

We need all hands on deck! This upcoming election cycle will be one of the most important and will set the tone for years to come. We are having events every week for volunteers to get involved.

On Dec. 8, we had a Round Table Discussion on the Build Back Better bill! Our speakers were Brian Bobbit (representing small businesses), Simone Cranston-Rhodes (representing working parents), Paul Lake (representing the environment) and Nelson Esparza (representing the local city level). We also had a Q&A, and attendees were able to ask speakers to go into more detail. The event was hybrid and volunteers attended at their own comfort!

Round Table events are held every other month. If you have a great idea for the next topic feel free to let us know!



Melting Pot Round Table

1033 U ST Fresno, CA- February 9, 2022 6:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M



Later this month, we will have a Campaign Season Kick-Off. This event will celebrate the upcoming cycle, and we can learn more about our candidates.



Campaign Season Kick-Off!

1033 U St. Fresno, CA - Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:00 P.M



Scan the QR codes to sign up for our hybrid volunteer opportunities!


Campaign Season Kick-Off



Trivia Night Thursday




Melting Pot Round Table



Covid Booster Shot Phone Bank





“The Race Is On”: District Boundaries Determined Federal and State

When it comes to the completion of redistricting, one can’t help but channel the title of the 1964 George Jones country music hit in quotes above. Why? Because the Citizens Redistricting Commission, in a unanimous vote on Dec. 20, approved proposed new decade-long boundaries for U.S. House of Representatives and State Senate and Assembly districts. Now, “the race is on” to see who is running for what.

We won’t have Devin Nunes to kick around anymore at least not as a member of Congress. Nunes announced on Dec. 6 that he was retiring from the House at the end of 2021 to become the CEO of the Trump Media and Technology group, while simultaneously sucking his pension from taxpayers.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R–Bakersfield) lavished praise on his departing colleague, saying Nunes’ absence will leave a “gaping hole” in service to constituents. We would argue there has been a “gaping hole” in service to constituents since Nunes was first elected to the seat.

Although Nunes stated that redistricting was not a factor in his decision, it’s apparent that new district boundaries would have presented challenges to an easy reelection bid.

Nunes’ remaining term will be filled by a special election, probably in April, two months before the June primary. The runoff for the special election would then occur at the same time as the June Primary election for the newly redistricted Congressional seats. In that confusing scenario, some people would be voting in two Congressional elections in June with different candidates in each race.

Democrats looking to fill the balance of Nunes’ term include Lourin Hubbard, Phil Arballo and Eric Garcia. Republicans intending to run include Fresno County Supervisor Nathan Magsig, who has been endorsed by Assembly Member Jim Patterson, Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims and Fresno County Supervisor Buddy Mendes, and Elizabeth Heng, who previously ran unsuccessfully against Jim Costa. State Senator Andreas Borgeas has opened an exploratory committee.

Incumbent Jim Costa (D–Fresno) announced on Dec. 21 that he will run for the newly created Congressional District 21 in the June primary. The new CD21 boundaries include a large portion of the city of Fresno and part of Visalia in Tulare County.

The final Citizens Redistricting Commission maps for U.S. House, State Senate and State Assembly can be found at wedrawthelinesca.org (click on Final Maps).

Fresno County

New boundaries were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 14 that largely mimic district boundaries in place since 1991, according to community opponents. The only “no” vote on this adoption was District 3 Supervisor Sal Quintero.

Michael D. Evans, former chair of the Fresno County Democratic Party and current chair of the Central California Coalition for Equitable Realignment, and Pedro Navarro Cruz, an organizer for Communities for a New California, called for the supervisors to create an independent commission to create future boundaries a decade from now.

Although the Board of Supervisors had created a community advisory board to provide guidance on redistricting proposals, they largely relied on a proposal submitted by Alex Tavlian, a Republican operative.

Fresno County is now majority Hispanic, with Caucasians representing less than 30% of the total population. Many activists have criticized the supervisors for retaining districts that do not represent communities of interest and communities of color. —Sean Boyd

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