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I am writing on behalf of Inland Action, Inc., a non partisan, non-profit group of business leaders from San Bernardino and Riverside Counties (Citizens Redistricting Commission Region 2).

Inland Action is comprised of 50 members, including local businesses, professionals, hospitals, universities and colleges. Formed in 1962, we have a general goal of promoting economic development within The Inland Empire. Our membership includes individuals and businesses that live and work in the Inland Empire. The group travels to Washington D.C. and Sacramento annually to advocate on a variety of issues and projects specific to the region.

We wanted to express our thanks for your service on the Citizens Redistricting Commission ("Commission"). Your time commitment devoted to public service is truly a selfless act that is appreciated by the State. As you may know, while commissioners have expressed knowledge and history within the Inland Empire (both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties), there is only one member that resides within the region.

While many groups and organizations have expressed single issue or single city interests to the Commission, we wanted to embark on an exercise that added value to the tough task ahead of the Commission. Attached you will see a series of maps that take advantage of our extensive knowledge of the Inland Empire region that we call home.

Our region, The "Inland Empire, is defined for the purposes of our attachments, as it is defined by the Census Bureau, the entirety of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The region includes over 4.2 million residents, over 27,000 square miles, and is the 13th largest Metropolitan Region in the United States. The southwest corner of the Inland Empire contains the San Bernardino-Riverside urban area (as defined by the Census Bureau), that is home to almost 2 million people and is California's fourth largest urban area. This urbanized area of the Inland Empire is richly diverse with socio-economic demographics similar to other large urban areas in California and a shared interest in promoting smart, sustainable urban communities with good jobs-housing balance.

We wanted to share how our policy objectives harmonize with the redistricting guidelines adopted by the Commission:

1. We created districts that had the smallest amount of deviation, are contiguous and compact, and to the extent possible are nested;

2. We created districts that kept cities and other communities of interest whole, and to the extent possible, placed cities and communities of interest in the Inland Empire that are geographically adjacent in the same district by using major geologic features (mountains, rivers, alluvial plains), freeways, or rural unincorporated areas, as the boundary lines for districts;

3. To the extent possible, we attempted to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act (VRA) by creating districts that were sensitive to the changing demographics of the region without diluting representation among minority communities;

4. To the extent possible, we created districts that kept the population of the Inland Empire in districts that followed the boundaries of the two-county region; going outside the two counties only where it appeared to improve VRA compliance (i.e., the Coachella and Imperial Valleys) or to preserve/enhance recognized communities of interest (i.e., the high desert areas of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Kern counties; and the West San Bernardino and Pomona Valleys).

After optimizing the above policy objectives and paying careful attention to redistricting guidelines of the Commission, the following is a summary of our proposed Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district maps for the Inland Empire:

1. All of the maps created for Congress, Senate, and Assembly are 0% deviation. They are also compact, contiguous, and two Assembly seats are nested within each Senate seat.

2. With few exceptions, we have kept local communities whole, which we believe is critical to representing the widely varying geographies and demographics of the Inland Empire. We crossed county lines between Riverside and San Bernardino County where it made strategic sense to keep the distinctive urban areas and rural areas in Inland Empire within districts that can properly represent the distinct interests of urban and rural populations. We only crossed outside of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in three (3) of twenty (21) district submittals.

3. As two of the fastest growing counties and the second largest metropolitan area in California, we have attempted to give a strong voice to this vital region of California, while being sensitive to the Voting Rights Act by creating more opportunities for total representation within the Inland Empire. Currently, there are 13 state and federal officeholders whose districts are comprised of 60% or greater population from the Inland Empire, with 10 of those 13 districts being 100% contained within the region). The proposed maps create 21 districts in which the Inland Empire population will comprise at least 60% of the district population, with 16 of the 21 districts being 100% contained within the region). As the 13th largest metropolitan area in the United States, we firmly believe the Inland Empire needs and deserves this type of unified and cohesive state and federal representation, as opposed to the fragmented representation it has received under the current district boundaries.

4. We have also created more opportunities for minority representation in the Inland Empire by creating districts that maintain the urban and rural balance that also defines minority/non-minority areas in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. In contrast to the current districts for the Inland Empire, our submittals create more opportunities for minority representation in the following ways:

A. Senate – Currently, only one of the three Senate districts in the Inland Empire contains more than 50% Hispanic population (SD 32 with 68.6%). Our submittals create three majority Hispanic districts out of five total Senate districts in the Inland Empire (District B with 57%, District C with 53%, and District E with 55%).

B. Assembly – Currently, three of the six Assembly districts contain more than 50% Hispanic population (AD 61 with 59.3%, AD 62 with 59.8%, and AD 80 with 60%); and no other current Assembly district has greater than 31% Hispanic population. Our submittals create four majority Hispanic districts of ten total Assembly districts in the Inland Empire (B2 with 70%, C1 with 54%, C2 with 52%, and E2 with 72%). Additionally, our submittals create two additional Assembly seats that have greater than 40% Hispanic population (B1 with 44% and D1 with 49%).

C. Congress – Currently, only one of the four Congressional districts contains a majority Hispanic population (CD43 with 58.3%), and none of the other three districts have more than 38% Hispanic population. Our submittals create two majority Hispanic districts (C with 63%, and D with 51%) while also including three additional seats that have more than 40% Hispanic population (B with 45%, E with 41%, and F with 47%).

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In creating of these proposed maps we feel we have met the policy goals outlined above, followed closely the redistricting guidelines of the Commission, complied with the both legal requirements and the intent of the Voting Rights Act to ensure minority representation, and demonstrated the ability to keep the Inland Empire together as a single region so the 4.2 million residents will have a strong voice in the decisions made in our state and federal government.

Attached are the maps of the State Senate (SD), State Assembly (AD), and Congress (CD) districts that Inland Action is proposing for the Inland Empire. We have also attached a spreadsheet that summarizes some of the basic demographic data for the proposed districts to assist the Commission's understanding of how the districts benefit regional and minority representation in the Inland Empire.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit this material to the Commission and look forward to welcoming you back to the Inland Empire on June 19th in San Bernardino.

Sincerely,

Carole Beswick
President and CEO

A non-profit, non-partisan corporation of public spirited leaders who have joined together to be a catalyst for the economic well-being of the Inland Empire region of California.

Carole Beswick



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	District	% Population w/in Riverside & San Bernardino Co.	Latino Population (%)	Latino CVAP (%)	African American Population (%)	African American CVAP (%)
SENATE						
Current	31	100	40.3	28.3	6.5	7.5
	32	100	68.6	51.8	12	14.3
	37	100	40.7	26.4	7.3	8
	18	13	37.7	24.1	4.3	4.9
	29	14	30	23	3.4	3.7
	40	20	66.7	49	5.8	7

Proposed	A	70 % (Approx)	37	24	10	9
	B	100	57	41	8	10
	C	100	53	36	9	11
	D	100	40	27	8	8
	E	80 % (Approx)	55	34	4	4

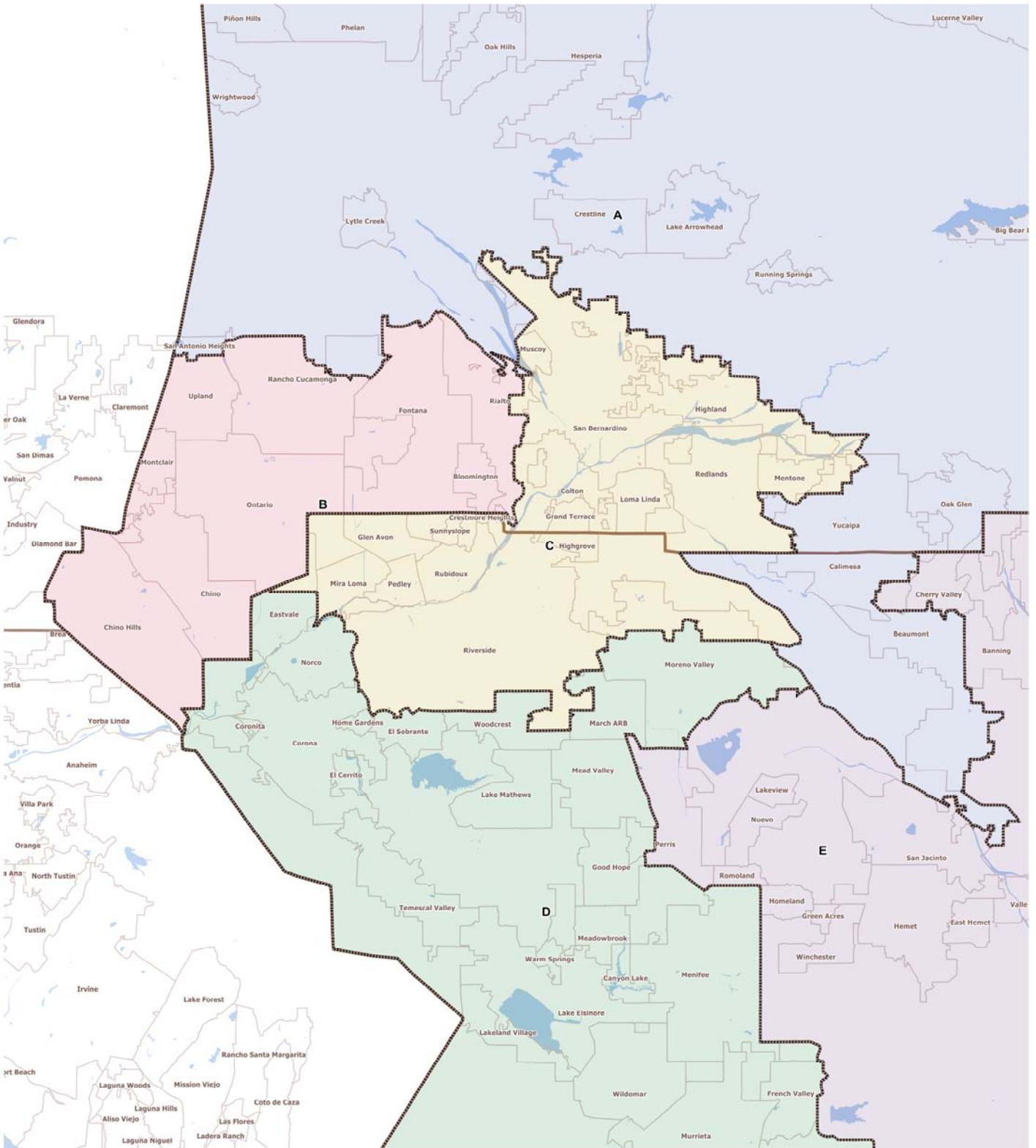
ASSEMBLY						
Current	34	12	37.6	29.9	3.5	4.1
	36	32	29.7	30.3	12.1	14.6
	59	48	21.2	22.2	4.7	6
	60	15	24	22.1	2.9	3.4
	61	65	59.3	49.8	8.2	10.1
	62	100	59.8	54.5	13.9	16.1
	63	100	30.1	29.3	9.3	9.6
	64	100	29.2	24.1	8.5	8.7
	65	100	26.7	24.1	6.3	7
	66	19	33.3	26.7	3.8	4.5
	71	34	23.8	20.6	3.2	4.6
	80	70	60	43.5	3.6	4.9

Proposed	A1	65 (Approx)	38	25	13	11
	A2	100	37	24	8	7
	B1	100	44	33	7	8
	B2	100	70	52	9	13
	C1	100	54	37	12	13
	C2	100	52	35	7	9
	D1	100	49	33	10	12
	D2	100	30	21	5	5
	E1	100	38	21	5	4
	E2	65 (Approx)	72	51	3	5

CONGRESS						
Current	25	20	27.1	25.6	8.2	10.4
	26	37	24.5	23.8	4.6	5.2
	41	100	23.4	22.2	5.5	6.2

42	18	23.8	21.9	3	3.3
43	100	58.3	51.7	12.8	15.1
44	78	35	29	5.7	6.9
45	100	38	27.8	6.6	7.2
49	44	29.5	21.6	5.3	5

Proposed	A	100	35	22	8	7
	B	80	45	34	7	7
	C	100	63	45	9	11
	D	100	51	34	13	15
	E	100	41	28	6	6
	F	100	47	28	4	4

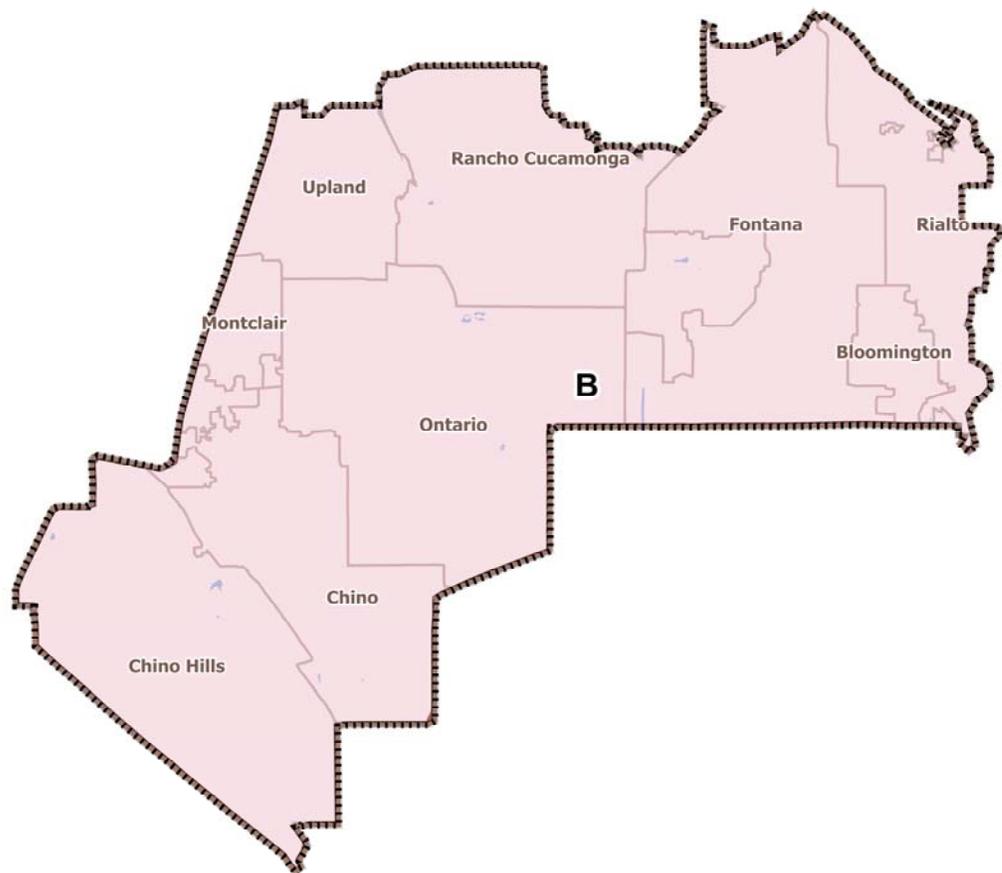


Field	Value
District	A
Population	932,115
Deviation	766
% Deviation	0%
White	583,993
% White	63%
Hispanic Origin	346,436
% Hispanic Origin	37%
Asian	31,237
% Asian	3%
Black	96,533
% Black	10%
B_LAT_CVAP	130,470
% B_LAT_CVAP	24%
Asian_CVAP	14,456
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Black_CVAP	49,892
% Black_CVAP	9%
B_CVAP_EST	538,636
% B_CVAP_EST	58%

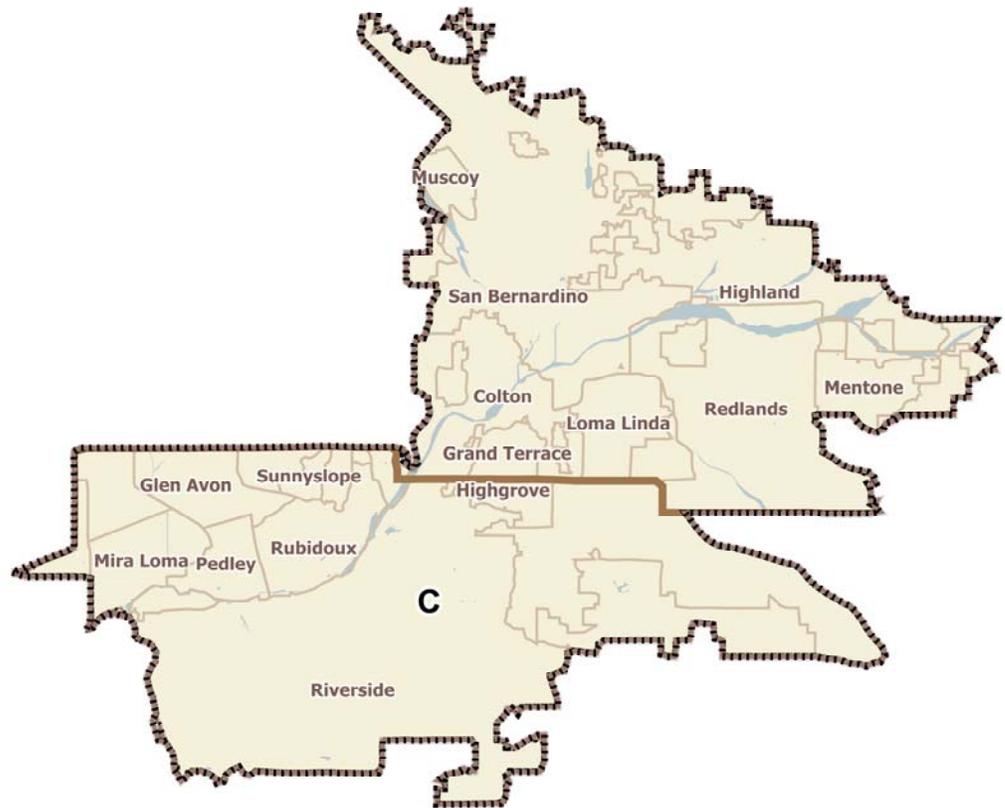




Field	Value
District	B
Population	930,349
Deviation	-1,000
% Deviation	-0%
White	493,898
% White	53%
Hispanic Origin	529,064
% Hispanic Origin	57%
Asian	80,739
% Asian	9%
Black	75,998
% Black	8%
B_LAT_CVAP	214,185
% B_LAT_CVAP	41%
Asian_CVAP	38,361
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Black_CVAP	51,416
% Black_CVAP	10%
B_CVAP_EST	516,186
% B_CVAP_EST	55%



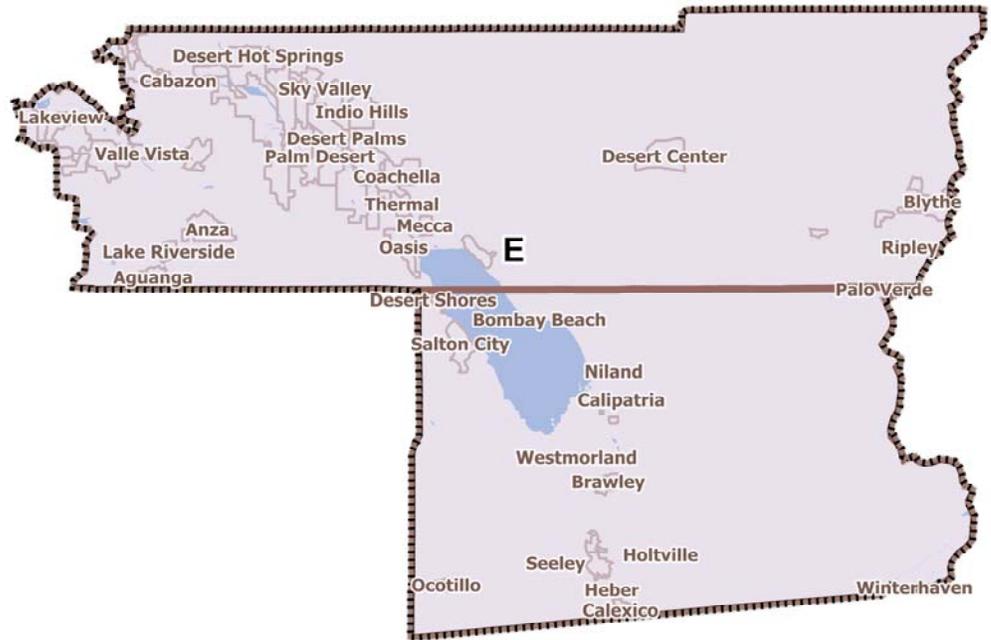
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District	C
Population	932,162
Deviation	813
% Deviation	0%
White	493,202
% White	53%
Hispanic Origin	492,177
% Hispanic Origin	53%
Asian	57,973
% Asian	6%
Black	87,445
% Black	9%
B_LAT_CVAP	180,782
% B_LAT_CVAP	36%
Asian_CVAP	26,988
% Asian_CVAP	5%
Black_CVAP	54,420
% Black_CVAP	11%
B_CVAP_EST	503,063
% B_CVAP_EST	54%

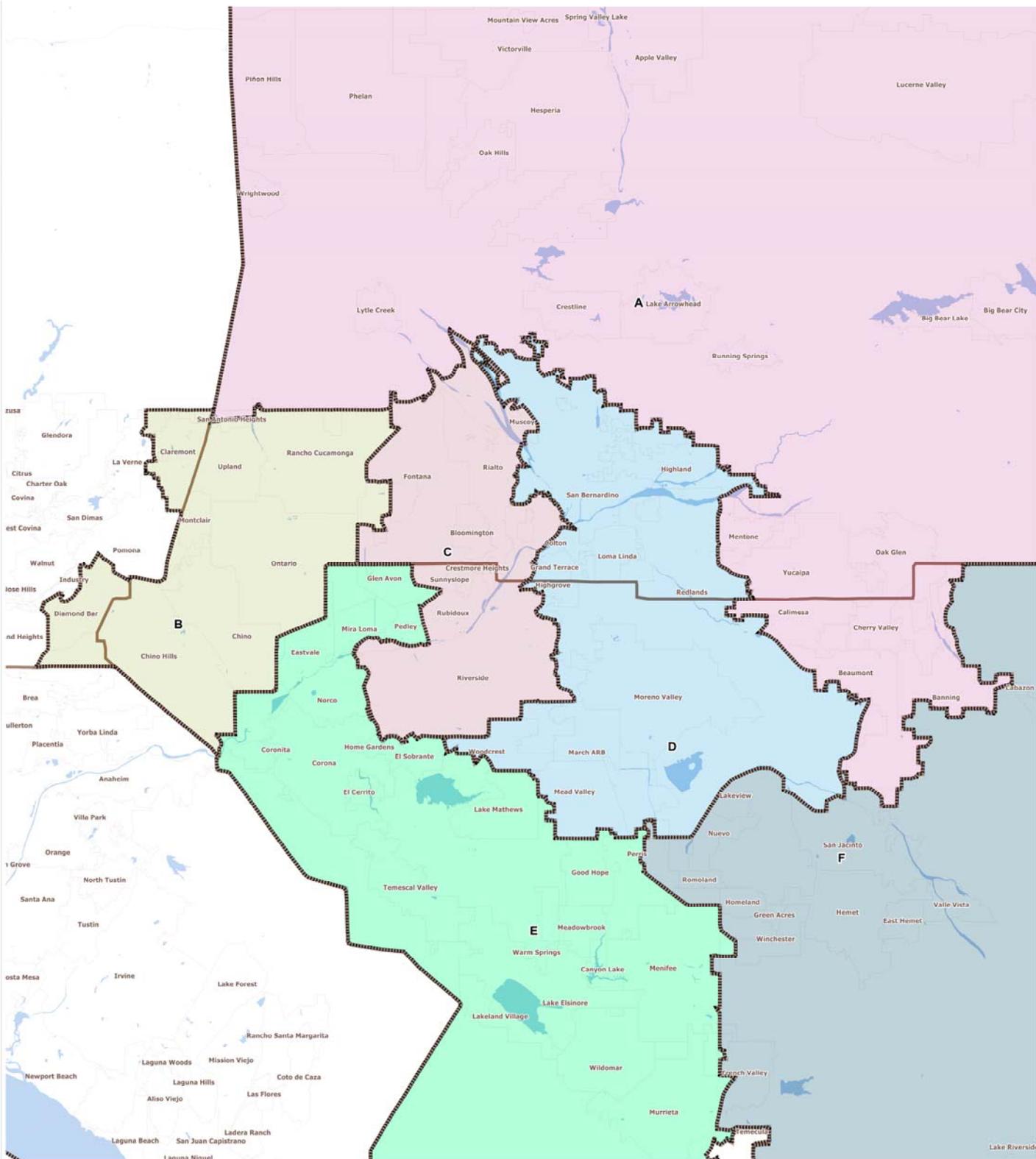


Field	Value
District	D
Population	932,174
Deviation	825
% Deviation	0%
White	562,468
% White	60%
Hispanic Origin	370,121
% Hispanic Origin	40%
Asian	77,429
% Asian	8%
Black	71,357
% Black	8%
B_LAT_CVAP	131,709
% B_LAT_CVAP	27%
Asian_CVAP	34,469
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Black_CVAP	41,325
% Black_CVAP	8%
B_CVAP_EST	493,183
% B_CVAP_EST	53%

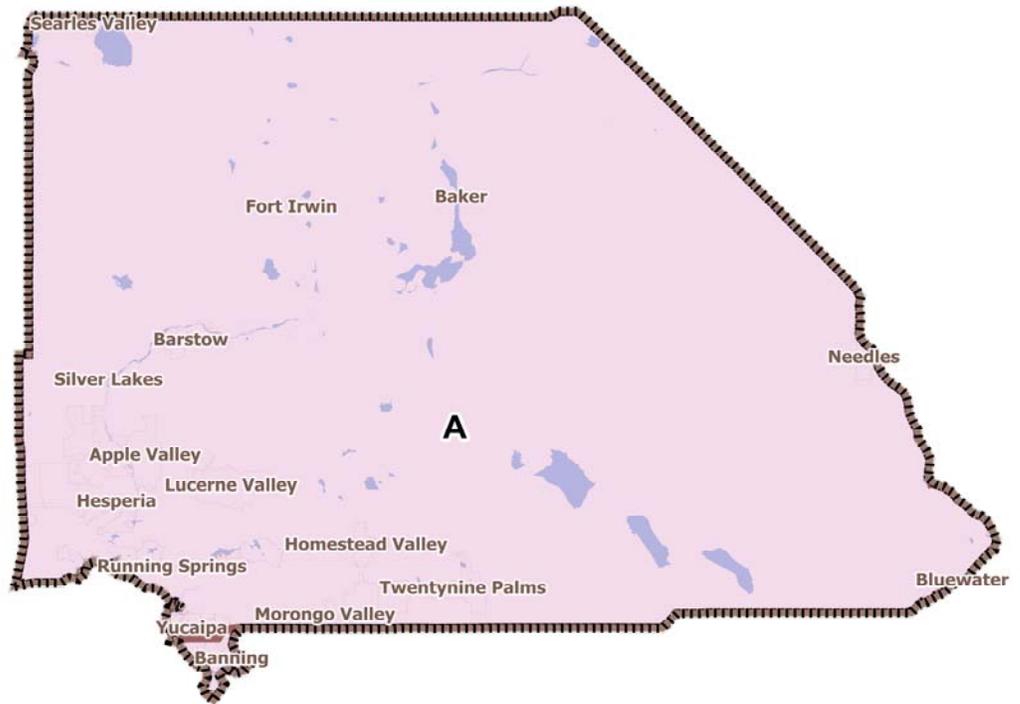


Field	Value
District	E
Population	927,516
Deviation	-3,833
% Deviation	-0%
White	591,047
% White	64%
Hispanic Origin	508,911
% Hispanic Origin	55%
Asian	23,930
% Asian	3%
Black	39,462
% Black	4%
B_LAT_CVAP	174,902
% B_LAT_CVAP	34%
Asian_CVAP	11,848
% Asian_CVAP	2%
Black_CVAP	22,338
% Black_CVAP	4%
B_CVAP_EST	512,892
% B_CVAP_EST	55%

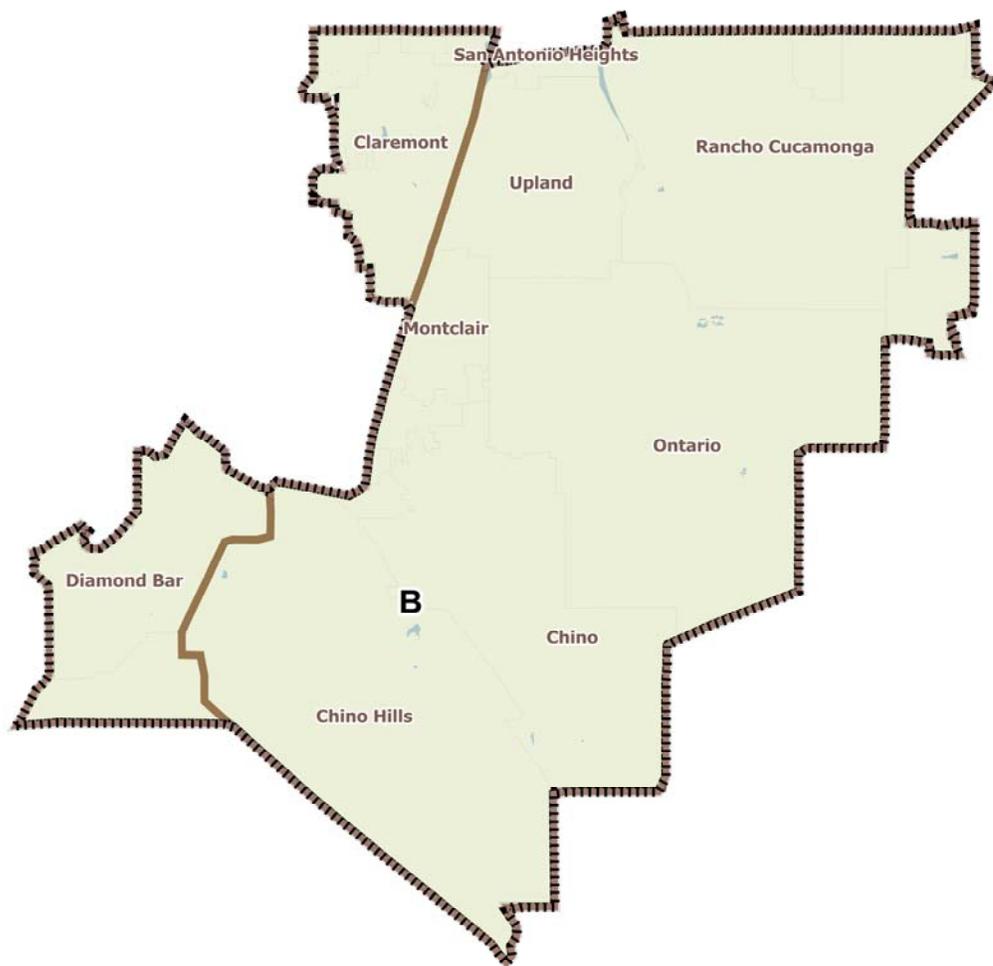




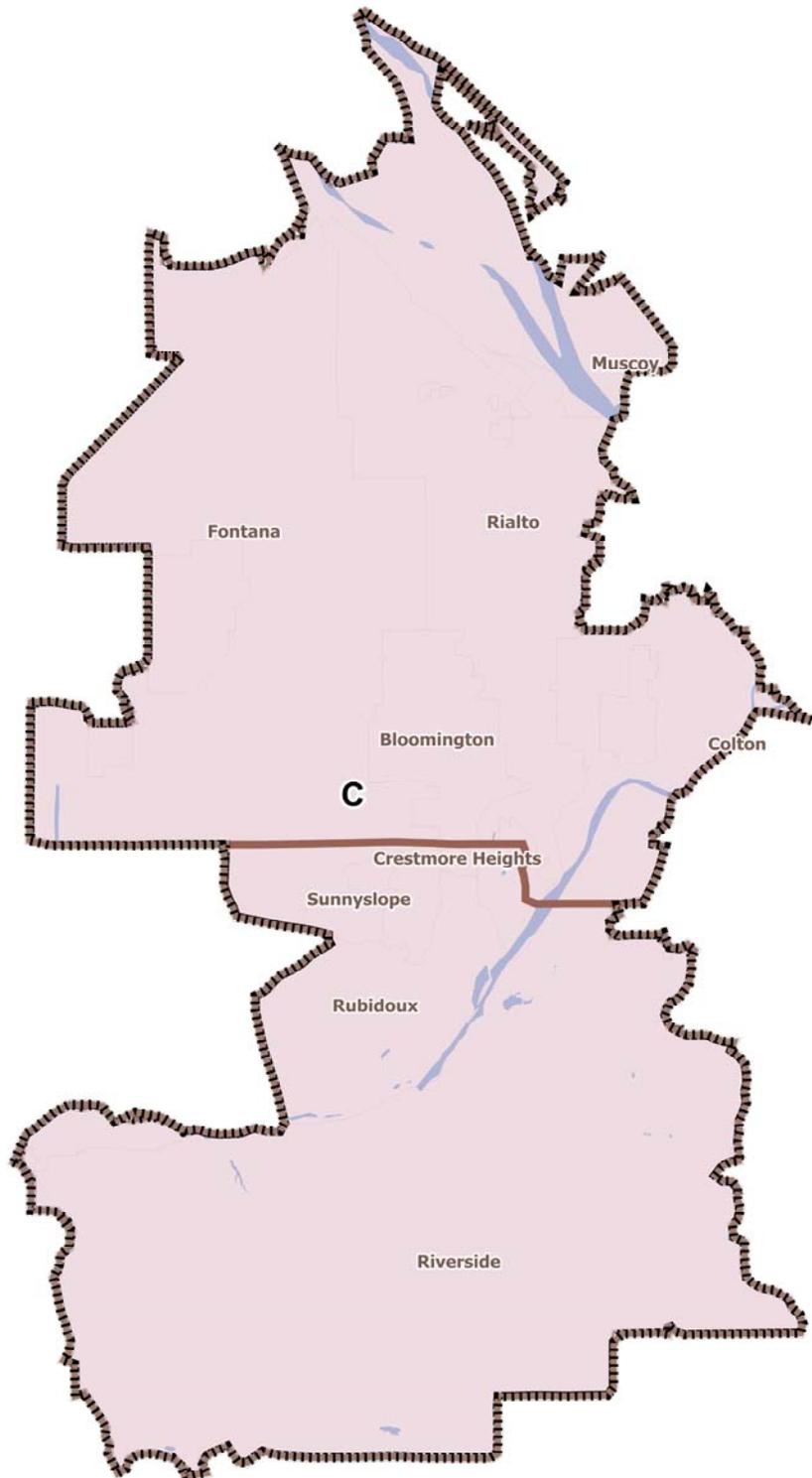
Field	Value
District	A
Population	703,420
Deviation	515
% Deviation	0%
White	469,537
% White	67%
Hispanic Origin	247,691
% Hispanic Origin	35%
Asian	21,454
% Asian	3%
Black	54,647
% Black	8%
B_LAT_CVAP	94,571
% B_LAT_CVAP	22%
Asian_CVAP	10,102
% Asian_CVAP	2%
Black_CVAP	29,606
% Black_CVAP	7%
B_CVAP_EST	423,887
% B_CVAP_EST	60%



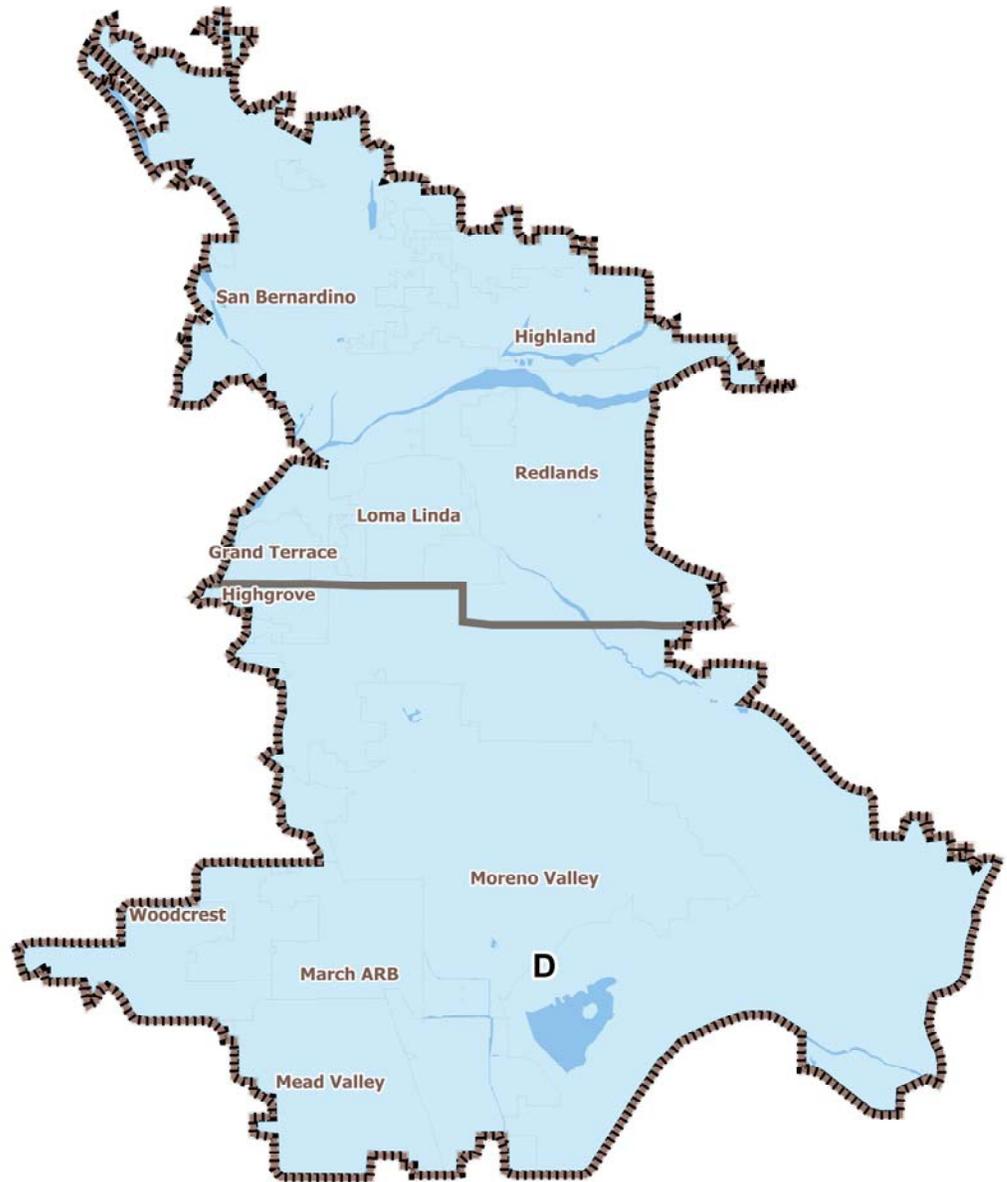
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District	B
Population	705,772
Deviation	2,867
% Deviation	0%
White	391,852
% White	56%
Hispanic Origin	320,987
% Hispanic Origin	45%
Asian	101,098
% Asian	14%
Black	46,050
% Black	7%
B_LAT_CVAP	149,019
% B_LAT_CVAP	34%
Asian_CVAP	50,324
% Asian_CVAP	11%
Black_CVAP	32,718
% Black_CVAP	7%
B_CVAP_EST	439,321
% B_CVAP_EST	62%



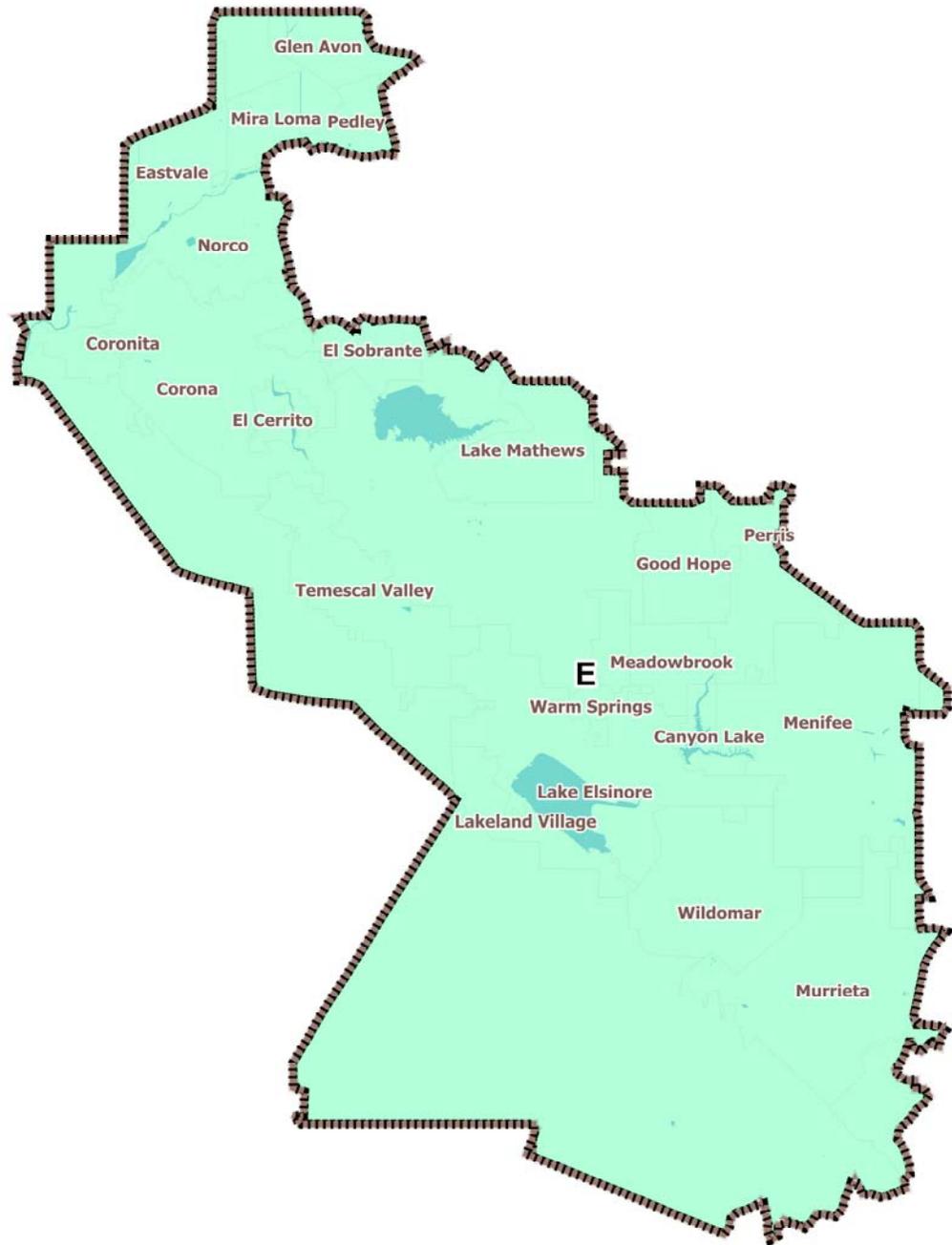
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District	C
Population	703,639
Deviation	734
% Deviation	0%
White	355,263
% White	50%
Hispanic Origin	445,197
% Hispanic Origin	63%
Asian	36,200
% Asian	5%
Black	60,572
% Black	9%
B_LAT_CVAP	156,273
% B_LAT_CVAP	45%
Asian_CVAP	16,917
% Asian_CVAP	5%
Black_CVAP	39,109
% Black_CVAP	11%
B_CVAP_EST	346,594
% B_CVAP_EST	49%



Field	Value
District	D
Population	705,848
Deviation	2,943
% Deviation	0%
White	346,515
% White	49%
Hispanic Origin	360,271
% Hispanic Origin	51%
Asian	46,525
% Asian	7%
Black	94,212
% Black	13%
B_LAT_CVAP	127,140
% B_LAT_CVAP	34%
Asian_CVAP	21,582
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Black_CVAP	54,293
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B_CVAP_EST	368,832
% B_CVAP_EST	52%

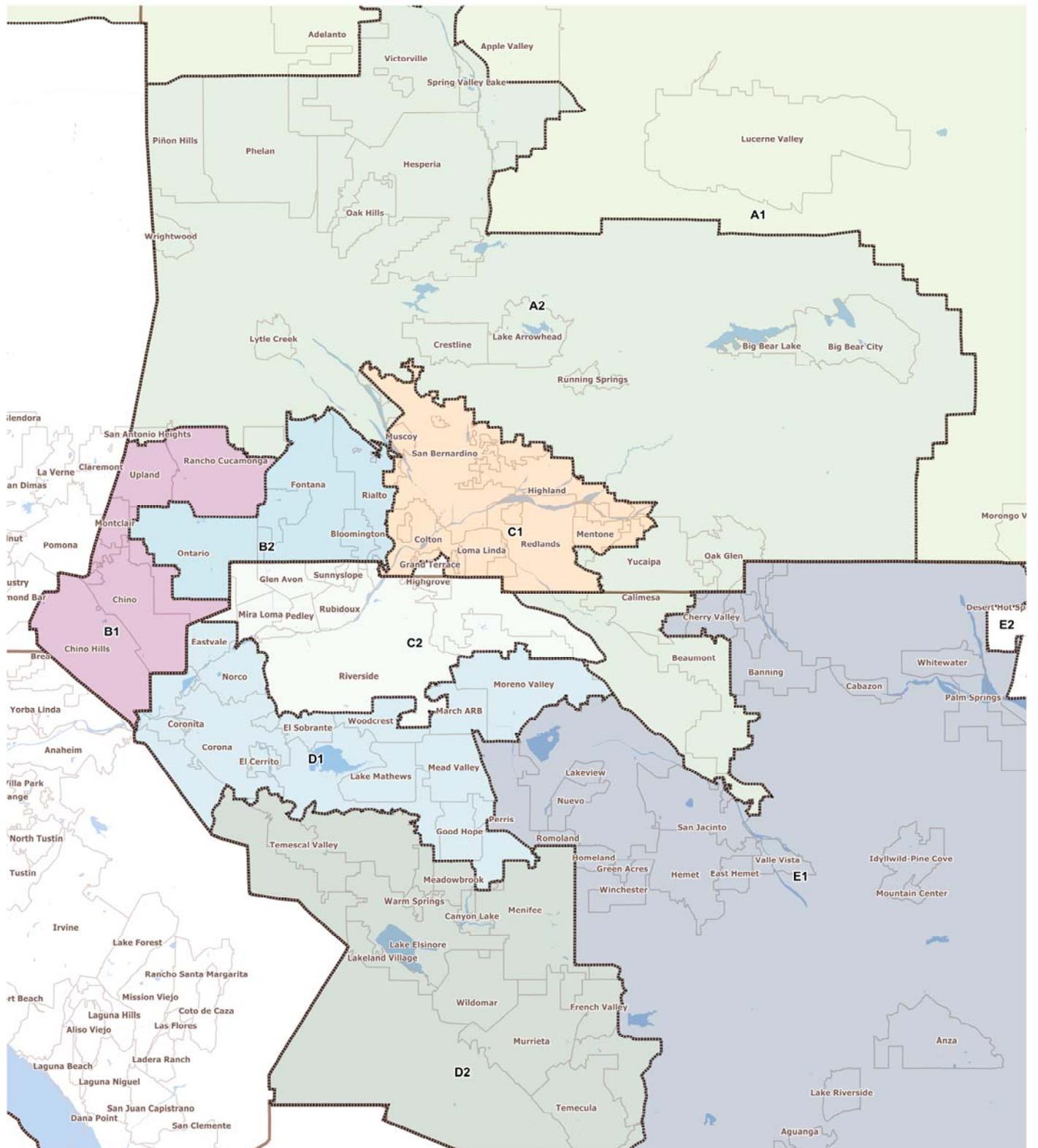


Field	Value
District	E
Population	703,971
Deviation	1,066
% Deviation	0%
White	439,326
% White	62%
Hispanic Origin	287,782
% Hispanic Origin	41%
Asian	57,345
% Asian	8%
Black	39,572
% Black	6%
B_LAT_CVAP	104,598
% B_LAT_CVAP	28%
Asian_CVAP	25,033
% Asian_CVAP	7%
Black_CVAP	23,754
% Black_CVAP	6%
B_CVAP_EST	379,498
% B_CVAP_EST	54%



Field	Value
District	F
Population	703,962
Deviation	1,057
% Deviation	0%
White	465,583
% White	66%
Hispanic Origin	331,894
% Hispanic Origin	47%
Asian	21,496
% Asian	3%
Black	27,946
% Black	4%
B_LAT_CVAP	110,667
% B_LAT_CVAP	28%
Asian_CVAP	10,277
% Asian_CVAP	3%
Black_CVAP	14,964
% Black_CVAP	4%
B_CVAP_EST	400,622
% B_CVAP_EST	57%





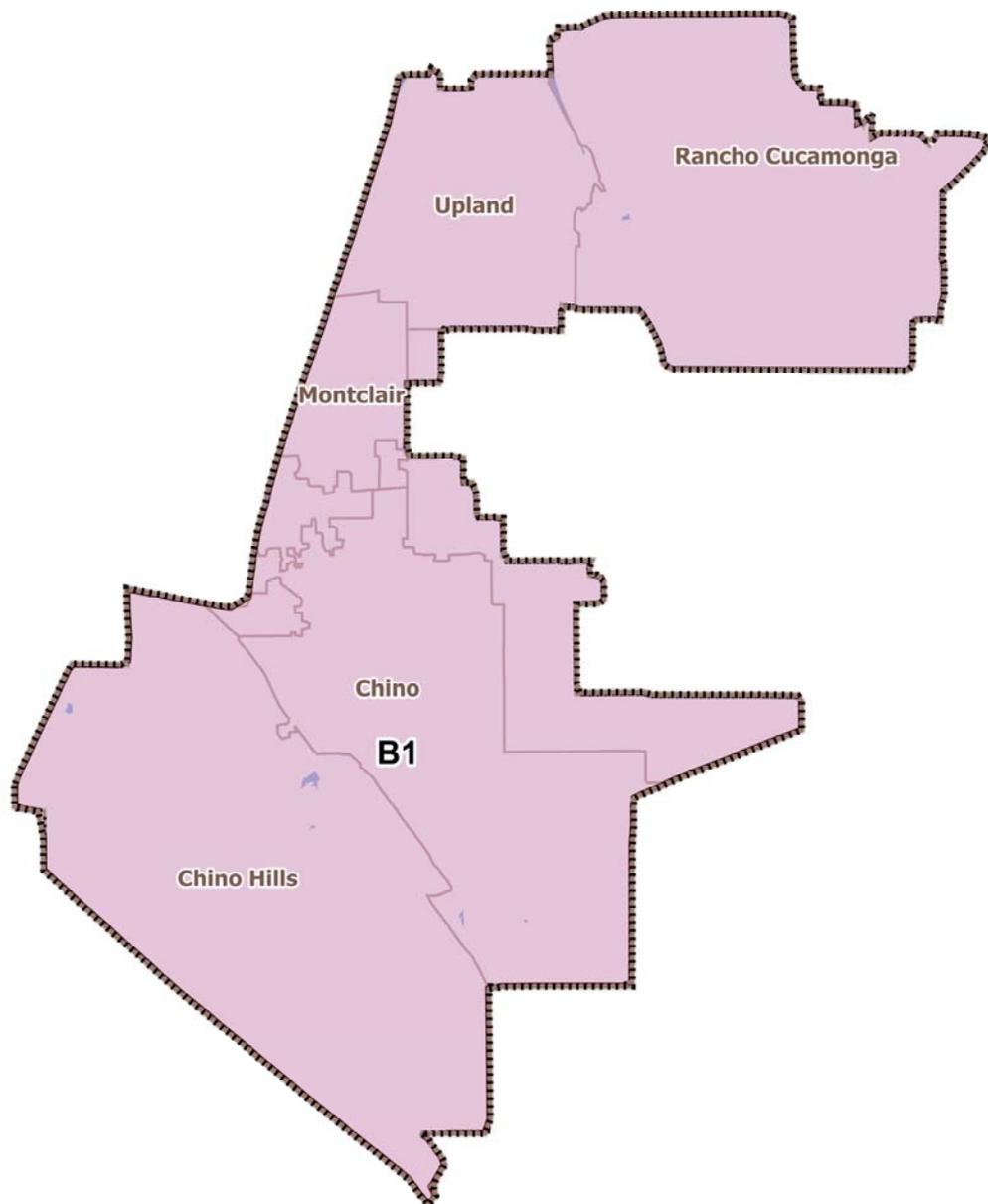
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District	A1
Population	467,727
Deviation	2,053
% Deviation	0%
White	278,378
% White	60%
Hispanic Origin	175,490
% Hispanic Origin	38%
Asian	14,453
% Asian	3%
Black	61,383
% Black	13%
B_LAT_CVAP	69,072
% B_LAT_CVAP	25%
Asian_CVAP	8,241
% Asian_CVAP	3%
Black_CVAP	32,069
% Black_CVAP	11%
B_CVAP_EST	281,525
% B_CVAP_EST	60%



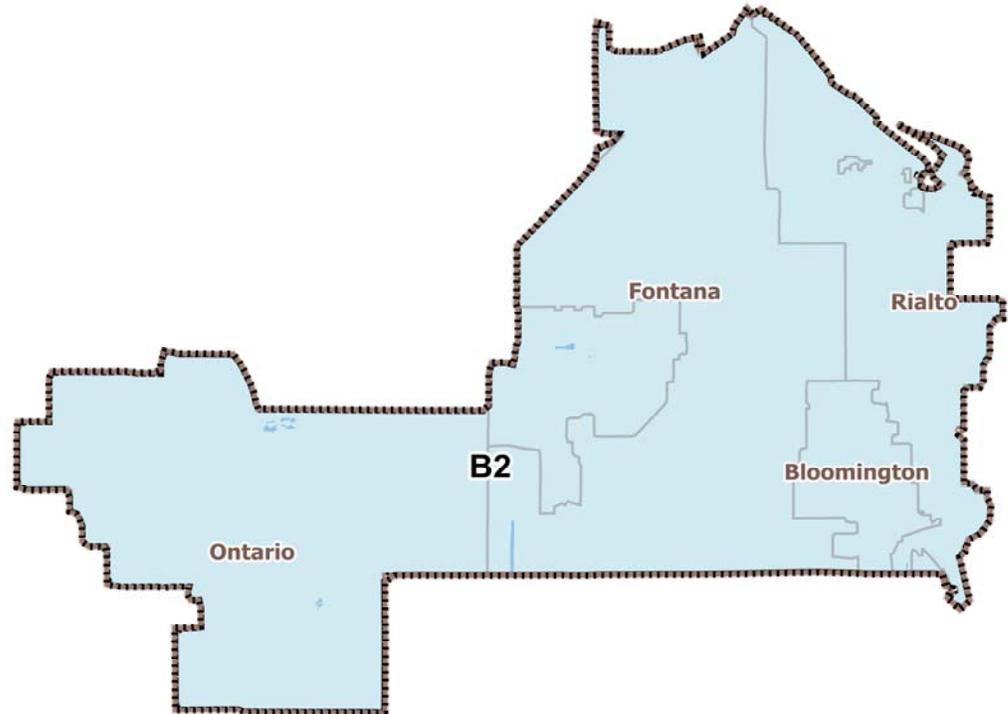
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District	A2
Population	464,388
Deviation	-1,286
% Deviation	-0%
White	305,615
% White	66%
Hispanic Origin	170,946
% Hispanic Origin	37%
Asian	16,784
% Asian	4%
Black	35,150
% Black	8%
B_LAT_CVAP	61,398
% B_LAT_CVAP	24%
Asian_CVAP	6,215
% Asian_CVAP	2%
Black_CVAP	17,823
% Black_CVAP	7%
B_CVAP_EST	257,111
% B_CVAP_EST	55%



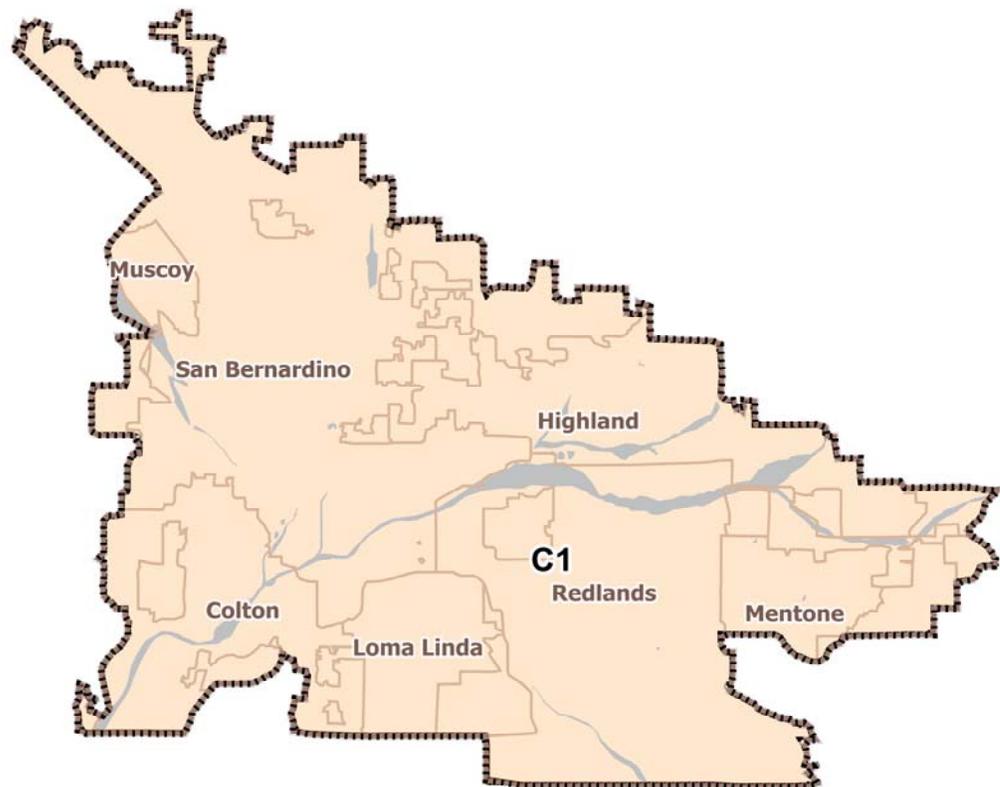
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District	B1
Population	464,242
Deviation	-1,432
% Deviation	-0%
White	270,538
% White	58%
Hispanic Origin	202,324
% Hispanic Origin	44%
Asian	59,230
% Asian	13%
Black	32,422
% Black	7%
B_LAT_CVAP	98,630
% B_LAT_CVAP	33%
Asian_CVAP	28,664
% Asian_CVAP	10%
Black_CVAP	22,637
% Black_CVAP	8%
B_CVAP_EST	295,561
% B_CVAP_EST	64%



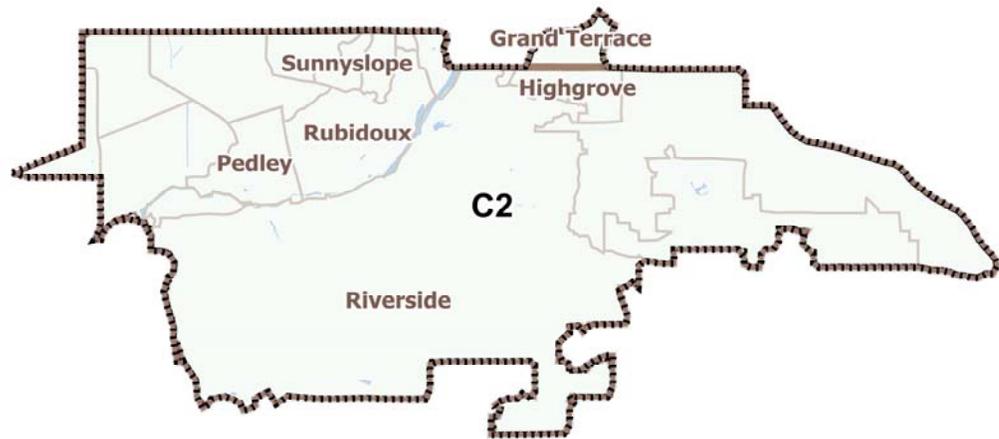
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District	B2
Population	466,107
Deviation	433
% Deviation	0%
White	223,360
% White	48%
Hispanic Origin	326,740
% Hispanic Origin	70%
Asian	21,509
% Asian	5%
Black	43,576
% Black	9%
B_LAT_CVAP	115,555
% B_LAT_CVAP	52%
Asian_CVAP	9,697
% Asian_CVAP	4%
Black_CVAP	28,779
% Black_CVAP	13%
B_CVAP_EST	220,625
% B_CVAP_EST	47%



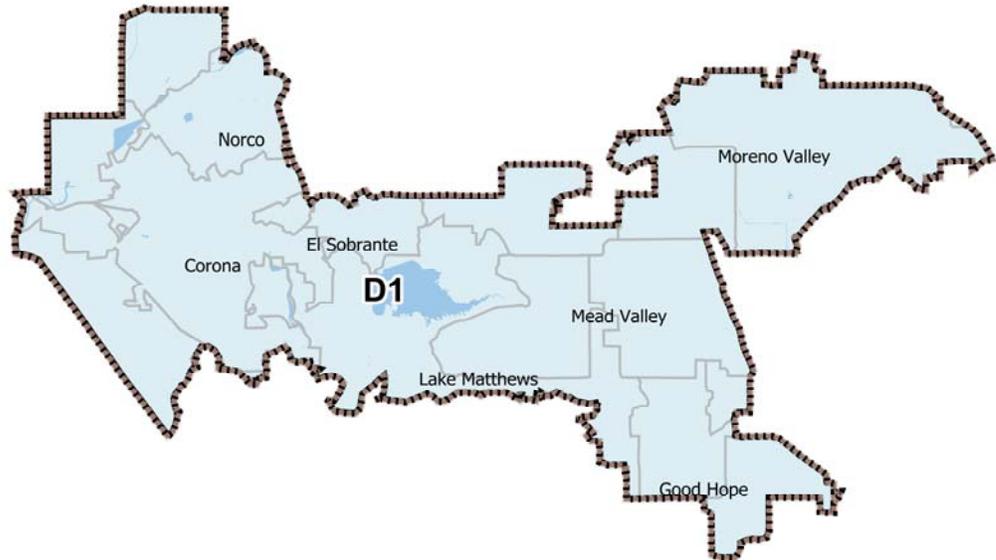
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District	C1
Population	465,757
Deviation	83
% Deviation	0%
White	234,626
% White	50%
Hispanic Origin	249,561
% Hispanic Origin	54%
Asian	28,467
% Asian	6%
Black	53,971
% Black	12%
B_LAT_CVAP	93,420
% B_LAT_CVAP	37%
Asian_CVAP	13,213
% Asian_CVAP	5%
Black_CVAP	32,967
% Black_CVAP	13%
B_CVAP_EST	251,430
% B_CVAP_EST	54%



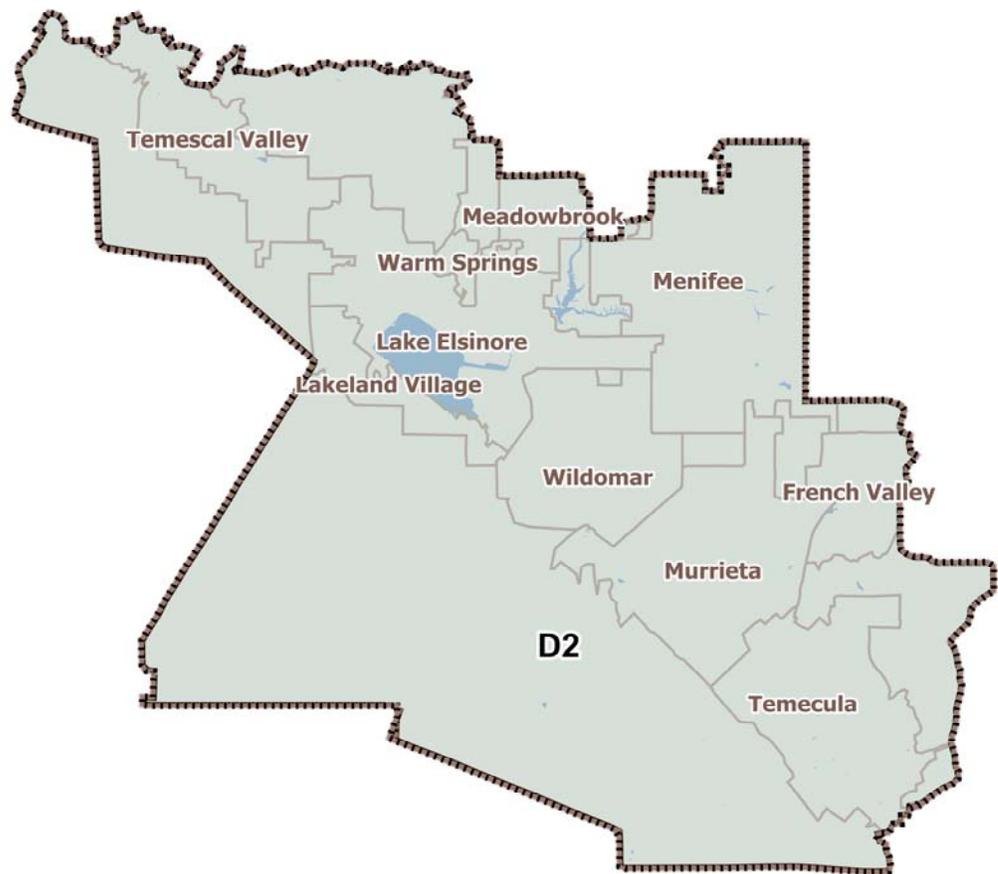
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Population	466,405
Deviation	731
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% White	55%
Hispanic Origin	242,616
% Hispanic Origin	52%
Asian	29,506
% Asian	6%
Black	33,474
% Black	7%
B_LAT_CVAP	87,362
% B_LAT_CVAP	35%
Asian_CVAP	13,775
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Black_CVAP	21,453
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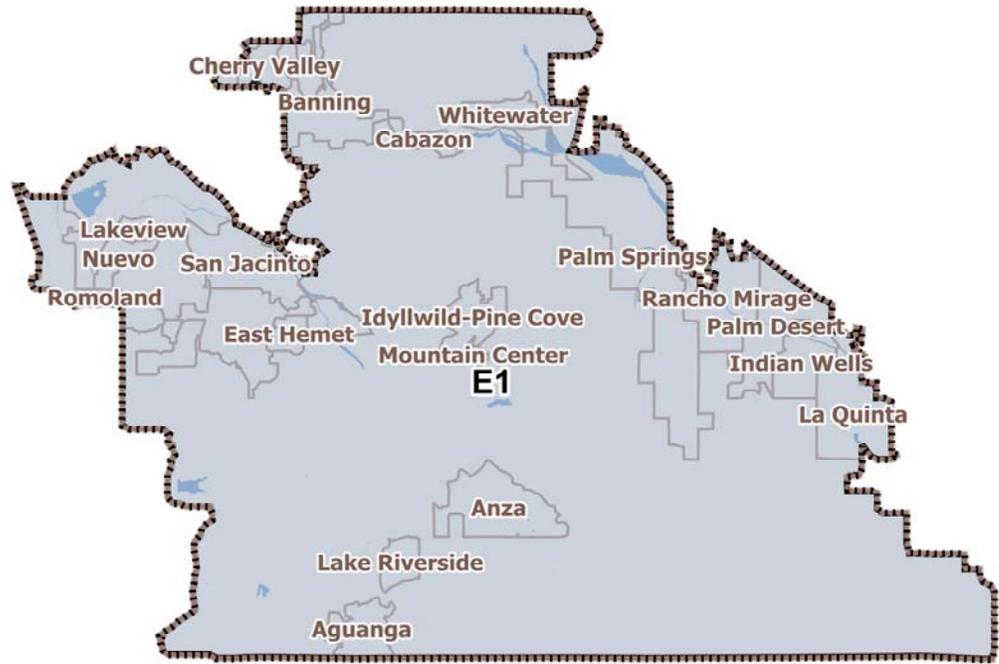
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Population	466,300
Deviation	626
% Deviation	0%
White	240,665
% White	52%
Hispanic Origin	228,169
% Hispanic Origin	49%
Asian	41,702
% Asian	9%
Black	48,710
% Black	10%
B_LAT_CVAP	78,619
% B_LAT_CVAP	33%
Asian_CVAP	18,796
% Asian_CVAP	8%
Black_CVAP	29,399
% Black_CVAP	12%
B_CVAP_EST	235,819
% B_CVAP_EST	51%



Field	Value
District	D2
Population	465,874
Deviation	200
% Deviation	0%
White	321,803
% White	69%
Hispanic Origin	141,952
% Hispanic Origin	30%
Asian	35,727
% Asian	8%
Black	22,647
% Black	5%
B_LAT_CVAP	53,090
% B_LAT_CVAP	21%
Asian_CVAP	15,673
% Asian_CVAP	6%
Black_CVAP	11,926
% Black_CVAP	5%
B_CVAP_EST	257,364
% B_CVAP_EST	55%



Field	Value
District	E1
Population	463,873
Deviation	-1,801
% Deviation	-0%
White	318,274
% White	69%
Hispanic Origin	175,932
% Hispanic Origin	38%
Asian	14,740
% Asian	3%
Black	23,869
% Black	5%
B_LAT_CVAP	61,185
% B_LAT_CVAP	21%
Asian_CVAP	7,805
% Asian_CVAP	3%
Black_CVAP	10,725
% Black_CVAP	4%
B_CVAP_EST	289,256
% B_CVAP_EST	62%



Field	Value
District	E2
Population	463,643
Deviation	-2,031
% Deviation	-0%
White	272,773
% White	59%
Hispanic Origin	332,979
% Hispanic Origin	72%
Asian	9,190
% Asian	2%
Black	15,593
% Black	3%
B_LAT_CVAP	113,717
% B_LAT_CVAP	51%
Asian_CVAP	4,043
% Asian_CVAP	2%
Black_CVAP	11,613
% Black_CVAP	5%
B_CVAP_EST	223,636
% B_CVAP_EST	48%

