



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Commissioner District Draft Map

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Ballot Measure 9-173, approved by voters in November 2024, expands the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from three to five members. The two new positions will be elected at-large in 2026 for an initial two-year term which will begin in January 2027. The BOCC met several times between November 2024 and May 2025 to consider transitioning from five at-large Commissioner positions to establishing individual Commissioner districts.

On May 5, 2025, the BOCC majority voted to form a committee with members selected through BOCC nominations.

The District Mapping Advisory Committee (DMAC) was comprised of seven appointed members. The DMAC members were as follows:

Name	Appointed By
Bernie Brader	Commissioner DeBone
Ned Dempsey	Commissioner DeBone
Matt Cyrus	Commissioner Adair
Phil Henderson	Commissioner Adair
Andrew Kaza	Commissioner Chang
Carol Loesche	Commissioner Chang
Melanie Kebler	Commissioner Chang

The majority of the DMAC made the following recommendations to the BOCC:

1. The DMAC recommends the BOCC consider Map C for the district map
2. The DMAC recommends the BOCC use a random process to number the districts
3. The DMAC recommends to the BOCC that if voters approve the map, then redistricting should occur after the 2030 census

On December 3, 2025, the BOCC invited members of the DMAC to provide public comments on the DMAC process and recommendations. After reviewing the recommendations put forth by the DMAC, the BOCC requested staff to schedule two public hearings.

The public hearings are scheduled for January 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and on January 21 during that day's regularly scheduled BOCC meeting.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

N/A

ATTENDANCE:

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager

Nick Lelack, County Administrator