



# Independent Redistricting Commission

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** 3/10/2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 825 4645 4252

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#### A. Call To Order

#### B. Roll Call

#### C. Public Comment

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#### D. Consent Calendar

- D1. Accept the Independent Redistricting Commission minutes for March 3, 2022 ([Attachment](#))

**E. Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m.**

- E1. Third public hearing to receive input regarding the composition of the City's Districts ([Staff Report #22-009-IRC](#))

**F. Commissioner Reports**

- F1. Commissioner reports

**G. Adjournment**

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

**Date:** 3/3/2022  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Zoom  
City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

### Regular Session

#### A. Call To Order

Chair Arellano called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

#### B. Roll Call

Present: Arellano, Bahles, Erhart, Gilmer, Kissel, Saad  
Absent: Hill, Marquardt, Wolter  
Staff: City Clerk Judi A. Herren, Administrative Assistant Sarah Sandoval

#### C. Public Comment

None.

#### D. Consent Calendar

D1. Accept the Independent Redistricting Commission minutes for February 24, 2022 (Attachment)

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bahles/ Saad), to accept the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting minutes for February 24, 2022, passed 5-0 (Hill and Wolter absent).

#### E. Regular Business

E1. Mapping tool workshop (Staff Report #22-008-IRC)

Alex Sainz, demographer from GEOinovo, made the presentation.

- Fran Dehn requested clarification on 2018 redistricting maps availability.
- Pam Jones offered to email the previous redistricting maps to Fran directly.

#### F. Reports and Announcements

F1. Commissioner reports

City Clerk Herren reported that the boundaries in the Districtr mapping tool are being addressed with the help of GEOinovo and that an alternate mapping tool is ready to deploy if needed.

Commissioner Saad requested a public engagement update.

The Commission received clarification on an extension of the map submission deadline.



**G. Adjournment**

Chair Arellano adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant



## STAFF REPORT

### Independent Redistricting Commission

**Meeting Date:** 3/10/2022  
**Staff Report Number:** 22-009-IRC

**Public Hearing:** Third public hearing regarding draft maps of the City's proposed voting Districts

### Recommendation

Staff recommends the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) conduct the third public hearing to receive public input regarding draft maps of the City's proposed voting Districts. Following the close of the public hearing, the IRC will:

1. Discuss and vote on which map groupings should be eliminated from consideration; and,
2. Discuss and vote on which maps to move forward in each grouping for consideration at a subsequent meeting; and,
3. Provide direction to the demographer regarding any maps the IRC would like to have adjusted, drawn and analyzed at a future meeting.

### Policy Issues

Pursuant to California Elections Code Section 21627.1, before adopting a final map in the redistricting process, the IRC must hold at least four public hearings at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of one or more Districts. At least one public hearing must be held before the commission draws a draft map or maps of the proposed.

### Background

While all public input concerning the composition of the city's districts should be considered, all maps must meet the following federal requirements:

1. Population equality across districts.
2. Race cannot be the predominant factor or criteria when drawing districts.
3. Compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, which, among other things, prohibits districts that dilute minority voting rights, and encourages a majority-minority district, if the minority group is sufficiently large, and such a district can be drawn without race being the predominant factor.

Additionally, the maps must also meet the following state requirements:

- Maps must be drawn using the following criteria in prioritized order:
- District boundaries must be geographically contiguous;
- District boundaries must minimize the division of neighborhoods and communities of interest;
- District boundaries must be easily identifiable and understandable by residents; and
- District boundaries must be geographically compact.
- Maps must not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Maps must be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population.

### **Analysis**

Based on public input and other legally required criteria, the City's redistricting demographer has now prepared proposed draft district maps for public review and comment. The intention of this third public hearing is to review six maps (Attachment A) submitted to the IRC via the Districtr tool (Attachment B.)

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The fourth and final public hearing regarding draft maps of the City's proposed voting Districts will be held on April 7, 2022 with additional meetings on March 24, and April 14, 2022. Adoption of a resolution approving the final map will occur on at the April 14, 2022 meeting.

The last day that a member of the public can submit maps for review is March 25, 2022.

### **Impact on City Resources**

There is no impact on City resources.

### **Public Notice**

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

### **Environmental Review**

This action is not a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §§ 15378 and 15061(b)(3) as it is a minor change that will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

### **Attachments**

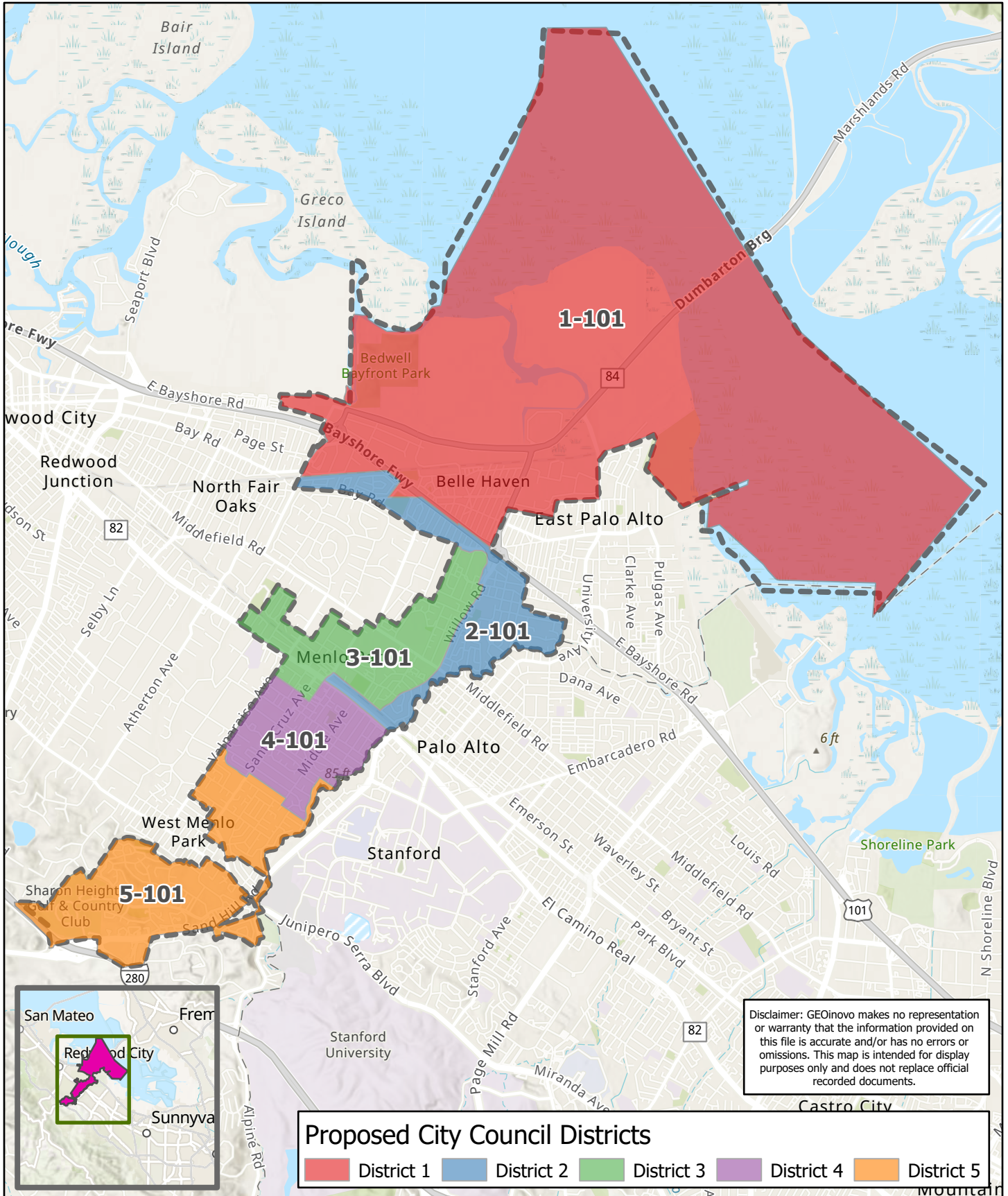
- A. Map submissions
- B. Hyperlink - Districtr mapping tool: <https://districtr.org/event/MP-Maps>

Report prepared by:  
Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

Report reviewed by:  
Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

Tamar Burke, Assistant City Attorney





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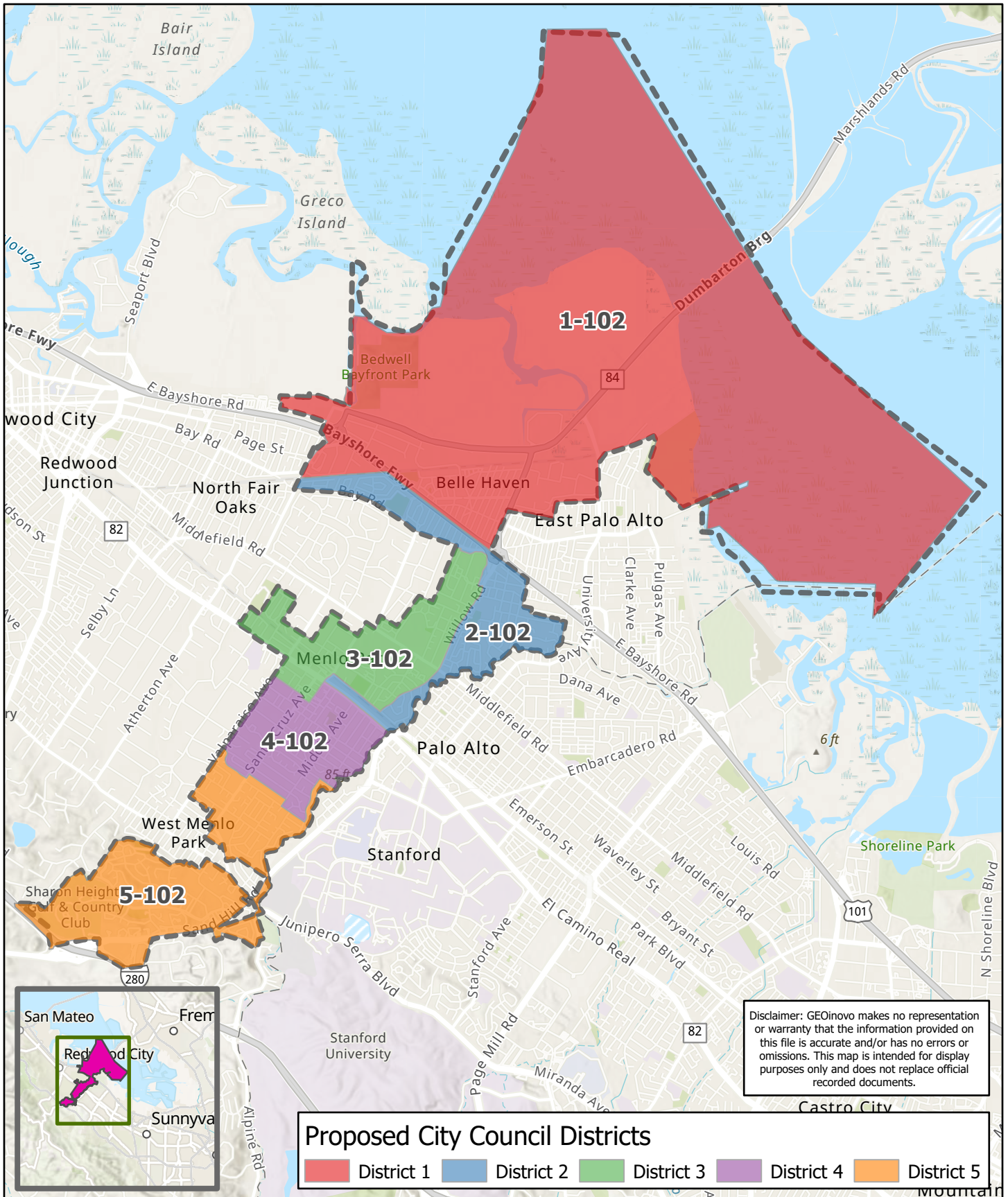
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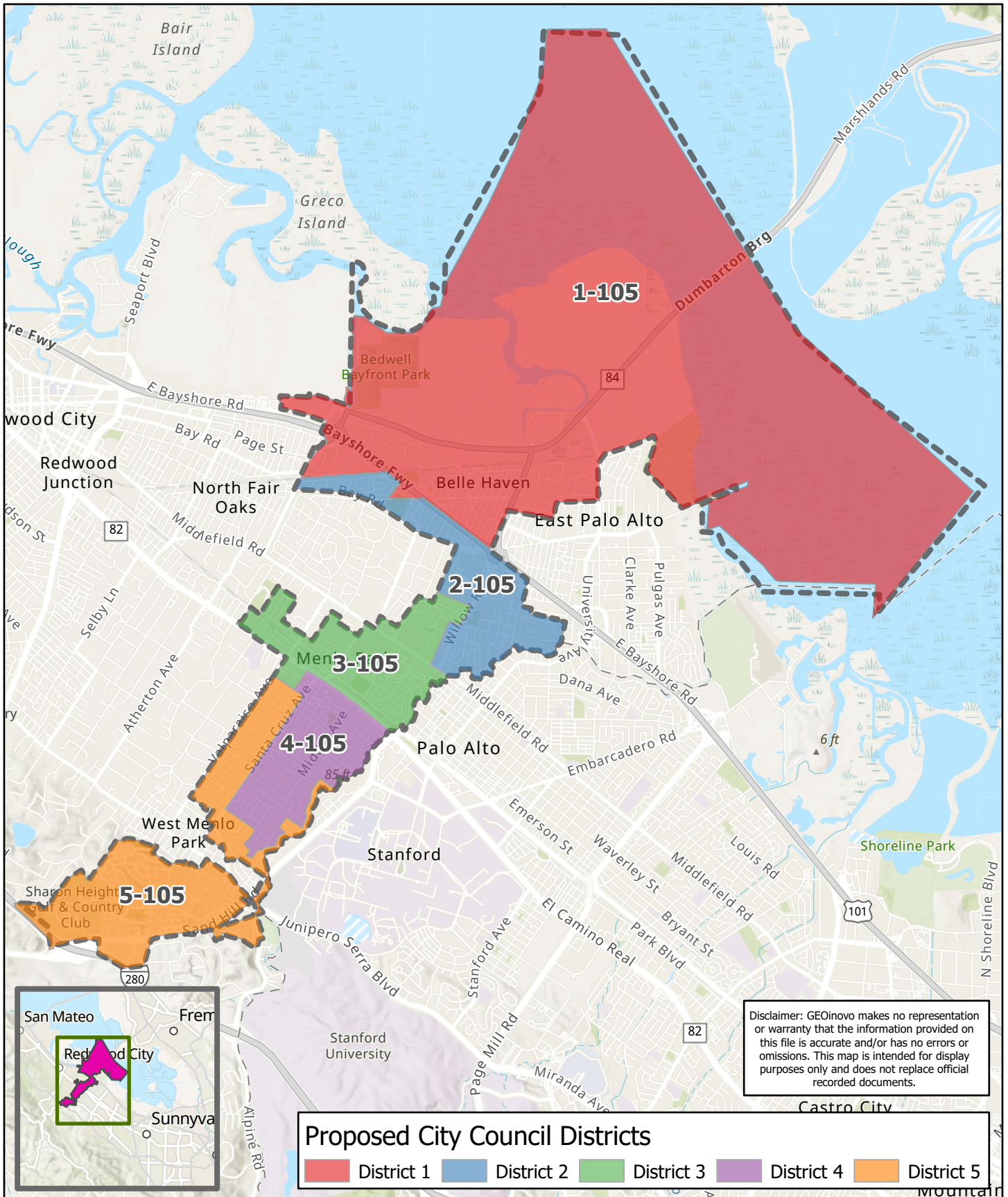
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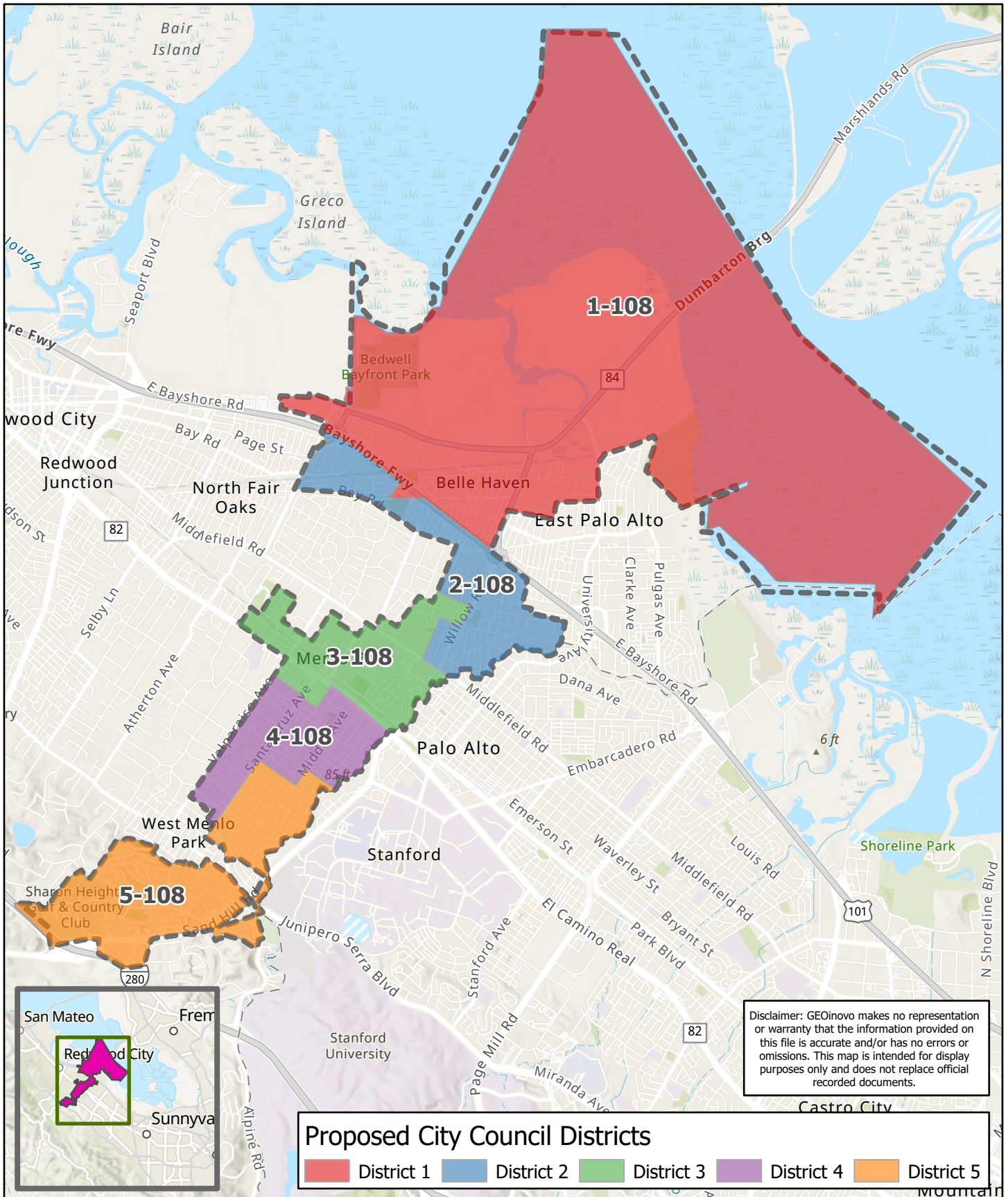
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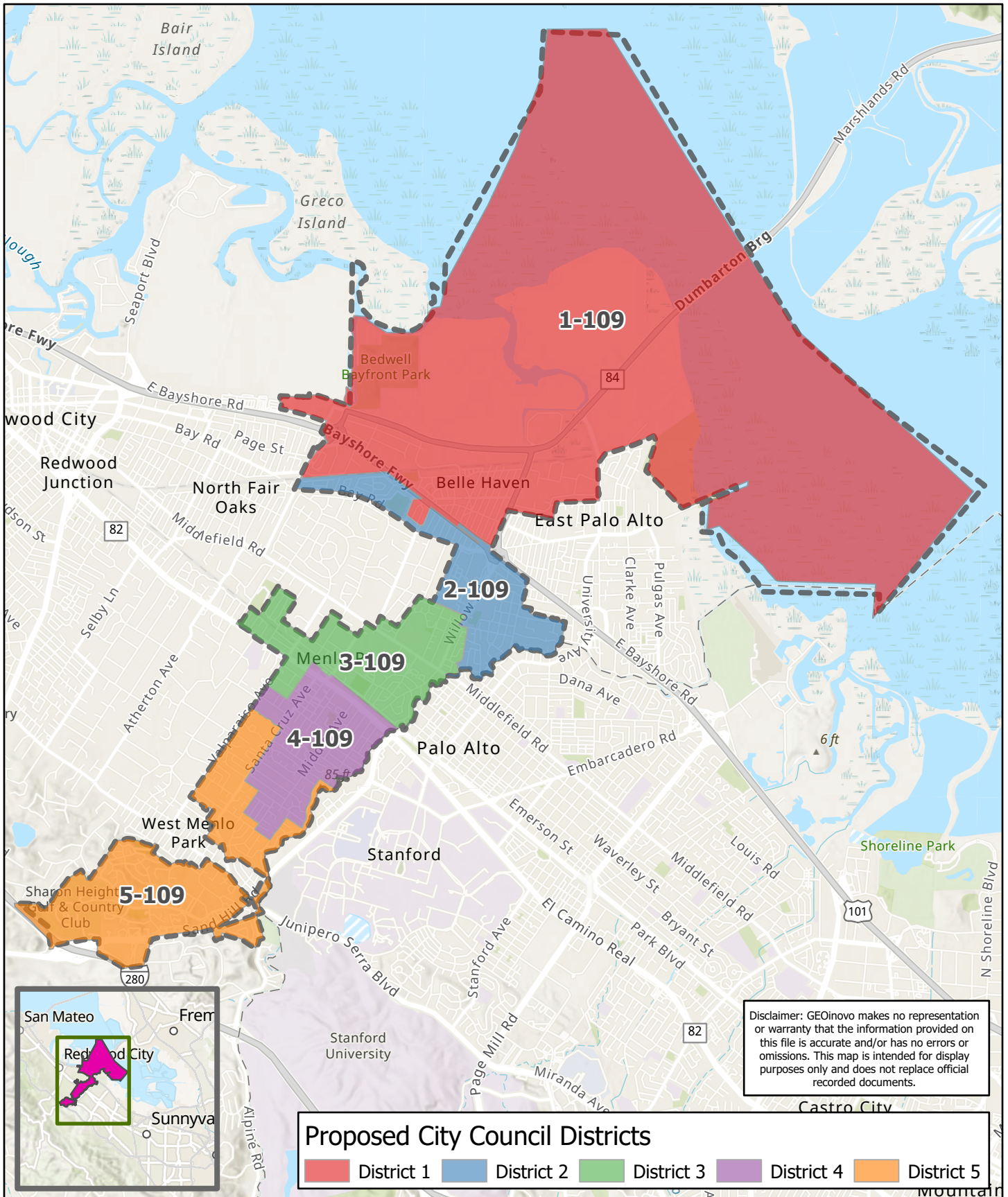
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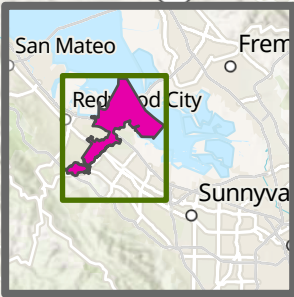
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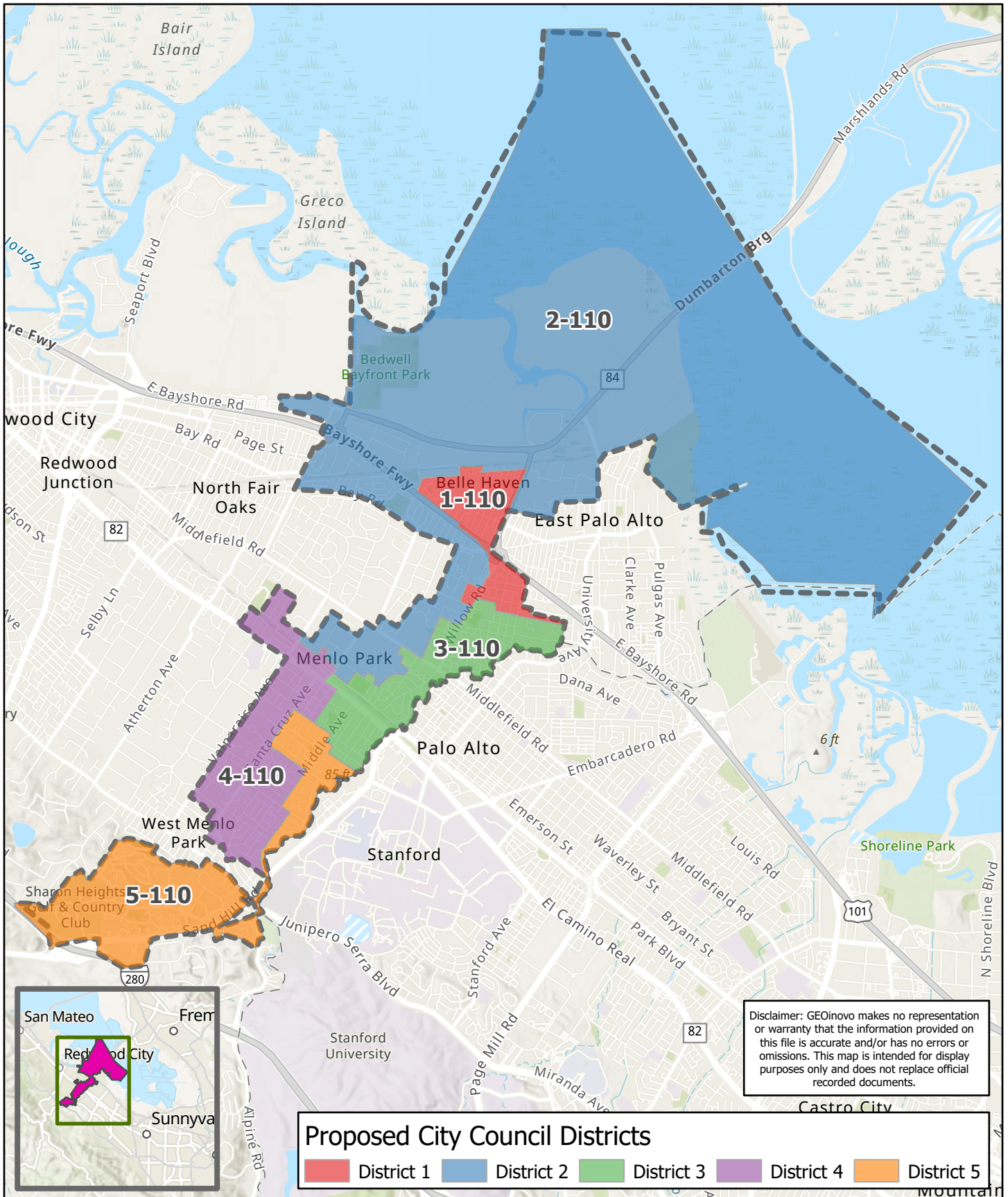
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