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Seminole Tribe of Florida

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Re: Redistricting - Board of Collier County Commissioners (BCC) & District School Board of Collier County (CCSB)

The Constitution of the State of Florida [Article VIII, Section 1.(e)] requires that, after each decennial census, the Board of Commissioners is to divide the County into districts of contiguous territories as nearly equal in population as practicable, with one Commissioner residing in each district elected as provided by law. Chapter 124, Florida Statutes, also provides for more frequent redistricting to maintain population balance, but that it shall only occur in odd-numbered years, so this task must be completed in 2021.

In August 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau released various Census 2020 Redistricting Data for Florida and its counties, pursuant to Public Law 94-171. This data shows the total population for Collier County to be 375,752 as of April 1, 2020. To achieve population equity, each district would have a population of approximately 75,150 persons. A deviation from the ideal population of 75,150 is allowed, up to 10%; this results in an allowable population range from 71,393 to 78,907. The population growth was uneven among the Districts such that the population in four of the five Districts are outside of the acceptable deviation. On June 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners authorized staff to initiate the redistricting process, directed the drawing of a minimum of three map alternatives, and approved criteria to use when drawing the map alternatives.

On September 8, 2021, the District School Board of Collier County unanimously agreed to coterminous district boundaries with the BCC and to provide staff support, including language interpreters to assist at redistricting public meetings - as was the case in 2011 redistricting. Growth Management Department staff - the lead in the redistricting task - will be assisted by the Office of the County Attorney.





Staff will conduct five public meetings throughout the County - one in each District - at which the Redistricting process will be explained, the proposed maps will be displayed, and the public may ask questions and offer comments. All five meetings will be conducted in the same manner, only at different locations; the public may attend any or all of these meetings. The schedule of these meetings will be noticed in two newspapers, in three languages. Please see the attached meeting schedule (English). The BCC map adoption meeting is set for December 14, 2021.

Finally, the County's BCC Redistricting website address and BCC Redistricting point of contact information is below.

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Collier County website: www.colliergov.net
2021 BCC Redistricting website: <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-s-z/zoning-division/2021-collier-county-bcc-redistricting-information>



2021 REDISTRICTING:

COLLIER COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC)

&

District School Board of Collier County (School Board)

Public Meeting Schedule

- **In District 1: Monday, November 1, 2021**, 6 pm, in BCC Meeting Room on 3rd floor of Building F, Collier County Government Center Administration Building, 3299 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112. [Administration Building is the 8-story building closest to U.S. 41 and Airport-Pulling Road]
- **In District 4: Tuesday, November 2, 2021**, 6 pm, in Conference Room 609/610, Growth Management Department / Development Services building, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104 [Building entrance fronts on N. Horseshoe Drive, in center of building]
- **In District 2: Wednesday, November 10, 2021**, 6 pm, in Exhibit Hall, North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL 34109 [Park is located south of Immokalee Road, east of Livingston Road; building with Exhibit Hall is located east of the water park and west of the soccer fields]
- **In District 5: Monday, November 15, 2021**, 6 pm, in Conference Room, Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
- **In District 3: Tuesday, November 16, 2021**, 6 pm, in Auditorium, Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34116 [Park is located at the northwest corner of Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard]
- **BCC meeting to include consideration/adoption of new BCC district boundaries: December 14, 2021**, 9:00 am, in BCC Meeting Room on 3rd floor of Building F, Collier County Government Center Administration Building, 3299 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112.
- *School Board meeting to include consideration/adoption of new School Board district boundaries: **December 14, 2021**. The School Board is not expected to adopt their redistricting map until after BCC adoption.*

At the five evening Public Meetings (November 1, 2, 10, 15 and 16), attendees will have an opportunity to review the proposed maps and ask questions. A brief presentation will be made at the beginning of each of those meetings. Every effort will be made to have a Spanish and Haitian Creole interpreter at those five meetings. All meetings are open to the public, regardless of the District in which you reside. *Wearing of facemasks is encouraged but not required.*

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-s-z/zoning-division/2021-collier-county-bcc-redistricting-information>

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