

**DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION 2024-01**

**RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE PLACER COUNTY
COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF
BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District (“District”) is elected “at-large,” meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, Board members are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next regularly scheduled election for three Board members is scheduled for November 2026, with the remaining two Board members scheduled for election in November 2028;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001, on April 18, 2024, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-16, stating its intent to transition to by-trustee area elections beginning with the 2026 election. In by-trustee area elections, the District is divided into five trustee areas, and each trustee is elected only by the voters in that trustee area (Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, Redistricting Partners (“Demographer”) was retained to prepare by-trustee area election map options for the Board and public’s consideration, ensuring compliance with Assembly Bill 764 and its specified requirements;

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2024, and May 16, 2024, the Board held public hearings to gather public input regarding potential trustee area boundaries pursuant to Elections Code section 10010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code, section 10010, subdivision (a)(2), the District published seven (7) trustee area maps and potential election sequencing on May 28, 2024, and held a public hearing on June 4, 2024, to gather public input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of election;

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2024, the District published five (5) additional trustee area maps and potential election sequencing for the public’s review, and on June 18, 2024, held an additional public hearing to gather input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of election;

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2024, the District published six (6) additional trustee area maps and potential election sequencing for the public's review, and on July 16, 2024, held an additional public hearing to gather input on the proposed trustee area maps and sequence of election;

WHEREAS, throughout this process, the District conducted outreach to the community, including but not limited to public notices, postings on the District's website, and public hearings;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019, 5030 and other applicable provisions of law authorize the Placer County Committee on School District Organization ("County Committee"), upon application from a school district's governing board, to change the method of election in a school district under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Education Code section 5020 allows the County Committee to approve the District's proposal, without the need to seek voter approval, so long as the County Committee adopts a resolution indicating that the change in the method of electing members of the district's governing board is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. The Board approves and recommends that the County Committee approve the adoption of single member by-trustee area elections.
3. The Board approves and recommends that the County Committee approve the adoption of the trustee area map set forth in Exhibit B, which has been designated as Trustee Area Plan 241851, and the suggested election sequencing schedule identified therein.
4. The Board requests that the County Committee, in accordance with Education Code section 5020, include language in its resolution approving the District's proposal, declaring that the change in method of election is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.
5. The District Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the County Committee, and to work with the County Committee, the Demographer, legal counsel, and the Elections Office to conduct any acts necessary to effectuate

the purposes of this Resolution (including but not limited to minor adjustments to the adopted map as may be necessary for its implementation) and to ensure that by-trustee area elections can be implemented in the election cycles scheduled in 2026 and 2028.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED, this 16th day of July 2024, with the following votes:



Jason Walker
Board Clerk

ATTEST:



Scott Otsuka
Board Member



EXHIBIT "A"
Resolution Number 2023-16

**DRY CREEK JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #2023-16**

**INTENT TO INITIATE A TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA
BOARD ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2026 BOARD ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District (“District”) is elected “at-large,” meaning that each Board member is elected by voters of the entire District;

WHEREAS, Board members are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for three Board members is scheduled for November 2026, with the remaining two Board members scheduled for election in November 2028;

WHEREAS, under the California Voting Rights Act (Elec. Code, § 14025, *et seq.*) (“CVRA”), at-large elections may be challenged if those elections result in racially polarized voting and vote dilution. Racially polarized voting can occur where there is a “difference...in the choice of candidates or other electoral choices that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates and electoral choices that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate.” Vote dilution can occur when a protected class is denied the ability to elect its preferred candidate or influence the election’s outcome;”

WHEREAS, transitioning from at-large to “by-trustee area” elections, where each Board member must reside within a designated trustee area boundary, and is elected only by the voters in that trustee area, minimizes the potential for litigation against the District under the CVRA;

WHEREAS, the Board understands the importance of fair and accessible elections, greatly values the opinions and voices of all members of the District’s community, and desires to increase the ability of candidates to seek elected office;

WHEREAS, while the Board does not believe that its current form of elections violates the CVRA, it does believe that it is in the public’s best interest to begin the process to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections;

WHEREAS, the Board will now hold a minimum of two public hearings to seek public input regarding the composition of the trustee areas prior to developing proposed trustee-area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, the Board, with assistance from a demographer, will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed and on the proposed sequence of elections;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold an additional public hearing before adopting a trustee-area map and submitting it to the Placer County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) for consideration;

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 5019 and 5030 authorize the County Committee, upon application of the Board, to change the method of election of the Board from at-large to by-trustee area;

WHEREAS, the Board, cognizant of its need for fiscal responsibility, desires to implement this change in the manner of electing trustees in a cost effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of "by-trustee area" elections will not affect the terms of any Board members serving or elected during this transition, each of whom will serve out his or her full term.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are correct and true.
2. This Resolution is passed and adopted pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subdivision (e)(3)(A).
3. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed based on the most updated federal decennial census data to provide for by-trustee area elections commencing with the 2026 Board elections.
4. The District shall commence the process of transitioning to by-trustee area elections, in full compliance with all appropriate procedures and policies provided in law, including but not limited to Education Code sections 5019 and 5030, and Elections Code sections 10010 and 14025, *et seq.*
5. Staff is directed to engage a demographer, legal counsel, and any other consultant deemed required to assist in the development of proposed by-trustee area boundaries.
6. The District Superintendent/designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

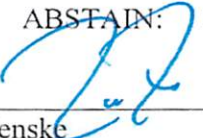
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED, this 18th day of April 2024, with the following votes:

AYES: FENSKE, OTSUKA, PAGNONE, RANDALL, WALKER

NOES: NONE


ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



Jon Fenske
Board President

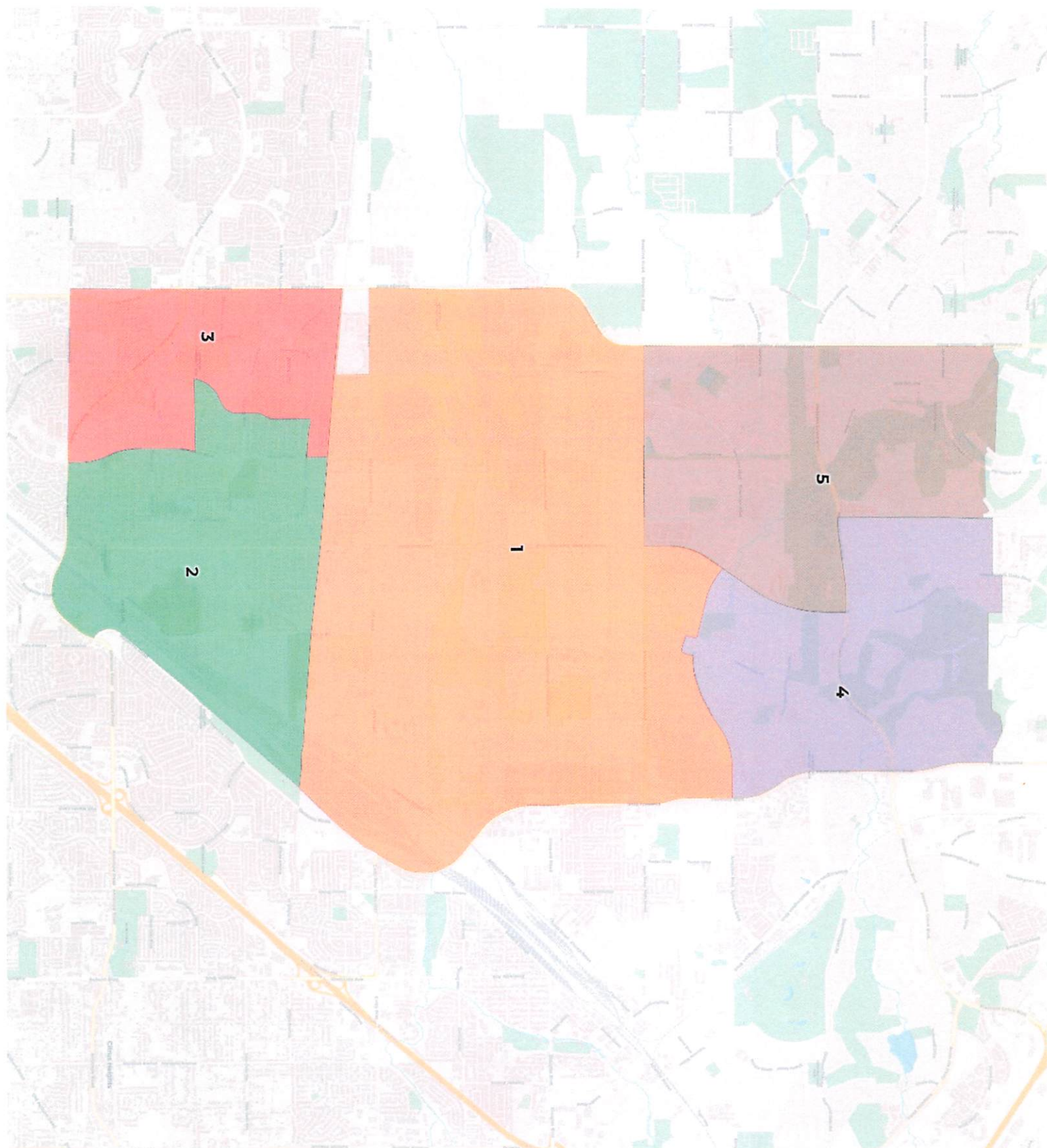
ATTEST:



Jason Walker
Board Clerk



Exhibit B
Adopted Trustee Area Map



2020 Census

	1	2	3	4	5
Population	11,192	11,365	11,485	10,815	10,485
Deviation	124	297	417	-253	-583
Deviation %	1.1%	2.7%	3.8%	-2.3%	-5.3%
Other	7,297	7,154	7,067	8,229	7,794
Other %	65.2%	62.9%	61.5%	76.1%	74.3%
Latino	2,049	1,684	1,820	1,510	1,376
Latino %	18.3%	14.8%	15.8%	14.0%	13.1%
Asian	1,508	1,941	1,705	856	1,099
Asian %	13.5%	17.1%	14.8%	7.9%	10.5%
Black	338	586	893	220	216
Black %	3.0%	5.2%	7.8%	2.0%	2.1%

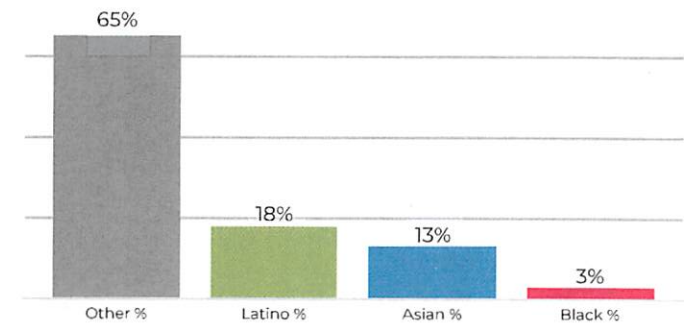
Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

	1	2	3	4	5
Total CVAP	8,144	7,029	7,139	8,650	8,063
Other CVAP	5,499	4,788	4,312	6,899	6,089
Other CVAP %	67.5%	68.1%	60.4%	79.8%	75.5%
Latino CVAP	1,459	601	1,221	818	1,190
Latino CVAP %	17.9%	8.6%	17.1%	9.5%	14.8%
Asian CVAP	889	1,265	715	891	694
Asian CVAP %	10.9%	18.0%	10.0%	10.3%	8.6%
Black CVAP	297	375	891	42	90
Black CVAP %	3.6%	5.3%	12.5%	0.5%	1.1%

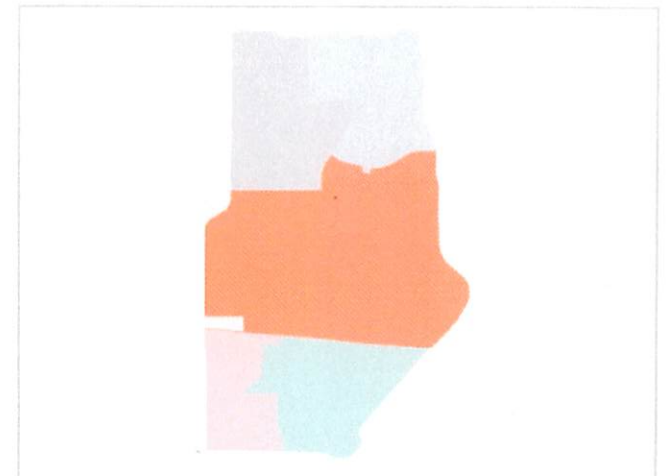
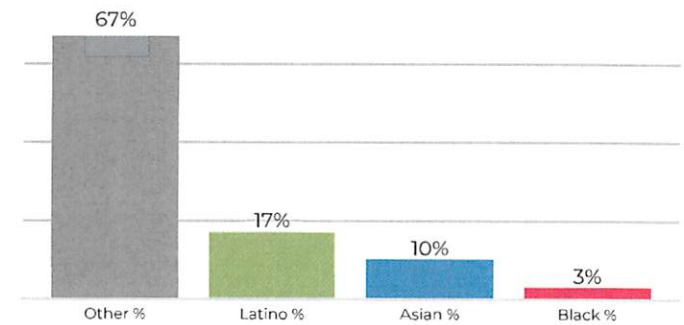
District 1



2020 Census

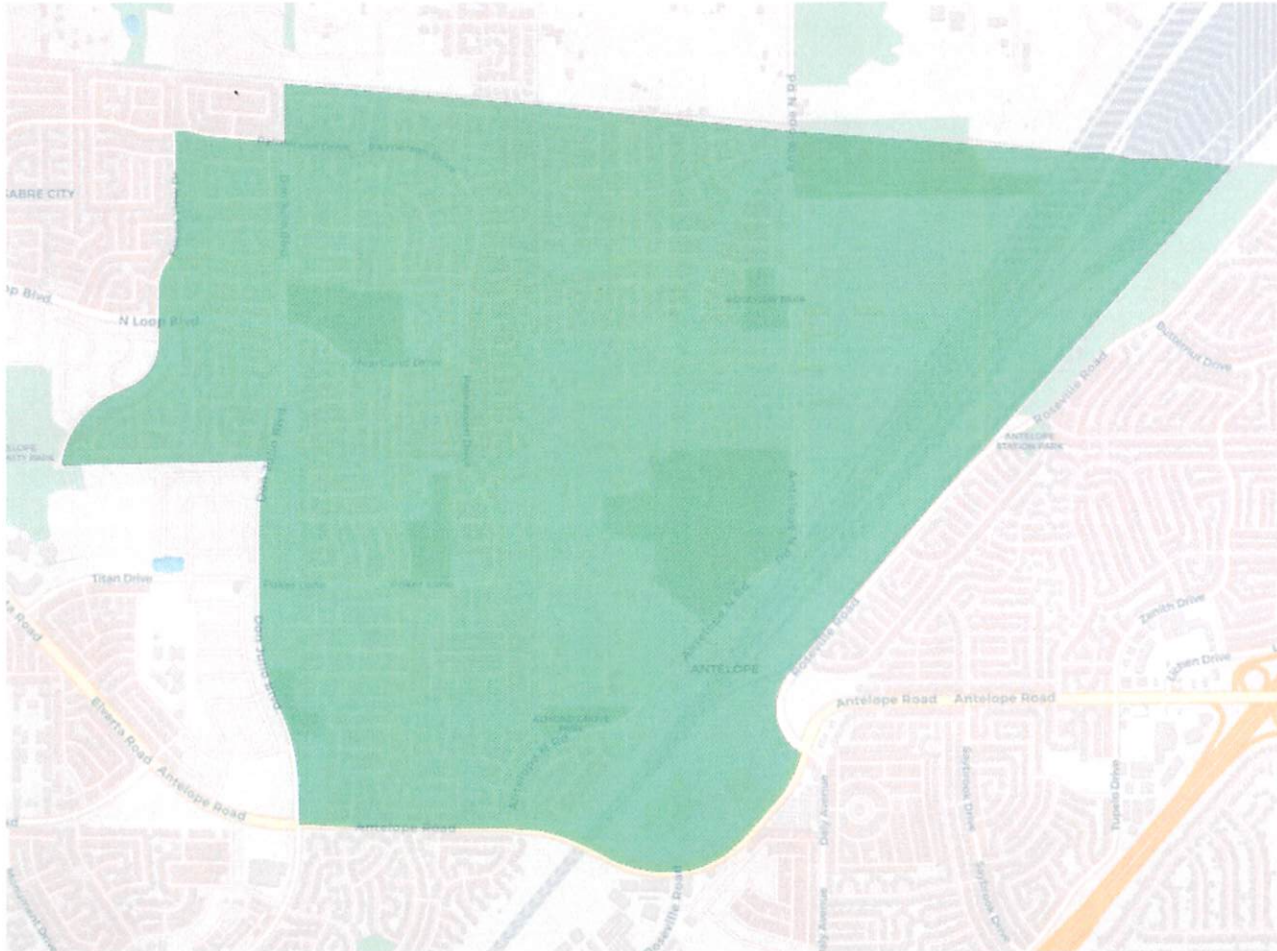


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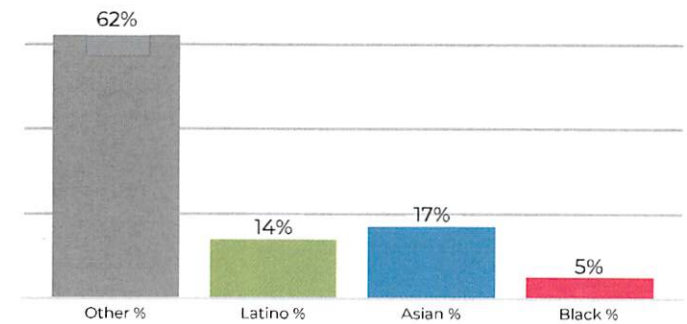


Population	Deviation	Deviation %	Other	Other %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
11,192	124	1.1%	7,297	65.2%	2,049	18.3%	1,508	13.5%	338	3.0%
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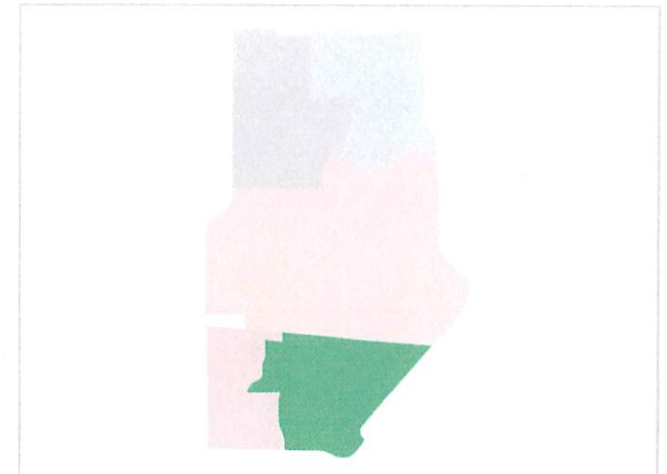
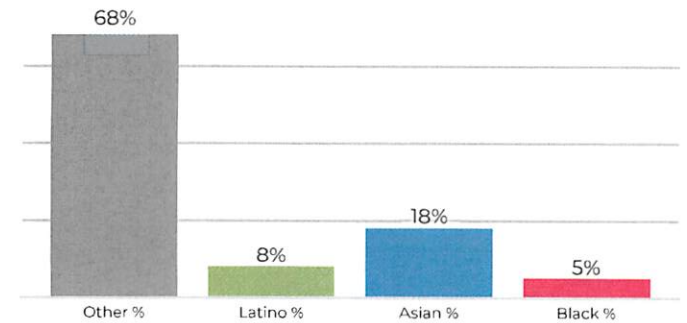
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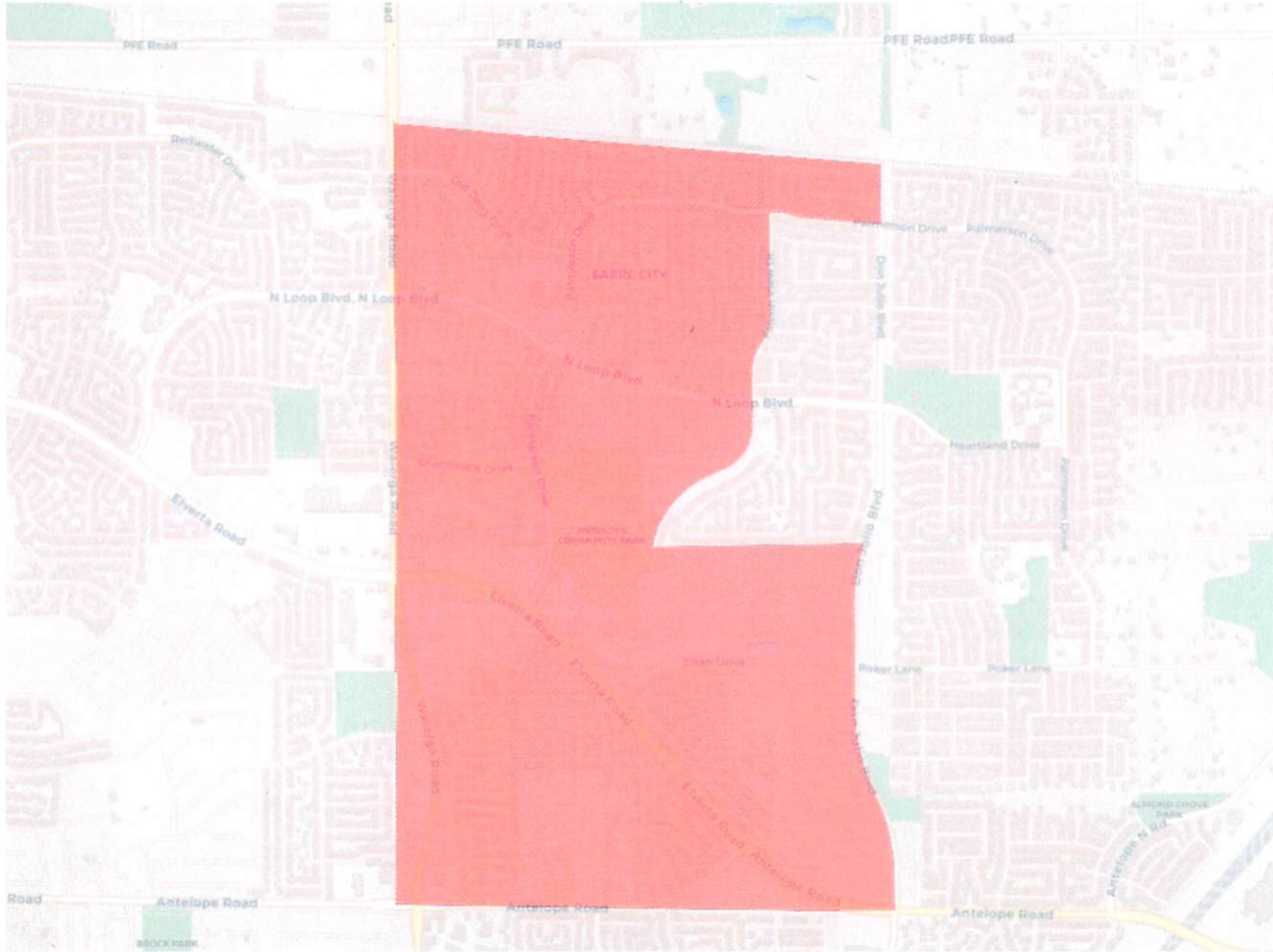


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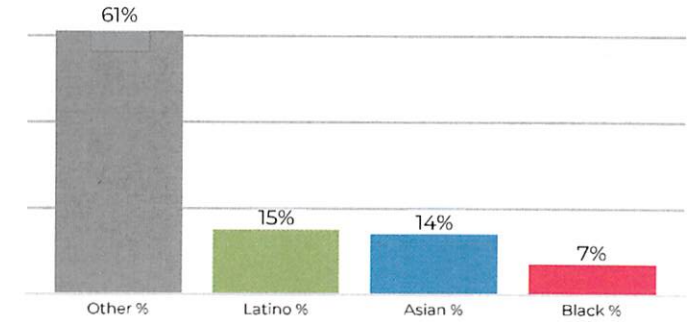


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11,365	297	2.7%	7,154	62.9%	1,684	14.8%	1,941	17.1%	586	5.2%
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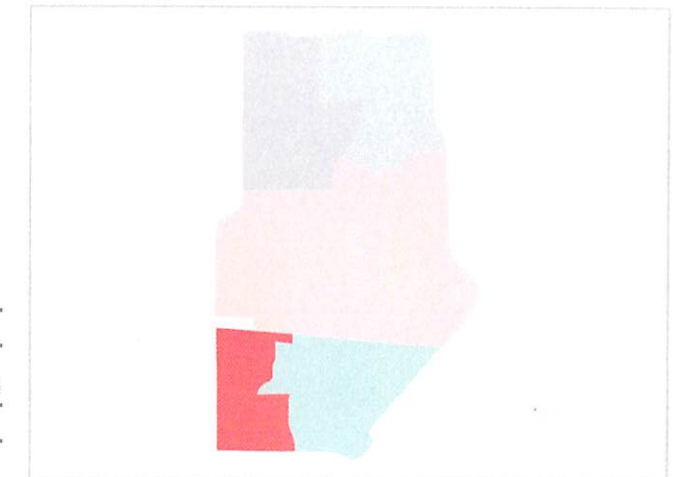
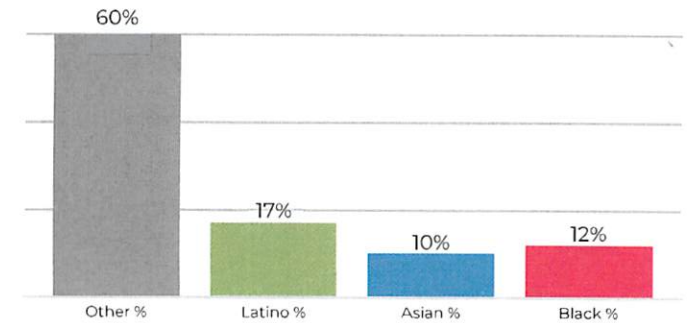
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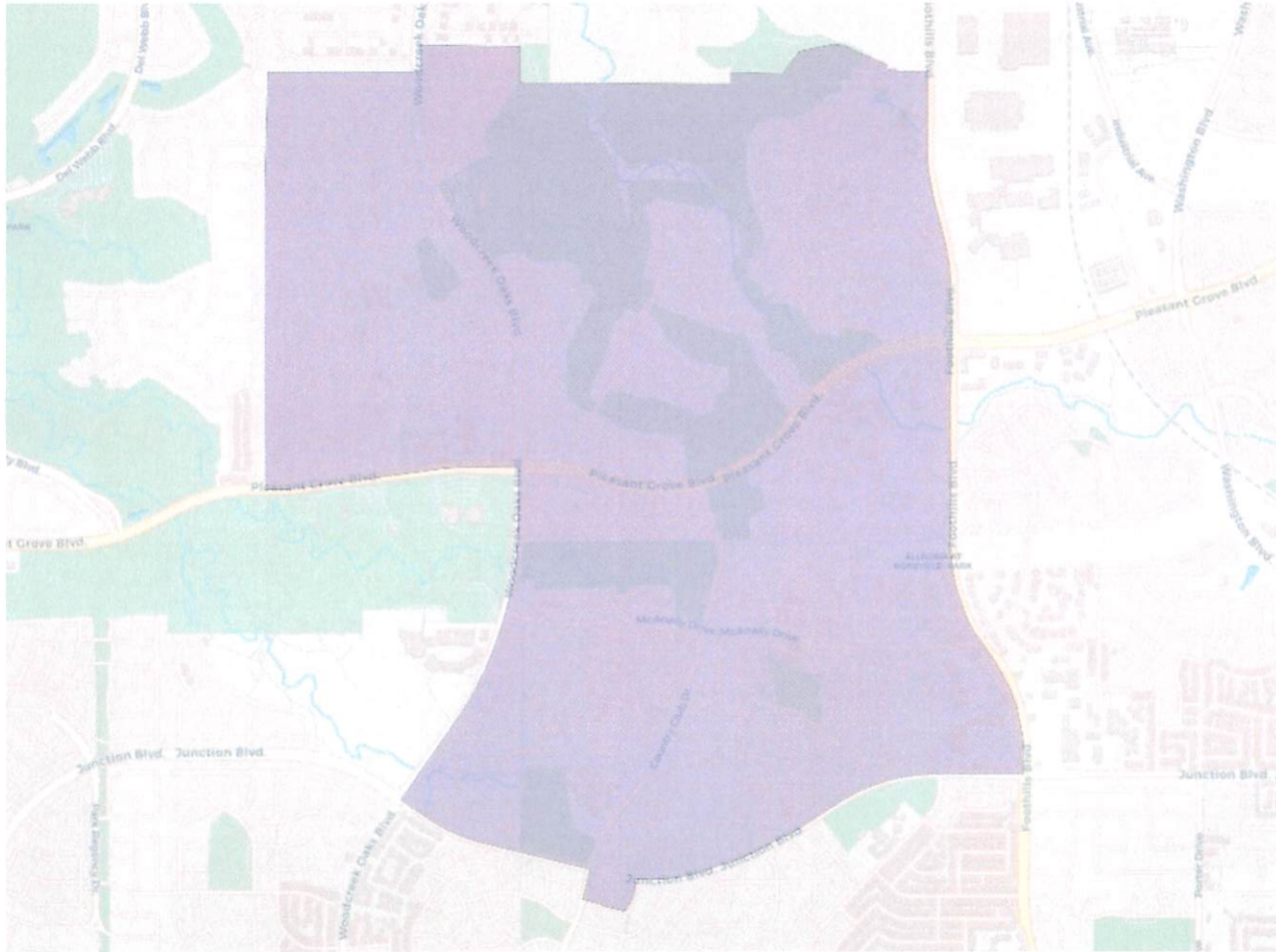


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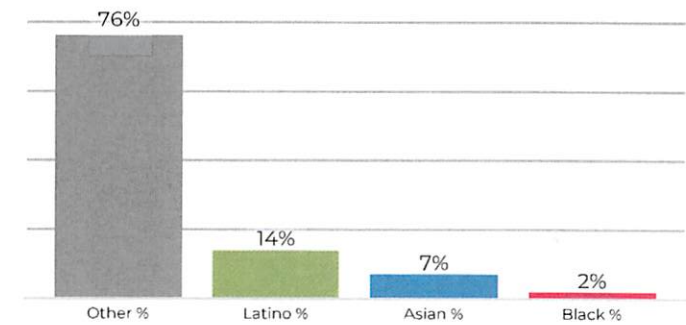


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11,485	417	3.8%	7,067	61.5%	1,820	15.8%	1,705	14.8%	893	7.8%
Total CVAP	Other CVAP	Other CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
7,139	4,312	60.4%	1,221	17.1%	715	10.0%	891	12.5%		

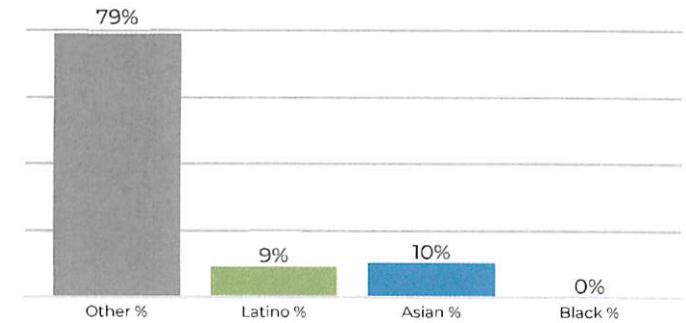
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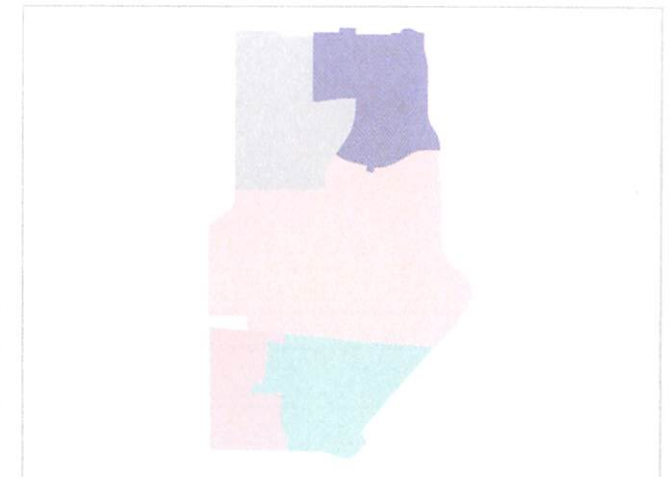
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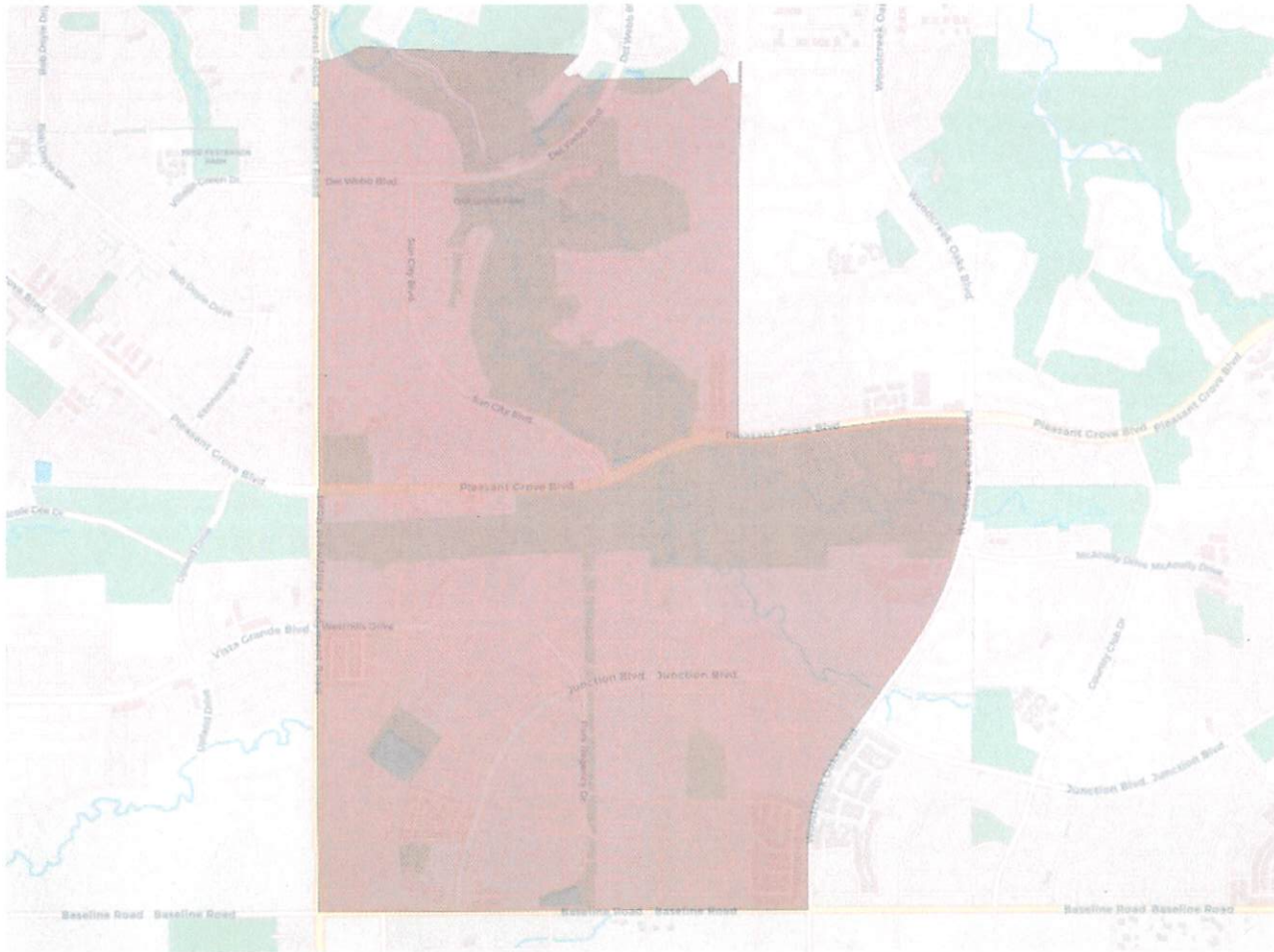
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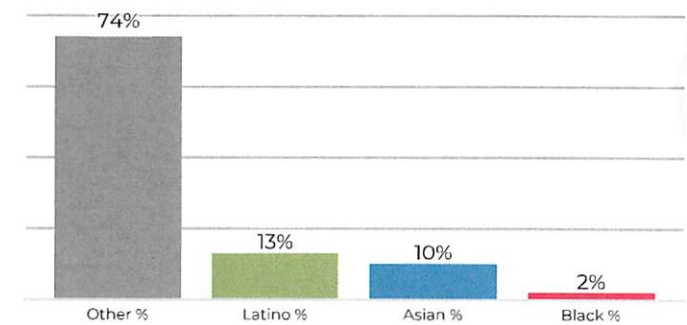
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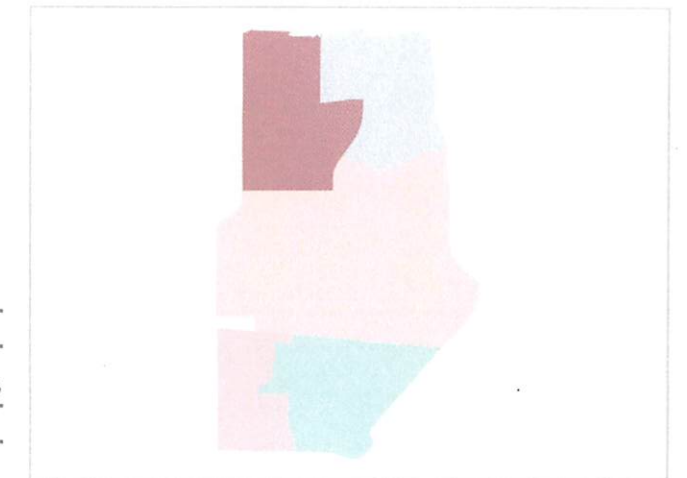
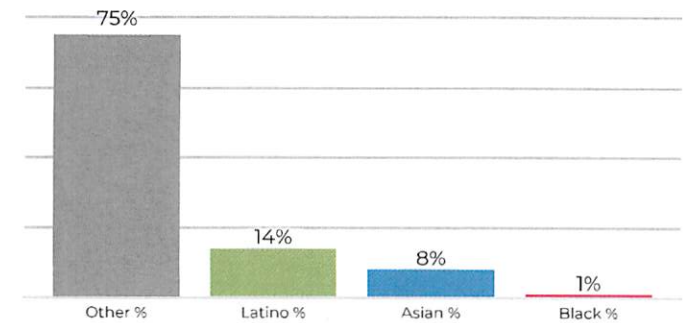
District 5



2020 Census



Citizen Voting Age Population



Population	Deviation	Deviation %	Other	Other %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
10,485	-583	-5.3%	7,794	74.3%	1,376	13.1%	1,099	10.5%	216	2.1%
Total CVAP	Other CVAP	Other CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
8,063	6,089	75.5%	1,190	14.8%	694	8.6%	90	1.1%		

Final Election Sequencing Schedule

This document provides the election sequencing schedule for the adopted Map 241851.

Map 241851

- 2026 Election: Areas 1, 3, and 5
- 2028 Election: Areas 2 and 4