

# Simi Valley Districting Criteria and Process

September 17,  
2018

## Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ❑ No Racial Gerrymandering



## Traditional Criteria

- ❑ Communities of interest
- ❑ Compact
- ❑ Contiguous
- ❑ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ❑ Respect for voters' wishes and continuity in office
- ❑ *Planned future growth*

# Demographic Summary

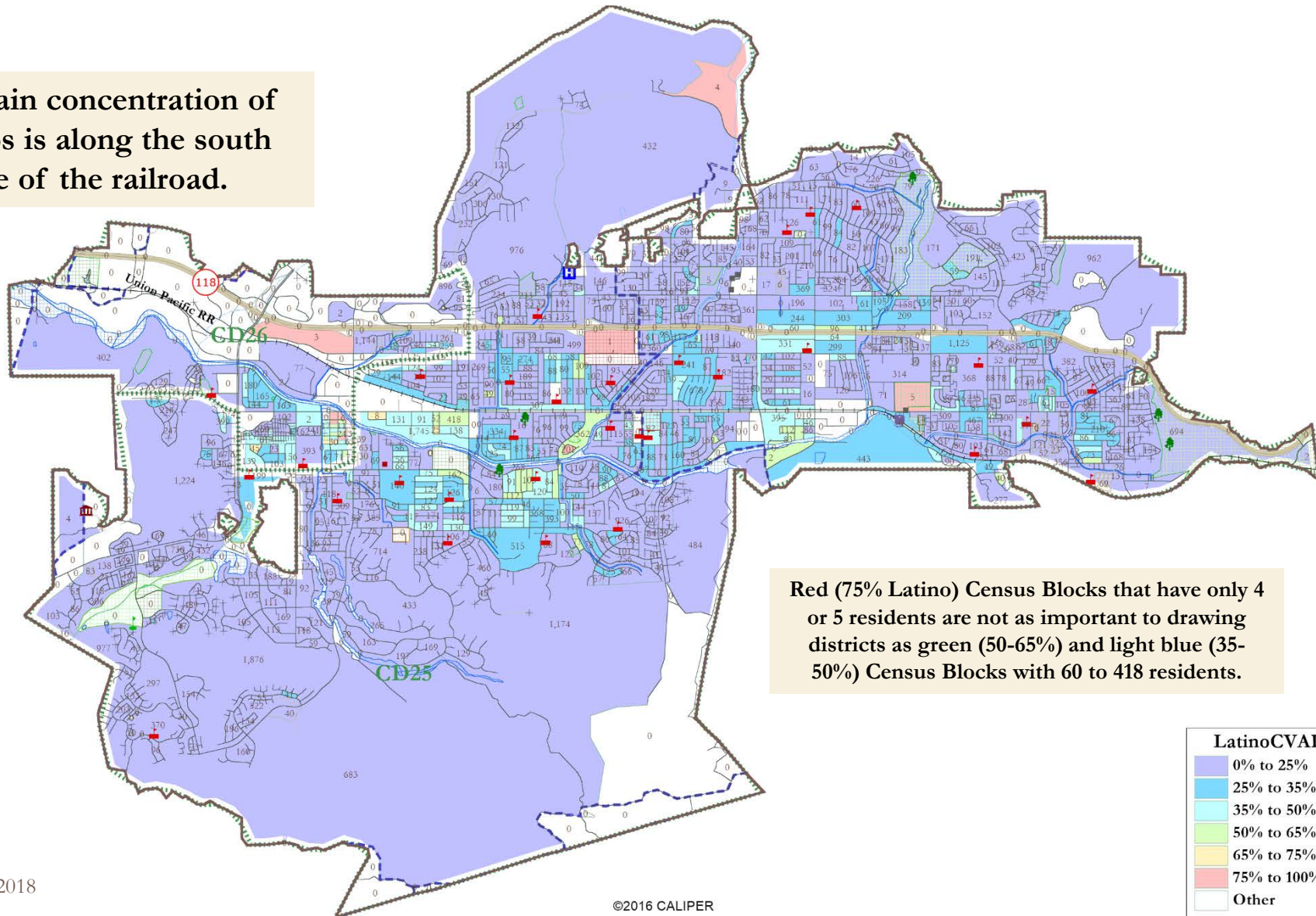
Each of four Council districts, if that is the system kept, would have about 31,059 residents. Each of five districts would have about 24,847.

All of these data categories can be mapped.

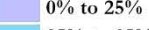
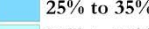
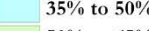
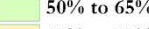
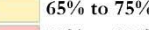
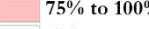
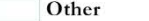
Category	Field	Count	Pct	Category	Field	Count	Pct
	Total Pop	124,237		ACS Pop. Est.	Total	126,185	
Total Pop	Hisp	28,938	23%	Age	age0-19	31,530	25%
	NH White	78,009	63%		age20-60	70,014	55%
	NH Black	1,982	2%		age60plus	24,641	20%
	Asian-American	13,051	11%	Immigration	immigrants	23,293	18%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	88,500			naturalized	13,884	60%
	Hisp	16,622	19%	Language spoken at home	english	88,296	74%
	NH White	61,884	70%		spanish	18,217	15%
	NH Black	1,409	2%		asian-lang	6,442	5%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	7,335	8%		other lang	6,355	5%
Voter Registration (Nov 2016)	Total	71,726		Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	9,678	8%
	Latino est.	11,918	17%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	50,827	59%
	Spanish-Surnamed	10,706	15%		bachelor	18,467	21%
	Asian-Surnamed	2,855	4%		graduatedegree	9,501	11%
	Filipino-Surnamed	876	1%	Child in Household	child-under18	13,831	33%
	NH White est.	54,503	76%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	64,660	64%
	NH Black	1,211	2%				
Voter Turnout (Nov 2016)	Total	58,470		Household Income	income 0-25k	4,361	10%
	Latino est.	9,125	16%		income 25-50k	6,048	14%
	Spanish-Surnamed	8,197	14%		income 50-75k	6,722	16%
	Asian-Surnamed	2,136	4%		income 75-200k	20,052	47%
	Filipino-Surnamed	699	1%		income 200k-plus	5,049	12%
	NH White est.	45,218	77%	Housing Stats	single family	36,133	83%
	NH Black	995	2%		multi-family	7,287	17%
			rented		11,634	28%	
Voter Turnout (Nov 2014)	Total	30,146		owned	30,597	72%	
	Latino est.	3,193	11%				
	Spanish-Surnamed	2,869	10%				
	Asian-Surnamed	857	3%				
	Filipino-Surnamed	316	1%				
	NH White est.	25,215	84%				
	NH Black est.	510	2%				

# Latino CVAP

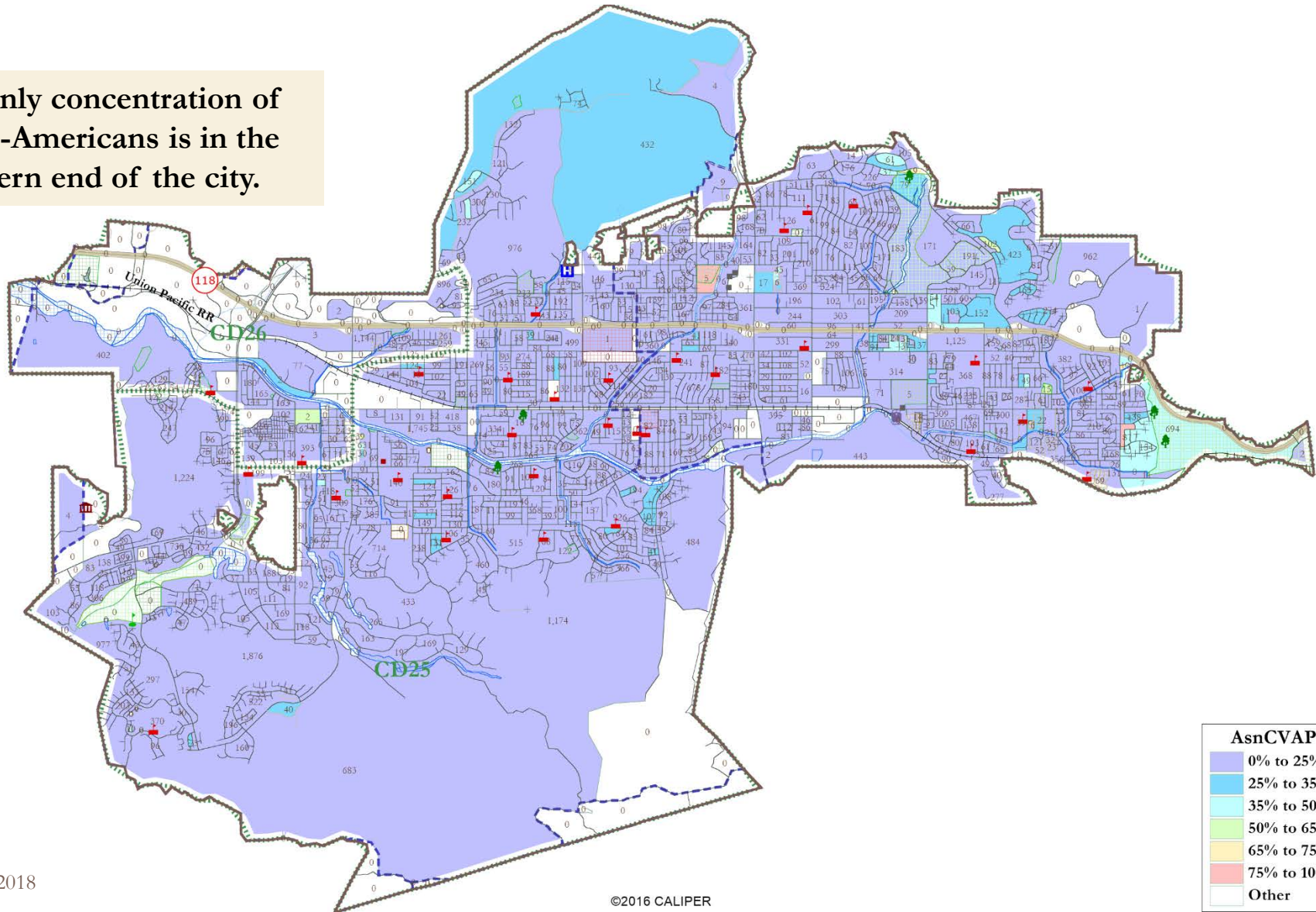
The main concentration of Latinos is along the south side of the railroad.



Red (75% Latino) Census Blocks that have only 4 or 5 residents are not as important to drawing districts as green (50-65%) and light blue (35-50%) Census Blocks with 60 to 418 residents.

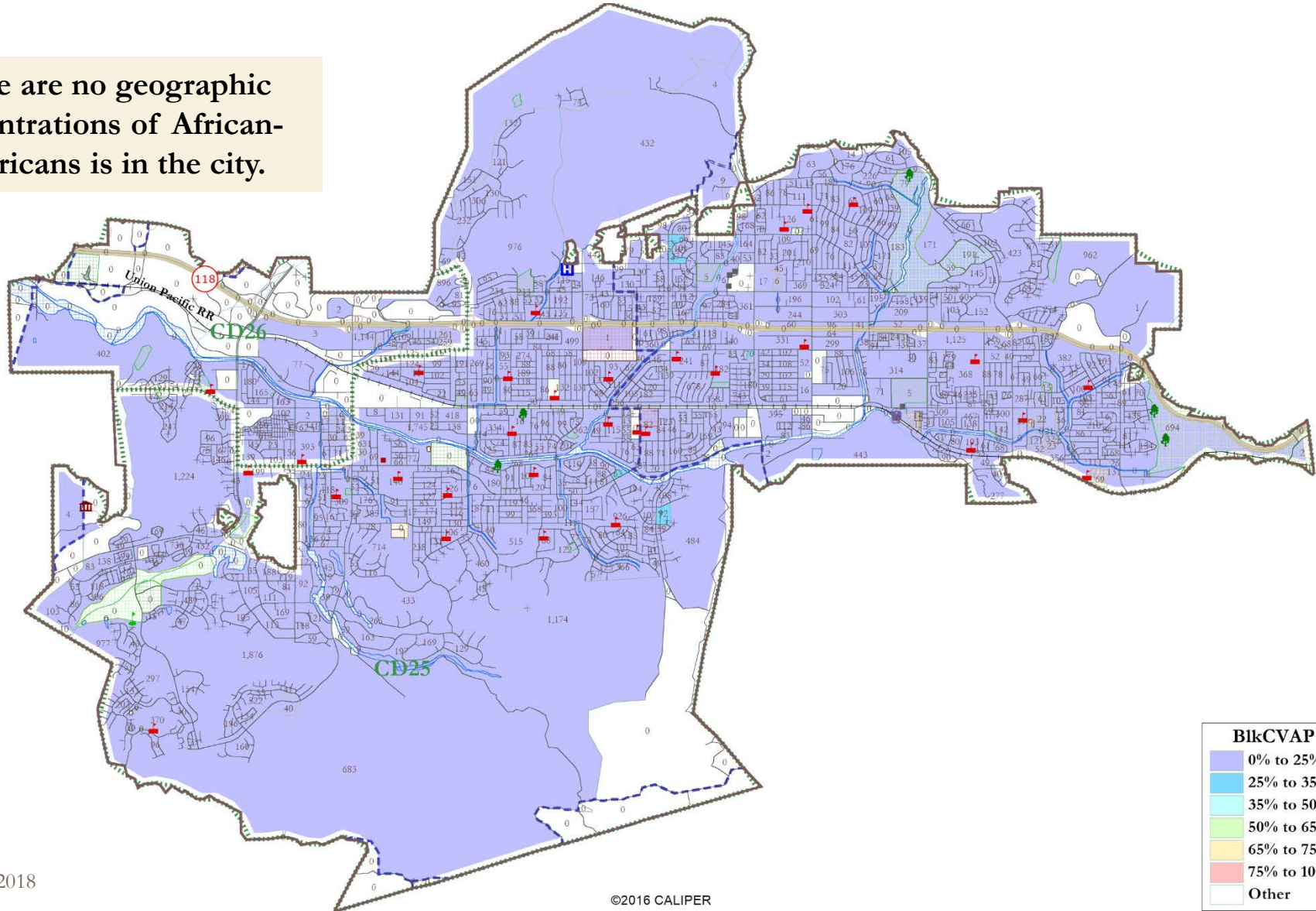
LatinoCVAP	
	0% to 25%
	25% to 35%
	35% to 50%
	50% to 65%
	65% to 75%
	75% to 100%
	Other

The only concentration of Asian-Americans is in the eastern end of the city.



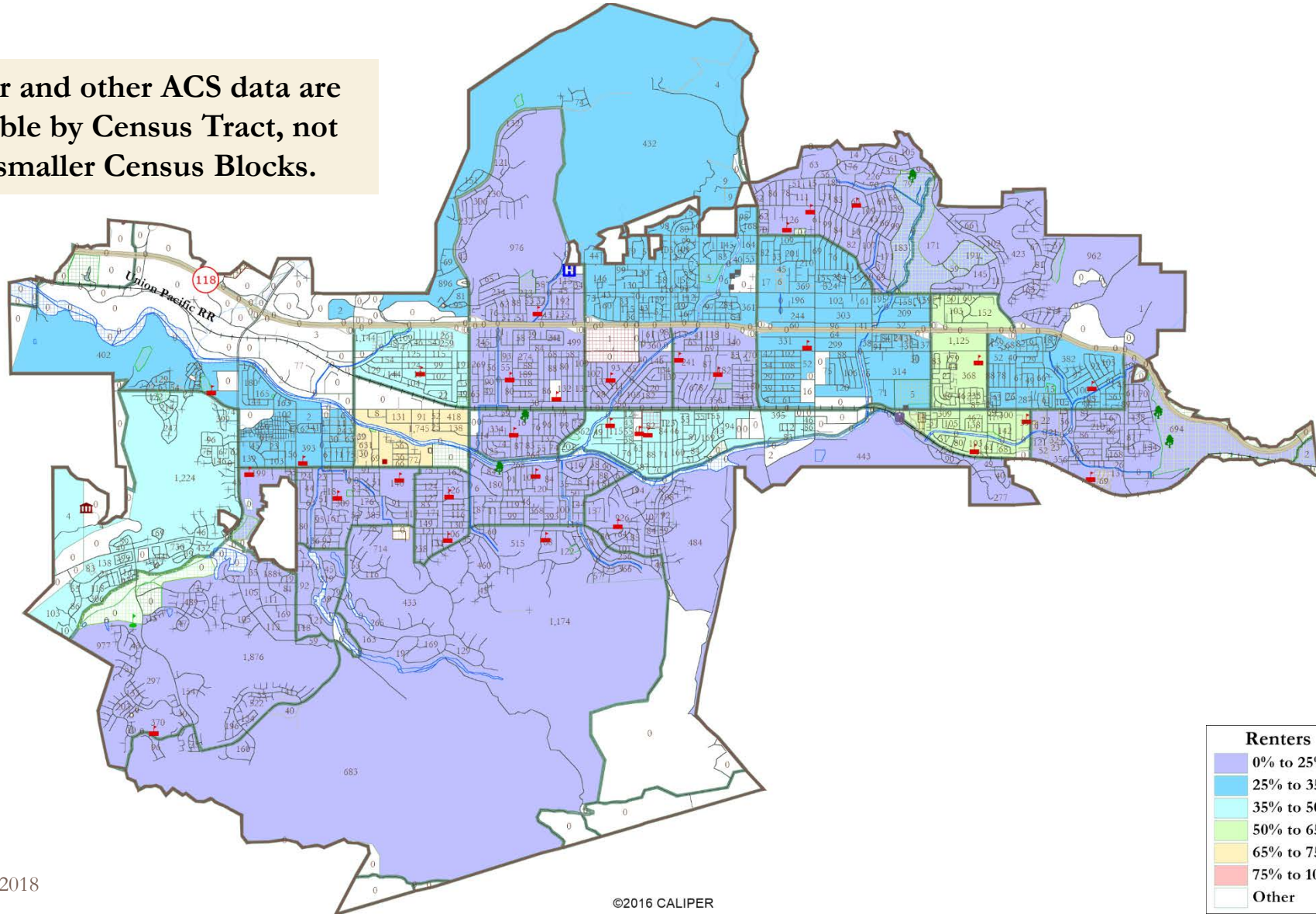
AsnCVAP	
0% to 25%	Light Blue
25% to 35%	Blue
35% to 50%	Light Green
50% to 65%	Green
65% to 75%	Orange
75% to 100%	Red
Other	White

There are no geographic concentrations of African-Americans in the city.



BlkCVAP	
0% to 25%	Lightest blue
25% to 35%	Light blue
35% to 50%	Medium blue
50% to 65%	Dark blue
65% to 75%	Very dark blue
75% to 100%	Darkest blue
Other	White

Renter and other ACS data are available by Census Tract, not the smaller Census Blocks.



Renters	
0% to 25%	(Lightest Blue)
25% to 35%	(Light Blue)
35% to 50%	(Medium Blue)
50% to 65%	(Green)
65% to 75%	(Yellow)
75% to 100%	(Red)
Other	(White)

# Defining Communities of Interest

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: what is your neighborhood or community of interest?

**A Community of Interest is generally defined as a neighborhood or community of shared interests, views, problems, or characteristics.**

Possible community feature/boundary definitions include:

- ❑ School attendance areas
- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals, and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks
- ❑ Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns
- ❑ Shared demographic characteristics
  - ▣ Such as similar levels of income, education, or linguistic isolation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Does a Community of Interest want to be united in one district, or to be divided to have a voice in multiple elections?



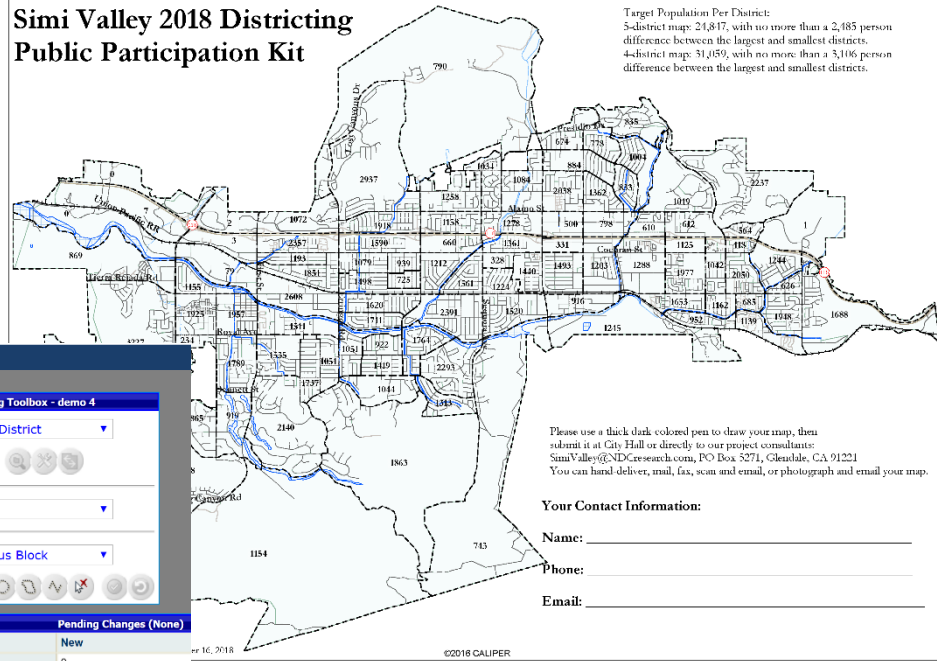


# Map-Drawing Tools

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- Use the paper map, the online tool, or any other map.
- Draw your neighborhood; draw the district you want for your area; or draw an entire citywide map.

## Simi Valley 2018 Districting Public Participation Kit



Target Population Per District:  
 5-district map: 21,817, with no more than a 2,485 person difference between the largest and smallest districts.  
 4-district map: 31,059, with no more than a 3,116 person difference between the largest and smallest districts.

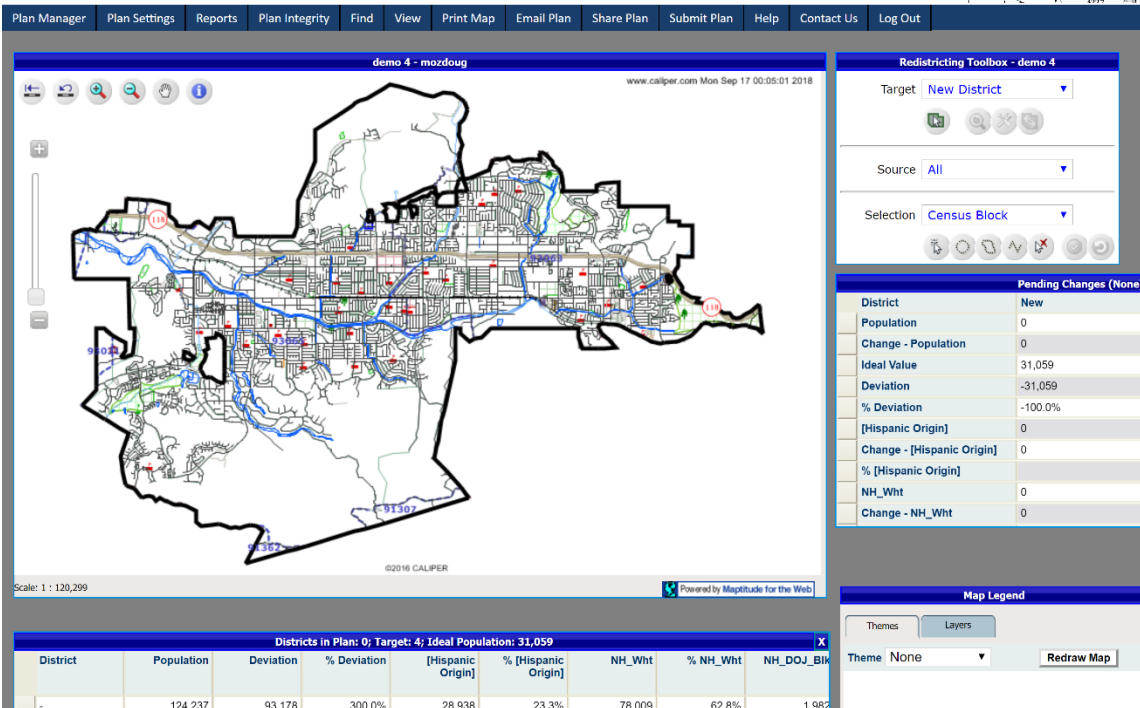
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Your Contact Information:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Districts in Plan: 0; Target: 4; Ideal Population: 31,059

District	Population	Deviation	% Deviation	[Hispanic Origin]	% [Hispanic Origin]	NH_Whit	% NH_Whit	NH_DOJ_Blk
	174,237	93,178	300.0%	28,938	23.3%	78,000	62.8%	1,982

Redistricting Toolbox - demo 4

Target: New District

Source: All

Selection: Census Block

Pending Changes (None)

District	New
Population	0
Change - Population	0
Ideal Value	31,059
Deviation	-31,059
% Deviation	-100.0%
[Hispanic Origin]	0
Change - [Hispanic Origin]	0
% [Hispanic Origin]	0
NH_Whit	0
Change - NH_Whit	0

Map Legend

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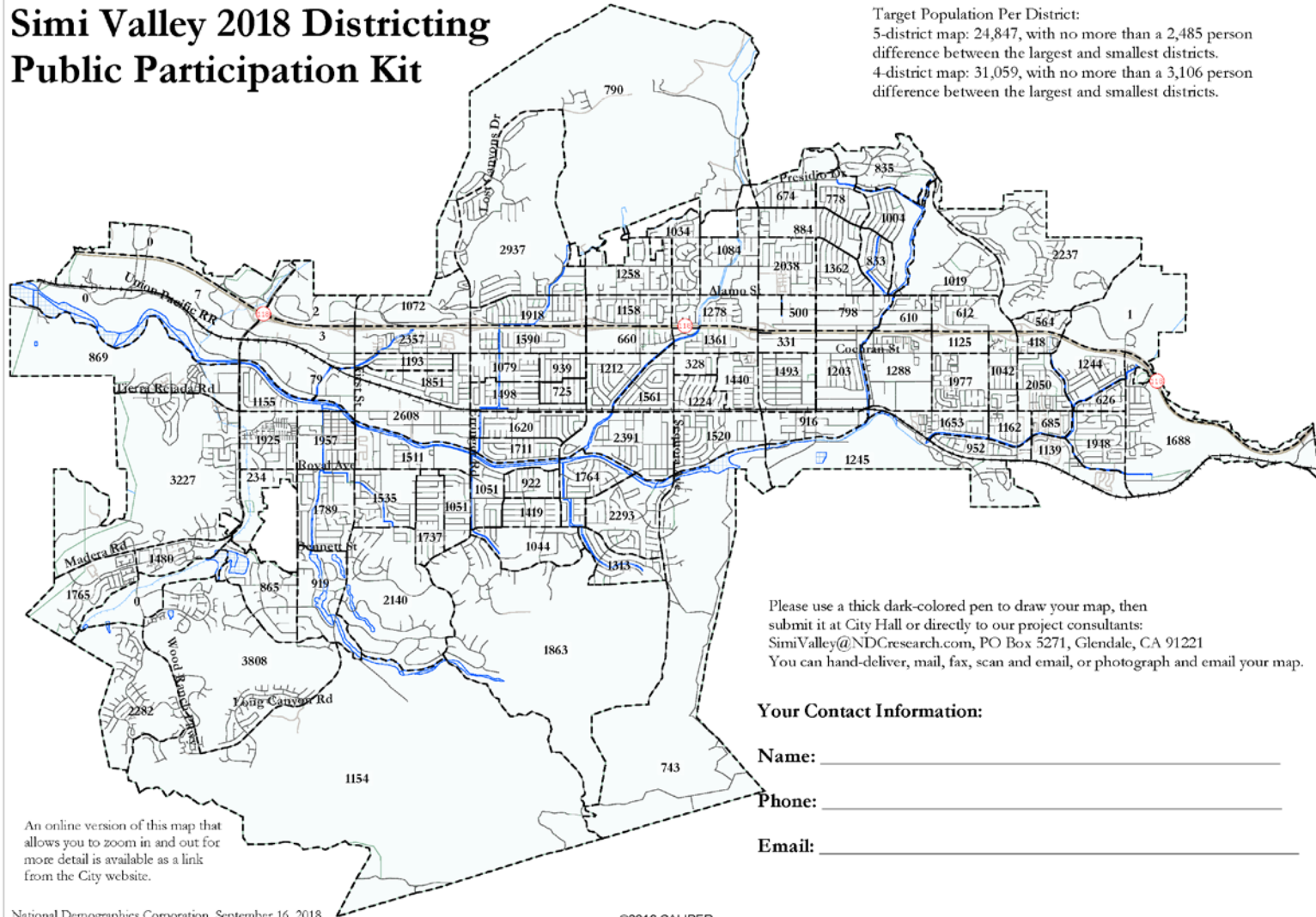
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Redraw Map

Tools will be available at  
[www.simivalley.org/districtelections](http://www.simivalley.org/districtelections)

# Using the One-Page Paper Map

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**Your Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

An online version of this map that allows you to zoom in and out for more detail is available as a link from the City website.

# Using the Excel tool

Enter the district assignment in the highlighted column, and Excel will calculate the resulting demographic changes.

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Quick Reference: Total Population & Deviation from Ideal by district										
D1:	D2:	D3:	D4:	D5:						
25,042	24,489	24,555	24,277	25,874						

District (1-5)	Pop Unit	Total Population					Citizen Voting Age Population					Ideal population:
		Tot. Pop.	Hisp	NH Wht	NH Blk	NH Asn	tot	Hisp	NH Wht	NH Blk	NH Asn	
1	1	790	117	440	13	205	484	31	316	0	24,847	
1	2	2,937	401	1,821	85	583	1,861	173	1,363	59	24,847	
1	3	1,258	183	929	5	120	896	132	689	23	24,847	
1	4	1,034	176	747	17	79	755	123	550	63	24,847	
1	5	1,084	139	824	9	96	781	39	663	0	24,847	
1	6	674	80	511	14	56	596	33	534	16	24,847	
1	7	778	125	601	8	33	664	52	596	9	24,847	
1	8	835	133	509	7	171	564	51	404	0	24,847	
1	9	1,004	173	758	4	33	751	82	643	0	24,847	
1	10	833	117	657	6	38	685	95	530	20	24,847	
1	11	884	109	722	16	32	540	80	450	0	24,847	
1	12	2,038	426	1,327	26	214	1,930	330	1,290	0	24,847	
1	13	1,362	240	1,024	9	80	910	160	660	0	24,847	
2	14	1,019	124	724	26	130	793	105	542	9	24,847	
2	15	2,237	203	1,500	31	468	1,611	177	1,020	12	24,847	
2	16	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	24,847	
2	17	564	103	285	11	161	401	83	183	4	24,847	
2	18	612	111	404	10	74	448	4	295	0	24,847	
2	19	610	158	368	18	55	378	91	248	6	24,847	
2	20	798	257	483	4	48	504	155	321	1	24,847	
2	21	500	144	317	10	23	323	94	211	3	24,847	
2	22	1,278	216	863	24	164	1,129	166	913	0	24,847	
2	23	1,158	184	836	11	107	1,101	134	907	0	24,847	
2	24	1,918	387	1,248	35	218	1,358	182	1,012	31	24,847	
2	25	1,072	212	641	50	152	754	70	559	0	24,847	
2	26	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	24,847	
3	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,847	
3	28	7	0	7	0	0	5	0	5	0	24,847	
3	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,847	

Group	Category	Counts					Unassigned	Total	Percentages					Unassigned	Total
		1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5		
Total Population	Tot. Pop.	25,042	24,489	24,555	24,277	25,874	0	124,237							
	Deviation from Ideal	195	-358	-292	-570	1,027		1,597	0.78%	-1.44%	-1.18%	-2.30%	4.13%		6.43%
	Hispanic	5,303	5,609	4,983	6,905	6,138	0	28,938	21%	23%	20%	28%	24%		23%
	NH Wht	16,240	15,488	16,280	14,276	15,725	0	78,009	65%	63%	66%	59%	61%		63%
	NH Blk	360	395	432	358	437	0	1,982	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%		2%
Citizen Voting Age Population	NH Asn	2,685	2,547	2,381	2,338	3,100	0	13,051	11%	10%	10%	10%	12%		11%
	Total CVAP	17,823	17,317	17,392	17,073	18,895	0	88,500							
	Hispanic	2,825	3,136	2,929	3,756	3,977	0	16,622	16%	18%	17%	22%	21%		19%
	NH Wht	12,918	12,200	12,863	11,565	12,337	0	61,884	72%	70%	74%	68%	65%		70%
	NH Blk	287	175	82	480	384	0	1,409	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%		2%
Nov. 2016 Registration	NH Asn	1,564	1,584	1,283	1,067	1,837	0	7,335	9%	9%	7%	6%	10%		8%
	Total Reg.	14,287	14,825	14,770	13,268	14,577	0	71,726							
	Latino	2,009	2,439	2,155	2,641	2,674	0	11,918	14%	16%	15%	20%	18%		17%
	Asian-American	636	696	550	436	538	0	2,855	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%		4%
	Filipino	11,642	11,689	12,066	10,191	11,365	0	56,954	81%	79%	82%	77%	78%		79%
Nov. 2016 Voters	Total Voters	11,700	12,150	12,199	10,704	11,717	0	58,470							
	Latino	1,535	1,893	1,664	1,985	2,048	0	9,125	13%	16%	14%	19%	17%		16%
	Asian-American	454	507	446	319	410	0	2,136	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%		4%
	Filipino	9,710	9,749	10,090	8,400	9,259	0	47,208	83%	80%	83%	78%	79%		81%

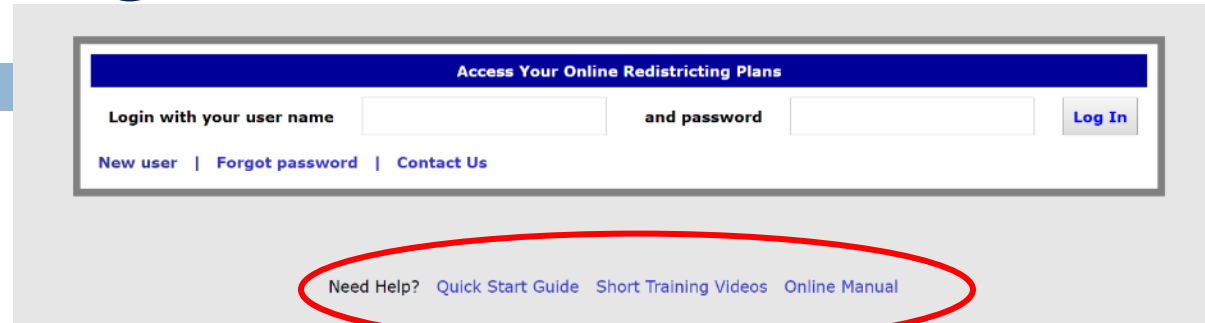
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# Using the online tool

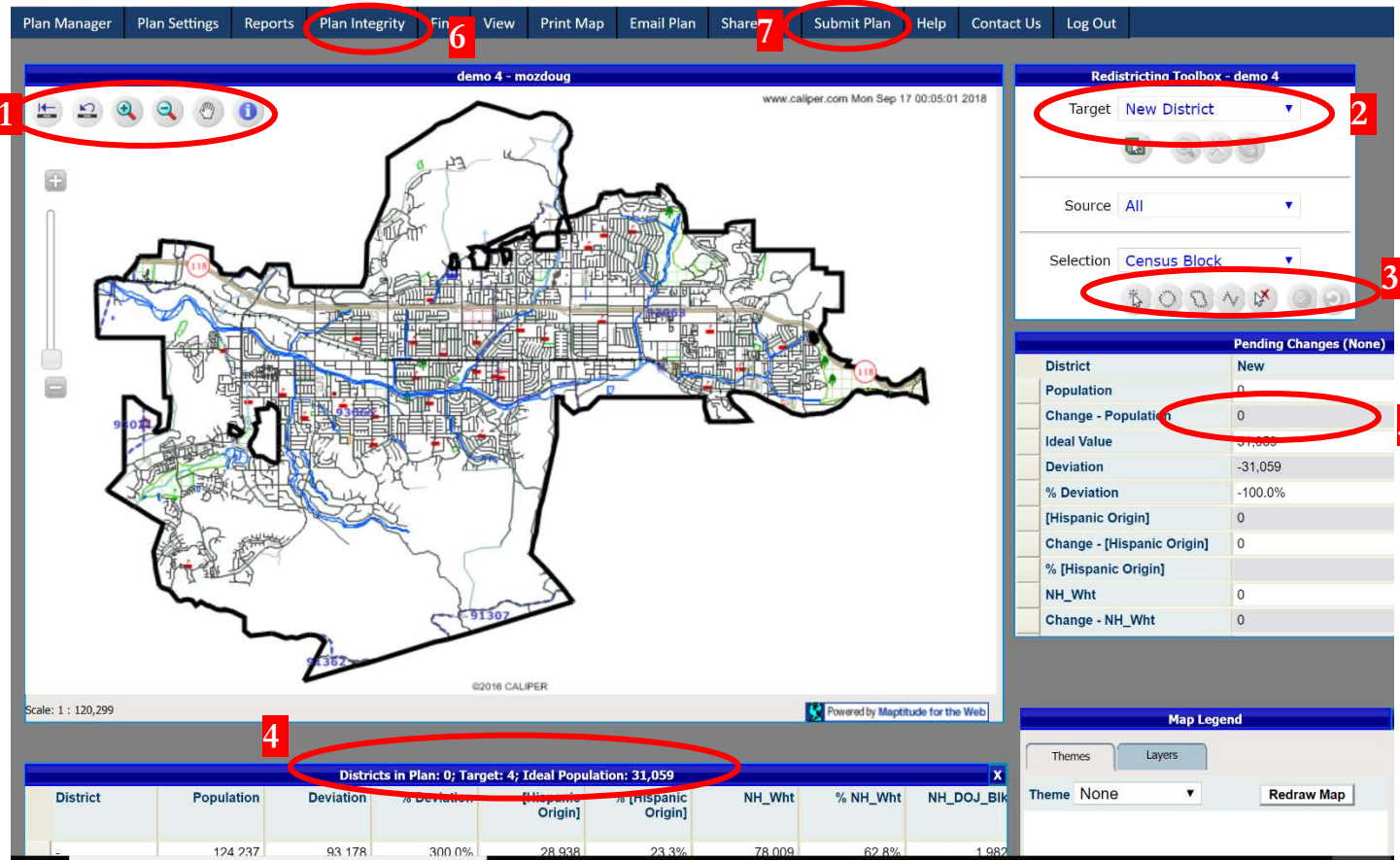
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Tutorials and help resources are available from the login page.

Circled items:

- 1: controls to move around the map;
- 2: choose into which district selected territory will be placed;
- 3: options for how to select territory;
- 4: demographic summary of districts;
- 5: demographic change of currently selected area;
- 6: review map when finished;
- 7: submit map.



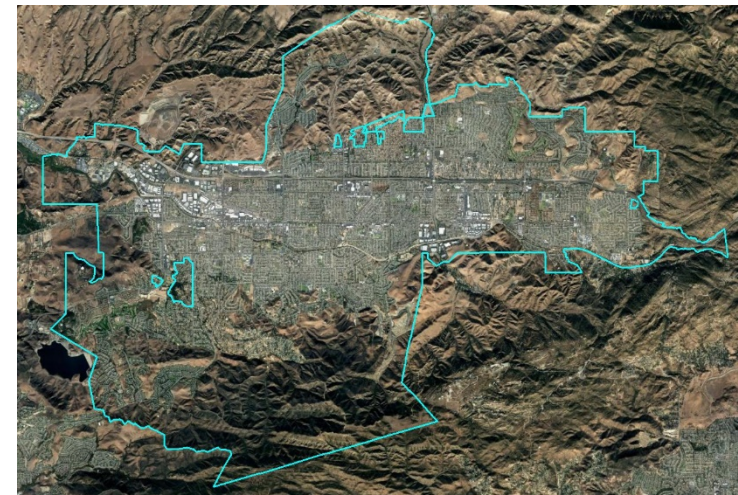
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# Discussion

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1. What are the boundaries of your neighborhood or “community of interest”?
2. Do you want your neighborhood united in one district, or with multiple Councilmembers elected from it?
3. What neighborhoods do you think make sense to be with your neighborhood in a district or districts because of common city issues?
4. What other “communities of interest” do you see in the City?
5. Any questions about any of the map-drawing tools?



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