

## Public Comment for Redistricting: Nov 30 City Council Agenda Item 3.3

Jourdan Bickham [REDACTED]

Tue 11/30/2021 6:11 PM

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I urge you to adopt the Community Map. I believe it would best serve all San Jose residents, minimizing the number of people displaced to new districts, and maximizing the ability for council offices to provide the best services for **all** residents.

Unity Map proponents would like you to believe that changing district boundaries based primarily on ethnicity would enhance the voices of under-served people such as ethnic minorities, renters and LGBTQ people. But consider this: The issues that impact these and all residents the most are location-based, and are best served by compact contiguous districts with logical geographical boundaries. Here are examples:

- Residential and commercial developments (e.g. the Google development, city-wide Urban Villages, and downtown high rises)
- Transportation (e.g. roads, transit, High Speed Rail, the Diridon Station area)
- Shopping and dining districts
- Homelessness
- Blight

I fully expect all councilmembers to equally represent all city residents regardless of ethnicity, income, gender, and homeowner/renter status. I don't buy the narrative that simply selecting district boundaries based on racial demographics will improve the lives of the under-served. However, dividing communities of interest would definitely make the entire city less efficient to manage and reduce the quality of service for **all** residents.

I live in the Blossom Hill/Almaden Expy greater Community of Interest, and have been a neighborhood leader here for over 20 years. This complex area is currently effectively managed by Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map preserves the current boundaries with minor adjustments. The Unity Map **divides** this COI with a narrow Gerrymandered arm of District 2 along the Blossom Hill Road corridor. This would greatly complicate resolution of numerous issues we will face in the next ten years, for example:

- Almaden Expy from Blossom Hill to Branham is one of the most complicated and congested stretches of road in the city, made more complex by being a county road. This stretch should remain under the jurisdiction of a single council district. The Community Map keeps this stretch under the purview of District 9, with a small portion shared with District 10. The Unity Map divides this critical corridor by injecting a sliver of District 2 between Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map would be far better here.
- The Blossom Hill Road corridor from Hwy 85 to Pioneer High School (west of Almaden Expy) is slated to have multiple Urban Villages per GP2040. Most of the impacts of these developments will be felt by the communities to the north and south (D9 and D10). The Community Map maintains D9 and D10 seats at the table when these developments are being designed, decided upon, and built. The Unity Map moves this corridor into a narrow sliver of District 2, **silencing the voices** of District 9 and 10 residents who will be the most affected. The Community Map would be far better here.

- The Guadalupe River runs parallel to Almaden Expy with challenges such as Almaden Lake reconstruction, trail development, possible pedestrian bridge development (at Chynoweth), flood control, drought, encampments, and numerous fires. The Unity Map divides this corridor by injecting a sliver of District 2 between Districts 9 and 10. The Community Map would be better here.

Now let's zoom out to a wider view of Districts 2 and 10. Both of their greater Communities of Interest are oriented generally north/south in terms of community resources and daily commutes. The Community Map keeps these two districts oriented north/south as they are now, whereas the Unity Map orients them east/west, **dividing both** greater COIs. Ironically, the Unity Map even moves District 2's biggest community/senior center (Southside) to District 10! Here are examples why both districts should remain oriented north/south as they are now, and are in the Community Map:

- The greater District 10 COI generally follows the Almaden Expy, Guadalupe River and Hwy 87 corridors (north/south). The Almaden Area is highly dependent on the Almaden Expressway corridor and greatly impacted by congestion on Almaden Expy between Blossom Hill and Branham. Significant shopping and dining are centered in the Almaden/Blossom Hill area. The Community Map would be better here.
- The greater District 2 COI generally follows the Monterey Hwy and Coyote Creek corridors (north/south). D2 residents will experience major High Speed Rail development and traffic disruptions over the next ten years. Significant shopping and dining are centered in the Monterey Hwy and Cottle Road areas. The Community Map would be better here.

Like you, I would like to see under-served residents have a stronger voice in local government. As a long-time neighborhood leader, here are my recommendations to accomplish that:

- The council offices need to take a lead role in publicizing and holding public meetings on items that affect their residents, and insist on holding them at times and locations that the affected residents can attend.
- Establish a program to develop and incubate new community associations (neighborhood associations, renters associations, business districts, etc.), and partner new and mature associations in mentorship relationships.
- Consider providing additional funding and possibly staff support to United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County to revive their annual Neighborhood Development Training Conferences.
- Consider reviving the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative.

In closing, please select the Community Map. It was created by volunteer neighborhood leaders in their spare time, following all applicable laws and best practices to identify and preserve Communities of Interest city-wide, and best serve all residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jourdan Bickham, board member  
Pinehurst Residents Association

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Dear Council members,

Please note that, over the past few days, supporters of the Unity map have sent several emails to city council stating that the Community Map "kicks neighborhoods like Washington Guadalupe, Gardner and Spartan Keyes out of the downtown". And, they are stating that the Community Map "reduces the voice of Latinx by 7% in District 3."

This information is not correct.

The truth is: The Community Map keeps Virginia-Martha, Spartan-Keys, Guadalupe-Washington, Goodyear Mastic and Tamien all together in District 3. And, the racial demographic numbers for Latinx in District 3 are essentially the same as the Unity Map.

Community Map District 3 is 45.1% Latinx

Unity Map District 3 is 45.6 Latinx

The Commissioner's D4 map is the map that splits those neighborhoods south of 280 into three districts and has a Latinx population of 42.8%.

Thank you,  
Cheryl

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I am distressed that some Councilmembers are dismissing San Jose's most distinguished civil rights organizations, who support the Unity Map, as "special interests". Equity and civil rights should be the concern of every San Jose resident, including Councilmembers, and should be one of if not the most important considerations in adopting a redistricting map. To fail to do this after the turmoil of 2020 is to ignore the lessons we all should have learned.

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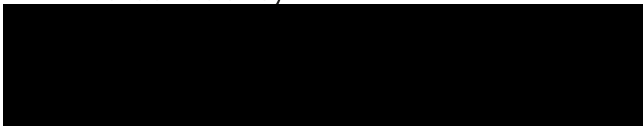
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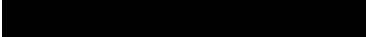
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**From:** Ingrid Mult 

**Sent:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:00 PM

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**Subject:** VOTE YES on the UNITY MAP



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Hello! My name is Ingrid Mult and I am simply a resident of this county and my VOTE IS FOR THE UNITY MAP

the UNITY MAP was carefully created based on the input and needs of its community members, individuals and stakeholders of the community

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- Asian Law Alliance
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Date: Tue, Nov 30, 2021 at 7:39 PM

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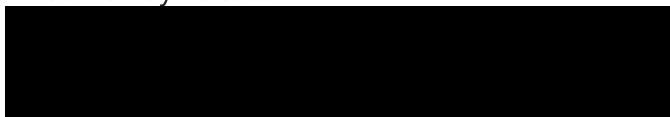
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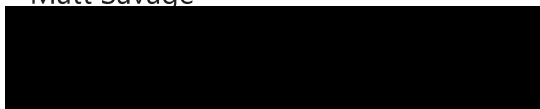
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Wed 12/1/2021 1:33 PM

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From: **Connie F Springer** [REDACTED]

Date: Wed, Dec 1, 2021 at 9:25 AM

Subject: Please support the San José Unity Map

To: <[neil.mcclintick@svraction.org](mailto:neil.mcclintick@svraction.org)>

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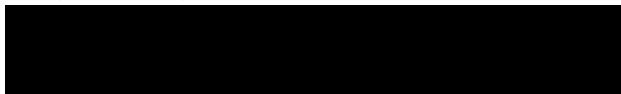
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Thu 12/2/2021 8:07 AM

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

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Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 12/3/2021 6:50 AM

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

Thank You,

*Barb Gregory***Analyst II****Office of the City Clerk****200 E Santa Clara St FL T-14****San Jose, C-A 95112****408-535-1272 Fax: 408-292-6207****e-mail: barbara.gregory@sanjoseca.gov****How is our service? [Please take our short survey.](#)****From:** Jeanine Brown [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 3:34 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Public Comment for Redistricting

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Dear Ms. Taber,

I am writing to ask you to **please approve the Community Map** and reject the Unity Map and Commission Map.

As a District 9 homeowner, I support the Community Map as it was developed by volunteer neighborhood leaders adhering to redistricting laws and best practices to create fair and manageable boundaries that give all residents an equal voice and preserve neighborhood boundaries.

I don't support the Unity Map as it breaks up both the Almaden Expy/Guadalupe River and Monterey Hwy/Coyote Creek corridors by having Districts 2 and 10 run east/west between them instead of north/south along them. These corridors have unique challenges that will be harder to address if they are divided up.

Many high density Urban Village residential developments are planned along the Blossom Hill corridor from Hwy 85 to Pioneer High School. It is not fair to put District 2 in charge of this corridor when the most significant impacts of these developments will be felt by residents of Districts 9 and 10 a few blocks away on either side.



I live in the Erikson neighborhood in District 9 near Almaden Expy and Blossom Hill. We need to have a seat at the table when major developments are planned close to our homes. Please don't silence our voices by annexing the Blossom Hill corridor into District 2.

Thank you for reading and serving our city.

Jeanine Eiding

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**Fw: Blair Beekman. Thursday, December 2, 2021....Redistricting questions**

Gregory, Barbara &lt;Barbara.Gregory@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

Fri 12/3/2021 6:48 AM

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

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**From:** b. beekman**Sent:** Thursday, December 2, 2021 10:15 PM**Subject:** Blair Beekman. Thursday, December 2, 2021....Redistricting questions

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Dear sj city council, and city govt.

Sorry for the hour, of this letter.

I am very disappointed, that a possible, closed session tomorrow, on the future of redistricting, is not made clear, to the public, in the public agenda. 'To be considering, many items', is not a very open, accountable way, for a closed session, public agenda, to address such an important community issue, where many everyday people, have good ideas and opinions.

To respect, that the closed study session process, can be of help, towards a good focus, for some issues, it seems, this is the sort of issue, that can almost always have, a community openness, sharing, accountability, & goodwill, for all sides.

With that said, I would like to offer, a few ideas of redistricting.

In the end, I am in favor, of how the community map, can be used, to make adjustments, based on, good unity map ideas. With his said, I feel we should work, for District 7, to become a part of, the Willow St and Vine St. area. And to create, a 3 corners area - with District 3 & 6, nearer to the Google Village area, and Downtown San Jose.

I am interested, how we can develop, some interesting ideas of equity, for the future of the Google village area. And perhaps, to help in interesting ways, many are trying to address the serious redlining problems & history in San Jose. The upcoming future of redistricting. for District 7, can be closer to the Horseshoe, Google Village area. And for District 7, to also be able, to move from Vine St, eastward, along the edge, of San Carlos Ave and/or San Fernando st. And for the San Jose St, area, the Williams/Reed neighborhoods, and south 1sr st business areas, to be a part of District 7.

A District 7, that extends into the south downtown area, sharing 3 corners, with District 3 & 6. and that can be closer, to the Google Village, and Horseshoe area, can be the ways, how people of low income areas, can have more of a voice, in the future of Google village issues. it can allow people, from the Spartan Keyes area, to feel more of a part of the downtown area, as previously being in District 3, also could. And from this, make it easier, in the important goal, for many of the Spartan Keyes area, to continue to be a part of, the San Jose Unified School District.

District 3, can continue to be, an important economic engine, for San Jose. The redistricting of District 3, will continue to have, the S.J Airport, important, large corporate, and internet business, along N.First St., the downtown Google Village/Diridon station area, the majority of downtown itself, and at least, one Bart Station.

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## Public Comment on Agenda item 3.3 (Redistricting) for the December 7th Council Meeting

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Attached is a letter containing the public comment regarding Agenda item 3.3 (Redistricting) for the December 7th City Council Meeting.

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To the San Jose City Council:

My name is Greg Ripa and I've lived and worked in San Jose for over 12 years since graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in City Planning. Through my home and job locations, my previous job as a transportation analysis consultant for the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, and my time spent visiting friends and family, going to church, attending work project meetings, and cycling through various areas of the city, I feel that although I may not have lived here as long as other residents, I still have a good grasp on the City, its population, and the city's built environment.

I currently live in the Midtown neighborhood of San Jose (a neighborhood in District 6). I chose to live here due to its walkability, bikeability, and transit friendliness. Before the pandemic, I regularly took the bus to various events in the downtown area. I still walk and bike to stores and restaurants located near my home. I love that my neighborhood is mixed use with corner markets located among residential buildings; further, I appreciate that there are a mix of housing types in my neighborhood from single family home to duplexes to fourplexes to small apartment buildings to large apartment buildings. In other words, this neighborhood already has opportunity housing that you'll be discussing on another agenda item soon.

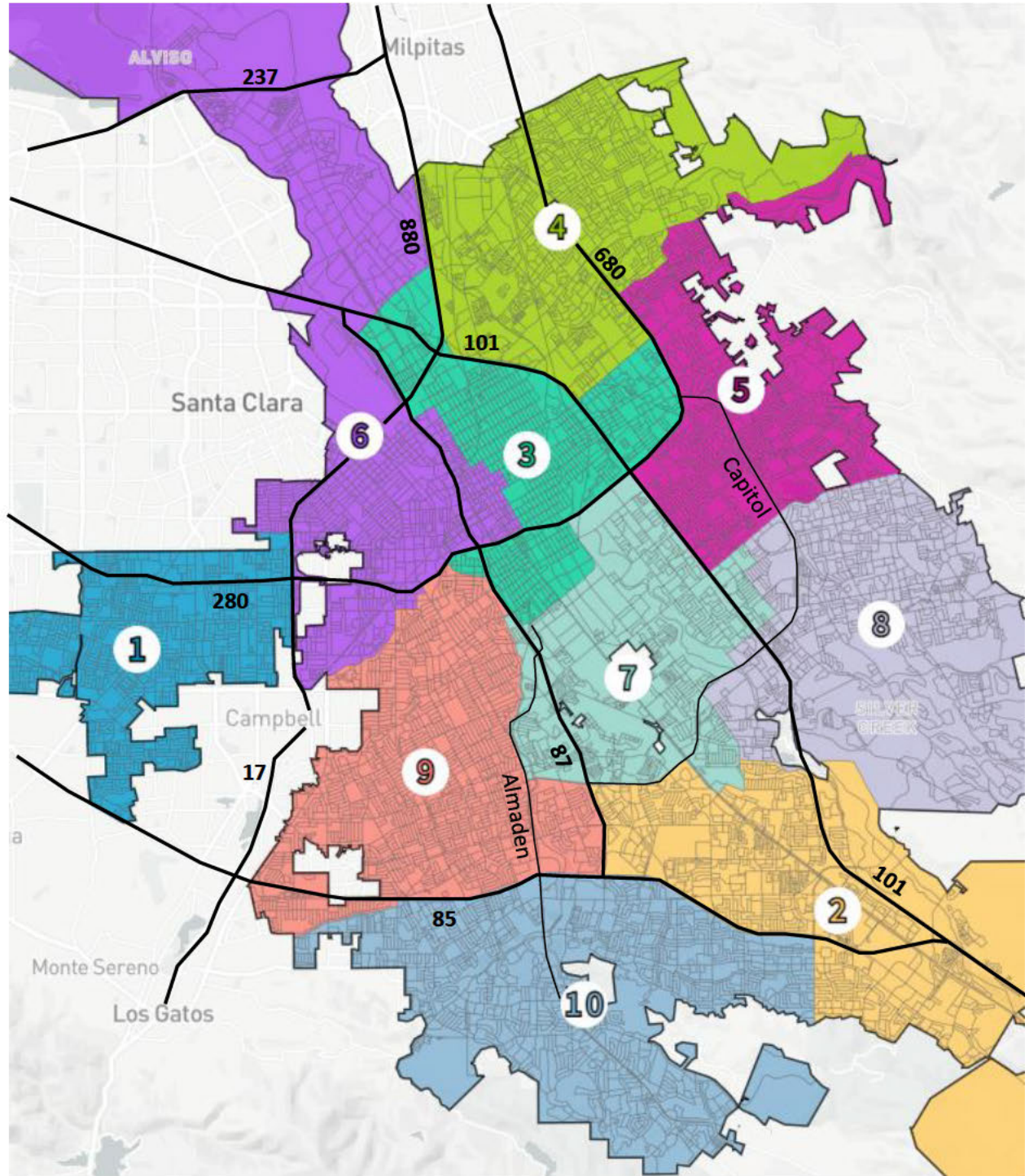
Many areas of District 6 are quite distinct in character and outlook as compared to the neighborhood where my home is located. Some areas have exclusively single family homes. Some areas have fought against increasing bike lanes (such as the Willow Glen fight against the Lincoln Ave road diet) in the city to make it safer and easier to get around without a car. Some areas do not want affordable housing or homeless transitional housing built near them.

This led me to look at how the districts could be better aligned with how neighborhood character could be used in addition to the City Charter and Fair Maps Act requirements of making districts as nearly equal in population as may be practicable, and 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. The character of various neighborhoods and areas of the city can be more objectively measured by observing the mix of land uses, the amount of high frequency transit, the amount of vehicle miles traveled per capita, residential densities, and building typologies.

This led me to present a proposed map at one of the Redistricting Commission meetings. I've followed and attended each Redistricting Commission meeting for the past several weeks listening to public comment, community of interest testimony, and Commissioner discussions. Subsequently, I revised the map to better represent the community of interest testimony and public comments received at each of the Redistricting Commission meetings. Below is the proposed map that I feel better reflects the City Charter and Fair Maps Act requirements, the

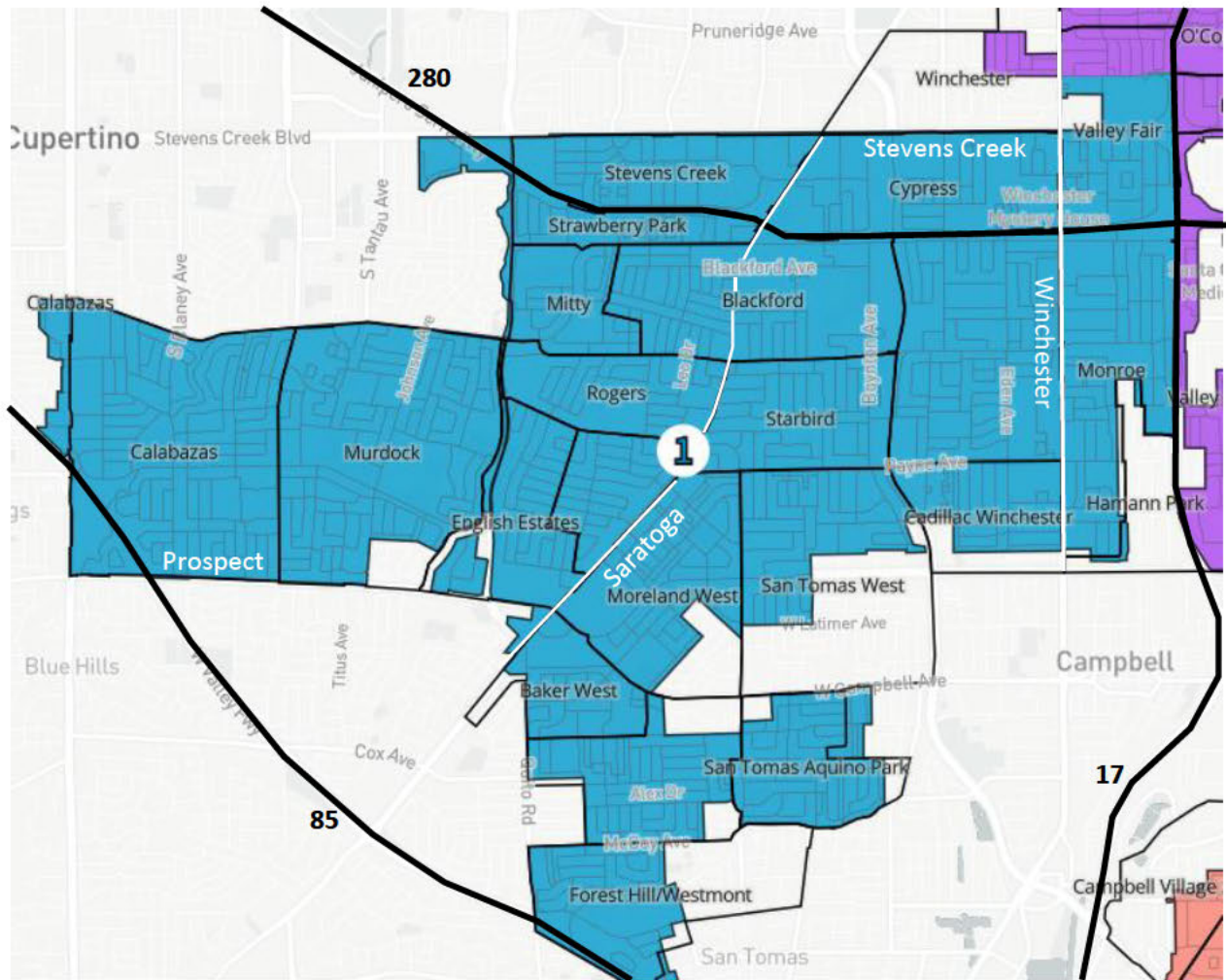
community of interest testimony and public comments received, and the character of various neighborhoods and areas of the city than any of the three proposed maps on the agenda.

Below is the proposed district map, which can also be seen online at <https://districtr.org/plan/82344>.



Each district is shown on the following pages.

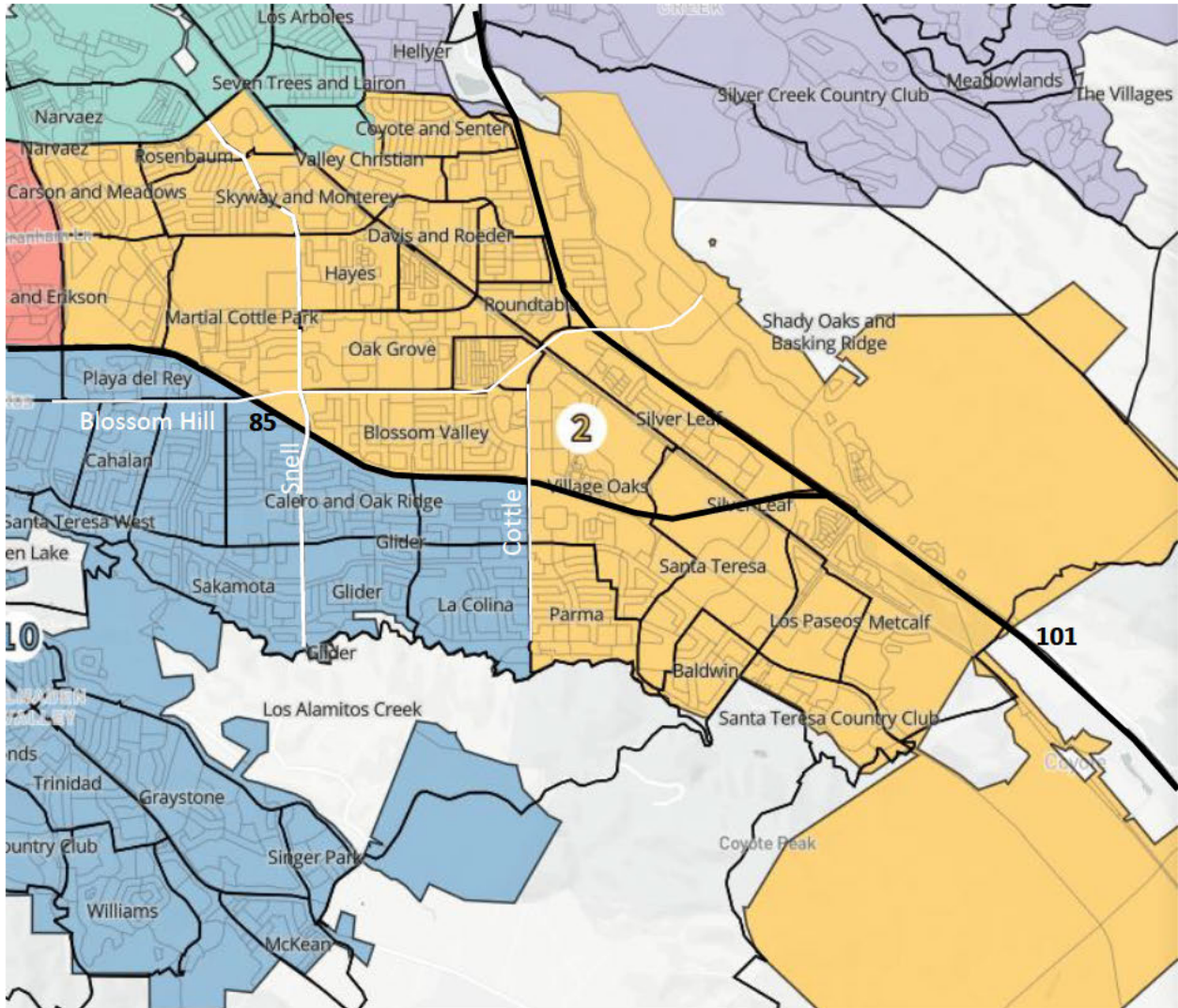
District 1:



District 1 encompasses west San Jose, generally everything west of 17 and south of Valley Fair. The borders are generally the city limits, CA-17, Interstate 880, and Forest.

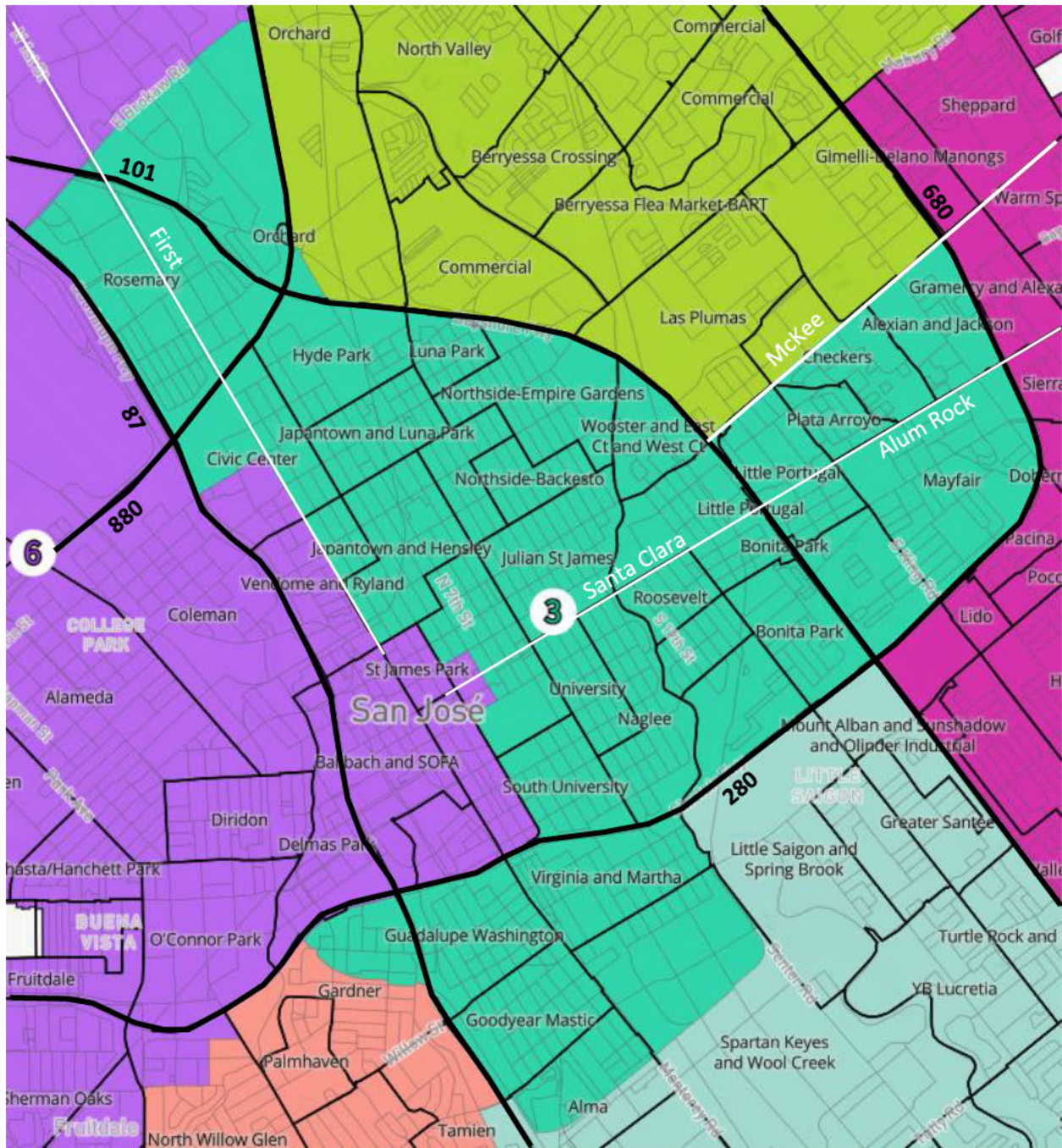


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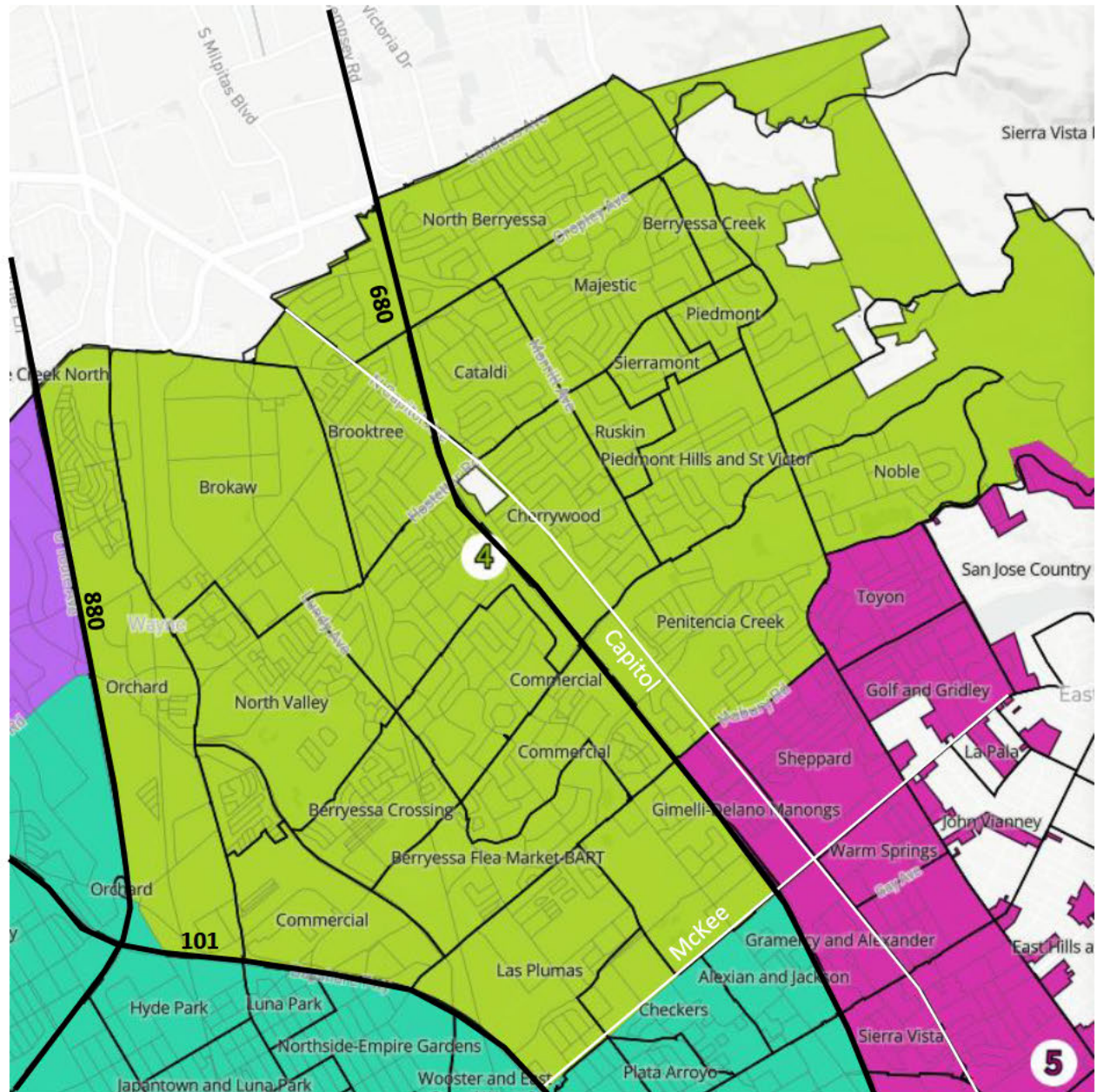
District 2 encompasses the VEP, Edenvale, Santa Teresa, Coyote Valley, and other nearby areas. The borders are generally CA-87, CA-85, Cottle, the city limits, Coyote, Valley Christian High School, Monterey, and Capitol.

### District 3:



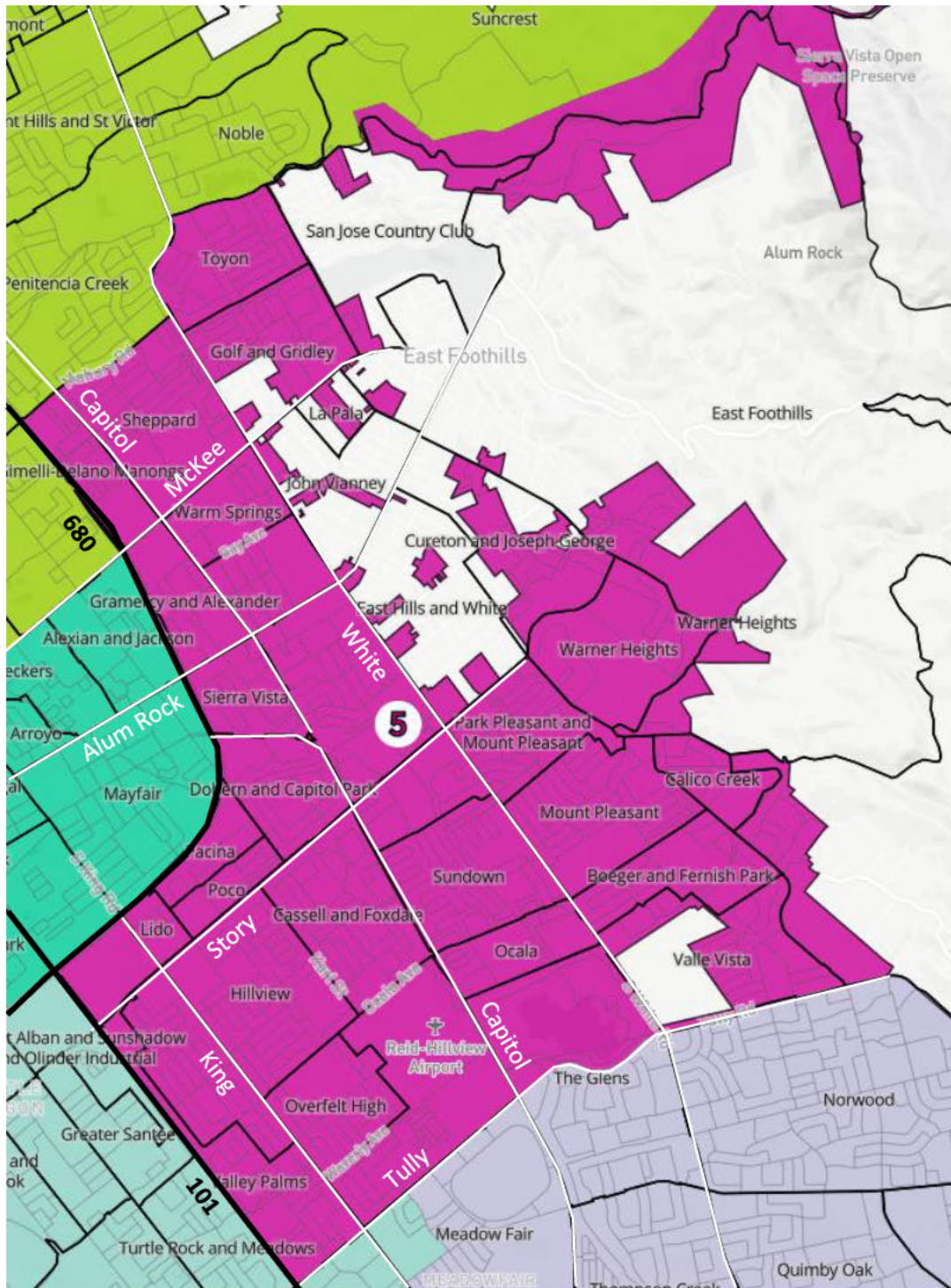
District 3 encompasses the northern, eastern, and southern edges of the downtown core of highrise buildings, including all of San Jose State (including the athletic fields and stadiums south of 280). The borders are generally Brokaw, CA-87, Hedding, First, Julian, Fourth, St. John, Sixth, San Fernando, Fourth, Interstate 280, Caltrain railroad, CA-87, Three Creeks trail corridor, Senter, Interstate 280, Interstate 680, McKee, US-101, and Interstate 880.

District 4:



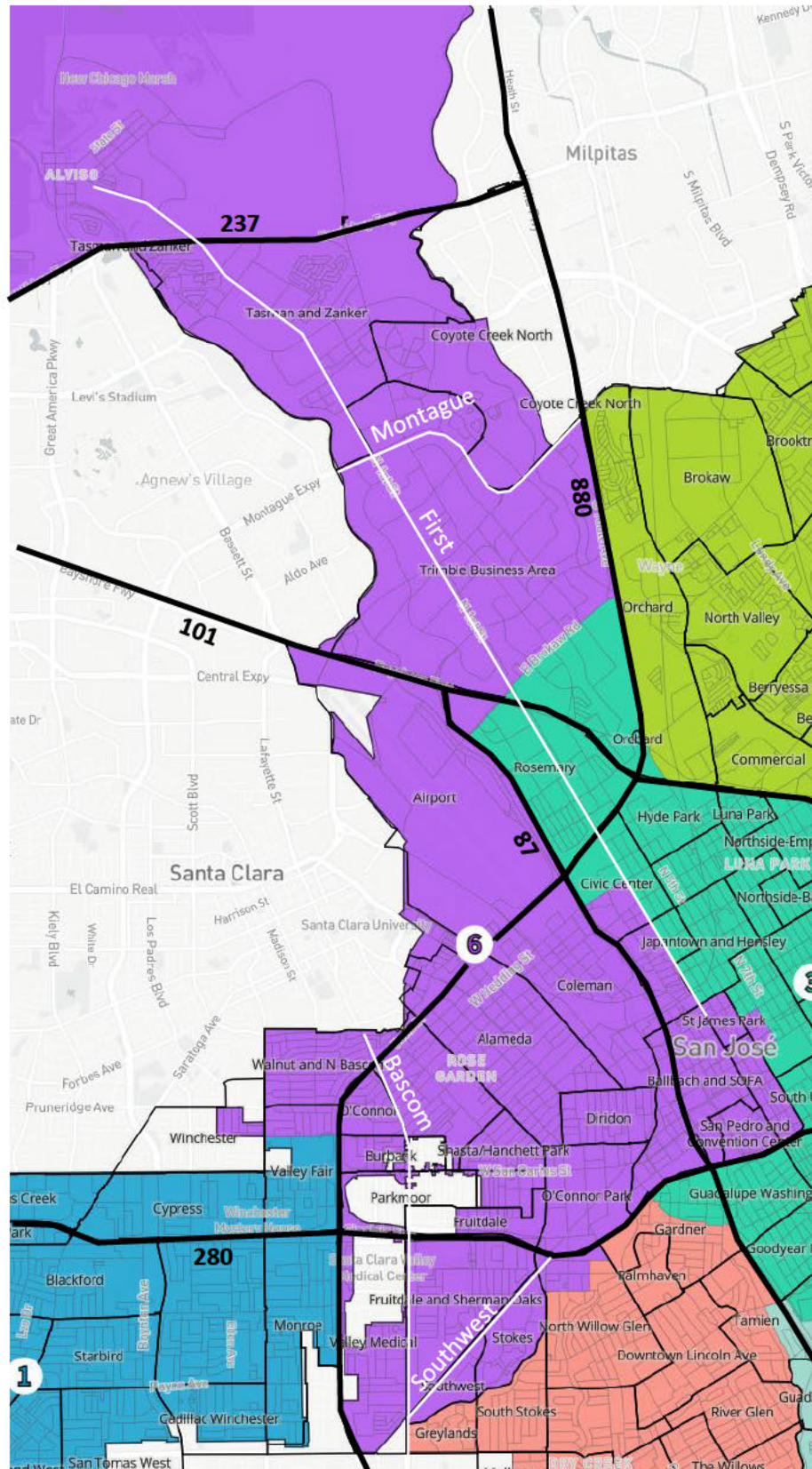
District 4 encompasses Berryessa and the Oakland Road corridor. The borders are generally the city limits, Interstate 880, US-101, McKee, Interstate 680, Mabury, White, and Penitencia Creek.

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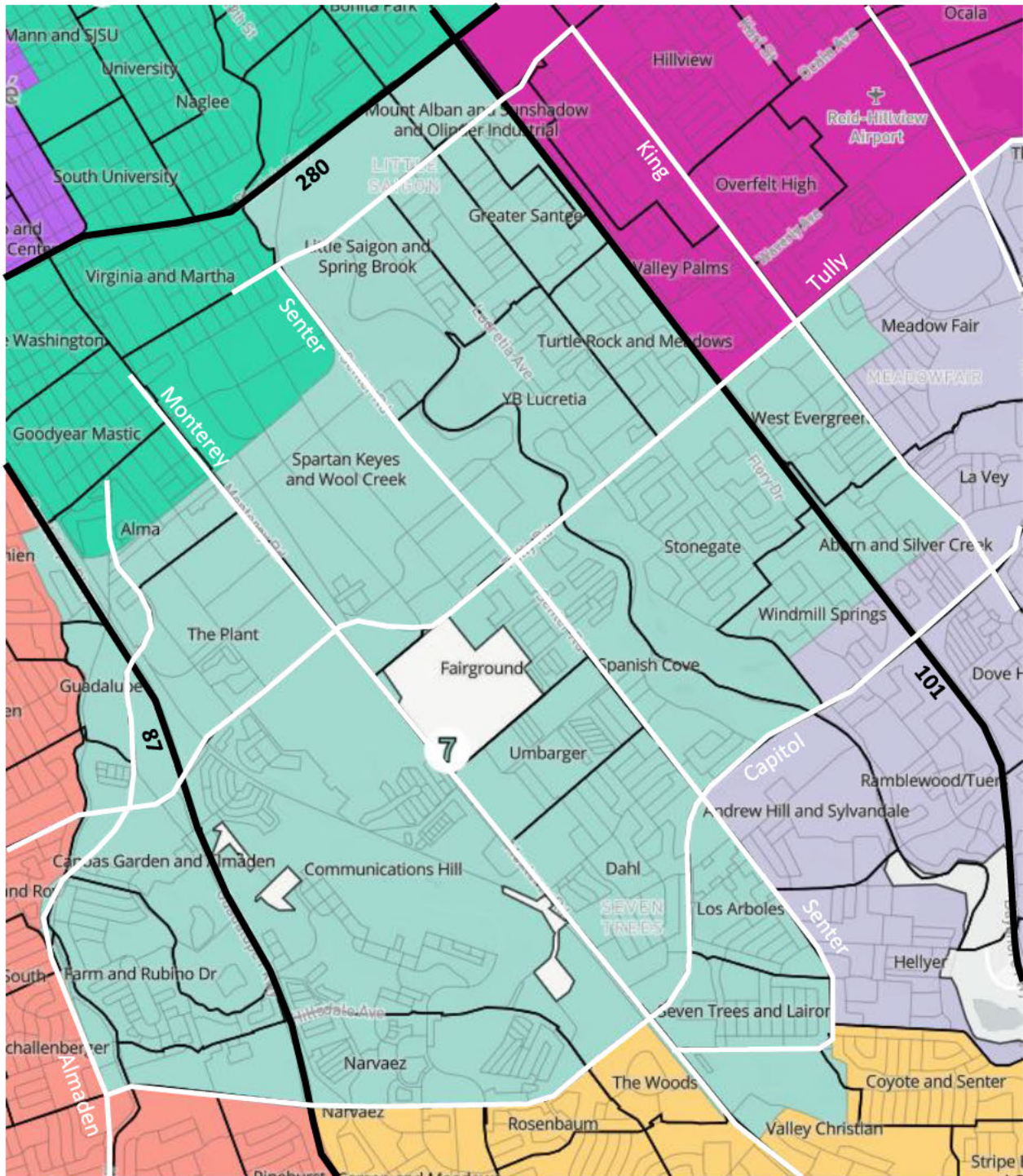
District 4 encompasses Alum Rock, the Story Road corridor east of US-101, and the Reid-Hillview area. The borders are generally the city limits, Penitencia Creek, White, Mabury, Interstate 680, US-101, and Tully.

District 6:



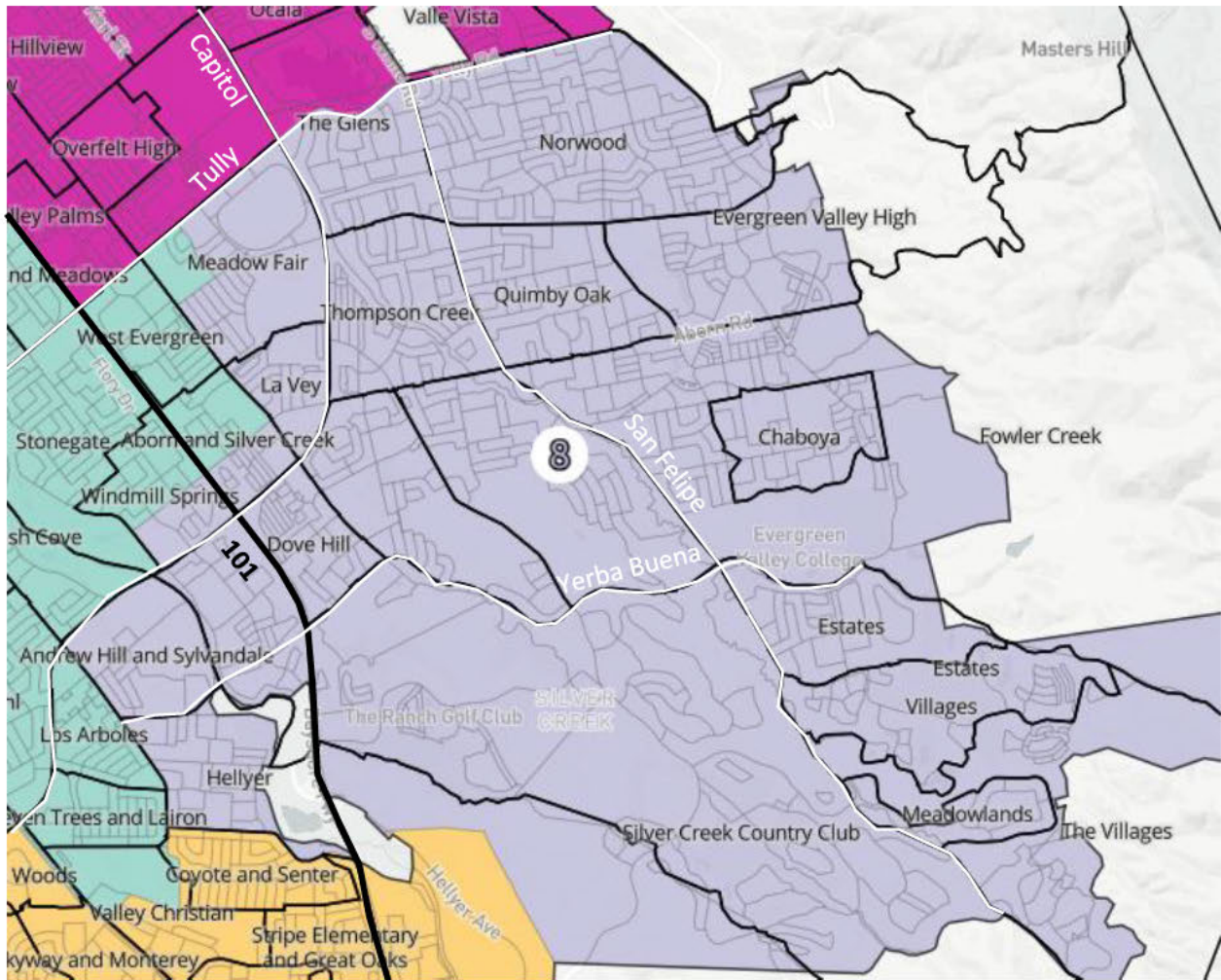
District 6 encompasses downtown, Alviso, North San Jose, Midtown, Rose Garden, Fruitdale, and nearby neighborhoods. The borders are generally the city limits, Forest, Interstate 880, CA-17, Los Gatos Creek, the northern boundary of WGNA, Interstate 280, Fourth, San Fernando, Sixth, St. John, Fourth, Julian, First, Hedding, CA-87, Brokaw, and Interstate 880.

District 7:



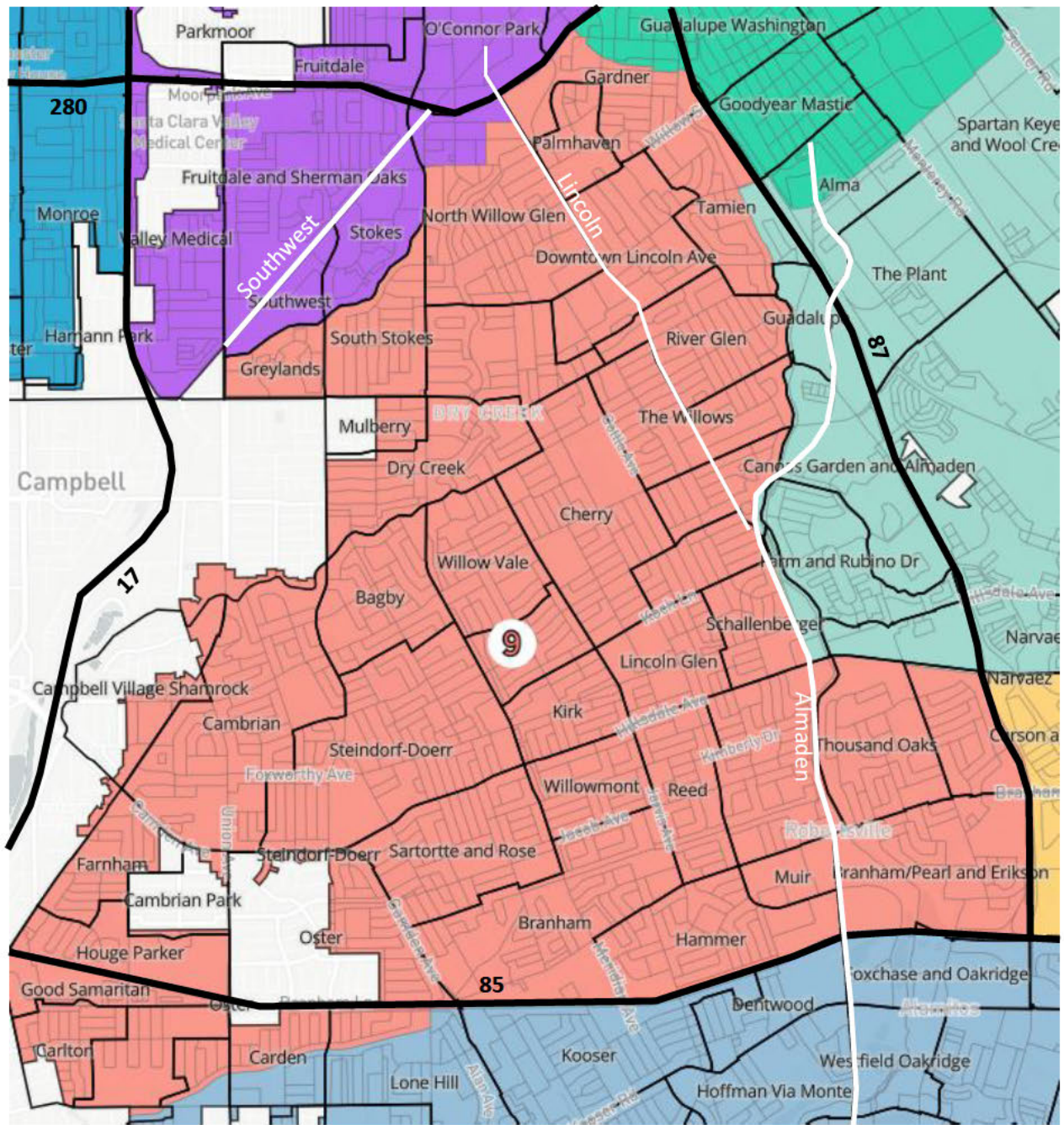
District 7 encompasses Little Saigon (Grand Century Mall, Vietnam Town, Lion Plaza, Senter Road corridor, new Vietnamese American Service Center, etc.), Fairgrounds, Communications Hill, and surrounding neighborhoods. The borders are generally Interstate 680, Senter, the Three Creeks Trail corridor, the Guadalupe River, Capitol, Aborn, King, Lion Plaza, Tully, and US-101.

District 8:



District 8 encompasses Evergreen, Eastridge, and Hellyer park area. The borders are generally Tully, Lion Plaza, King, Aborn, Capitol, Senter, Coyote, and the city limits.

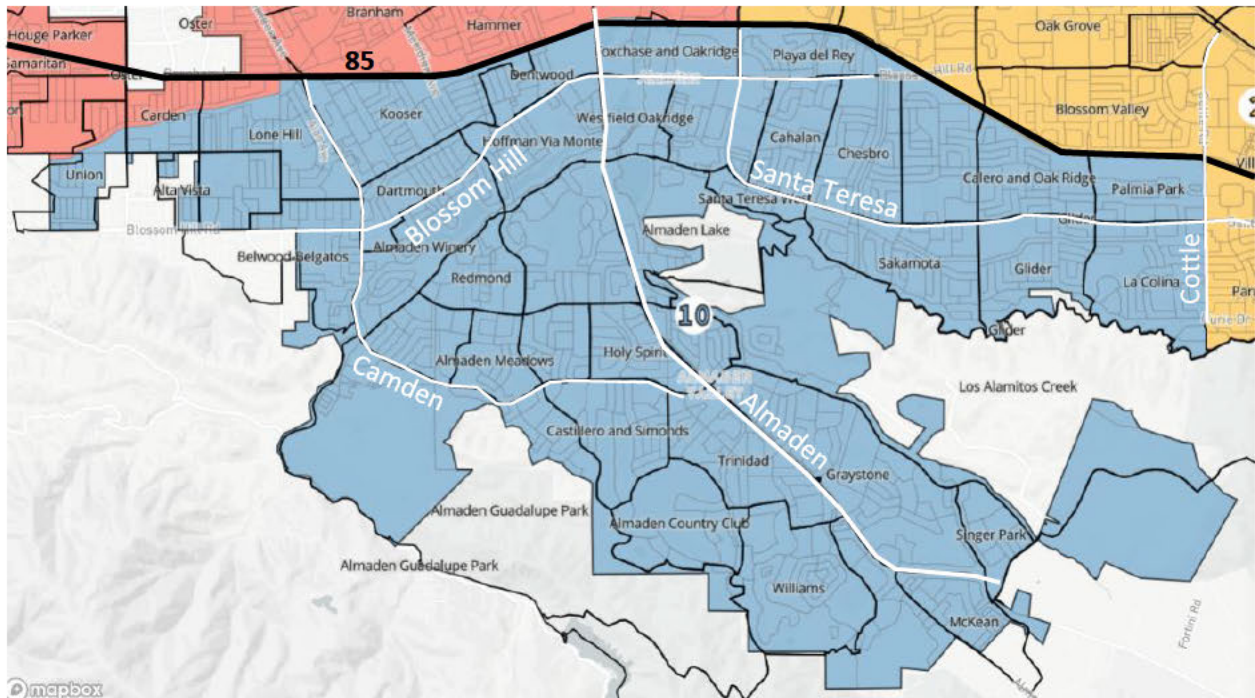
District 9:



District 9 encompasses Willow Glen, Cambrian, Samaritan, and the four corners/ Pearl Corridor (Erikson, Thousand Oaks, Pinehurst, and Tanglewood/Tatra neighborhoods). The borders are generally Interstate 680, WGNA boundary, Los Gatos Creek, the city limits, Ross Creek, CA-85, CA-87, Capitol, Almaden, Guadalupe River, and the Caltrain railroad.



District 10:



District 9 encompasses Almaden Valley, the Blossom Hill corridor west of Ca-85, and the Santa Teresa corridor west of Cottle. The borders are CA-85, Ross Creek, the city limits, and Cottle.

This leads to the following:

- Based on total population,

	Asian	Hispanic	White
1	46.3%	19.4%	26.4%
2	32%	35.1%	23.7%
3	21.2%	55%	16.6%
4	67.5%	17%	10%
5	32%	56.6%	6.6%
6	32.4%	28.1%	29.7%
7	41.4%	41.5%	11%
8	62.3%	20.7%	11.8%
9	19.2%	21%	50.9%
10	29.7%	18.8%	43%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>

- Two Asian majority districts and two Asian plurality districts
  - 4 districts ≈ 38% of total population
- Two Hispanic/ Latinx majority districts and One Hispanic/ Latinx plurality district
  - 3 districts ≈ 31% of total population
- One roughly 50/50 Asian and Hispanic/ Latinx split plurality district
- One White majority district and One White plurality district

- Based on Citizen Voting Age population (CVAP)

	Asian	Hispanic
1	34.3%	13.3%
2	26.8%	28.9%
3	24.4%	41.8%
4	63.8%	14.5%
5	34.2%	48.2%
6	18.6%	24.4%
7	44.6%	31.5%
8	56.8%	19.7%
9	12.6%	15.3%
10	22.8%	13.6%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>

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

The Commission map has the same number of CVAP Asian majority and plurality districts but only one CVAP Hispanic/ Latinx plurality district (compared to two in this proposal). Similarly, the Community Map has the same number of CVAP Asian majority and plurality districts but only one CVAP Hispanic/ Latinx plurality district (compared to two in this proposal). The Unity Map is more similar to this proposal with the same number of CVAP Asian majority and plurality districts and the same number of CVAP Hispanic/ Latinx plurality districts.

As mentioned previously, this proposed map best addresses the following communities of interest testimony, community of interest maps submitted to Districtr, public comments made at the Redistricting Commission meetings, and commissioner discussions:

- The Berryessa neighborhood remains together with the Penitencia Creek neighborhood
- The Berryessa neighborhood contains its namesake BART station
- The entire Downtown Association and PBID is kept in one district (District 6)
- The Ocala neighborhood is in the same district as Alum Rock
- Reid Hillview Airport is in the same district as Alum Rock
- The Alum Rock Road corridor between 101 and 680 is kept in one district (District 3) so Little Portugal, Mayfair, and surrounding neighborhoods are not split.
- Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace are kept in one council district in the same district as the Alum Rock corridor discussed above
- Little Saigon is kept together in one district (including areas such as Grand Century Mall, Vietnam Town, Lion Plaza, and the area near Senter Road and Capitol Expressway).
- Communications Hill is kept with the central part of the city/ District 7
- All of the Communications Hill (including the hilly areas west of CA-87 and the areas near Curtner) are all in one district.
- All of Willow Glen (areas south of Los Gatos Creek, west of Guadalupe River, and north of Foxworthy) and the entirety of the Willow Glen neighborhood Association (according to this map <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&ll=37.27464826403177%2C-121.89815853559146&z=14&mid=19FEujnQRJdZ8UdmB2f7YE5uWSS4qEytm>) remains entirely within one district. This proposed map is the only map that keeps Willow Glen in one district and does not split Willow Glen at all. There are no border issues at the south end of Willow Glen since there is no longer a border at the south end of Willow Glen.
- The Vendome neighborhood remains in the same district containing downtown
  - However, to be honest, clear, and upfront, please note that this proposed map does not place Vendome in the same district as Japantown, so unfortunately, this additional comment could not be put into fruition in this map
- Japantown remains together with the Hensley Historic District neighborhood in one district
- East Santa Clara St and Alum Rock Ave (west of 680) is mostly in the same district and only 5 blocks (from 1st to 6th) are in a different district
- Midtown remains with Downtown in one district
- Many areas of high density residential along the 85 corridor are placed into District 2, although not all areas due to the need for relatively equal population distribution
- Erikson, Thousand Oaks, Pinehurst, and Tanglewood/Tatra neighborhoods remain together in one district.
- The VEP neighborhoods remain in one district

- The Cory neighborhood remains together in one district
- The entirety of the Newhall neighborhood remains in the same district as PayPal Park (not just a portion, as it is currently).
- Most of the Evergreen School District in District 8 except for areas north of Tully and west of King to maintain equal population distribution and to maintain other communities of interest.
- The SJC Airport and Downtown are in the same district
- Neighborhoods to the north, east, and south of San Jose State University (SJSU) are kept in the same district as SJSU
- All of SJSU including the sports fields are kept in one district
- All of Spartan Keyes, Washington Guadalupe, and other areas south of downtown remain together in one district per the additional recommendation of the Redistricting Commission
- Naglee Park remains in the same district as Japantown, Northside, and Hensley

Regarding neighborhood characteristics:

- Districts are generally consistent in the amount of per capita VMT within each district and borders tend to be near areas where VMT shifts. For example, the proposed District 3 consists almost entirely of low VMT areas whereas the proposed District 10 consists almost entirely of high VMT areas due to their differing land use patterns.
- Districts are generally consistent in the amount of high frequency transit within each district and borders tend to be near areas where the amount of transit shifts. For example, Districts 3 and 7 have a large amount of high frequency transit whereas Districts 8 and 10 have very little high frequency transit due to their differing land use patterns.
- Districts are generally consistent in their residential densities, land use patterns, and building typologies. For example, in the proposed District 6, there are many recent mid-rise buildings that are generally 5 or more floors with large footprints throughout the proposed district, whereas in the proposed District 9, the recent buildings are much smaller in size with smaller footprints and lower building heights. Example photos of these building typologies can be seen on the next page.

Other Proposals such as the Commission or Community Plans have a highly variable mix of these characteristics discussed above rather than a lower mix in this proposal.

Proposed District 6 recent building typologies:



Proposed District 9 recent building typologies:



To summarize the characteristic differences between proposed Districts 6 and 9, the proposed District 6 has many areas of higher density housing such as those along Southwest Expressway, those in the Buena Vista neighborhood, those in the Midtown area, those in Downtown, those in the Vendome neighborhood, and those in North San Jose/ River Oaks. 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 generally made up of lower density single family homes except for a handful of higher density locations on the peripheries of the district such as such as along the Branham corridor, along the Bascom corridor, near meridian/Hamilton, and near the Ohlone/ Chynoweth Station.

This type of land use, residential density, building typology, and overall character comparison was made across all districts and combined with the communities of interest to help determine appropriate district boundaries for this proposed district map.

Both proposed Districts 3 and 6 represent different areas of what is considered downtown. Both districts would most likely be primarily oriented towards downtown related issues so there is a more equal relationship between the two districts. Two primary downtown districts should not be feared since with the opportunity for two primary downtown districts (proposed Districts 3 and 6) comes the opportunity for two city council advocates for downtown related issues, which can be a positive. The other proposed plans such as the Commission or Community Map splits the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods into at least two council districts with a more unequal relationship. This leaves areas with high density housing, high transit frequency, and low VMT such as the St. Leos neighborhood and Midtown split from the remainder of Downtown even though that area of the non-downtown oriented district is greatly impacted by downtown related issues, such as redevelopment, for example. In my opinion, it would be better to have the downtown and all surrounding neighborhoods represented by districts that have more similar residential densities, land uses, building typologies, and other neighborhood characteristics to each other so that they are more responsive to the characteristics of the central part of the city. This is in contrast to today where there is a large mix of characteristics between areas within District 6 such as Willow Glen and Midtown, for example.



In summary for this map, the population deviation is 7.19%, which is within the 10% allowed for by law. The districts make use of geography such as natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries, yet still maintain compact and contiguous majority and plurality districts of potential minority representation. In general, existing neighborhoods, neighborhood associations, business associations, business districts, and communities of interests are maintained to the extent possible within one proposed district; further, public comment reflecting neighborhoods that wish to remain tied to other neighborhoods within the same district were generally taken into account except in limited circumstances in order to comply with the roughly equal population principle. This proposed map groups area and neighborhoods with similar characteristics into the same districts; districts generally have relatively the same amounts of high frequency transit, existing vehicle miles traveled, similar building typologies, and current residential densities within themselves but differ as compared to other districts.

For these reasons, this map should be taken into consideration and adopted as the new districts since it best represents the community of interest testimony and public comments received at each of the Redistricting Commission meetings and the character of each area of the city.

Thank you,  
Greg Ripa