

**Subject: Alameda County Congressional Redistricting****Date:** Sunday, May 22, 2011 7:06 PM**From:** [REDACTED]**To:** <[REDACTED]>**Conversation:** Alameda County Congressional Redistricting

Comments for Congressional Redistricting

Alameda County

Due to its population Alameda County must be divided among at least three congressional districts.

Although combined Alameda (the city), Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, Piedmont, and San Leandro (or the City of Alameda, Albany, Ashland CDP, Berkeley, Castro Valley CDP, Emeryville, Oakland, and Piedmont) would be fairly close to the required population for a congressional district, I would ask that these communities not be combined to form a congressional district.

Although Oakland, Alameda County's most populous city, could be entirely in one congressional district, I would ask that Oakland be divided into two congressional districts.

Different parts of Oakland have different population characteristics. In certain areas of the city most the twenty-five and older population have attained the bachelor's or higher degree (please see bachelor's or higher degree map); in other parts of the city the percentages of people twenty-five and older who have completed a bachelor's or higher credential are lower than the state average.

People who live in some Oakland census tracts are much more likely to speak a language other than English than people who live in other census tracts. The foreign born are much more prevalent in some areas rather than others.

The following census tracts should not be included with the rest of Oakland for congressional redistricting purposes:

4001  
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4003  
4004  
4038  
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4044  
4045.01  
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4048  
4049  
4050  
4051  
4080

Possibly:

4011  
4012

These census tracts tend to be places where residents twenty-five and older are more likely to have attained the bachelor's or higher degree than the state average. These areas include parts of Oakland (although not all) with the lowest proportions of the foreign born. These areas are not places where the majority speaks a language other than English at home.

The above census tracts (perhaps including or not including 4011 and 4012) should be combined with Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont. In Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont most of the twenty-five and older population have completed the bachelor's or higher degree. The five and older populations of these three cities are less likely to speak a foreign language at home than among all Californians.

The above mentioned Oakland census tracts, Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont do not have enough people for one congressional district. What communities should join these areas in a congressional district?

Contra Costa County communities Alamo CDP, Clayton, Concord, Danville, East Richmond Heights, El Cerrito, Kensington CDP, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek should join Albany, Berkeley, Piedmont, and the above mentioned Oakland census tracts (perhaps including 4011 and 4012).

What do these Contra Costa County communities have in common?

With the exceptions of Concord, Martinez, and Pleasant Hill most of the twenty-five and older populations of these communities have a bachelor's or higher degree. In Martinez and Pleasant Hill the proportions of the twenty-five and up population who have earned the bachelor's or higher degree exceeds the state average for the twenty-five and older age group. With the exception of El Cerrito these communities have a lower percentage of non-English language speaking at home by the five and up population than the state average for the five and older population.

In terms of geography El Cerrito and Kensington CDP are near Albany and Berkeley.

Some may object to linking Berkeley and parts of Oakland with Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, and Concord.

The weather in Oakland and Berkeley and the weather in Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, and Concord can be noticeably different.

Even though the weather can vary at either ends of the Caldecott Tunnel (currently there are three bores with another under construction), State Route 24 (the Caldecott Tunnel is part of State Route 24) allows for rapid access between Oakland and Orinda, Lafayette, Walnut Creek, and Concord. Trains of the BART system travel between Concord, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda, and Oakland more than fifty times every weekday.

Emeryville could be placed with Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont. Most of Emeryville's twenty-five and up population are college graduates at the bachelor's or higher level. A lower proportion of Emeryville's five and older population speaks a language other than English at home than among all Californians age five and older.

Ideally most of Oakland would be combined with San Leandro, San Lorenzo CDP, Ashland CDP, Cherryland CDP, and Hayward for congressional redistricting purposes.

Union City, most or all of Fremont, Milpitas, parts of San Jose, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino could be parts of one congressional district.

Now some may ask why should a congressional district go south to include parts of Santa Clara County rather than east to Alameda County cities Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore?

Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton all have a lower proportion of foreign born residents than the state average. Residents of these three cities age five and older are less likely to speak a language other than English at home than the state average.

Fremont, Newark, Union City, Cupertino, Milpitas, Sunnyvale, the Berryessa Union Elementary School District area, and the Orchard Elementary School District area all have a higher percent of foreign born residents than the state average. Most age five and older residents of these six cities and two school districts speak a language other than English at home.

Two interstate freeways link Fremont in Alameda County with Milpitas in Santa Clara County.

If I were recommending state assembly or state senate district boundaries, my recommendations regarding which communities to place in the respective district (congressional, state assembly, or state senate) could be different.

Sources for the educational attainment, foreign born, and language data is the 2005-2009 American Community Survey five-year estimates and Census 2000.

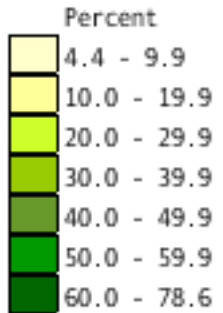
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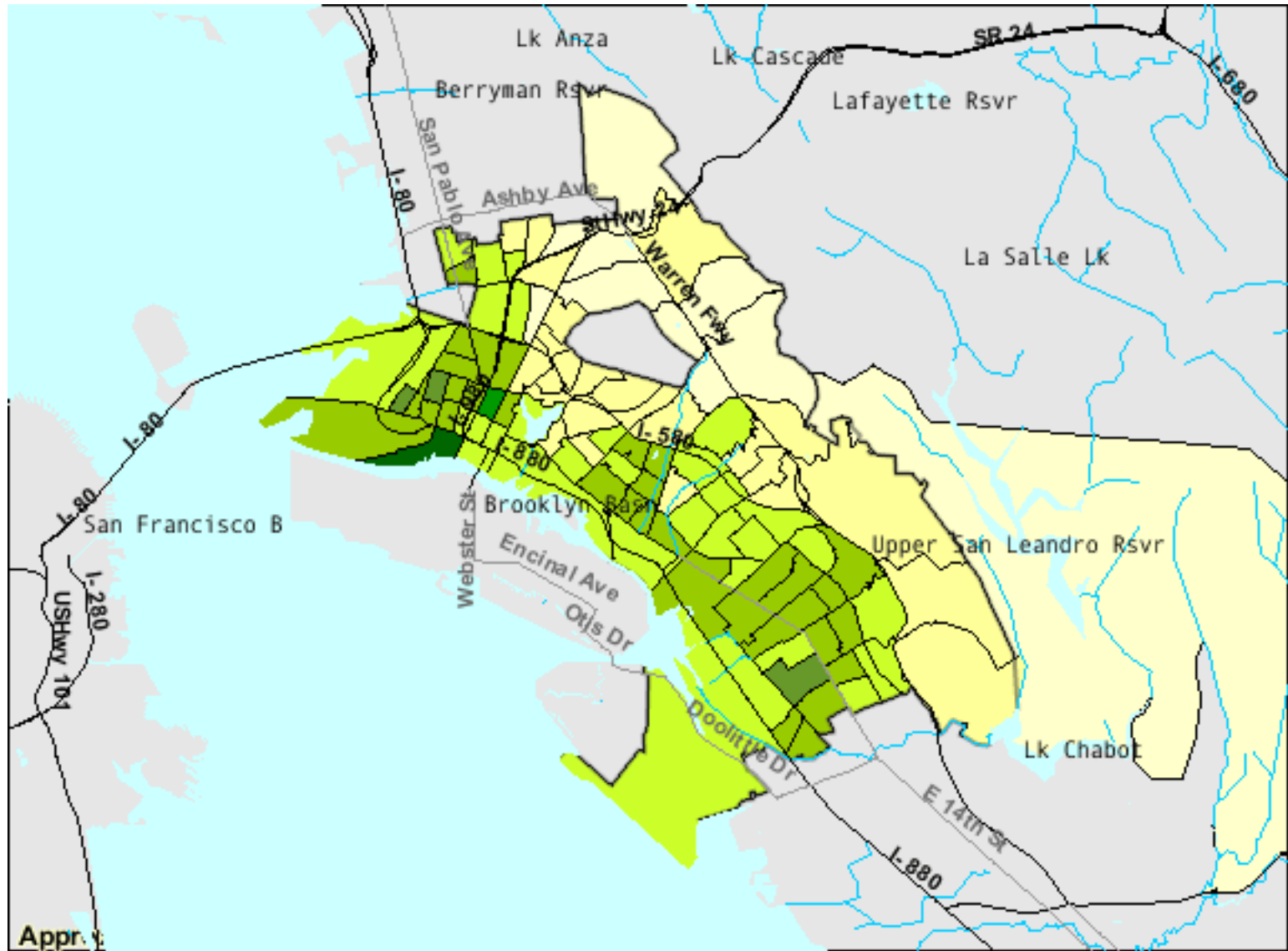
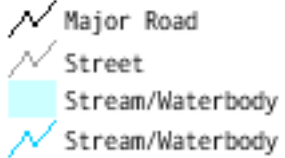
TM-P046. Percent of Persons 21 to 64 Years With a Disability: 2000  
 Universe: Civilian noninstitutionalized population 21 to 64 years  
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data  
 Oakland city, California by Census Tract

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

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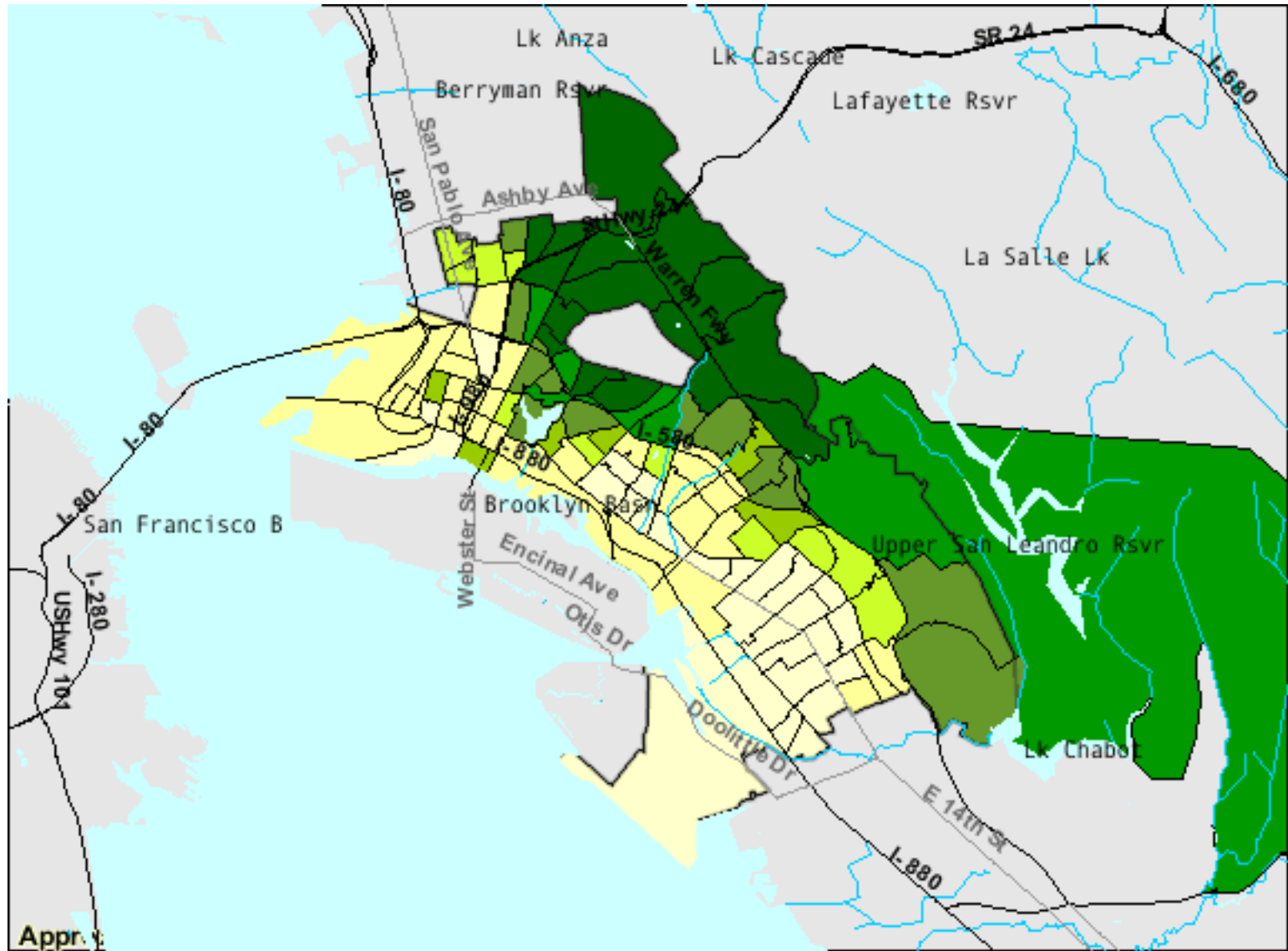
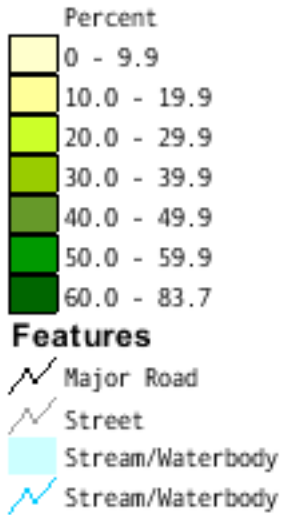


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrix P42.

TM-P042. Percent of Persons 25 Years and Over with Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 2000  
 Universe: Population 25 years and over  
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data  
 Oakland city, California by Census Tract

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

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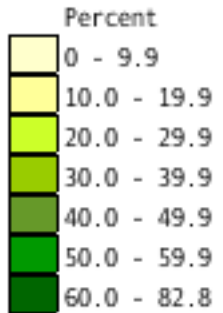


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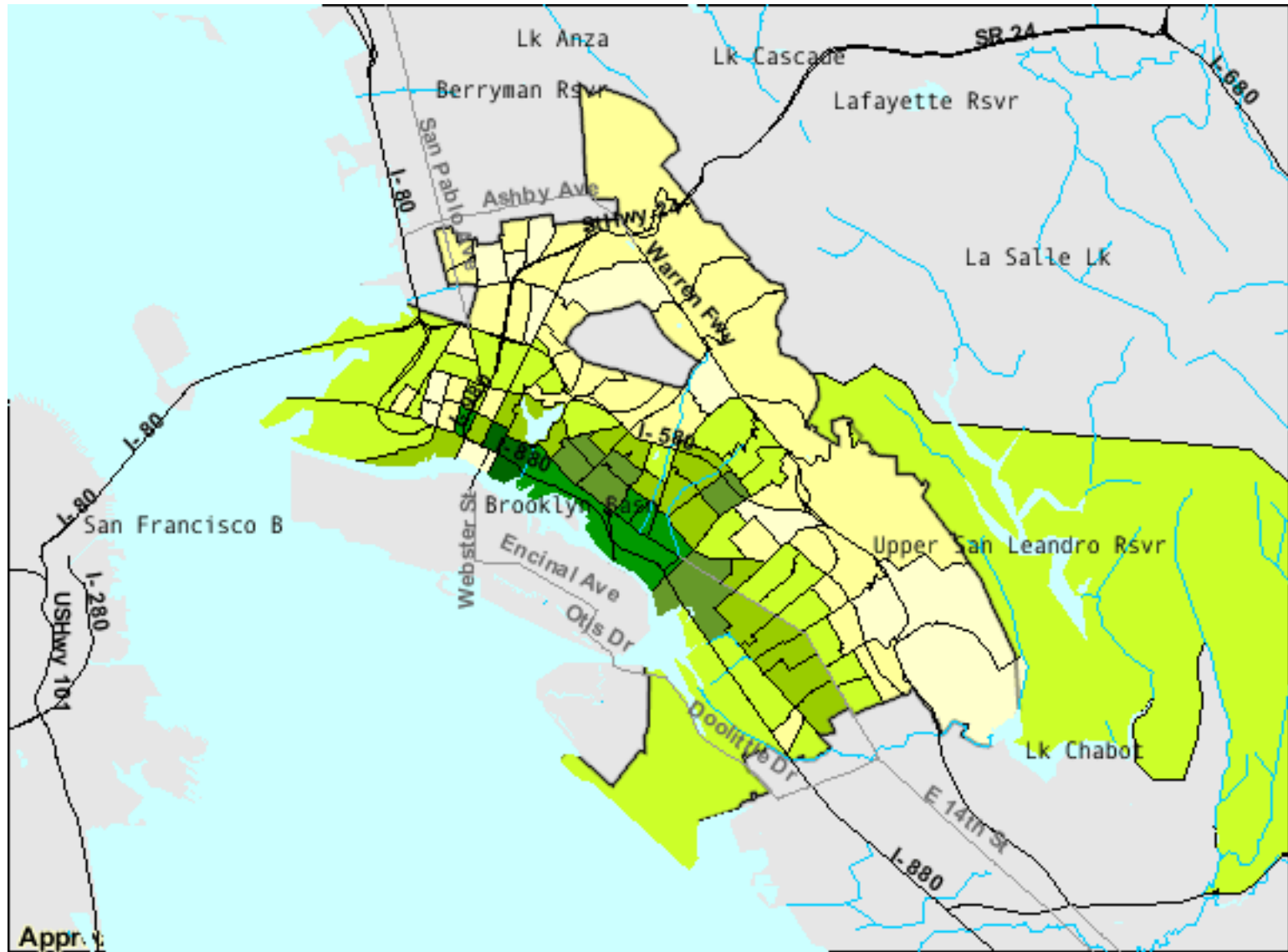
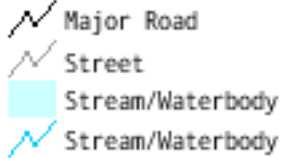
TM-P031. Percent of Persons Who Are Foreign Born: 2000  
 Universe: Total population  
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data  
 Oakland city, California by Census Tract

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

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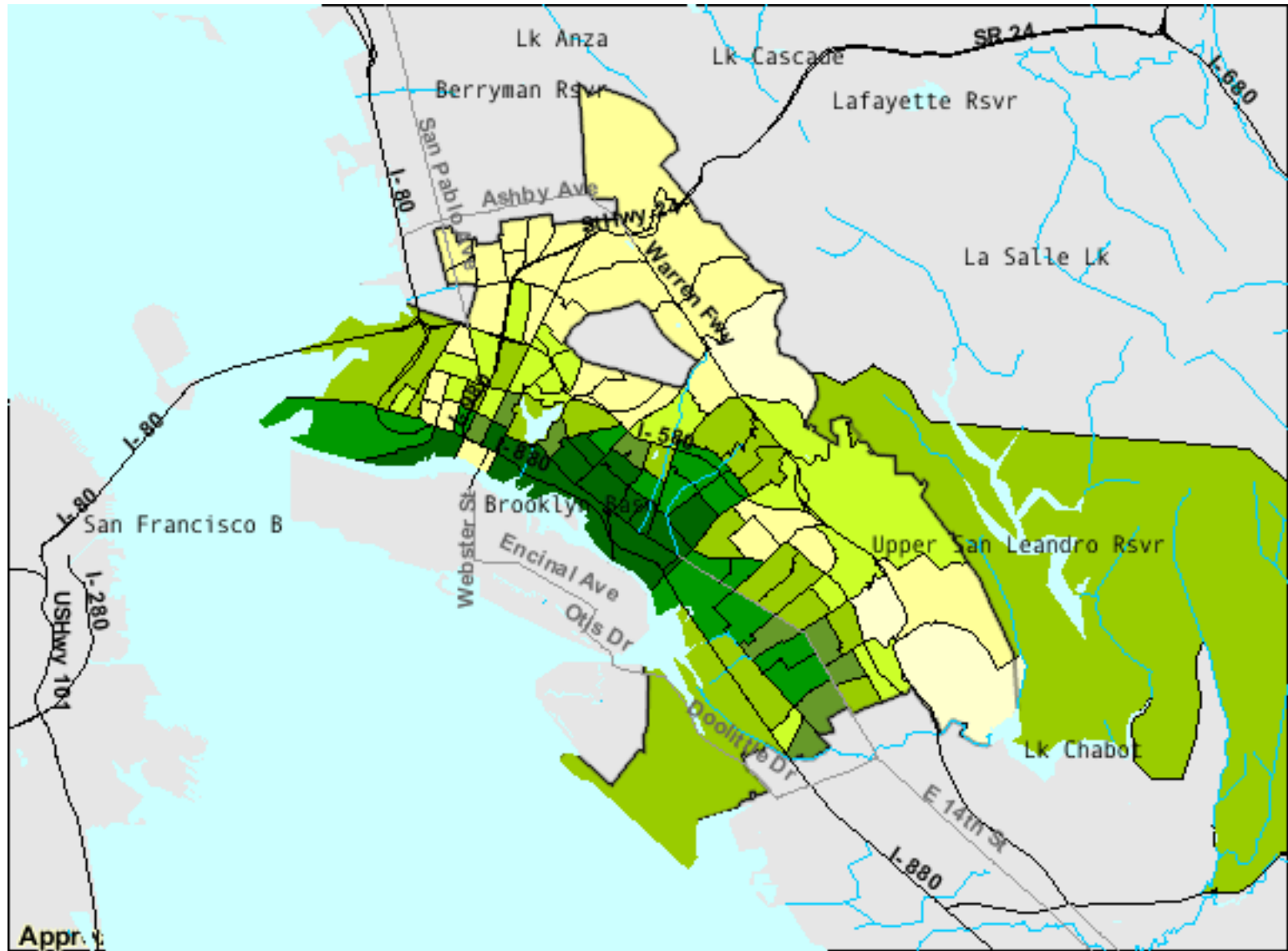
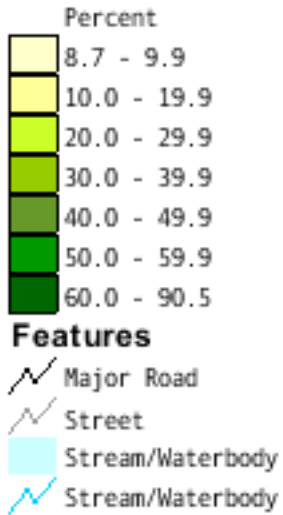
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrix P21.

TM-P028. Percent of Persons 5 Years and Over Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home: 2000  
 Universe: Population 5 years and over  
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data  
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NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expsf3.htm>.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrix P19.