

# Rancho Santa Margarita Public Hearing 4

September 27,  
2023

# Districting Process – Part 1

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

# Districting Process – Part 2

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Step	Description
<b>Initial draft map hearing</b> Sept. 13	First of two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Final Public Map Submission Deadline</b> 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.
<b>Release draft maps</b> September 20	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 4 <sup>th</sup> hearing.
<b>Community Workshop</b> September 23 10 am	Provide feedback on the draft maps
<b>Second draft map hearing</b> 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
<b>Map adoption</b> 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.”

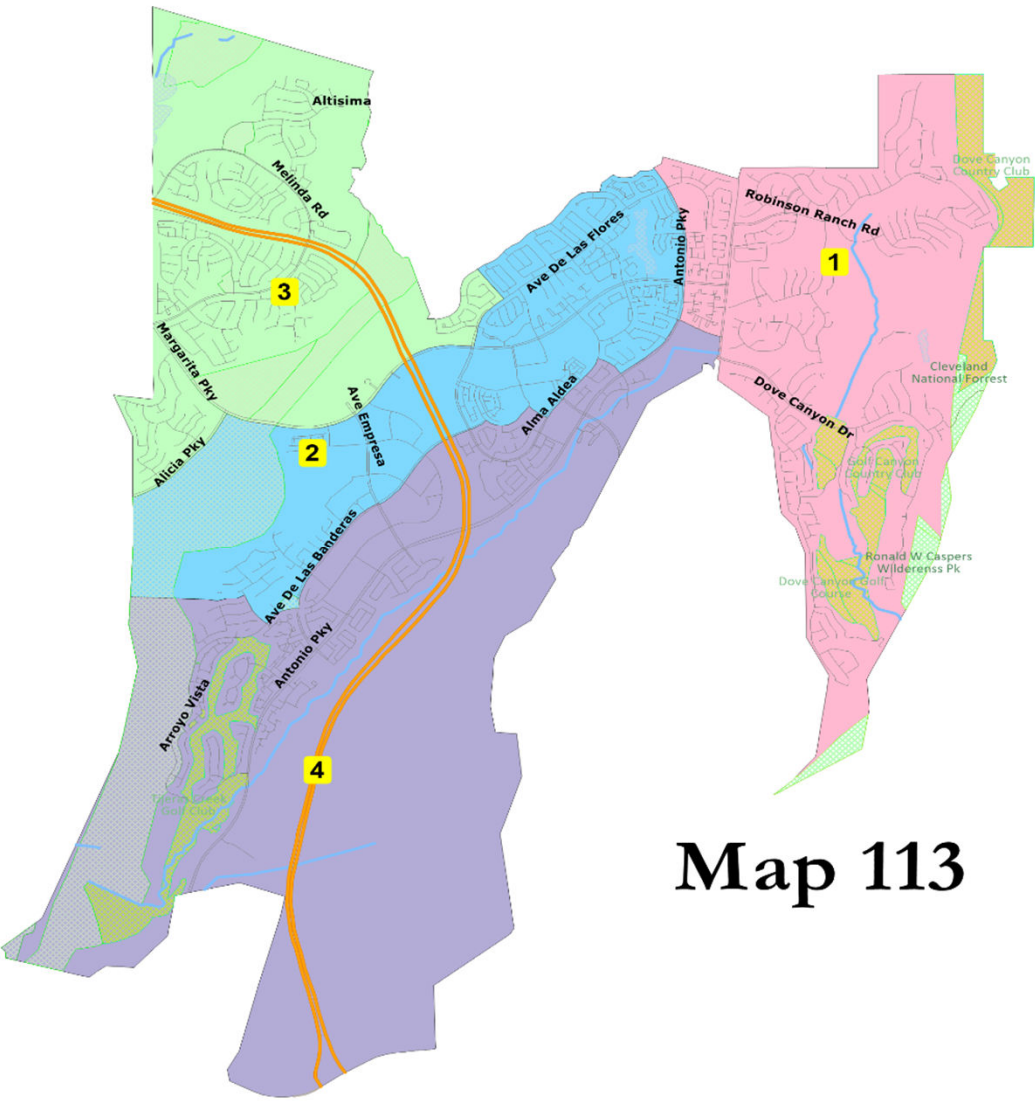
## 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office  
Future population growth

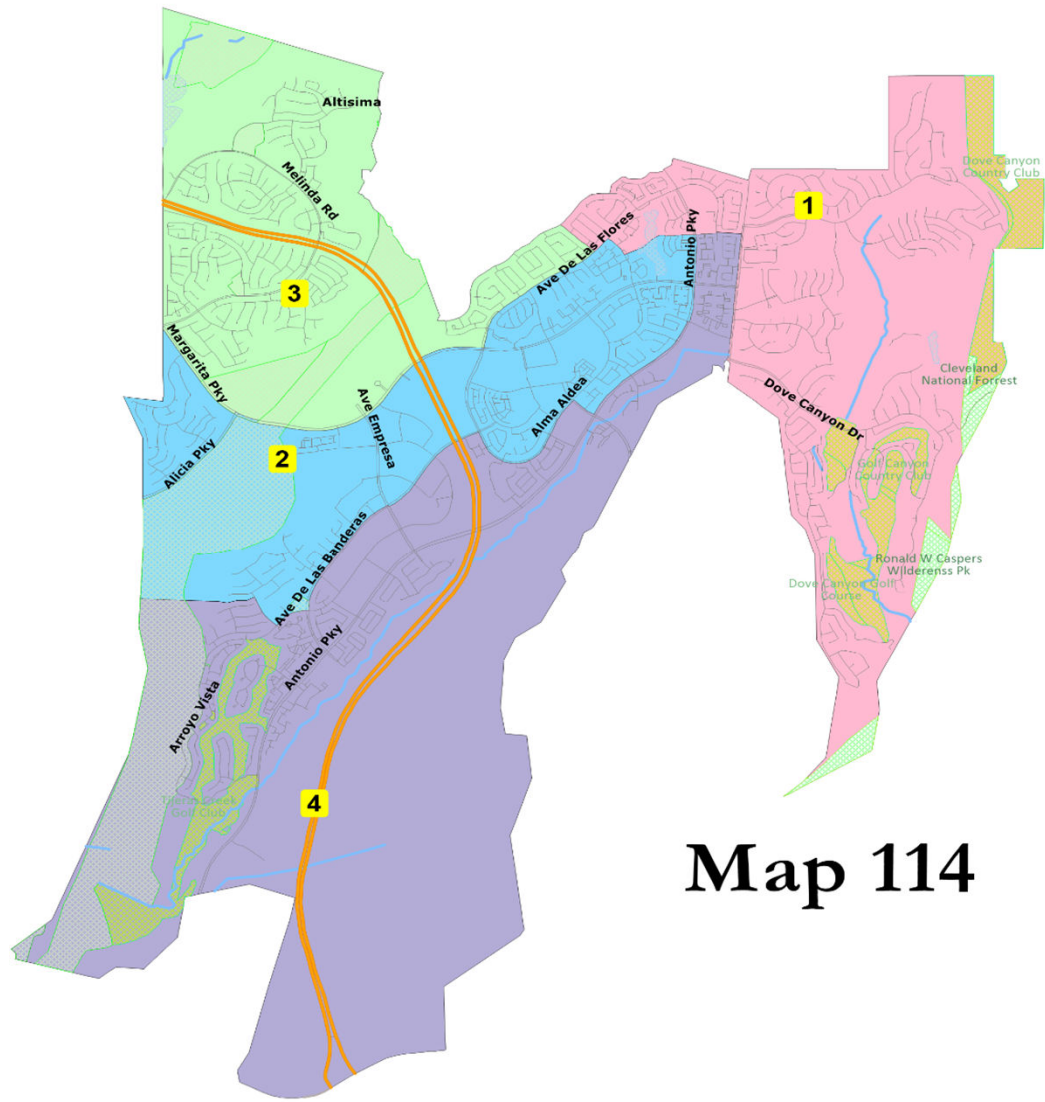
# Draft Maps

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

# Four-District Focus Maps

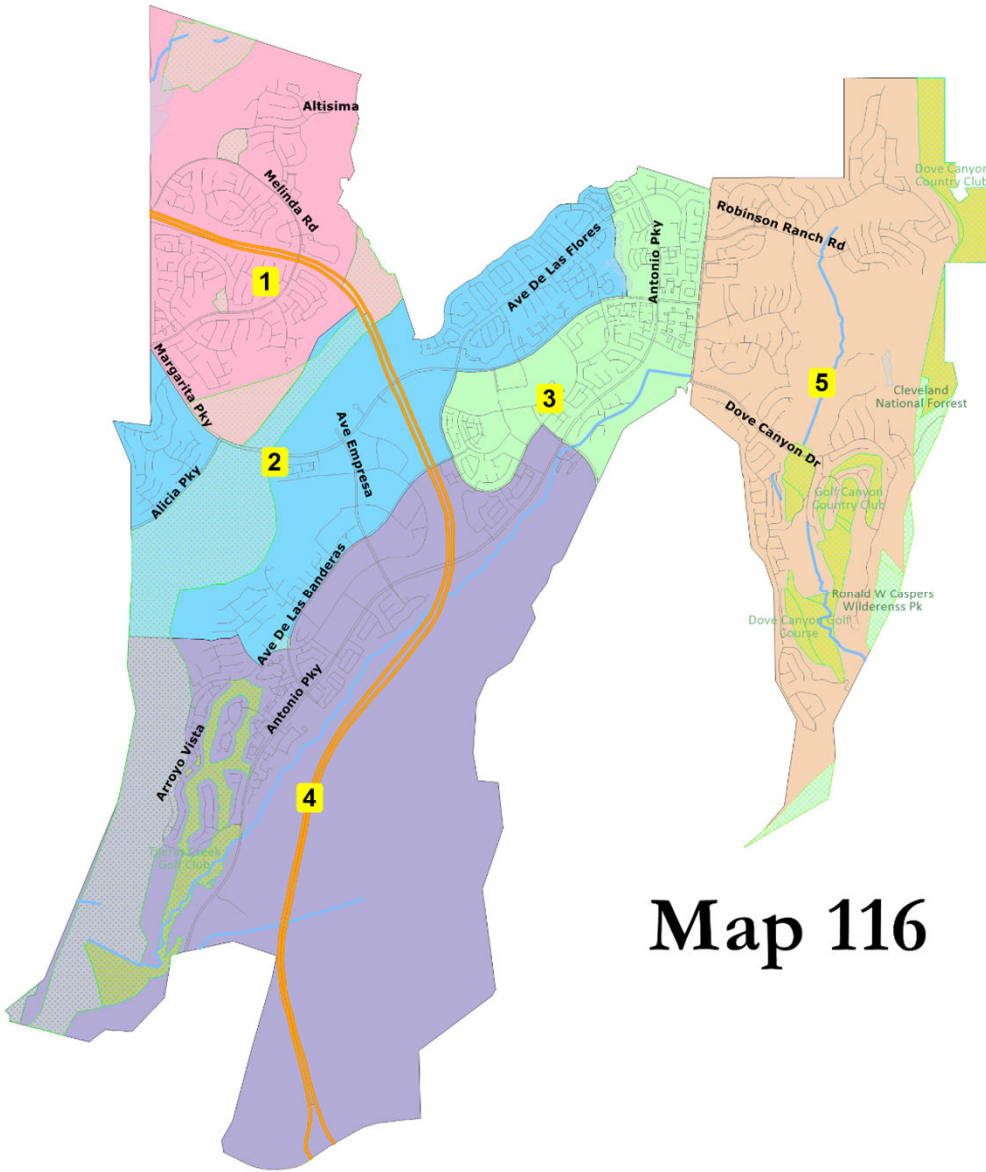


**Map 113**

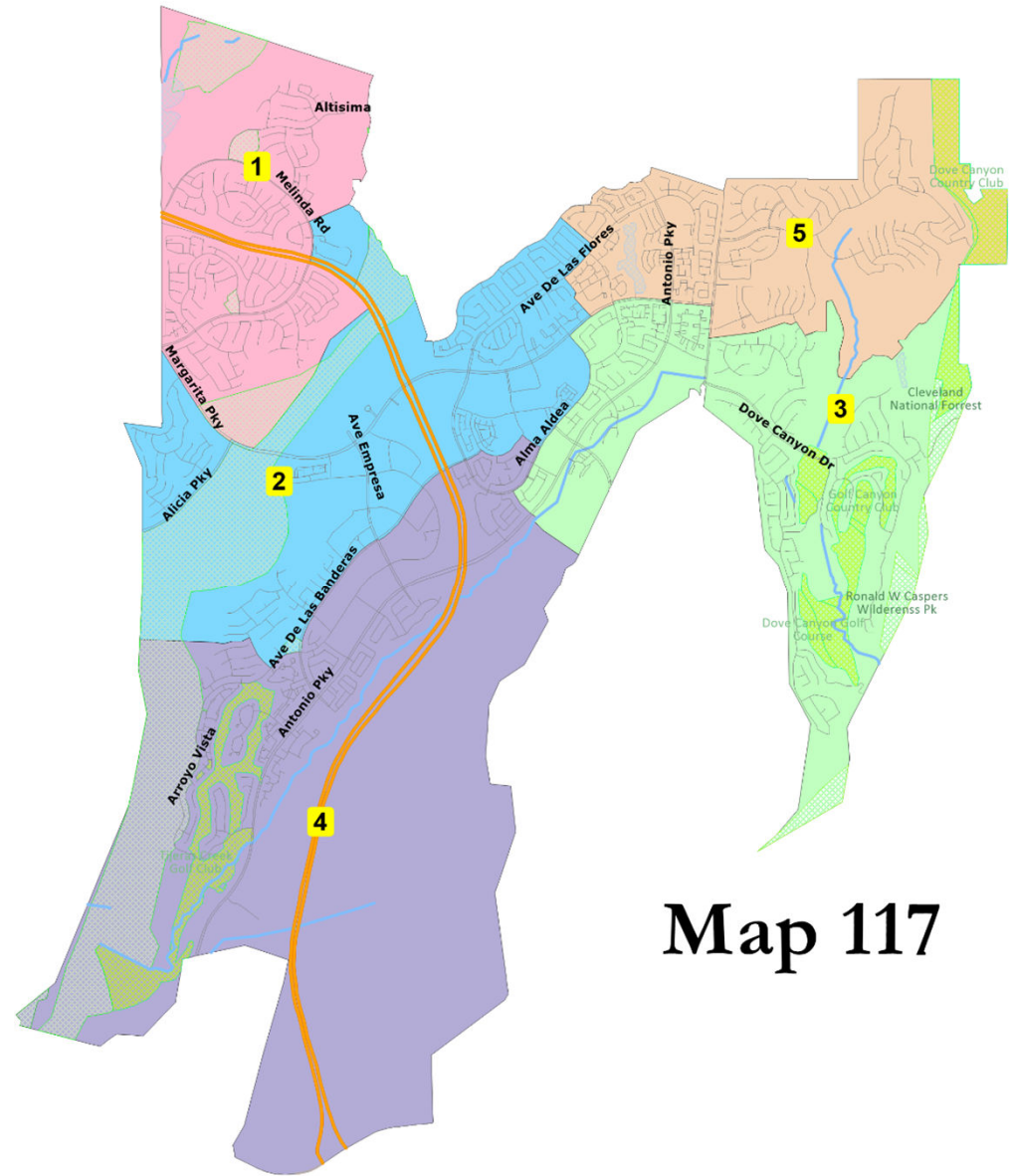


**Map 114**

# Five-District Focus Maps

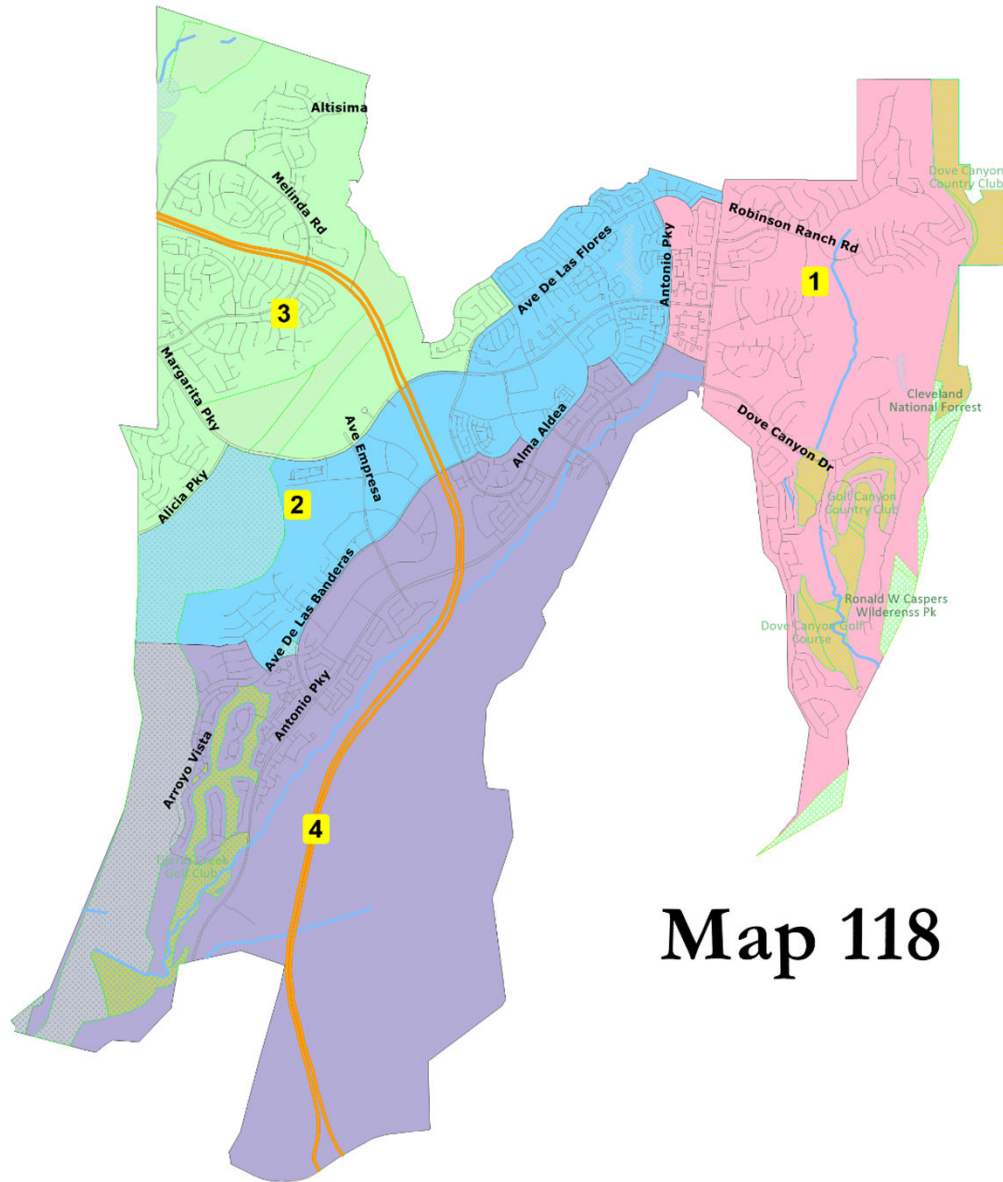


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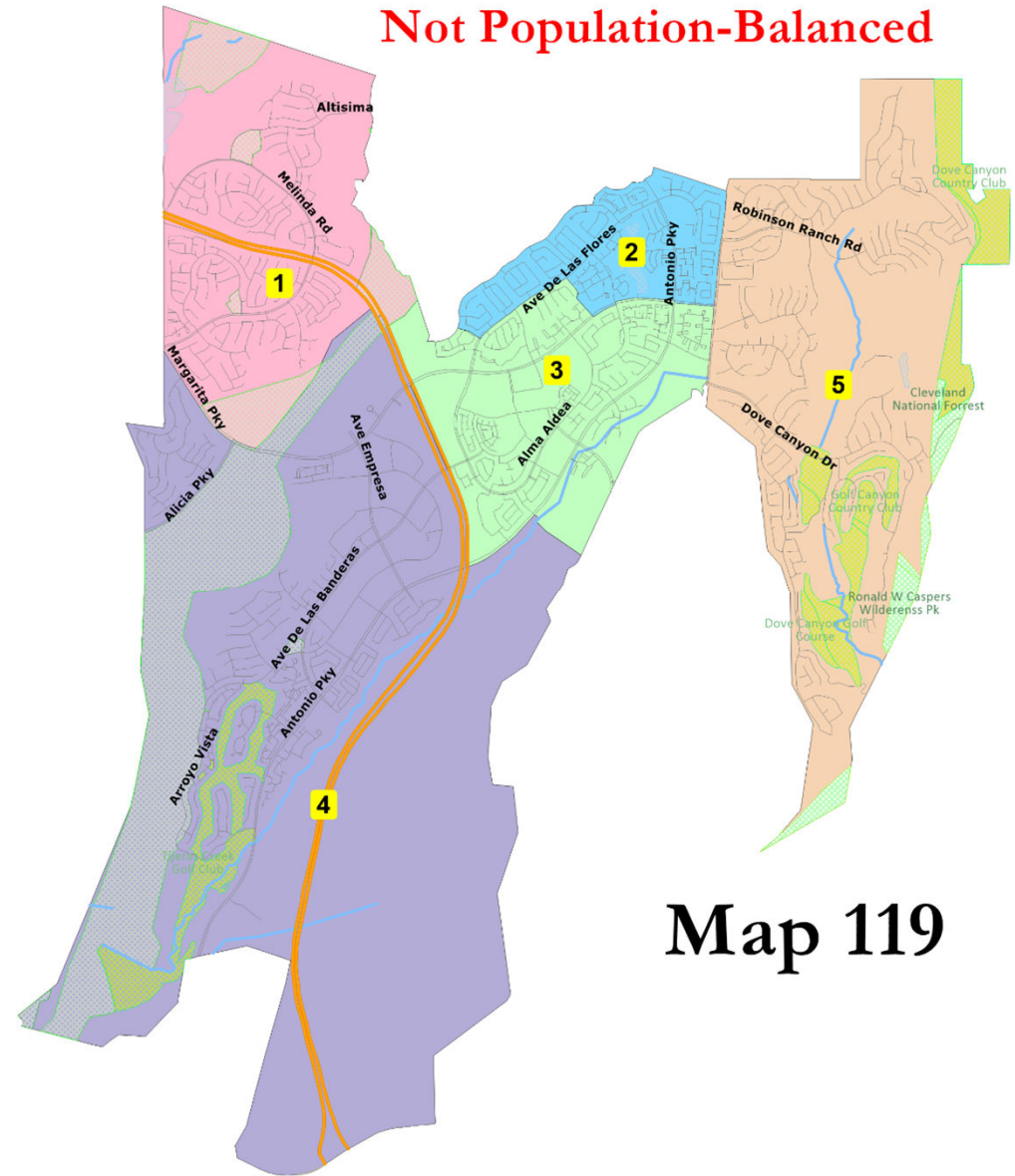


Map 117

# New Map Submissions



Map 118



Map 119



# Discussion

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❑ What do you like or dislike about the draft maps?

❑ Which map will serve RSM best?

Next steps:

- Hold a Public Hearing on the draft maps
- Select a map and sequence of elections
- Introduce Ordinance

# Share Your Thoughts

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