

City of Lake City

Redistricting the City Council



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What and How?

Redistricting is the process by which the legislative body equalizes differences in the population of districts by making adjustments to district boundaries.

Redistricting \neq Reapportionment

Why?

- ✓ Required by City Charter
- ✓ Furthers the principal of “one person, one vote”
 - 14th Amendment (1868)
 - 15th Amendment (1870)
 - Voting Rights Act (1965)

General Guidelines for Redistricting



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- **Equal (almost) in population**
- Don't dilute minority voting strength
- Follow census blocks
- Follow significant boundaries
- Must be contiguous
- Should be compact
- Should preserve communities of interest
- May follow existing boundaries

* As equal in population as “possible” or “practicable”

Absolute population equality is impossible

- ✓ Minimize the deviation from the mean - less than 3% over/under ideal is good

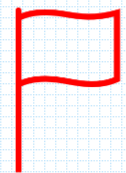
Population \neq Registered Voters

Two districts with population differences over 10 percentage points raises red flag

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Two districts with population differences ≥ 10 percentage points may raise red flag

District #	Average Population	Actual Population	Actual Deviation	Percent Deviation
1	2,952	3,108	156	5.28%
2	2,952	2,741	(211)	-7.15%
3	2,952	3,066	114	3.85%
4	2,952	3,113	161	5.45%
5	2,952	2,733	(219)	-7.42%



Deviation =
12.87 points

Don't Dilute Minority Voting Strength

Packing – locating most of minority population into one district so as to dilute influence in other districts

Cracking – splitting minority population into two or more districts so as to dilute influence in all districts

Use Census Blocks

Readily available

Smallest unit of “building blocks”

Census population data is presumed to be correct

May be altered or supplemented with other sources of data but must document valid reasons why/how

Follow Significant Boundaries

When possible, use existing district boundaries and follow major natural or man-made boundaries (waterbodies, arterial roads, etc.)

- ✓ Easier to understand for voters
- ✓ Less disruptive to precincts
- ✓ Usually coterminous with census block boundaries

Other Criteria...

Individual districts must be contiguous

- ✓ Contiguity may be maintained via waterbody

Attempt to keep communities of interest together

- ✓ Neighborhoods, HOAs

Avoid districts with “bizarre” shapes

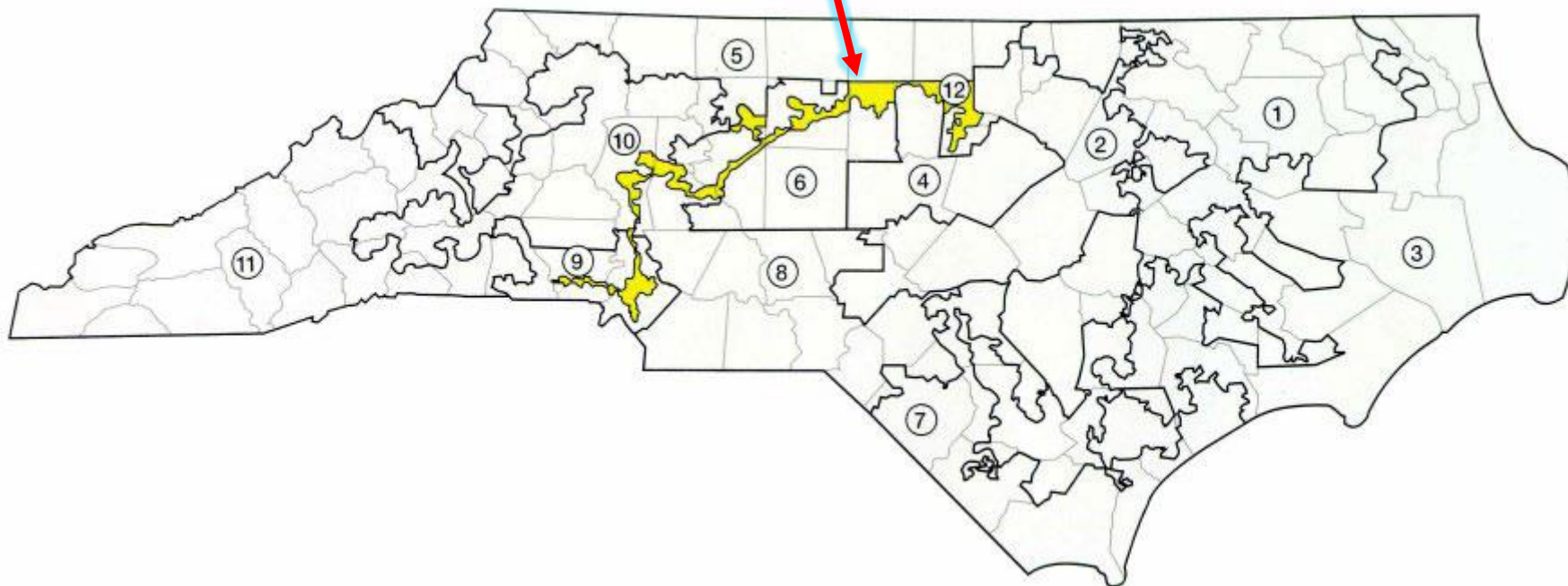
Gerrymandering



Gov. Elbridge Gerry

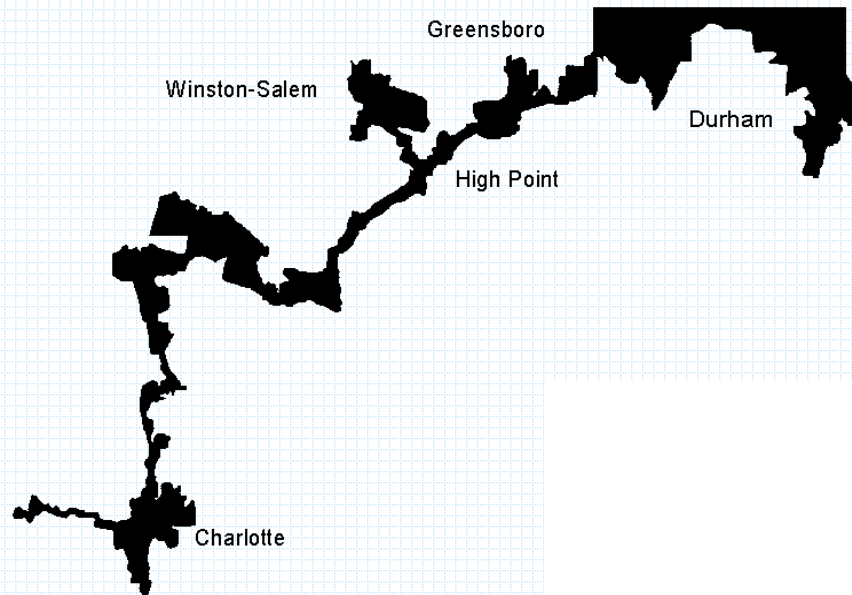
- ✓ 9th Governor of Massachusetts
- ✓ 5th Vice President of US

North Carolina Congressional District 12



North Carolina

Congressional District 12



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- It is impossible for any redistricting plan to attain 100% compliance with all criteria
- Individual criteria are *balanced in concert with each other* with population being the dominant criteria

Alternative Districting Plans

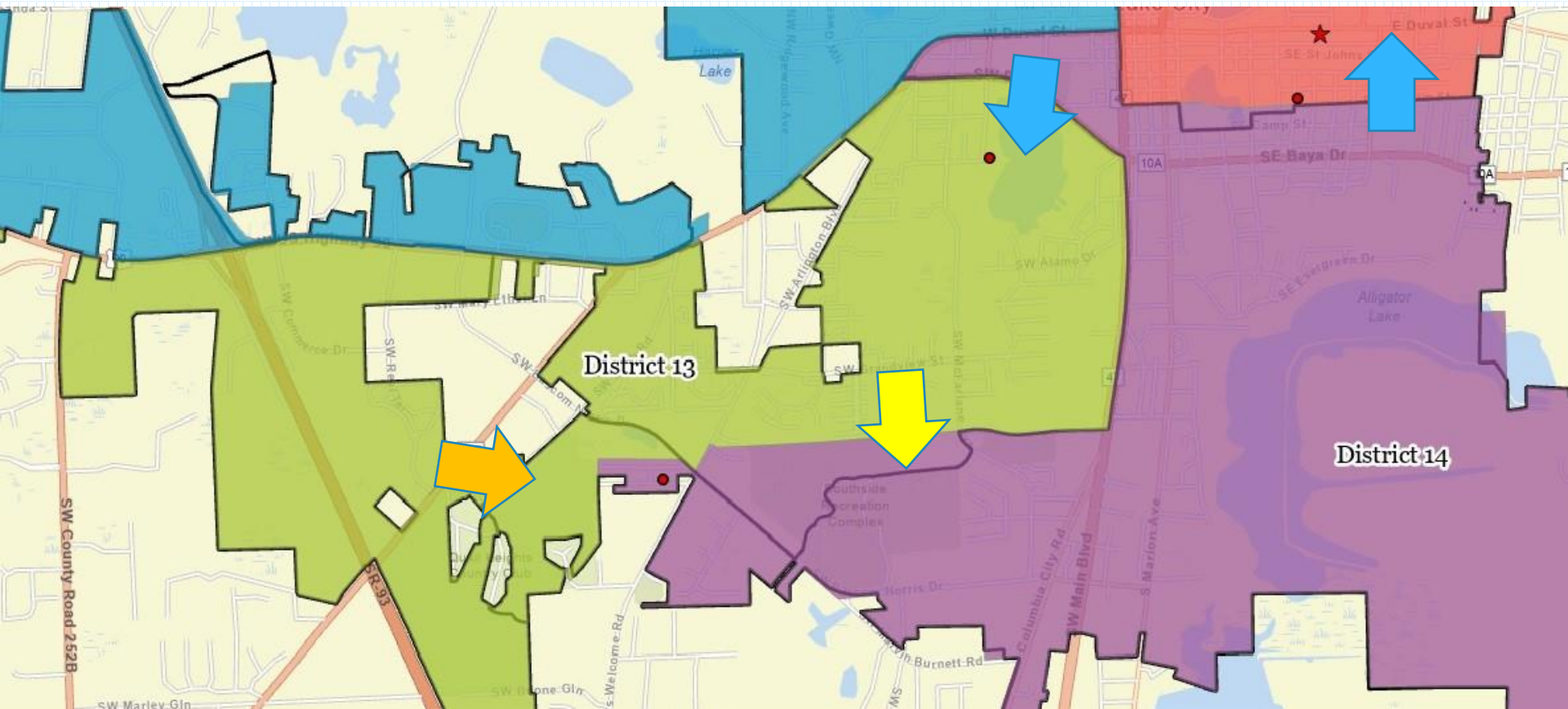


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Current Districts Using 2020 Census Data

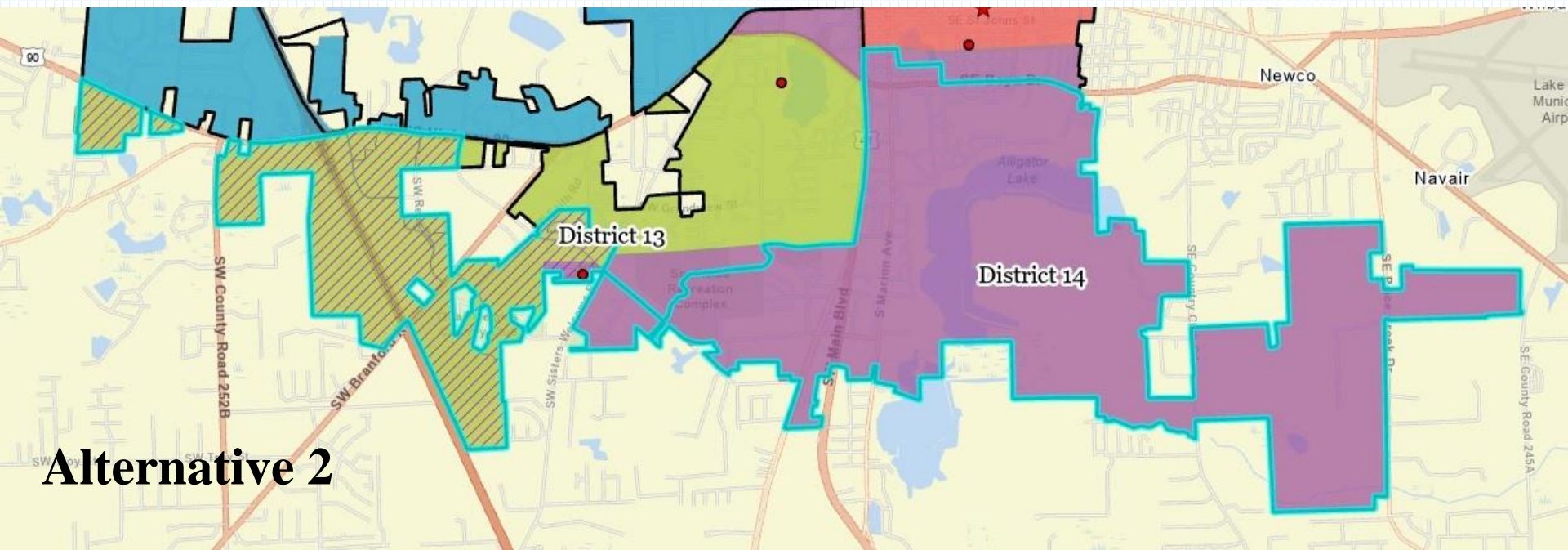
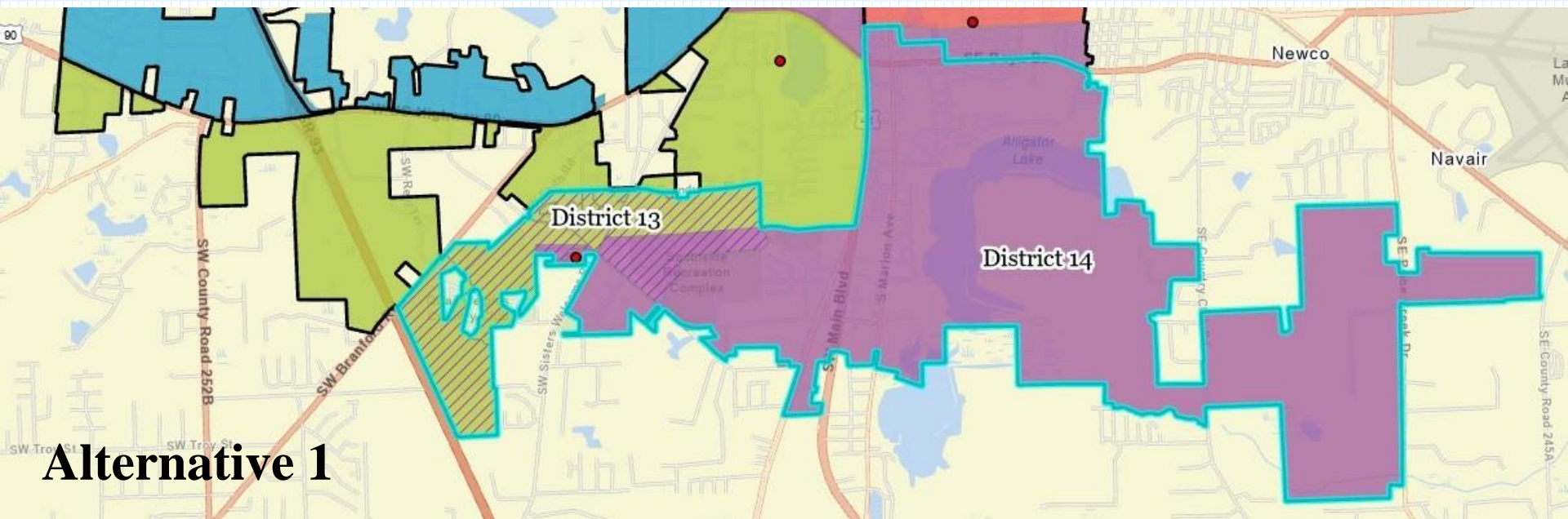
Current Districts			44.95 pts.									
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,524	(508)	-16.76%	822	32.6%	1,563	61.9%	139	5.5%	119	4.7%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		1,935			658	34.0%	1,170	60.5%	107	5.5%	82	4.2%
District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,887	855	28.19%	2,198	56.5%	1,189	30.6%	500	12.9%	388	10.0%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,849			1,754	61.6%	726	25.5%	369	13.0%	267	9.4%
District 14	3,032.25	2,585	(447)	-14.75%	1,610	62.3%	558	21.6%	417	16.1%	352	13.6%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,059			1,314	63.8%	403	19.6%	342	16.6%	292	14.2%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		9,171			4,913		3,188		1,070		801	

Current Districts



Alternative District Options

				Both Plans		Alt Plan 2		Alt Plan 1	
	Ideal Pop.	Actual Pop.	Dev.	NW tip of D14 to D13	NE section of D14 to D10	Area of D13 to D14	Deviation	Area of D13 to D14	Deviation
D10	3,032	2,524	-508	0	466	0	-42	0	-42
D12	3,032	3,133	101	0	0	0	101	0	101
D13	3,032	3,887	855	117	0	-909	63	-968	4
D14	3,032	2,585	-447	-117	-466	909	-121	968	-62



Alternative District Options

Alternative 1			5.41 pts.									
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,990	(42)	-1.39%	1,098	36.7%	1,717	57.4%	175	5.9%	169	5.7%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,278			883	38.8%	1,261	55.4%	134	5.9%	114	5.0%
District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,037	5	0.16%	1,745	57.5%	938	30.9%	354	11.7%	296	9.7%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,253			1,422	63.1%	570	25.3%	261	11.6%	203	9.0%
District 14	3,032.25	2,969	(63)	-2.09%	1,787	60.2%	655	22.1%	527	17.8%	394	13.3%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,312			1,421	61.5%	468	20.2%	423	18.3%	324	14.0%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
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Alternative 2			7.35 pts.									
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,990	(42)	-1.39%	1,098	36.7%	1,717	57.4%	175	5.9%	169	5.7%
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District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,096	64	2.10%	1,866	60.3%	807	26.1%	423	13.7%	276	8.9%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,338			1,513	64.7%	511	21.9%	314	13.4%	212	9.1%
District 14	3,032.25	2,910	(122)	-4.03%	1,666	57.3%	786	27.0%	458	15.7%	414	14.2%
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		2,227			1,330	59.7%	527	23.7%	370	16.6%	315	14.1%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
<i>Voting Age Population</i>		9,171			4,913		3,188		1,070		801	

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Questions? Comments?



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