

Lompoc

2017 Districting Initial Hearings

October 3, 2017

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Lompoc is not alone facing CVRA

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- Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:
 - ▣ At least 157 school districts
 - ▣ 28 Community College Districts
 - ▣ More than 70 cities
 - ▣ 1 County Board of Supervisors
 - ▣ 10 water and other special districts.
- Key decisions & settlements
 - ▣ Only Palmdale has gone to trial on the merits (the city lost)
 - ▣ Key settlements:
 - Palmdale: \$4.7 Million
 - Modesto: \$3 Million
 - Anaheim: \$1.1 Million
 - Whittier: \$1 Million
 - Santa Barbara: \$600,000
 - Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
 - Madera Unified: about \$170,000
 - Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
 - Merced City: \$42,000
 - Placentia: \$20,000

Project Timeline

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Date	Event
October 3	1 st hearing: gather public input on the composition of districts
October 17	2 nd hearing: gather public input on the composition of districts
<i>At least 7 days before next hearing</i>	<i>Draft maps released</i>
TBD	3 rd hearing: public input on draft maps and election sequencing
TBD	4 th hearing: public input on draft maps and election sequencing Possible map selection and ordinance introduction
(if needed)	Hearing, map selection and ordinance introduction
TBD	5 th hearing: second reading and final adoption of ordinance
Nov. 2018	First by-district elections in two districts
Nov. 2020	First by-district elections in remaining two districts
2021	Districts potentially redrawn to reflect 2020 Census data

Traditional Districting Criteria

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Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ❑ No Racial Gerrymandering

Traditional Criteria

- ❑ Communities of interest
- ❑ Compact
- ❑ Contiguous
- ❑ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ❑ Respect for voters' wishes and continuity in office



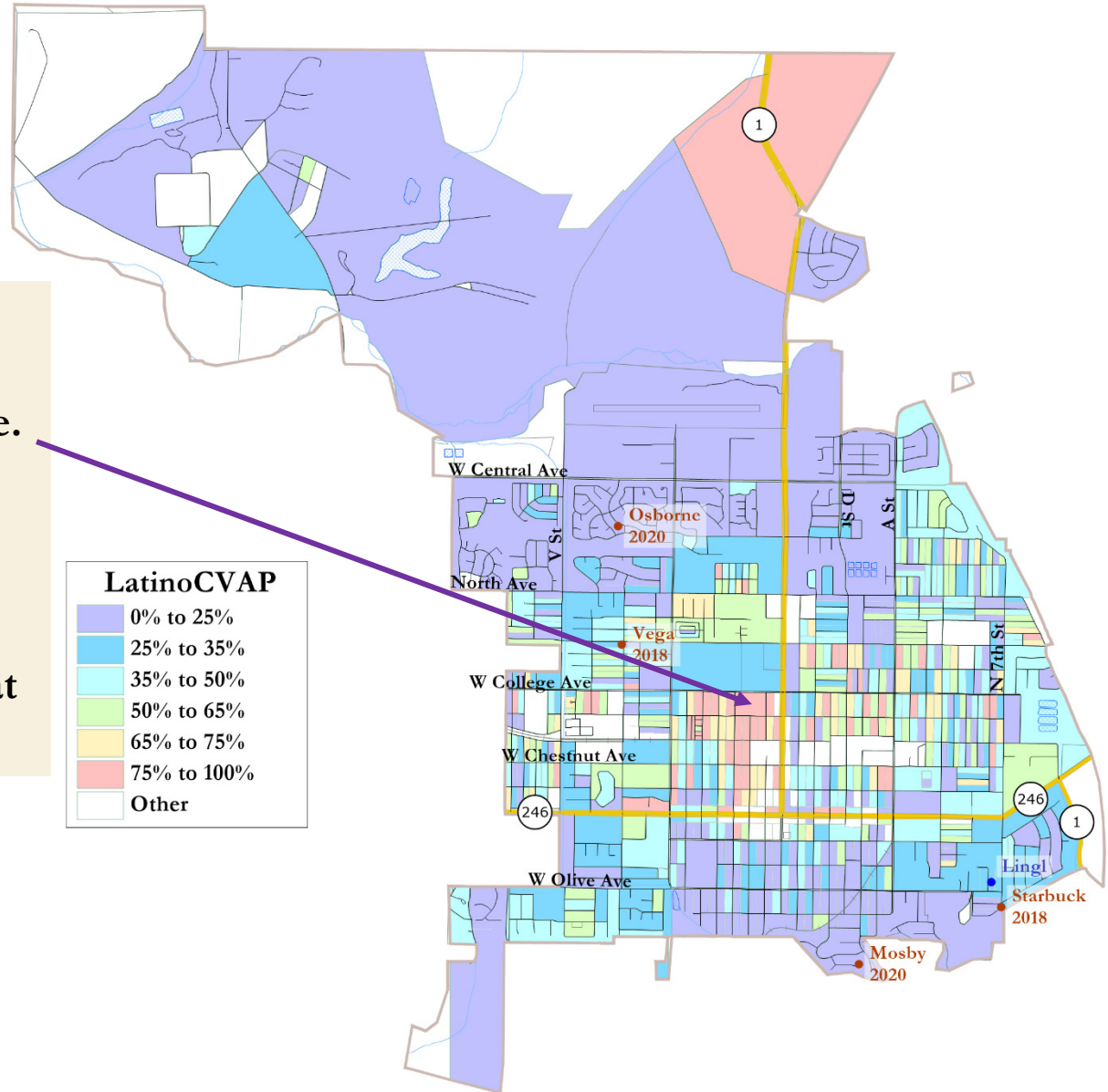
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Heavily Latino Neighborhoods

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Latinos are particularly concentrated between O St, College Ave, A St and Ocean Ave.

To comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act requirements for districts, this neighborhood must not be divided in a way that dilutes its voting strength.



Defining Communities of Interest

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1st Question: what is your neighborhood or community of interest?

A Community of Interest is generally defined as a neighborhood or community of shared interests, views, problems, or characteristics.

Possible community feature/boundary definitions include:

- ❑ School attendance areas
- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals, and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks
- ❑ Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns
- ❑ Shared demographic characteristics
 - ❑ Such as similar levels of income, education, or linguistic isolation

2nd Question: Does a Community of Interest want to be united in one district, or to be divided to have a voice in multiple elections?



Public Hearing & Discussion

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1. What is your neighborhood or “community of interest”
2. Do you prefer your neighborhood be kept together in one district or have multiple representatives?
3. What are other communities of interest in the City that should be considered when drafting maps?