

Rancho Santa Margarita Public Hearing 3

September 13,
2023

Districting Process – To Date

| Step | Description |
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| Resolution of Intent July 24 | Council adopts the Resolution of Intent to transition to district elections |
| First Public Hearing August 16 | Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts. |
| Community Workshop August 24 | Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts. Held at the BTRCC |
| Second Public Hearing August 28 | Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts. |
| Initial Public Map Submission Deadline Sept. 1 | Public map submissions must be received by 5pm on Sept. 1 to be considered by the Council at the Hearing on September 13. |
| Release draft maps Sept. 6 | Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing. |
| Initial draft map hearing Sept. 13 | First of two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. |

Districting Process – Upcoming Dates

| Step | Description |
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| Initial draft map hearing Sept. 13 | First of two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. |
| Final Public Map Submission Deadline September 15 | Public map submissions must be received by 5pm on Sept. 15 to be considered by the Council at the Hearing on September 27. |
| Release draft maps September 20 | Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 4 th hearing. |
| Community Workshop September 23 10 am | Provide feedback on the draft maps |
| Second draft map hearing September 27 | Second of two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence. Selection of map and introduction and First Reading of a proposed Ordinance adopting the map |
| Map adoption October 11 | Fifth Public Hearing, Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption. |

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.”

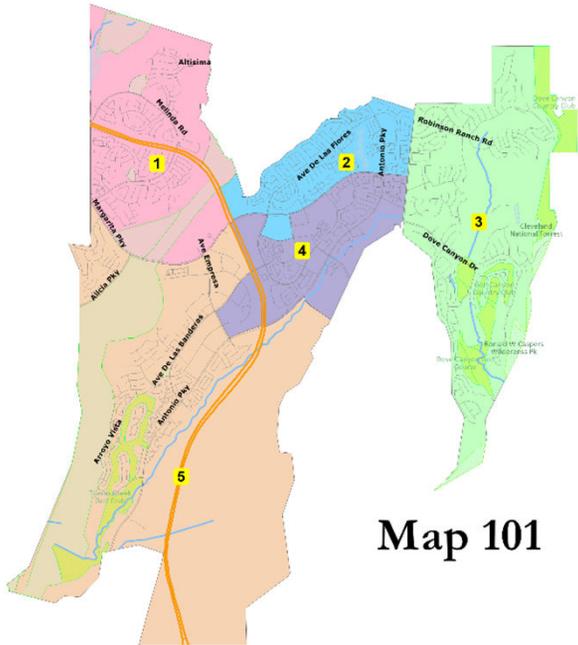
3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth

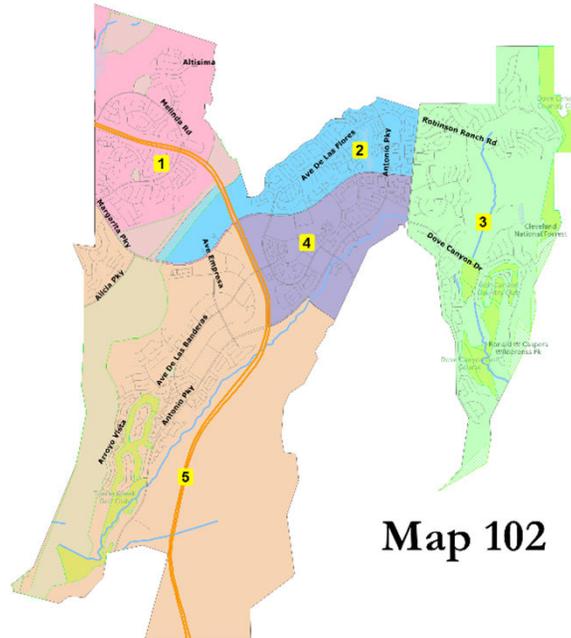
Draft Maps

All maps are also available on
the [Interactive Web Viewer](#)

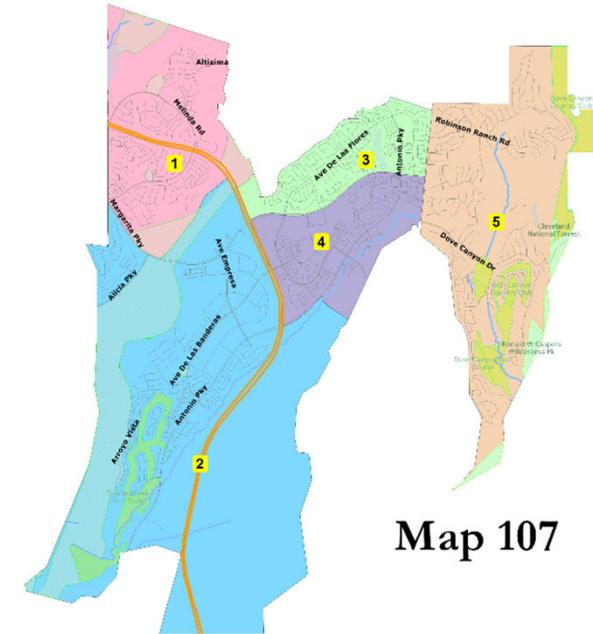
5-District maps – using SMP



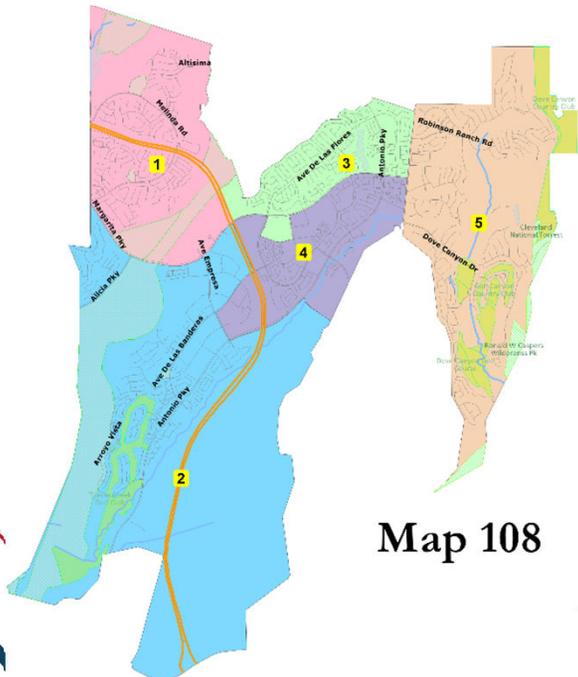
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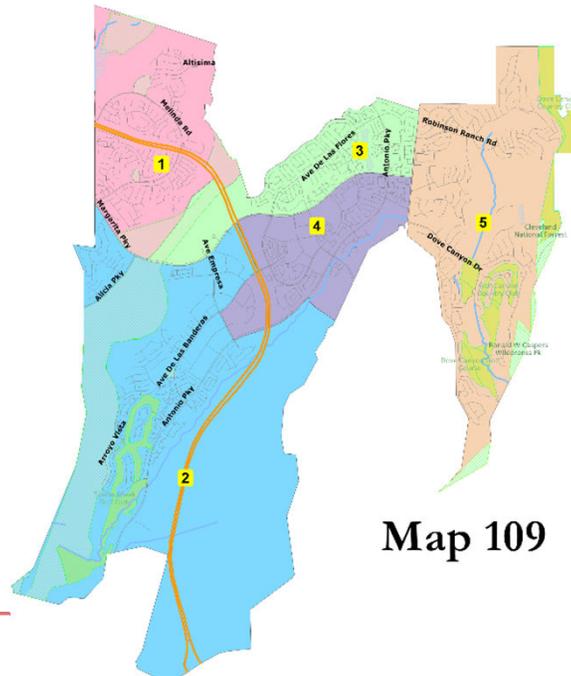
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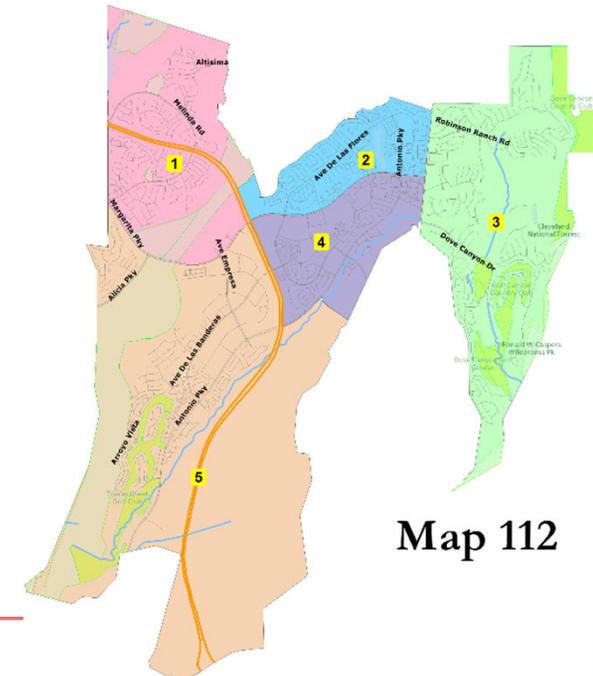
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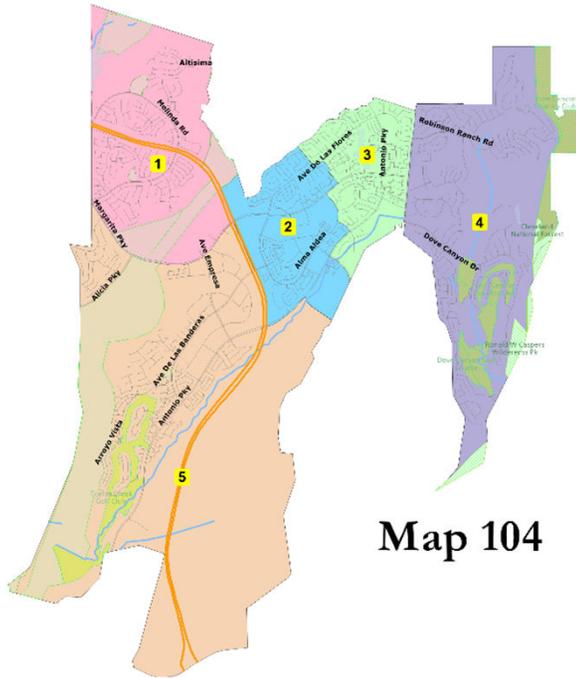


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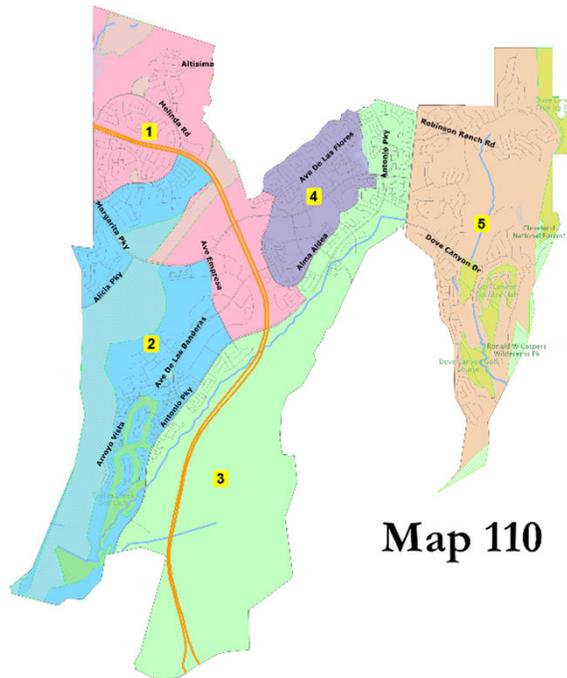
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5-District maps- east district



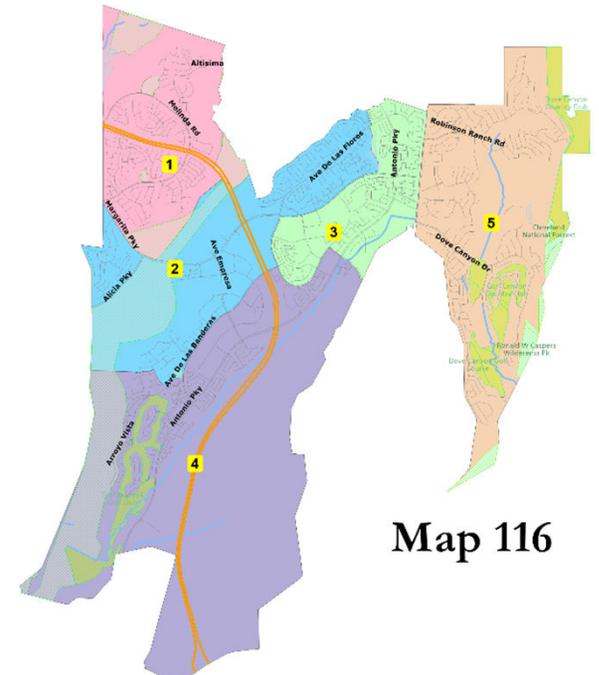
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Map 110

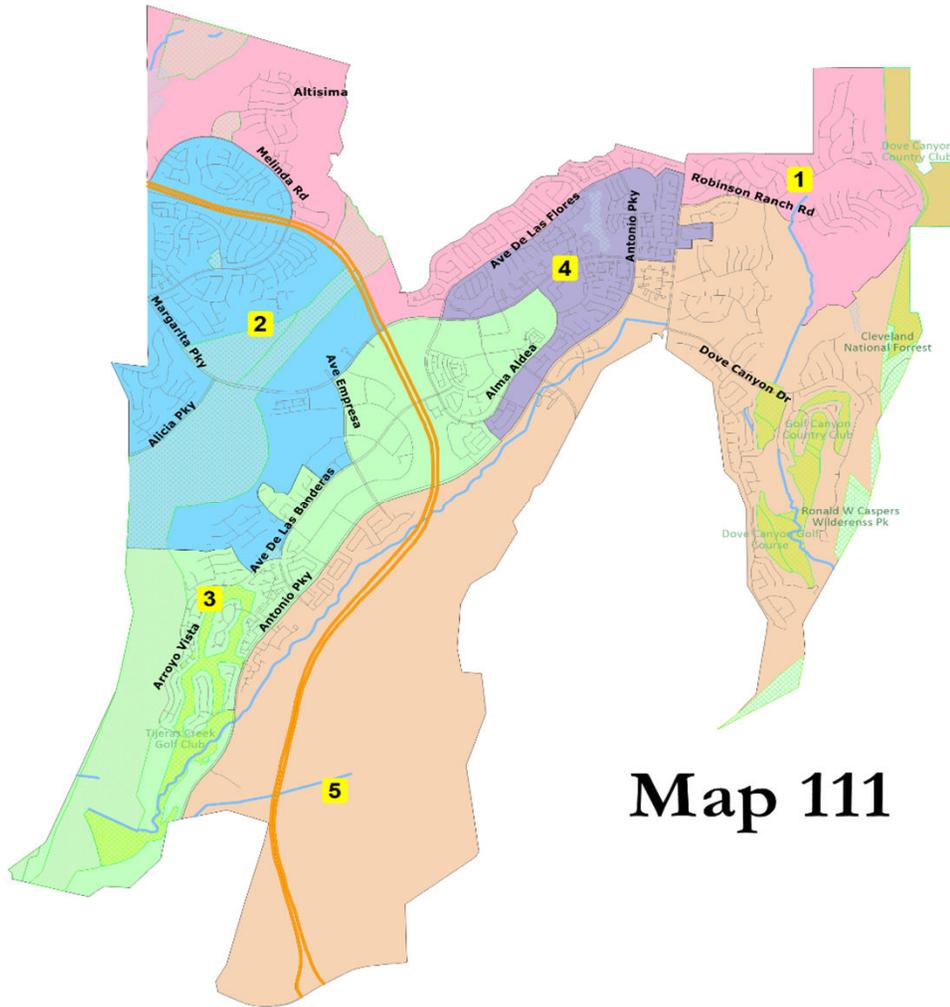
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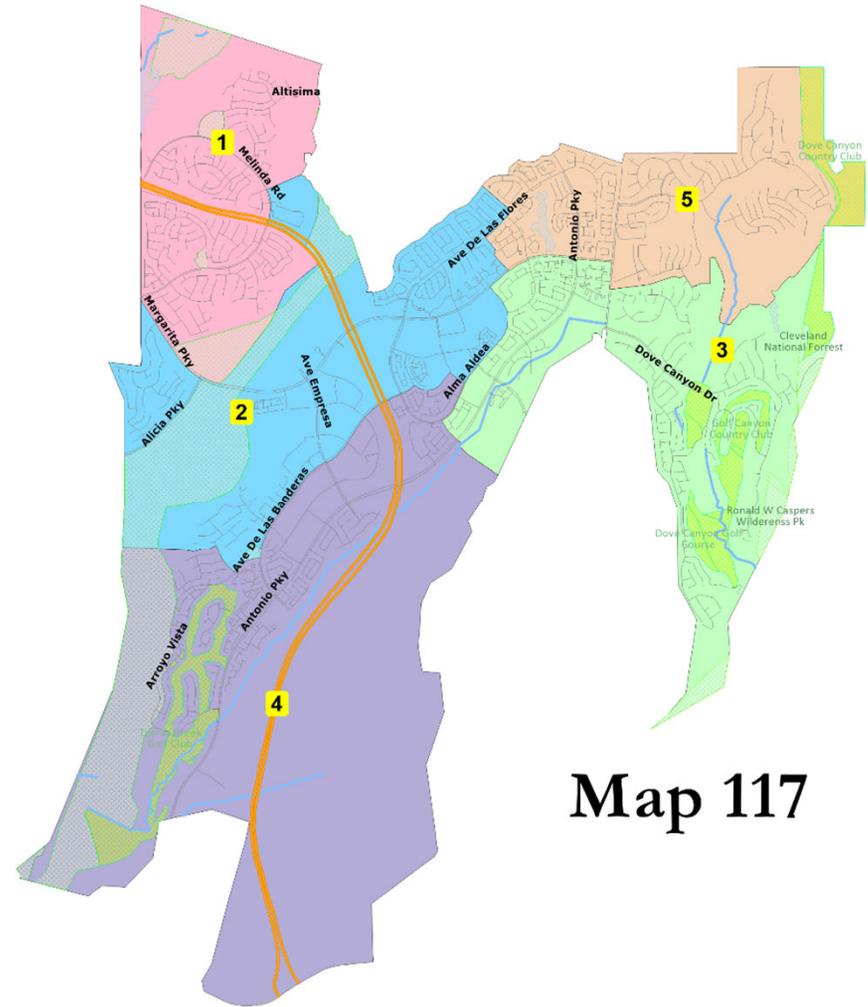
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5 District maps – east divided



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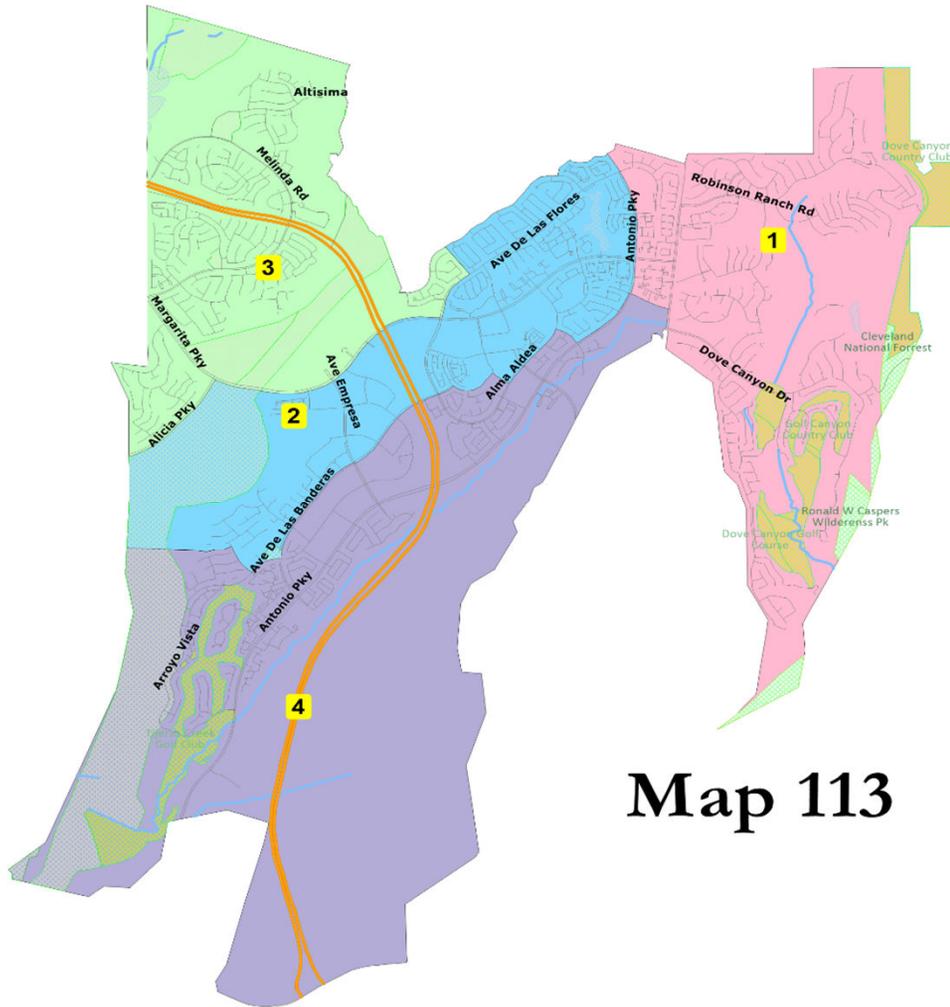
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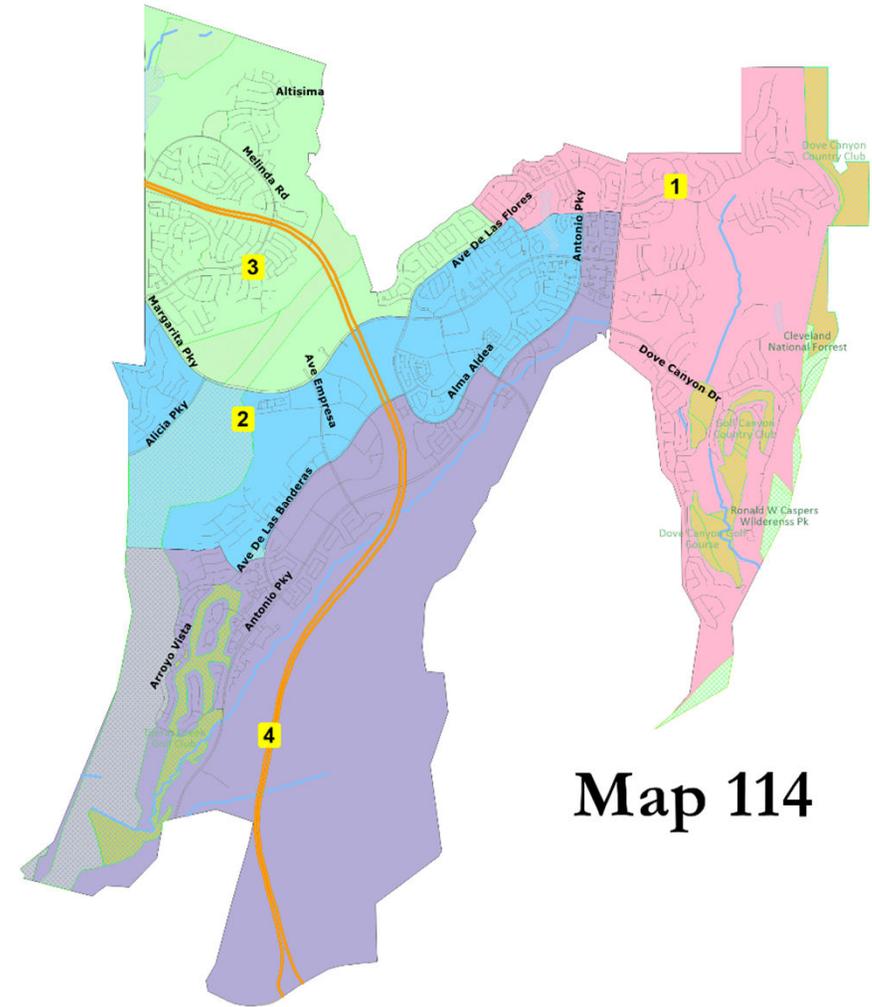
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4 District maps – central district



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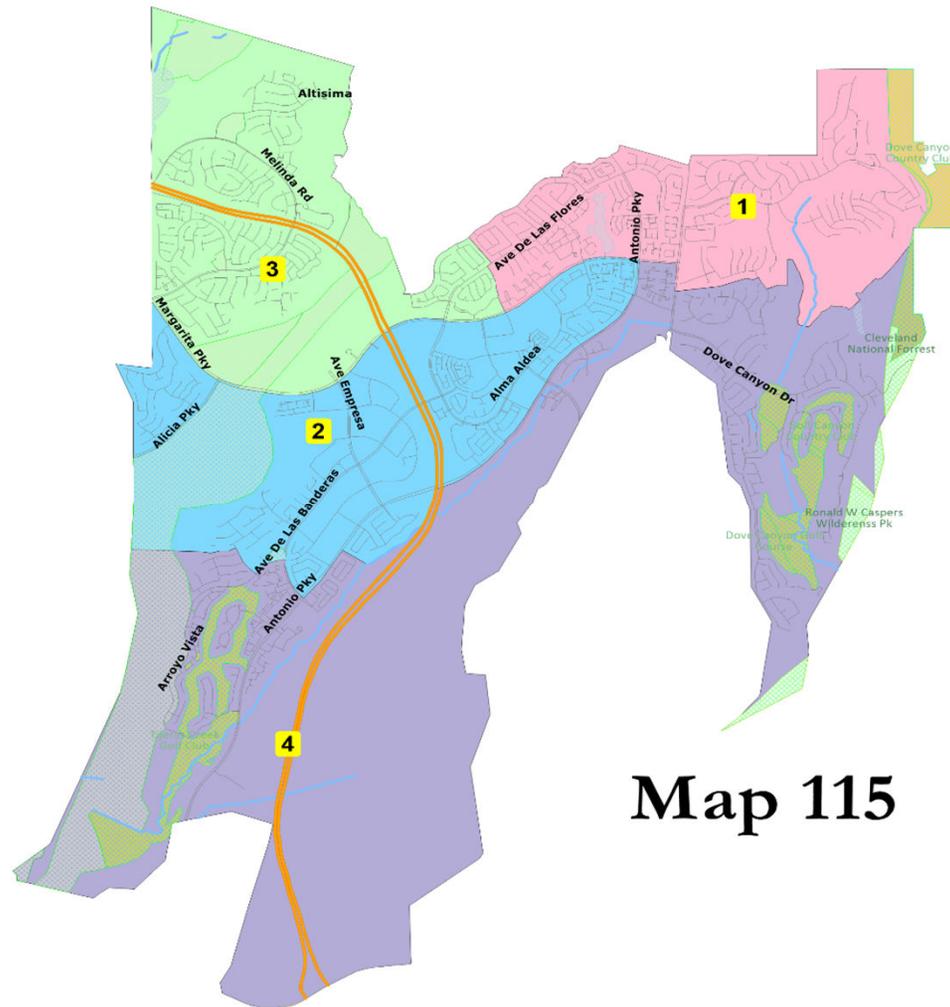
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4 District maps – east divided



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Public Hearing & Discussion

- ❑ What do you like or dislike about the draft maps?
- ❑ How could a preferred map be made even better?
- ❑ Any questions about the mapping tool?

Possible decision on 4-district vs 5-district maps and/or possible selection of 4-6 “focus maps”

Share Your Thoughts

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