

**CITY OF GREENFIELD
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**

Virtual Attendance Only and Remote Viewing Options

The City Council for the City of Greenfield will be conducting its special meeting on November 16, 2021. Consistent with Assembly Bill (AB) 361, the City Council will hold this meeting virtually only, without in-person attendance by the public and without a physical location for public participation. Further, and consistent with AB 361, the meeting is accessible for public participation through video conferencing and livestreaming.

The City Council meeting to be held on November 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. will only be accessible online and may be viewed through the following options:

- Facebook Live: <https://www.facebook.com/GreenfieldCA/>
- Join Zoom Meeting
Please click the link below to join the Zoom webinar:
<http://meeting.ci.greenfield.ca.us>

Meeting ID: 856 8303 0508

The City will provide links to these streaming options on the City's website and on its Facebook page.

Public Comment

Public comments will be permitted in the following formats: (1) through Zoom, and (2) through e-mail. If you wish to make a public comment through Zoom, please use the "raise your hand" feature during the public comment section of the agenda that you wish to comment on. You will be selected by the meeting host and will be allowed to say your comment aloud. If you wish to make a public comment through email, please submit your public comment to cityclerk@ci.greenfield.ca.us. In the subject line of the email, please state your name and the item you are commenting on. If you wish to submit a public comment on more than one agenda item, please send a separate e-mail for each item you are commenting.

Please be advised that public comments submitted through email must be received no later than Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Comments submitted through email on time will be incorporated into the City Council Agenda but will not be read aloud during the meeting. Comments submitted by email that are not received on time will not be accepted. Please be aware that written public comments, including your name, may become public information.



City of Greenfield

599 El Camino Real
Greenfield, CA 93927

City Council Special Agenda November 16, 2021 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Lance Walker

Mayor Pro-Tem, Angela M. Untalon

Councilmembers

Yanely Martinez

Andrew Tipton

Robert White

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL – CITY COUNCIL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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November 16, 2021**

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D. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

D-1. Consideration of Approval of Letter Regarding the Re-Districting of the Congressional, Senate and Assembly District

- a. Staff Report
 - b. Public Comments
 - c. City Council Comments / Review
- Staff Recommended Action/ Approve Letter**

E. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

E-1. CLOSED SESSION - Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: City Manager

- a. Public Comments

F. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

G. ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the American With Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (831) 674-5591. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

This agenda is duly posted outside City Hall and on the City of Greenfield web site.



City of Greenfield

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By U.S. Mail and Email

November 12, 2021

Re:

Dear California Redistricting Commission Members,

The Greenfield City Council would like to express its concerns associated with the visualizations that have been used to craft Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts covering the Salinas Valley. It is our belief that the communities of Bradley, Lockwood, San Lucas, San Ardo, King City, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, and Salinas should remain within shared districts for the three seats mentioned above. This region shares communities of interest, economic ties, historical representation and local government representation that would be negatively impacted if these lines are adopted.

The Senate visualization divides the community of King City from the unincorporated area known as Pine Canyon. Residents of Pine Canyon consider themselves residents of King City. Their children attend the same schools, they shop at the same stores, go to the same doctors. There are no schools, grocery stores, clinics or commercial resources in Pine Canyon. These communities are effectively one and the same, yet in the November 7th iteration of the maps they are split and are represented by different Senate districts.

The Assembly visualization divides the community of King City in half, as well as dropping San Ardo, Bradley and Lockwood out of the district entirely. These communities do their grocery shopping in King City, they share the same High School District (King City Join Union High School District) and have a shared economic interest with a basis in Agriculture.

The Congressional map dated November 7, 2021 shows a clearly gerrymandered grab of the community of Soledad. This line separates the communities of Soledad and Gonzales, who are so closely knit that until relatively recently they shared one high school district. Tying the community of Soledad to the coastal district, without any way of getting there but to drive North or South on Highway 101, through communities encompassed on either side by the neighboring congressional district shows a clear lack of understanding of this area and is wholly unacceptable.

These communities share a single Supervisorial District within our County, Monterey County's Third District. Through the pandemic, the Supervisor of the District met weekly with the Mayors of each of the incorporated jurisdictions listed in this letter to collaboratively address the challenges of the pandemic. The cities of the Salinas Valley have worked together and with their Supervisor to address issues exacerbated by the digital divide, access to healthcare, transportation issues on the only major corridor, Highway 101, amongst other challenges. To divide them through this process would be detrimental to their ability to collectively raise concerns about shared issues.

The Valley cities of Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield and King City, along with Monterey County (representing San Ardo, Bradley and Lockwood) have worked with Hartnell College over the past 3 years and have implemented the Valley Promise, whereby high school graduates in all of these areas are given free tuition, books and a computer via a program funded by these cities and the county. There are no carve-outs for individual cities or the county. This has boosted post-secondary enrollment substantially. We all pitch in as ONE COMMUNITY, no exceptions. Like all cities, we have our differences, but the Salinas Valley very much sees itself as ONE COMMUNITY.

The Voting Rights Act may no longer be the law of the land, but we mustn't ignore the lessons that necessitated its creation and implementation. The lines proposed divide a larger community, in every sense of the word, they are proud to share the moniker Southern Monterey County. We ask that you reconsider any recommendations that divides this region.

Sincerely,

Lance Walker
Mayor

Angela Untalon
Mayor Pro Temp

Yanely Martinez
Councilmember

Robert White
Councilmember

Andrew Tipton
Councilmember