

City of Whittier

Introduction to Redistricting

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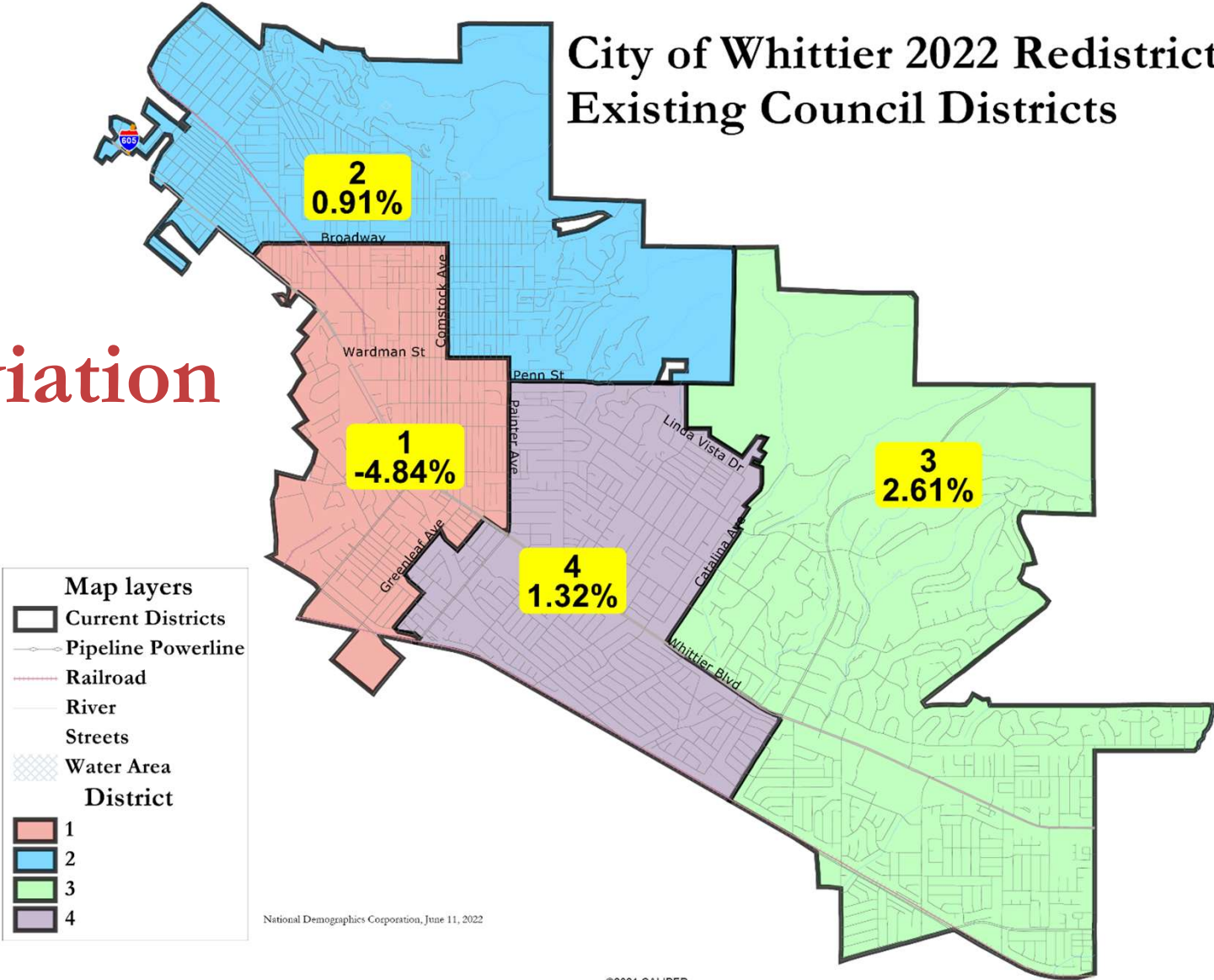
Redistricting – Why Now?

- Whittier moved to districts in 2015, adopting Public Map 14
 - ▣ These district boundaries were used for first time in 2016 and again in 2018, 2020, and April 2022.
- Redistricting is required when the decennial Census data is released, once every ten years
 - ▣ Delays in receiving the Census data effected the process
 - ▣ Whittier did not receive data in time to revisit the map prior to the April 2022 election
- New laws like the Fair Maps Act have changed how districts are drawn and how the process is conducted

Current Districts

City of Whittier 2022 Redistricting Existing Council Districts

Total Deviation
= 7.5%



Redistricting Process

Step	Description
Initial Hearing	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the districts. Possible Council direction on using current districts (and any public map submissions) as a proposed draft map.
Second Hearing	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the communities in the districts. Council direction on using current districts (and any public map submissions) as a proposed draft map. May be held as a community workshop.
Third Hearing	Public Hearing to discuss and revise the draft map(s). Council may provide direction on revised or new maps.
Final Hearing	Public Hearing to discuss and select the final map. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.
Map Adoption	Map adopted via ordinance per City Charter
First Election	Council Districts 1 and 3 hold first election in 2024; 2 and 4 in 2026

Redistricting 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. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

Minimize voters shifted to different election years
Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth
Preserving the core of existing districts

Demographic Summary of Existing Districts

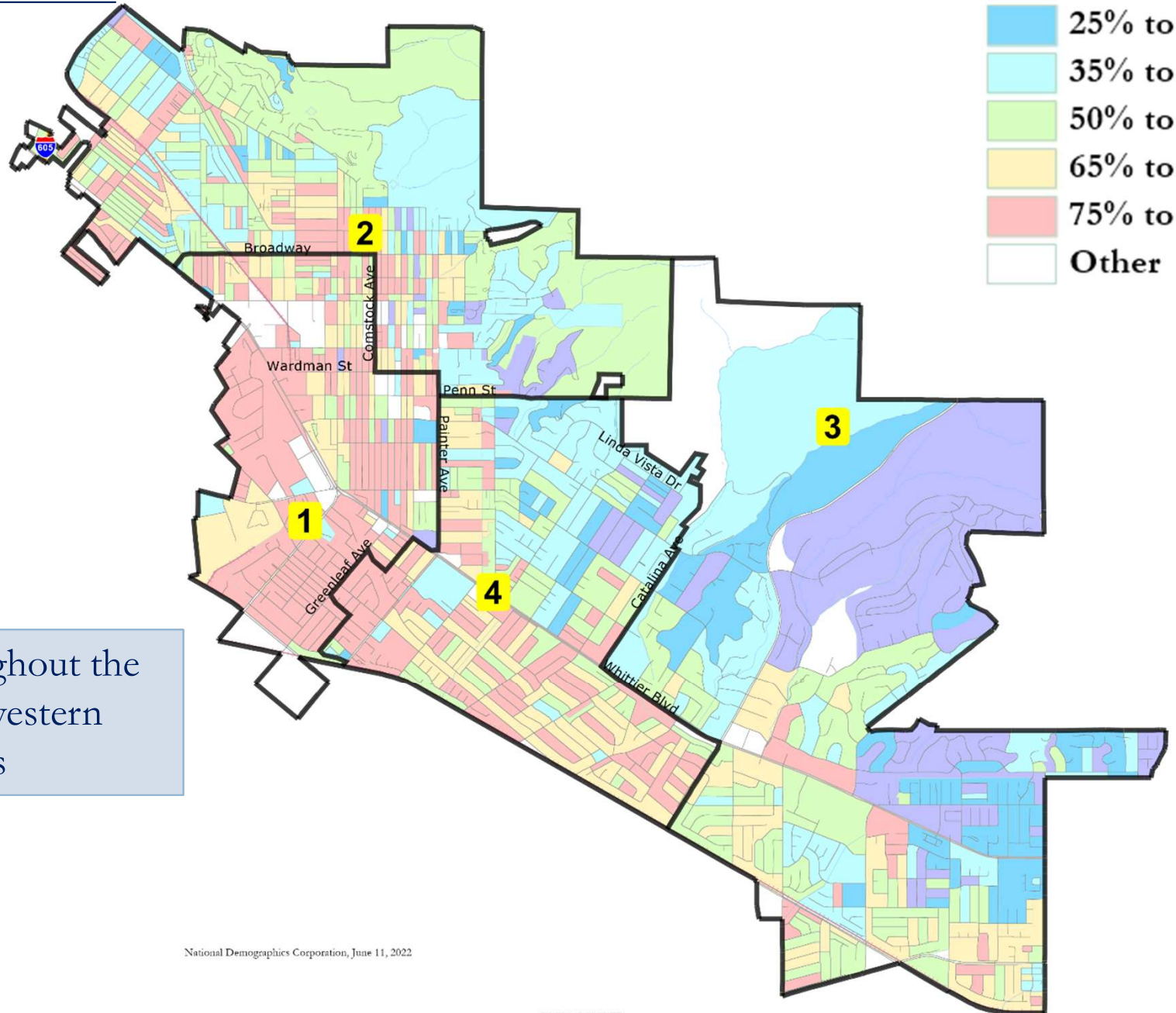
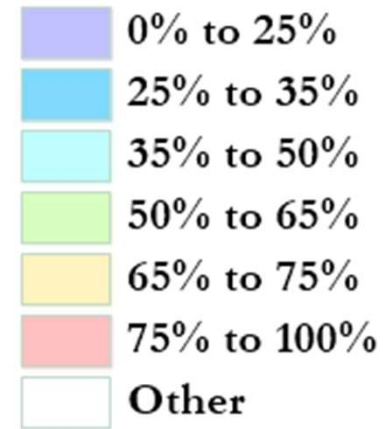
District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Census (Adjusted)	20,838	22,098	22,469	22,187	87,592
	Deviation from ideal	-1,060	200	571	289	1,631
	% Deviation	-4.84%	0.91%	2.61%	1.32%	7.45%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	84%	72%	56%	72%	71%
	% NH White	9%	20%	32%	21%	21%
	% NH Black	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% Asian-American	3%	5%	9%	4%	5%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	13,050	16,071	15,977	15,119	60,217
	% Hisp	78%	60%	48%	64%	62%
	% NH White	14%	31%	41%	30%	30%
	% NH Black	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
	% Asian/Pac.Isl.	4%	6%	9%	3%	5%

Estimates using official 2020 State-Adjusted Census Data

Each of the 4 districts must contain about 21,900 people.

Latino CVAP

LCVAP



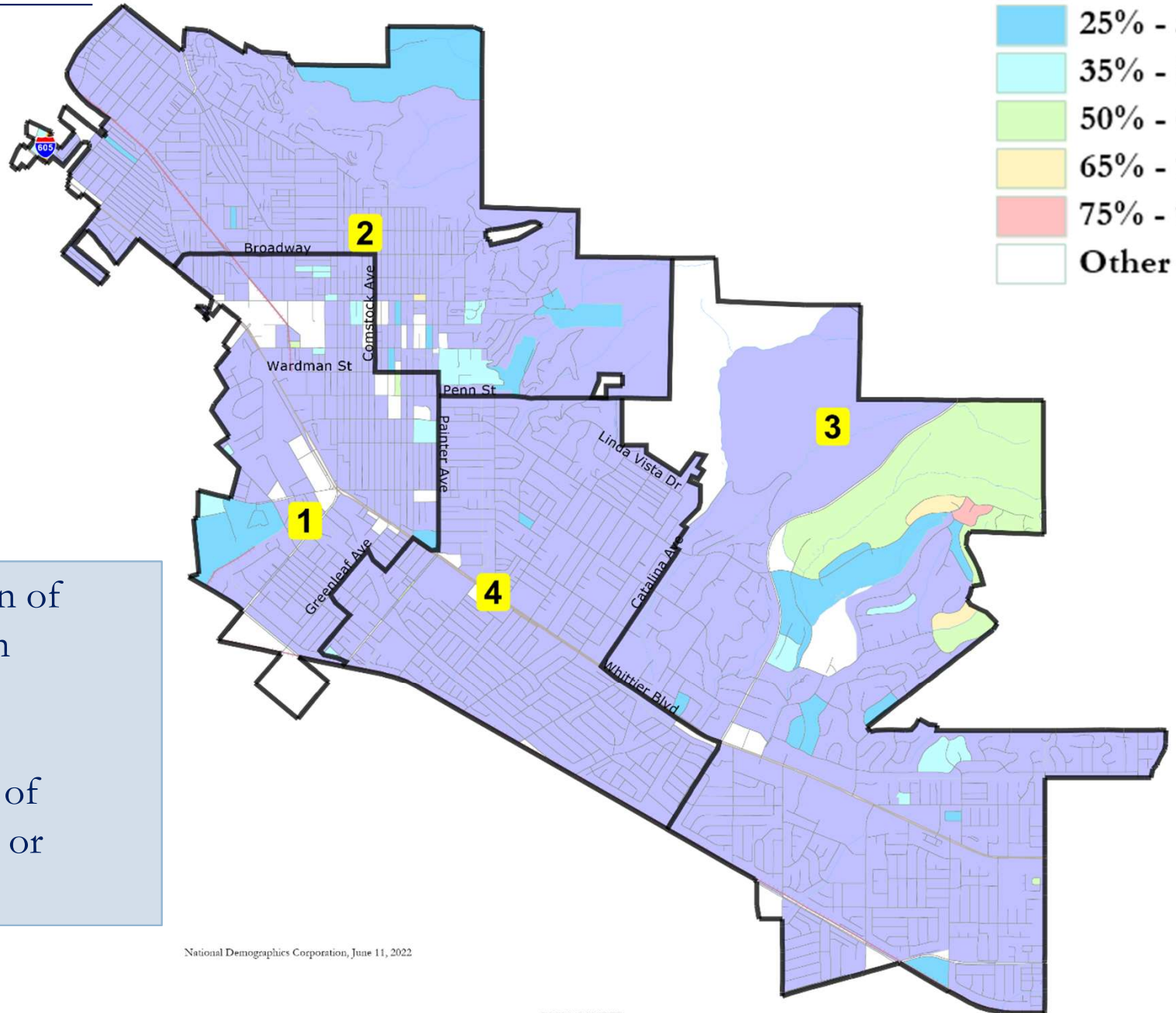
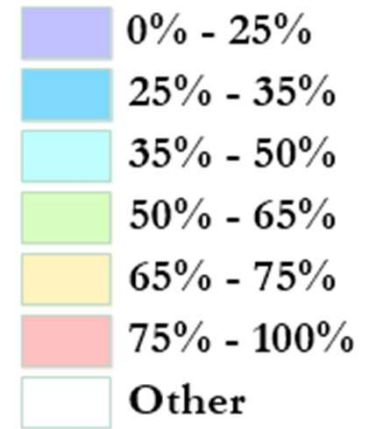
Latinos live throughout the city, especially in western and southern areas

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Asian CVAP

ACVAP



Slight concentration of Asian-Americans in Friendly Hills

No concentrations of African-Americans or Native Americans.

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Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills
- Areas around parks or schools
- Other neighborhood landmarks

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.



Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

1st Question: What defines your community?

- Geographic Area, plus
- Shared issue or characteristic
 - Shared social or economic interest
 - Impacted by county policies
- Tell us “your community’s story”

2nd Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

Definitions of Communities of Interest may not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Public Hearing & Discussion

- ❑ What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?
- ❑ What communities of interest are in the City, and what are their boundaries?
- ❑ Council direction on the redistricting process and the current map

