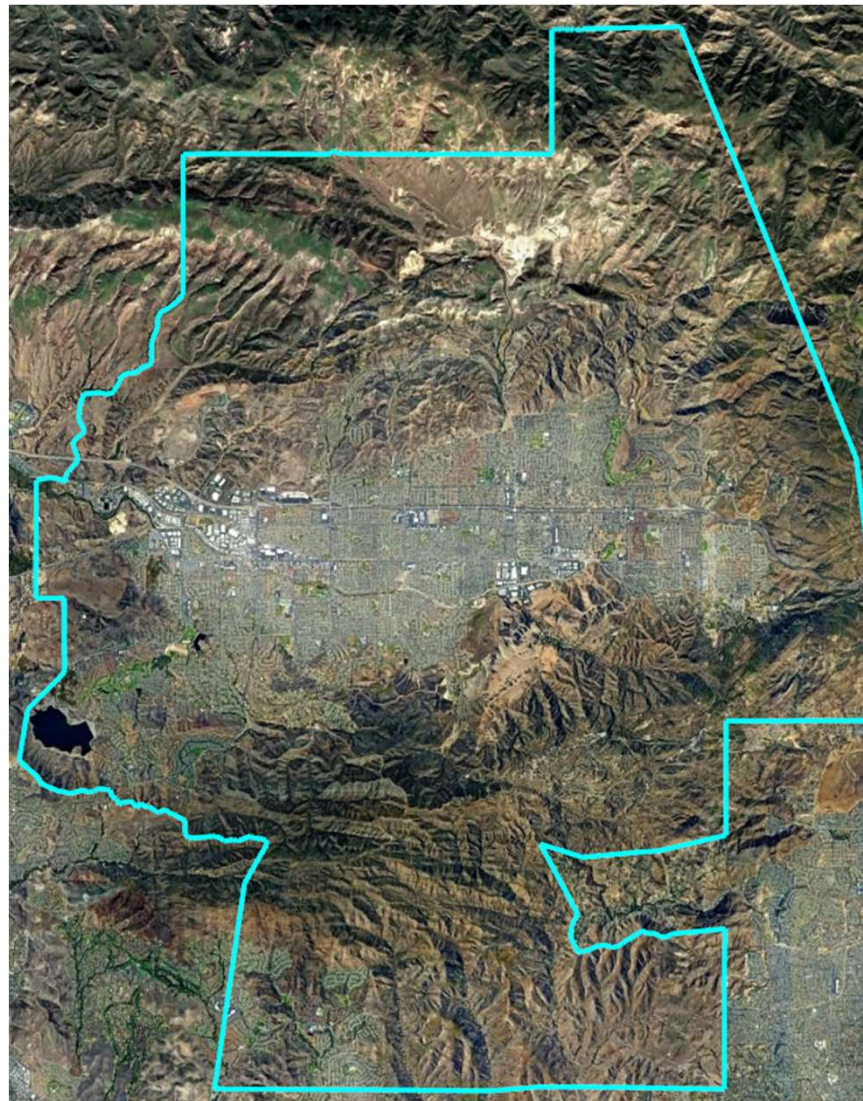




Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Introduction to Districting

October 4, 2023

Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts
3. “By District”

The California Voting Rights Act
was written to specifically
encourage by-district elections.

CVRA Impact

- **Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:**
 - ▣ At least 275 school districts
 - ▣ 36 Community College Districts
 - ▣ 191 cities
 - ▣ 1 County Board of Supervisors
 - ▣ 53 water and other special districts.
- **Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica fought “on the merits.” All lost.**
 - ▣ Santa Monica and Santa Clara are appealing.
 - ▣ Palmdale spent about \$1.8 million, Santa Clara about \$800,000, and Santa Monica between \$5 and \$8 million, just on their defense.
 - ▣ Santa Monica plaintiffs requested \$22 million
 - ▣ No jurisdiction has won a case.
- **Key settlements:**
 - ▣ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
 - ▣ Modesto: \$3 million
 - ▣ Highland: \$1.3 million
 - ▣ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
 - ▣ Whittier: \$1 million
 - ▣ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - ▣ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - ▣ Camarillo: \$233,000
 - ▣ Compton Unified: \$200,000
 - ▣ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - ▣ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - ▣ Merced City: \$42,000
- **An estimated \$16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.**

Districting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings Oct. 4 & 18	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
<i>Initial Draft Map Deadline</i> <i>Oct. 23</i>	Last day for residents to submit maps for consideration at the Board's Nov. 1 hearing.
<i>Release draft maps</i> <i>Oct. 25</i>	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to Nov. 1 hearing.
Hearing on Draft Maps Nov. 1	First of two hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<i>Final Draft Map Deadline</i> Nov. 6	Last day for residents to submit new or revised map proposals.
<i>Release draft maps</i> Nov. 8	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to Nov. 15 hearing.
Hearing on draft maps Nov. 15	Second of two hearings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map adoption Dec. 6	Map and election sequence selected and adopted. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

Districting Rules and Goals

Federal Laws

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

Traditional Redistricting Principles

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



Demographic Summary

Each of the five divisions must contain about 28,728 people.

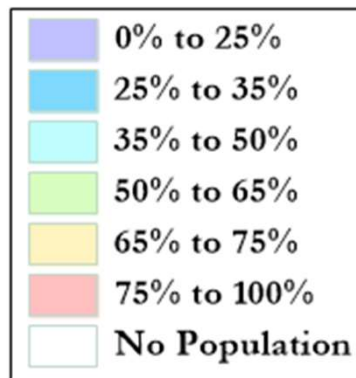
Oak Park contains 13,913 people, or 48% of one election division.

Category	Field	Total	Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	143,640			
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	26%	Age	age0-19	23%
	NH White	56%		age20-60	54%
	NH Black	2%		age60plus	23%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	14%	Immigration	immigrants	18%
	NH Native Amer.	1%		naturalized	64%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	104,153	Language spoken at home	english	74%
	Hisp	20%		spanish	14%
	NH White	66%		asian-lang	6%
	NH Black	2%		other lang	6%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	11%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	9%
	Native Amer.	1%			
Voter Registration (Nov 2022)	Total	94,492	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	55%
	Latino est.	20%		bachelor	25%
	Spanish-Surnamed	18%		graduatedegree	12%
	Asian-Surnamed	5%	Child in Household	child-under18	31%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	66%
	NH White est.	72%	Household Income	income 0-25k	9%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	NH Black	2%		income 25-50k	13%
	Total	55,906		income 50-75k	11%
	Latino est.	15%		income 75-200k	47%
	Spanish-Surnamed	13%		income 200k-plus	19%
	Asian-Surnamed	4%	Housing Stats	single family	83%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%		multi-family	17%
	NH White est.	78%		rented	28%
	NH Black	2%		owned	72%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	82,870	Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.		
	Latino est.	17%			
	Spanish-Surnamed	15%			
	Asian-Surnamed	5%			
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%			
	NH White est.	76%			
	NH Black est.	1%			

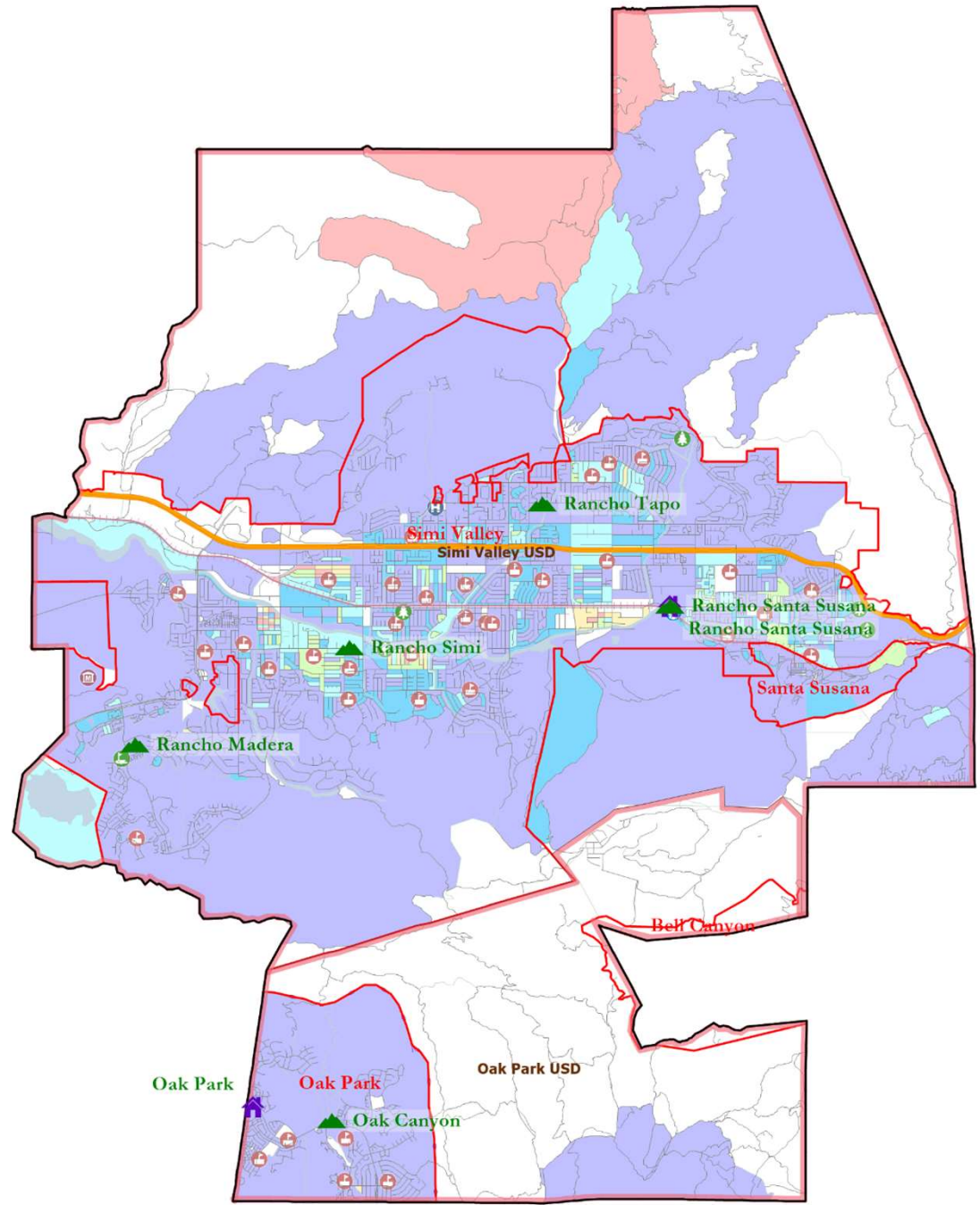
Latino CVAP

Latinos are somewhat concentrated south of the freeway.

(The two red areas in the north contain a total population of 13 people and they will not impact the overall demographics of an election division.)



There are no geographic concentrations of Asian-American or Black/African-American residents in the district.



Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - Shared social or economic interest
 - Impacted by county policies
- Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

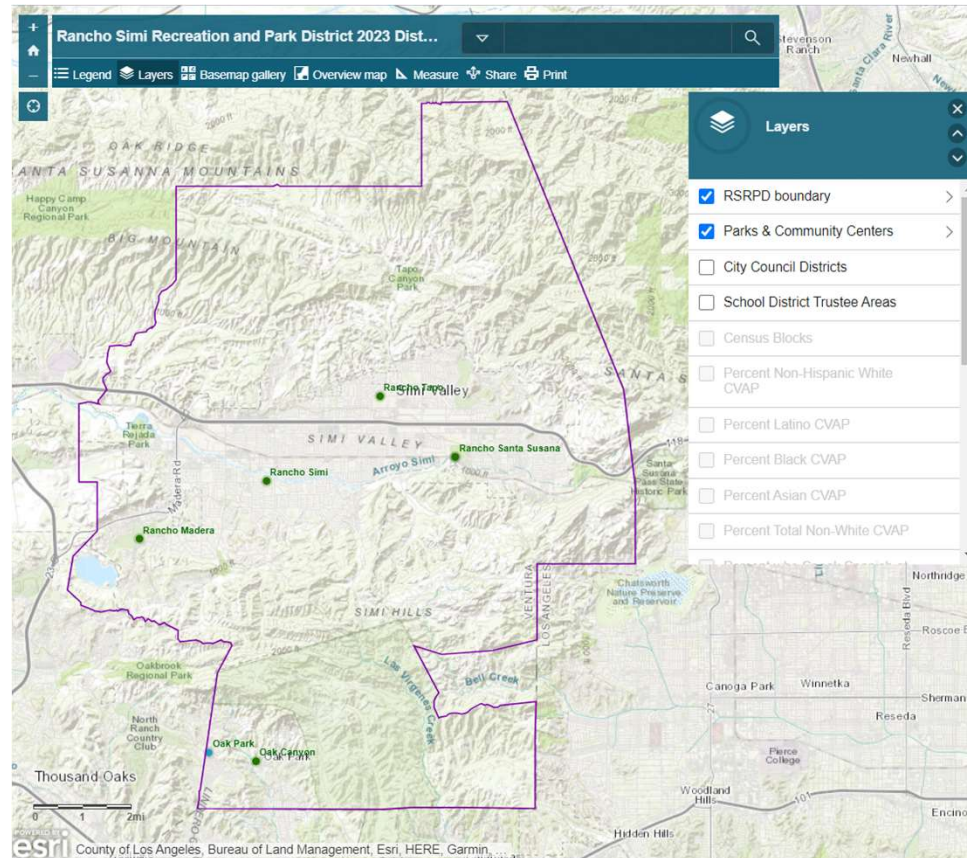
- Different tools for different purposes
- Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
 - Simple “review draft maps” tool
 - Paper-based simple “Draw a draft map” tool
 - Powerful, data-rich “Draw a draft map” tool

Whether you use the powerful online mapping tool, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

Simple Map Review Tool

Online Interactive Review Map

- ESRI's “ArcGIS Online” – similar to Google Maps in ease of use
- Used to review, analyze and compare maps, not to create them
- Includes overlays of “community of interest” and other data



Simple Map Drawing Tool

Paper “Public Participation Kit”

- For those without internet access or who prefer paper
- Total Population Counts only – no demographic numbers

**Lake Forest
2017 Districting**

**Total Population
by Population Unit**

Population in each of the
5 Districts must be between
14,680 and 16,225

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

Sample / Placeholder

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LakeForest@NDCresearch.com
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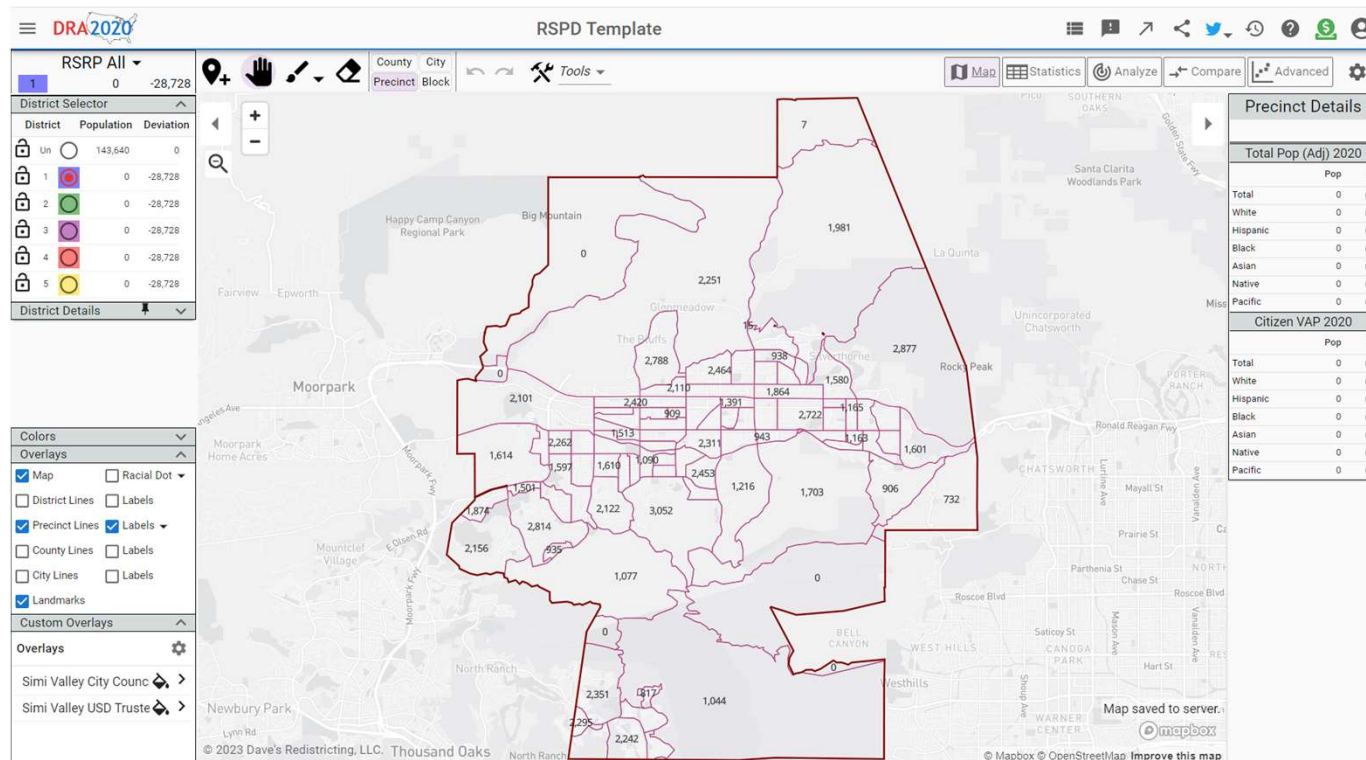
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Online Map Drawing Tool

Simple “paintbrush & eraser” tool. A 4-minute “how-to” video is on the website.

- Full demographic data available
- Create, collaborate and share your map
- Remember: you must send in the link to your map when you finish, or the City has no way to know you drew a map.



Public Hearing & Discussion

- What is your community of interest and what are its boundaries?
- Would you prefer your community of interest be in one trustee area or that it have multiple representatives on the Board?

Share Your Thoughts

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