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# City of La Mirada Introduction to Redistricting

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# Redistricting Process

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Step	Description
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> August 24 and September 28	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the Districts.
<b>Census Data Release</b> August 12, 2021	Census Bureau released official 2020 Census population data in legacy format.
<b>California Data Release</b> September 20, 2021	California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data, then a mandated three-week waiting period before maps are released.
<b>Two Draft Map Hearings</b> October 12 & November 9	Two Public Hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Map Adoption</b> 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

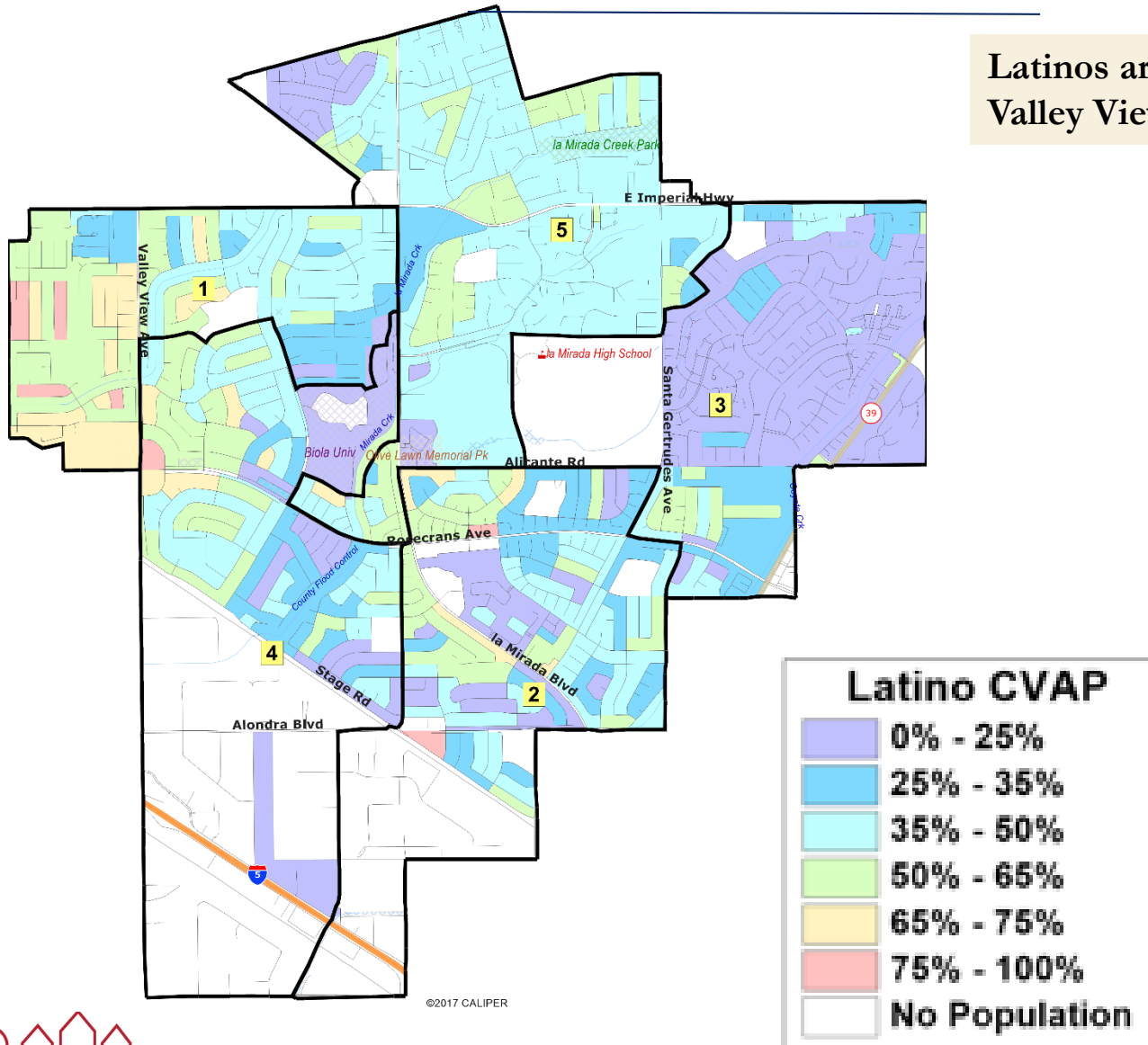
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
<b>2020</b>	2020 Census (Raw)	9,658	9,930	9,338	9,531	9,667	48,124
	Deviation from ideal	33	305	-287	-94	42	592
	% Deviation	0.34%	3.17%	-2.98%	-0.97%	0.44%	6.15%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	57%	42%	27%	42%	47%	43%
	% NH White	22%	28%	22%	35%	33%	28%
	% NH Black	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
	% Asian-American	16%	25%	47%	17%	16%	24%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	7,044	7,483	6,939	7,287	7,816	36,569
	% Hisp	53%	40%	24%	36%	40%	39%
	% NH White	30%	36%	29%	47%	40%	37%
	% NH Black	3%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	13%	22%	46%	14%	15%	22%

Adjusted figures using the California State Adjusted Redistricting data

Each of the five districts must contain about 9,625 people.

# Latino CVAP

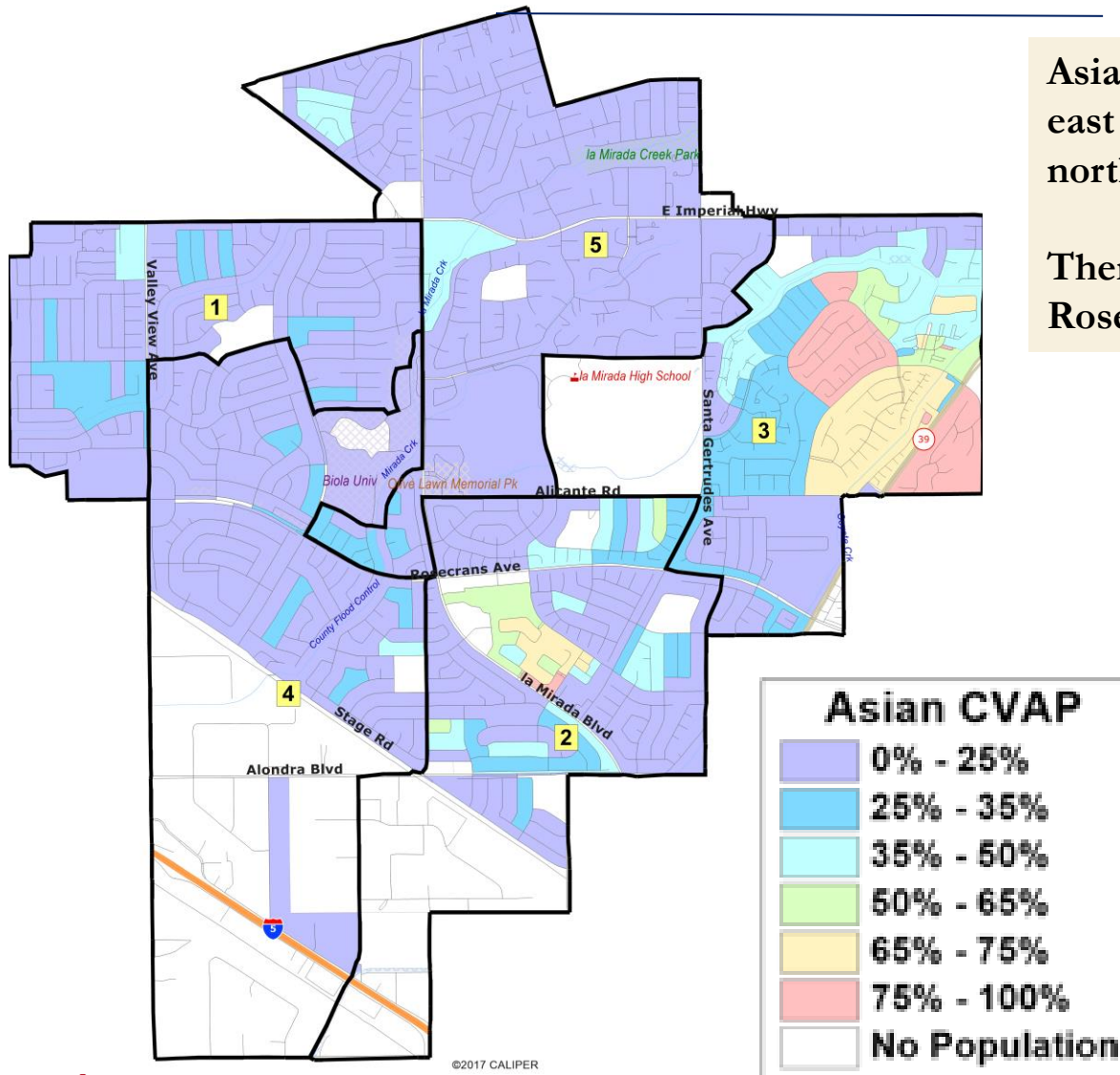
Latinos are concentrated west of Valley View Ave.



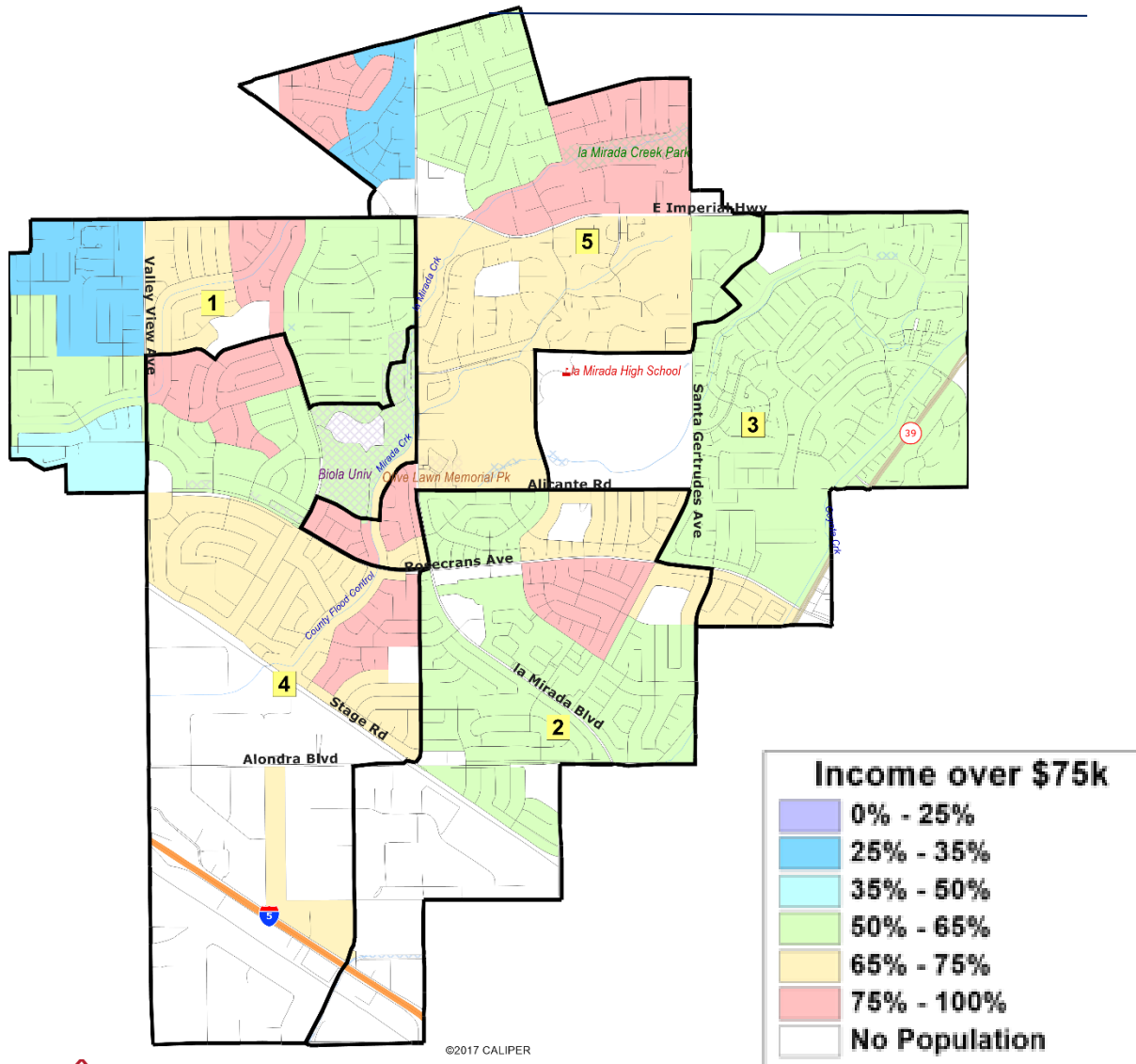
# Asian-American CVAP

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



# Defining Neighborhoods

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**1<sup>st</sup> Question: What is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## 1<sup>st</sup> 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”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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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

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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.”