

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]ATTN: Wade Horton - The Patten Map - Redistricting - Patten Map = Wrong

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Kunemoto [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 5:17 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]ATTN: Wade Horton - The Patten Map - Redistricting - Patten Map = Wrong

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>> This is shocking. This is wrong.
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>> Just one example here is that Los Osos and Avila Beach are grouped together. Makes absolutely no sense.
>> None.
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>> This is not democracy.
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>> It is unacceptable and as responsible citizens who want only the best for all concerned, we object 100% and will be heard and respected.
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>> Elizabeth S. Kunemoto
[REDACTED]
>> [REDACTED]
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Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: Public Comment - ID 332

From: Web Notifications <webnotifications@co.slo.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Public Comment - ID 332

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First Name Mary
Last Name Ditchie
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]
Name of Organization Represented
City San Luis Obispo
Zip 93405

Comment I object to the Republican Patten map. It has obviously been adopted to gerrymander the county districts to keep the Republican party in power. This should not happen. I would like the Board to adopt the Chamber of Commerce map which does not favor one party over another. Please listen to us and adopt a fair map.

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Time sensitive request

From: AM Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Time sensitive request

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Please approve map ID 74786. Thank you!

Voter

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Time sensitive request

From: Kathleen Goble <kgoble@co.slo.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:34 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: BOS_Legislative Assistants Only <BOS_Legislative-Assistants-Only@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: FW: [EXT]Time sensitive request

From: AM Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 11:39 AM
To: Debbie Arnold <darnold@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Time sensitive request

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Please approve map ID 74786. Thank you!

Concerned Voter

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Redistricting

From: Margarete Schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>; BOS_District 5_Web Contact <district5@co.slo.ca.us>; Bruce Gibson <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>; Blake Fixler <bfixler@co.slo.ca.us>; John Peschong <jpeschong@co.slo.ca.us>; Dawn Ortiz-Legg <dortizlegg@co.slo.ca.us>; Sarah Sartain <ssartain@co.slo.ca.us>; District 4 <district4@co.slo.ca.us>; Lynn Compton <lcompton@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Redistricting

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Greetings:

I was shocked to learn that the clearly gerrymandered Patten map was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. It has no advantages for county residents and has many disastrous disadvantages. For instance: --The new districts have been devised to give Republicans—who are a minority by population in the county—almost perpetual rule. --A perfect illustration of the fancy footwork required to attain that Republican advantage is the skinny dog-bone-shaped version of District 3, which connects SLO to Morro Bay via a long, mostly empty span of highway. --San Miguel is separated from Paso Robles—its closest neighbor and strongest community of interest. --The whole point of the Patten map was—patently—to keep cities whole. Yes SLO is still divided. So, clearly, that was not the real point at all. --As the nonpartisan League of Women Voters has pointed out, the Patten map also accelerates some 48,000 Republican voters and defers 48,000 Democrats. Again, this is no coincidence but is part of the Republican power grab. --State law states that communities of interest should be kept together. But not only is San Miguel split from Paso Robles but Los Osos and Morro Bay—about as close, in terms of interests, as two towns can get—are separated. --And not only that, but Cayucos and Morro Bay are also split. Ignoring the fact that residents of Cayucos are in Morro Bay constantly for shopping, that their children attend school there. --Splitting up Los Osos and Morro Bay is literal insanity; the two towns have so much in common that “local” to a resident of either one can mean either town. --And grouping Los Osos with Avila Beach is also ludicrous—it takes forty minutes even to get from one to the other. You might as well group Los Osos with San Miguel, for all the use this would do. (But hold on: that’s already happened for Cambria.) The map the board selected is clearly intended to engineer and cement minority rule for the next ten years. That is not democracy. Is it not absurd to give the power to redraw the map to the very people who will benefit from the new boundaries? This should have been entrusted to a nonpartisan panel. The Patten map spits in the face of the ideals that are America. It is clearly a power grab by a group of politicians that are afraid they won't prevail in an election free of gerrymandered districts. You may be assured that I will support all grassroots efforts to set the Patton map aside.

Sincerely,

Margarete Schmidt
[REDACTED]

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Please note my new email address [REDACTED]

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: Public Comment - ID 333

From: Web Notifications <webnotifications@co.slo.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Public Comment - ID 333

RedistrictingID	333
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First Name	Marilyn
Last Name	Wills
Email	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Name of Organization Represented	
City	Los Osos
Zip	93402
Comment	THE Patten map is not "redistricting", it is blatant gerrymandering designed to benefit the Republican party.
Public Records Notice	True

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maria G. Brown
FW: Public Comment - ID 334

From: Web Notifications <webnotifications@co.slo.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 6:49 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: Public Comment - ID 334

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First Name MARK
Last Name DITCHIE

Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]

Name of Organization
Represented

City SLO
Zip 93405

Comment Putting forward a gerrymander map is a form of cheating, attempting to stack the deck. I am disappointed that such tactics have corrupted our local politics. More fair maps are required for a legitimate elections

Public Records Notice True

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Comment on Redistricting Map Chosen by Board of Supervisors

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Comment on Redistricting Map Chosen by Board of Supervisors

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We object to the unfair Patten map chosen by a partisan majority on the County Board of Supervisors.

A more democratic practice of making such a decision as this one is essential.

The Board of Supervisors should adopt an independent redistricting commission--as Santa Barbara County has done.

Steve and Linda Cziraki

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Stop gerrymandering

From: starrettdr [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Stop gerrymandering

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Latino Redistricting Appeal

From: Connect The Coast [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Latino Redistricting Appeal

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December 10, 2021

San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors

1055 Monterey St.

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

To the SLO County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in regards to the proposed adoption of the Patten Map, also known as Map 74786.

As a Latino living in what is now District 4, I am deeply concerned that the proposed redistricting will divide the Latino vote and make it impossible for us to successfully elect county representatives who share our experiences, culture, and language.

By separating Oceano from Nipomo you are crippling the Latino vote on the central coast. According to the 2020 Census, both Nipomo and Oceano are approximately 45% Hispanic. In comparison, Arroyo Grande is only 14.2% Hispanic, Grover Beach is 31.5% Hispanic, and just 16.1% of people in Los Osos identify as Hispanic. Breaking up Nipomo and Oceano will dilute our vote and create huge barriers to the fair representation we deserve.

The Latino community, myself included, need elected officials we can trust to protect our economic interests, advocate for our needs, and stand up for us, and our children.

If you value my vote and the Latino community in general, do not move forward with Map 74786.

Sincerely,

Harold Brown

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Latino Redistricting Appeal

From: Lorde Sanctus [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Latino Redistricting Appeal

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Sincerely,
Kurt Brown

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]This Redistricting Process - Fair Maps

From: Scott Jenkins [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]This Redistricting Process - Fair Maps

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Dear SLO County Board of Supervisors, especially Peschong, Arnold and Compton:

I support the analysis of The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County who support the SLO County 2030 map and oppose the appalling gerrymandered Patten map.

I also agree with what Professor Michael Latner, in what he said to the New Time. He said the [right-wing] supervisors' choice of district maps would "bunch the city's mostly Democratic voters into fewer districts." "Any of the maps where you see radical changes from the existing districts are clearly attempts to pack more Democrats into districts and get more Republican seats,"

"According to Latner, any attempt to isolate SLO into a single district can only be construed as a political attempt to create a "sink" district: a district that holds a large number of Democratic voters, which in turn gives Republicans a countywide advantage."

"You're giving them that district so you can control the remaining districts," Latner said. "I'd argue you should probably have some piece of every district in SLO city. It is the county seat and the most populous city in the county." Professor Latner also called these three supervisors actions pure "BS." It is.

Grouping Cambria and San Simeon together with Paso Robles makes no sense, except for giving these trumpist supervisors a republican advantage in our elections for the next decade. District 2 has been a coastal district, from Los Osos to San Simeon forever, and it should remain so.

Supervisors Peschong, Arnold and Compton are attempting to steal SLO County's elections for the next 10 years, for their own personal and political gain. They all know that this Patten map benefits republicans, even though they lie saying that they don't know that. Don't play dumb. You are all republicans, so it is impossible that you don't know this bogus map benefits republicans.

These three supervisors want to defer voters that don't adhere to their right-wing Qanon conspiracy theories, and they want to accelerate voters that are in lock step with their fascist views, over the will of the people and of our democracy.

This should be criminal! It is a blatant attempt to sow chaos and destroy American Democracy right there in SLO County. Peschong, Arnold and Compton have no respect for the rule of law and should not be allowed to select the "hack job" of the Patten map.

We do not want any cheating by the right wing tumpist supervisors, who have shown their propensity for cheating, along with their continued push of trump's Big Lie. Voters should be allowed to pick their Supervisors, not the other way around where these three supervisors pick their own voters.

These three Supervisors are engaged in election tampering, boarding on fascism over our democracy.

With the minor changes in the Census number, from the last Census, The District Maps should not be changed, if we want fair and free elections.

Do the right thing, Supervisors. Throw out the Patten map and choose the 2030 map. Otherwise, you will prove that you are fascist, gerrymandering these maps the next few elections, for your own personal and political benefit. Do the right thing,

Scott H Jenkins
San Luis Obispo CA



Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maria G. Brown
FW: [EXT]Fw: Redistricting Map Vote on December 14, 2021

From: Linda Busek [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Fw: Redistricting Map Vote on December 14, 2021

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Board of Supervisor Members,

I urge you to reject the Patten redistricting map and implement the Chamber of Commerce map. The Patten map is not balanced and it disadvantages many voters who will be ineligible to participate in the 2022 election cycle.

Stop the partisan grab and do the right thing.

Thank you.

Linda Busek
Arroyo Grande

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: Public Comment - ID 335

From: Web Notifications <webnotifications@co.slo.ca.us>
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:14 PM
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First Name Elizabeth
Last Name Stafford
Email [REDACTED]
Phone [REDACTED]
Name of Organization Represented
City Los Osos
Zip 93402
Comment The redistributing map chosen is obviously the one favoring one party over another. Not at all okay. The map needed is one in which all have an equal voice. Period.
Public Records Notice True

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Supporting Redistricting Map ID 74786

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:36 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: ahseastrand_aol.com <ahseastrand@aol.com>
Subject: [EXT]Supporting Redistricting Map ID 74786

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I fully support the approved map ID 74786. This map follows the redistricting criteria!

It keeps Templeton and Atascadero whole, and also brings Cal Poly and the City of SLO together, as well as Oceano and Grover Beach.

Partisan data cannot be used to create districts. Political data, voter registration data, incumbent residence locations, possible impacts on candidate, political parties and incumbents cannot be used in redistricting.

Respectfully,

Andrea Seastrand

**Andrea Seastrand
Resident of SLO County for 27 years!
Resident of Grover Beach for 22 years!**

[REDACTED]

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Redistricting SLO County

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From: David Flanders [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 7:34 AM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Redistricting SLO County

ATTENTION: This email originated from outside the County's network. Use caution when opening attachments or links. The way the new Patten map is drawn is gerrymandering countenanced by the majority of the Supervisors. It disenfranchises voters and creates false divisions in Supervisorial districts giving more weight to a certain political party than they warrant by the registration patterns of the county. The map needs to be redrawn to be equitable to every voter in the county.

David Flanders
Morro Bay

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Map 74786

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From: I donahue [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Map 74786

ATTENTION: This email originated from outside the County's network. Use caution when opening attachments or links. We are on the right track to adopt Map 74786. Importantly, it meets most of the requirements of the statute. The other map does not.

Please adopt Map 74786.

Leslie Donahue
Templeton

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Redistricting map

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark ginkel [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 7:58 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Redistricting map

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I am a local citizen of San Luis Obispo and I strongly favor the Patton map. The fact the the city of slo as had unfair representation over and above their perm at population using cal poly students who are not longterm citizens of the area is unfair . I think the patten map is a much more fair representation for the county .

Mark Ginkel

Sent from my iPhone

Maria G. Brown

From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]Against SLO Co. Redistricting Letter
Attachments: SLO Co. Redistricting Letter 120921.pdf

From: Elizabeth Fordyce [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 11, 2021 8:19 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]Against SLO Co. Redistricting Letter

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Hello,

Please open and read the attached letter against the recent San Luis Obispo County BOS redistricting map.

Kind Regards,

December 9, 2021

San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors
1055 Monterey St.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

To the SLO County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in regards to the proposed adoption of the Patten Map, also known as Map 74786.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Savala

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From: Redistricting
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: Maria G. Brown
Subject: FW: [EXT]SLO County Redistricting Questions and Comments
Attachments: SLO County redistricting map favors Republicans data shows _ San Luis Obispo Tribune.pdf

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 12, 2021 4:17 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc: Bruce Gibson <bgibson@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject: [EXT]SLO County Redistricting Questions and Comments

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Dear San Luis Obispo County Board Chairman, members and redistricting committee;

I am a long time resident of San Luis Obispo County. After the recent vote to adopt the Patten Map with minor changes. This morning, 12-12-2021, the San Luis Obispo Tribune published an article examining the new district boundaries and it clearly shows the intent and lack of equal voter representation across the five districts. I have attached the article for the Board and redistricting committee to read and put into the record.

As I have already written and what this article shows reconfirms my comments from before. What happened to working together and creating districts where there is equal and fair representation of all individuals involved.

It is my opinion that the map created by the SLO Chamber of Commerce with the possibility of minor modifications is the best map for County of San Luis Obispo to adopt as it has the least amount of change and maintains the fairest voter representation of all parties involved.

We should be working together to solve problems now and into the future.

Please look at the SLO Chamber Map again and consider it for all the residents of the County.

Sincerely,

Gary Felsman
[REDACTED]

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

SLO County redistricting map increases Republican advantage, Tribune analysis shows

BY **LINDSEY HOLDEN** AND **PHILLIP REESE**

DECEMBER 12, 2021 5:00 AM



A vote on redrawing boundaries for San Luis Obispo County Supervisor districts devolves into a heated exchange between Board Chair Lynn Compton and Supervisor Bruce Gibson on Nov. 30, 2021. BY **SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

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The San Luis Obispo County [redistricting map supervisors are poised to adopt on Tuesday](#) will increase Republicans' advantage at the ballot box, further solidifying the conservative majority's control of the board, a Tribune data analysis shows.

After the conservative majority failed to do a party analysis of its own, The Tribune looked at voter registration data and found that the new five-district map — drawn by Arroyo Grande resident Richard Patten and backed by the local Republican Party — stuffs more Democrats into a couple of districts and bolsters Republican support in a couple of others.

The end result: Three districts that favor Republican candidates and two that favor Democrats — in a county where Democrats outnumbered Republicans by 6,000 voters in 2021, up from 4,500 voters in 2020.

The purple county's Democratic leanings are borne out by the results of the last two major elections. President Joe Biden [won the county in November 2020 with 55% of the vote](#), according to the final results from the Clerk-Recorder's Office. In October, [about 53% of residents also voted against recalling Gov. Gavin Newsom](#).

Yet, conservatives hold a majority on the Board of Supervisors, thanks to the way local districts are drawn.

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The Tribune's political analysis uses 2020 voter registration data from [California's redistricting database](#). It matches voter registration precincts to both the old and new supervisor district boundaries and compares the differences between the two maps.

The analysis comes with an important caveat. While most registration precincts fall entirely within a supervisorial district, a few precincts overlap districts. In those cases, The Tribune used the center point of each precinct to place all of its voters in a particular district.

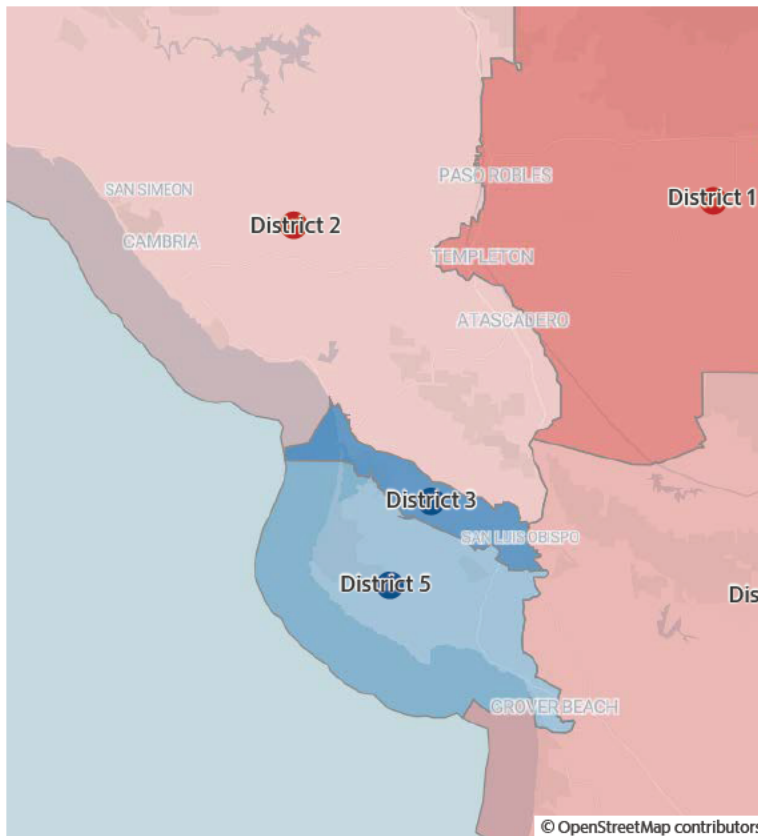
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sort of just a nakedly partisan attempt to seize power. And the voters of San Luis Obispo should be concerned about this, whether they're Republicans or Democrats.”

View [a zoom-able version of Richard Patten's map here](#). Click 'data layers' and select 'municipalities' to view city boundaries.

PATTEN MAP SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS BY PARTY

The redistricting map San Luis Obispo County supervisors are set to adopt packs most Democratic voters into District 3 and District 5. This dilutes the influence of the party's remaining voters in other districts, giving Republicans an advantage. Arroyo Grande resident Richard Patten drew this map, and it's backed by the local Republican Party.



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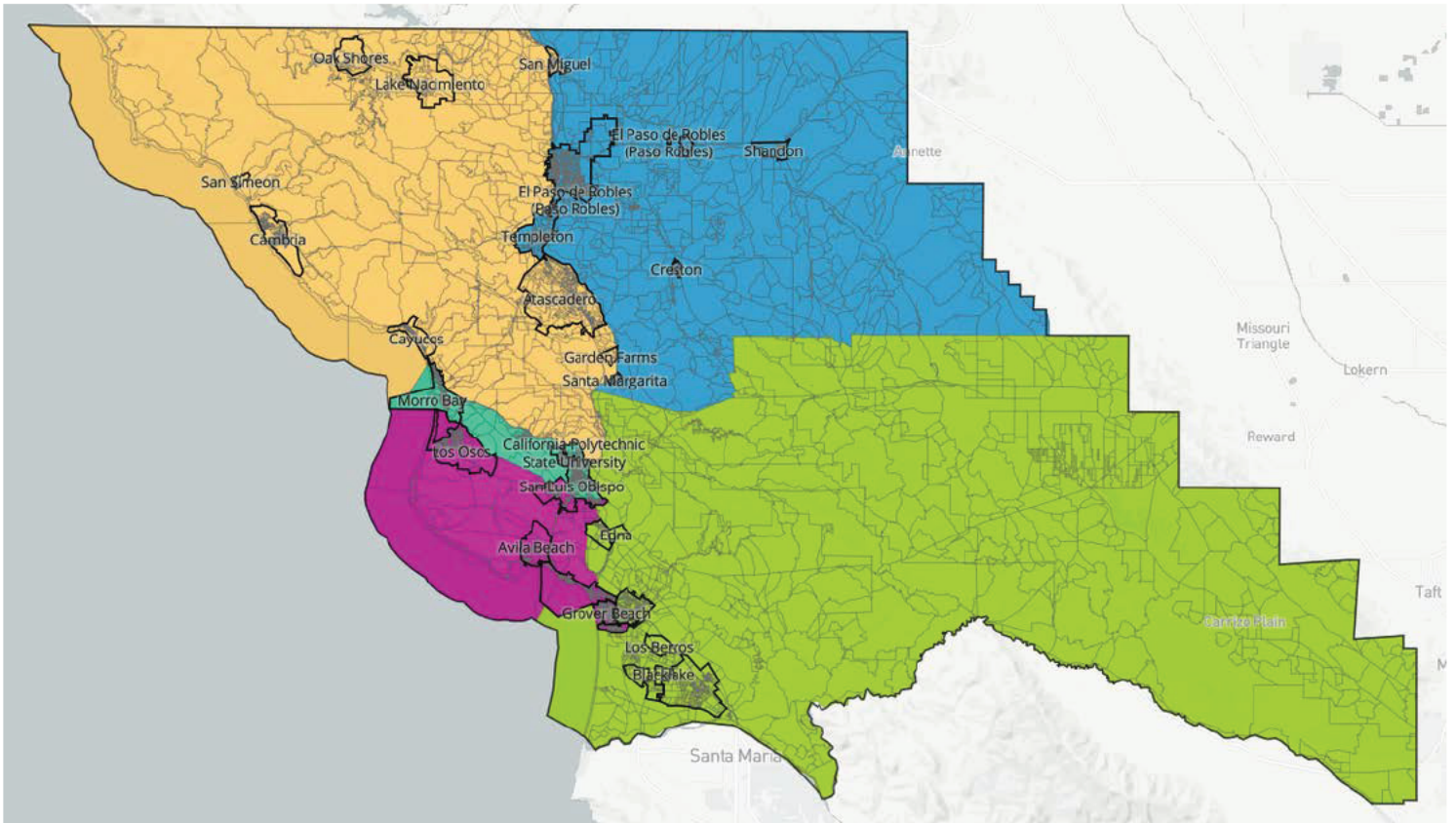
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PATTEN MAP REMAKES DISTRICTS 2, 3 AND 4 TO PACK DEMOCRATS, ADVANTAGE REPUBLICANS

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The dramatic redrawing of District 2, which puts chunks of the North Coast region into three separate districts, shifts it from a safe Democratic seat to one that now leans Republican.

Under the old boundaries, Democrats make up about 46% of registered voters in District 2, while Republicans make up 26%. Under the new boundaries, Democrats make up 34% of voters and Republicans make up 39%.



One of two finalists, the map created by Richard Patten would dramatically redraw San Luis Obispo County's supervisor districts by splitting the current North Coast into three districts with Los Osos in one, Morro Bay in another, and Cayucos, Cambria and the rest of the region in a district with Atascadero. It would divide the city of SLO between two supervisors instead of three, but it would not have SLO represented wholly by one person, as has been the refrain of supporters of the plan. It would also separate Oceano from Nipomo in a district that runs from the southern end of Pismo Beach to the edge of Morro Bay State Park and includes the Laguna Lake and airport areas of SLO. Santa Margarita would be grouped with Templeton and Paso Robles, rather than neighboring Atascadero.



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Patten's map achieves this by shifting Morro Bay and Los Osos — Democratic-leaning North Coast communities that have long been part of District 2 — into Districts 3 and 5. It also moves the District 2 boundaries inland to pick up more conservative North County cities and communities, including Atascadero, San Miguel and residential areas around Lake Nacimiento.

Many Democrats who spent the last decade voting in District 2 will now find themselves in District 3 — along with a lot of other Democrats.

Under Patten's map, that district becomes a dog bone-shaped area that includes only Morro Bay, a large chunk of San Luis Obispo and few unincorporated residents along the Highway 1 corridor between the two cities.

District 3 previously encompassed a portion of San Luis Obispo, along with Edna Valley, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach and Grover Beach. Under those boundaries, Democrats made up 42% of voters in District 3, while Republicans made up 29%. Under the new boundaries, Democrats make up 49% of voters and Republicans make up 21% of voters.

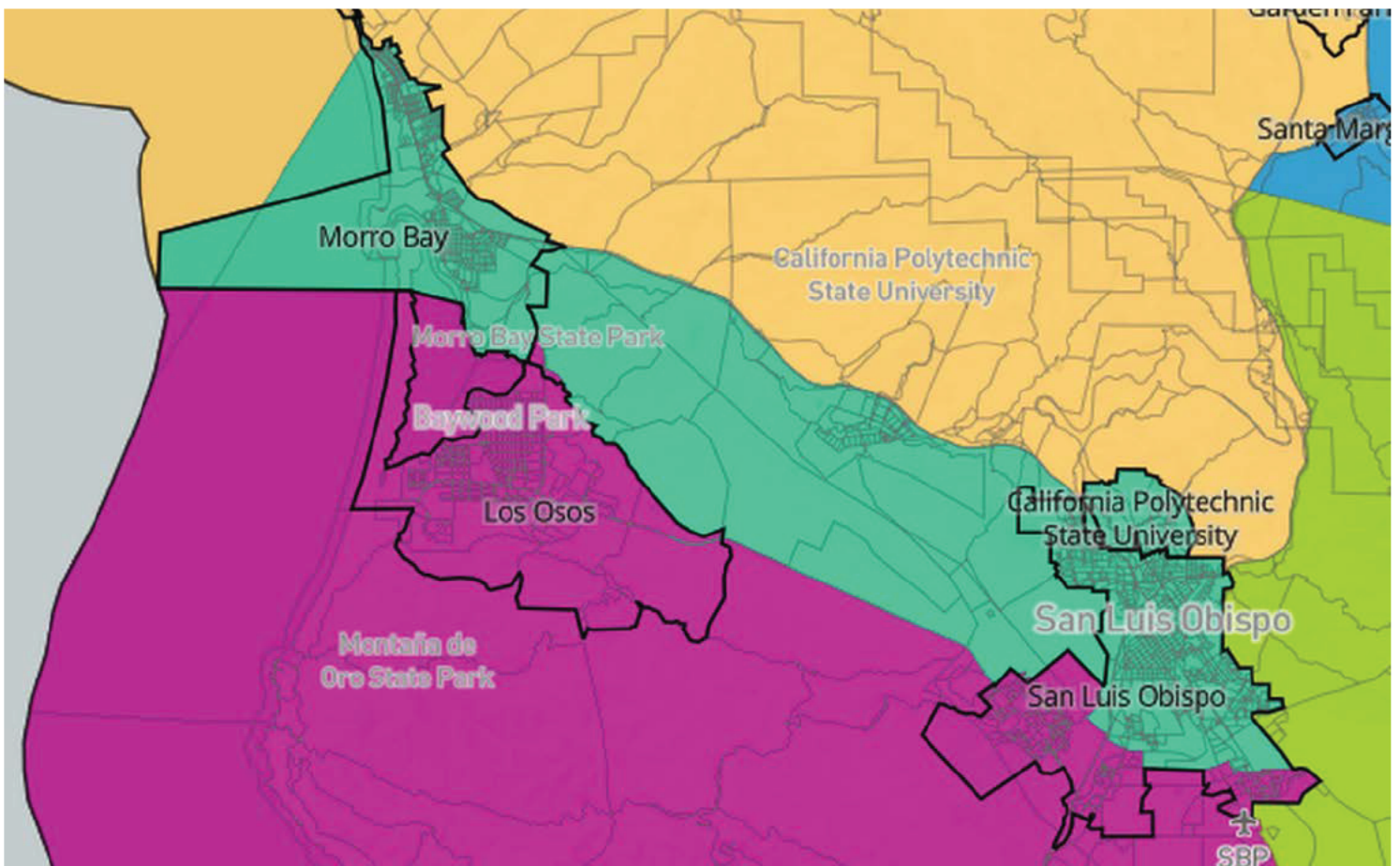
At the same time, District 4 — which board Chair Lynn Compton narrowly won in

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Republicans. Under the new boundaries, 33% of voters in the district are Democrats, while 40% are Republicans.

Patten's map accomplishes this by removing Democratic-leaning Oceano from District 4 and putting it in a newly formed District 5. That area is now a coastal district that includes Los Osos, a portion of San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach and Oceano.

District 4 also gains conservative voters by picking up Edna Valley and the San Luis Obispo Country Club area, which were previously part of District 3.



In the middle of SLO County, the Patten map creates a dog bone-shaped District 3 with the incorporated cities of San Luis Obispo and Morro

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As it happens, District 4 and District 2 are the two areas up for election in 2022.

Putting more Republicans in those districts greatly increases the chances that Republicans will maintain control of the Board of Supervisors through 2026, since Republican District 1 Supervisor John Peschong won re-election in 2020, as did Republican District 5 Supervisor Debbie Arnold.

Looking forward, District 2 Supervisor Bruce Gibson — a Democrat who's represented the North Coast since 2006 — now must run in a district that Patten's map completely remade to put him at a decided disadvantage.

On the other hand, District 4 Supervisor Compton — a Republican who's represented the South County since 2015 — will run in a district Patten's map set up to give her a partisan boost.

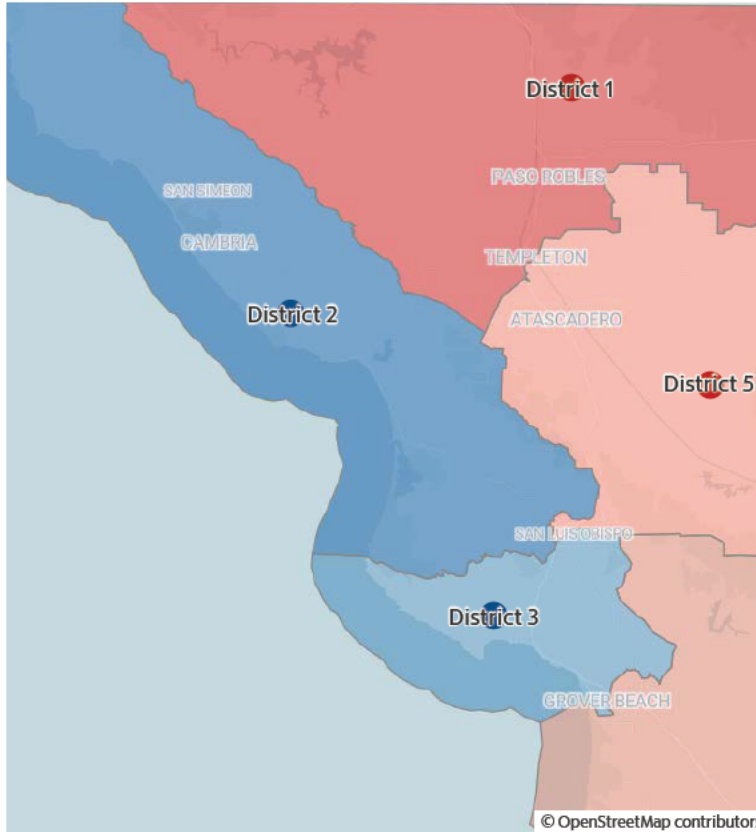
Compton won re-election by just 60 votes in an extremely tight 2018 race against current Arroyo Grande Councilman Jimmy Paulding.

As that outcome shows, even a small number of new Republican voters could decide the results of the 2022 race, which is setting up to be a rematch between Compton and Paulding.

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OLD SLO COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS BY PARTY

San Luis Obispo County's old district map leaned Republican. Although District 4 and District 5 leaned conservative by only a few percentage points, they were competitive and resulted in some very close races.



WHAT ABOUT DISTRICTS 1 AND 5?

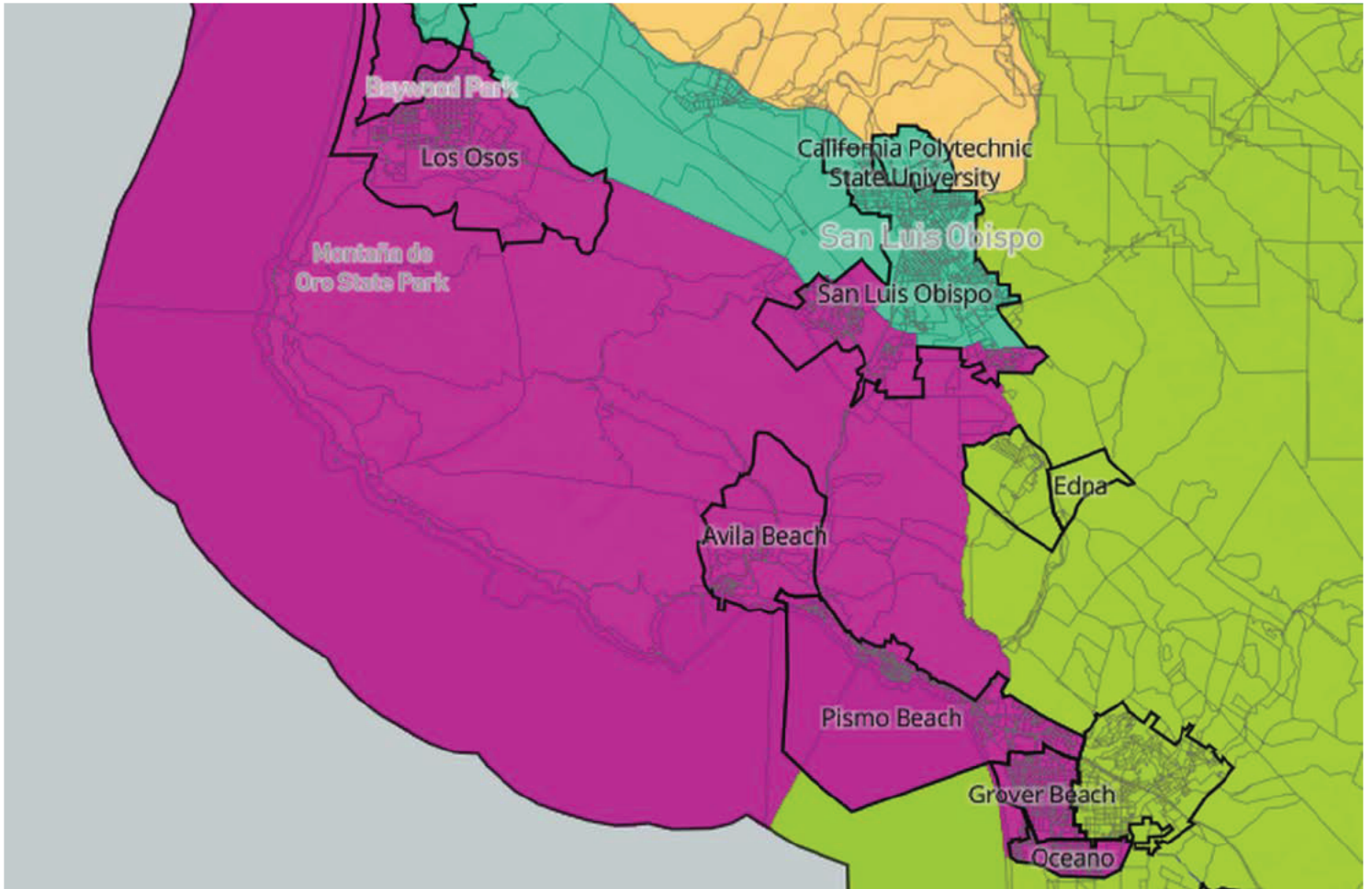
The Tribune's analysis shows the partisan makeup of District 1 in the North County doesn't change much — it still remains solidly Republican even after losing San Miguel and the Lake Nacimiento area to District 2.

About 29% of voters in both the old and new maps are Democrats, while about 44% are Republicans.

Conversely, District 5 has undergone a complete geographic makeover. The old District 5 included a large chunk of the North County, including Atascadero, Santa Margarita, Creston and Pozo.

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Patten's map has turned the former Republican-leaning inland district into a mid-coastal one, and the shift has made it solidly Democratic.



In this view of the Patten map, the district in purple (the apparent new District 5) runs from the edge of Morro Bay State Park to Oceano, with parts of southern San Luis Obispo as well. It unites communities that are not commonly associated with each other, binding Los Osos on the North Coast to Pismo Beach, Grover Beach and Oceano in the South County.

Under the old boundaries, 35% of voters in the district were Democrats, and 37% were Republicans. Under the new boundaries, 43% of voters in the district are Democrats, while 28% are Republicans.

District 5 clearly plays a role in packing most of the coastal Democratic voters into two districts. Although there are still large numbers of Democratic voters in District 2, their votes would be heavily diluted with the addition of inland communities.

WHY HASN'T THE COUNTY DONE ITS OWN PARTISAN ANALYSIS OF THE MAP?

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The Board of Supervisors' conservative majority has repeatedly voted down requests from District 3 Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg and Gibson to have Redistricting Partners, the county's redistricting consultant, analyze the Patten map's political impacts.

At the Nov. 30 redistricting hearing, Compton and Gibson got into a bitter argument over his insistence on presenting an analysis of the maps' party breakdown commissioned by Citizens for Preserving District #4, a group devoted to keeping Oceano and Nipomo in the same district, among other goals.

Gibson eventually refused to vote until he could read the results of the analysis into the record.

County counsel Rita Neal told The Tribune that supervisors are allowed to possess partisan information about the redistricting maps.

"The existence of the partisan information and its inclusion in the record is not prohibited," Neal said in an email. "However, the Election Code (section 21500(d)) prohibits the board from adopting supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party. Thus, adoption of district boundaries cannot be based on political affiliation."

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Supervisor Lynn Compton listens while John Peschong comments during the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors redistricting meeting on Nov. 30, 2021. Peschong continues to falsely claim supervisors cannot consider political data when drawing redistricting maps, even to ensure the final product is nonpartisan. Laura Dickinson LDICKINSON@THETRIBUNENEWS.COM

However, Peschong continues to falsely claim that California's Fair Maps Act — [also known as Assembly Bill 849 or AB 849](#) — makes it illegal for the board to consider partisan data when drawing new districts.

When asked about The Tribune's data analysis, he maintained the same stance he's expressed during board meetings.

"My interpretation of AB 849 is that I'm not allowed to use political data supporting any map," he said. "And so I'm not."

There is [no language in the law that prohibits simply obtaining or reviewing political analyses](#) for the purpose of drawing a nonpartisan map.

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Section 2500 (d) of the law says: “The board shall not adopt supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.” In addition, Section 2500 (c)(2) says: “Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.”

Still, Arnold also shares Peschong’s viewpoint, as she told The Tribune when asked about the data analysis.

“I feel like what they’re telling us is that you’re not supposed to use that kind of information to draw the lines,” Arnold said. “And so I’m looking at that as I’m not using that information to draw the lines. I’m going to the top priorities, which are communities of interest, cities, and population equality. And that’s what I’m doing.”

“And by studying that kind of data, how can you not be taking it into consideration?” Arnold added. “So my protection against that is I am not engaging in that.”

Compton did not respond to The Tribune’s repeated requests for comment.

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Supervisor Debbie Arnold comments while Dawn Ortiz-Legg listens during the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors redistricting meeting on Nov. 30, 2021. Arnold, like Supervisor John Peschong continues to falsely claim supervisors cannot consider political data when drawing redistricting maps, even to ensure the final product is nonpartisan. Laura Dickinson LDICKINSON@THETRIBUNENEWS.COM

ELECTION EXPERT, LIBERAL SUPERVISORS PUSH FOR PARTISAN ANALYSIS

Latner, the Cal Poly political science professor, disagrees with the board majority's argument that it can't consider partisan data when selecting a redistricting map.

"Yeah, it's complete bullshit," Latner said. "They're saying that so as to imply that they haven't actually looked at the data, which implies innocence and lack of intent to discriminate."

"Now, in addition to it being bullshit, the idea that John Peschong, who owns a political consulting firm, doesn't access and look at political data is sort of ridiculous on its face," Latner added. "... The law is there for us all to read. And indeed, the criteria requires that a districting plan not discriminate or advantage a political party, and there is no way to determine that without the political data."

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Gibson also told The Tribune he believes Compton and Arnold — who’ve both run for office multiple times — have very solid understandings of the political makeup of the county based on their previous campaigns.

“Compton and Arnold know exactly where Republicans live, because communities in each of their current districts have voted overwhelmingly against them,” Gibson said. “That’s San Luis Obispo, in the case of Debbie, and Oceano, in the case of Lynn. And it’s been well understood that those are Democrat-heavy areas.”



Supervisor Bruce Gibson holds his head while commenting during the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors redistricting meeting on Nov. 30, 2021. Gibson and Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg have been pushing for a political analysis of the redistricting maps to examine their partisan impact. Laura Dickinson LDICKINSON@THETRIBUNENEWS.COM

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at the data, trying to be blind to the data that's in that memo, they know exactly what they're doing when they choose to adopt the map that's in front of them.”

Ortiz-Legg told The Tribune she's pushed to see a political analysis because “it just helps us to set the record in regards to what we have here.”

“Until we see the data, we don't know — maybe it favors Democrats,” Ortiz-Legg said of the map. “It helps take one piece of the conversation off the table. You know, I don't want to make it a political conversation. I want to make it about a representation conversation. To me, that's the most important part. Are people going to be equally represented in our county and have an equal chance to have that voice that they need at the county level?”

She said she wants to see a map in which all five districts have a blend of voters with different politics, since the county has always been a mix of Republicans and Democrats.

“I do think it's important for us to have districts that are balanced, because our county has always been somewhat of a balanced county,” Ortiz-Legg said. “You know, we've had competitive races in the last years. And I think that's because we've always been known as purple. And in my opinion, that's what the districts should represent — a purple.”

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Lisa Denker
Los Osos

December 10, 2021

Subject: SLO County Redistricting

Dear Board of Supervisors,

As a resident of Los Osos, I am again urging you to please not make the sweeping changes to the San Luis Obispo County Redistricting Map. The dismantling of communities of interest is counter intuitive, and does not serve the greater good of the public. The misguided disregard by the Board of Supervisors majority for the mapping criteria, and the disregard for the public and community leaders input demonstrates an unyielding influence of party line.

I urge you to keep the North Coastal Communities from Los Osos on up to San Simeon together as one district. The coastal issues and public policies of these towns warrant the solidarity they have in shared interest and representation. Los Osos is within the Estero Bay along with the towns of Cayucos and Morro Bay. These towns have shared interests of coastal Land Use policies (i.e., Estero Bay Plan, CZLUO and more), shared school systems, shared main arteries of public roads and transportation and emergency exit plans, businesses, and natural landscapes, beaches, habitat and wildlife issues, all of which fall under policies that every branch of our government agencies reference, including the California Coastal Commission. To break any of these coastal communities apart is completely illogical.

There are so many county public policy issues and local needs in each and every community that should be taking order of importance. I'm afraid the altering of the County Districting Map will create a great lack of focus on serving the public with fair representation and focusing on problems of significance.

Sincerely,

Lisa Denker
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