



City of Signal Hill

Draft Plans Presentation

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Recap of Public Hearings 1 & 2

1. **The city is switching from an At-Large method of electing the City Council to a By-District Method**
 - ▣ The City will be divided into equally populated election districts.
 - ▣ Each Council Member will live in a different district, and only the voters within that district will elect that Member
 - ▣ The first two districts will take effect in the 2028 election; the remaining three will hold their first election in 2030.
 - ▣ The current Council members will serve their full terms. This includes those Council members whose term begins following the 2026 Election.

Recap of Public Hearings 1 & 2

1. **At the last hearing, the Council provided direction to draw five-district maps**
 - ▣ Each map option drawn by NDC contains **five** equally populated election districts (about 2,380 residents).
 - The registered voter and voting populations may differ between districts, and that may be required by law
 - ▣ The Mayor will continue as presently to be rotated among the members of the Council

Recap of Public Hearings 1 & 2

1. The Community is invited to submit maps, Communities of Interest, and comments
 - ▣ Visit us at <https://drawsignalhill.org/> or contact us at districting@cityofsignalhill.org
 - ▣ The City has a number of tools available, including a powerful draw-your-own mapping tool. These will remain available throughout the process.
 - ▣ Revised or new maps must be submitted by **October 16** so we have time to draw them in and post on October 20.

Districting Process

Step	Description
Community Workshop September 2	Introduction and Q & A period
Two Initial Hearings September 8 & 22	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Release draft maps October 6	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing.
First hearing on draft maps October 13	First of two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
2nd Deadline for Public Maps October 16	Deadline for any public submissions to be ready for the hearing on September 23
Additional or Revised Maps October 20	Additional or revised maps posted 7 days prior to 4 th hearing. Additional or revised community maps may be submitted before October 16.
Second hearing on draft maps/adoption of map October 13	Second of two meetings to discuss the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence and adopt the final map and sequence Map adopted via ordinance Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.
Second Reading November 10	Map adopted via ordinance

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria

In prioritized order:

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Avoid division of 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)

2. California Prohibition

“Shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Future population growth

Your Turn:

- ❑ What do you like or dislike about the draft maps?
- ❑ Which map best meets the requirements of the Fair Maps Act and the California Voting Rights Act? Why?
- ❑ Which map will serve Signal Hill best?

Next steps:

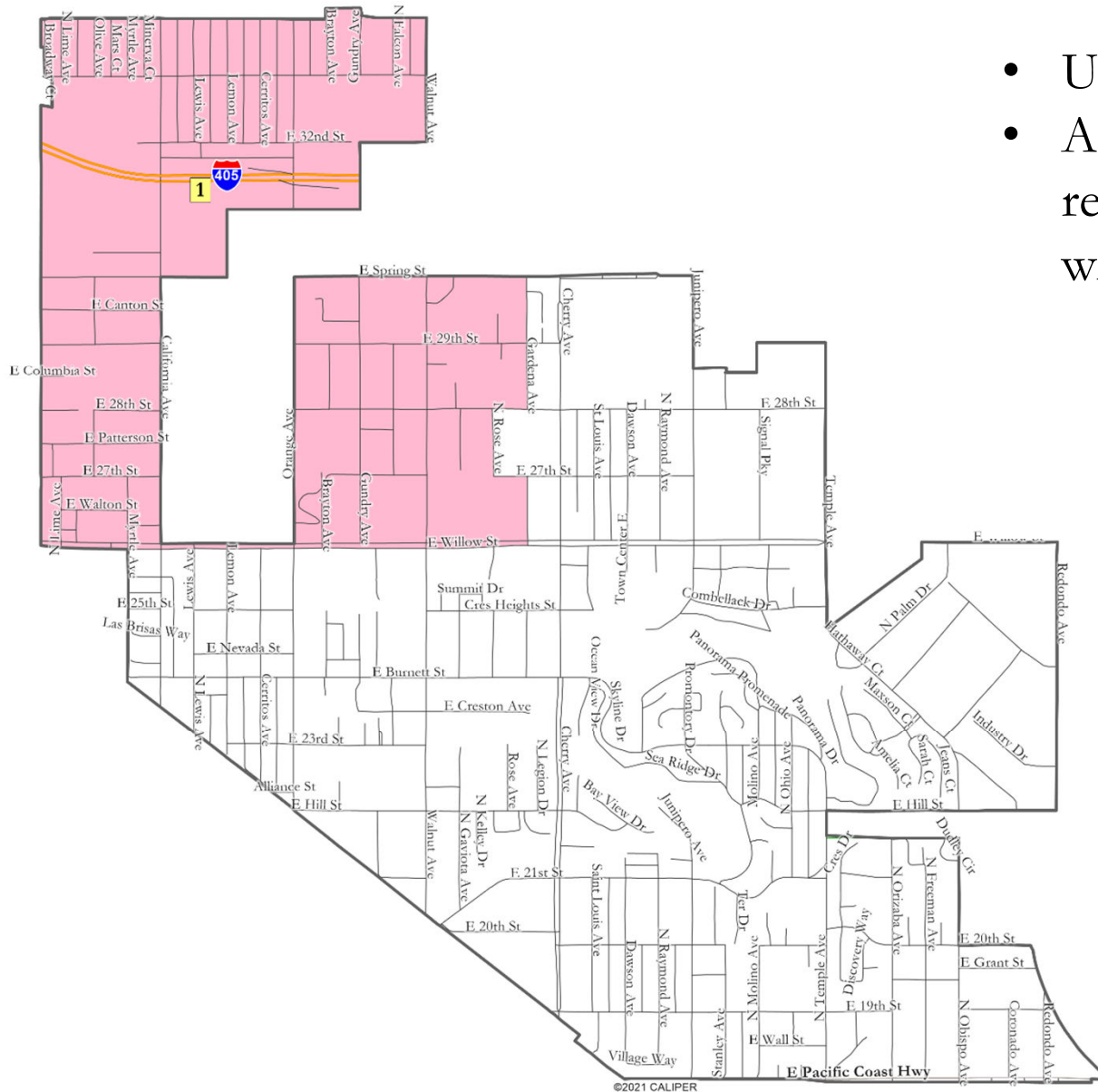
- ❑ Hold a Public Hearing on the draft maps
- ❑ Provide direction on any modifications



Draft maps

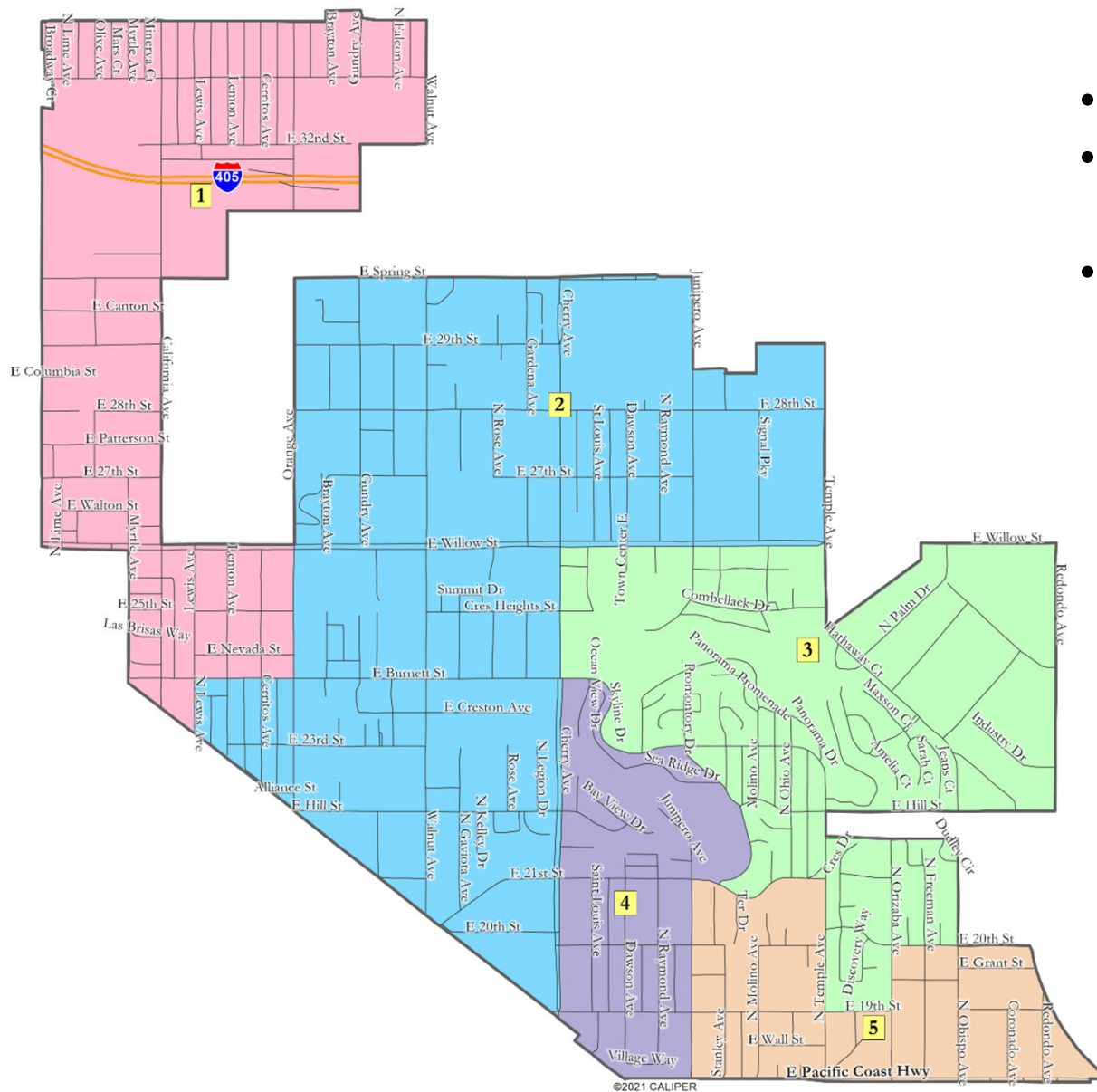
Maps are also available on the [Interactive Review Map](#)

Community of Interest Map 1



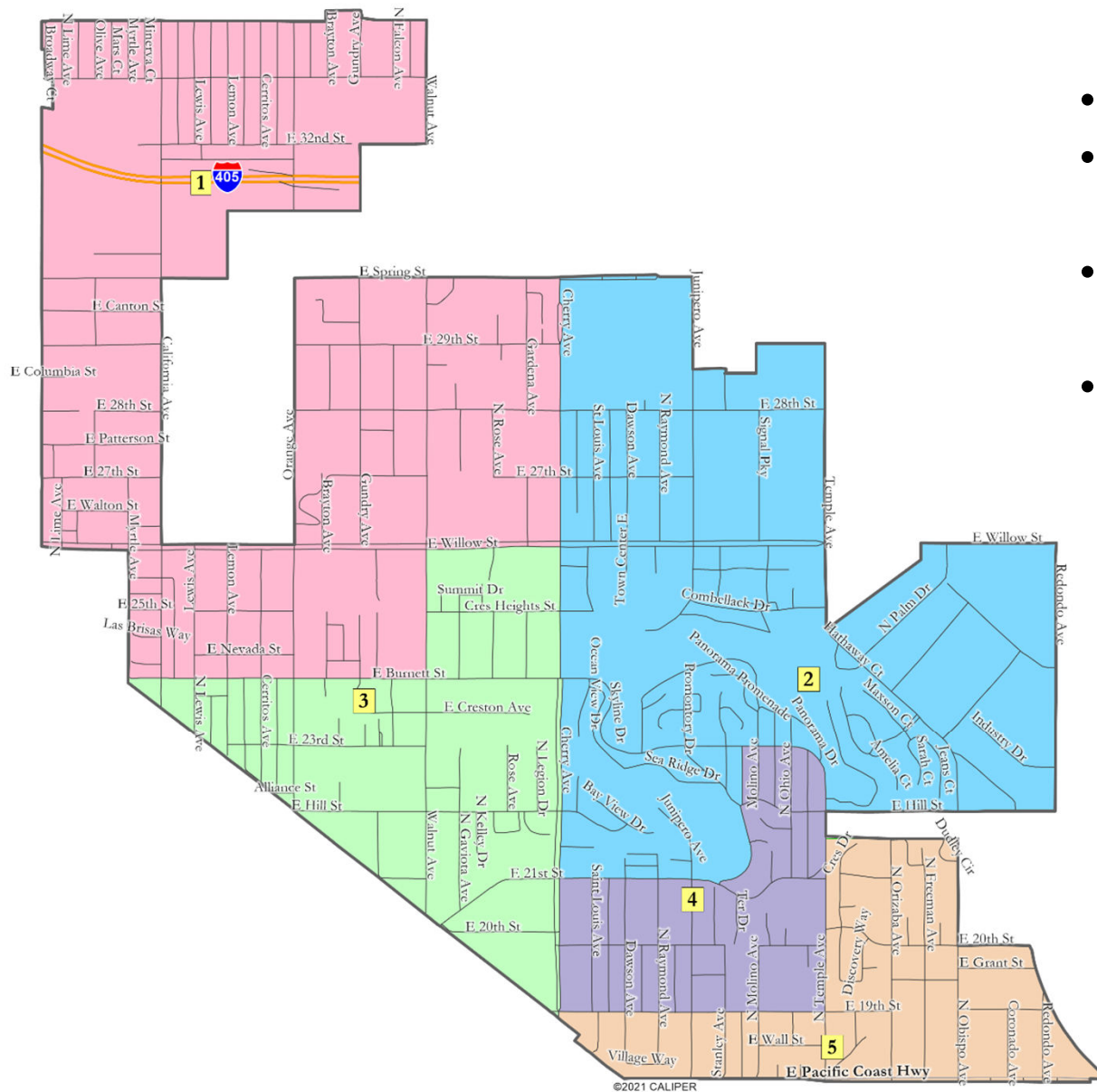
- Underpopulated by about 20%
- According to the author, it represents north Signal Hill, with borders at approximately:
 - Wardlow on the north
 - Atlantic on the west
 - Willow to the south
 - Walnut to the east

Map 101



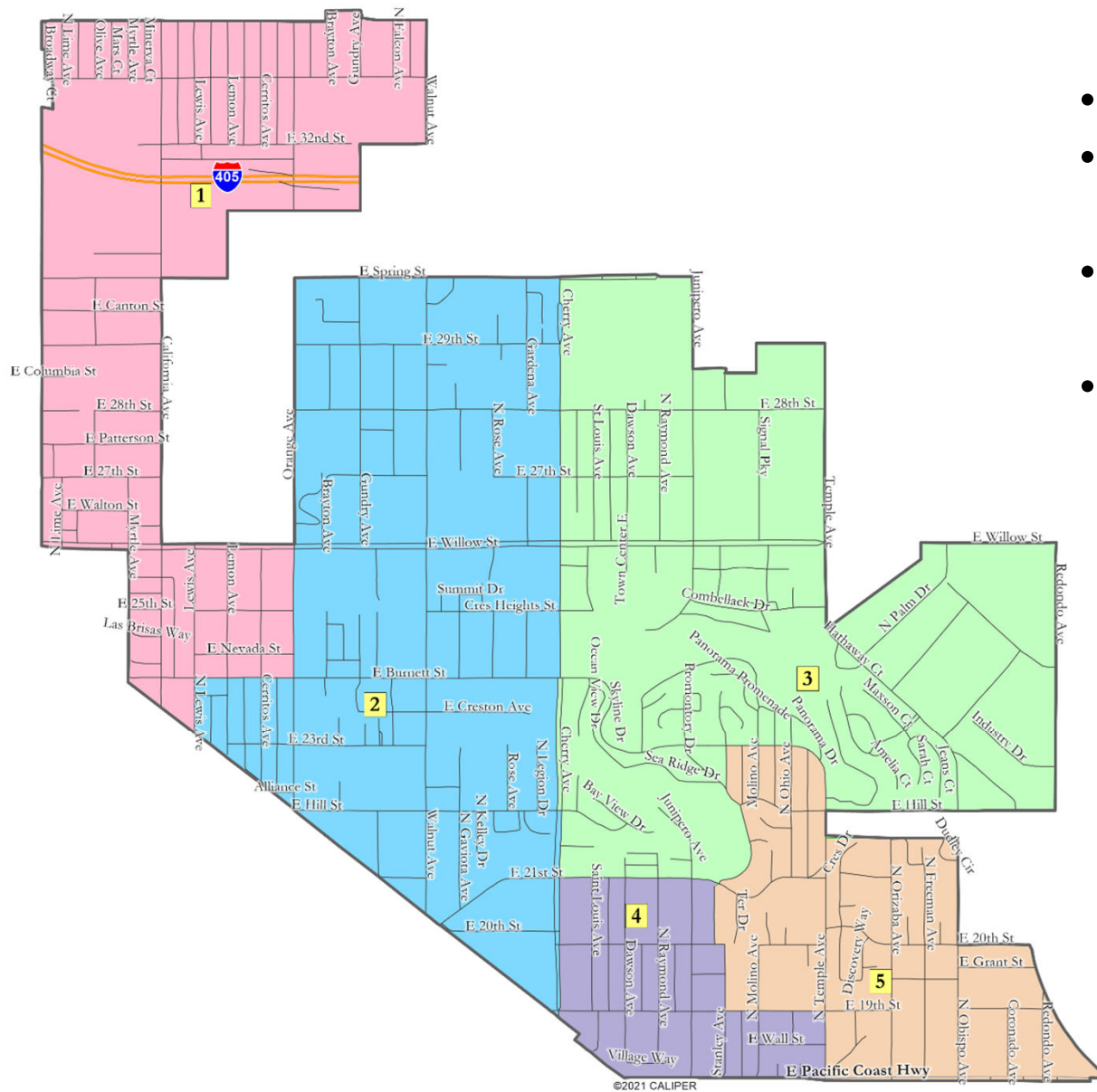
- Population Deviation – 8%
- Submitted by a community members
- According to the author, it keeps together HOAs and other communities, and uses major streets as breaking points as much as possible

Map 102



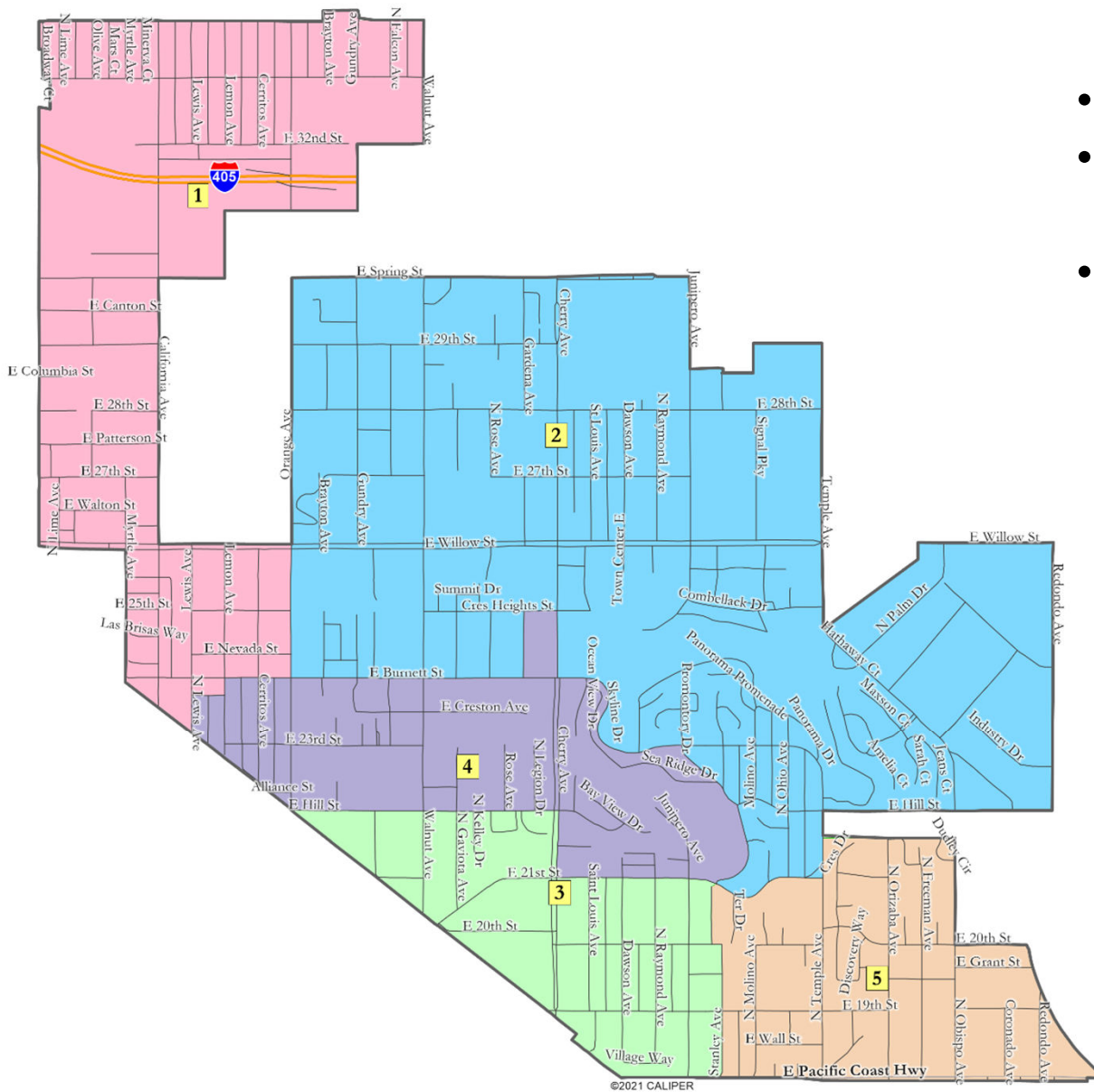
- Population Deviation – 6.5%
- Uses Cherry Ave as a major division
- Keep the north Signal Hill community of interest together
- Links areas along major geographical features

Map 103



- Population Deviation – 6.3%
- Uses Cherry Ave as a major division
- Three districts have Opportunity Areas
- Creates two compact districts in the south

Map 104



- Population Deviation – 5.2%
- Creates a north-eastern district on both sides of Willow
- Creates a central district between Skyline/Burnett and Hill St/21st St

Sequence of Elections

- ❑ Elections Code §11010 requires us to propose a sequence of elections – which Districts will hold their first election in 2028 and which in 2030.
- ❑ These sequences serve as examples only and may be revised after selection of the final map before the final adoption.
- ❑ No Council Member's term will be cut short; a member elected in 2026 can serve through 2030, even if they reside in a district holding election in 2028.

1. All Maps:

1. 2028: Districts 1, 3, & 5
2. 2030: Districts 2 & 4

Share Your Thoughts

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<https://drawsignalhill.org/>

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