



Monterey County has remained a single congressional district for decades, largely thanks to a specific protection provided by the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The U.S. Supreme Court lifted that protection in 2013, leaving the county vulnerable to division. Map 2, the first proposed, would have sliced the Salinas Valley down the middle. A draft released on Dec. 13 divides the eastern and western halves of Monterey County and places the Salinas Valley in the same district as downtown San Jose.

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