



2021 REDISTRICTING

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LEGAL BACKGROUND FOR MAP ADOPTION

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PREDOMINATE CRITERIA

- Districts must be *substantially* equal in population; some deviation is acceptable to serve valid governmental interests.
- A total deviation between the largest and smallest districts of less than 10% is presumptively constitutional





CRITERIA: VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

- ➔ Board of Supervisors must adopt a map that complies with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits voting practices that result in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.
- ➔ A violation of Section 2 is established if, "...based on the totality of circumstances," the challenged electoral process is "...not equally open to participation by members of a [racial minority group] in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice."





CRITERIA: STATE LAW

- ➔ Elections Code § 21500 requires that the Board adopt Supervisorial district boundaries using the following criteria in order of priority:
 - ▶ Geographically contiguous.
 - ▶ Maintain geographic integrity of neighborhoods or local community of interest (share a common social or economic interest).
 - ▶ Respect geographic integrity of city or Census-designated areas and minimize division.
 - ▶ Make district boundaries easily identifiable and understandable by residents.
 - ▶ Encourage geographical compactness.
- ➔ Board also "...shall not adopt Supervisorial district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against a political party."

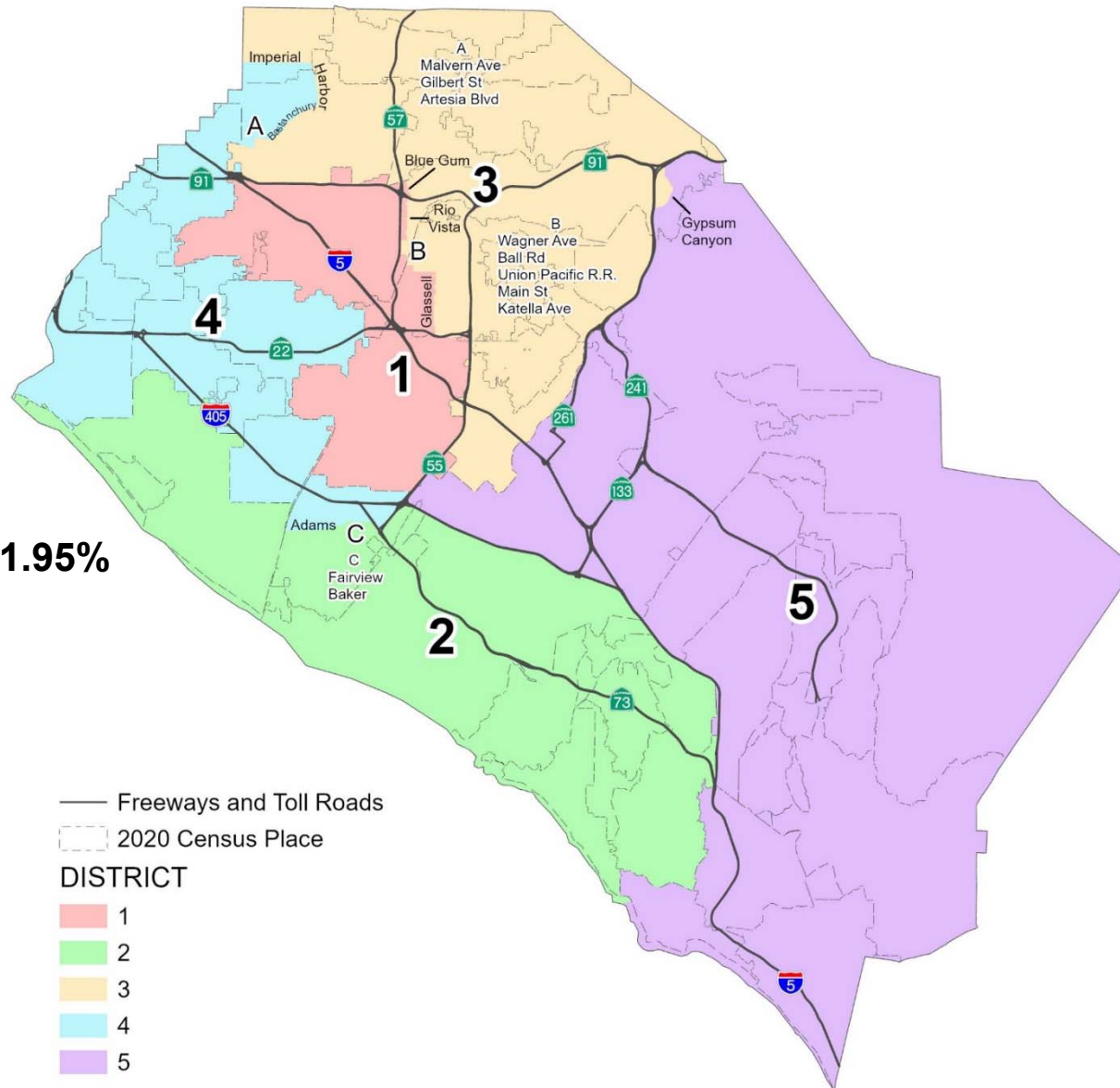




ANALYSIS OF MAP PROPOSALS

Proposal 2 (Annotated)

Percent Spread: 1.95%
Split cities: 11
Split CDPs: 0



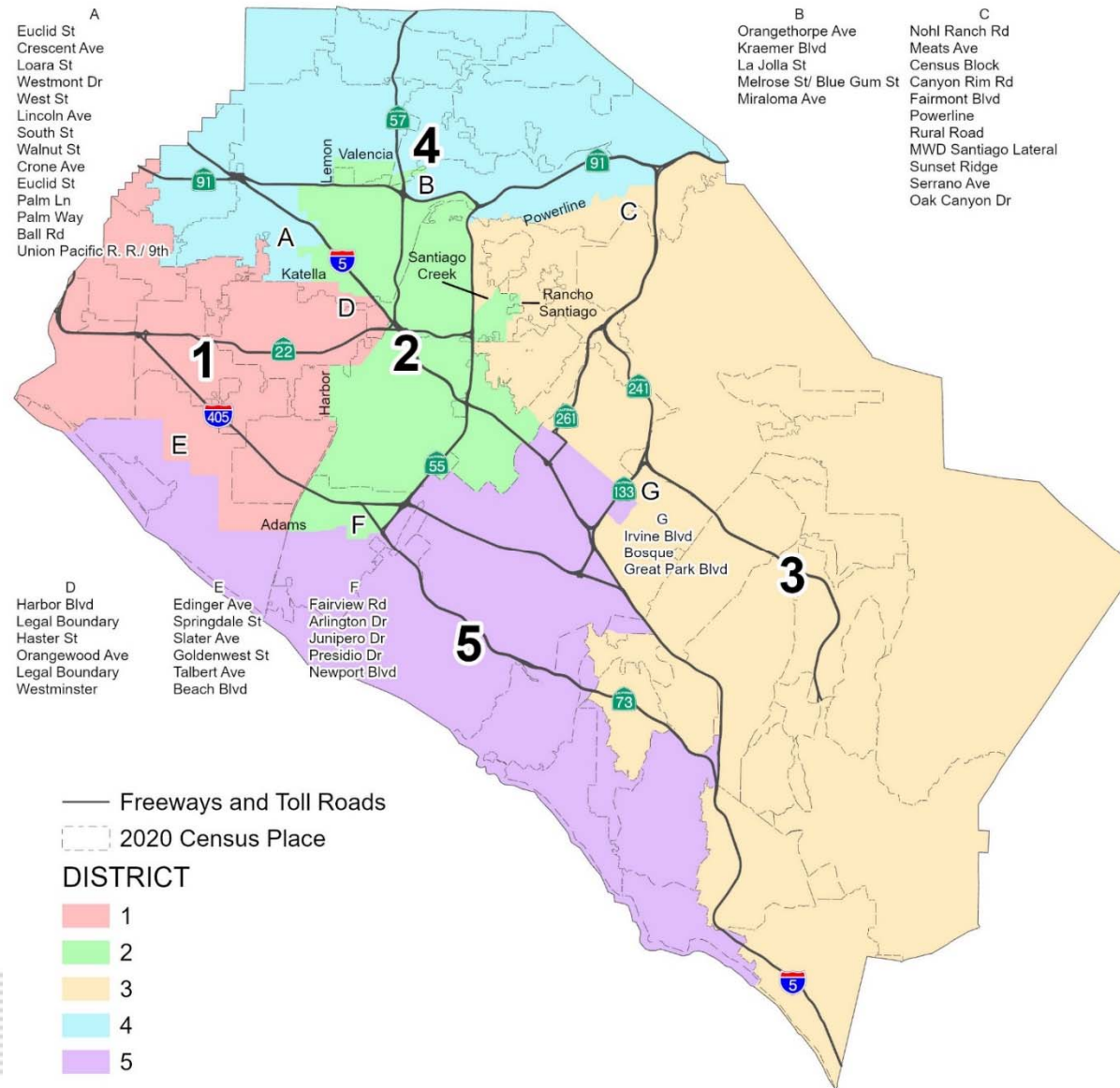


ANALYSIS OF MAP PROPOSALS

Proposal 4 (Annotated)

Percent Spread:
3.85%

Split cities: 13
Split CDPs: 0



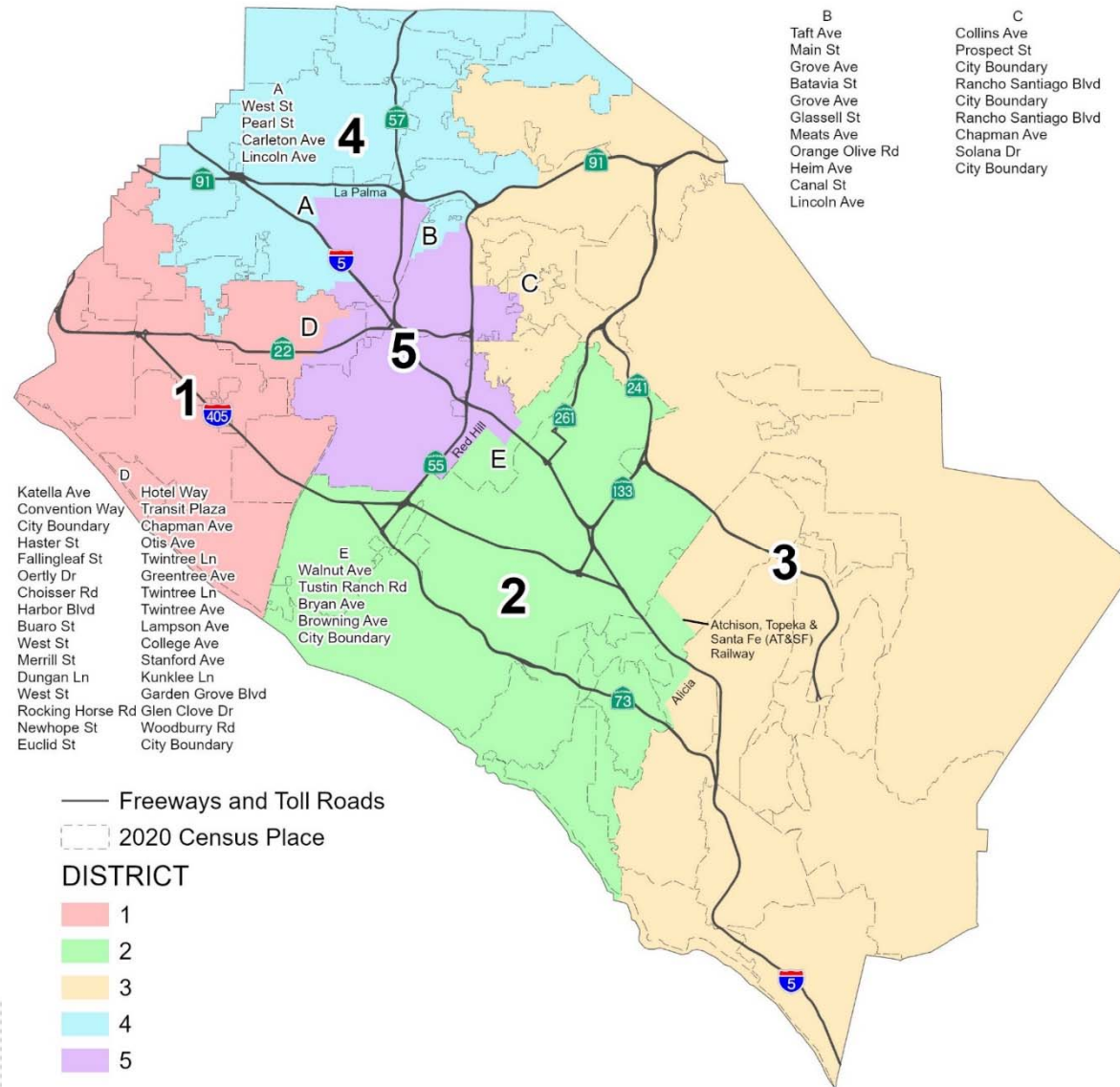


ANALYSIS OF MAP PROPOSALS

Proposal 5 (Annotated)

Percent Spread:
9.52%

Split cities: 6
Split CDPs: 0





Time Constraints

- ➔ Census data delays limited the time for map creation and consideration by the Board.
- ➔ County has until December 15 to approve an ordinance adopting the selected map.
- ➔ Required to publish maps 7 days before Board adoption of a map
 - ▶ Unless adoption occurs after November 17, in which case, maps only need to be published 3 days prior to adoption.





PROPOSED TIMELINE

- November 2: Board votes to narrow proposals for further consideration/amendments; staff provides access to the remaining proposals in Esri to one member of each Board office to make amendment to their preferred map if desired and submit via Esri.
- November 4: Board offices submit revision(s) through Esri by noon
- November 5: Revised maps posted online
- November 8: Proposal Packets available





PROPOSED TIMELINE (cont.)

- November 9: Board votes on revisions and provides during the meeting any minor revisions (by a majority vote of those present). Maps revised during the meeting anticipated to be posted same day.
- November 16: Board adopts a map or if there are more changes, posted on November 16 to allow the Board to select a final map on November 23.
- November 23: (if necessary) Board adopts map (final opportunity to do so)
- December 7: Board considers redistricting ordinance





QUESTIONS?

