

City of Santa Clarita

2023 Districting

March 1, 2023

Districting Timeline

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Publish Initial Map February 22	Publish starting point map for public review prior to public hearings.
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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. Settlement Agreement

Remedy map must include one district “in which Latinos have a history of consistent support from minority coalition and cross-over voters and give Latinos ... the best opportunity to influence the outcome of City Council elections.”

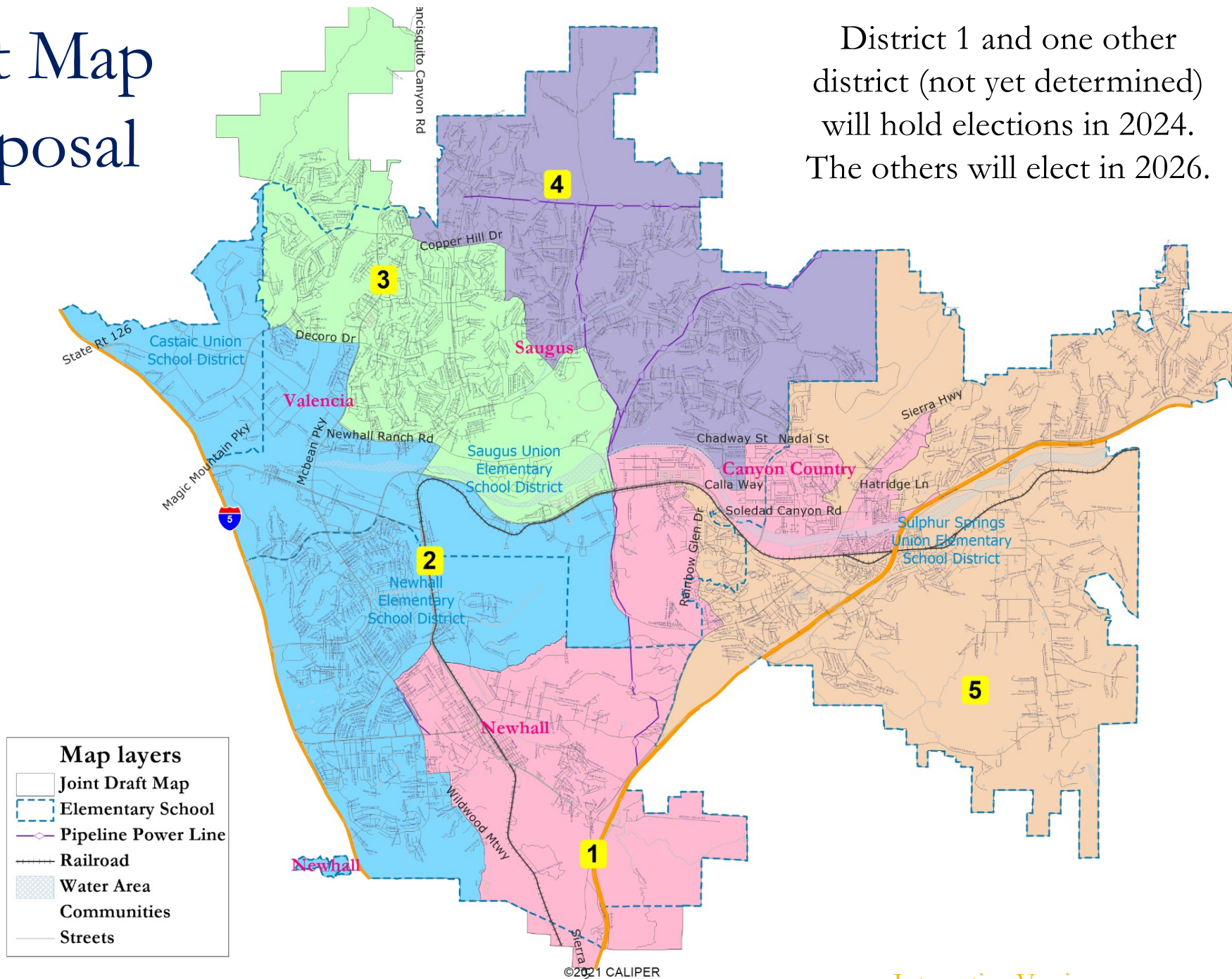
4. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office

Future population growth

Joint Map Proposal

District 1 and one other district (not yet determined) will hold elections in 2024. The others will elect in 2026.



Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

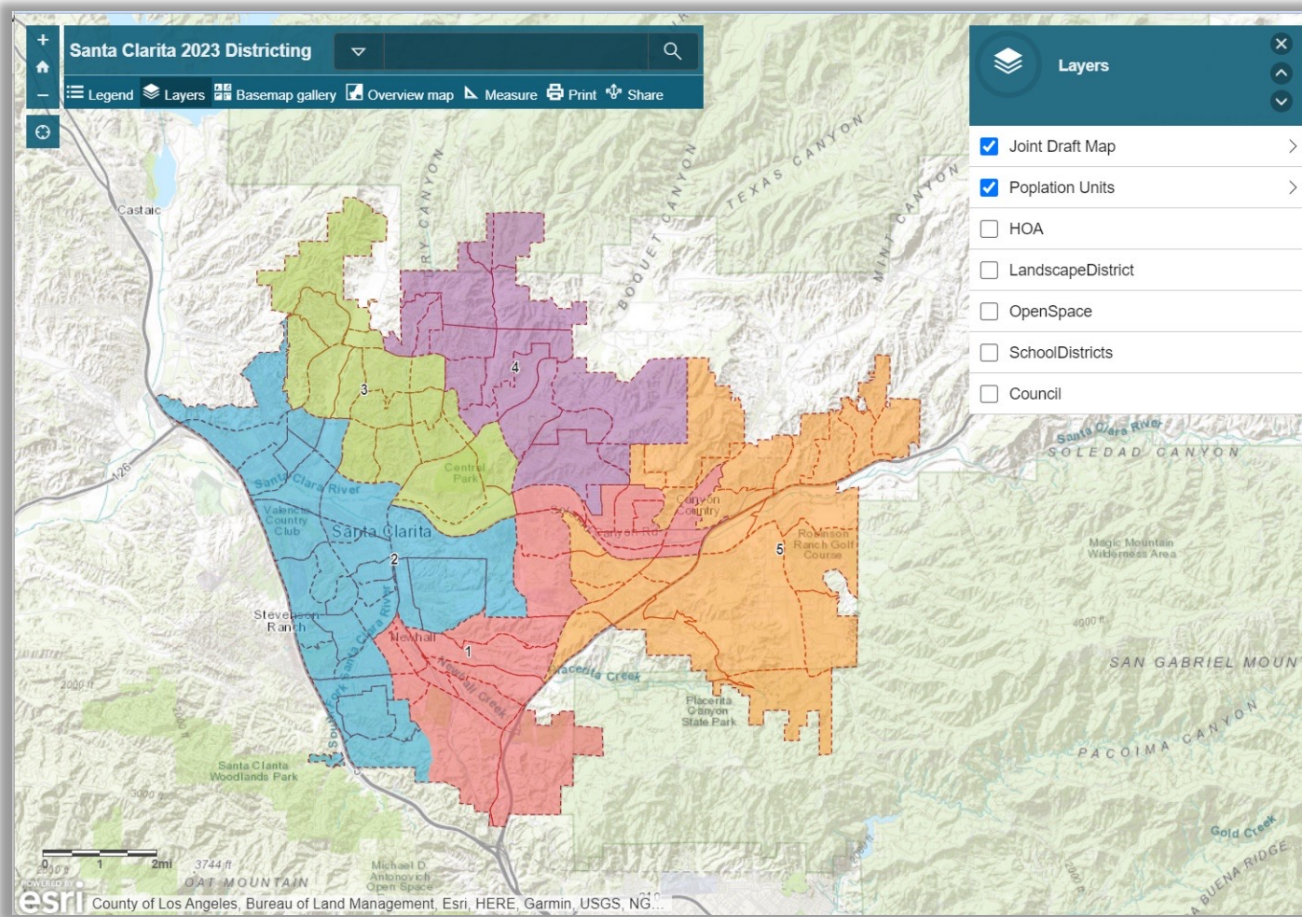
- ❑ **Different tools for different purposes**
- ❑ **Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest**
 - ❑ Simple “review draft maps” tool
 - ❑ Paper-based simple “Draw a draft map” tools
 - ❑ Powerful, data-rich “Draw a draft map” online tool

Whether you use the online mapping tool, the paper kit, or just draw on a napkin, we welcome your maps!

Simple Map Viewing Tool

Very similar to Google Maps:

- ❑ Zoom in and out, or enter an address to see which district it is in
- ❑ Choose which overlays you wish to add (if any)



Simple Map Drawing Tool

Paper “Public Participation Kit”

- ❑ For those without internet access or who prefer paper (also available in Spanish)
- ❑ Total Population Counts only – no demographic numbers

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Participation Kit**

Each number indicates the total population of that "population unit" area. Each district must have essentially equal population. The population of each of the five districts must be close to 46,660, with no more than a 4,666 difference between the largest and smallest districts.

Please use a thick dark-colored pen to draw your map, then submit it at City Hall or by email to DrawSC@santa-clarita.com.

You can hand-deliver, mail, fax, scan and email, or photograph and email your map.

Name: _____

Phone and/or email: _____

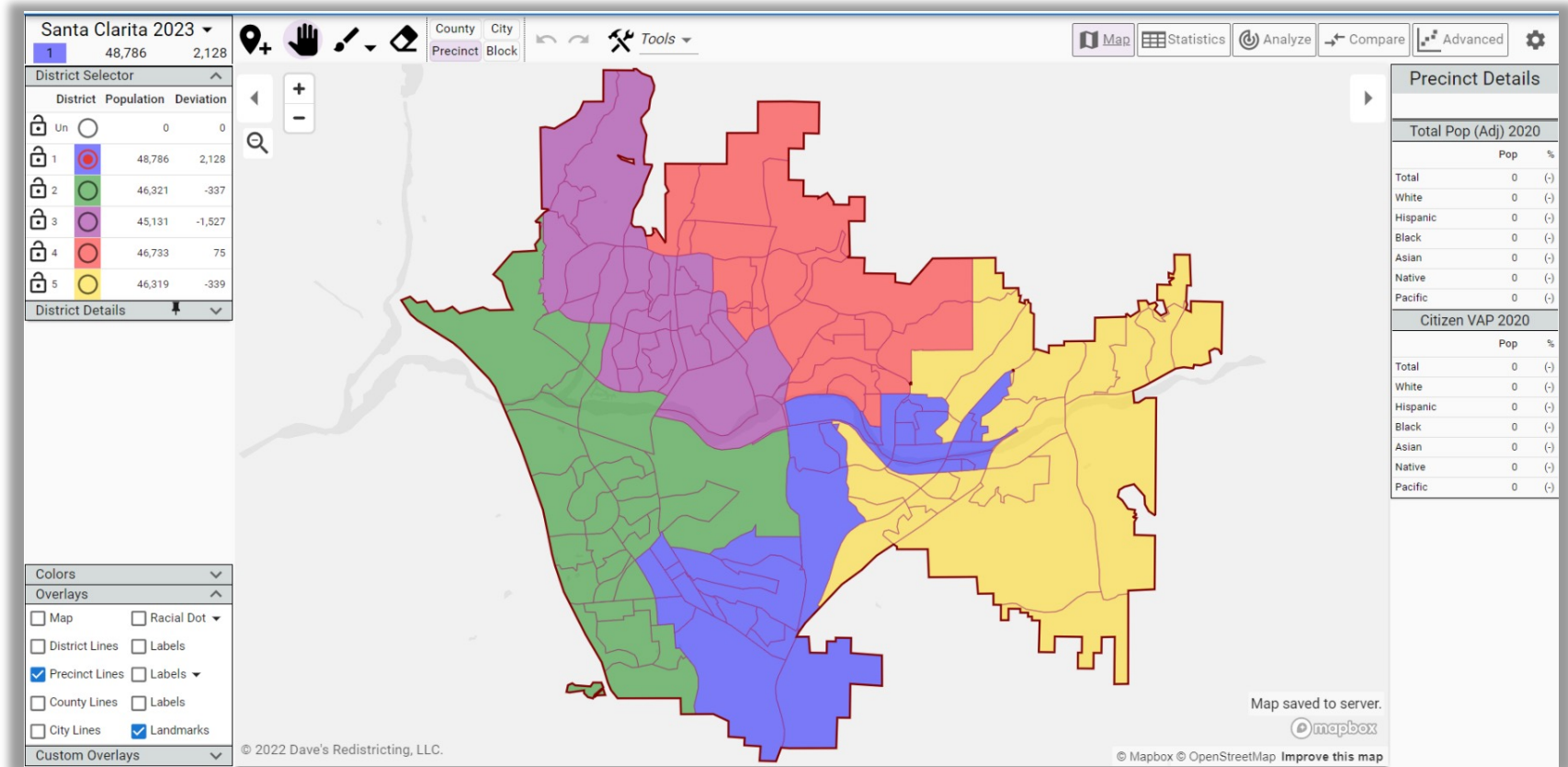
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An online version of this map that allows you to zoom in and out for more detail is available as a link from the City website.

Dave's Redistricting App (DRA)

Draw Your Community of Interest or a Full District Map

- Also includes simple district-mapping tool
- Email a link to your completed map to the City(DrawSC@Santa-Clarita.com)



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