

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Curt Taras <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 19:17:43 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Curt Taras <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Sacramento County - Congressional

Message Body:

The draft congressional district for Sacramento County is a excellent revision. Keep Folsom and the communities east of the city of Sacramento together. Also I support the pairing of Elk Grove with the City of Sacramento in the same map.

Thank You,

Curt Taras

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Randall Willias <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 11 Jun 2011 00:45:11 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Randall Willias <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Gratitude

Message Body:

Thank you for all the pursuit of citizen involvement and for the quality of the initial mapping.

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Virginia Kaser <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 21:37:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Virginia Kaser <[REDACTED]>

Subject: SAC City Congressional District

Message Body:

Most look pretty compact, but this one looks VERY gerrymandered. Can't it be made more compact, less wiggly?

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Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Darlene Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 15:17:25 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Darlene Anderson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: [REDACTED]

Message Body:

I believe when not very many people are engaged politically then more efforts need to be utilized to engage the public. I fear that the lack of citizens coming out and participating lead me to think that in Sacramento there are only a few people in the political arena. When you re draw the lines there has to be a way to communicate with the public it's responsibility

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Subject: Public Comment RE: Community of interest: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community

From: Mario Guerrero <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 10:33:06 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Greetings,

I respectfully submit the attached letter and maps (including a database outline document) in support of the CA Citizens Redistricting Commission's recognition of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community as a community of interest.

Please let me know if you have any questions. If possible, please confirm receipt of this information.

Thank you,

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Mario Guerrero

Government Affairs Director

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Database Outline

The database created for EQCA by Redistricting Partners includes the following datasets. Each dataset was imported and ranked based on density within the census block group level. These rankings were then summed and used to create the final ranking, called the LGBT Blend Rank or LGBT COI (Community of Interest). This methodology has been reviewed by the Williams Institute and university researchers from USC and CSU.

Person and Household Datasets

	Level	Datapoints	Denominator	Source
Equality California Donors and Members	Address	358,000	18+ Population	EQCA
National Center for Lesbian Rights Donors	Zip Code	18,838	18+ Population	NCLR
Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Donors	Zip Code	7,655	18+ Population	VF
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force	Zip Codes	27,080	18+ Population	TF
Domestic Partner Database	Address	80,000	18+ Population	Secretary of State
Donors No on 22	Zip Code	6,000	18+ Pop	Secretary of State
Donors No on Prop 8	Zip Code	47,019	18+ Population	Secretary of State
Same Sex Heads of Household	Census Tract	96,874	Households	US Census American Community Survey
POSSLQ Voters	Census Block	198,230	2 Voter HH	Political Data Inc.
Total Datapoints		840,095		

Election Outcome Datasets

	Level	Denominator	Source
Prop 8 No	Census Block	2008 General Votes Cast	Political Data Inc.
Prop 22 No	Census Block	2000 Primary Votes Cast	Statewide Database



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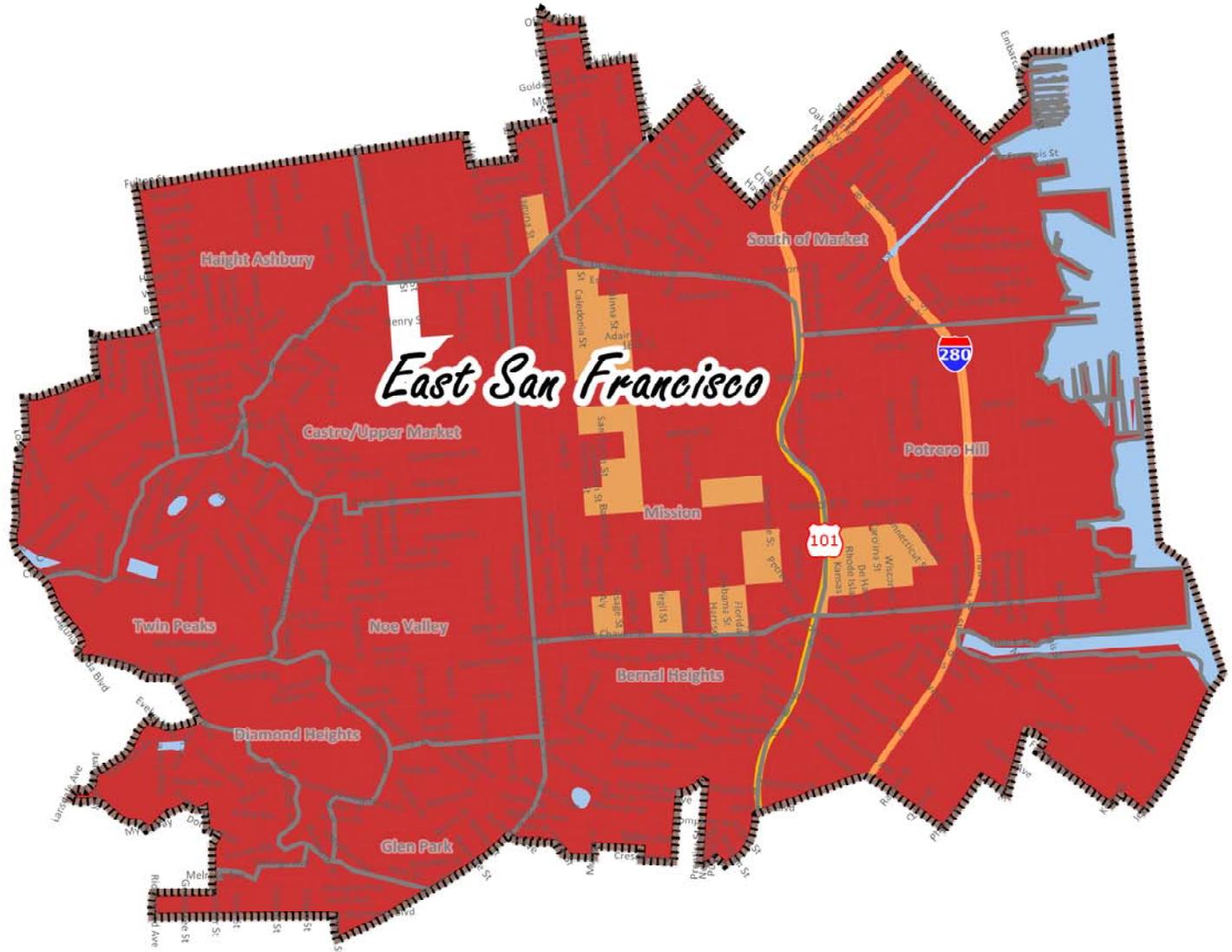
LGBT Community of Interest Map

EASTERN SAN FRANCISCO

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	215,475
pdi_domesticpartner	6,655
No on Prop 8	88%
Yes on Prop 8	12%
No on Prop 22	82%
Yes on Prop 22	18%
Prop 8 Donors	5,940
Prop 22 donors	837
LGBT Organizations	29,048
SSHH Count	4,778
Men_SSHH	3,650
Women_SSHH	1,128
POSSLQ_Count	10,154



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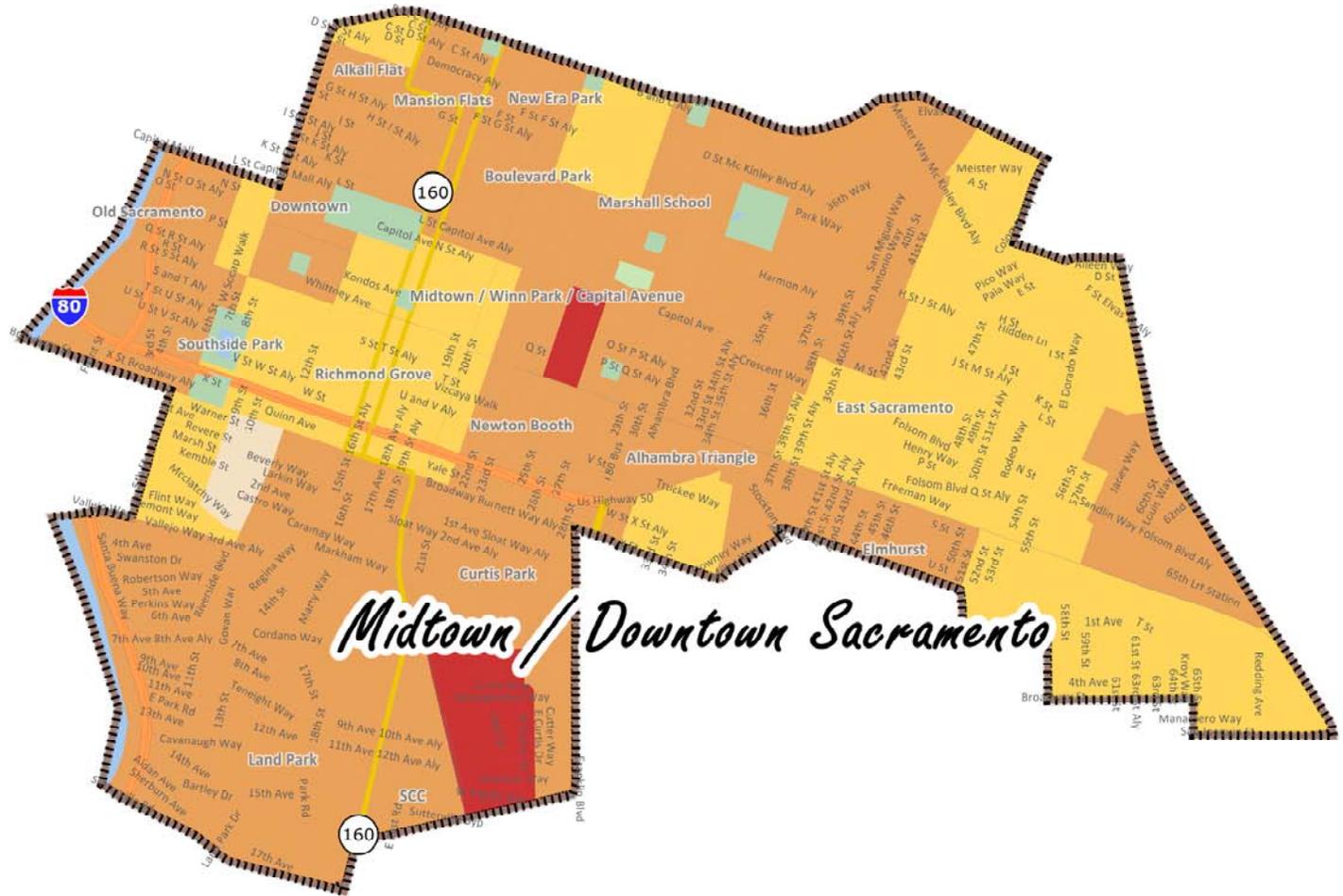
LGBT Community of Interest Map

MIDTOWN / DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	63,572
pdi_domesticpartner	1,273
No on Prop 8	74%
Yes on Prop 8	26%
No on Prop 22	67%
Yes on Prop 22	33%
Prop 8 Donors	427
Prop 22 donors	43
LGBT Organizations	3,882
SSHH Count	650
Men_SSHH	417
Women_SSHH	233
POSSLQ_Count	1,413



Midtown / Downtown Sacramento



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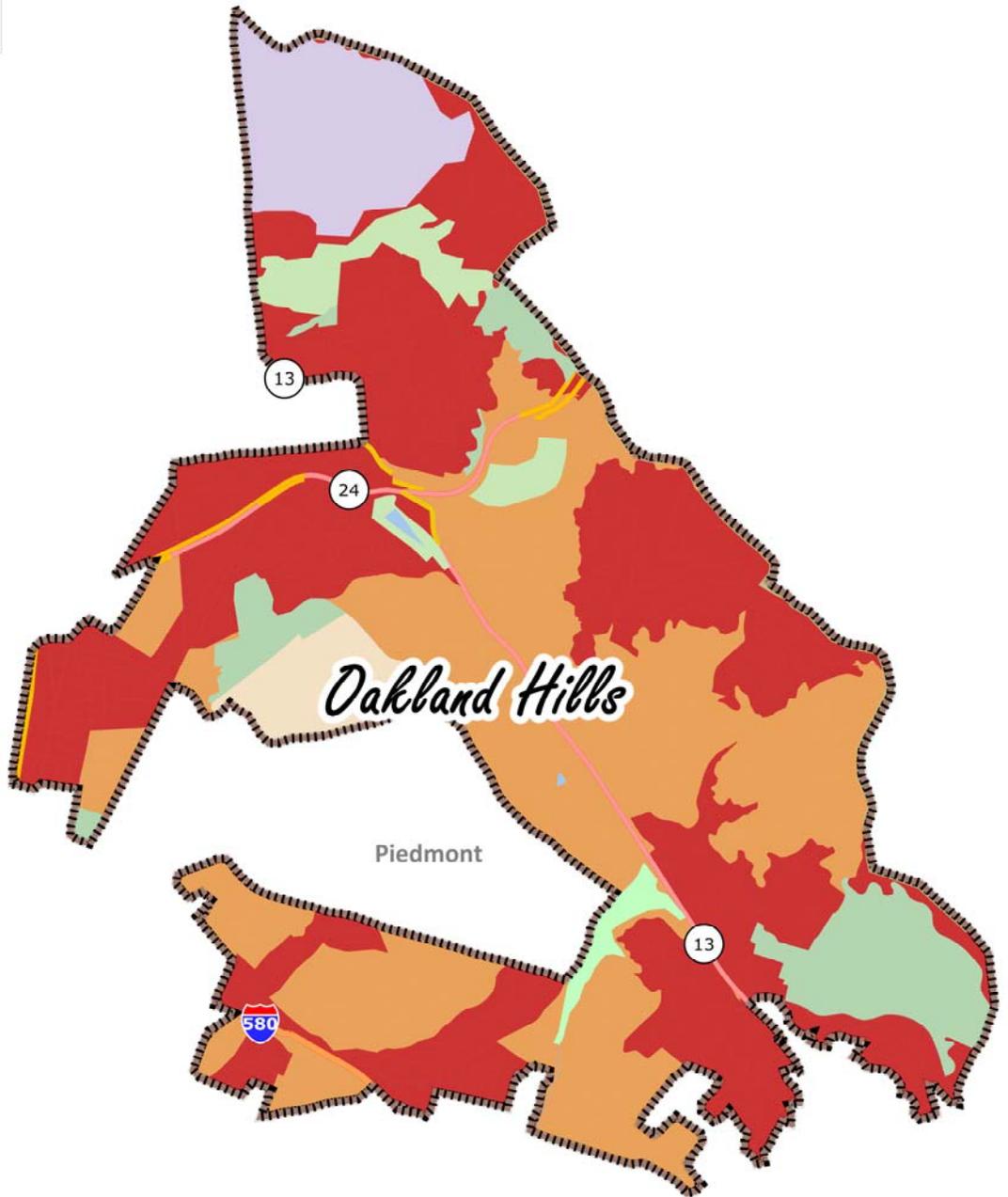
LGBT Community of Interest Map OAKLAND HILLS

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	65,412
pdi_domesticpartner	1,211
No on Prop 8	85%
Yes on Prop 8	15%
No on Prop 22	78%
Yes on Prop 22	22%
Prop 8 Donors	1,047
Prop 22 donors	148
LGBT Organizations	6,442
SSHH Count	944
Men_SSHH	438
Women_SSHH	504
POSSLQ_Count	1,722



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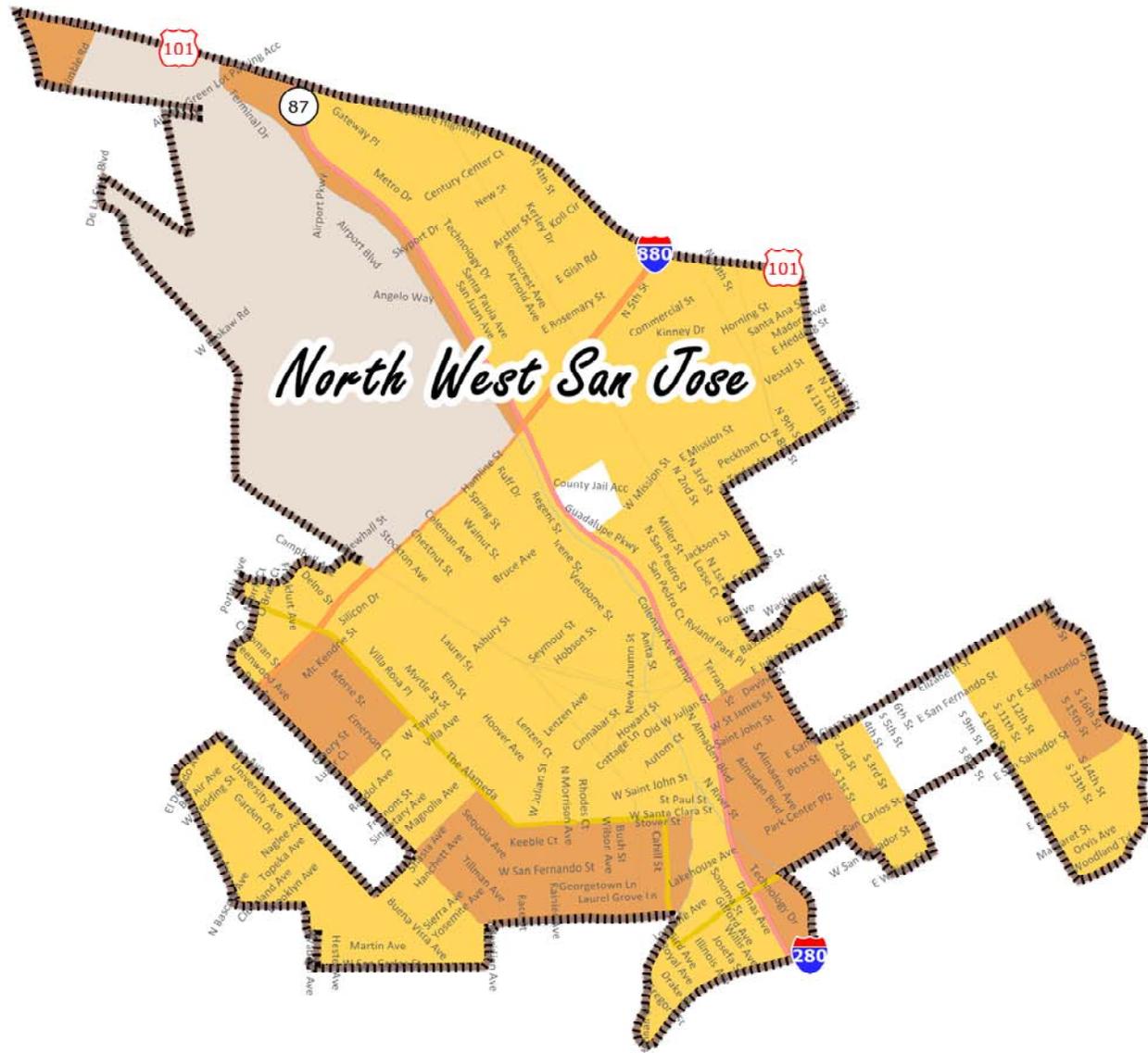
LGBT Community of Interest Map

NORTH WEST SAN JOSE

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	39,287
pdi_domesticpartner	362
No on Prop 8	71%
Yes on Prop 8	29%
No on Prop 22	63%
Yes on Prop 22	37%
Prop 8 Donors	148
Prop 22 donors	23
LGBT Organizations	993
SSHH Count	208
Men_SSHH	155
Women_SSHH	55
POSSLQ_Count	505



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LGBT Community of Interest Map

CITY OF SAN JOSE

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	945,942
pdi_domesticpartner	1,978
Prop 8 No	52%
Yes on Prop 8	48%
Prop 22 No	44%
Yes on Prop 22	56%
Prop 8 Donors	976
Prop 22 donors	127
LGBT Organizations	7,469
Men_SSHH	952
Women_SSHH	749
POSSLQ_Count	4,077





LGBT Community of Interest Map

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	1,360,815
pdi_domesticpartner	6,098
Prop 8 No	53%
Yes on Prop 8	47%
Prop 22 No	45%
Yes on Prop 22	55%
Prop 8 Donors	2,293
Prop 22 donors	319
LGBT Organizations	27,931
Men_SSHH	3,178
Women_SSHH	2,312
POSSLQ_Count	14,659



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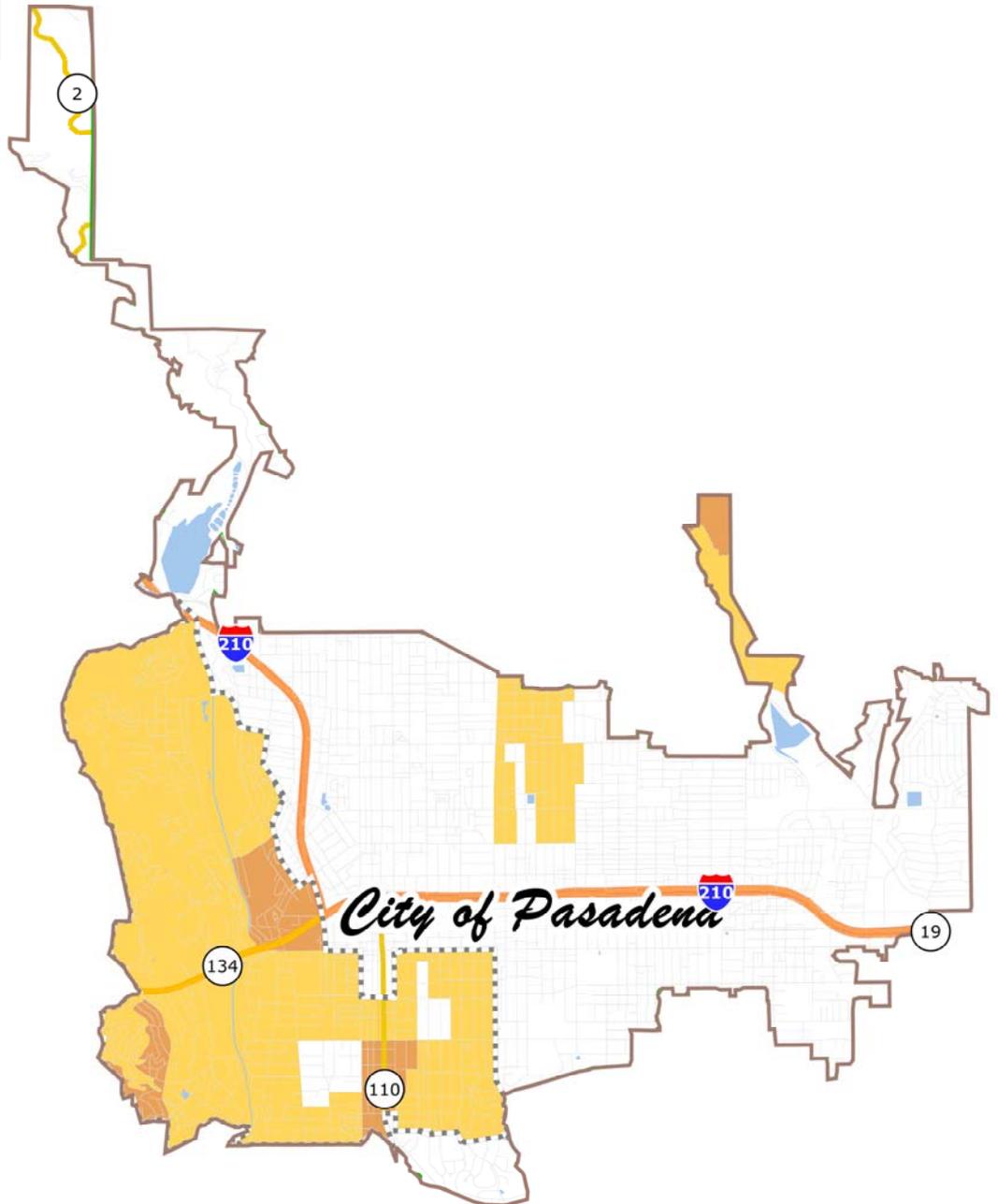
LGBT Community of Interest Map CITY OF PASADENA

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	137,122
pdi_domesticpartner	626
Prop 8 No	56%
Yes on Prop 8	44%
Prop 22 No	48%
Yes on Prop 22	52%
Prop 8 Donors	418
Prop 22 donors	60
LGBT Organizations	3,589
Men_SSHH	265
Women_SSHH	136
POSSLQ_Count	1,294





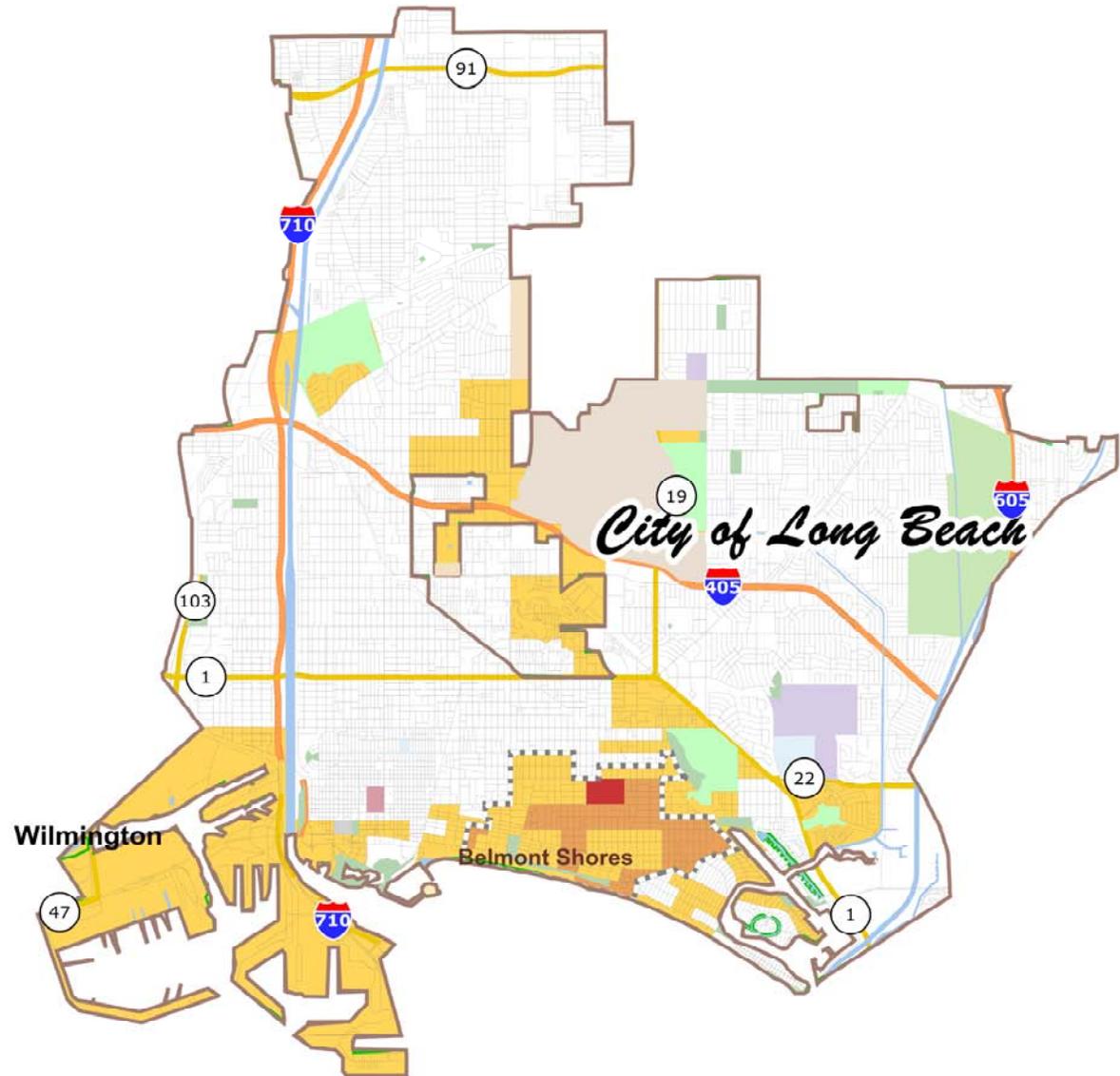
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LGBT Community of Interest Map CITY OF LONG BEACH

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	462,257
pdi_domesticpartner	2,767
Prop 8 No	51%
Yes on Prop 8	49%
Prop 22 No	43%
Yes on Prop 22	57%
Prop 8 Donors	774
Prop 22 donors	95
LGBT Organizations	7,642
Men_SSHH	976
Women_SSHH	755
POSSLQ_Count	4,365



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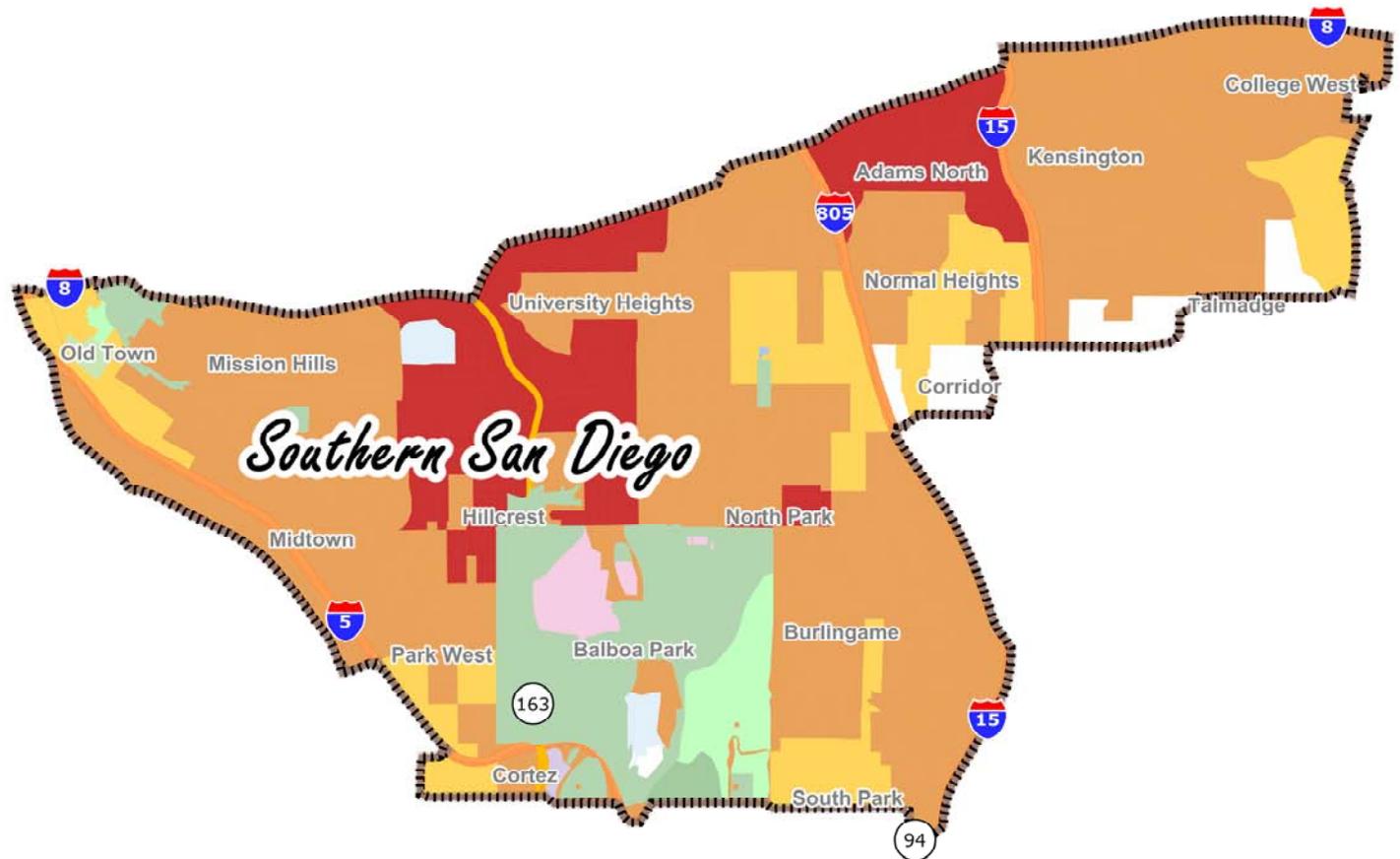
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LGBT Community of Interest Map SOUTHERN SAN DIEGO

LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	130,679
pdi_domesticpartner	2,697
No on Prop 8	74%
Yes on Prop 8	26%
No on Prop 22	66%
Yes on Prop 22	34%
Prop 8 Donors	1,111
Prop 22 donors	178
LGBT Organizations	10,600
SSHH Count	2,273
Men_SSHH	1,583
Women_SSHH	691
POSSLQ_Count	4,783



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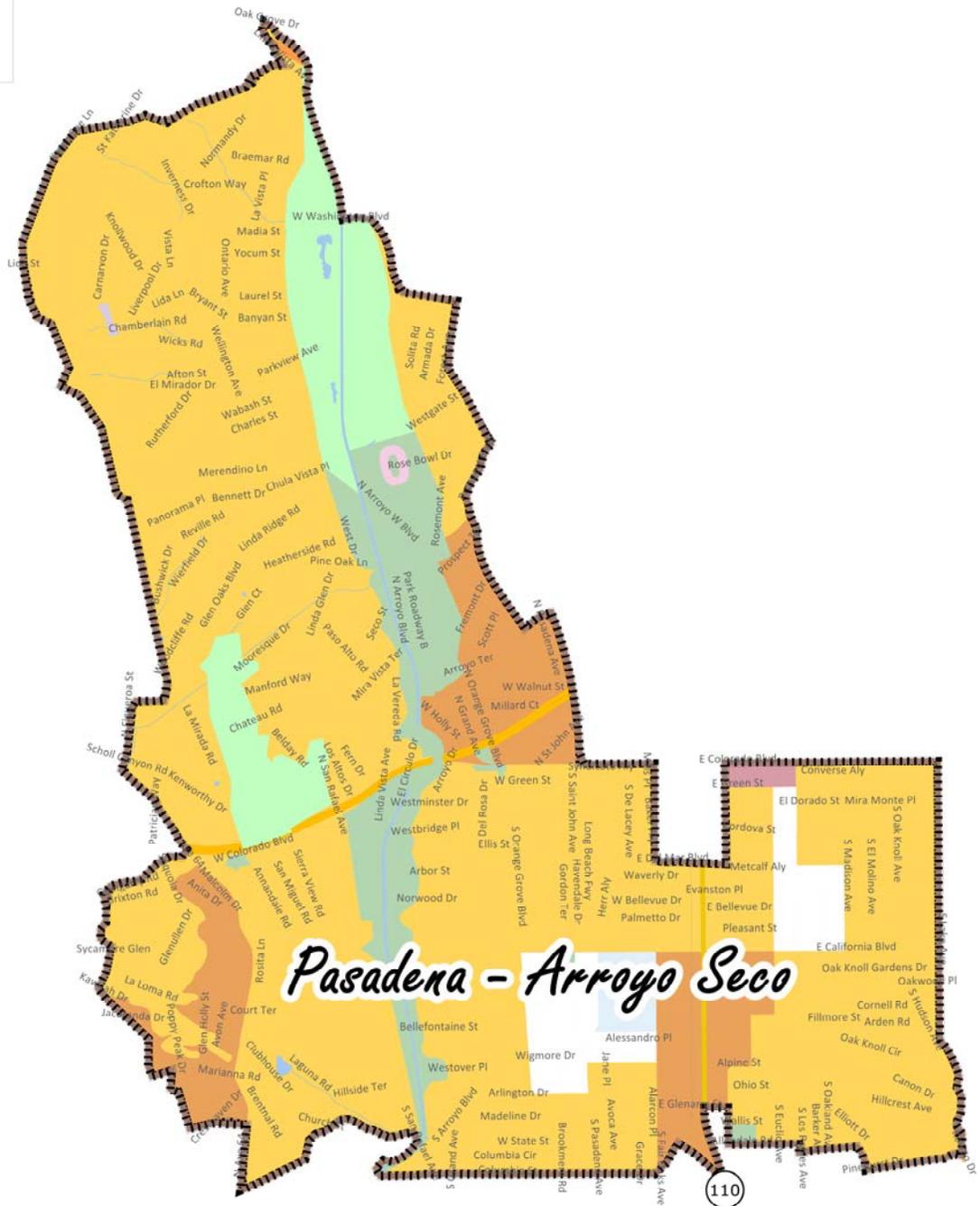
LGBT Community of Interest Map PASADENA - ARROYO SECO

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	28,539
pdi_domesticpartner	184
No on Prop 8	63%
Yes on Prop 8	37%
No on Prop 22	56%
Yes on Prop 22	44%
Prop 8 Donors	171
Prop 22 donors	27
LGBT Organizations	1,254
SSHH Count	169
Men_SSHH	112
Women_SSHH	57
POSSLQ_Count	408



Pasadena - Arroyo Seco





LGBT Community of Interest Map

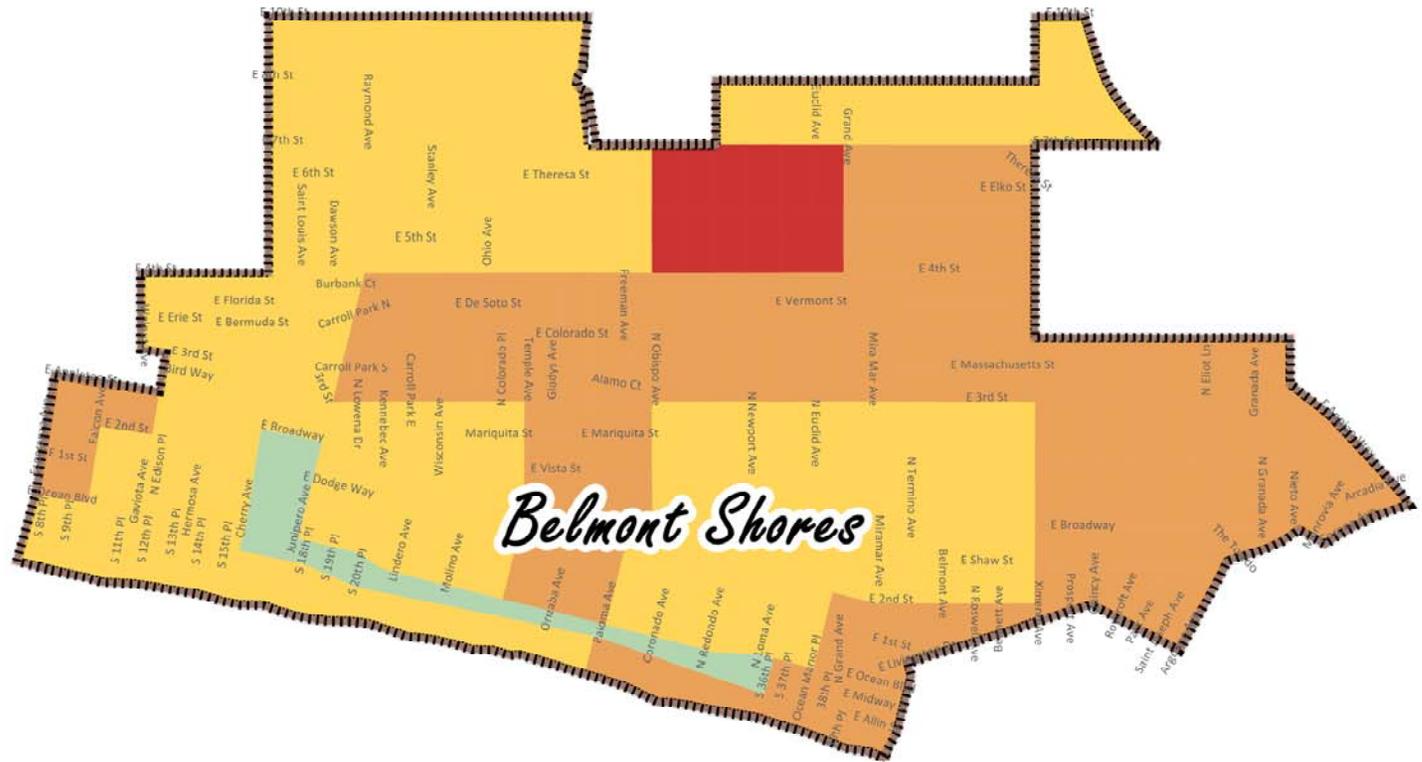
LONG BEACH - BELMONT SHORES

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-94th Percentile
- 95-97th Percentile
- 98-99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	37,703
pdi_domesticpartner	692
No on Prop 8	73%
Yes on Prop 8	27%
No on Prop 22	63%
Yes on Prop 22	37%
Prop 8 Donors	127
Prop 22 donors	16
LGBT Organizations	1,932
SSHH Count	450
Men_SSHH	251
Women_SSHH	199
POSSLQ_Count	970



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LGBT Community of Interest Map

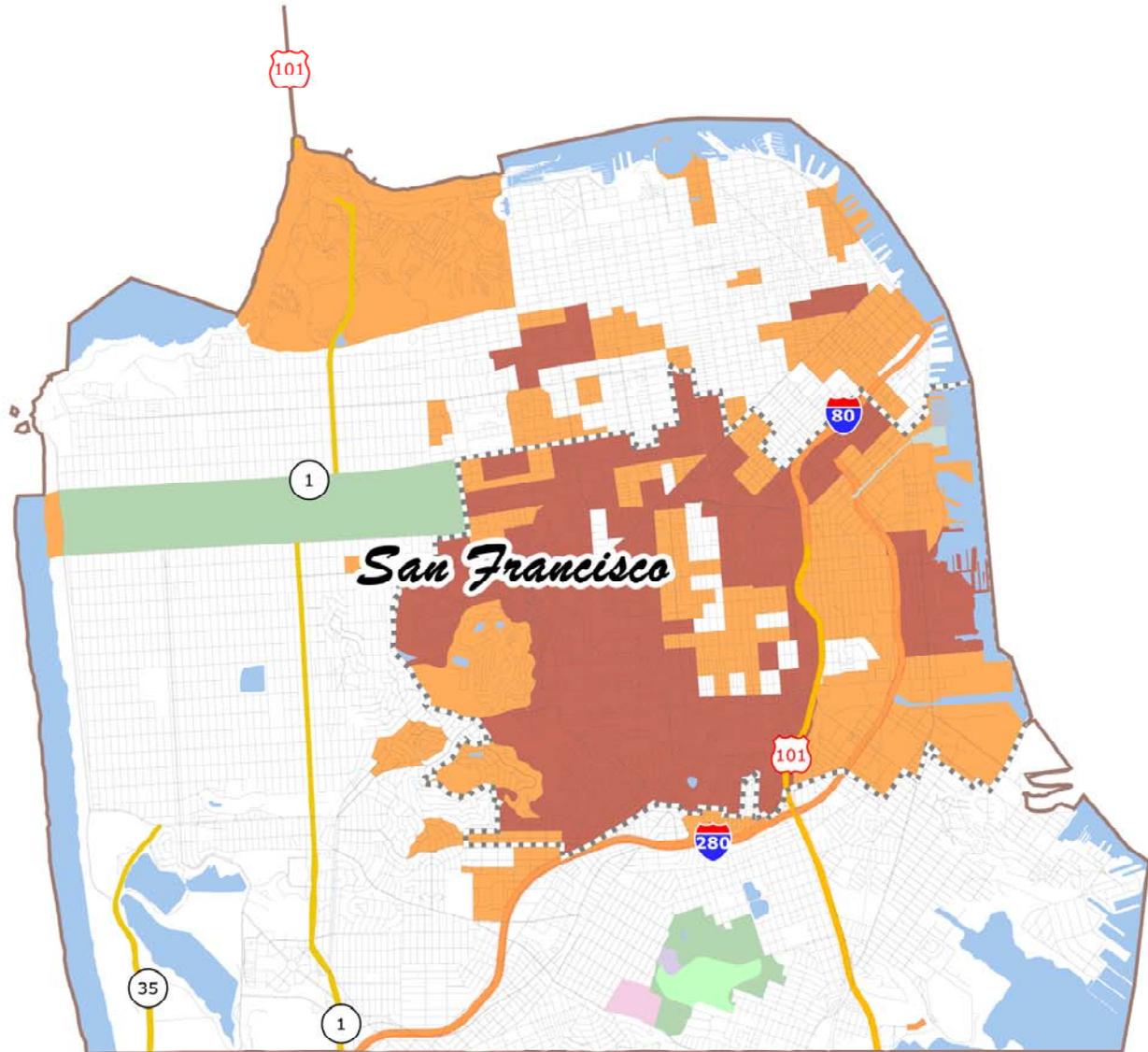
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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LGBT COI Rank

- 98th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	802,355
pdi_domesticpartner	9,886
Prop 8 No	75%
Yes on Prop 8	25%
Prop 22 No	68%
Yes on Prop 22	32%
Prop 8 Donors	9,332
Prop 22 donors	1,338
LGBT Organizations	50,220
Men_SSHH	5,326
Women_SSHH	1,892
POSSLQ_Count	18,611





LGBT Community of Interest Map CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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LGBT Blend Rank

- 90-95th Percentile
- 95-99th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	466,488
pdi_domesticpartner	3,114
Prop 8 No	55%
Yes on Prop 8	45%
Prop 22 No	48%
Yes on Prop 22	52%
Prop 8 Donors	921
Prop 22 donors	82
LGBT Organizations	8,707
Men_SSHH	1,007
Women_SSHH	986
POSSLQ_Count	3,992





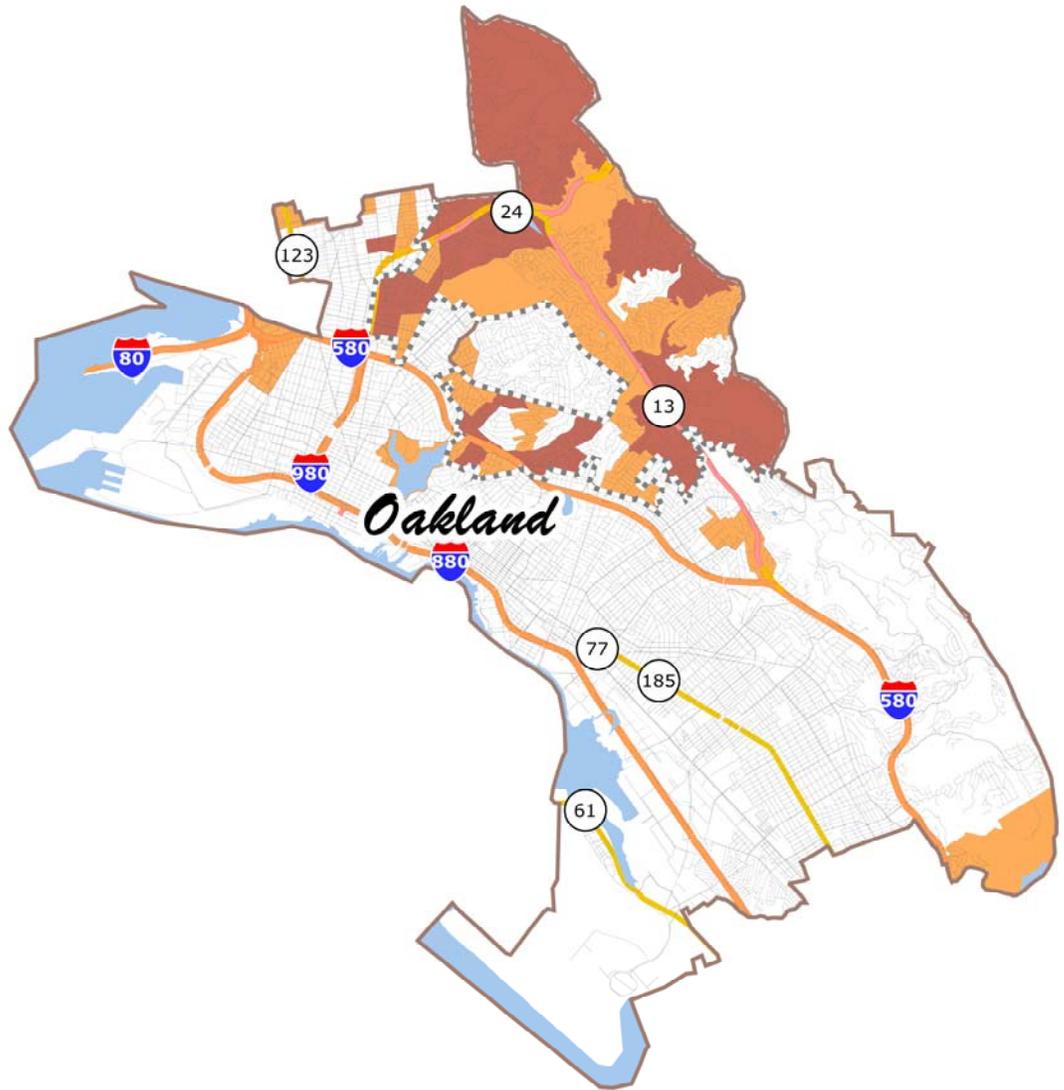
LGBT Community of Interest Map OAKLAND HILLS

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LGBT COI Rank

- 98th Percentile
- 99th Percentile
- Other

Field	Value
Population	390,724
pdi_domesticpartner	3,437
Prop 8 No	69%
Yes on Prop 8	31%
Prop 22 No	68%
Yes on Prop 22	32%
Prop 8 Donors	2,099
Prop 22 donors	238
LGBT Organizations	15,642
Men_SSHH	1,125
Women_SSHH	1,398
POSSLQ_Count	5,536





June 10, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Community of interest: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community

Dear Commissioners,

Equality California is the largest statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights advocacy organization in California with more than 700,000 members statewide. Over the past decade, Equality California has passed more than 75 pieces of legislation and continues to advance equality through legislative advocacy, electoral work, public education and community empowerment.

On behalf of the board and staff of Equality California I would like to thank the members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission for your service. And on behalf our 700,000 members in California, I write to urge you to recognize the LGBT community as a unique community of interest to ensure fair and appropriate representation.

The LGBT communities in California are a community of interest using the community of interest standard. Drawing from *Legislature v. Reinecke*, 10 Cal. 3d 396, 412 (1973), the California constitution provides as follows: “A community of interest is a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.” Cal. Const. art. 21, sec. 2(d)(4); *see Reinecke*, 10 Cal. 3d at 412 (listing most of these requirements); *id.* at 416 (“travel patterns, geography, common economic activities and other ‘community of interest’ indicators). Thus, the court appears to rely on an intuitive notion of a geographic area united by a similar lifestyle or culture. We may identify certain specific factors, however, from court opinions from California and elsewhere, and legal scholarship.

In particular, the existence of geographically compact minority communities of interest clearly limits the political subdivision principle. If a community may be identified as (1) a minority group that is (2) geographically compact or has a “sense of community” it constitutes a community of interest.



While not discussed in relevant California cases, scholars and other courts have identified other factors that may also play a role:

- “The social and economic interests common to the population of an area which are probable subjects of legislative action generally termed a “community of interests” should be considered in determining whether the area should be included within or excluded from a proposed district so that all of the citizens of the district may be represented reasonably, fairly and effectively. “ *The California Supreme Court in Legislature v. Reinecke*, 10 Cal. 3d 396, 401, 412 (1973). “[A]ge, economic status, religious and political persuasion, and a variety of other demographic factors.” *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630, 646 (1993).
- “[C]ultural ties.” *Mellow v. Mitchell*, 607 A.2d 204, 220-21 (Pa. 1992). A similar formulation notes that “a ‘community of interest’ exists when ‘residents share substantial cultural, economic, political, and social ties.’” Statement of Elizabeth OuYang in TARRY HUM, REDISTRICTING AND THE NEW DEMOGRAPHICS: DEFINING “COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST” IN NEW YORK CITY 15 (2002).
- “[W]hether a group has suffered an identifiable history of discrimination in education, health and employment.” Stephen J. Malone, Note, *Recognizing Communities of Interest in a Legislative Apportionment Plan*, 83 VA. L. REV. 461, 478 (1997); Cf. Statement of Gary Okihiro in HUM *supra* at 26 (such a sense of community grows out of a “community of memory.”).
- “[A] community of limited liability, a community of opportunities, a community of shared institutions, and a community bound by common goods.” Statement of Paul Ong in HUM, *supra* at 14.
- A recent California based project is engaging in an empirical study to provide evidence for the community of interest standard in Asian-American communities, and outlines some other factors such as income/economic class, occupation, education, mode of travel, media usage, language, political stance, political engagement, information networks, and common risks faced. CAROL OJEDA KIMBROUGH, EUGENE LEE & YEN LING SHEK, THE ASIAN AMERICANS REDISTRICTING PROJECT: LEGAL BACKGROUND OF THE “COMMUNITY OF COMMON INTEREST” REQUIREMENT (2009).

Given this understanding of the community of interest requirement, it would appear that LGBT communities should remain intact in the redistricting process, especially those that exist in a particular political subdivision as a minority community. In certain areas, the LGBT community satisfies both requirements of a minority community of interest. First, the California Supreme Court has recognized that LGBT individuals form a specific minority group with a common history of discrimination. *In re Marriage Cases*, 43 Cal.4th 757, 841 (2008). Next, LGBT minorities form geographically compact groups with a sense of community in certain locations. For example, the City of West Hollywood is a political subdivision, containing a large number of LGBT individuals, estimated at 40% of the community, and shares a common history and identity. Ian Lovett, *Changing*



Nature of West Hollywood, Long a Gay Haven, Becomes an Election Issue, N.Y. TIMES, Mar. 6, 2011.

Finally, note that the community of interest standard plays a role even when a minority group does not form a majority within a district. For example, the “sense of community” was protected in *Wilson v. Eu* in part by “forming minority *influence* districts to maximize the voting potential of geographically compact minority groups of appreciable size . . . even though the individual minority groups . . . were of insufficient size to constitute a majority in their voting districts.” 1 Cal. 4th 707 at 715. Therefore, on behalf our members I hope you will recognize the community of interest standard in a way that will ensure the fair representation of the LGBT community in California. I am submitting maps that highlight the LGBT community as a community of interest.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Carroll'.

Jim Carroll
Interim Executive Director

Subject: Public Comment: 9 - Sacramento

From: Israel Leas <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, 10 Jun 2011 20:01:06 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Israel Leas <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Arden Arcade and Sacramento County

Message Body:

Dear Redistricting Commission: My area, Arden Arcade, which is just east of the City of Sacramento, would be better represented, in my opinion, if it were situated within the same Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts as the City of Sacramento. My address is Sacramento, CA (even though I live just outside the city limits). Our community just voted to not become our own city and maintain an identity of being part of Sacramento. Our area has more similarities with Sacramento than the other areas east and northeast of Sacramento. The way that the lines are drawn now would split people off from an area that they feel a connection to. People in my area think that we live in Sacramento even though we do not. When I was a precinct officer for the 2008 elections people in my area wanted to vote for Kevin Johnson for Mayor of Sacramento. I had to explain to them that we do not technically live in Sacramento even if your address says that you live in Sacramento, so you cannot !

vote for Mayor of Sacramento. Clearly our area should not be cut off from the voting block that it feels most connected to. I would also like to make a comment about the Board of Equalization maps. Sacramento County should be with other like areas. Much of the proposed BOE district that includes Sacramento County is rural. Sacramento County would be better suited to be in the Western BOE district with more populous areas that are similar to Sacramento County. Thank you for your time.

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