



Independent Redistricting Commission

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: 4/7/2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: [Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 897 5798 6220

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Special Session ([Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 897 5798 6220)

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 24, 2022 ([Attachment](#))

E. Public Hearing – 6:10 p.m.

- E1. Sixth public hearing to receive public input regarding draft maps of the City’s proposed voting Districts, and select by minute order the final map for adoption at the Commission’s final meeting and approve a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the IRC.([Staff Report #22-013-IRC](#))

F. Commissioner Reports

- F1. Commissioner reports

G. Staff Updates

- G1. Staff updates

H. Adjournment

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: 3/31/2022
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Zoom

Regular Session

A. Call To Order

Chair Arellano called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Public Comment

Written public comment on Item C.

D. Consent Calendar

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

ACTION: Motion and second (Bahles/ Saad), to accept the Independent Redistricting Commission meeting minutes for March 24, 2022, passed unanimously.

E. Public Hearing – 5:40 p.m.

E1. Fifth public hearing to receive public input regarding draft maps of the City’s proposed voting (Staff Report #22-012-IRC)

Written public comment received for item E1. (Attachment).
Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano introduced the item.
GEOinovo Demographer Alex Sainz spoke on the last set of draft maps received via Districtr.
Chair Arellano opened the public hearing.
Chair Arellano closed the public hearing.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Hill), to remove maps 1-117.1 and 1-120.1 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Hill/ Wolter), to remove map 1-120 from further consideration and to advance map 1-120.2 for further consideration, passed unanimously.



ACTION: Motion and second (Erhart/ Hill), to remove maps 1-127 and 1-128 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Bahles), to remove map 1-130 from further consideration, passed 6-1 (Saad dissenting).

ACTION: Motion and second (Gilmer/ Erhart), to remove maps 1-132 and 1-134 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Bahles/ Gilmer), to advance map 1-131 for further consideration, passed unanimously.

The Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) took a recess at 7:04 p.m.

The IRC reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

ACTION: Motion and second (Wolter/ Bahles), to remove map 1-124 from further consideration, passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion and second (Erhart/ Saad), to advance map 1-115 for further consideration, passed 6-1 (Gilmer dissenting).

The Commission provided direction to GEOinovo to generate variations of map 1-131 based on Commission discussion.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Bazzano provided clarification regarding next steps for map selection and adoption.

Chair Arellano reopened the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

- Lynne Bramlett spoke in support of continued and increased public engagement ahead of final map selection.

Chair Arellano closed the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

F. Reports and Announcements

F1. Commissioner reports

None.

G. Adjournment

Chair Arellano adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

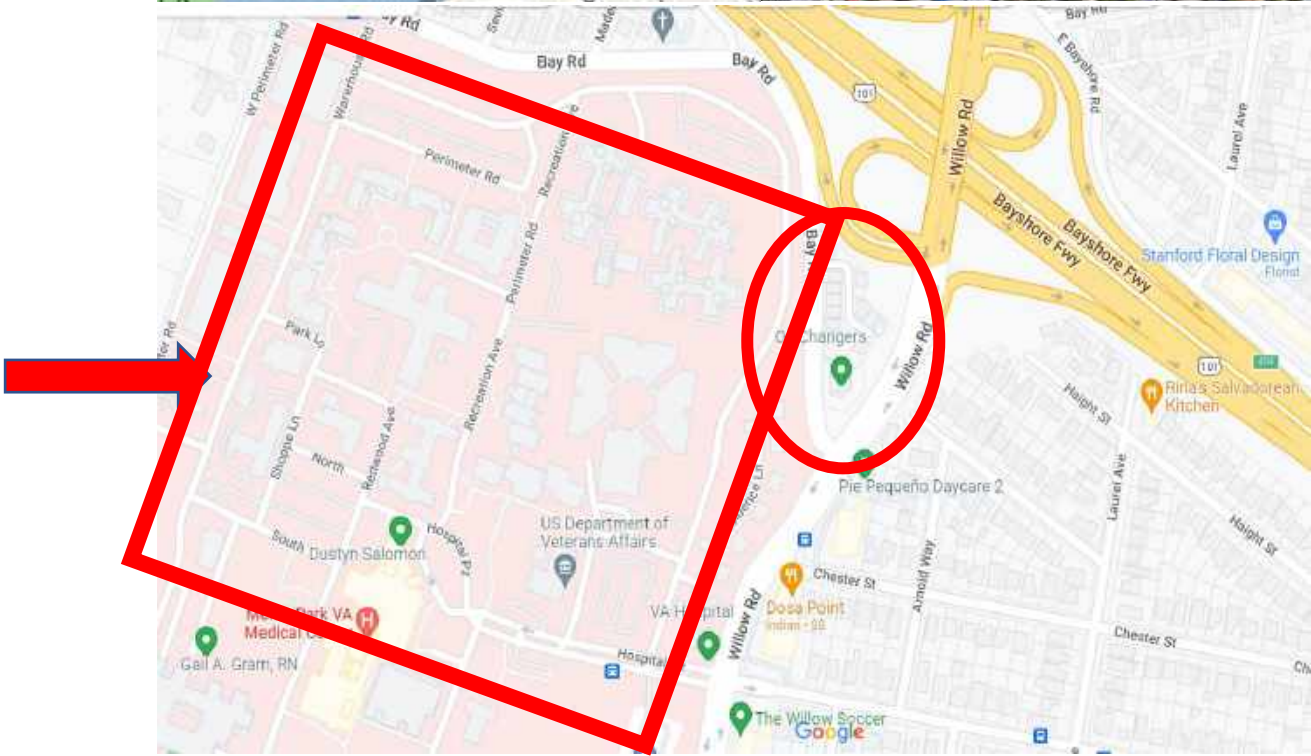
Ravenswood City School District

**Upper left is Flood School Site,
Flood Park & LifeMoves/Haven
Family House**

**Lower left is Willow School occupied
by several private schools & a charter
school; there are 2 separate schools**



The red portion to the left of Willow Rd is VA housing; The red portion near the clover leaf are town homes.





STAFF REPORT

Independent Redistricting Commission

Meeting Date: 4/7/2022
Staff Report Number: 22-013-IRC

Public Hearing: **Sixth public hearing to receive public input regarding draft maps of the City's proposed voting Districts, and select by minute order the final map for adoption at the Independent Redistricting Commission final meeting and approve a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the Independent Redistricting Commission**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) conduct the sixth 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 discuss maps and, by minute order, select the final map to move forward for adoption at the final IRC meeting; and file a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map with the City Clerk, along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the IRC.

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 City Council Districts. At least one public hearing must be held before the commission draws a draft map or maps of the proposed.

Pursuant section 13(f) of Resolution No. 6659 establishing the IRC, the IRC shall file a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map with the city clerk along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which includes the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of the Commission's decisions seven days before the adoption of the final map.

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.

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

Analysis

Based on public input and other legally required criteria, the City's redistricting demographer has prepared proposed draft district maps for public review and comment.

At the third public hearing on March 10, 2022, the IRC reviewed six maps and eliminated two maps from further consideration; 1-101 and 1-110. At the fourth public hearing on March 24, 2022, the IRC reviewed 10 maps and eliminated seven maps from consideration; 1-102, 1-105, 1-108, 1-109, 1-117, 1-121, and B2. At the fifth public hearing on March 31, 2022, the IRC reviewed twelve maps and eliminated nine maps for consideration. The following maps, 115, 120.2 and 131, are still under consideration. At the meeting on March 31, 2022, GEOinovo was given direction to make specific alterations to Map 131 to bring back for the consideration of the Commission.

The intention of this sixth and penultimate public hearing is to review three draft maps and any requested variations of those maps, which are still under consideration (Attachment A.)

Following the close of the public hearing, the IRC will:

1. Discuss maps and, by minute order, select maps which should be eliminated from further consideration and select the preferred map to be considered for adoption; and
2. File a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map with the city clerk, along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the IRC. A draft of the preliminary redistricting plan is included herein as Attachment B.

The next and final public hearing to adopt the map establishing the City's voting Districts will be held on April 14, 2022. Pursuant to Elections Code 21608(d), the City is required to publish the final map seven days before adoption.

Outreach

The IRC has met or exceeded the requirements for outreach as prescribed in City Council Resolution No. 6659 (Attachment C) and in the Fair Maps Act.

Public Hearings

Per section 13 of Resolution No. 6659:

- a. The Commission shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings prior to the drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- b. The Commission shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings after drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- c. At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.
- d. Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- e. The Commission shall, at a minimum, take the applicable steps identified in Elections Code section 21608 to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process.

Per Elections Code section 21608:

- (a) The council shall take steps to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process. These steps shall include a good faith effort to do all of the following:
 - (1) Providing information to media organizations that provide city news coverage, including media organizations that serve language minority communities.
 - (2) Providing information through good government, civil rights, civic engagement, and community groups or organizations that are active in the city, including those active in language minority communities, and those that have requested to be notified concerning city redistricting.
- (b) The council shall arrange for the live translation in an applicable language of a public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article if a request for translation is made at least 72 hours before the hearing or workshop, unless less than five days' notice are provided for the hearing or workshop, in which case the request shall be made at least 48 hours before the hearing or workshop.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 54954.2 of the Government Code, the council shall publish the date, time, and location for any public hearing or workshop on the internet at least five days before the hearing or workshop. However, if there are fewer than 28 days until the deadline to adopt boundaries, the council may publish the agenda on the internet for at least three days before the hearing or workshop.
- (d) (1) A draft map shall be published on the internet for at least seven days before being adopted as a final map by the council provided that, if there are fewer than 28 days until the deadline to adopt boundaries, the draft map may instead be published on the internet for at least three days.
 - (2) Each draft map prepared by a member of the council or by employees or contractors of the city shall be accompanied by information on the total population, citizen voting age population, and racial and ethnic characteristics of the citizen voting age population of each proposed council district, to the extent the city has that data.
 - (3) (A) The council and employees or contractors of the city shall not release draft maps of council districts earlier than three weeks after the block-level redistricting database required by subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code is first made publicly available. This subparagraph does not prohibit the council from holding public hearings or workshops on the placement of council district boundaries before the earliest date that draft maps of council districts may be released.
(B) If the period of time between the date that the redistricting database is made publicly available and the map adoption deadline is fewer than 90 days and more than 59 days, the waiting period required by subparagraph (A) is reduced to one week. If the period of time between the date that the redistricting database is made publicly available and the map adoption deadline is fewer than 60 days, then the waiting period required by subparagraph (A) is waived.
- (e) The council shall allow the public to submit testimony or draft maps in writing and electronically.

(f) The city shall either record or prepare a written summary of each public comment and council deliberation made at every public hearing or workshop held pursuant to this article. The city shall make the recording or written summary available to the public within two weeks after the public hearing or workshop.

(g) The council shall establish, and maintain for at least 10 years after the adoption of new council district boundaries, an internet web page dedicated to redistricting. The web page may be hosted on the city's existing internet website or another internet website maintained by the city. The web page shall include, or link to, all of the following information:

- (1) A general explanation of the redistricting process for the city in English and applicable languages.
- (2) The procedures for a member of the public to testify during a public hearing or to submit written testimony directly to the council in English and any applicable language.
- (3) A calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates. A calendar listing that includes the time and location of the public hearing or workshop satisfies the notice required by subdivision (c.)
- (4) The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.
- (5) The recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop.
- (6) Each draft map considered by the council at a public hearing.
- (7) The adopted final map of council district boundaries.

As of April 7, 2022, the IRC has held six public hearings, two were held prior to any review of submitted draft maps. On December 11 and 18, 2021, the IRC held public in-person workshops at the Belle Haven Library and City Council Chambers; both accessible to persons with disabilities.

Staff have implemented several public engagement efforts throughout the redistricting process and provided monthly updates to the Commission (Attachment D.)

In summary, and pertaining directly to Elections Code, redistricting information has been provided to residents, community groups and local media, in both digital and hard copy, with all hard copy material printed in both English and Spanish. This includes but is not limited to: social media, web digest articles, updates to the redistricting webpage, flyers and map worksheets at City facilities, map workstations at both City libraries, and web and print ads in local news publications.

All IRC meetings have included Spanish interpretation and a majority have been recorded in both English and Spanish. Agendas, draft maps, draft minutes, meeting recordings, and all other similar materials have been posted for public review in a timely manner and in compliance with any legal requirements regarding when they must be made available to the public.

Public comment has been accepted live at all IRC meetings and via email.

A calendar of all IRC meetings and workshops has been made available on the City website (Attachment E.)

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. Draft maps
- B. Preliminary redistricting plan
- C. Resolution No. 6659
- D. IRC public engagement staff reports
- E. Hyperlink – IRC webpage: beta.menlopark.org/Government/Commissions-and-committees/Independent-Redistricting-Commission

Report prepared by:

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

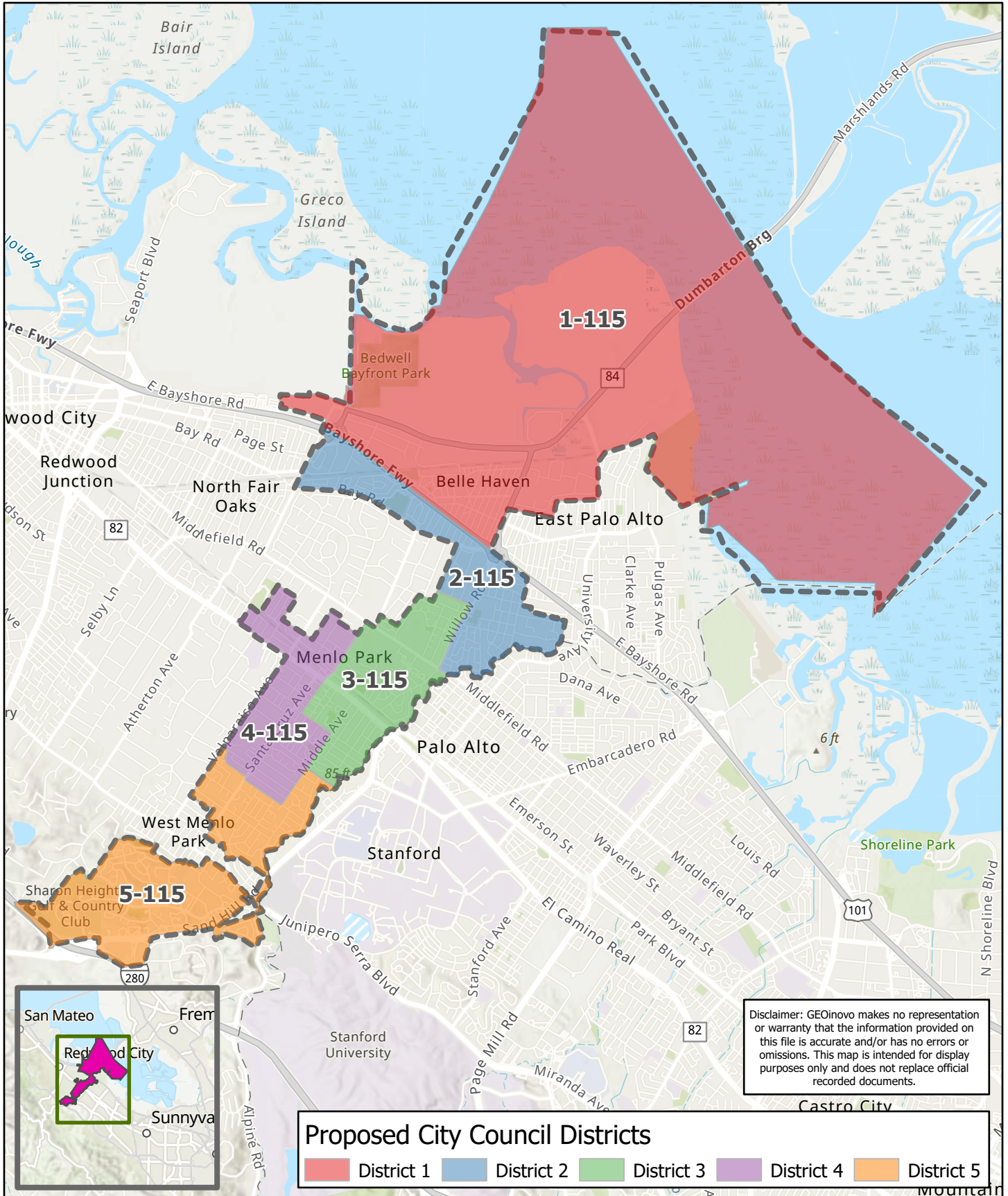
Report reviewed by:

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

Denise Bazzano, Assistant City Attorney

Tamar Burke, Assistant City Attorney

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Proposed City Council Districts

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Menlo Park City Council Districts

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City of Menlo Park Demographic Data by District: Pub 115 ID 117110

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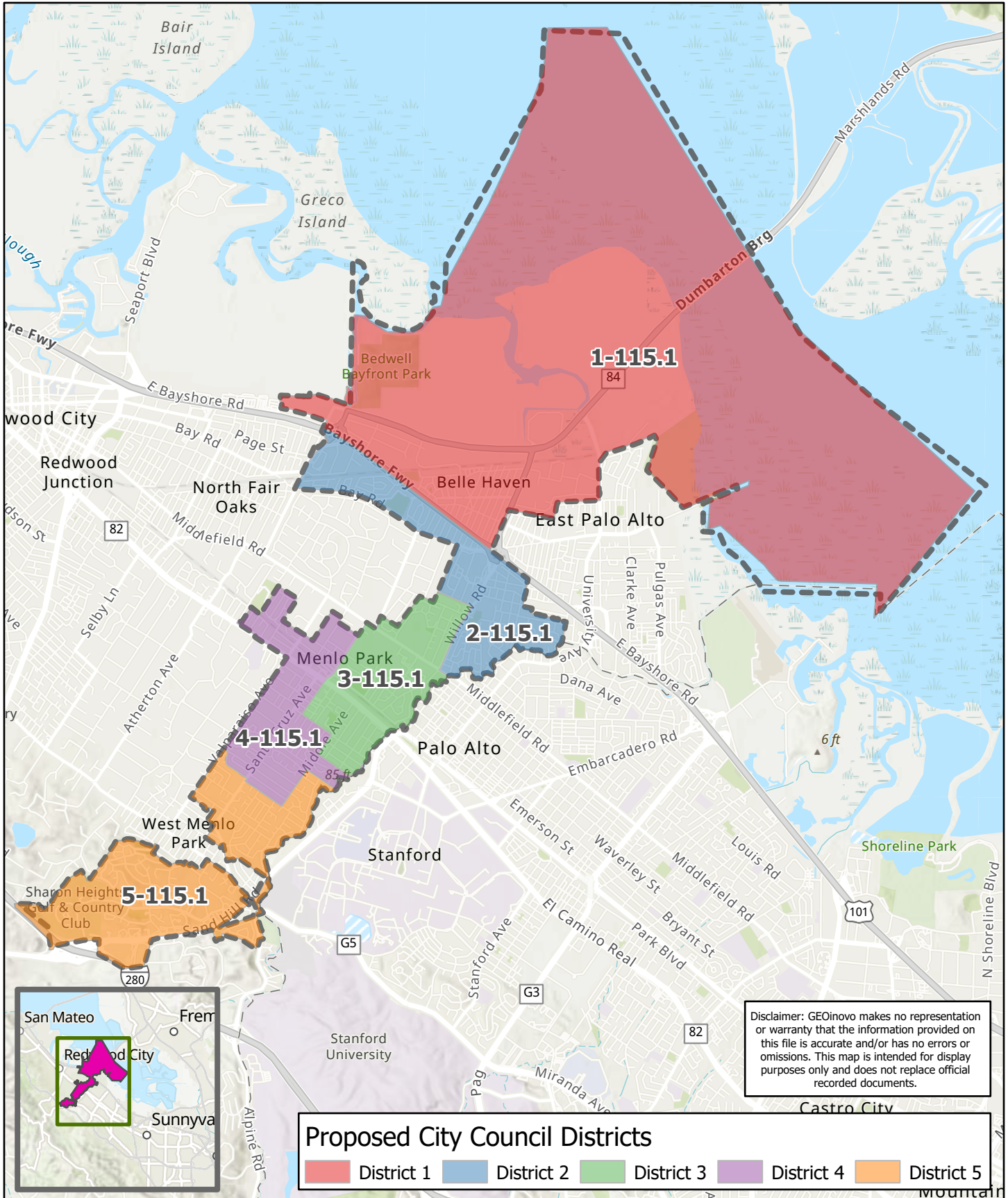
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Total	33,830	6,008	17.8%	18,583	54.9%	1,159	3.4%	185	0.5%	6,814	20.1%	390	1.2%	453	1.3%	238	0.7%
District 1	6,478	3,621	55.9%	832	12.8%	745	11.5%	21	0.3%	911	14.1%	223	3.4%	49	0.8%	76	1.2%
District 2	6,558	739	11.3%	4,054	61.8%	150	2.3%	61	0.9%	1,347	20.5%	70	1.1%	112	1.7%	25	0.4%
District 3	7,038	671	9.5%	4,357	61.9%	114	1.6%	35	0.5%	1,678	23.8%	25	0.4%	108	1.5%	50	0.7%
District 4	6,761	608	9.0%	4,475	66.2%	93	1.4%	33	0.5%	1,338	19.8%	58	0.9%	119	1.8%	37	0.5%
District 5	6,995	369	5.3%	4,865	69.5%	57	0.8%	35	0.5%	1,540	22.0%	14	0.2%	65	0.9%	50	0.7%

Population Variance

City of Menlo Park	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Ideal/Balance	Variance from Ideal
Pub 115	6,478	6,558	7,038	6,761	6,995	6,766	8.28%

Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

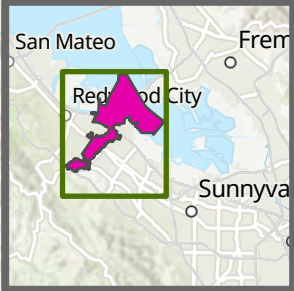
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Total	21,440	2,418	11.3%	14,229	66.4%	1,274	5.9%	3,348	15.6%	171	0.8%
District 1	3,237	1,308	40.4%	517	16.0%	816	25.2%	484	15.0%	112	3.5%
District 2	4,879	293	6.0%	3,308	67.8%	289	5.9%	978	20.0%	11	0.2%
District 3	4,284	236	5.5%	3,204	74.8%	30	0.7%	798	18.6%	16	0.4%
District 4	3,945	282	7.1%	3,175	80.5%	109	2.8%	377	9.6%	2	0.1%
District 5	5,095	299	5.9%	4,025	79.0%	30	0.6%	711	14.0%	30	0.6%



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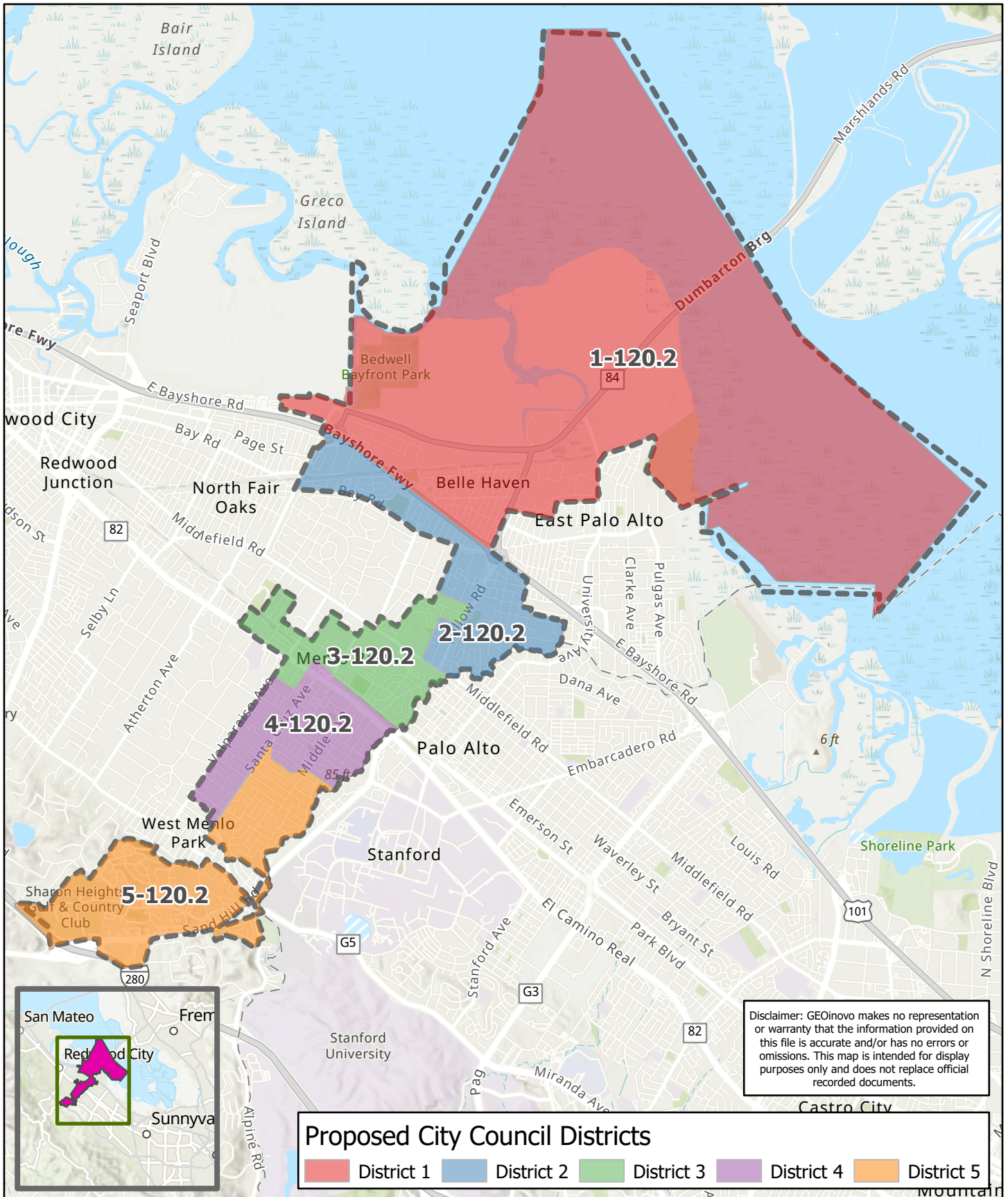
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District 3	6,885	666	9.7%	4,236	61.5%	114	1.7%	35	0.5%	1,651	24.0%	25	0.4%	108	1.6%	50	0.7%
District 4	6,914	613	8.9%	4,596	66.5%	93	1.3%	33	0.5%	1,365	19.7%	58	0.8%	119	1.7%	37	0.5%
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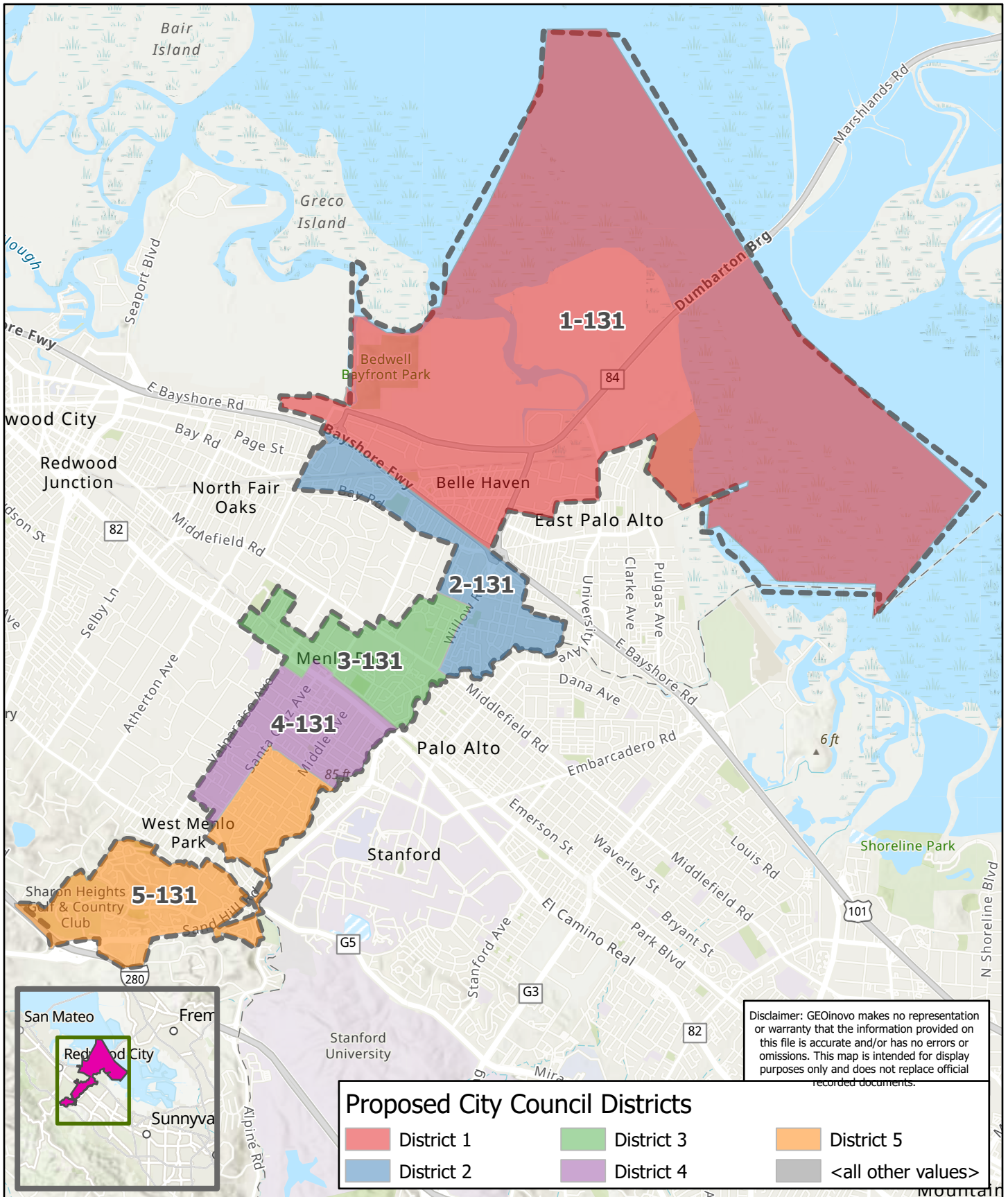
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District 3	6,617	809	12.2%	3,920	59.2%	101	1.5%	37	0.6%	1,534	23.2%	57	0.9%	112	1.7%	47	0.7%
District 4	6,879	444	6.5%	4,729	68.7%	93	1.4%	31	0.5%	1,411	20.5%	20	0.3%	111	1.6%	40	0.6%
District 5	6,897	373	5.4%	4,785	69.4%	60	0.9%	35	0.5%	1,515	22.0%	14	0.2%	66	1.0%	49	0.7%

Population Variance

City of Menlo Park	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Ideal/Balance	Variance from Ideal
Pub 120.2	6,478	6,959	6,617	6,879	6,897	6,766	7.11%

Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

District Number (Pub 120.2)	Total Pop	Latino	Latino %	White	White %	Black	Black %	Asian	Asian %	Other	Other %
Total	21,440	2,418	11.3%	14,229	66.4%	1,274	5.9%	3,348	15.6%	171	0.8%
District 1	3,237	1,308	40.4%	517	16.0%	816	25.2%	484	15.0%	112	3.5%
District 2	5,120	297	5.8%	3,477	67.9%	292	5.7%	1,043	20.4%	11	0.2%
District 3	3,815	352	9.2%	2,679	70.2%	120	3.1%	664	17.4%	0	0.0%
District 4	4,206	163	3.9%	3,588	85.3%	17	0.4%	422	10.0%	16	0.4%
District 5	5,062	298	5.9%	3,968	78.4%	29	0.6%	735	14.5%	32	0.6%



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Proposed City Council Districts

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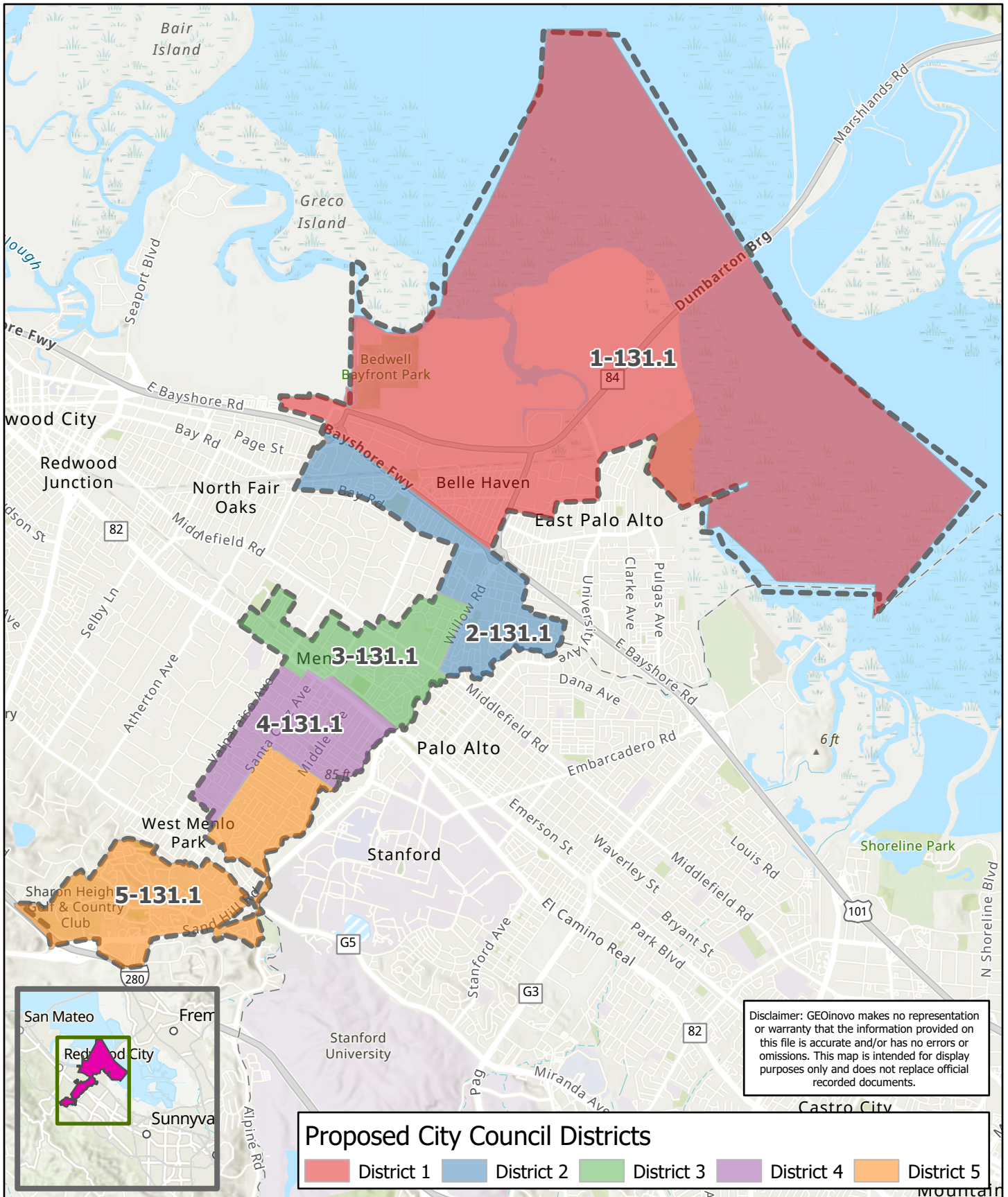
District Number (Pub 131)	Total Pop	Latino	Latino %	White	White %	Black	Black %	Native American	Native American %	Asian	Asian %	Hawaiian/Pac Islander	Hawaiian/Pac Islander %	Other	Other %	Two or More Races	Two or More Races %
Total	33,830	6,008	17.8%	18,583	54.9%	1,159	3.4%	185	0.5%	6,814	20.1%	390	1.2%	453	1.3%	238	0.7%
District 1	6,478	3,621	55.9%	832	12.8%	745	11.5%	21	0.3%	911	14.1%	223	3.4%	49	0.8%	76	1.2%
District 2	6,558	739	11.3%	4,054	61.8%	150	2.3%	61	0.9%	1,347	20.5%	70	1.1%	112	1.7%	25	0.4%
District 3	6,794	813	12.0%	4,035	59.4%	106	1.6%	36	0.5%	1,584	23.3%	63	0.9%	113	1.7%	44	0.6%
District 4	6,975	460	6.6%	4,772	68.4%	97	1.4%	32	0.5%	1,437	20.6%	20	0.3%	113	1.6%	44	0.6%
District 5	7,025	375	5.3%	4,890	69.6%	61	0.9%	35	0.5%	1,535	21.9%	14	0.2%	66	0.9%	49	0.7%

Population Variance

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Pub 131	6,478	6,558	6,794	6,975	7,025	6,766	8.08%

Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

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District 3	3,915	351	9.0%	2,721	69.5%	122	3.1%	721	18.4%	0	0.0%
District 4	4,272	168	3.9%	3,645	85.3%	17	0.4%	426	10.0%	16	0.4%
District 5	5,137	298	5.8%	4,038	78.6%	30	0.6%	739	14.4%	32	0.6%



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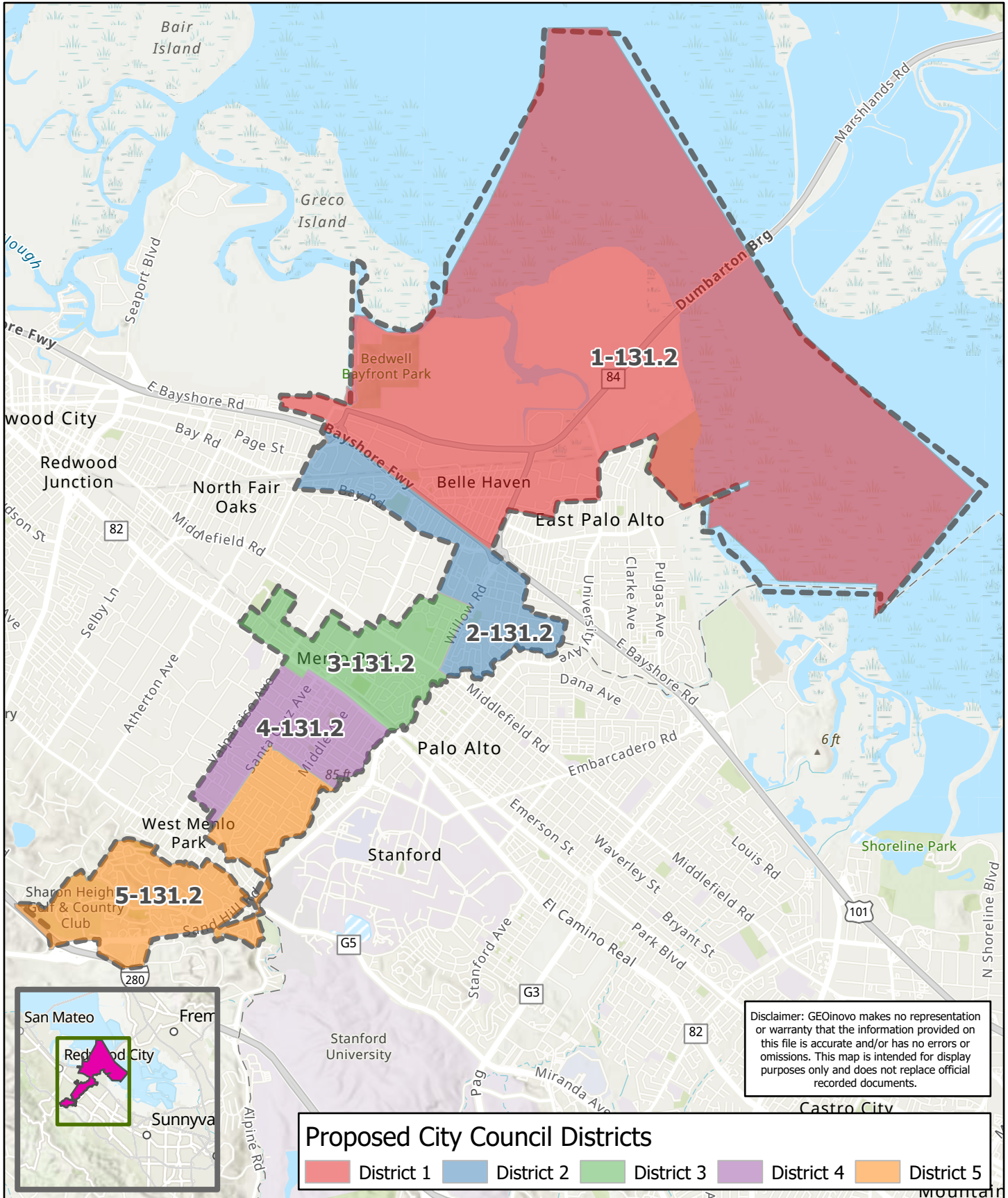
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District 3	6,850	820	12.0%	4,067	59.4%	108	1.6%	36	0.5%	1,598	23.3%	64	0.9%	113	1.6%	44	0.6%
District 4	6,919	453	6.5%	4,740	68.5%	95	1.4%	32	0.5%	1,423	20.6%	19	0.3%	113	1.6%	44	0.6%
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Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

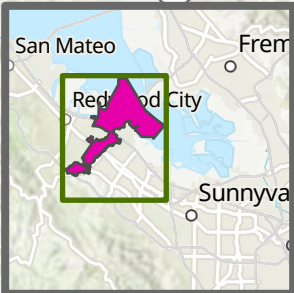
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Preliminary Redistricting Plan and Draft Map Analysis

April 7, 2022

Background and History

Every ten (10) years, after the U.S. Census, the City of Menlo Park must re-establish the boundaries for City Council districts. The resulting city council district boundaries must be balanced in population in accordance with state and federal rules governing the redistricting process.

In 2021, the Menlo Park Independent Redistricting Commission (“IRC”), made up entirely of community members, was formed to establish district boundaries in a process that is open and transparent and allows public comment on the drawing of City Council district boundaries. The redistricting process also ensures that the district boundaries are drawn according to the redistricting criteria set forth in applicable state and federal laws, and that the process is conducted with integrity, fairness, and without personal or political considerations.

The IRC consists of seven (7) members and two (2) alternates. At a public meeting, the City Clerk randomly selected the initial three (3) members of the IRC from the qualified Applicants. Those three Commissioners selected by the City Clerk then selected four (4) additional Commissioners and two (2) alternates, such that the IRC would not be comprised entirely of Commissioners who are registered to vote with the same political party preference. In selecting the remainder of the IRC and the two (2) alternates, the initial three (3) Commissioners considered each applicant’s competence to carry out the responsibilities of the IRC, ability to serve with impartiality in a nonpartisan role, familiarity with the City’s neighborhoods and communities, appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the City, apparent ability to work cooperatively with the other Commissioners, and relevant civic and/or volunteer activities.

As an independent body, the IRC is empowered to adopt the district boundaries, without City Council approval. The district map developed by the IRC must follow all local, state and federal laws, be substantially equal in population, and be geographically contiguous. The IRC held a total of seven (7) public hearings, as they developed the district boundaries – two (2) hearings prior to the drawing of any draft map(s) and five (5) after drawing of draft maps. The IRC used a software called Districtr, which enabled any member of the public to electronically draw and submit maps for the IRC’s review. Draft maps were available for review on the Districtr website. Draft maps for consideration by the IRC were made available as part of the IRC agenda at least 72 hours prior to each IRC meeting.

Redistricting Criteria

Pursuant to Section 12 of Resolution No. 6659, the IRC shall:

A. Following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, shall by resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the City Council district of the City so that the City Council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States

Constitution.

- i. Population equality shall be based on the total population of residents of the City as determined by the most recent census.
- ii. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an incarcerated person, as that term is used in Elections Code section 21033, shall not be counted as part of a city's population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the City, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available.

B. The City Council boundaries must comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C sec. 1031 et seq.)

C. Adopt boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority in accordance with the California Elections Code section 21601:

- i. To the extent practical, the City Council district shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that are separated by water and not connected by a bridge, tunnel, or regular ferry service are not contiguous.
- ii. 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. A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest to not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
- iii. City Council district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, City Council district shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the City.
- iv. To the extent practical, City Council district shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the City.
- v. To the extent practical, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, City Council districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.

D. Not adopt City Council district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

Preliminary Draft Map for Public Consideration

The IRC considered a total of 24 maps. At the April 7, 2022 meeting, the IRC selected the final draft map from the three maps being considered (Maps 115, 120.2 and 131), and the IRC intends to formally adopt Map XXX at its final meeting on April 14, 2022. The draft map is attached to this report as Exhibit A, and must be supported by written findings, criteria employed in the decision process, and a full analysis and explanation of the reasons supporting adoption.

Procedure for Adoption of Final Redistricting Report and Map

Section 13 of Resolution No. 6659 sets forth the following procedure for the IRC to follow when approving the final map:

- A. The IRC shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings prior to the drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- B. The IRC shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings after drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- C. At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.
- D. Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- E. The IRC shall, at a minimum, take the applicable steps identified in Elections Code section 21608 to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process.
- F. Prior to adoption of a final map, the IRC shall file a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map with the City Clerk, along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the IRC. The City Clerk shall publish the preliminary redistricting plan and draft map in accordance with Elections Code section 21608(d). After having heard comments from the public on the preliminary redistricting plan and draft map, the IRC shall adopt a final redistricting report and final map. An IRC-adopted final redistricting report and final map has the force and effect of law and shall be effective after it is filed with the City Clerk and shall remain effective until the adoption of new district boundaries following the next federal decennial census. The City Council may not revise the district boundaries adopted by the IRC.
- G. The final redistricting report and final map shall be subject to referendum in the same manner as ordinances.

EXHIBIT A-DRAFT MAP

EXHIBIT A (CONTINUED)

I. Findings

- A. Total Population deviation (i.e., ideal population and overall range)
- B. Total population and deviation per district
- C. Total population by race/ethnicity per district
- D. Citizens of voting age (CVAP) by race/ethnicity per district
- E. Contiguity Criterion (i.e. are the Districts contiguous?)
- F. Preservation of Geographic Integrity Criteria (i.e. minimize division of communities of interest, etc.)
- G. Compactness Measures per District

II. Criteria Employed in the Decision Process

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RESOLUTION NO. 6659**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENLO PARK
CREATING AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution, as interpreted by the courts, prohibits violations of equal protection, including intentional dilution or abridgement of the right to vote of protected classes, and racial gerrymandering; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2017, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 1044, the City Council established five electoral districts for the election of City Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1044 established five districts from which City Councilmembers would be elected with City Council District Nos. 1, 2 and 4 beginning at the general municipal election in November 2018, and every four (4) years thereafter, and City Council District Nos. 3 and 5 beginning at the general municipal election in November 2020, and every four (4) years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 21600 et seq., requires, among other things, that following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, the city council by ordinance or resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the city council districts of the city so that the city council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution ("redistricting"); and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 23000 et seq., governs the formation of local independent redistricting commissions; and

WHEREAS, California Elections Code section 23001 provides that a local jurisdiction may establish by resolution, ordinance, or charter amendment an independent redistricting commission, a hybrid redistricting commission, or an advisory redistricting commission composed of residents of the local jurisdiction to change the legislative body's district boundaries or to recommend to the legislative body changes to those district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, establishing a redistricting process that is open and transparent and allows public comment on the drawing of City Council district boundaries, ensures that the district boundaries are drawn in accordance with state and federal law, and ensures that the redistricting process is conducted with integrity, fairness, and without personal or political considerations, the City Council hereby desires to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the City of Menlo Park's interest to establish and appoint a seven (7) member Independent Redistricting Commission, to redraw district boundary lines, as authorized by state and federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Menlo Park finds the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and they are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Menlo Park hereby resolves as follows:

1. For the purposes of this Resolution, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them below:
 - a. "Commission" means the City of Menlo Park Independent Redistricting Commission.
 - b. "Consultant" means a person, whether or not compensated, retained to advise the Commission or a Commissioner regarding any aspect of the redistricting process. Consultant excludes outside legal counsel.
 - c. "Family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, child, or in-law.
 - d. "Federal decennial census" means the national decennial census taken under the direction of the United States Congress at the beginning of each decade.
2. That the Menlo Park Independent Redistricting Commission ("Commission") is hereby established. The exclusive authority to redraw City Council district boundaries shall be vested in the Commission, until such time as the City Council rescinds this Resolution. Accordingly, the City Council shall have no role in developing a redistricting report or map.
3. The Commission shall:
 - a. Be independent of City Council control;
 - b. Conduct an open and transparent redistricting process, enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of City Council district boundaries;
 - c. Comply with the provisions of state and federal law; and
 - d. Conduct itself with integrity and fairness.
4. Duties. The Commission shall, following each decennial federal census, adopt a final map establishing City Council district boundaries and a final report explaining its decision in accordance with this Resolution, within the redistricting deadlines as established by state law. These district boundaries shall be used for the establishment of City Council electoral districts as set forth in Menlo Park Municipal Code section 2.04.210 and 2.04.220.
5. The Commission may adopt for itself rules of procedure that do not conflict with state or federal law or this Resolution.
6. Composition. The Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) commissioners ("Commissioners") and two (2) alternate commissioners ("Alternates"). Alternates may fully participate in Commission deliberations but may not vote and may not be counted toward the establishment of a quorum. Alternates are subject to the same qualifications, restrictions, and standards of conduct as all other Commissioners. At its first meeting, the Commission shall select one (1) Commissioner to serve as Chair and one (1) Commissioner to serve as Vice Chair. The Commission may designate other officers from its membership and may establish subcommittees and ad hoc committees. Subcommittees and ad hoc committees shall report on their actions at the next meeting of the Commission.

7. Qualifications and restrictions.

- a. Qualifications. Applicants shall comply with the eligibility requirements in California Elections Code Sections 23001 and 23002(b), (c) and (d) and shall meet all of the following minimum qualifications at the time an application is filed:
 - i. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of application; and
 - ii. Be a resident of the City for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of application.
- b. A person shall not be appointed to serve on the Commission if any of the following applies:
 - i. If the person or any family member of the person has been elected or appointed to, or been a candidate for, City Council in the eight (8) years preceding the person's application.
 - ii. If the person or the person's family member has done any of the following in the four (4) years preceding the person's application:
 1. Served as an officer of, employee of, or paid political consultant to, a campaign committee or a candidate for City Council.
 2. Served as a staff member or a political consultant to, or who has contracted with, a currently serving City Councilmember or San Mateo County supervisor.
 3. Contributed five hundred dollars (\$500) or more in a year to any seated City Councilmember or current candidate for City Council.
 - iii. If the person or the person's family member served as an officer of, employee of, or paid consultant to, a political party or as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee in the eight (8) years preceding the person's application.
 - iv. If the person currently serves as a staff member or a political consultant to an elected official holding a partisan office.
 - v. If the person is a paid employee of the City or a current City Councilmember.
 - vi. If the person is a paid employee of any redistricting contractor or consultant.
 - vii. Any other restrictions identified in Elections Code section 23003 applicable to Independent Redistricting Commissions, as may be amended from time to time.
- c. All applicants shall attest to compliance with all of the criteria in subsections 7(a) and (b).
- d. In addition to an application, all applicants shall file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) with the City Clerk.
- e. If an applicant to the Commission currently serves on another City of Menlo Park board or commission, he or she may serve on the Commission if selected, as long as he or she agrees not to serve on another board or commission during his or her term of office on the Commission. Once sworn into office on the Commission, the Commissioner shall be deemed to have forfeited their previous board or commission position.
- f. Commissioners shall serve without compensation.

8. Selection.

- a. The City Clerk shall in each year ending in the number zero initiate and widely publicize an application process, open to all City residents who meet the requirements listed in section 7 above in a manner that promotes a qualified Commissioner applicant pool that is large and reflective of the diversity of the City.

- b. Commissioners shall be selected through an open application process.
- c. The City Clerk shall initiate and widely publicize the Commission application process. To promote a large and diverse applicant pool, the City Clerk shall seek assistance from a broad range of community-based organizations to encourage qualified persons to apply. The application period shall be open for at least one month and shall specify a closing date for submission of all applications.
- d. The City Clerk shall review each submitted application for completeness. If the City Clerk deems an application to be incomplete, the City Clerk shall notify the applicant of such and provide the applicant an opportunity to complete the application. The submittal deadline shall not be extended to allow correction of incomplete applications.
- e. Upon close of the application submittal period, the City Clerk shall review all applications and remove incomplete or untimely applications and remove individuals who do not meet the qualification criteria listed in Sections 7(a) and (b) from among the Commission applicants.
- f. The City Clerk shall attempt to obtain at least twelve (12) qualified applicants during the one-month application submittal period. If the City Clerk receives less than twelve (12) applications upon the close of the application submittal period, the City Clerk may extend the application deadline for a period of two weeks and continue to seek assistance from a broad range of community-based organizations to encourage qualified persons to apply. If at the end of the two week extended application period the City Clerk has at least nine (9) qualified applications the City Clerk may close the application period. If the City Clerk does not have at least nine (9) qualified applications at the end of the two week extended application period, the City Clerk may continue to extend the application period until such time as the minimum of nine (9) applications are received.
- g. The City Clerk shall, at a public meeting, randomly select three (3) names from the pool of qualified applicants. Those three (3) shall serve as Commissioners and shall, by majority vote at a separate noticed public hearing, select the final four (4) Commissioners and two (2) Alternates from the remaining pool of qualified applicants.
- h. The initial three (3) Commissioners should select applicants that are best qualified to carry out the Commission's duties under this Section and that, as a group, reasonably reflect the diversity of the City, provided that no quotas, formulas, or ratios may be applied for this purpose. The initial three (3) Commissioners shall select the additional four (4) Commissioners such that the Commission shall not be comprised entirely of Commissioners who are registered to vote with the same political party preference.
- i. In evaluating applications, the initial three (3) Commissioners shall consider each applicant's:
 - i. Competency to carry out the responsibilities of the Commission;
 - ii. Ability to serve with impartiality in a nonpartisan role;
 - iii. Familiarity with the City's neighborhoods and communities;
 - iv. Appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the City.
 - v. Apparent ability to work cooperatively with other Commissioners;
 - vi. Relevant civic and/or volunteer activities.
- j. The Commission shall be fully established no later than December 1, 2021, and thereafter no later than December 1 in each year ending in the number zero, unless otherwise prescribed by the City Council.
- k. If a Commissioner resigns or is removed from the Commission, the next Alternate in line shall fill the vacancy as a voting Commissioner.

- I. For purposes of this subsection, “diverse” means diversity of ability, geography, race and ethnicity, gender, and age.
9. Appeal. There is no right of appeal to a determination by the Clerk or a Commissioner regarding the appointment process or appointment of a Commissioner.
 10. Restrictions after appointment. If appointed to the Commission, A Commissioner or Alternate shall not do any of the following:
 - a. While serving on the Commission, endorse, work for, volunteer for, or make a campaign contribution to, a candidate for City Council.
 - b. Be a candidate for City Council if less than five (5) years has elapsed since the date of the member's appointment to the Commission.
 - c. For four (4) years commencing with the date of his or her appointment to the Commission:
 - i. Accept employment as a staff member of, or political consultant to, a City Councilmember or candidate for City Council.
 - ii. Receive a noncompetitively bid contract with the City.
 - iii. For two (2) years commencing with the date of his or her appointment to the Commission, accept an appointment to the City Council.
 11. Removal. The Commission by a 2/3 vote may remove a Commissioner or Alternate for substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct in office, or inability to discharge the duties of office, but only after providing the subject Commissioner or Alternate with written notice and an opportunity for response at a public Commission meeting.
 12. Redistricting criteria.
 - a. The Commission shall do the following:
 - i. Following each decennial federal census, and using that census as a basis, shall, by resolution, adopt boundaries for any or all of the City Council districts of the City so that the City Council districts shall be substantially equal in population as required by the United States Constitution.
 1. Population equality shall be based on the total population of residents of the City as determined by that census.
 2. Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an incarcerated person as that term is used in Section 21003, shall not be counted as part of a city’s population, except for an incarcerated person whose last known place of residence may be assigned to a census block in the City, if information about the last known place of residence for incarcerated persons is included in the computerized database for redistricting that is developed in accordance with subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, and that database is made publicly available.
 - b. The City Council district boundaries must comply with the United States Constitution, the California Constitution, and the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 (52 U.S.C. Sec. 10301 et seq.).
 - c. The Commission shall adopt district boundaries using the following criteria as set forth in the following order of priority in accordance with California Elections Code section 21601:
 - i. To the extent practicable, City Council districts shall be geographically contiguous. Areas that meet only at the points of adjoining corners are not contiguous. Areas that

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- ii. 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. A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.
 - iii. City Council district boundaries should be easily identifiable and understandable by residents. To the extent practicable, City Council districts shall be bounded by natural and artificial barriers, by streets, or by the boundaries of the City.
 - iv. To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, City Council districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- d. The Commission shall not adopt City Council district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party.

13. Adoption of redistricting report and map.

- a. The Commission shall conduct at least two (2) public hearings prior to the drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- b. The Commission shall conduct at least three (3) public hearings after drawing of any draft map or maps of the proposed City Council boundaries.
- c. At least one public hearing or public workshop shall be held on a Saturday, on a Sunday, or after 6 p.m. on a weekday Monday through Friday.
- d. Public hearing buildings shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- e. The Commission shall, at a minimum, take the applicable steps identified in Elections Code section 21608 to encourage residents, including those in underrepresented communities and non-English speaking communities, to participate in the redistricting public review process.
- f. Prior to adoption of a final map, the Commission shall file a preliminary redistricting plan and draft map with the City Clerk, along with a written statement of findings and reasons for proposed adoption, which shall include the criteria employed in the process and a full analysis and explanation of decisions made by the Commission. The City Clerk shall publish the preliminary redistricting plan and draft map in accordance with Elections Code section 21608(d). After having heard comments from the public on the preliminary redistricting plan and draft map, the Commission shall adopt a final redistricting report and final map. A Commission-adopted final redistricting report and final map has the force and effect of law and shall be effective after it is filed with the City Clerk and shall remain effective until the adoption of new district boundaries following the next federal decennial census. The City Council may not revise the district boundaries adopted by the Commission.
- g. The final redistricting report and final map shall be subject to referendum in the same manner as ordinances.

14. Administration.

- a. The City Council shall appropriate sufficient funds to support the work of the Commission, including funds necessary to recruit Commissioners and Alternates, meet the operational needs of the Commission, conduct any community outreach to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting process, pay for City staff time associated with supporting the work of the Commission, hire any necessary consultants, and obtain any necessary redistricting tools or resources.
- b. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City Attorney shall assign sufficient staff to support the Commission. The City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee shall serve as secretary to the Commission. The City Attorney or the City Attorney's designee shall serve as legal counsel to the Commission.
- c. Subject to funds appropriated to the Commission, the Commission may retain consultants following the City's standard procurement processes and the City Council shall approve any applicable consultant agreements. The Commission shall retain the sole authority for determining the selection criteria for consultants, except however, the Commission shall utilize the consultant, GEOinovo Solutions, Inc., retained by the City prior to the adoption of this resolution for demographic analysis and census mapping services for the City Council 2020 census redistricting process.
- d. The Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code), the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code), and the Political Reform Act (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 87100) of Title 9).

15. Dissolution.

- a. The Commission shall cease operations and dissolve on the ninety-first day following approval of a final redistricting report and final map, unless a referendum against the final redistricting report and final map has qualified or a lawsuit has been filed to enjoin or invalidate the final redistricting report and final map, in which case the Commission shall continue operations until a final redistricting report and final map is implemented by the City. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a lawsuit to enjoin or invalidate a final redistricting report and final map is filed later than the ninety-first day following approval of a final redistricting report and final map, the Commission shall automatically revive and continue operations during the pendency of such lawsuit and until a final redistricting report and final map is implemented by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if any term, provision, or portion of this Resolution is held by a court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Resolution shall continue in full force and effect unless amended or modified or repealed by the City.

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I, Judi A. Herren, City Clerk of Menlo Park, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing City Council Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting by said City Council on the thirty-first day of August, 2021, by the following votes:

AYES: Nash, Wolosin, Taylor

NOES: Mueller, Combs

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of said City on this thirty-first day of August, 2021.

DocuSigned by:



Judi A. Herren, City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

Independent Redistricting Commission

Meeting Date: 3/24/2022
Staff Report Number: 22-011-IRC

Informational Item: Public engagement update

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) receive and file the public engagement update.

Policy Issues

City staff is providing an update on the public engagement process related to the IRC.

Background

IRC updates on public engagement efforts provides transparency and awareness about the redistricting process. Public engagement is an essential part of the redistricting process, as staff and the commission understand that community input and map submissions are vital to final adoption of the updated district map.

At the January 27, 2022, IRC meeting, the commission and members of the public shared feedback with staff and gave ideas for public engagement, using a staff provided work sheet (Attachment A.)

At the February 24, 2022, IRC meeting, the commission received a public engagement update (Attachment B.)

Implemented public engagement efforts

- Redistricting webpage, including mapping tools and redistricting survey
- Redistricting flyers posted at open City facilities
- Redistricting map worksheets placed at the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium, Arrillaga Family Recreation Center, Belle Haven Branch Library, City Hall, Menlo Park Library and Police Department
- Weekly digest updates
- Social media
- Webpage updates, per commission requests
- Dedicated computer kiosks at libraries for district maps
- Almanac web banner ad

Analysis

At this time, staff can provide the following updates:

Almanac web banner ad (January 2, 2022 – March 16, 2022):
Please note; this ad will run until April 2, 2022.

- Eight ad clicks
- 19,242 ad impressions/views

Redistricting webpage (February 24, 2022 – March 17, 2022):

- 662 unique page views
- 42 seconds avg. time on page

Social media (January 1, 2022 – March 17, 2022):

- 19 social media posts
- 30 post clicks
- 8,647 post impressions/views

Zoom: unique public attendees

- December 18, 2021 – three individuals
- January 27, 2022 – seven individuals
- February 10, 2022 – seven individuals
- February 24, 2022 – six individuals
- March 3, 2022 – five individuals
- March 10, 2022 – 10 individuals

Map submissions by month

- December 2021 – seven maps
- January 2022 – six maps
- February 2022 – eight maps
- March 2022 – 19 maps

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. Staff Report 22-001-IRC
- B. Staff Report 22-007-IRC
- C. Hyperlink – Redistricting webpage: menlopark.org/redistricting

Report prepared by:

Sarah Sandoval, Administrative Assistant

Report reviewed by:

Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

Clay Curtin, Public Engagement Manager



STAFF REPORT

Independent Redistricting Commission

Meeting Date: 1/27/2022

Staff Report Number: 22-001-IRC

Regular Business: Discuss and provide direction on the Independent Redistricting Commission's public engagement

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) discuss and provide direction on the IRC's public engagement.

Policy Issues

City staff is seeking direction on the public engagement process related to the IRC.

Background

The IRC was provided a worksheet Thursday, January 13, 2022 (Attachment A.) Staff requested that the Commissioners review and complete the worksheet in preparation for this item tonight. This worksheet requested the Commission to consider:

- Target outreach groups
 - List who we want to target for input
 - Example; Menlo Park voters
- Potential stakeholder
 - Who do we want to engage and share information to?
 - Examples are included in worksheet
- Potential components of in person engagement
 - Example; hybrid meetings
- Digital components
 - Examples; website and online mapping tools
- Potential locations to hold events/ meetings
 - Examples; virtual, in-person, hybrid
- Tricky potential issues
 - Example; COVID
- What happens with public input
 - Examples; maps received distributed at IRC meetings

Analysis

Purpose of this item is to contemplate the various components, resources and constraints that come into play when planning a public engagement process and to document the wide variety of potential

stakeholder groups in your community. This will help to ensure those we target in our outreach plan are reflective of the diversity in our community.

City staff has reached out to local media to publicize the redistricting process. Also, staff has made a good faith effort to notify community groups of various kinds about the redistricting process. Public hearings or workshops will be provided in applicable languages if residents submit a request in advance. The City has created a website that provides information regarding redistricting and will notify the public about redistricting hearings or workshops, post maps online before adoption.

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- A general explanation of the redistricting process for the City in English and any applicable language.
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- A calendar of all public hearing and workshop dates.
- The notice and agenda for each public hearing and workshop.
- The recording or written summary of each public hearing and workshop.

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 - Draft districts must be contiguous and maintain equal population size to ensure equal representation between districts.
- Menlo Park redistricting survey (Attachment D)
 - Draw an area of interest.
 - Leave a comment about the area. Is it a community of interest? What would you like to tell the IRC about this location?
 - Fill out your contact information for follow up.

City staff will create and begin further implementing the public engagement plan as directed by the IRC.

Impact on City Resources

The City has budgeted \$100,000 for the entire redistricting process. A portion of that budgeted amount can be used for public engagement.

Public Notice

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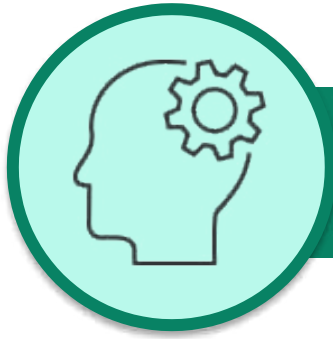
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Report prepared by:
Judi A. Herren, City Clerk

Report reviewed by:
Denise Bazzano, Assistant City Attorney



THINK

Initial Assessment

Purpose of this template: To contemplate the various components, resources and constraints that come into play when planning a public engagement process.

Directions: Fill in the document the best you can; you do not need to go in order.

Category	Fill in if applicable	Note
Title of effort	Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC)	
Time horizon	November 2021 – April 2022	
Target outreach groups	Menlo Park voters	
Potential stakeholder	Adult education	Job Train
	Agricultural groups / associations	Almond Growers Association
	Arts groups	
	Business	Cafe Zoë
	Chamber of Commerce	
	Community Based Organizations	Menlo Together
	Community health and wellness	Menlo Park - Veterans Affairs

	Environmental groups	Canopy Actera Sierra Club Safe Routes to School Bike Menlo
	Ethnic media	
	Ethnic oriented community groups/ centers	
	Faith based	
	Food banks	
	Libraries	Friends of the Menlo Park Library
	Gay, lesbian, bisexual groups	
	Good government groups	League of Women Voters Common Cause
	Immigrant related organizations	
	Labor organizations	
	Disability organizations	
	Schools	
	Senior citizen groups	Menlo Park Senior Programs Lions Club
Potential components of in person engagement	Virtual and in-person meetings Mapping tool (online and hand drawn)	Public hearings Physical maps for hand drawn in open City facilities
Digital components	Website (Elections Code section 21608) Mapping tool(s)	
Potential locations to hold events/ meetings	Virtual City Council Chambers	E.g.: Community Centers, schools, libraries, government buildings, faith-based, community rooms at institutions such as banks, foundations, non- profits, etc.



<p>Tricky potential issues</p>	<p>COVID-19</p>	<p>Consider <u>Internal challenges</u> (eg. Over these three months we are switching IT servers; over these months our Director is retiring).</p> <p>Consider <u>External challenges</u> (eg. very vocal group will be against; a business is being built in that area and residents are still upset about how that went; Measure _____ failed two months ago and people might associate this with that; A recent police shooting has neighborhood on edge and especially distrustful of government).</p>
<p>What happens with public input</p>	<p>Maps submitted to the City both hard copy and via online tools will be processed by demographer GEOinvo and presented to the IRC.</p>	<p>If a resident asks “What happened to my input/ suggestion” what are you going to say.</p>





STAFF REPORT

Independent Redistricting Commission

Meeting Date: 2/24/2022
Staff Report Number: 22-007-IRC

Informational Item: Public engagement update

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) receive and file the public engagement update.

Policy Issues

City staff is providing an update on the public engagement process related to the IRC.

Background

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The purpose of updating the IRC on public engagement efforts since the January 27, 2022, meeting is to provide more transparency on public engagement efforts.

Public engagement is an essential part of the redistricting process, as staff and the IRC understand that community input and map submissions are vital to creating new District maps.

At the time of the discussion, the following engagement efforts were in effect:

Established public engagement efforts

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Analysis

The following public engagement efforts have been enacted, following the January 27, 2022, meeting.

New public engagement efforts

- Redistricting webpage modified into tiles with subpages (Attachment D)
- Icon added to the Top 12 Tasks (below the search bar) on beta.menlopark.org website homepage for redistricting (Attachment E)
- Rotating banner added to the old website homepage at menlopark.org (Attachment F)

- Citywide mailer
- Dedicated districting kiosks at libraries (Attachment G)
- Almanac web banner (Attachment H)

The following public engagement efforts have been in development, following the January 27, 2022, meeting.

In development

- Displaying a banner on Santa Cruz Avenue
- Tutorial videos for redistricting webpage
- Social media posts

Impact on City Resources

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Report prepared by:

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Home (<https://beta.menlopark.org/Home>) / **Input needed for Menlo Park's redistricting process**

Input needed for Menlo Park's redistricting process

Published on December 06, 2021

Join the Independent Redistricting Commission for an in-person meeting at the Belle Haven Library, 410 Ivy Drive Saturday, December 11 at noon. Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the Census to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. State law requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and doing public outreach. Menlo Park is asking for your help and input.



The primary goal when developing election districts is to draw lines that respect neighborhoods, history and geographical elements. Join us for our upcoming Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) meeting where the demographer, GEOinovo, will be showing the public the mapping tool.

Independent Redistricting Commission meeting
Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021
noon

[.https://beta.menlopark.org/Citywide-calendar/Public-meetings/Independent-Redistricting-Committee-meetings/20211211-Independent-Redistricting-Commission](https://beta.menlopark.org/Citywide-calendar/Public-meetings/Independent-Redistricting-Committee-meetings/20211211-Independent-Redistricting-Commission))View the agenda

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Get involved:

- Define your neighborhood or community of interest
- Explain why redistricting is relevant to your community
- Get the tools you need to draw a map and submit to the IRC for future consideration
- Provide your input

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Get involved in city council redistricting process

Published on January 24, 2022

Since 2018, Menlo Park's city councilmembers have been elected by district to represent their constituents. Each city councilmember represents a district of approximately the same number of residents. The City Council formed the Independent Redistricting Commission to update and draw new city council district boundaries based on the 2020 census data. This redistricting process happens just once every 10 years, following the completion of the census. The commission needs your feedback to redraw the district lines and ensure equitable representation. Districts must be geographically contiguous and should respect neighborhood boundaries, history and geographical elements. The process includes accepting and reviewing draft maps submitted by the public, with consideration for the natural geography of Menlo Park as well as its communities of interest.



What is a community of interest?

A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Community members can get involved by attending redistricting meetings every

second and fourth Thursday. You can also submit draft maps with the online mapping tool and identify communities of interest at menlopark.org/redistricting (<https://menlopark.org/redistricting>).

Upcoming meeting

[Independent Redistricting Commission meeting](https://beta.menlopark.org/Citywide-calendar/Public-meetings/Independent-Redistricting-Committee-meetings/20220127-Independent-Redistricting-Commission)
(<https://beta.menlopark.org/Citywide-calendar/Public-meetings/Independent-Redistricting-Committee-meetings/20220127-Independent-Redistricting-Commission>).

Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022

6 p.m.

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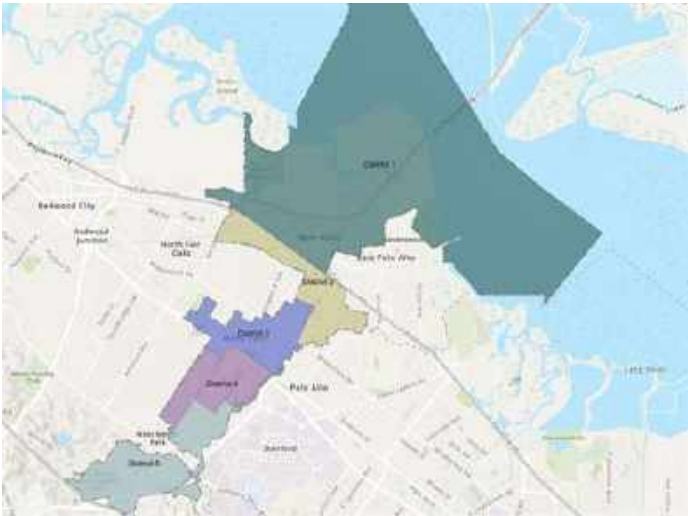
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Independent Redistricting Commission to hold second public hearing

Published on February 07, 2022

The Independent Redistricting Commission requests public input from the community. Let us know how you think your City Council districts should look!



Like many cities around the country, Menlo Park is governed by a City Council with elected members, where each city councilmember represents a district of approximately the same number of constituents. The Independent Redistricting Commission is tasked with examining communities of interest within city boundaries over the past 10 years and redrawing our districts to ensure equitable representation, and community input is an essential part of the redistricting process. Attend the upcoming meeting and public hearing:

[Independent Redistricting Commission meeting](https://beta.menlopark.org/Citywide-calendar/Public-meetings/Independent-Redistricting-Committee-meetings/20220210-Independent-Redistricting-Commission)
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Feb. 10, 2022

6 p.m.

Spanish translation available

Submit maps and identify communities of interest using the online mapping tool (<https://districtr.org/event/MP-Maps>) before the March 25, 2022, deadline to submit maps.

For more information, visit the redistricting (<https://menlopark.org/redistricting>) webpage.

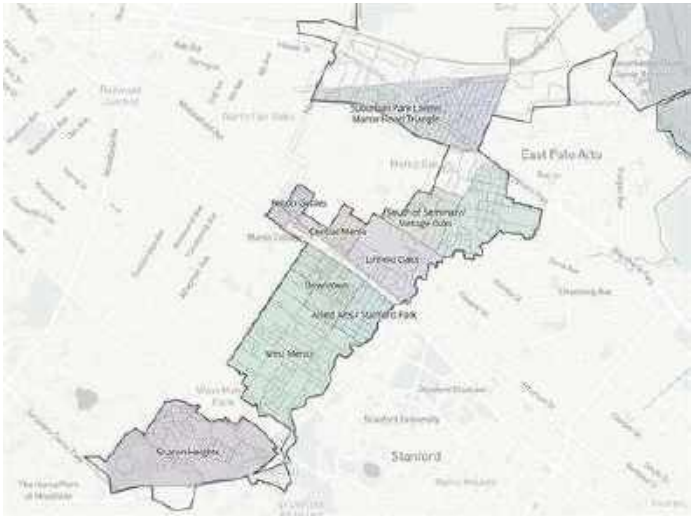
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Redistricting mapping workstations available at Menlo Park libraries

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Menlo Park is redistricting and the Independent Redistricting Commission requests feedback and map submissions from the Menlo Park community. What does your community look like to you and how has it changed since the 2010 census? Where do you think district lines should fall? These are the types of questions the Independent Redistricting Commission is asking and assessing, and they want to know what you think.



Draft district maps can be submitted online, using the [online mapping tool](https://districtr.org/event/MP-Maps) (<https://districtr.org/event/MP-Maps>), and at library workstations now available at both the Menlo Park Library and Belle Haven Branch Library, for the sole purpose of map submissions.

Paper maps are also available at the Menlo Park Library, Belle Haven Branch Library, City Hall, the Police Department, the Arrillaga Family Gymnasium and the Arrillaga Family Recreation Center.

Any community members wishing to fill out and submit a paper map can do so by mailing it to City Hall at 701 Laurel St., emailing an image or pdf to City Clerk Judi Herren (<https://beta.menlopark.org/Directory?>

[dlv_OCP%20CL%20Staff%20Directory=\(keyword=Judi\).
\(dd_OCP%20Department=City%20Managers%20Office\)\)](#), or dropping off at the Police Department.

For more information, visit the [redistricting](#)
(<https://menlopark.org/redistricting>) webpage.

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Redistricting

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. [Assembly Bill 649 \(2019\)](#) requires cities and counties to engage communities in the redistricting process by holding public hearings and/or workshops and doing public outreach, including to non-English-speaking communities.

Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a city councilmember.

You have the opportunity to share how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community.



Start drawing and submit your maps

Submit your draft city council district maps and "communities of interest" online

Independent Redistricting Commission

The redistricting process is administered by the Independent Redistricting Commission

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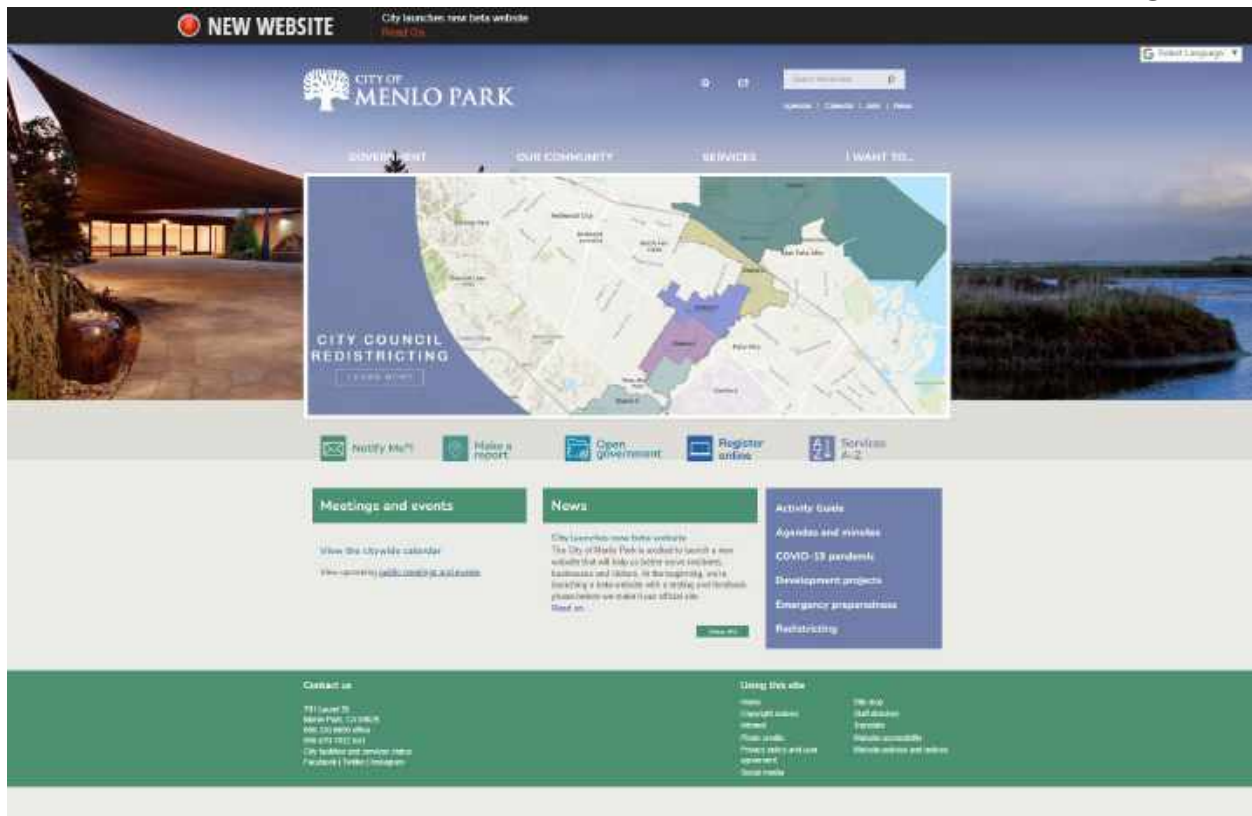
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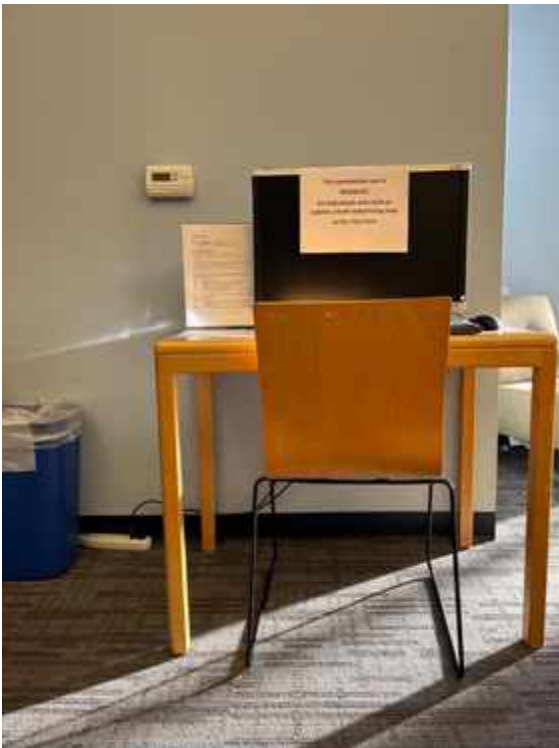
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Main Library mapping tool workstation



Belle Haven Branch Library mapping tool workstation







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Step 1 – Go to the website: <https://districtr.org/event/MP-Maps>

- Click the **Purple Button** to create Districts.
- Click the **Orange Button** to create a Community of Interest

Step 2: Begin drawing your map

Drawing tools include the following:

-  Pan: Pan within the map while maintaining the current zoom level.
-  Paint: Select color and brush size to begin drawing districts or community of interest on the map.
-  Erase: Select eraser size to remove geography from draft districts or community of interest.
-  Inspect: Review population and demographic data for specific geography on-the-fly. Use the Spotlight Size slider to make the selection smaller or larger.

Population Tools include the following three tabs: Population, Data Layers, and Evaluation.

Tip: Know your targets. The right toolbar displays unassigned population and the ideal population per district. Be sure to keep Max Population Deviation under 10% and keep districts geographically contiguous and compact.

Navigate to your starting point...

- Step 1.** Use the Pan tool to navigate to an area where you would like to start drawing.
- Step 2.** Select the paint brush tool and Select a color or leave the default
- Step 3.** Hold the left mouse button down as you move your mouse, and “paint” many blocks at a time. (choose brush size with slider)
- Step 4.** When you are satisfied with that district, click the paint tool to choose a new color for the next district and repeat the process.



Note: You can use the check box at the bottom that says highlight unassigned units so you can see blocks that were overlooked.

Step 3 – Save and share

- Step 1.** When you are finished, click Save and click on “Save plan”. Your map will use the tag “#MP-maps” so that it will be saved and viewed by the Menlo Park redistricting commission.
- Step 2.** Copy your URL and save it so you can share your plan or come back to it later.
- Step 3.** Click Save to Gallery or Save as a Draft (depending on the option you chose).

Congratulations, you have now participated in Menlo Park’s redistricting process!

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