

Greater Blossom Hill / Almaden Expressway COI

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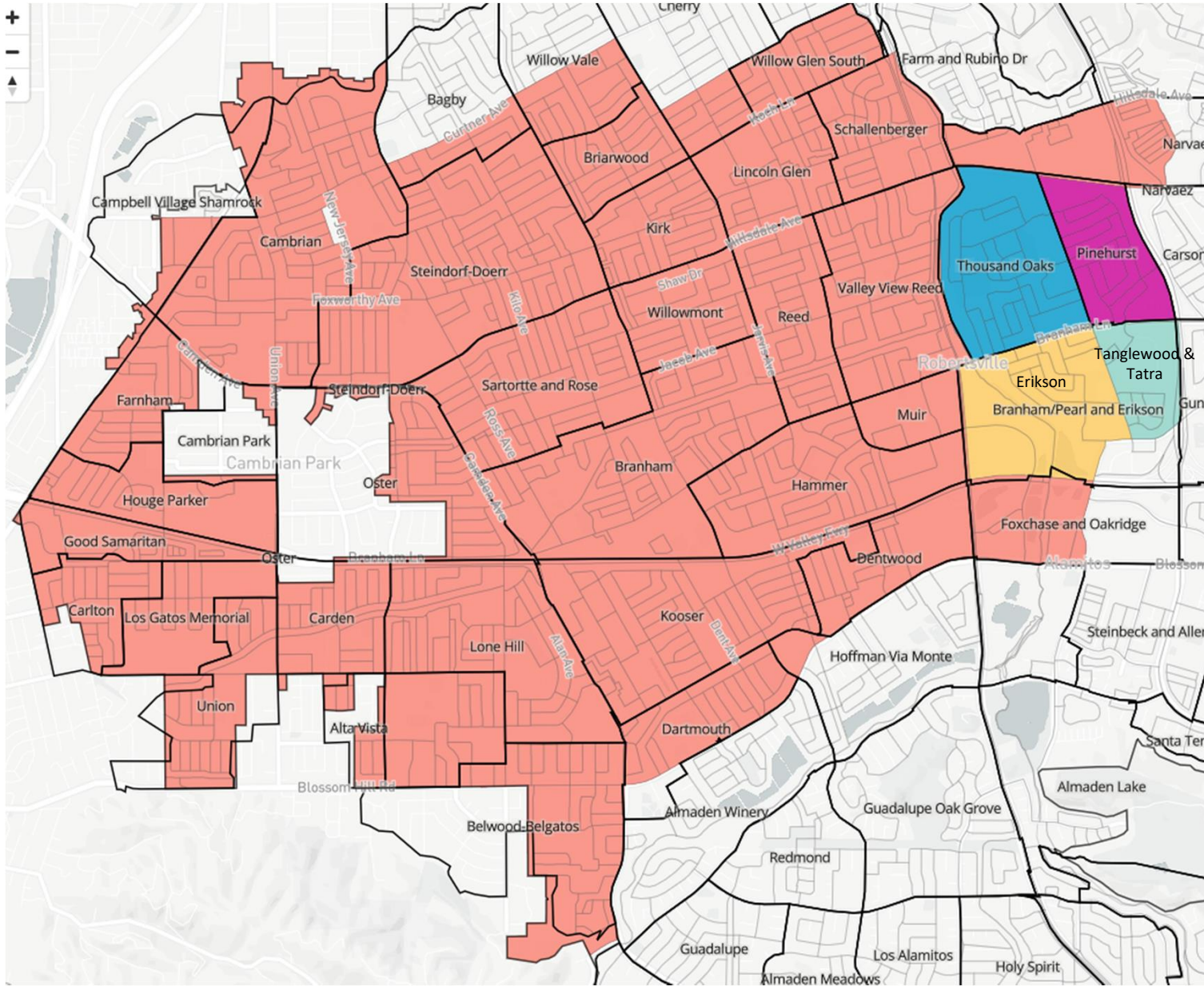
- Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association
- Pinehurst Residents Association
- Tatra Community Association
- VEP Community Association

Redistricting Commission meeting, 4 November 2021

(Updated to add Transit Oriented Developments at Capitol and Branham Light Rail Stations)

David Noel, President, Erikson Neighborhood Association

Branham/Pearl Four Corners COI – shown within current D9 Boundaries

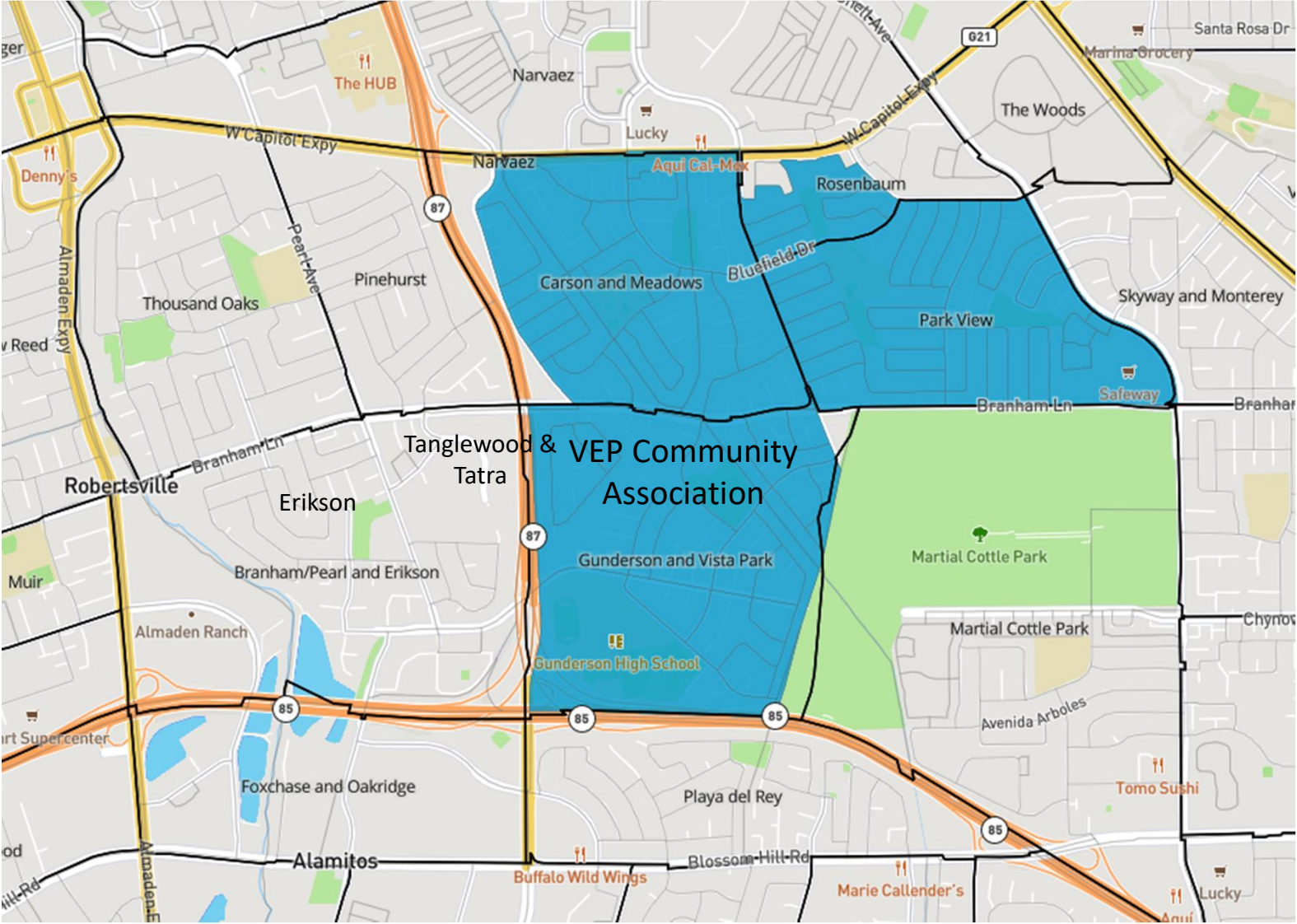


Please keep this COI together, and inside D9:

- Thousand Oaks
- Pinehurst
- Erikson
- Tanglewood
- Tatra

Over half of the D9 Leadership Group board members reside in this COI

VEP Community Association COI – Currently in D10



Please keep this COI together, and inside D10:

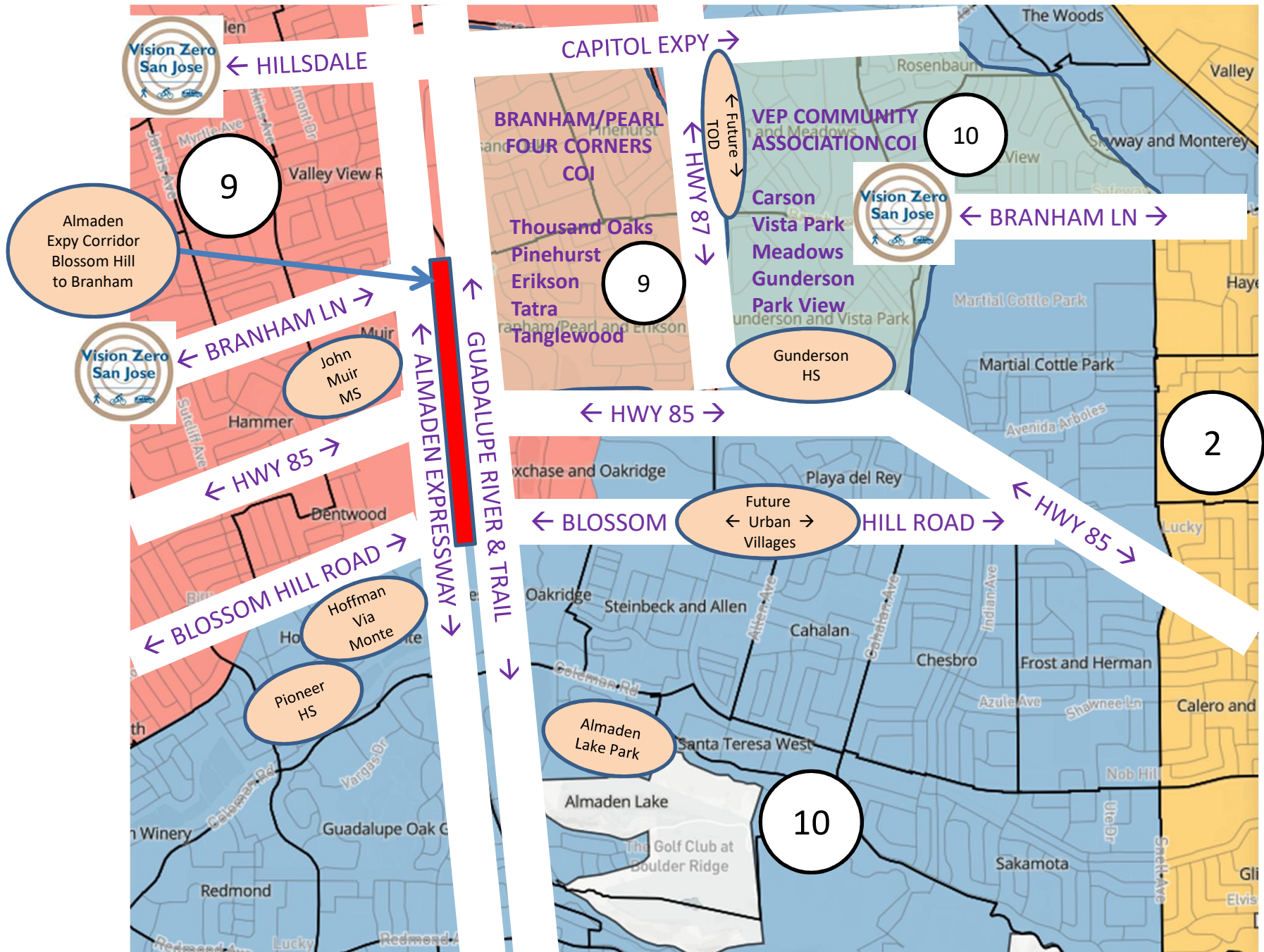
- Gunderson
- Vista Park
- Carson
- Meadows
- Parkview

VEP Community Association has continuously served this area since 1969, representing over 2800 families

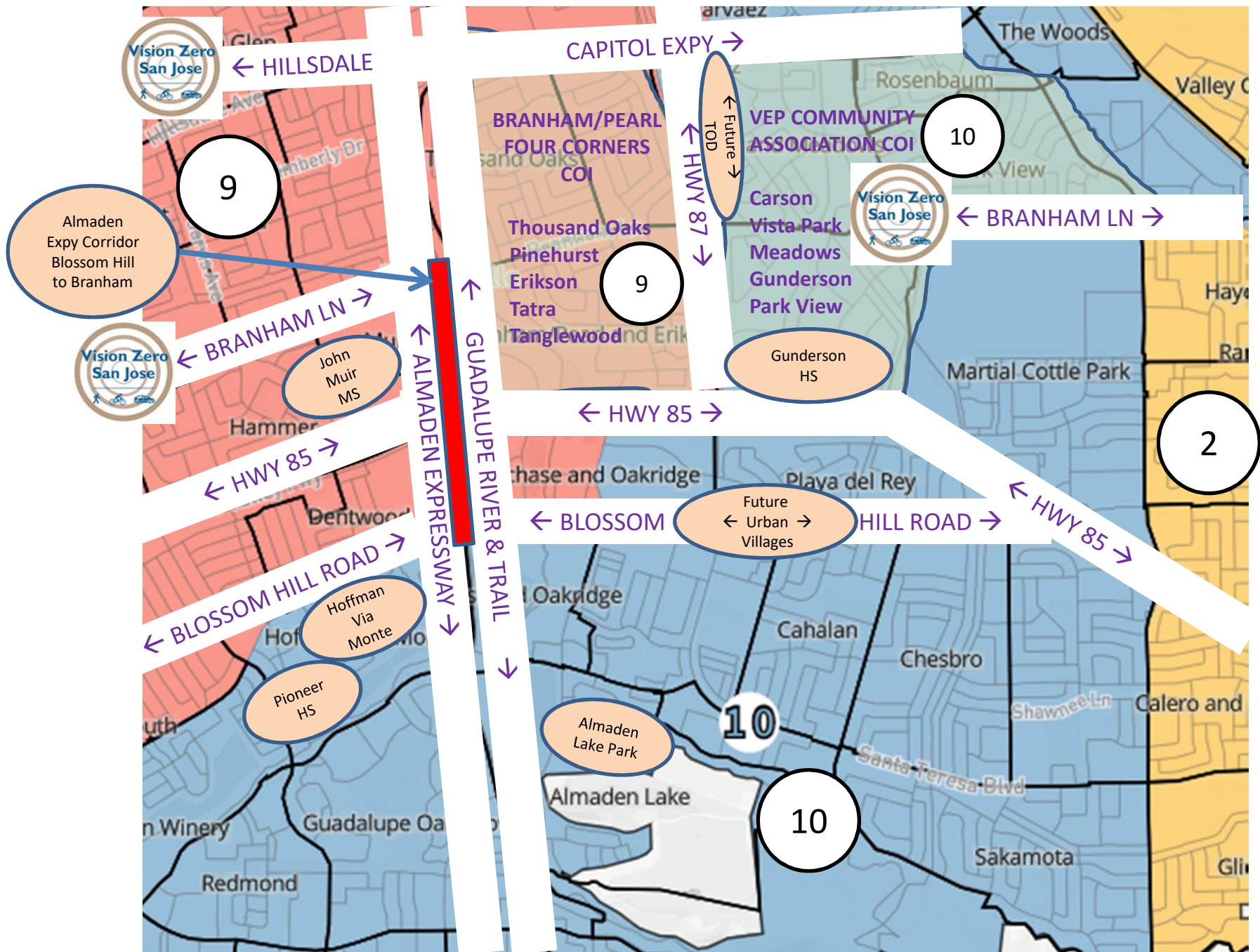
- Named after:
- Vistapark
 - Encore
 - Echo Valley
 - Parkview Valley

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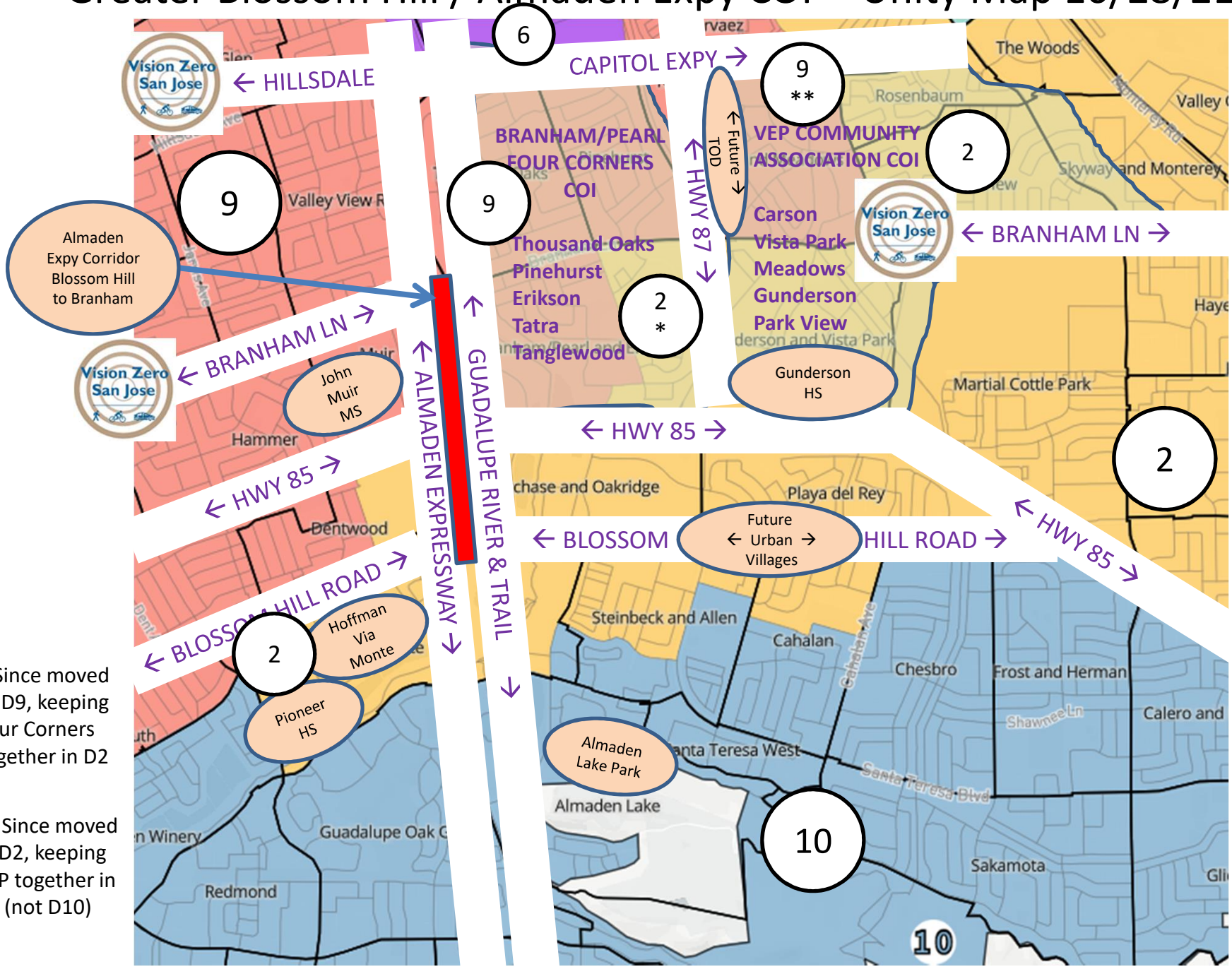
Greater Blossom Hill / Almaden Expy COI -- Current Map



Greater Blossom Hill / Almaden Expy COI -- Community Map 10/28/21



Greater Blossom Hill / Almaden Expy COI -- Unity Map 10/28/21



* Since moved to D9, keeping Four Corners together in D2

** Since moved to D2, keeping VEP together in D2 (not D10)

Community vs. Unity Map for our COI

Point of Interest	Issues / Features	Community Map	Unity Map
Almaden Expy - Blossom Hill to Branham (city/county partnership)	Highly congested corridor	Keeps in D9	Splits into D9 & D2 (harder to manage)
Blossom Hill corridor - Almaden Expy to Hwy 85	Congested corridor Future Urban Villages	Keeps in D9/D10	Moves to D2, but impacts D9 & D10 (harder to manage)
Guadalupe River, Trail & multiple percolation ponds (city/Valley Water partnership)	Flood control projects Ped trail & bridge const. Fires Clean-ups Encampments	Keeps in D9/D10	Splits into D2/D9/D10 (harder to manage)
Almaden Lake	Major river & lake rebuild 4th of July Festivals	Keeps in D10, close to D9	Keeps in D10, close to D2 & D9 (harder to manage)
Vision Zero Corridors	Hillsdale Branham Pearl (road diet)	Keeps in D9/D10	Moves to D9/D2 with a peek of D6 (harder to manage)
Schools	SJUSD runs north/south along Almaden Expy Corridor	Keeps in D9/D10	Splits into D2/D9/D10 (harder to manage)
Hoffman Via Monte	Community of need	Keeps in D10, where it is well served	Moves to D2 (unnecessary and disruptive)

Community vs. Unity Map for our COI (cont)

Point of Interest ⁷	Issues / Features	Community Map	Unity Map
Future Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) at Capitol and Branham light rail stations	Congestion at Hwy 87 Capitol/Narvaez onramp, shared with Farm/Rubino and Communications Hill	Keeps at D9/D10 Border Farm/Rubino in D9 Communications Hill in D10	Moves to D9/D2 border Farm/Rubino in D6 Communications Hill in D7 (Key affected neighborhoods not directly represented)

“Redistricting 101”



Protecting Neighborhoods

Bringing like people together for representation

FAIR MAPS Act:

To the extent practicable, the geographic integrity of any local neighborhood or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division.

“Redistricting 101”



Additional Redistricting Rules

Criteria required in San Jose beyond Traditional Principles

Under the City Charter, the Commission shall “give consideration to:”

- a) Natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries
- b) Geography
- c) Cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory
- d) Community of interests within each district

Section 403, San Jose City Charter.

“Redistricting 101”



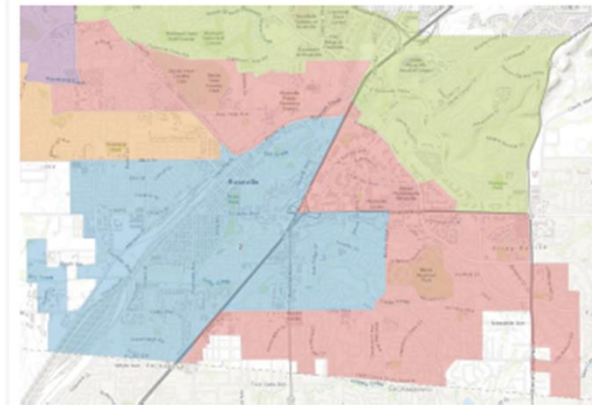
Compactness

Determining what is “compact”

California has a rather elegant/simple definition.

- Not bypassing nearby populated areas in favor of more distant populated areas

NOT
COMPACT



“Redistricting 101”

14th Amendment: Prohibitions on Racial Gerrymandering

- Race and Ethnicity Can Be Considered as Factors and Can Be Used to Comply with the Federal Voting Rights, But
- If Race is the Predominant Factor, or As a Result of Considering Race, the Districts Are Very Oddly Shaped, then the Lines may be Unconstitutional
 - Voting Rights Act Compliance Can Justify Districts
 - Considering Multiple Factors in Addition to Race (Race Doesn't Predominate) Can Justify Districts

“Redistricting 101”

Assembly Bill No. 849: FAIR MAPS Act

The Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act.

To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria:

- (1) geographically **contiguous districts** (each city council district should share a common border with the next),
- (2) **the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,**
- (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (4) easily identifiable boundaries that **follow natural or artificial barriers** (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and
- (5) lines shall be drawn to encourage **geographic compactness**. In addition, boundaries **shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.**