

City of Irvine

Draft Plan Presentation

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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

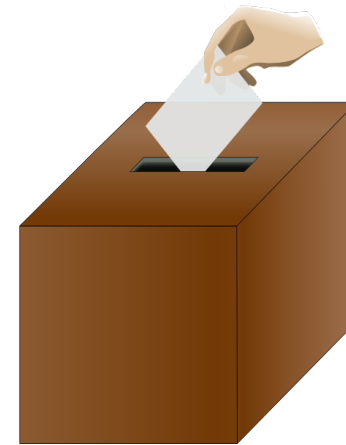
Q&A

Focus Map 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 – May | 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 | Additional workshops held throughout the city to discuss the draft maps. |
| Final Map Submission deadline September 29 | Deadline for public map submissions to ensure the map can be presented and discussed at the fourth public hearing |
| Release draft maps October 3 | Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to the hearing. |
| Map selection October 10 | Map adopted before approval of ballot language for 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 | Heritage Park Library, 14361 Yale Ave |
| 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

- At Public Hearing 4, the Council selected three focus maps: 135, 148, and 151
 - ▣ They gave direction which resulted in two new maps: 162 and 163
 - ▣ Of the 63 maps drawn so far, 56 are from members of the community
- All maps received are available for viewing on <https://drawirvine.org/draft-maps/>
 - ▣ On the “Draw a Map” page, we continue to have DRA available using any focus map
 - ▣ Submissions must be received by September 29, 2023 to be considered at the October 10 Hearing.

Map 135

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2026

District 2 – 2026

District 3 – 2024

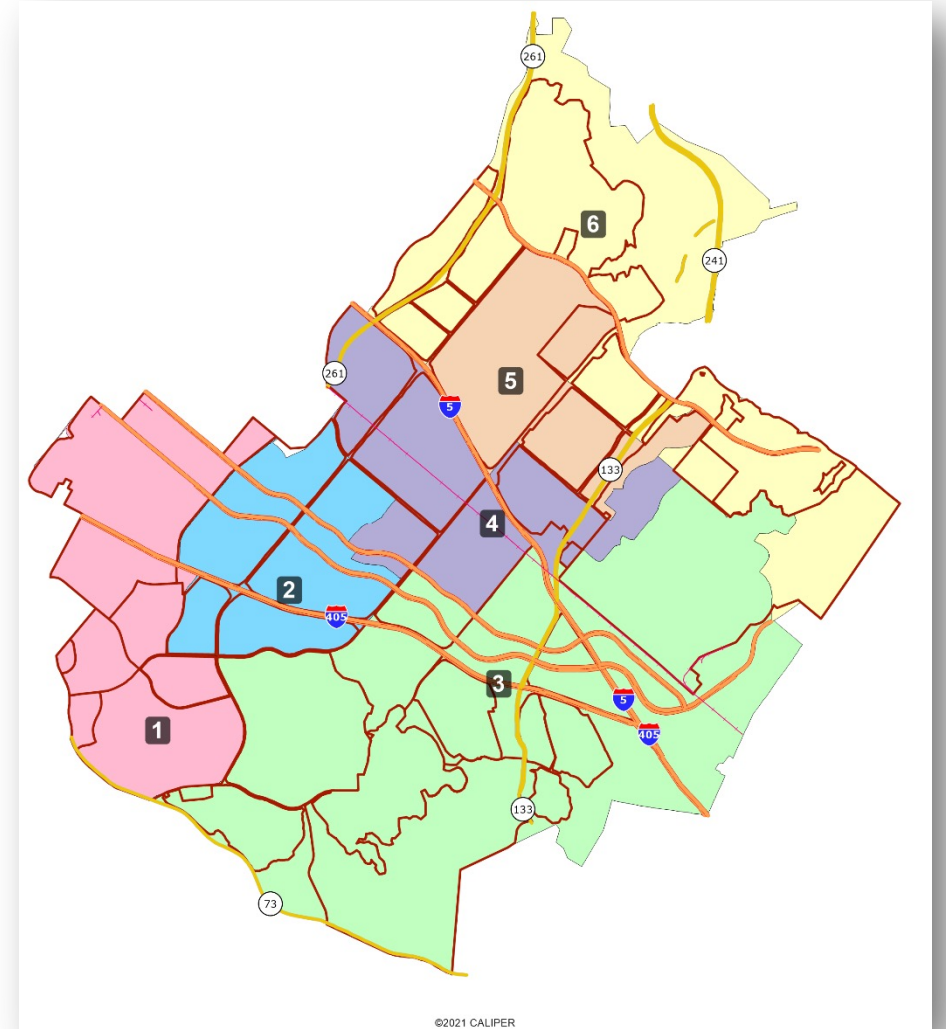
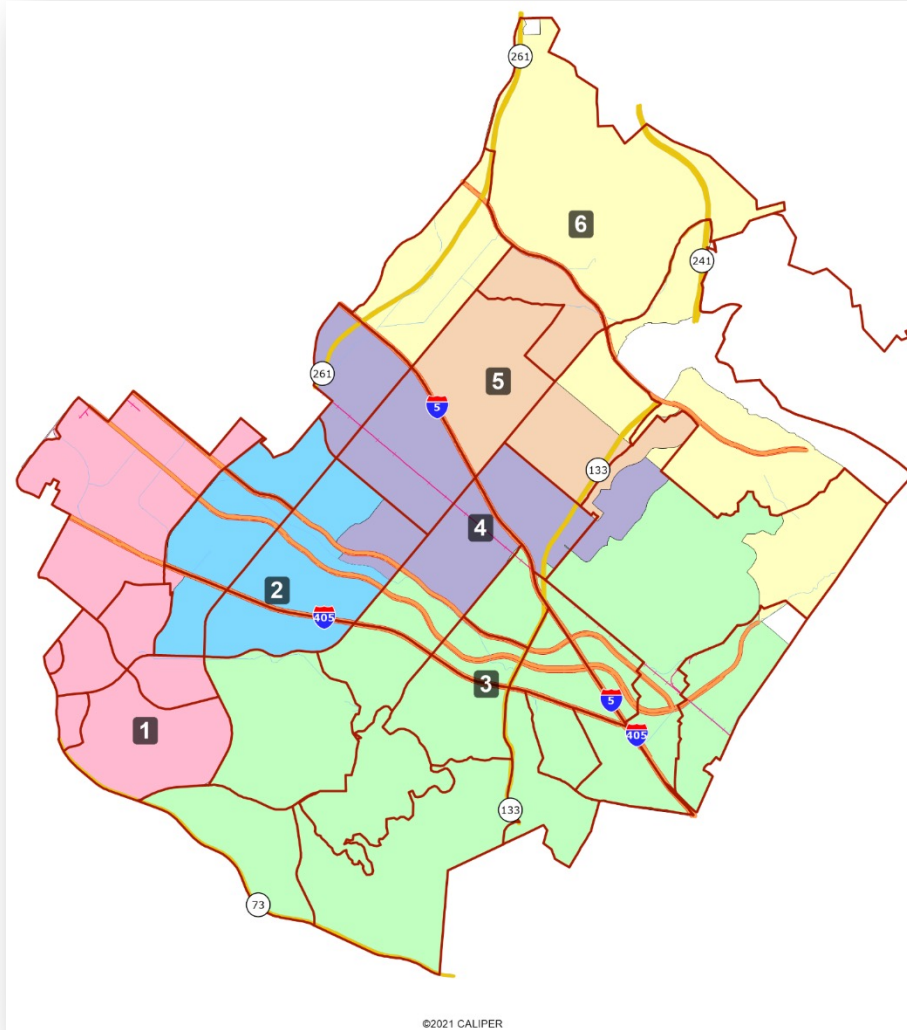
District 4 – 2024

(may be short term)

District 5 – 2024

District 6 – 2024

(may be short term)



Map 148

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)

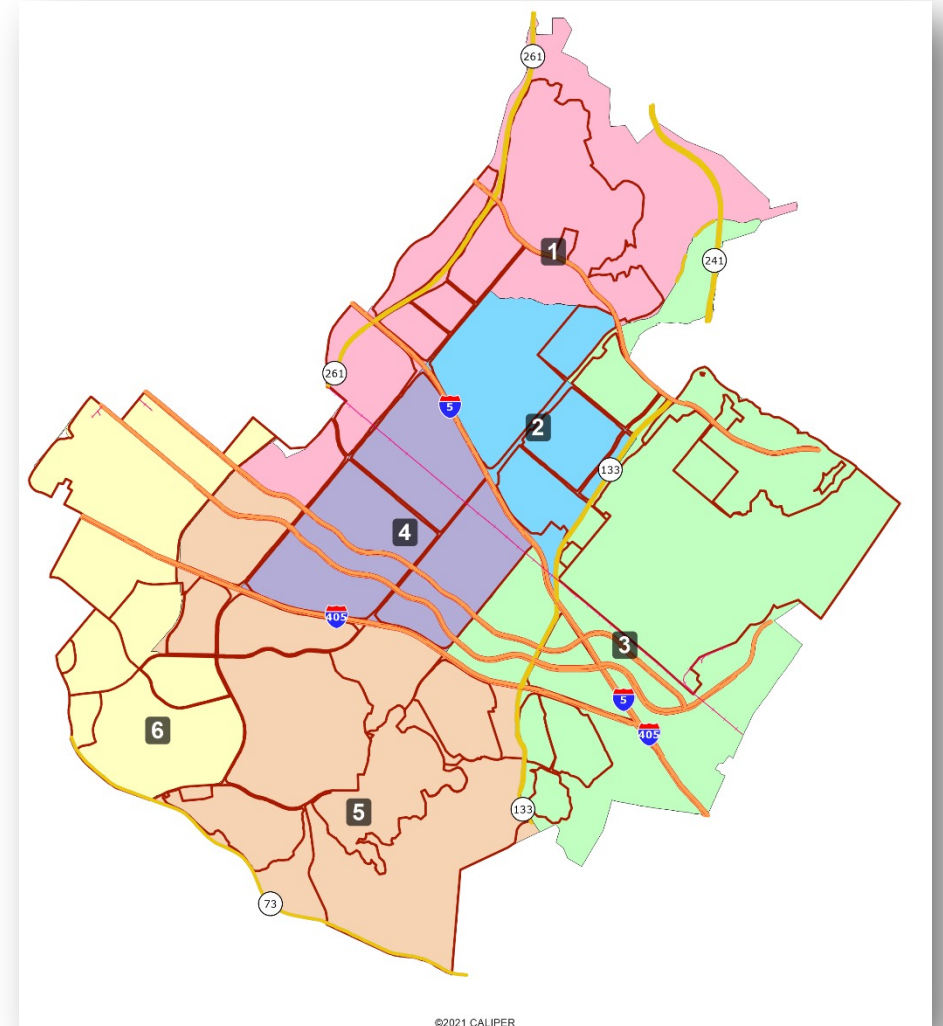
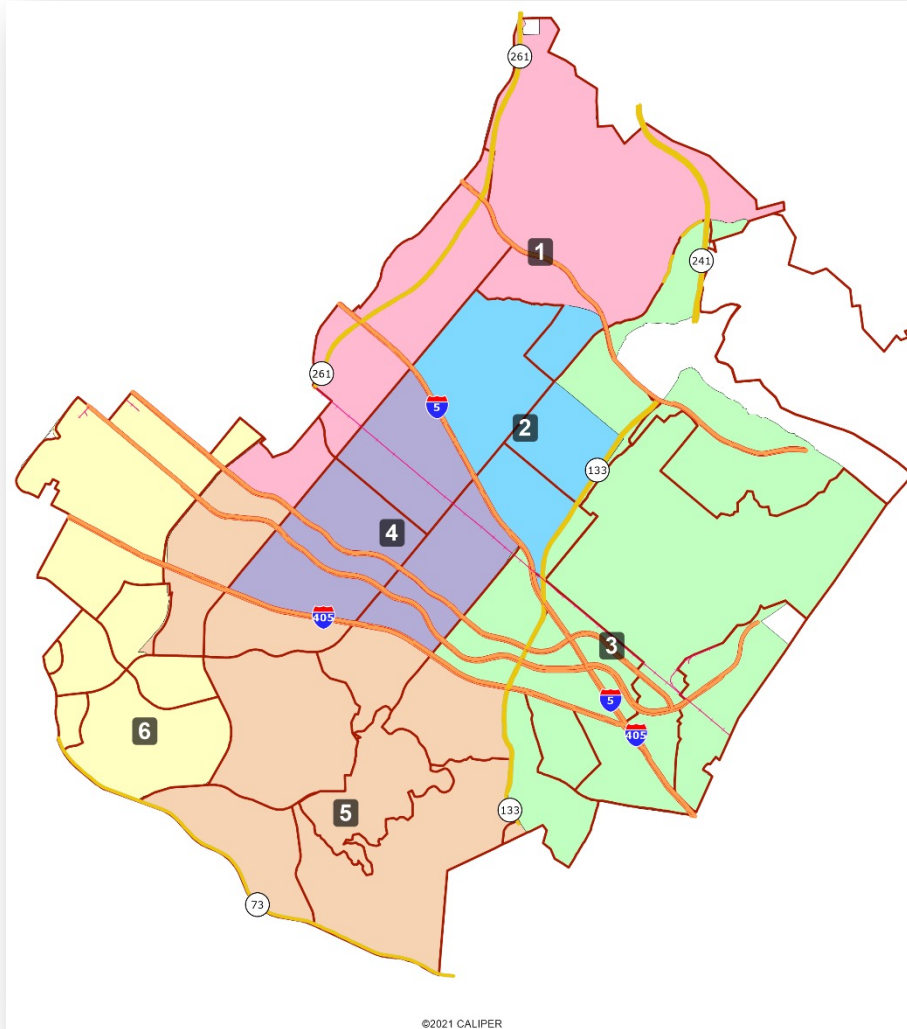
District 2 – 2024

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 151

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024

(short)

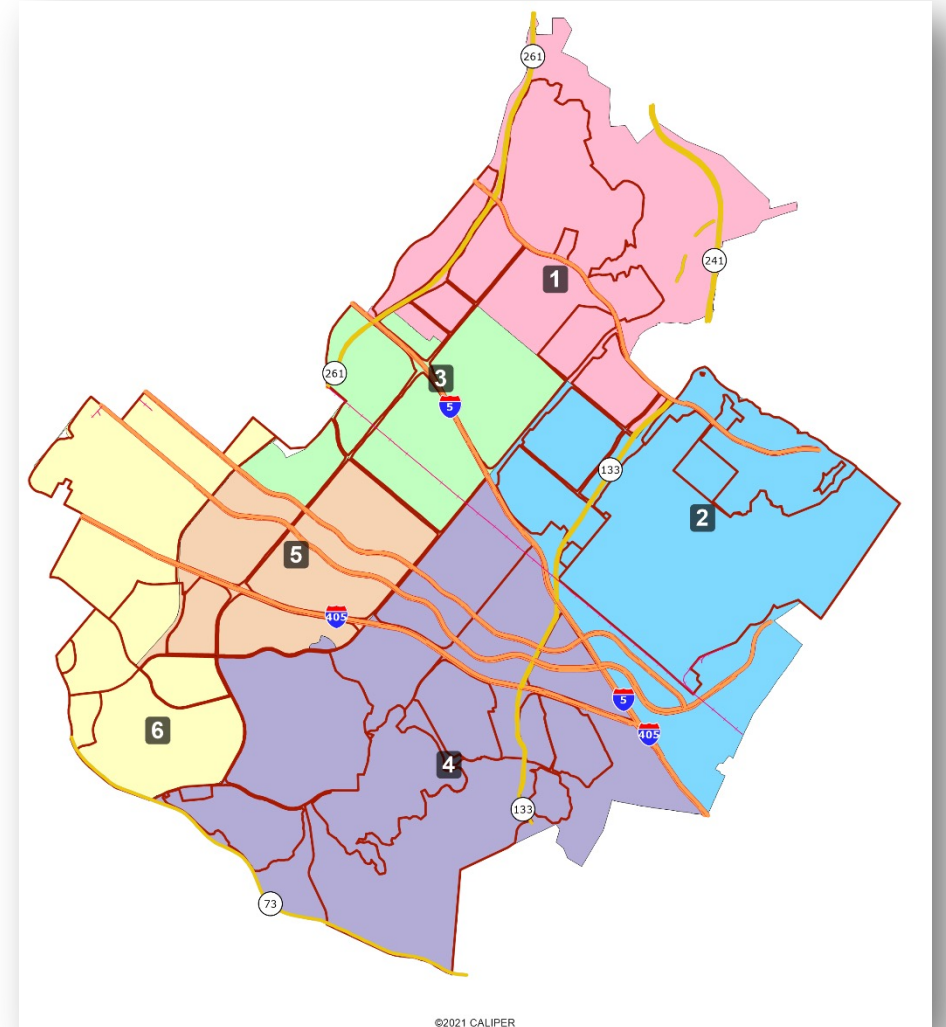
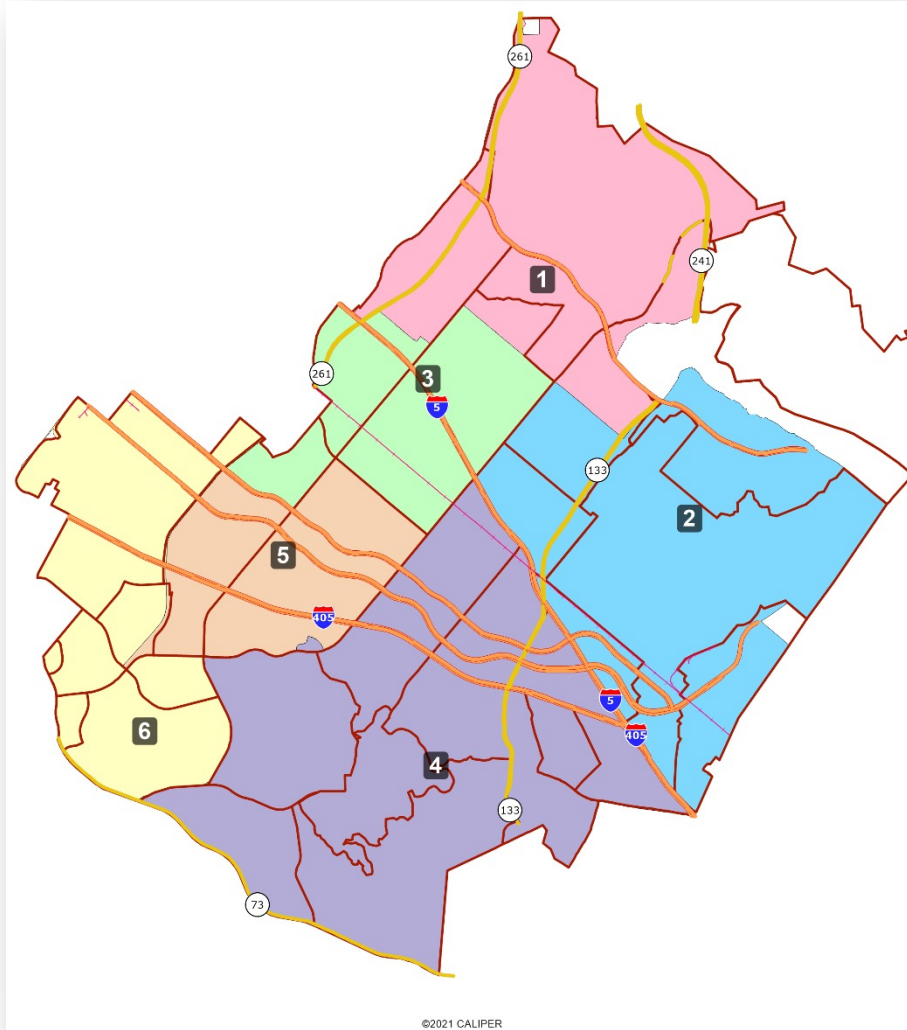
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2024

District 5 – 2026

District 6 – 2026



Map 162

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024

(short)

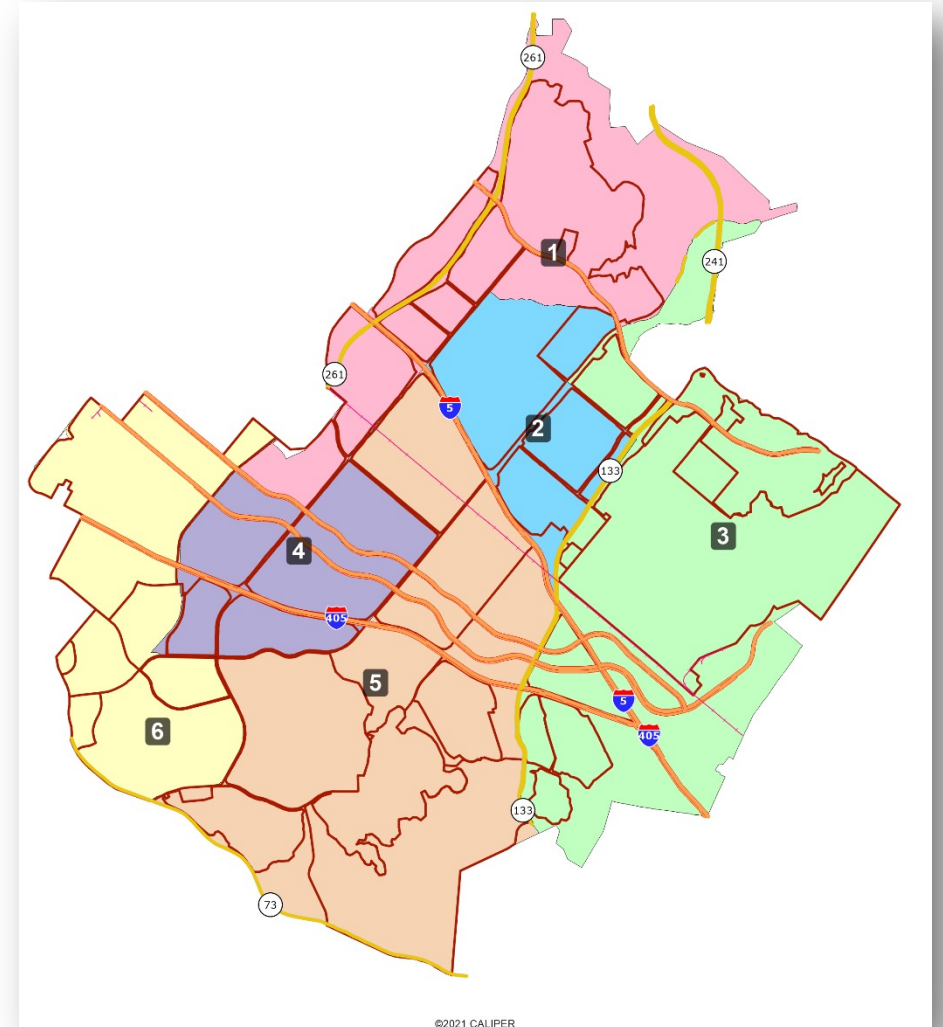
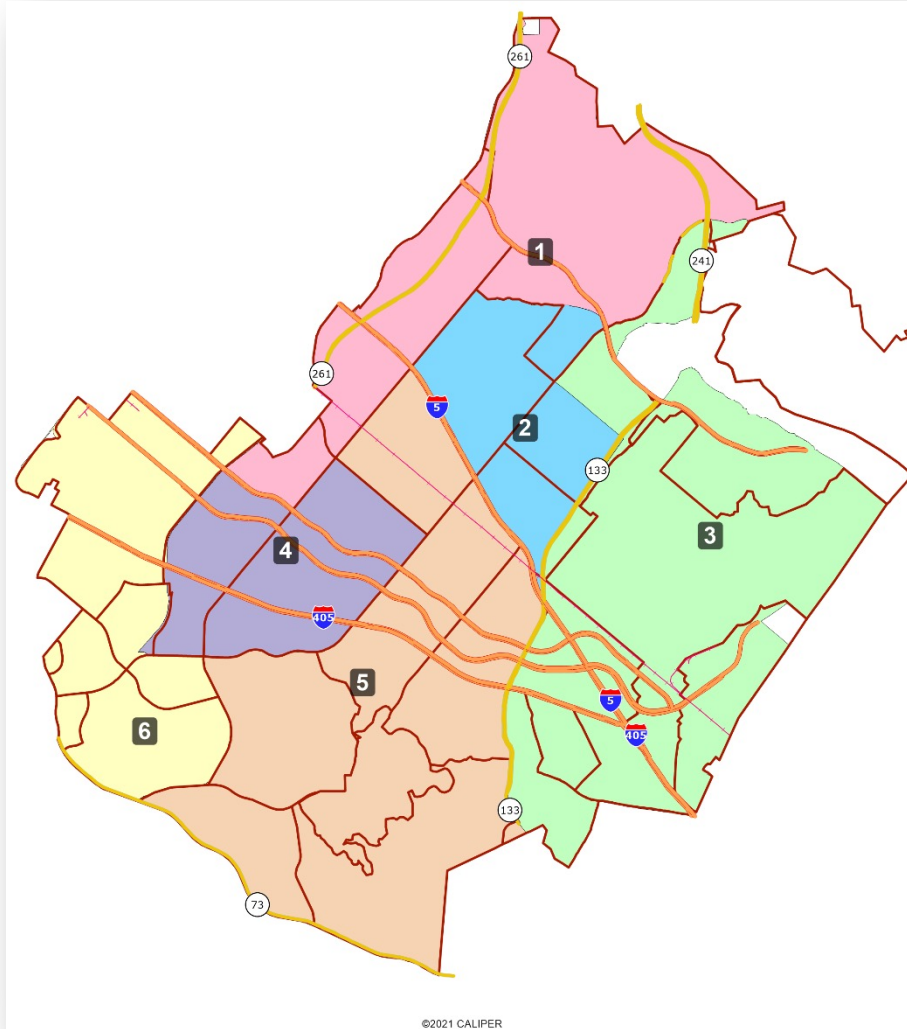
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2026

District 5 – 2024

District 6 – 2026



Map 163

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024

(short)

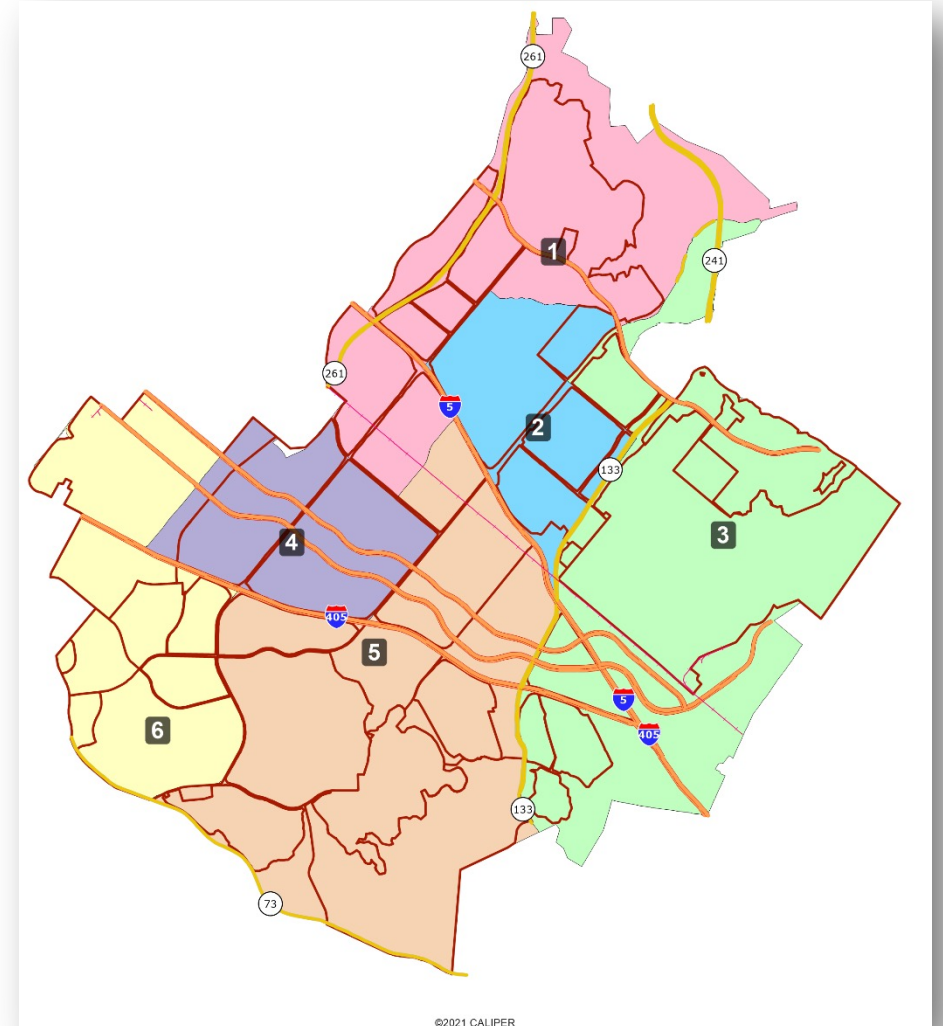
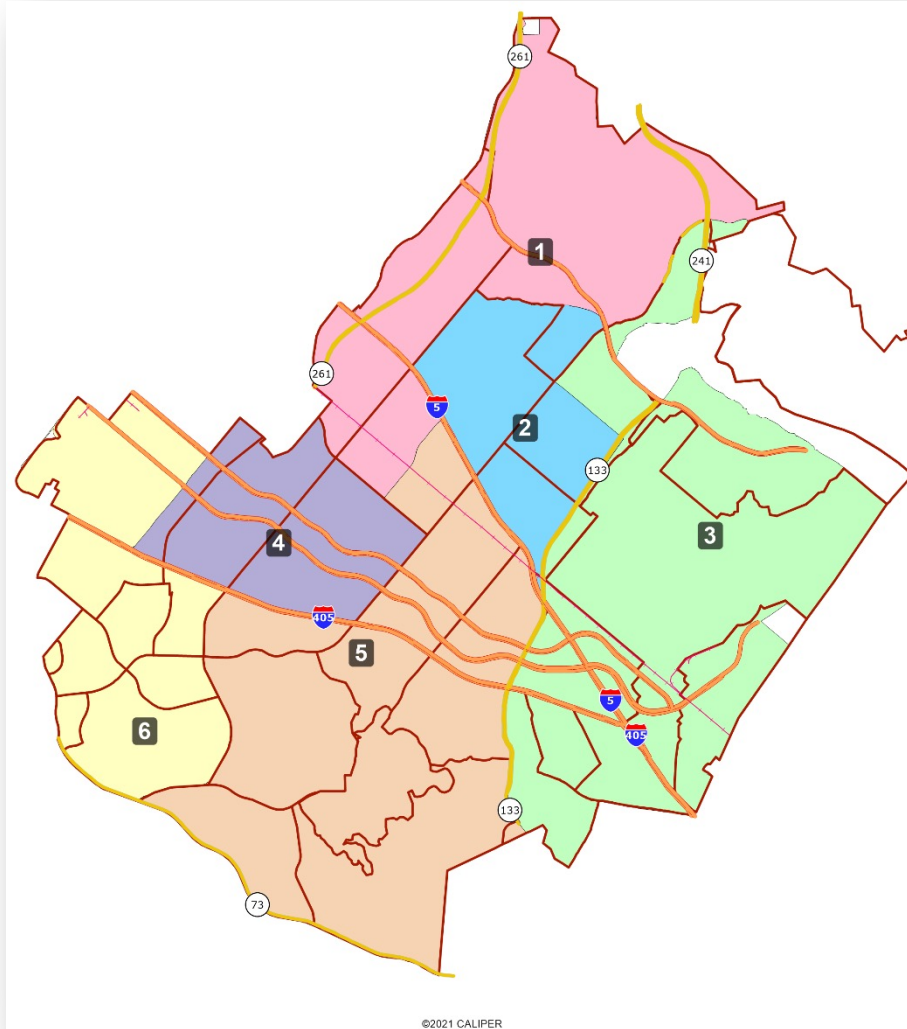
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024

District 4 – 2026

District 5 – 2024

District 6 – 2026



Maps compared by Villages and Asian CVAP

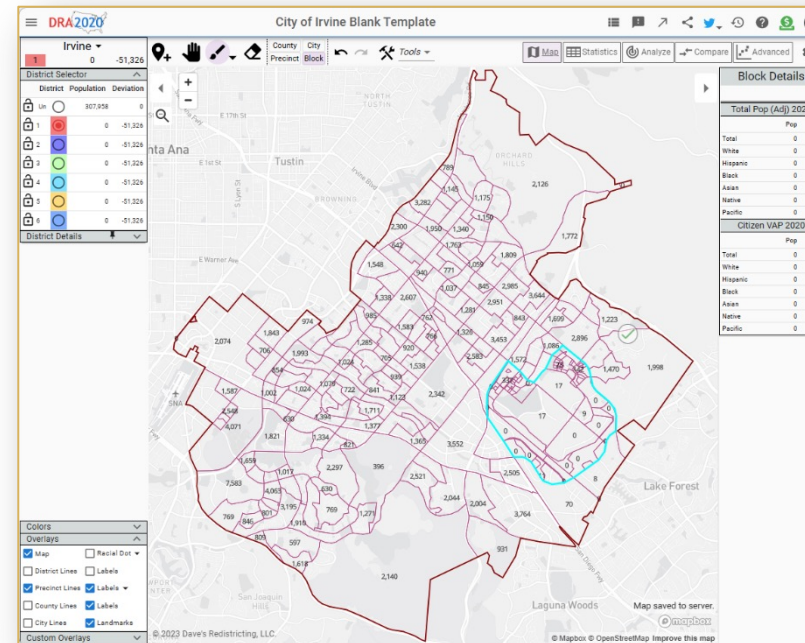
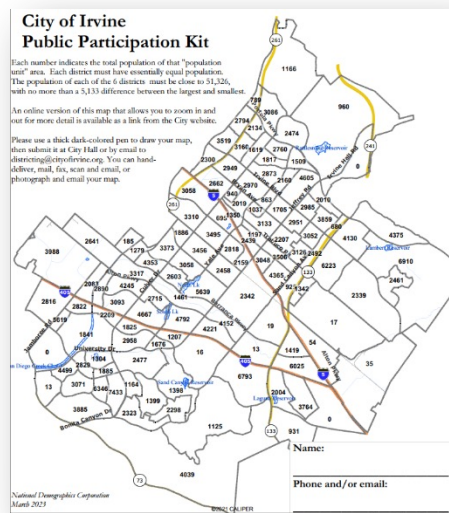
| Map | Villages Divided | Asian CVAP >40% |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 135 | 3: Great Park (between 3, 4, 5, & 6), Oak Creek (3 & 4); Woodbridge (2 & 4) | 48% (D6); 43% (D5) |
| 148 | 3: Cypress Village (2 & 3); Northwood (1 & 2); Westpark (1 & 5) | 48% (D1); 44% (D3), 42% (D2) |
| 151 | 4: Northpark (1 & 3); Northwood (1 & 3); University Park (4 with a small area in 5); Westpark (3 & 5) | 50% (D2); 49% (D1) |
| 162 | 3: Cypress Village (2 & 3); Northwood (1 & 2); Westpark (1 & 5) | 48% (D1); 44% (D3), 42% (D2) |
| 163 | 4: Cypress Village (2 & 3); El Camino Real (1 & 5); IBC (4 & 6); Northwood (1 & 2) | 44% (D1); 44% (D3), 42% (D2) |

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

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 Dates

Final Map Submission Deadline- September 29

Fifth Public Hearing- October 10 at 6 pm

City Council Chamber, 1 Civic Center Plaza

Share Your Thoughts

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