# Agenda Report



Date:

April 20, 2015

To:

Jeffrey W. Collier, City Manager

From:

Nancy Mendez, Assistant City Manager

Subject:

**Voting Districts Formation** 

# **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Council:

- Receive presentations regarding voting districts map recommendations and Round 2 of voting districts formation community participation to gather public input on district boundaries;
- 2. Hold a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries;
- 3. Discuss voting districts formation and proposed district boundaries; and
- 4. Direct staff to prepare an implementing ordinance for the preferred voting district boundaries.

# **BACKGROUND**

On June 3, 2014, voters approved a Charter amendment establishing four district-based Council member seats and a directly-elected Mayor position. District boundaries must be drawn before the next municipal election in April 2016.

On September 9, 2014, the City Council approved an agreement with Compass Demographics to direct the process of creating districts. On September 23, 2014, the City Council approved an agreement with Arellano Associates (AA) to design and implement a community participation plan to gather public input on voting district boundaries. On October 14, 2014, the City Council approved a community participation plan developed by consultants from Compass Demographics and AA, along with City staff, to gather public input on district boundaries.

# Community Outreach

The consultants assisted the City to develop promotional and informational materials to elicit public input, including a PowerPoint presentation, frequently asked questions (FAQs) document, press releases, guiding principles, fact sheets, Census population map, instructions on how to submit a districting map, and other materials. Communications about districting were released in English and Spanish and included the City's bilingual voting telephone number. The City established two email addresses specifically for voting district communications: districts@cityofwhittier.org and distritos@cityofwhittier.org; and created a dedicated web page on the City's website

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with information in both English and Spanish: www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf and www.cuidaddewhittier.org/vdf. The mailing list now includes about 275 addresses.

# Round 1 Outreach

Public input began with a series of meetings for interested stakeholders with demographics mapping expert Dave Ely from Compass Demographics. Mr. Ely met with 29 individuals and small groups to discuss how equal population districts might be distributed, using a Whittier map with United States 2010 Census population figures by Census block groups to facilitate stakeholder efforts and input regarding communities of interest. He provided data tables to accompany sample maps to convey demographic information on any iteration of districts. The data tables contain raw population numbers along with other information expressed in percentages, including voting age population by ethnicity; Spanish and Asian surname registered voters; and Spanish and Asian surname voter turnout.

Following the small meetings with stakeholders, public input continued with three community meetings. The meetings began with an educational presentation to inform the public about voting districts and the process for initial formation of district boundaries. The group then separated into small groups led by outreach facilitators to elicit participants' ideas about communities of interest, connections, barriers, divisions, and sample maps. Meetings with identical agendas were held in different parts of the community and at different times to accommodate the public. A summary of outcomes from this round of outreach is available on the City website.

Eight map concepts were submitted by six members of the public. Mr. Ely drafted maps and created data sets representing these concepts. He considered these submissions, other public input from Meet the Expert and community meetings, and the following issues in the creation of four draft proposals and associated data tables:

- An important part of the public input was the description of neighborhoods. These
  descriptions included location, more or less specific boundaries, and
  relationships between neighborhoods.
- 2. The team also received significant testimony about major streets which act as connections or barriers among and between communities.
- 3. The City is divided into service delivery areas such as water and waste management as well as school districts and school attendance areas. These areas help to define geographic connections and divisions within the City.

- 4. Different communities have different characteristics which might lead to shared or conflicting interests, some of which were described by members of the public. These additional characteristics were analyzed through the use of demographic data:
  - a. Hillside location
  - b. Income
  - c. Tenure (rent/own)
  - d. Length of residence
  - e. Age of housing
  - f. Ethnicity
  - g. Registration and voting participation

# Round 2 Outreach

The second round of the voting districts formation process began in January 2015 with nine Meet the Expert individual and small group meetings with Dave Ely. There was also a group mapping session held in February to solicit interaction among key stakeholders and identified groups with differing perspectives and priorities to explore the possibilities of consensus. An additional seven map concepts were submitted by the public, reaching a total of 15 public maps. Five public maps are still requested for active consideration after map authors withdrew ten of these public submittals.

Three community meetings were held in early March at school locations to allow input on the draft proposals and on public submissions. The meetings had identical agendas and were held in different parts of the community and at different times to accommodate the public. Along with outreach methods used in Round 1, a bilingual invitation for the meetings was mailed directly to each Whittier address to solicit additional participation and input into district formation.

The community meetings began with an open house that allowed attendees to speak informally with consultants and City staff and to view the draft proposals and public submittals, which were displayed in large size formats. The meetings then convened with a brief description of each draft proposal and public submittal, followed by a "town hall" opportunity for people to comment and ask questions regarding the maps. Spanish translators were available at each meeting. A summary of outcomes from the second round of community outreach is available on the City website and in the AA report (Attachment A).

# DISCUSSION

The first round of meetings and analysis in October to December 2014 focused on functional geography, neighborhoods, and communities of interest. The round included discussion at the community meetings of five sample maps developed by Mr. Ely and eight public submissions.

The second round of meetings and analysis in January to March 2015 focused on refining district boundaries and identifying areas of compromise among various maps in order to develop the best options for fair and functional representation of the various communities in the City. The round included discussion at the community meetings of four draft proposals developed by Mr. Ely and seven public submissions, three of which were ultimately withdrawn by the map authors.

# **Primary Divisions**

In addition to identifying a number of well recognized neighborhoods, Mr. Ely found two primary divisions in the City.

Geographic – There is a functional geographic division between West Whittier (largely oriented along Painter Avenue and areas to the west) and East Whittier (largely oriented along Whittier Boulevard), which is generally reflected in the elementary school division between Whittier City School District and East Whittier City School District. Proposals A and B are controlled by this division.

Communities of Interest – Mr. Ely also identified a community of interest division that relates to socio-economic status and history of participation in the City's political processes. This division tends to group areas along hillsides on the north and east areas of the City and in areas father from the hillsides to the south and west areas of the City. Proposals C and D are primarily controlled by this division. The draft versions of these proposals will be discussed with the Public Submissions while the details of the final proposals will be discussed later.

# **Public Submittals**

Over the course of the district formation process, members of the public submitted 15 map concepts. Ten of these public submittals have been withdrawn by the map authors; five are requested for continued consideration (Attachment B). Mr. Ely describes these five as follows:

PS 006 was submitted during the first round and the authors requested continued consideration based on the relationship between Whittier College and its neighbors. The map is similar to Draft Proposal A in that it is controlled by the functional east/west division, and that it uses Hadley as the primary dividing line between the two westernmost districts. Unlike Draft Proposal A, District O includes Whittier College and its neighbors across both Painter Avenue and Penn Street.

PS 009 is a modification of Draft C which is controlled by the communities of interest division, combining areas of higher socio-economic status and participation rates in communities such as Starlight Estates, historic residential areas, Hadley Hills, College Hills, Mar Vista Heights, Friendly Hills and Michigan Park into a single District "E". The western area of Whittier is divided into a northwestern District "V" and a southwestern District "O" while the eastern area south of Whittier Boulevard makes up the majority of district "T". Unlike Draft C, the bulk of the Uptown Business district is placed in District "E".

*PS 010* is also a modification of Draft C. This revision puts Rideout Heights in District "E" with other hillside communities while combining the Historic Uptown residential areas with the Business District in District "V". District "O" is pushed farther east south of Whittier Boulevard, and District "T" is pushed north into New Friendly Hills.

PS 014 is a modification of Draft B which is controlled by the functional east/west division and combines Whittier College and the Historic residential neighborhoods with the northwest portion of Whittier in District V. Unlike Draft B, this revision places Mar Vista Heights and the area between Painter Avenue and College Avenue into District "T", brings District "O" east to include Greenleaf Avenue south of Whittier Boulevard, and moves all areas east of Colima into District "E".

*PS 015* is a combination and modification of the western districts of Draft B and the eastern districts of Draft A. This revision moves the bulk of the Uptown business district into District "V" while moving District "O" further northwest. For the eastern districts, Whittier Boulevard is the boundary from Greenleaf Avenue to Santa Gertrudes Avenue with District "T" to the south, and District "E" to the north and east.

# **Final Proposals**

The final proposals maintain the general logic of the draft proposals but have some significant modifications to reflect issues raised by public submissions or testimony at public meetings (Attachment C). All four of the proposals include a District "E" which is primarily an East Whittier district as Mr. Ely believes that this best reflects the opinions

that were expressed by residents of that part of the community. PS 009 and PS 015 provide alternative configurations with East Whittier divided into a northern and southern district. This is the primary difference between Proposal C and PS 009.

As in the draft proposals, Proposals A and B are controlled by the functional east/west division described above. In the final proposals, the area between Painter Avenue and College Avenue has been grouped with the east and the area west of Greenleaf and south of Whittier Boulevard has been grouped with the west. This differs from the elementary school division but Mr. Ely believes it better reflects communities of interest, as well as geographic connectedness.

Proposal A uses Hadley as the primary division in the West and it includes the area between Penn and Mar Vista in District "O" with Whittier College. This division provides a simple geographic division along the Hadley business corridor, and it provides a balance in Latino voting strength between Districts "V" and "O".

Proposal B combines Whittier College, the historic residential areas, and the bulk of the Uptown business district with the largely owner occupied communities in northwest Whittier in District "V", while the more heavily renter-occupied areas south of Beverly Boulevard and west of Greenleaf Avenue are included in District "O". This configuration is very similar to PS 014. It groups similar communities together and provides higher Latino voting strength in District "O" while lowering it in District "V".

Both Proposal A and Proposal B combine Mar Vista Heights with east Whittier District "E" while creating a more central District "T" made up of Michigan Park and the central area south of Whittier Boulevard from Greenleaf Avenue to Scott Avenue. This configuration reflects patterns of socio-economic status and participation rates. District "T" in each of these proposals has a Latino majority of citizen voting age population (CVAP) and a Spanish surname majority of registration, with Latino voting strength somewhat higher than the City as a whole.

Proposal C includes a District "O" which is very similar to District "O" in PS 009, including the area south of Washington Boulevard as well as the area from Pickering Avenue to College Avenue south of Penn Street and Mar Vista Street, and extending east and south of Whittier Boulevard to Ocean View Street and Gunn Avenue. District "T" includes the area south of La Cuarta Street from Catalina Avenue to La Entrada Avenue and south of Whittier Boulevard from Gunn Avenue to Valley View Avenue.

Proposal D is unmodified from Draft D. District "V" extends south of Washington Boulevard to Santa Fe Springs Road. District "T" includes the area between Painter

Avenue and College Avenue south of Mar Vista Street and is bounded on the south by Whittier Boulevard and on the east by Catalina Avenue. District "O" extends east and south of Whittier Boulevard to Colima Road.

Proposals C and D both combine the higher participation communities of Starlight Estates and Hadley Hills as well as the historic residential areas and most of the Uptown business district with Mar Vista Heights and Michigan Park to form a central District "T". Both also include a northwestern District "V" which includes all the area west of Pickering Avenue and north of Washington Boulevard, and an eastern District "E" which includes everything east of Colima Road. Both Proposals C and D contain two districts ("V" and "O") with Latino CVAP super majorities and with Latino voting strength significantly stronger than the City as a whole. Both also contain a District "T" with a Latino CVAP majority but with lower Latino voting strength than the City as a whole.

# Conclusion

There are clear differences on the proposed maps and there are innumerable iterations possible for each map. The City Council must adopt an ordinance to establish voting districts so should direct staff to return with an enabling ordinance that reflects voting district boundaries as selected. At a subsequent meeting, after the boundaries are determined, the Council must then number the districts, with Districts 1 and 3 having elections in April 2016 and Districts 2 and 4 having elections in April 2018. One Council member will be chosen from each district only by the voters residing in that district. The remaining Council member will be a directly elected mayor serving a term of two years. The mayor will be a voting member of the City Council, and will have the additional powers currently provided in the City's charter, and any which may be later established by ordinance. Elections will continue to be staggered so that two Council members and the mayor will be selected at one election and the remaining two Council members and the mayor will be selected at the next election.

In establishing the boundaries of the districts, the City Council must create districts that are generally equal in population and may give consideration to factors such as:

- Topography
- Geography
- Cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory
- Community of interest of the districts
- Incumbency

# **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no additional fiscal impact. The City Council previously approved up to \$117,000 for public outreach costs and expert consultant costs in Districting Process account 100-15-151-303-619000-605900.

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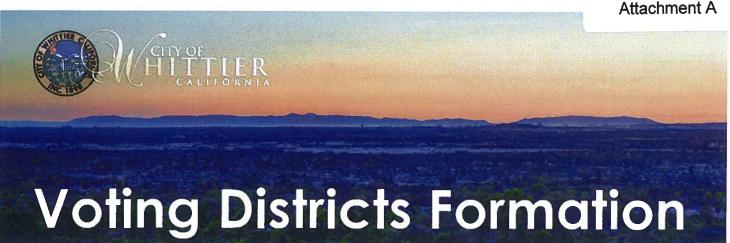
Nancy Mendez

**Assistant City Manager** 

Attachments: A – Community Meetings Summary Report (Arellano Associates)

B - Public Submittals

C – Proposals and Data Sets (Compass Demographics)



# **Community Meetings Summary Report** March 2, 5, and 7, 2015

#### Overview

On June 3, 2014, voters approved a Charter Amendment to establish four district-based Councilmembers and a directly-elected Mayor position. Community participation is paramount for the formation of voting districts before the next municipal election in April 2016. As such, two rounds of community involvement opportunities have been offered to the City residents and businesses owners. The first round began in October 2014 with "Meet the Expert" consultations, where interested parties had an opportunity to meet with the City's demographics expert Dave Ely of Compass Demographics, review sample maps, provide input, and develop their own voting district maps. The first round of public contribution culminated with three community meetings held in the City of Whittier that helped solicit input regarding potential voting district boundaries at the initial stage of the Voting District Formation (VDF).

Information and recommendations received from this Round of community meetings, one-on-one meetings and other relevant input as well as demographic analysis was incorporated by Dave Ely into three draft voting district proposals. These three proposed maps were presented to the City Council at a public hearing on December 9, 2014. Since then, a total of ten publically submitted maps have been retracted by the authors, one of which was withdrawn after the second round of community meetings. For purposes of summarizing the community input, this report will reference the six public submissions that were made available during the community meetings.

The second round of the VDF process began in January 2015 with nine "Meet the Expert" consultations. Once again, interested parties had the opportunity to meet with the City's demographics expert Dave Ely of Compass Demographics. There was also a group interactive mapping session held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 where community group representatives discussed their perspectives on the best strategies for the creation of council districts. Subsequently, three community meetings were held on Monday, March 2, Thursday, March 5, and Saturday, March 7. Meeting attendees had the opportunity to provide input on the make-up of the potential City Council districts, and review and comment on the four sample maps provided by David Ely and on six remaining public submissions. Input from the second round of "Meet the Expert" sessions and community meetings will be incorporated into the four maps that will be recommended for consideration in the written City Staff Report and presented to the City

Council at the public hearing on March 31, 2015. The map proposals will be made available and displayed for review one hour before the public hearing at the City Hall's foyer.

The upcoming open house and public hearing scheduled for March 31, 2015, were announced at the March 10, 2015 City Council and Advisory Board meetings. A bilingual *Save the Date* notice for the open house and public hearing was also made available at a Historic Resources Commission meeting on March 11, 2015, along with informational materials concerning the VDF. The public hearing was also referenced by Jeff Collier, City Manager, at the Whittier Lions Club/Whittier Soroptimist joint meeting on March 12, 2015.

# II. Meet the Expert

David Ely, of Compass Demographics, held a total of nine "Meet the Expert" one-on-one meetings between January 21, 2015 and February 18, 2015. In addition, the City hosted an interactive map group session where stakeholders who have provided direct input on mapping VDF proposals were provided the opportunity to interact between individuals with differing perspectives and priorities to explore the possibilities of consensus for the VDF.

During the session, participants discussed their perspectives on the best strategies for the creation of council districts with consideration for socio-economics, low and high voter turnout, high school district boundaries, the importance of fostering diversity and providing a platform that may encourage new representation. In depth discussions focused on community dynamics and tradeoffs considered in the latest proposals. Generally, support was expressed for public submissions PS\_009-Snyder-c and PS\_014-Greene-c, with low or no support for Draft Proposal B and Draft Proposal D.

# III. Community Meetings: Details/Format

City residents were notified of Round 2 community meetings through postcards mailed to all City residents and businesses in February 2015, weekly broadcasts on City Connection, announcements at City Council and Advisory Board meetings, announcements in the Whittier Update, an announcement on the City website, an e-blast to the City's database and via presentations and announcements made at numerous city events/meetings, e.g., Sunrise Rotary Club, Gateway Cities City Managers Group and Whittier Rotary. (Please see Appendix A for public notification efforts).

The second round of community meetings was presented at different times (two in the evening on a weekday and one on a Saturday morning) and at various locations throughout the City to give residents the opportunity to join the meeting most convenient for them or the one closest in proximity to their residence and/or place of business. The table below details the exact time and locations of each meeting.

Each of the meetings consisted of the same format, materials, and presentation. Upon entering, attendees were welcomed, asked to sign-in and handed a packet consisting of a fact sheet and a sample of all proposed and public submitted maps with demographical information for each map. Participants were informed the community meeting would be a Town Hall Style gathering and all would be given an opportunity to voice their comments and ask questions regarding the proposed and public submitted

maps. Throughout the meeting rooms, large boards with illustrations of the proposed and the public submitted maps were available for viewing as were three boards which delineated the public outreach process for the voter district formation as well as the time and dates for all Round 2 meetings. Partakers were guided toward a table where they could pick-up all available materials as well as refreshments and were encouraged to view all the boards. (Please see Appendix B for public meeting materials).

As shown below, 98 participants attended the meetings. Some individuals attended more than one community meeting.

Date	Meeting Location	# of Participants
Monday, March 2, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Dr. Whittier, CA 90605 (East Whittier)	36
Thursday, March 5, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Orange Grove Elementary 10626 Orange Grove Ave. Whittier, CA 90601 (West Whittier)	32
Saturday, March 7, 2015 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Evergreen School 12915 Helmer Dr. Whittier, CA 90602 (Central Whittier)	30
	Total:	98

Participants at each of the meetings were offered the following English and Spanish material:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- VDF Fact sheet
- Community Participation Plan
- Guiding Principles
- Packet consisting of draft proposals and public submission with data sets for each map

All of the materials available at the meetings were also available electronically on the City's website.

To commence the meetings, Yesenia Arias of Arellano Associates provided a brief explanation of the VDF involvement process and the community participation thus far. Dave Ely of Compass Demographics presented criteria considered for the voting district formation, including demographic and geographic. Mr. Ely described the four proposed demographic data maps he created based on information and recommendations received form the first round of community meetings, ones-on-ones, demographic analysis as well as other relevant information. These four draft proposals are titled Draft Proposal A, Draft Proposal B, Draft Proposal C and Draft Proposal D. He also presented the six publically submitted maps titled PS\_006-Whittier College, PS\_009-Snyder-c, PS\_010-Prather, PS\_012-Whittier Area Transgender Association, PS\_014-Greene-c, and PS\_015-Bennett-b. Initially, there were 15 public submitted maps but nine were retracted by the authors prior to Round 2 and the remaining six retained their original title thus the lapse in numerical sequence. Public submission PS\_012-Whittier Area Transgender Association was withdrawn after the second round of community meetings.

Following Mr. Ely's presentation, attendees were granted the opportunity to make comments and ask questions regarding the proposed voter district maps. Yesenia Arias mediated the public comment sections and informed all attendees they also had the opportunity to share their comments and/or questions by email to districts@cityofwhittier.org, if they preferred. Public participation was unguided but all participants who stated a comment or asked a question were asked if they preferred one proposed map over the others and why.

The meetings were adjourned once all comments and questions were shared. Ms. Arias thanked all present and informed participants of the upcoming Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm where four voting district proposals will be presented for the consideration of the City Council and public input.

# III. Community Input

The second round of community meetings offered Whittier residents and business owners an opportunity to voice overall statements about the VDF and to provide input and ask questions on the four proposed maps created by David Ely and on the six public submitted maps.

There were several recurring themes at all three community meetings. Participants noted there exists a bond in East Whittier between the communities north and south of Whittier Boulevard and verbalized a desire to maintain this area within the same district. Similarly, community members expressed the need for an economic engine within each district and identified the Whittwood Mall, The Quad, and Uptown Whittier as financial zones which should be in separate districts.

Further, the general consensus among the residents present was that districts should separate areas of high voter turnout and areas of low voter turnout. The idea being that areas of low voter turnout would be more likely to participate if their candidate is truly representative of them and it would create the opportunity for candidates from more diverse backgrounds to run for a Whittier city council seat. Lastly, participants expressed optimism over the possibility that the VDF will encourage involvement from a greater array of residents, particularly young adults; several which were present at two of three community meetings.

Residents at all three community meetings predominantly preferred PS\_009-Snyder-c. Support garnered for PS\_009-Snyder-c was not necessarily specific as a significant amount of participants simply stated they liked this map without offering a reason. Of those who did provide supplemental information, many agreed this map was consistent with the California Voting Rights Act as it delineates three distinct districts that historically have lacked representation.

Participants identified contrasting views for maps Draft Proposal B and PS\_014-Greene-c. The positive feedback provided for both maps was related to the representation of the City of Whittier and maintenance of similar neighborhoods within districts. Specifically, residents liked District "O" as it was not divided by Whittier Boulevard and contained the Fred C. Nelles parcel. Dislike for these maps was centered on the supposition that they protected incumbents and combined areas of low voter turn-out with areas of high voter turn-out.

The greatest dissent was for Draft Proposal D. Residents' apprehension for this map was mostly due to the assumption that it displayed partiality for incumbents. Residents displayed nominal concern for PS\_006-Whittier College and PS\_010-Prather as they had nothing or negligible observations focused at these maps. (Please see Appendix C for a summary and detailed commentary of each meeting).

# **Appendices**

- A. Public Notification
  - I. E-blast Notices
    - January 2015
    - February 2015
  - II. Postcard Mailer
  - III. Extended Outreach
    - Whittier Chamber of Commerce Calendar Posts
    - Whittier Uptown Associates E-blast Notices
    - Whittier Voter Coalition Website Post
  - IV. City Announcements
- **B.** Meeting Materials
  - I. Map Input Survey Form
  - II. Round 2 Project Fact Sheet
  - III. Guiding Principles for Public Participation and District Development
  - IV. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
  - V. Display Boards
- C. Meeting Summaries
  - I. Community Meeting #1 March 2, 2015
  - II. Community Meeting #2 March 5, 2015
  - III. Community Meeting #3 March 7, 2015

# **Appendix A**

**Public Notification** 

I. E-blast Notices

# Voting Districts Formation

# **Community Involvement Activities, Round 2**

We are very appreciative of everyone who participated in the first round of community activities for the City of Whittier's Voting Districts Formation (VDF) in late 2014. The City gathered valuable feedback, 11 public map submissions, and five sample maps that influenced the development of three draft proposals for City Council and public consideration. As we kick off the New Year, the City will initiate Round 2 of the Community Participation Plan to gather additional feedback on the community relationships and district configurations.

**Meet the Expert Sessions** – The City is inviting you to participate in upcoming "Meet the Expert" sessions with Dave Ely of Compass Demographics. During the one-on-one session you will have the opportunity to discuss and give your opinions on the community dynamics and tradeoffs considered during the first round of meetings and the VDF proposals. If you're interested in participating, please contact Kathryn Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer, at (562) 567-9854, <a href="mailto:kmarshall@cityofwhittier.org">kmarshall@cityofwhittier.org</a>.

# Save the Date!

**Round 2 Community Meetings** – A second set of community meetings will be held in the City to solicit additional community input on the latest VDF proposals. The meetings will have identical presentations, so attend the one most convenient for you.

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**VDF Public Hearing** – The next VDF Public Hearing before the City Council is anticipated for March 31, 2015. Mark your calendars!

To learn more about the VDF, review public submitted maps, see sample and proposed maps, and submit your feedback, please visit <a href="https://www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf">www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf</a>

# Contact Us

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# Creación de Distritos Electorales

# Segunda ronda de actividades de participación de la comunidad

Estamos muy agradecidos con todos los participantes de la primera ronda de actividades de la comunidad para la Creación de Distritos Electorales (VDF, por sus siglas en inglés) en la Ciudad de Whittier, a finales de 2014. La Ciudad reunió información muy valiosa y recibió 11 presentaciones de mapas del público y 5 mapas de muestra, los que influyeron en el desarrollo de tres proyectos de propuestas para consideración del Concejo de la Ciudad y la comunidad. A medida que comenzamos el nuevo año, el Concejo de la Ciudad iniciará la Segunda ronda del Plan de participación de la comunidad para reunir información adicional sobre las relaciones con la comunidad y las configuraciones del distrito.

Sesiones de "Conozca al experto" - La Ciudad lo invita a participar a las próximas sesiones de "Conozca al experto" con Dave Ely de Compass Demographics. Durante la sesión individual, usted tendrá la oportunidad de discutir y dar su opinión sobre la dinámica de la comunidad, las compensaciones consideradas durante la primera ronda de reuniones, y las propuestas para la VDF. Si está interesado(a) en participar, por favor comuníquese con Kathryn Marshall, Secretaria de la Ciudad-Tesorera, al (562) 567-9854, kmarshall@cityofwhittier.org.

# ¡Reserve la fecha!

Segunda ronda de reuniones de la comunidad - Se llevará a cabo una segunda serie de reuniones en la Ciudad para solicitar información adicional de la comunidad en las últimas propuestas de la VDF. Las reuniones tendrán presentaciones idénticas, así que puede asistir a la reunión más conveniente para usted.

Lunes, 2 de Marzo de 2015 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Dr.

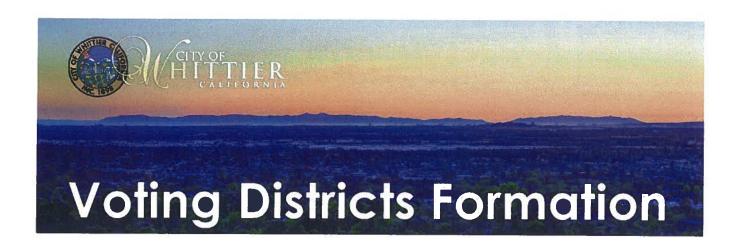
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Sabado, 7 de Marzo de 2015 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Evergreen Elementary School 12915 Helmer Dr.

**Audiencia pública de la VDF** - La siguiente Audiencia Pública de la VDF ante el Concejo de la Ciudad está prevista para el 31 de marzo de 2015. ¡Marque su calendario!

Para conocer más acerca de la VDF, revisar los mapas públicos presentados, ver los mapas de muestra y las propuestas, y proporcionar sus comentarios, por favor visite: <a href="https://www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf">www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf</a>

# Contáctenos



# **City Seeking Comments on Draft Maps**

The City's Voting Districts Formation (VDF) process is actively moving forward. A Map Proposals Comment form is available to solicit the public's input on districting map proposals. The form may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded on the City's website at <a href="https://www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf">www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf</a> under the Documents heading. In addition to commenting on proposed maps through March 31, 2015, individuals may also submit new maps by Tuesday, February 17, 2015 for full analysis by the experts.

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# **Ciudad Busca Comentarios Sobre Mapas Propuestos**

El proceso de Creación de Distritos Electorales de la Ciudad (VDF) sigue adelante. Un Formulario de Comentarios para las Propuestas de Mapas está disponible para solicitar la opinión del público. El formulario puede ser recogido en el Ayuntamiento de Whittier o descargado de la página web de la Ciudad en <a href="https://www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf">www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf</a> bajo los Documentos. Además de proporcionar comentarios sobre los mapas propuestos hasta el 31 de marzo de 2015, personas también pueden someter nuevos mapas a más tardar el martes, 17 de febrero 2015 para un análisis completo de los expertos.

# ¡Reserve la fecha!

**Segunda ronda de reuniones de la comunidad** - Se llevará a cabo una segunda serie de reuniones en la Ciudad para solicitar información adicional de la comunidad en las últimas propuestas de la VDF. Las reuniones tendrán presentaciones idénticas, así que puede asistir a la reunión más conveniente para usted.

Lunes, 2 de Marzo de 2015 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Dr. Jueves, 5 de Marzo de 2015 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. Orange Grove School 10626 Orange Grove Ave.

Sabado, 7 de Marzo de 2015 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Evergreen Elementary School 12915 Helmer Dr.

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# **II. Postcard Mailer**



# Voting Districts Formation / Creación de Distritos Electorales

# Overview

The City of Whittier's Voting Districts Formation (VDF) process, which started in October 2014, will change the way the community elects its leadership. This process will create four council voting districts which will elect one representative per district to serve on the City Council for a four year term. The Mayor will be elected by a citywide vote for a two-year term. The process is anticipated to continue through Spring 2015.

You are invited to participate at the next round of community meetings in March!

Join us for an update on the VDF process and schedule, as well as review and provide your input on the latest proposals. The meetings will have identical presentations, so attend the one most convenient for you.

# Visión General

El proceso de Creación de Distritos Electorales (VDF) en la Ciudad de Whittier, que comenzó en octubre de 2014, cambiara la forma en que la comunidad elige a sus líderes. Este proceso creará cuatro distritos electorales del concejo que elegirá a un representante por distrito para servir como miembro del concejo por un mandato de cuatro años. El alcalde será elegido por el voto de toda la ciudad por un periodo de dos años. Este proceso esta anticipado a continuar hasta la primavera de 2015.

Usted está invitado a participar en la siguiente ronda de reuniones públicas en Marzo Acompáñenos para una actualización en el proceso de VDF y horario, y examine y proporcione su entrada según las últimas propuestas. Las reuniones tendrán presentaciones idénticas, así que puede asistir a la reunión más conveniente para usted.

# Community Meetings / Reuniones Públicas

Monday, March 2, 2015

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6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
La Serna High School
15301 Youngwood Dr.

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# Save the Date!

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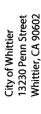
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# **III. Extended Outreach**



# WHITTIER CHAMBER

# Voting Districts Formation / Creación de Distritos Electorales

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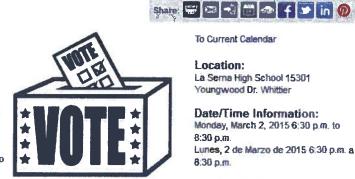
Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

# Website:

http://www.cityofwhittier.o rg/vdf

#### **Event Description:**

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#### Location:

La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Dr. Whittier

#### Date/Time Information:

Monday, March 2, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 o.m.

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#### Contact Information;

Kathryn Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer, at (562) 567-9854. Kathryn Marshall, Secretaria de la Ciudad-Tesorera, al (562) 567-9854. Send an Email

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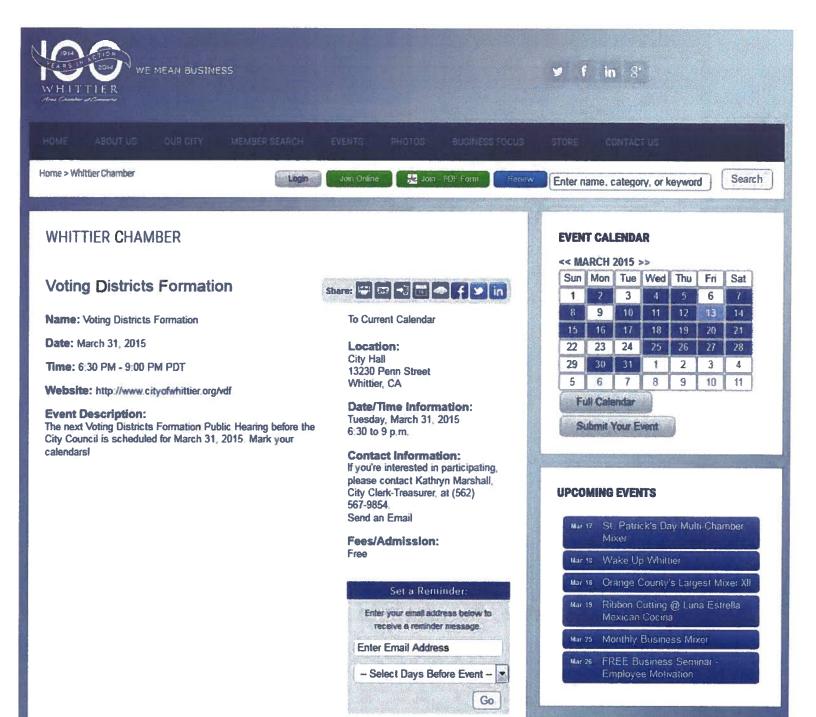
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To: edd.gutierrez@gmail.com





# Voting Districts Formation

The City of Whittier invites you to participate in upcoming "Meet the Expert" sessions.

During the one-on-one sessions with Dave Ely of Compass Demographics, you will have the opportunity to discuss and give your opinion on the community dynamics and trade offs considered during the first round of meetings and VDF proposals.

If you are interested in participating, contact Kathryn Marshall, City Clerk-Treasurer at 562-567-9854 or **kmarshall@cityofwhittier.org**.

Click below for schedule meeting dates in March 2015.

~ Whittier Uptown Association



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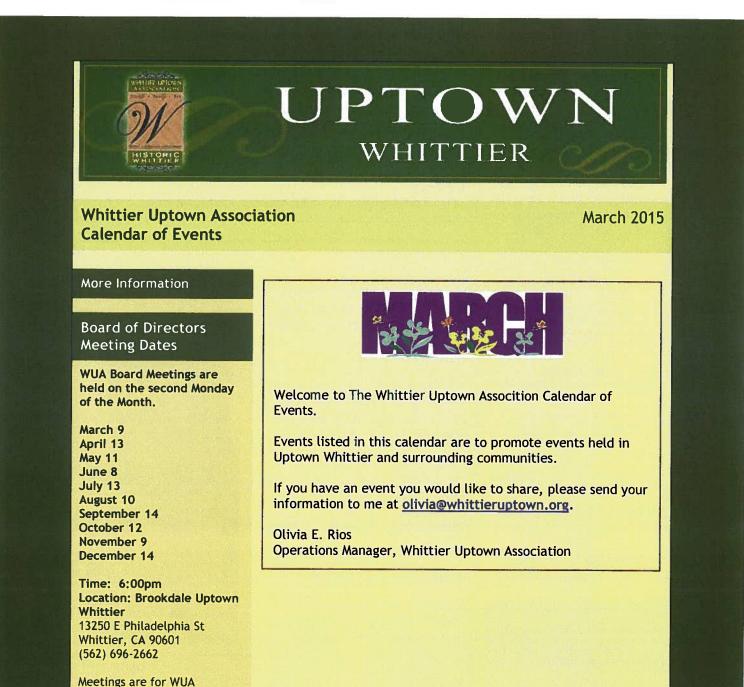
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members and are open to the

general public.





# Angel Award Dinner

Whittier First Day Community Angel Award Dinner Friday, March 27



# Tickets for this event

The Board of Directors of Whittier's First Day is honoring community members and leaders.

This years honorees are

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Whittier Uptown

Association

Francine Rippy

Maria Alcala

# Location: Whittier Area Community

Church 8100 Colima Rd Whittier, CA 90605

## Time:

6 - 6:30pm Social & Silent Auction 6:30pm Program & Dinner

Ticket:
Click here to purchase tickets.

20th Annual Art & Antique Fair April 11, 2015

Applications are now available for this event.

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Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

# Location:

La Serna High School, 15301 Youngwood Dr, Whittier

Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting of Uptown Historical Banners

with Reception at The Rusty Monk

Tuesday, March 3

The Whittier Uptown Association and Whittier Chamber of Commerce will have a join unveiling of the Histocial Banners on Greenleaf.

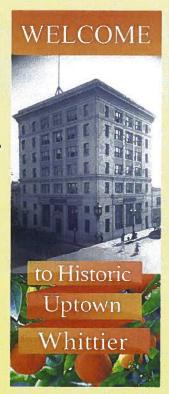
Event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow at The Rusty Monk on Greenleaf Ave

Time: 4:00pm Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting

4:30pm Reception at The Rusty Monk on Greenleaf

Location: Intersection of Greenleaf Ave & Philadelphia St next to The Nixon Plaza.







# Click here to download application.

Questions: Contact Marilyn McCarty at WUA office at 562-696-2662

Save the Date Future WUA Events in Uptown Whittier

-Every Friday-Uptown Certified Farmer's Market

-April 11-Art & Antique Spring Street Faire

-August 15-15th Annual Uptown Classic & Car Show

-August 15-2nd Annual Calendar Pin Up Contest

-November 720th Annual Fall Antique
Faire & Miss Uptown
Whittier Contest

-December 1 to 4-Uptown Holiday Window Display Contest

> -December 5-Holiday Sonata

# Get Your Savvy On! Business Mixer

Tuesday, March 3

Event is open to both women and men. Come and mingle at Uptowns favorite eaterie Crepes & Grapes.

Bring plenty of business cards.

- -Free Entry
- -Price for Good Eats & Drinks:
- -Jubilee Menu and Restaurant -Menu pricing online at:

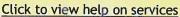
www.crepesandgrapescafe.com

RSVP at www.MajesticMarketingCreations.com

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Crepes & Grapes, 6560 Greenleaf Ave, Uptown

Whittier, CA



# Assistance from our Congresswoman Linda Sanchez in Whittier

Thursday, March 4

First Wednesday of each month, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez staff is in the City of Whittier to assist you with your questions and concerns.

For more info contact: (562)860-5050

Community Office Hours: 10am - 12pm

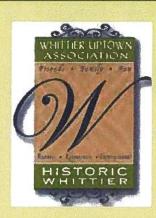
Location: Whittier Public Library, 7344 Washington Ave, Whittier

CA 90602



-December 12-Uptown Holiday Parade

# Office Information



Whittier Uptown Assoc. 6717 Bright Ave. Whittier, CA 90601

Hours: Mon - Fri 9am-5pm

Office: 562-696-2662

Email: info@whittieruptown.org

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# Whittier Voting District Formation Round 2 Mtgs Thursday, March 5

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If you are interested in attending contact Kathryn Marshall City Cler Treasure at kmarshall@cityofwhittier.org or 562-567-9854

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location:

Orange Grove School, 10626 Orange Grove Ave, Whittier

Certified Uptown Whittier Farmer's Market - Every Friday year round March 6, 13, 20, 27

Seeking fresh produce, bread, eggs, flowers, look no further. Uptown Whittier Farmer's Market is open every Friday.

Come and discover freshness right in your own community.

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

**Location:** Corner of Bright Ave & Philadelphia Street, near Whittier College.



Voting Districts Formation

# Whittier Voting District Formation Round 2 Mtgs Saturday, March 7

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Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location:

Evergreen School, 12915 Helmer Dr, Whittier.

# Spying During the Cold War Part 1 in a 3 Part Series Saturday, March 7

A perspective view of the Cold War and the birth of the Nuclear Age. Presenter Armando F Sanchez will also be discussing how codes were broken and intelligence gather during this period.

Dates for Part 2 and 3 to be announced.

Time: Doors open at 1:00pm and program begins at 2:00pm

Location: Whittier Museum, 6755 Newlin Ave, Uptown Whittier 90601

For more information call the Museum at 562-945-3871

# Household Hazadous Waste Disposal Saturday, March 7

Dispose of household hazardous waste and e-waste, including cell phones, motor oil, and pesticides. Open to all Los Angeles County residents.







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(donate.php) Register to Vote (register-to-vote.php)

The Whittier Voters Coalition is an alliance of community organizations and individuals who support a change to district based voting in the City of Whittier.

# Community Meetings Planned for March 2015

The community is invited to attend Community Meetings conducted by the City of Whittier to consider the formation of four council districts in compliance with City Charter Section 400. Now that district based voting is the law in Whittier the City Council is tasked with forming four city council districts by the next election cycle in April 2016.

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!!** The City of Whittier is planning a second round of Community Meetings to seek input from the community on district formation. The meetings have identical presentations so you can attend the one that is most convenient for you.

- Monday March 2nd @ 6:30pm 8:30pm: La Serna High School 15301
   Youngwood Drive
- Thursday March 5th @ 6:30pm 8:30pm: Orange Grove School 10626
   Orange Grove Avenue

• Saturday March 7th @ 10:00am - 12:00pm: Evergreen School 12915 Helmer Drive

For more information on district formation click on the following link:

http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/dist.asp (http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/dist.asp)

To view the plans that have been submitted for consideration click on the following link:

http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/publiccomment.asp (http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/publiccomment.asp)

UPDATE ON PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN DECEMBER 2015: On December 9th the Whittier City Council held a public hearing on district formation when it formally received and filed the Agenda Report on voting district formation. Download the report Here (http://www.cityofwhittier.org/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=10327). The City Council also took testimony from community members.

# **Latest Updates:**

# The City of Whittier Has Begun the Districting Process

The Community Participation Plan is underway as the City of Whittier reaches out to the community for input on the formation of city council districts. You can learn more about the process by visiting the City's Voting District Formation website:

http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/dist.asp (http://www.cityofwhittier.org/depts/clerk/elections/dist.asp)

The Whittier Voters Coalition believes:

- Two districts should be comprised of at least 70% Latino population with at least 56% registered voters who are Latino.
- A district map should include one district comprised primarily of an area south of Whittier Blvd. This part of Whittier has been historically

# **About Us**

Why we support reforms to the Whittier City Council:

Less than 20% of registered voters in Whittier actually vote in April city elections. In November elections more than 50% of registered voters show up to the polls. Moving elections to November would increase participation. In a city as large as Whittier, district based elections would increase neighborhood representation and reduce campaign costs. We believe these reforms would give an equal voice to the historically under represented citizens of Whittier.

- under represented and includes a significant Latino population, is working class and generally has lower income households.
- A district map should not favor combining areas with historically low voter turnout with those that historically have a high voter turnout.
- A city council map should be comprised of at least one district without an incumbent residing in that district. That district should come up for election in April 2016.
- The process should be neutral and promote equity for those citizens who have been historically under represented.

# Judge Dismisses Lawsuit! Plaintiffs Appeal!

# Meanwhile, the Whittier Voters Coalition Gets Ready for New Hybrid District/At-Large Voting System

On September 11, 2014, the public received the disappointing news that Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson had dismissed the Voting Rights lawsuit. According to the Whittier Daily News's reporting (http://www.whittierdailynews.com/government-and-politics/20140911/judge-dismisses-voting-rights-lawsuit-against-whittier), the judge decided that because the passage of Measure W would create 4 district City Council seats, leaving only the Mayor elected at-large, the lawsuit was no longer necessary.

But, on September 15, the lawyers for the plaintiffs filed an appeal to continue the lawsuit. The WDN's article about the appeal (http://www.whittierdailynews.com/government-and-politics/20140916/appeal-filed-in-dismissal-of-voting-rights-lawsuit-against-whittier) quotes

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# Who we are:

Community based organizations have united to form the Whittier Voters Coalition to support Whittier City Council reforms. The Whittier Latino Coalition (https://www.facebook.com /groups /WhittierLatinoCoalition/), Whittier Hills Oil Watch (http://www.whittierhillsoilwatch.org/), the Whittier Area Peace and **Justice Coalition** (http://www.whittierpeace.org/) the Mark Twain Democratic Club (http://www.lafn.org /politics/mtdc/index.html) and Whittier Voice have united to support:

- The election of the Whittier City Council through a district based election system
- All future regularly held elections for the Whittier City Council shall coincide with national elections or general statewide elections held in November of even numbered years.
- Districts shall be drawn with input from the community.

Click here to join us! (get-involved.php)

Our work:

district council seats, one at-large mayor) is still considered an at-large voting scheme under the law." Furthermore, Measure W does not address moving the city elections from the low-turnout month of April to the high-turnout month of November of even numbered years.

Although there is some disagreement among the members of the Whittier Voters Coalition about whether or not to be involved in the City's process of creating districts for the upcoming April 2016 city elections, the Coalition has decided to educate itself about the compromise district process in the hopes that districts might still be drawn with input from the many people in the city.

Stay tuned to www.WhittierVotersCoalition.com (index.php) for updates on the City's efforts to create districts for 4 of the 5 city council seats. Also stay tuned for updates on the appeal, with a final decision expected in summer of 2015.

# Measure W and Palmdale Voting Rights Success Motivate an Update to Whittier Lawsuit

Following the recent passage of Measure W and the recent court decisions in favor of voting rights in the city of Palmdale, the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the city of Whittier have filed an amendment to their written complaint.

You can download and read the amendment, filed on June 23, 2014, here (resources/DOCUMENTS /Motion%20to%20Amend%20Lawsuit\_June2014.pdf). Pages 21 and 22 of the amended complaint summarizes what the plaintiffs are seeking for the community at the eventual trial on March 19, 2015.

Although Measure W, which voters approved on June 3, 2014, would adopt the concept of districts, it creates only four Council districts instead of the present five, and it provides for a Mayor elected at large.

We actively support the lawsuit filed by three City of Whittier residents who contend the City of Whittier is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act (http://en.wikipedia.org /wiki/California\_Voting\_Rights\_Act). We work together to make our cause known and reach out to other groups and individuals who share our vision of Whittier City Council reforms.

# For more information:

Check out our Documents (documents.php) page to find:

- The written complaint filed against the City of Whittier by the three Whittier residents
- Text of the California Voting Rights Act
- A map showing the problem of low voter turnout in the city
- And more!

# Register To Vote

If you live in California, you can now Register To Vote (http://www.sos.ca.gov /elections/elections\_vr.htm) on-line. You should register to vote if you have never registered before or if you want to update your name or home address.

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Additionally, Measure W does not address the issue of moving elections to November.

Also and quite importantly Measure W gives the final say to the incumbent city council members for the drawing of district boundaries. Historically, gerrymandering occurs when incumbents decide the geographical lines for elections.

Meanwhile, the recent ruling in Jauregui v. City of Palmdale gives an example of how the court can provide relief under the California Voting Rights Act. In the Palmdale case, the court ruled that the at-large system of city council elections was illegally diluting the voting power of Latino residents and African Americans. Furthermore, the court ruled that, because the current Palmdale City Council had been elected in unlawful elections, the council members should be removed from office and replaced with council members elected through a district-based election system.

Therefore, the amended complaint in Whittier clarifies that Measure W does not provide sufficient relief and calls for removal of Whittier City Council members elected under the unlawful at-large system, as was decided in the Palmdale case.

You can also read the Whittier Daily News' coverage of the amended complaint (http://www.whittierdailynews.com/government-and-politics/20140624/new-filing-in-voting-rights-lawsuit-against-whittier-seeks-removal-of-council-members).

Judge Michael M. Johnson will consider the amendment at a hearing on Sept 5, 2014 at 8:30 AM at the Los Angeles County Superior Court House, 111 North Hill Street, Department 56.

your voter registration form to receive a vote-by-mail ballot before each election.

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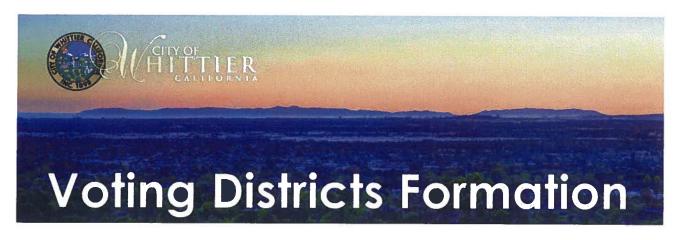
TIP: Even if you are already registered, you can choose to receive an absentee/vote-by-mail ballot by completing the form that arrives to your home with a sample ballot before each election, or just download the form here (resources/VOTING\_MATERIAL /fill-in-vote-by-mail-app-instruct.pdf).



In the summer of 2013, three Whittier residents sued the city for violations of the California Voting Rights Act. These residents demanded, among other things, a change from the "at-large" system of elections--in which many of the city council members came from the same neighborhood--to a "district" system of elections--in which each neighborhood in the large, diverse city of Whittier could send someone from their own district to serve on the city council. Although Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson dismissed the case in September of 2014, an appeal has been filed and the struggle for voting rights continues both in and outside of the court.

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**IV. City Announcements** 



# **City Announcements**

City staff announced the Voting District Formation community meeting and public hearing dates and handed out information materials at the following meetings and events:

Meeting/Event	Date
Gateway Cities City Manager Group	January 8, 2015
Sunrise Rotary Club	January 27, 2015
Whittier Rotary Club	February 27, 2015
City Council/Advisory Board Meetings	March 10, 2015
Whittier Historic Commission	March 11, 2015
Whittier Lions Club/Whittier Soroptimist Joint Meeting	March 12, 2015

# **Appendix B**

**Meeting Materials** 

# I. Map Input Survey Form



# **Map Proposals Comment Form**

# Voting Districts Formation

# Overview

The City of Whittier's Voting Districts Formation (VDF) process, which started in October 2014 and is anticipated to go through Spring 2015, will change the way the community elects its future leadership. This process will create four council voting districts. Each geographically defined district will elect a Council Member as its representative for a four-year term. The Mayor will be elected by a citywide vote for a two-year term.

# **Draft Map Proposals**

The draft map proposals (attached) were created by the demographer based on a detailed analysis of Whittier's geographic and demographic characteristics as well as public input regarding communities, community relationships, and potential districts. In addition, sample districting maps submitted by members of the community are available for review and feedback (attached). The draft map proposals are intended for the purpose of focusing discussions regarding alternative configurations of communities to form Whittier's Voting Districts and are not expected to be adopted as presented. They may be modified in response to public input.

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Address:	
Phone/Cell:	
Email:	

# Please submit your comments!

The City and its mapping expert need public input on how the districting boundaries are drawn. Please review the questions on this form and attached maps and submit your responses to the City in writing or via email. Contact information is at the bottom of this form.

# **Community Input Questions**

- 1. Which of the draft proposal maps A, B, C and/or D (pages 3-6) reflect community relationships (see the Community Map, page 2) well enough to provide a good basis for District Formation?
- 2. Do you believe any of the sample maps (pages 7 to 11) or public submissions (pages 12 to 19) would provide a better basis for District Formation than Maps A-D? If so, which one(s) and why?
- 3. Do you believe there is a better alternative for the District boundaries than is reflected in any of the maps (pages 3-19)? If so, please explain.
- 4. Do you believe any of the draft proposals (A-D) or other maps reflect particularly poor treatment of communities or community relationships? If so, please explain.
- 5. Can you identify specific changes you believe would improve one or more maps to make it/them a good basis for District Formation? If so, please explain.

# **How to Submit Your Comments:**

You may also attach addtional pages with any further comments.

Mail:



# Formulario de comentarios para las propuestas de mapas

# Creación de Distritos Electorales

# Visión General

El proceso de Creación de Distritos Electorales (VDF) en la Ciudad de Whittier, que comenzó en octubre de 2014 y se prevé que continúe hasta la primavera de 2015, cambiará la forma en que la comunidad elige a sus futuros líderes. Este proceso creará cuatro distritos electorales del concejo. Cada distrito geográficamente definido elegirá a un miembro del concejo como su representante para un mandato de cuatro años. El alcalde será elegido por el voto de toda la ciudad por un periodo de dos años.

# **Mapas Propuestos**

Los mapas propuestos (adjuntos) fueron creados por el demógrafo basándose en un análisis detallado de las características geográficas y demográficas de Whittier, así como en la opinión del público en relación con las comunidades, las relaciones con la comunidad, y los posibles distritos. Además, los mapas propuestos enviados por los miembros de la comunidad están disponibles para su revisión y comentarios (adjunto). Los mapas propuestos tienen el propósito de centrar las discusiones sobre configuraciones alternativas de las comunidades para la formación de distritos electorales de Whittier, y no se espera que se adopten tal como se presentan. Pueden ser modificados en respuesta a la opinión del público.

Nombre:	
Afiliación:	
Dirección:	
Teléfono/Celular:	
Correo electrónico:	

# ¡Por favor, envíe sus comentarios!

La ciudad y su experto en cartografía necesitan la opinión del público sobre el establecimiento de los límites de redistribución de distritos. Por favor, revise las preguntas de este formulario y los mapas adjuntos, y envíe sus respuestas a la Ciudad por escrito o por correo electrónico. La información de contacto se encuentra en la parte inferior de este formulario.

# Preguntas de participación de la comunidad

- 1. ¿Cuál de los mapas propuestos, A, B, C y/o D (páginas 3-6), refleja las relaciones de la comunidad (vea el Mapa de la comunidad, página 2) lo suficientemente bien como para proporcionar una buena base para la creación del distrito?
- 2. ¿Cree usted que alguno de los mapas de muestra (páginas 7 a 11) o los presentados por el público (páginas 12-19) proporcionaría una mejor base para la formación de distritos que los mapas A-D? Si la respuesta es afirmativa, ¿cuál(es) y por qué?
- 3. ¿Cree usted que hay una mejor alternativa para la creación de los límites de distrito que las opciones presentadas en alguno de los mapas (páginas 3-19)? Si la respuesta es afirmativa, por favor explique.
- 4. ¿Cree usted que alguno de los mapas propuestos (A-D) u otros mapas no reflejan particularmente las comunidades o las relaciones de la comunidad? Si la respuesta es afirmativa, por favor explique.
- 5. ¿Puede usted identificar los cambios específicos que cree que mejorarían uno o más mapas para hacer que sean una buena base para la creación de distritos? Si la respuesta es afirmativa, por favor explique

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# Cómo presentar sus comentarios::

ambién puede adjuntar paginas adicionales con cualquier otro comentario.

II. Round 2 Project Fact Sheet



# Voting Districts Formation

# **Overview**

The City of Whittier has initiated a dynamic process that will change the way the community elects its future leadership. This historic effort is underway following the June 3, 2014 voter-approved Charter Amendment calling for four Council Members elected from geographically defined districts and a citywide Mayor.

As a valued community member, the City is calling on you to get involved in the process of creating four council voting districts. The new districts will be roughly the same size in population figures and determined based on the following:

- Communities of interest
- · Cohesiveness, continuity, integrity and compactness of territory
- Topography
- Geography

Once the districts are created, each district will elect one residing Council Member as its representative for a four-year term. The Mayor will be elected by a citywide vote for a two-year term. This is a completely different process than what is currently in place for electing the City's leadership. The City anticipates that the formation of the new voting districts will take approximately six months: November 2014 through April 2015.

# **Get Involved!**

The City has enlisted the help of experts in the fields of census data with previous experience in council redistricting for the development of mapping alternatives. However, this process would greatly benefit from community input. There are many ways to get involved and provide your feedback. Please review and participate in all activities of interest and convenience to you - all are welcome!

- VDF Map Input Sheet Review the latest map proposals and public submissions and provide your comments at www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf.
- Community Meetings Participate in the March community meetings to learn more about the latest map proposals and public submissions. The next round of meeting is scheduled for March 2015 (details to the right).
- VDF Public Hearing The next VDF Public Hearing before the City Council is on March 31, 2015. Mark your calendars!
- Sign up to receive updates To learn more about the VDF, review public submitted maps, see sample and proposed maps and submit your feedback, please visit www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf.

# **Community Meetings**

Join us for an update on the VDF process and schedule and review and provide your input on the latest proposals. The meetings will be identical, so attend the one most convenient for you.

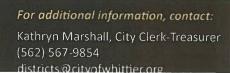
Monday, March 2, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Drive

Thursday, March 5, 2015 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Orange Grove School 10626 Orange Grove Avenue

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Evergreen School 12915 Helmer Drive

Learn More and Stay in Touch
Visit the webpage for additional
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www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf

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# Creación de Distritos Electorales

# Resumen

La ciudad de Whittier ha iniciado un proceso dinámico que cambiará la forma como la comunidad elige a sus líderes en el futuro. Este esfuerzo histórico comenzó después de la Enmienda a la Carta Estatutaria aprobada por los votantes del 3 de junio de 2014 solicitando la creación de cuatro consejos territoriales de distritos y un alcalde para la ciudad.

La ciudad lo convoca para que se involucre en el proceso de creación de los distritos electorales ya que usted es un miembro valioso de nuestra comunidad. Los nuevos distritos serán más o menos igual en población y se determinarán según lo siguiente:

- Comunidades de interés
- Cohesión, continuidad, integridad y compacidad de territorio
- Topografía
- Geografía

Una vez que se creen los distritos, cada distrito elegirá a un residente para que sea su representante y miembro del concejo por un período de cuatro años. El alcalde se elegirá por medio de un voto en toda la ciudad y su mandato será por un período de dos años. Este es un proceso completamente distinto del que se aplica actualmente para elegir a líderes de la ciudad. La ciudad espera que la creación de los nuevos distritos electorales tomará unos seis meses: desde noviembre de 2014 a abril de 2015.

# ¡Participe!

La ciudad ha recurrido a la ayuda de expertos en el campo de censos con previa experiencia en la redistribución de distritos concejales con el fin de iniciar el desarrollo de alternativas para la cartografía. Sin embargo, este proceso se beneficiaría mucho de comentarios de la comunidad. Hay muchas maneras en las que usted puede participar y dar su opinión. Revise y participe en todas las actividades de interés y convenientes para usted. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

- Formulario de comentarios Los mapas propuestos creados por el demógrafo y los mapas propuestos enviados por los miembros de la comunidad están disponibles para su revisión y comentarios en www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf.
- Reuniones comunitarias Participe en las reuniones comunitarias en el mes de marzo, para saber más sobre los mapas propuestos y los mapas creados por los miembros de la comunidad. La siguiente serie de reuniones comunitarias está programada para marzo de 2015 (detalles en el lado derecho).
- Audiencia pública La siguiente audiencia pública está programada para el 31 de marzo de 2015. ¡Marque su calendario!
- Inscríbase para recibir actualizaciones Visite la página web al www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf para detalles adicionales, revisar los mapas propuestos y los mapas creados por los miembros de la comunidad, o someter sus comentarios.

# Reuniones comunitarias

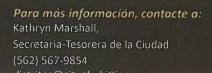
Se realizarán tres reuniones comunitarias en varios lugares dentro de la ciudad para solicitar los comentarios del público. Las reuniones serán idénticas, así que puede ir a la que sea más conveniente para usted.

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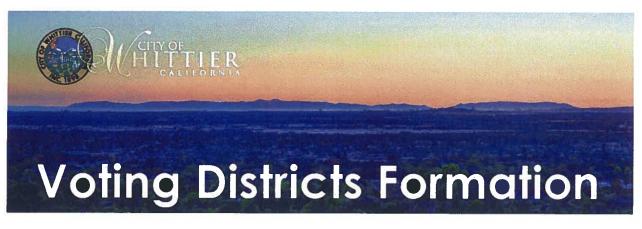
jueves, 5 de marzo de 2015 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. Orange Grove School 10626 Orange Grove Avenue

sábado, 7 de marzo de 2015 10:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. Evergreen School 12915 Helmer Drive

Informece más y permanezca en contacto - Visite la página web para detalles adicionales e inscríbase para recibir actualizaciones en: www.ciudaddewhittier.org/vdf



# III. Guiding Principles for Public Participation and District Development



# **Guiding Principles for Public Participation and District Development**

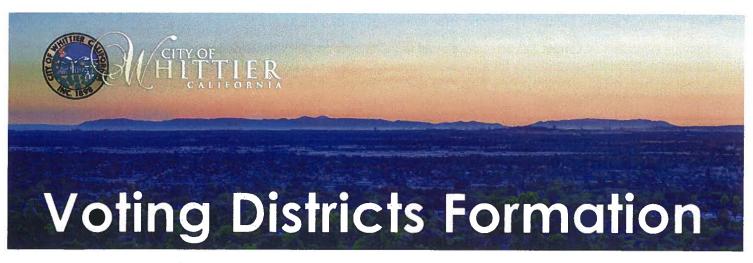
- The process for creating voting districts will be transparent and designed to inform and engage the public.
- All residents, including City Council members, are encouraged to provide input on the district formation.
- Input from non-residents with a vested interest in the City will also be considered at the request of the group of residents/businesses or community interest(s) they represent.
- Public input should focus on the formation of four voting districts which will be developed and approved in compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws, including all voting rights acts and districting provisions.
- All input should be presented and considered with respect for differing opinions.
- Near equal population (ideally within 5 percent) is one of the primary factors to create legally defendable council districts.
- Other factors contributing to the formation of districts will include: topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, compactness, integrity of territory, communities of interest, and significant and sensitive land uses. Consideration of where existing council members reside is legally permissible.
- Minority communities should not be diluted in the formation of districts.
- Council Members for Districts 1 and 3 will be elected in April 2016; Council Members for Districts 2 and 4 will be elected in April 2018.
- Numbers will be assigned to the districts as part of the City Council approval process.



Principios rectores para la participación pública y el desarrollo de los distritos.

- El proceso para la creación de distritos electorales será transparente y estará diseñado para informar e involucrar al público.
- Se anima a todos los residentes, incluyendo a los miembros del Consejo de la Ciudad, a dar su opinión sobre la formación de distritos.
- Las aportaciones de las personas no residentes con intereses en la ciudad también serán consideradas, a petición del grupo de residentes/empresas o los intereses de la comunidad que representan.
- Las aportaciones del público deben centrarse en la formación de los cuatro distritos electorales que serán desarrollados y aprobados de conformidad con las leyes federales, estatales y locales correspondientes, incluyendo todas las leyes del derecho al voto y las disposiciones de distritación.
- Todas las aportaciones deben ser presentadas y consideradas con respeto a las diferentes opiniones.
- Un número de habitantes casi igual en los distritos (idealmente dentro de un 5 por ciento) es uno de los factores principales para la creación de los distritos concejales legalmente defendibles.
- Otros factores que contribuyen a la formación de distritos incluirán: la topografía, la geografía, la cohesión, la contigüidad, la compacidad, la integridad del territorio, las comunidades de interés y los usos importantes y sensibles de la tierra. La consideración del lugar de residencia de los miembros del consejo es legalmente permisible.
- Las comunidades de grupos minoritarios no deben ser diluidas en la formación de distritos.
- Los miembros del Consejo para los distritos 1 y 3 serán elegidos en abril de 2016; los miembros del Consejo de los distritos 2 y 4 serán elegidos en abril de 2018.
- Números de los distritos serán asignados como parte del proceso de aprobación del Concejo Municipal.

# IV. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

# Why is the voting process changing?

In June 2014, voters in the City of Whittier approved Measure W, which calls for Council Members to be elected by and from four geographically defined districts and a citywide Mayor position. This new charter amendment replaces the existing format of Council Members elected through citywide voting. Only the Mayor, with powers prescribed by Charter, will remain a citywide Council representative.

#### What are district-based elections?

Once approved, each of the four newly developed Council districts will be represented by a single Council Member living within that district. Therefore, City elections will provide a new opportunity for geographic and demographic representation based on each district's constituents. Terms of Council participation will remain the same, as will the rules of voting within each district; the Mayor position will be the only position elected by all voters.

# Why by-district voting rather than "at-large" voting?

Measure W calls for the City to have City Council representation across four defined geographic sections of the City, providing opportunities for representation in communities that may not have previously had a Council Member from their neighborhood. Those communities and areas which believe they have issues unique to them may choose their own representation within those district boundaries.

# What is the Voting Rights Act and why is it important?

The Voting Rights Act is federal legislation adopted in the 1960s protecting the rights of all citizens to participate in the voting process. This legislation has provisions ensuring underrepresented groups have equal opportunities for voting and representation. The California Voting Rights Act has additional provisions with the purpose of ensuring equal access to voting and representation. All City activities used to create these newly formed voting districts will follow and comply with both the spirit and letter of the law, including those laid out by both the federal and state Voting Rights Acts.

# What will be the process for creating voting districts?

There will be both a technical and community input process that will be completed in tandem to inform the City Council as to the best recommendation for creating the four district boundaries. The technical process requires the formation of four nearly equal districts based on population (ideally within 5 percent from smallest to largest). However, secondary factors also play a major role including: topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, compactness, integrity of territory, communities of interest, and significant and sensitive land uses. Consideration of where existing Council Members reside is also permitted.

Community participation is also a vital component to ensure the districts are properly formed. Therefore, an assortment of materials, meetings and other social media communication tools will be utilized to inform and engage the public throughout the technical process. This will include a minimum of two rounds of public workshops as well as an opportunity for interested individuals to meet directly with Compass Demographics, the demographer hired to assist the City with this process, to provide direct input on boundary lines.

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# What guidelines will be followed in the creation of the voting districts?

A Guiding Principles fact sheet has been developed to guide both the technical and community input process. This document outlines the parameters for how participants and decision makers will assist in the City's effort to develop community-supported voting districts. A copy of the Guiding Principles will be placed on the project website and available at all public meetings.

# What is a community of interest?

A community of interest is any distinctive area within the City that has a definable group of people, unique geography or some other distinguishable feature or characteristic that it would be undesirable to divide in the creation of voting districts. Some of these may already be clearly established and others may be defined as a result of this process. This distinction requires strong community input to ensure communities of interest are protected in this process. For example, the Whittier College campus is a definable area that the community may believe should not be split by a district boundary.

# Who will approve the final districts?

The consultant team hired to complete the technical study, Compass Demographics, will provide a written report that City staff will use to provide the City Council with a recommendation, following community meetings, public input, and public hearings. The City Council will then vote on the recommendation and will ultimately approve the new voting districts, which will become part of the new charter amendment for the City to follow in conducting elections beginning in 2016.

# When will these new districts take effect?

Once adopted by the City the new voting districts will immediately take effect. However, the first election to be held using these newly formed districts will occur in April 2016 with Council seats from Districts 1 and 3 up for election, along with the directly elected Mayor position. Council seats from Districts 2 and 4 will be up for election in April 2018, again along with the directly elected Mayor position.

#### How will creating voting districts affect me?

Beginning in 2016, residents in the City of Whittier will have the opportunity to vote for candidates who run in the district in which they live. Once elected, these City Council Members will provide direct representation of the unique population, issues and challenges found within each of the four districts, and with the Mayor, will govern and provide direction for issues that involve the entire Whittier community.

# Why is my participation important?

This process and the resulting decisions are critical to the leadership and future of Whittier. It is important for the City that these voting district boundaries clearly and accurately represent the varying geographic areas and unique demographic groups found within our community. Your participation will help bring clarity to the process and help us better understand the issues important to you as we look at volumes of data to help create balanced and representative districts.

# How will my input be used?

Your input will help inform the technical process which will be based on a collection of data and analytics. We will be asking you to share with us what is important to you, where you think the boundaries should go to protect communities of interest, and other clarifying questions that will help us in the development of voting district recommendations.

# Where can I learn more about the process and get additional information including scheduled public meetings?

For this process, the City has set up a host of communication tools and ways for the public to receive information and provide input. The City has established a project webpage at <a href="www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf">www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf</a>. All meeting information and project materials will be posted on the website for your review. You can also e-mail us with a comment or question at <a href="districts@cityofwhittier.org">districts@cityofwhittier.org</a> or via regular mail to: City of Whittier, Attn: Kathryn Marshall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. For additional information, please call (562) 567-9854.



# **Preguntas frecuentes (FAQ)**

# ¿Por qué va a cambiar el proceso de votación?

En junio de 2014, los votantes de la ciudad de Whittier aprobaron la Medida W, que requiere que los miembros del Consejo Municipal sean elegidos por y en cuatro distritos geográficos definidos, y que el alcalde sea elegido por toda la ciudad. Esta nueva enmienda a la Carta de la Ciudad reemplaza el formato existente, en el que los miembros del Consejo son elegidos a través del voto de toda la ciudad. Solo el alcalde, con los poderes que le asigna la Carta de la Ciudad, seguirá siendo un representante del Consejo Municipal para toda la ciudad.

#### ¿Qué son las elecciones definidas al nivel de distrito?

Una vez aprobados, cada uno de los cuatro nuevos distritos del Consejo Municipal será representado por un miembro del Consejo con domicilio en ese distrito. Así, las elecciones municipales ofrecerán una oportunidad para contar con una representación geográfica y demográfica basada en cada uno de sus componentes distritales. Las condiciones para formar parte del Consejo y las reglas para votar dentro de cada distrito seguirán siendo las mismas. El puesto del alcalde será el único elegido por todos los votantes.

#### ¿Por qué una votación por distritos y no una votación general?

La Medida W pide que la Ciudad cuente con un Consejo Municipal con una representación que contemple las cuatro secciones geográficas de la Ciudad, para ofrecer oportunidades de representación en comunidades que tal vez antes no contaban con un miembro del Consejo de su vecindario. Estas comunidades y áreas que consideran tener problemas específicos para ellos, podrán elegir a sus propios representantes dentro de los límites de su distrito.

# ¿Qué es la Ley de Derecho al Voto y por qué es importante?

La Ley de Derecho al Voto es una ley federal adoptada en la década de 1960, que protege el derecho de todos los ciudadanos a participar en el proceso electoral. Esta ley incluye cláusulas que aseguran que los grupos subrepresentados tengan igualdad de oportunidades de voto y representación. La Ley de Derecho al Voto del Estado de California contiene cláusulas adicionales con el propósito de asegurar el acceso igualitario al voto y a la representación. Todas las actividades municipales utilizadas para crear estos nuevos distritos electorales, siguen y respetan el espíritu y la letra de las leyes federales y estatales relativas al derecho al voto.

# ¿Cuál será el proceso para crear los distritos electorales?

Habrá dos procesos, uno técnico y uno de recepción de aportes de la comunidad, que se completarán en forma consecutiva y que brindarán al Consejo Municipal una recomendación para la creación de los cuatro distritos. El proceso técnico requiere de la formación de cuatro distritos casi iguales en base al número de habitantes (con una diferencia ideal inferior al 5% entre el menor y el mayor de los distritos). Sin embargo, hay factores secundarios que también tienen un papel importante: la topografía, la geografía, la cohesión, la contigüidad, la compactibilidad, la integridad del territorio, las comunidades de interés y los usos significativos y sensibles del territorio. Además, es posible considerar el lugar de residencia de los actuales miembros del Consejo Municipal.

La participación de la comunidad también es un componente vital que asegura la correcta formación de los distritos. Es por ello que una variedad de materiales, reuniones y otros medios de comunicación social servirán de base para informar e involucrar al público en todo el proceso técnico. Esto incluirá un mínimo de dos rondas de talleres públicos y la oportunidad para reunirse directamente con Compass Demographics, la empresa demográfica contratada para asistir al municipio en este proceso, para brindar un comentario sobre el trazado de los límites en forma directa.

#### ¿Qué principios rectores se seguirán para la creación de los distritos electorales?

Se ha elaborado una ficha técnica con los principios rectores que determinan tanto el proceso técnico como el proceso de recepción de los aportes de la comunidad. Este documento describe los parámetros para el modo en que los participantes y actores de la toma de decisiones contribuirán con los esfuerzos del municipio para desarrollar distritos electorales apoyados por la comunidad. La página web del proyecto contendrá una copia de estos principios rectores y también estará disponible en todas las reuniones públicas.

#### ¿Qué es una comunidad de interés?

Una comunidad de interés es toda área distintiva dentro de la ciudad, que cuenta con un grupo definido de personas, una geografía particular u otro tipo de característica o particularidad que no sería deseable dividir en el proceso de creación de los distritos electorales. Es posible que algunas de estas comunidades ya estén claramente establecidas y otras podrán ser definidas como resultado de este proceso. La distinción requiere de una fuerte colaboración de la comunidad para garantizar que las comunidades de interés estén protegidas durante este proceso. Por ejemplo, el campus de Whittier College es una área distintiva que la comunidad puede considerar como un sitio que sería mejor no dividir con un límite distrital.

#### ¿Quién tendrá a cargo la aprobación final de los distritos?

Compass Demographics, un equipo de asesores contratado para completar el estudio técnico, presentará un informe por escrito que el personal de la ciudad usará para entregar al Consejo Municipal una recomendación que contemple los resultados de las reuniones comunales, los comentarios del público y las audiencias públicas. Entonces, el Consejo Municipal votará sobre la recomendación y, en una instancia final, aprobará los nuevos distritos electorales que serán parte de la nueva enmienda a la Carta de la Ciudad que el municipio utilizará al realizar las elecciones de comienzos de 2016.

#### ¿Cuándo entrarán en efecto estos nuevos distritos?

Una vez adoptados por la ciudad, los nuevos distritos electorales entrarán en efecto inmediatamente. Sin embargo, la primera elección con los nuevos distritos se llevará a cabo en abril de 2016. En esta elección se elegirán los puestos del Consejo Municipal para los distritos 1 y 3, junto con el puesto de alcalde, que será elegido por votación directa. Los puestos del Consejo para los distritos 2 y 4 se resolverán en las elecciones de abril de 2018, de nuevo junto con el puesto de alcalde, que será elegido por votación directa.

# ¿De qué modo me afectará la creación de distritos electorales?

A comienzos del año 2016, los residentes de la ciudad de Whittier tendrán la oportunidad de votar por los candidatos que se postulen en el distrito en el que vivan. Una vez elegidos, estos miembros del Consejo Municipal proporcionarán representación directa para la población, sus problemas y desafíos particulares en cada uno de los cuatro distritos y, junto con el alcalde, gobernarán y se encargarán de los asuntos que atañen a toda la comunidad de Whittier.

# ¿Por qué es importante mi participación?

Este proceso y las decisiones resultantes son críticas a la hora de definir el liderazgo y el futuro de Whittier. Para la ciudad es importante que los límites de los distritos electorales representen con claridad y exactitud las diferentes áreas geográficas y los grupos demográficos únicos de nuestra comunidad. Su participación nos ayudará a lograr claridad en el proceso y nos permitirá comprender mejor los asuntos importantes para usted, pues analizaremos volúmenes de información que nos permitirán crear distritos balanceados y representativos.

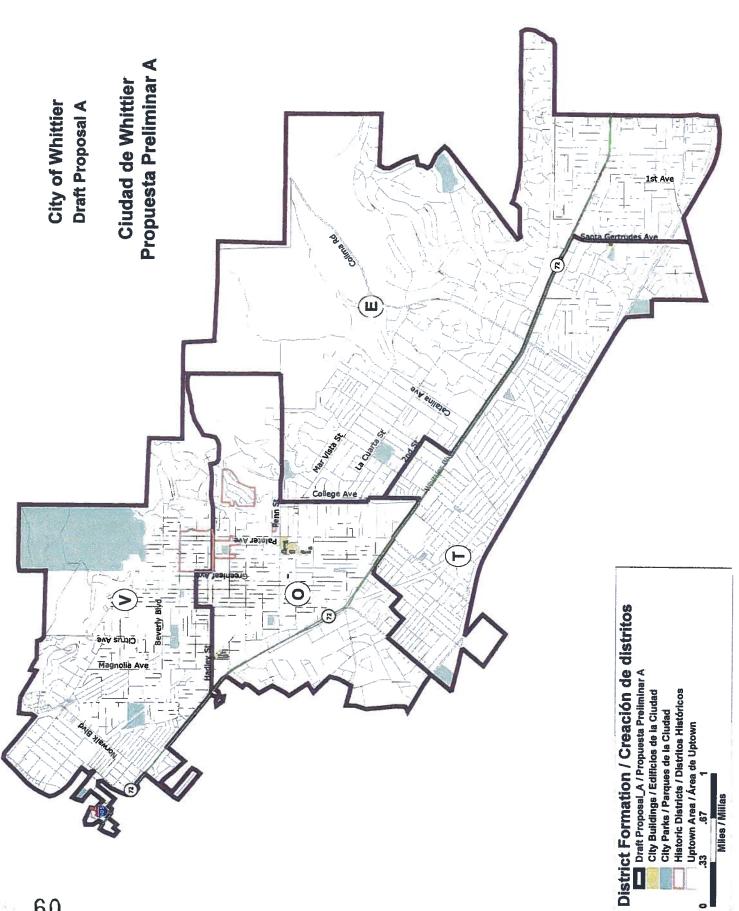
#### ¿Cómo se utilizarán mis comentarios?

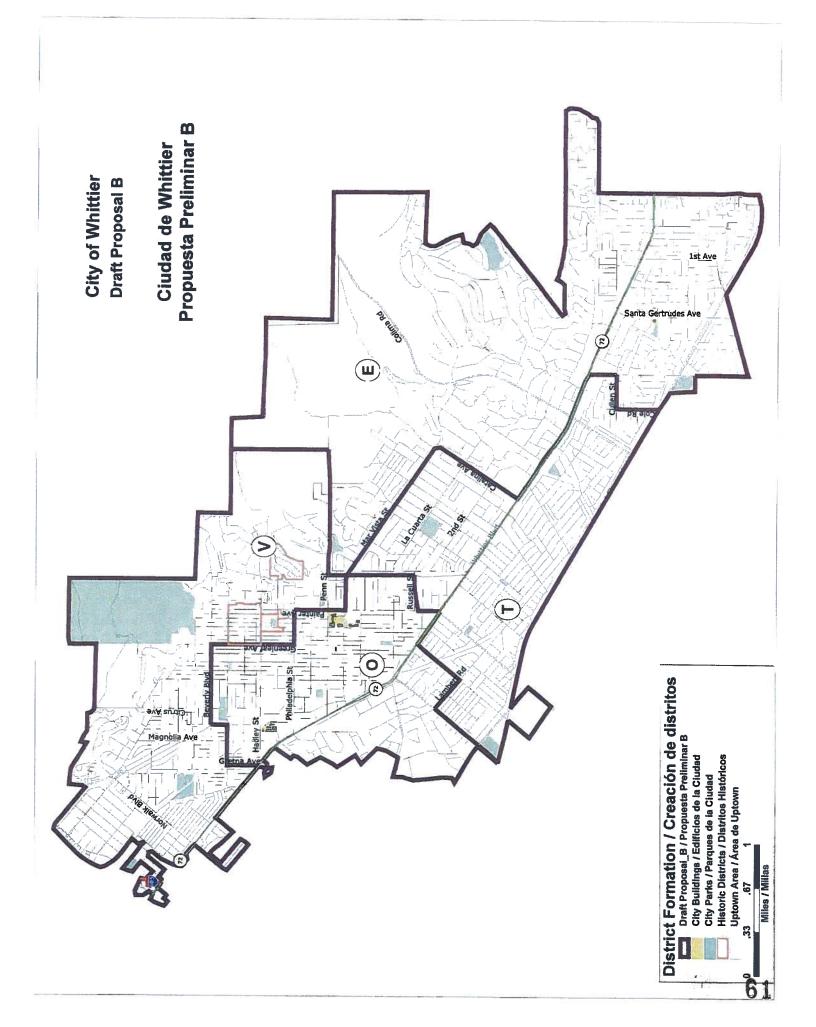
Sus comentarios proveerán información al proceso técnico, que estará basado en la recolección de datos y en estudios analíticos. Le pediremos que comparta con nosotros las cosas que son importantes para usted, que nos diga dónde cree que deberían estar los límites para proteger a las comunidades de interés, y otras cuestiones demostrativas que nos ayudarán a formular las recomendaciones para la definición de los distritos electorales.

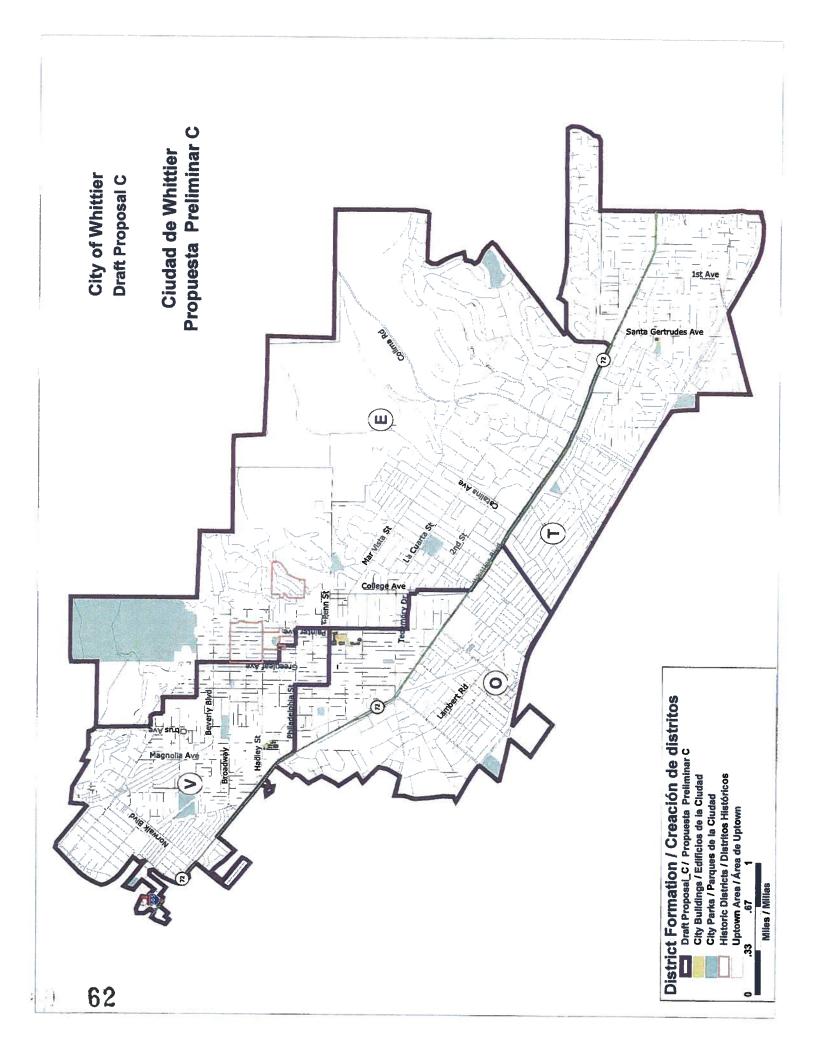
# ¿Dónde puedo aprender más sobre el proceso y obtener información adicional, incluyendo el programa para las reuniones públicas?

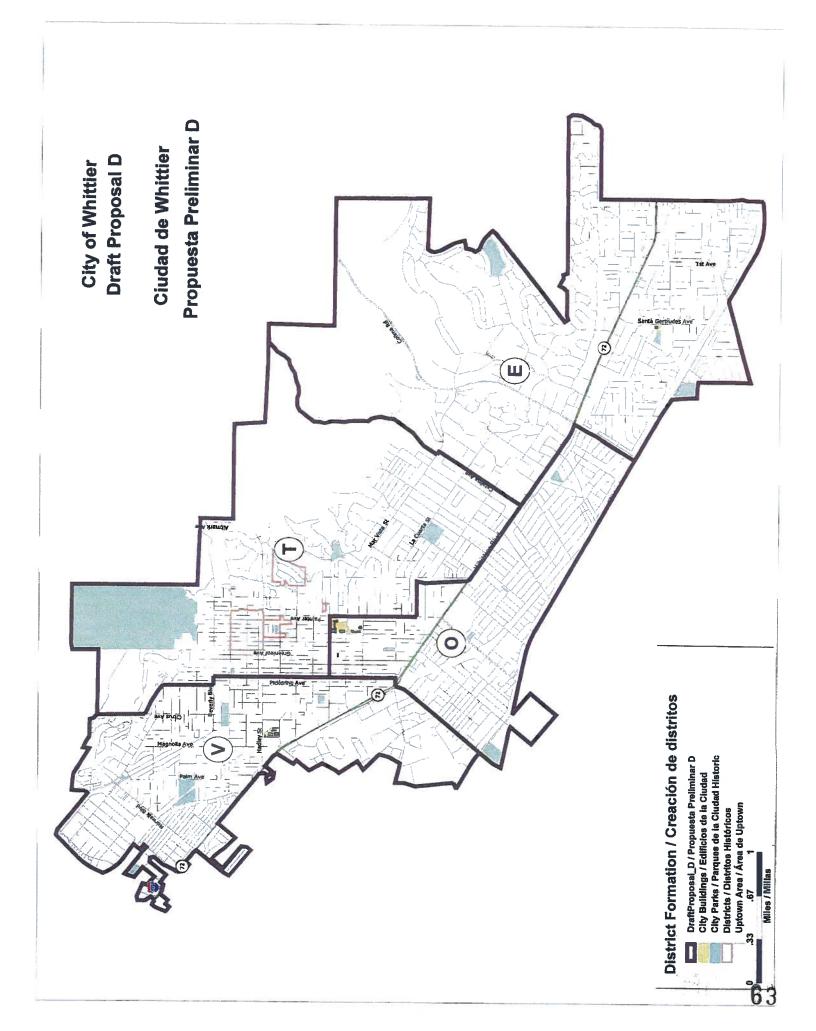
Para este proceso, la ciudad ha incorporado una serie de formas y herramientas de comunicación para que el público reciba información y haga sus aportes. La ciudad ha establecido una página web para el proyecto en <a href="www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf">www.cityofwhittier.org/vdf</a>. Toda la información sobre las reuniones, así como el material del proyecto estará a su disposición en la página web. También puede enviarnos sus comentarios o preguntas por correo electrónico a <a href="maistretty">districts@cityofwhittier.org</a>, o por correo a: City of Whittier, Attn: Kathryn Marshall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602. Para solicitar información adicional llame al (562) 567-9854.

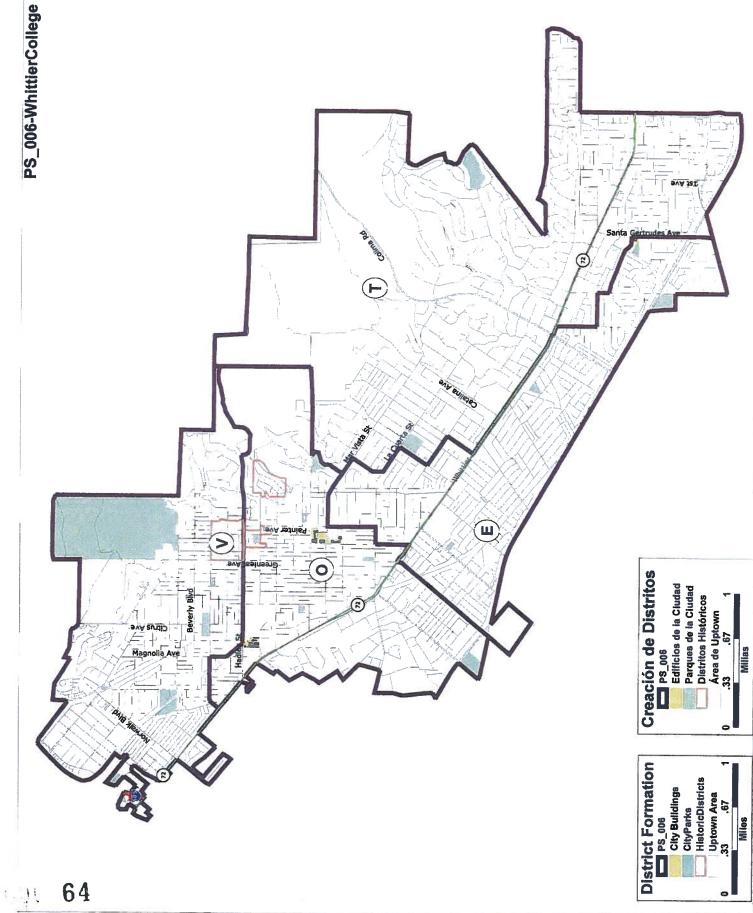
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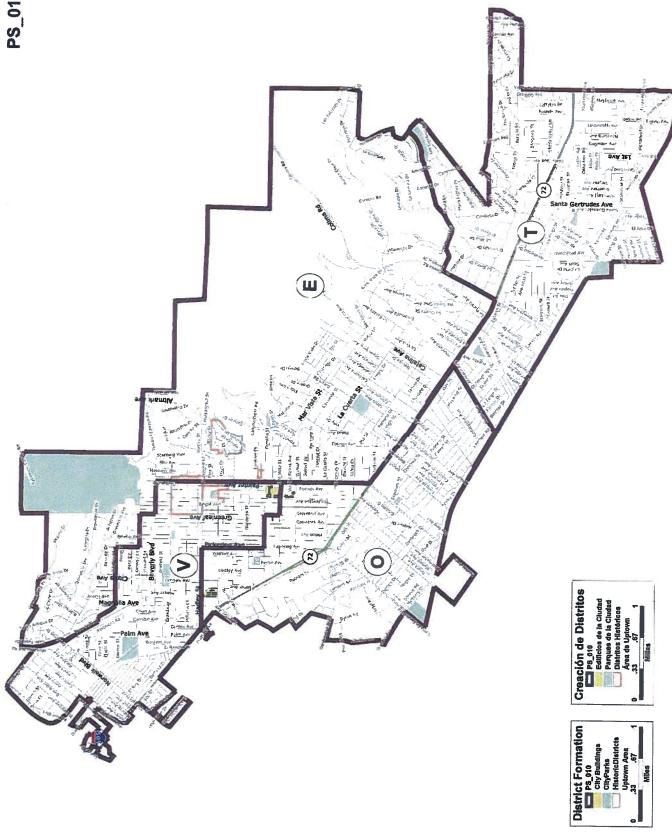


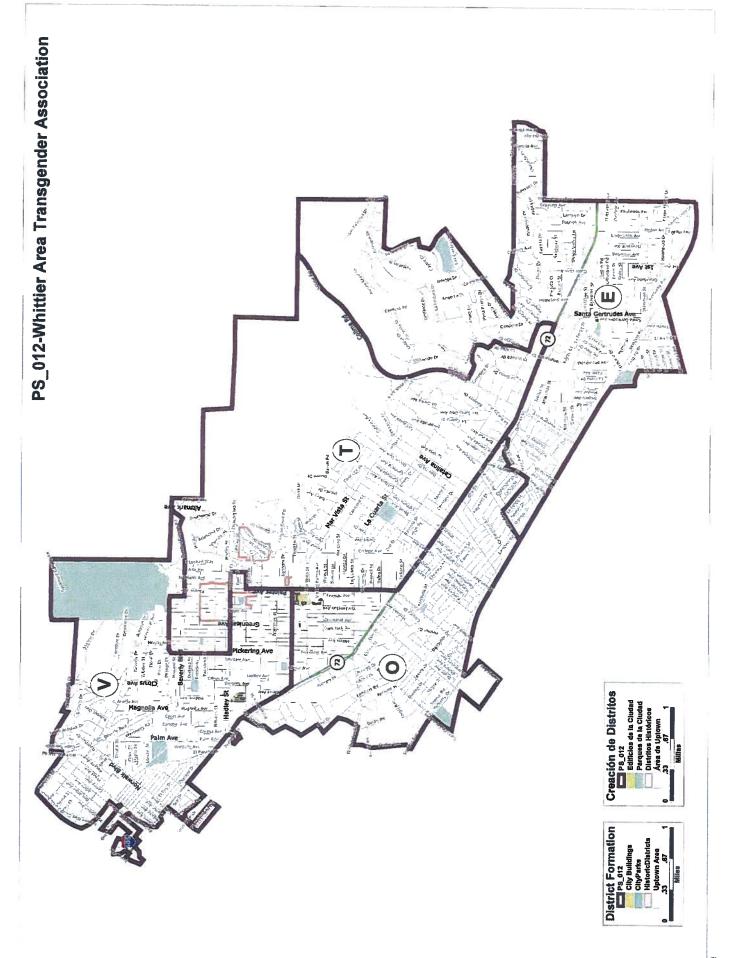


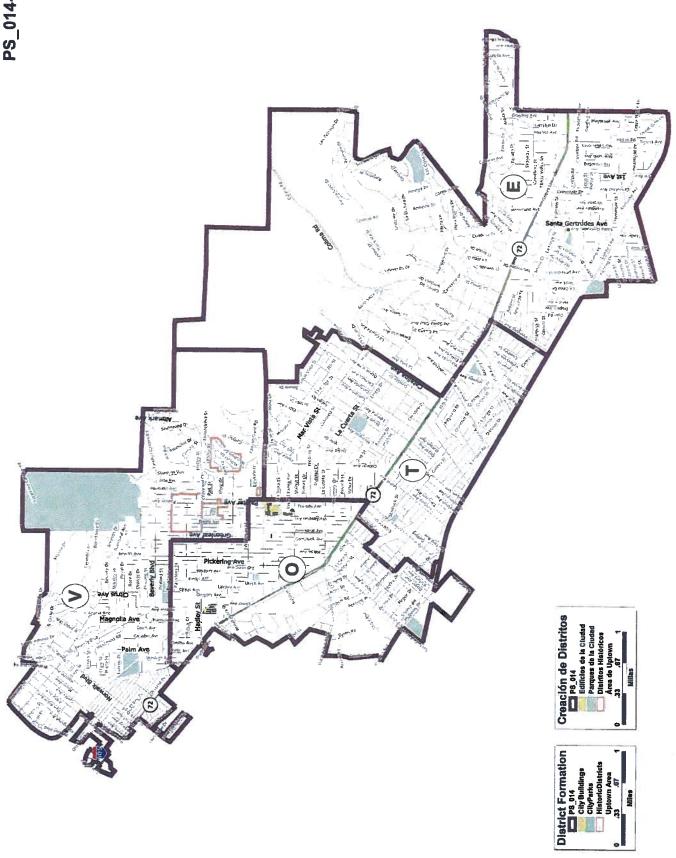






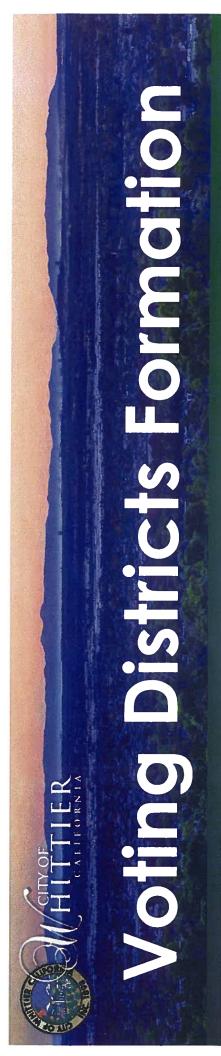






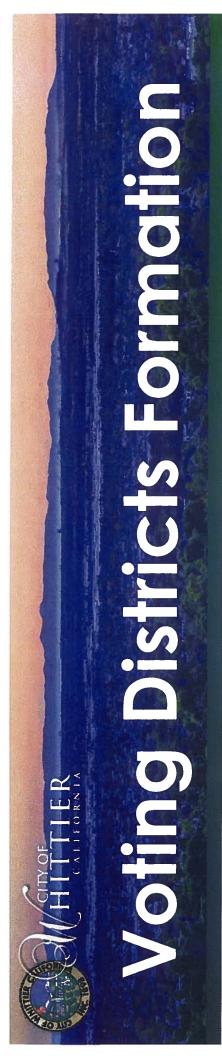
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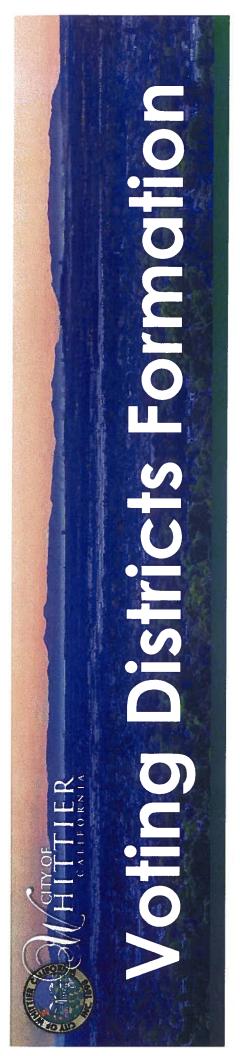
# Overview

- ▶ June 3, 2014 voter-approved Charter Amendment for creation of Voting Districts
- Changes the way the community elects its future leadership:
- Four Council Members from geographically defined districts (4-yearterm)
- Citywide Mayor (2-year term)
- ➤ Voting Districts Formation (VDF) Process:
- Districts will be roughly the same size in population
- Districts will be defined by:
- Communities of interest
- Cohesiveness, continuity, integrity and compactness of territory
- Topography
- Geography
- The VDF process is anticipated to take approximately six months, October 2014 through April 2015



# Community Participation Round 1: October – December 2014

- Meet the Expert Meetings: Held 23 one-on-one meetings with David Ely, Demographer to provide the community an opportunity to review sample maps using GIS and data sets
- Three Community Meetings were held throughout the city to solicit public input:
- Facilitated group discussions to identify perceptions regarding:
- Communities of interest: areas that function as neighborhoods or communities that should be kept together in a single district
- Physical features such as streets, utilities or other elements that would act as natural barriers between districts
- Communities that are dissimilar and should be put into separate districts
- Significant locations or points of interest that are of particular interest or concern to individual communities
- Public Hearing: December 9th
- Presented 3 map proposals (A, B and C) of community input to date



Community Participation Round 2: March 2015

Community Open Houses

March 2, 2015 – La Serna High School

March 5, 2015 – Orange Grove School

March 7, 2015 – Evergreen School

- Review latest proposals (A, B, C and D)

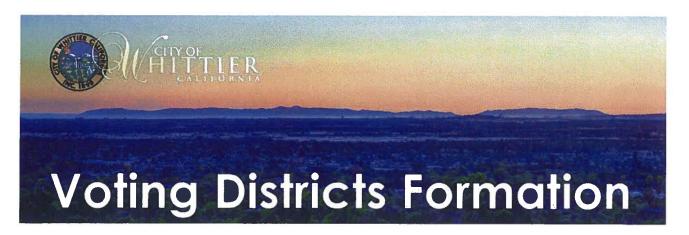
Six public submissions

Public Hearing before the City Council: March 31, 2015

# **Appendix C**

**Meeting Summaries** 

I. Community Meeting #1 – March 2, 2015



## **Community Meeting #1**

Monday, March 2, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM La Serna High School 15301 Youngwood Dr. Whittier, CA 90605

The first community meeting was held on the evening of Monday, March 2, 2015 at La Serna High School in the City of Whittier. There were a total of 36 participants. The rampant concern of attendees was that most proposed maps divided East Whittier into two districts. Participants verbalized concern over using Whittier Boulevard as a divider in their region as there is a strong sense of community between all neighborhoods in the east side of Whittier.

Despite their apprehension, participants at meeting 1 greatly supported PS\_009-Snyder-c in spite of the division of East Whittier via Whittier Boulevard. Residents verbalized the evident creation of at least two districts from areas of historically underrepresented communities illustrated in PS\_009-Snyder-c. There were contrasting views for Draft Proposal B and Draft Proposal D. Residents seemed to affirm the maps because similar neighborhoods were kept together but maintained that these maps displayed partiality on behalf of incumbents.



## Voting Districts Formation

## **City of Whittier Council Voting Districts Community Meeting/Open House** March 2, 2015

### **Map Comments:**

- Like PS 10- relates to public neighborhood.
- Like PS 9 + Alternative "C"
- Favor PS 9
  - Concern of Alternative that combine Voting District of high voter turnout with Voting District with Voting District of low turnout.
    - Not consistent with California Voting Rights Act.
  - Want two Voting Districts with Hispanic surnames that have strong voter turnout.
- Concern of dividing east Whittier
  - o Opposed to C
    - Like B + D
- Voter turnout is a key statistic
- Like Alternative D- Fits my view of City.
  - Not Alternative C- Not understanding how Uptown is segmented?
  - o Like PS 9
- Support view of everyone is an American.
  - Don't like focus on ethnic division.
- Like Whittier before this process- when everyone voted citywide.
  - o Like B
- Where do incumbents live?
- Don't like B+D
  - Protect incumbents
  - o Like PS 9
- Division along ethnic lines, also mimics income.
  - o This correlates to voting history.
- Benefits of Voting Districts
  - o Representative is like you and community.

- You have representatives living near you.
- o East Whittier should be a district.
- Support PS 9
  - o Against D + PS 14
  - Alternative D is incumbent protection plan.
  - 8 neighborhoods have dominated city decision.
    - Friendly Hills
    - Mich. Park
    - Historic Uptown
    - Starlight
    - Hadley
    - Representatives historically have come from these areas.
- Not strong supporter of any
  - o Biggest benefit of district is it will lower cost to run for election.
  - Not about surnames
- Resent the idea that Voting District restricts voting for a representative only in a small district area.
  - o Don't like any maps.
- Any plans that divide N/S are not good
  - o B is best
  - Whittier should not be dividing line.
- Like PS 10
  - o Don't like A or PS 15.
- Defend Alternative D
  - Just because incumbent lives there doesn't mean voting base is there.
- Like PS\_12 B+D.
- Support PS 9
  - Creates district that less represented voters could be represented by a local person.
- Don't like B or D
- Hard to draw a perfect map.
  - o Don't like D
- Don't want representatives to cherry pick locations to live to win.
  - Want true representation.
- Whittier College map
  - o How did it get vetted?
- Support PS 9
  - Meets objectives
- PS 9
  - o District labeled "E"

- Have a lot in common in spite of different pointed out by group.
- Like idea of districts
  - o Like D → district O

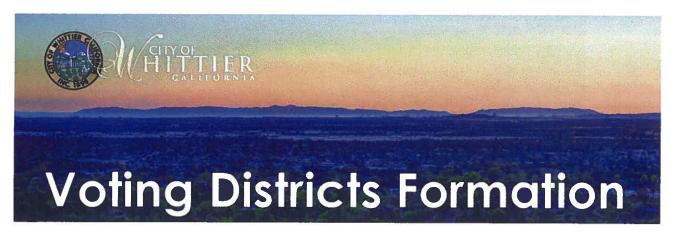
#### **Question/Concerns:**

- Process
- Boundaries- were commercial corridors considered?
- Negative connotation about "south of the boulevard."
- Concerns about dividing east Whittier
  - o It's a community.
- Measure W= "Balanced approach" 4 districts + 1 at large mayor
- Voting District Formation is an opportunity to focus on equity.
- Spanish name does not necessarily indicate Hispanics will vote for a Hispanic.
- Division based on race/ethnicity is a concern.
- Districting is a concern. Creates division.
- Where do incumbents live?
- Make sure communities are truly represented!
- Give people opportunity who have never had an opportunity (regardless of ethnicity)
- Council members better represent their "communities of interest"
- East Whittier is a "community" runs up and down- nothing in common with people in "uptown" area. Should be its own district.
- 8 neighborhoods have dominated Whittier politics. Purpose of Voting District Formation is to create representation from different neighborhoods. Brings other neighborhoods with different backgrounds into the circle.
- Should not support maps that maintains status quo.
- Issue is "resources: Costs less to run for Council. Creates more opportunity for less affluent candidates. Not about race.
- Resents Voting District Formation. Want to vote for all candidates.
- Low voter turnout should not be catalyst for Voting District Formation. People should just get up and vote.
- Any plans that divide north and south along boulevard- not ok. Divides east Whittier community.
- No incumbent protection plan.
- Mayor will provide at- large view on council with specific council member who will look out for neighborhood interest.
- No perfect plan. Need to work off philosophy that achieves what's best for community.

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- Rules about residency?
- Question about map numbers?

II. Community Meeting #2 – March 5, 2015



## **Community Meeting #2**

Thursday, March 5, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Orange Grove Elementary School 10626 Orange Grove Ave. Whittier, CA 90601

The second community meeting was held on the evening of Thursday, March 5, 2015 at Orange Grove Elementary School in the City of Whittier. There were a total of 32 participants. For the most part, residents at this meeting were adamant that each district maintain an economic zone within its boundaries. There was significant consent for the need of voter districting and the majority present expressed confidence that the result would increase voter turn-out as residents would be more likely to vote for someone similar to them.

Residents present articulated major support for PS\_009-Snyder-c. Not all those who affirmed this map provided a reason but those who did agreed this map provided significant opportunity for historically non-represented communities to have a representative. Participants also backed Draft Proposal B and PS-014-Greene-c as they appeared to maintain like neighborhoods within the same districts. Residents were indifferent about PS\_006-Whittier College and PS\_015-Bennett-b as evidenced by the absence of remarks regarding either of these two maps.



## Voting Districts Formation

## City of Whittier Council Voting Districts Community Meeting/Open House March 5, 2015

#### **Map Comments:**

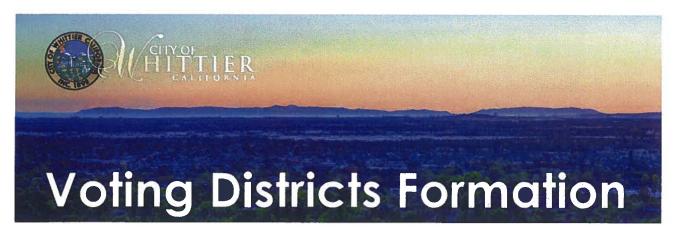
- Economics are a big factor
- Favor Proposal B and PS 14
- Favor PS 9
  - Creates 3 districts who traditionally have not participated heavily in voting elections.
  - Gives greatest opportunity for Latinos to get a representative on council.
  - o Not in favor of D
    - incumbent protection plan
  - Not in favor of B or PS 14.
    - Take high participation and gives them their own districts.
  - If districts O and E are put first you will have two new representatives in 2016.
- Object to
  - o Map A, B, and D.
    - Protects incumbents
    - Also 6, 14 and 15.
- Like Alternative C, 9, 10, and 12.
- Support PS 9
  - Gives opportunity for people not active to vote for someone representing them.
- Support 9
- Support Proposal B
  - o Feel this representative how Whittier should be
- Keeping community integrity is very important.
- "O" is important district, it is the future of Whittier and not represented.
- Like 14

- Think it is the fairest.
- Like A or B
  - o O needs better representation.
- Each district needs an economic engine.
- Support PS 9
  - If council picks districts that do not address voting rights issues then they are inviting further litigation.
- Support PS 9
- Support PS 9
  - o North of Whittier belongs to T.

## **Question/Concerns:**

- Economics are a factor.
- Populations should be equal.
- Expand participation and ownership in governance process by allowing them to have their own representatives that reflect diversity.
- No "incumbent protection plan."
- Ensure districts do not combine high and low turnout- negating socioeconomically disadvantaged neighborhoods.
- Need to look long term.
- Each district needs to have an "economic engine."
- Diversity on City Council will inspire greater voter participation by low turnout communities.
- People need to see themselves to feel comfortable participating/ being "a part."
- Maintain the integrity of neighborhoods, school districts, and business districts.
- Focus on community interest.
- Need to reflect the intent of California Voting Rights Act.
- "Economics engines" can and should exist in each district.

III. Community Meeting #3 – March 7, 2015



## **Community Meeting #3**

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Evergreen Elementary School 12915 Helmer Dr. Whittier, CA 90602

The third community meeting was held on the morning of Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Evergreen Elementary School in the City of Whittier. There were a total of 30 participants. Overall, residents expressed a need for representatives familiar with their specific neighborhoods and communities regardless of ethnic background or surname. Attendees voiced satisfaction with the process and potential outcome of the voter districting formation.

Participants expressed vast support for PS\_009-Snyder-c. Residents stated this map best characterized the resident make-up of the City of Whittier. There were contrasting views for PS-014-Greene-c. Attendees stated this map kept similar neighborhoods together but were concerned it combined high and low voter turn-out areas within districts, defeating the purpose the California Voter Rights Act. The community stated dissent for Draft Proposal D due to the assumption that it exemplified bias towards incumbents. Residents were indifferent about Draft Proposal C, PS\_006-Whittier College and PS\_015-Bennett-b as evidenced by the lack of comments made regarding these three maps.



## Voting Districts Formation

## City of Whittier Council Voting Districts Community Meeting/Open House March 7, 2015

#### **Map Comments:**

- Favor PS 9
  - o Variation of C
    - Keeps historic neighborhoods together
    - Expands sense of ownership to more communities
  - Historically council members have come from exclusively higher income areas.
- Map D would protect incumbents.
- Not fan of B or PS 14.
  - o Combines high and low voter turnout.
- Supports PS 14
  - o Crossing Whittier Boulevard keeps communities of interest together.
  - Does not protect incumbents.
  - Raw voting numbers do not show north would dominate south of Whittier.
- Problem with A, B, 6, and 14.
  - o Divides O district.
- Support PS 12
- Support PS 15
  - o Provides district with high Latino percentage.
  - Whittier Boulevard is an important boundary.
  - o Keeps Uptown community together.
    - And preserves historic areas.
- Do not like PS 12.
- Not a factor of PS 9, D, and C.
  - Uptown and Friendly Hills have nothing in common and should not be together because it does not protect communities of interest.
- Support A, B, 10, 14, and 15.

- Do not support 14.
- Support PS 9.
- Do not support D, B, and 14.
- Support 9
  - o Protect Uptown.
- Do not support D.
- Do not like using Whittier as a divider.
- Support elements of PS 14.
  - Protects school district boundaries.
- Support PS 9 and C.
- Do not like D, B, or 14.
- Support 9 and C.
- PS 14 is problematic. Combines low voter and high voter turnouts.
  - o B and D
- Support PS 9.
- Support PS 9.
  - Creates opportunity for underfunded candidates.
- Support PS 9- Do not like 14 or D.
  - o Creates opportunity for diversity.
- Support 9, 14, and 15 concepts.
  - o Nelles is important.
  - o South of Boulevard.
- Each district should have economic engine.

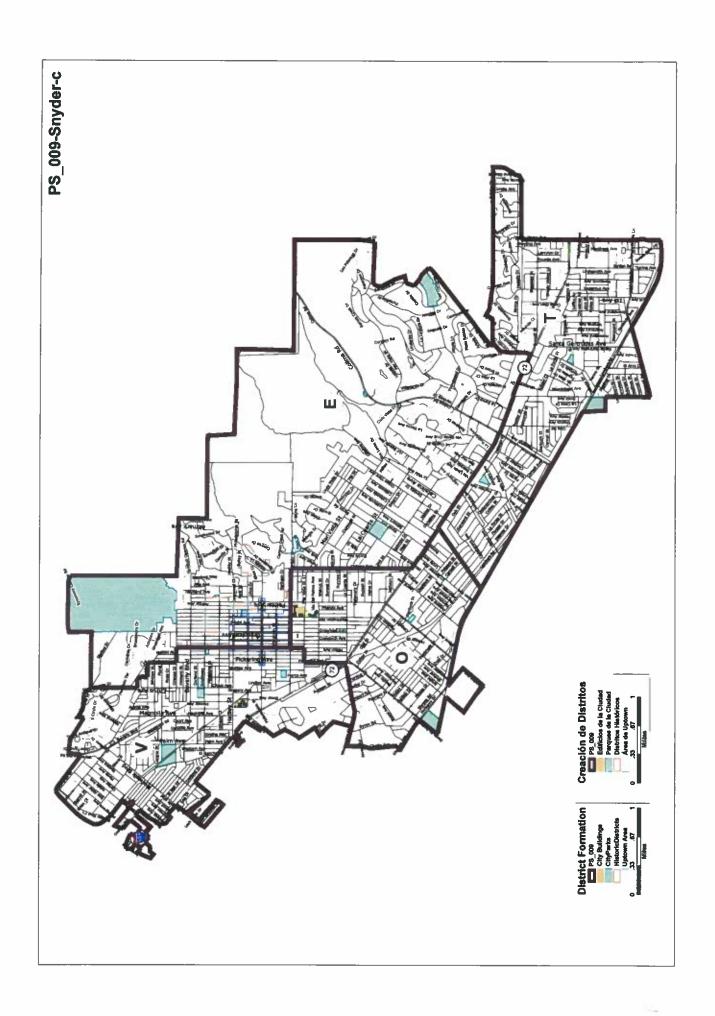
### **Question/Concerns:**

- Look at where are the most high voter areas in the City- cannot over power low propensity voters.
- Need more involvement by all people in City- did not see that at VDR meetings. (Young residents, single mothers, Latinos.)
- "incumbent protection plan"- Map D
- Low income areas do not have a voice.
- Whittier Boulevard is important boundary, should not be overlooked.
- Not all maps consider preservation of historical aspects of the city and environmental conservation.
- Measure "W" not perfect but a step forward.
- Low voter turnout is terrible but does not necessarily have to do with linesneed more participation.
- Public hearing item on agenda should not be last or towards end of agenda.

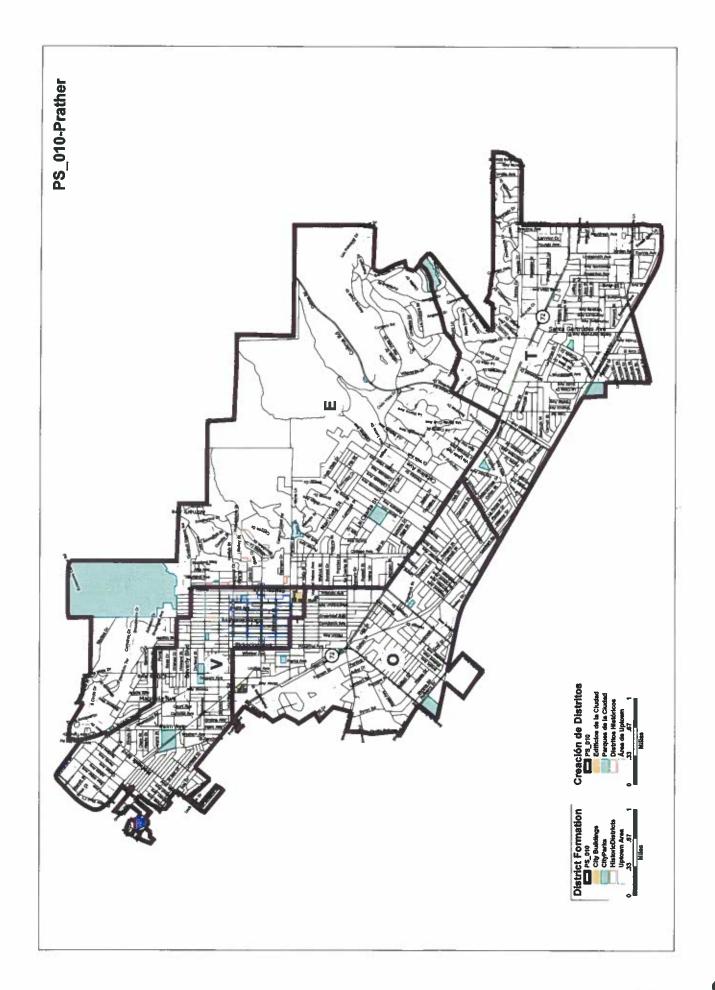
•	Young residents/community members must/should get involved/encouraged to come out and vote.



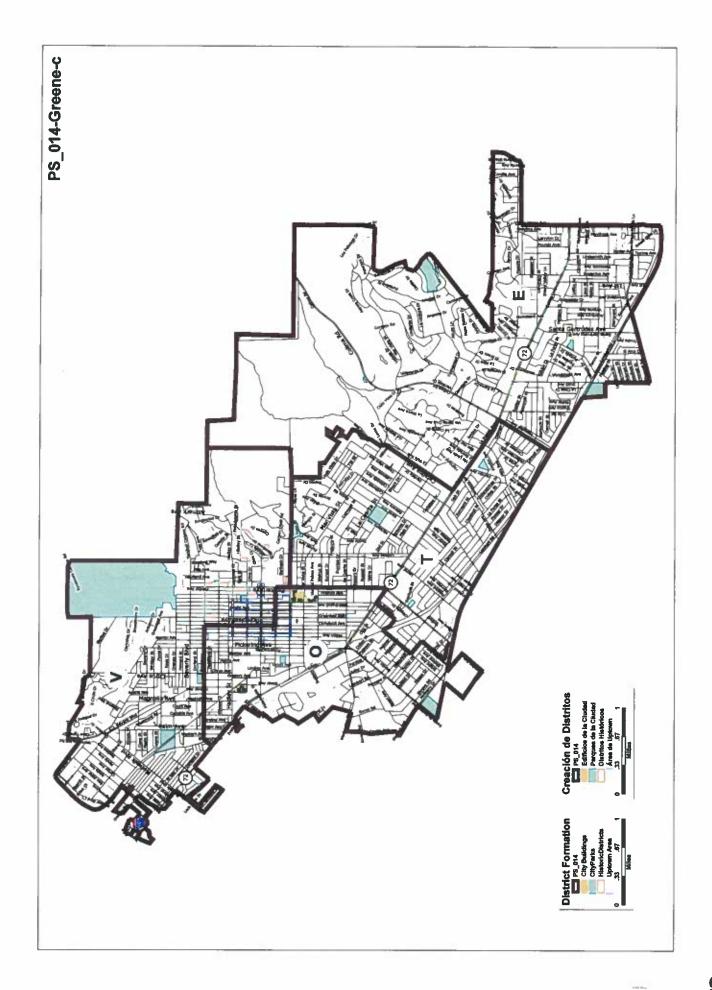
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Population	21478	21317	21189	21347	85331
Deviation	145	-16	-144	14	
% Deviation	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.7%	0.1%	
Latino	71.0%	78.2%	48.0%	65.5%	65.7%
White	23.7%	16.3%	43.6%	29.6%	28.3%
Black	1.1%	1.4%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Asian	3.1%	3.0%	6.8%	2.9%	3.9%
Voting Age Pop.					
Latino	66.6%	73.3%	42.7%	60.7%	60.6%
White	27.9%	20.2%	48.6%	34.3%	32.9%
Black	1.1%	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Asian	3.4%	3.7%	7.1%	3.1%	4.3%
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12					
Latino	64.6%	69.3%	44.6%	55.0%	57.7%
White	28.2%	22.6%	47.2%	40.5%	35.3%
Black	0.9%	0.7%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%
Asian	0.3%	2.1%	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	55.2%	60.6%	33.3%	49.1%	47.9%
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.6%	3.2%	4.1%	2.8%	3.2%
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Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	50.2%	54.6%	29.9%	44.0%	42.1%
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.4%	3.2%	3.5%	2.8%	3.0%
Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	34.6%	35.3%	21.0%	29.8%	28.0%
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	36.7%	35.9%	21.2%	30.8%	29.2%
Turnout lung 2014	17.00/	44 30/	22.00/	45 70/	47.00
Turnout June 2014	17.8%	11.2%	22.0%	15.7%	17.3%
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	58.0%	63.8%	36.8%	52.1%	51.2%
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	39.5%	43.1%	23.3%	34.5%	32.6%



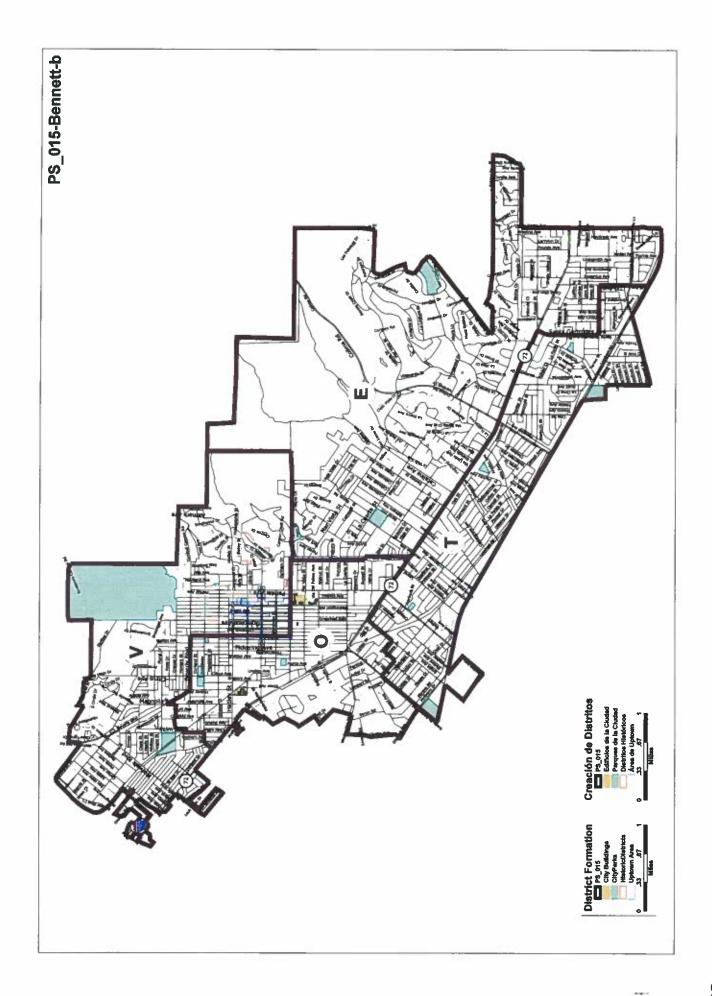
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District	V	0	Т	Е	Total
Population	21406	21263	21299	21363	85331
Deviation	73	-70	-34	30	
% Deviation	0.3%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.1%	
Latino	76.7%	80.1%	53.2%	52.9%	65.7%
White	18.6%	15.9%	40.6%	38.1%	28.3%
Black	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	1.3%	1.1%
Asian	2.4%	2.1%	4.5%	6.6%	3.9%
Voting Age Pop.					
Latino	72.7%	76.2%	48.0%	47.5%	60.6%
White	22.2%	19.3%	45.6%	42.9%	32.9%
Black	1.2%	1.1%	0.8%	1.4%	1.1%
Asian	2.8%	2.5%	4.7%	7.1%	4.3%
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Black	0.8%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%
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Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	42.370	40.070	23,270	24.170	23.270
Turnout June 2014	14.9%	10.1%	18.2%	23.2%	17.3%
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	64.2%	65.2%	41.8%	40.6%	51.2%
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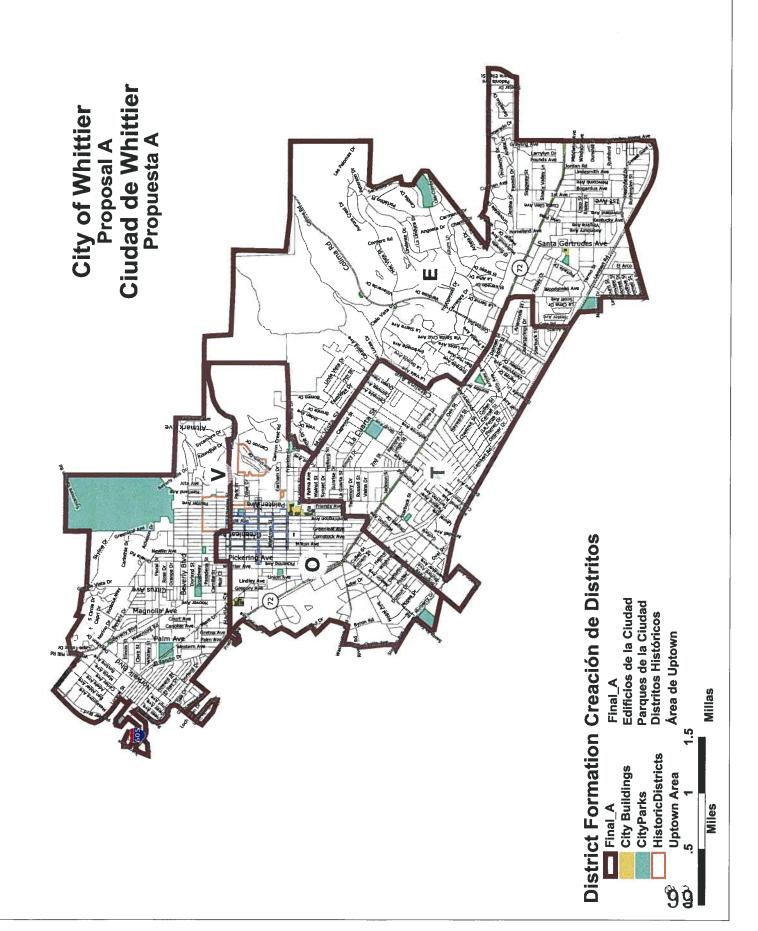
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District	V	0	Т	E	Total
Population	21455	21617	21108	21151	85331
Deviation	122	284	-225	-182	
% Deviation	0.6%	1.3%	-1.1%	-0.9%	
Latino	75.3%	81.8%	51.2%	54.1%	65.7%
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Asian	3.8%	2.3%	5.3%	6.0%	4.3%
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12					
Latino	70.3%	69.4%	46.7%	48.1%	57.7%
White	22.7%	23.2%	48.1%	43.5%	35.3%
Black	0.9%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Asian	0.9%	1.7%	0.4%	2.2%	1.3%
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	60.0%	64.9%	36.8%	38.3%	47.9%
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.8%	2.3%	3.3%	4.1%	3.2%
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	55.9%	59.4%	32.6%	34.4%	42.1%
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.6%	2.7%	3.1%	3.5%	3.0%
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Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	40.4%	40.0%	20.2%	25.6%	28.0%
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	41.0%	39.5%	21.8%	26.4%	29.2%
Turnout June 2014	14.3%	9.9%	19.3%	23.0%	17.3%
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	62.8%	66.8%	39.7%	42.3%	51.2%
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	45.0%	48.9%	25.0%	27.8%	32.6%



		PS_014			
District	V	0	T	E	Total
Population	21675	21196	21168	21292	85331
Deviation	342	-137	-165	-41	
% Deviation	1.6%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.2%	
Latino	65.9%	84.0%	64.6%	48.4%	65.7%
White	27.7%	11.6%	30.3%	43.4%	28.3%
Black	1.3%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Asian	3.8%	2.3%	3.2%	6.4%	3.9%
Voting Age Pop.					
Latino	61.0%	80.6%	59.4%	43.2%	60.6%
White	32.3%	14.2%	35.2%	48.4%	32.9%
Black	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%
Asian	4.0%	3.0%	3.5%	6.7%	4.3%
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12					
Latino	59.2%	76.1%	56.8%	43.1%	57.7%
White	33.3%	16.6%	38.0%	48.9%	35.3%
Black	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%
Asian	0.9%	0.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.3%
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	51.4%	68.7%	47.5%	33.8%	47.9%
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.7%	3.0%	2.7%	4.3%	3.2%
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	47.0%	64.5%	41.9%	30.3%	42.1%
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.4%	3.3%	2.6%	3.9%	3.0%
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Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	33.3%	45.8%	29.1%	19.2%	28.0%
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	34.6%	46.5%	29.7%	19.9%	29.2%
Turnout June 2014	19.2%	8.5%	17.5%	20.6%	17.3%
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	54.6%	70.0%	51.1%	37.1%	51.2%
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	37.5%	52.1%	34.2%	22.6%	32.6%



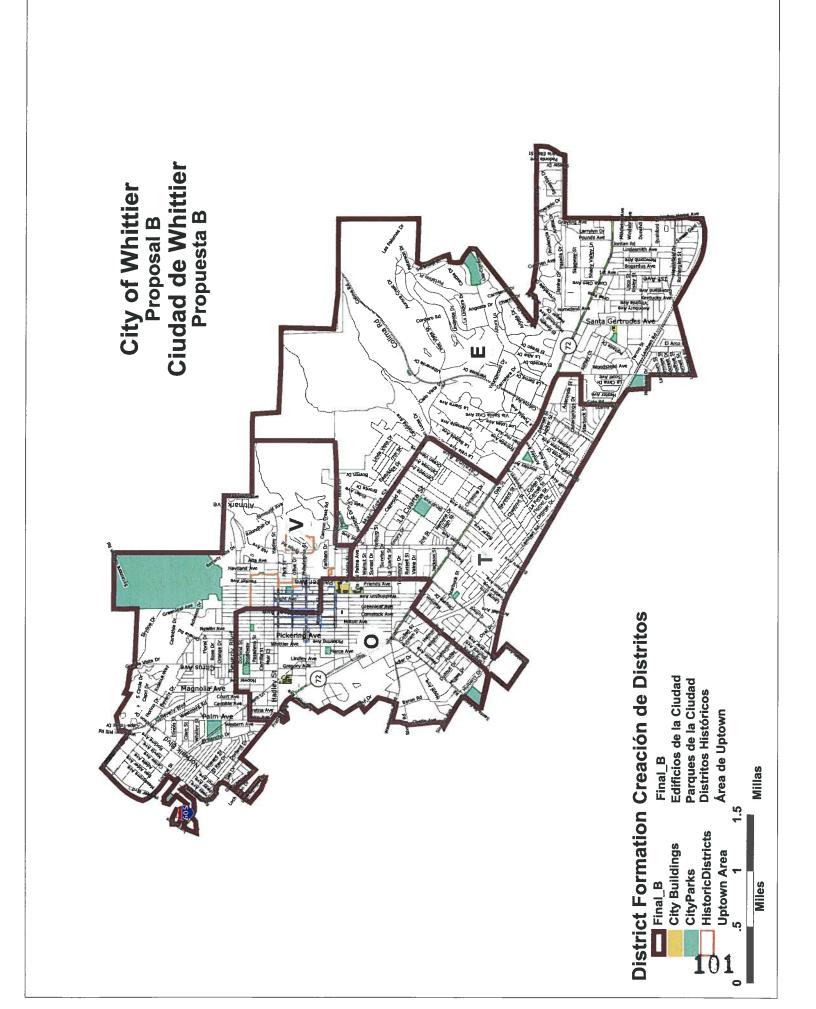
100		PS_015				
District	V	0	T	E	Total	
Population	21743	21198	21213	21177	85331	
Deviation	410	-135	-120	-156		
% Deviation	1.9%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.7%		
Latino	65.5%	80.5%	68.4%	48.5%	65.7%	
White	27.5%	15.3%	26.6%	43.7%	28.3%	
Black	1.4%	1.2%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%	6.1%	3.9%	
Voting Age Pop.						
Latino	60.5%	76.6%	63.5%	43.3%	60.6%	
White	32.0%	18.6%	31.1%	48.8%	32.9%	
Black	1.4%	1.3%	0.8%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%	6.4%	4.3%	
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12						
Latino	58.9%	72.7%	56.8%	45.3%	57.7%	
White	32.8%	21.1%	37.1%	47.4%	35.3%	
Black	0.6%	1.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	
Asian	1.4%	0.7%	1.4%	1.5%	1.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	50.6%	63.9%	51.4%	33.7%	47.9%	
Asian Surname Reg 2010	3.2%	2.6%	2.9%	3.9%	3.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	46.3%	59.1%	45.9%	29.9%	42.1%	
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.9%	2.4%	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%	
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Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	32.9%	38.9%	29.7%	22.0%	28.0%	
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	33.9%	41.8%	30.8%	22.3%	29.2%	
Turnout June 2014	19.4%	9.7%	14.4%	22.3%	17.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	53.8%	66.8%	54.2%	37.6%	51.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	36.9%	48.5%	35.3%	24.0%	32.6%	



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100		Proposal A			
District	V	0	T	E	Total
Population	21465	21330	21340	21196	85331
Deviation	132	-3	7	-137	
% Deviation	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.6%	
Latino	71.2%	78.0%	65.9%	47.6%	65.7%
White	23.6%	16.4%	29.2%	44.1%	28.3%
Black	1.0%	1.4%	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%
Asian	3.0%	3.0%	3.1%	6.5%	3.9%
Voting Age Pop.					
Latino	66.8%	73.0%	61.0%	42.4%	60.6%
White	27.7%	20.4%	33.9%	49.0%	32.9%
Black	1.1%	1.5%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
Asian	3.3%	3.8%	3.3%	6.9%	4.3%
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12					
Latino	65.0%	68.7%	56.5%	42.9%	57.7%
White	28.0%	23.0%	38.8%	48.9%	35.3%
Black	0.5%	1.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Asian	0.3%	2.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	55.4%	60.4%	49.0%	33.4%	47.9%
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.5%	3.2%	2.6%	4.3%	3.2%
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	50.3%	54.3%	43.7%	29.7%	42.1%
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.4%	3.2%	2.5%	3.8%	3.0%
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Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	34.5%	35.8%	29.6%	20.3%	28.0%
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	36.9%	35.5%	31.2%	20.2%	29.2%
Turnout June 2014	18.0%	10.8%	16.4%	21.4%	17.3%
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	58.3%	63.6%	52.3%	36.6%	51.2%
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	40.0%	42.1%	34.9%	22.7%	32.6%

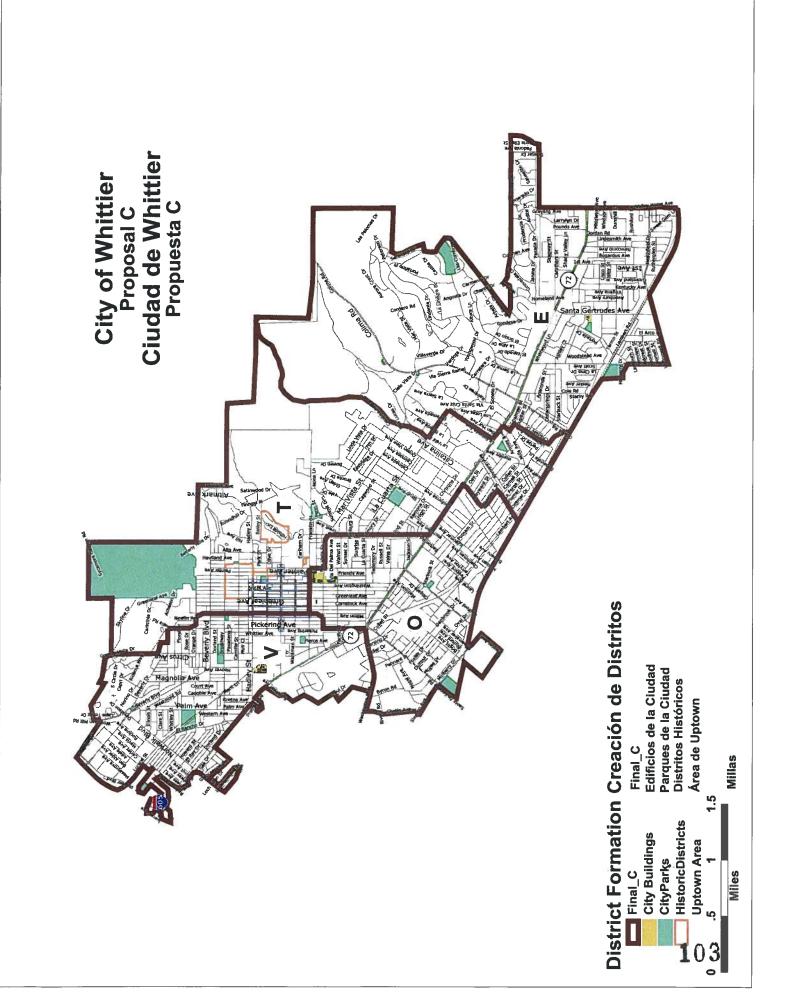
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65.8%	83.5%	66.0%	47.7%	65.7%
27.8%	12.2%	29.1%	44.0%	28.3%
1.3%	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%	1.1%
3.7%	2.3%	3.1%	6.5%	3.9%
60.9%	79.9%	61.0%	42.5%	60.6%
32.4%	14.9%	33.9%	48.9%	32.9%
1.4%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%
4.0%	3.0%	3.3%	6.8%	4.3%
59.5%	75.5%	56.6%	43.3%	57.7%
32.7%	17.1%	38.6%	48.6%	35.3%
0.3%	1.4%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
1.4%	0.8%	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%
50.9%	68.1%	49.0%	33.5%	47.9%
2.8%	2.9%	2.5%	4.2%	3.2%
46.4%	64.0%	43 7%	29.8%	42.1%
2.4%	3.2%	2.4%	3.8%	3.0%
33.3%	43.6%	29.5%	20.1%	28.0%
34.6%	44.5%	31.2%	20.1%	29.2%
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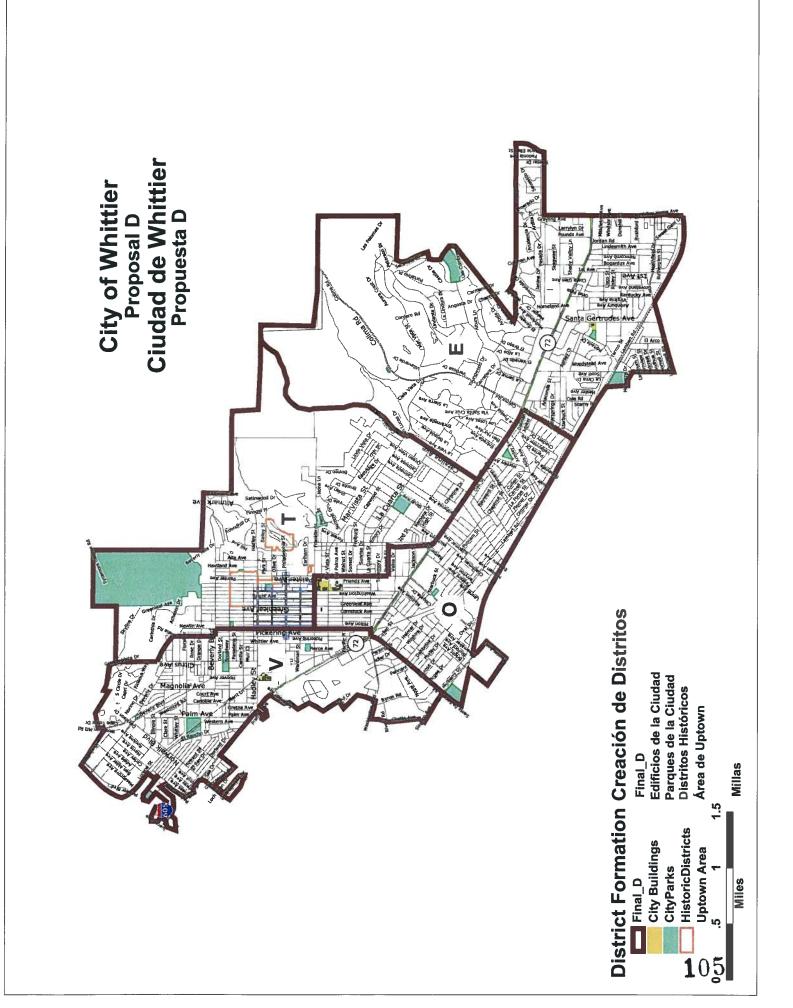
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		Proposal C				
District	V	0	Т	E	Total	
Population	21406	21339	21148	21438	85331	
Deviation	73	6	-185	105		
% Deviation	0.3%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.5%		
Latino	76.7%	79.7%	58.0%	48.5%	65.7%	
White	18.5%	16.3%	34.8%	43.4%	28.3%	
Black	1.1%	0.9%	1.2%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	2.4%	2.1%	4.8%	6.3%	3.9%	
Voting Age Pop.						
Latino	72.7%	75.7%	52.5%	43.2%	60.6%	
White	22.1%	19.9%	39.7%	48.4%	32.9%	
Black	1.2%	1.0%	1.3%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	2.8%	2.5%	5.2%	6.6%	4.3%	
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12						
Latino	70.9%	67.1%	52.7%	43.9%	57.7%	
White	23.1%	26.4%	39.7%	48.5%	35.3%	
Black	0.8%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	
Asian	0.1%	1.6%	1.9%	1.5%	1.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	62.1%	61.4%	41.2%	34.2%	47.9%	
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.3%	2.4%	3.3%	4.2%	3.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	57.5%	55.9%	36.5%	30.4%	42.1%	
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.0%	2.7%	3.0%	3.8%	3.0%	
Spanish Surpama Vatad April 2012	30.0%	27.00/	27.69/	10.30/	39.00/	
Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	39.9%	37.9%	27.6%	19.2%	28.0%	
Spanish Surname Voted April 2014	42.5%	38.4%	27.8%	19.6%	29.2%	
Turnout June 2014	14.9%	10.5%	21.0%	20.5%	17.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	64.2%	64.5%	45.4%	37.3%	51.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	46.8%	45.5%	29.8%	22.6%	32.6%	

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		Proposal D				
District	V	0	Т	E	Total	
Population	21249	21449	21364	21269	85331	
Deviation	-84	116	31	-64		
% Deviation	-0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	-0.3%		
Latino	77.0%	78.3%	59.2%	48.4%	65.7%	
White	18.3%	18.1%	33.3%	43.4%	28.3%	
Black	1.1%	0.6%	1.5%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	2.4%	2.1%	4.7%	6.4%	3.9%	
Voting Age Pop.						
Latino	73.0%	74.2%	53.7%	43.2%	60.6%	
White	21.8%	21.8%	38.3%	48.4%	32.9%	
Black	1.2%	0.7%	1.6%	0.9%	1.1%	
Asian	2.7%	2.4%	5.2%	6.7%	4.3%	
Citizen Voting Age Pop D12						
Latino	70.8%	66.2%	54.0%	43.1%	57.7%	
White	23.0%	28.4%	38.0%	48.9%	35.3%	
Black	0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	0.2%	0.4%	
Asian	0.1%	1.5%	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg 2010	62.4%	59.8%	41.7%	33.8%	47.9%	
Asian Surname Reg 2010	2.3%	2.3%	3.4%	4.3%	3.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted Nov 2010	57.4%	53.5%	36.9%	30.2%	42.1%	
Asian Surname Voted Nov 2010	2.0%	2.6%	3.0%	3.8%	3.0%	
Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	39.4%	37.3%	28.0%	19.2%	28.0%	
Spanish Surname Voted April 2012	42.7%	36.8%	27.8%	19.8%	29.2%	
Turnout June 2014	14.8%	11.7%	20.6%	20.6%	17.3%	
Spanish Surname Reg June 2014	64.4%	62.2%	46.4%	37.1%	51.2%	
Spanish Surname Voted June 2014	47.2%	43.6%	29.7%	22.5%	32.6%	