

# City of Hewitt, Texas

## Redistricting Process Update

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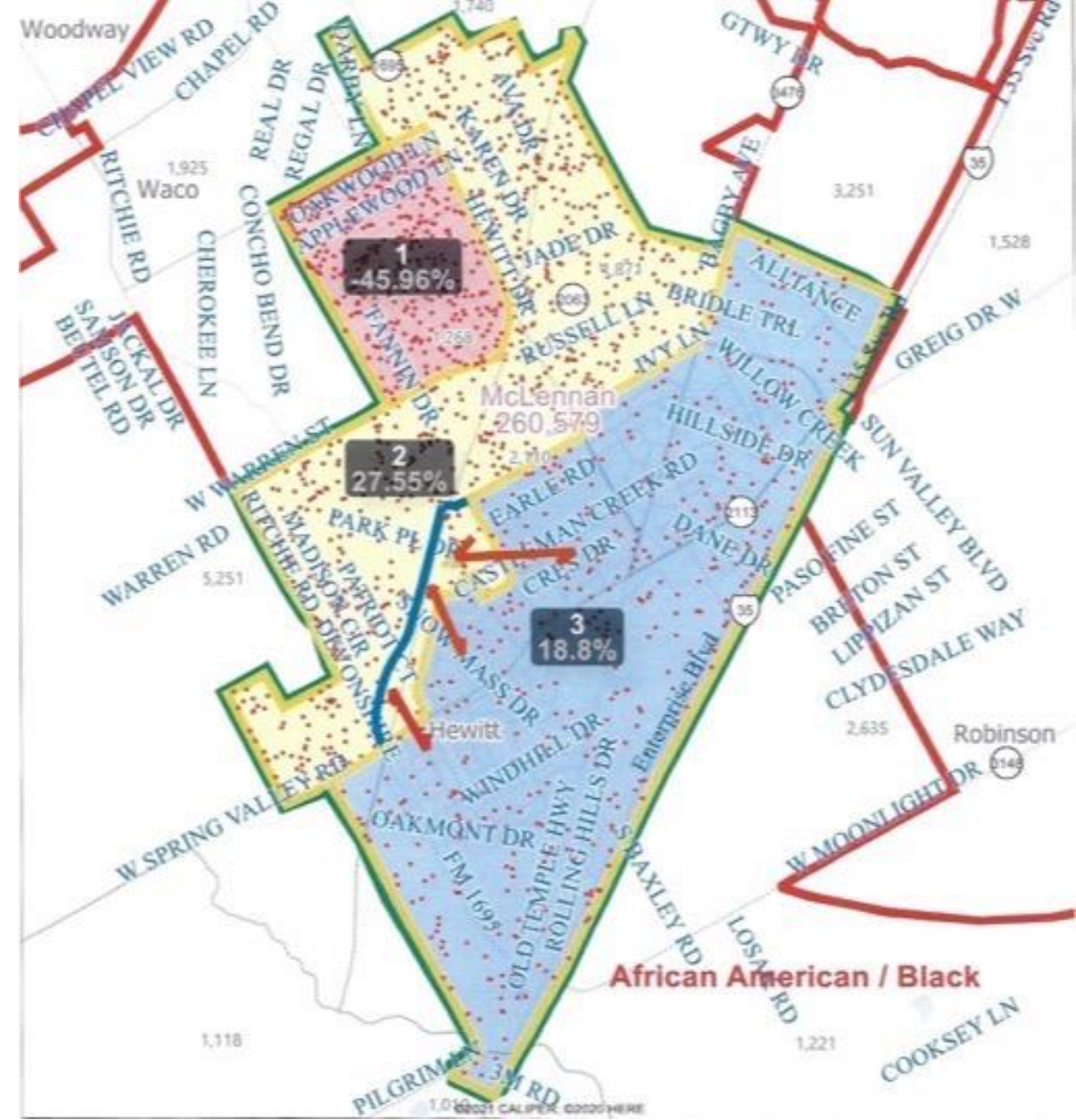
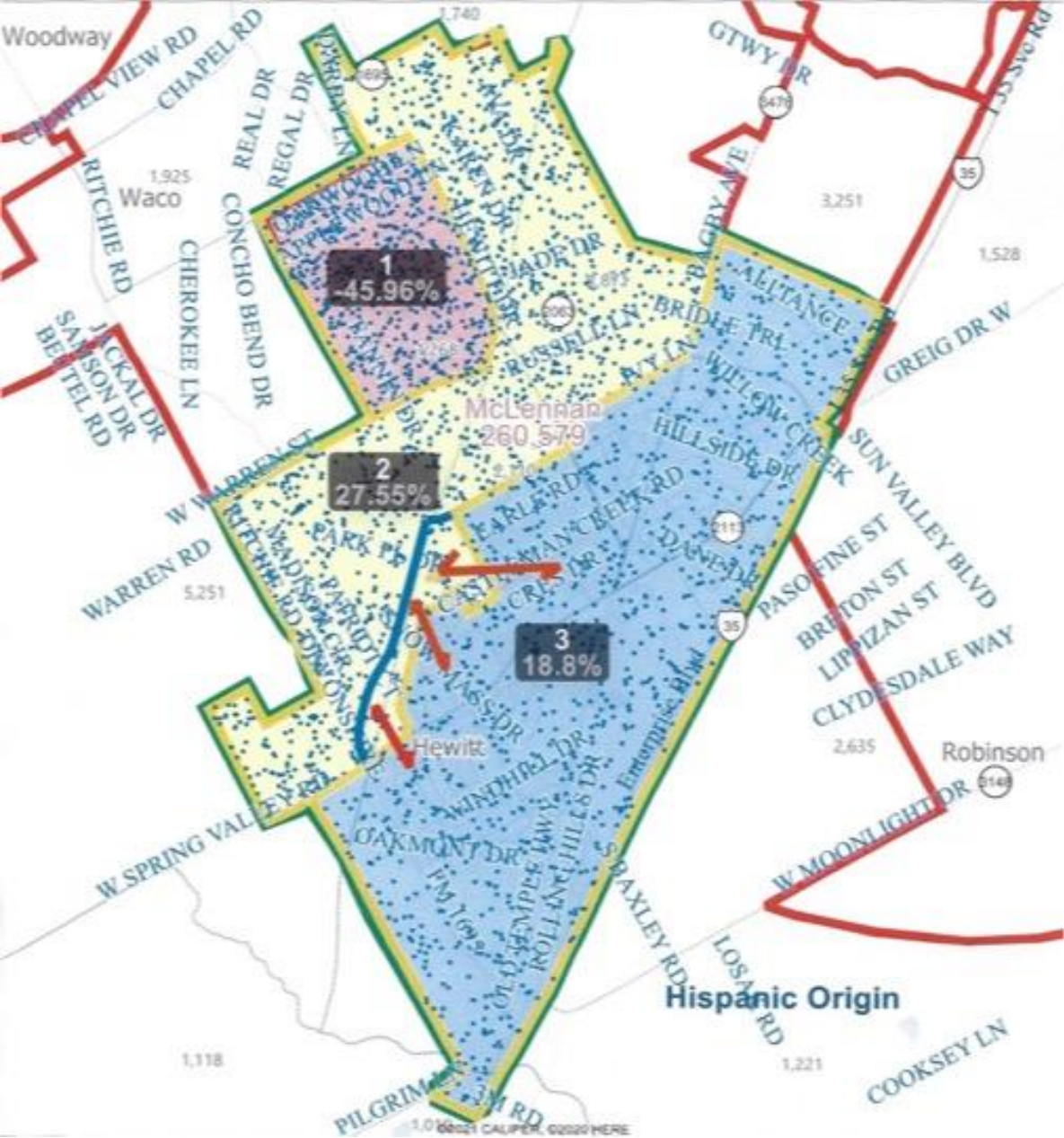
# A Reminder of the “Rules” Affecting Hewitt’s Redistricting

- 1. One-person one-vote, which requires balancing the total population among the districts within parameters designed to ensure proportionate representation.**
  - Each Ward would ideally contain 5,342 persons; one-third of the 16,026 population
    - The maximum variation among the wards should be less than 10% or 534 persons
- 2. The Voting Rights Act’s protections against:**
  - Retrogression under §5
  - Dilution under §2
- 3. Hewitt’s charter requires that “each ward shall contain approximately the same number of qualified voters.”**
  - This additional requirement exceeds those imposed by equal protection, the Voting Rights Act or Texas law.
  - Consequently, any otherwise lawful plan under state and federal law must also balance qualified voters.

# 1. The population disparity among the Wards significantly exceeds 10%

Hewitt City		Benchmark				2/26/22
<b>Ideal</b> <b>5342</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>16026</b>	<b>White</b> <b>10425</b>	<b>Black</b> <b>1588</b>	<b>Other</b> <b>1244</b>	<b>Hispanic</b> <b>2769</b>	<b>Tot. Min.</b> <b>5601</b>
		65.05%	9.91%	7.76%	17.28%	34.95%
<b>Ward One</b> <b>(2459)</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>1731</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1152</b>
		60.04%	11.69%	7.87%	20.40%	39.96%
<b>Ward Two</b> <b>1463</b>	<b>6805</b>	<b>4257</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>2548</b>
		62.56%	11.48%	8.39%	17.58%	37.44%
<b>Ward Three</b> <b>996</b>	<b>6338</b>	<b>4437</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1901</b>
		70.01%	7.42%	7.04%	15.54%	29.99%
	<b>Max Variation</b>	<b>3922</b>	<b>Max Deviation</b>	<b>73.42%</b>		





**2. The minority population is well diffused throughout the city.**

**3. Qualified voters, if defined as registered voters, are not “approximately balanced” among the wards.**

<b>Voting Age</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Tot. Min.</b>
	<b>12506</b>	<b>8559</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>3947</b>
		68.44%	9.59%	6.82%	15.15%	31.56%
<b>Ward One</b>	<b>2182</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>788</b>
<b>Reg. Voters</b>	<b>2412</b>	63.89%	10.91%	7.06%	18.15%	36.11%
<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>5451</b>	<b>3605</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>1846</b>
Reg. Voters	3229	66.13%	11.21%	7.54%	15.12%	33.87%
<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>4873</b>	<b>3560</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>1313</b>
<b>Reg. Voters</b>	<b>4891</b>	73.06%	7.18%	5.91%	13.85%	26.94%

<b>Hewitt City</b>		<b>Draft Plan One</b>					4/18/22
<b>Ideal</b> <b>5342</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>16026</b>	<b>White</b> <b>10425</b> 65.05%	<b>Black</b> <b>1588</b> 9.91%	<b>Other</b> <b>1244</b> 7.76%	<b>Hispanic</b> <b>2769</b> 17.28%	<b>Tot. Min.</b> <b>5601</b> 34.95%	
<b>Ward One</b> 72	<b>5414</b>	<b>3266</b> 60.33%	<b>715</b> 13.21%	<b>420</b> 7.76%	<b>1013</b> 18.71%	<b>2148</b> 39.67%	
<b>Ward Two</b> (45)	<b>5297</b>	<b>3476</b> 65.62%	<b>471</b> 8.89%	<b>449</b> 8.48%	<b>901</b> 17.01%	<b>1821</b> 34.38%	
<b>Ward Three</b> (27)	<b>5315</b>	<b>3683</b> 69.29%	<b>402</b> 7.56%	<b>375</b> 7.06%	<b>855</b> 16.09%	<b>1632</b> 30.71%	
		<b>Max Variation</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>Max Deviation</b>	<b>2.19%</b>		



**While these lines satisfy federal and state requirements, it remains to be seen how well they or similar lines would serve the city. This is a determination for the council.**

## Voting Age Population of the Draft Plan by Ward

<b>Voting Age</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Tot. Min.</b>
	<b>12506</b>	<b>8559</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>3947</b>
		68.44%	9.59%	6.82%	15.15%	31.56%
<b>Ward One</b>	<b>4371</b>	<b>2810</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1561</b>
<b>Reg. Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	64.29%	12.54%	6.79%	16.38%	35.71%
<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>4074</b>	<b>2813</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>1261</b>
<b>Reg. Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	69.05%	8.49%	7.81%	14.65%	30.95%
<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>4061</b>	<b>2936</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>1125</b>
<b>Reg. Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	72.30%	7.51%	5.86%	14.33%	27.70%

**Ward One in the draft plan after gaining area from Ward Two.**





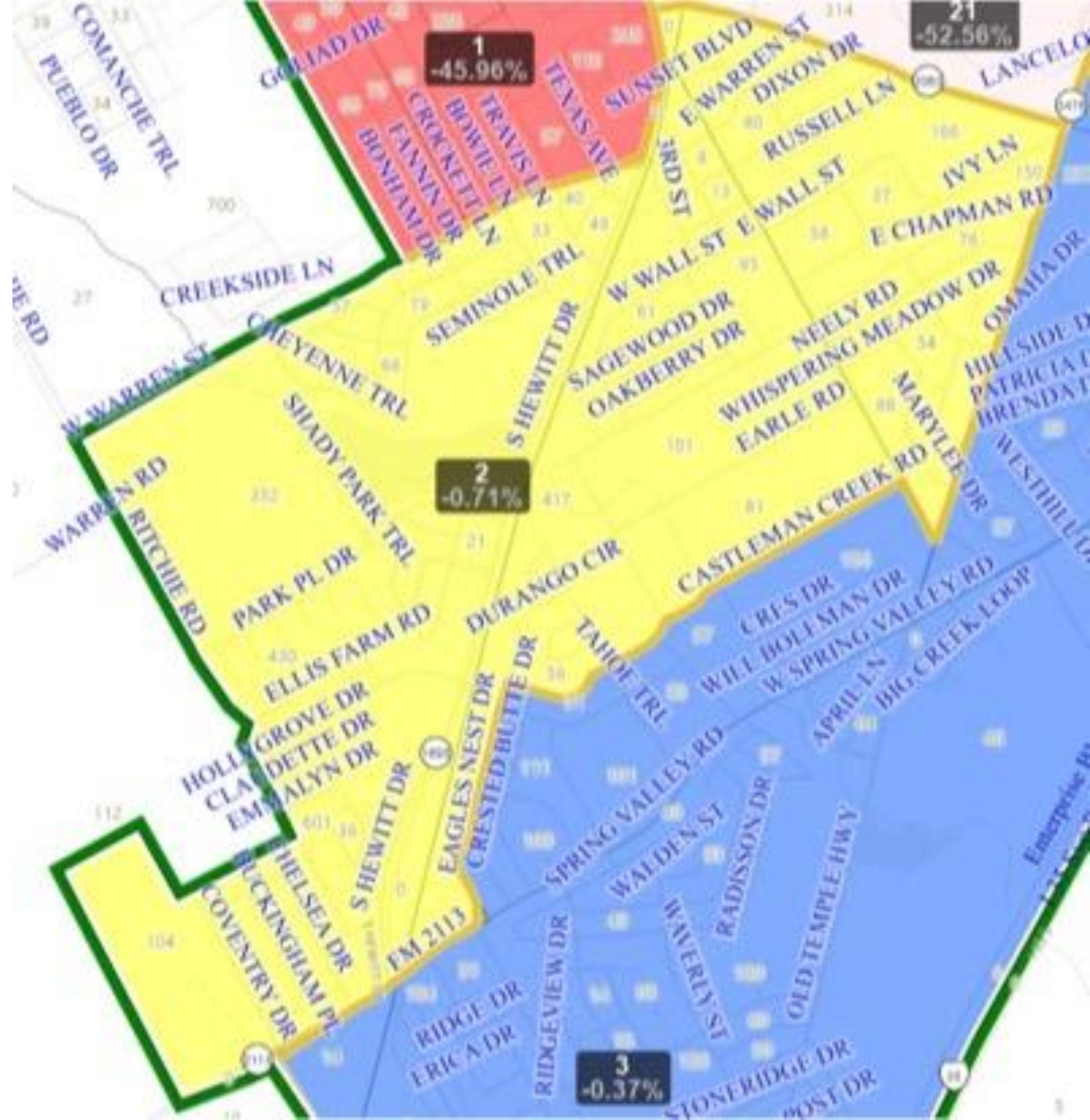
The light red would move from Ward Two to Ward One.

The population of this area is:

Total	White	Black	Other	Hisp
2531	1535	378	193	425
18+	18+ Wh	18+ BI	18+ Oth	18+ Hisp
2189	1416	310	143	320



Ward Two in the draft plan.



In the Draft Plan the green area would be moved from Ward Three to Ward Two.

The population of this area is:

Total	White	Black	Other	Hisp
991	728	68	70	125
18+	18+ Wh	18+ Bl	Other	18+ Hisp
783	601	45	49	88



# Ward Three in the draft plan.



Currently, the portion of the area marked as “55” that lies above the blue line at Chapman Road is in Ward Two. The lower portion is in Ward Three. The computer map cannot accurately display the boundary which splits a census enumeration block.

In the draft plan, all of this area is in Ward Two.

Area 55 has a total population of 417 and a VAP of 312, but the census does separate those residing in Ward Two from those in Ward Three but instead puts them all in a single census enumeration block.



Existing Lines					Draft Lines				
<b>Ideal Total</b>	<b>5342</b>								
<b>Ideal VAP</b>	<b>4169</b>								
<b>Ideal Registered</b>	<b>3511</b>								
			<b>Variance</b>	<b>Deviation</b>				<b>Variance</b>	<b>Deviation</b>
<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>2459 low</b>	<b>53.97%</b>	<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5414</b>	<b>72 high</b>	<b>1.35%</b>
<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>2182</b>	<b>1987 low</b>	<b>52.34%</b>	<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>4371</b>	<b>202 high</b>	<b>4.89%</b>
<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>2412</b>	<b>1099 low</b>	<b>68.70%</b>	<b>Ward One</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6805</b>	<b>1463 high</b>	<b>127.39%</b>	<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5297</b>	<b>45 low</b>	<b>0.84%</b>
<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>5451</b>	<b>1282 high</b>	<b>130.75%</b>	<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>4074</b>	<b>95 low</b>	<b>2.23%</b>
<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>3229</b>	<b>282 low</b>	<b>91.97%</b>	<b>Ward Two</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6338</b>	<b>996 High</b>	<b>118.64%</b>	<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5315</b>	<b>27 low</b>	<b>0.51%</b>
<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>4873</b>	<b>704 high</b>	<b>116.89%</b>	<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>	<b>4061</b>	<b>108 low</b>	<b>2.54%</b>
<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>4891</b>	<b>1380 high</b>	<b>139.31%</b>	<b>Ward Three</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>Total Population</b>		<b>3922</b>	<b>73.42%</b>	<b>Max. Variance</b>	<b>Total Population</b>		<b>117</b>	<b>2.19%</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>		<b>3269</b>	<b>78.41%</b>	<b>Max. Variance</b>	<b>Voting Age Pop.</b>		<b>310</b>	<b>7.44%</b>
<b>City</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>2479</b>	<b>70.61%</b>	<b>Max. Variance</b>	<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>?</b>	<b>?</b>

# Voting Age Population vs. “Registered Voter” Comparison

# Next Steps

We've already taken the first two steps

1. Determine if redistricting is necessary.
2. Start with a draft plan that would satisfy federal and state requirements.
3. Settle on a potential plan that the council agrees satisfactorily serves the city's needs.
4. Adjust the wards of this plan as necessary to adequately balance "qualified voters" among the wards.
  - If your city attorney has determined that "qualified voter" as used in the charter is synonymous with "registered voter" data from the county elections office can be used to balance qualified voters among the wards as required by the charter.
  - This will involve shared efforts from several sources and is likely to entail multiple draft plans and significant effort before an appropriate balance can be achieved.

## Example from area moved from Ward Three to Ward Two

Beginning at the point of intersection of Chapman Rd and Castleman Creek Rd, and proceeding easterly along Chapman Rd to S 1st St, and proceeding northerly along S 1st St to Ivy Ln, and proceeding easterly along Ivy Ln to N Old Temple Rd, and proceeding southerly along N Old Temple Rd to Old Temple Rd, and proceeding southerly along Old Temple Rd to Old Temple Hwy, and proceeding southerly along Old Temple Hwy to S 1st St, and proceeding northerly along S 1st St to Castleman Creek Rd, and proceeding westerly along Castleman Creek Rd to the point of beginning. 2. As well as beginning at the point of intersection of Eagles Nest Dr and Aspen Incline Dr, and proceeding easterly along Eagles Nest Dr to Yukon Pass Dr, and proceeding northerly along Yukon Pass Dr to Tahoe Trl, and proceeding southerly along Tahoe Trl to Aspen Incline Dr, and proceeding westerly along Aspen Incline Dr to the point of beginning.



Doe	John	A.	100	South	1ST	Street
Doe	Jane	B.	108	South	1ST	Street
Doe	John	C.	108	South	1ST	Street
Doe	Jane	D.	112	South	1ST	Street
Doe	John	E.	141	South	1ST	Street
Doe	Jane	F.	200	South	1ST	Street
Doe	John	G.	201	South	1ST	Street
Doe	Jane	H.	201	South	1ST	Street