

Rancho Santa Margarita Community Workshop

September 23,
2023

Districting Process – Part 1

Step	Description
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 – Part 2

Step	Description
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.”

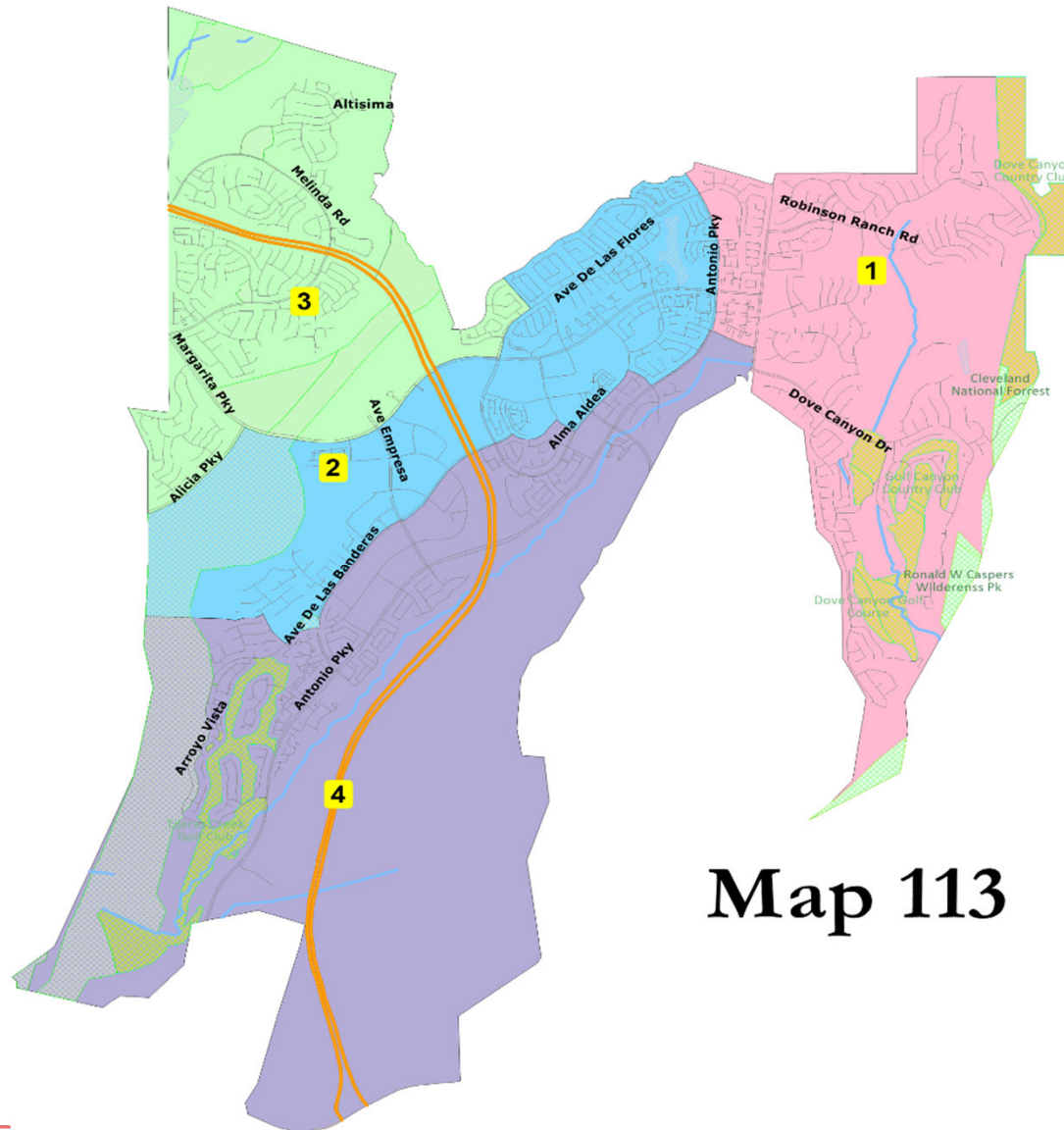
3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth

Draft Maps

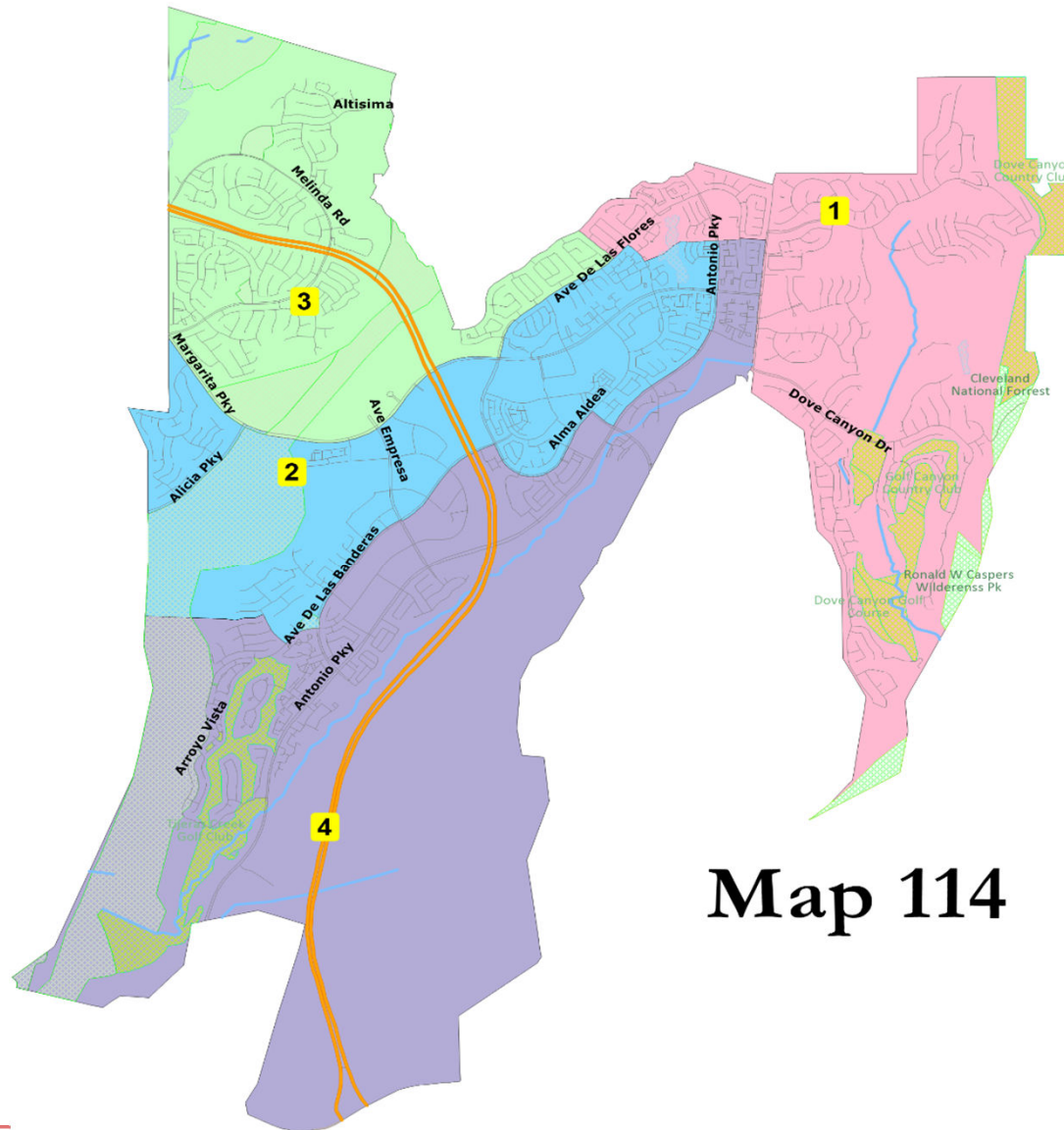
All maps are also available on
the [Interactive Web Viewer](#)

Focus Map 113



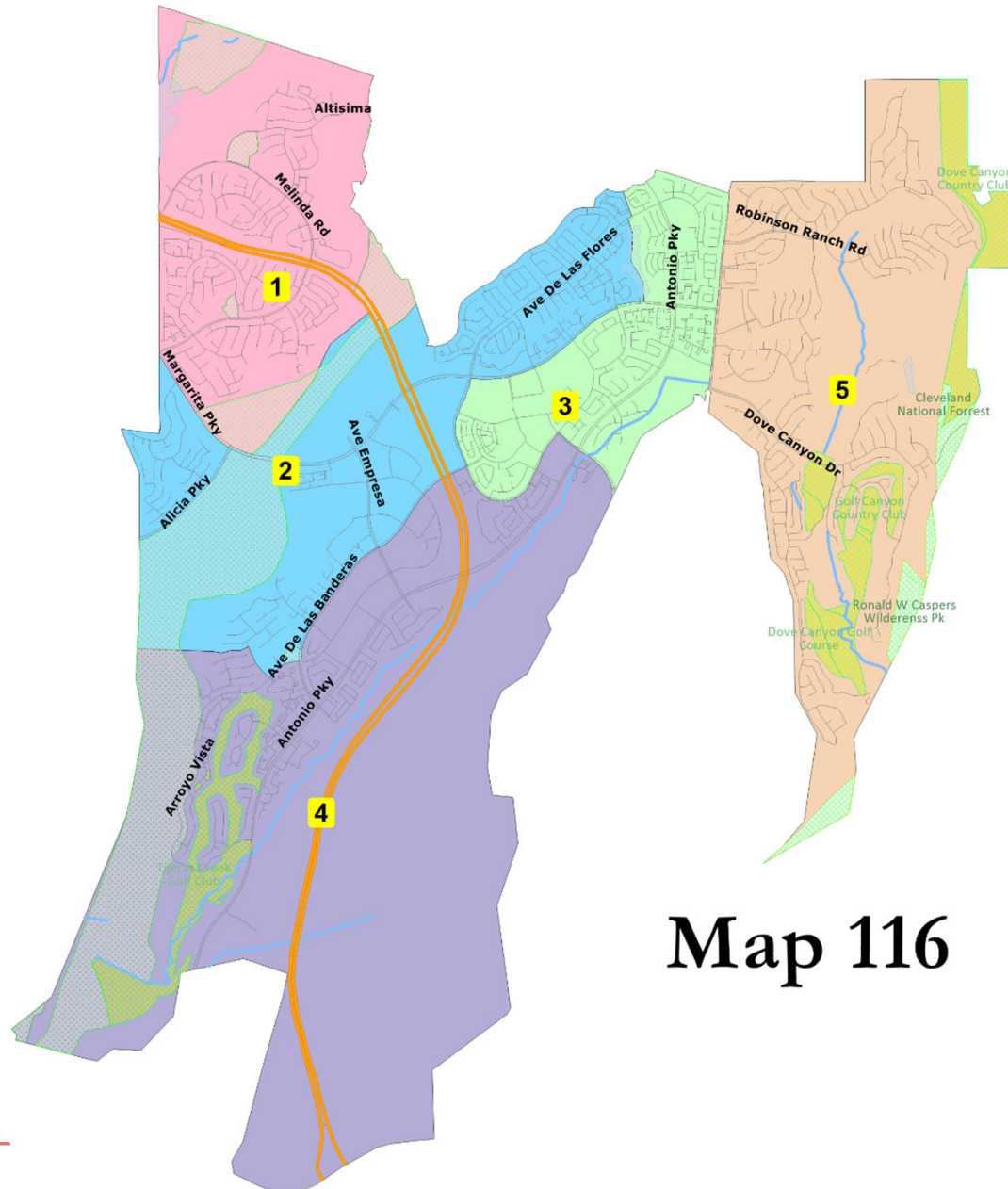
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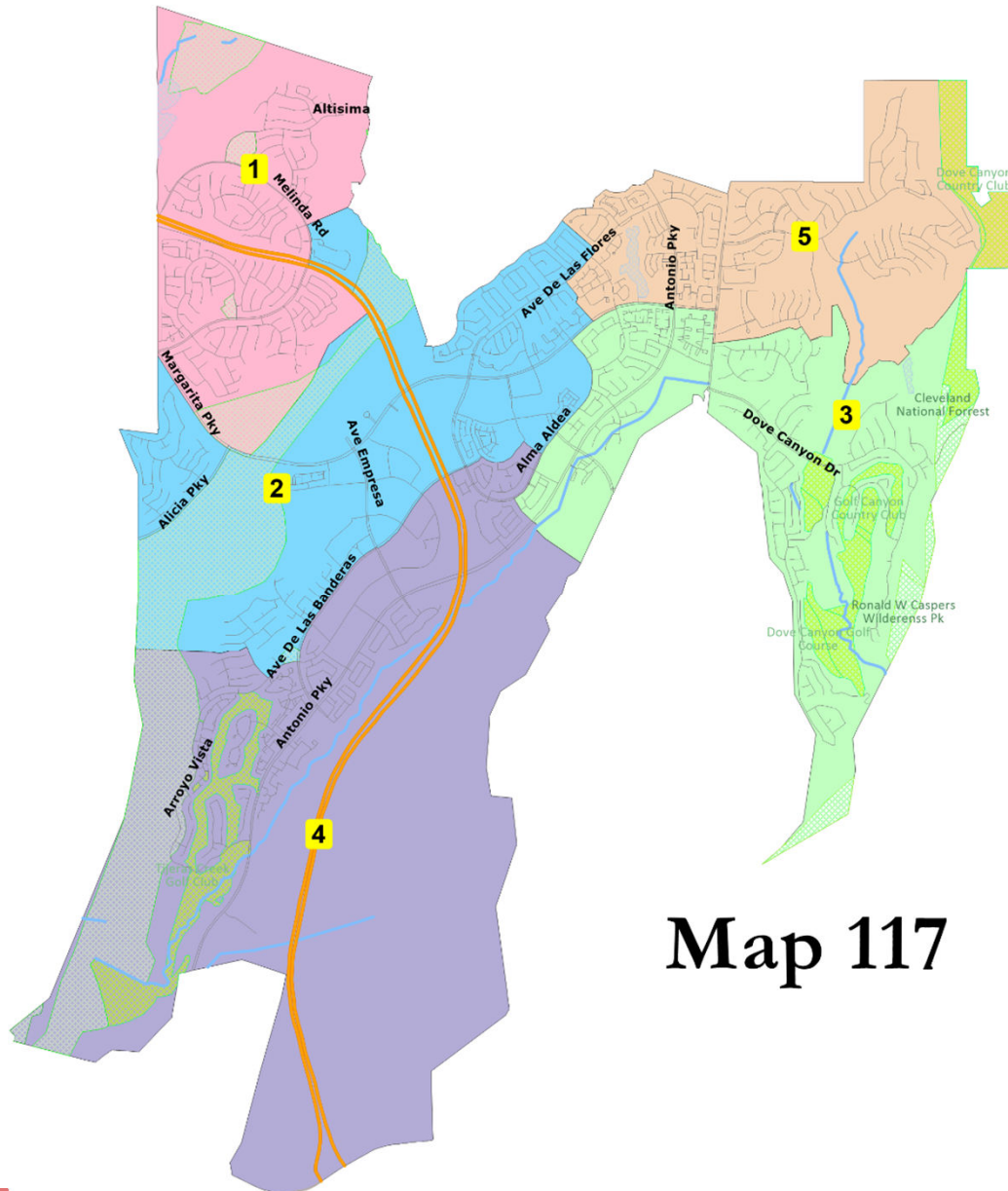
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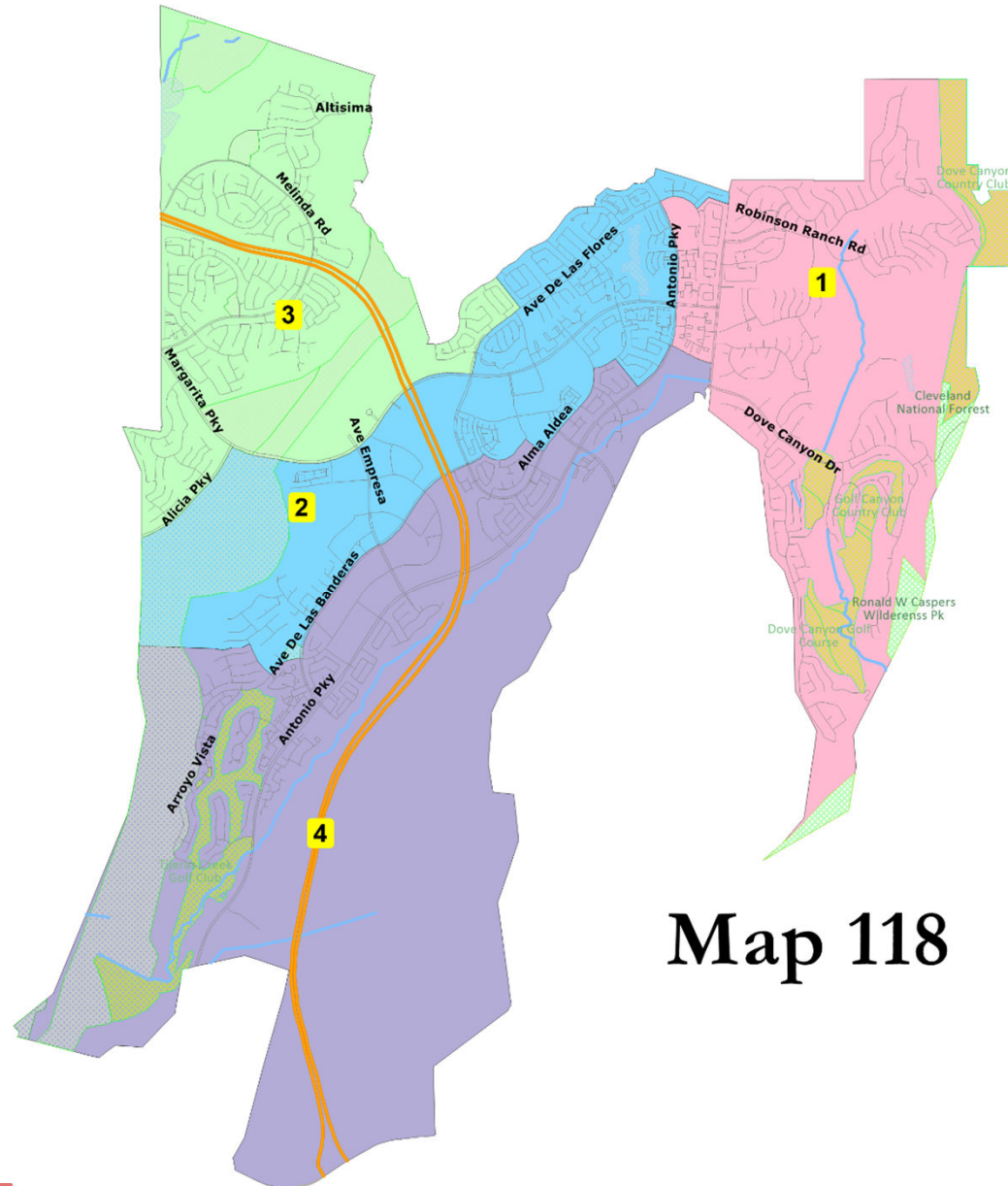
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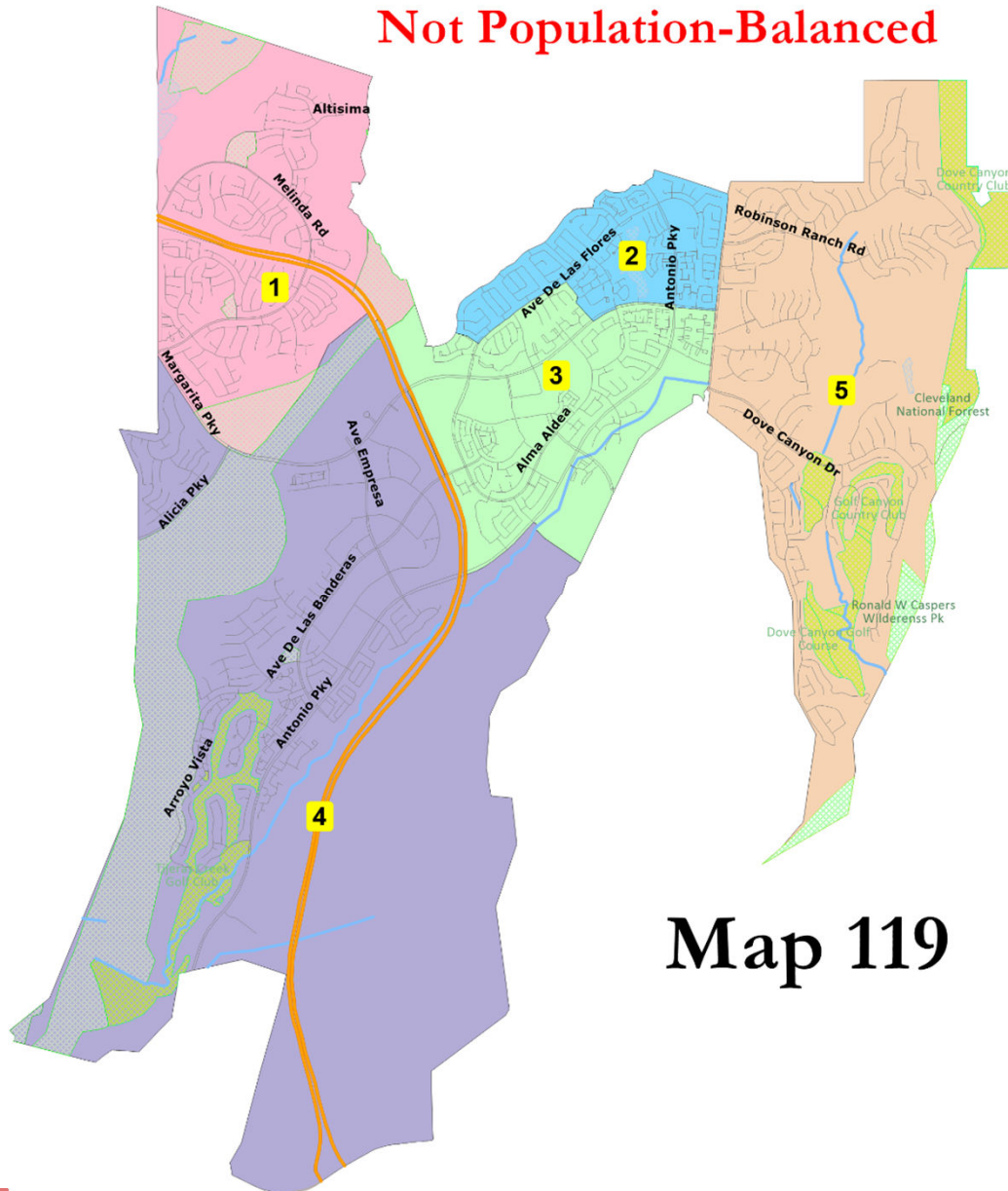
New Map 118



Map 118

New Map 119

Not Population-Balanced



Map 119

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?

Share Your Thoughts

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