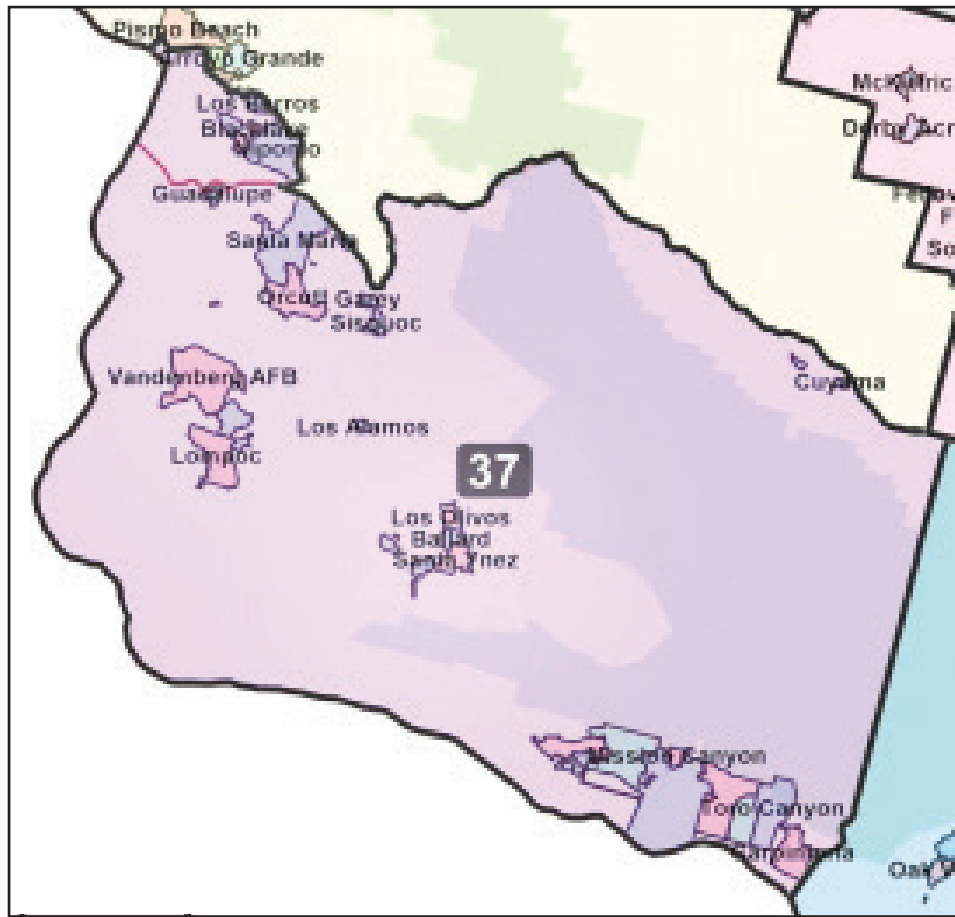


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Census-Required Redistricting Affects County Supervisor & State Assembly



Map of the new 37th State Assembly District.

County and State Redistricting Commissions have completed their boundary adjustments as required by law and based on the 2020 census.

At the County Supervisorial level, Orcutt remains in the Fourth District but the

northern and southern boundaries were adjusted. The Fourth District northern line now stretches towards Santa Maria to Stowell Road east of Depot Street, past Highway 101 and further east. In the Orcutt

area, the area south of Betteravia west of Broadway moves into the Fourth District.

At the state level, the 35th Assembly District including Orcutt is represented by Jordan Cunningham (R) who lives in Templeton. That District was adjusted out of Santa Barbara County further north into Southern San Luis County while the 37th District, represented by Steve Bennett, stretches northerly into Orcutt. Hence, Jordan will not represent Orcutt. He has issued a press release saying he will not seek a fourth term in the State Assembly. Bennett will not represent the 37th District because he lives in Ventura.

Several South County candidates have already announced they will run for the updated Assembly 37th District. Santa Barbara County District 2 Supervisor Gregg Hartt (D), Santa Barbara City College Trustee Jonathan Abboud (D), and Santa Barbara Planning Commissioner Gabe Escobedo (D) have stated their interest in entering the race. The field of candidates is expected to be crowded.

Although lines were adjusted, State Senator Monique Limon and US Congressman Salud Cabajal, D-Santa Barbara, will continue to represent Orcutt.

The next statewide primary election will be held on June 7th, 2022.

Steve Southwick reporting

Local School Redistricting High School & Orcutt Districts Finalizing Maps

The Santa Maria Joint Union High School District Board of Education held a final public hearing on several proposed redistricting maps during a special school board meeting on January 18. The high schools in the district are Righetti, Delta, Santa Maria, and Pioneer Valley.

The Orcutt Unified District has selected its final map which is currently being reviewed by the Santa Barbara County Committee on School District Organization. Superintendent Holly Edds says for the past several months, the school board has been reviewing maps provided through an outside consulting firm "School Cooperative Strategies" which specializes in districting issues.

Several maps were considered and on January 12, with public input, the School Board selected map 4A which may be viewed on the district's website <https://www.orcuttschools.net/>.

Superintendent Edds says the five districts (one for each board member) must meet defined criteria. Some of the requirements include: districts must have an equal number of inhabitants, respect communities of interest, follow natural geographic features, and respect incumbencies whenever possible, among others.

Three current board members will be up for election for four year terms at the statewide election this November.

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Construction for New DMV to Begin this Summer

Three acres at the northeast corner of Santa Maria Way and Sunrise Drive (across from the former K-Mart site) is the location of the long-awaited new Department of Motor Vehicles facility. The current field office is located on McClelland Street in Santa Maria and has long been determined as outdated and too small to handle Santa Maria Valley's growing population.

DMV public relations people say construction on the 13,000 square foot facility should begin in July with a grand opening in the fall of 2023.

Santa Maria's population has more than tripled to almost 110,000 residents since the McClelland field office opened in the late 1960s. The city has been lobbying for a new site for over a decade. Long lines and parking issues have plagued drivers vying for DMV services for years.

18 million dollars has been budgeted for the project.

Steve Southwick reporting



Construction of the new DMV office begins this summer at the northeast corner of Santa Maria Way and Sunrise Drive.



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High School Redistricting

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1965, a jurisdiction who fails four “factual tests,” is in violation of the law. The 2001 the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) made it significantly easier for a district to fall out of compliance by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court’s 1986 tests. As a result, more than 200 school districts across California are now in the process of redistricting.

In September and October of last year the Santa Maria JUHSD Board began looking at newly acquired census data to help determine where the area lines should be drawn.

In mid-November the district had three maps, designated as green, orange, and yellow, drawn by National Demographics Corporation (NDC). At around the same time, as required by law, the Board accepted public comment on the new trustee area boundary maps. In addition, the district included three maps proposed by the Central Coast Alliance United for Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) and one more purple district map.

Daniel Phillips, a consultant for the National Demographics Corporation

emphasized that, “the green plan was drawn to align district areas with the areas where district trustees currently reside, the orange plan focused on elementary school districts as communities of interest, and the yellow plan was based on high school attendance areas as communities of interest.”

The Orcutt Union School District (OUSD) is represented in either areas 4 or 5 of the proposed maps. The proposed green map puts the OUSD in district 5 and includes the communities of Los Alamos, Sisquoc and Gary, whereas the orange map moves Los Alamos to district 4 with the Santa Maria Bonita District. The other proposed maps show different iterations of the Santa Maria and Guadalupe school districts trading areas along different physical or community lines.

The High School District will make a final map selection on February 8th at 6:30PM at the district offices at 2560 Skyway Drive. The proposed maps are all posted on the school district website.

John Chamberlain reporting

Affordable Housing Proposed For East Foster Road Behind St. Joseph High School

Santa Barbara County Planning and Development is processing a proposal for a 58-unit affordable housing project at 1331 East Foster Road, behind St. Joseph High School and approaching Highway 101. The three-story residential community would consist of one, two, and three-bedroom units and studios.

According to the project description, the units will be available to lower income households as determined by Housing and Development (HUD) guidelines for residents of Santa Barbara County. The development is being submitted under the guidelines of Senate Bill 35 which went into effect in January of 2018 as part of a fifteen-bill

housing package to address the state’s affordable housing shortage. Santa Barbara County has not made sufficient progress towards its allocation of affordable housing needs and thus is subject to the provisions of the bills. Families and individuals are subject to income limits to qualify for rental units.

For a family of four the maximum annual income would be \$100,050 under current HUD guidelines. According to the legislation, if the project is determined to be consistent with the General Plan, zoning and design standards, the development will not need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

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Santa Maria Museum of Flight Looking For Docents



Current docents for the Museum of Flight. Jerry Simas, on the right, is an expert on Allan Hancock.

Kids ages 4 to 104 will enjoy the Santa Maria Museum of Flight, a hidden gem of entertainment and learning, located at the Santa Maria Airport.

"My dad took my sons to the museum all the time. They loved hearing the stories that were told about each one of the planes," says Orcutt hair stylist Suzette Sparks. Suzette is referring to the volunteers sharing the history of aviation. There are currently seven docents who help visitors, but Museum staff would like to have at least twelve. Docents greet visitors at the entrance, a hangar built in 1991 for the Disney movie *The Rocketeer*.

The mission of the museum, says their website, is "to preserve the past and present history of our aviation heritage and inspiring future aviators in the Santa Maria Valley." Its first appearance in 1983 was as a gift shop inside the airport. It expanded to a large metal building to the north of the airport and then added the Disney hangar. The complex includes a garden with an impressive metal mural celebrating the history of women in

aviation plus four planes, including two fighter jets, in an outdoor space.

Inside the building, docents explain the history and avionics of the planes and helicopters, some of which are suspended from the ceiling. Historical events, like World War II, are commemorated with models in uniforms, equipment, gear, and other displays of aviation history, even a piece of the Challenger space shuttle. Sold at a small gift shop are model kits, aviation books, magazines, some toys, caps and clothes.

"We depend on docents," says museum treasurer, 40-year pilot and Orcutt resident, Diane Pirman. The docents learn from each other, so no experience is necessary. One docent explained that his three uncles were pilots in World War II and feels that it is his duty to volunteer. Another, Jerry Simas, is an Allan Hancock historian. "I can talk for two hours just on Hancock, the man who lends his name to our local community college; he was an amazing person. Jerry explained that Hancock was a sea captain, a pilot, and a railroad engineer. He started Allan Hancock College as his private airport where "8000 cadets trained between 1938 and 1944." In the 1960's the airport moved to its current location.

Both docents agree that, besides helping

keep history alive, they enjoy the many visitors. "Today we had a group of active veterans and a women's group," notes Simas, as another group of aviation enthusiasts arrive from Vandenberg and join the conversation.

A docent was explaining why there are bursts of activity at the airport. "The military can come here and play around, do training exercises," he said. That is partly due to the length of the field, 8004 feet. "Santa Barbara is only 6052 feet," said the new visitor looking up the details online.

Docents get to participate in the annual fundraiser which takes place at the hangar with two screens showing the movie *The Rocketeer*. "A whole lot of fun," describes one with a smile. The museum also rents the buildings for parties and weddings.

To learn more about the museum located at 3015 Airport Dr. or sign up to be a docent, call 805-922-8758. Learn more at www.smmuseumofflight.com. Visiting hours are Friday and Saturday, 10-4, and Sunday, 10-3, and there is a nominal entry fee.

"I'm taking my nephew there next time he visits," says Orcutt resident Kim Henigman, "We are always looking for fun things to do together!"

Katy Jacobson reporting

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Orcutt Schools Update

New Program to Enable Students to Earn Hancock Degree while at OAHS

Dr. Holly Edds, Superintendent, OUSD

For so many years, one of the goals of high school has been to prepare students for college. This coming school year, Orcutt Academy High School will launch a program that will enable a group of students to accomplish an actual college degree by the time they graduate from high school.

Under a new Early College Cadre Program set up by OAHS and Allan Hancock Community College, participating OAHS students will commit to completing 60 Hancock units along a liberal arts pathway that can feed into a wide range of college majors. Hancock courses in the pathway will include concurrent enrollment courses at OAHS, in-person courses at OAHS or the Hancock campus, and virtual courses.

When students complete the program, they will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Hancock along with a high school diploma and be eligible to go to the University of California or California State University campus with junior standing.

"There will be so many benefits for students," says Tom Lamica, Hancock's project director for K-12 partnerships.

"College is expensive, and this program will enable students to graduate from college at a reduced cost. It will give students increased motivation in that they will know they can be successful in college. And it will guide students' career paths. They will have a head start in gaining a sense of what they want to do and don't want to do for a career."

Administrators from OAHS, Hancock, and our school district have been meeting since the summer to work through details for the Early College Cadre so it can be implemented in 2022-2023. The program will start with a group of approximately 35 OAHS ninth graders who have their own homeroom and receive specialized assistance from both OAHS and Hancock. The students will be able to take a Hancock "Success in College" course this summer before starting begin with courses in their pathway in August.

Recruitment for the program is starting now, as OAHS administrators held an information meeting for prospective ninth graders and their parents in late January and have begun taking the names of interested

students. Students in the program will need to be motivated, responsible, and capable of handling college-level work. Meantime, both OAHS and Hancock believe the program will be especially helpful to students who are the first in their family to attend college. "This is how we change the odds for our community," says Hancock Superintendent/President Dr. Kevin Walthers.

OAHS and Hancock have a longstanding association benefiting students. OAHS offers seven concurrent enrollment courses, and well over 90 percent of OAHS graduates who attend Hancock come to the college with credit earned through concurrent enrollment and College Now courses at Hancock.

"We are fortunate to have such a strong relationship with Allan Hancock College and its leadership team," says OAHS

Principal Rhett Carter. "The Early College Cadre is such a great opportunity for our students – it's amazing what can happen when so many are willing to put in the work to provide something that can change the lives of students."

"We go to the Orcutt Academy as one of our first partners anytime we want to innovate," says Lamica. "The framework of Orcutt Academy allows for innovation."

The outcome of the Early College Cadre will be something quite unique: students garnering two diplomas at the conclusion of high school. Says Walthers, "We love the prospect of a group of students being able to graduate from both Orcutt Academy and Allan Hancock College at the same time."

Superintendent Dr. Holly Edds can be contacted by phone at 938-8900 or by e-mail at hedds@orcutt-schools.net. She can be followed on Twitter at @hce101.

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Just this past December, McCord was elected President and CEO of the Model A Ford Club of America or MAFCA. With approximately 22,000 members, MAFCA is the largest car club in the world dedicated to one type of automobile.



Jay McCord, with wife Kay in the foreground, addressing an audience in Fort Worth, Texas, as the newly elected President of Model A Club of America.

According to its website, MAFCA is dedicated to the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Ford Model A and AA cars and trucks, as manufactured from 1928 through 1931.

The annual election at the National Awards Banquet was held last month in Fort Worth, Texas.

McCord has been president of the Santa Maria Model A Ford Club the past two

years and has served on the national board of directors of MAFCA. He says his prime responsibility as president is to "touch membership and work with new members, preside at national meetings, and coordinate major events."

The club has 285 worldwide chapters and he will be doing lots of traveling. In a few weeks he will be heading to Turlock, Ca, for a district meeting. Later he will be in Sacramento and then to Michigan for Model A days. Later this year he will possibly be in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

"One of our first efforts is the establishment of an e-mail in which Model A owners get answers to questions. A field of experts is on hand with answers about oil usage, tires... any question dealing with the classic Model A," he explains.

Just this past summer, McCord completed a cross-country odyssey as he and three other couples in Model A's made the 15-day journey across America on historic Route 66.

The Model A enthusiast is excited about the year ahead. "The Model A Ford is the most collected and available of antique cars; very easy to keep on the road and I'm really excited

about being a spokesperson for this important piece of history."

He wants folks to mark their calendar for September 10, 2022, for the twentieth anniversary of the All Ford Car Show in Old Orcutt.

Steve Southwick reporting

Orcutt American Little League Needs Help Rebuilding Snack Bar

During the off-season, the Orcutt American Little League's snack bar experienced extensive water damage that needs to be repaired before it can be used for the 2022 Little League season that begins in early March. The inside of the snack bar has to be completely demolished and rebuilt.

"As one of the only fundraisers for the league, proceeds from the snack bar help offset field maintenance, equipment and the fees associated with running a non-profit that benefits hundreds of budding baseball players," says Krissy Arnal - Mougeotte, Sponsorship Manager of the league.

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BENT AXLE CAR CLUB is welcoming new members! Do you have a pre-1973 American-made car and would like to socialize with us (cruising, eating and having fun)? We also put on a car show the 3rd weekend of July. Ann McKindley 805-714-6111

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BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICES at Christian Life Church every Sunday at 1PM, Oasis Senior Center located at 420 Soares Ave., Old Town

Orcutt, CA. 93455. Pastor Sam & Sylvia Orozco, 719-660-9789. Looking forward to meeting you!

CAMPING LOVE OF ADVENTURE is a nonprofit single adult camping club. We meet the second week of each month on Wednesday. Information: Elaine 805-937-5357

CENTRAL COAST BEACH BOARDWALKERS WALKING CLUB. Call Club President Ty Fredriks at 805-714-1552 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CHORDSMEN invite those who would like to sing or would like to learn to participate with them. Call 937-7960 for information.

CENTRAL COAST CORVETTE CLUB open to Corvette Owners and Enthusiasts. meetings at 7PM on the first Thursday of the month @ Home Motors, showroom lobby at 1313 E. Main St., Santa Maria. Info: call Mike @ 805-934-3948 or Tawnya @805-260-6090.

CENTRAL COAST COMPUTER CLUB meets at OASIS Center Main Hall, 420 Soares Ave., on the third Tuesday of the month at 6PM with Q&A workshop session, coffee and cookies. Main program presentation begins at 7PM. Information: Mark Green 602-326-6828.

CENTRAL COAST CRUISE NIGHTS invites all car collectors to join us on the 4th Saturday of the month. We meet at the Golden Donut in Orcutt, depart at 6pm, and drive into Old Orcutt. Afterwards, grab a bite to eat and support our local businesses.

CENTRAL COAST SAMS RV GROUP meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a 3 day "campout". We enjoy planned tours, good food and fellowship at local campgrounds within 100 miles of the Central Coast. We welcome new members. Contact Faye Cardoza 805-481-1047.

COASTAL VALLEYS MARINE CORPS LEAGUE 1340 monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month held at Veteran's Memorial Bldg at 313 W Tunnell in Santa Maria at 7PM.

COASTAL VOICES is looking for singers to join us! Rehearsals are held Mondays, 6:30PM, at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 3945 S. Bradley Rd., Santa Maria. All participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID. A love of singing and the willingness to work hard and learn beautiful music is the only requirement. Check our website at <http://www.coastalvoices.info/>. Singers can contact us at coastalvoices@gmail.com or call 937-5827 for additional information.

CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Non-Denominational) 1265 W. McCoy Lane, Ste A, Santa Maria, CA 93455, 925-7500. An All Volunteer Church concentrating on teaching the word of God and using our resources to help the poor in love thru service. Come find out what it is like to "Do Church Differently."

CUB SCOUT PACK 91 welcomes boys and girls, grades K-5 to join us. Scouting teaches children about their community, citizenship,

service to others, and outdoor adventure. To learn more about us visit www.pack91orcutt.org or call us at 253-CUBS. DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF SM VALLEY meets every 3rd Thursday at IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave, Santa Maria. Social at 6:00 PM, guest speakers at 7:00. Business meeting for members follows. Call 805-349-2708 or visit www.santamariademocrats.info for more information.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt), Sundays at 6:30PM, Worship with us. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro (805)937-6536.

EXCITING BIBLE STUDY at Revival Tabernacle, 105 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93455 (Old Orcutt) Wednesdays at 7PM Join us as we explore God's word. Pastor Jesse Pinheiro

FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6-8PM. Last Friday of the month @ Unity Church, 1165 Stubblefield, Orcutt. Bring games and food to share. (805) 937-3025.

FOUR-PARK BARBERSHOP HARMONY FOR WOMEN who love to sing. For additional information, call 805-736-7572. We love to sing for special occasions. Rehearsals on Thursday nights, 6:45PM, Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 4725 S. Bradley Rd.

GROWING GROUNDS FARM STAND open Thursdays from 12-6PM. Come and enjoy fresh vegetables, flowers and plants. Located on the corner of Foster Rd and California. For more information call 934-2182.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND PUPPER RAISERS. Raise a puppy and change someone's life. Meets one Monday a month. For location and more information contact Jack Brey at 805-937-7773 or Jack brey@verizon.net

HEARTHSTONE EDUCATORS Christian support group for home educators. Meeting for those considering homeschooling on the second Thursday of each month at 7PM. Call Cheryl Kliever for more information (937-7099)

HEALING GRIEF CLASS an 8 week support class for the newly bereaved held 5 times a year (Tues 10AM-Noon at Marian Residence) and a Grief Recovery Support Group every Tues. 3-4:30PM at Marian West, 505 E. Plaza Drive in Santa Maria. Info on either group: Marian Hospice at 739-3830

INTERESTED in attending in-depth healing groups? Led by Pastor and Holy Spirit. Celebrated in members' homes. Info: Pastor Victor at (805) 878-1033 or Carl Buck at (805) 478-6198

INVESTMENT GROUP at The OASIS Center, 420 Soares Ave, Old Orcutt on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month, 9:30-10:30pm. Educational group, no fees.

JOIN THE CLUB SCOUTS. Pack 93 of Orcutt Camping, hiking, lots of outdoor activities. Family oriented pack. Siblings are invited! Join the fun of the most exciting Cub Scout pack

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