post meeting 10/14/21

Suzanne Morrone <[redacted]>

Thu 10/14/2021 8:02 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

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Why can't district 3 extend to 280 and 101 and give the part of district 3 (that you've added) that extends into the east side to district 5?
The downtown core is a very unified area, and east san jose isn't really a part of the concerns we have in the downtown area.

Suzanne Morrone

FW: Redistricting Maps and Input from Outside/Special Interest Groups

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Fri 10/15/2021 7:39 AM
To: Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Brenda Dohmen [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:47 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>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3@sanjoseca.gov.gov
Subject: Redistricting Maps and Input from Outside/Special Interest Groups

[External Email]

Commissioners,

With all due respect, you'all should disregard any input on redistricting from outside groups or special interests such as Asian Law Alliance, La Raza Round Table Latino Leadership, NAACP, Silicon Valley Rising, South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, or any other special interest group, especially those that have members that live out side of the city of San Jose. Theses groups should have zero input on this re-districting exercise to the commission.

The "unity" map should be thrown out of contention, clearly it's biased and submitted by outside special interest groups. You'all should solicit more input from individual residents who actually live in our city and our neighborhoods for redistricting and disregard outside groups or factions.

This is not a political exercise, redistricting is a way to combine like minded residents that live in adjacent neighborhoods with city services, resources, representation and schools that will serve their community needs. Do not split up neighborhoods. This is about our own city residents and their needs, not outsiders or those hell bent on disruption of our city.

Redistricting is not about someone who doesn't live in San Jose or a special interest group who will be served by the politics of redistricting for their special group or political party. Disruption does not equal redistricting and because we like our city and we want it to be better doesn't mean we're asleep. Check your conscience before you make the final decisions.

Things to consider. Downtown or D3 should include Vendome, and Core to Naglee Park, Japantown and SJSU. D10 neighborhoods should stay together including Almaden Valley in total. D10 natural dividing lines should be Hwy 85, Los Gatos City Limits and extend south to Glider.

I hope you take this duty and privilege seriously in your recommendations to the city council. It's not a joke.

The biggest threat to the planet is over population!

Brenda Dohmen
D10 resident 26years!
54 years rooted in the South Bay Area

Redistricting Plan

LESLYE CORSIGLIA [redacted] >
Sat 10/16/2021 8:38 AM
To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Honorable Redistricting Commissioners,

I know you have hard work ahead of you.

I was dismayed to see that the plans submitted by staff would put the Campus Community (Naglee Park) in a Council District that is disconnected from the University itself. I live Downtown. Naglee Park is totally linked to the University and Downtown and the resulting issues of living in the central city— we have students who live here, board and care homes, sororities and fraternities. We have far more homelessness and other issues that are linked to being adjacent to Downtown. Over the years Naglee Park has dealt with a variety of issues related to its location— student parking, traffic, homelessness, Greek parties, board and care issues, and in past years prostitution. With our Council representative and working closely with the University we have been able to address those issues though so many still remain.

Also, any plan that divides Naglee Park/the Campus Community should be a nonstarter. This is a strong neighborhood that has a sense of place (largely because we have worked together on those issues) and should remain in one Council District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Leslye Corsiglia
[redacted]
Currently in D3

FW: Redistricting – Draft Map Review – D3 input

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Mon 10/18/2021 7:47 AM

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

From: Catherine Bush <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 10:27 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Raul Peralez <[redacted]>; Liccardo, Sam <sam.liccardo@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: Redistricting – Draft Map Review – D3 input

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To whom it may concern,

I was recently made aware of an attempt to remove the Naglee Park neighborhood from D3 and re zone it with non-downtown districts. I would like to express my extreme opposition to this idea.

From what I understand, the people leading this redistricting initiative are not local to the area and are doing so as a result of our census findings. While I understand that rezoning due to density is needed - Naglee Park is, and will forever be a downtown community.

Naglee Park, along with Japantown, Northside, Hensley, and several other historical neighborhoods surrounding the downtown hub are deeply connected to each other. As residential housing on the periphery and interwoven with Downtown San Jose, we are all affected by the changes that happen in the downtown area. Naglee Park needs to have a voice in Downtown decision making.

If D3 is overpopulated, perhaps consider building high density housing in an adjacent, but less densely populated district. Seems to be a common sense solution.

The strange carving out of specific blocks and neighborhoods was also very odd. Felt very much like gerrymandering.

Thank you for considering my feedback. Please do not remove Naglee Park from a downtown district, D3.

Thank you,
Catherine Bush
[redacted]

FW: NWGNA chooses Redistricting Map C4-District 6

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Mon 10/18/2021 8:24 AM
To: Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Mary Pizzo <[redacted]>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:18 AM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3 <RC3@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; Peralez, Raul <Raul.Peralez@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: NWGNA Board Members [redacted]>
Subject: NWGNA chooses Redistricting Map C4-District 6

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To: Toni Taber, San Jose City Clerk
From: Bill Rankin, President of North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
Subject: Preference for Proposed 2020 Redistricting Map(s)

As a long time resident, parks advocate, and President of our neighborhood association, I appreciate the chance to review all the proposed 2020 redistricting maps.

It is the belief of our board members that, in addition to balancing demographics across council districts, **neighborhood associations should remain intact** as the lines are being redrawn.

With that additional goal in mind, the North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association board choose this map: City of San Jose Draft Plan C4-10/14/21 - District 6. The reasons we felt the **C4-District 6** map would be most appropriate for our long term goals are:

- The entire area of north Willow Glen stays within one council member.
- It includes the Gardner neighborhood which shares many of the same concerns as north Willow Glen about housing development and environmental justice concerns resulting from proximity to highway 280, highway 87, VTA Lightrail and railway expansion (including high speed rail) planned through our neighborhoods.
- The proposed district includes the western expansion of Downtown San Jose and the Google development. Both of these efforts impact our neighborhoods as high density housing and business expansion move just across the highway adding to traffic, noise, light pollution and increase demand on our neighborhood services, such as Gardner Academy and Gardner Community Center.
- This plan places a key portion of completing the Los Gatos Creek Trail to Confluence Point under the oversight of a single council member.

We appreciate the work that has gone into the creation of these proposed maps. Plan A- District G and Plan B - District F also meet our criteria.

We hope our voice is heard as the final decision is made.

Bill Rankin, President North Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
Mary Pizzo, Secretary
Jay Deimling, Treasurer
Harvey Darnell, Vice President
Kenneth Do, Board Member
Dan Erceg, Board Member
Coreen Salamanca, Board Member

Redistricting

Tod [redacted] >

Tue 10/19/2021 12:17 PM

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

1 attachments (18 KB)
redistricting 101921.docx;

Please review the comments, concerns and suggestions in this additional letter

and add to "the letters from the public".

Thanks,
Tod

October 19, 2021

Dear Councilman Raul Peralez and Redistricting Commission,

From the City Charter for the Redistricting Advisory Commission: *"In any redistricting, the Council shall make the Districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable, and may, in establishing the boundaries of the Districts, give consideration to (a) natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries; (b) geography; (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; and (d) community of interests within each District."*

While potentially noble ideas from the "Alliance", I do not see building "a consensus for fair, equitable lines across racial, ethnic and social divides" as part of the City Charter. I have also never heard the term "Unity Map". Purposely dividing people up by race is not a sound plan and seems antithetical to the intent.

I also share previously stated concerns about the selection and objectives of Redistricting Partners and particularly: 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".

These seem like forms of gerrymandering.

As a longtime proponent of equal rights, the targeted goal should be to not even have to take that into consideration. The current redistricting seems discombobulated and is evolving into quite a puzzle (including the three map options at this late date). I cannot imagine excessive growth in one district that would warrant such drastic changes to the redistricting maps.

I would like to propose a "Fairness Map"* where **the existing boundaries will be utilized with minimal changes to account for the Charter instructed population changes, etc. while keeping existing neighborhoods whole and in their current district as much as possible.** *I have recently seen a "Community Map" circulating that seems to follow this direction and also maintains Council Resolution-10/27/20 by providing equal opportunity for racial minorities (and *all)* to participate (that I can potentially support).

We should stick to the actual commission guidelines. Let us all continue the fight for equality without even the suggestion of race-baiting. San Jose should take a bold approach and start practicing true equity.

Thank you,

Tod Williams
Vendome Neighborhood

Redistricting input for Oct. 25 meeting

Lance Shoemaker <[redacted]>

Tue 10/19/2021 5:55 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to divide up the current District 3 into multiple neighboring City Council districts. The neighborhoods of District 3 have worked in cooperation for at least 20 years and to suddenly slice and dice these neighborhoods into neighboring city Council districts is an unfair burden upon the residents of the downtown San Jose area.
As Council District that has more affordable and supportive housing than any other district, we believe that we have common interests amongst the downtown neighborhoods and it's imperative that these downtown neighborhoods stay together as much as possible.

Please reconsider the proposal to chop up the existing District 3.

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Thanks, Lance

Re: Redistricting input for Oct. 25 meeting

Lance Shoemaker <[redacted]>

Tue 10/19/2021 5:56 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

As a follow-up to my earlier email I strongly support the proposed map developed by downtown neighbors that would achieve the legal requirements necessitated by redistricting without chopping up communities of interest in the downtown area:

"**Community Map_1.68% population deviation retain communities ID: 66262**" map:
https://districtr.org/edit/66262

On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 5:55 PM Lance Shoemaker [redacted] wrote:

> I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to divide up the current District 3 into multiple neighboring City Council districts. The neighborhoods of District 3 have worked in cooperation for at least 20 years and to suddenly slice and dice these neighborhoods into neighboring city Council districts is an unfair burden upon the residents of the downtown San Jose area.
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> Please reconsider the proposal to chop up the existing District 3.
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> Thanks, Lance

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Thanks, Lance

Re: FW: 2021 Proposed Redistricting within San Jose

De Anna Mirzadegan <[redacted]>

Tue 10/19/2021 7:11 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Roche, Megan <megan.roche@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; Davis, Dev <dev.davis@sanjoseca.gov>; RC1 <RC1@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>; RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; RCCW <RCCW@sanjoseca.gov>

1 attachments (122 KB)

2021 Proposed Redistricting 20211019.pdf;

Dear 2021 City of San Jose Redistricting Commission and City Staff,

Please see attached letter from the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association in response to the October 14th redistricting meeting. Please assure our letter is added to the public record and that we are noted as a community of interest.

Sincerely,

De Anna Mirzadegan
President
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
www.wgna.net

> On 10/14/2021 9:18 AM [redacted] wrote:
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> Please see below email and attachment. For some reason, we are having difficulty having our letter added to the public comments for redistricting. I am now sending from my personal email in case the city is for some reason blocking the @wgna.net emails. Could you please add our letter to the public records.
>
> Regards,
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> De Anna Mirzadegan
> President
> Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
> www.wgna.net

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 8:23 PM
To: RC1@sanjoseca.gov; RC2@sanjoseca.gov; RC3@sanjoseca.gov; RC4@sanjoseca.gov; RC5@sanjoseca.gov; RC6@sanjoseca.gov; RC7@sanjoseca.gov; RC8@sanjoseca.gov; RC9@sanjoseca.gov; RC10@sanjoseca.gov; Toni.Taber@sanjoseca.gov; RCCW@sanjoseca.gov
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 2021 Proposed Redistricting within San Jose

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
President
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
www.wgna.net

From: [redacted] <[redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:40 AM
To: RC1@sanjoseca.gov; RC2@sanjoseca.gov; RC3@sanjoseca.gov; RC4@sanjoseca.gov; RC5@sanjoseca.gov; RC6@sanjoseca.gov; RC7@sanjoseca.gov; RC8@sanjoseca.gov; RC9@sanjoseca.gov; RC10@sanjoseca.gov; Toni.Taber@sanjoseca.gov; RCCW@sanjoseca.gov
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: 2021 Proposed Redistricting within San Jose

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
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
www.wgna.net [1]

Links:
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[1] http://www.wgna.net

<2021 Proposed Redistricting.pdf>

WILLOW GLEN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

October 19, 2021

To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you commissioners for voicing your concerns, comments, and questions during the October 14th meeting.

Based on the options available to the commission, WGNA supports redistricting maps with at least a 10% deviation in population. A ten percent deviation is less likely to disturb or divide established neighborhoods in all council districts. The higher deviation would also allow for districts to have compactness rather than odd extended arms, legs, peninsulas, etc. The feedback from the 2011 redistricting commission to city council was that if they were provided a deviation range from the beginning it would have made their jobs easier. Fortunately, in 2021 your commission has this direction.

Regarding population, district lines should only be based on existing population and not anticipated population growth as specific developments may not transpire as envisioned or take decades to come to fruition. For example, in District 6 the development of the Midtown area was approved in 1992 during the tenure of Councilmember Nancy Ianni however it has not been completed with some of the projects only becoming occupied in the last two to three years.

Regarding public comment, WGNA shares similar concerns made during public comment regarding special interest groups providing redistricting maps. Special interest groups, including non-profits, have paid staff who lobby the city council year-round for political objectives. Thus, these interest groups should be viewed through this lens when they propose maps, especially maps with a marketing slogan.

During the October 14th presentation by Redistricting Partners, Willow Glen was not noted as a Community of Interest, even though WGNA submitted a letter on this topic October 8th, 9th, 12th, and 14th. The original letter is available for download here.

A suggestion on making it easier for the community is to have a real time editing of district boundaries and the corresponding population changes during the meeting as was done in 2011. Start with the existing district boundaries and modify only as needed to achieve the ten percent deviation.

Boundary maps for the Willow Glen neighborhood are submitted below to provide guidance, with four versions that are slightly smaller each time, understanding the commission's objective of balancing population between all districts within a 10% deviation.

https://districtr.org/plan/65564

https://districtr.org/plan/65572

https://districtr.org/plan/65576

https://districtr.org/plan/65585

Please note, the odd intrusion on the west side boundary of Willow Glen is from the City of Campbell.

Thank you for your service and accepting neighborhood input.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

De Anna Mirzadegan
President
Willow Glen Neighborhood Association
[redacted]
www.wgna.net

Redistricting: Input for Oct. 21 meeting

Ann L [redacted]

Tue 10/19/2021 7:31 PM

To: RC1 <RC1@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>; RC10 <RC10@sanjoseca.gov>; redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Ann L <[redacted]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

To: Redistricting Commission

The so-called “Unity Map” that’s been proposed by the Labor Union & some non-profits, which is the basis for the Commission’s proposed C4 Map, has the appearance of some type of gerrymandering. It does not look like it follows the legal requirements for functional congruity, compactness and preserving existing districts as much as possible.

D4 grew by 17% and is a driving force for the need for other districts to expand northward. D4 wants to keep the Penitencia Neighborhood that borders on D5 and keep the Flea Market on the boundary with D3. What about the neighborhoods in D3 that want to stay together? Instead, it looks like there is an effort to dissect D3, decrease the White population in D3, and make racial profiling a priority for other districts as well.

District 3 barely squeaks through at 101 by the Flea Market. It is logically congruent, but not functionally congruent. And the requirement for compactness is not being met. The same carving in and out can be seen where District 2 weaves in and out around D9. One of the goals stated with the “Unity Map” is to create “an eastern Downtown District with a Hispanic plurality”. Imagine if one of the map drawers said they wanted to create a “White plurality”! And, what was the reason for carving out the areas around D2?

San Jose’s racial breakdown is:

38% Asian

31% Hispanic

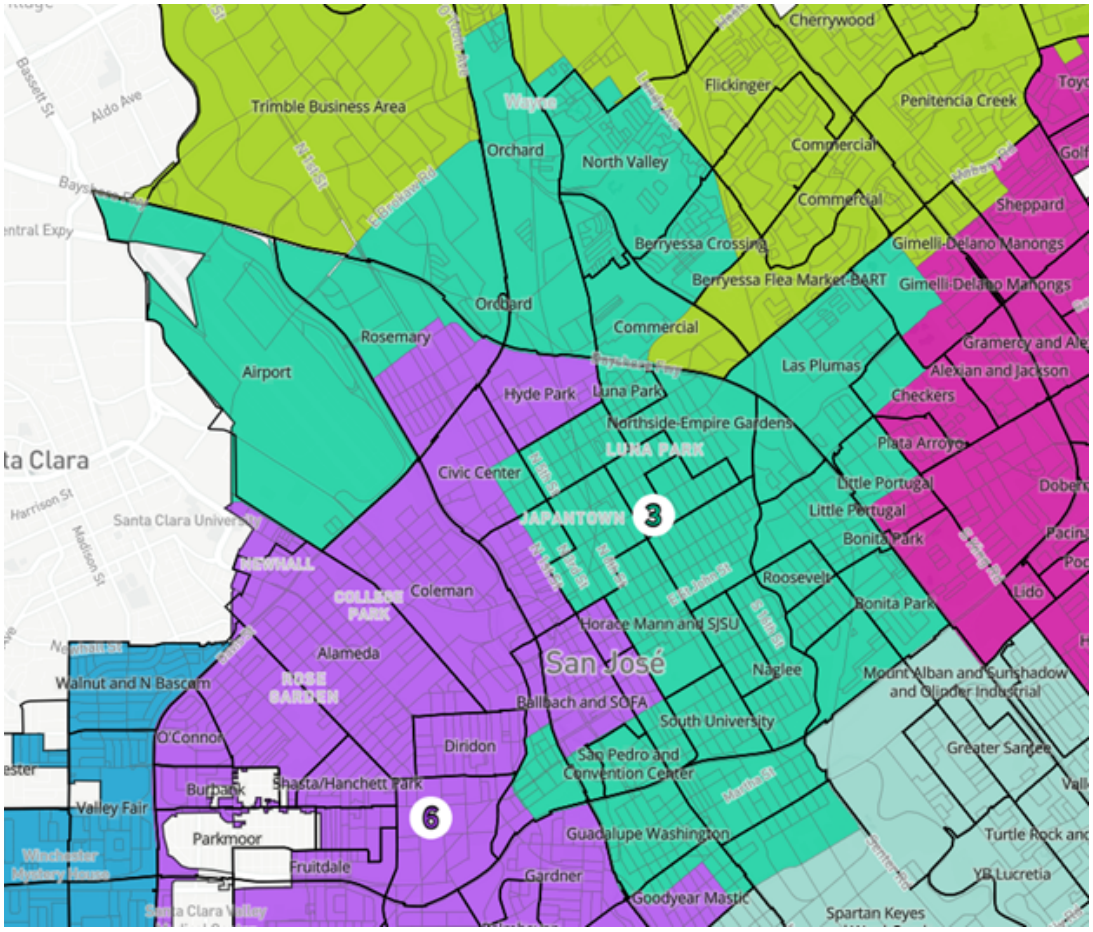
23% White

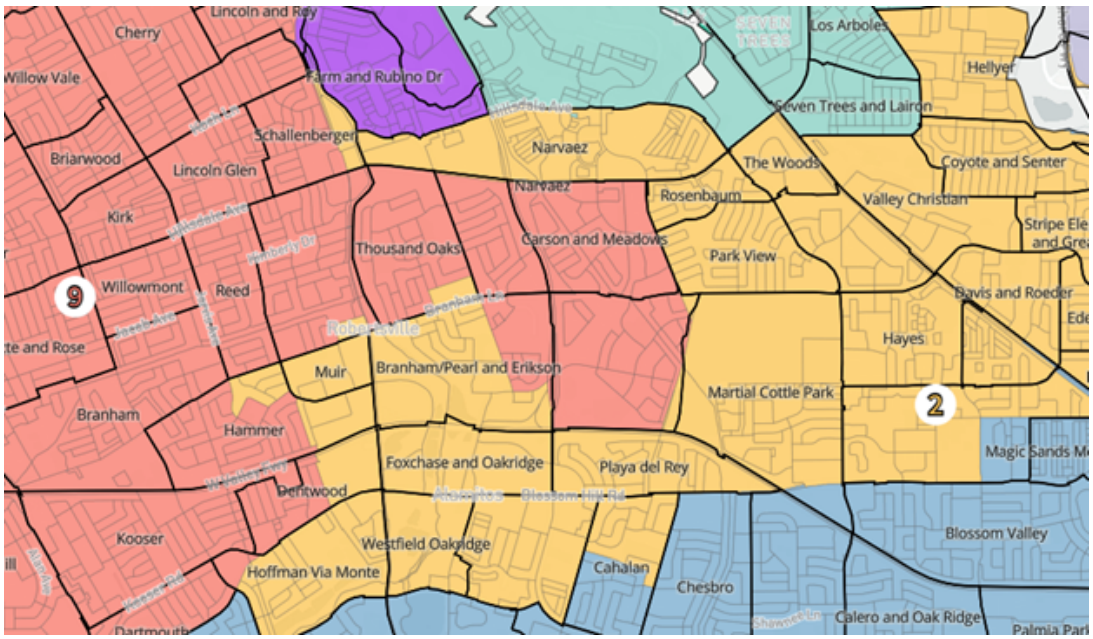
3% Black

5% other

San Jose City Council is 45% Hispanic. Should we look for a way to reduce the “Hispanic plurality” on the Council? When is San Jose going to start treating people as equals instead of dividing everyone based on race?

Below are the snapshots of D3 (with surrounding districts) and part of D2 (with surrounding districts).





Ann

Resident of District 3

Redistricting: Public Input for Oct. 21 meeting

Cheryl <[redacted]>
Wed 10/20/2021 9:09 AM
To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; Cheryl Lubow <[redacted]>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

I am requesting an additional meeting be added for the Redistricting process.

I emailed each of the district commissioners on Oct. 18, asking to talk with them to discuss the maps and give input from community members in D3. I only received one reply and that was from the D4 rep. She responded that she didn't know if she was allowed to talk to me and she is awaiting a reply from the City's Deputy Attorney about it. I did not receive any response from our newly appointed D3 rep.

How are we supposed to work together as a community, when we cannot talk to each other? There are weekly Zoom meetings where the commission presents and we are given 2 minutes to speak. There is no interaction & no Q&A. People in District 3 have submitted written input and submitted some maps. But I have no idea what input is actually used for Redistricting Partners to draw their new map proposals.

Now, we only have two weeks left to work on this and, in my opinion, we are far from having a fair map. And D3 is the main target for being dismantled. The commission has until Nov. 18 to make their recommendation and the last scheduled meeting is Nov. 4.

Reasons for requesting additional meeting:

There was no D3 commission rep at the District 3 outreach meeting
District 3 was without a commission rep for over a month (new rep was only appointed on Oct. 19th).
District 3 residents have not had a chance to meet with our rep.
The incorrect Draft Map C3 for the Oct. 14 meeting that was posted on Oct. 13 was not corrected until Oct. 18.
As of today, Oct. 20, we are still waiting for the new maps based on the Oct. 14 input. The next meeting is Oct. 21 and we don't have the updated maps. So, we won't have sufficient time to provide input by the required 9:00 a.m. deadline on Oct. 21.

I realize that Nov. 11 is a holiday. But surely, there is some time to have a special meeting after Nov. 4th.

Thank you,
Cheryl
D3 Resident

Redistricting Input for Oct. 25 Meeting

ED BERGER <[redacted]>

Wed 10/20/2021 9:24 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

To the San Jose Redistricting Commission:

This email is written to express my strong support for the redistricting map created for communities of shared interests and named "Community Map_1.68% population deviation retain communities ID: 66262". The map is found at the link provided and may also be viewed at https://districtr.org/edit/66262 .

Regarding City Council District 3, I believe this map accurately includes and represents the shared interests and issues among the downtown San Jose neighborhoods. This map also provides logical boundaries for District 3 and retains much of the current District 3 footprint.

I believe this City Council District 3, if adopted, would provide a continuation of many years of productive interactions and successes between the Northside Neighborhood, other downtown neighborhoods, and the San Jose City Council.

Thank you,
Ed Berger
President
Northside Neighborhood Association

FW: Redistricting - Neighborhood and townhouse complex(!) split in NW corner of D6 @ D3 border (3d2 map version and others)

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

Wed 10/20/2021 10:26 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Matthew Bright <[redacted]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:21 PM
To: RC6 <RC6@sanjoseca.gov>; Taber, Toni <toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov>; RC3 <RC3@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Urban, John <[redacted]>
Subject: Re: Redistricting - Neighborhood and townhouse complex(!) split in NW corner of D6 @ D3 border (3d2 map version and others)

Following review of the updated (10/18) maps, I can confirm that the updated C2 map continues to have the same problematic line that splits a HOA governed townhouse complex in a very unusual jagged line. This must be a mistake, as there appears to be no way that this would comply with the drafting parameters.

Unfortunately, since we reported this last Thursday, a proper fix does not appear to be reflected in this current C2 map. Could you please ask Chris to fix this issue? For the avoidance of doubt, the updated (10/18) version of the C3 map uses a district line that reflects the current boundaries. This works well for our neighborhood. But for C2, please ensure that this established neighborhood is not divided as currently proposed. Please see the prior message below for an explanation of options.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Matthew Bright

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Matthew Bright
President
Newhall Neighborhood Association - San José, CA
[redacted]

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On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 9:10 PM Matthew Bright <[redacted]> wrote:

> Andrew and Toni,
>
> Please forward to Chris at Redistricting Partners as well. This is the problem I mentioned in public comment tonight (Oct 14)
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> The issue impacts my neighborhood, the Newhall neighborhood, just south of SJC airport. This appears to impact - at a minimum - maps C, C2, and C3. This appears to be a simple error, but it needs to be corrected in future versions of the map.
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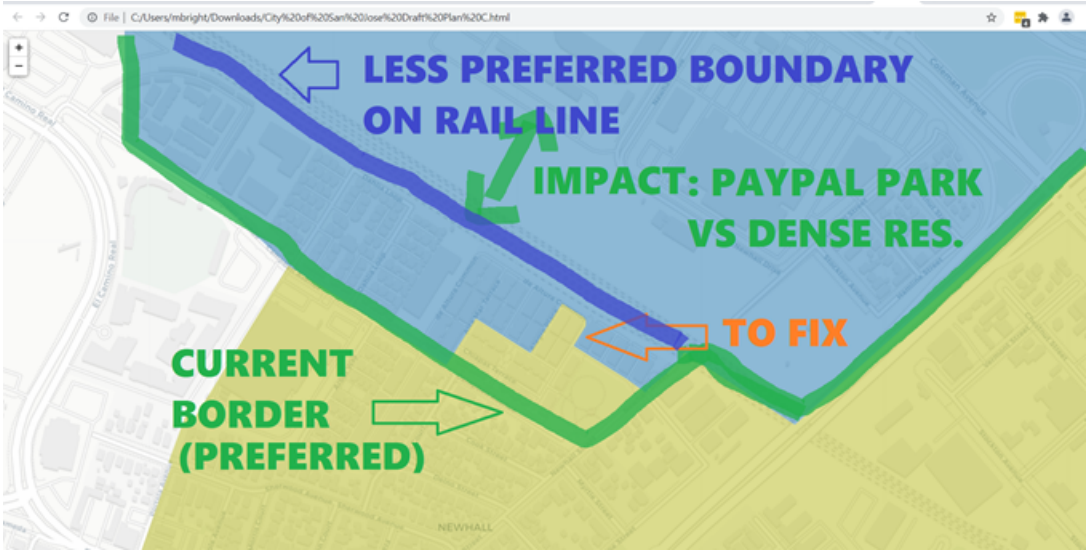
> For reference, please allow me to also reference John Urban's Community of Interest submission, which directly addresses this, as well:
> https://www.sanjoseca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/77088/637672105734200000



First, to introduce the Newhall Neighborhood, we're bounded by Coleman to the north, 880 to the east, Park to the south and the Santa Clara border to the west. There is a natural interior boundary at the Caltrain tracks, and we are currently divided (per our request) between D3 and D6 at Campbell Ave for a reason I'll discuss later.

Now, to the specific issue, the above listed maps have a jagged border that cuts through the neighborhoods between Campbell Ave and the tracks and appear to cut through the middle of the Altura townhouse complex (the area of De Altura Commons). See the orange arrow "TO FIX". I suspect it's simply an error - it makes no sense.

How to fix it:

1. Preferred: go back to the current line (green), which uses Campbell Ave and then Newhall St as a border. This maintains PayPal Park and the across-the-tracks residential in the same district. Usually, boundaries MITIGATE impacts, but in this case, the narrow strip of empty space does nothing to mitigate impacts. We have had great success collaborating between our neighborhood, stadium management, and council staff to resolve issues that emerge. It works well because these people all belong to the same district.

2. Alternative: if the preferred cannot be accommodated, a much less preferred alternative (but better than the jagged line in C/C2/C3 is the blue line, which would use the Caltrain tracks as a boundary. This would at least preserve the small residential pocket near the "X" in "FIX" on Coleman Ave in the same district as PayPal Park, which is absolutely essential since that pocket is bounded by freeways, the Coleman overpass, and train tracks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Matthew Bright

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Matthew Bright
President
Newhall Neighborhood Association - San José, CA
[redacted]

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Public Comment for Tomorrow's Redistricting Meeting

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To the Redistricting Commission:

I will be presenting a proposed district plan/ map at the meeting on Thursday, October 21. Due to the time constraints given to the presentation at approximately 5 minutes, the presentation will move at a rapid pace. In order to give more details, show the proposed districts/ boundaries, and explain the reasons the boundaries were chosen, I have included my presentation ahead of time (attached) and also included a supplementary information document that goes along with the presentation (also attached) so that you can see everything at your own pace. This way, you can spend more time with the proposed district plan/ map than will be allowed for during the presentation at the meeting.

Thank you,
Greg

San Jose Redistricting

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

About Me

- **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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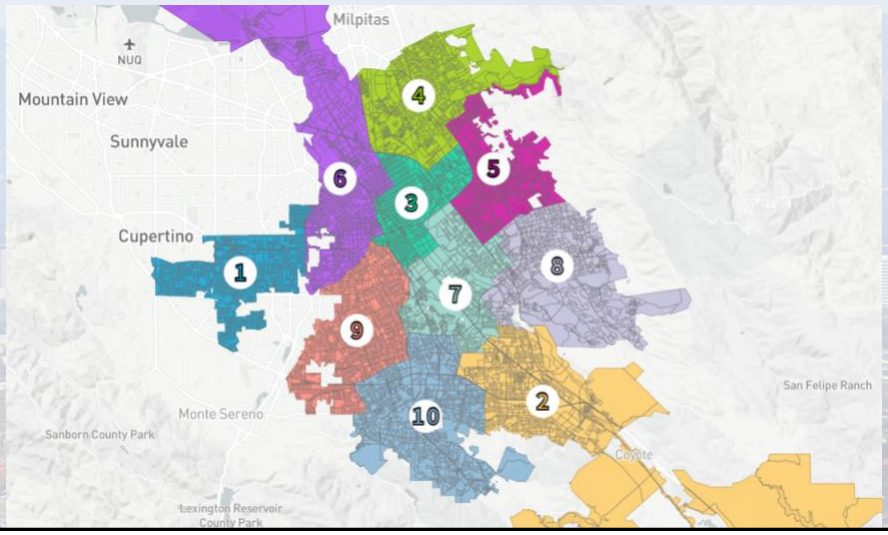

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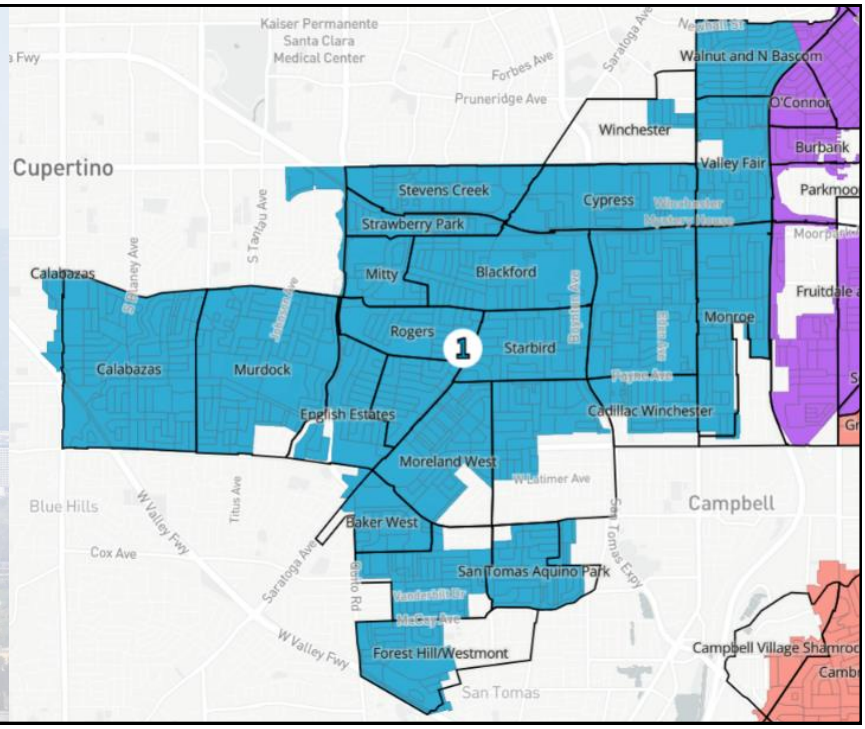

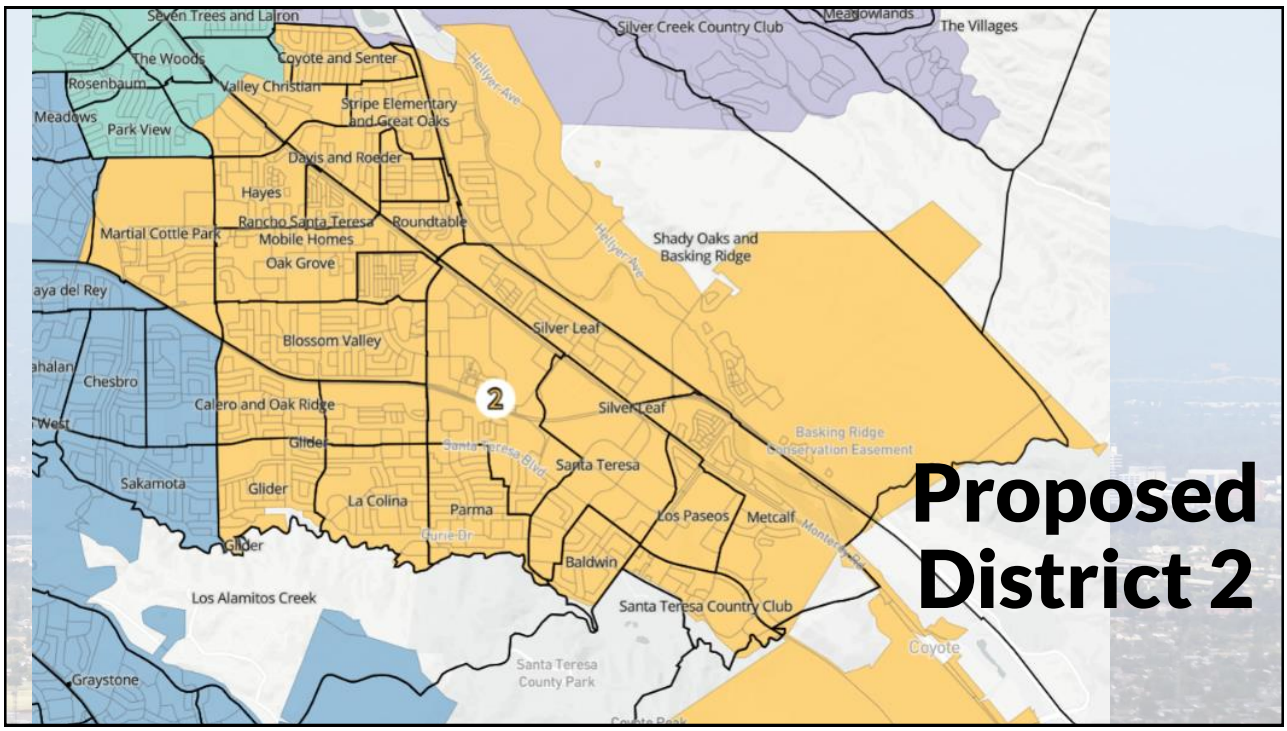

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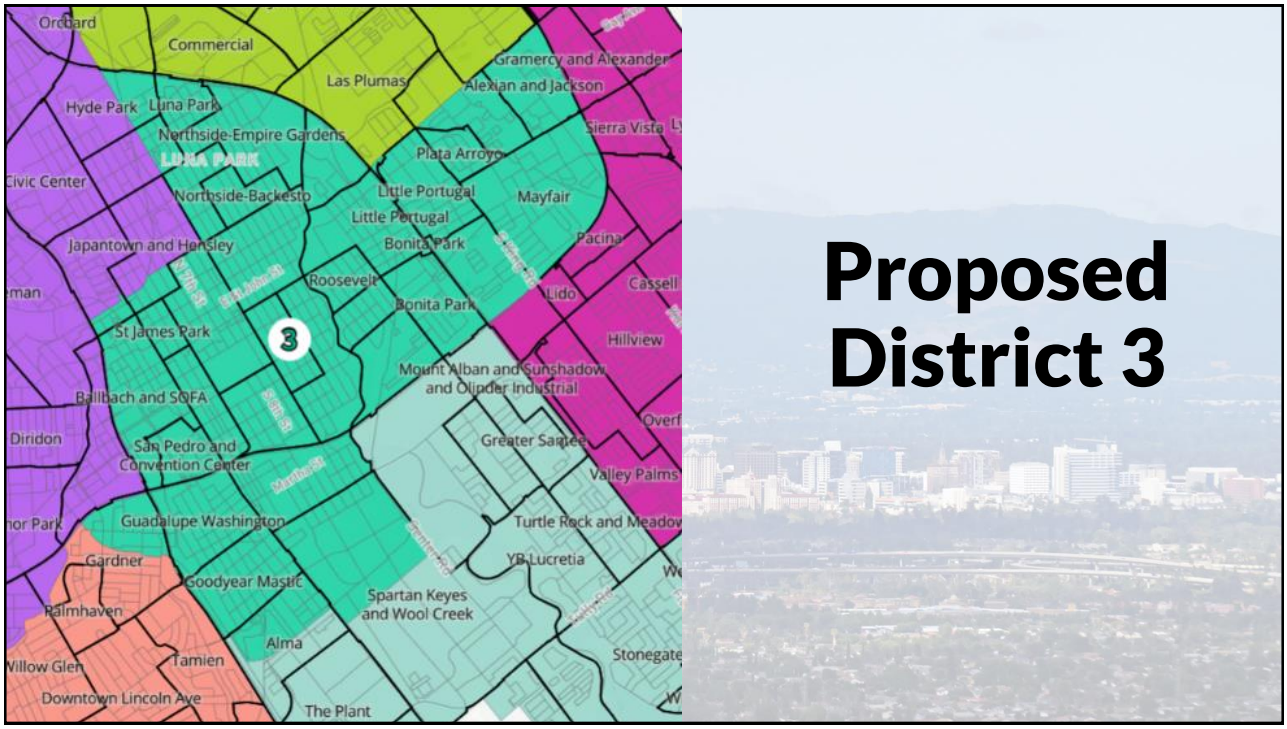

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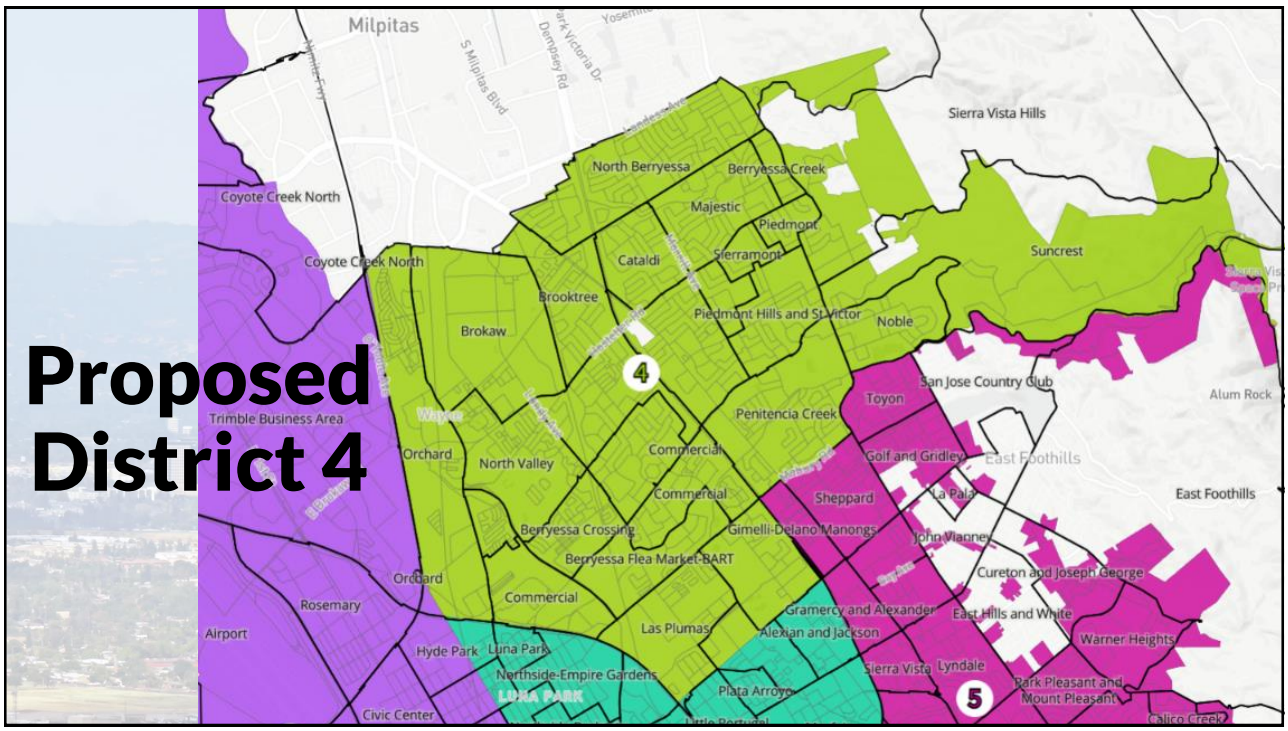

Proposed District 4

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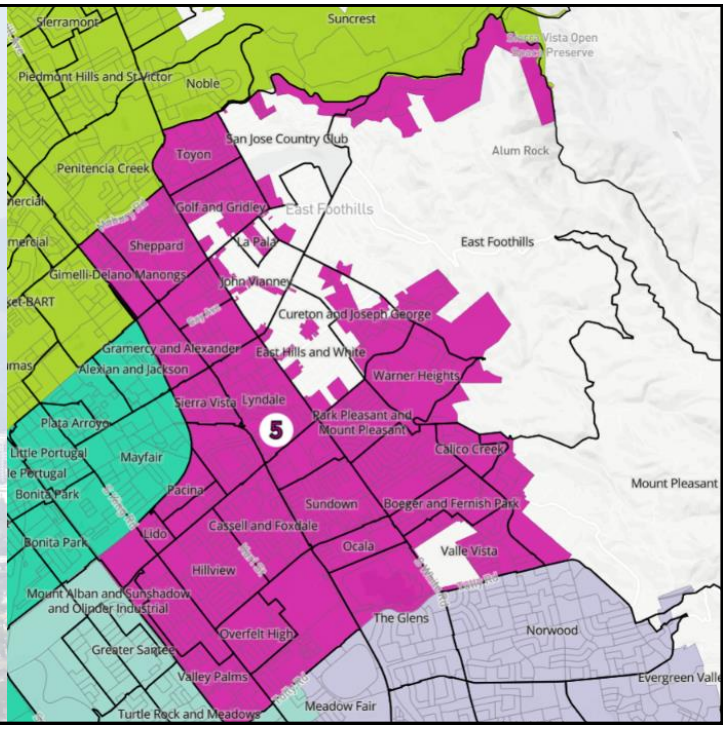

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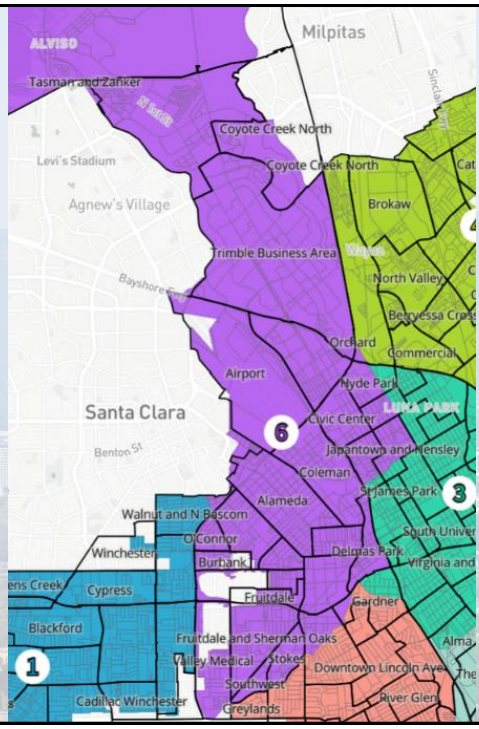

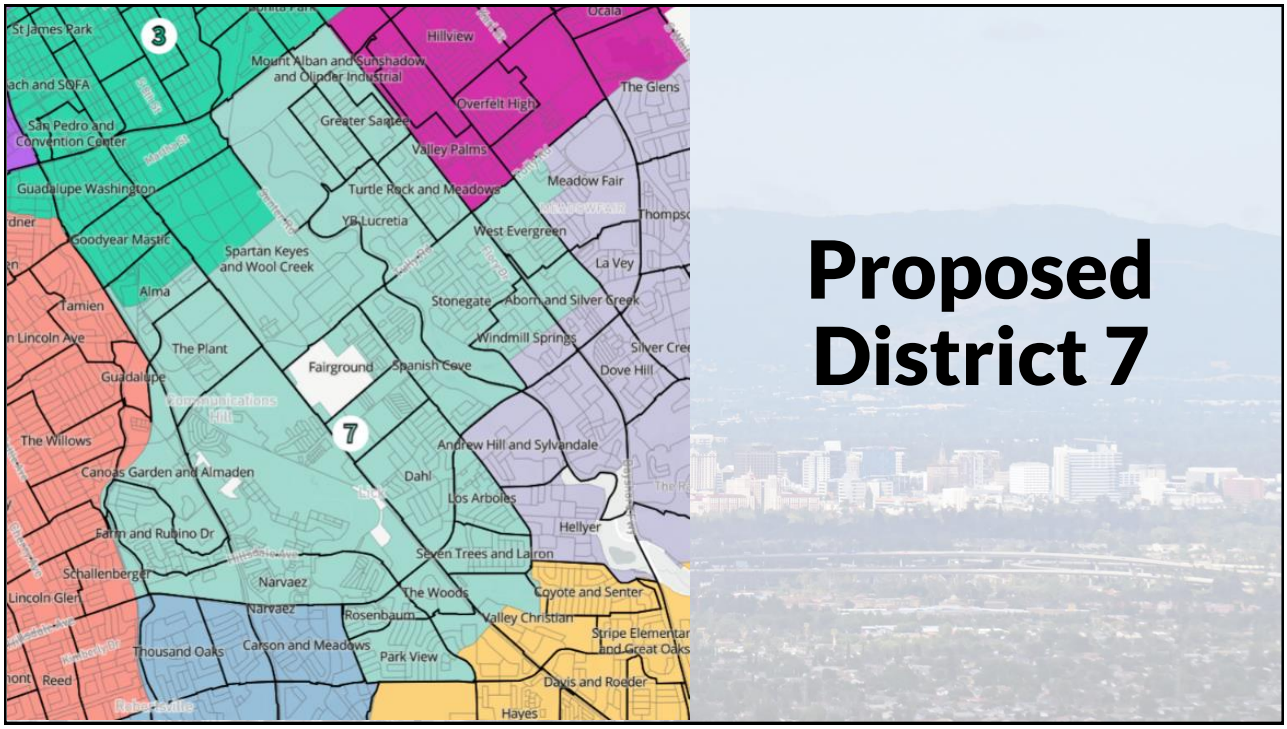
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St James Park
3
Hillview
Ocala
Mount Alban and Sunshadow and Olinder Industrial
The Glens
Overfelt High
San Pedro and Convention Center
Greater Santee
Valley Palms
Guadalupe Washington
Turtle Rock and Meadows
Meadow Fair
YB Lucretia
West Evergreen
Goodyear Mastic
Spartan Keyes and Wool Creek
La Vey
Alma
Tamien
Stonegate
Aborn and Silver Creek
Windmill Springs
The Plant
Fairground
Spanish Cove
Dove Hill
Guadalupe
7
The Willows
Andrew Hill and Sylvandale
Canoas Garden and Almaden
Dahl
Los Arboles
Hellyer
Farm and Rubino Dr
Seven Trees and Laron
Schallenberger
Narvaez
The Woods
Coyote and Senter
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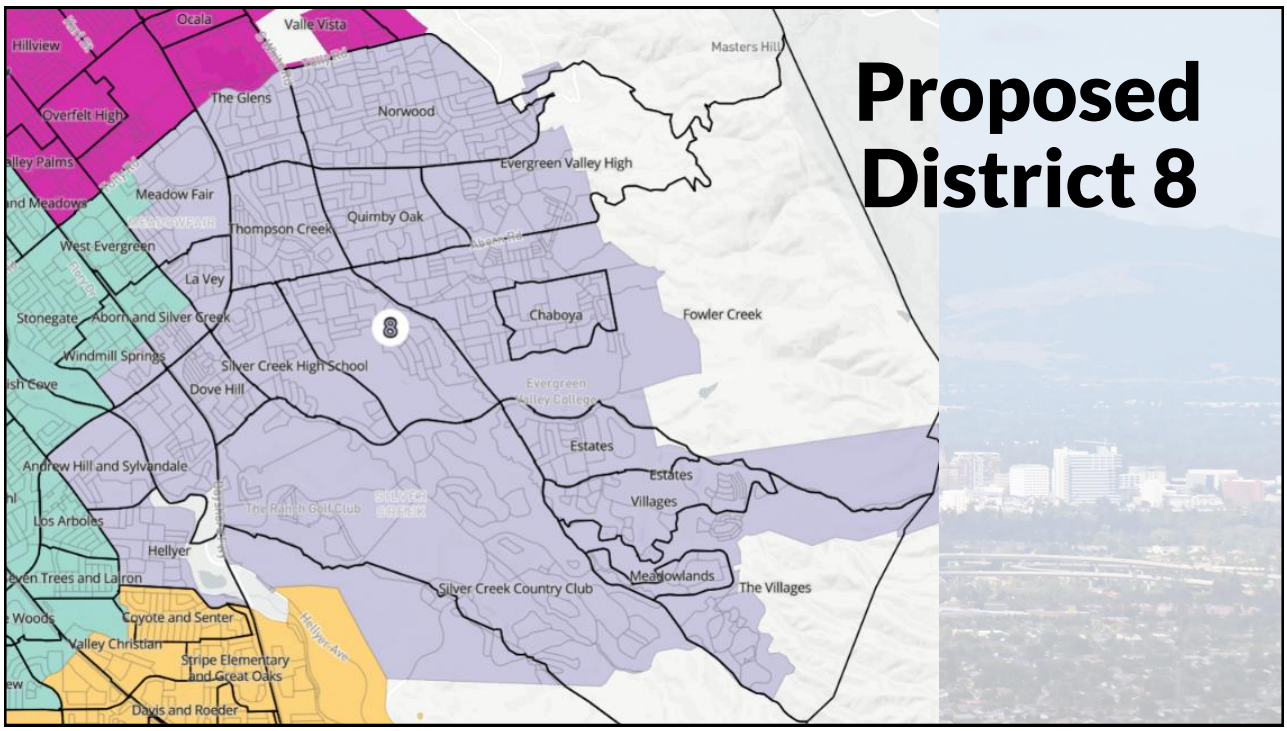
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Thompson Creek
West Evergreen
La Vey
Stonegate
Aborn and Silver Creek
8
Chaboya
Fowler Creek
Windmill Springs
Silver Creek High School
Dove Hill
Estates
Andrew Hill and Sylvandale
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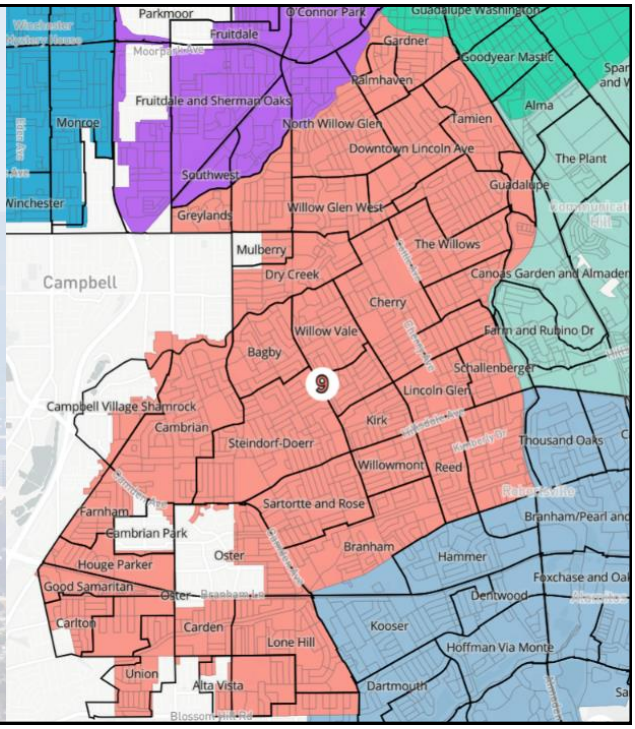
Proposed District 9



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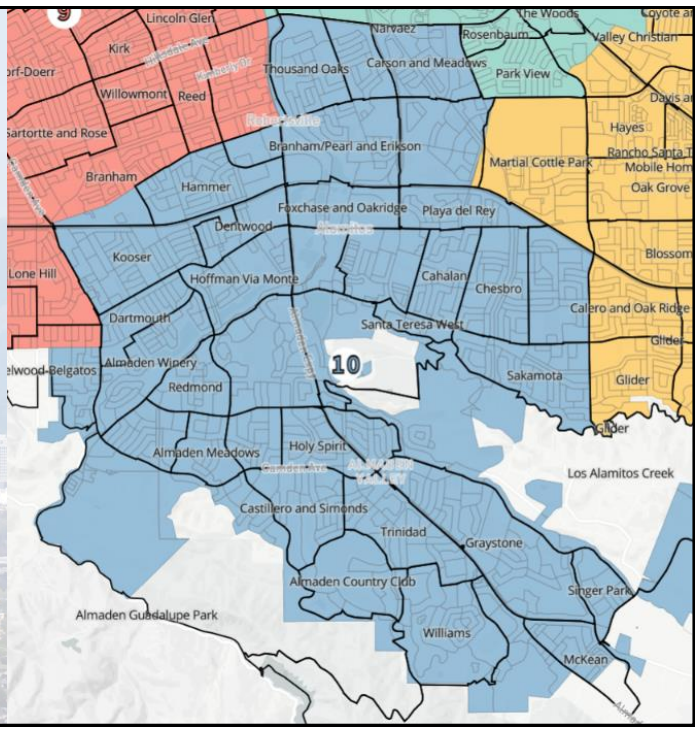


Proposed Total Population

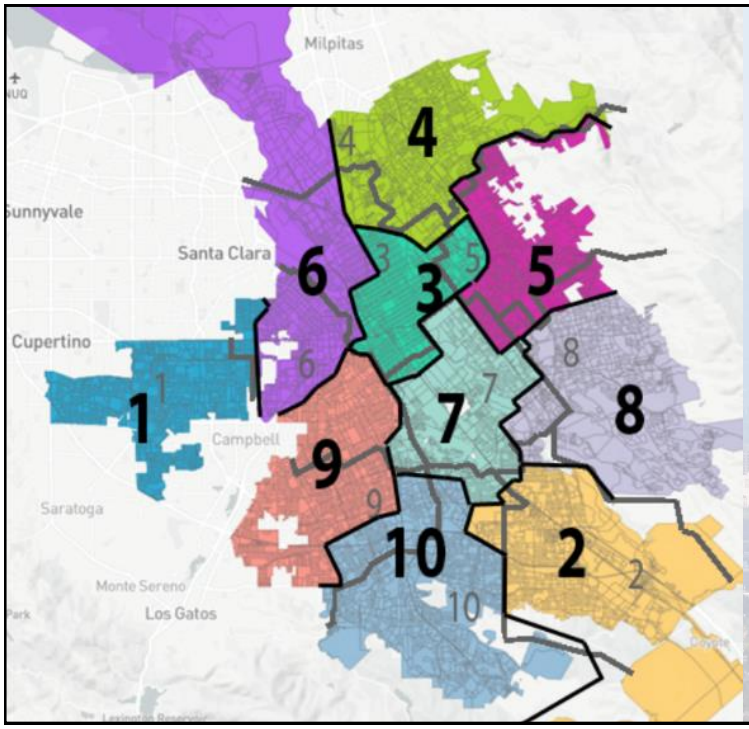
	Asian	Hispanic	White
1	45.4%	19.4%	27.3%
2	31.3%	33.8%	25.6%
3	20.8%	55%	16.8%
4	67.5%	17%	10%
5	32%	56.6%	6.6%
6	32.6%	29.5%	28.3%
7	41.3%	40.8%	11.4%
8	62.3%	20.7%	11.8%
9	19.9%	19.9%	51.8%
10	28.4%	20.1%	42.8%
Overall	38.1%	31.3%	23.3%

- **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*

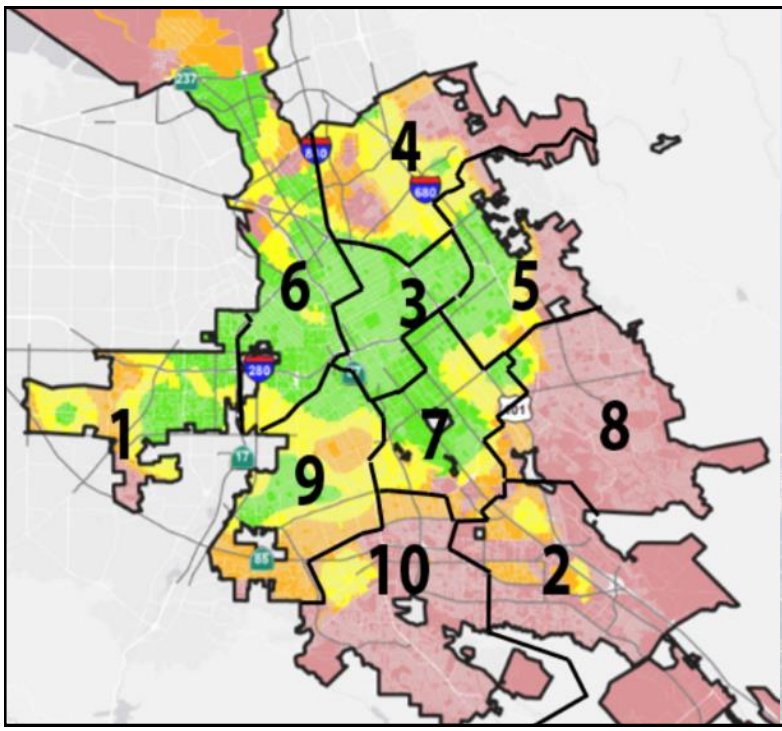
Proposed Voting Age Population

	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*

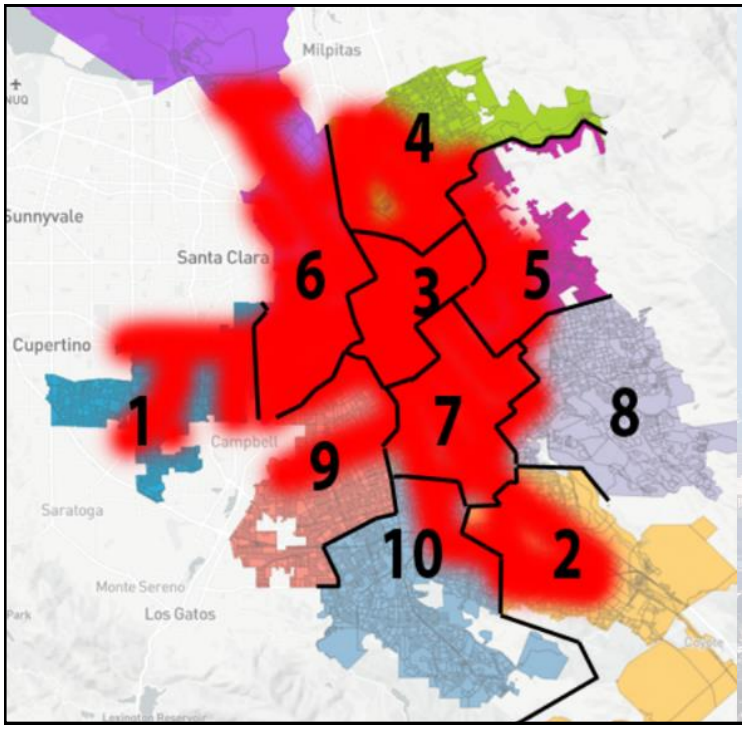


Proposed Districts vs. Current Districts



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:
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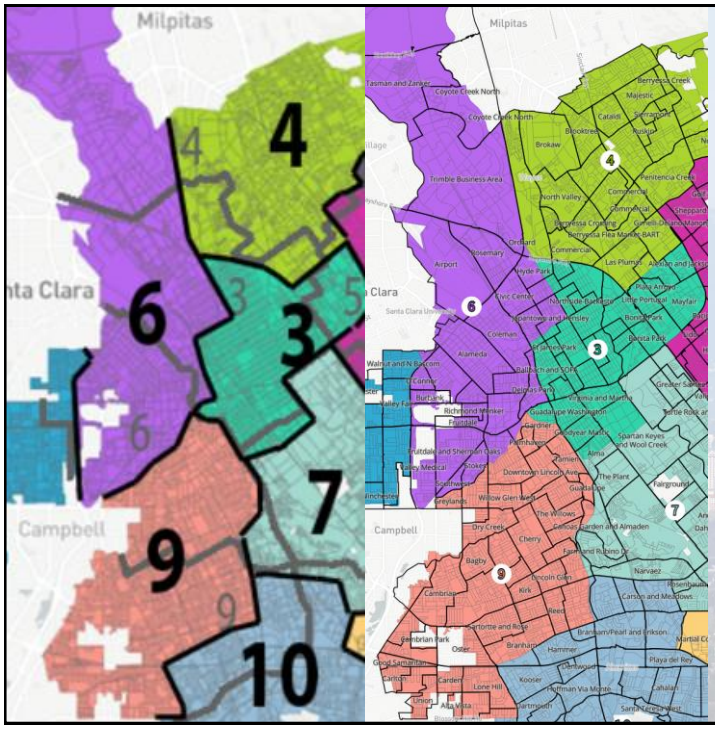


Two Downtown Districts

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

Berryessa as its own district

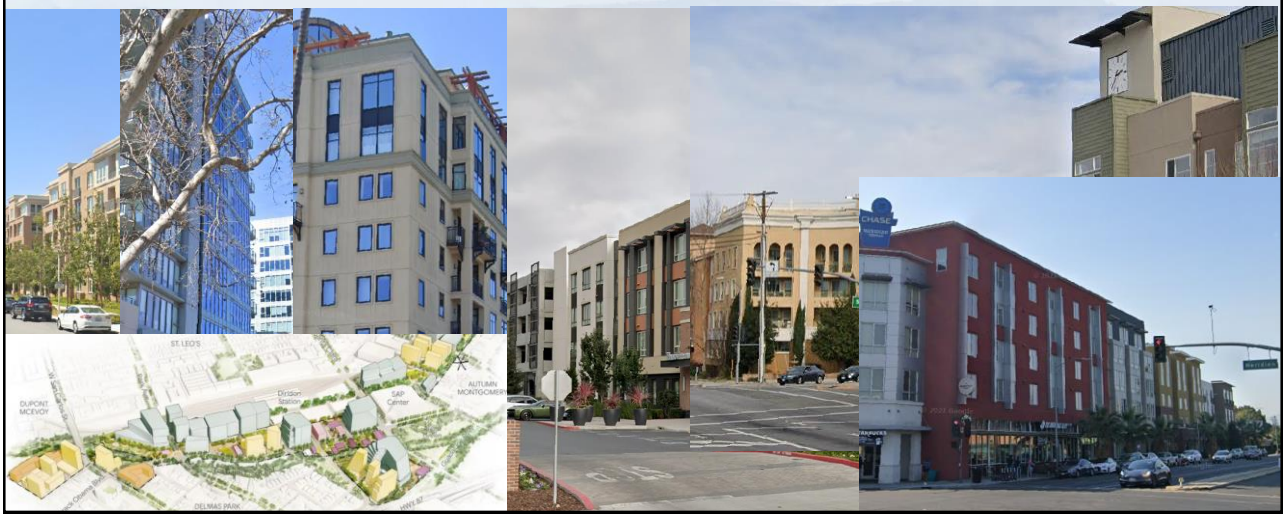
Downtown West & North District

Willow Glen & Cambrian joined

Newly Joined District 6

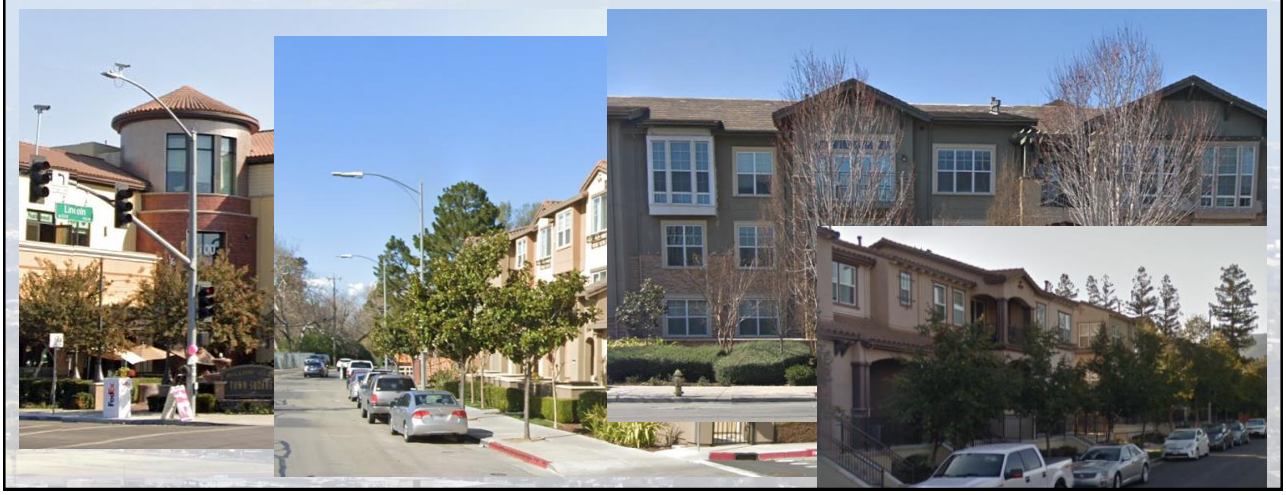
Downtown West & North District

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



Newly Joined District 9

Greater Willow Glen & Cambrian Areas



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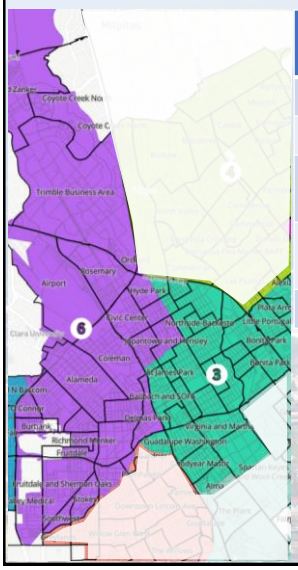

	Downtown Central (Proposed District 3)	Downtown West & North (Proposed District 6)
Government	City Hall	County Government Center
Travel	Convention Center	SJC Airport, Diridon Station
Arts, Culture, Sports, and Entertainment	Theaters, Museums, San Jose State Event Center	SAP Arena, PayPal Park Stadium, 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://districtr.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)
on page 2 of presentation handout

To accomplish the redistricting objectives, these are the proposed districts and district boundaries that I am proposing. You can find the map on the Districtr website at this link: https://districtr.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)
on page 3 of presentation handout

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

Slide 6 (Proposed District 2)
on page 3 of presentation handout

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)
on page 4 of presentation handout

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)
on page 4 of presentation handout

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)
on page 5 of presentation handout

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)
on page 5 of presentation handout

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)
on page 6 of presentation handout

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 Christin 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)
on page 6 of presentation handout

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)
on page 7 of presentation handout

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)
on page 7 of presentation handout

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)
on page 8 of presentation handout

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)
on page 8 of presentation handout

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)
on page 9 of presentation handout

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)
on page 9 of presentation handout

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)
on page 10 of presentation handout

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)
on page 10 of presentation handout

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)
on page 12 of presentation handout

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.

Substantially equal populations - Keeping recognized neighborhoods whole and intact

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To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

Commissioners:

I don’t envy your task. Every ten years the district boundaries need to be adjusted so that each district has substantially the same number of people. That means some districts need to shrink and others need to grow. Although I consider myself a resident of Willow Glen (in District 6), but also living near an outer edge of this community, I fully expect that I might have to face being moved into another district (e.g. District 7) if it becomes necessary to balance population. I don’t actually object to that (although District 6 is currently underpopulated and needs to grow). Some existing council districts having grown way too large will need to shrink, necessarily moving some people out that district into others with fewer residents that need to grow. Some people will not be happy and you won’t be able to satisfy everyone.

However, having looked over the public comments received to date, I see a pattern that needs to be squarely addressed by the commission. Some well-established and recognized neighborhood communities such as Downtown SJ are being split into two or even three (diluting its voice) by some of the proposed versions of the redistricting maps (such as plans A and B and the Oct. 18 revision of plan C2). That is unacceptable.

Method-wise, I would suggest identifying nine well-established neighborhood communities throughout the city, mapping their core areas (including core business districts) and a first ring of peripheral neighborhood tracts (the active neighborhood associations can help you there), and then gradually enlarging each until the neighboring communities meet or until the population target is met. The enlargement process (the selection of which tracts are to be aggregated onto the neighborhood core) can take into account the other required legal factors to ensure, e.g., minority voting power is also not diluted. Such a growth “from-the-core-outward” approach would help ensure that outright splitting of communities doesn’t occur, even if a second (or third) ring of peripheral neighborhood tracts might find themselves moved into an adjacent district.

Sincerely,

Mark Protsik
[redacted]
San Jose CA [redacted]

Redistricting input for Oct 25, 2021 Mtg

Diane Gonzales <[redacted]>
Wed 10/20/2021 6:54 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: Flora Moreno de Thompson <[redacted]>; Lance Shoemaker <[redacted]>; Diane Gonzales <[redacted]>

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Dear D3 Redistricting Commissioners and City Clerk of San Jose, CA.

Thank you for reading this letter regarding the proposed redistricting of District 3 of downtown San Jose.

My name is Diane Gonzales and I am a longtime San Jose downtown neighbor of the Hensley Historic District (HHD). I have been involved with my HHD neighborhood association, the 13th Street NAC and with countless projects to make downtown San Jose a better place to live for over thirty years.

Regarding the proposals for redistricting District 3 following the 2020 census, I spent a lot of time looking at all of the draft proposals for re-drawing the lines of District 3.

There didn't seem to be any GOOD REASONS for carving it up, whereas the proposed Community Map (see below) did all the right things.

For example, the Community Map keeps Naglee Park as part of downtown, as well it should be.
It belongs here.

The Community Map also keeps Naglee Park, South University and San Jose State University together, as these three distinct communities need to be. SJSU and its neighborhoods fit together and support each other in many ways and must continue to do so.

The Community Map also keeps all the downtown neighborhoods together, maintaining their unique character, history and relationships. We, who have worked SO HARD since the late 1990s to make downtown San Jose a beautiful place to live in and walk through; to have the festivals and marathons and special events which the City of San Jose is so proud to hold--none of these would be happening without the countless hours and meetings and volunteers it took for the District 3 neighborhood associations to makeover downtown San Jose in the first place.

For more than 30 years, downtown neighbors have worked with San Jose city government departments and our D3 City Council, police, and code enforcement, to fight crime, guide redevelopment, preserve historic homes, reduce gang and graffiti presence, inspire responsible home ownership with beautification grants, build and support parks and safe places, reach out with clean-ups and Dumpster Days, invite neighbors to meet on National Night Out, plant trees, clean the streets and work together to figure out housing issues.

Countless relationships and projects between neighbors, neighborhood associations and District 3 Council Representatives have been forged.

And all of this to be thrown away by re-drawing the District 3 lines. Why? How will this help the City of San Jose and its downtown neighborhoods to keep going? And to go forward?

With the first year and a half of the COVID pandemic already gone through, we have survived the absolute worst of times. Now, the City of San Jose should do its best to support the very people who have waited for 'normalcy' to resume. Honoring the unique

boundaries of our neighborhoods and acknowledging the decades we have worked with our City Council is the very least our District 3 representative can do.

Please add my voice to others in the Hensley Historic District, the 13th St. NAC, Naglee Park, Horace Mann, and ALL our respected downtown neighborhood associations and organizations and do the following:

* PRESERVE THE CONTINUITY, HISTORY AND STRENGTH OF SAN JOSE DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOODS BY FOLLOWING THE COMMUNITY MAP

* DO NOT FRAGMENT OR CUT OFF THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT FOR YEARS HAVE WORKED WITH EACH OTHER AND IN GOOD FAITH WITH THEIR DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

* SUPPORT THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY MAP FOR DISTRICT 3 AND KEEP DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE NEIGHBORHOODS ALIVE AND WELL

Diane Gonzales
Hensley Historic District
San Jose, CA

Community Map_1.68% population deviation retain communities ID: 66262" map:
https://districtr.org/edit/66262

(No subject)

Estelle Kadis [redacted] >

Wed 10/20/2021 9:22 PM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>

I t is imperative that downtown remains one district and the area that Google is building stays part of this district. if change is needed buildings from 10th St. and after Julian St could become another district. But THe core of what is downtown for business and tourists and hotels need to be one district because this area has unique issues that nerd addressing and it needs to be treated as a whole equity.

Redistricting – Draft Map Review – D3 input

Marni Kamzan <[redacted]>

Thu 10/21/2021 7:45 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of The Community Map that was submitted a few days ago as https://districtr.org/plan/66080.

I support this map because it was drawn based on existing district lines, in order to preserve current districts as much as possible. Additionally, it follows the legal rules of redistricting by being compact
and maintaining congruity. It also takes into account previous input, and requests from existing communities of interest which want to remain in the same district.

In District 3, the following neighborhoods remain together:
Little Portugal and Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace
13th St. Neighborhood Advisory Committee: Northside, Julian St-James, Historic Hensley, Horace Mann, and connections to Japantown, Hyde Park, Vendome and Ryland Park
The SJSU campus, South University and Naglee Park, connecting students and staff with these surrounding neighborhoods

District 4 boundaries preserve key areas, including Penitencia Creek and the Flea Market.

In District 6, the Diridon Station area comes together by combining the area into one district.

And, importantly, The Community map has a 1.68% population deviation between all districts; 10% is the maximum the process allows. This small population difference between all the districts
allows more flexibility for adjusting district boundaries during the redistricting process. The Community Map was created with room to adjust district boundaries if needed.

Thank you for studying this map and using it as the blueprint for redistricting San Jose at this time.

Marni Kamzan
Naglee Park/Downtown San Jose

Support for keeping Naglee Park part of downtown core map

Christine Hanchett <[redacted]>

Thu 10/21/2021 8:26 AM

To: redistricting <redistricting@sanjoseca.gov>
Cc: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Hello,
Please note my SUPPORT for the community proposed map at https://districtr.org/plan/66080

Naglee Park needs to be kept part of the downtown core neighborhoods.

Thank you,
—Christine Hanchett
[redacted] San Jose, CA [redacted]

City of San Jose Unity Map #SJUnityMAP:

https://districtr.org/plan/67784

- Across districts, increases combined voice of Asian, Hispanic, Black, Indigenous and renter populations. Ensures working families and communities of color are better represented across the City.
- Retains VRA Asian Majority Minority Districts (D4 & D8) and Asian pluralities (D1)
- Retains a Majority Population, Plurality CVAP Hispanic District (D5)
- Adds a Hispanic Plurality District (D6); adds significant Asian representation in D2, D3, and D6; and adds significant Black representation in D2 and D6, overall creating more balanced districts.
- Better combines communities of interest, addressing public comments.

San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP — National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — NAACP Founded 1909

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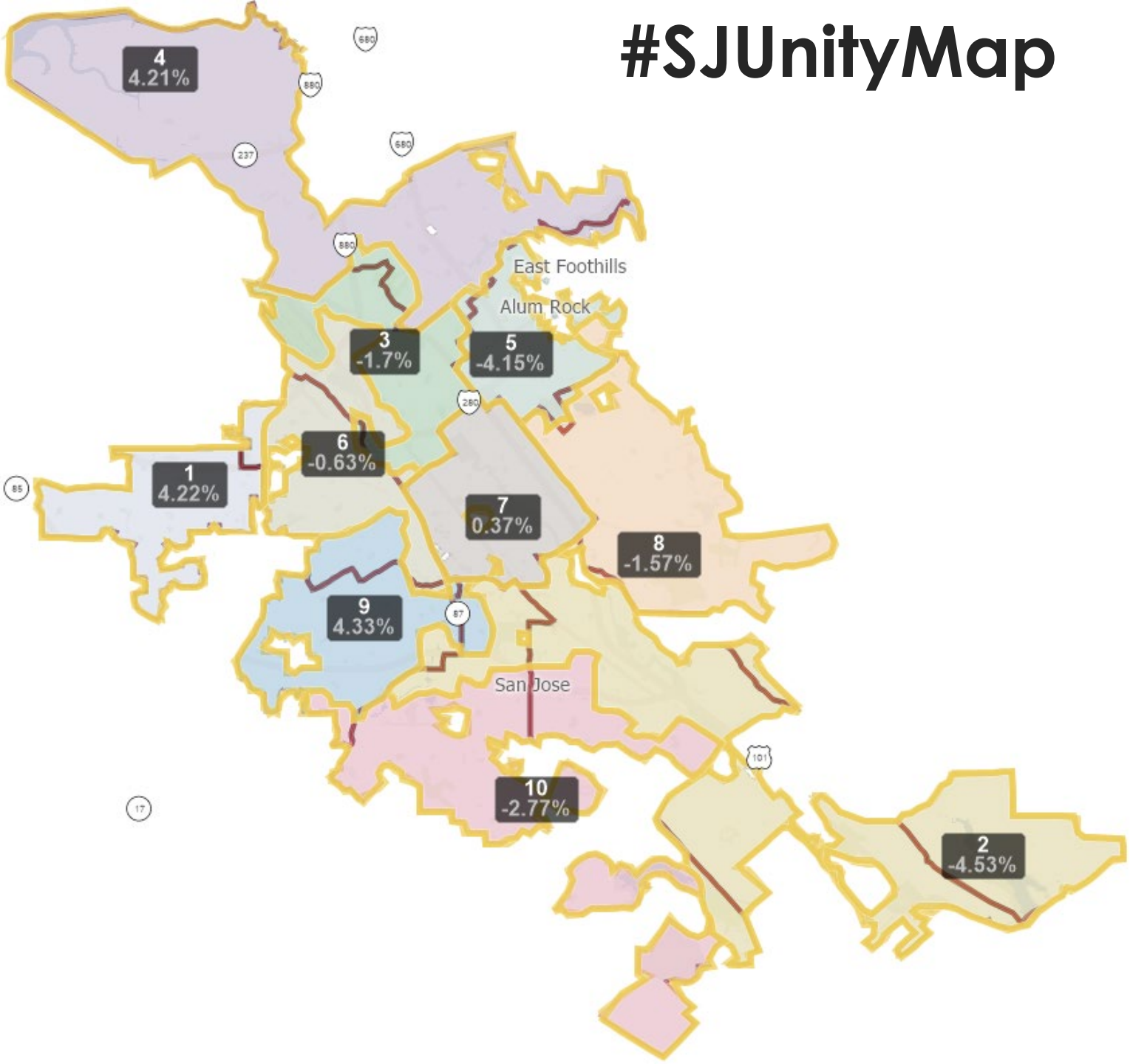
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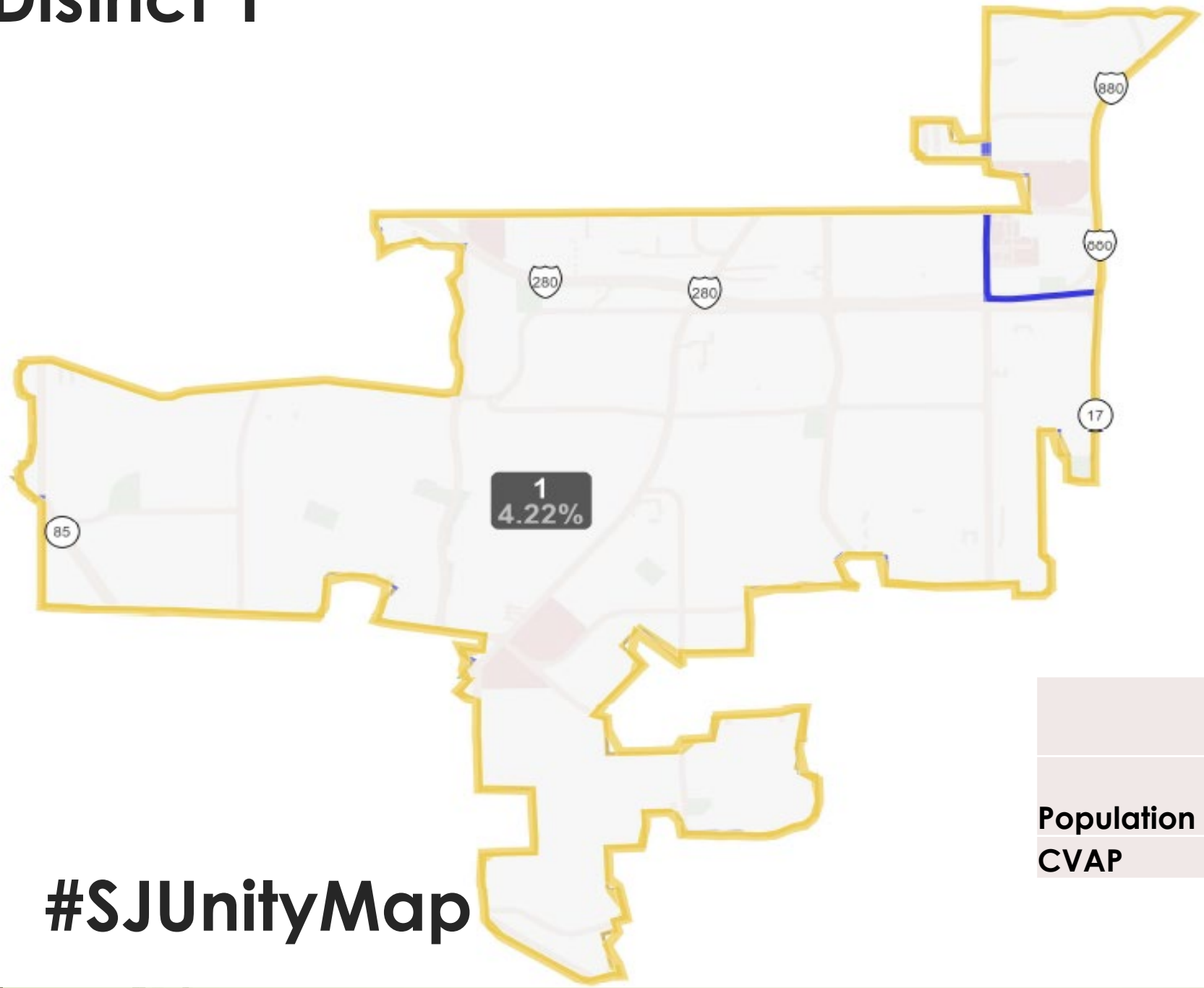

- Total Population: 106,000
- Retains: All of D1 from 2011 lines.
- Adds: Formerly D6 neighborhoods west of 880 including Cory Neighborhood
- Racial and ethnic mix remains roughly the same.
- Asian population plurality and white CVAP plurality.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	45.1%	19.5%	3.0%	27.4%
CVAP	33.2%	13.7%	3.1%	49.9%

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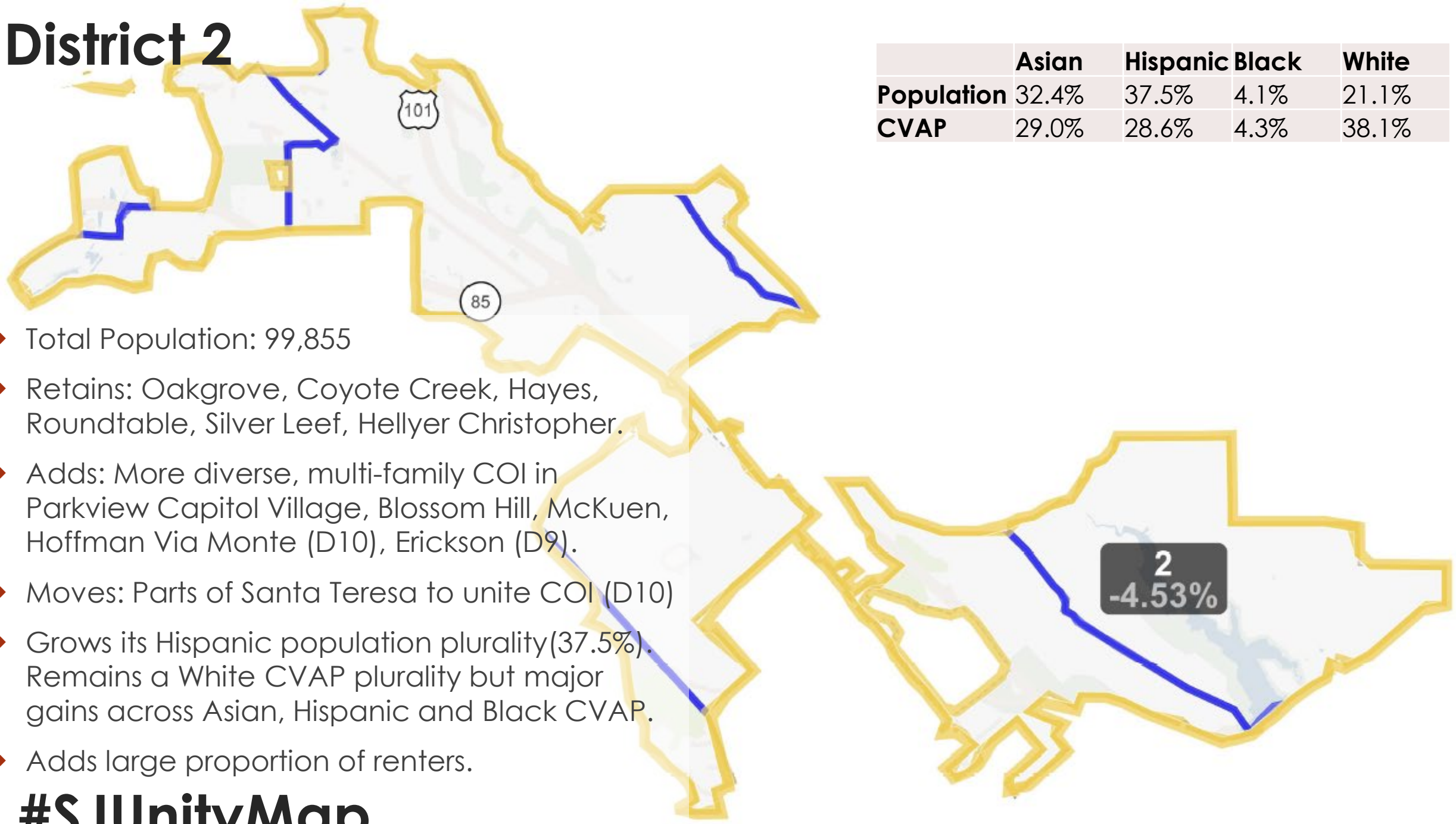
District 2



	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	32.4%	37.5%	4.1%	21.1%
CVAP	29.0%	28.6%	4.3%	38.1%

- Total Population: 99,855
- Retains: Oakgrove, Coyote Creek, Hayes, Roundtable, Silver Leef, Hellyer Christopher.
- Adds: More diverse, multi-family COI in Parkview Capitol Village, Blossom Hill, McKuen, Hoffman Via Monte (D10), Erickson (D9).
- Moves: Parts of Santa Teresa to unite COI (D10)
- Grows its Hispanic population plurality(37.5%). Remains a White CVAP plurality but major gains across Asian, Hispanic and Black CVAP.
- Adds large proportion of renters.

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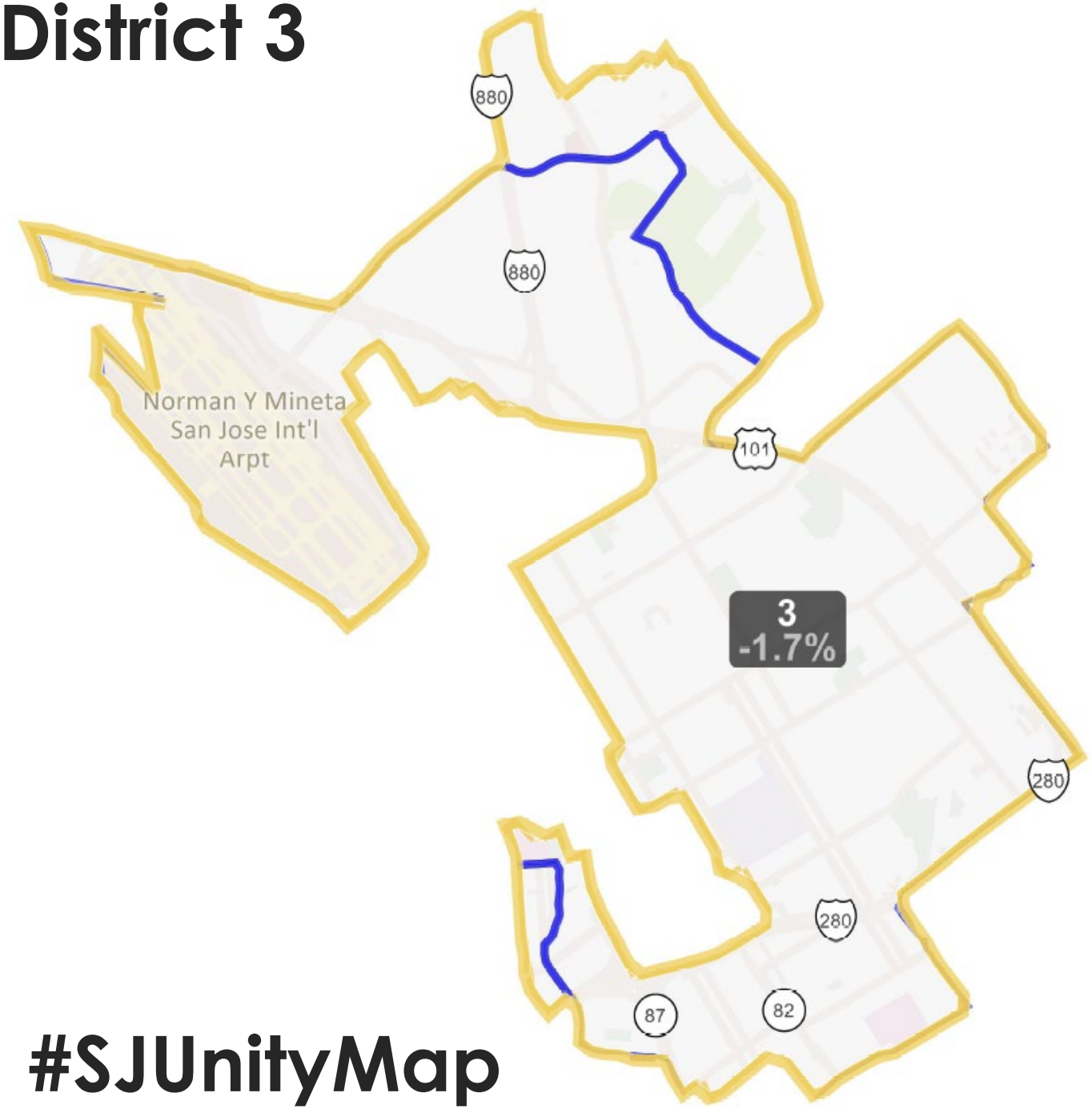
District 3



- Population: 99,690
- Retains: Historic landmarks and neighborhoods including SJSU, SJC Airport, SAP Center, City Hall, E Santa Clara Business District, SOFA, Naglee Park, Japantown, Northside, Horace Mann, Hensley Historic District, South University, Washington Guadalupe, Gardner, Delmas Park, Little Portugal.
- Adds: East of the airport.
- Moves: West of Downtown Core, Rincon South, Rosemary Gardens, Venodome, Newhall and Tamien.
- Remains a diverse district with slight Hispanic CVAP plurality and significant gains in Asian population.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	29.9%	44.3%	3.5%	18.2%
CVAP	28.8%	34.8%	4.2%	32.2%

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District 4

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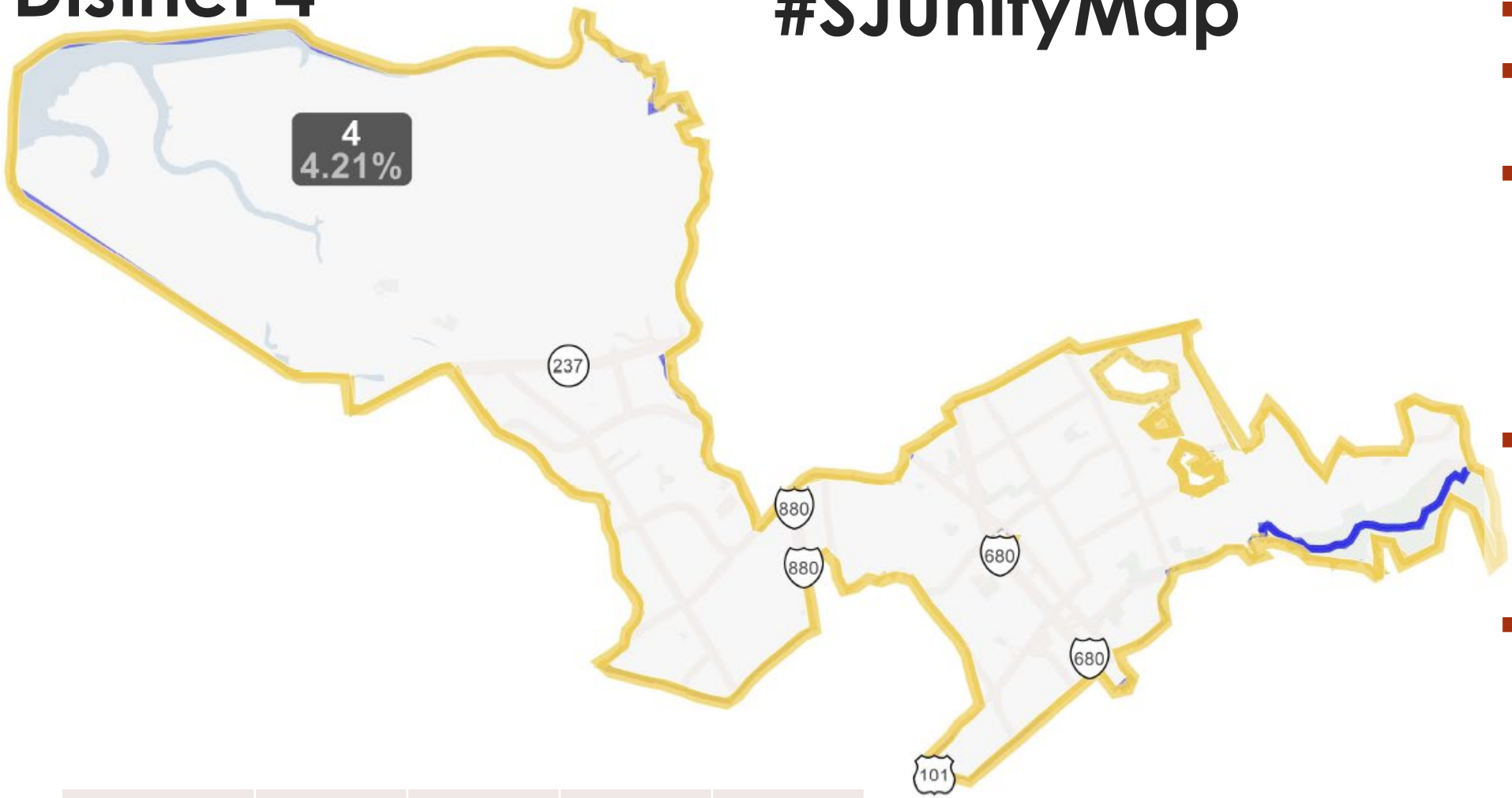
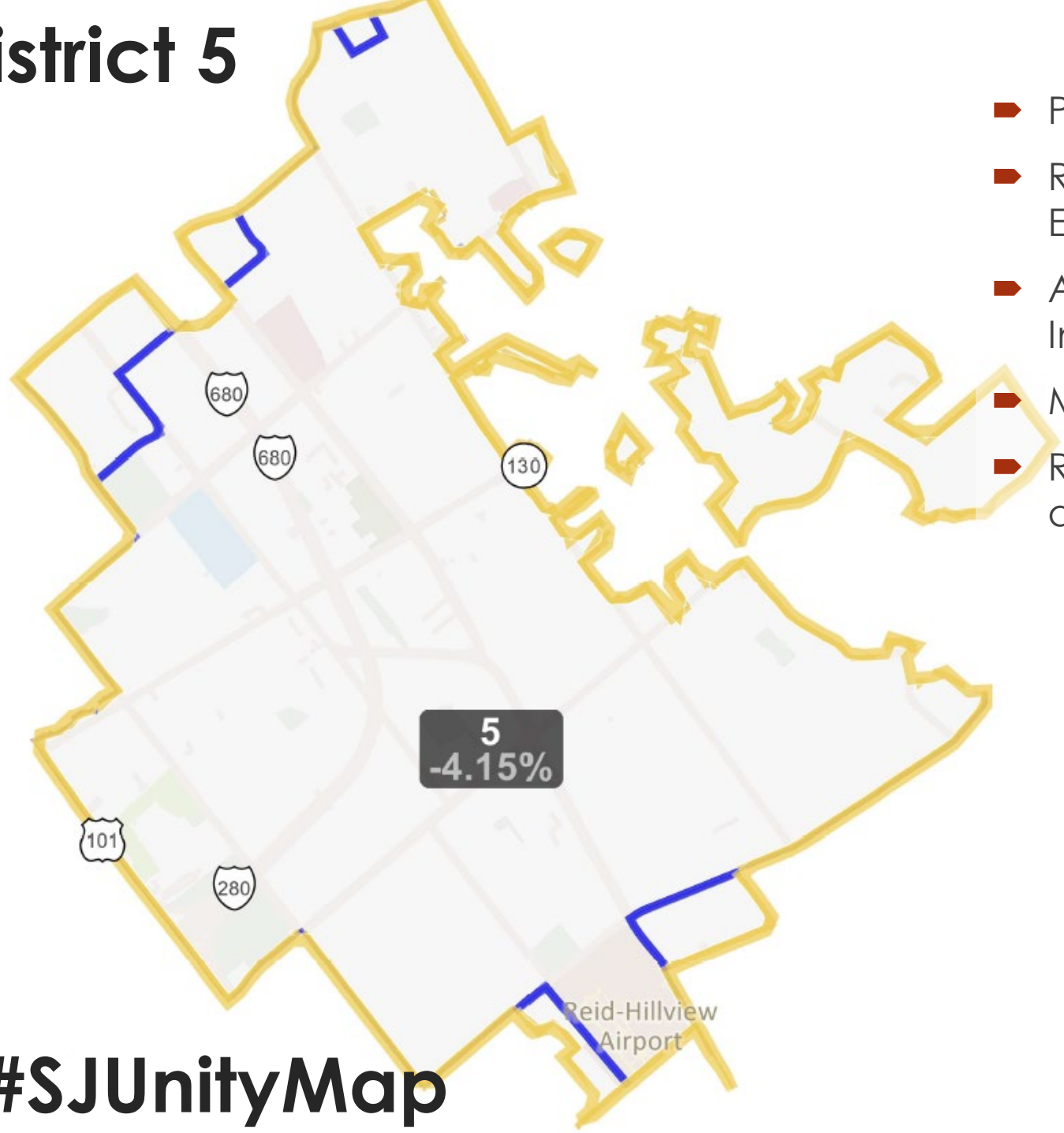


- Population: 105,938
- Grew more than any district.
- Retains: Berryessa, Alviso and Penitencia Creek, Filipino COI landmark, Delano Manongs Park.
- Moves: Independence HS area (D5); Area east of SJC (D3)
- Retains Asian VRA Majority-Minority status with Asian population and CVPA majorities.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	64.2%	16.3%	2.0%	13.7%
CVAP	56.7%	16.2%	2.6%	24.5%

District 5



- Population: 97,896
- Retains: Old lines encompassing most of ESSJ, Alum Rock business corridor
- Adds: Neighborhoods around Independence HS, Ocala MS.
- Moves: Part of foothills to D8.
- Remains a Hispanic population majority and nearly majority CVAP.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	32.0%	57.7%	1.8%	5.9%
CVAP	35.7%	48.2%	2.3%	13.8%

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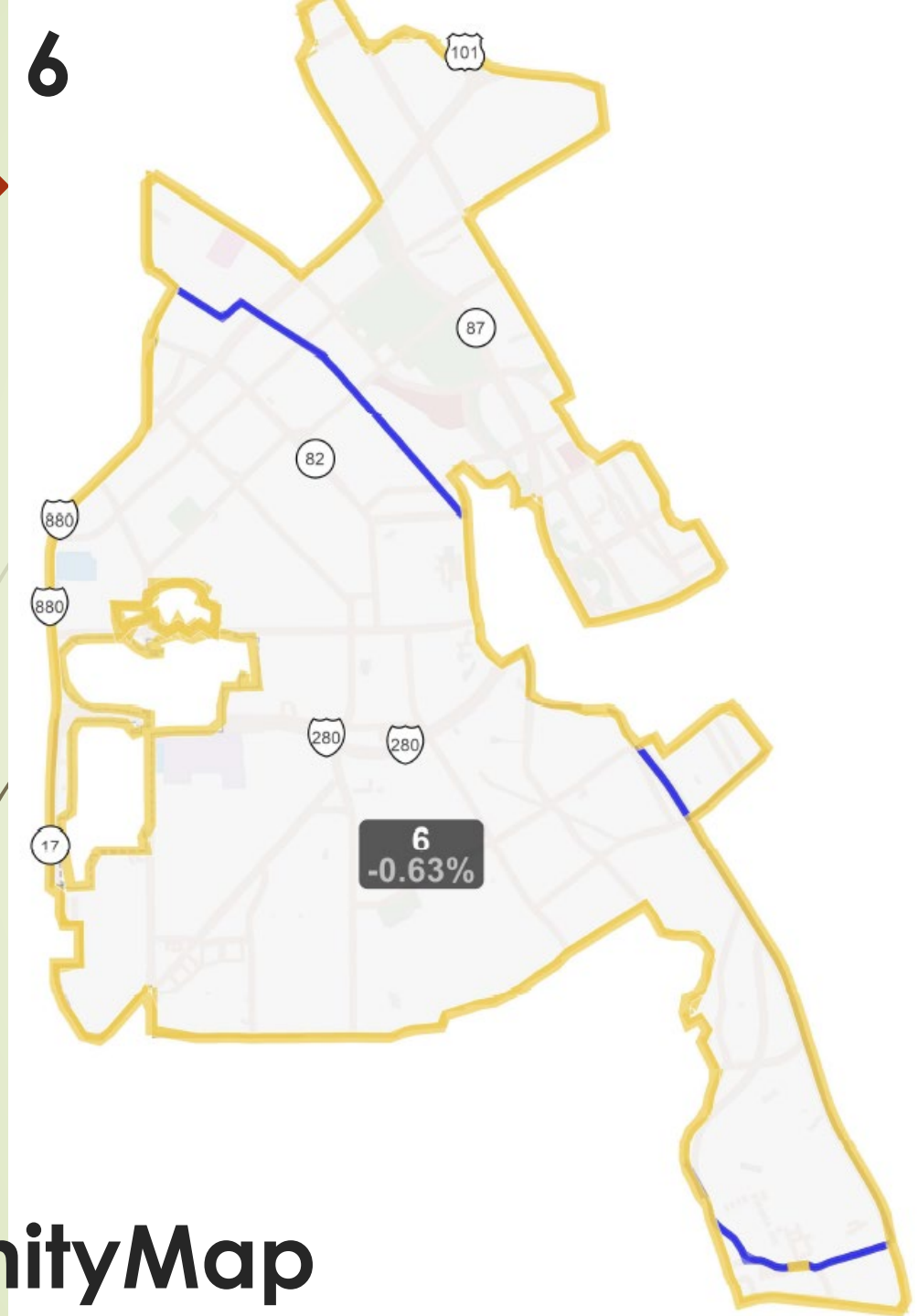
District 6



- Population: 100,956
- Retains: Shasta-Hanchett Park, College Park, Willow Creek, incorporated parts of Burbank and Buena Vista, Sherman Oaks, and northern portion of Willow Glen.
- Adds: Western portion of Downtown Core, Market Almaden, Venodome, Little Italy. Tamien and.
- Moves: Parts of Willow Glen (D9); Cory (D1)
- Becomes a Hispanoc plurality and CVAP majority.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	20.2%	34.9%	4.5%	34.5%
CVAP	14.6%	24.8%	5.2%	55.4%

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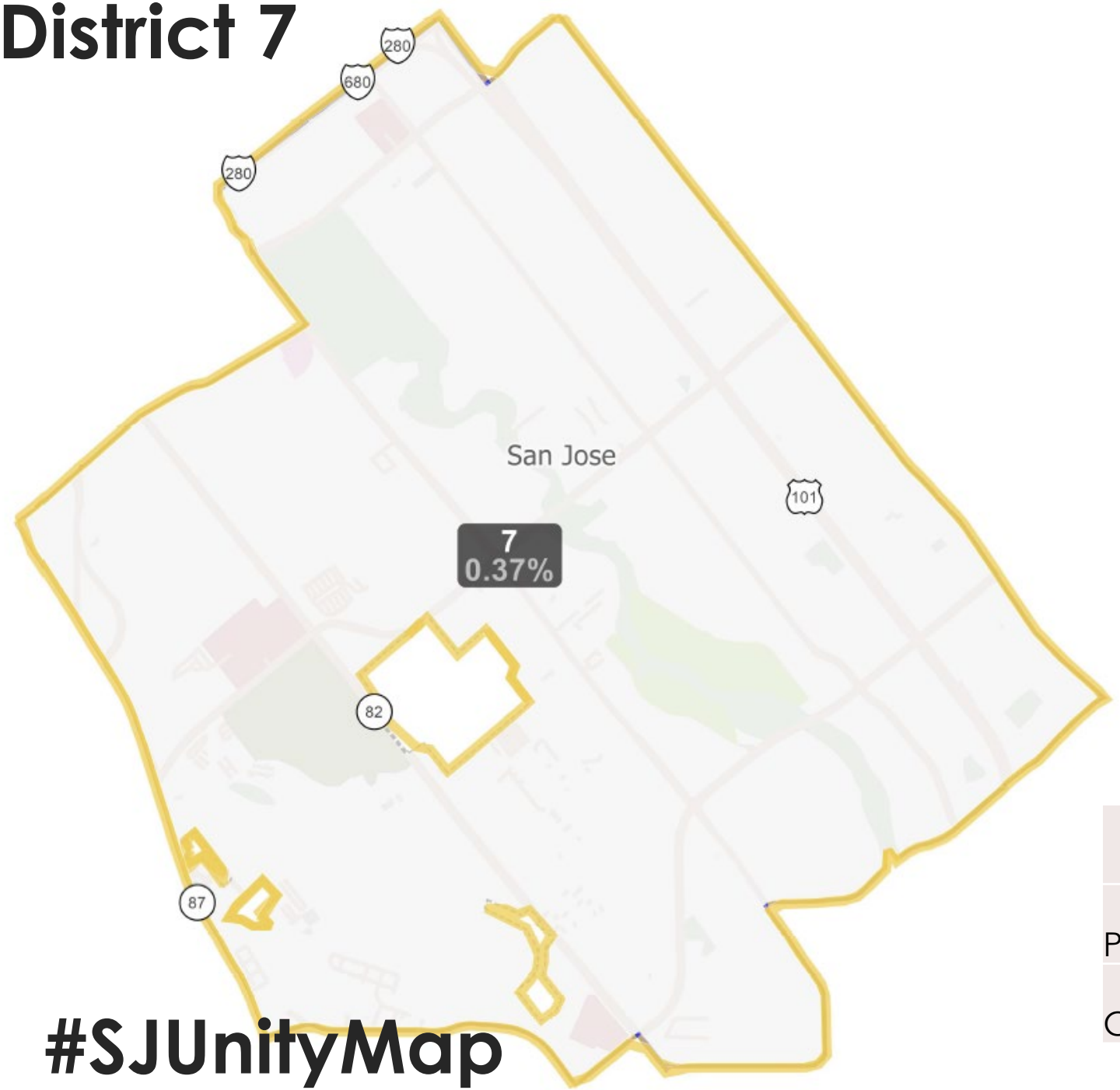
District 7



- Population: 102,545
- Retains: Previous lines including Alma, Rock Springs, Tropicana Lanai, McLaughlin Corridor, Seven Trees, Communications Hill and West Evergreen.
- Remains one of the most diverse districts in the City with roughly evenly weighted Asian and Hispanic populations, and a Asian CVAP Pluarlity.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	43.1%	44.4%	2.4%	7.5%
CVAP	48.0%	34.3%	2.2%	15.5%

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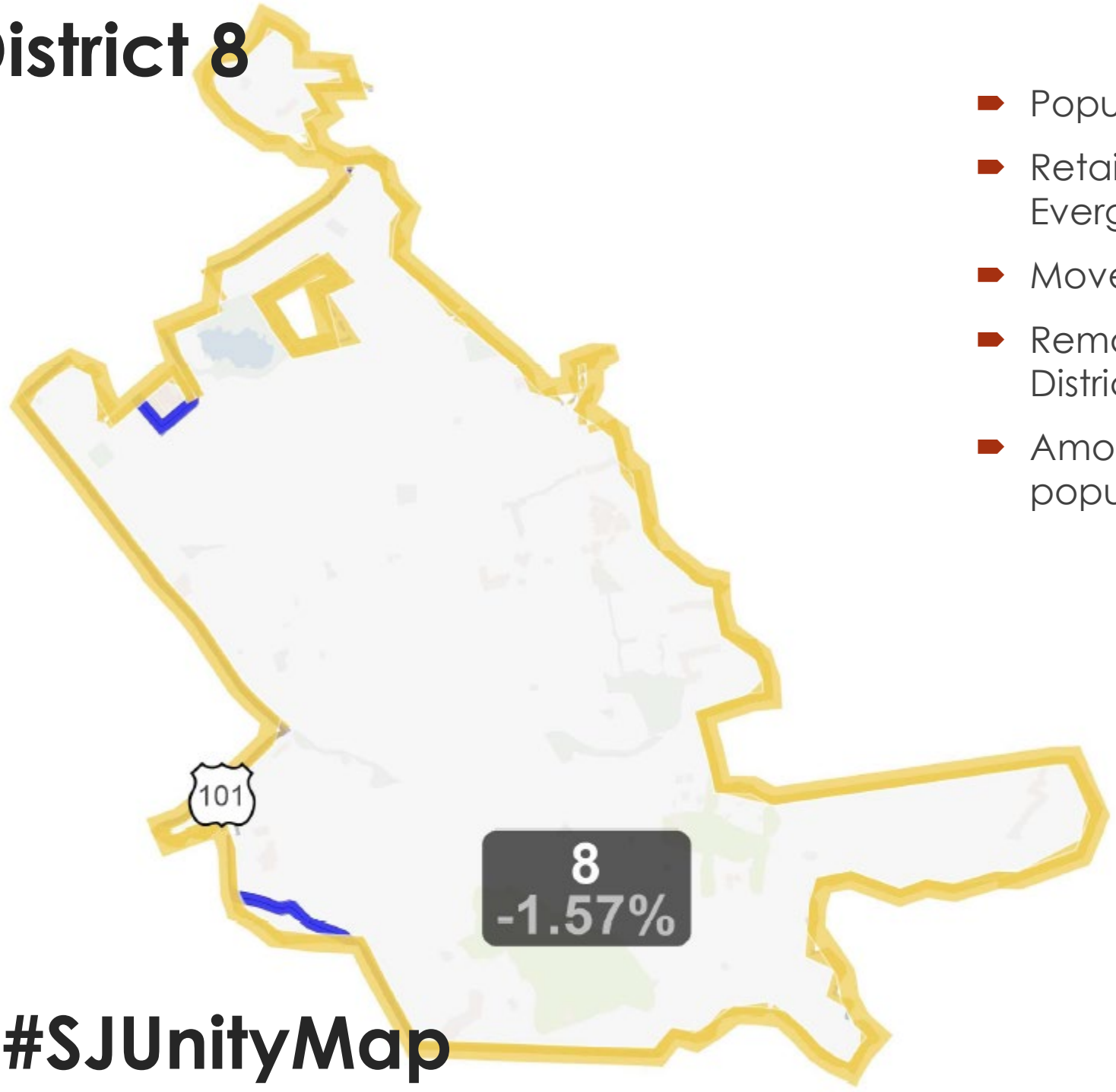
District 8



- Population: 99,916
- Retains: Existing D8 lines including Evergreen, Thompson Creek, and more.
- Moves: Area around Ocala MS.
- Remains an Asian VRA Majority-Minority District.
- Among the largest Vietnamese and Indian populations retained.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	60.4%	22.0%	2.1%	12.3%
CVAP	54.4%	21.6%	2.6%	21.4%

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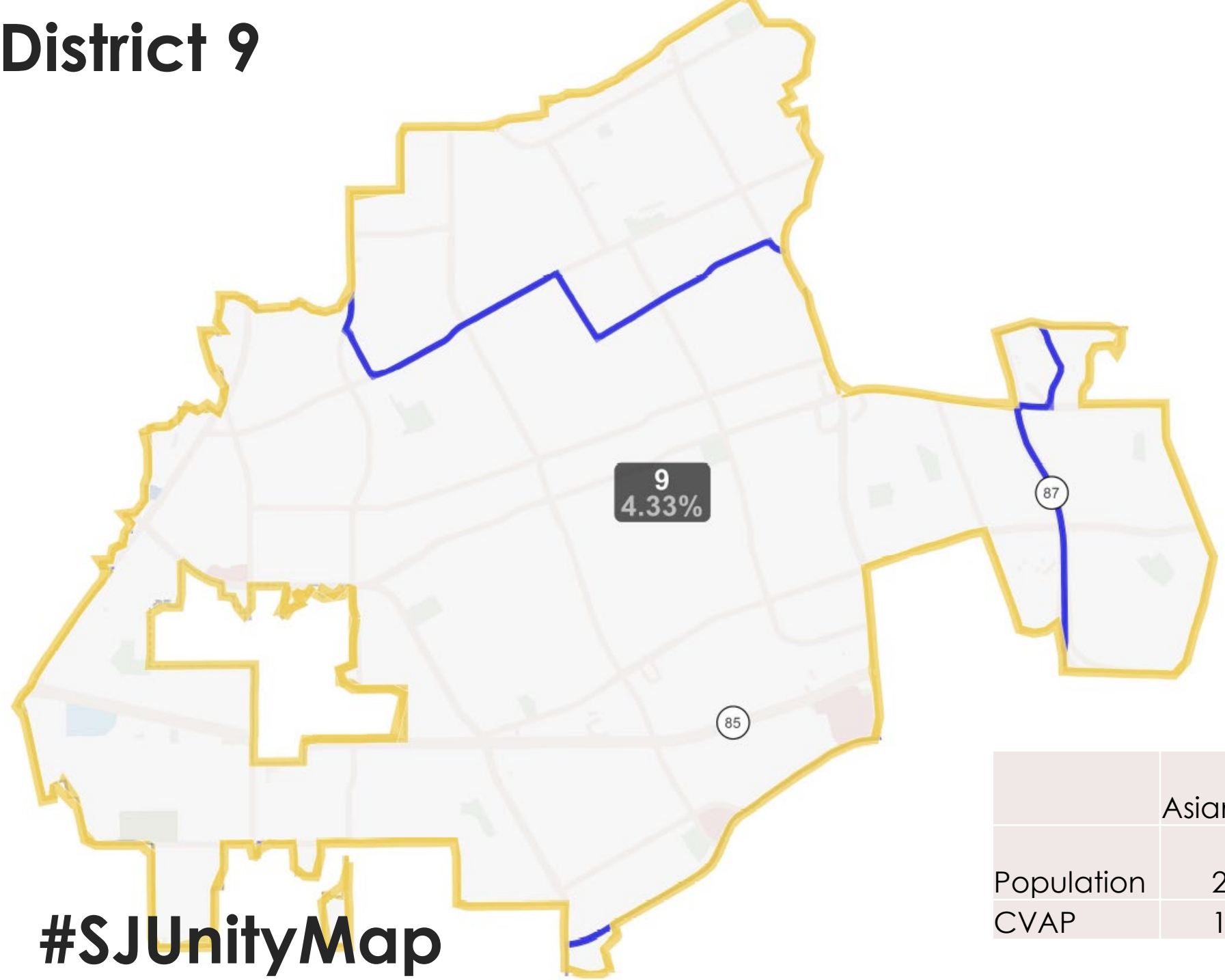
District 9



- Population: 102,012
- Retains: Southern Willow Glen and related COI of Thousand Oaks and Pinehurst and Cambrian.
- Adds: Carson and Vista Park.
- Moves: Erickson and southwest corner.
- Remains a white population plurality and CVAP majority.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	22.3%	20.1%	1.9%	48.8%
CVAP	14.4%	14.9%	1.8%	68.9%

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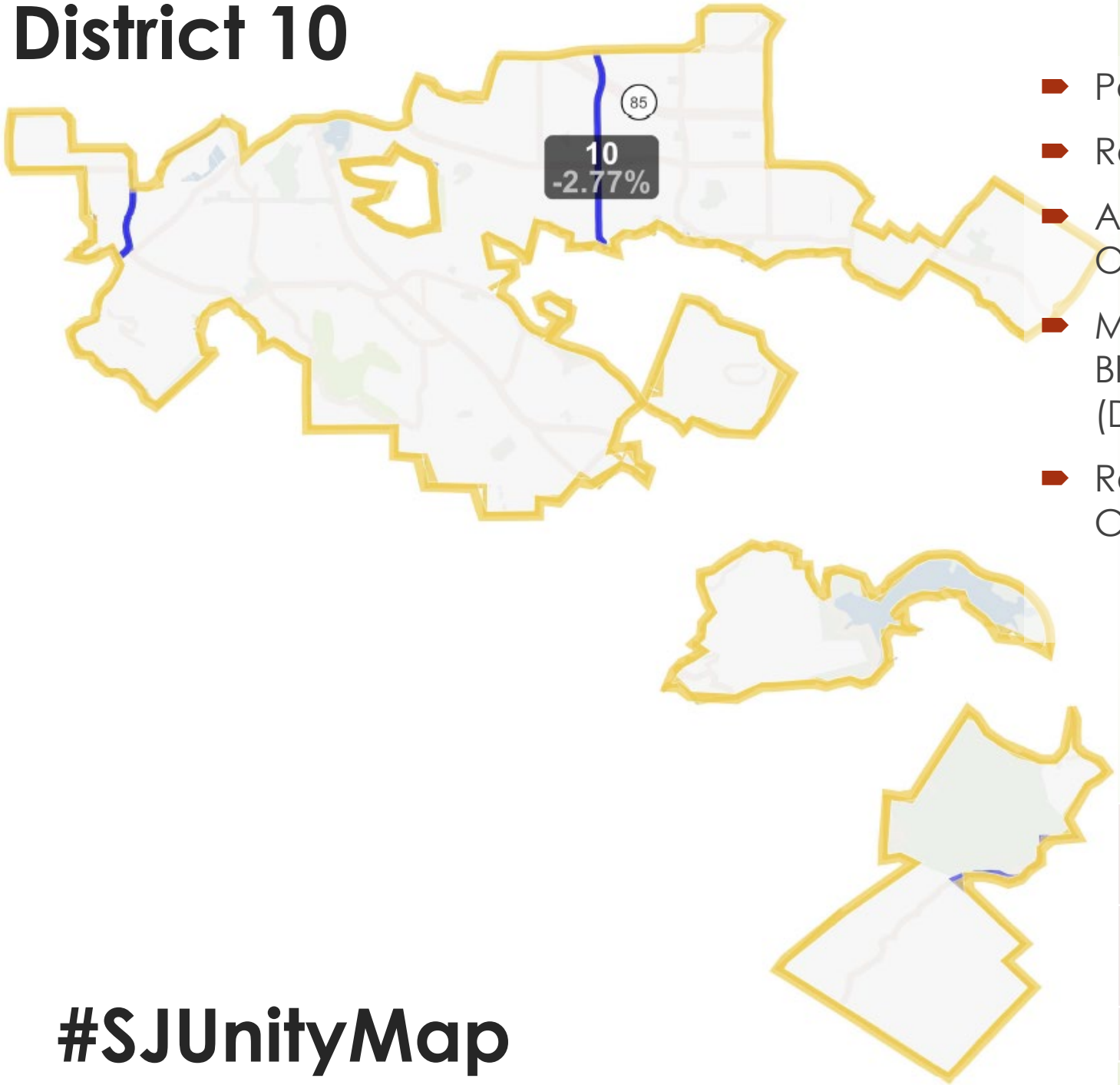
District 10



- Population: 100,810
- Retains: Almaden Valley,
- Adds: Santa Teresa Foothills, Cottle and Oakridge Palmia.
- Moves: McKuen, Hoffman Via Monter, Blossom Hill (D2); Carson and Vista Park (D9)
- Remains a white population plurality and CVAP majority.

	Asian	Hispanic	Black	White
Population	30.9%	18.1%	1.9%	42.4%
CVAP	23.4%	15.9%	2.2%	58.5%

#SJUnityMap

Redistricting:
Community Map Draft

Made by Neighbors
Keeping Neighborhoods Together

Thursday, October 21, 2021
Redistricting Commission

Driving force for Northward Shift in District Lines

2020 Census: SJ total population at 1,105,455

- **Ideal redistricting population is 101,544.5 people per district**
  - D4 population is over 120,000
  - D3 population is about 108,000
- **What this means when redistricting the City**
  - D4 has a population excess of about 19,000 from ideal
  - Must shift excess to adjacent D3 & D5 districts.
  - D3 has a population excess of over 6,000.
  - Must shift excess to adjacent districts: D5, D6, D7 (and extra to absorb D4's excess)
  - Lowest population density districts (D9 & D10) need to grow

Data Source: https://districtr.org/edit/64318
(provided map by City of SJ + "Unassigned Units" included for completeness)

Reasons to Support the Community Map Draft

Follows the redistricting principles from the “Redistricting 101” document*:

- Contiguous
- Compact
- Keeps existing neighborhoods & communities together
- Functional and Logical
- Attempts to minimizes changes to existing district boundaries

The Community Map Draft is based on existing district lines and preserves existing districts as much as possible.

* SOURCE: **“Redistricting 101 – April 15, 2021”**, Redistricting Partners, San Jose Redistricting Commission

Reasons to Support the Community Map Draft

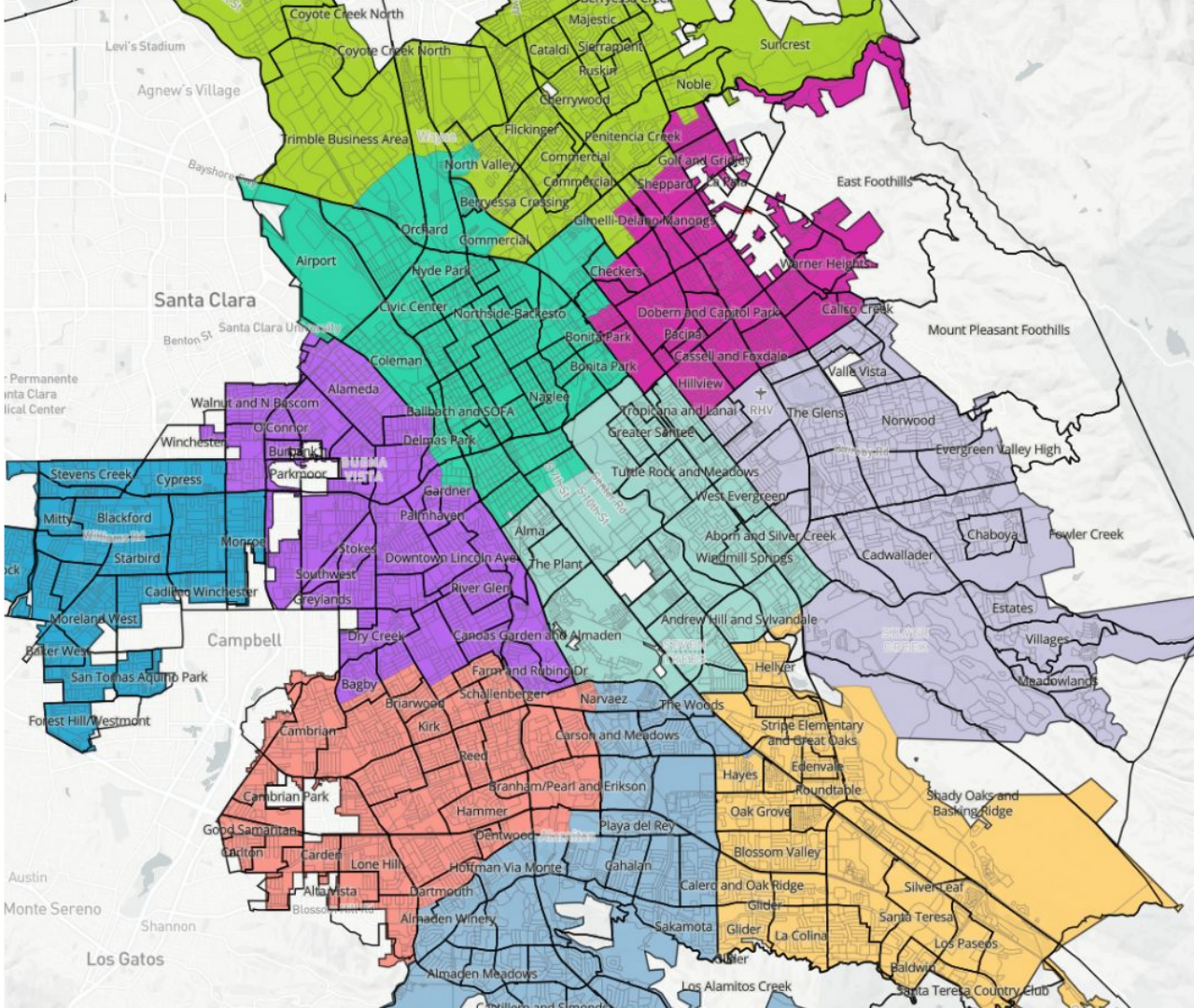
- **District 3 downtown neighborhoods stay together**:
  - Little Portugal, Five Wounds, and Brookwood Terrace (FWBT)
  - 13th St. Neighborhood Advisory Committee: Northside, Julian St-James, Historic Hensley, Horace Mann, and connections to Japantown, Hyde Park, Vendome and Ryland Park.
  - Keeps SJSU campus, students and staff with the surrounding neighborhoods: South University, SoFA, and Naglee Park.
  - Communities south of 280 are reassigned to D7 and no longer separated by 280.
  - Delmas / Gardner District is reassigned to D6 and no longer separated by 87 and 280.

Reasons to Support the Community Map Draft

- **District 4: Preserves key areas together**
  - Penitencia Creek, Flea Market, Berryessa Bart
- **District 6: Diridon Station area is together**
  - The Diridon Station area is together under one district.
  - Gardner neighborhood is no longer separated by freeways 280 and 87
- **District 7: Communities south of 280 are together**
  - No longer separated by 280 FWY
  - Reassigned from D3 to D7: Spartan-Keyes, Goodyear, Guadalupe Washington, Tamien
- **Wiggle room to adjust district boundaries**: The **Community Map Draft** currently has a 1.68% population deviation between all districts; 10% is the maximum the process allows. This small population difference between all the districts allows more flexibility for adjusting district boundaries during this process.

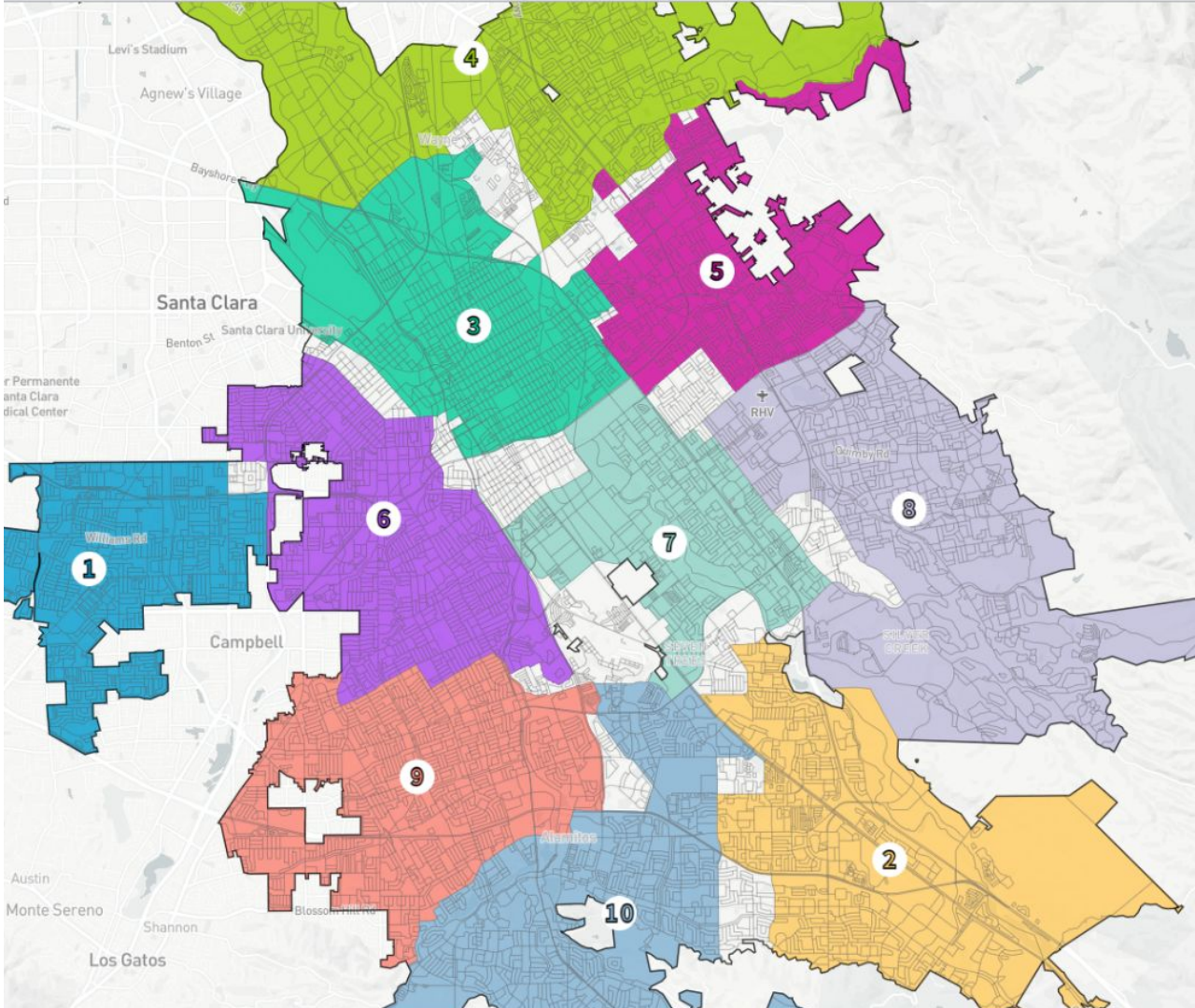
Current Districts

How they exist today.



Areas Re-Assigned to Adjacent District

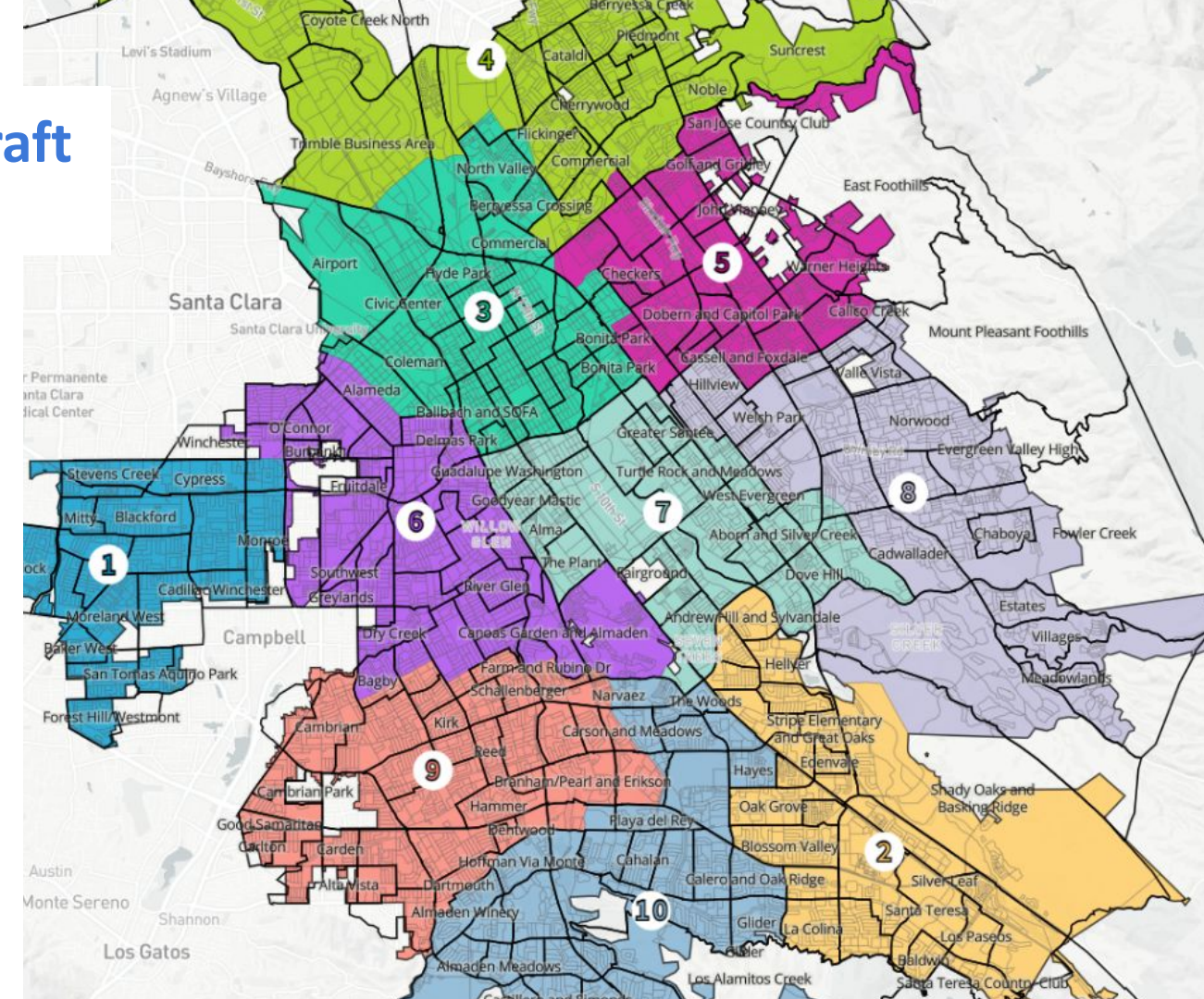
Reassigned neighborhoods are shown as white areas between district boundaries.



Community Map Draft

Oct. 21 Draft

We are still collecting feedback from community members and leaders in all districts.



Community Map Draft

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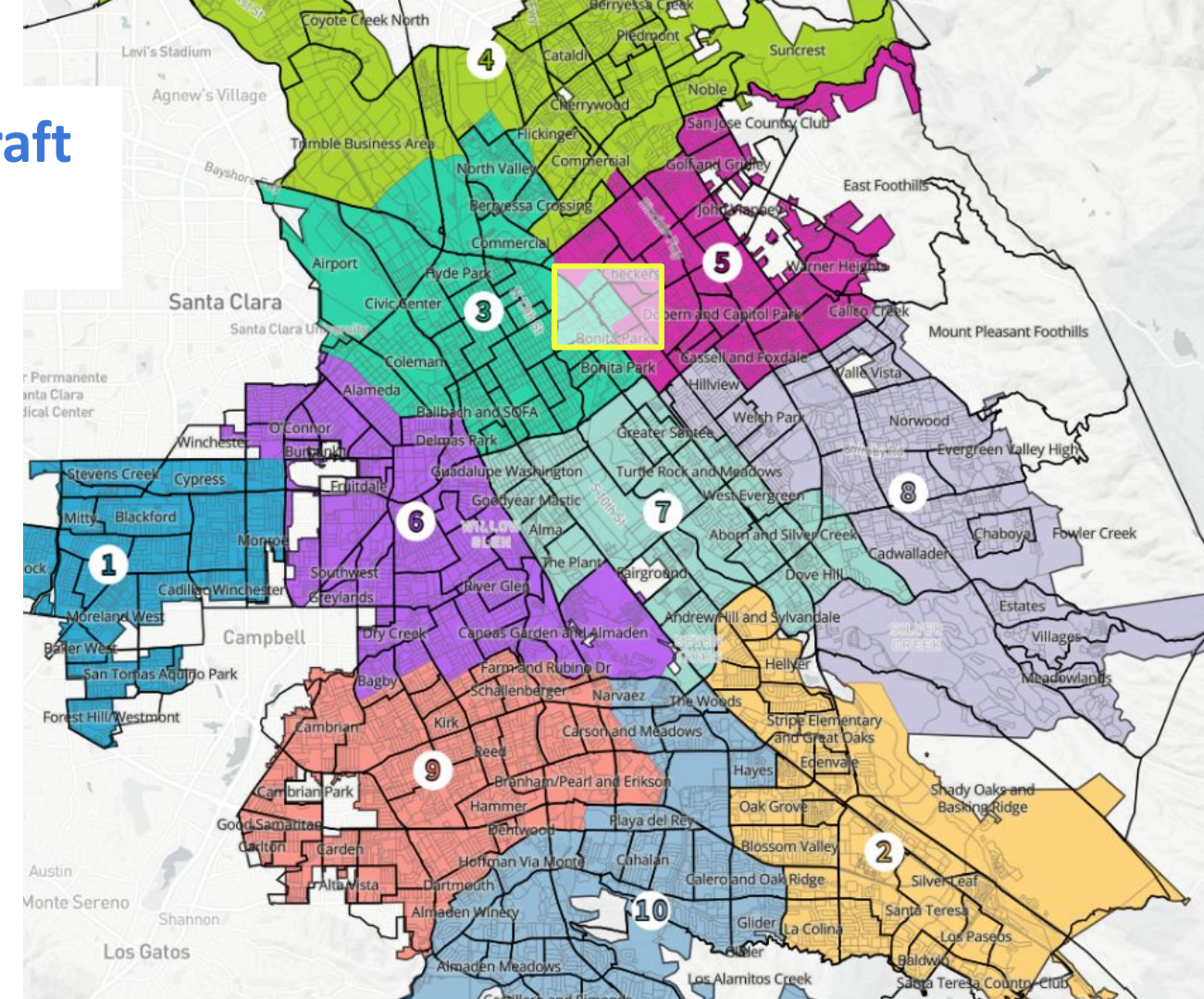
Need more Granular Division in Little Portugal Area between D3 & D5



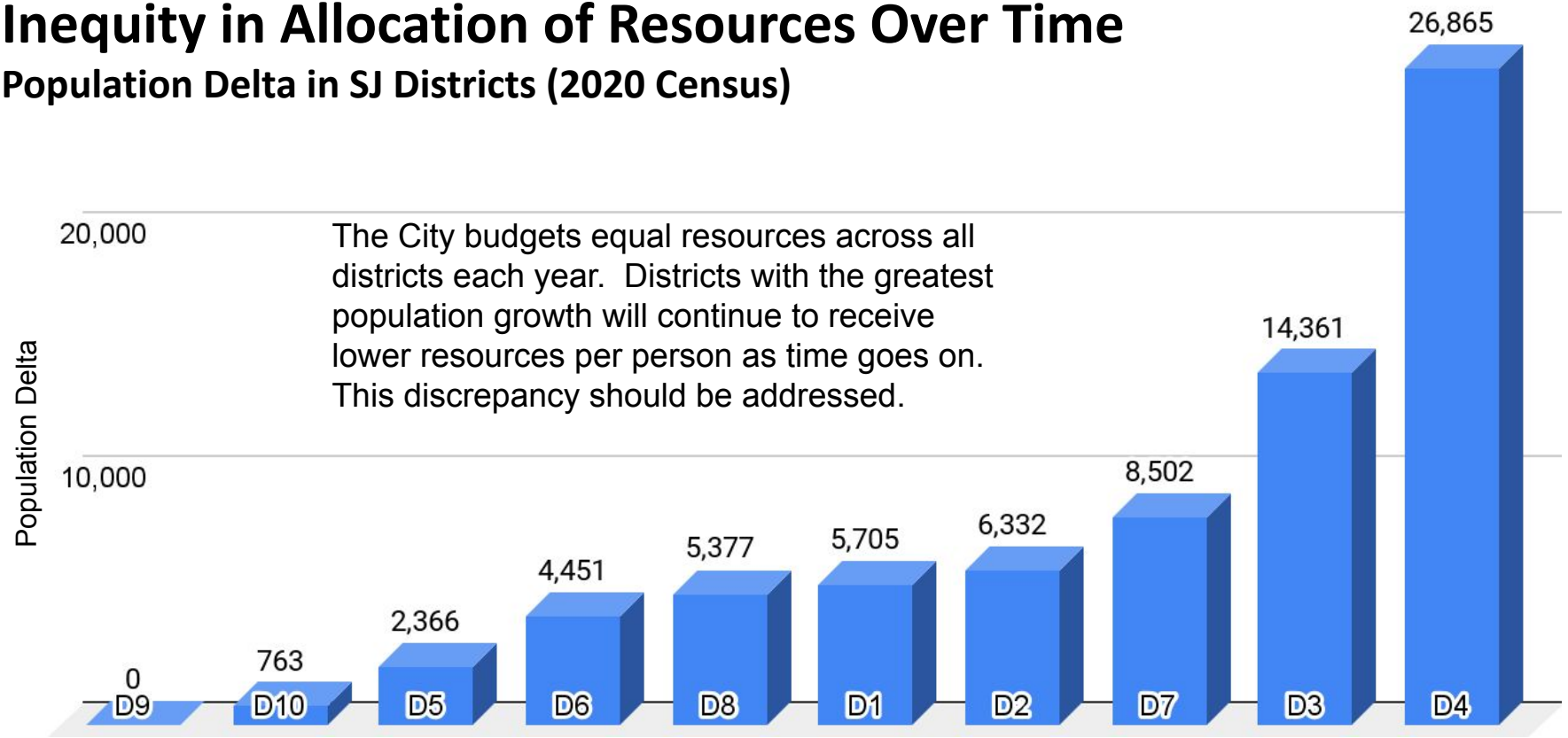
Redistrict Mapping Tool Needs more Granular Section

Little Portugal Area between D3 & D5

- Keep Portuguese community & businesses west & east of 280 together along Alum Rock Ave. in D3.
- ALL residents on Shortridge Ave. (both sides of the st.) remain in D5 (between S 31st & King)
- Esther Medina Park in D5 (bordered by Hwy 101, S. 31st, Alum Rock, & E. San Antonio)

Inequity in Allocation of Resources Over Time

Population Delta in SJ Districts (2020 Census)



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Ongoing Process

Our redistricting a map is an ongoing process and the file number changes as we receive feedback from community members.

To see the latest, updated version, visit our website:

https://www.13thstnac.org/issues/redistricting

Just created a few hours ago so work-in-progress at the moment.

Current Supporters for the Community Map Draft (v. Oct. 21)

- Alexandra Froehlich, D9
- Annie Vaudagna, Vendome D3
- Antonina Ettare, Hyde Park D3
- Aurelia Sanchez, Spartan-Keyes D3
- Brittany Wolak, Vendome D3
- Charlotte Hsu, Oak Canyon D9
- Cheryl Lubow, Naglee Park D3
- Chuck Quanz, Vendome D3
- Clarice Shephard, SUN D3
- Craig Chivatero, Julian-St. James D3
- Cristina Tuite, Vendome D3
- Cynthia Jones, Brookwood D3
- Danny Silva, Hyde Park D3
- David Kidney, Naglee Park D3
- David M., Evergreen D8
- Dean Hotop, Willow Glen D6
- Debra Spencer, D8
- Diane Gonzales, Historic Hensley D3
- Ed Berger, Northside D3
- Ella M., Evergreen D8
- Farrell Podgorsek, Naglee Park D3
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- Jean-Marie White, Naglee Park D3
- Jeremy Plunkett, Northside D3
- Joan Giampaolo, Vendome D3
- Joseph A. Randazzo, Vendome D3
- Josephine Kuo, Carson & Meadows D10
- Judith Lessow-Hurley, Vendome D3
- Julie Hardin, Naglee Park D3
- Keith Young, Vendome D3
- Ken Schneebeli, Naglee Park D3
- Kimi Huang, Oak Canyon D8
- Lance Shoemaker, Hensley Historic District D3
- Laura Irons, Vendome D3
- Linda Eckstone, Naglee Park D3
- Lisa Wangness, Naglee Park D3
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- Mary Piraro, Hyde Park D3
- Mary Tucker, Historic Hensley D3
- Matt Taylor, Naglee Park D3
- Nancy Williams, Santa Teresa D2
- Nat Robinson, Northside D3
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- Richard Stewart, Spartan-Keyes D3
- Robert Faria, D8
- Robert Tuite, Vendome D3
- Sandra Devlin, Greystone D10
- Sandra Soellner, SUN D3
- Seigitado Tadokoro, Almaden D10
- Sherri Taylor, Naglee Park D3
- Sonya Lu, Northside D3
- Sophia Kaboga-Miller, Vendome D3
- Spencer Horowitz, Willow Glen D6
- Tim Clauson, Vendome D3
- Tobin Gilman, Almaden Valley D10
- Tod Williams, Vendome D3
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