

**From:** [Kimi Shigetani](#)  
**To:** [Taber, Toni](#)  
**Cc:** [Chris Chaffee](#)  
**Subject:** FW: District 3 Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 08, 2021 11:22:21 AM

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**From:** Julie Hardin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 10:55 AM  
**To:** Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** District 3 Redistricting

I am writing to strongly protest the proposed splitting up of District 3 in the current redistricting process. Splitting District 3 will leave downtown San Jose with virtually no voice, although Naglee Park, Northside, Hensley and the other areas in D3 have similar interests and issues. This is unacceptable for the residents of downtown. I will be contacting others in the city and the state to state my opinions as well.

Regards,  
Julie Hardin  
[REDACTED] t and long time downtown resident

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**From:** [Kimi Shigetani](#)  
**To:** [Taber, Toni](#)  
**Cc:** [Chris Chaffee](#)  
**Subject:** FW: District 3  
**Date:** Friday, October 08, 2021 9:51:19 AM

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Hi Toni-

As there is no city referenced, I am assuming this is for San Jose. Let me know if that is not the case.

I also did receive a phone call from a gentleman who was very upset that the districts were divided up by socio-economic lines. I did ask him to email us as well so we had written testimony. I am happy to respond to this group and direct them to email you if you'd like, or if you want to them to reach out to the commissioners.

-----Original Message-----

From: Suzanne Morrone <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 9:44 AM  
To: Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Peralez, Raul <[REDACTED]> Chavez, Cindy <[REDACTED]>  
[REDACTED] Jjna <[REDACTED]> Northside Neighborhood <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: District 3

I'm appalled that our current district would be broken up. The concerns of the Julian/St. James and Northside and Japantown groups are closely linked to the downtown core and we should not be excluded from that district. What can we do to fight this? Who do we contact, other than you?

Thank you,  
Suzanne Morrone

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**From:** Paul Prange <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 11:35 AM  
**To:** Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: Failure Notice

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I am highly concerned with the dissolution of District 3 in the proposed redistricting of San Jose. District 3 both represents the oldest parts of San Jose and the most urban portions of the City. It represents some of the most diverse and unified census tracts with a long history of working as successful vibrant communities. Many of these communities would be broken up by the proposed changes.

The concerns of the urban core are different from the suburban areas of San Jose by breaking up that core into up to 4 different districts you are effectively silencing the most densely populated and economically diverse communities within San Jose.

For instance, the Urban core has a huge issue with homelessness, that is not shared by the more suburban areas, we also have the oldest housing stock and infrastructure within the City, while lacking access to many city services available in suburban parts of San Jose..

My concern is that Urban high-density issues such as proper transportation infrastructure, and allocation of City facilities already absent downtown would

disappear completely without representation.. The Downtown has only one community center, and last year offered only one summer camp program for over 100,000 people. It is always easier to build where land is cheaper this new designation removes any possibility to add more resources to the already blighted urban core.

The last few years have led to more resources being added to the urban core through aggressive work by elected officials teaming up with non-profits and for-profit companies. This would disappear without representation.

Finally, the maps are only cutting up the least affluent communities (3,5,7) the most affluent districts (1,9,10) are remaining mostly unchanged. This is destroying long-developed communities in the poorest portions of San Jose. Looking strictly at demographics without looking at cultural and economic factors will lead to those most needing representation being those least likely to receive it.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you

Paul Prange

[REDACTED]

San Jose, CA 95112

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**From:** [Kimi Shigetani](#)  
**To:** [Taber, Toni](#)  
**Cc:** [Chris Chaffee](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting in San Jose  
**Date:** Friday, October 08, 2021 2:11:39 PM

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**From:** Lynne Stephenson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 2:10 PM  
**To:** Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Redistricting in San Jose

To whom it may concern:

I live in Naglee Park in downtown San Jose. On South 17th Street, which is currently in District 3. I have become aware of the proposal to move the boundaries of the districts. The current proposal would cut us off from the downtown core and San Jose State, and even Northside, I think, which are the areas which we most identify and have the most communication and community investment.

I am continually puzzled why the powers that be continue to ignore the residents and our needs and wishes. We are being assaulted on all sides by housing bills, higher energy prices, crumbling infrastructure, homeless issues and higher taxes.

Can't Sacramento and the city leave us alone for a while, or at least ask us what we want before you wage another assault upon us?

Lynne Stephenson  
[REDACTED]  
San Jose, CA 95112

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**To:** [Taber, Toni](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Redistricting  
**Date:** Friday, October 08, 2021 2:07:47 PM

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**From:** Tod <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Perez, Raul <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Liccardo, Sam <[REDACTED]> redistricting <[REDACTED]>  
Brown, Bridget <[REDACTED]> vendomesj.bod <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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Raul,

We are just seeing the proposed first three drafts for redistricting (and were not aware of any distribution to the general public?). It is hard to decipher the actual neighborhood changes but it looks like the Vendome is carved out from the downtown (separated from neighboring Japantown and Hensely districts) which would seem strange? Is this correct?

It also appears that District 3 is without representation on the committee?

Is it possible to provide maps with better (at least darker vs light gray) street mapping? And also an overlay of existing vs proposed would be helpful to highlight changes?

We would also like to confirm whether or not D3 has representation on the committee and if not how would we be able to get someone added?

Thanks,

Tod Williams  
Hawthorne Way

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**FW: Redistricting in San Jose - input for 14 Oct meeting - review draft maps**

Taber, Toni &lt;toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 2:46 PM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

This is separate from the email we received from her on Monday.

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**From:** Cheryl <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 6:28 PM**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; Cheryl Lubow <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Redistricting in San Jose - input for 14 Oct meeting - review draft mapsYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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Hi Toni,

I live in downtown San Jose in Naglee Park. I am strongly opposed to the dissolution of District 3 in the proposed City of San Jose Draft Plans A, B & C. Naglee Park has strong ties to downtown and it is part of the diversity of the core of our city.

The current proposals would cut us off from the downtown core and the communities that we have identified with and communicated with for decades.

It also appears that District 3 is the only district without representation on the committee. How do we remedy this?

Also, I am very concerned that the redistricting is happening very late -- perhaps due to the census delay related to the pandemic -- and it is thus being rushed without sufficient public input. The point of moving away from elected officials being the sole decision makers for redistricting was to give the public a voice in the process. At this point in time, I think it is best to make minimal changes instead of rushing into huge shifts in the district boundaries that will create a negative impact on the community.

Thank you,  
Cheryl

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**FW: San Jose redistricting feedback**

Taber, Toni &lt;toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 2:38 PM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 8:04 PM**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fwd: San Jose redistricting feedback

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**From:** Kristen <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 8:00:58 PM**To:** Kimi Shigetani <[REDACTED]>; [RC3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC3@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC3@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RCCW@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RCCW@sanjoseca.gov) <[RCCW@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RCCW@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC9@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC9@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC8@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC8@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC7@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC7@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC6@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC6@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC5@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC5@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC4@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC4@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC2@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC2@sanjoseca.gov)>; [RC1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC1@sanjoseca.gov) <[RC1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:RC1@sanjoseca.gov)>**Cc:** Raul Peralez <[raul.peralez@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:raul.peralez@sanjoseca.gov)>**Subject:** San Jose redistricting feedback

Hello Redistricting Partners and Redistricting Committee Members,

I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your work thus far on this project. I'm sure it is not an easy task.

I recently had a change to review the proposals for San Jose's new district lines.

It's my understanding that redistricting is meant to ensure that each resident of San Jose is equally represented in government and has a voice. The three proposals that have been presented, appear to destroy the only urban district within the City - District 3. By splitting up District 3 you will make it impossible for urban residents to advocate for ourselves by stifling our voices among suburban counterparts. It will also make it more difficult to elect an official who will truly represent us and our unique needs downtown.

It's my understanding that this practice is called "cracking." According to [commoncause.org](http://commoncause.org) cracking is used "to fragment concentrations of minority populations among multiple districts to ensure that they have no effective voice in any one district. For example, if a community could be 60 percent of one district but is instead split so that it is 30 percent of two different districts, "cracking" has occurred. In other words, instead of having the political power to elect a candidate of their choice in one district, the minority group has been split up in such a way so that they do not have enough political power to elect a person of their choosing in any district."

I live in the Northside community in downtown San Jose, which I believe is the oldest neighborhood of San Jose

with the oldest neighborhood association. This area is clearly what should be considered a "community of interest." Northside Neighborhood Association sg. I believe all of your proposals split this neighborhood in at least two.

Northside Neighborhood Association sg

What's also concerning is the clear inequity behind the decision to leave affluent suburban districts intact. This is yet another clear tactic to continue to marginalize residents based on socioeconomic interest. Please go back to the drawing board on this one.

Regards,  
Kristen Strubbe  
Resident of District 3

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**FW: District 3 Redistricting - Feedback**

Taber, Toni &lt;toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 2:44 PM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Cynthia Batchelder [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:33 PM**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Cc:** Nguyen, Mindy <Mindy.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Victoria Taketa [REDACTED]**Subject:** District 3 Redistricting - Feedback

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Hi Toni,

Reviewing the three drafts for restricting, please find my feedback below. All drafts are splitting historic downtown neighborhoods into two or more districts and pulling historic neighborhoods out of the downtown D3 district.

Draft C - Japantown split between District I and District B

Draft B - Japantown split between District F, District C, and District D - **three** districts if I read the maps correctly - truly hoping I am reading that wrong.

Draft A - District F shows Vendome completely cut off from the downtown corridor. This plan actually diverts from the North 1st Street Local Transit Village plan

<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/planning-building-code-enforcement/planning-division/citywide-planning/urban-villages/urban-village-plans-under-development/north-1st-street>

Note the maps are all hard to read, so hopefully I read them correctly. But splitting a neighborhood into two or three districts makes no sense to me - how did that happen?

Thank you for your time and looking forward to your response.

Cynthia

Japantown Resident

NOTE - I am writing this as a Japantown resident and not representing JNA.

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**FW: Correction: District 3 Redistricting - Feedback**

Taber, Toni &lt;toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 2:59 PM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Cynthia Batchelder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 4:44 PM  
**To:** Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Nguyen, Mindy <Mindy.Nguyen@sanjoseca.gov>; Victoria Taketa <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Correction: District 3 Redistricting - Feedback

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After further review of Draft C, Japantown is split into 3 districts in that draft too - District A, District B and District I.

Thank you

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## FW: Redistricting - District 3 input - Draft Map Review

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 10/12/2021 7:39 AM

To: Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Ann L <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 3:45 PM

**To:** RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; Ann L <[REDACTED]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Redistricting - District 3 input - Draft Map Review

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Hi,

Please include this as input for your October 14th meeting.

I live in Naglee Park in District 3.  
I have reviewed the three Draft Maps.

It is very disturbing to see that Naglee Park is being removed from the downtown that we have known for decades. On two of the maps, we are being detached from our neighborhoods on the Northside, who we have a strong bond with on the Northside. One one of the maps, we are being cut off from San Jose State where we have always had a close connection with San Jose State professors living in our neighborhood.

From looking at the cutouts for district 3, 5 & 6, it looks like someone has an interest in carving out areas that best suit their interests. The other districts are more uniform without specific cutouts for small neighborhoods that have been part of those communities for many years.

I would like to know who made the decision to dismantle downtown & who made the decision to remove Naglee Park from it's long-time ties to the downtown community.

Apparently, District 3 does not have a representative on the committee and did not have a representative present at the District 3 public meeting on Sept. 11. And, our Council Member has chosen not to refill the position.

This is unacceptable! The purpose of having committees, instead of having elected officials make all the decisions about redistricting, was to give the public a voice in the redistricting.

10/12/21, 10:37 AM

Mail - Roche, Megan - Outlook

Please let me know how our input can be included and what the process is for making changes to these maps.

Thank you  
Ann

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**FW: Redistricting - District 3 - Draft Map Review - Input for Oct. 14th meeting**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 7:39 AM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Maxine Lubow <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 7:04 PM**To:** RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; Maxine Lubow <[REDACTED]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Redistricting - District 3 - Draft Map Review - Input for Oct. 14th meetingYou don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

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Hi,

I live in the Naglee Park neighborhood of District 3. I recently saw that all of the draft maps would remove our neighborhood from downtown and merge it with the Eastside.

I object to the proposed splitting up of District 3 in the current redistricting process. Naglee Park has strong ties with downtown. Some of us have our businesses downtown and our children attend local elementary schools.

If you want to change the boundaries, a natural boundary such as Coyote Creek should be used. The neighborhood west of Coyote Creek, which includes Naglee Park, should remain with downtown San Jose.

This process has taken place too quickly without enough community input. I will be attending the remaining meetings and voicing my strong opposition to the current draft maps.

Thank you,  
Maxine M.

**FW: Redistricting - draft map input - District 3**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 7:40 AM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Froggy [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 7:17 PM**To:** RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; Froggy <[REDACTED]>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Redistricting - draft map input - District 3

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Hi,

I have lived in Naglee Park in downtown San Jose for 45 years. I cannot believe that this redistricting process is being railroaded through to remove my neighborhood from its long-time ties with our downtown roots in San Jose.

Certainly everything west of William Street Park is an integral, well-established part of downtown and should remain with downtown.

The maps need to be modified to reflect input from our Naglee Park community.

Thank you,  
Raymond

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**FW: Redistricting - D3 input for review of draft maps**

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**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Joanne Cash [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Sunday, October 10, 2021 10:01 PM**To:** RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Redistricting - D3 input for review of draft maps

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**To:** Redistricting Committee

I live in Naglee Park in downtown San Jose. I read the below input on your presentation from Redistricting Partners. The input was to "Keep downtown San Jose together". But apparently, the commission has decided to divide up most of downtown. Who voted to do this? Why is Naglee Park being excluded from downtown after all of these years? The neighborhood west of Coyote Creek should be kept with downtown San Jose because we have a long history of community involvement. It is not fair to disassociate us with the community where our hearts have been for many, many years!

Communities of Interest  
In-Person and Submitted Testimonials

The public has started engaging and sending their community of interest input to the City.

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- Keep Penitencia neighborhood in District 4
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- Delmas Park and Downtown West should be in the same district
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- Keep Filipino American community together
- Important Place: Filipino Community Center on North 6th St.
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***Keep downtown San Jose together***

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- Keep Berryessa together

Joanne Cash



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**FW: Redistricting - Review Draft Maps - D3 public input**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 7:41 AM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Cheryl [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 8:55 AM**To:** RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting@sanjoseca.gov; Cheryl Lubow <[REDACTED]>**Subject:** Redistricting - Review Draft Maps - D3 public input

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TO: Redistricting Committee

I live in downtown San Jose District 3 in the Naglee Park neighborhood. It is disturbing to see that the Redistricting Committee is advocating for removing our neighborhood from downtown and making it part of the East Side.

Naglee Park is intricately tied to downtown. We are affected by increased traffic through our neighborhood because of the continual increase in bike lanes on the main roads. We are involved in decision making for large construction & housing projects downtown. We will be directly affected by the planned BART station downtown as it will be subject to the same potential impacts of crime, vagrancy and congestion that most large cities face.

Dismantling downtown and alienating neighborhoods like Naglee Park will have an adverse effect on us. If the majority of our district is on the East Side, on the other side of 101, our voices will be minimized when it comes to those issues that directly affect us.

We have spent decades developing strong personal ties that give us a united voice with the other neighborhoods in downtown. It appears that none of this is being considered in the redistricting process.

Who drew these maps? Was it the commission members? Was it the Sacramento-based Redistricting Partners group?

Why are parts of the Eastside being carved out along Alum Rock (between Capitol and McKee) and being swapped for Naglee Park and surrounding neighborhoods instead of keeping the downtown neighborhoods together?

For reference, this is the link to the three Redistricting Drafts Maps:

<https://sanjose.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5163026&GUID=45775C6C-C1A0-4961-8229-5E95B5D4BAA1>

City of San Jose Draft Plan A, City of San Jose Draft Plan B & City of San Jose Draft Plan C

BTW – We did not have D3 commission representation at the D3 Public Hearing on Sept. 11 because the commission member had resigned.

I'm beginning to think that redistricting may have been better when elected officials had control over it. The current process is not proving to be equitable for the downtown neighborhoods.

Is there any space in the process to have our input count before this goes to Council in November?

10/12/21, 10:39 AM

Mail - Roche, Megan - Outlook

Thank you,

Cheryl Lubow

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**FW: Submission from Unity Map Table for Item V(1)(a) Re: Draft Maps**

City Clerk &lt;city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Tue 10/12/2021 7:47 AM

**To:** Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov> 1 attachments (501 KB)

Dear Commissioners CSJ.pdf;

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**From:** Jeffrey Buchanan [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Monday, October 11, 2021 5:05 PM**To:** RCCW <RCCW@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@sanjoseca.gov>; RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RC2 <RC2@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3 <RC3@sanjoseca.gov>; RC4 <RC4@sanjoseca.gov>; RC5 <RC5@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC7 <RC7@sanjoseca.gov>; RC8 <RC8@sanjoseca.gov>; RC9 <RC9@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Submission from Unity Map Table for Item V(1)(a) Re: Draft MapsYou don't often get email from [REDACTED]. [Learn why this is important](#)

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## FW: Keep FWBT Whole; Don't Split Business Districts

Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

Tue 10/12/2021 3:53 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Another letter

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CommUniverCity  
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Professor Emeritus  
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## Redistricting - Public Input - Draft Map Review

Ann L <[REDACTED]>

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To: Redistricting Commission

Please find attached a 5-page word document that has my comments about the Redistricting process. The wording is minimal -- most of it is pictures of maps.

In my opinion, we need more effective outreach, community input and a review of the biased priorities that are being set for drawing new districts.

Thank You,

Ann L.

[REDACTED], San Jose

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To: Redistricting Commission

I live in Naglee Park in downtown San Jose and am opposed to my neighborhood being alienated from downtown and combined with the EastSide across Hwy 101.

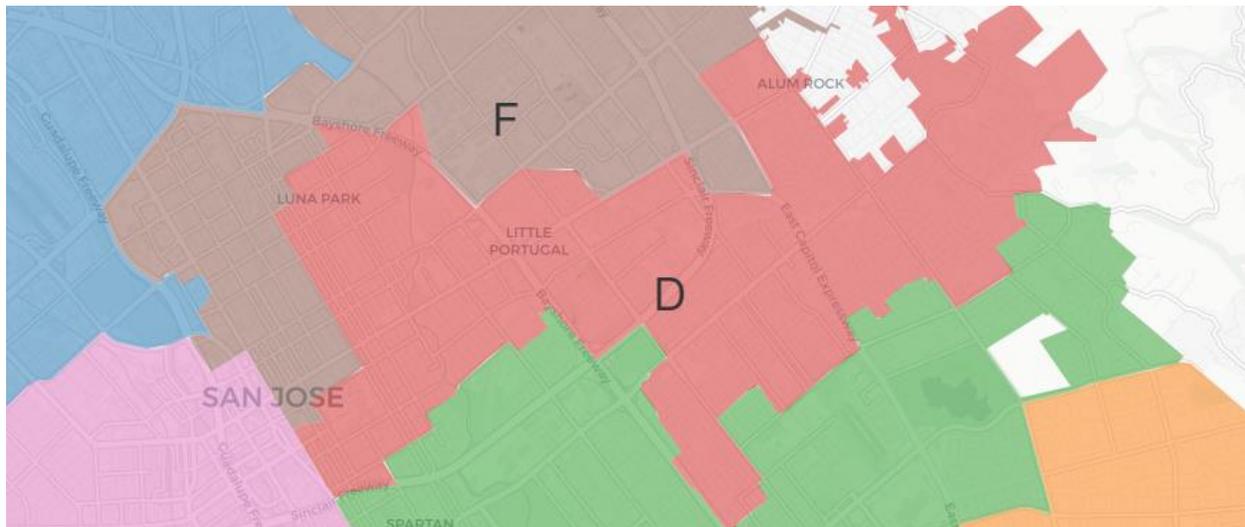
AB849 (2019) requires districts to be compact and contiguous and it requires communities of interest (COI) to be kept together.

All of the redistricting seems to be focused on racial division and grabbing shiny objects, such as SAP, BART stations, the airports and Diridon because it's next to Google now.

Look at the proposed three draft maps that the commission has drawn.

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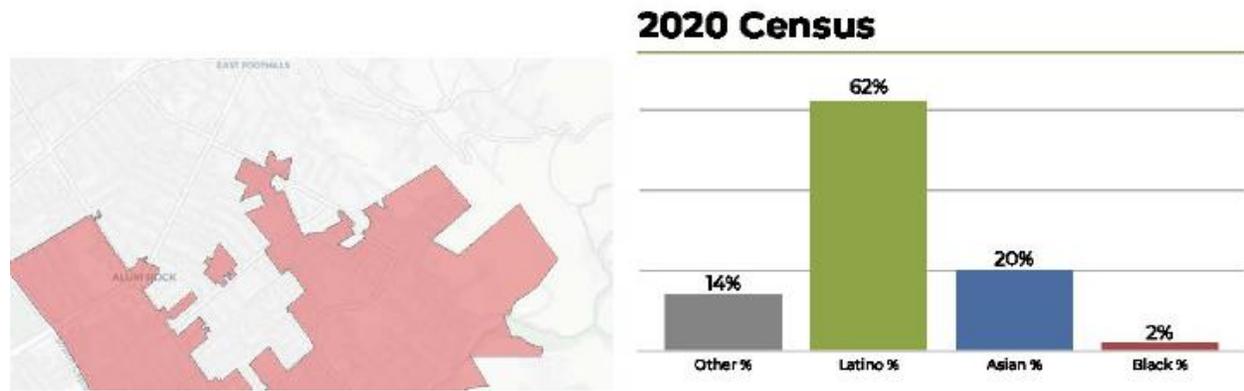
Look at Plan A with it's carving out of specific neighborhoods in District D. This is not contiguous.



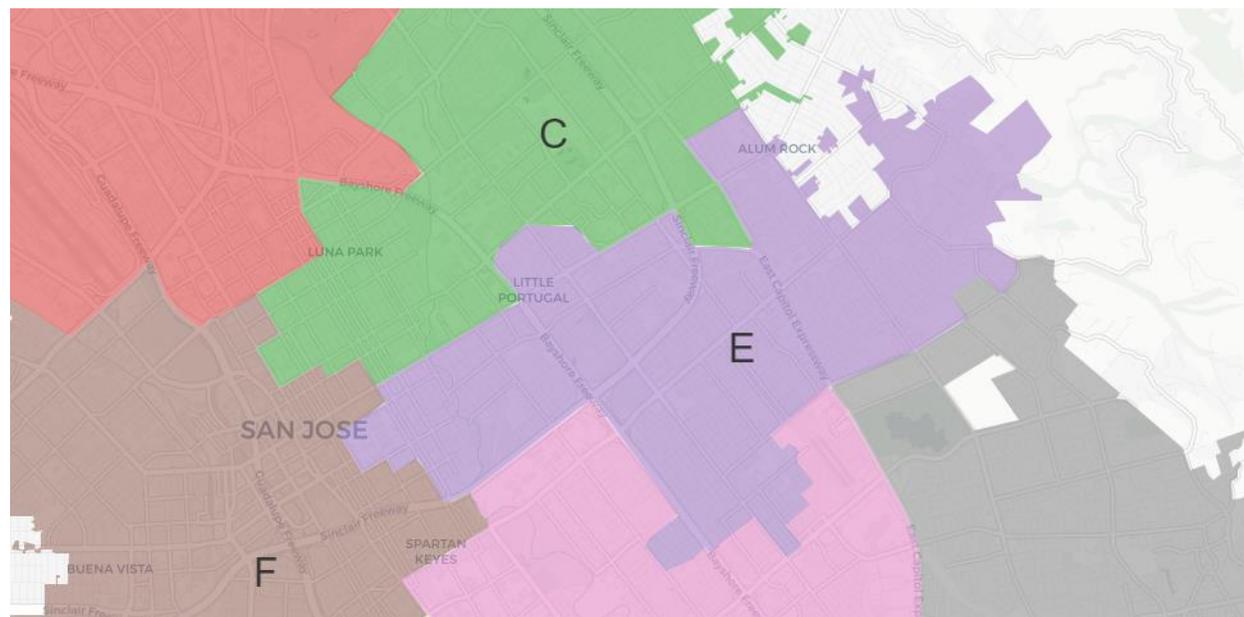
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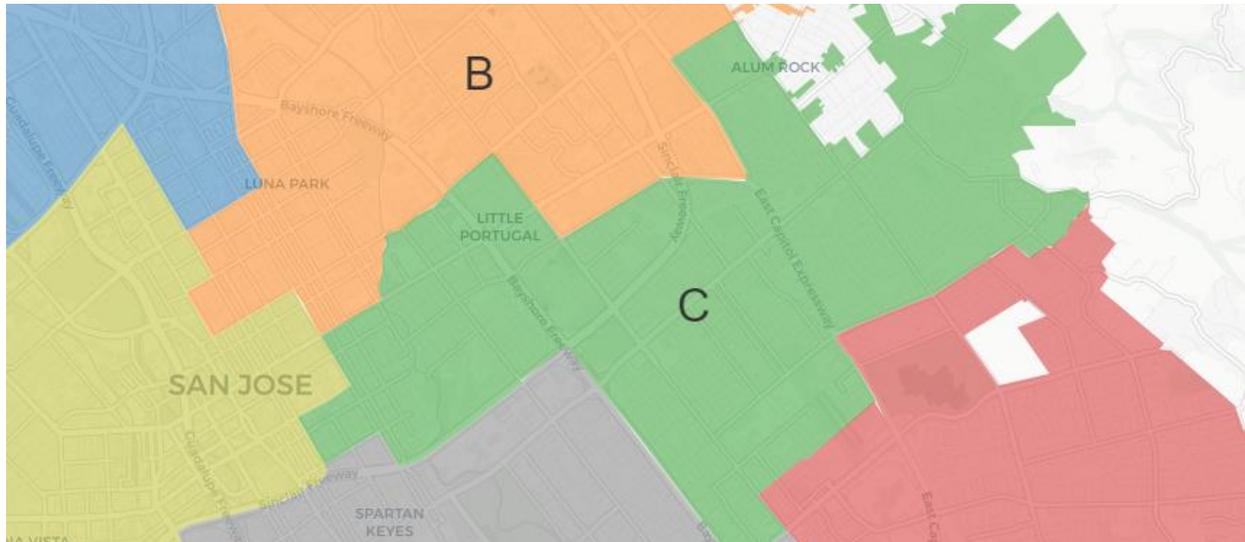
## Draft Plan A



Look at Plan B – Why is the north section of District E carved out and replaced with my area in downtown. This separates my neighborhood from our close ties on the Northside across Santa Clara Street.



Look at Plan C – They carved out the north section of District C and alienated my neighborhood from San Jose State. Instead, they could have drawn District B to continue into downtown and fill in District C on the north.



From my viewpoint, the residents have not been sufficiently involved in the process. It is being controlled by groups of non-profits and the main priority for drawing district boundaries seems to be race & grabbing valuable properties. The neighborhood associations and their historical community involvement do not seem to be a priority.

Look at the Community of Interest testimonies that have been submitted.

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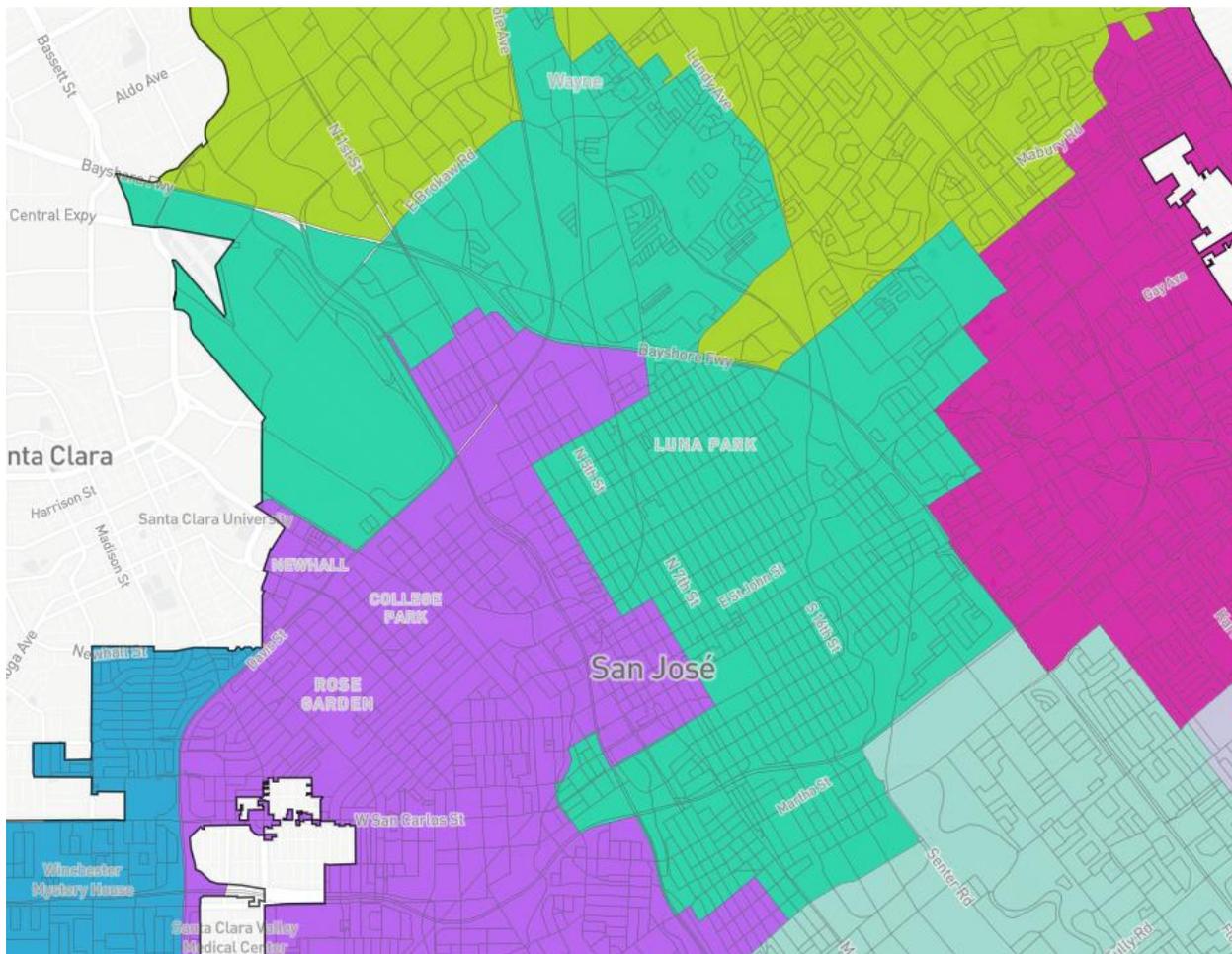
- 5 of them are from L.E.A.D. Filipino non-profit in San Jose
- 2 of them are from a Korean American non-profit
- 2 are from Filipino residents from D3
- 1 is from a Japanese resident in D4
- 1 is from D4 Penitencia Neighborhood Association who is a Commission member

One of the testimonies doesn't even have the name filled in on the scripted letter!

L.E.A.D Filipino San José based non-profit organization September 11, 2021 Good afternoon members of the Redistricting Commission. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from LEAD Filipino, a local nonprofit organization based in San José. We are focused on advancing civic participation and civil rights within the Filipino/a/x American and broader communities

Where is the voice of the residents in San Jose? Where is the diversity of outreach? We had one community outreach meeting for D3 on Sept. 11 (which I didn't know about). But the D3 commission rep was not there because she had resigned. We don't currently have a rep for D3.

Yesterday, a new map was submitted by the Asian Law Alliance, NAACP, La Raza, Latino Leadership Alliance, South Bay Labor Council & Silicon Valley Rising. One of their stated priorities was to create an "Eastern downtown district with a Hispanic plurality". Look at the carving out to keep the Berryessa Flea Market, SAP and the area by Google while creating the "Hispanic plurality". The districts are required to be contiguous & not based on selecting appealing targets.



Redistricting Partners (based in Sacramento) is the company who are managing the redistricting for San Jose. This is the bio for their staff line-drawer. He was previously focused on increasing voting power for minority communities in L.A County. Everything about the redistricting process is racially-based, even though the minorities in San Jose are Whites and Blacks, the outreach and input seem to be focused on Hispanics and Asians.

**Daniel Lopez**

A staff line-drawer and project manager for Redistricting Partners, Lopez has experience in redistricting going back to 2011. In that redistricting cycle, Lopez was tracking the Los Angeles City and L.A. County redistricting processes, conducting analysis and drawing out different mapping scenarios with the goal of increasing the voting power of minority communities.

San Jose is becoming more and more divisive and segregating in its approach, constantly forcing people to take sides.

## Redistricting

Tod <[REDACTED]>

Wed 10/13/2021 12:35 PM

**To:** Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Ramos, Christina M <christina.m.ramos@sanjoseca.gov>

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Thank you,

Tod Williams  
Vendome

**Fw: redistricting**

Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 10/13/2021 2:29 PM

**To:** Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas <rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 2:11 PM**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Fw: redistricting**Office of the City Clerk | City of San José**200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

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**From:** Suzanne Morrone <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Wednesday, October 13, 2021 1:34 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** redistricting

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I oppose moving the neighborhoods identified as Naglee Park, Julian St. James, Northside, Japantown, and Hensley Historic district out of what is currently D3 and into a district that extends to the east foothills.

We aren't a suburban area here, and our concerns and needs are different from those of East San Jose.

A big element that seems to be overlooked all the time is that we have invested our lives living in old houses, in appreciating and hoping to preserve the historical aspects of our area, and we make many sacrifices to live here. Traffic, parking, schools, homelessness, drugs, gangs, crime, air traffic, all of our problems are urban problems and need to be represented by a council member who has her total focus on our specific needs.

I strongly oppose changing the district from what it is.

Respectfully,  
Suzanne Morrone

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**FW: Re-districting feedback**

Taber, Toni &lt;toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Wed 10/13/2021 7:06 PM

To: Roche, Megan &lt;megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

**Toni J. Taber, CMC****City Clerk**

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Hello Toni Taber:

I've looked through some of the draft redistricting maps on the City of San Jose's website, and would like to provide some feedback.

On readability, the maps are quite difficult to read in pdf format, for example this [one](#). It would be easier for the reader if the maps were an Overlay on a digital map, for example OpenStreetView or GoogleMaps.

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Splitting Japantown across multiple districts would attack the community's cohesion, and dilute the community's vote. I advocate keeping Japantown intact in the redistricting process.

Best regards,

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Sayanan Sivaraman, PhD

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Hello Redistricting Commissioners,

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So I too request that you keep the neighborhoods in the Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace SNI Area together and in District 3.

Kind regards,  
Davide Vieira

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**Fw: Redistricting – Draft Map Review – D3 input**

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Richard B. Ajluni

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Gary Lopiccolo &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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## Redistricting - District 3 Community Input

Jose Posadas <[REDACTED]>

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Dear San Jose Redistricting Commission

As a resident of District 3, I have lived in my Northside neighborhood since I immigrated at the age of 3 from Mexico. That longevity, I believe, gives me a special appreciation for the issues and concerns of not just my neighborhood but many other neighborhoods in the greater downtown area.

As a teen growing up, I became familiar with many areas of the greater downtown area by virtue of cycling, on a now vintage Schwinn banana-seat bike, from one end to the other, from the campus and sports fields of San Jose State University (SJSU), to the airport North of First Street. I frequented the neighborhoods along the Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek in addition to East Santa Clara Street that continues to serve as the spine that connects downtown to San Jose East, West, North and South.

As I grew older and more engaged in my city, I became fully aware that the issues and concerns of one neighborhood invariably impacted adjacent neighborhoods. Thus, any proposed solutions to these problems needed to incorporate the active participation of neighboring residents and other stakeholders. To that end in the 2000s the City began a more concerted effort at problem-solving known as the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI). SNI gathered neighborhood leaders together, had them work alongside of City department staff and built a relationship among the many District 3 neighborhoods that continues to exist to this day.

Any attempt to pull these neighborhoods apart, these Communities of Interest, into various other council districts would be detrimental to the viability of the neighborhoods who coalesced as unified neighborhood associations which is ultimately the legacy of SNI. All of the current greater downtown neighborhood communities therefore should remain within Council District 3.

The issues that we share in common are issues that are a product of the geographical characteristics of the greater downtown area. The San Jose Norman Mineta Airport impacts the neighborhoods to the north along North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, SJSU impacts the neighborhoods in the downtown core as well as those south of Highway 280, Five Wounds Catholic Church serves the Latino and Portuguese immigrants along East Santa Clara St and the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, the SAP Arena (home to the San Jose Sharks) and proposed Google Village located west of the downtown business district continues to impact those older neighborhoods that have a history of calling upon City Hall, and their Council member, to work to resolve problems affecting their communities.

I have submitted a proposed boundary map for District 3 that is titled "District 3 proposed boundaries 106K ID: 63122". This rendering represents a population of a little over 106,000 residents and includes the Northside neighborhood which is the oldest neighborhood association in San Jose.

I call upon the Redistricting Commission to endeavor to keep District 3 intact and to include additional streets to the west and east of the greater downtown area as represented in Map ID: 63122.

Respectfully,

Jose Posadas, Northside and District Three resident

## Redistricting - Public Input - D3 - Map Review Oct. 14 meeting

Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

Wed 10/13/2021 7:41 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi,

During tomorrow's Redistricting meeting (on Oct. 14) would someone on the committee please explain what goes into the decision making for how the new maps are drawn? I understand that the D4 population has grown significantly. So, a district shift needs to be made around D4. It looks like the efforts to keep the Penitencia neighborhood in D4 has been driving some of the decision making. And there has been some carving in and out over by Alum Rock. And there are decisions being made based on racial profiling. Aside from that, would someone please explain the overall driving factors that go into creating the maps?

We don't have a commission rep in D3. Yet D3 is the most impacted by the proposed maps! Downtown is basically being dismantled along with all of our Communities of Interest!

It's unconscionable that D3 does not have any representation during the most crucial part of the process. And the one outreach meeting that was held for D3 did not have a rep present.

The commission placed another three proposed maps on their website this afternoon. How is anyone in our district supposed to know this when we don't have a rep? Our district is working in the dark here! Most all the input that I see for the Community of Interest Testimony is from non-profits and one of the commission members.

The commission was formed in January 2021. Why don't the residents know what's happening until now? Wasn't it a red flag to the commission when there was a lack of attendance at the meetings and essentially no input from the residents? The maps will soon be ready to go to Council and we are just finding out that our neighborhood is proposed to be redistricted to the Eastside. And depending on which map is chosen, Naglee Park may be alienated from most of the downtown neighborhoods.

Please take some time in tomorrow's meeting to discuss the decision making process for the proposed district boundaries.

Thank you,  
Cheryl

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## Public Comment on October 13 Draft Maps

Greg Ripa <[REDACTED]>

Wed 10/13/2021 8:46 PM

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To the Redistricting Commission:

On October 13, the redistricting consultants released the latest version of the redistricting plans C2, C3, and C4 (and as of this writing on the evening of October 13, Plan C2 and C3 are the same). Overall, the previously released and recently released plans are still not acceptable.

The City Council gave the following guidance about redistricting:

1. Comply with all applicable laws, including the avoidance of gerrymandering.
2. Equalize the population count in each District within 10%.
3. Where boundaries meet charter requirements, maintain continuity of existing Council Districts as much as possible.
4. Minimize the dilution of votes, and avoid the fragmentation or the over compaction of ethnic communities.
5. Maintain cohesive neighborhoods within Districts and, where possible, keep neighborhood associations within a single District.
6. Avoid unseating current City Council members.
7. To the extent possible, recognize the importance of parks and public facilities in Districts.
8. Where possible, do not divide school districts between separate Council Districts.
9. To the extent possible, provide income diversity within Districts.
10. Strive to balance District interests with City-wide interests, but not at the expense or exclusion of individual Districts.

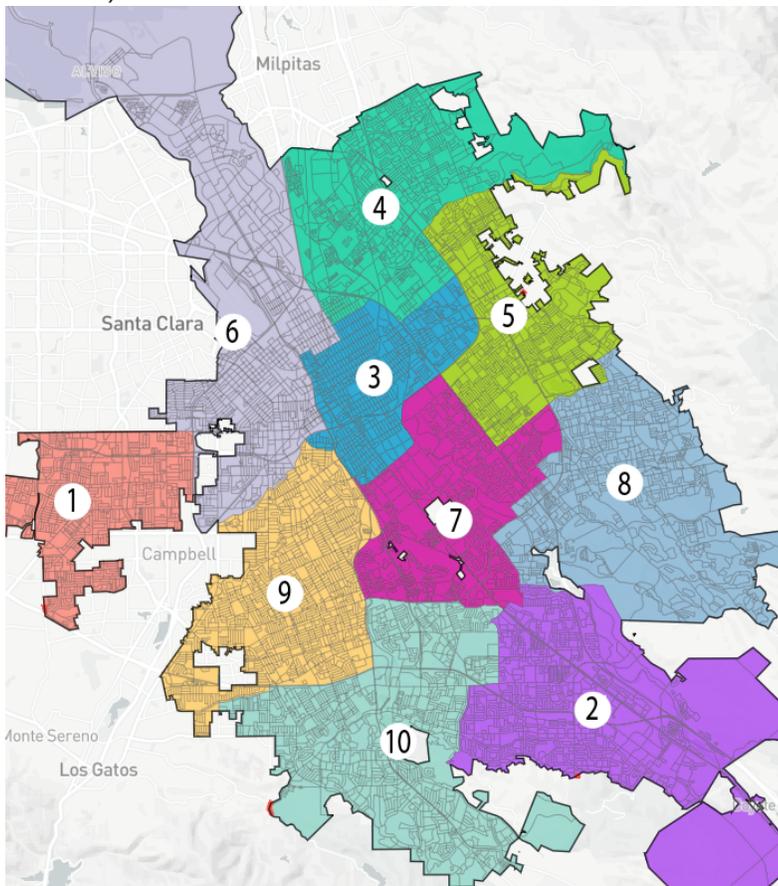
Prior to the most recent plans being released, the consultants also released Plans A, B, and C. After those plans were released, more guidance was given to the consultants and additional information about communities of interest were provided on the Districtr website so that the consultants could create plans that better reflect the communities of interest and the Council guidance.

However, all of the plans (both the original plans and the most recent released plans) continue to fall short of the Council guidance specifically with regards to principle 1 gerrymandering, principle 3 continuity of districts, principle 5 cohesive neighborhoods, and the idea of keeping together communities of interest.

For example, Plan C3 divides downtown between 4 council districts and even divides San Jose State itself, which would reside in 2 council districts. Similarly, Plan C4 divides downtown between 2 council districts. This not only divides a community of interest (as evidenced by a dozen or more community of interest maps on Districtr) but also divides the center of a current council district. In Plan C3, north Willow Glen is similarly split between two council districts. In Plan C4, districts 2, 3, 4, and 10 have the

appearance of gerrymandering and the Washington Guadalupe neighborhood is split between 2 to 3 council districts. San Jose's Citizen Voting Age Population is about 33% Asian and 25% Latinx so the number of districts should ideally correspond to these percentages so that a district could potentially elect someone of their race to the City Council; Plan C3 provides 4 districts with a majority of the citizen voting age population that is Asian and also provides 1 district with a majority of the citizen voting age population that is Latinx, which does not correspond to the overall city population percentages, and Plan C4 provides 3 districts with a majority of the citizen voting age population that is Asian and also provides 2 districts with a majority of the citizen voting age population that is Latinx, which does correspond to the overall city population percentages.

Instead, I would endorse the following Council District map found on Districtr, which I feel better embodies the Council guidance and the idea of keeping together communities of interest and also corresponding the overall citizen voting age population to the number of districts. Here is the map link: <https://districtr.org/plan/63714> and below is a map showing the current council district numbers (which, unfortunately, does not exactly correspond to the district numbers in the linked map on Districtr).



- District 1 remains roughly as it is with the addition of Santana Row.
- District 2 remains roughly as it is with additions and subtractions of areas to provide for population balance (such as subtracting the area north of Coyote Dr but adding the area west of Snell, south of 280, east of the creek, and north of the hills).
- District 3 continues to serve the downtown core and the area south of 280 opposite downtown along with the new addition of more eastside/ Mayfair/ Little Portugal residents.
  - This would be a majority Latinx district.
- District 4 would split at 880 which would keep the Berryessa neighborhood together (roughly as it is today) and keep the North San Jose and Alviso neighborhoods together (albeit in a different

- district).
- This would be a majority Asian district.
  - District 5 remains roughly as it is with additions and subtractions of areas to provide for population balance and to allow for the majority Latinx district 3.
    - This would be a majority Latinx district.
  - District 6 would split between Willow Glen and the northern and western portions of the current district.
    - This would keep Willow Glen together and keep the Rose Garden and other neighborhoods together.
    - The new District 6 would encompass Alviso, north San Jose, SJC, the Rose garden, through Pamlar. This district would have many higher residential density areas, transit oriented areas, threshold vehicle miles traveled (VMT) areas per San Jose VMT per capita analysis (<https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/28473/636691896063170000>), and industrial areas as opposed to the Willow Glen portion of the current district.
    - Due to the aforementioned attributes, it makes sense to keep these areas together as one district (North San Jose, Bascom Urban Village, San Carlos Urban Village, Midtown, Downtown West, etc).
  - District 7 remains roughly as it is with additions and subtractions of areas to provide for population balance.
    - This would be a majority Asian population, most likely Vietnamese with the Little Saigon area within the district boundaries.
  - District 8 remains roughly as it is with additions and subtractions of areas to provide for population balance.
    - This would be a majority Asian district.
  - District 9 continues to keep most of the Cambrian area but other outer neighborhoods (such as the Pearl Ave corridor) are switched to other districts to provide for population balance.
    - The greater Cambrian area is combined with the greater Willow Glen area so that each of those two areas are kept together and not split between districts.
    - The generally lower residential density and higher VMT (large swaths of average, mitigatable, and immitigatable) areas as opposed to the northern reaches of the current district 6 means that the Cambrian and Willow Glen areas make sense as one district.
  - District 10 now has the entirety of the Blossom Hill corridor and also some other additions and subtractions of areas to provide for population balance.

Note that none of the districts shown in this map appear gerrymandered; the district boundaries generally use freeways, expressways, other major roadways, creeks and rivers, etc.; most council districts remain the same (and the ones with splits and recombinations still keep neighborhoods and communities of interest together even if in a "new" district); neighborhoods and communities of interest better remain together as compared to the released plans, and there would be 3 majority Asian districts and 2 majority Latinx districts which roughly correspond to the overall citywide citizen voting age population.

Overall, in general, I feel like the released plans do not follow council guidance and the idea to keep communities of interest together. I also feel like the linked plan (<https://districtr.org/plan/63714>) does a better job at following council guidance and keeping communities of interest together, as well as having the number of districts correspond to the overall citywide citizen voting age population. Thus, I urge you to reject the consultant's released plans and give guidance to the consultants to move forward with and edit, as needed, the previously linked Districtr plan.

Thank you,  
Greg

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## COI Written Testimony

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## Redistricting - Draft Map Review - Input for Oct. 14 meeting

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To: Redistricting Commission

This is my feedback on the 3 additional proposed maps that were posted on Oct. 13.

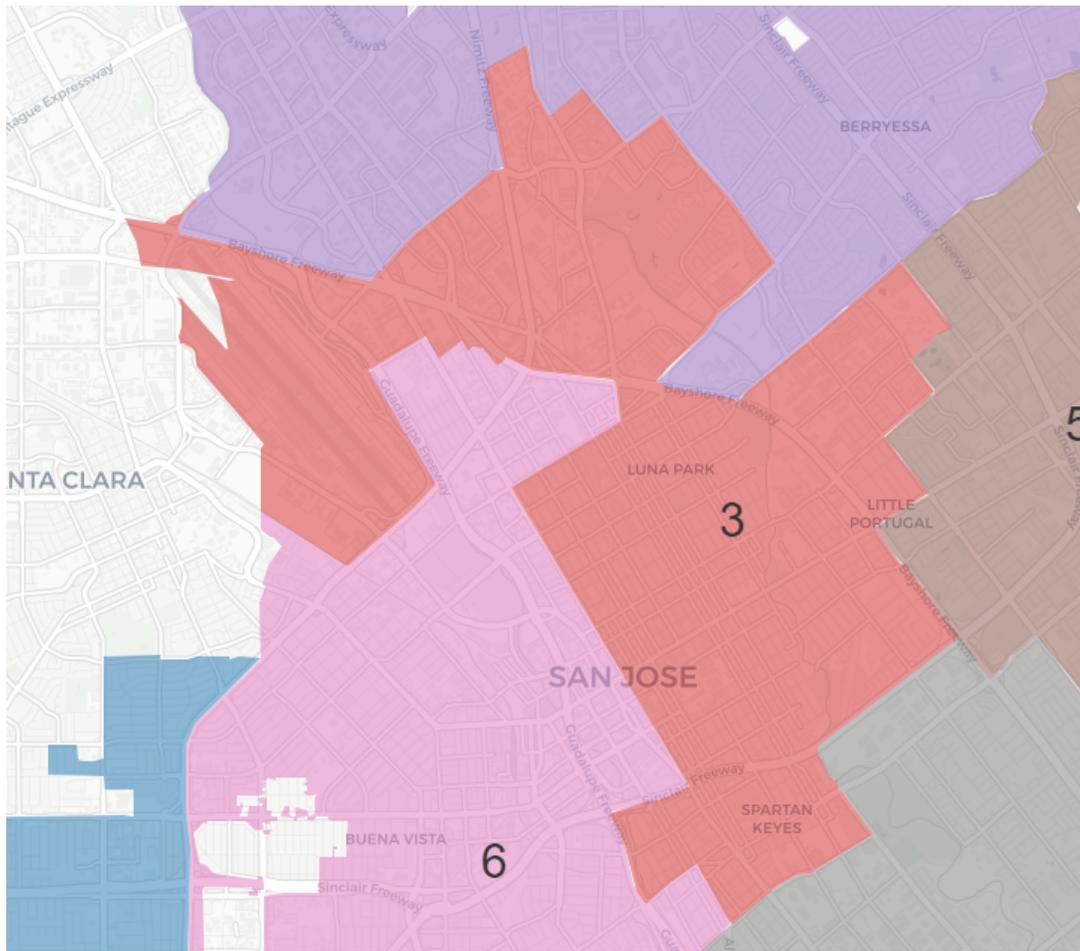
I do not see any difference between Draft Plan C2 and Draft Plan C3.

Why was San Jose State University split into two parts on those maps?

What is the purpose of extending the Eastside across Hwy 101 and splitting Naglee Park off from the rest of downtown?

What is the purpose of carving out the area between 1st and 4th Streets between Empire and Julian?

Draft Plan C4 map has a lot of carve outs and is not compact.



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## Redistricting - Review Draft Map - Input for Oct. 14 meeting

Cheryl <[REDACTED]>

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Hi,

I entered a map into the Public Gallery. It's titled "Starting Point". My goal was to keep the districts fairly compact and have a starting point to work with that does not keep dismantling all of the downtown neighborhoods and chipping away at pocket areas.

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Redistricting affects everyone in the city. Yet downtown has been getting the most drastic changes on all of the maps that the commission has proposed. It's disturbing that D3 does not have representation and it wasn't a priority to fill the vacancy during this time that maps are being reviewed and the meetings have moved from monthly to weekly.

Please take this map under consideration.

Thank you,  
Cheryl

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## San Jose Downtown Redistricting Draft Map Review – D3

Mark Schroeder <[REDACTED]>

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Hi City of San Jose Redistricting group,

I live in D3 Downtown San Jose.

None of the 3 proposed maps (A, B, C) are acceptable because each of these maps tears up our downtown neighborhood of interest.

Why has D3 district not been included in the redistricting process (ie we have no representative on the committee)?

It appears the redistricting committee hasn't spelled out the goals of each proposal to explain their thinking. Ready, Fire, Aim isn't the best process.

Thank you,

Mark Schroeder

[REDACTED] San Jose, CA [REDACTED]

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## Redistricting 2021, District 3

Judith Lessow-Hurley <[REDACTED]>

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To Council member Peralez and the Redistricting Committee.

While the maps of the proposed redistricting are difficult to decipher, a careful look suggests that the Vendome, a historic neighborhood like the Hensley Historic neighborhood and Japantown, on the north end of downtown San Jose, will be separated from downtown and added to a new district that reaches north to Alviso. Indeed, it looks like care was taken to excise the Vendome neighborhood from its immediate neighbors in the new plan.

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Judith Hurley  
Vendome Resident

## Re: Redistricting 2021, District 3

Ann McLinnis <[REDACTED]>

Thu 10/14/2021 7:42 AM

To: Judith Lessow-Hurley <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Perez, Raul <Raul.Perez@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Vendome Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]>

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I would concur with the previous statements from Judith Hurley and Tod Williams that dividing the Vendome neighborhood from our neighbors in the Hensley and Japan Town neighborhoods is not consistent with the redistricting guidelines. I would also request more transparency in this process of redistricting as we are only now being informed of this proposal. Long time residents and property owners question the logic and justification for this proposal to separate the Vendome neighborhood from its downtown neighbors.

I hope that this proposal will be reconsidered and that the Vendome Neighborhood, which has historically and logically been a vital part of the downtown, remain part of District 3.

Sincerely,  
Ann McLinnis  
Vendome Resident

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## Redistricting – Draft Map Review – D3 input

Christine Hanchett <[REDACTED]>

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Thank you,  
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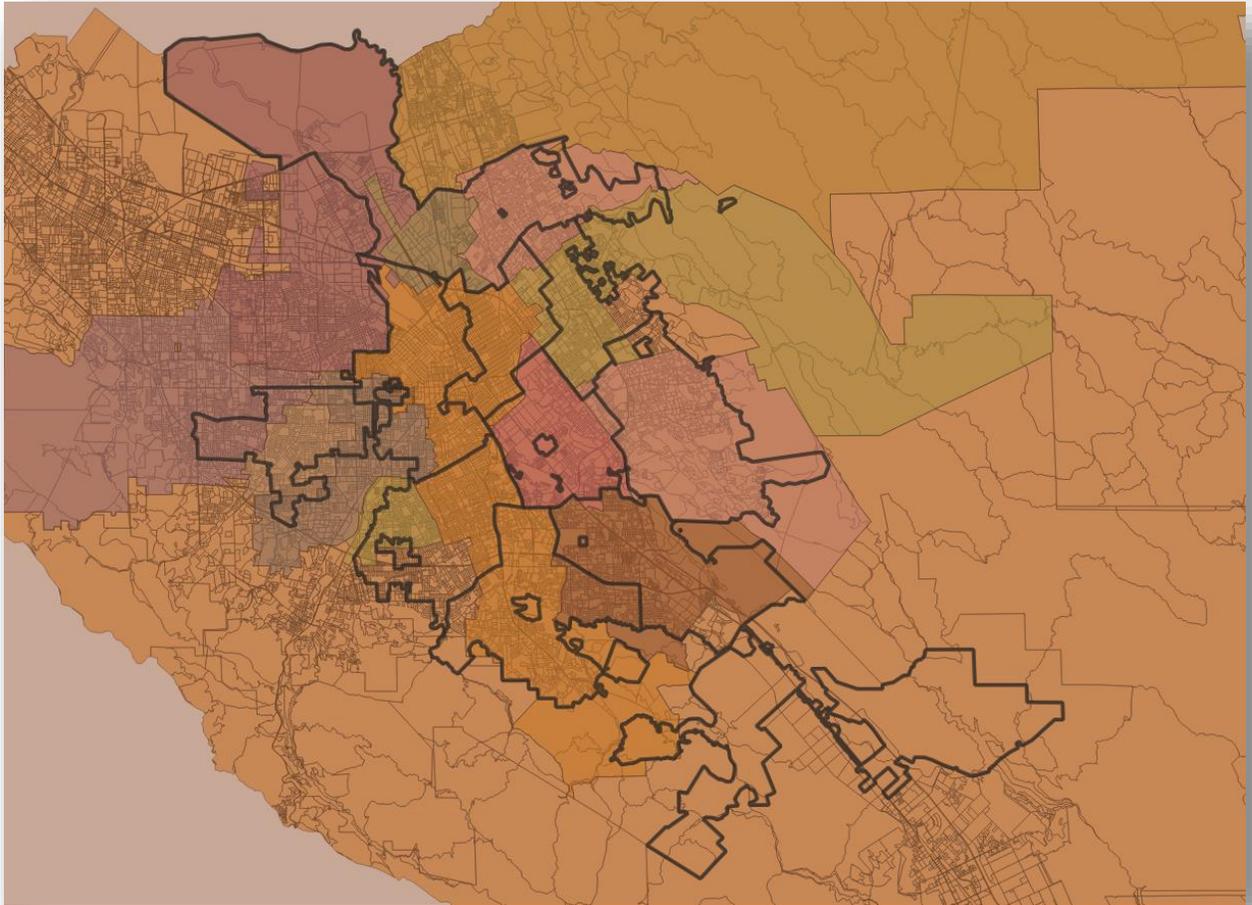
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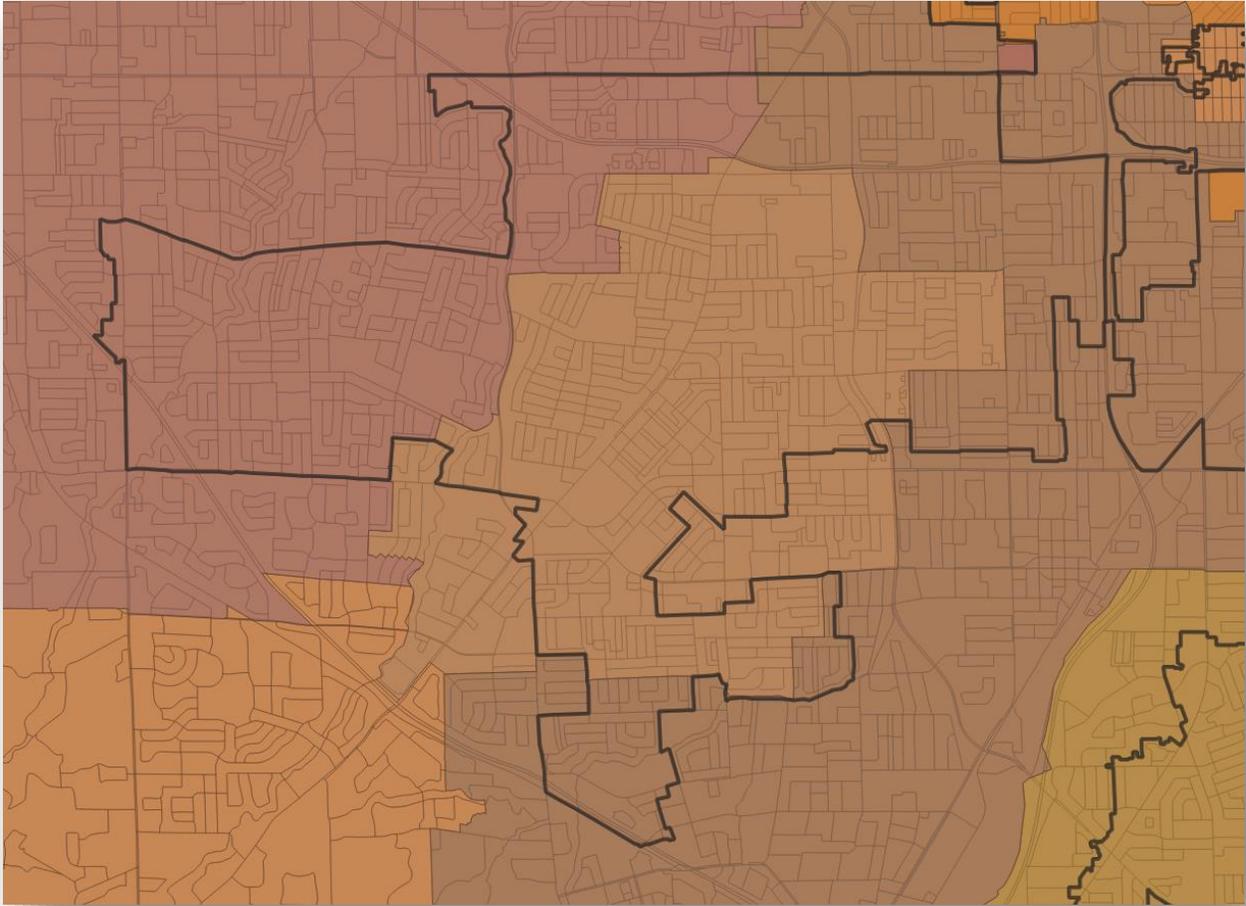
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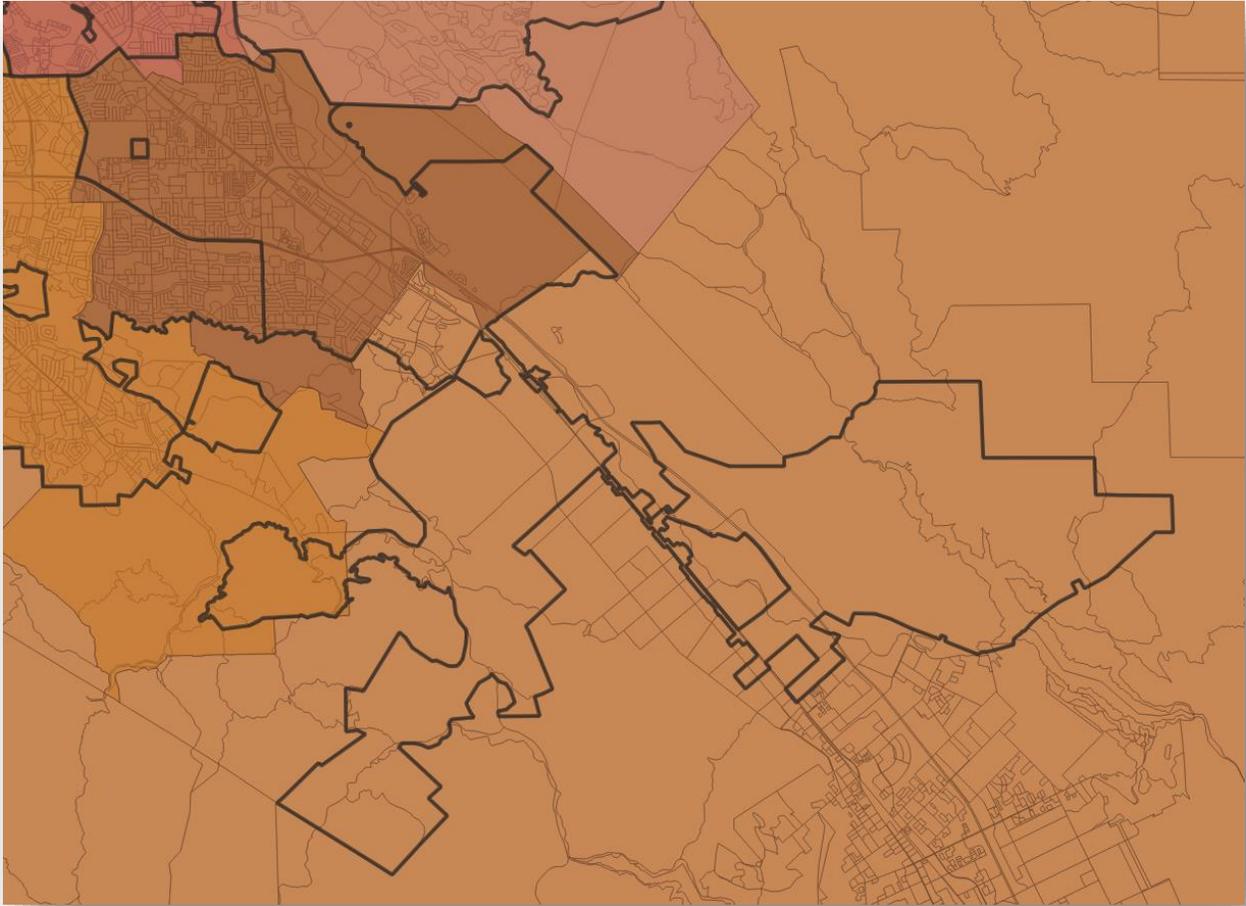
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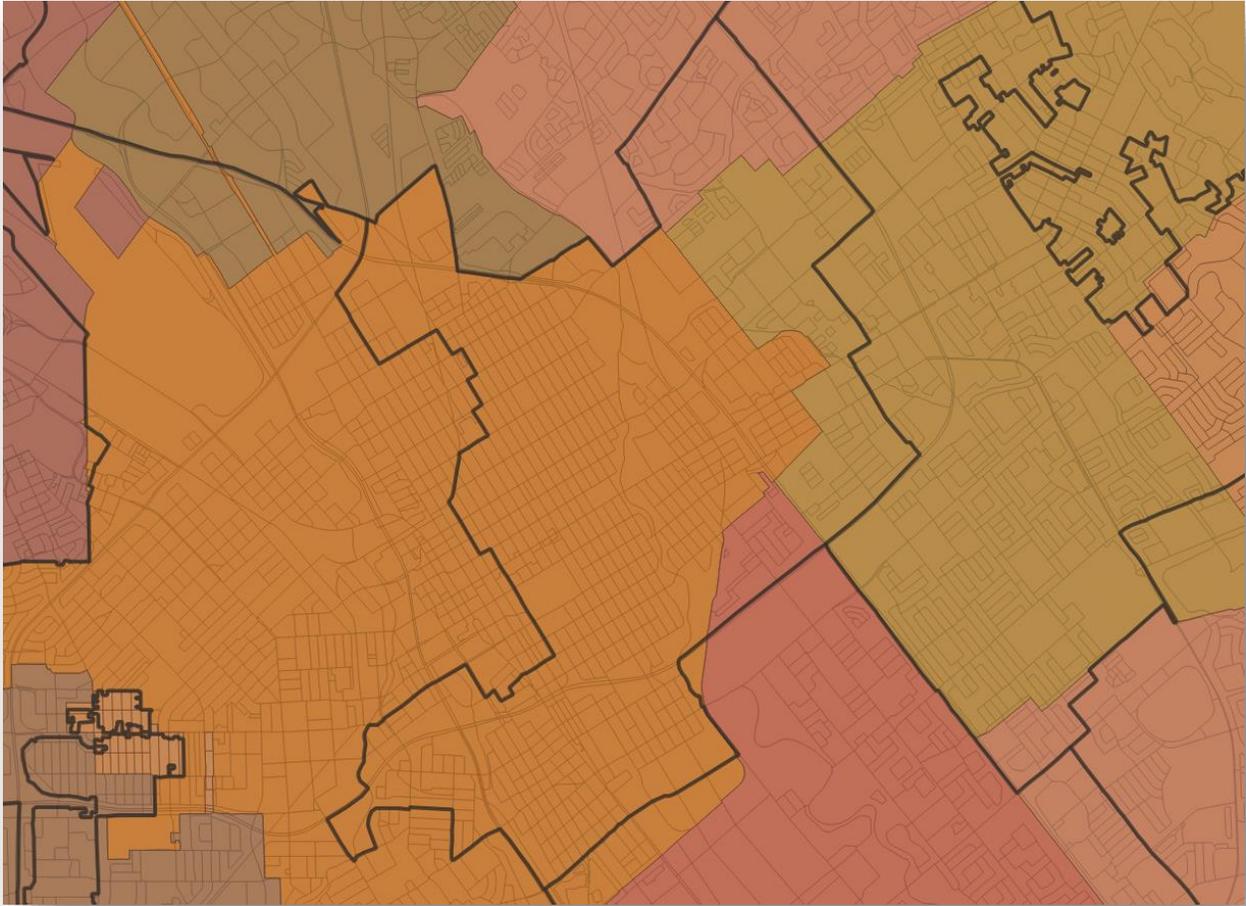
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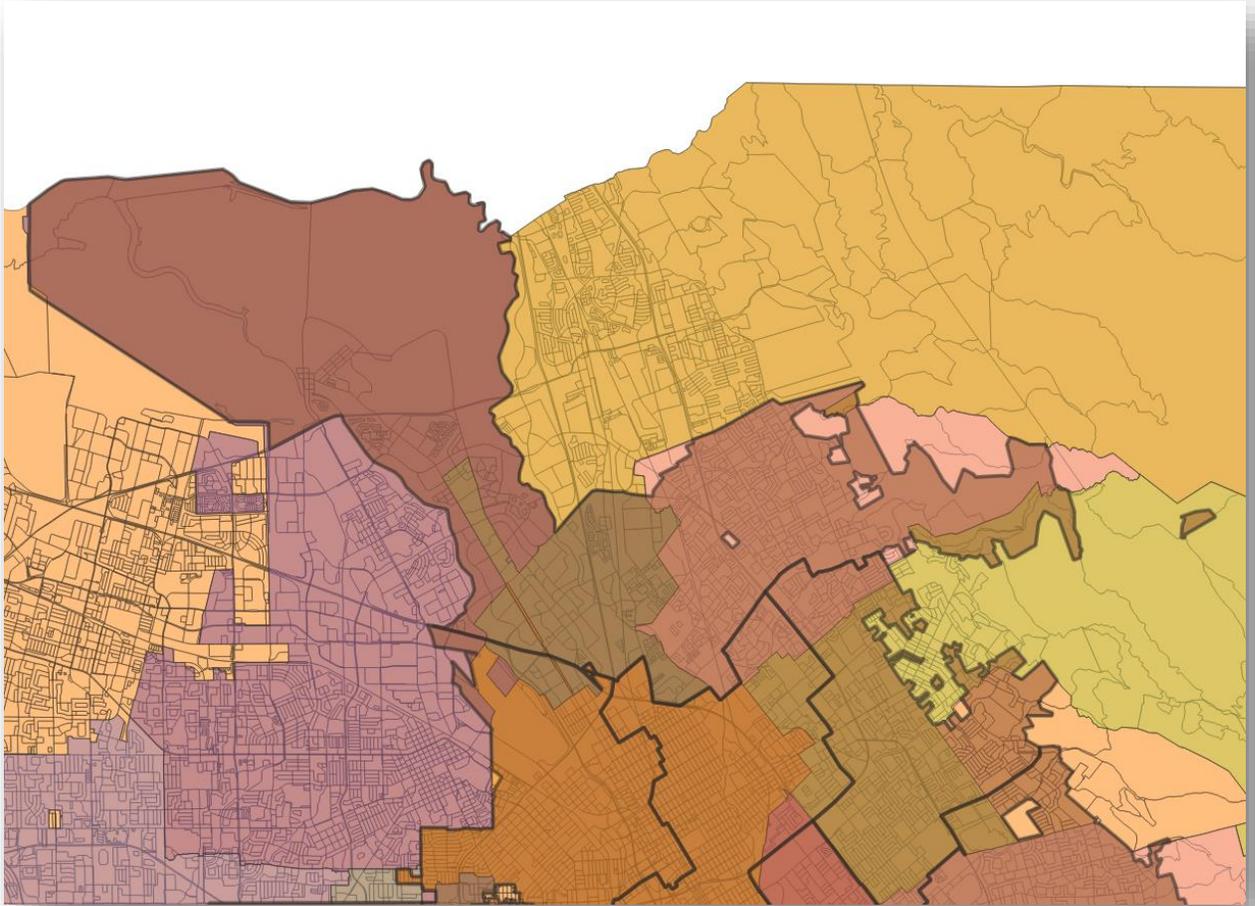
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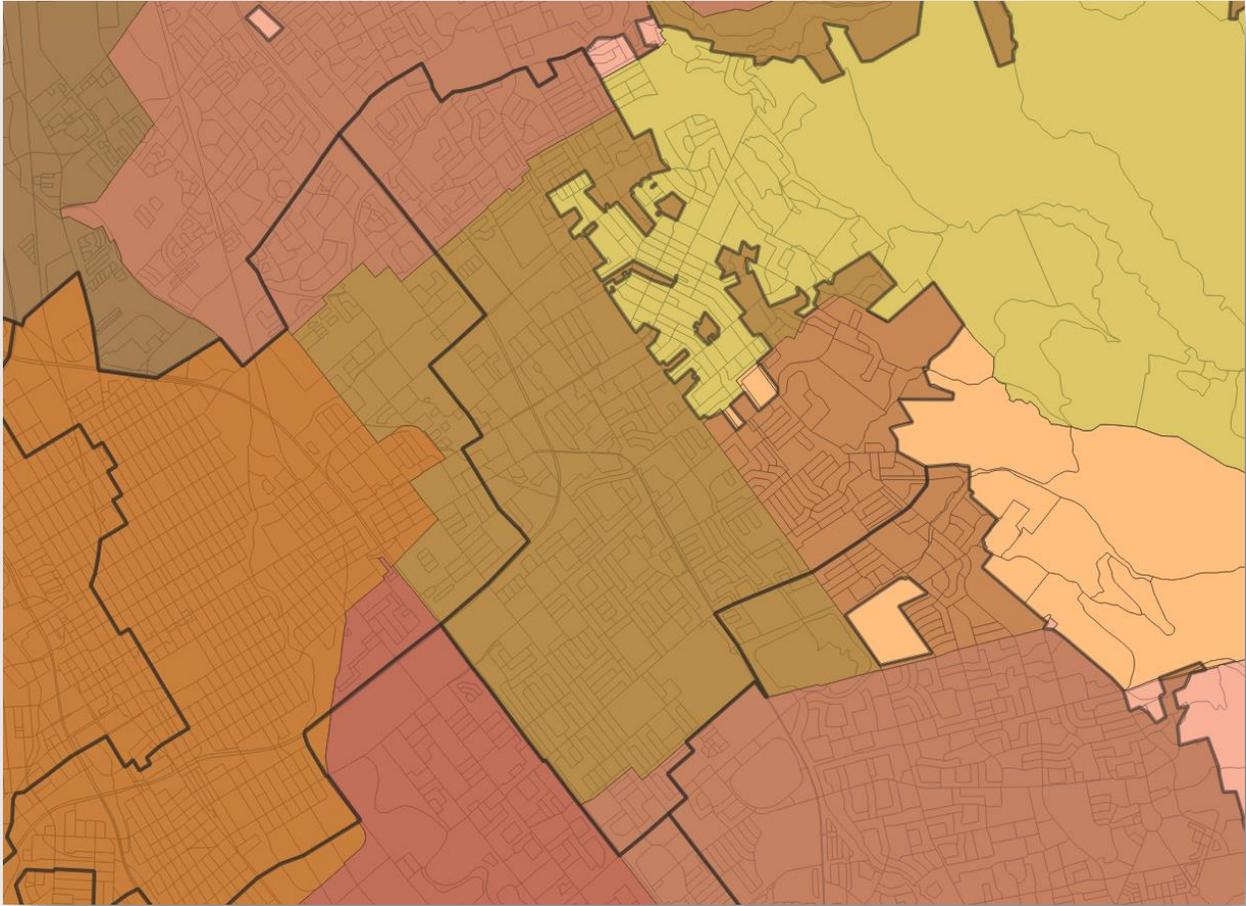
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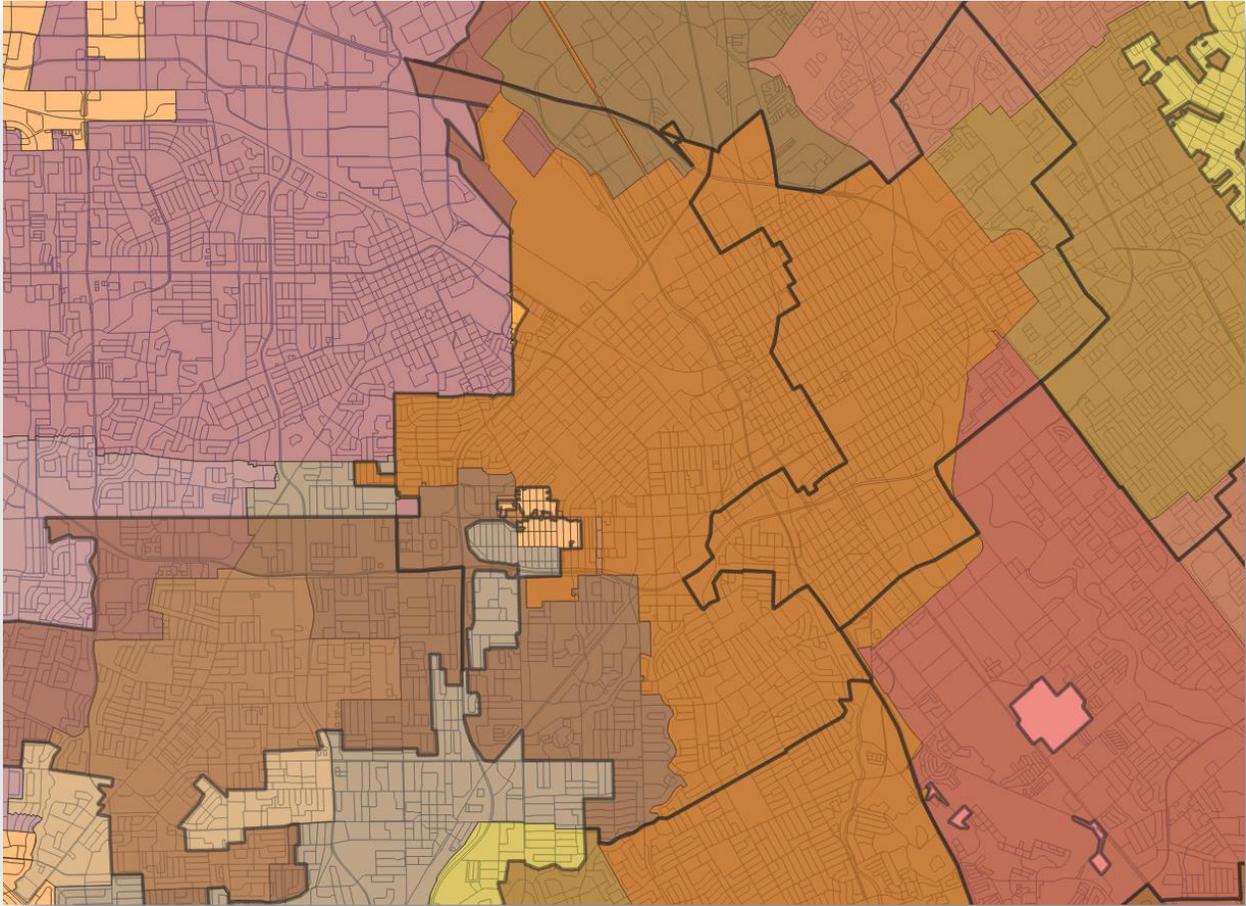
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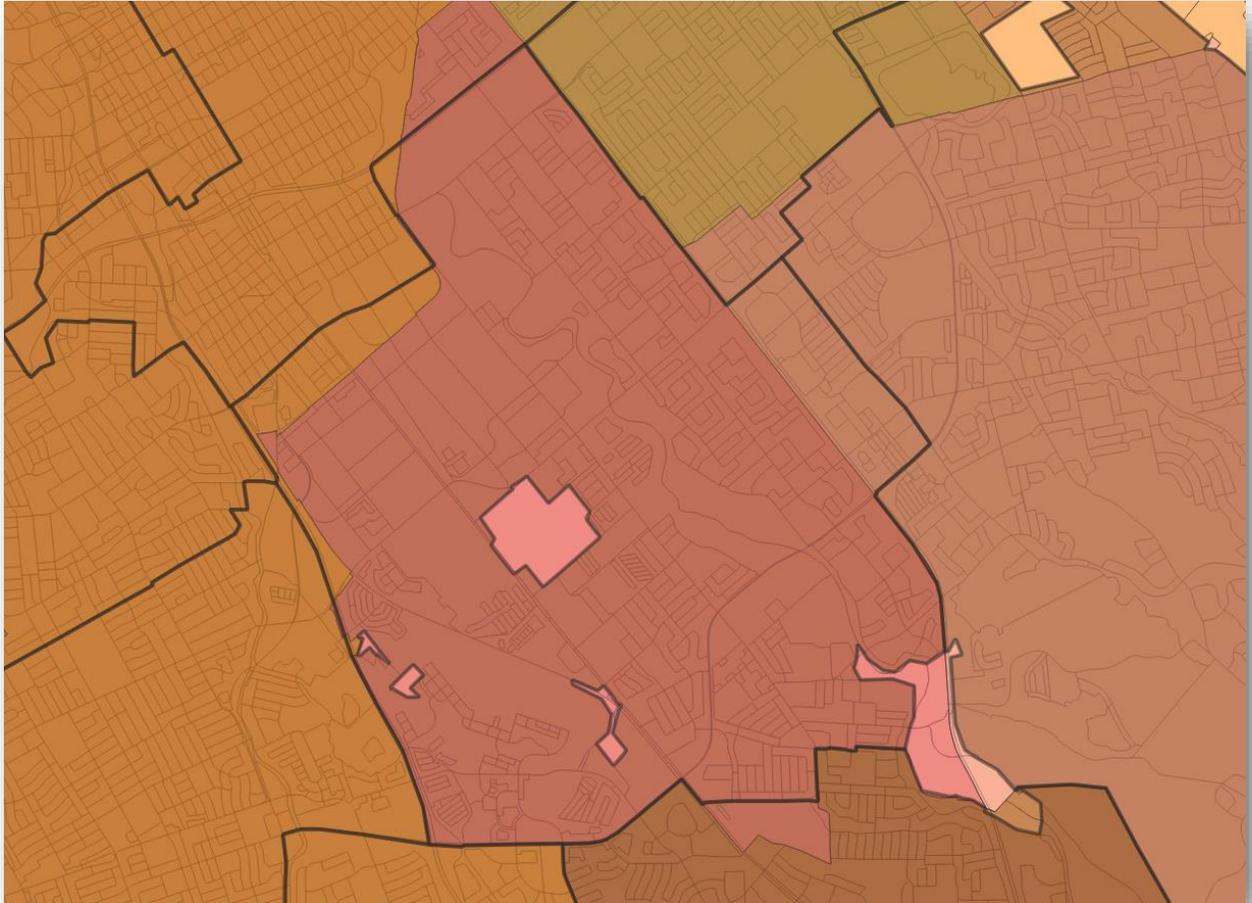
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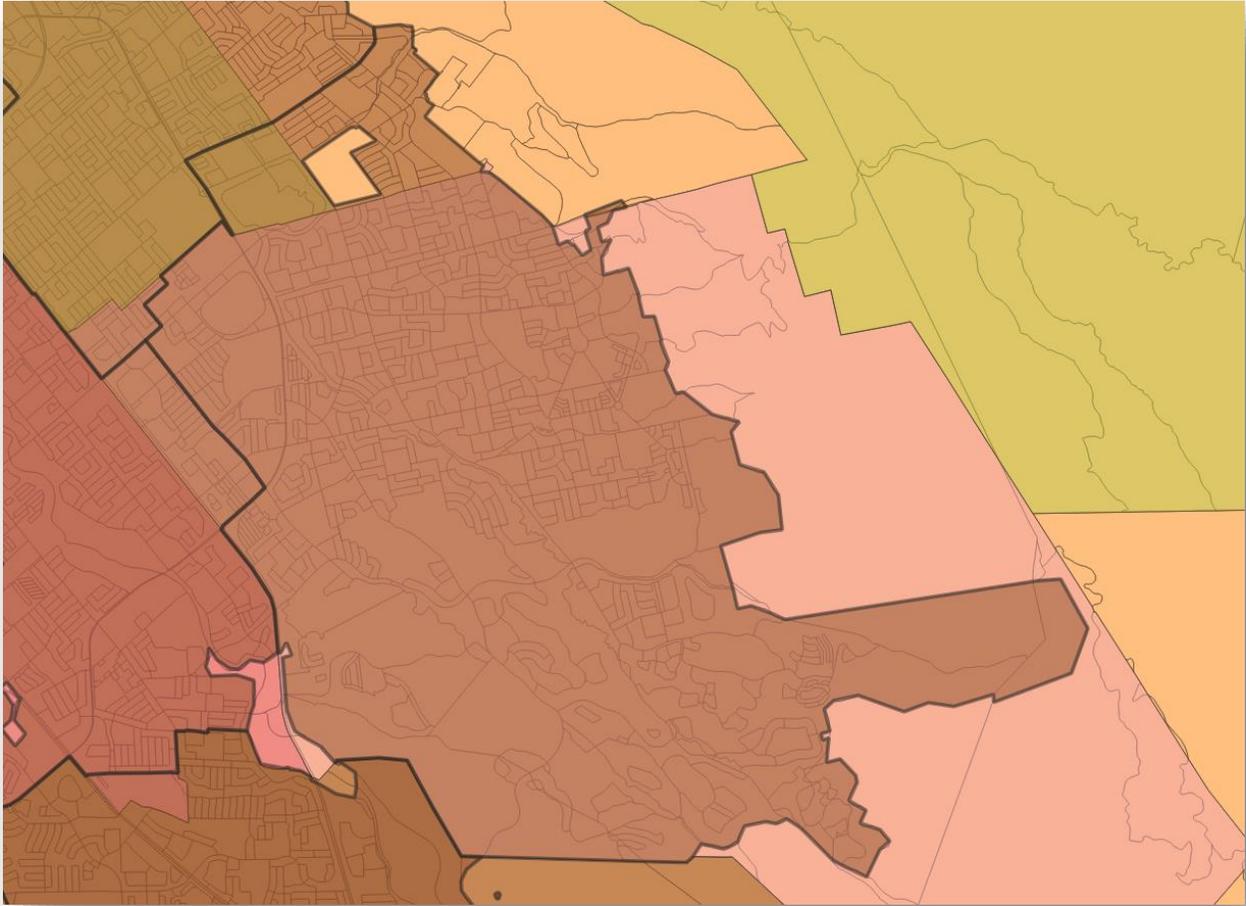
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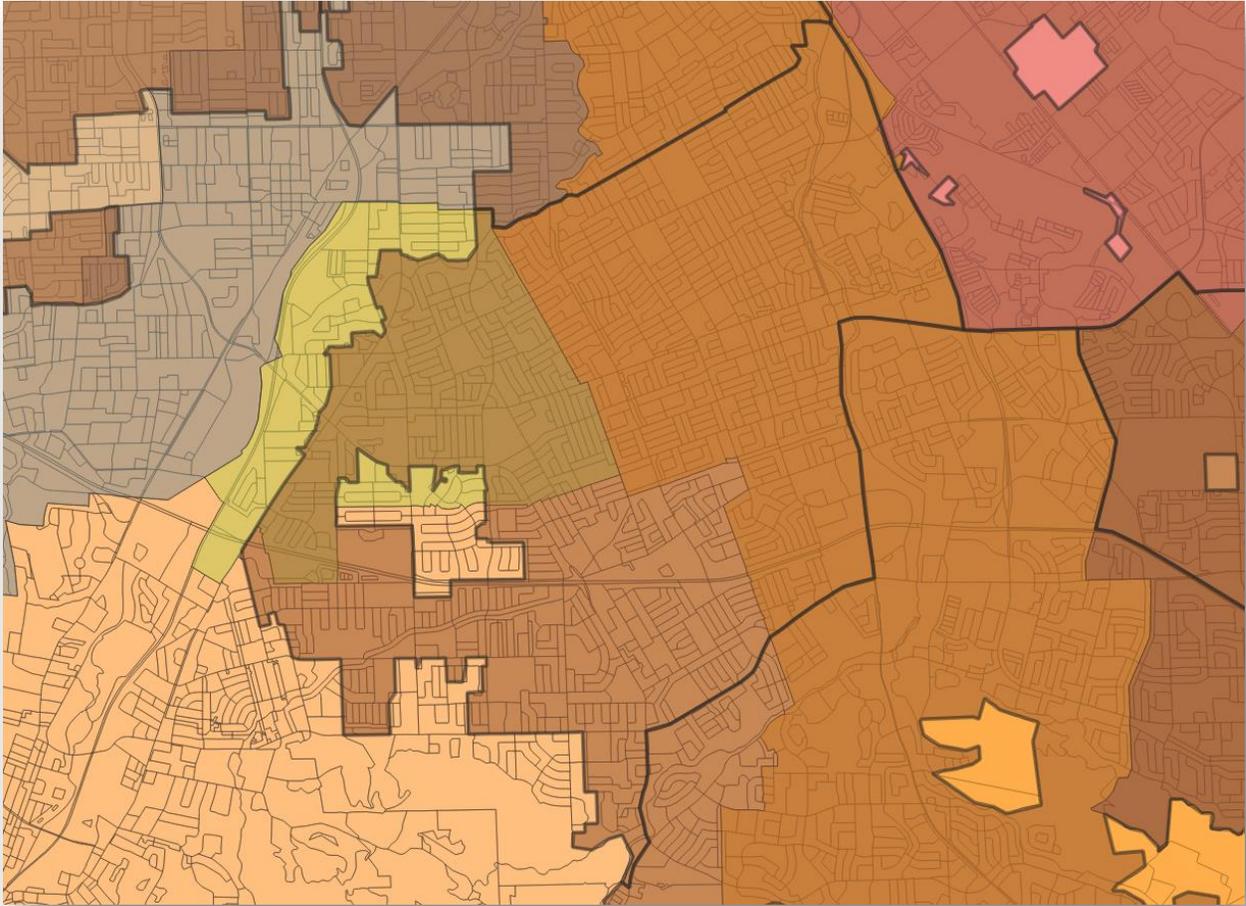
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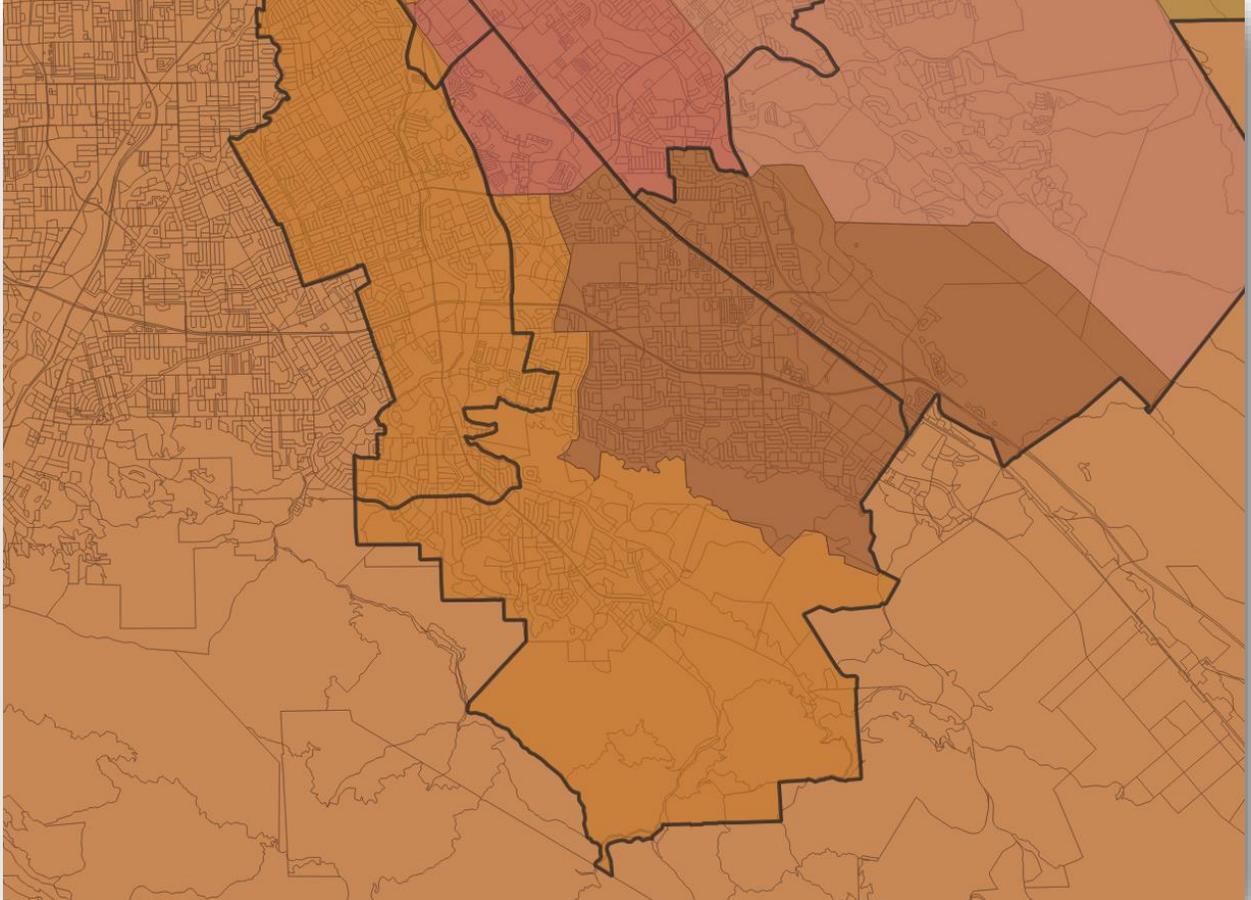
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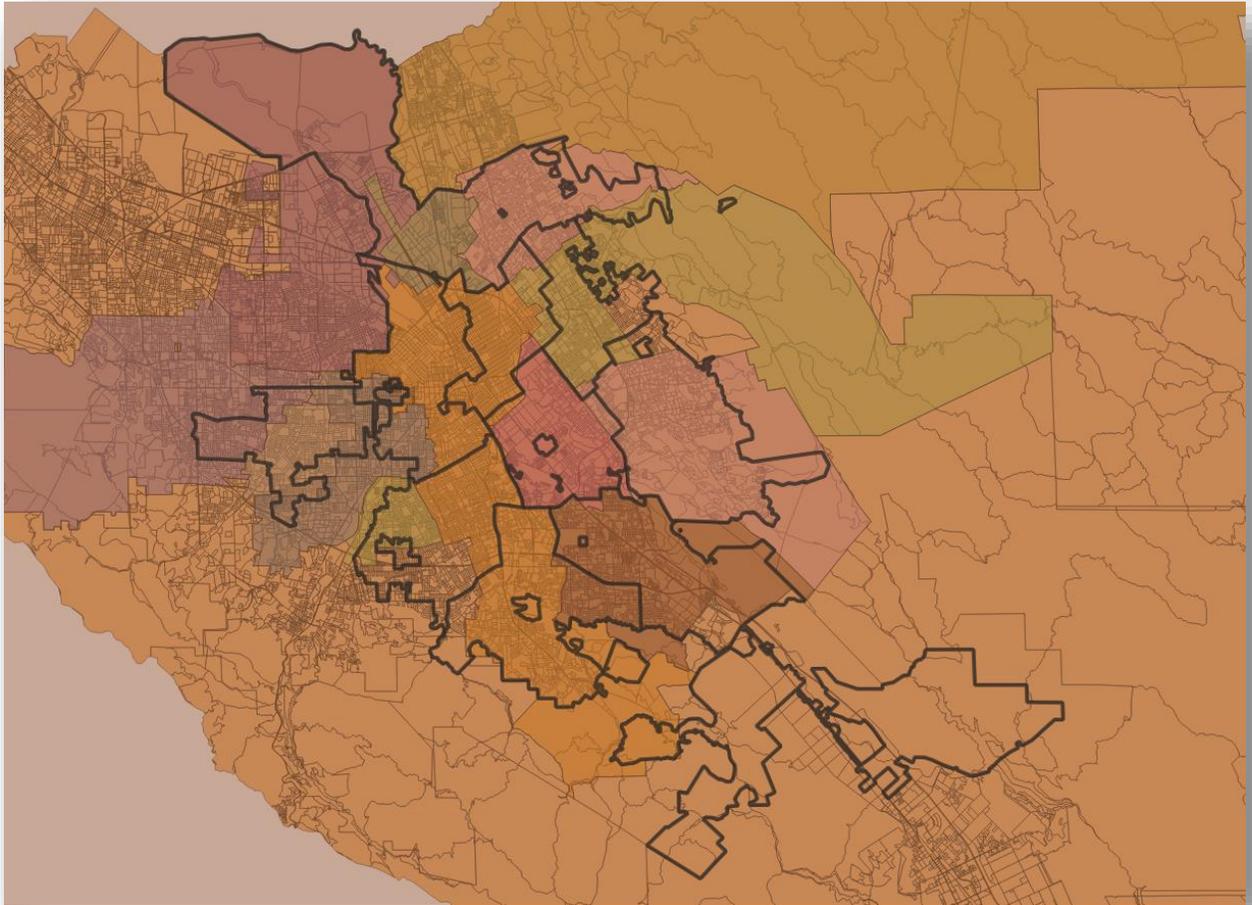
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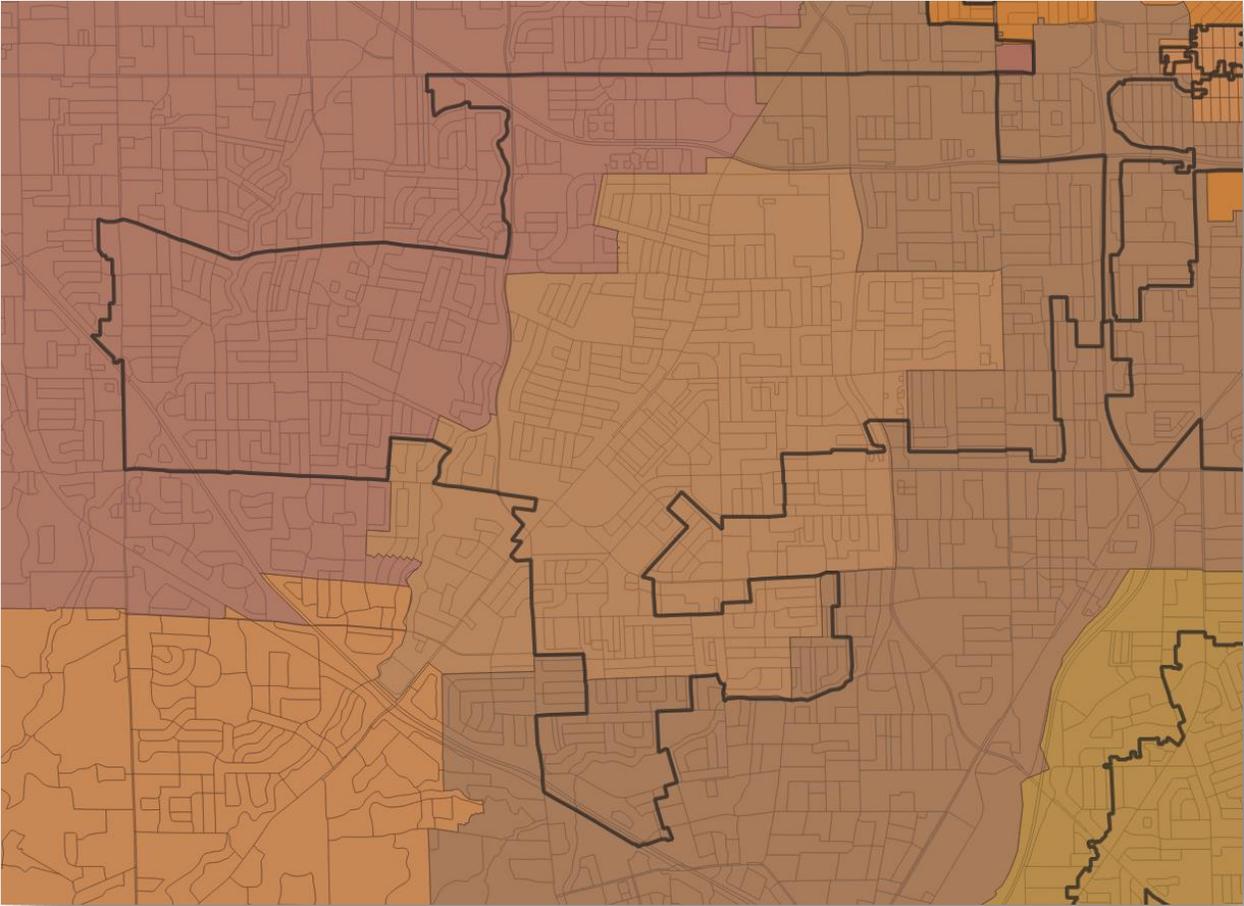
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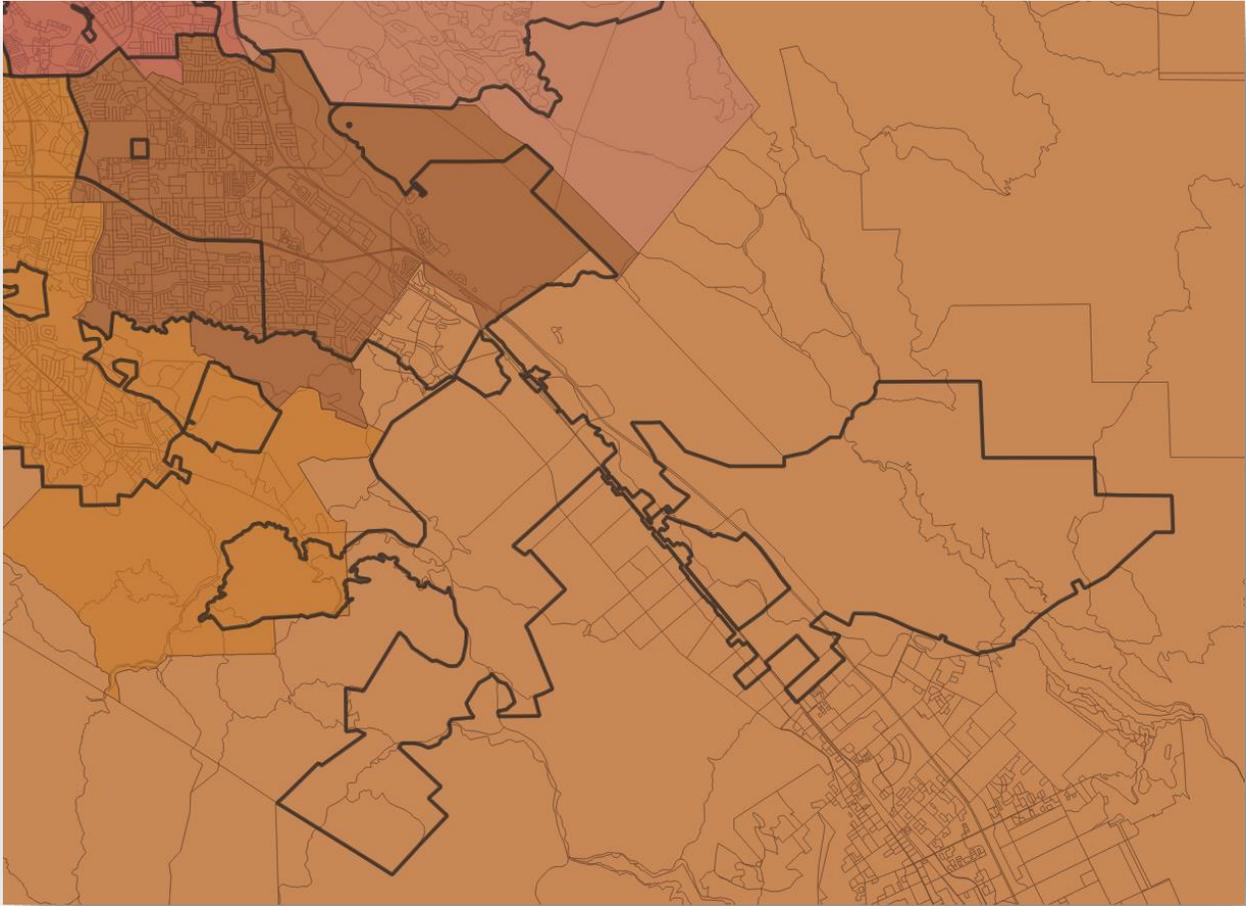
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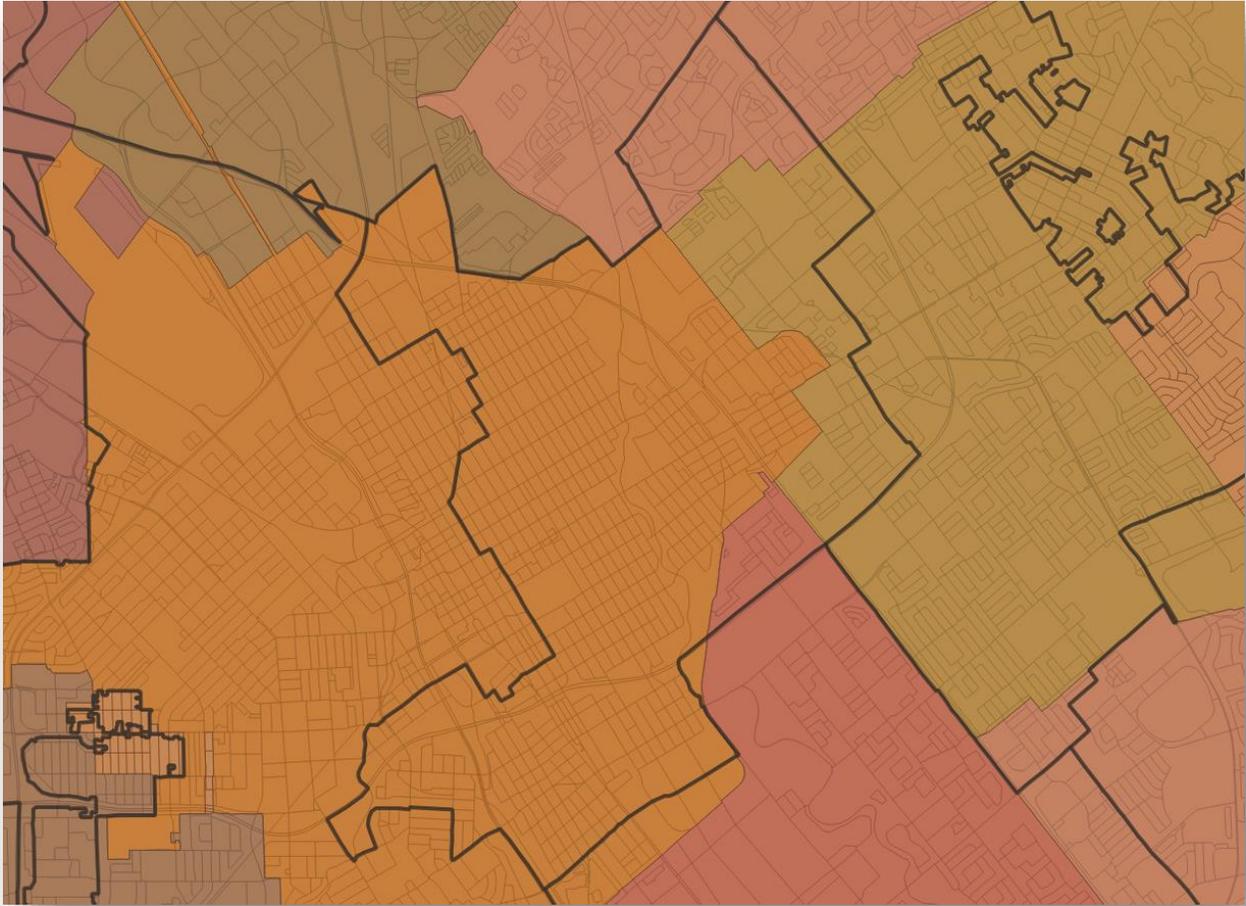
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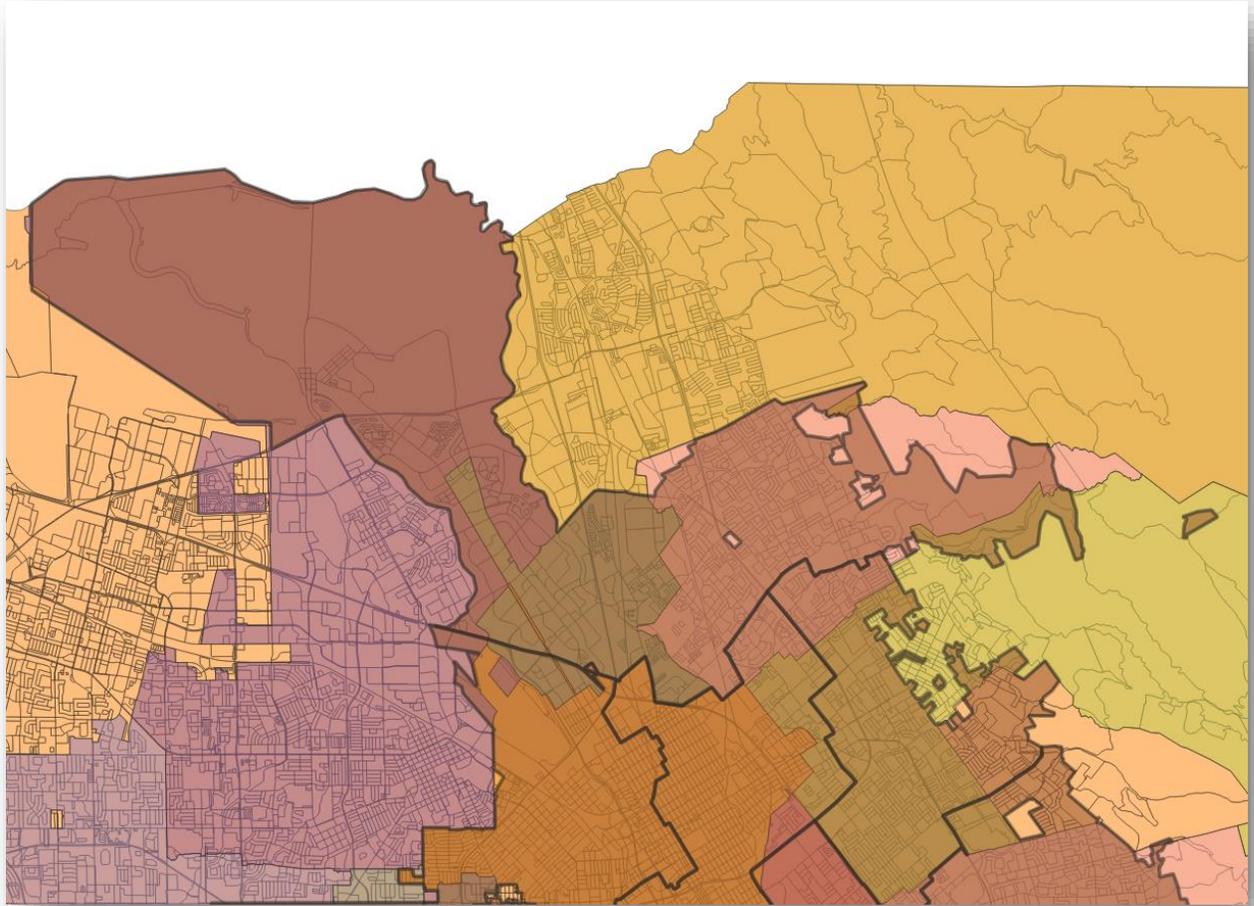
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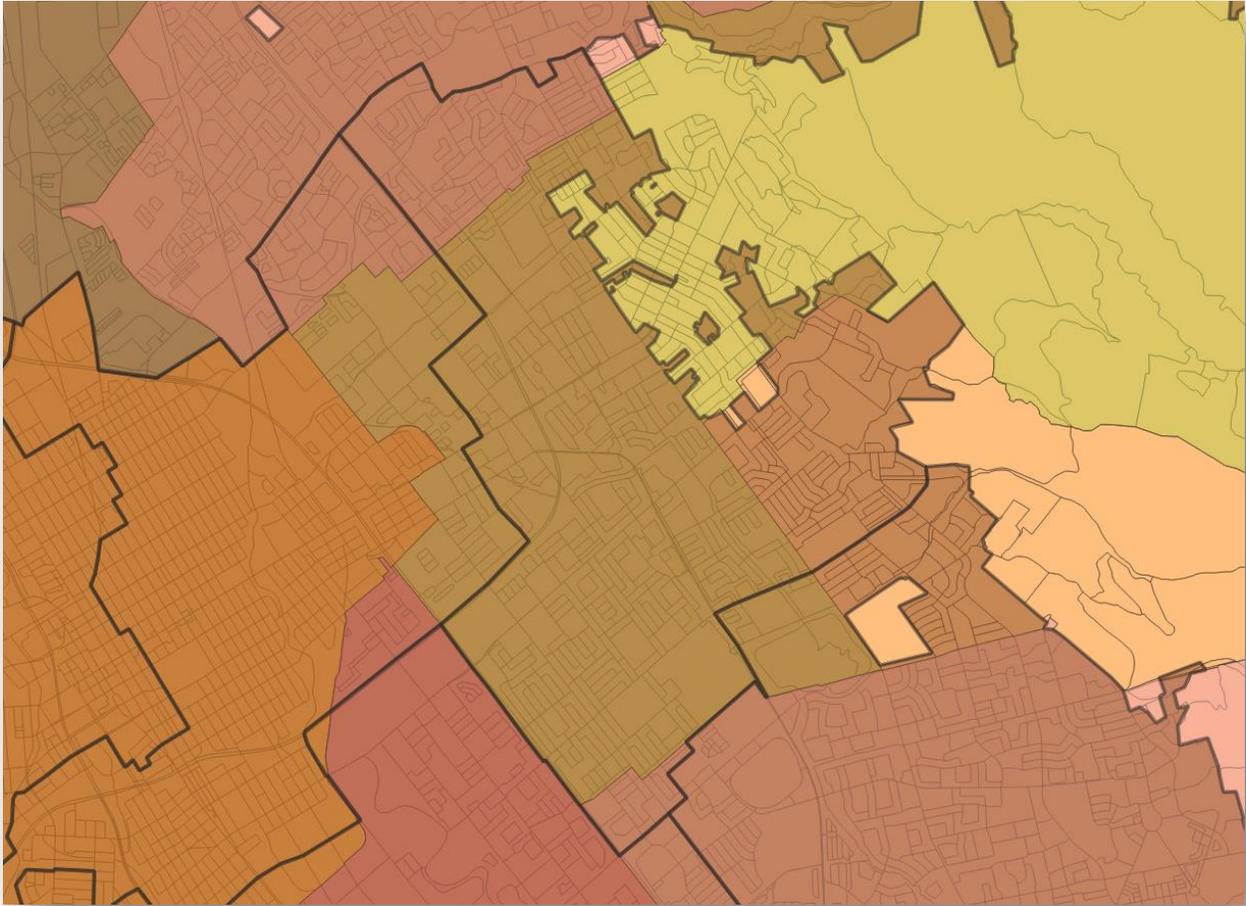
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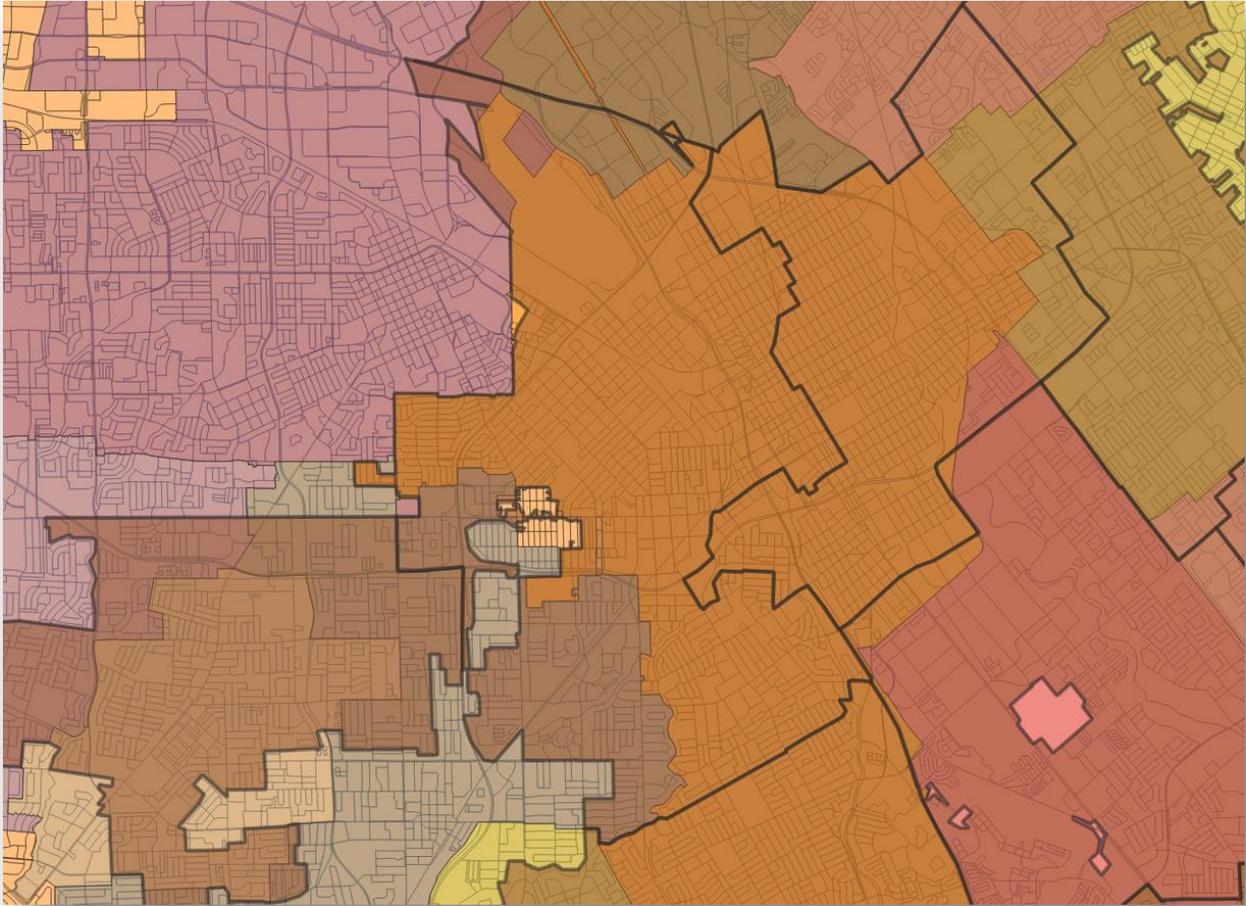
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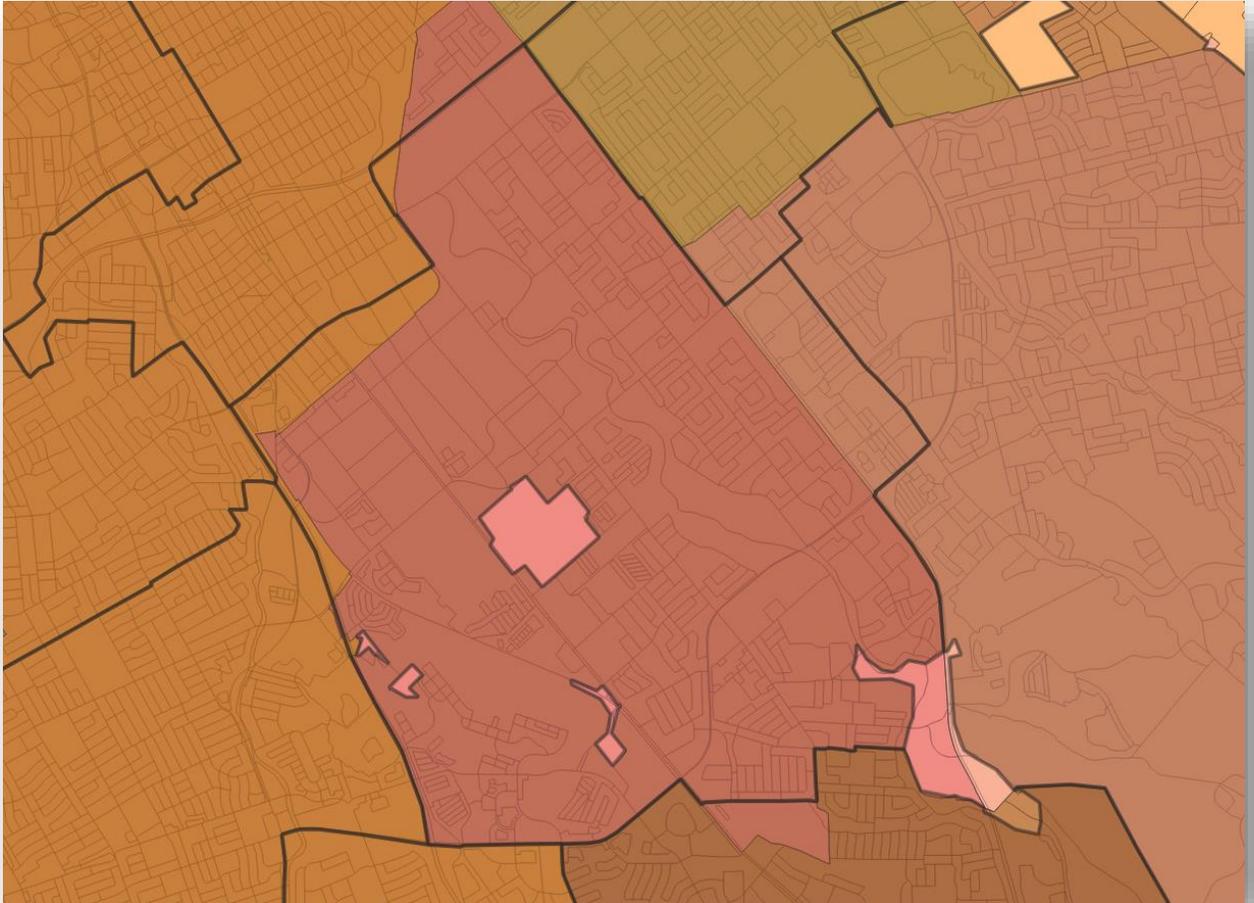
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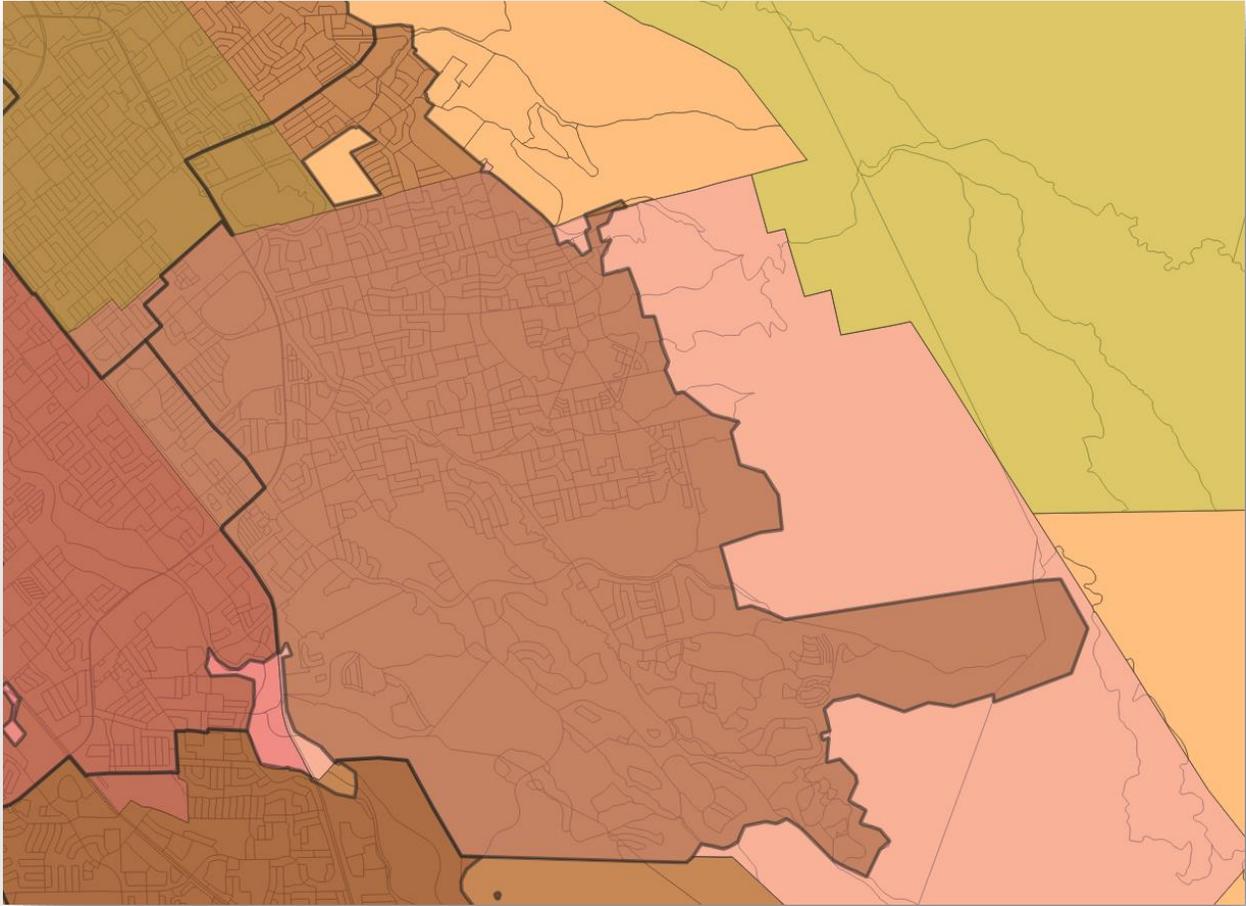
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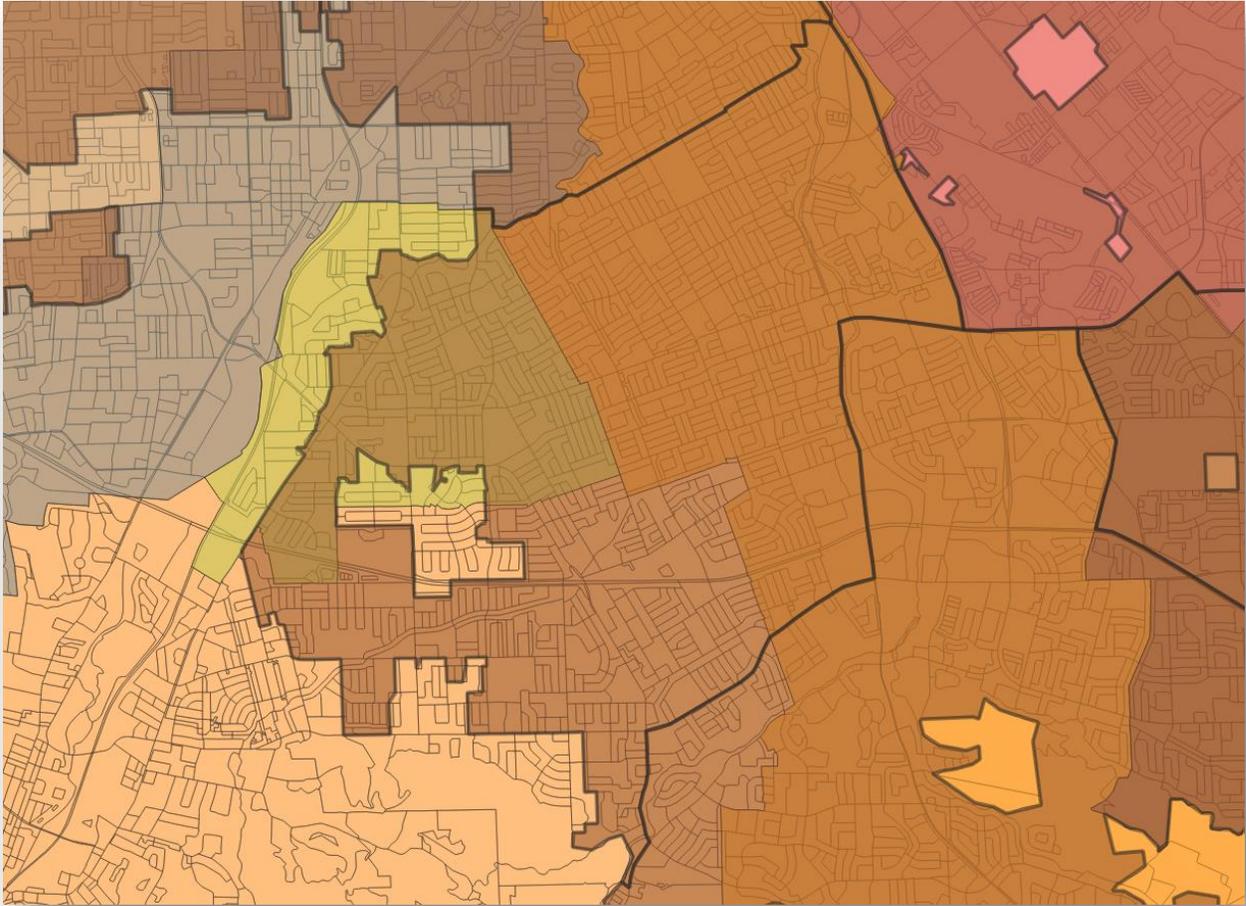
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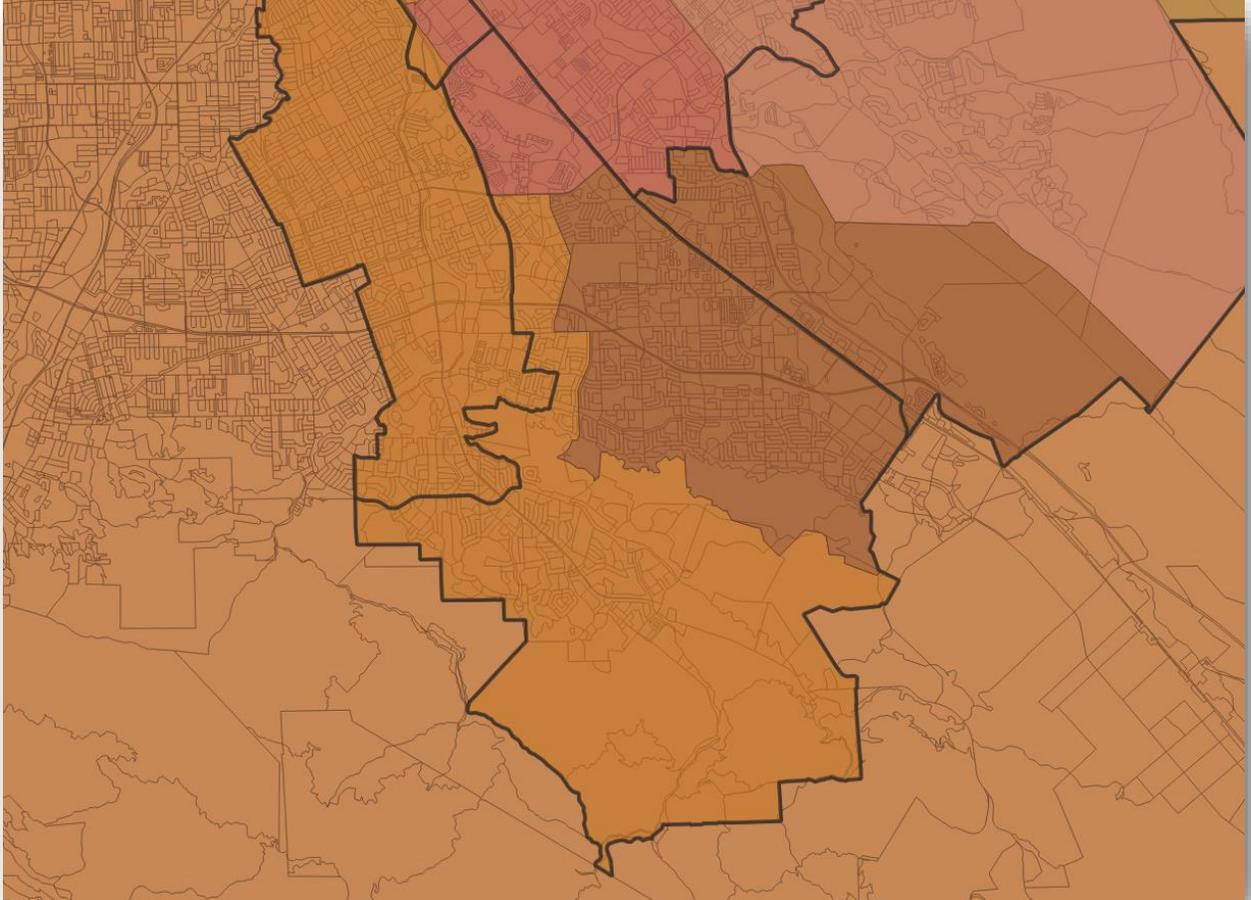
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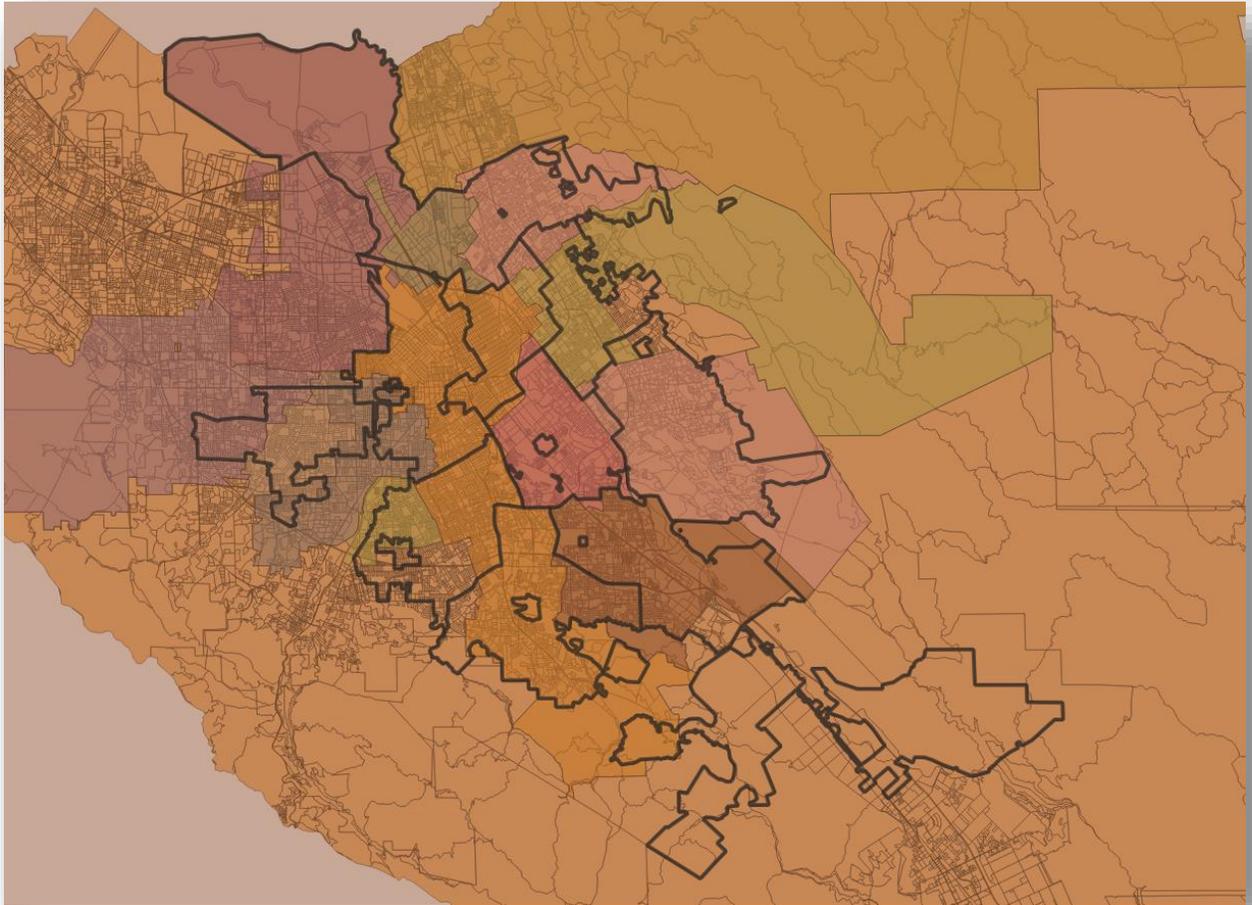
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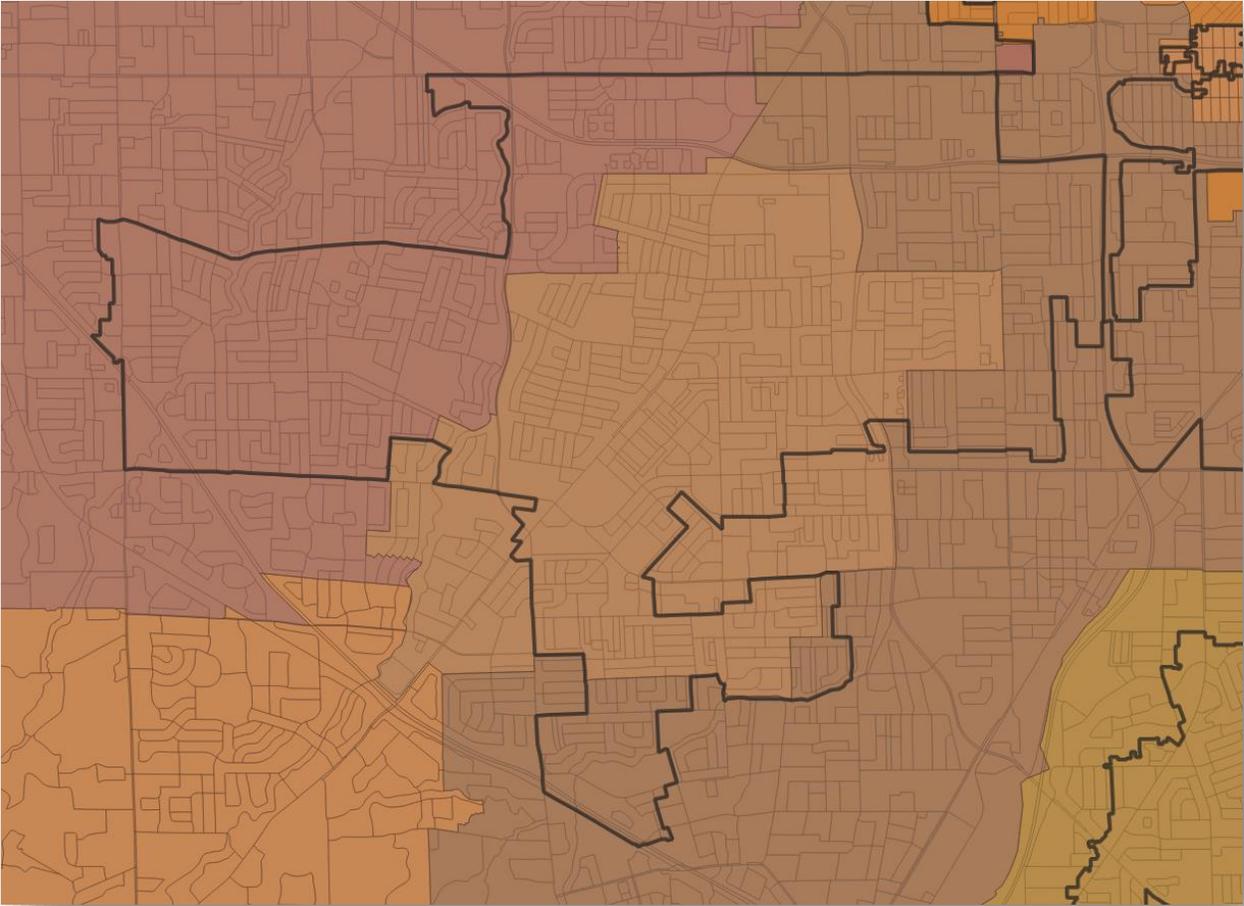
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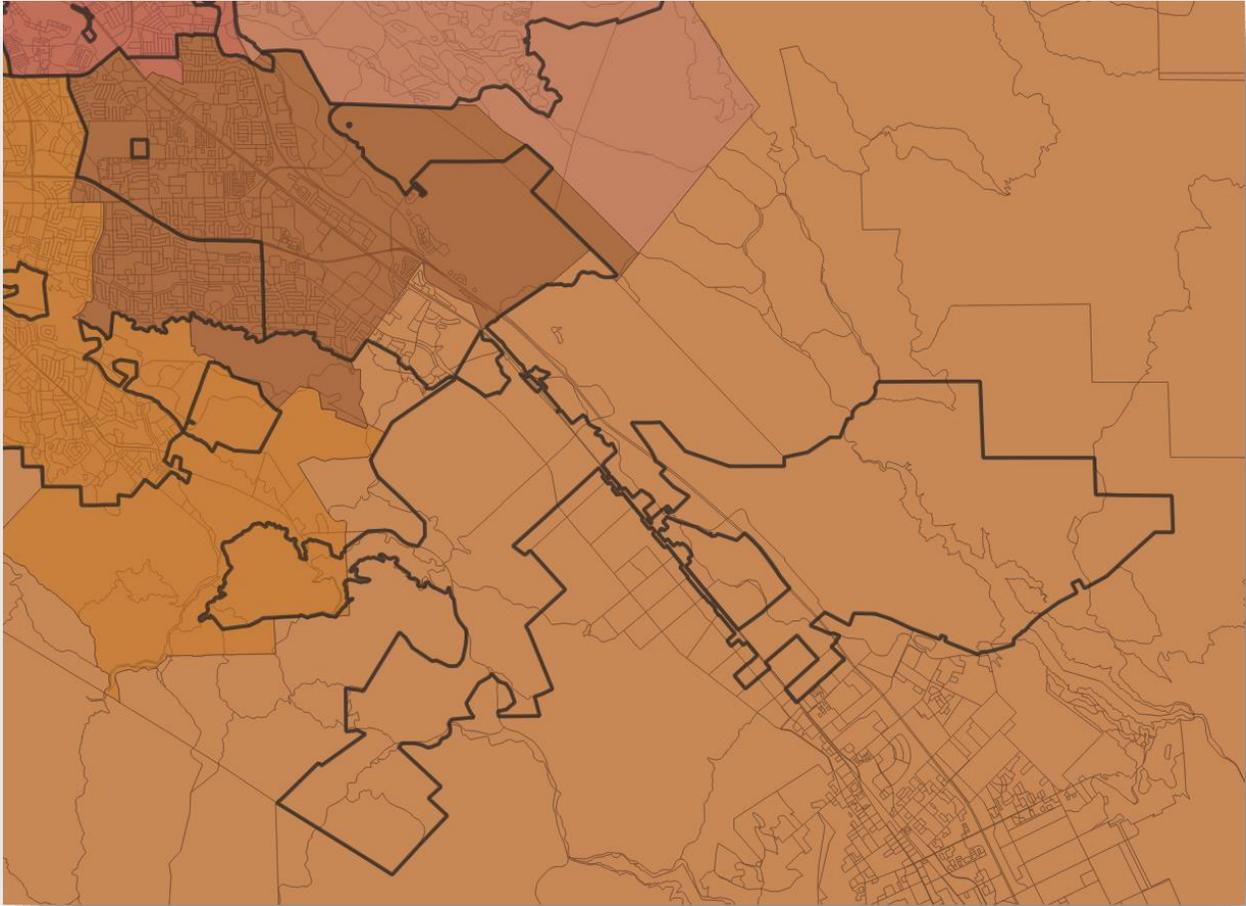
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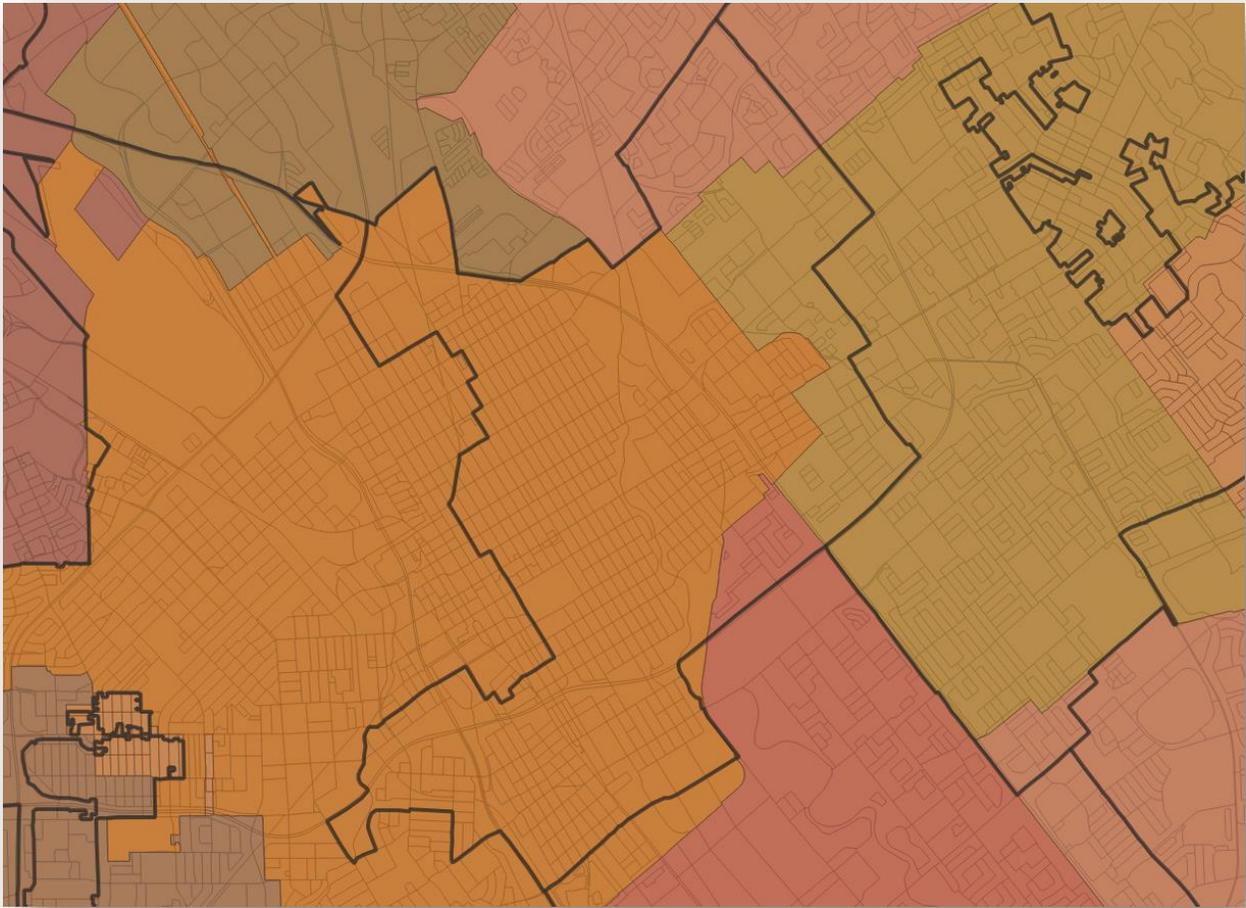
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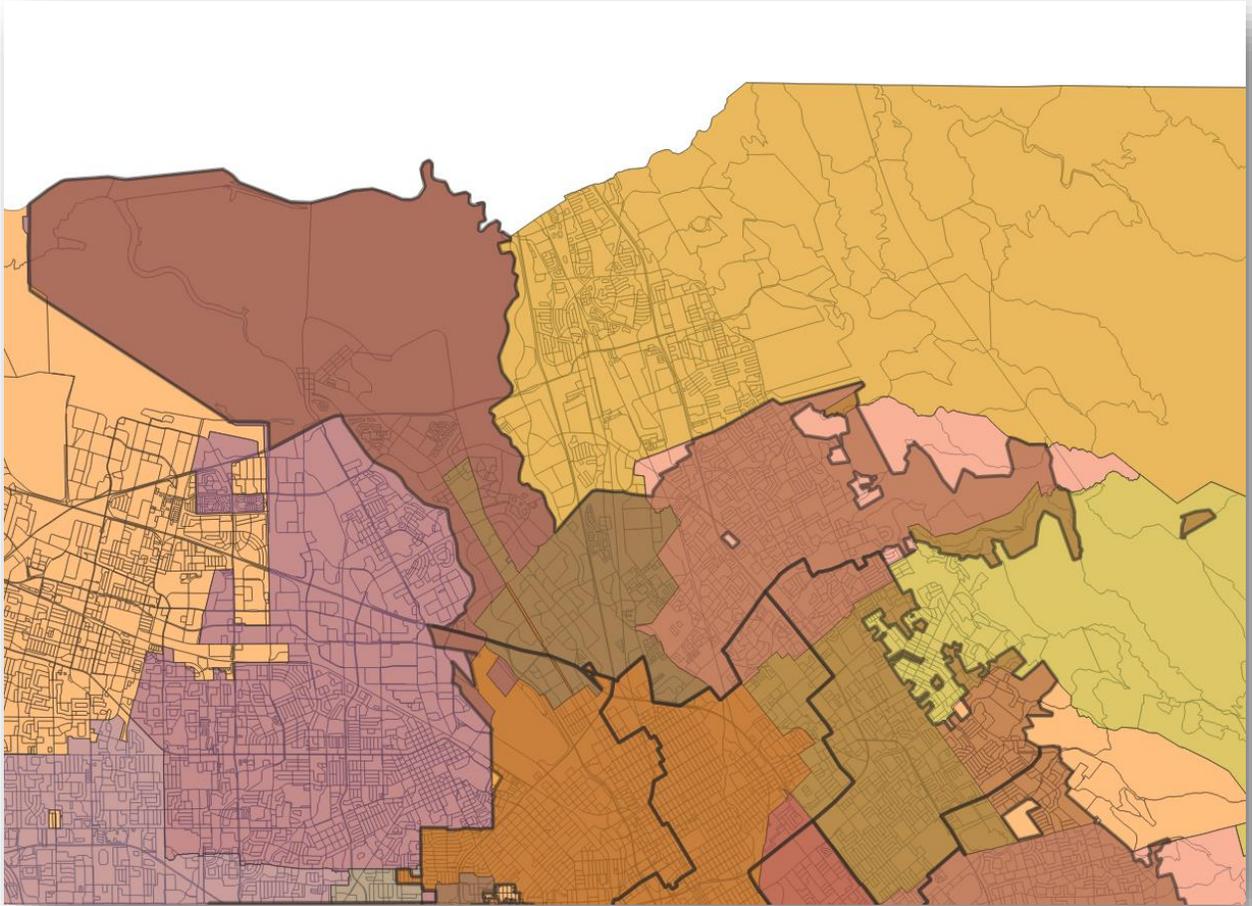
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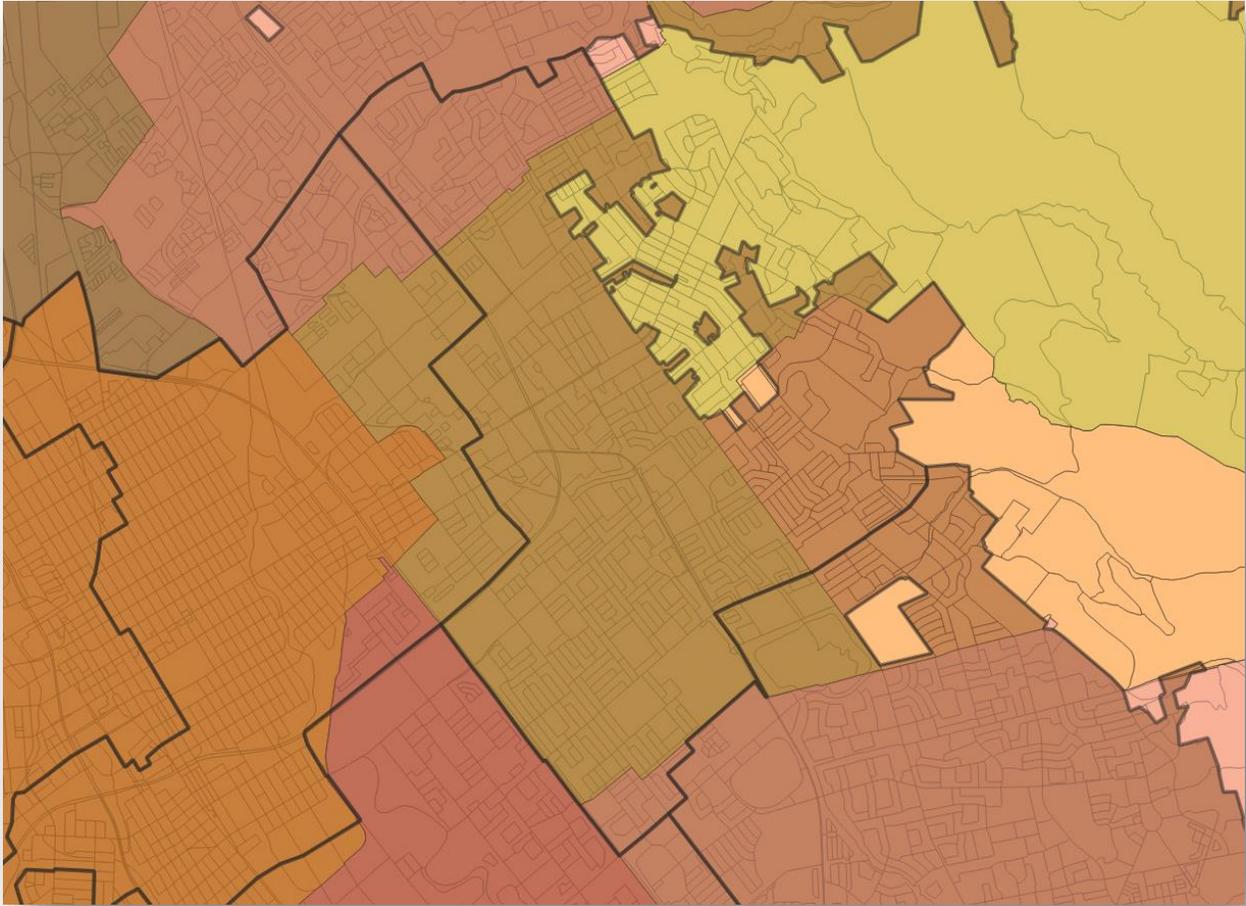
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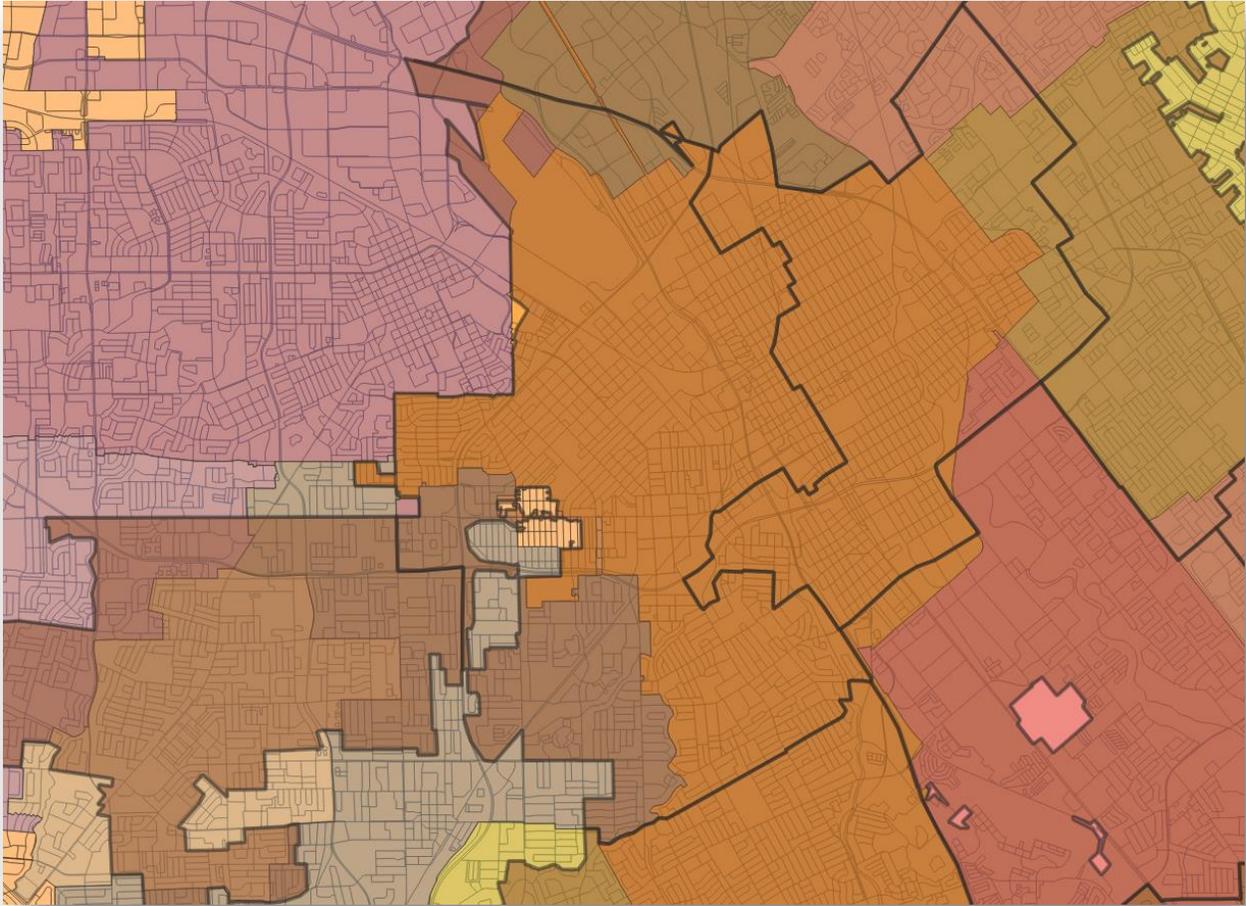
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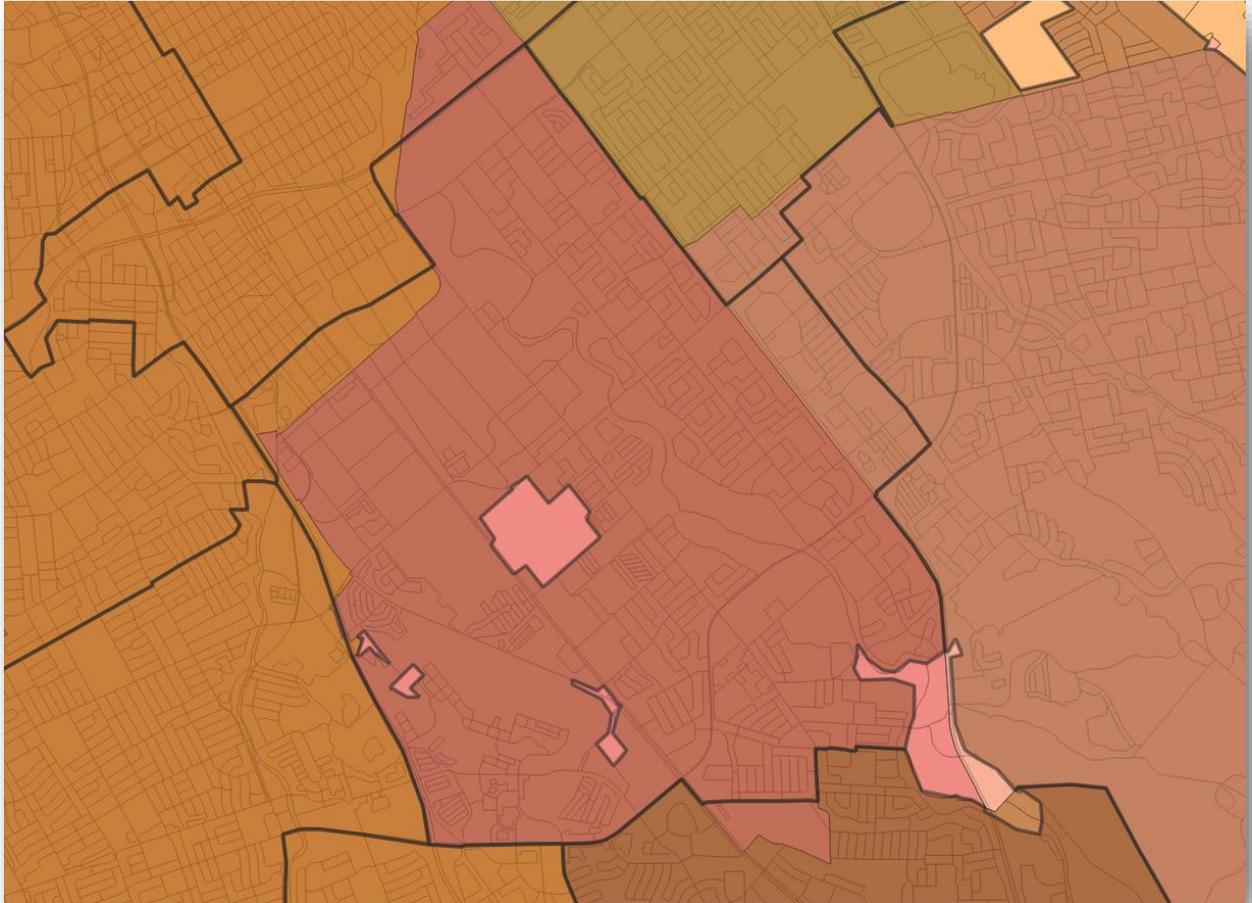
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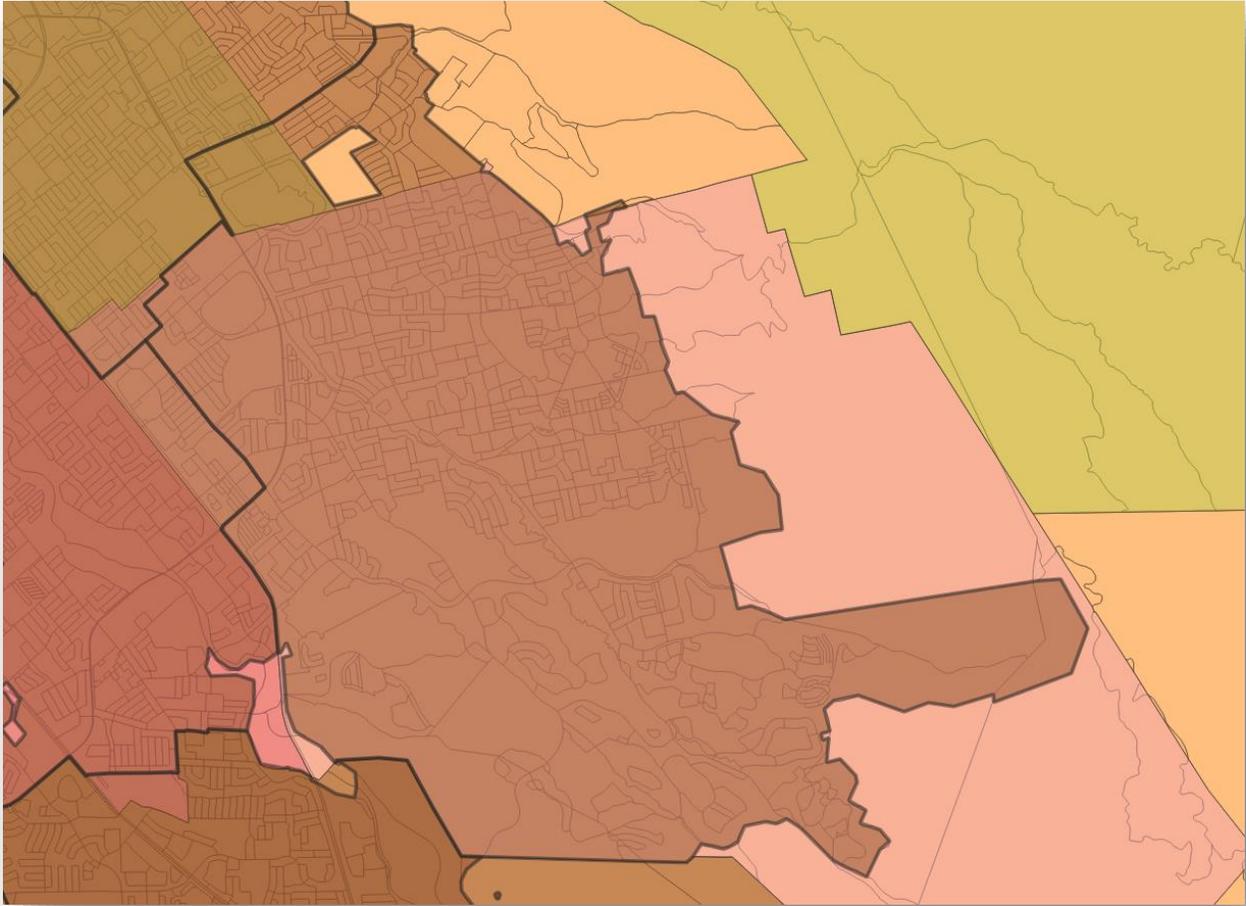
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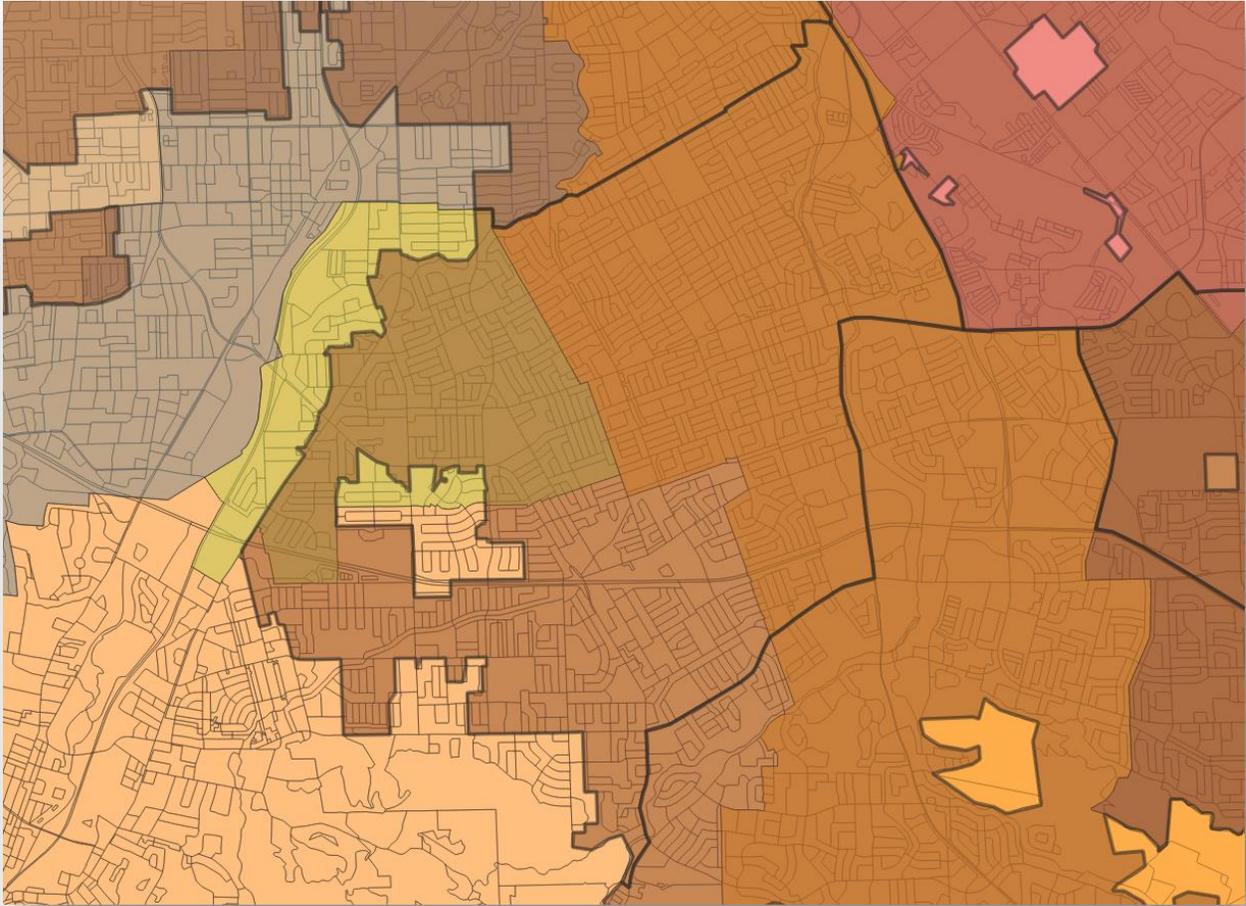
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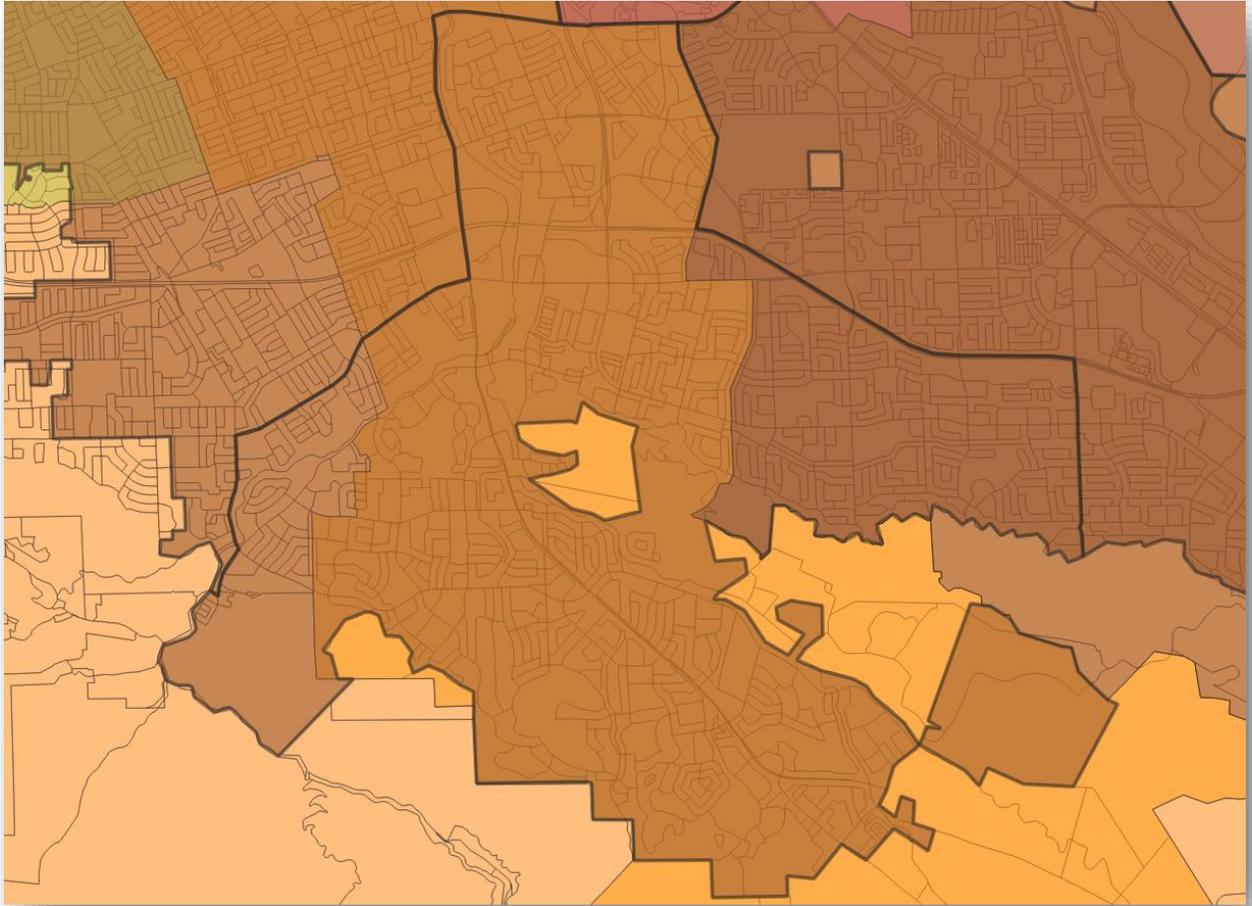
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De Anna Mirzadegan  
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I was advised that you did not receive WGNA's email and attached letter. Please see below and attached. Please add to the public comments.

Thank you,

De Anna Mirzadegan  
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2021 City of San Jose Redistricting Commission,

Please see attached letter from the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association regarding the proposed redistricting.

Sincerely,

De Anna Mirzadegan  
President  
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To the 2021 City of San Jose Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association (WGNA), we submit this letter regarding potential changes to the District 6 (D6) boundaries.

First, we would like to thank the commissioners for their candor at the October 7 meeting. WGNA agrees with the commissioner comments and believes Redistricting Partners draft maps were confusing, lacked compactness, and created unnecessary angst for every council district. Also concerning was the potential loss of Latino representation on the city council based on the draft maps

Willow Glen is one of San Jose's oldest neighborhoods which until 1936 was its own incorporated town. Willow Glen residents have a long history of civic and cultural engagement, always striving to create a community built on friendship and kindness with their neighbors. Willow Glen is a welcoming and diverse community representing an inspiring number of ethnic and religious groups with origins from across the globe. Willow Glen is also home to a substantial LGBT population choosing Willow Glen for its sense of community and proximity to the LGBT community center in District 6.

Willow Glen is centered around city-resource facilities including the Willow Glen Library and Willow Glen Community Center. Notably, Willow Glen has the oldest population – 70 plus – living alone in San Jose and prior to the pandemic, utilized city facilities extensively for lunches and social enrichment. Willow Glen parks provide opportunities to stroll, walk canine companions, and participate in activities such as lawn bowling. It is important these facilities remain within the domain of the District 6 Councilmember to keep these facilities available and well maintained.

Willow Glen is not only a geographic area but an established, genuine community of interest with shared values, and experiences including that of commerce, family, history, institutional, religious, schools (private and public), social, youth sports leagues, volunteerism, and civic pride. These are all attributes every District in San Jose would hope to develop within its neighborhood business districts and neighborhoods.

Ten years ago, the 2011 Redistricting Commission held meetings in every council district with nominal attendance, except for D6. The D6 meeting was held on May 9, 2011 at the Willow Glen Community Center to a standing room only crowd of over 300 attendees.

The immense turnout was created by the 2011 Redistricting Commission's proposed changes to the district boundary for Willow Glen, even though options existed to balance San Jose's population without dividing the neighborhood. Approximately 75% of the 300 attendees were D6 residents who passionately expressed they did not want to be moved into the adjacent council district with a redrawn boundary. A smaller group of attendees living just outside the southern boundary of D6 were asking to

rejoin D6 because their homes were removed from D6 when the boundary was changed in 1991 with little notice.

Former Willow Glen Councilmember Nancy Ianni spoke at this same meeting in 2011, explaining how the border used to go to Foxworthy Ave and that the commission should consider reuniting the neighborhood. Nancy Ianni said at minimum, the commission should do no further harm and not make more changes to the D6/D9 boundary as it would further disenfranchise Willow Glen residents.

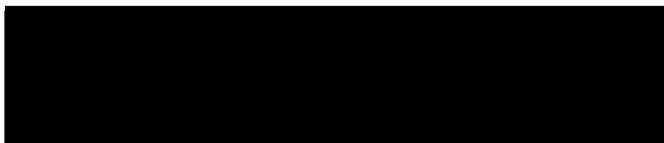
The 2011 Redistricting Commission heard the overwhelming feedback and chose to implement boundary adjustments west of Highway 880 (Winchester-Hamilton-Moorpark-Hwy 880) and Capitol Expressway (Capitol-Pearl-Hillsdale-Hwy 87). Notably this included the entire Hamann Park neighborhood, home to former D6 Councilmember Frank Fiscalini, which was moved to D1. Areas west of Highway 880, and the Rubino Circle development should continue to be the primary areas for consideration as these are logical and practical census tract scenarios discussed in 2011 and would result in both compactness and contiguity.

As much as the WGNA would prefer the entire Willow Glen neighborhood be within one council district – as it was previously and as it exists today within other government districts – we also realize that this may be a challenge with the simultaneous goal of approximating population in each district. Therefore, perhaps reunification can be done incrementally such as reuniting the census tract between Booksin-Briarwood-Curtner-Husted with D6. Should there be further flexibility then simply extend the current boundary along Husted Dr west to Meridian. There is precedent for reunification as was done for the Berryessa neighborhood at the state level in 2011.

At a minimum, we recommend no changes to the present boundary in Willow Glen between D6 and D9. We recommend that planning staff present to the commission all the letters received from Willow Glen residents in 2011 regarding the proposed changes at that time. These letters will provide historical context and background that will enable commissioners to focus their efforts right up front to other prospective boundary changes.

We leave one final question. Are boundary changes needed at all based on the actual 2020 census data?

Sincerely,



De Anna Mirzadegan  
President

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