens MHP/Tierra Real areas) from District 3

East: Lopez Lane

Northwest: Agua Fria Street

South: Airport Road

Deletions:

Precincts 20, 21, 25 & 83 (Monte Sereno/Tano Road/La Tierra/Las Dos/Piñon Ridge/Casa Solana/Alto Park areas) to District 1

(described above in District 1)

**Precincts 43, 44 & 45** (South Capitol/West Cordova Road areas) to District 4

East: Old Pecos Trail

North: Buena Vista Street/Don Gaspar/West Santa Fe Avenue/Paseo de Peralta

West: South Guadalupe/Cerrillos Road

South: Alta Vista/Galisteo/East Cordova/Don Gaspar/East Lupita

**District 3** picks up one precinct (pct. 75) from District 5 and loses two precincts (pcts. 64 & 67) to District 2.

Additions:

**Precinct 75** (Camino Entrada/Jaguar Drive area) from District 5

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East: Cerrillos Road  
North: Airport Road  
West: Paseo del Sol  
South: Ocate Road

### Deletions:

Precincts 64 & 67 (Las Acequias/Fairway Village/County Club Gardens MHP/Tierra Real areas) to District 2  
(described above in District 2)

**District 4** picks up six precincts, two from District 1 (pcts. 9 & 36), three from District 2 (pcts. 43, 44 & 45) and one from District 5 (pct. 63); and loses three precincts (pcts. 35, 50 & 76) to District 5.

### Additions:

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Precincts 43, 44 & 45 (South Capitol/West Cordova Road areas) from District 2

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**Precinct 63** (Lamy/Spirit Wind Ranch/East 285 Corridor/Old Ranch/East Ranch/The Ridges/Los Vaqueros /West Cañoncito areas) from District 5

Southeast: BNSF Railroad

North: I-25

West: US 285

### Deletions:

**Precincts 35, 50 & 76** (College of Santa Fe/Los Cedros areas) to District 5

East: Yucca/Siringo Road/Llano Street/St. Michaels Drive

North: Cerrillos Road

West: Camino Carlos Rey

South: Rodeo Road

**District 5** picks up three precincts (pcts. 35, 50 & 76) from District 4 and loses two precincts, one to District 3 (pct. 75) and one to District 4 (pct. 63).

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Additions:

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East: St. Francis/US 84/285

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West: Calle Adelina/Paseo de la Tierra/Alamo Creek/Paseo de Aguila/Lluvia de Oro/Fin del Sendero/Camino la Tierra/Buckman Road/Paseo de Vistas/Rincon de Torreon/north bank of the Santa Fe River/Camino Alire

South: Agua Fria Street

Deletions:

**Precinct 27 & 36** (Capitol/Westside Guadalupe areas) to District 4

East: Old Santa Fe Trail/Arroyo Tenorio/Garcia Street/Canyon Road/Paseo de Peralta

North: East Alameda/West Alameda

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Deletions:

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(described above in District 4)

## Option Summaries

### Option C2 – Summary & Observations

**Total Deviation: 1,335 persons or 4.6%**

**Urban vs. Rural Range: 47.8% (D5) to 72.0% (D2) with D1 50.5%, D3 58.2%, D4 70.6%**

#### **Observations:**

- Total deviation is relatively low; highest deviation is District 1 at +2.8% (+793)
- Urban-Rural – Districts 1 & 3 improve; District 2 slight urban increase (2%), District 4 slight urban decrease (1.5%), District 5 minimal change
- Growth Accommodation: option achieves *limited* projected growth accommodation as Districts 3 & 5 (containing SDA1 areas) are under ideal population while District 1 is over ideal population & likely to be stable over next 10 years. Districts 2 & 4 have population deviations inverted, albeit slightly, from anticipated growth.
  - District 1 – good; 2.8% over ideal & likely to be stable population
  - District 2 – fair; 1.9% over ideal & likely to grow
  - District 3 – OK; -1.9% under ideal & likely to grow
  - District 4 – fair; -1.6% under ideal & likely to be stable population
  - District 5 – OK ; -1.2 % under ideal & likely to grow

### Option C3 – Summary & Observations

**Total Deviation: 1,119 persons or 3.9%**

**Urban vs. Rural Range: 47.8% (D5) to 72.0% (D2) with D1 50.1%, D3 58.2%, D4 70.8%**

#### **Observations:**

- Total deviation is lowest of all options; highest deviation is District 1 at +2.0% (+577)
- Urban-Rural – Districts 1 & 3 improve; District 2 slight urban increase (2%), District 4 slight urban decrease (1.3%), District 5 minimal change
- Growth Accommodation: option achieves *limited* projected growth accommodation as Districts 3 & 5 (containing SDA1 areas) are under ideal population while District 1 is over ideal population & likely to be stable over next 10 years. Districts 2 & 4 have population deviations inverted, albeit slightly, from anticipated growth.
  - District 1 – OK; 2.0% over ideal & likely to be stable population
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  - District 3 – OK; -1.9% under ideal & likely to grow
  - District 4 – fair; -0.9% under ideal & likely to be stable population
  - District 5 – OK ; -1.2 % under ideal & likely to grow