



▶ **VOTING AREA  
PROCESS**

PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT

**OCTOBER 26, 2021**



**COOPERATIVE  
STRATEGIES**  
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## ▶ BACKGROUND

### WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (“CVRA”)?

- Took effect January 1, 2003.
- Prohibits the use of “at-large” elections when such an election system:
  - *“impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election...”*
  - -(Elections Code §14027.)
- The Board has taken action to adopt a resolution initiating the transition from at-large to by-area elections.

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DATE	ACTIVITY
September 28, 2021	<b>Board Meeting: First Pre-Map Public Hearing and Presentation</b>
October 26, 2021	<b>Board Meeting: Second Pre-Map Public Hearing</b>
January 25, 2022	<b>Board Meeting: First Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios</b>
February 22, 2022	<b>Board Meeting: Second Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios</b>
March 22, 2022	<b>Board Meeting: Final Public Hearing on Voting Area Scenarios Board Selection of Voting Area Map Board Consideration of Change in Election Method</b>
March 2022	Cooperative Strategies sends Final Voting Area Map to the County of Registrar of Voters
November 2022	First Election Held Utilizing Voting Areas

## ▶ CONSIDERATIONS IN VOTING AREAS



Each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants



Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible



Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act



Respect incumbency, if possible



Compact and contiguous, as much as possible



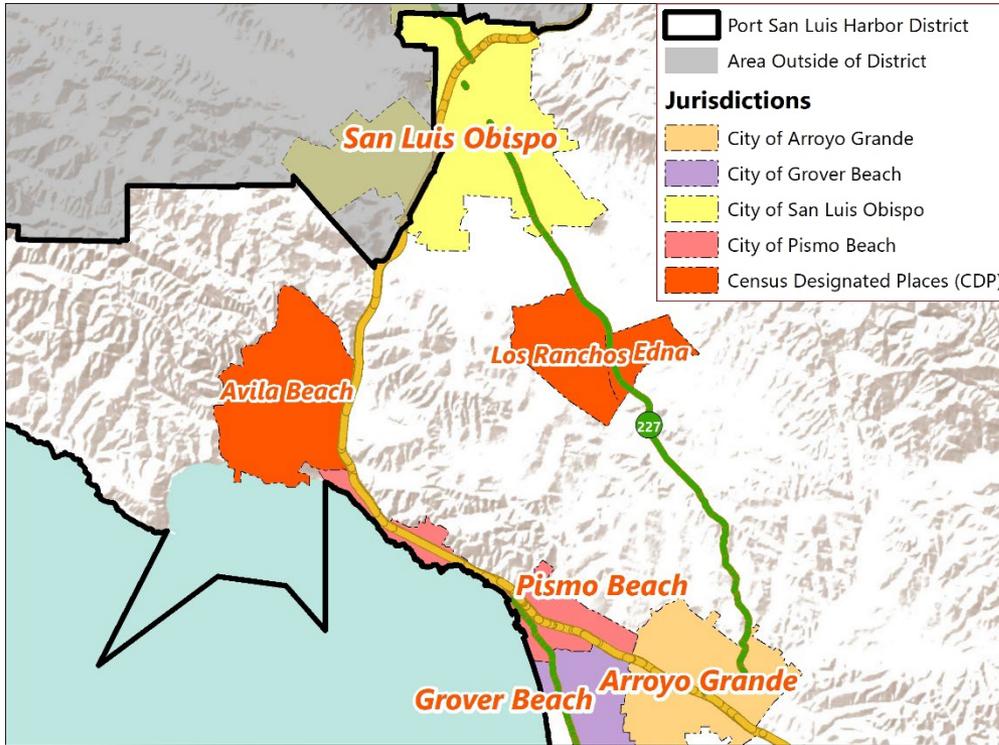
Other local considerations



Respect communities of interest, as much as possible

# ▶ DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

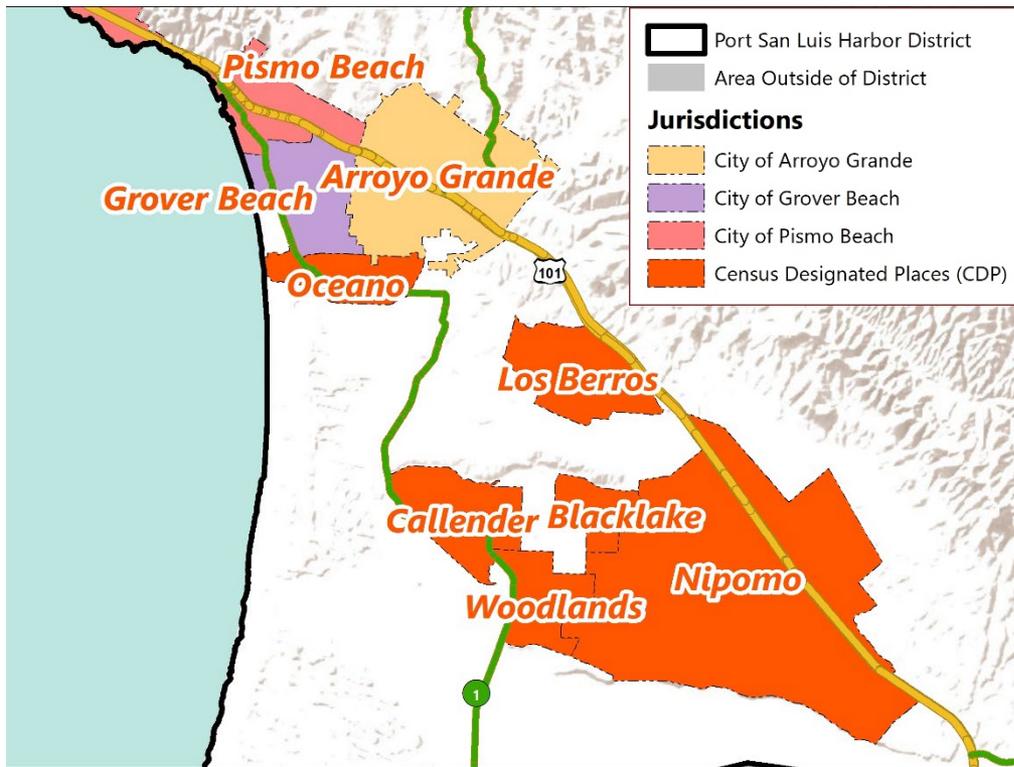
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Asian	4,714	3.8%	4,190	4.1%
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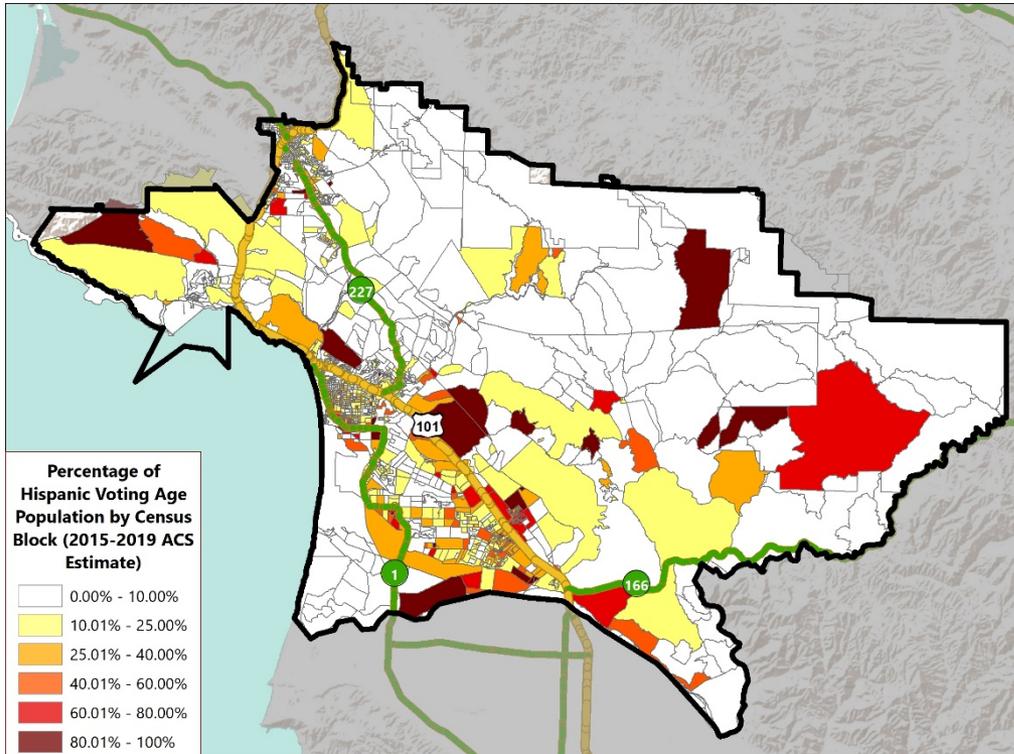
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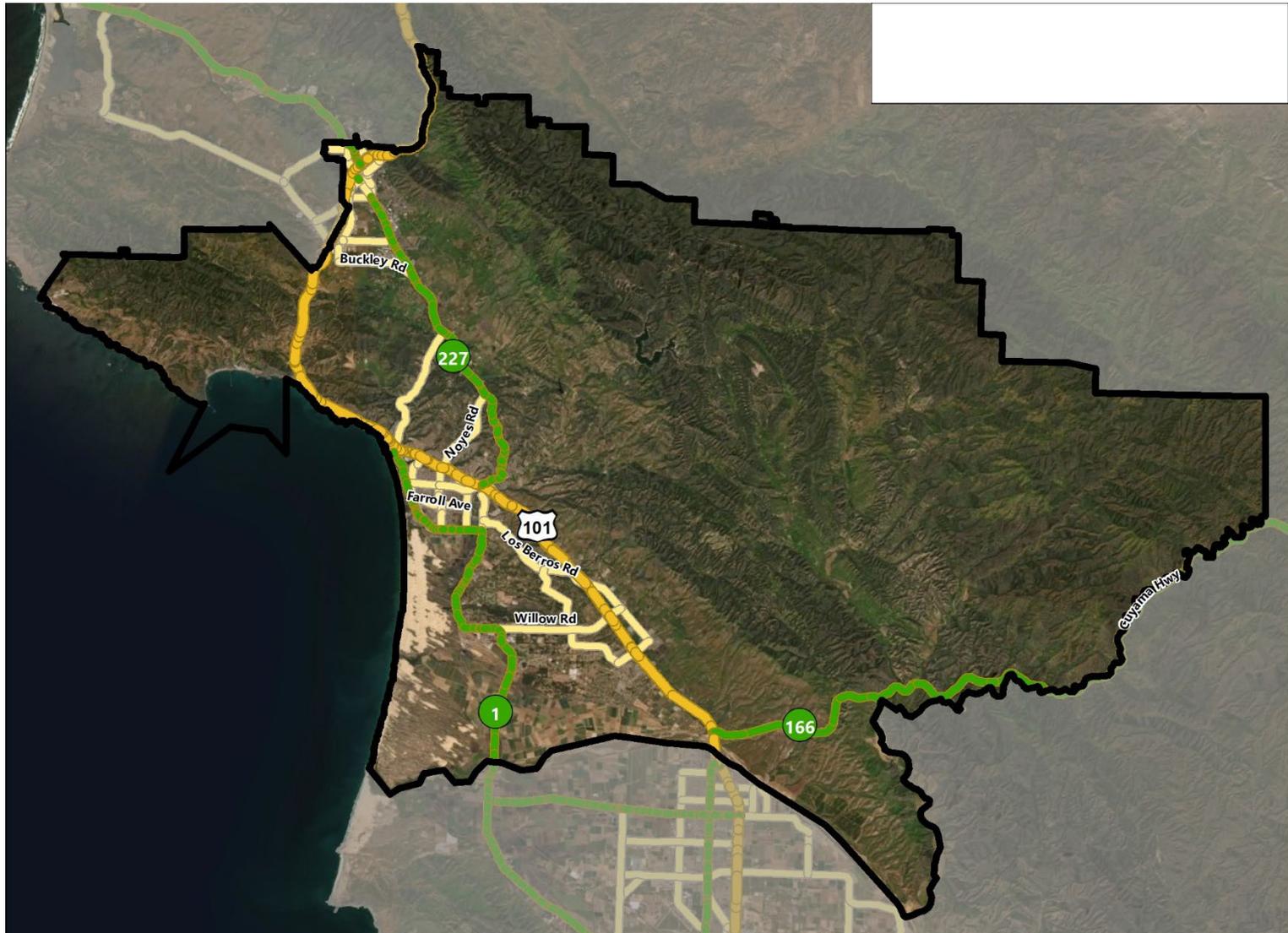
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**HISPANIC CITIZEN VOTING AGE POPULATION ESTIMATES**



Population	2015-2019 CVAP	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	16,499	17.0%
White	72,998	75.2%
Black / African American	1,430	1.5%
American Indian / Alaska Native	432	0.4%
Asian	3,556	3.7%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	41	0.0%
Two or More Races	2,174	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,130</b>	<b>100%</b>

▶ HOW SHOULD LINES BE DRAWN?



▶ PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARING  
**EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK FOR MAPPING PROCESS**

***“I would like to keep Neighborhood X and Neighborhood Y in the same voting area...”***

▶ PRE-MAP PUBLIC HEARING  
EXAMPLES OF FEEDBACK FOR MAPPING PROCESS

*I think:*

- **Los Berros Road**
- **101 Freeway**
- **Willow Road**

*... may make sense as a voting area boundary because ...*

- **It keeps communities together**
- **It provides good representation**



# QUESTIONS