### Communities of Interest City of Santa Clara Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Public Hearing #1

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## FAIR MAPS Act criteria, in order of priority, that should/should not be used during plan drawing.

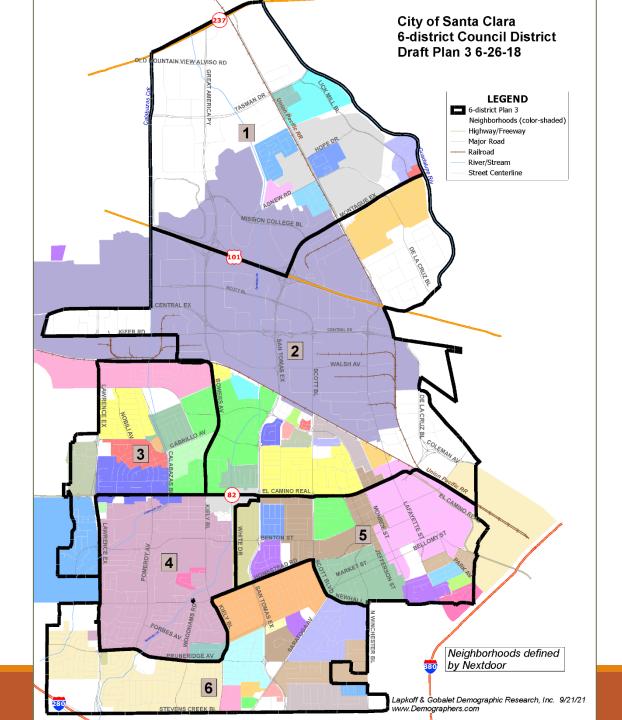
- **1.** Federal Law (population equality, Voting Rights Act)
- **2.** Geographical contiguity
- 3. Geographic integrity of communities of interest (especially do not split communities of protected groups)
- 4. Geographic integrity of cities and unincorporated communities
- **5.** Easily identifiable and understood boundaries
- **6.** Geographic compactness
- 7. No political party considerations

### **Communities of Interest (COIs) - Examples**

A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single city council district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest do not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates. -AB 1276

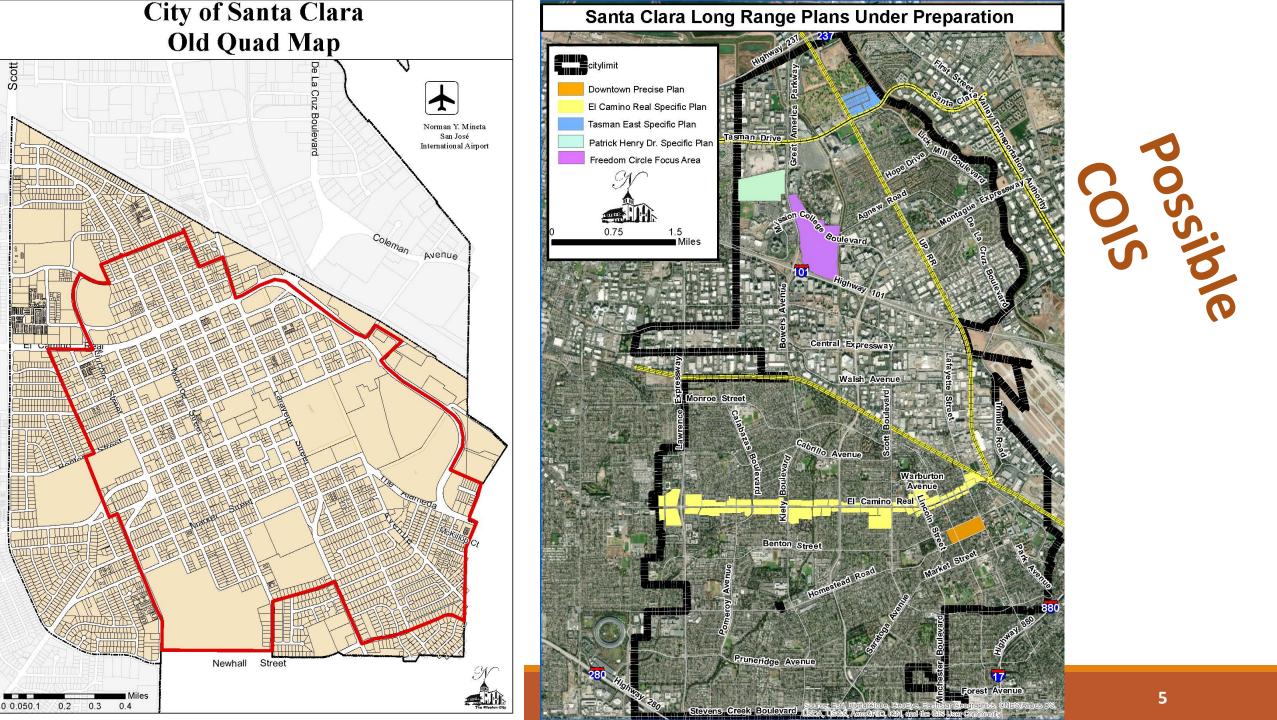
Recognized neighborhoods

Areas with similar socioeconomic characteristics, including similar income and educational levels, similar race/ethnicities



**Current Council Districts** 

Nextdoor Neighborhoods are shaded – possible communities of interest



# What is Your Community of Interest?