

Rancho Cordova Draft Maps Hearing

September 18,
2023

Districting Process

Step	Description
Hearing 1 August 7	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Community Forum August 10	Informal discussion of process, mapping tools, neighborhoods and communities of interest.
Hearing 2 August 14	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Initial Map Deadline August 18	Initial deadline for residents to submit draft maps for Council consideration at the August 29 hearing.
Draft Maps Posted August 22	All draft maps must be posted on the project website 7 days in advance of the August 29 hearing.
Hearing 3 August 29	First Council consideration of draft maps.
Community Forum August 30	Informal discussion of draft maps.
Final Map Submission Deadline September 7	Deadline for residents to submit draft maps for Council consideration at the September 18 hearing.
All Draft Maps Posted September 11	All draft maps must be posted on the project website 7 days in advance of the September 18 hearing.
Hearing 4 and Map Selection September 18	Council consideration of draft maps, selection of preferred map and election sequence, and introduction of ordinance adopting the map.
Hearing 5 and Map adoption October 2	Public hearing followed by second reading of the ordinance adopting the map.

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited: “Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Districting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth

Initial Draft Maps

For the August 29th public hearing:

- 20 five-district maps submitted
- 7 six-district maps submitted
- 6 seven-district maps submitted

- In total, 20 population-balanced maps were considered

Council Direction

- Following the August 29th Public Hearing, Council:
 1. Focused on five-district maps;
 2. Selected maps 508, 511 and 516 as “focus maps,” with revisions requested to 508 and 516

Current Maps

□ **Five Focus Maps**

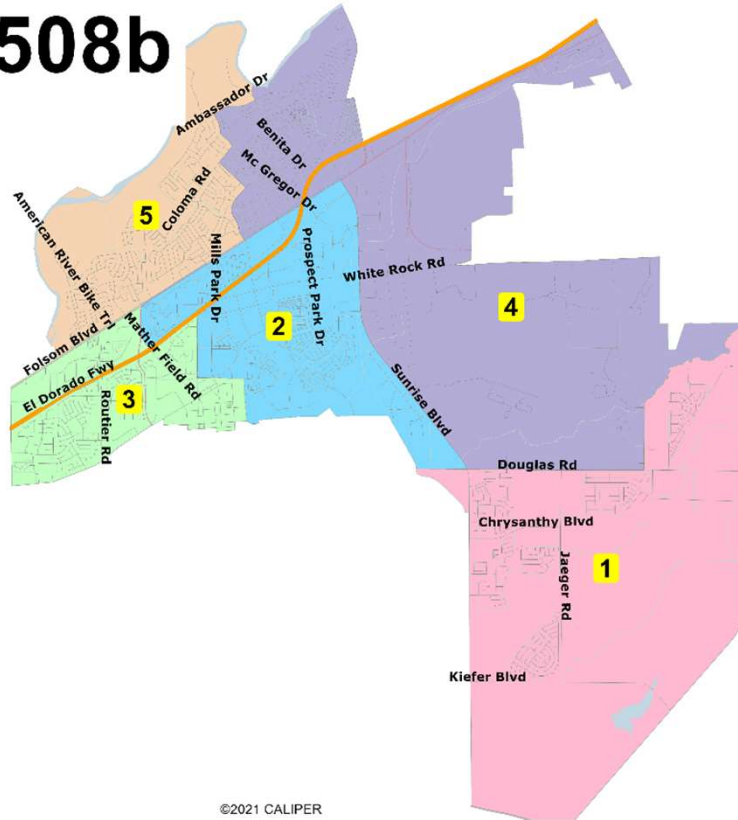
- Focus Map 508b & c
- Focus Map 511
- Focus Map 516b & c

□ **Two New Public Map Submissions:**

- New Map 511b
- New Map 522
- New public map submission 521 was neither population balanced nor contiguous.

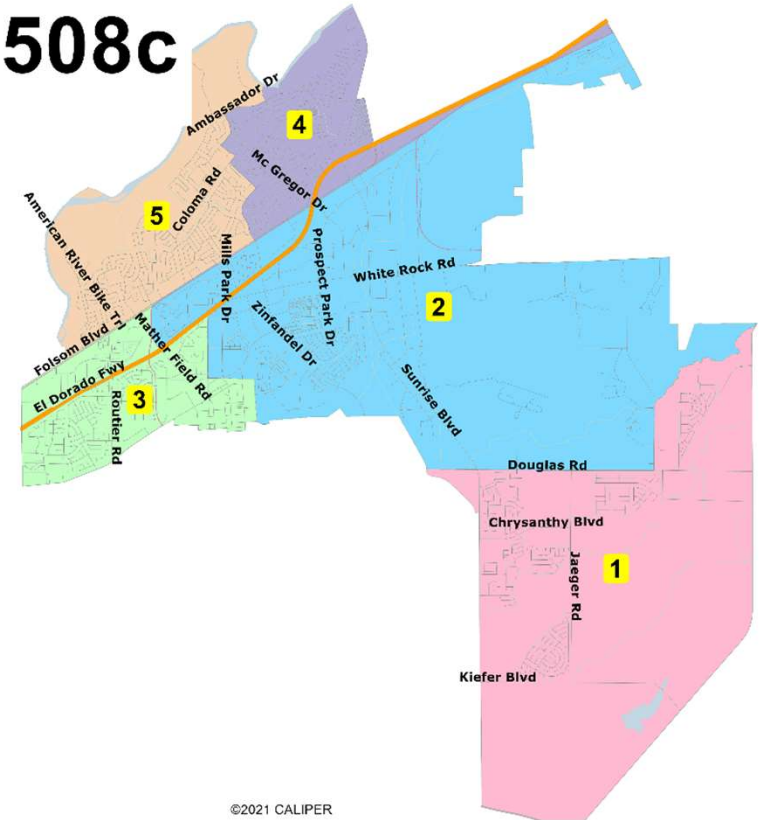
508b and 508c

Map 508b



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Map 508c



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□ Focus Map 508b

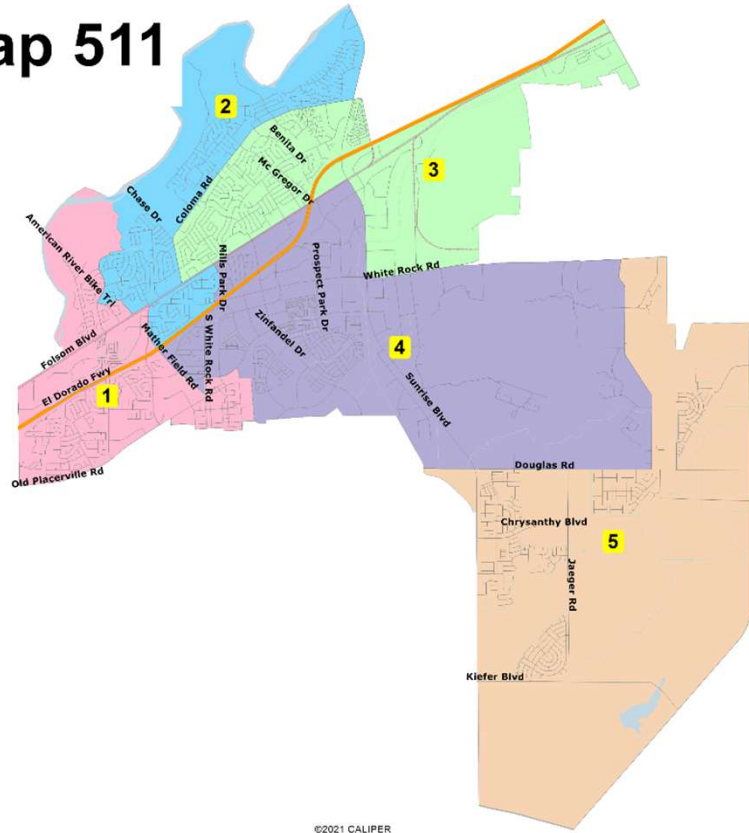
- Map 508 with the generally undeveloped area north of Douglas moved into District 4

□ Focus Map 508c

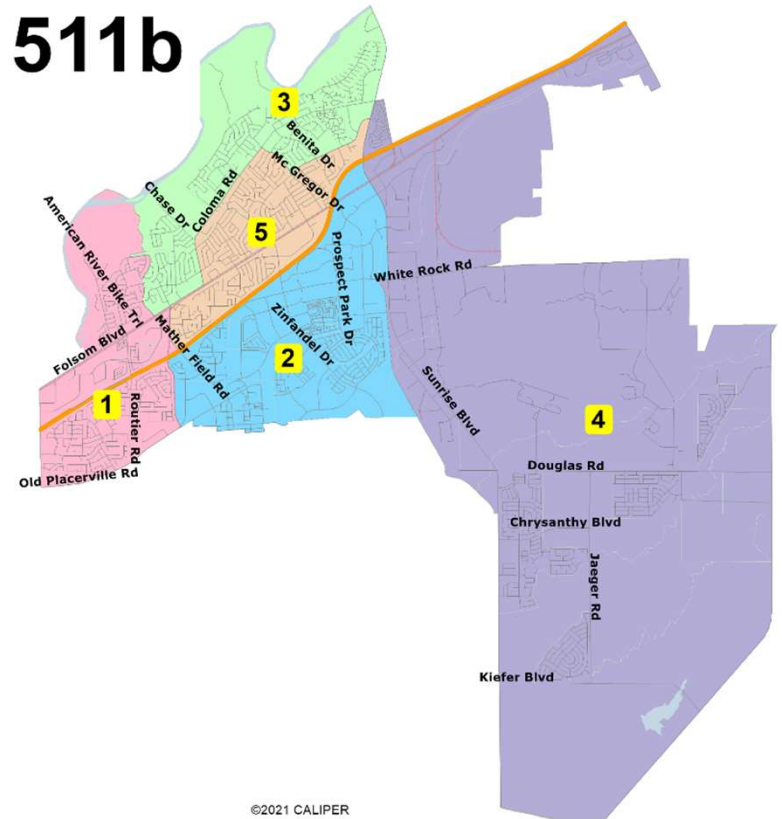
- Map 508 with the generally undeveloped area north of Douglas moved into District 2 up to Folsom Blvd, and the area north of Folsom Blvd moved to District 4, with a small population-balancing change between Districts 4 and 5

511 and 511b

Map 511

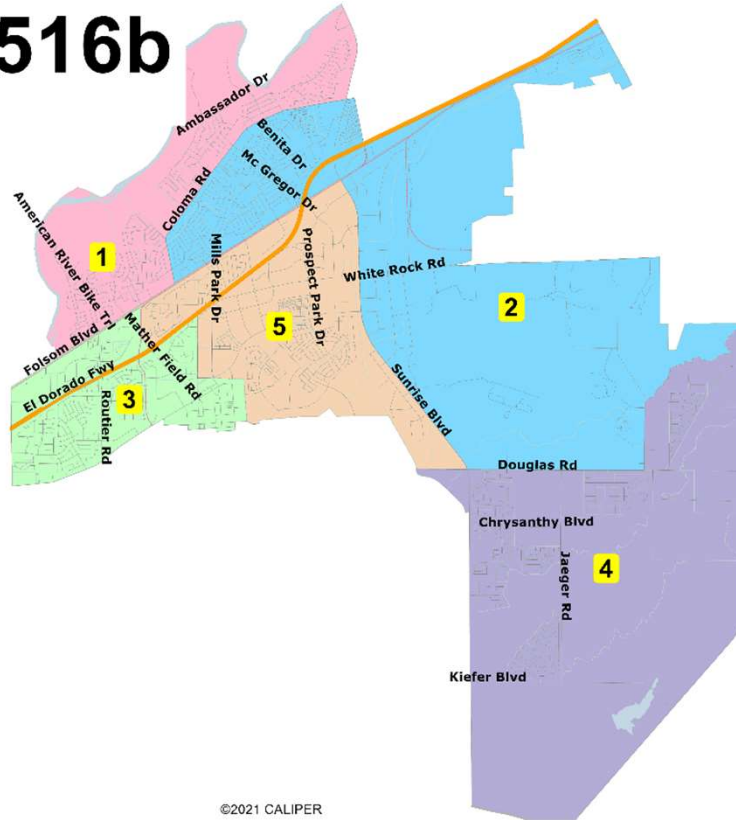


Map 511b

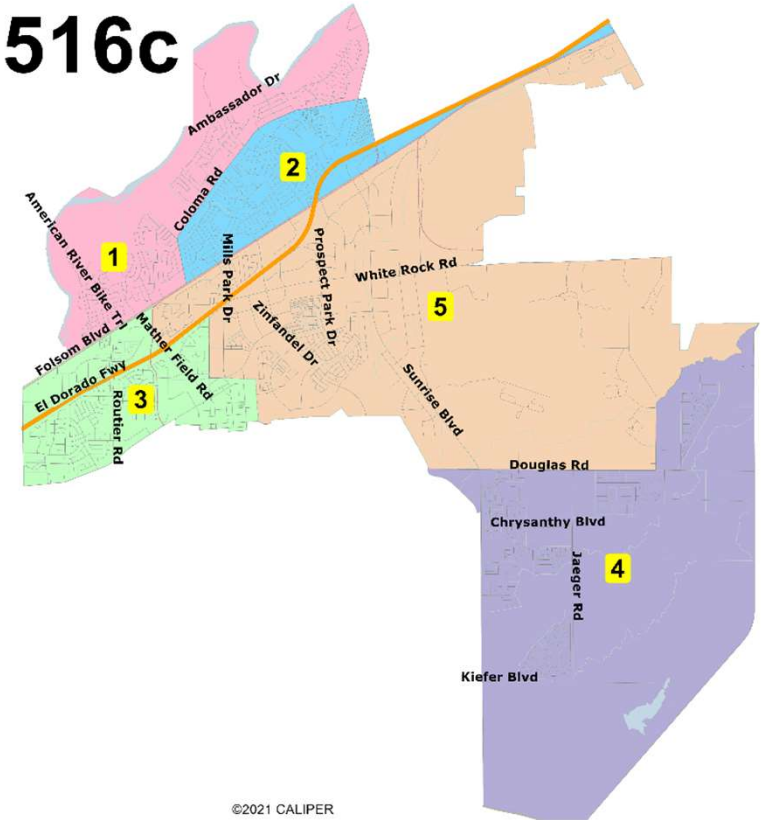


516b and 516c

Map 516b



Map 516c



□ Focus Map 516b

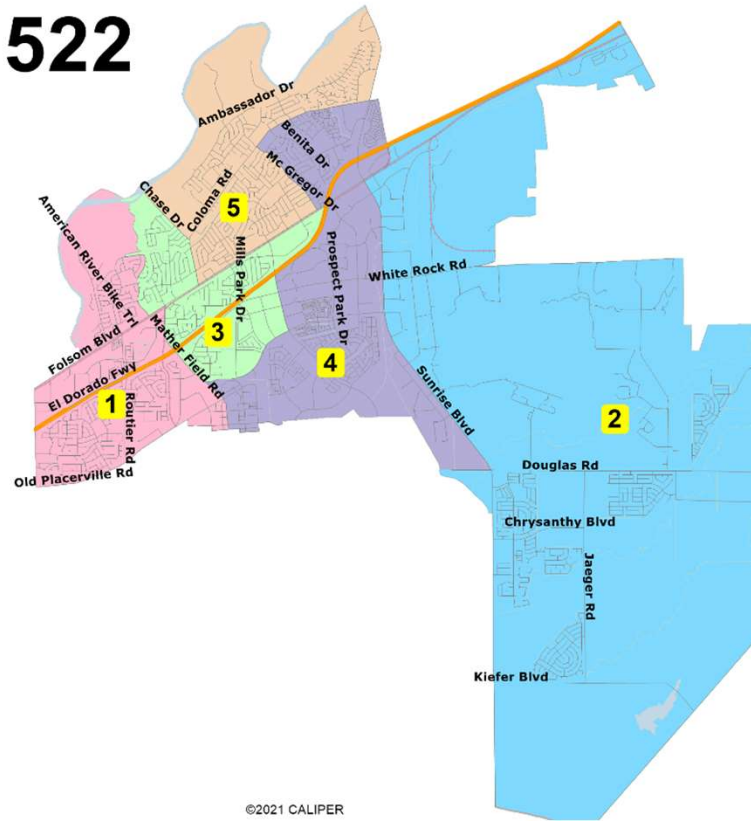
- Keeps Districts 1 and 2 from Map 516, then uses the Map 508b versions of Districts 3 through 5

□ Focus Map 516c

- Keeps Districts 1 and 2 from Map 516, then uses the Map 508c versions of Districts 3 through 5

522

Map 522



Election Sequencing Rules

- **Which districts are up for election in which year?**
 - The number of seats up for election each year does not change
 - 3 in 2024, 2 in 2026
- **Statutory Language:**
 - “the governing body shall give special consideration to the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act . . . and it shall take into account the preferences expressed by members of the districts.” (Elections Code 10010(b))
- **Standard Practice after Section 10010(b) compliance:**
 - Let voters make re-election decisions by matching district election years to the year the term of the resident officeholder(s) expire.
 - This gets complicated when 2024 and 2026 Councilmembers are in the same district:
 - An at-large Councilmember may run for a district seat mid-term.
 - A current Councilmember whose term ends and is in a district not up that year simply leaves the Council and cannot run for re-election that year.

Election Sequencing

- Three districts must hold elections in 2024, and two in 2026.
- All focus maps and both new maps have Councilmembers Gatewood (2026), Pulipati (2024) and Terry (2024) in one district.
- Simple part:
 - Respect the voters' wishes and authority: assign the district with Councilmember Sander to 2024 and the district with Councilmember Budge to 2026.
- Complicated part:
 - Assign two other districts to 2024 and one other district to 2026.
- Map by Map:
 - The PDF files posted online for each map include the proposed election sequencing for that map.

Public Hearing & Discussion

1. Public input on the focus and new maps and election sequencing
2. Council decision on a preferred map – Roll Call Vote
3. Council decision on election sequencing for the preferred map – Roll Call Vote
4. Introduce ordinance – Roll Call Vote