

# FY 2021-22 Budget Board of Supervisor Inquiry Form

Deadline: April 30, 2021

Please email: [CAO-Budget@sonoma-county.org](mailto:CAO-Budget@sonoma-county.org)

Board Member	
Gorin	
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Department: County Administrator's Office

Date: 4/2021

Inquiry Number: 25, 26, 93

**Request/Question:**

*District Budgets/Staffing: Should we have individual budgets for each supervisorial district? How do they look at district staffing for districts moving forward? Includes interests in things like tech support and translation services as well as need to staff local commissions for all BOS members for community members. Also look at how other counties budget for BOS and consider costs for translation services.*

*District Budgets: How do other counties update? Advisory council clerks? Translation services? (Oct 2021 BOS date).*

*Staffing: He'd like to know how other counties managed district staffing budgets. But this isn't a priority right now.*

**Response:**

The County Administrator's Office identified counties that were close in size to Sonoma County and that were identified as part of the CSAC Suburban caucus. The six counties that fit the criteria are: Monterey, Placer, Santa Barbara, Solano, Stanislaus, and Tulare. Staff reviewed budgets and reached out to fiscal officers in those counties. The results are shown in the table below.

County	Population	Budgeted by district?	Equal Staffing?	Equal Budget?	Staff per district (excluding Supervisor)	Budget per district	Notes
Monterey	434,283	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	\$ 694,966	
Solano	451,479	Yes	Yes	No	2	\$582,434 to \$648,000	Budget differences tied to actual S&B costs; positions are the same for each district
Santa Barbara	447,937	Yes	No	No	1.75 to 3.47	\$528,700 to \$760,000	

Stanislaus	555,728	No	Yes	N/A	1	\$ 1,927,061 total	
Tulare	469,407	No	N/A	N/A	5 total, not divided by district	\$2,898,579 total	Costs include \$1.1m county cost plan allocation

The Placer County budget did not make it clear how the Board costs were handled, and as of writing staff have not received a response from the County. The Board does have 10 total staff members in addition to the supervisors, however some if not all of these positions appear to be allocated generally rather than divided to districts.

Additional responses about specific roles of district staff (if any) were only received from Stanislaus county, and did not go a great level of specificity on these.

In Sonoma County District specific budgets include staffing, a small number of administrative changes (i.e. insurance and mileage costs) and Tourism Impact Funds (TIF) allocations.