



Office of the City Manager

ACTION CALENDAR

June 14, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Christine Daniel, Deputy City Manager

Subject: 2010 Census: Redistricting Process and Timeline

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the schedule and process for the adjustment of City Council district boundaries following the decennial census as provided for in Berkeley City Charter Article V, Section 9.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The data from the 2010 census has been released by the Census Bureau and Berkeley's population increased by 9,836 people between 2000 and 2010. The City Charter requires that the City adjust the City Council district boundaries in response to that increased population count. The Census data was released on March 8, 2011 and shows a total population for Berkeley of 112,580. This represents a nine-percent increase over the 2000 population count of 102,744.

The deadline in the City Charter to complete the redistricting process is December 31, 2013. However, staff is proposing a timeline that would enable completion by April 1, 2012 in order to allow the new districts to be in place for the November 2012 municipal election. The proposed timeline is included in Attachment 1.

Data Analysis

Adjustment Process: City staff analyzed the data files provided by the Census and organized the data into map form to verify the accuracy. Staff found that the Census Bureau data erroneously assigned population to some of the median strips of several divided roads in Berkeley. There was a total of 1,392 people assigned to median strips, ranging from a single person in one median area to as many as 158 in another. Out of 94 census blocks where these "median populations" occurred, 86 of them reported populations of less than 50. However, some of the divided roads with this type of data are on the border between council districts and thus staff thought it important to clearly assign them to a Census block.

Information Technology staff contacted the Census Bureau about the median-strip populations. The Census Bureau provided an explanation of how the populations were assigned and a methodology for assigning those populations to the correct census

block and tract. The Census Bureau confirmed that the total population count was accurate and that the methodology they provided would properly assign the populations to correct blocks and tracts.

Specifically, the Census Bureau provided guidance on how to use the address ranges contained within the 2010 Census TIGER/Line files to reassign populations to the correct census blocks. TIGER/Line files are spatial extracts from the Census Bureau's MAF/TIGER database, containing features such as roads, railroads, rivers, as well as legal and statistical geographic areas. They are designed for use with geographic information system (GIS) software. Since the census blocks City staff reported represent the area between two lanes of a double line street, it was possible to use the address ranges in the TIGER/Line files to determine which adjacent census block should receive the housing and population. The Census Bureau provided an example of this method (see Attachment 2) to guide staff's adjustment of these populations.

City staff is confident that applying the Census Bureau's methodology results in an accurate count for each district. For example, in the five blocks where more than 100 people had been assigned to the median strip, there was a multi-unit building in the adjacent reassigned block, therefore it was clear which block was appropriate for the adjustment. However, if the Council has questions about the resolution obtained from the Census Bureau, the City Council may authorize the City Manager to submit a formal resolution request through the Count Question Resolution (CQR) process. The CQR period opened on June 1st and it is unknown how long it would take to receive a response should the City submit a formal request. However, staff does not recommend the CQR process as it is unlikely to yield a resolution that is superior to the solution already provided by the Census Bureau and it could add significant delay to the process.

Equal District Population: The City Charter and the state Elections Code require that districts be drawn to result in a nearly equal population in each district. As can be seen from the table below, the verified data shows significant deviation from the equal population number in the eight city council districts.

The Equal District Population (EDP) number is arrived at by dividing total population (112,580) by eight. For reference, the EDP number from 2000 was 12,843 (102,744 divided by eight). The 2010 EDP number is 14,703.

	2010 Equal Dist. Pop.	2010 Actual Dist. Pop.	Deviation
District 1	14,073	13,080	(993)
District 2	14,073	13,381	(692)
District 3	14,073	13,024	(1,049)
District 4	14,073	15,605	1,532
District 5	14,073	12,709	(1,364)
District 6	14,073	12,883	(1,190)
District 7	14,073	16,623	2,550
District 8	14,073	15,275	1,202

In 2001, the City sought a correction from the Census Bureau for undercounted blocks in the student housing area near campus. The Census Bureau made a small adjustment to the block assignments of some populations, but did not add to the total population count. For the 2010 count, the City performed extensive outreach in the student areas as well as the census tracts designated as “hard to count” by the Census Bureau and staff believes this resulted in a more accurate count. Nevertheless, the Census Bureau has made it clear that they will not alter the total population counts during the CQR process, but only make geographical corrections.

Process and Timeline

The process for the 2010 Census redistricting, as in prior years, is proposed to include an opportunity for the public to create and submit redistricting plans. The public proposals would be analyzed by City staff for conformance with legal requirements and then be submitted to the City Council for consideration. The proposed timeline includes at least two public hearings for review and consideration of the proposals. Upon completion of the public hearing process, the Council would direct staff to draft a new ordinance with the City Council district boundaries to be used for the next 10 years.

The following describes the proposed process and timeline for the decennial redistricting. Beginning on July 11, 2011, members of the public will be able to obtain a Redistricting Packet from the City Clerk with all the information and data needed to create a proposal. The City will provide maps and excel spreadsheets, both electronically and in hard copy, to the public. Those files will include the data necessary for a community member to assess the population counts in each district, as against the Equal District Population number, and prepare revised district boundaries. Submittals will be required to include both the proposed modifications by Census tract and block, as well as a revised district boundary map. The deadline for public submissions in the approved format is proposed to be August 19, 2011.

Staff notes that there are commercial options available to the City to provide an online redistricting tool for the public and community groups to redraw district boundaries. However, they are very costly (approximately \$46,000) and there are no additional funds budgeted for the redistricting process. Staff believes that the data that the City can provide the public directly will enable the community to fully participate in the redistricting process.

Two public hearings are proposed (September 27 and November 8) to review the proposals submitted by the deadline. All completed proposals will be available through the City's website and will be included in the September 27 agenda packet, which will be available on September 15, 2011. The schedule anticipates that the Council would adopt the new boundaries by way of the first reading of an ordinance on December 13, 2011 and a second reading on January 17, 2012. The process would then be completed by the April 1, 2012 deadline set by the Registrar of Voters for the new districts to be in effect for the November 2012 municipal election. See Attachment 1 for a full calendar and Attachment 3 for the public submission guidelines.

Proposals will be analyzed to ensure that they comply with the Charter, the state Elections Code and federal law. The Charter requires council district boundaries to be nearly equal in population, remain as close to the original 1986 boundaries as possible, and cannot result in the termination of the term of office of any Councilmember. The full Charter provisions as well as relevant state statutes are provided in Attachment 4.

For reference purposes, the map in Attachment 5 shows the current council districts and the original 1986 district boundaries. In the redistricting packet, the public will be provided with two maps, 1) a large format map that includes census tracts, census blocks, the population in each block, 1986 boundaries, and current boundaries, and 2) a blank slate map with census blocks upon which the submitter will draw their proposed boundaries.

BACKGROUND

Berkeley City Charter Article V, Section 9 requires City Council district boundaries to be adjusted, if needed, following each decennial census. The census data for Berkeley was released on March 8, 2011. City staff has designed a process and timeline for the completion of redistricting for Berkeley City Council districts that includes public participation and multiple opportunities for analysis and input by the public and the City Council.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on the proposed timeline, staff will return to the Council on September 27, 2011 for the first public hearing on the submitted proposals. Alternately, if the Council decides to pursue the CQR process, staff will return to Council at a later date when we have been notified of the final outcome of the City's submission.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

None.

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Attachments:

- 1: Redistricting Timeline
- 2: U.S. Census Bureau Example for Data Correction
- 3: Public submission Guidelines
- 4: City Charter and State Redistricting Regulations
- 5: Map (current boundaries and 1986 boundaries)

2011/2012 Redistricting Timeline

MEETING DATE / DEADLINE	AGENDA PACKET DELIVERED	ACTION TAKEN
July 11, 2011		Complete packets of public hearing dates, timelines, process, maps and data available for the public at the City Clerk Department and available on the City's website.
August 19, 2011		Last day for public or councilmembers to submit a redistricting proposal to the City Clerk. Proposals must be submitted in the format established by the City Council.
Sept. 15, 2011		All redistricting proposals to be made available to the public through the City Clerk and published on the City's website.
Sept. 27, 2011	Sept. 15, 2011	First Public Hearing by Council on proposals to adjust boundaries of a district. (EC 21620.1)
October 7, 2011		Technical corrections due from original submitters in response to staff analysis.
November 8, 2011	October 27, 2011	Second Public Hearing by Council on redistricting proposals. (EC 21620.1)
December 13, 2011	December 1, 2011	Final proposal in form of ordinance. Council adopts first reading of ordinance establishing new district boundaries. (Charter Art. V, Sec. 9)
January 17, 2012	January 5, 2012	Council adopts second reading of ordinance establishing new district boundaries. (Charter Art. V, Sec. 9)
April 1, 2012		Alameda County Registrar of Voters deadline to submit new boundary lines and maps for November 2012 election.
June 1, 2012 July 26, 2012		Signatures In Lieu of Filing Fee Period for November 2012 election.
July 16, 2012 August 10, 2012		Candidate Filing Period for November 6, 2012 election.
November 6, 2012		Mayor, Council Districts 2, 3, 5, 6, Rent Board (4 seats), School Board (2 seats)
December 31, 2013		Charter deadline for Council to adjust boundaries by ordinance. Districts shall be as nearly equal in population and be preserved to the extent possible to the Council districts as originally established. (Charter Art. V, Sec. 9)

U.S. Census Bureau Example for Data Correction

“Following is a picture of how we used the address ranges from the 2010 TIGER/Line files to determine an alternate block for population currently geocoded to the "middle of street" block.

In the example below where block 2003 contains the population and housing in question, only the western lane of “Piedmont Ave” on the left hand side of the median contains address ranges in the 2010 TIGER/Line file. The eastern lane or right hand side of “Piedmont Ave.” is without ranges. If you think about this double line road as if it were a single street center line those addresses that got placed into the "middle" block based on the address ranges on the eastern side of the western lane should have continued on across the eastern lane. Any population/housing associated with this block, belongs in the block towards the right of the median, block 2022.”



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



CITY OF BERKELEY
GUIDELINES AND PROCESS FOR SUBMITTAL OF REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS
AND ADJUSTMENTS OF COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES BASED ON THE 2010
CENSUS

1. City Clerk will provide the following redistricting information to the Public in hard copy, CD-ROM, and on the website:

- 1) census data by district including population by tract and block (adjusted to correct geocoding errors by Census Bureau);
- 2) census data by district including ethnic breakdown by tract and block;
- 3) census data by district including over 18 population by tract and block (adjusted);
- 4) Reference Map of the City indicating the location of the current district boundaries, the original 1986 boundaries, and all census tracts and blocks as provided from the 2010 decennial census;
- 5) legal description of current district boundaries (2002 Ordinance);
- 6) redistricting timeline and schedule of public hearings;
- 7) redistricting requirements in city, state and federal law;
- 8) the approved format for submittal of redistricting plans; and
- 9) Proposal Map to be submitted with redistricting proposals.

This information will be made available for a nominal fee sufficient to cover the cost of printing the map and other documents. It will also be available for free download from the City website.

2. Submittal of redistricting plans to the City Clerk:

Redistricting plans must be submitted in the format approved by the City Council. Redistricting proposals should meet the redistricting criteria as set out in the report to Council. Partial plans will not be accepted.

Any individual, organization or group may present a redistricting plan. Submission of a plan must be on the form provided the City Clerk and include the following:

- 1) the name and contact information of the individual, organization or group submitting the plan including address and telephone number as well as fax and e-mail address, if available;
- 2) the name and telephone number, as well as fax and e-mail address, if available, for key contacts for the organization or group, including technical consultants, if any, or persons responsible for drafting specific boundaries;
- 3) a description of the organization or group submitting the plan;
- 4) a description of which, if any, communities of interest the plan took into consideration and the impact on those communities of interest;
- 5) the Tract/Block worksheet provided by the City Clerk;
- 6) a completed Proposal Map with the submitter's proposed district boundaries (submitted on the map provided by the City Clerk).

3. Deadline for submittal of redistricting plans to City Clerk:

Plans must be submitted no later than August 19, 2011.

4. Staff analysis, comparison and preparation of maps and Council reports:

City staff will perform an analysis and comparison of all submitted plans in relation to the redistricting criteria. If a proposal does not meet the redistricting criteria, the staff report for the first public hearing will indicate which criteria and requirements were not met.

6. Public Hearings before the Council on redistricting plans:

The City Council has scheduled September 27, 2011 as the date of the first public hearing on all redistricting plans submitted to the City Clerk by August 19, 2011.

The Council will be presented with an analysis of whether or not each plan meets the required redistricting criteria.

An opportunity will be provided for submitters to submit technical corrections to their plan in response to staff analysis by October 7.

The City Council may direct staff to prepare a modification to any proposal for consideration at the second public hearing scheduled for November 8, 2011. At the end of the second public hearing the City Council will direct staff to draft an ordinance for Council adoption on December 13, 2011 based on the redistricting plan it selects. This ordinance will include tract and block numbers within each district as well as a legal description of the boundary lines of each of the eight districts.

7. Council adoption of adjustments to Council district boundaries:

The City Council will adopt the first reading of an ordinance adjusting the Council district boundaries at the Council meeting on December 13, 2011. The City Council will adopt the second reading of the ordinance at its meeting of January 17, 2012. This ordinance will become effective thirty days after its second reading and will be used by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters for the November 2012 General Municipal Election.

City Charter and State Redistricting Regulations

Charter: Article V, Section 9. Election.

The Mayor, Auditor and School Directors shall be elected at the general municipal election on a general ticket from the City at large.

The Councilmembers shall be elected at the general municipal election by districts. The Councilmembers shall be recalled by districts.

The City is hereby divided into eight Council districts as hereinafter set forth, and, commencing with the general municipal election in November, 1986 and continuing thereafter until new districts are established as hereinafter set forth, such districts shall be used for the election and recall of Councilmembers and for filling any vacancy in the office of Councilmember by appointment. If and when new districts are established, as hereinafter provided, such new districts shall be used for the aforesaid purposes; provided, however, that no change in the boundary or location of any district by redistricting as herein provided shall operate to abolish or terminate the term of office of any Councilmember for which such Councilmember was elected or appointed. The eight Council districts, as established herein, shall be bounded and described as follows:

FIRST COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point at the center of the intersection of University Avenue and Grant Street, thence northerly along the center line of Grant Street to the center of the intersection of Vine Street; thence westerly along the center line of Vine Street to the center of the intersection of Vine Street and Edith Street; thence northerly along the center line of Edith Street to the center of the intersection of Edith Street and Rose Street; thence westerly along the center line of Rose Street to the center of the intersection of Rose Street and Sacramento Street; thence northerly along the center line of Sacramento Street to the center of the intersection of Sacramento Street and Hopkins Street; thence easterly along the center line of Hopkins Street to the center of the intersection of Hopkins Street and Hopkins Court; thence westerly along the center line of Hopkins Court to the center of the intersection of Hopkins Court and Albina Avenue; thence northerly along the center line of Albina Avenue to the northern boundary line of the City of Berkeley; thence westerly along said northern boundary line to the western boundary line of the City of Berkeley in the San Francisco Bay; thence southerly along said western boundary line to where it intersects with a line which is a direct extension of the center line of University Avenue; thence easterly along said extension line and along the center line of University Avenue to the point of beginning.

SECOND COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point on the western boundary line of the City of Berkeley in the San Francisco Bay where an extension of the center line of University Avenue would intersect said western boundary line; thence southerly along said western boundary line to the southern boundary line of the City of Berkeley; thence easterly along said southern boundary line to the intersection of said southern boundary line and the center line of California Street; thence northerly along the center line of California Street to the

center of the intersection of California Street and Ashby Avenue; thence westerly along the center line of Ashby Avenue to the center of the intersection of Ashby Avenue and Sacramento Street; thence northerly along the center line of Sacramento Street to the center of the intersection of Sacramento Street and University Avenue; thence westerly along the center line of University Avenue, and along an extension of said center line, to the point of beginning.

THIRD COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point where the southern boundary line of the City of Berkeley intersects the center line of California Street; thence easterly along said southern boundary line to the intersection of said southern boundary line and the center line of Deakin Street; thence northerly along the center line of Deakin Street to the center of the intersection of Deakin Street and Ashby Avenue; thence easterly along the center line of Ashby Avenue to the center of the intersection of Ashby Avenue and Ellsworth Street; thence northerly along the center line of Ellsworth Street to the center of the intersection of Ellsworth Street and Dwight Way; thence westerly along the center line of Dwight Way to the center of the intersection of Dwight Way and Sacramento Street; thence southerly along the center line of Sacramento Street to the center of the intersection of Sacramento Street and Ashby Avenue; thence easterly along the center line of Ashby Avenue to the center of the intersection of Ashby Avenue and California Street; thence southerly along the center line of California Street to the point of beginning.

FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point at the center of the intersection of Ellsworth Street and Dwight Way; thence northerly along the center line of Ellsworth Street to the center of the intersection of Ellsworth Street and Channing Way; thence westerly along the center line of Channing Way to the center of the intersection of Channing Way and Fulton Street; thence northerly along the center line of Fulton Street to where it becomes Oxford Street and continuing along the center line of Oxford Street to the center of the intersection of Oxford Street and Hearst Avenue; thence easterly along the center line of Hearst Avenue to the center of the intersection of Hearst Avenue, Arch Street and Le Conte Avenue; thence northerly along the center line of Arch Street to the center of Arch Street and Cedar Street; thence westerly along the center line of Cedar Street to the center of the intersection of Cedar Street and Spruce Street; thence northerly along the center line of Spruce Street to the center of the intersection of Spruce Street and Vine Street; thence westerly along the center line of Vine Street to the center of the intersection of Vine Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way; thence southerly along the center line of Martin Luther King Jr. Way to the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Cedar Street; thence westerly along the center line of Cedar Street to the center of the intersection of Cedar Street and Grant Street; thence southerly along the center line of Grant Street to the center of the intersection of Grant Street and University Avenue; thence westerly along the center line of University Avenue to the center of the intersection of University Avenue and Sacramento Street; thence southerly along the center line of Sacramento Street to the intersection of Sacramento Street and Dwight Way, thence easterly along the center line of Dwight Way to the point of beginning.

FIFTH COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point at the center of the intersection of Spruce Street and Vine Street; thence northerly along the center line of Spruce Street to the center of the intersection of Spruce Street and Grizzly Peak Blvd; thence northerly along the center line of Grizzly Peak Blvd. to the northern boundary line of the City of Berkeley; thence westerly and thence southerly along said northern boundary line to the intersection of said boundary line with the center line of Albina Avenue; thence southerly along the center line of Albina Avenue to the center of the intersection of Albina Avenue and Hopkins Court; thence easterly along the center line of Hopkins Court to the center of the intersection of Hopkins Court and Hopkins Street; thence westerly along the center line of Hopkins Street to the center of the intersection of Hopkins Street and Sacramento Street; thence southerly along the center line of Sacramento Street to the center of the intersection of Sacramento Street and Rose Street; thence easterly along the center line of Rose Street to the center of the intersection of Rose Street and Edith Street; thence southerly along the center line of Edith Street to the center of the intersection of Edith Street and Vine Street; thence easterly along the center line of Vine Street to the center of the intersection of Vine Street and Grant Street; thence southerly along the center of Grant Street to the center of the intersection of Grant Street and Cedar Street; thence easterly along the center line of Cedar Street to the center of the intersection of Cedar Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way; thence northerly along the center line of Martin Luther King Jr. Way to the center of the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Vine Street; thence easterly along the center line of Vine Street to the point of beginning.

SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing on the point at the center of the intersection of Arch Street, Le Conte Avenue and Hearst Avenue; thence easterly along the center line of Hearst Avenue, and along a direct extension of the center line of Hearst Avenue, to the point where it intersects the boundary line of the campus of the University of California, which boundary line is also the boundary line of federal census tract number 4226, thence northerly, and thence easterly, along said boundary line to where it intersects the eastern boundary line of the City of Berkeley; thence northerly along said eastern boundary line to the intersection of said boundary line and the center line of Grizzly Peak Blvd.; thence southerly along the center line of Grizzly Peak Blvd. to the center of the intersection of Grizzly Peak Blvd. and Spruce Street; thence westerly and southerly along the center line of Spruce Street to the center of the intersection of Spruce Street and Cedar Street; thence easterly along the center line of Cedar Street to the center of the intersection of Cedar Street and Arch Street; thence southerly along the center line of Arch Street to the point of beginning.

SEVENTH COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all that portion of the City of Berkeley commencing at the point on the southern boundary line of the City of Berkeley where it intersects the center line of Deakin Street; thence easterly along said southern boundary line to the intersection of said southern boundary line and the center line of College Avenue; thence northerly along the center line of College Avenue to the center of the intersection of College Avenue and Ashby Avenue; thence westerly along the center line of Ashby Avenue to the center of the intersection of Ashby Avenue and

Benvenue Avenue; thence northerly along the centerline of Benvenue Avenue to the center of the intersection of Benvenue Avenue and Parker Street; thence easterly along the center line of Parker Street to the center of the intersection of Parker Street and College Avenue; thence northerly along the center line of College Avenue to the center of the intersection of College Avenue and Bancroft Way; thence easterly along the center line of Bancroft Way to the center of the intersection of Bancroft Way, Piedmont Avenue and Gayley Road; thence northerly along the center line of Gayley Road to the center of the intersection of Gayley Road and Hearst Avenue; thence westerly along the centerline of Hearst Avenue to the center of the intersection of Hearst Avenue and Oxford Street; thence southerly along the center line of Oxford Street to where it becomes Fulton Street and continuing southerly along the center line of Fulton Street to the center of the intersection of Fulton Street and Channing Way; thence easterly along the center line of Channing Way to the center of the intersection of Channing Way and Ellsworth Street; thence southerly along the center line of Ellsworth Street to the center of the intersection of Ellsworth Street and Ashby Avenue; thence westerly along the center line of Ashby Avenue to the center of the intersection of Ashby Avenue and Deakin Street; thence southerly along the center line of Deakin Street to the point of beginning.

EIGHTH COUNCIL DISTRICT shall comprise all of that portion of the City not otherwise described as constituting the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Council Districts.

The Council shall, by ordinance, adjust if necessary the boundaries of the Council districts herein set forth by December 31st of the third year following the year in which each decennial federal census is taken, commencing with the 2010 census, as provided and required in the Constitution and statutes of the State of California and in order that the eight Council districts shall continue to be as nearly equal in population as may be according to said census. Any such redistricting shall preserve, to the extent possible, the Council districts originally established herein and shall become effective as of the next general election of Councilmembers immediately following the effective date of said ordinance.

Commencing with the general municipal election in November 1986, each Councilmember shall be elected by the electors within a Council district, must have resided in the District in which he or she is elected for a period of not less than thirty days immediately preceding the date he or she files a declaration of candidacy for the office of Councilmember, must continue to reside therein during his or her incumbency, and shall be removed from office upon ceasing to be such resident.

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the offices, respectively, of Mayor, Auditor and Councilmembers of the City shall be elected to such offices, provided that such candidate receives at least 40% of the votes cast for each such office. In the event that no candidate for Mayor, Auditor and Councilmember for one or more Council offices receives at least 40% of the votes cast for that office, then there shall be a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the most votes, which runoff election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in February of

the odd numbered year following the initial election. No other issues shall appear on the ballot of any runoff election. The successful candidate in any runoff election shall assume office on March 1, after the election results have been declared by the Council.

Should any provision of the amendment of this section be held invalid, the remainder of the amendment shall not be affected thereby.

California Elections Code

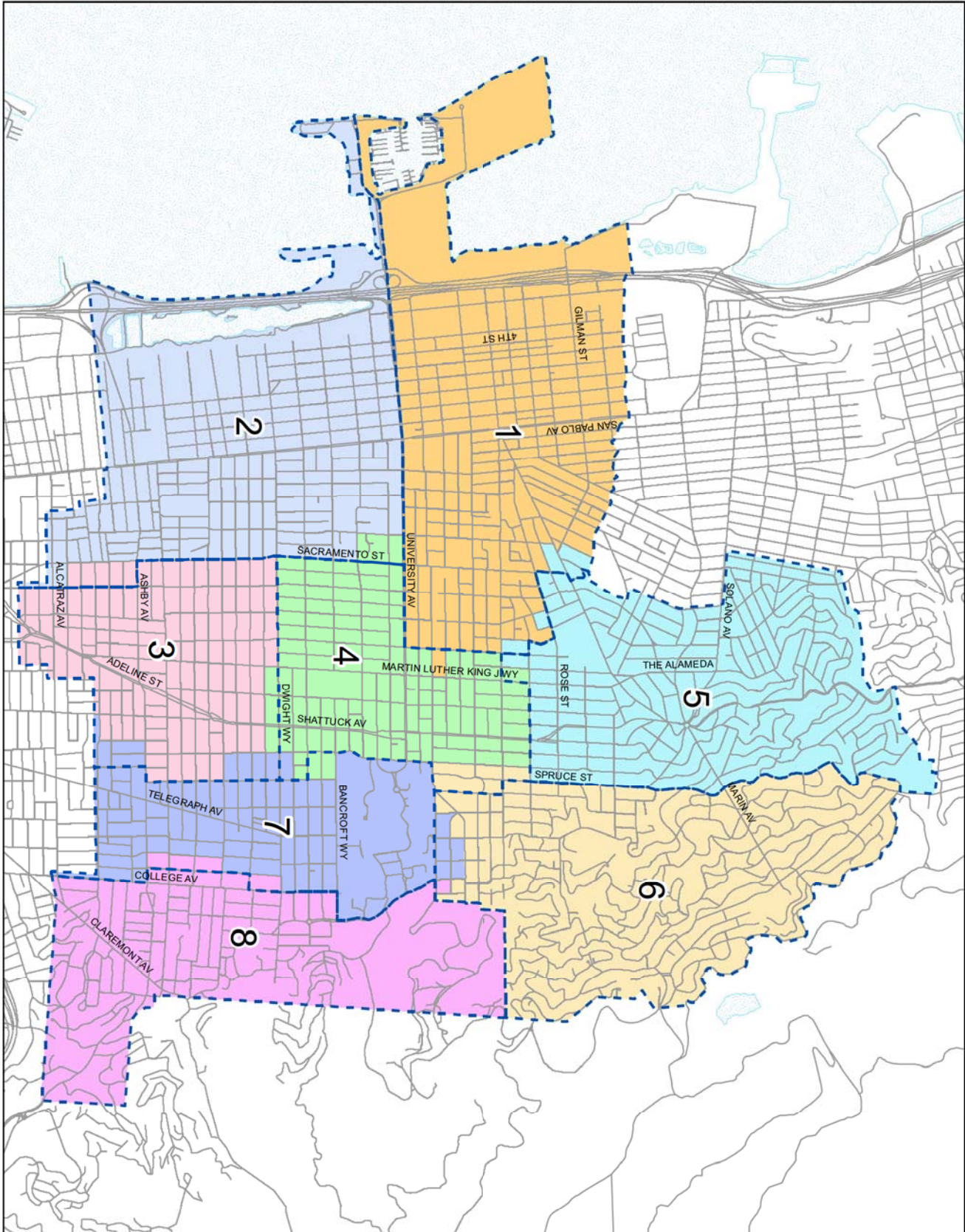
21620. Members elected by district.

If the members of the governing body of a chartered city are nominated or elected "by districts" or "from districts," as defined in Section 34871 of the Government Code, upon the initial establishment thereof, the districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be according to the latest federal decennial census or, if the city's charter so provides, according to the federal mid-decade census or the official census of the city, as provided for pursuant to Chapter 17 (commencing with Section 40200) of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 4 of the Government Code, as the case may be. After the initial establishment of the districts, the districts shall continue to be as nearly equal in population as may be according to the latest federal decennial census or, if authorized by the charter of the city, according to the federal mid-decade census. The districts shall comply with the applicable provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, Section 1973 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended. In establishing the boundaries of the districts, the council may give consideration to the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interest of the districts.

21620.1 Public hearing on proposal to adjust boundaries.

The governing body shall hold at least one public hearing on any proposal to adjust the boundaries of a district prior to a public hearing at which the council votes to approve or defeat the proposal.

**CURRENT
COUNCIL DISTRICTS
AND
CHARTER DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES**



- Current Council Districts
- Council District 1
- Council District 2
- Council District 3
- Council District 4
- Council District 5
- Council District 6
- Council District 7
- Council District 8
- 1986 Council Districts Boundaries

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