

City of Irvine Community Forum

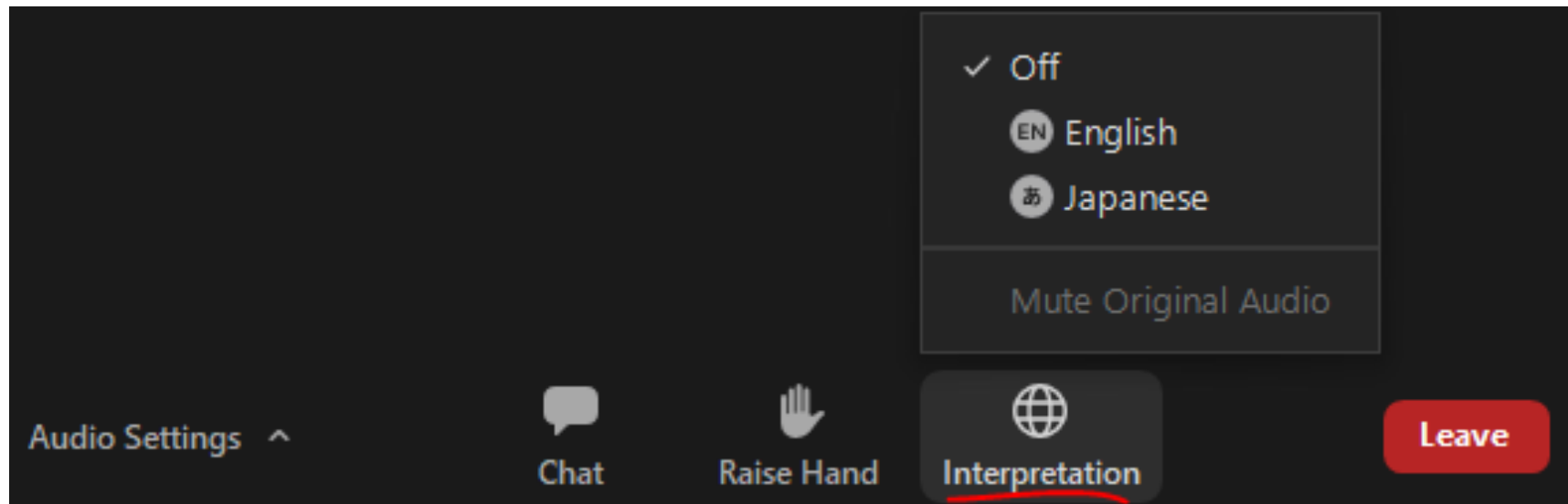
July 19, 2023

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National Demographics Corporation

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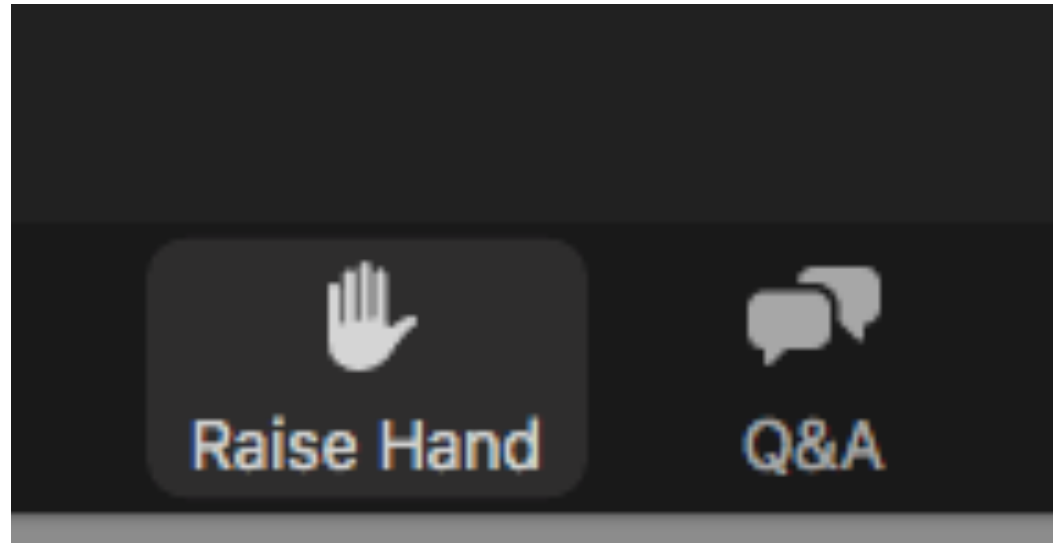
Language Rooms and Interpretation

- All participants must enter a language room
- Interpretation provided: Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Arabic, Farsi, Vietnamese, Korean



Zoom Features

- Raise your hand to speak
- Type a question in the Q&A and we will respond



Introductions

Today's Goals

You Learn from the Experts

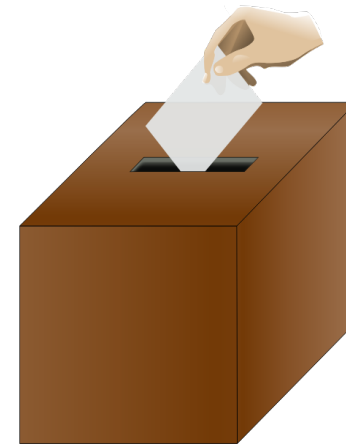
Experts Listen to *You*

Mapping Tools Overview

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

Proposed Charter Reforms

- The Council is placing a Charter amendment on the March 2024 ballot that would:
 - ▣ Increase the size of the City Council from five members to seven
 - ▣ Six of the seven seats would be elected “by district”
 - ▣ The Mayor would continue to be elected at-large



Districting Process Overview

Step	Description
<p>Two Initial Hearings April 11 & May 9</p>	<p>Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.</p>
<p>First round of Workshops April 15 – May 27</p>	<p>Held throughout the community prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts</p>
<p>Map Submission deadline June 29</p>	<p>Deadline for public map submissions to ensure the map can be presented and discussed at the third public hearing</p>
<p>Release draft maps July 4</p>	<p>Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.</p>
<p>Two hearings on draft maps July 11 & Sept 12</p>	<p>Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.</p>
<p>Second round of Workshops July – September (TBA)</p>	<p>Additional workshops held throughout the city to discuss the draft maps.</p>
<p>Map selection October 10</p>	<p>Map adopted either before or after vote on charter change. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.</p>
<p>Charter Vote Citywide vote in March 2024</p>	<p>Charter changes put to the voters in the statewide March primary.</p>
<p>First By-District Election November 2024</p>	<p>First by-district Council elections held.</p>



Workshops – Second Round

Date & Time	Location
Wednesday, July 19 6 pm	Virtual forum over Zoom
Saturday, August 5 10 am	Quail Hill Community Center, 39 Shady Canyon Dr
Saturday, August 5 2 pm	South Coast Chinese Cultural Center, 9 Truman St
Saturday, August 26 10 am	Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Rd
Saturday, August 26 2 pm	Heritage Park Library, 14361 Yale Ave
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Districting 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 Districting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth

Draft Maps

All maps are also available on the
[Interactive Web Viewer](#)

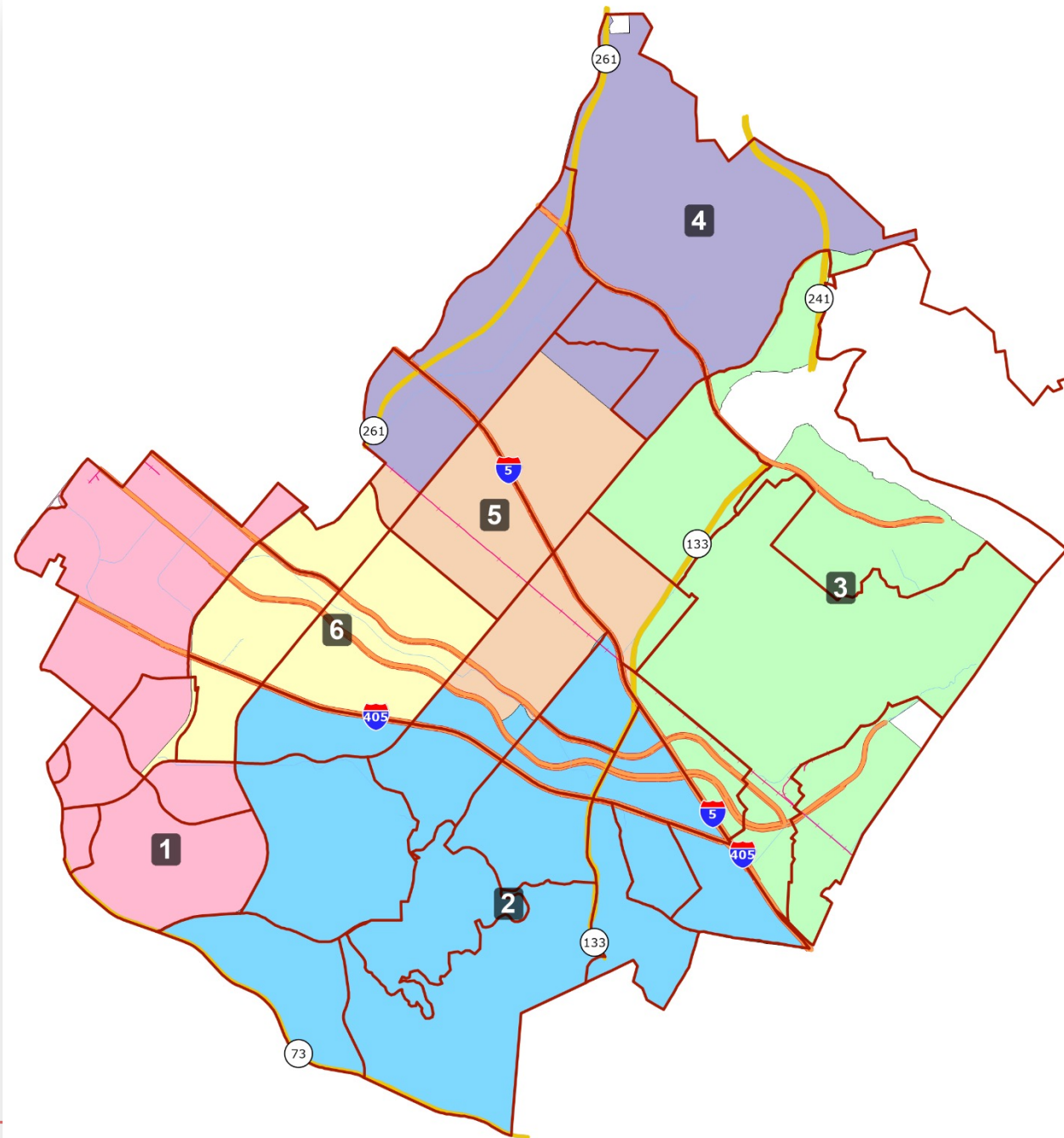
Draft Maps Overview

- We received 43 maps from the community – all are available for viewing on <https://drawirvine.org/draft-maps/>
 - Five maps are single-district maps (114, 120, 130, 131, and 132)
 - Five maps are not population-balanced (101, 102, 103, 110, and 111)
 - One map has three two-member districts (118), and another is not reasonably compact (129)
 - One member of the community submitted eight maps (118, 119, 123, 124, 127, 128, 134, 142)
- ▣ NDC added two maps to the conversation (144 and 145) based on testimony and feedback at workshops and hearings
- Council selected six focus maps:
 - ▣ 126, 133, 135, 136, 138, and 144
- Council also requested a revised version of 144 that incorporates the northern districts 1 and 2 of Map 109
 - ▣ This map will be published this week

Map 126

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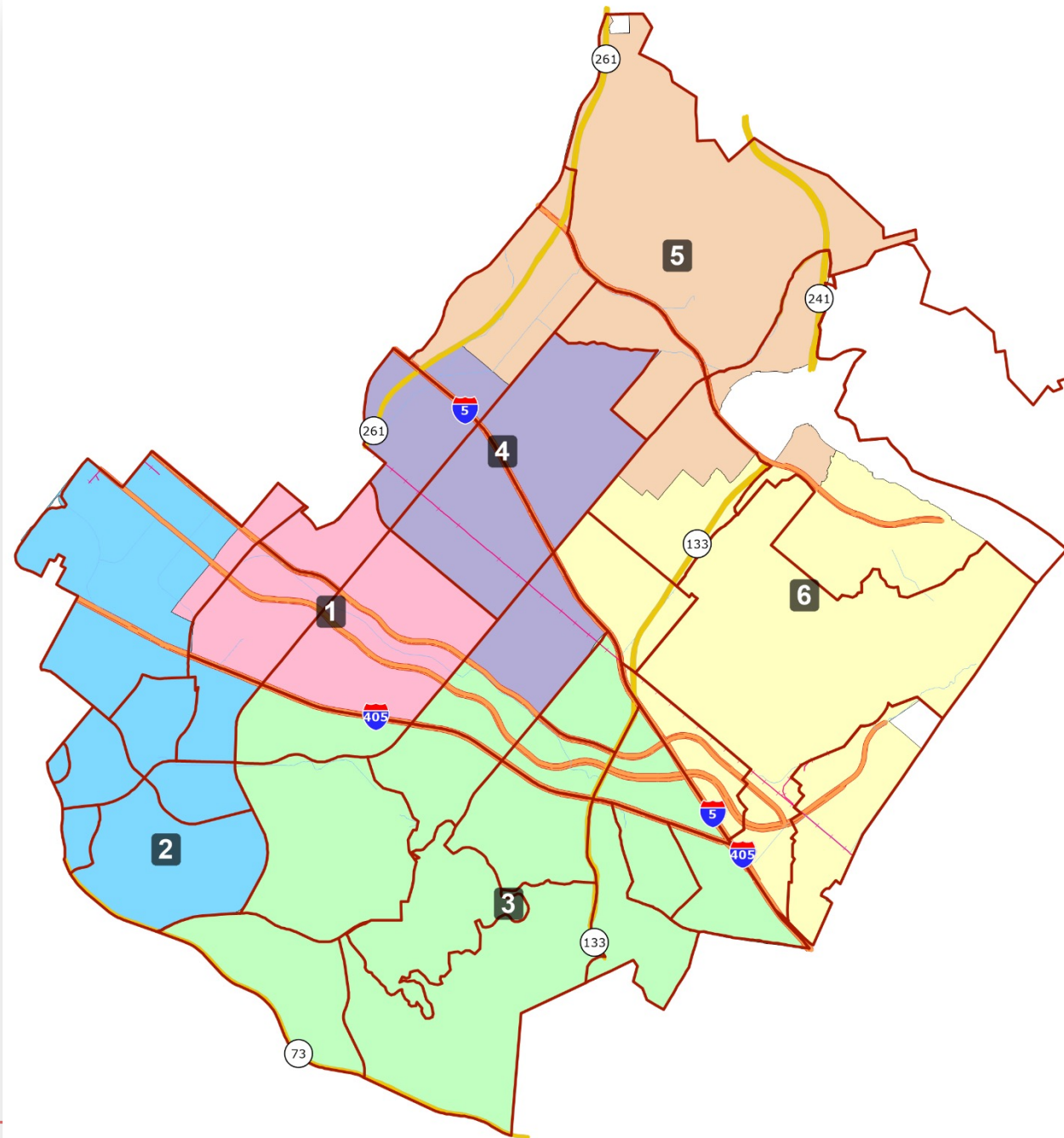
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2024 or 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)



Map 133

Suggested Sequence:

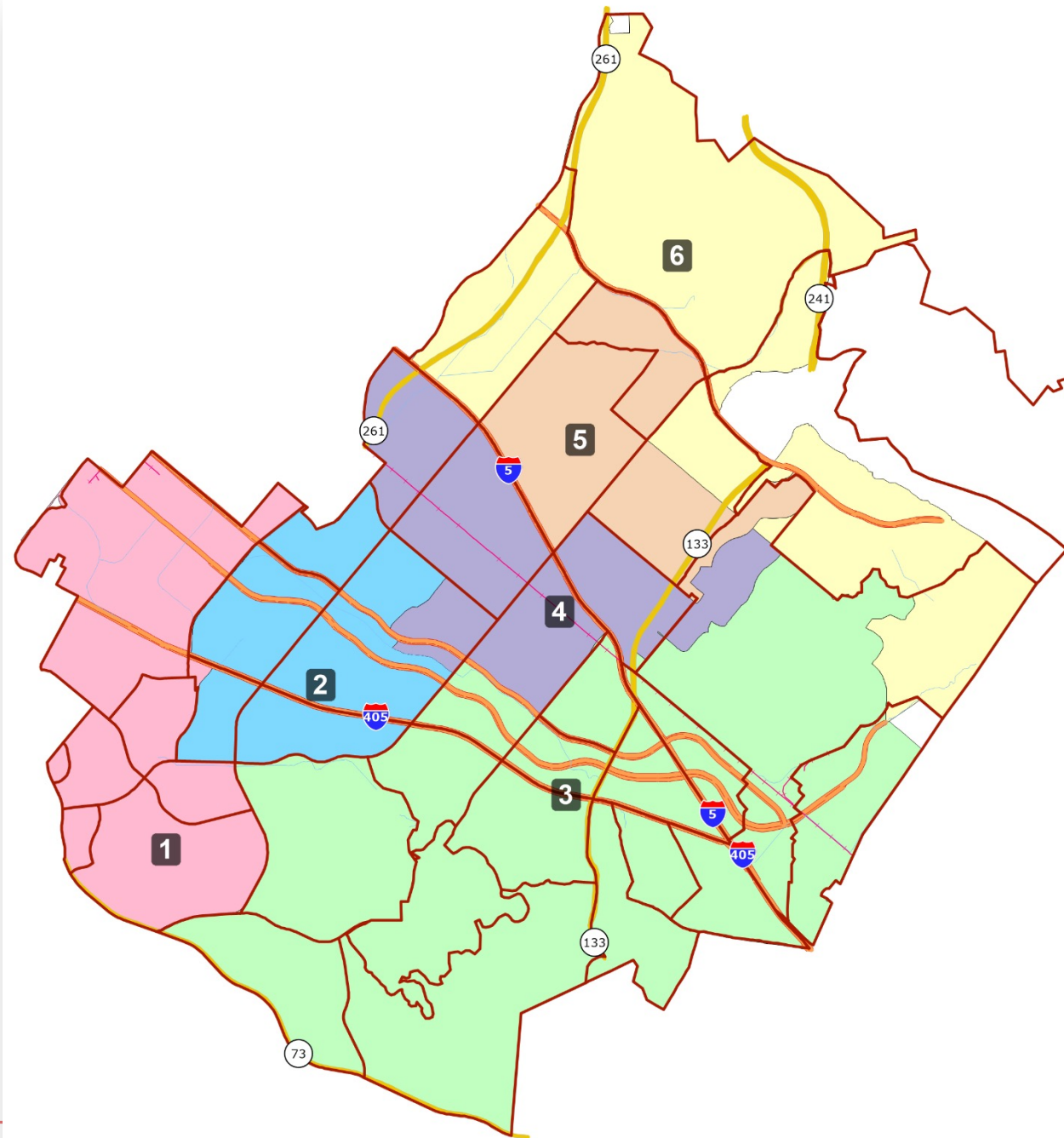
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Map 135

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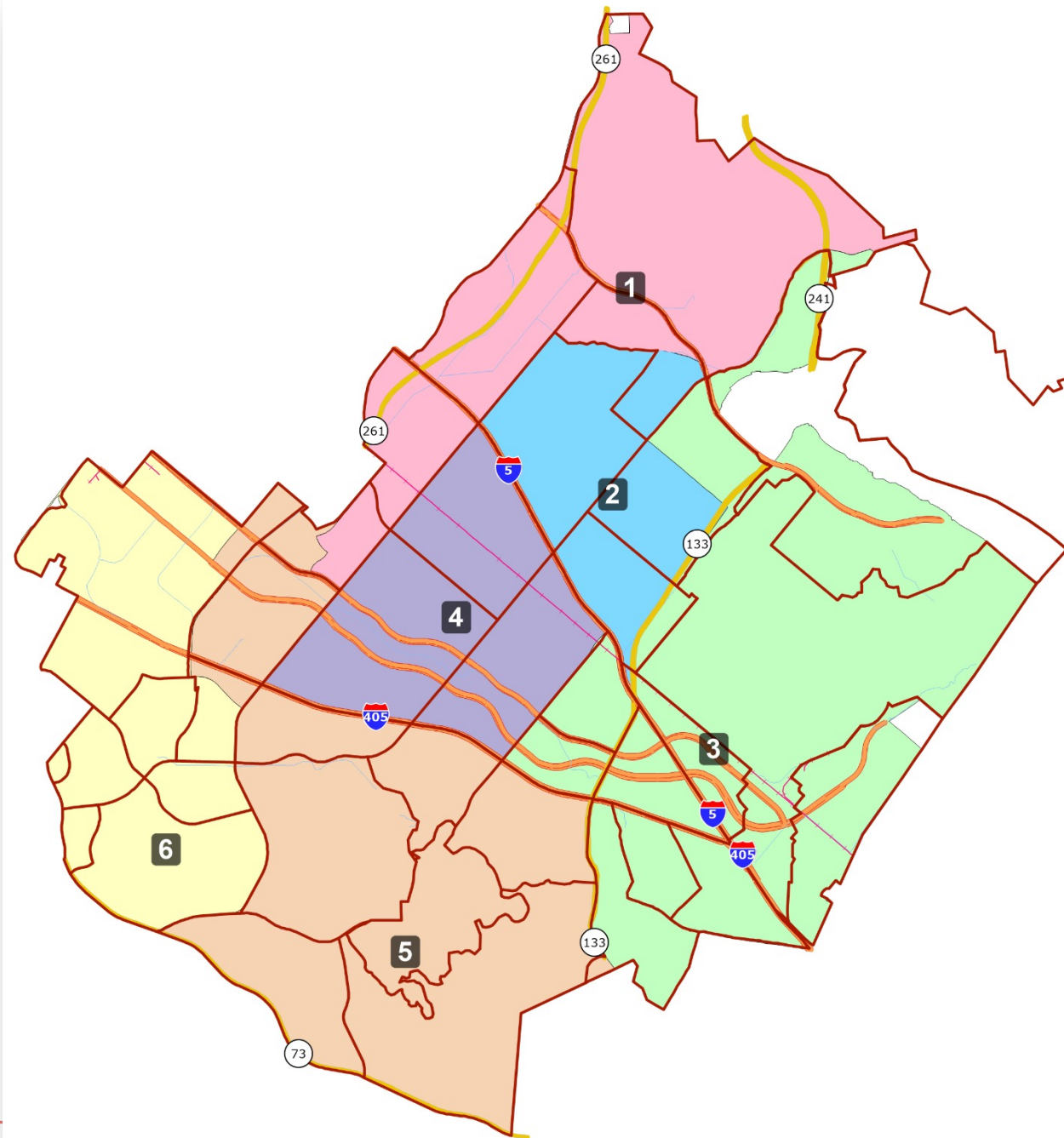
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



Map 136

Suggested Sequence:

- District 1 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024 or 2026
- District 6 – 2026

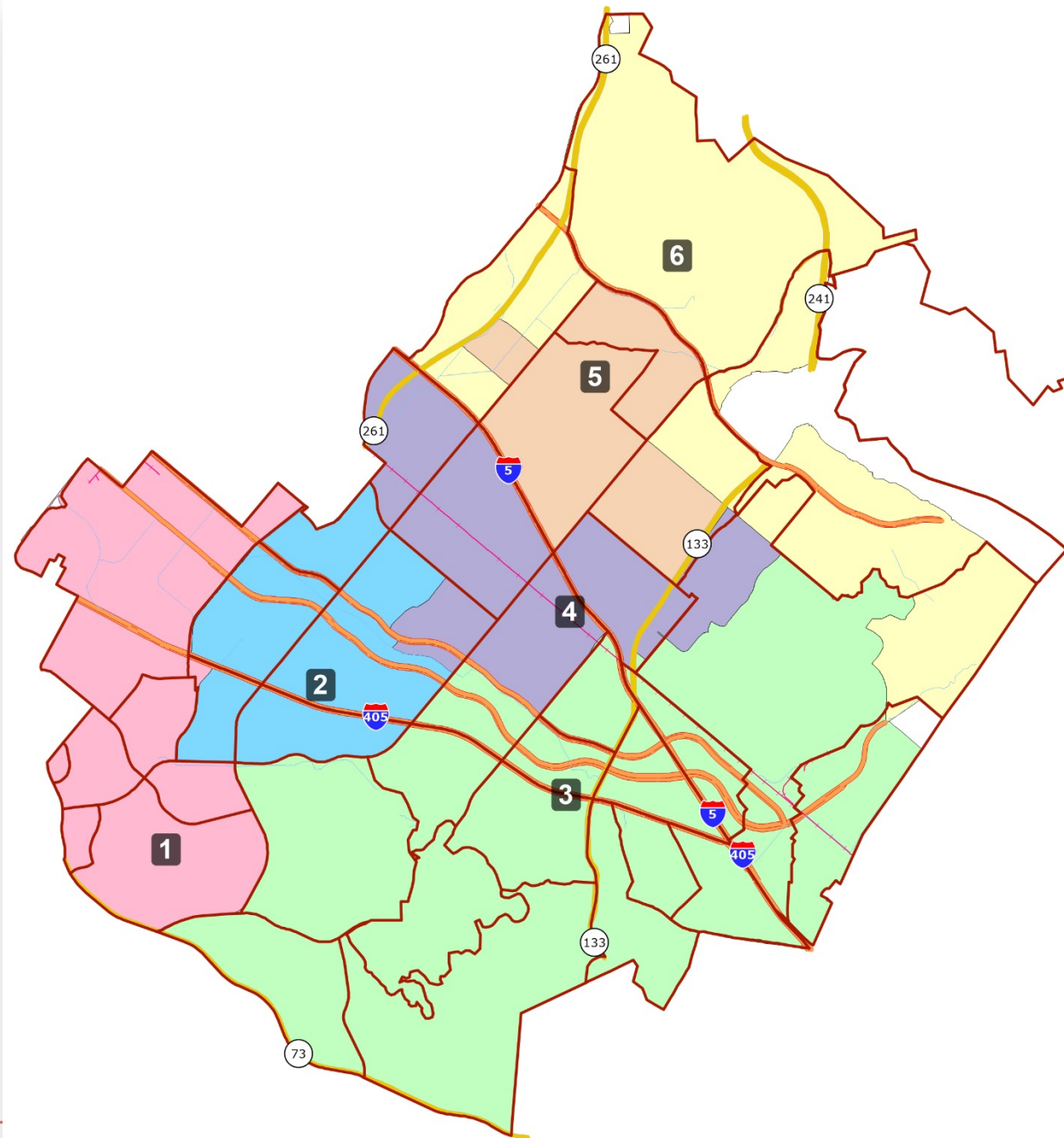


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Map 138

Suggested Sequence:

- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



Map 144

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024 (short)

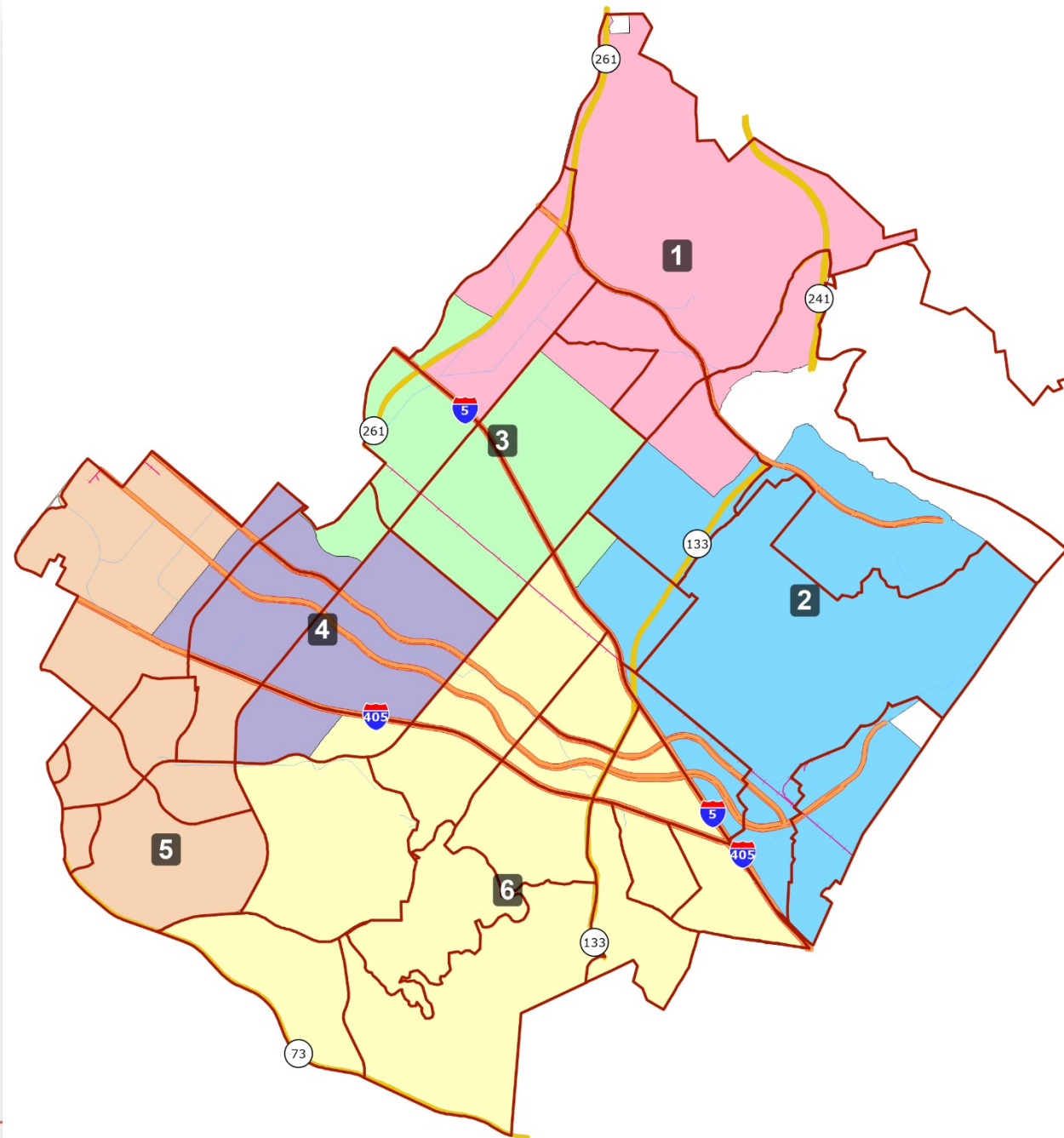
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2026

District 5 – 2026

District 6 – 2024

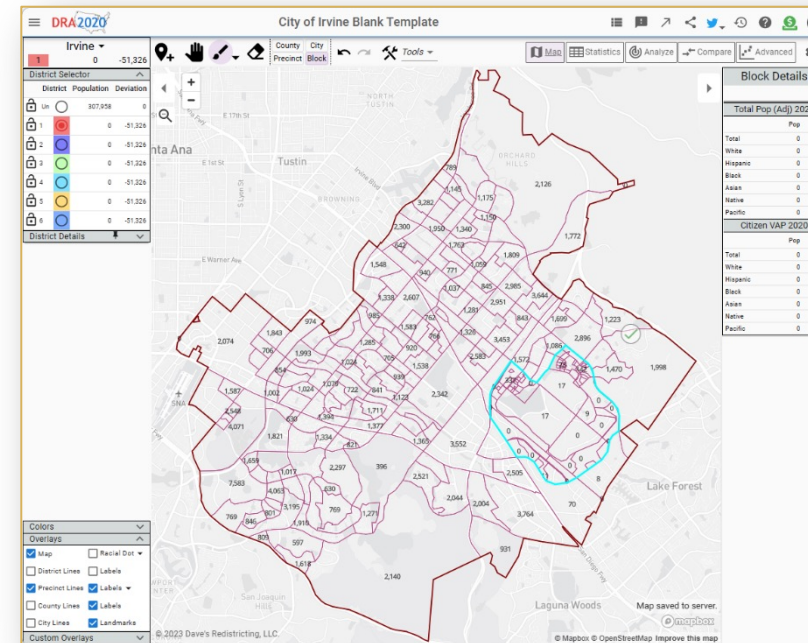
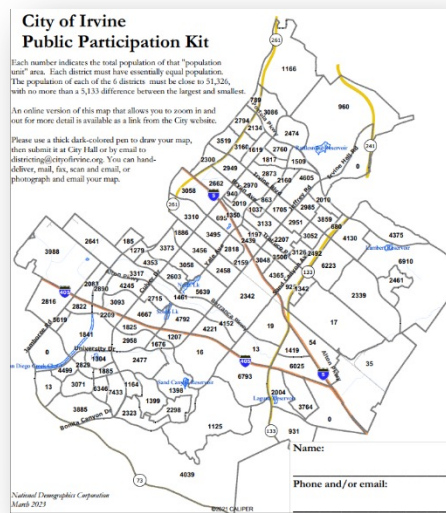


Sequence of Elections

- ❑ The final map will need to have a sequence of elections indicating which districts will hold their first elections in 2024 and 2026
- ❑ The Council can designate any sequence they choose.
- ❑ Current Council terms are not affected; Councilmembers may serve out the full term they were elected.
- ❑ Because of the expansion, to have seven members on the new council, one district will first elect for a short term (two years) before holding another election for a full, four-year term
- ❑ In summary:
 - Three districts should hold their election in 2024 for a full (four-year) term
 - Two districts should hold their first election in 2026 for a full (four-year) term
 - One district should hold its first election in 2024 for a short (two-year) term, after which it will hold an election in 2026 for a full (four-year) term.

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- ❑ Different tools for different purposes
- ❑ Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
 - ❑ Simple “review draft maps” tool
 - ❑ Paper-based simple “Draw a draft map” tools
 - ❑ Powerful, data-rich “Draw a draft map” online tool



Q&A With Your Hosts

Discussion

- ❑ How well do the draft maps comply with the Fair Maps Act?
- ❑ What do you like about the draft maps?
- ❑ What parts of each map work? What parts of each map don't work?

- ❑ Any questions about the mapping tools?

Upcoming Workshops

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Share Your Thoughts

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