

City of Fairfield
Draft Maps

November 9, 2019

California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

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- Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.
- The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into “by-district” election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court *Gingles* tests:
 - ~~1. Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?~~
 2. Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
 3. Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
 - ~~4. Do the “totality of circumstances” indicate race is a factor in elections?~~
- Liability is now determined only by the presence of racially polarized voting

- Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:
 - At least 202 school districts
 - 34 Community College Districts
 - 120 cities
 - 1 County Board of Supervisors
 - 15 water and other special districts.
- Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica fought “on the merits.” All lost.
 - Santa Monica and Santa Clara are appealing.
 - Palmdale spent about \$1.8 million, Santa Clara about \$800,000, and Santa Monica between \$5 and \$8 million, just on their defense.
 - Santa Monica plaintiffs requested \$22 million
 - No jurisdiction has won a case.
- Key settlements:
 - Palmdale: \$4.7 million
 - Santa Clara: \$3.16 million
 - Modesto: \$3 million
 - Highland: \$1.3 million
 - Anaheim: \$1.1 million
 - Whittier: \$1 million
 - Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - Compton Unified: \$200,000
 - Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - Merced City: \$42,000

Districting Timeline

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings Oct. 1 and Oct. 15	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the City.
Community Forum October	Background Information and How-To Session with Kits.
Deadline for Initial Map submissions: Oct. 31	Deadline for residents to submit map proposals
Release draft maps: Nov. 8	
Community Forum November 9	Discussion of Draft Maps and Election Sequencing
Deadline for Add'l Map submissions: Dec. 4	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.
Hearings on Draft Maps Dec. 17 and Jan. 21	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequencing.
Final Adoption	Map and election sequence must be posted 7 days prior to adoption.
Election Day: November 2020	First by-district elections held.
Adjust Maps: 2021	Map adjusted using 2020 Census data
Election Day: November 2022	First by-district election held in remaining districts.

Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ❑ No Racial Gerrymandering

Revised by AB849 for maps that will be adopted after Jan. 1, 2020.



Districting Criteria and Principles

- ❑ Geographically Contiguous
- ❑ Neighborhoods and Communities of interest
- ❑ Clear visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ❑ Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)
- ❑ Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
- ❑ Future Population Growth

Demographic Summary

In a 4-district map, each Council district will have about 26,342 residents.

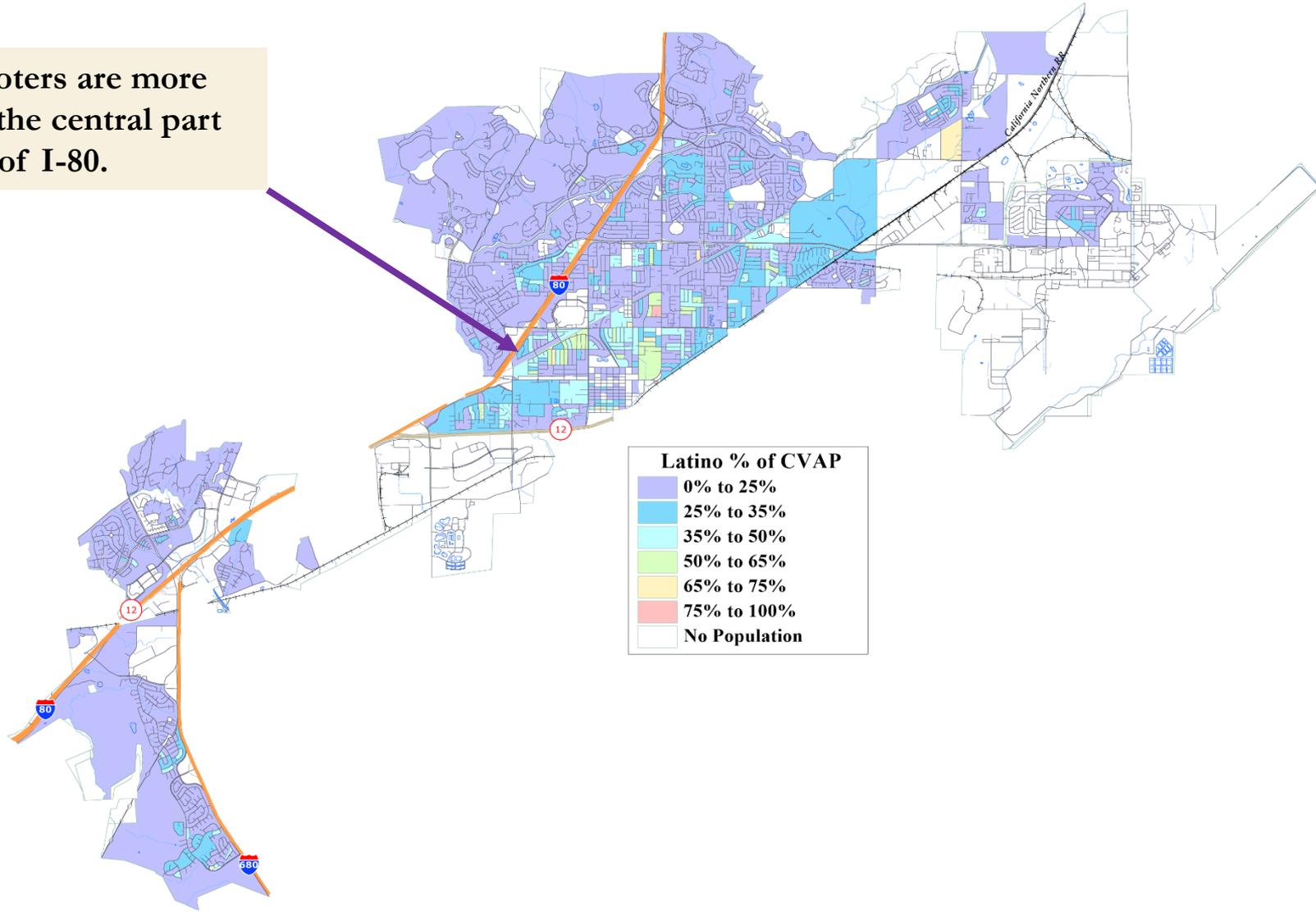
Citizen Voting Age Population data, also referred to as “eligible voter” data, are the key data for voting rights analysis.

The additional data fields can be used, where appropriate, to assist in identifying “communities of interest.”

Category	Field	Count	Pct	Category	Field	Count	Pct
	Total Pop	105,369		ACS Pop. Est.	Total	107,040	
Total Pop	Hispanic	28,796	27%	Age	age0-19	29,472	28%
	NH White	37,105	35%		age20-60	58,311	54%
	NH Black	17,341	16%		age60plus	19,257	18%
	Asian-American	17,344	16%	Immigration	immigrants	24,622	23%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	69,825			naturalized	13,832	56%
	Hispanic	13,743	20%	Language spoken at home	english	64,835	65%
	NH White	27,828	40%		spanish	20,580	21%
	NH Black	12,278	18%		asian-lang	10,611	11%
	Asian/PacIsl.	13,203	20%		other lang	4,183	4%
Voter Registration (Nov 2018)	Total	53,518		Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	13,947	14%
	Latino est.	11,876	22%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	41,826	60%
	Spanish-Surnamed	10,668	20%		bachelor	12,594	18%
	Asian-Surnamed	2,320	4%		graduatedegree	4,838	7%
	Filipino-Surnamed	2,416	5%	Child in Household	child-under18	11,769	35%
	NH White est.	26,513	50%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	47,773	58%
NH Black	10,323	19%	Household Income		income 0-25k	4,901	14%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	32,159			income 25-50k	6,317	19%
	Latino est.	6,157		19%	income 50-75k	5,833	17%
	Spanish-Surnamed	5,531		17%	income 75-200k	14,324	42%
	Asian-Surnamed	1,268		4%	income 200k-plus	2,525	7%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1,309	4%	Housing Stats	single family	26,929	76%
	NH White est.	17,047	53%		multi-family	8,607	24%
NH Black	6,333	20%	rented		14,924	44%	
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	Total	38,840			owned	18,976	56%
	Latino est.	7,805	20%				
	Spanish-Surnamed	7,011	18%				
	Asian-Surnamed	1,501	4%				
	Filipino-Surnamed	1,516	4%				
	NH White est.	19,548	50%				
NH Black est.	7,518	19%					

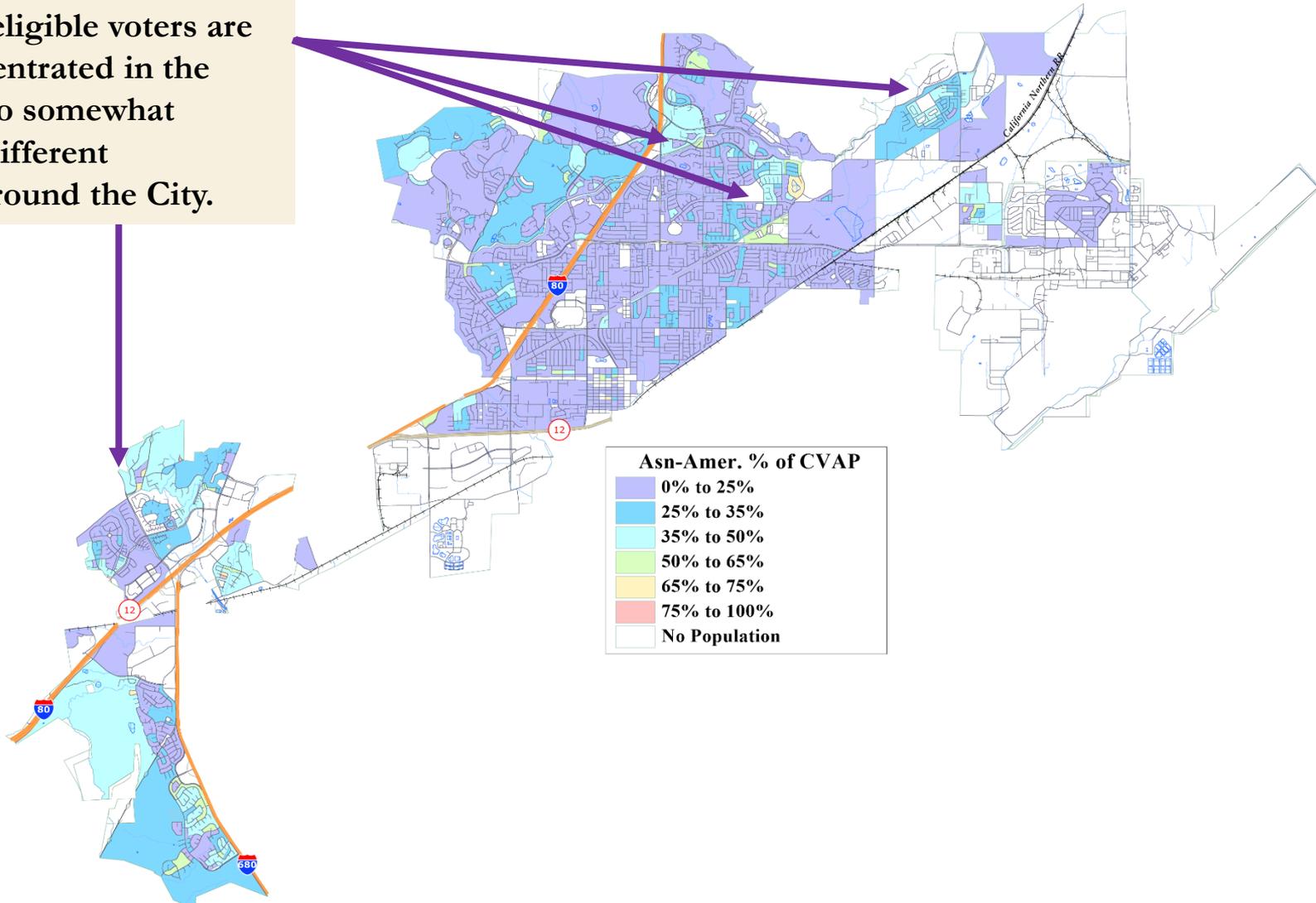
Latino Concentrations

Latino eligible voters are more concentrated in the central part of the City, east of I-80.



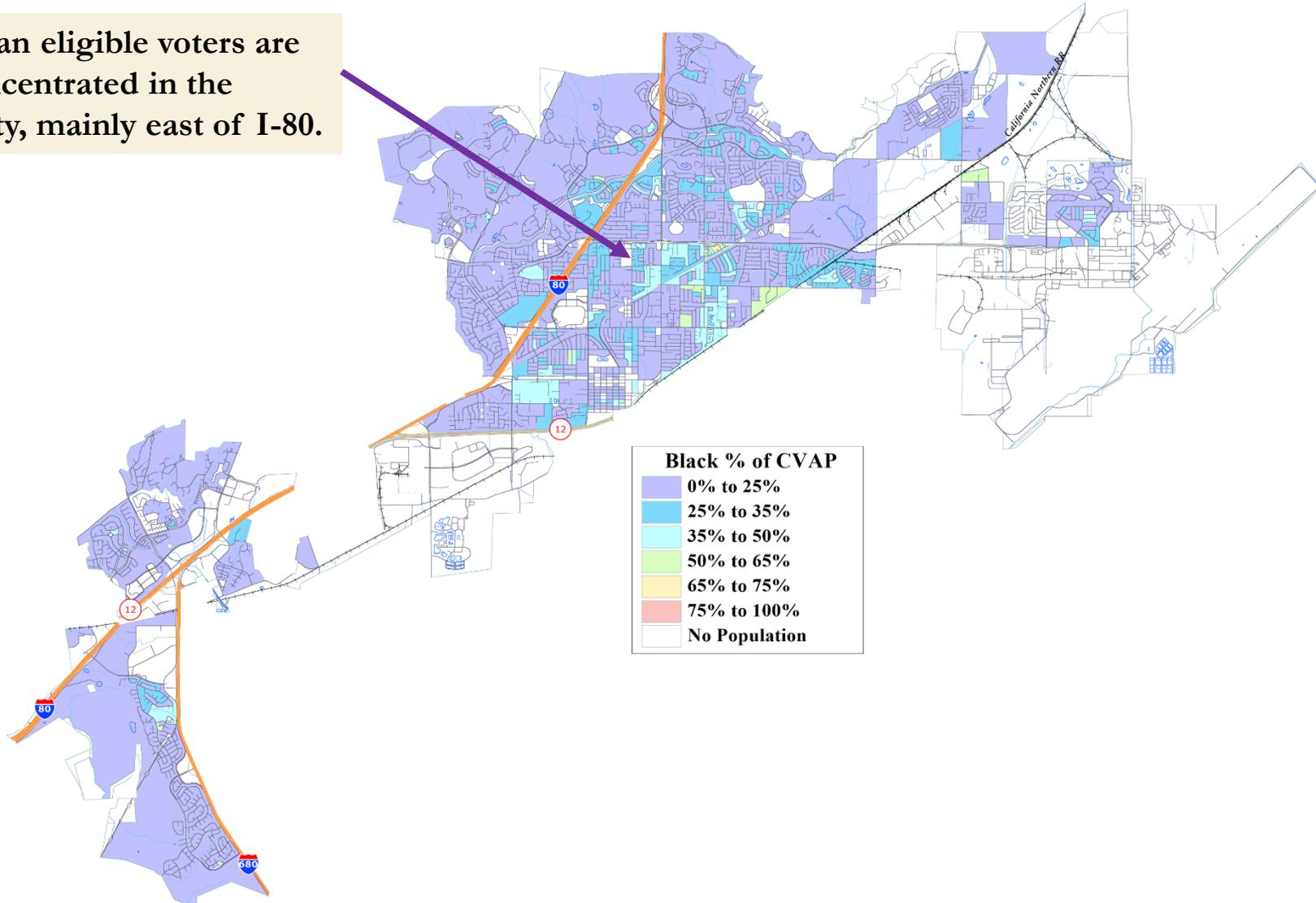
Asian-American Concentrations

Asian-American eligible voters are particularly concentrated in the south, but are also somewhat concentrated in different neighborhoods around the City.



African-American Concentrations

African-American eligible voters are particularly concentrated in the center of the city, mainly east of I-80.



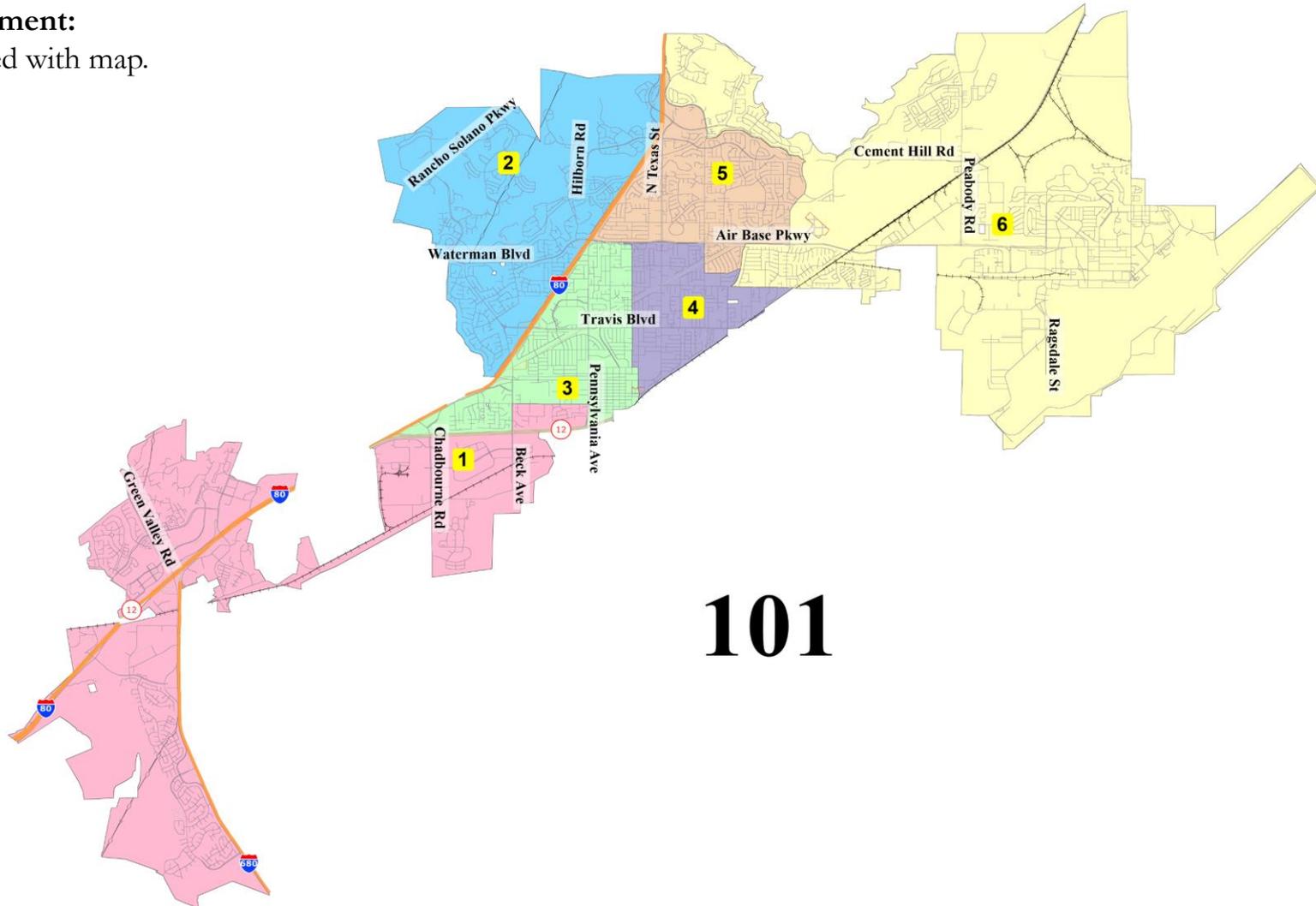
Draft Maps

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- Two maps drawn by residents
 - ▣ Maps 101 and 102
- Two maps drawn by NDC
 - ▣ Maps 103 and 104

Map submitter's comment:

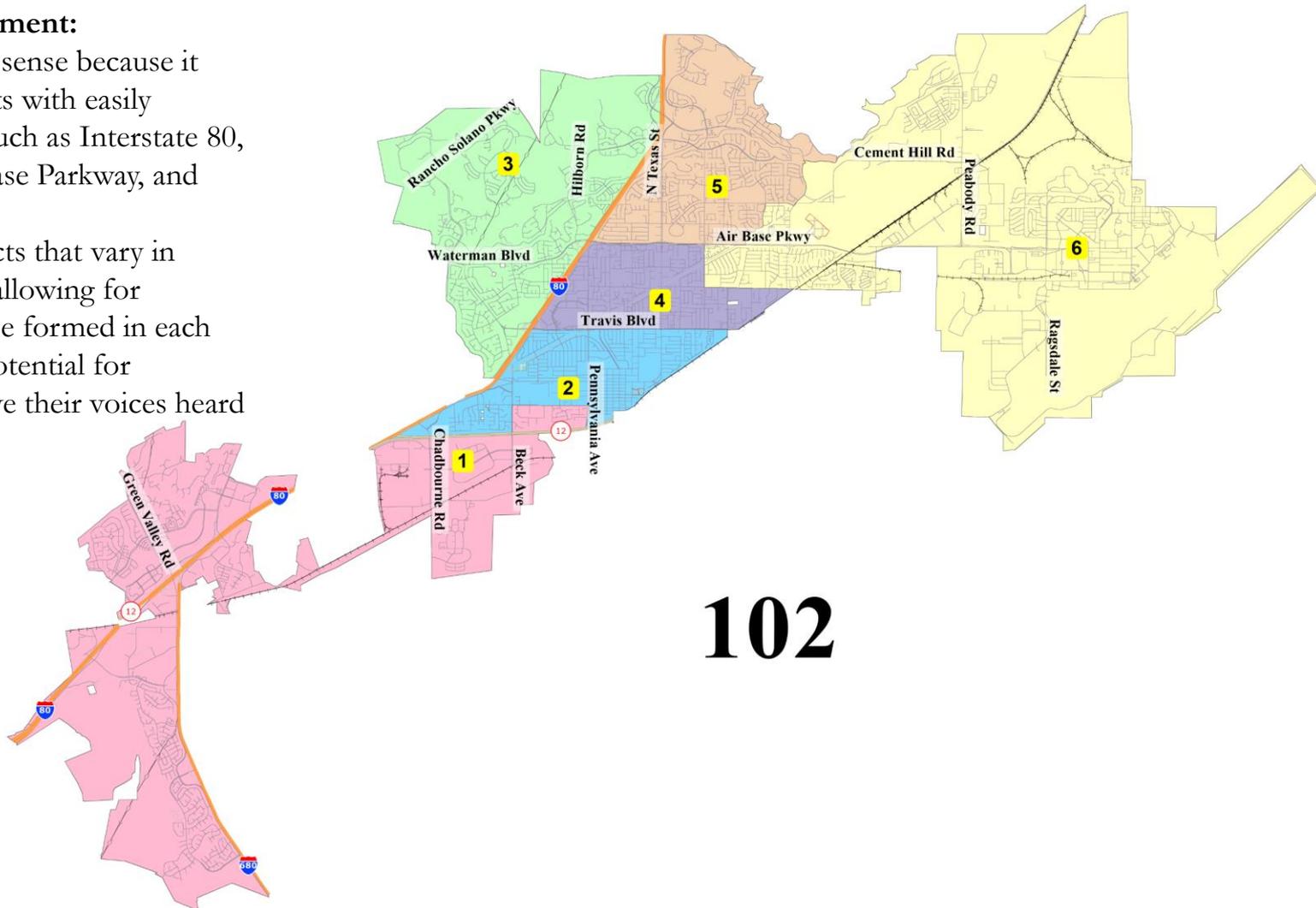
No comments submitted with map.



Map submitter's comment:

I think this map makes sense because it creates compact districts with easily recognizable borders, such as Interstate 80, Travis Boulevard, Airbase Parkway, and Clay Bank Road.

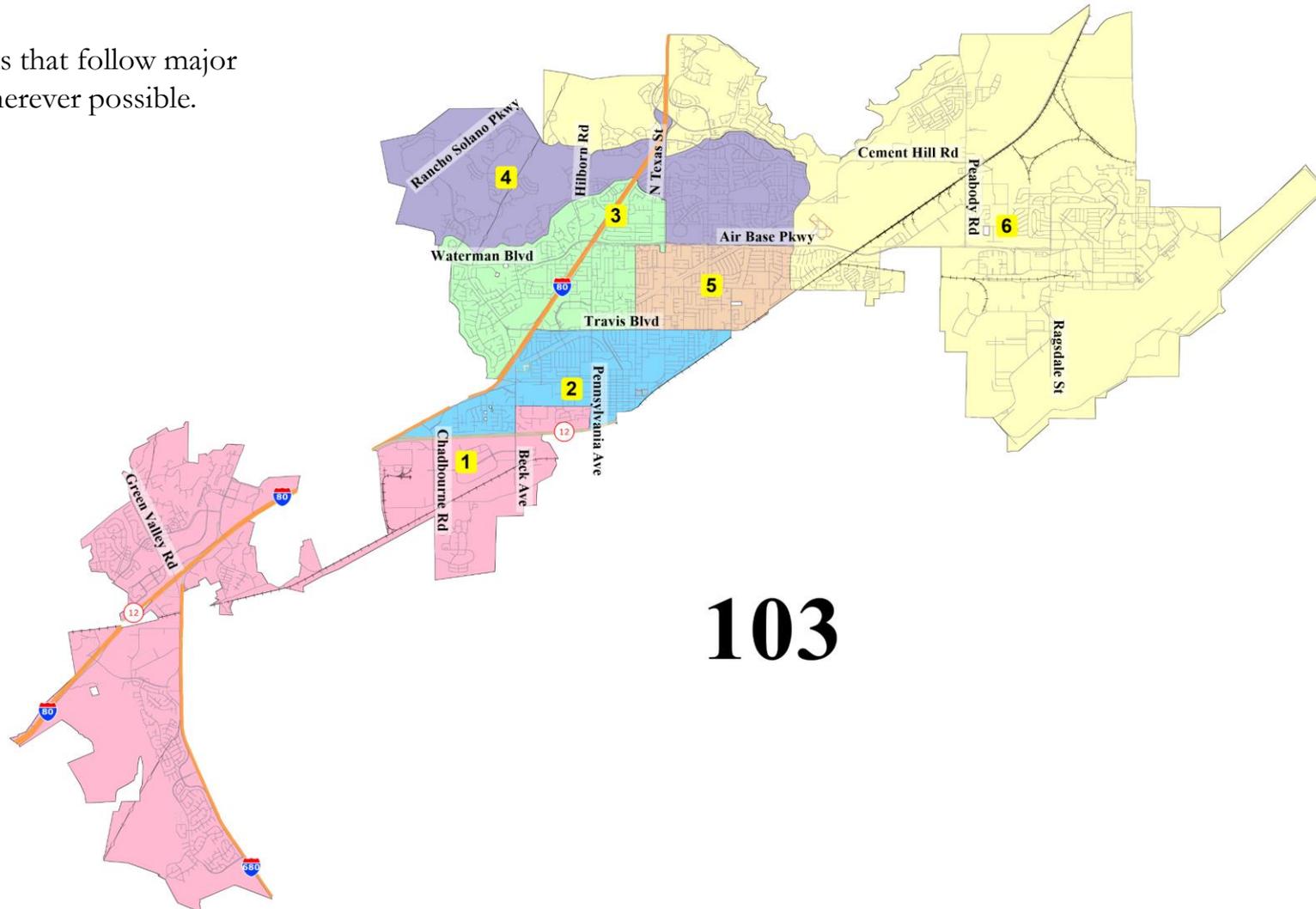
It also creates six districts that vary in demographic makeup, allowing for different coalitions to be formed in each one. It enhances the potential for protected classes to have their voices heard on election day



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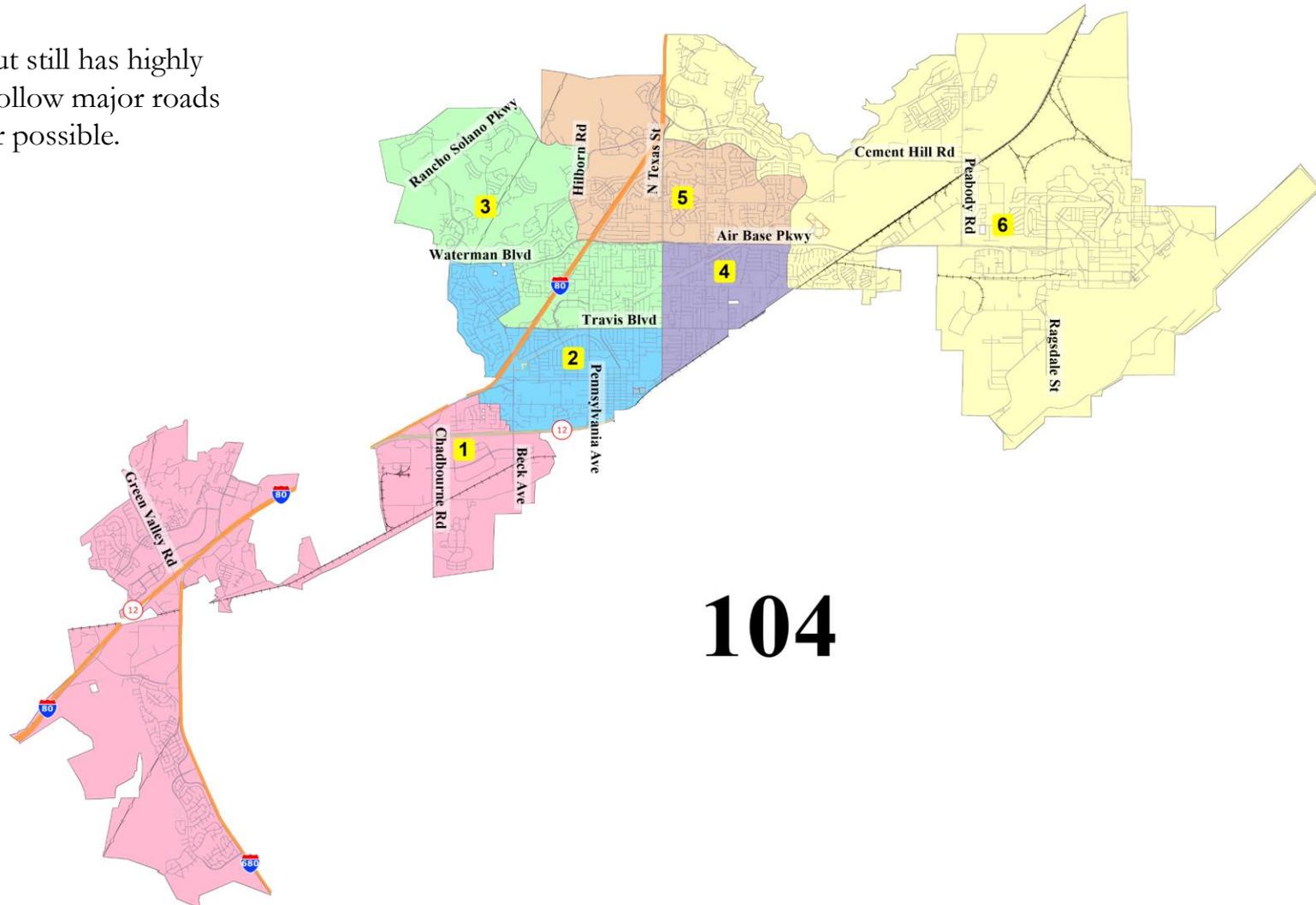
NDC Comment:

Highly compact districts that follow major roads and/or creeks wherever possible.



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Alternative approach but still has highly compact districts that follow major roads and/or creeks wherever possible.



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Discussion

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1. Which map(s) do you prefer? What do you like about them?
2. Deadline for 2nd round of public map submissions is Dec. 4

