

Written public comment for HARD districting public hearing #4 August 19, 2024

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Map 245929

This map uses concepts from the Aug 5 public hearing.

Palomares Canyon is kept with Castro Valley because it is separated from Hayward and Fairview by a roadless mountain ridge.

Castro Valley and the flatland unincorporated areas are kept as whole as possible, shaving off only areas in Hayward's school district south of Grove Way.

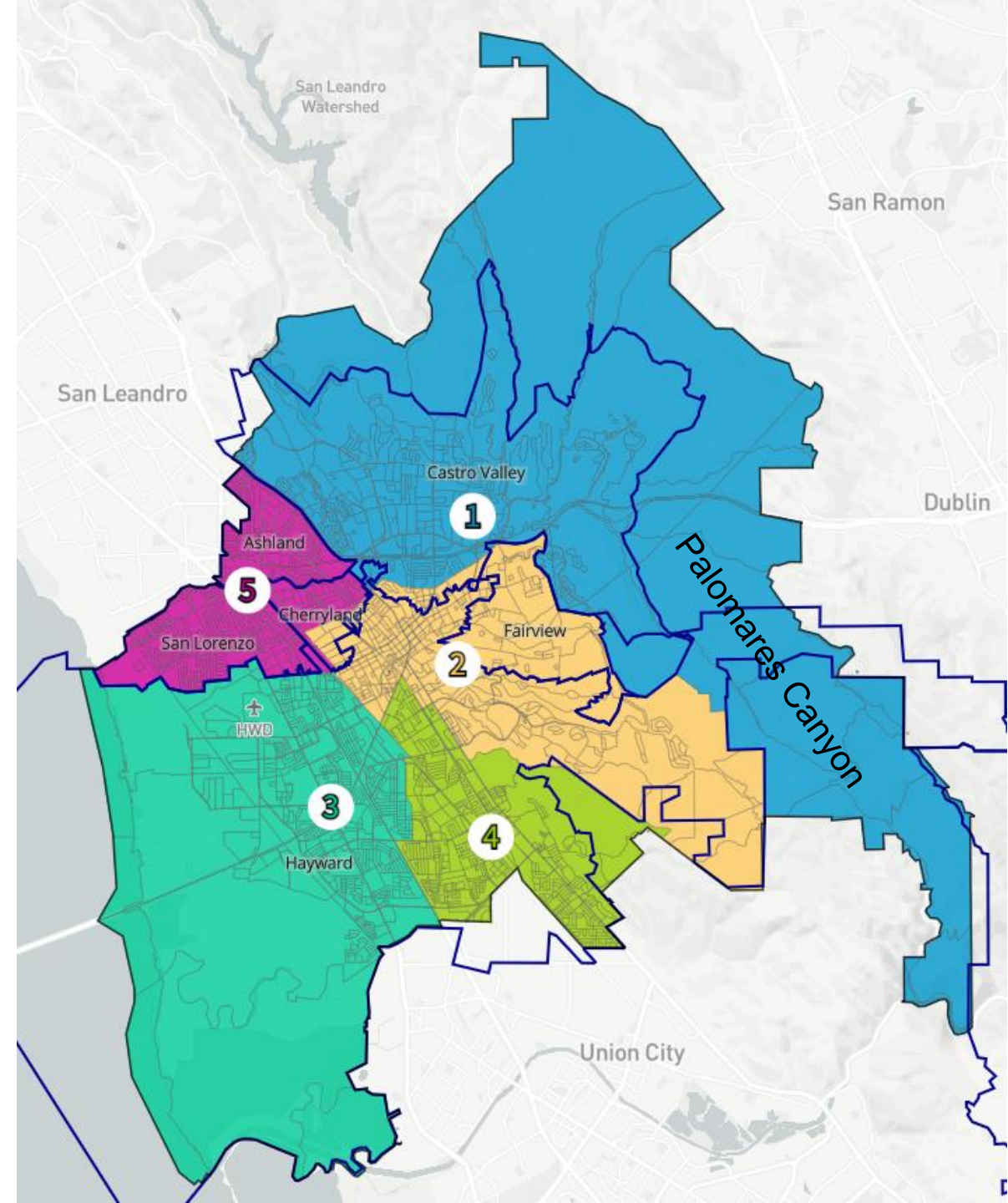
Fairview funnels toward downtown so it is with downtown.

District 3 needs to cross I-880. I tried to keep this compact. It aligns with railroad tracks, Gading Rd, and Patrick Ave.

District 4 aligns with Jackson, Mission, BART tracks, I-880, and Ziele Creek.

Jackson Triangle is split along rail lines; school boundaries there do the same.

The west half of Harder-Tennyson ties to Southgate through the Greenway and 880 pedestrian bridge, and MLK Middle School.



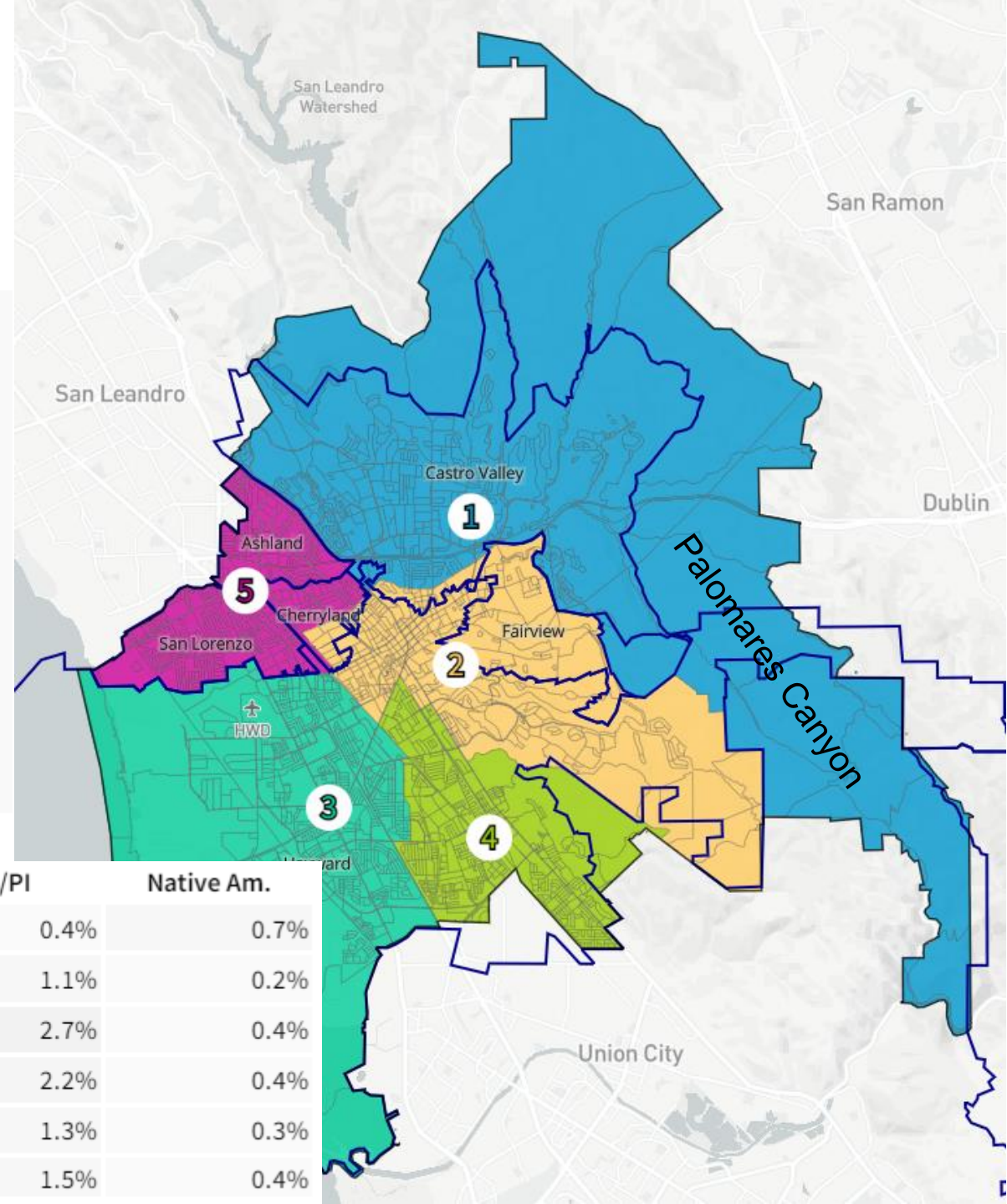
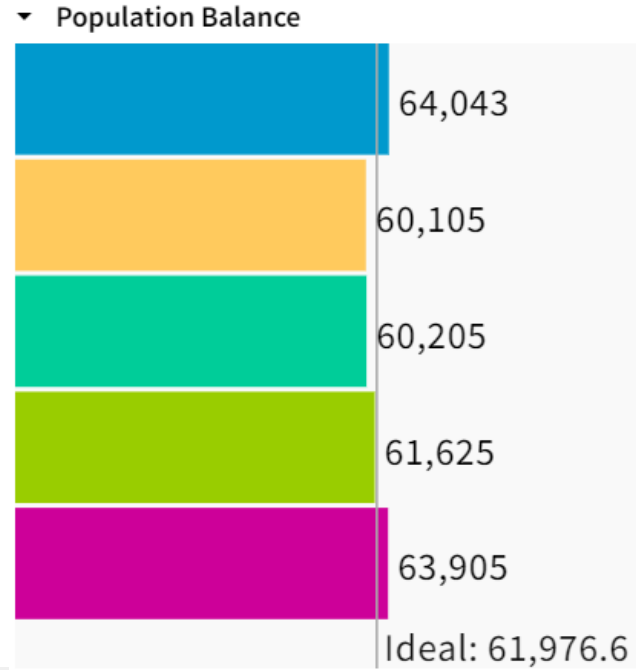
Map 245929 Stats

Highest minus lowest is 3,938, vs. limit of 6,197.

One more block could be squeezed into Cherryland but this map has simpler lines.

I did not look at CVAP tables when drawing.

As for all maps, protected group influence is increased in some districts, decreased in others.



Citizen Voting Age Population by Race

	White	Hispanic	Asian	Black	NH/PI	Native Am.
1	48.8%	13.5%	24.7%	8.4%	0.4%	0.7%
2	32%	24.8%	18.4%	18.7%	1.1%	0.2%
3	17.5%	33.2%	32.2%	10.2%	2.7%	0.4%
4	20.3%	33.4%	29.8%	9.5%	2.2%	0.4%
5	25.8%	34.9%	23.7%	11.2%	1.3%	0.3%
Overall	29.8%	27.4%	25.6%	11.6%	1.5%	0.4%

Map 245690

This multi-member district ranked-choice map was submitted prior to the August 5 public hearing.

It keeps all unincorporated areas whole east of I-880.

For the record:

On August 5, the districting consultant incorrectly stated that multi-member districts were vulnerable to future CVRA legal action. This was the main reason cited when the board rejected similar maps.

The CVRA only targets governing bodies where at least one member is elected by “voters of the entire jurisdiction” – not true for this proposal – and does not require single-member districts as a remedy.

In contrast, Albany is using at-large ranked-choice voting and is taking this chance, as is Hayward by retaining an at-large mayor who is a voting city council member.

Multi-member ranked-choice voting was first certified by the Secretary of State in 2020 so it is a very new option.

