

WESTMINSTER REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE:

5 District Draft Map Proposal

City Council District Map Submission
February 1, 2022

INTRODUCTION

The Westminster Redistricting Committee (WRC) was established in June 2021 in Orange County to ensure community voices were heard in the Westminster city redistricting processes. Centering the lived experiences and needs of low-income communities of color and working families, the WRC has pursued maps and other redistricting outcomes that maximize opportunities for year-round organizing and policy advocacy, working toward a city that treats everyone equitably and with justice. Organizing across diverse communities builds bridges, better mitigates potential conflict between groups, and deepens the foundation for collective work over the next decade.

WRC Participants

The Westminster Redistricting Committee (WRC) is led by VietRISE, a local non-profit that advances social justice and builds power with working-class Vietnamese and immigrant communities. Since June 2021, WRC members have been meeting both virtually and in person to advance their collective work. To promote greater community engagement in redistricting, WRC has (1) educated members and residents about redistricting, (2) created a space through which they identify and articulate communities of interest (COI) important to them, (3) mobilized community members to present testimony at public hearings, and (4) worked closely with them to create city redistricting maps that best address the needs of low-income communities of color and working families.

Members shared their communities of interest across the entire city of Westminster. A summary of these communities of interest is provided in the following section.

This submission represents the culmination and collective effort of 8 months of engagement.

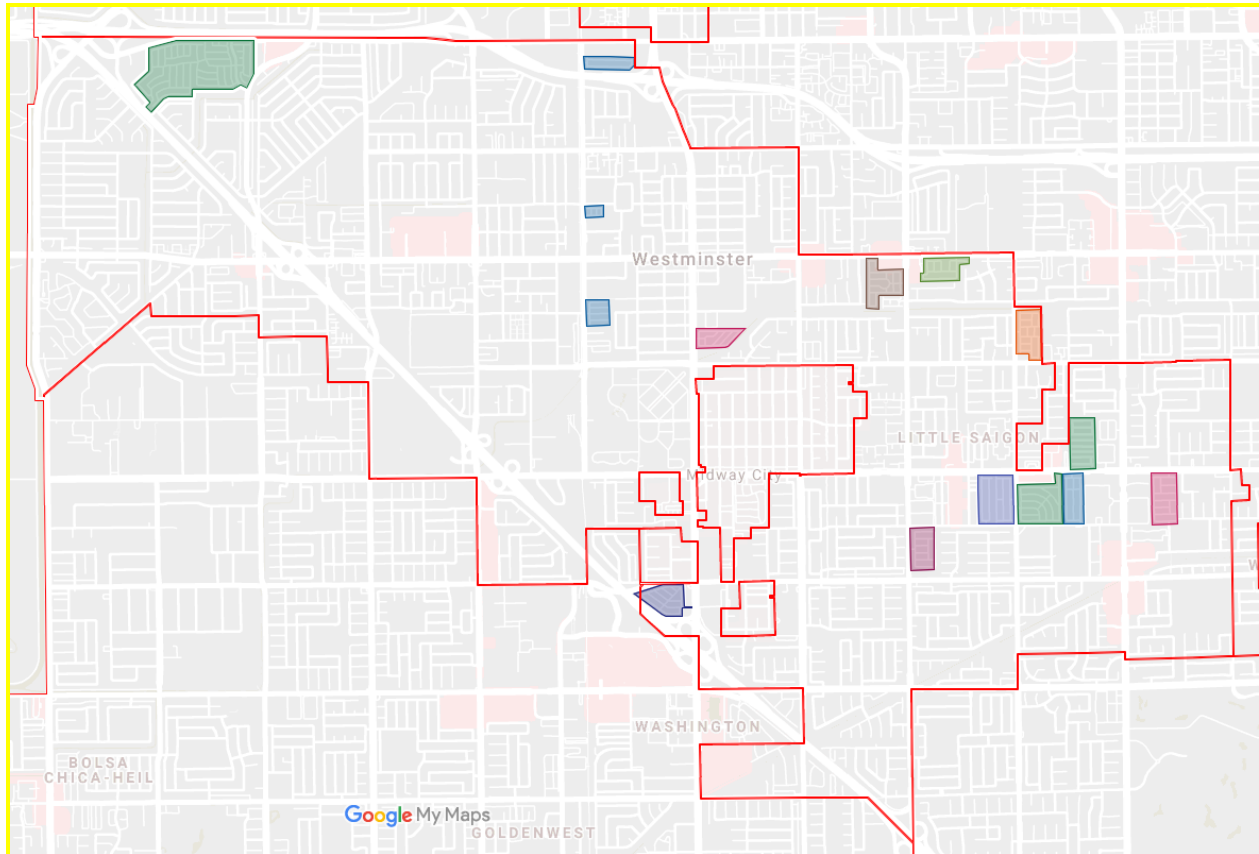
Summary of Community of Interest

Community of Interest 1: Mobile home parks residents

Summary: The largest concentration of Mobile Parks is located within the central and eastern parts of Westminster, particularly on Bolsa Ave, Westminster Blvd, and Newland St. (see Figure A). The majority of the population typically are low-income and senior residents who rely on Section 8 housing and SSA/SSI or disability income to pay their living expenses. Mobile homes

in Westminster also contain a large population of low-income Asian, Latino, and White residents.

Figure A:



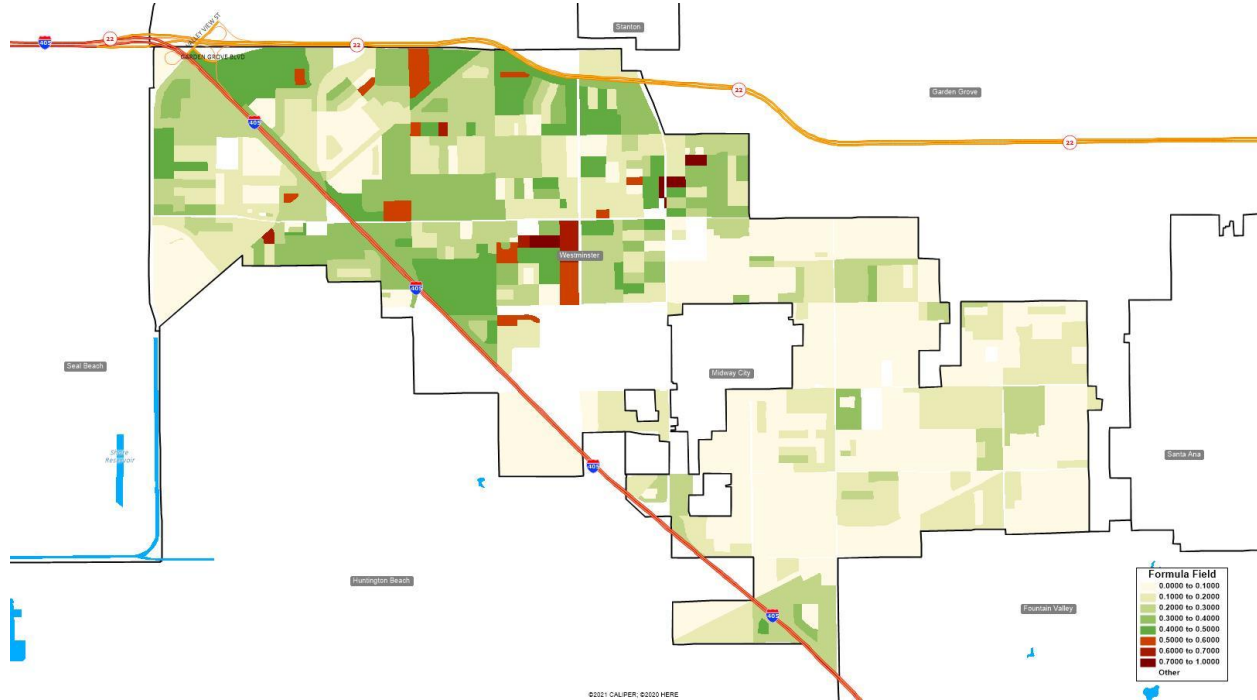
Guidance: Keep the concentration of mobile homes together. Place the concentration of mobile home parks in two districts in order to maintain strong representation for the specific needs of the mobile home park communities.

One district should keep Driftwood Park, Green Lantern, Westminster Mobile Estates, and Caravan Mobile Home Park together. The second should keep the mobile homes Prado Verde, Summerset Estates, Americana Mobile Home Estates, Bolsa Verde, Regency Villa, Mission Del Amo, Kensington Gardens, and Rancho Del Sol Mobile Home together in one district which would create a district with the largest concentration of mobile home residents, allowing them to elect their candidate of choice.

Community of Interest 2: Latino population

Summary: There is a concentration of Latino population in Westminster primarily located in the central and western parts of Westminster. Particularly the highest concentration of Latino population are located east of Goldenwest St. up to Newland St. The neighborhoods surrounding Sigler Park are predominantly Latino. The population occupies apartments, mobile home parks, and single-family homes.

Figure C:



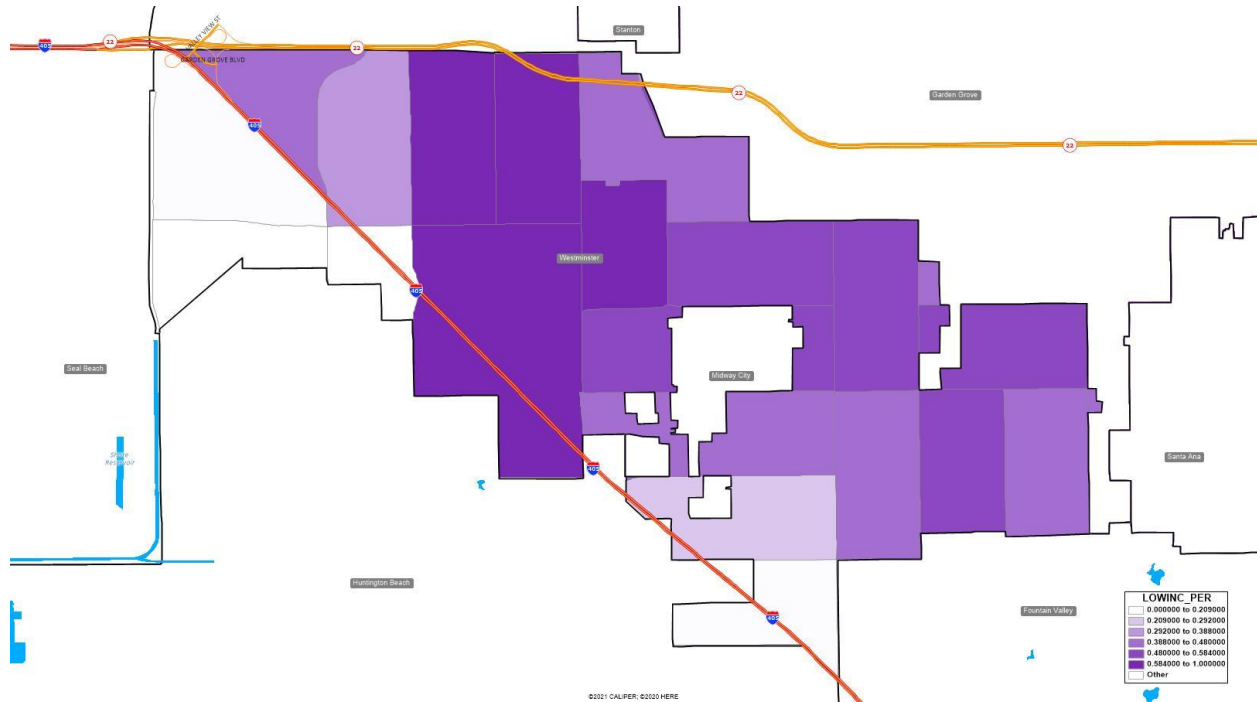
Source: Caliper Corporation, Maptitude for Redistricting.

Guidance: Create a district that keeps the highest concentration of Latino population located east of Goldenwest St. up to Newland St together to allow the community to elect their candidate of choice.

Community of Interest 3: Low-income Vietnamese population

Summary: The large concentration of low-income Vietnamese residents are primarily located east of Goldenwest St. up to Beach Ave. There are various census blocks that run along Hazard Ave. and Bolsa Ave. This population predominantly resides in apartments and mobile home parks. The majority of low-income Vietnamese apartment residents live in apartments along Westminster Blvd. in between Goldenwest St. and Beach Ave. The majority of low-income Vietnamese mobile home residents live on Westminster Blvd. and Bolsa Ave.

Figure B:



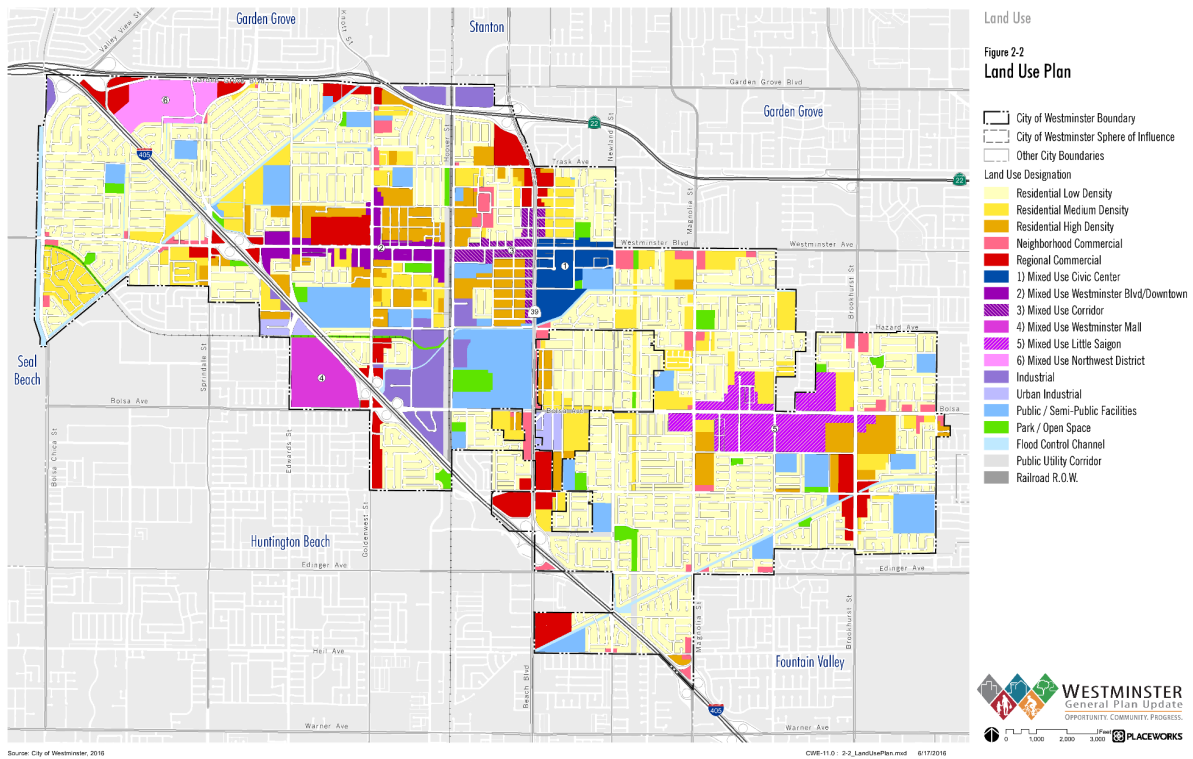
Source: Caliper Corporation, *Mapitude for Redistricting*.

Guidance: Create a district east of Goldenwest St. up to Beach Ave. and north of Hazard Ave. which will keep together the majority of low-income Vietnamese living in apartments and single family homes. This will bring together low-income Latino and Vietnamese residents who share common lived experiences, interests, and needs. Create another district that keeps low-income Vietnamese mobile home residents living on Westminster Blvd. and Bolsa Ave. together. These mobile homes include Prado Verde, Summerset Estates, Americana Mobile Home Estates, Bolsa Verde, Regency Villa, Mission Del Amo, Kensington Gardens, and Rancho Del Sol Mobile Home. As housing costs become more and more unaffordable, it's crucial to create districts that provide representation for the most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

Community of Interest 4: Apartment residents

Summary: There is a concentration of apartments in Westminster primarily located in the central parts of Westminster. Particularly the highest concentration of apartments population are located east of Goldenwest St. up to Newland St and north of Hazard Ave.. The neighborhoods surrounding Sigler Park are predominantly apartment complexes .

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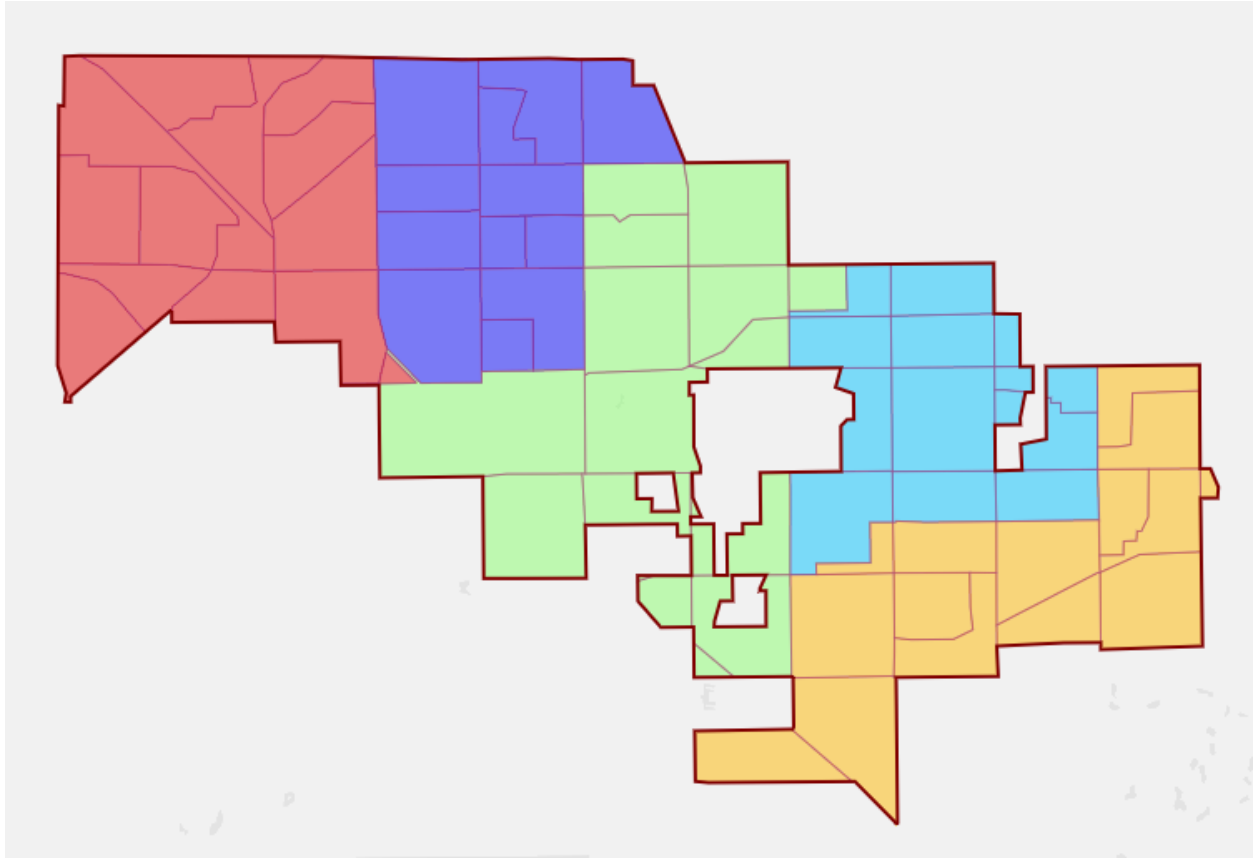


Source: Westminster General Land Use Map

Guidance: Create a district that keeps the highest concentration of apartment residents located east of Goldenwest St. up to Newland St and north of Hazard Ave. together to allow the community to elect their candidate of choice.

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

Summary



Highlights of City Council District Plan

The WRC plan for the City of Westminster centers on the Federal Voting Rights Act compliance and communities of interest that reflect the needs of the City's most impacted residents. With districts drawn to population equality requirements, the plan also respects other redistricting criteria established under state law, such as contiguity, making the lines easily identifiable, and compactness when not conflicting with core principles.

Respect for communities of interest. The plan centered on communities of interest in the drawing of City District lines. Immigrants, Latino, AAPI, and other populations in need were considered in identifying both communities of interest and geographic areas that were similar to and different from one another.

Respect for population equality. The District plan includes districts whose total populations fall within a 5% deviation of the ideal population of 18,217 persons per district, with a percentage spread of less than 10%.

Respect for the requirement of contiguity. The plan draws contiguous districts.

Respect for the requirement of making boundaries easily identifiable. The Council district boundaries are easily identifiable and understandable to residents and follow natural and artificial barriers, streets, and the boundaries of the City.

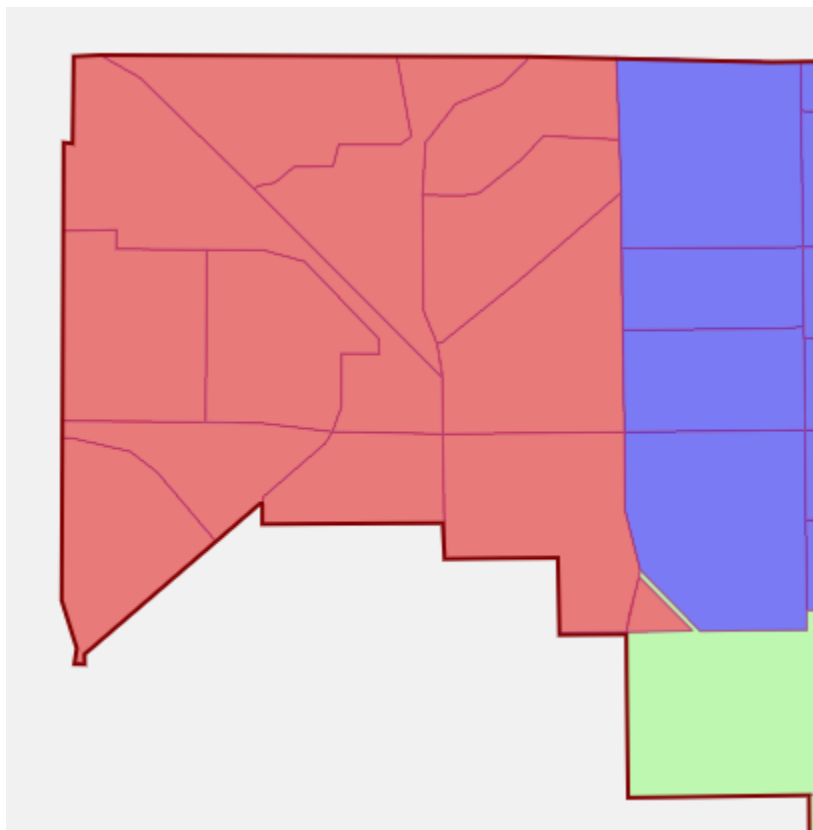
Respect for the requirement of compactness. The plan draws compact districts where possible, understanding that federal Voting Rights Act compliance and maintaining the integrity of communities of interest may require drawing less compact districts.

Respect for nonpartisanship. The plan was developed to address community needs and does not favor or discriminate against a political party.

Priorities for City Council Districts

- District A maintains the integrity of an affluent long-time single family homeowner community west of Goldenwest St. together.
- District B creates a compact district that keeps low-income Latino and Vietnamese residents who primarily live in apartments, mobile homes, and single family homes together east of Goldenwest St. up to Beach Blvd. and north of Hazard Ave. This district contains the largest CVAP Latino population at 29.29% in and around Sigler Park.
- District C creates a Federal Voting Rights Act compliant district and a district that contains the 2nd largest mobile home park concentration: 4 total. This district contains a large number of low-income Vietnamese, White, and Latino populations.
- District D creates a Federal Voting Rights Act-compliant district with the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 71.63% of Vietnamese residents. This district includes numerous communities of interest, including low-income communities, working-class communities, mixed immigration status families, monolingual communities, tenant communities, and housing cost-burdened communities. This district contains the largest concentration of mobile home parks: 8 total. This district keeps the core of Bolsa Ave. together.
- District E maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together. This district contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 63.33%. This district also keeps together the 3rd largest mobile home park concentration: 2 total.

District A



Total Population: 18,480

Deviation: 263 (1.4%)

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latino	3582	24.31	3326	24.71
White	6321	42.9	6489	48.21
Asian	3979	27.01	3283	24.39

Contiguity:

- This district contains Westminster east of Goldenwest St. and follows the 405 Freeway to include the business complex south of the 405 freeway & north of Hazard Ave. It uses Goldenwest St and the 405 Freeway as natural boundaries.

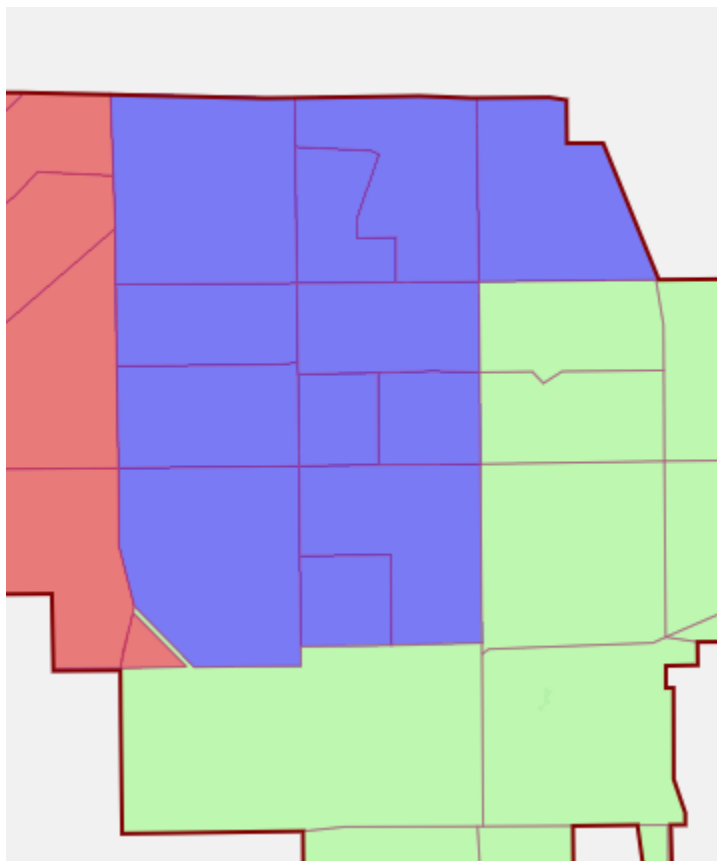
Communities of Interest:

- This district keeps the majority single-family homes east of Goldenwest St. occupied by White, Latino, and Vietnamese residents together. The majority of these residents are typically higher income and have specific interests and lived experiences that should be maintained together.

Compactness

- This configuration of District A is compact. It best ensures the inclusion and representation of homeowner communities in western Westminster in accordance with the Fair Maps Act. It keeps a specific region together that allows residents to speak collectively with one voice.

District B



Total Population: 18,090

Deviation: -127 (-0.7%)

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latino	5309	37.37	3274	29.29
White	2150	15.13	2788	24.94
Asian	6281	44.21	4752	42.51

Contiguity:

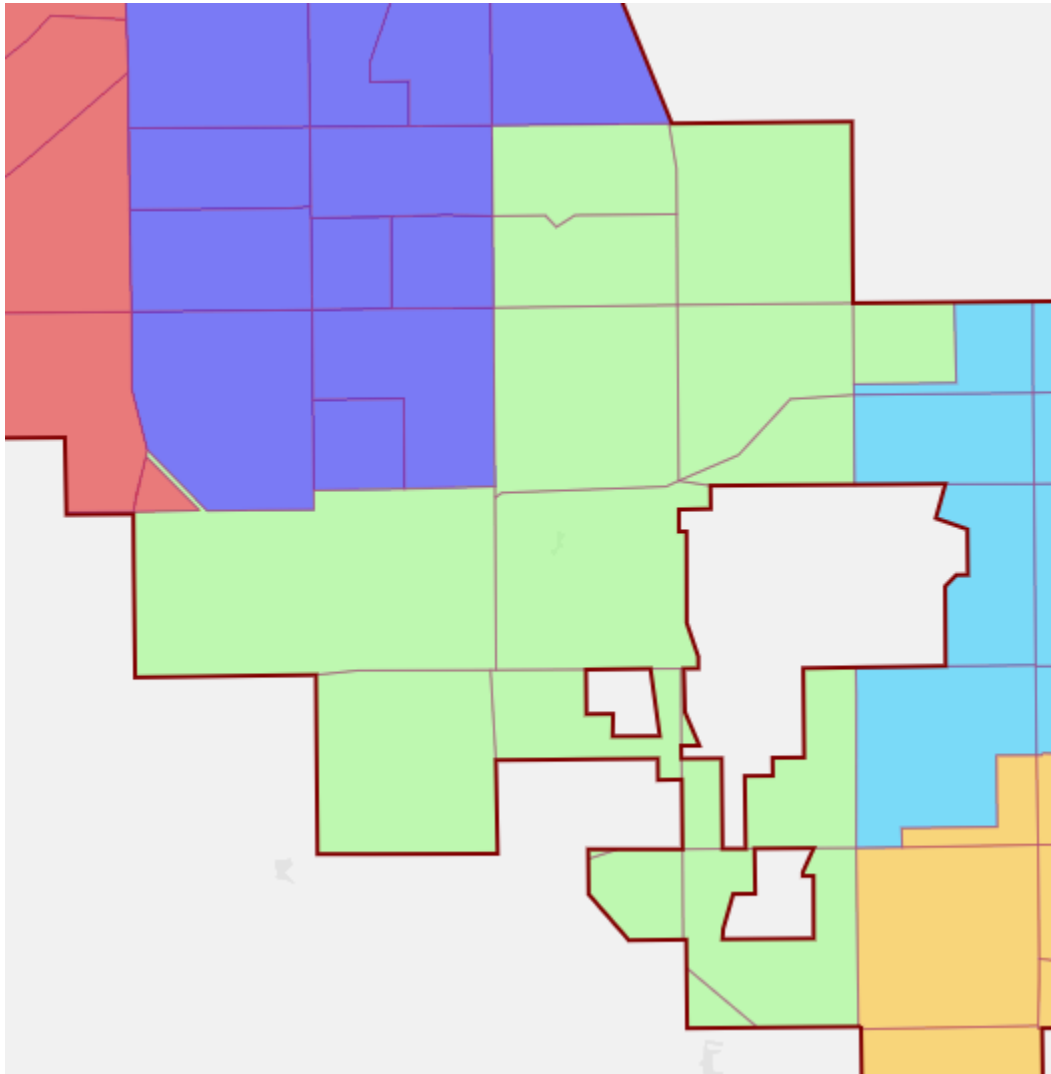
- This district contains neighborhoods west of Goldenwest St up to Beach Blvd and north of Hazard Ave. It uses Goldenwest St, Beach Blvd, Hazard Ave, and Westminster Blvd as natural boundaries.

Communities of Interest:

- This district contains the highest concentration of Latino population, low-income Vietnamese, and apartment residents. Creating this district will help prioritize the needs and lived experiences of low-income and housing burdened residents.
- This district contains the largest CVAP Latino population at 29.29% in and around Sigler Park.

Compactness:

- This configuration best ensures the inclusion and representation of Latino, low-income Vietnamese and apartment residents who live west of Goldenwest St up to Beach Blvd and north of Hazard Ave in accordance with the Voting Rights Act. These residents need representatives who can speak to them and provide resources in their language and understand their cultural background and socioeconomic needs

District C

Total Population: 18,271

Deviation: 54 (0.3%)

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latino	3530	23.71	2411	20.14
White	2600	17.46	2873	23.99
Asian	8326	55.92	6469	54.03

Contiguity:

- This district contains neighborhoods east of Goldenwest St, south of Hazard Ave, south of Trask Ave, north of Lomay Ave & Yockey St, and west of Beach Blvd. It primarily uses the main streets of Hazard Ave, Trask Ave, Goldenwest St, and Beach Blvd as natural boundaries.

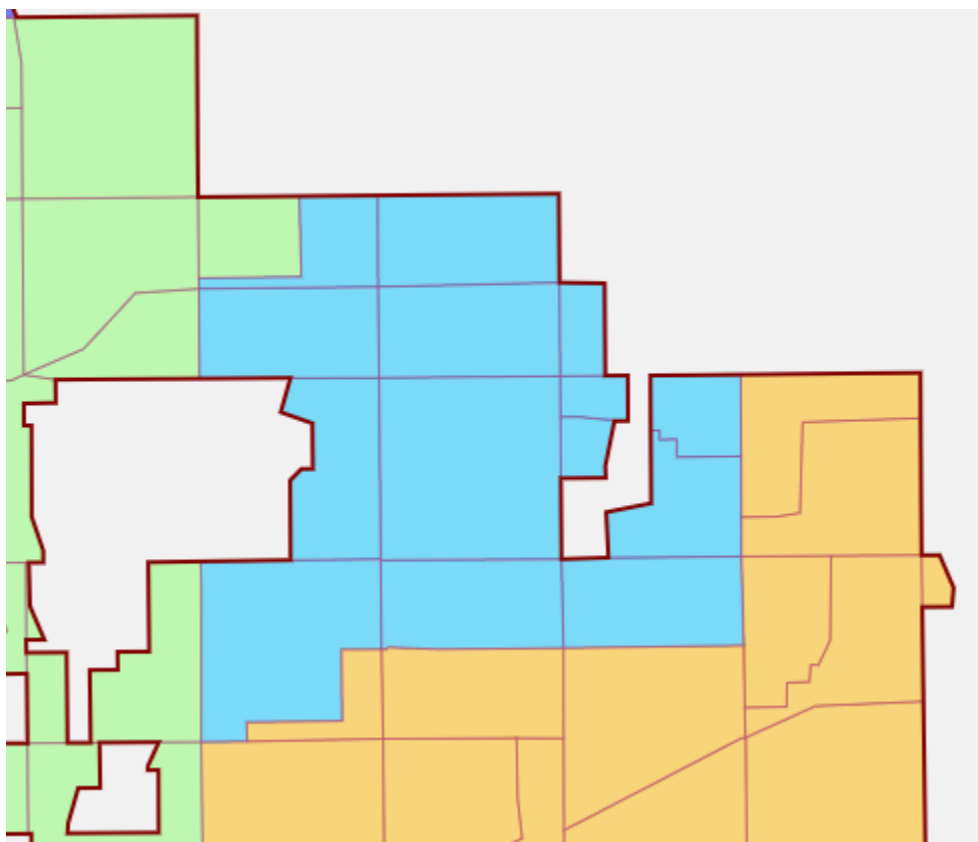
Communities of Interest:

- This district brings together the 2nd largest mobile home park concentration: 4 total. This includes Green Lantern Village (14352 Beach Blvd), Driftwood Park (15621 Beach Blvd), Caravan Mobile Home Park (13782 Hoover St), and Westminster Mobile Estates (14272 Hoover St). Many residents are Vietnamese, White, Latino who are predominantly seniors, relying on Section 8 Housing, SSI and SSA to afford their living costs.
- This district contains a large number of low-income Vietnamese, White, and Latino populations.

Compactness:

- This configuration best ensures the inclusion and representation of low-income Vietnamese, Latino, and White mobile home residents who live east of Goldenwest St, south of Hazard Ave, south of Trask Ave, north of Lomay Ave & Yockey St, and west of Beach Blvd in accordance with the Voting Rights Act. These residents need representatives who can speak to them and provide resources in their language and understand their cultural background and socioeconomic needs

District D



Total Population: 18,152

Deviation: -65 (-0.4%)

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latino	1893	12.54	1060	8.43
White	1633	10.81	2363	18.81
Asian	11048	73.19	8999	71.63

Contiguity:

- This district contains neighborhoods east of Newland St, east of Yockey St, south of Westminster Blvd, south of Hazard Ave, north of Bishop Pl, and north of McFadden Ave. It primarily uses the main streets of Newland St, Hazard Ave, Trask Ave, McFadden Ave, and Westminster Blvd as natural boundaries.

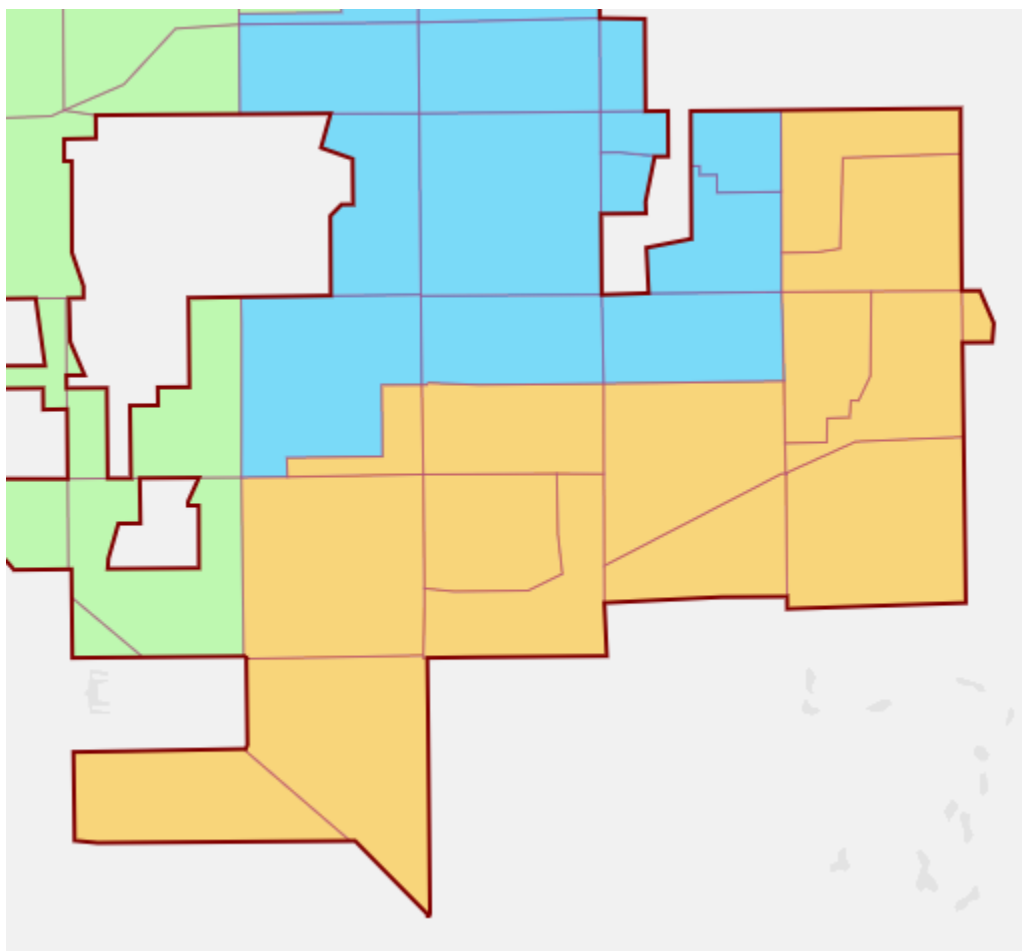
Communities of Interest:

- This district includes the highest CVAP Vietnamese population of 71.63% of Vietnamese residents. This district includes numerous communities of interest, including low-income communities, working-class communities, mixed immigration status families, monolingual communities, tenant communities, and housing cost-burdened communities.
- This district contains the largest concentration of mobile home parks: 8 total. This includes Prado Verde (14081 Magnolia St), Summerset Estates (9200 Westminster Blvd), Americana Mobile Home Estates (14362 Bushard St), Bolsa Verde (9350 Bolsa Ave), Regency Villa (15111 Bushard St), Mission Del Amo (9702 Bolsa Ave), Kensington Gardens (9800 Bolsa Ave), and Rancho Del Sol Mobile Home (9851 Bolsa Ave).
- This district keeps the core of Little Saigon businesses on Bolsa Ave together. This will allow for greater representation in the development of Little Saigon on Bolsa Ave.

Compactness

- This configuration of District D is compact. It best ensures the inclusion and representation of Vietnamese and mobile home communities in Westminster in accordance with the Fair Maps Act. It keeps a specific region together that allows residents, particularly mobile home residents to speak collectively with one voice.

District E



Total Population: 18,090

Deviation: -127 (-0.7%)

Group	Voting-Age Population		Citizen Voting-Age Population	
	#	%	#	%
Latino	1843	12.30	1318	9.87
White	2941	19.63	3275	24.52
Asian	9777	65.26	8457	63.33

Contiguity:

- This district contains neighborhoods east of Newland St, east of Brookhurst St, south of Bishop Pl, and south of Hazard Ave. It primarily uses the main streets of Newland St, Hazard Ave, and Brookhurst St. as natural boundaries.

Communities of Interest:

- This district maintains the integrity of single-family homeowners, apartment, and mobile home residents together.
- This district keeps the new business development of Bolsa Row together.
- This district contains the 2nd largest CVAP Vietnamese population at 63.33%.
- This district also keeps together the 3rd largest mobile home park concentration: 2 total. This includes Royal Garden Estates (10200 Bolsa Ave) and Villa Magnolia (15300 Magnolia St).

Compactness

- This configuration of District E is compact. It best ensures the inclusion and representation of homeowner communities in eastern Westminster and newly formed economic developments in accordance with the Fair Maps Act. It keeps a specific region together that allows residents to speak collectively with one voice.