

San Jose Redistricting

Proposed District Maps

(based on city geography, communities of interest, areas near transit, VMT per capita, building typologies, and density)

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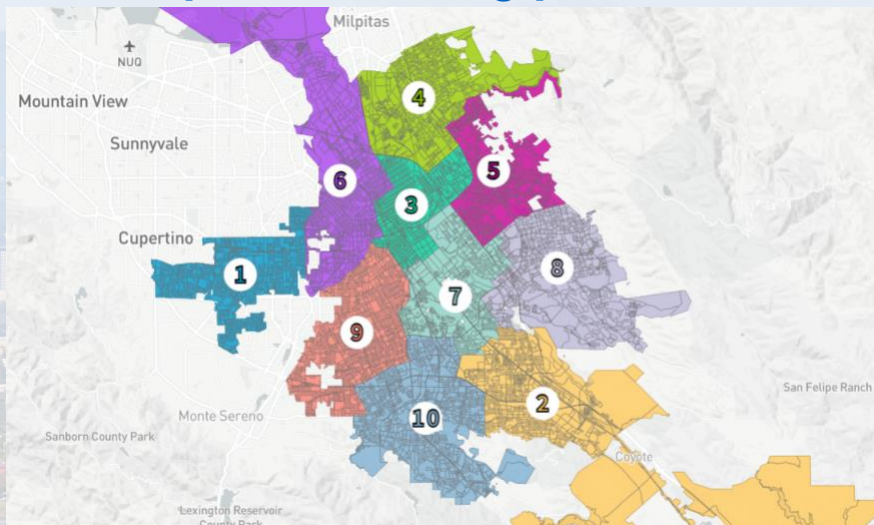
- Lived and worked in San Jose for 12+ years
- Currently live and work in Midtown/ Downtown West area; also previously lived in Santa Teresa area and worked downtown
- Previous job as transportation analysis consultant for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan
- Spend time in all areas of the city visiting friends and family, going to church, cycling, etc.

Redistricting Objectives

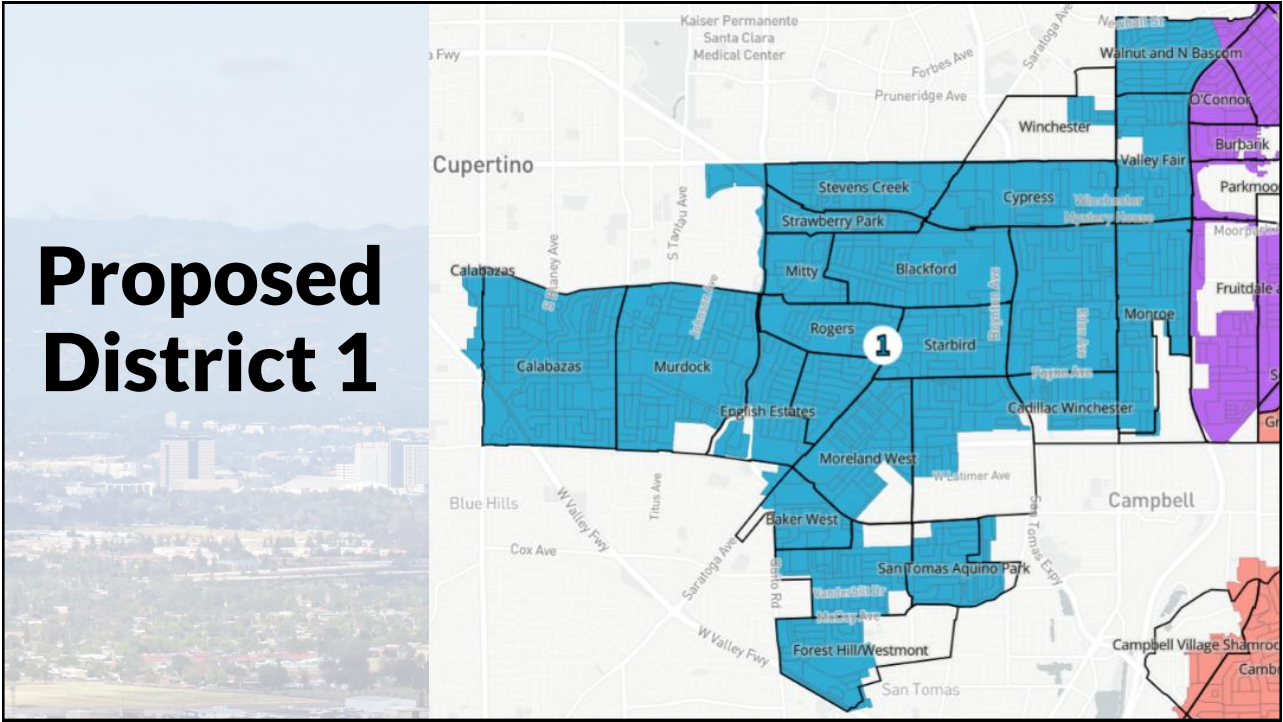
- Follow laws, e.g. the population in each District is within 10%
 - Avoid the appearance of gerrymandering
- Maintain continuity of existing neighborhoods, communities of interests, and current Council Districts as much as possible
- Use city geography such as freeways, expressways, major roads, railroads, creeks, and rivers for borders as much as possible
 - Keep areas with relatively the same amounts of high frequency transit, vehicle miles traveled, similar building typologies, and current residential densities together

Proposed Districts

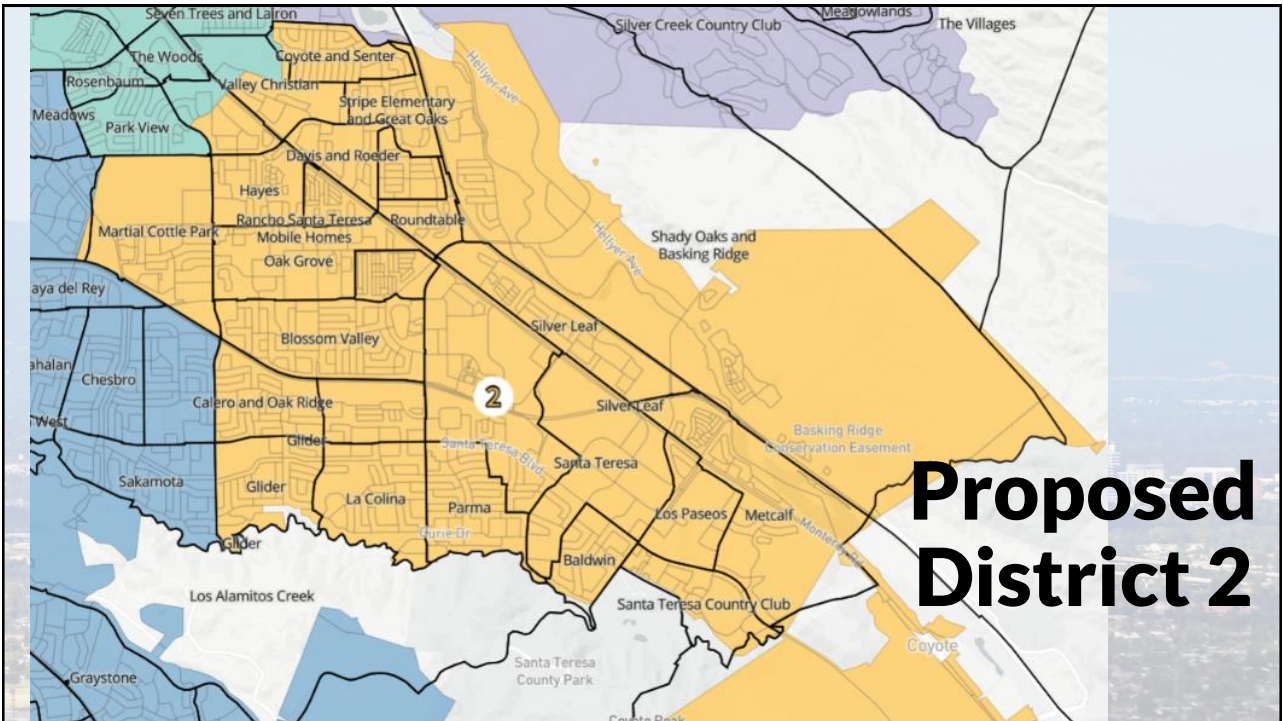
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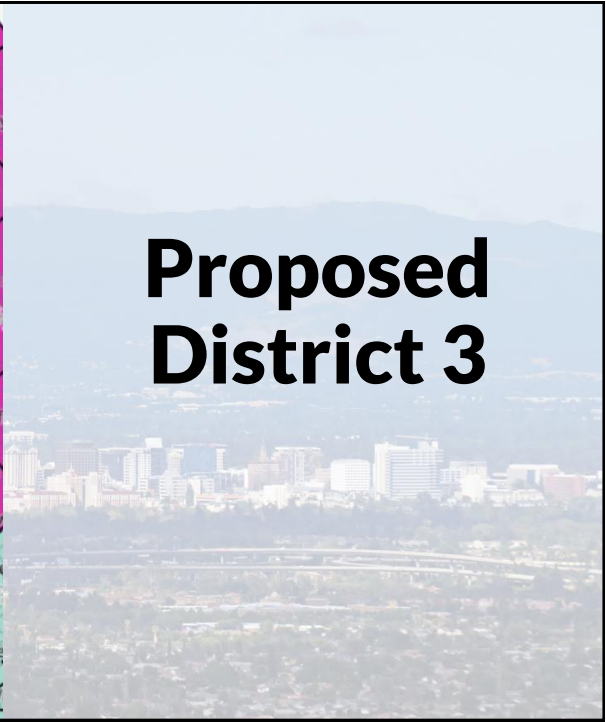
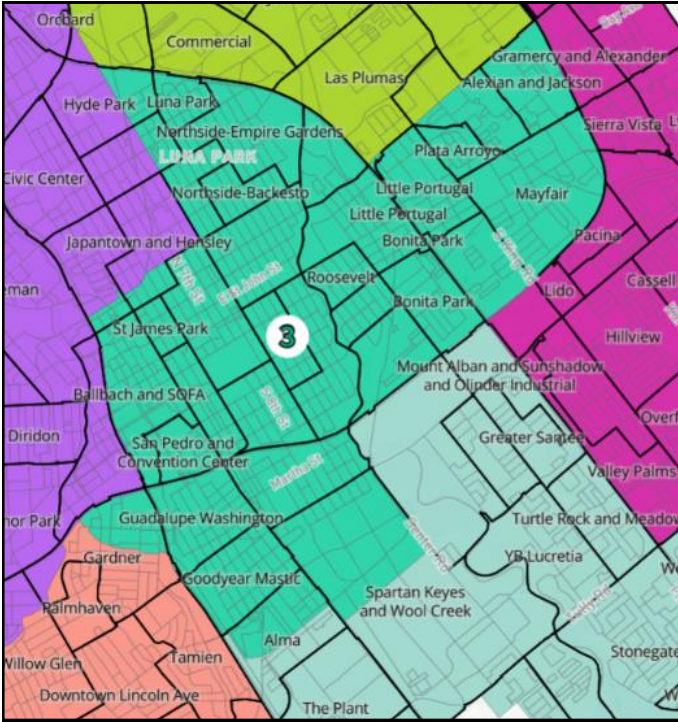


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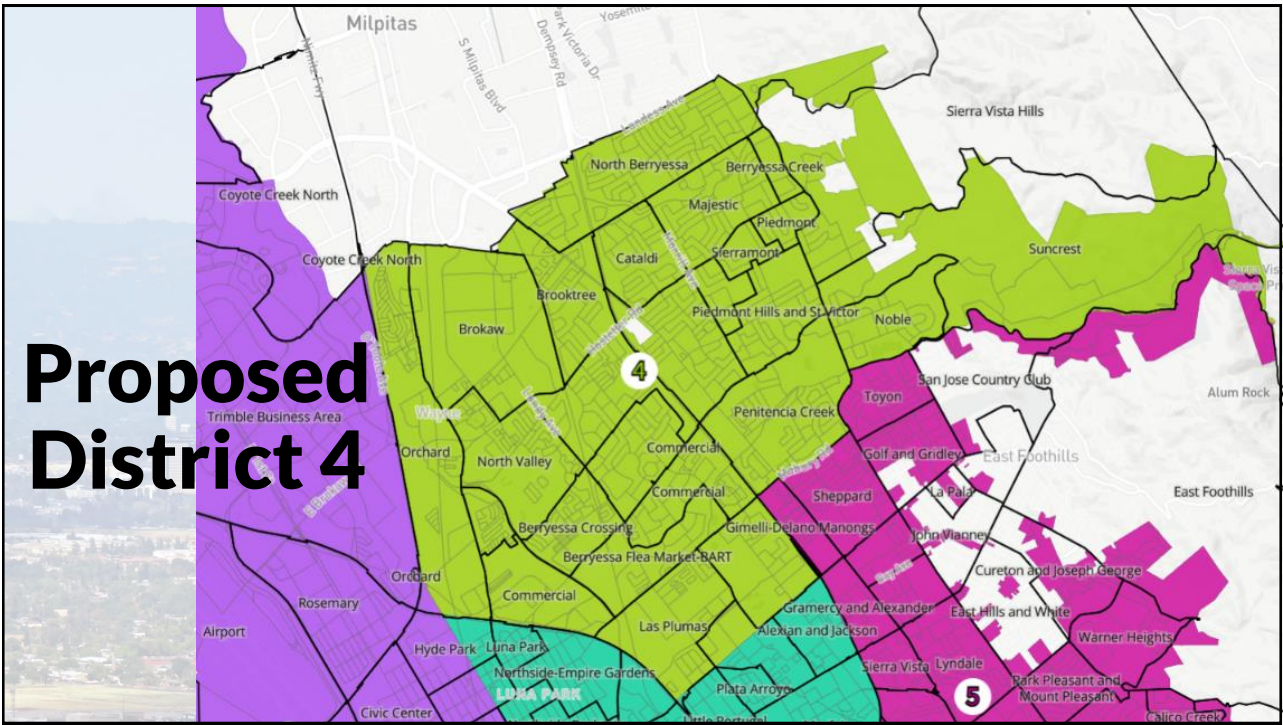


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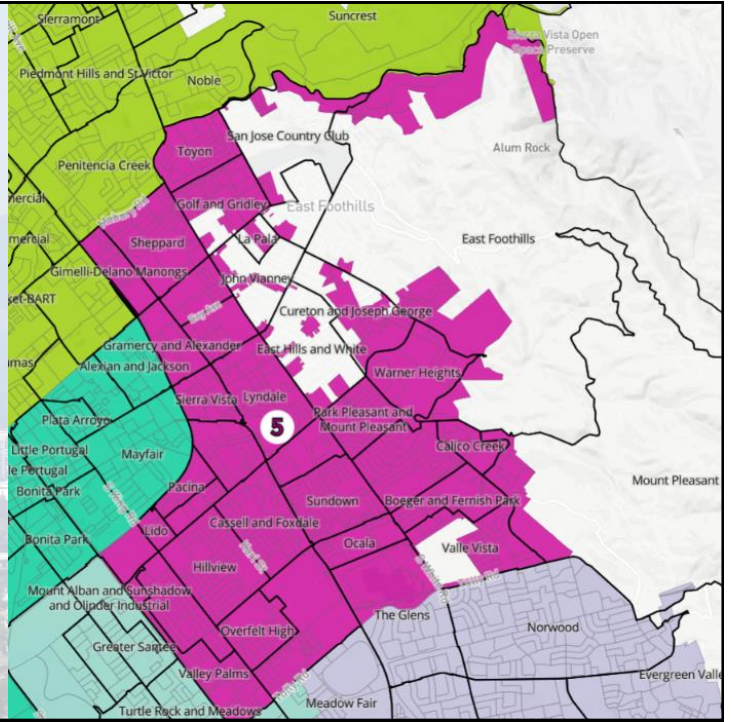


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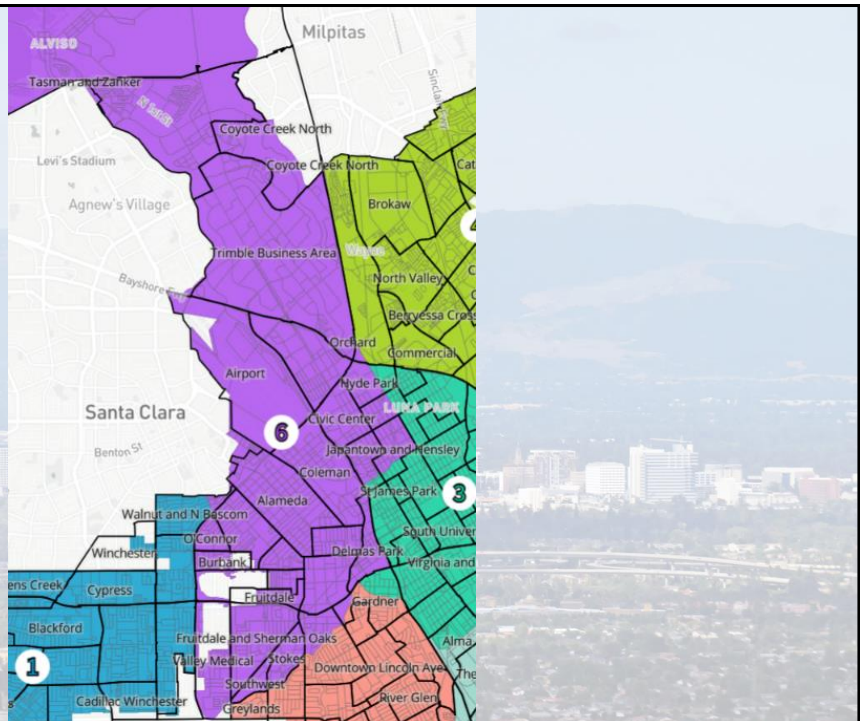


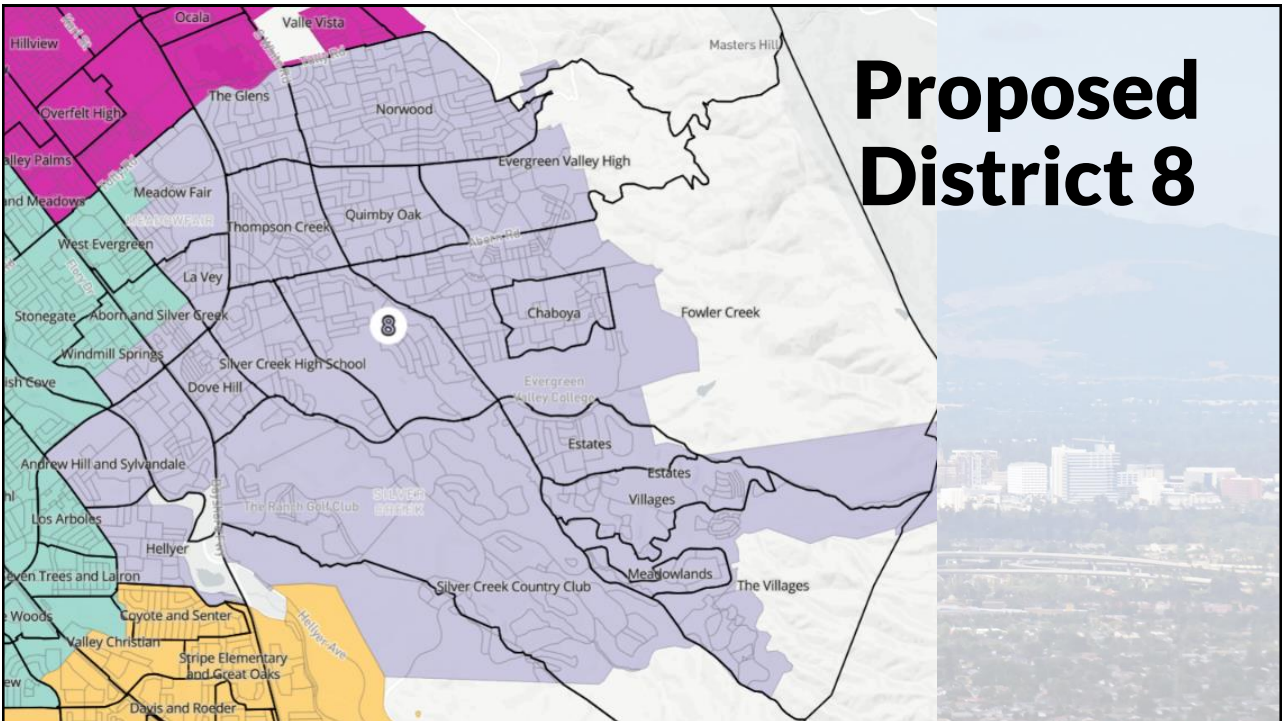
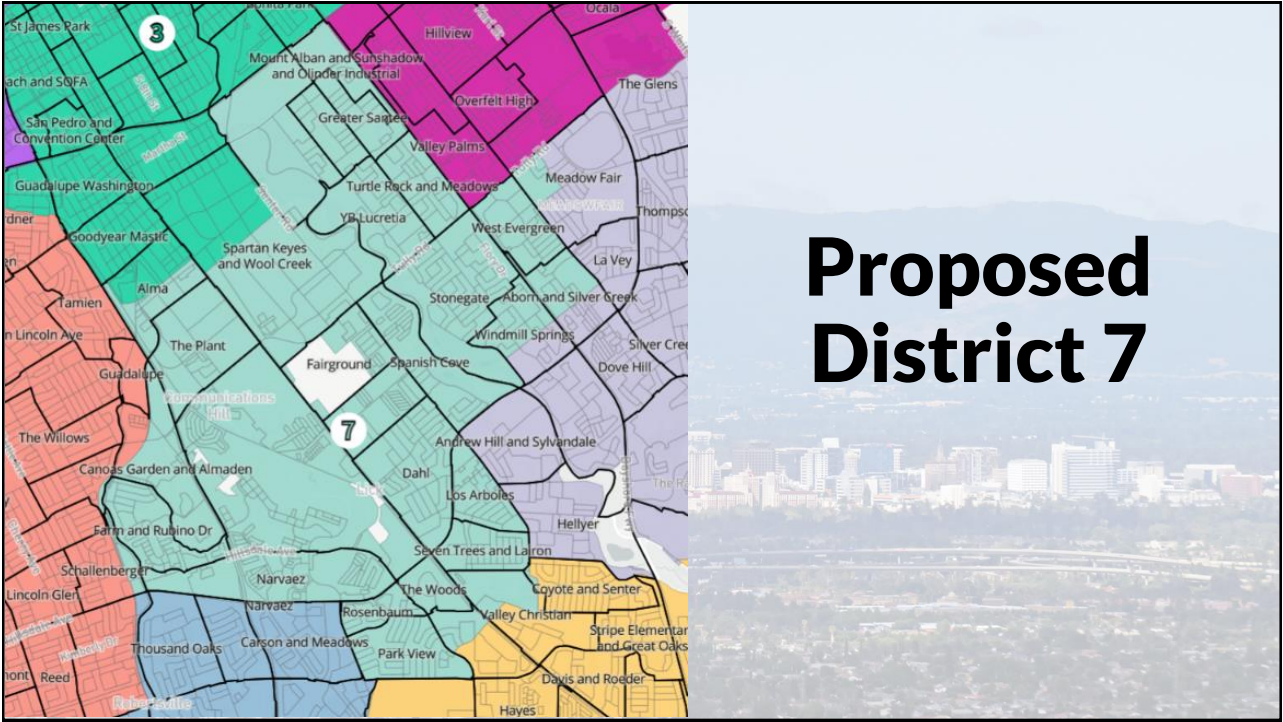
Proposed District 4

Proposed District 5

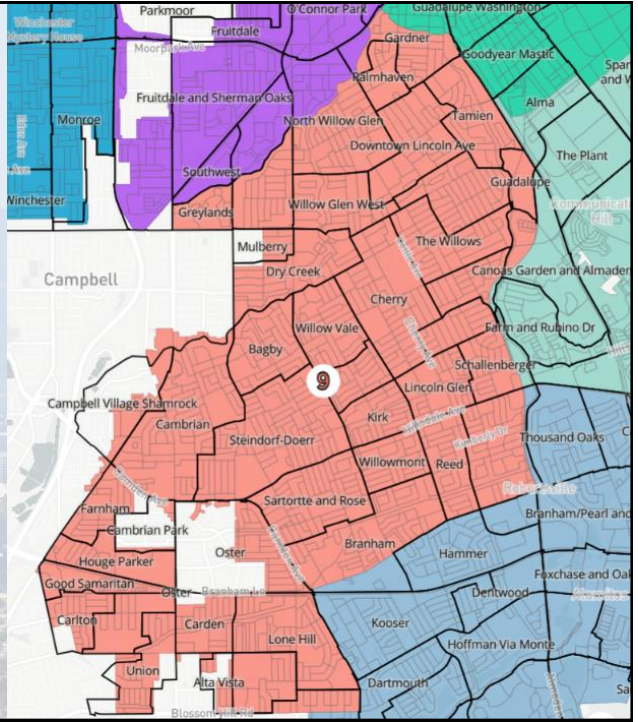


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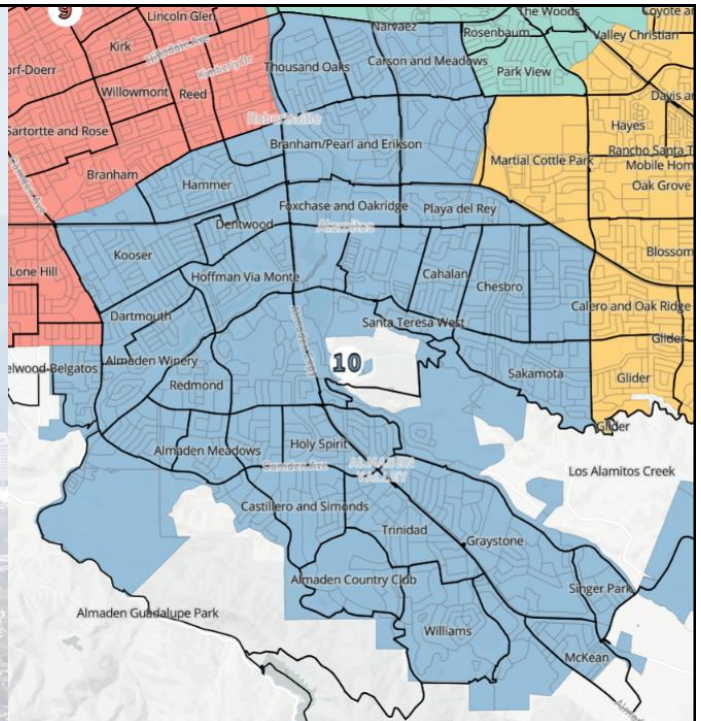




Proposed District 9



Proposed District 10



Proposed Total Population

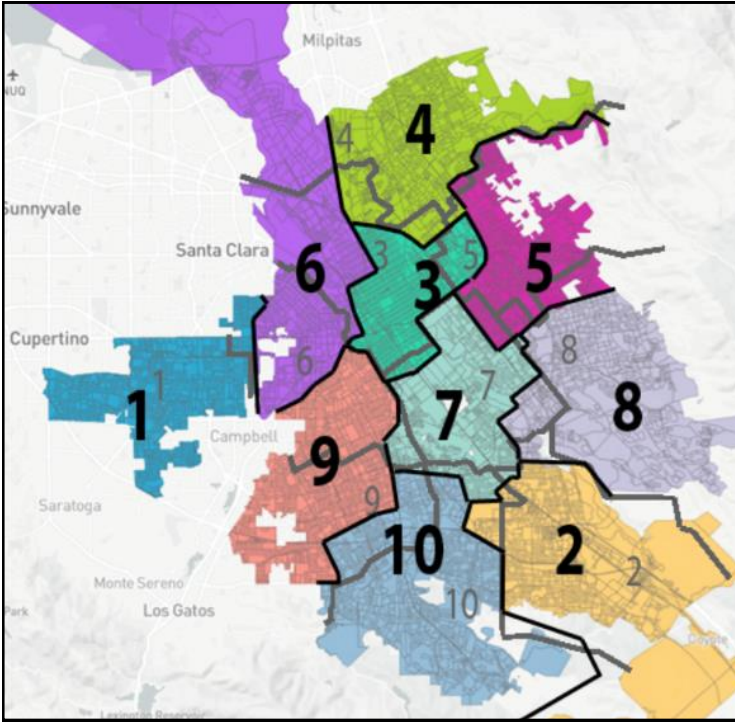
	Asian	Hispanic	White
1	45.4%	19.4%	27.3%
2	31.3%	33.8%	25.6%
3	20.8%	55%	16.8%
4	67.5%	17%	10%
5	32%	56.6%	6.6%
6	32.6%	29.5%	28.3%
7	41.3%	40.8%	11.4%
8	62.3%	20.7%	11.8%
9	19.9%	19.9%	51.8%
10	28.4%	20.1%	42.8%
Overall	38.1%	31.3%	23.3%

- Two Asian majority districts
- Three Asian plurality districts
 - 5 districts > 38% of total population
- Two Hispanic/ Latinx majority districts
- One Hispanic/ Latinx plurality district
 - 3 districts ≈ 31% of total population
- One White majority district
- One White plurality district

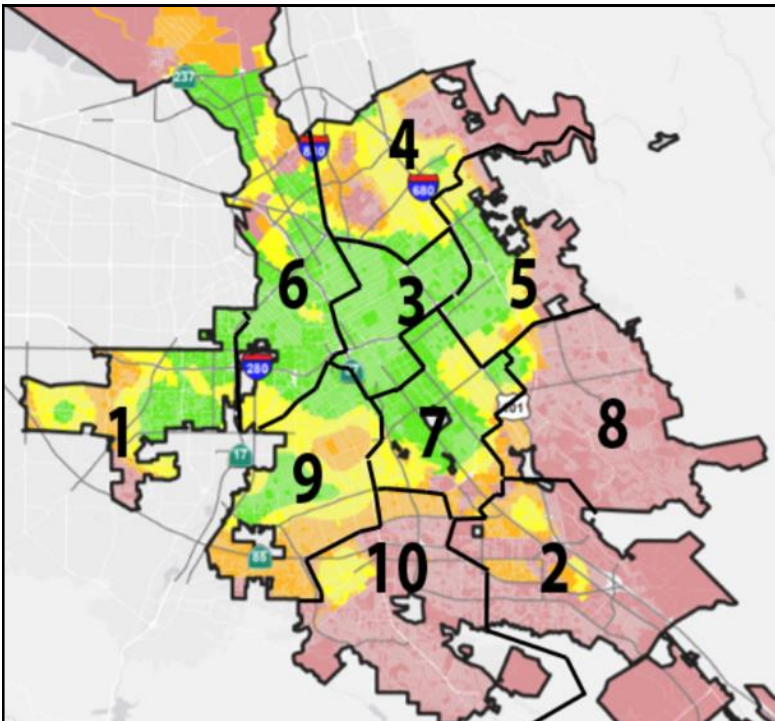
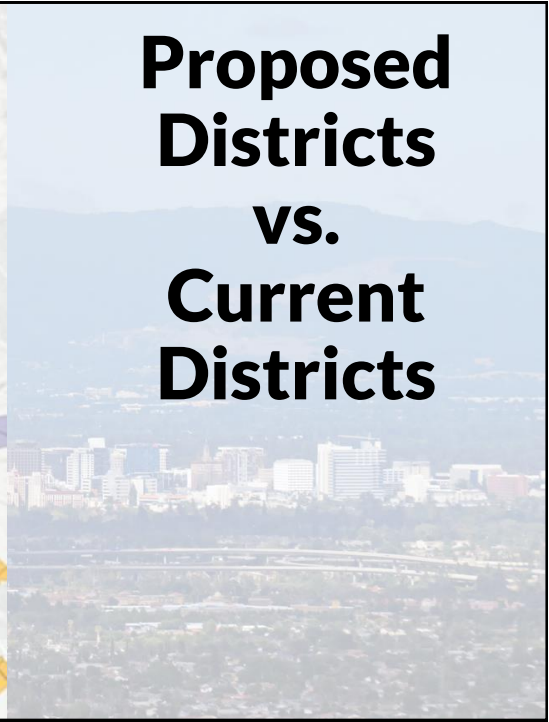
Proposed Voting Age Population

	Asian	Hispanic
1	33.2%	13.7%
2	25.9%	28%
3	23.9%	42.2%
4	63.8%	14.5%
5	34.2%	48.2%
6	19.5%	24.9%
7	43.4%	31%
8	56.8%	19.7%
9	12.5%	14.7%
10	22.7%	14.4%
Overall	33.4%	24.7%

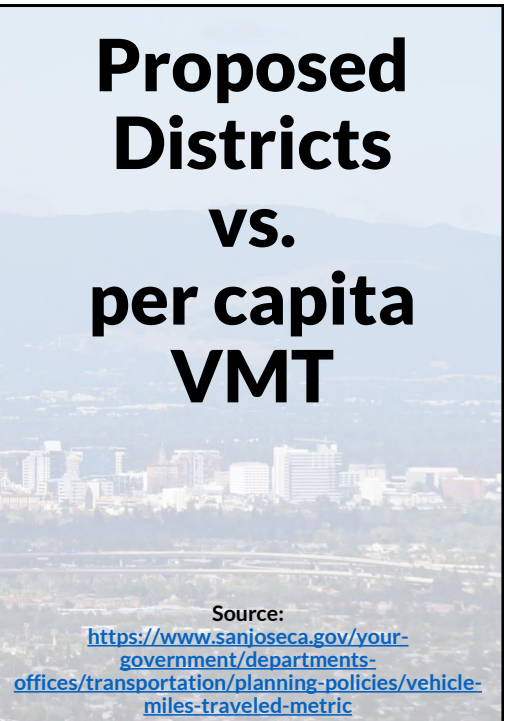
- Two Asian majority districts
- One Asian plurality district
 - 3 districts ≈ 33.4% of total population
- No Hispanic/ Latinx majority districts
- Two Hispanic/ Latinx plurality districts
 - 2 districts ≈ 24.7% of total population
- Three White majority districts
- Two White plurality districts



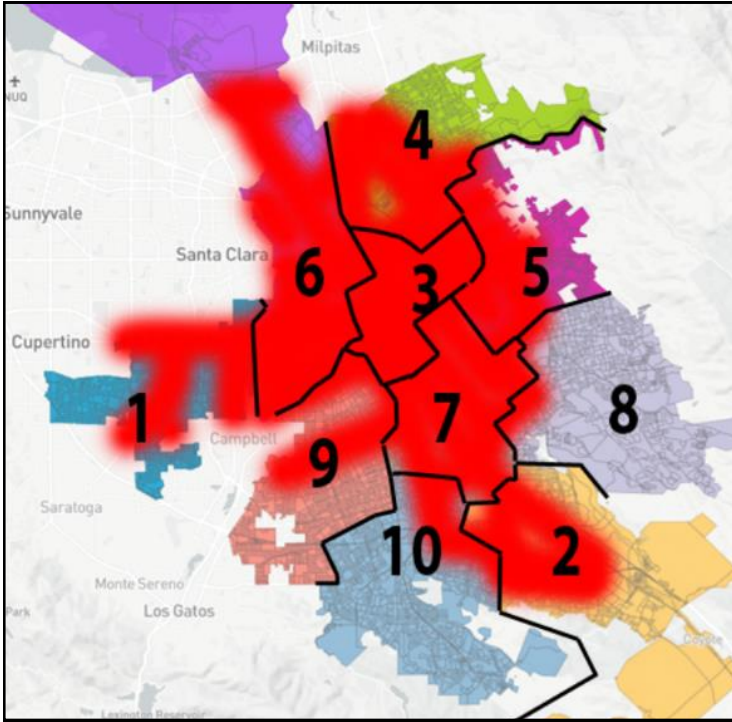
Proposed Districts vs. Current Districts



Proposed Districts vs. per capita VMT



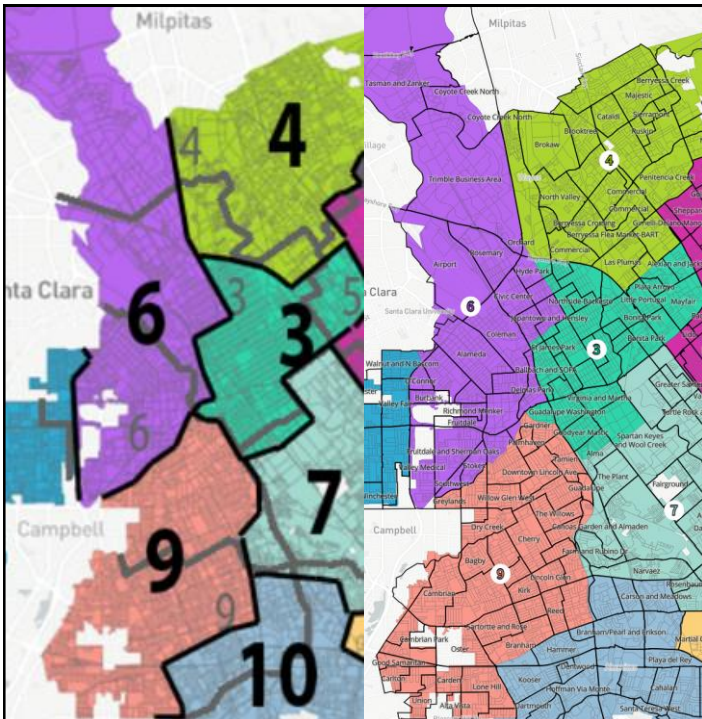
Source: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/transportation/planning-policies/vehicle-miles-traveled-metric>



Proposed Districts vs. Transit Areas*

*Locations within walking distance of high-frequency transit (15 minute or better transit service for much of the day)

Source: <https://www.vta.org/go/maps>



Two Downtown Districts

Splits current districts 3, 4, 6 and rejoins them into new district boundaries

Berryessa as its own district

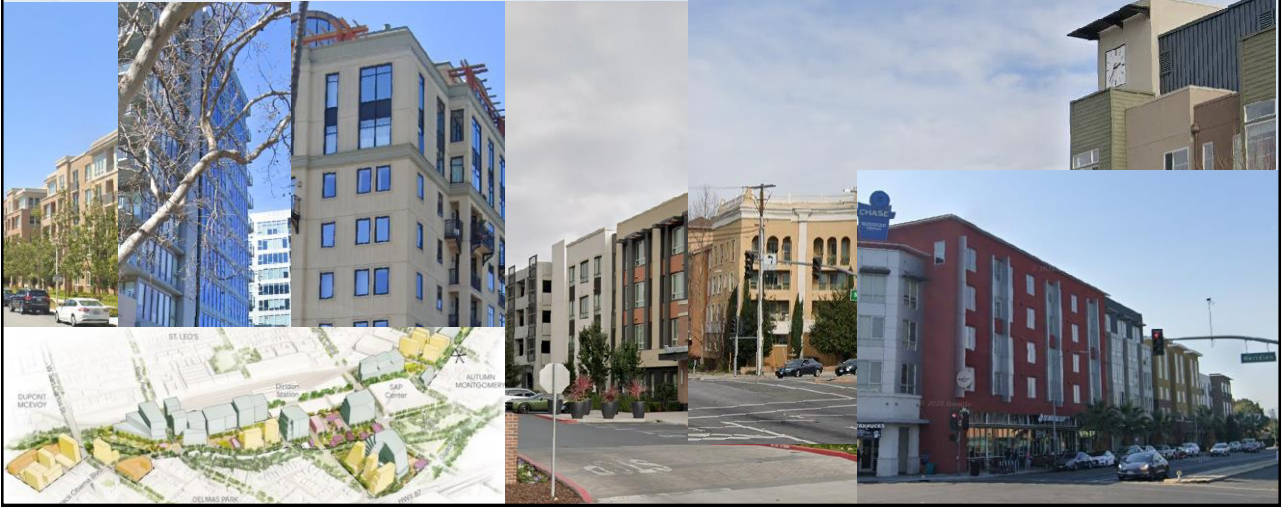
Downtown West & North District

Willow Glen & Cambrian joined

Newly Joined District 6

Downtown West & North District

(Alviso, River Oaks, Rosemary Gardens, Vendome, Japantown, Rose Garden, Sherman Oaks, Midtown)



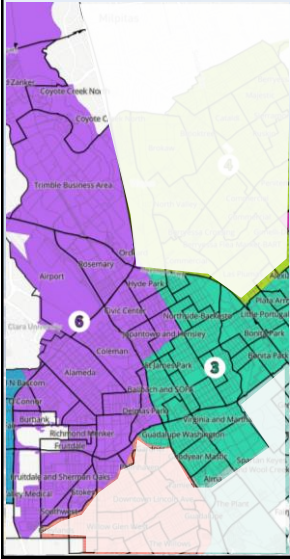
Newly Joined District 9

Greater Willow Glen & Cambrian Areas



Two Downtown Districts

	Downtown Central (Proposed District 3)	Downtown West & North (Proposed District 6)
Government	City Hall	County Government Center
Travel	Convention Center	SJC Airport, Diridon Station
Arts, Culture, Sports, and Entertainment	Theaters, Museums, San Jose State Event Center	SAP Arena, PayPal Park Stadium, Rosicrucian Museum
Parks & Recreation	Plaza de Cesar Chavez, St. James Park, Discovery Meadow	Rose Garden, Guadalupe Gardens, Alviso Marina Park
Higher Education	San Jose State University	San Jose City College



Summary

- Deviation between lowest and highest population is 8.35%
 - No districts appear of gerrymandered
- City geography is used for borders as much as possible
- In general, existing neighborhoods and communities of interests are maintained to the extent possible
- Areas within each district have relatively the same amounts of high frequency transit, existing vehicle miles traveled, similar building typologies, and current densities
 - Opportunity for two downtown districts

Additional Information for Slides Presentation

(Proposed District Maps based on city geography, communities of interest, areas near transit, VMT per capita, building typologies, and density)

<https://distrctr.org/plan/64429>

The presentation will move at a rapid pace due to time constraints given to the presentation so this additional information is provided along with the presentation itself so that more details can be discussed about this proposed district map.

Slide 4 (Proposed Districts)

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To accomplish the redistricting objectives, these are the proposed districts and district boundaries that I am proposing. You can find the map on the Distrctr website at this link:

<https://distrctr.org/plan/64429>. Note that the expectation is that these district boundaries are open to modification as long as the objectives outlined Slide 3 (Redistricting Objectives) are still met.

Slide 5 (Proposed District 1)

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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Bascom Ave (north of 880), 880 (south of Bascom), and 17.

Slide 6 (Proposed District 2)

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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Coyote Alamitos Canal, Snell (south of 85), 85 (along martial Cottle park), Martial Cottle park western boundary, Branham (along Martial Cottle Park), Snell (between Branham and Skyway), Skyway, and Coyote.

Slide 7 (Proposed District 3)

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The district boundaries are generally 680 (south of Mckee), 280 (between 101 and Coyote Creek), Senter (between Story and Phelan), Phelan/ proposed 3 Creeks Trail corridor, 87 (between Old Almaden and the railroad north of Tamien Station), the railroad between 87 and 280, 280 (between the railroad and 87), 87 (between 280 and the Warm Springs division railroad that is located north of Julian), along the Warm Spring division railroad (between 87 and 4th), Washington (between 4th and 10th), 10th (between Washington and 101), 101 (between 10th and McKee), McKee (between 101 and 680). These boundaries keep all of San Jose State, including the athletic fields and surrounding neighborhoods together.

Slide 8 (Proposed District 4)

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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Penitencia Creek (east of Piedmont/White), White (between Penitencia Creek and Mabury), Mabury (between White and 680), 680 (between Mabury and McKee), McKee (between 680 and 101), 101 (between McKee and 880), and 880 (between 101 and the city limits at Montague).

Slide 9 (Proposed District 5)

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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Penitencia Creek (east of Piedmont/White), White (between Penitencia Creek and Mabury), Mabury (between White and 680), 680 (between Mabury and 101), 101 (between 680/280 and Tully), and Tully (between 101 and the city limits at Klein). This district includes the areas along Crothers Rd/ Peacock Gap since the large canyon of Alum Rock Park separates these areas from District 4.

Slide 10 (Proposed District 6)

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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Bascom (north of 880), 880 (between Bascom and 280), 17 (south of 280), the city limits with Campbell, Los Gatos Creek (between Campbell and 280), 280 (between Los Gatos Creek and 87), 87 (between 280 and the Warm Springs division railroad that is located north of Julian), along the Warm Spring division railroad (between 87 and 4th), Washington (between 4th and 10th), 10th (between Washington and 880), and 880 (between 101 and the city limits at Montague).

Slide 11 (Proposed District 7)

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The district boundaries are generally 101 (between 280/680 and Aborn), Loupe Ave (between 101 and Coyote Creek), Coyote Creek (between Loupe and Capitol), Capitol (between Coyote Creek and Senter), Senter (between Capitol and Valley Christian High School), Valley Christian High School, Skyway (between Valley Christian High School and Snell), Snell (between Skyway and Branham), Branham (between Snell and Vista Park), Vista Park (between Branham and Capitol), Capitol (between Vista Park and Almaden Exwy), Almaden Exwy (between Capitol/Hillsdale and 87), 87 (between Almaden Exwy and proposed 3 Creeks Trail corridor), 3 Creeks Trail corridor/ Phelan, Senter Rd (between Phelan and 280), and 280 (between Coyote Creek and 101).

Slide 12 (Proposed District 8)
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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Tully (between the city limits at Klein and 101), 101 (between 280/680 and Aborn), Loupe Ave (between 101 and Coyote Creek), Coyote Creek (between Loupe and Capitol), Capitol (between Coyote Creek and Senter), Senter (between Capitol and Coyote), Coyote (between Senter and 101), and the ridge dividing Evergreen and Edenvale (between 101 and Silver Creek Valley).

Slide 13 (Proposed District 9)
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The district boundaries are generally the city limits along the Los Gatos and Campbell borders, Los Gatos Creek (between Campbell and 280), the railroad between 280 and 87, 87 (between the railroad north of Tamien Station and Almaden Exwy), Almaden Exwy (between 87 and Branham), Branham (between Almaden Exwy and Camden), Camden (between Branham and Blossom Hill), and Blossom Hill (between Camden and the city limits near Harwood).

Slide 14 (Proposed District 10)
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The district boundaries are generally the city limits, Snell (south of 85), 85 (along martial Cottle park), Martial Cottle park western boundary, Vista Park (between Branham and Capitol), Capitol (between Vista Park and Almaden Exwy), Almaden Exwy (between 87 and Branham), Branham (between Almaden Exwy and Camden), Camden (between Branham and Blossom Hill), and Blossom Hill (between Camden and the city limits near Harwood).

Slide 15 (Proposed Total Population)
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Based on total population. Toss-ups, as described in the table below are not included in the presentation for clarity purposes.

Proposed District Plan	Asian			Hispanic/ Latinx			White	Toss-ups*
	Majority Districts	Plurality Districts	Total Districts	Majority Districts	Plurality Districts	Total Districts	Total Districts	
This proposal	2	2	4	2	1	3	2	1
Unity	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	2
C2	2	2	4	1	2	3	3	0
C3	2	1	3	1	3	4	3	0
C4	2	1	3	1	2	3	3	1

*A toss-up is within 2% of the population percentages

Slide 16 (Proposed Voting Age Population)

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Based on citizen voting age population. Toss-ups, as described in the table below are not included in the presentation for clarity purposes.

Proposed District Plan	Asian			Hispanic/ Latinx			White	Toss-ups*
	Majority Districts	Plurality Districts	Total Districts	Majority Districts	Plurality Districts	Total Districts	Total Districts	
This proposal	2	1	3	0	2	2	5	0
Unity	2	1	3	0	2	2	5	0
C2	2	2	4	1	0	1	5	0
C3	2	1	3	1	0	1	6	0
C4	2	1	3	0	2	2	5	0

*A toss-up is within 2% of the population percentages

Slide 17 (Proposed Districts vs. Current Districts)

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This map on this slide shows the proposed districts using colors, black lines, and bold black numbers. The current district boundaries and numbers are shown in grey for comparison.

Slide 18 (Proposed Districts vs. per capita VMT)

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For the purposes of the discussion below, low VMT is areas of green on the map, yellow and orange are areas of medium VMT, and red are areas of high VMT.

District 1 – mixed VMT amounts with the western side generally having medium VMT and the eastern side generally having low VMT

District 2 – generally high VMT amounts with a couple of medium pockets

District 3 – low VMT amounts

District 4 – generally mixed VMT amounts of medium and high VMT; the medium VMT amounts are concentrated along the VTA light rail and BART station areas.

District 5 – generally mixed VMT amounts with low VMT on the Capitol and Story corridors and high VMT near Ruby and Clayton

District 6 – generally mixed low and medium VMT with a majority being low VMT. The only area of high VMT is located in San Francisco bay marshes so these can be excluded since these Baylands should be unpopulated.

District 7 – generally mixed low and medium VMT, plus a pocket of high VMT, with a majority being low VMT.

District 8 – generally high amounts of VMT with a few small areas of medium VMT towards the center of the city

District 9 – generally mixed low and medium VMT with a majority being medium VMT.

District 10 – generally high VMT amounts with a couple of medium pockets

Slide 19 (Proposed Districts vs. Transit Areas)

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Transit areas are those areas within walking distance (generally about ¼ to ½ mile) of high-frequency transit stops and stations where the transit line (bus, rail, etc.) runs at 15 minute or better headways from about 7:00am to 7:00pm.

District 1 – generally mixed amounts with only 3 transit area corridors (Stevens Creek, Saratoga, and Winchester)

District 2 – generally mixed amounts with transit areas generally concentrated in the western and central sides of the district along 85 (light rail) and near the Monterey, Snell, Santa Teresa, and Cottle corridors.

District 3 – generally entirely covered by transit areas

District 4 – generally mixed amounts with no transit areas to the north or east of Capitol

District 5 – generally mixed amounts with no transit areas to the east of White

District 6 – generally mostly covered by transit areas with a couple of exclusions along Montague and in Alviso

District 7 – generally almost entirely covered by transit areas with the exception being near Communications Hill/ Hillsdale

District 8 – generally very little transit areas with the only transit areas near Capitol

District 9 – generally mixed amounts with large amounts of no transit areas and only 3 transit area corridors (Bascom, Willow, and Curtner)

District 10 – generally very little transit areas with the only transit areas near 87/85 (light rail)

Slide 20 (Proposed Districts vs. Current Districts)

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This map on the left of this slide shows the proposed districts using colors, black lines, and bold black numbers and the current district boundaries and numbers are shown in grey for comparison. The map on the right of this slide shows the proposed districts using colors and also shows the various city-defined neighborhoods for detail. Note that communities of interest and neighborhoods themselves may differ slightly from these city-defined neighborhoods shown on the maps; for example, the City-defined Gardner neighborhood also includes areas that many people would feel are not part of the Gardner neighborhood such as areas of North Willow Glen along streets like Hull, Atlanta, Spencer, Coe, Snyder, Brooks, etc.

Slide 21 (Newly Joined District 6)

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This District also has many areas of older stocks of higher density housing such as those along Southwest Expressway, those in the Buena Vista neighborhood, those in the Midtown area, those near 1st/ Japantown, and those near 1st in the Rosemary Gardens area. Further, some existing Opportunity-type housing exists in older neighborhoods like St. Leo's. In general, the district feels more mixed between urban and suburban than the proposed District 9, which is similar in feel to the proposed central downtown district (District 3).

Slide 22 (Newly Joined District 9)

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This District is generally made up of lower density single family homes with any higher density residential located near the peripheries of the district such as near Camden Ave south of 85, along the Bascom corridor, near meridian/Hamilton, and near Almaden Exwy. There are other area within the district but in general, the district feels more stereotypically suburban than the proposed District 6.

Slide 24 (Summary)

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The population deviation between the highest and lowest population districts is 8.35%, which is within the 10% allowed for by law.

No districts appear gerrymandered through the use of city geography, yet still maintain majority and plurality districts of potential minority representation. This differs from other proposals such as Plan C4 (which appears gerrymandered through areas such as "hooks" in Districts 3 and 9, which also appear to go against the compactness principles of not skipping over areas to include other areas).

In general, existing neighborhoods and communities of interests are maintained to the extent possible, even if they appear to be split on the city-defined neighborhoods because, as discussed previously, communities of interest and neighborhoods themselves may differ slightly from these city-defined neighborhoods. This differs from other proposals such as Plan C2 (which splits San Jose State and surrounding neighborhoods into 4 districts), Plan C3 (which splits the greater Berryessa area and the Washington Guadalupe neighborhood), and the Unity Map (which splits Willow Glen).

Areas within each district have relatively the same amounts of high frequency transit, existing vehicle miles traveled, similar building typologies, and current residential densities; as a corollary, different districts have differing amounts of those features. This differs from other Proposals such as Plan C3 which has Districts 3 and 6 having a high mix of low, medium, and high density residential/ building typologies rather than a lower mix in this proposal.

Lastly, with the opportunity for 2 downtown districts comes the opportunity for 2 city council advocates for downtown related issues. Note that each of the proposed plans splits the downtown into at least 2 council districts (such as Plan C4 along 1st St or Plan C3 along Los Gatos Creek splitting off Diridon and the surrounding proposed high density Downtown West development from the remainder of Downtown). Having 2 council districts for downtown is different than having more than 2 districts (such as in Plan C2) since more than 2 districts could be seen as fragmentation.