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City of La Mirada Introduction to Redistricting

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Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings August 24 and September 28	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
Census Data Release August 12	Census Bureau released official 2020 Census population data in legacy format.
California Data Release Early October 2021	California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data, then a mandated three-week waiting period before maps are released.
Two Draft Map Hearings October & November 9	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map Adoption November 23 (Before 12/15/2021)	Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. Map adopted via ordinance or resolution.

Redistricting 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 Redistricting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Preserving the core of existing districts

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

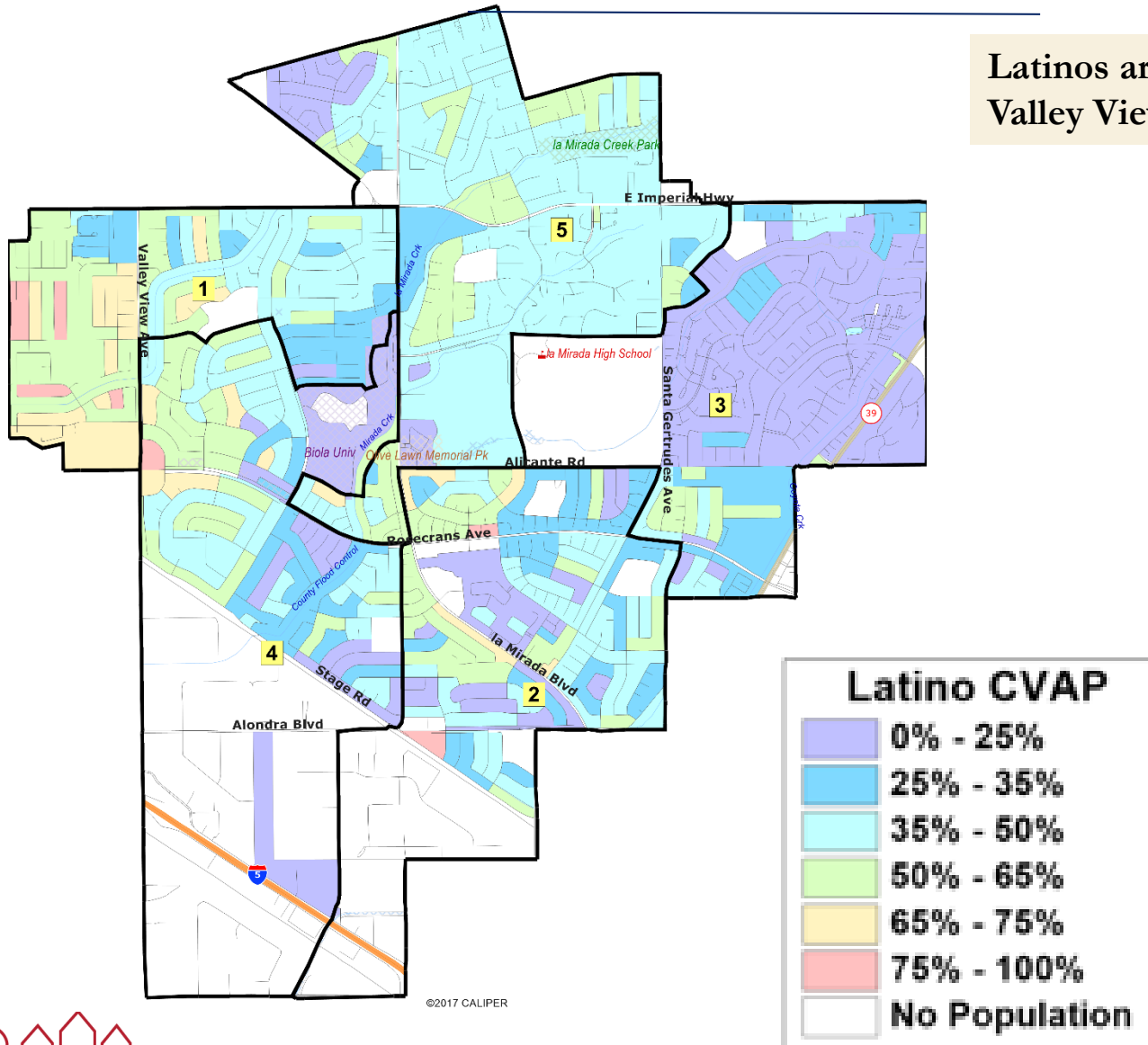
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
2020	2020 Census (Raw)	9,626	9,904	9,329	9,507	9,642	48,008
	Deviation from ideal	24	302	-273	-95	40	575
	% Deviation	0.25%	3.15%	-2.84%	-0.99%	0.42%	5.99%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	57%	42%	27%	42%	47%	43%
	% NH White	22%	28%	22%	35%	33%	28%
	% NH Black	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	% Asian-American	16%	25%	47%	17%	16%	24%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	7,108	7,521	6,931	7,476	7,542	36,578
	% Hisp	53%	41%	22%	35%	42%	39%
	% NH White	30%	36%	29%	48%	40%	37%
	% NH Black	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	13%	22%	47%	14%	13%	22%

Unadjusted figures using official 2020 Census demographic data

Each of the five districts must contain about 9,600 people.

Latino CVAP

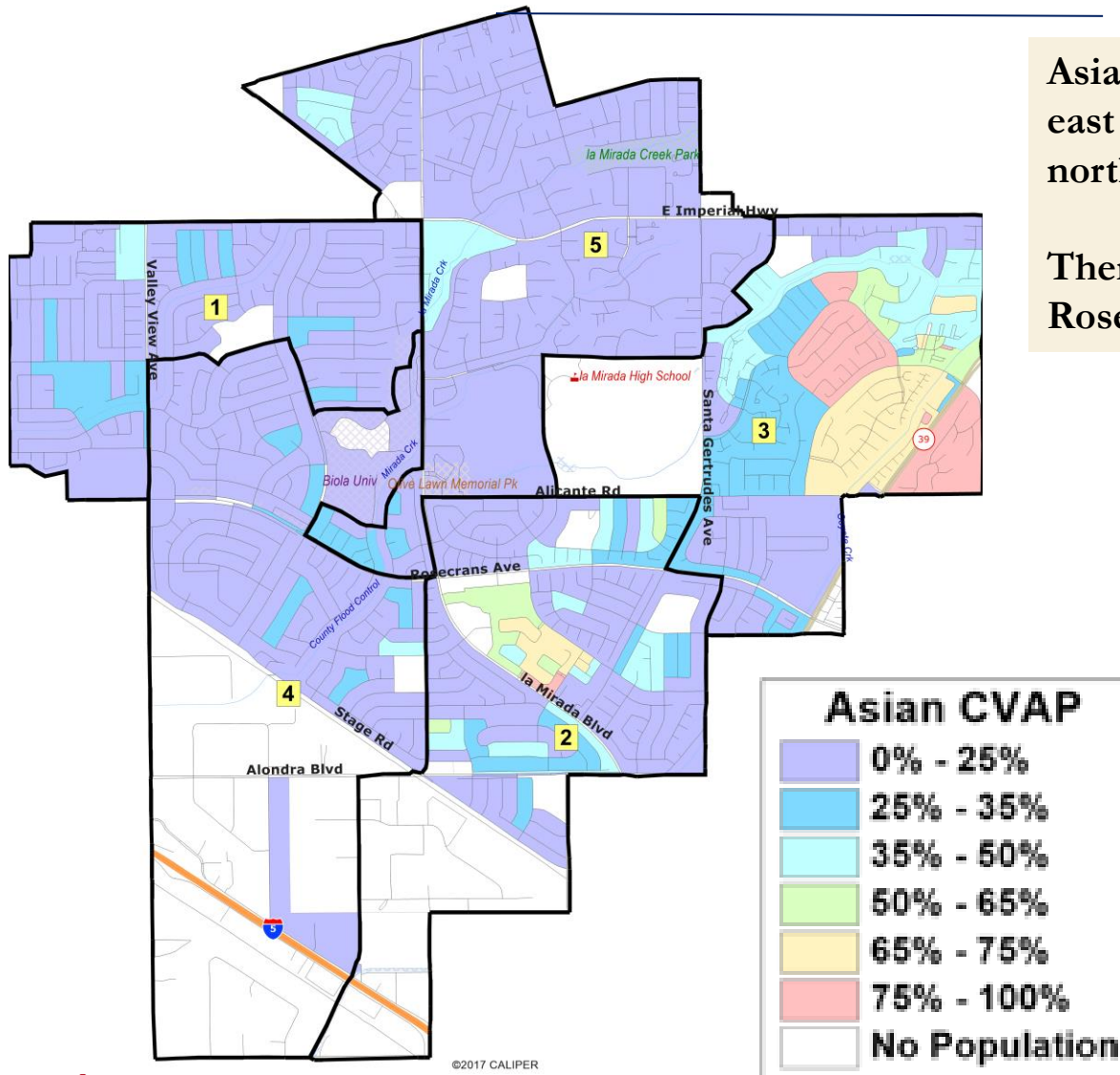
Latinos are concentrated west of Valley View Ave.



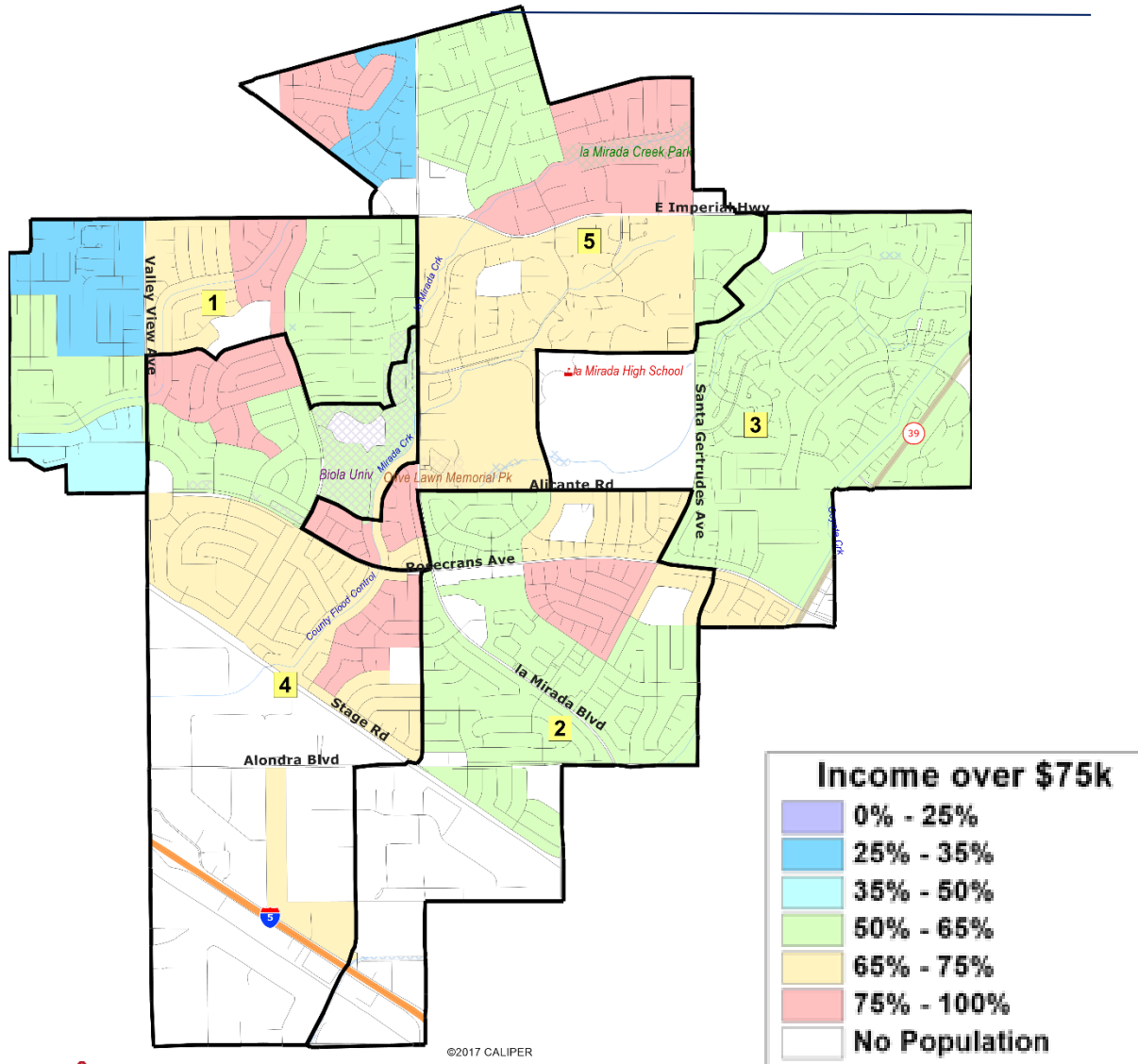
Asian-American CVAP

Asian-Americans are concentrated east of Santa Gertrudes Ave. and north of Alicante Ave.

There is a smaller concentration at Rosecrans and La Mirada Blvd.



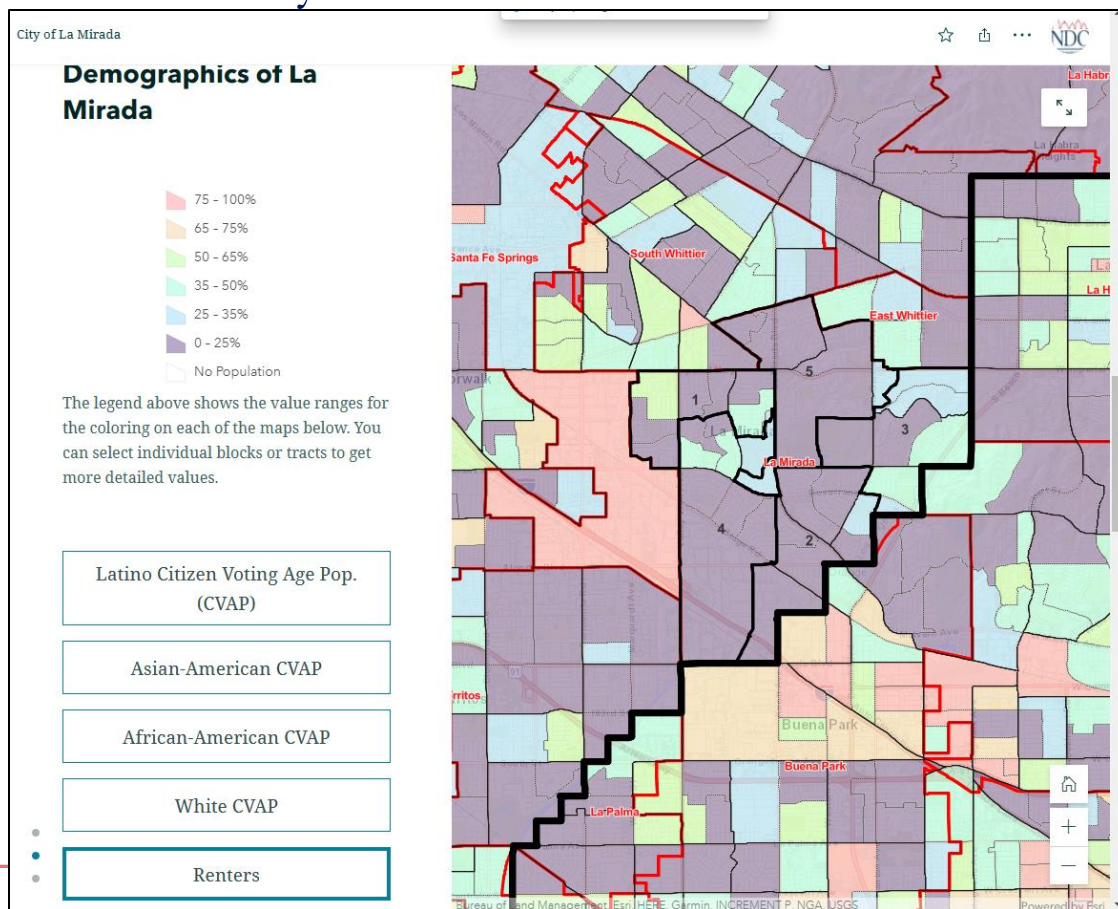
Income over \$75k



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Story Map

- Easy to use “story” of demographic and other data
 - ▣ Similar to PowerPoint, but interactive
 - ▣ Used to identify “communities of interest”



Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - Shared social or economic interest
 - Impacted by city or county policies
- Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Beyond Neighborhoods: Communities

Under the California Elections Code, “community of interest” has a very specific definition in the context of districting and redistricting cities and counties:

A “community of interest” is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

(emphasis added)

Public Hearing & Discussion

What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

Any questions about the mapping tools?

Council discussion to identify areas that meet each AB 849 definition:

- “neighborhoods”
- “communities of interest . . . that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation.”