

# City of Irvine Community Workshops

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# Introductions

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# Today's Goals

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*You* Learn from the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

Draft Maps Overview

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

# Why You Should Care

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- Democracy works better when people are engaged
- You are the experts on your community
- You are the experts on your neighborhood
- The districts determined in this process will be around until 2031

# Today's Schedule

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**10 - 11:30 a.m.**

Process, Rules and Goals

Overview of Focus Maps

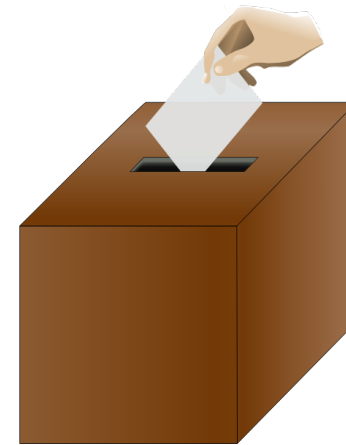
Q&A Feedback

Next Steps

# Proposed Charter Reforms

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- 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
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> April 11 & May 9	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
<b>First round of Workshops</b> April 15 – May 27	Held throughout the community prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts
<b>Two hearings on draft maps</b> July 11 & Sept 12	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Second round of Workshops</b> July – September (TBA)	Additional workshops held throughout the city to discuss the draft maps.
<b>Second Map Submission deadline</b> August 31	Deadline for public map submissions to ensure the map can be presented and discussed at the fourth public hearing
<b>Release draft maps</b> September 4	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> hearing.
<b>Map selection</b> October 10	Map adopted either before or after vote on charter change. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.
<b>Charter Vote</b> Citywide vote in March 2024	Charter changes put to the voters in the statewide March primary.
<b>First By-District Election</b> November 2024	First by-district Council elections held.

# 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	Cypress Community Center, 255 Visions
Saturday, September 23 10 am	Great Park Artist Studio, 8000 Great Park Blvd
Saturday, September 23 2 pm	City Council Chamber, 1 Civic Center Plaza



# 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](#)

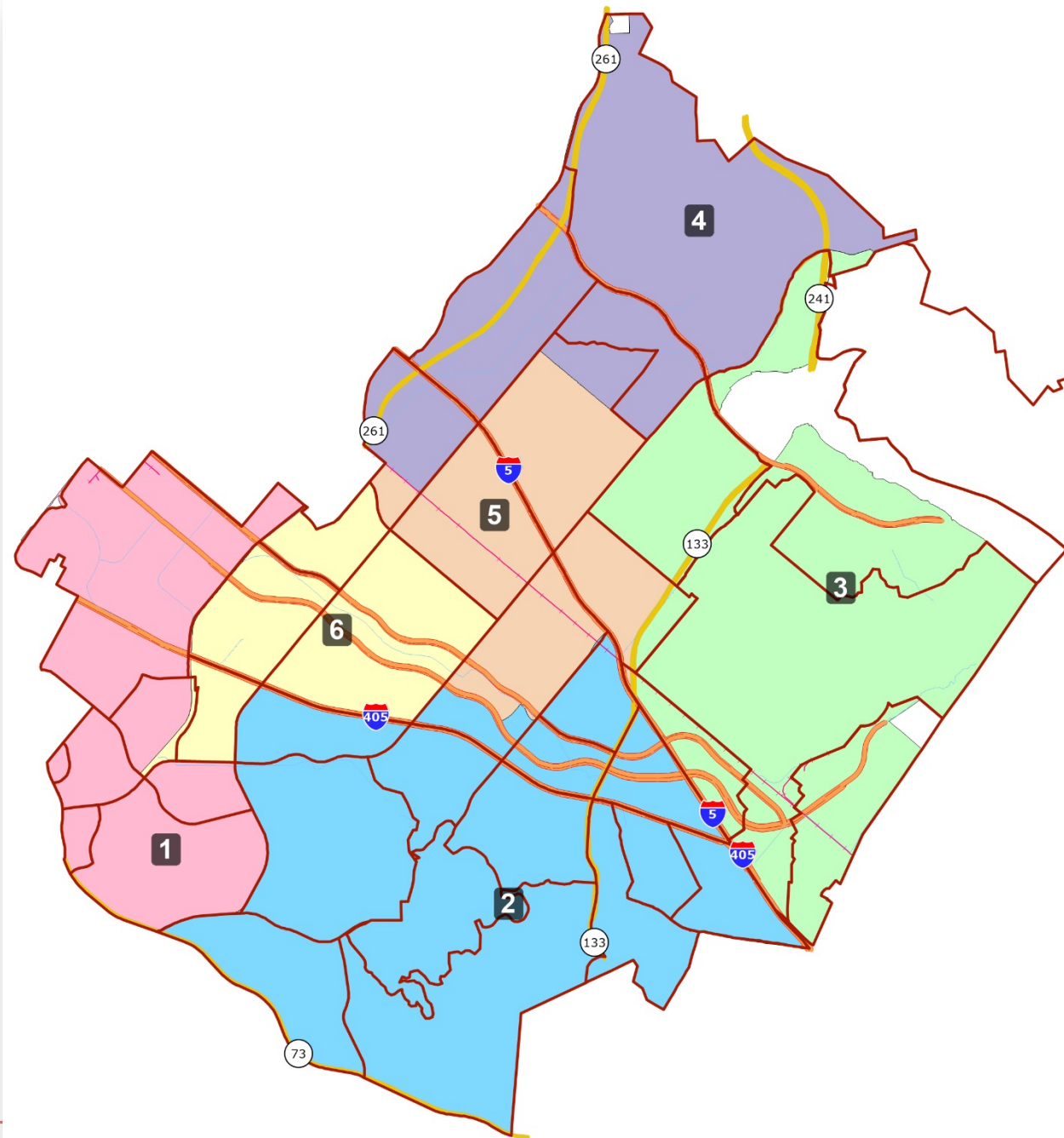
# Draft Maps Overview

- 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
  - ▣ NDC drew three new maps based on Council feedback: 146, 147, and 148

# Map 126

## Suggested Sequence:

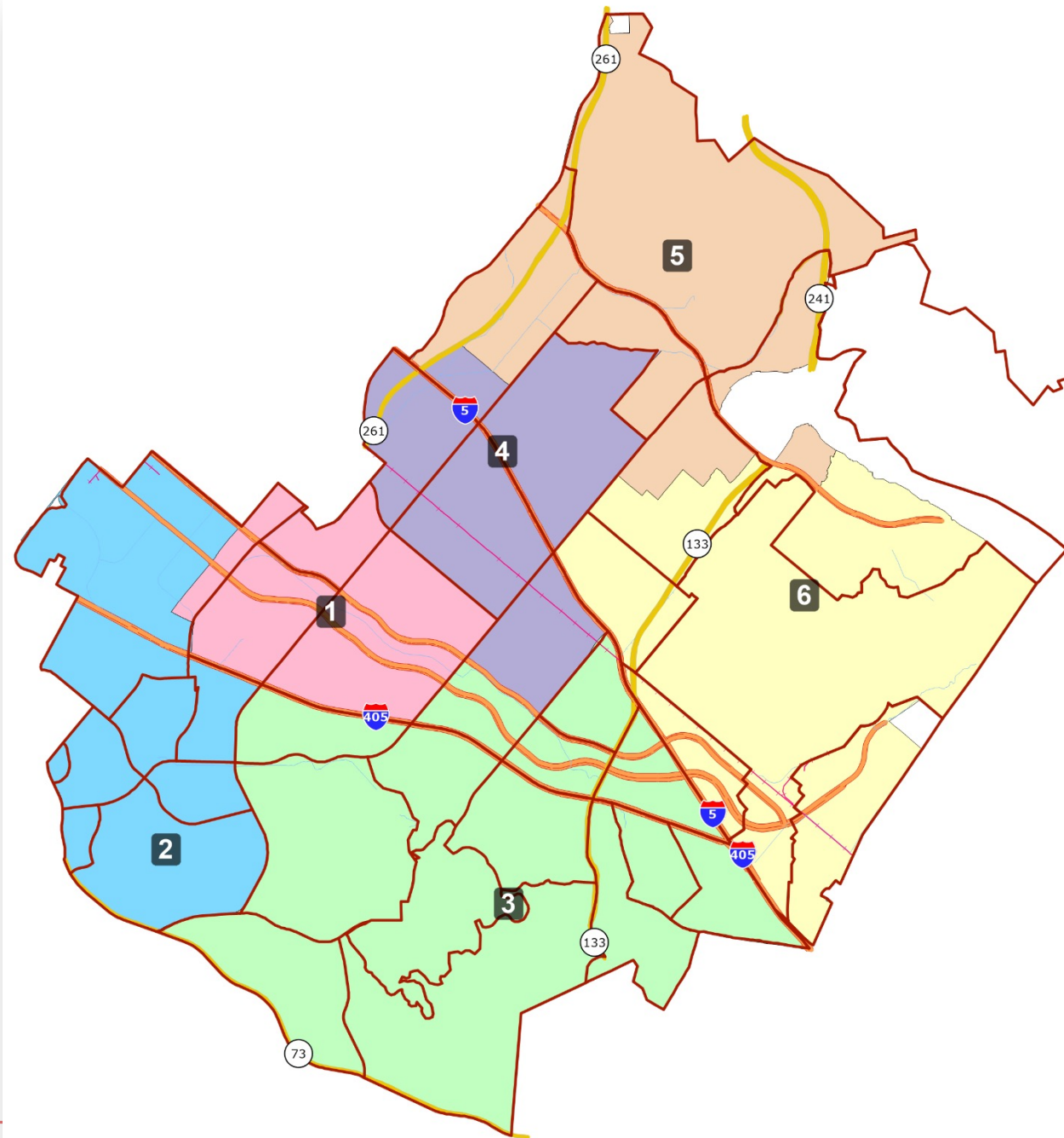
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2024 or 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)



# Map 133

## Suggested Sequence:

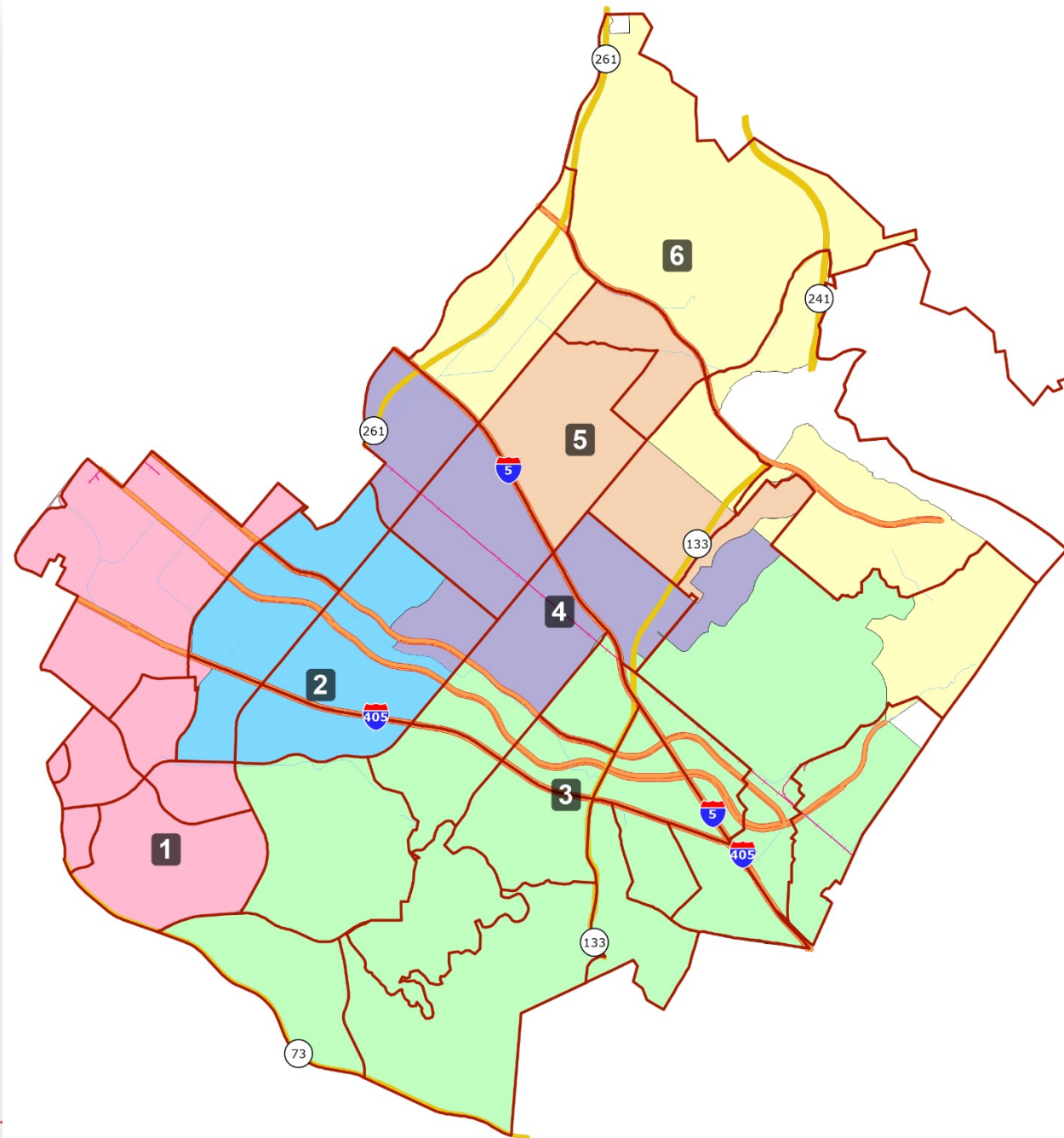
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- District 6 – 2024



# Map 135

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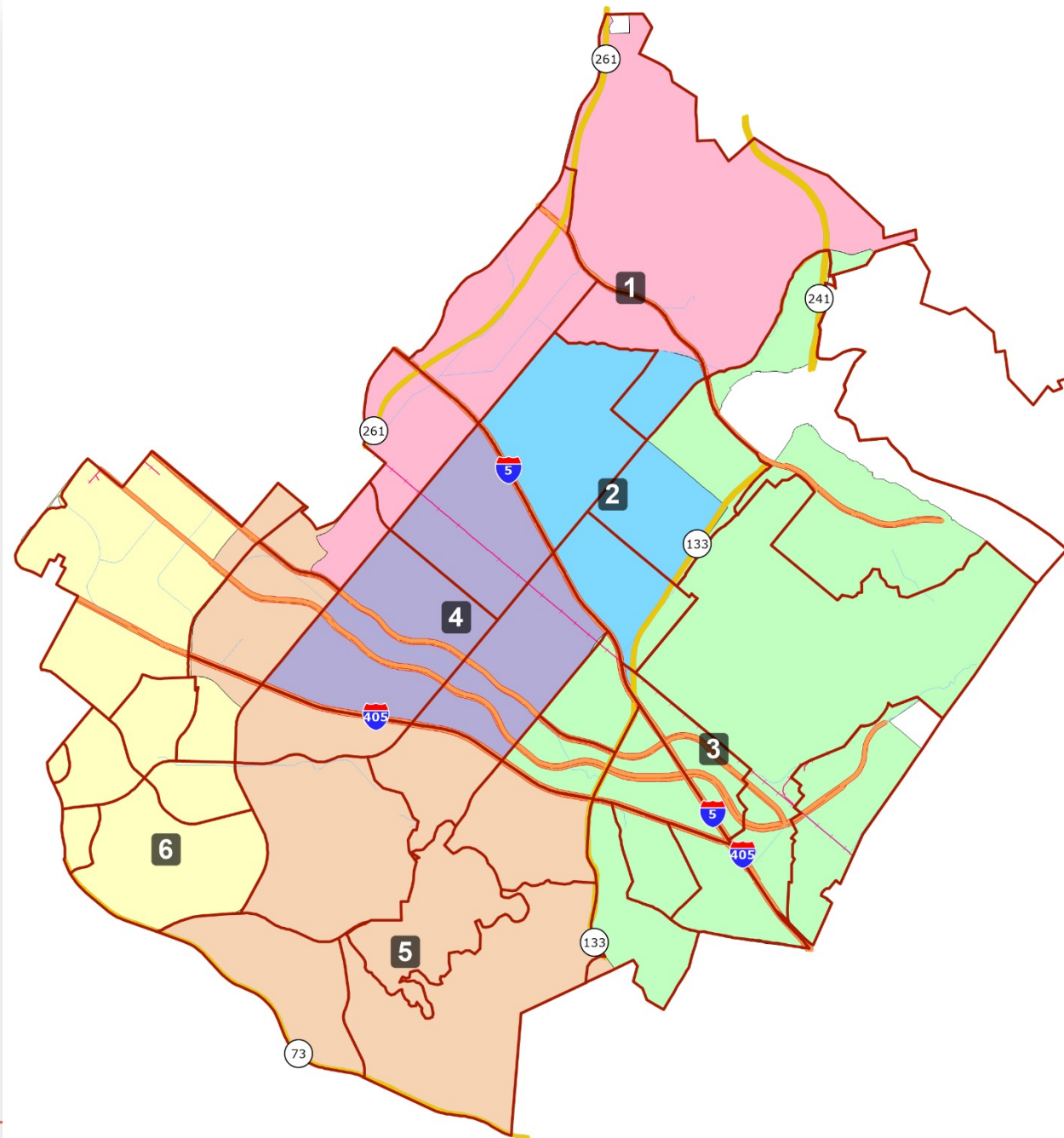
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



# 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



# Map 138

## Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2026

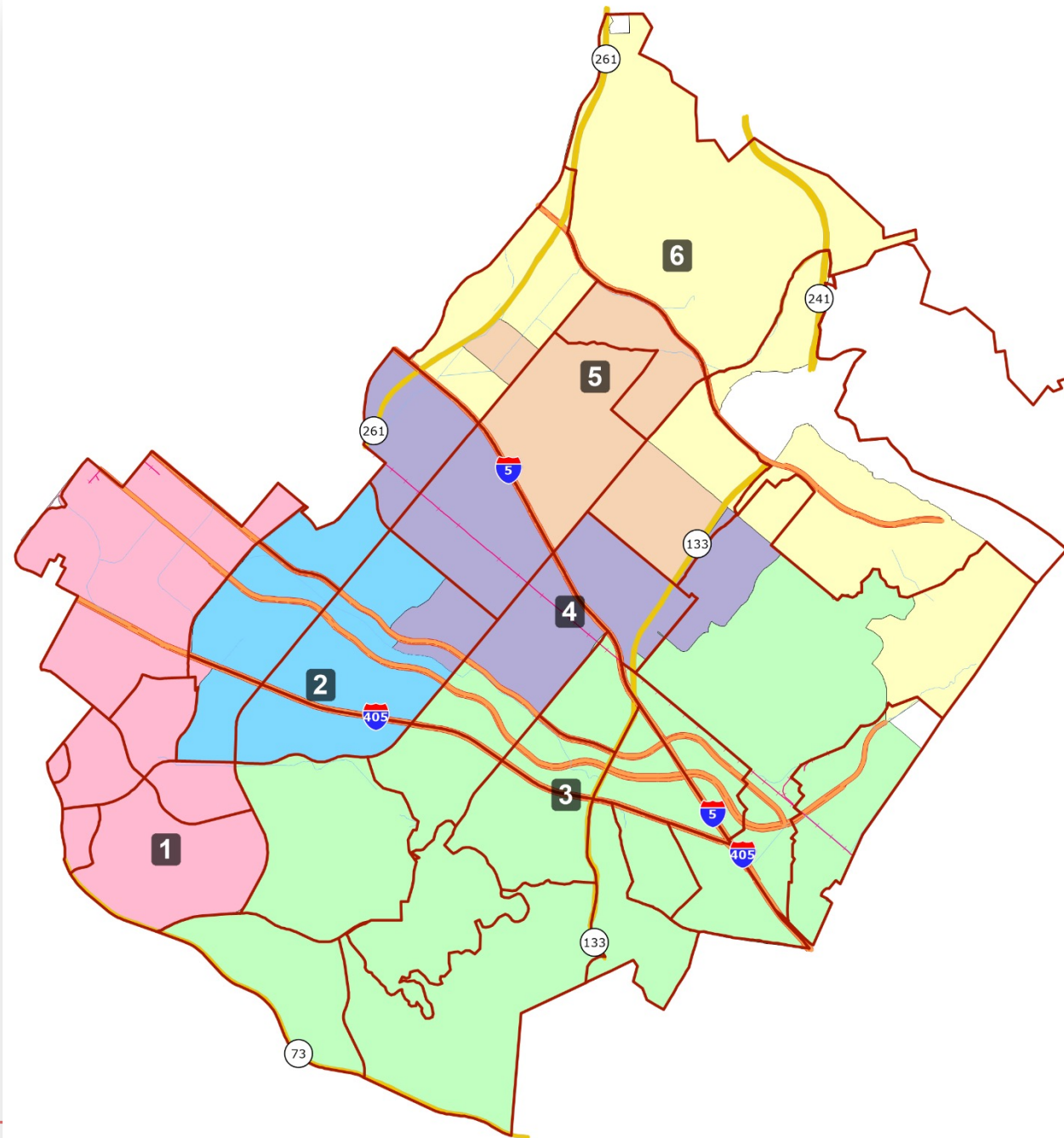
District 2 – 2026

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)

District 5 – 2024

District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)

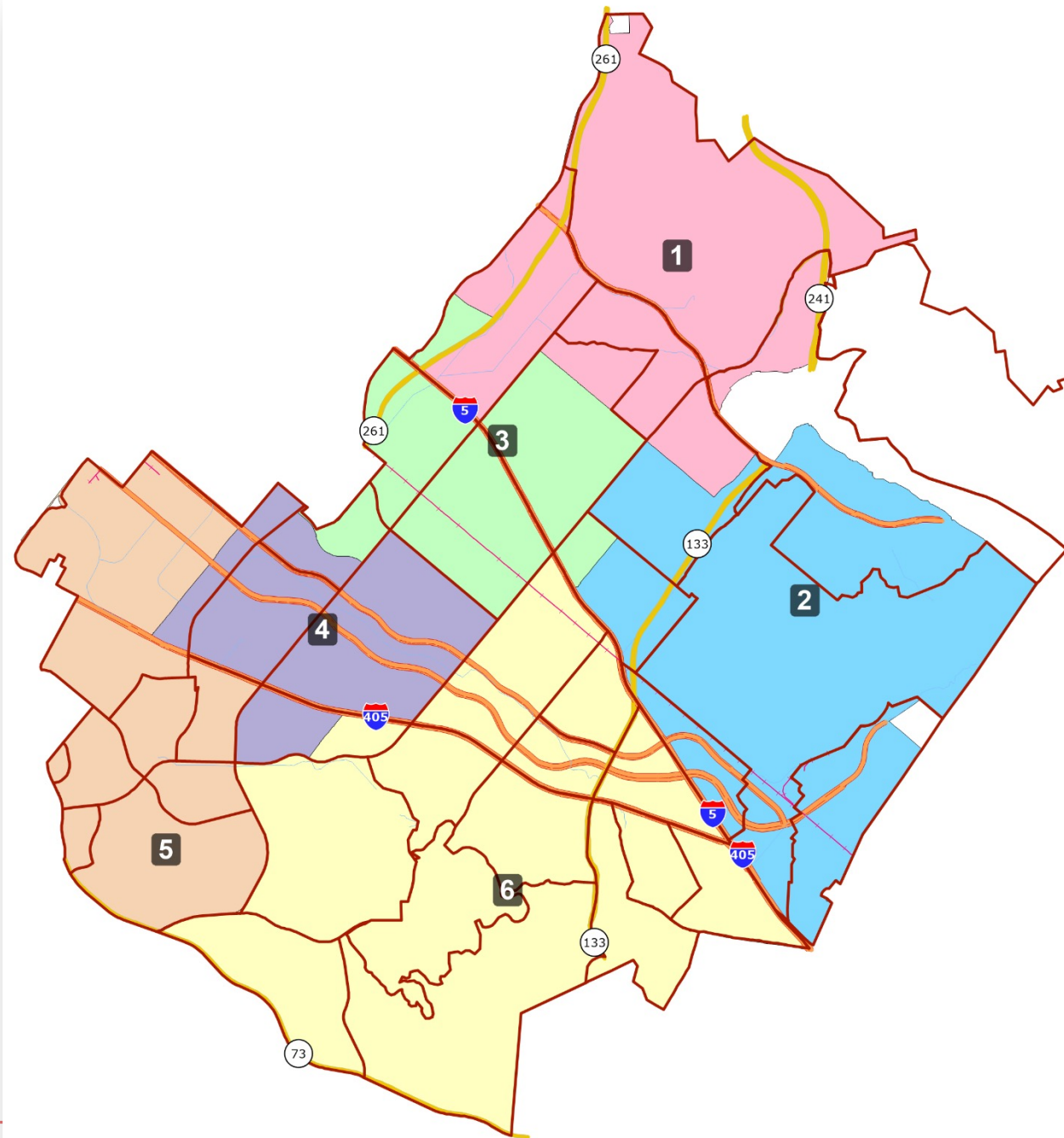




# Map 144

## Suggested Sequence:

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



# Map 146

## Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024 (short)

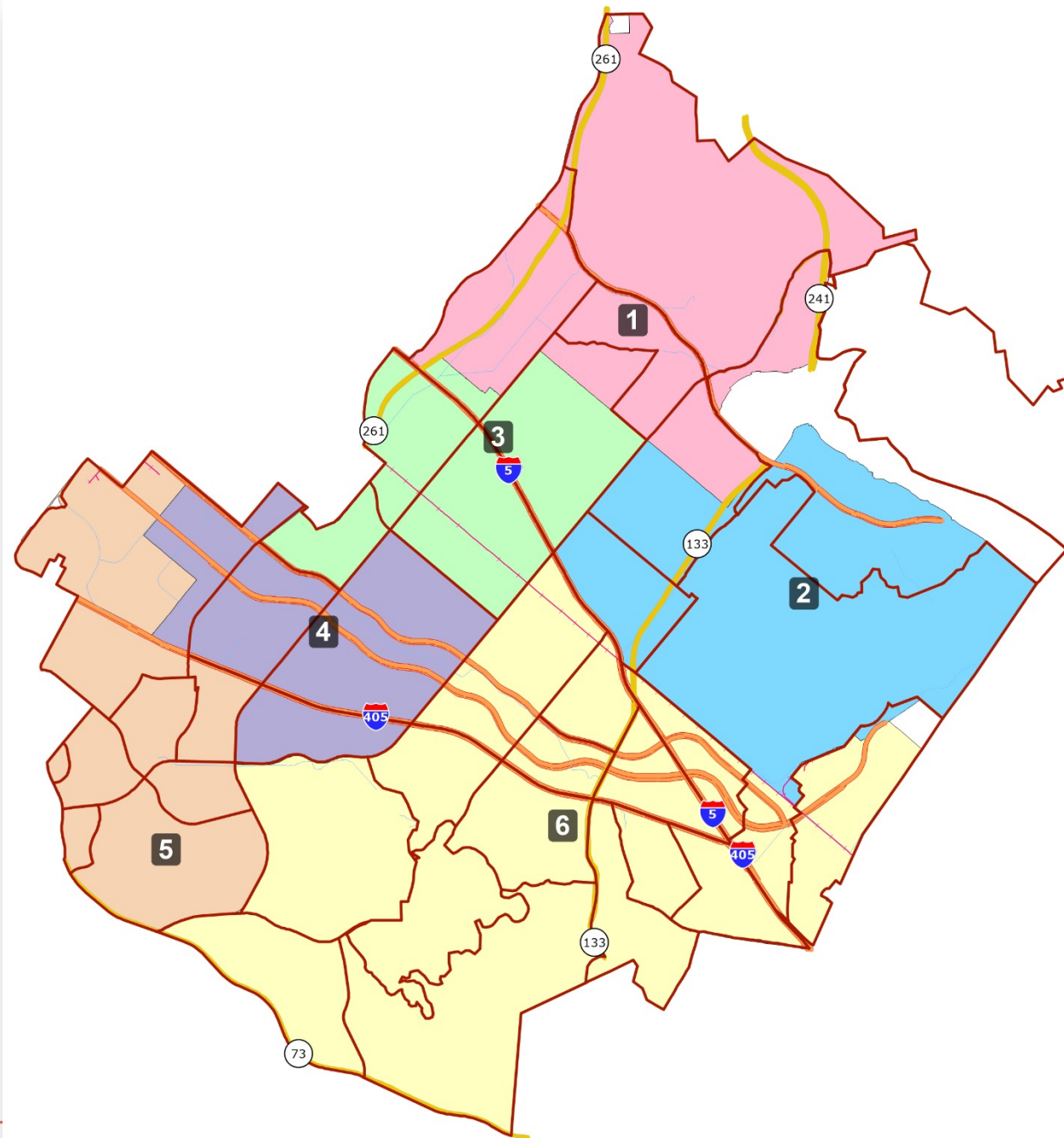
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2026

District 5 – 2026

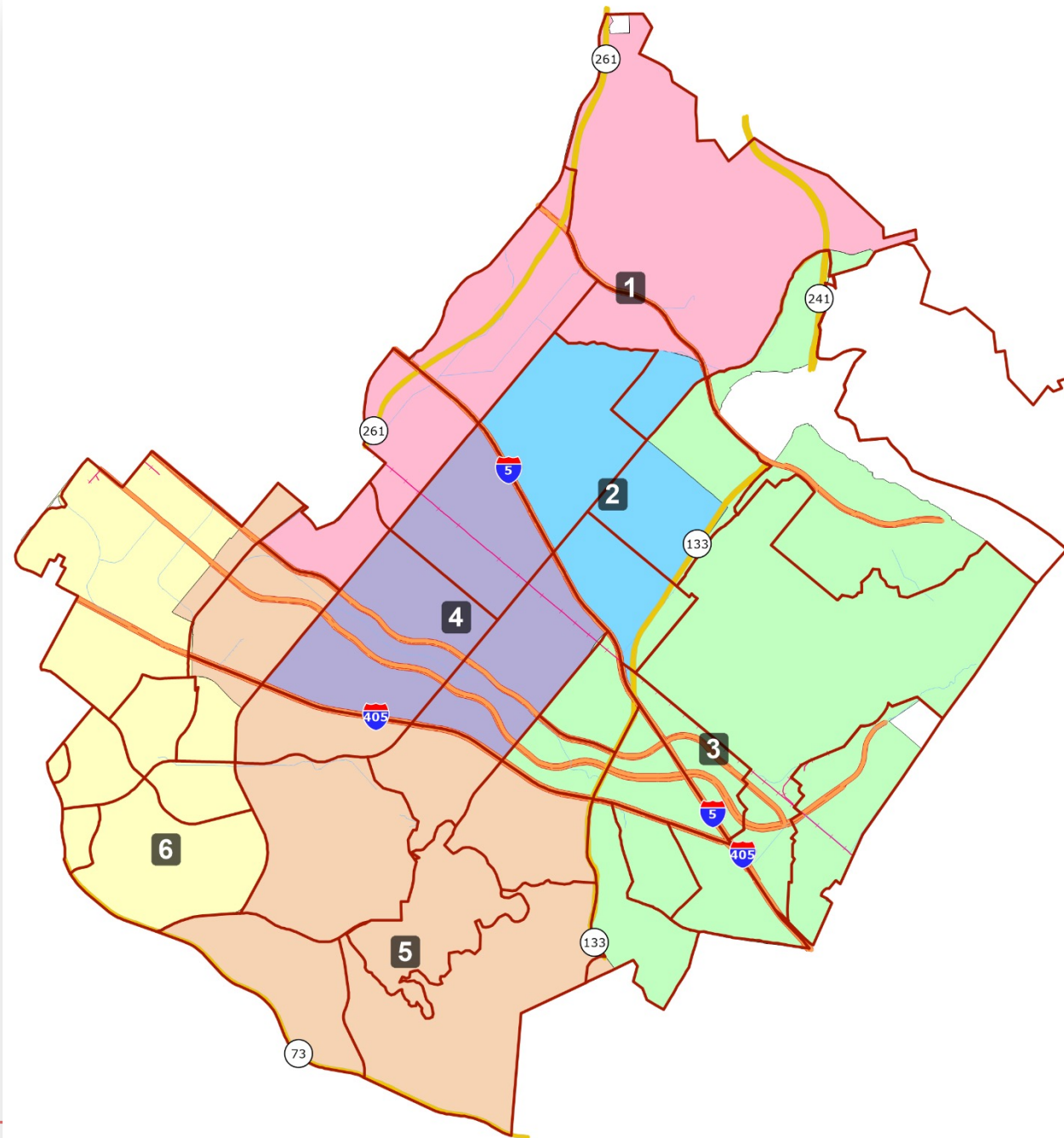
District 6 – 2024



# Map 147

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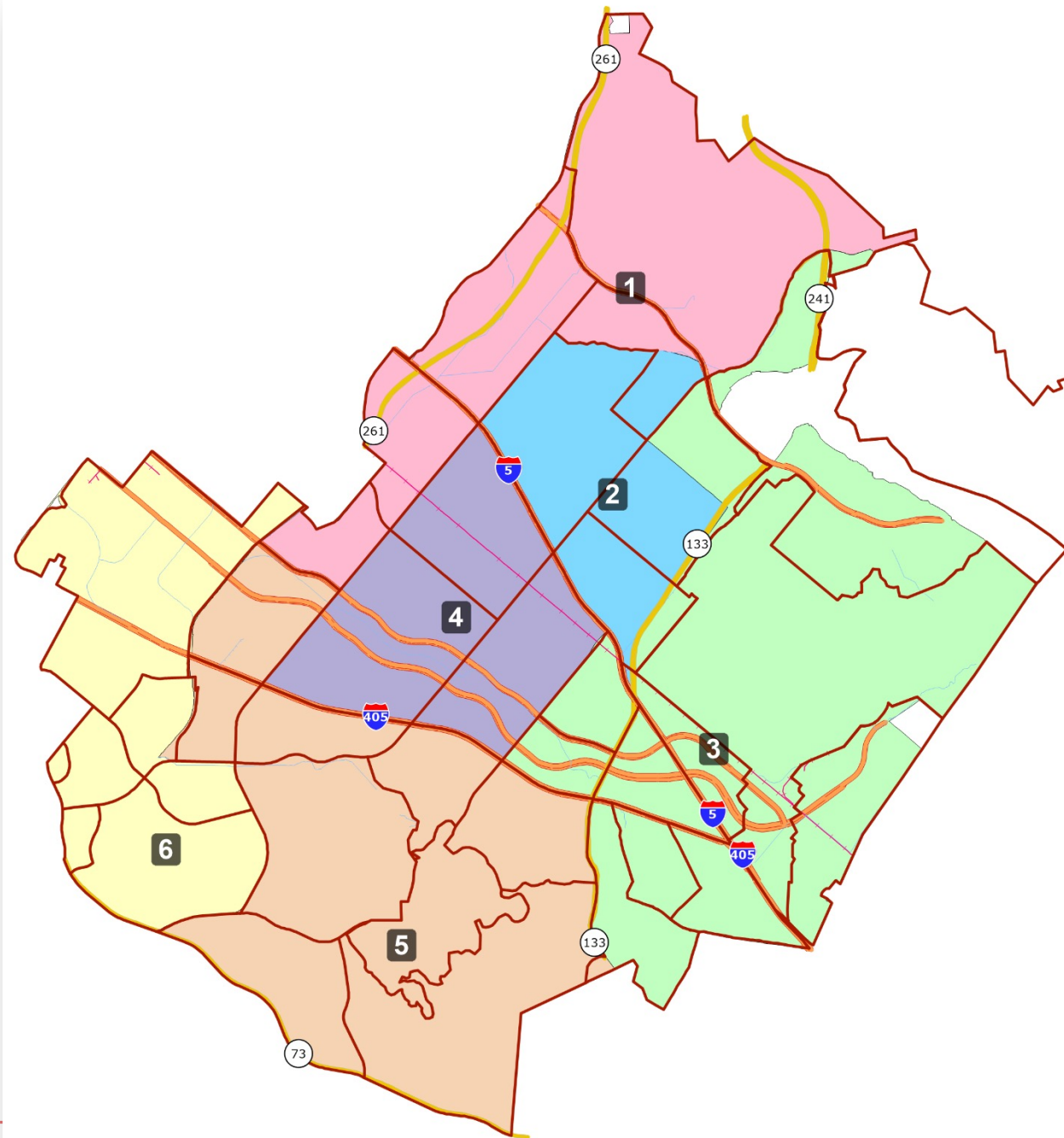
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- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024 or 2026
- District 6 – 2026



# Map 148

## Suggested Sequence:

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- District 6 – 2026

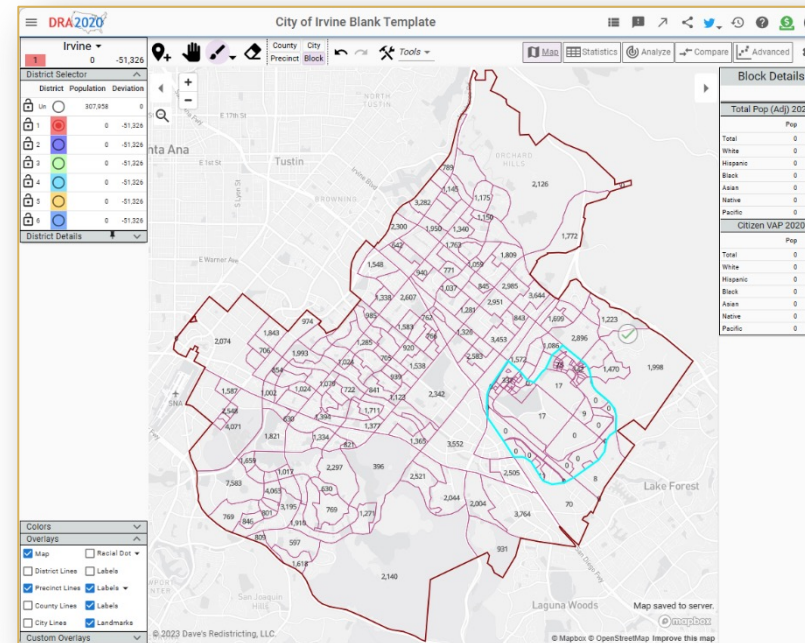
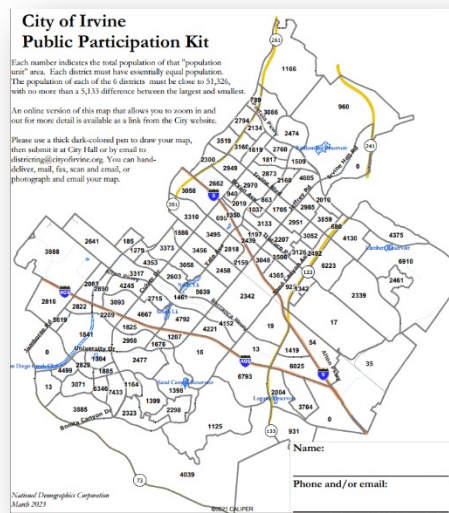


# Sequence of Elections

- ❑ 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.

# 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

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# Discussion

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- 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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