Contra Costa supervisors adopt redistricting maps

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MARTINEZ -- Contra Costa supervisors on Tuesday adopted new redistricting maps that they had agreed to in principle last month.

The new maps will shift half the county's population into a new district for the 2012 election.

The new boundaries were originally opposed by two supervisors who will be up for election next year, Gayle Uilkema and Mary Piepho.

Piepho, of Discovery Bay, voted to adopt the maps Tuesday, while Uilkema, of Lafayette, was the only supervisor to vote no.

"A significant portion of voters will have a supervisor they didn't choose," Piepho said. "Now that this is behind us, I will embrace my new constituency."

Political boards must adjust their electoral districts once a decade in to comply with the "one person, one vote" mandate in the Constitution.

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