Redistricting Commission

Role, Purpose, Process, and Timeline

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Introduction

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Commissioners

- ❏ **Area 1** - Omar Butler
- ❏ **Area 2** - Ritchie Cook
- ❏ **Area 3** - Genoveva Calloway
- ❏ **Area 4** - James Toalu
- ❏ **Area 5** - Derik Hilliard
- ❏ **Non-District but CCC Resident:** Vicki Gordon
- ❏ **Non-District but CCC Resident:** Craig Lazzeretti

Election Methods

- **At-large elections:** Each trustee is elected by all voters within the District (Subject to challenge under the CVRA)
- **Trustee-area elections:** Each trustee must reside within the designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area. Also known as "district-based" elections (Exempt from potential CVRA violation)
- District moved to by-trustee area elections for the 2020 election

Why Revisit the Map?

- ❑ **Required by Education Code section 5019.5**
- ❑ After each decennial federal census, a school district in which trustee areas have been established shall adjust the trustee area boundaries
- ❑ This is to ensure the population balance of each trustee area is nearly equal to each other area

Criteria for Drawing Trustee Areas

- ❑ **Education Code section 1002(a) allows consideration of*:**

- ❑ Topography
- ❑ Geography
- ❑ Cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness
- ❑ Communities of interest

- ❑ *The demographer, once selected, will go into greater detail

Role/Purpose of Commission

Redistricting Commission is:

❑ Authorized by California Elections Code section 23000 et seq.
❑ Empowered to adopt the district boundaries of a legislative body (ultimately responsible for the approval of the map)
❑ Responsible for preparing and adopting the District's trustee area boundaries for the 2022 Board election, which will be used up to and including the 2030 Board election

Current Trustee Area Map

January Map

National Demographics Corporation, January 29, 2019

Map layers
- Jan Map
- Cities and Towns
- Railroad
- River
- Streets
- Water Area
- Indian Reservation
- Pipeline/Power Line
- Elem Zones

Total Population

235,847

Hispanic 34%
White   24%
Black   19%
Asian   20%

Citizens of Voting Age

152,771

Hispanic 22%
White   32%
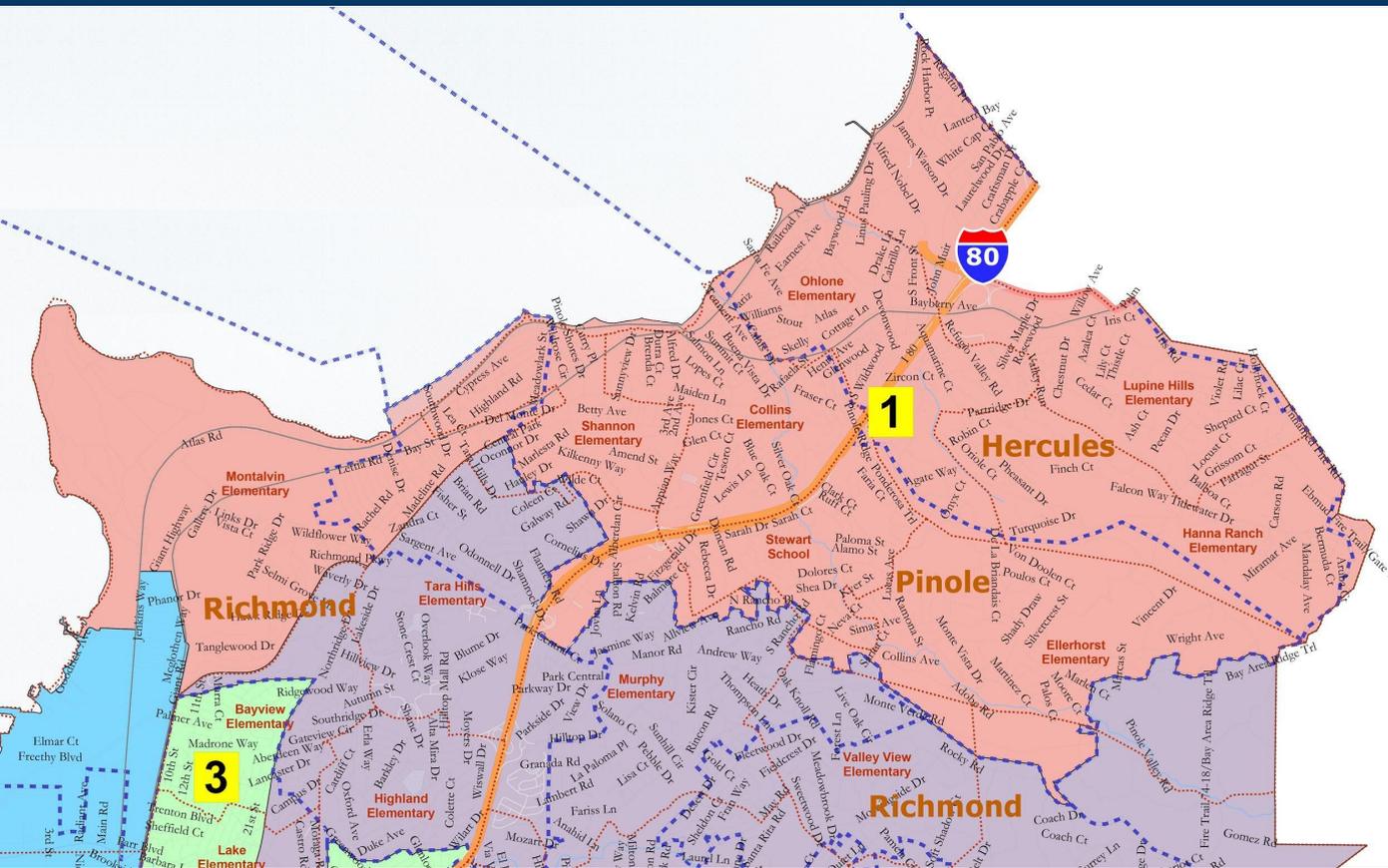Black   21%
Asian   23%

Area 1

Total Population
47,973

Hispanic 21%
White 25%
Black 16%
Asian 35%

Citizens of Voting Age
35,654

Hispanic 18%
White 29%
Black 14%
Asian 36%

Area 2

Total Population

47,191

Hispanic 46%
White   9%
Black   35%
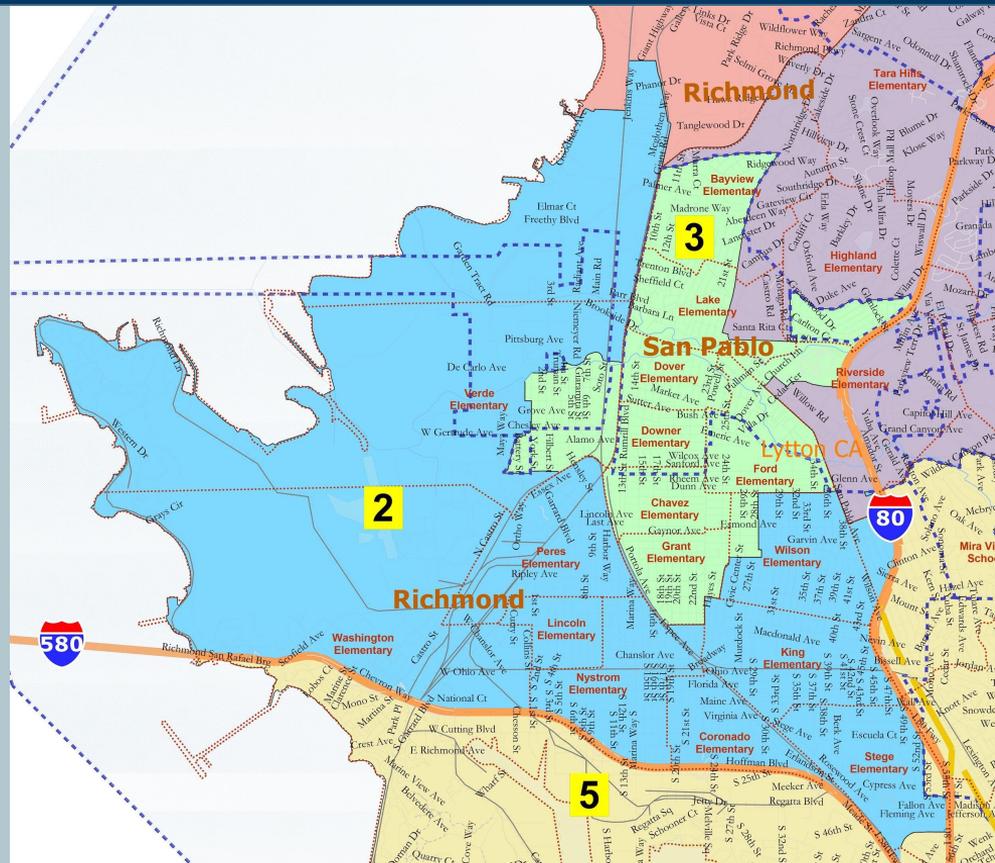Asian   7%

Citizens of Voting Age
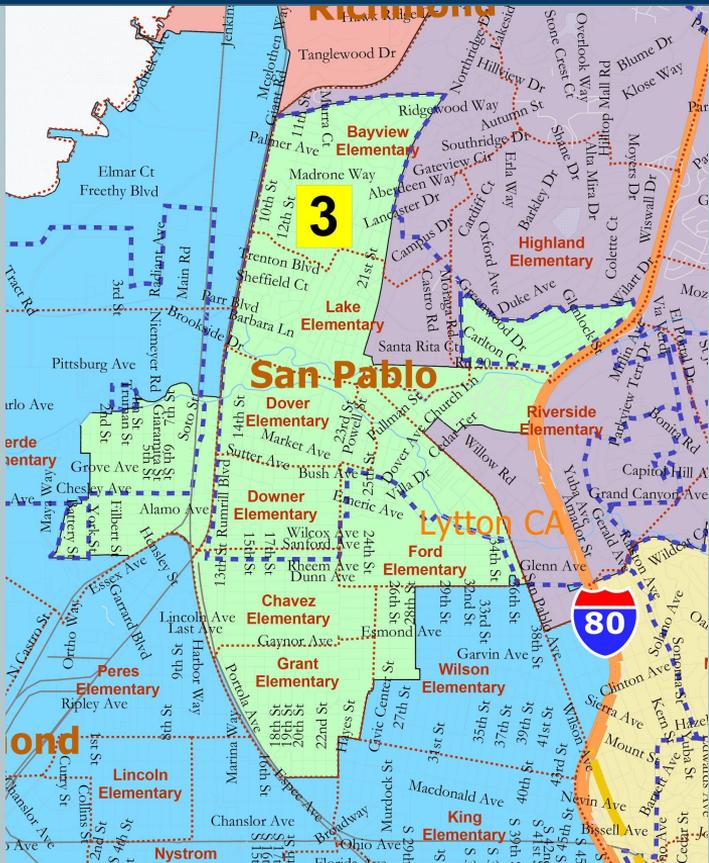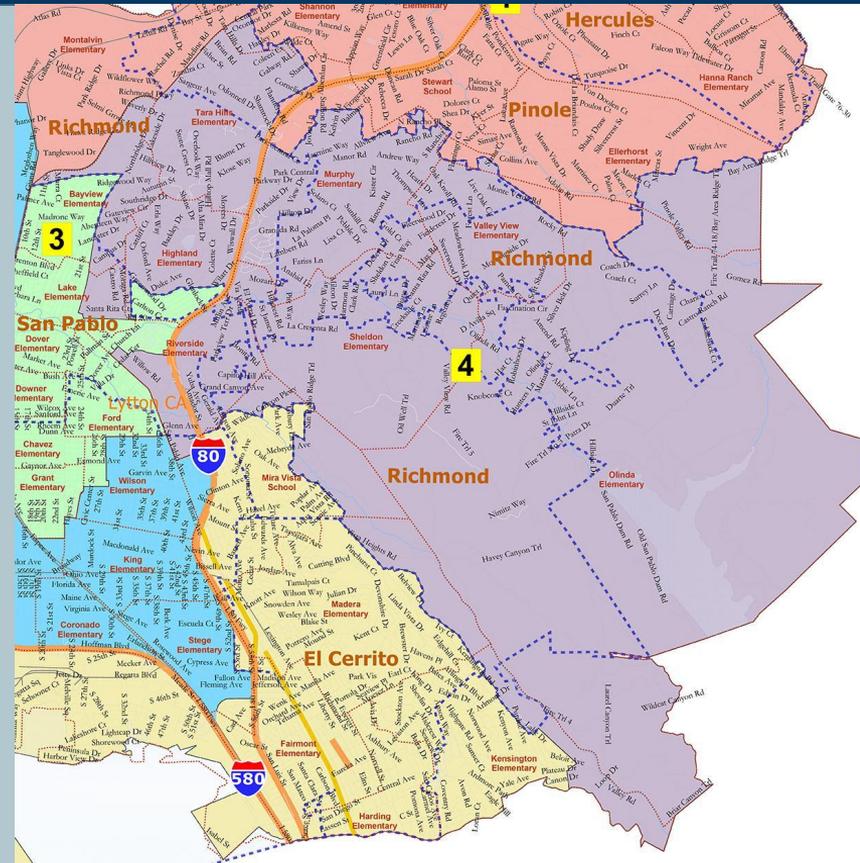
25,844

Hispanic 25%
White   17%
Black   44%
Asian   12%

Area 3

Total Population
44,511

Hispanic	67%
White	8%
Black	13%
Asian	10%

Citizens of Voting Age
20,496

Hispanic	49%
White	14%
Black	17%
Asian	18%

Area 4

Total Population

      48,513

Hispanic	24%
White	27%
Black	23%
Asian	21%

Citizens of Voting Age
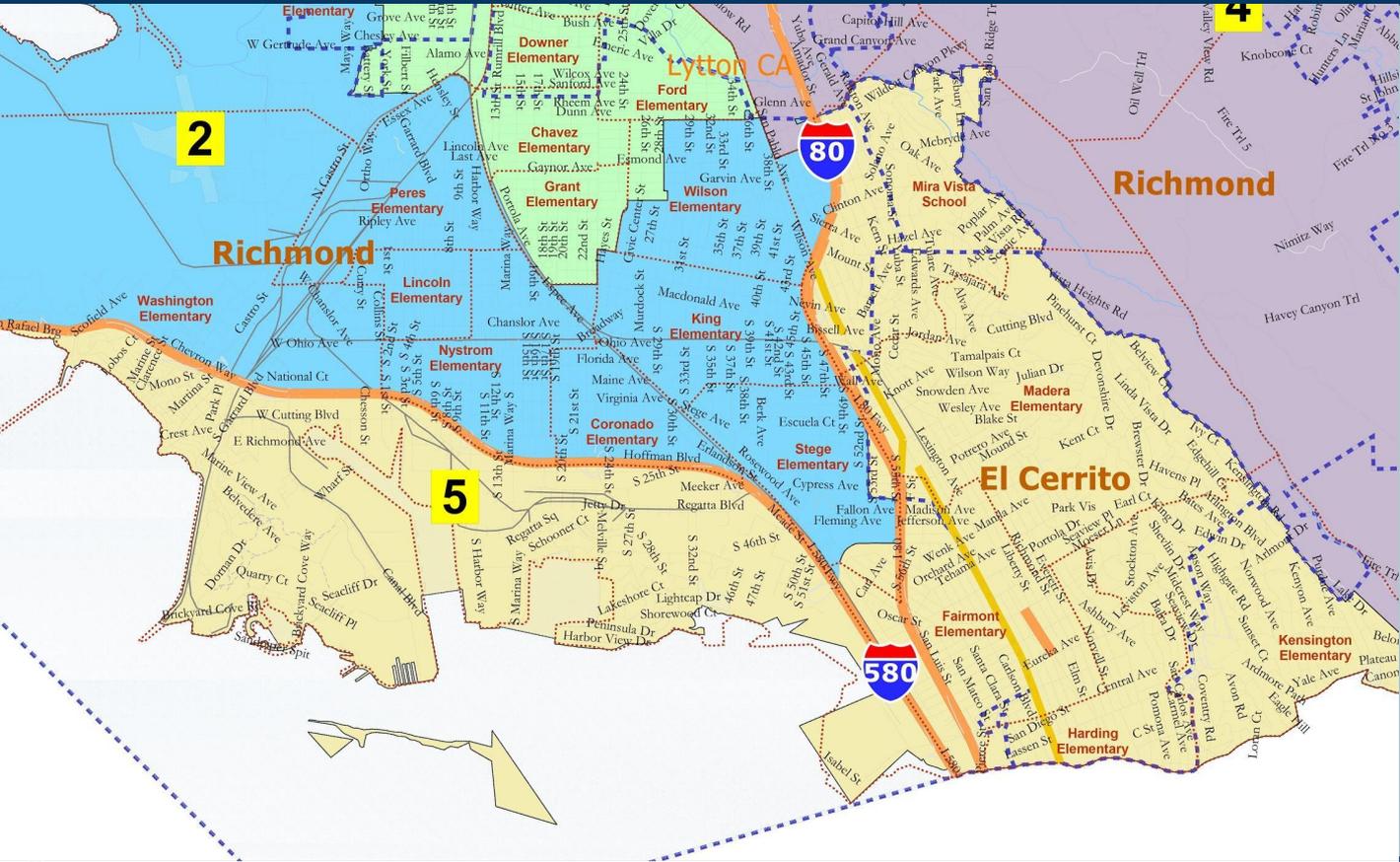
      34,257

Hispanic	20%
White	32%
Black	23%
Asian	22%

Area 5

Total Population
47,659

Hispanic 13%
White 51%
Black 10%
Asian 24%

Citizens of Voting Age
36,520

Hispanic 9%
White 58%
Black 9%
Asian 22%

Process

- ❑ Commission's process will be dictated by:

- ❑ Elections Code sections 23000, et seq.
- ❑ Stipulation and Judgement in Case of *Ruiz Lozito v. WCCUSD*
- ❑ Any local procedure adopted by the Commission and consistent with the foregoing

Process

❑ Within 60 days of appointment, the Commission shall meet and adopt a budget for the Board's approval

❑ Commission will hold five public hearings, one in each trustee area, for residents to comment on the drawing of District boundary lines

❑ After the public hearing, the Commission's demographer will prepare a preliminary trustee map and an accompanying report to file with the District Superintendent by October 1*

❑ *Due to delays in the release of the 2020 Census data, this timeline is an issue to be discussed

Process (Continued)

❑ Commission will then hold at least three public hearings on the preliminary trustee map and gather further public input

❑ After these public hearings, the Commission will make any necessary revisions before approving a new, "recommended" trustee map and plan to file with the District Superintendent by January 1

❑ The District Governing Board must hold at least one public hearing on this new, recommended map

❑ After this final Board hearing, the Commission may make any revisions before adopting a final map

Transparency Requirements

- ❏ Conduct an open and transparent process that ensures full and meaningful public participation

- ❏ Adopt procedures to ensure that any communication received directly or indirectly from incumbent trustees is reduced to writing and posted on the Internet

- ❏ Afford maximum public access to proceedings (i.e., setting accessible meeting times and locations, providing notice of meetings and translation services in Spanish)

- ❏ Members subject to District's Conflict of Interest Code (provided to applicants)

The Brown Act
(Gov. Code sections 54950, et seq.)

❑ All meetings must be public, with notice and an agenda

❑ A quorum of Commission members may not discuss Commission business outside of a noticed public meeting

❑ This applies to email or social media

Proposed Timeline and Next Steps

- ❑ **Tonight**: potential adoption of proposed budget and proposed process for hiring special legal counsel and demographer

- ❑ **Future Meeting**: appoint a Commission Chair and interview special legal counsel and demographer applicants

- ❑ **October 1, 2021**: file first trustee map and plan with Superintendent; receive and review the 2020 Census data once released

- ❑ **January 1, 2022**: file second trustee map and plan with Superintendent

- ❑ **Moving Forward**: hold necessary public hearings and adopt final map by approximately February of 2022 to allow ample time for the Registrar of Voters to implement the new map boundaries

Questions?

For more information:

- ❑ www.wccusd.net/redistrictingcommission

- ❑ Interactive Map: bit.ly/2XINZSx

- ❑ www.wccusd.net/trusteeareas

- ❑ California Elections Code: bit.ly/2O2eluD

- ❑ Contact us: Bobby Jordan