Hi Reena,

As requested at the last redistricting meeting, I worked with the Interactive Pieces Tool. It didn't take me long to come to the same realization that Hosam and Dianne Harrison (member of the public who spoke at the last meeting) had come to during their redistricting work in 2018: The current size of the pieces makes it difficult to modify the existing map such that the districts achieve the required $\leq$ 10% population deviation.

The demographers said that they can re-designed the pieces to address this issue. Attached is my request for modifying the pieces.

Also, questions for the demographers:

Would Maptitude for Redistricting be a good tool for us to use? The demo video for the software shows it getting down to census block data, which would be far greater granularity than we can achieve with the current Excel spreadsheet. https://www.caliper.com/redistricting/maptitude-for-redistricting-demo-video.htm

The cities of San Jose and Sunnyvale are using a tool for their redistricting that like Maptitude allows them to get down to a census block data level. Is that software also a possibility for us to use?
https://districtr.org/tag/san_jose
https://districtr.org/event/Sunnyvale2021

Thanks,

David

David Baldwin
November 8, 2021

Requested Changes to the Pieces

Break piece 11 into four parts with one division the De La Cruz Blvd from Montague Expy to the Santa Clara / San Jose city limits, and the other division the property line between the industrial zone and the residential zone behind Aldo Ave and Nelo St from Lafayette St to the Santa Clara / San Jose city limits (with Montague Park included with the residential zone).

Break piece 17 into three parts with one division Lawrence Expy, and the other division Calabazas Blvd north from the El Camino Real to Monroe St, Monroe St east to Calabazas Creek, and Calabazas Creek north.

Break piece 18 into two parts with the division Saratoga Creek north from the El Camino Real to the San Thomas Aquinas Creek, and San Thomas Aquinas Creek north.

Break piece 22 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave from Homestead north to Calabazas Blvd, and Calabazas Blvd to the El Camino Real.

Move the border between pieces 23 and 32 from its current position west to Saratoga Creek (from the ECR to Benton).

Break piece 25 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave.

Move the border between pieces 26 and 33 from its current position (the center of White Dr and Las Palmas Dr between Benton and Homestead) to the western boundary of Central Park and the library between Benton St. and Homestead Rd.

Break piece 30 into two parts with the division Pruneridge Ave.

Break piece 35 into two parts with the division Pomeroy Ave.

Break piece 36 into two parts with the division Pruneridge Ave.

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From: ███████████████
To: Redistricting
Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Sunday, November 28, 2021 10:54:07 PM
Attachments: Pieces Kit Santa Clara City 11 16 2021 DianeHarrison2.xls
image002.png
image001.png

Hi! I'm attaching my second attempt with the 47 pieces. Deviation is 6.9% Thanks for passing it on!

My goal in District 2 was to encompass all of the city's Community of Concern (which I did do) and as high a percentage of Hispanic voters as possible. However, the pieces where higher percentages of Hispanics live are all over the city, so 22% was the best I could do with contiguous districts.

District 1, as before, is nearly 50% Asian, and that was also a goal.

Sincerely, Diane Harrison ████ ██████████████████████████ (land of the Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone people) ████████████████████████

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 09:12:33 AM PDT, Redistricting <redistricting@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Diane! I will distribute to the demographers.

~Elizabeth

From: ████████████████████████████████
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission

Thank you again, Elizabeth! I'm attaching my first redistricting plan based on the existing pieces. (Yes, I've done this before, in 2018. :-)) The plan deviation is only 8.4%, though I might do better with smaller pieces.

Ah, just realized that you may not have Open Office. So, the 2nd attachment is the same file in Excel.

Sincerely, Diane Harrison 3283 Benton St. Santa Clara, CA 95051 (land of the

Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone people) ████████████████████████

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 02:06:37 PM PDT, Redistricting <redistricting@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Hi Diane,

Thank you for your email and feedback on the Redistricting map. I will be sure to provide your input to the Redistricting Commission and Demographers.

On a side note, Independent Redistricting Commission agenda and materials are documented in two places:

- City meeting calendar
- Redistricting webpage

Again, we appreciate you taking the time to be part of this process.

Thank you,

~Elizabeth

Elizabeth Elliott

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Thank you so much, Elizabeth! I'm using it now. (Had you not told me to look under the meeting section, I would never have thought to look there.)

While I'm here, during the October meeting I suggested reducing pieces over 10,000 people to under 10,000 to make the tool easier and more flexible to use. At that time, I suggested bisecting Piece 17 along the Calabazas Creek, and I stand by that suggestion.

I've now also looked at Pieces 6 & 28.

For Piece 6, I would divide out the area south of Agnew Rd. If that isn't enough to bring Piece 6 under 10,000, you could also divide out the area east of Lick Mill.

For Piece 28, we may not even have to add another piece. Piece 34 is small enough that I would just extend its northern edge up from Bellomy to the El Camino.   And if that isn't enough, you could extend its eastern edge from Winchester/Lincoln to Monroe.

Thank you very much for passing this on to the demographers.

Sincerely, Diane Harrison ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ (land of the Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone people) ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

On Monday, November 1, 2021, 04:20:08 PM PDT, Redistricting <redistricting@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Hi Diane,

I wanted to update you that the Interactive Tool is now available on the Independent Redistricting Meeting page on the City's website - under the October 23, 2021 meeting section.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

~Elizabeth

From: Elizabeth Elliott <EElliott@santaclaraca.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Redistricting <Redistricting@santaclaraca.gov>; ███████████████
Cc: Hosam Haggag <hhaggag@SantaClaraCA.gov>; Reena Brilliot <RBrilliot@SantaClaraCA.gov>;
Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: RE: Independent Redistricting Commission

Good Afternoon Diane,

Your email has been received in the Redistricting email box. I will look into your question regarding the tools for the redistricting site and get back to you.

Thank you for your interest and input,

ELIZABETH ELLIOTT

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From: ███████████████████████████████
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Clerk <Clerk@santaclaraca.gov>
Subject: Re: Independent Redistricting Commission

Hi Hossam et al! I was at both redistricting meetings, and we were told that the tools would be up on the redistricting site (Redistricting 2021-22 | City of Santa Clara?). I don't see them. Are they there someplace? Or not yet?

Sincerely, Diane Harrison ████████████████████████████ (land of the Ohlone and Muwekma Ohlone people) ████████████████████

On Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 05:00:41 PM PDT, Clerk <clerk@santaclaraca.gov> wrote:

Thank you Diane!

Your application has now been received and if selected, you will be notified of an orientation.
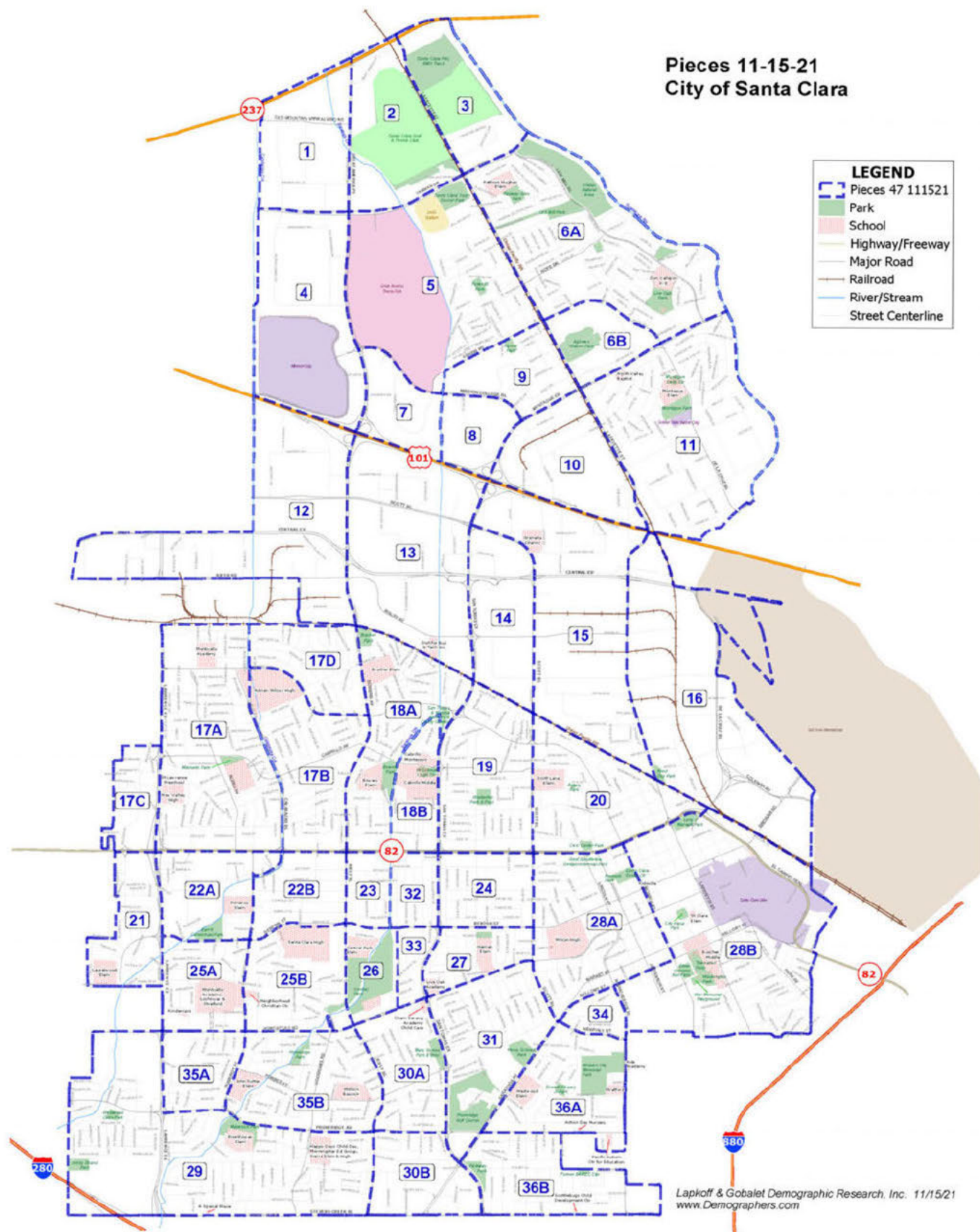
District	Census 2010 Population Balance				Citizens of Voting Age Shares				
	Population	Deviation	Percent Deviation		NH Asian CVAP	NH White CVAP	Hispanic CVAP	NH Other CVAP	Total
1	21,875	566	2.7%		49%	33%	9%	10%	100%
2	20,872	-437	-2.1%		20%	47%	22%	11%	100%
3	21,691	382	1.8%		36%	38%	16%	9%	100%
4	21,728	419	2.0%		37%	37%	19%	7%	100%
5	20,402	-907	-4.3%		29%	47%	17%	7%	100%
6	21,286	-23	-0.1%		34%	47%	11%	7%	100%
Total	127,854		6.9%		33%	42%	16%	9%	100%

Most populous Council district	21,875
Least populous Council district	20,402
Difference	1,473
Ideal Council district population	21,309
Plan's Percent Deviation	6.9%

This number should be 127,854

Pieces 11-15-21
City of Santa Clara

LEGEND
Pieces 47 111521
Park
School
Highway/Freeway
Major Road
Railroad
River/Stream
Street Centerline

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www.Demographers.com

Step #	Instruction	Demographer's Comment
1	Use the "Pieces data" worksheet in this file, in combination with the Pieces map, to experiment with Council district configurations	Note that the Pieces can be re-designed to fine-tune any Council district plan
2	In the first visible column of the "Pieces data" worksheet (Column O - "District assignment"), enter "1" or "2" or "3" or "4" or "5" or "6" to assign each Piece to a Council District	Enter your assignments for each Piece in the yellow-shaded cells

TAHIR JOEL NAIM

November 9, 2021

Redistricting Commission
c/o City Clerk's Office
City of Santa Clara.
1500 Warburton Ave.
Santa Clara, CA 95050

RE: REDISTRICTING SUGGESTION

Dear Commission Members:

We have a 6-member council elected by district and a mayor elected at large. This is because of a lawsuit to promote the opportunity for racial/ethnic diversity in representation. This is a good thing.

Previously, candidates for City Council ran for a specific Council seat, but all voters in the City of Santa Clara voted for all Council seats. In the new system, voters only vote for the Council member representing their district.

My impression, but I do not know for certain, is that the distribution of our various racial/ethnic groups is not terribly compact and may even move around.

Thus, we might move to a system that is again city-wide, but instead of voters voting by open seats, they can only vote for one candidate. The top 7 vote-getters become the City Council and either the person with the most votes becomes Mayor or that position is rotated between members. Thus, if voters want to vote on the basis of race/ethnicity, no matter where they are in our city, they'll be able to concentrate their votes. Additionally, they'll have the option to vote for someone they might prefer to the candidate(s) they would be limited to in their district.

Very truly yours,

Tahir Joel Naim

CPD - 11/18/21