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City of Yucaipa
Redistricting 2021 Public Hearing #2

11/8/2021

National Demographics Corporation

Tonight's Agenda

- ❑ Why do jurisdictions in California switch from at-large to by-district elections systems?

- ❑ The 2021 redistricting process
 - Project timelines
 - Key deadlines
 - Next steps and hearings

Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts
3. “By District”

**The California Voting Rights Act
was written to specifically
encourage by-district elections.**

California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

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

CVRA Impact

❑ Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:

- ❑ At least 240 school districts
- ❑ 34 Community College Districts
- ❑ 154 cities
- ❑ 1 County Board of Supervisors
- ❑ 35 water and other special districts.

❑ Cases So Far:

- ❑ Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica went to trial on the merits. Palmdale and Santa Clara lost. Santa Monica is awaiting a decision.
- ❑ Modesto and Palmdale each spent about \$1.8 million on their defense (in addition to the attorney fee awards in those cases).
- ❑ Santa Monica has spent an estimated \$7 million so far. Plaintiffs in Santa Monica requested \$22 million in legal fees after the original trial.

❑ Key settlements:

- ❑ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
 - ❑ Modesto: \$3 million
 - ❑ Highland: \$1.3 million
 - ❑ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
 - ❑ Whittier: \$1 million
 - ❑ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - ❑ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - ❑ Camarillo: \$233,000
 - ❑ Compton Unified: \$200,000
 - ❑ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - ❑ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - ❑ Merced City: \$42,000
- ❑ An estimated \$16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.

Yucaipa Elections

- ❑ Council Members hold 4 -year terms
 - Districts 1 & 2 terms end November 2022
 - Districts 3, 4 & 5 terms end November 2024

Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings October 11 & November 8	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
US Census Data Release Mid-August	Census Bureau released official 2020 Census population data.
California Data Release Late September 2021	California Statewide Database released California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data.
Two Draft Map Hearings January 24 and February 28	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map Adoption By April 17, 2022	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance

Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. Geographically contiguous
2. Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. Easily identifiable boundaries
4. Compact
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

2020 Census Data for Yucaipa's Existing Districts							
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Total Population	Total Pop	11,185	11,299	11,207	10,352	10,626	54,669
	Deviation from ideal	251	365	273	-582	-308	947
	% Deviation	2.30%	3.34%	2.50%	-5.32%	-2.82%	8.66%
	% Hisp	31.2%	37%	43%	34%	27%	34%
	% NH White	58%	53%	49%	56%	64%	56%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
	% Asian-American	5%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Citizen Voting Age Population	Total	7,772	8,006	7,590	6,921	7,383	37,672
	% Hisp	29%	32%	38%	30%	20%	30%
	% NH White	64%	61%	57%	65%	73%	64%
	% NH Black	0%	0%	3%	2%	2%	1%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	4%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%

The data set above uses 2020 official Census data for each of Yucaipa's existing districts.

Yucaipa's Current Districts are Population Balanced

- Yucaipa's existing districts are population balanced using the 2020 Census data
- In addition, current districts are reasonably compact
- Yucaipa City Council can make a decision at this hearing:
 - Continue redistricting process to consider changes to neighborhoods and communities of interest (if any) and refine the current district lines? OR
 - Keep the current districts as-is
- **Regardless of the Decision:** Yucaipa must still hold the four required hearings and pass an ordinance to adopt district boundaries (either current or changed) by April 17th



Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: what defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - ▣ *Shared social or economic interest*
 - ▣ *Impacted by city/ county policies*
- Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question:

Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

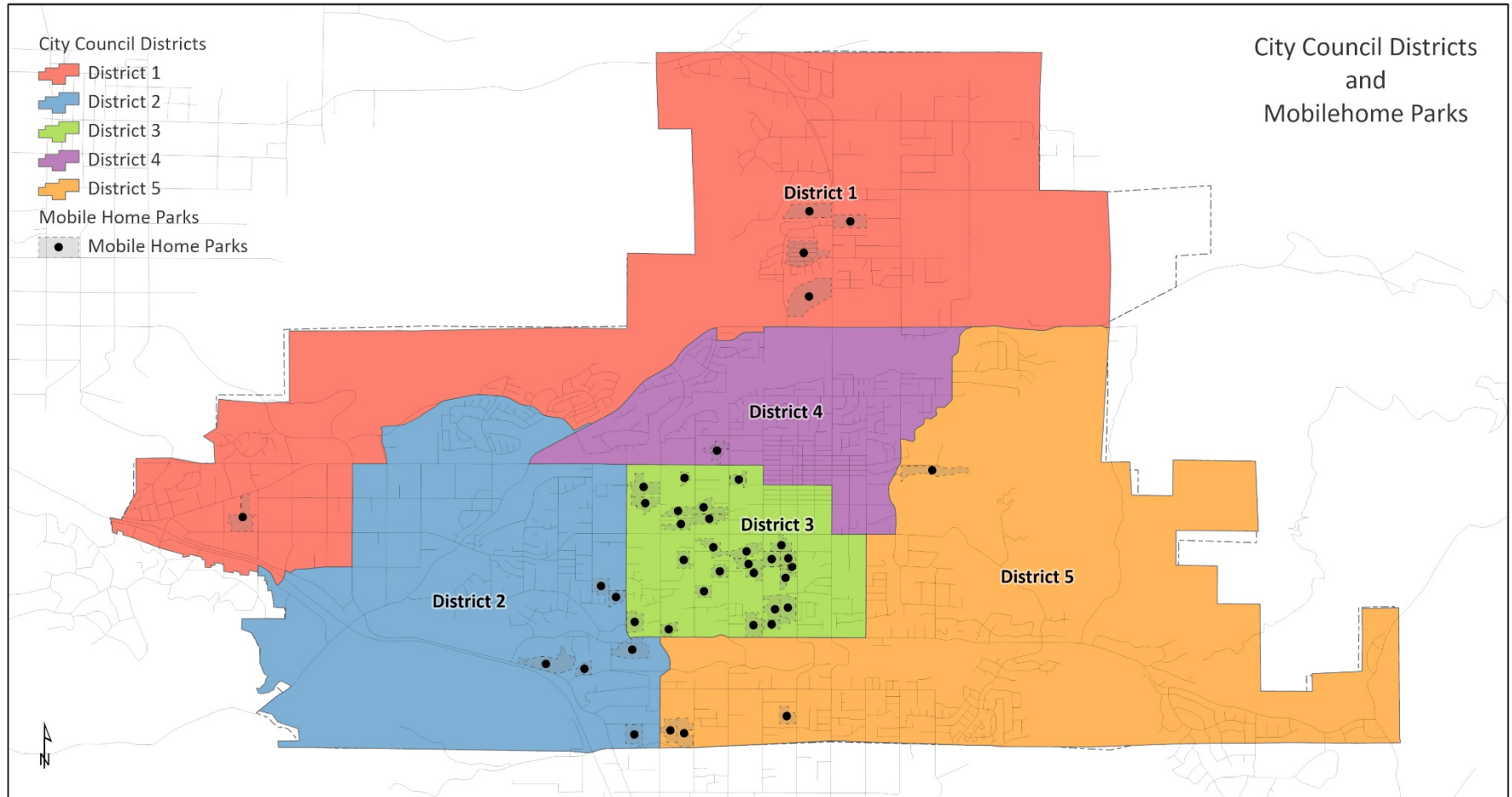
- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Possible Neighborhoods / Communities

- Dunlap Acres
- Wildwood Canyon
- Central Yucaipa (includes Uptown District)
- Chapman Heights
- North Bench
- Freeway Corridor

Mobile Home Parks



2nd Hearing

Next Steps:

- Council Discussion, then Action:
 - At tonight's hearing, take public comment and provide feedback to NDC on:
 - Does the City Council want to keep the existing district lines or move forward on redrawing the district boundaries?
 - If so, provide feedback and vote on areas that meet each AB 849 definition for neighborhoods and communities of interest.

Key Dates and Next Steps

August/September 2021	Redistricting data available. Census data released in mid-August. California released prisoner-adjusted data late September.
October 11, 2021	1 st Public Hearing held prior to the release of draft maps
November 8, 2021	2 nd Public Hearing to identify “neighborhoods” and “communities of interest.”
TBA	Maps due from the public.
January 24, 2021	Proposed 3 rd Public Hearing
February 28, 2022	Ordinance introduction hearing
March 14, 2022	Ordinance adoption hearing. Must be completed no later than April 17, 2022.
April 17, 2022 (E-205)	City deadline to adopt and submit map to Registrar
November 2022	2022 Election

Share Your Thoughts

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