

AGENDA ITEM III-2

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Board of Director's Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

Conducted via Videoconference and In-Person

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ted Costa	President
Pam Tobin	Vice President via videoconference
Marty Hanneman	Director via videoconference
Ken Miller	Director
Dan Rich	Director via videoconference

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Tony Barela	Operation Manager
Lisa Brown	Customer Service Manager
Adam Larsen	Field Services Manager
Andrew Pierson	Engineering Services Manager
Greg Zlotnick	Water Resources Manager
Teri Grant	Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Buckman	Legal Counsel

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ray Riehle	Citrus Heights Water District
Evan McLaughlin	Redistricting Partners
Rob Watson	SJWD Consultant
Paul Helliker	SJWD General Manager
Shaunna Boyd	

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Public Hearing**
- III. Closed Session**
- IV. Open Session**
- V. Adjourn**

President Costa called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary took a roll call of the Board. The following directors were present in-person: Ted Costa and Ken Miller. The following directors were present via videoconference: Marty Hanneman, Dan Rich and Pam Tobin.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Transition to Division-Based Elections (W & R)

President Costa opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 pm. The Board Secretary confirmed that this item was duly posted. She confirmed that one comment letter was received at the beginning of the meeting from Granite Bay Community Association in addition to the previous joint comment letter from Citrus Heights Water District and Fair Oaks Water District.

Legal Counsel Jennifer Buckman conducted a presentation which will be attached to the meeting minutes and posted to the District webpage. She reviewed the Process to Date, the Electoral Processes, Mapping the Divisions, Rules and Other Factors for Divisions, Demographic Summary 2010 Census Figures, four maps showing Concentrations of African-American Residents, Concentrations of Asian-American Residents, Concentrations of Latino Residents, and Census Block Groups Population Numbers, and the Next Steps.

President Costa opened the floor for comments from the Board.

In response to comments and questions from the Board, Ms. Buckman responded that the notice of public hearing was posted and an email blast was distributed. In addition, she responded that the boundary criteria could be discussed with the demographer during a workshop. She explained that the Board should provide direction to staff on how to communicate to the demographer the comments the District has received. The Board directed staff to post the comment letters to the District's website.

Ms. Buckman explained that transitioning to division-based elections would fill 3 of the 5 division seats at the 2022 elections, while the 2020 at-large elected officials would serve out their 4-year terms until the 2024 elections. She explained that this would create a time period where there would be 2 at-large elected officials and 3 by-division elected officials, then at the 2024 elections the 2 at-large elected seats would be transitioned to by-division seats.

President Costa opened the floor for comments from the Public.

Mr. Ray Riehle, Citrus Heights Water District, addressed the Board, and requested that the previous letter and comments be included officially in the process. Ms. Buckman confirmed that the written comment letter is included; however, any verbal comments made at the July 8 meeting were not included due to the disruption during the meeting interfering with the production of a transcript. Mr. Riehle commented that Citrus Heights Water District recognizes that San Juan Water District is moving forward with the process in all proper manners and is looking forward to seeing the maps and outcome.

Ms. Sandy Harris, Granite Bay Community Association, addressed the Board and referenced the written comment letter that she provided to the Board at the beginning of the meeting. She commented that she would like two elected

seats for Granite Bay since the other Districts, such as CHWD and FOWD, have separate boards (double representation) and it would only be fair for San Juan Retail to be represented equally.

President Costa announced that the videoconference would be terminated and that the Board was adjourning to closed session. There were no public comments.

President Costa called for Closed Session at 6:27 pm.

III. CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with legal counsel--anticipated litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(b); significant exposure to litigation: one matter.

President Costa returned to Open Session at 7:35 pm.

IV. OPEN SESSION

There was no reportable action from the closed session.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

EDWARD J. "TED" COSTA, President
Board of Directors
San Juan Water District

TERI GRANT, Board Secretary

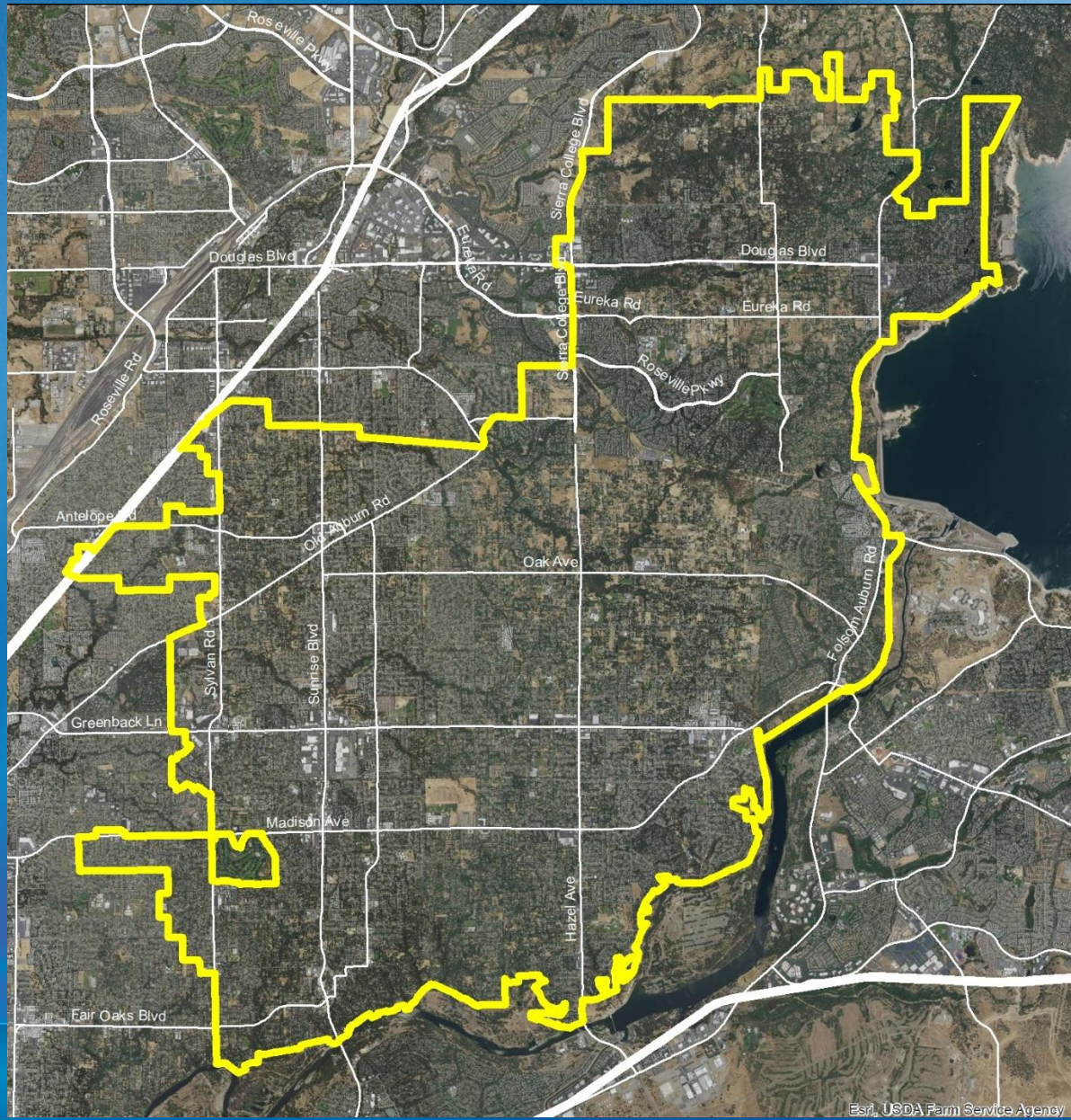


**San Juan Water District
Transition to Division-Based Elections
Public Hearing #1
August 3, 2020**

**Jennifer Buckman
General Counsel**



SJWD Service Area



Process to Date

- March 30 CVRA letter – potential legal challenge
- May 13 SJWD Board decision – use safe harbor process (180 days)
- Prior proceedings – June 10, July 8
- Tonight's Hearing – first of two initial hearings
 - Take input from public on factors
 - Input used to shape draft maps
 - Maps then presented at subsequent hearings

Electoral Processes

- Existing (1954-2020) – “At-large” – voters throughout SJWD elect 5 Board members, on staggered terms
- New (2022 and beyond) – “By-division”
 - The SJWD service area will be divided into 5 voting divisions
 - Each division will elect one director
 - Only the voters in that division will be able to vote for the director that will represent the division

Mapping the Divisions

- To transition to division-based elections, SJWD will need to define the 5 voting divisions
- A map will be drawn showing the location of each division
- This is a public process and SJWD will be taking the input of the community as it develops and refines the maps, consistent with applicable the legal standards



Rules and Other Factors for Divisions

Legal Considerations in Drawing Electoral Divisions:

- Reasonably Equal Populations (average +/- 10%)
- Contiguous Divisions
- No Racial Gerrymandering
- Communities of Interest
- Compact Divisions



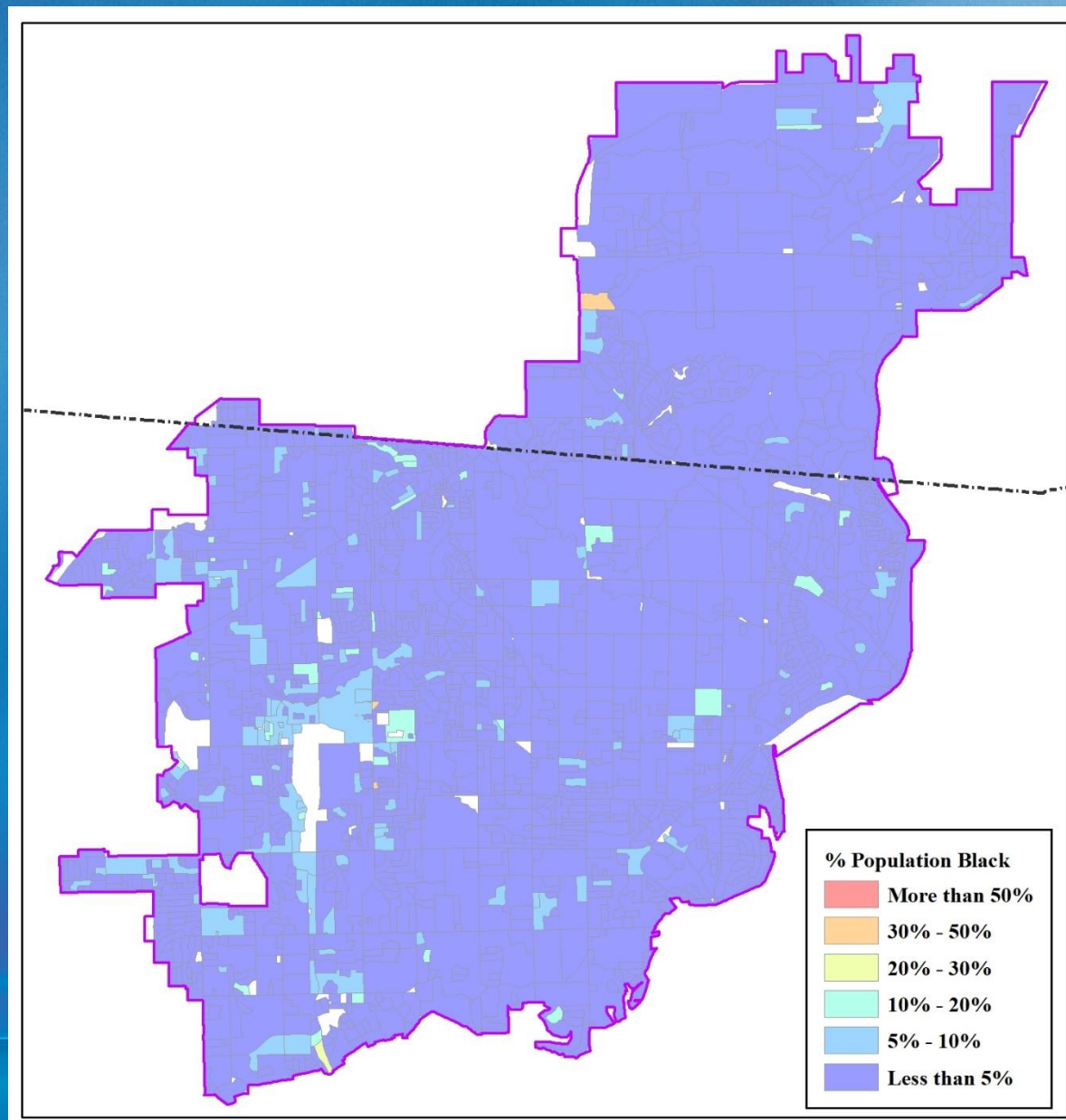
Demographic Summary

2010 Census Figures

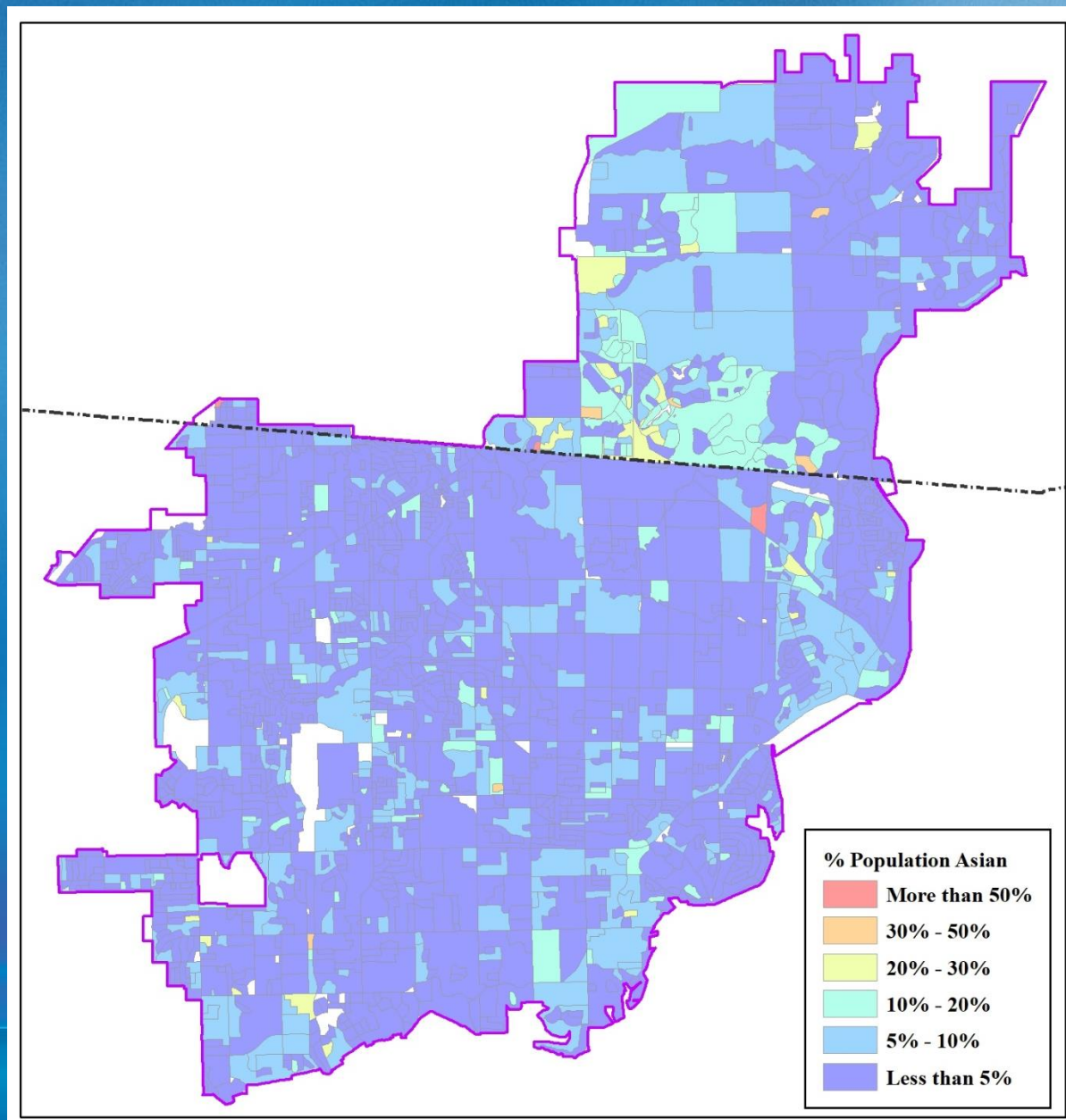
**Each Board
Member
District Would
Contain
Approximately
30,100
Residents,
+/- 10%**

Category	Total Population
African-American	3,021
Asian-American	5,801
Latino	17,770
White	117,316
Other	6,587
Total	150,499

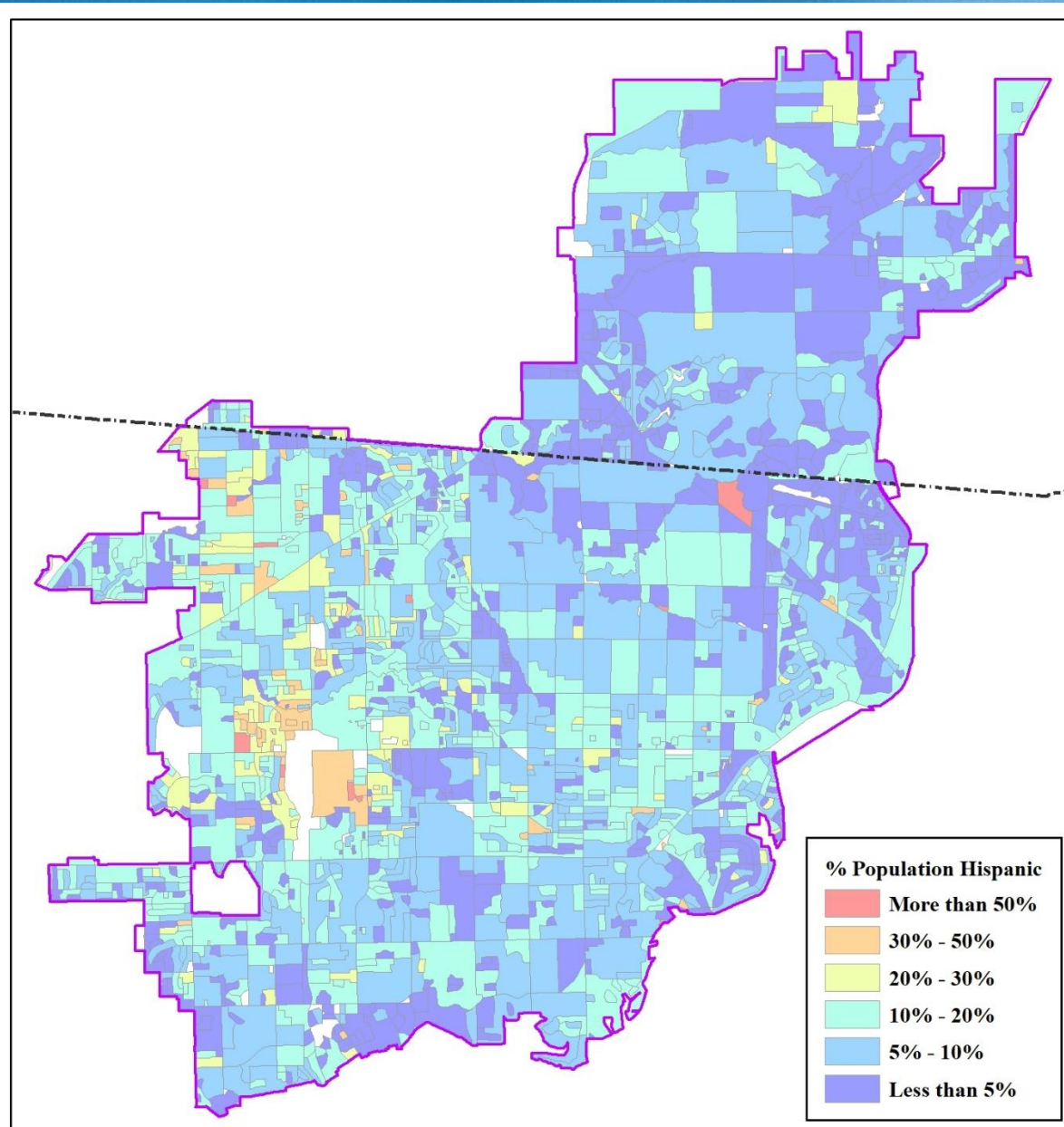
Concentrations of African-American Residents



Concentrations of Asian-American Residents



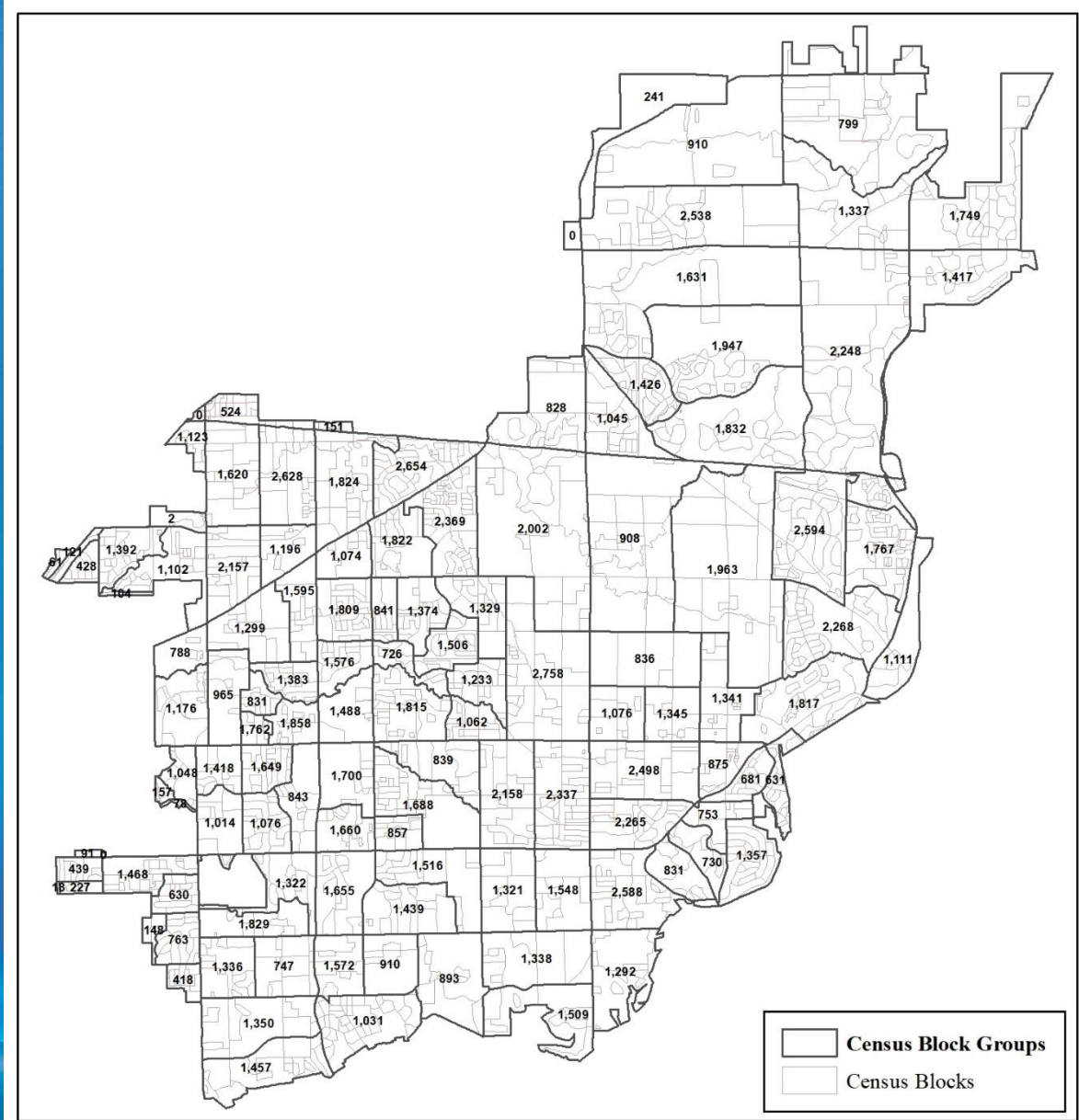
Concentrations of Latino Residents





Census Block Groups Population Numbers

Image is available
on sjwd.org





Next Steps

Step	Description
Informational Sessions June 10 & July 8	Public Outreach.
Two Initial Hearings August 3 & August 5	Held prior to release of draft maps. Opportunity for public to learn and provide input.
Release Draft Maps	Maps must be released by September 2.
Two Hearings on Draft Maps Sept. 9 & Oct. 14	Two meetings to discuss and revise draft maps.
Final Adoption of Map November 9	Second reading of ordinance and approval of map.
Update Map Based on 2020 Census Data	Make any revisions that might be necessary, based on new census data.
November 2022	Election for first three new division seats.
November 2024	Election of remaining two division seats.



More Information

Transitioning to Division-Based Elections Website:

<https://www.sjwd.org/transitioning-to-division-based-elections>

Comments:

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