

City of Irvine

Community Workshops

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Introductions

Today's Goals

You Learn from the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

Draft Maps Overview

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

Why You Should Care

- 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

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Process, Rules and Goals

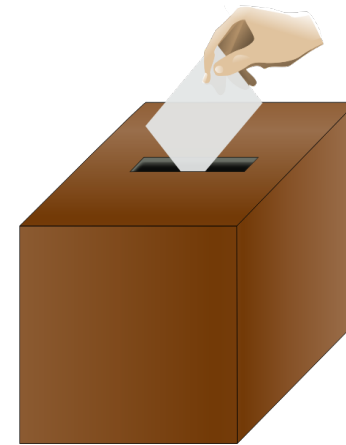
Overview of Focus Maps

Q&A Feedback

Next Steps

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

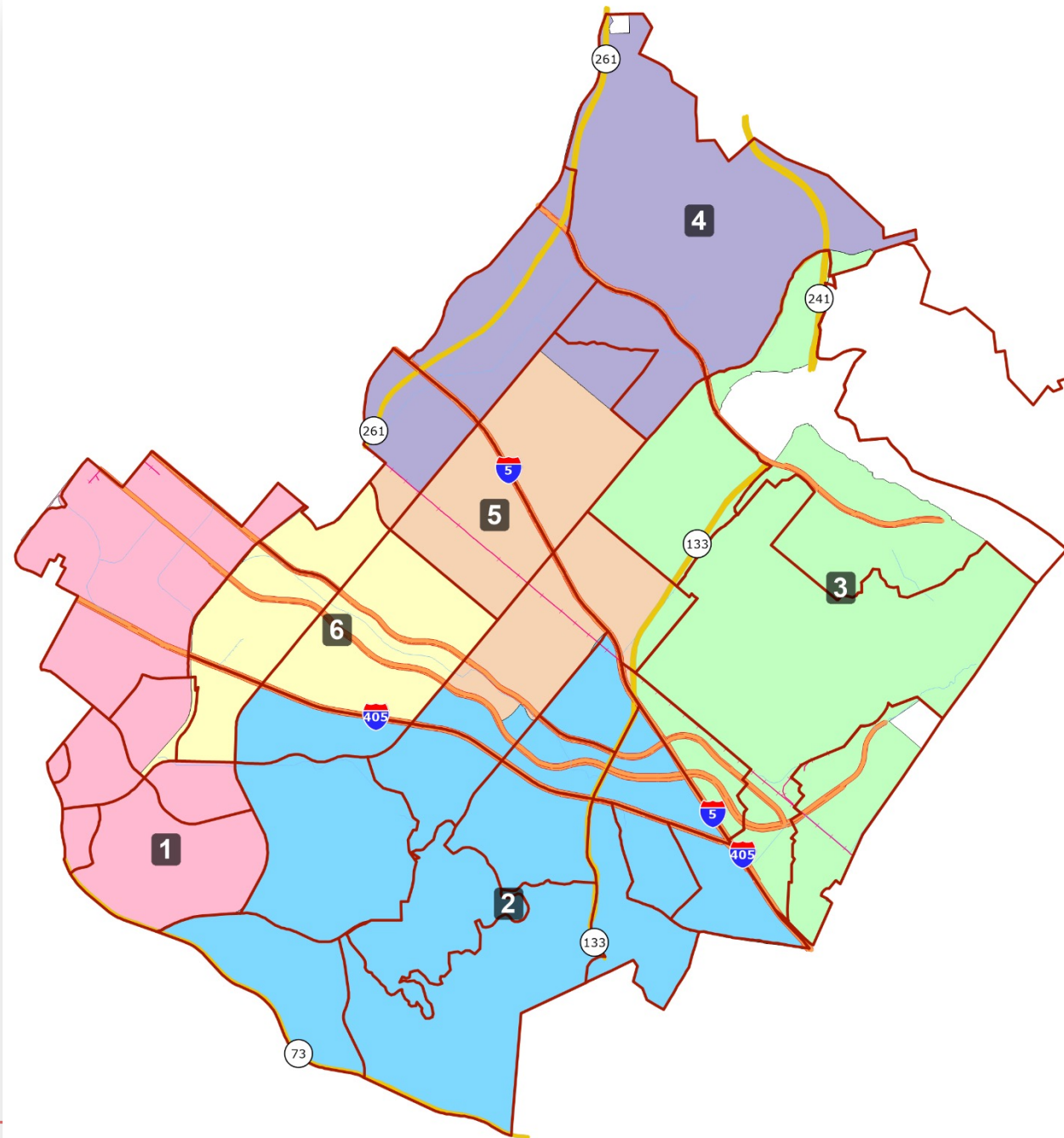
Draft Maps Overview

- 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

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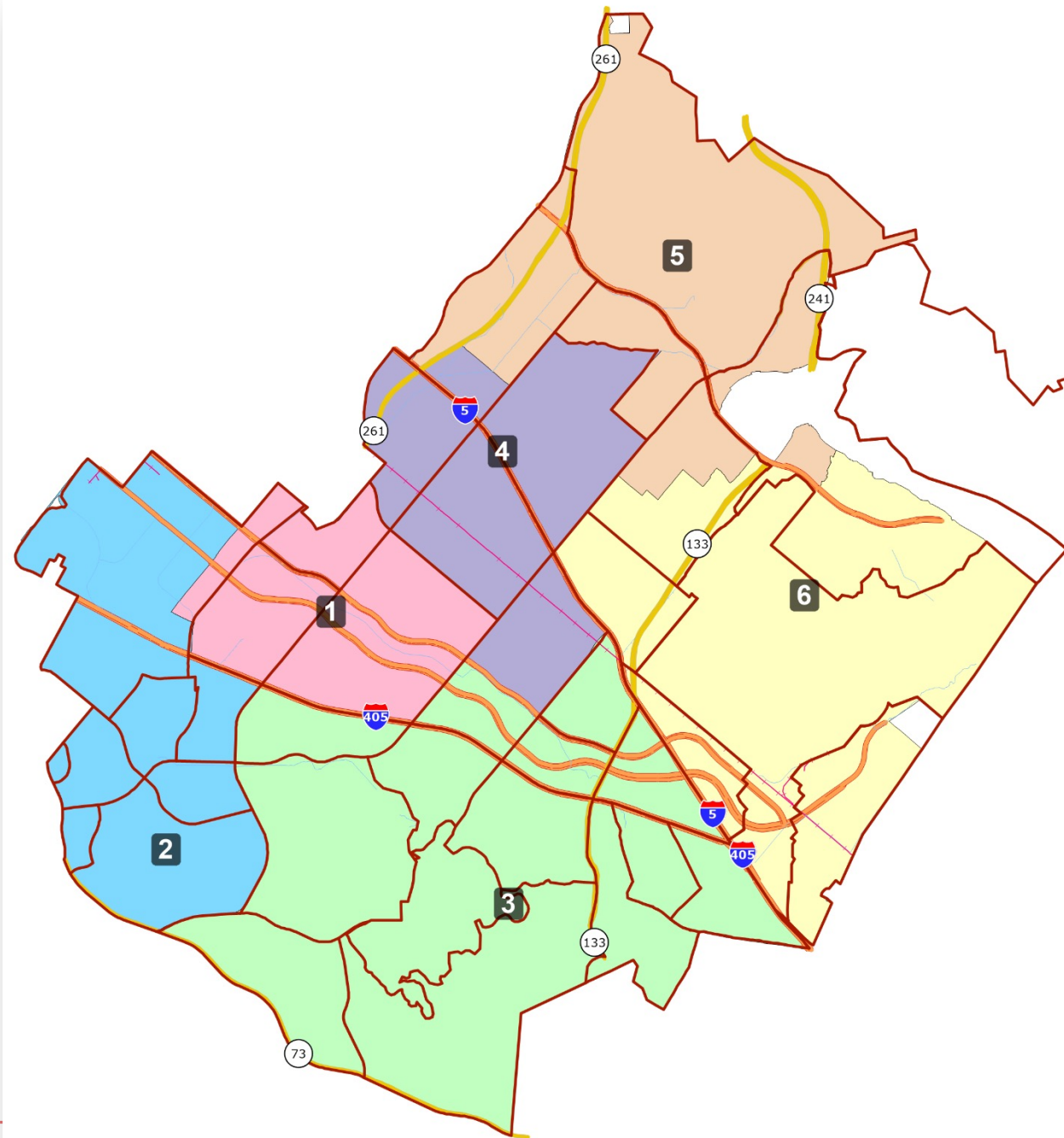
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2024 or 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)



Map 133

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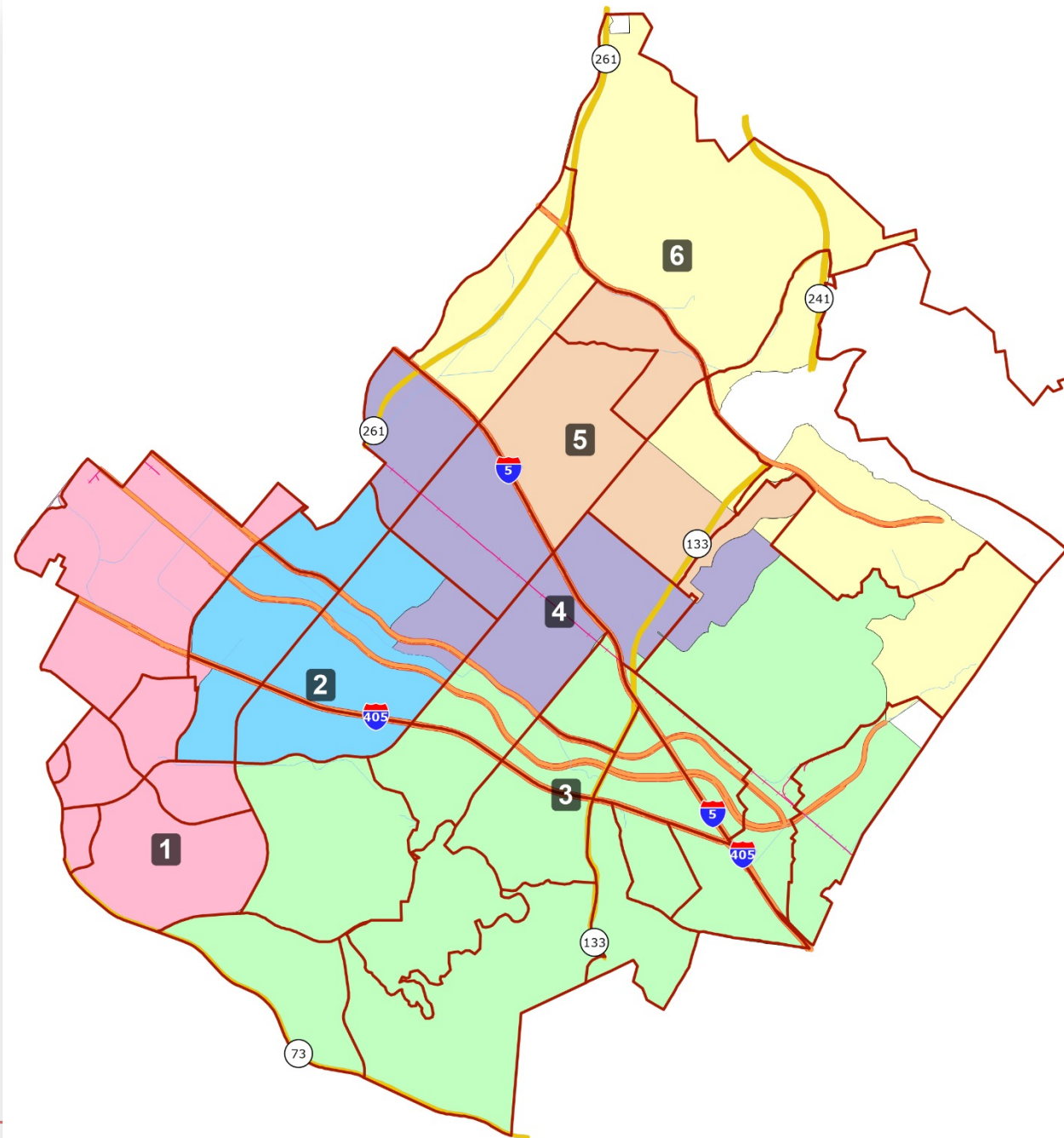
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- District 6 – 2024



Map 135

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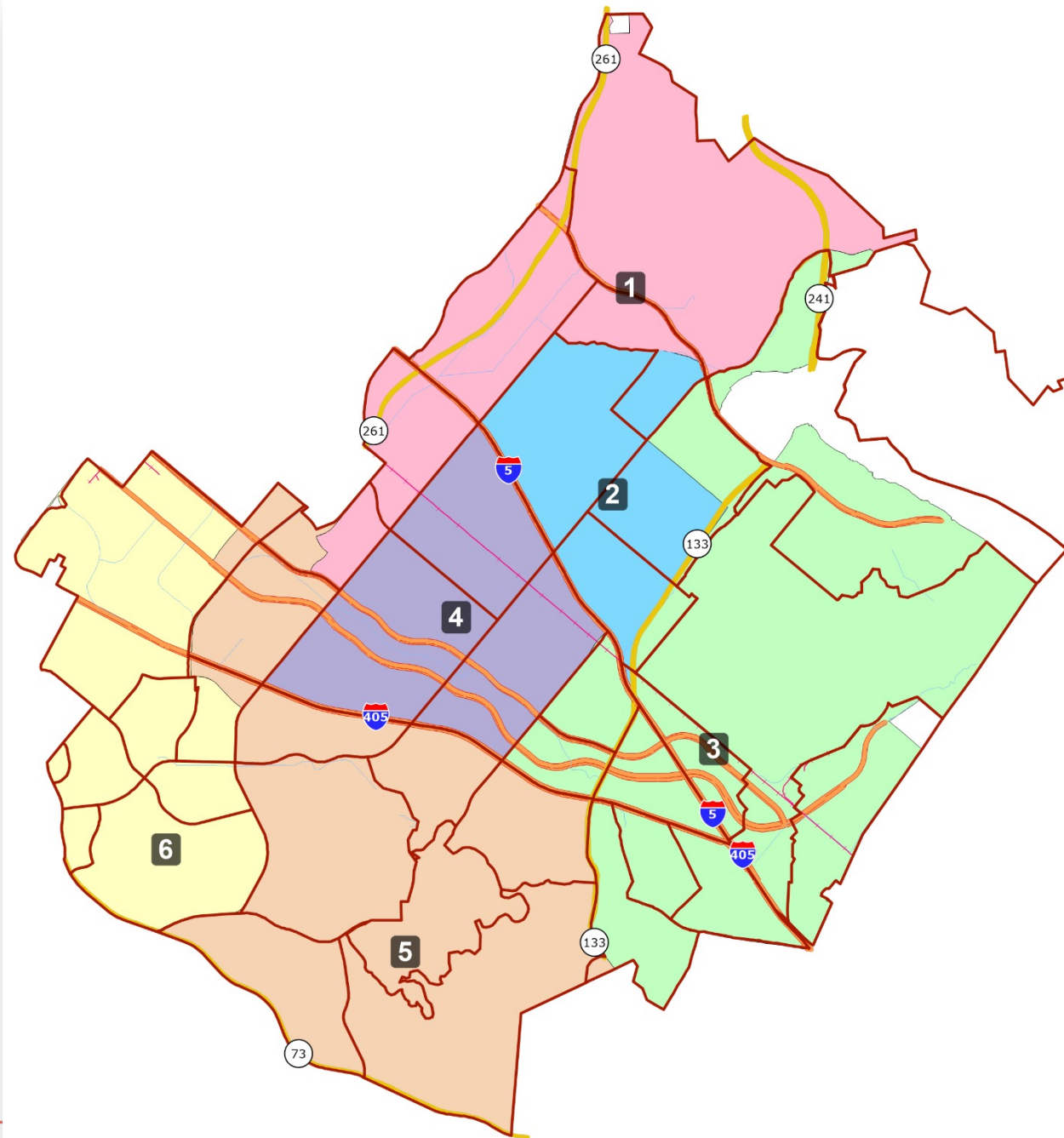
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



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

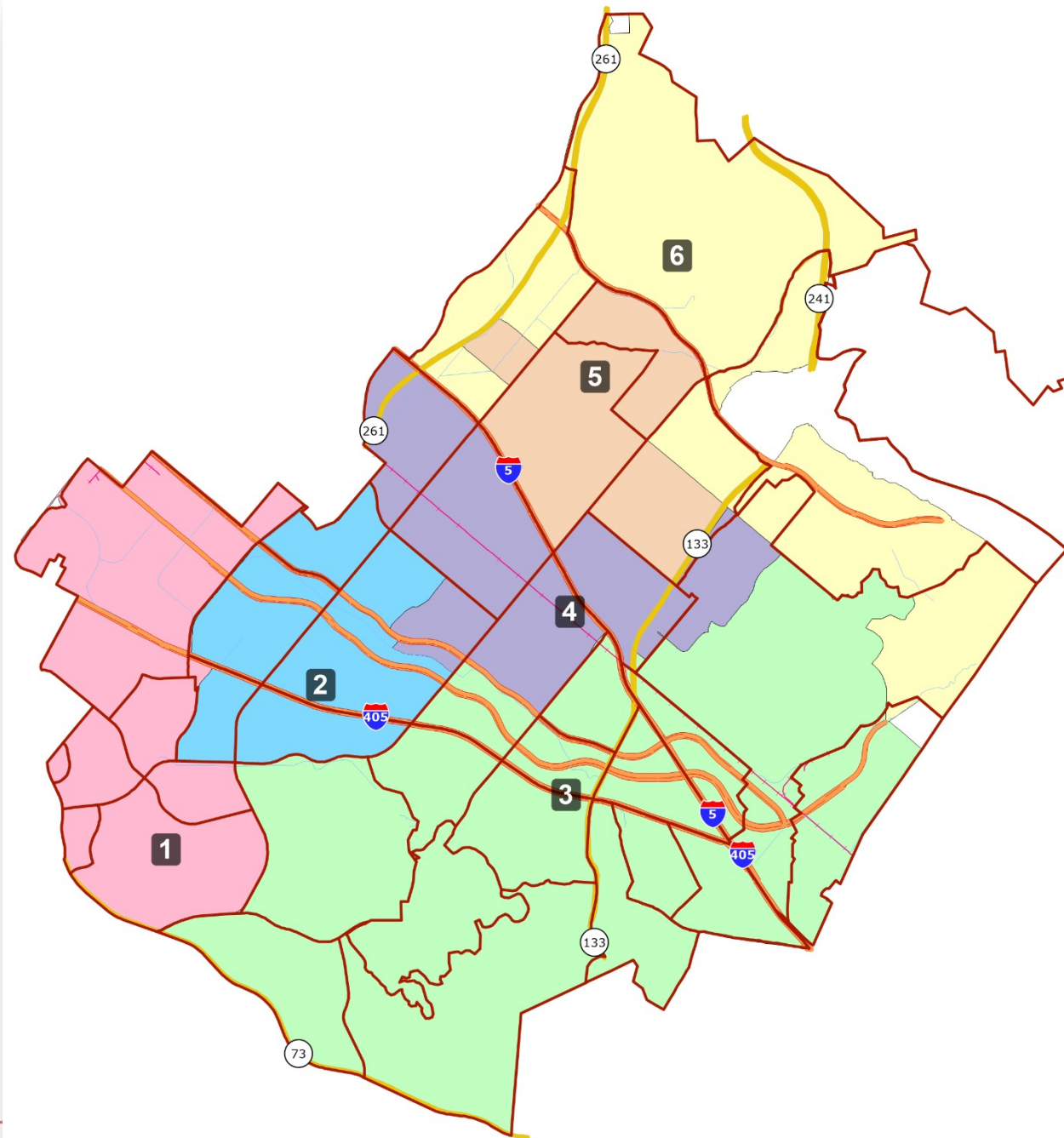
District 2 – 2026

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)

District 5 – 2024

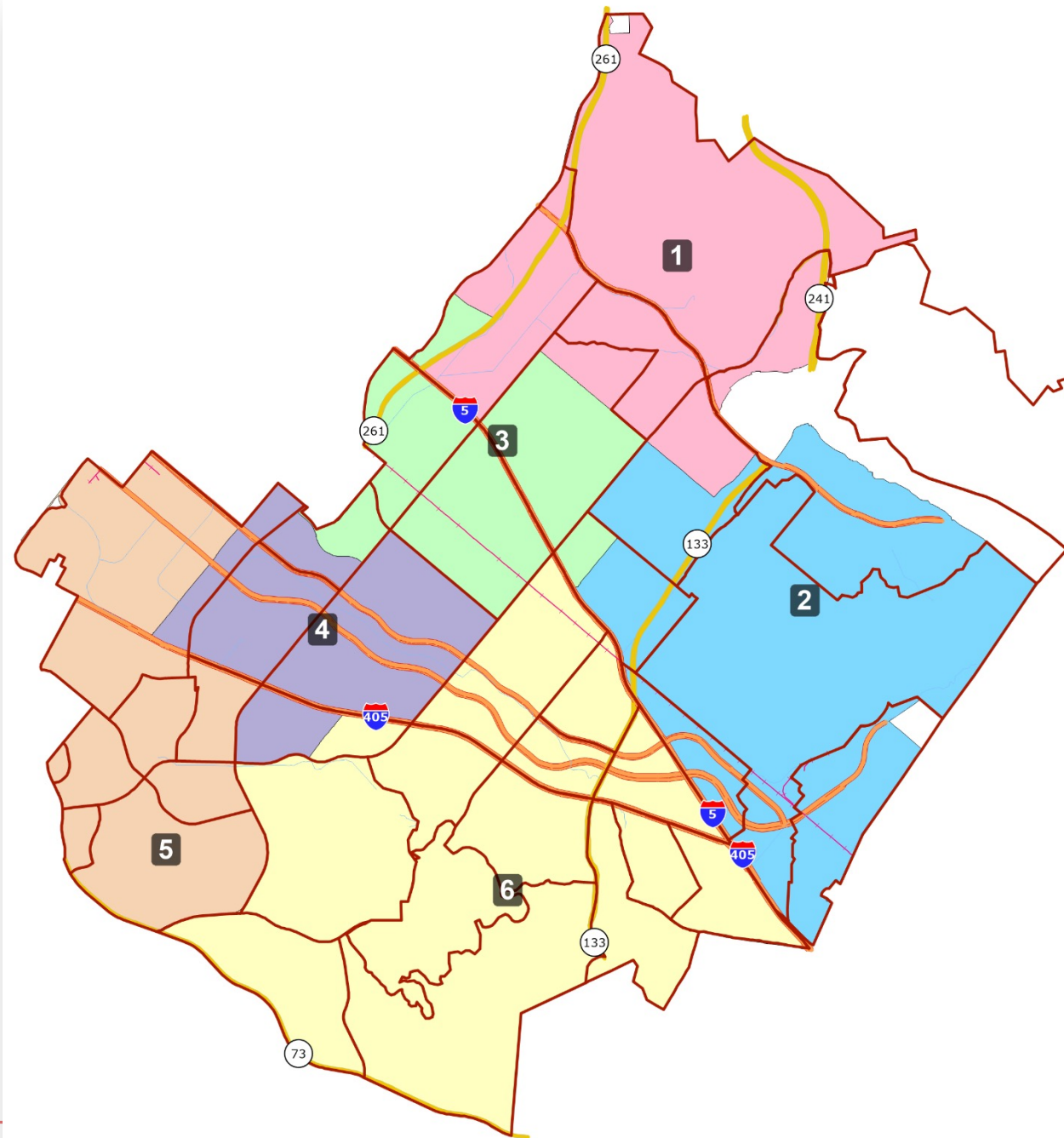
District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



Map 144

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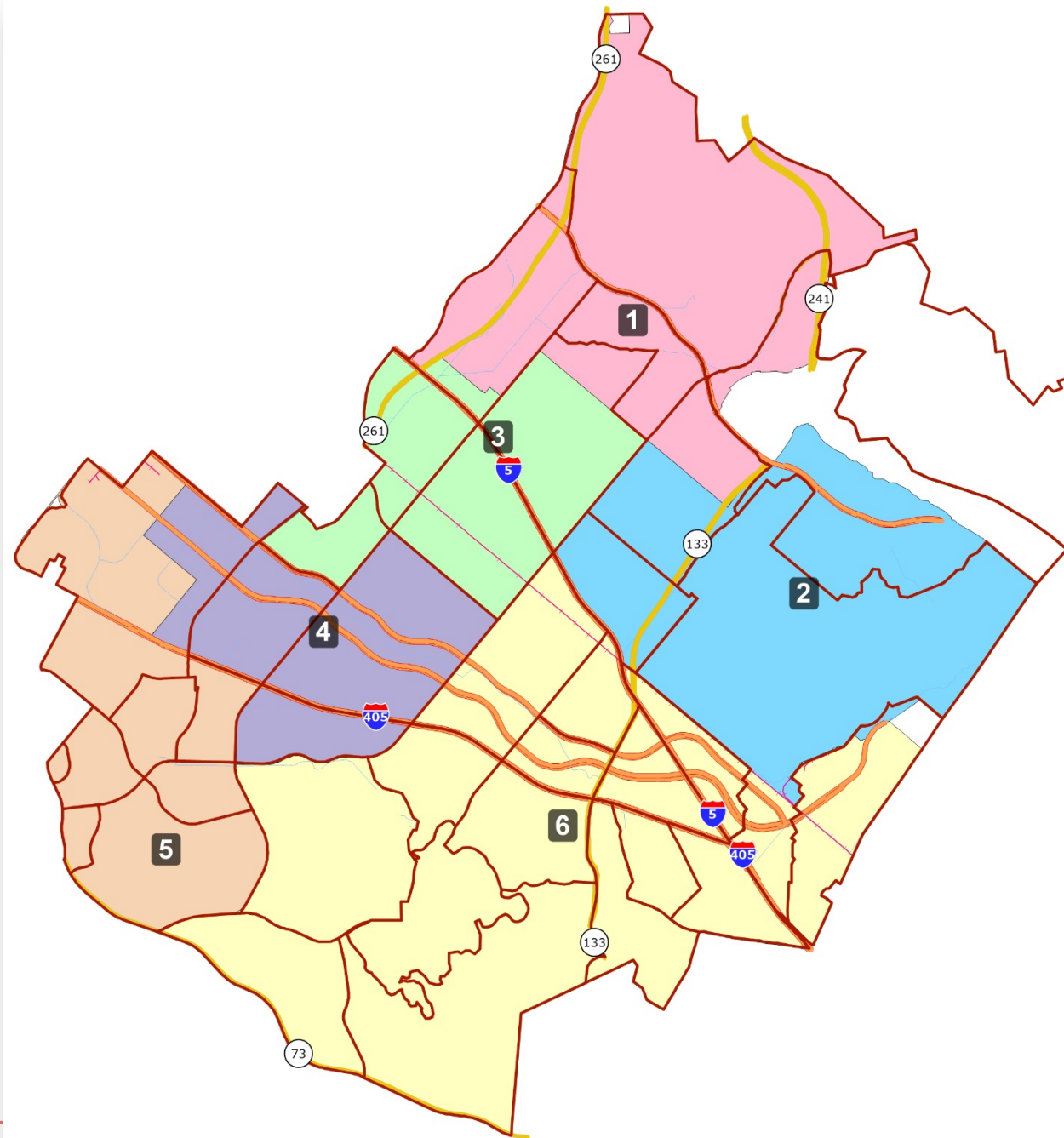
- District 1 – 2024 (short)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2026
- District 5 – 2026
- District 6 – 2024



Map 146

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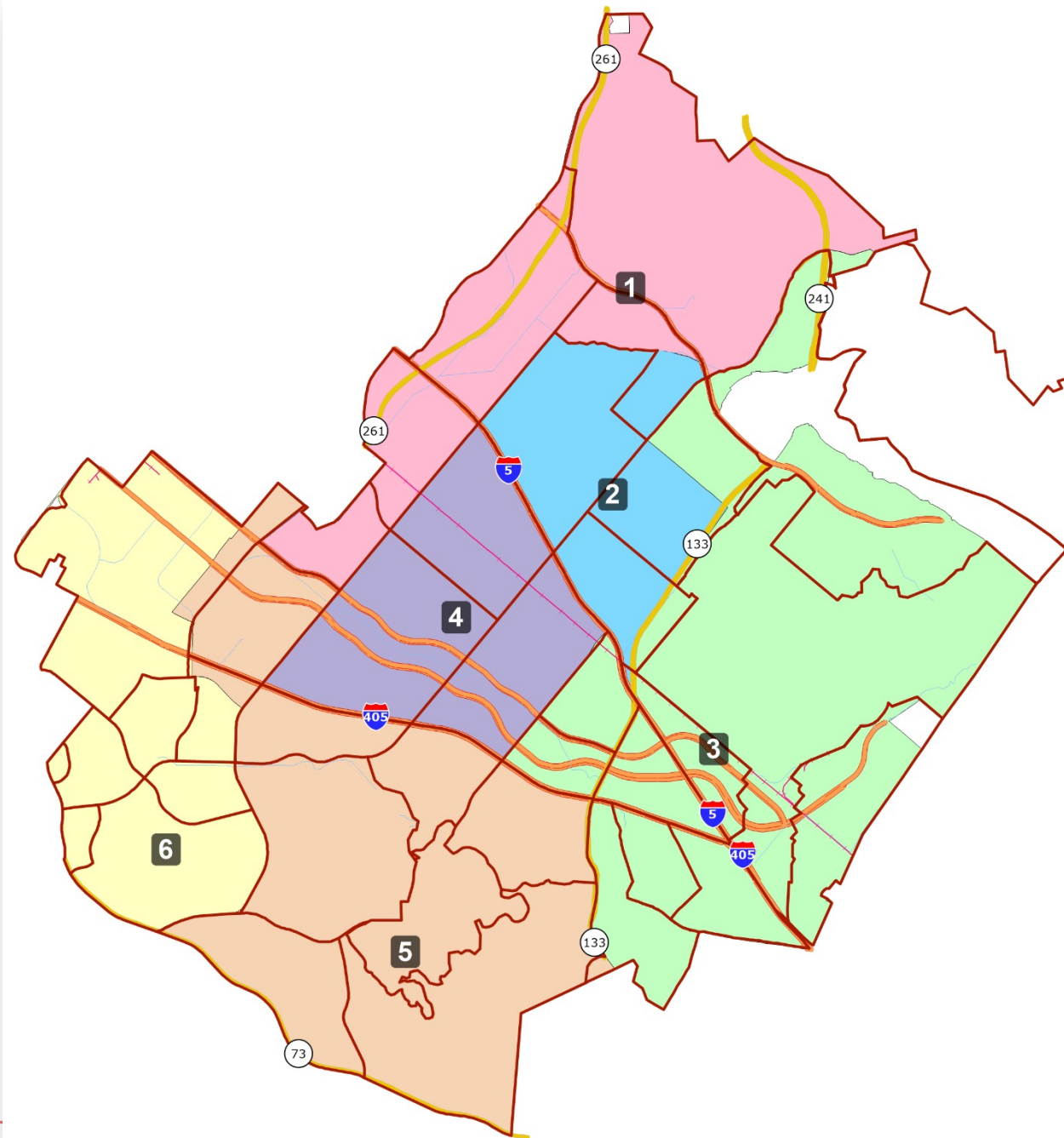
- District 1 – 2024 (short)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2026
- District 5 – 2026
- District 6 – 2024



Map 147

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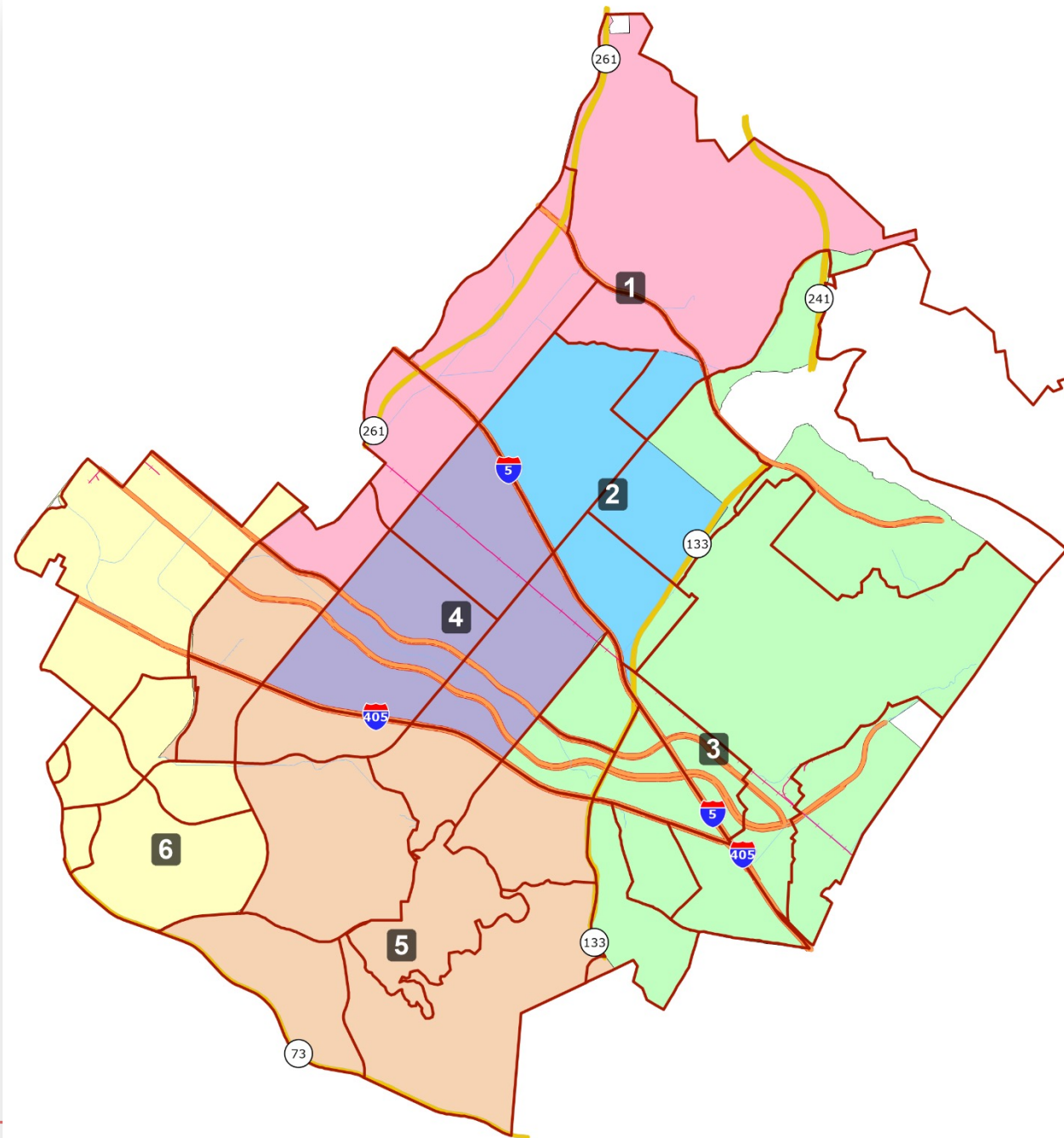
- District 1 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024 or 2026
- District 6 – 2026



Map 148

Suggested Sequence:

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

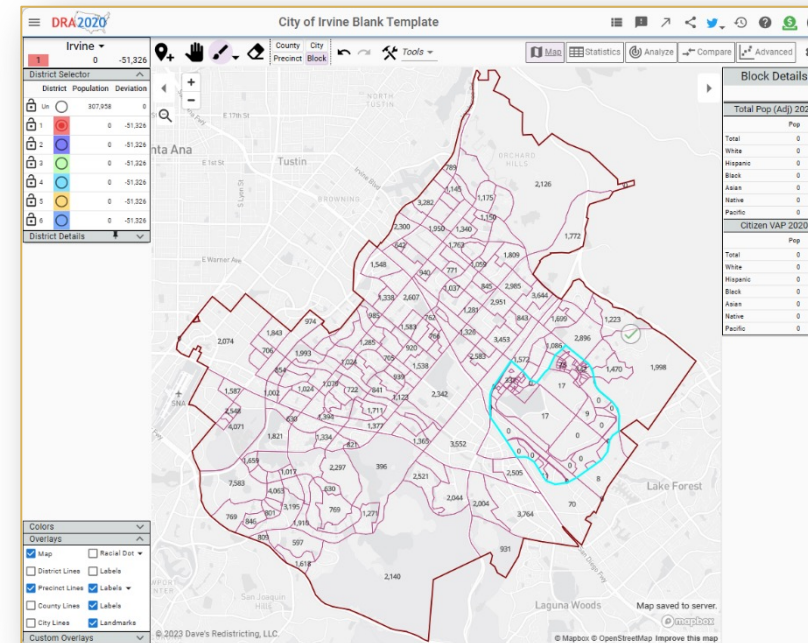
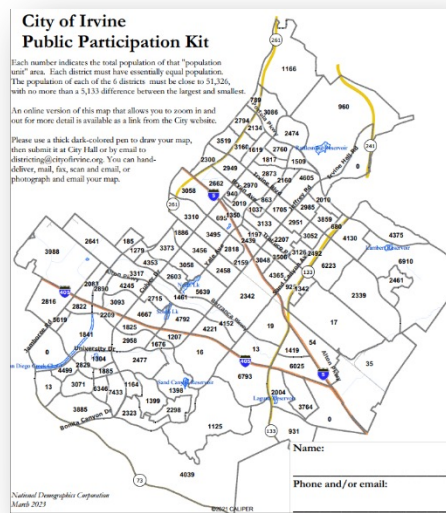


Sequence of Elections

- ❑ 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

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

Date & Time	Location
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

Share Your Thoughts

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DrawIrvine.org

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