

# City of Selma

## Introduction to Redistricting

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# Redistricting Process

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Step	Description
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> Aug. 2 & Aug. 16	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
<b>Census Data Release</b> Aug. 16	Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
<b>California Data Release</b> Early October 2021	California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data. Then three-week mandated waiting period to release maps.
<b>Two Draft Map Hearings</b> Feb. 7 & Mar. 21	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Map Adoption</b> By Apr. 17	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

## *City of Selma - Estimated Current District Demographics*

Category	Field	1	2	3	4	Count
2020 Est. Population	2020 Estimated Pop.	5,585	6,888	6,484	5,341	24,299
	Estimated Deviation	-490	814	409	-733	1,547
	Est. Pct. Deviation	-8.06%	13.39%	6.74%	-12.07%	25.47%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	3,300	3,918	3,046	2,524	9,565
	Hisp	80%	63%	79%	79%	75%
	NH White	16%	27%	14%	19%	20%
	NH Black	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	2%	6%	2%	1%	3%

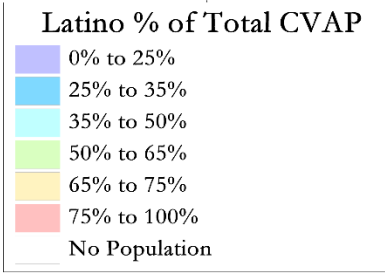
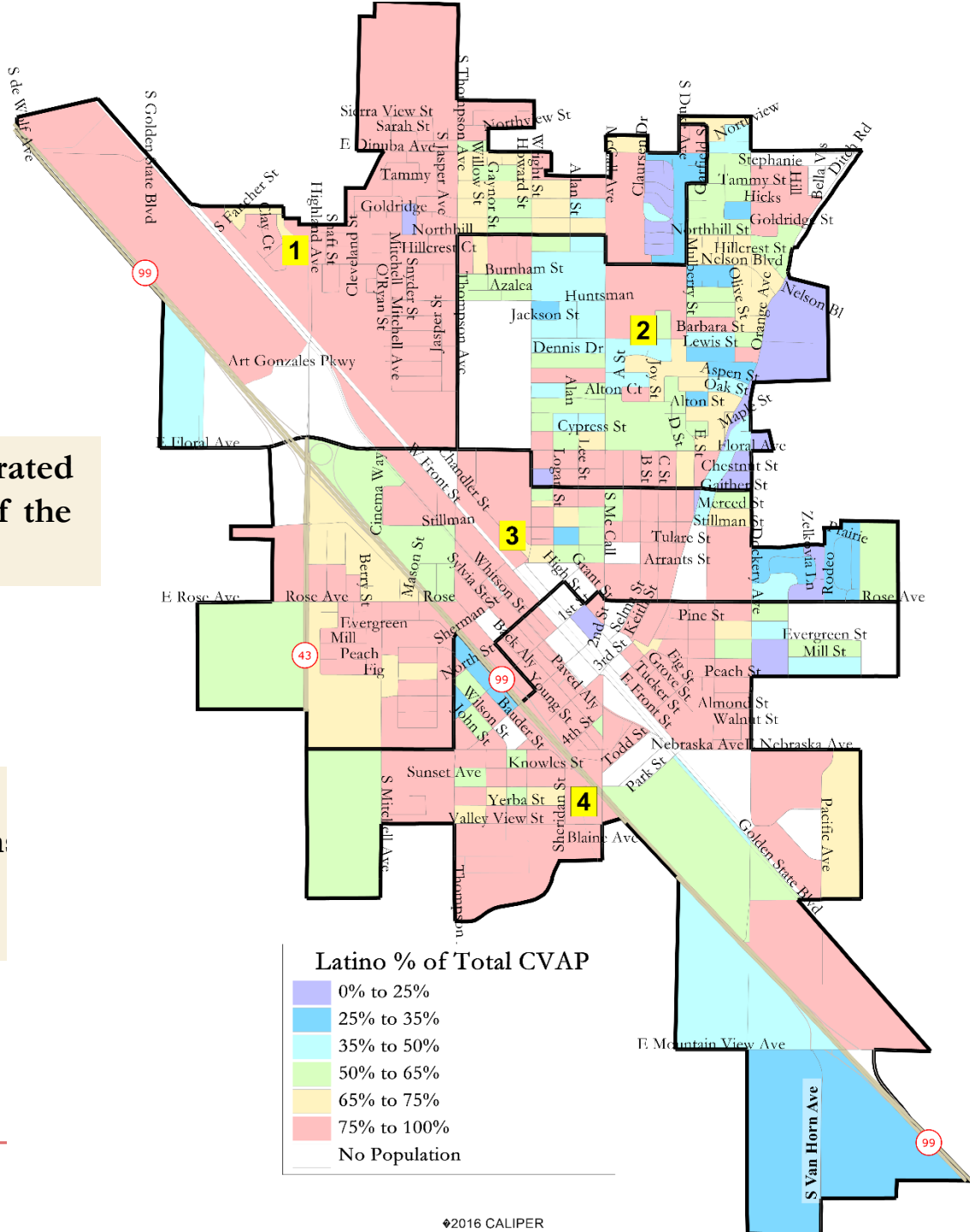
Estimates using official 2020 demographic data and NDC's estimated total population figures.

Each of the four Council districts must contain about 6,075 people.

# Latino CVAP

Latino eligible voters are concentrated everywhere except the east edge of the City.

There are no large geographic concentrations of Asian-American, African-Americans, or Native Americans.



# Defining Neighborhoods

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**1<sup>st</sup> Question: What is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: What defines your community?

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# Communities of Interest

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Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

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.

(emphasis added)



# Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

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**Different tools for different purposes and different levels of technical skill and interest**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Interactive Review Map  | No Cost        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caliper-centered system includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Caliper Maptitude Online Redistricting “MOR”</li><li>▪ DistrictR (a simple neighborhood mapping tool)</li><li>▪ Public Participation Kit paper-and Excel-based mapping tool</li></ul> | Cost: \$ 4,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DistrictR (a simple neighborhood mapping tool)  | Cost \$ 2,000* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Participation Kit paper- and Excel-based mapping tool  | Cost \$ 2,000* |

\* Note: DistrictR and Public Participation Kit are free if Caliper-centered system is purchased.

Whether you use the powerful (but complicated) online mapping tool, Excel, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

# Public Hearing & Discussion

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What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

Any questions about the mapping tools?

## SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

**Discussion, then Action:**

**Vote on areas that meet each AB 849 definition:**

- “neighborhoods”
- “communities of interest . . . that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”