Jefferson Elementary School District
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Elementary School District adopted a resolution declaring their intent to transition to by-division elections, and the Board will hold public hearings on the following date(s):

First Meeting: Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Second Meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Third Meeting, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm

The meetings will be held in the board room at 1219 Whispering Wind, Dr., Tracy, CA 95377.

At the first and second public hearings the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts. Following the second public hearing, draft maps of potential Board Member election district boundaries will be published on or before November 23, 2023, for consideration and public input at the third and fourth public hearings. At the November 30 and December 12 hearings the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft maps and the proposed sequence of elections

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing(s) and express opinions or submit information. If you have any questions, residents are invited to call Bertha Ramon or send an email to bramon@jsdtracy.com.

Information about district elections, why the District is making this change and the process is available on the District website, www.jeffersonschooldistrict.com

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Jefferson School District
Establishment of By-Trustee Area Voting

November 16, 2023

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Election Systems

1. "At Large"
2. "From Trustee Area" or "Residence" Trustee Area
3. "By Trustee Area"

The California Voting Rights Act was written to specifically encourage by-Trustee Area elections.

California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

- Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.

- The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into "by-district" election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court Gingles tests:
  - ~~Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?~~
  - Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
  - Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
  - ~~Do the "totality of circumstances" indicate race is a factor in elections?~~

- Liability is now established by just the presence of racially polarized voting and dilution of the protected class's voting strength.

CVRA Impact

- **Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:**
  - At least 275 school districts
  - 36 Community College Districts
  - 191 cities
  - 1 County Board of Supervisors
  - 53 water and other special districts.

- **Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica fought "on the merits." All lost.**
  - Santa Monica: CA Supreme Court referred case back to Court of Appeals
  - Palmdale spent about $1.8 million, Santa Clara about $800,000, and Santa Monica between $5 and $8 million, just on their defense.
  - Santa Monica plaintiffs requested $22 million
  - No jurisdiction has won a case.

- **Key settlements:**
  - Palmdale: $4.7 million
  - Modesto: $3 million
  - Highland: $1.3 million
  - Anaheim: $1.1 million
  - Whittier: $1 million
  - Santa Barbara: $600,000
  - Tulare Hospital: $500,000
  - Camarillo: $233,000
  - Compton Unified: $200,000
  - Madera Unified: about $170,000
  - Hanford Joint Union Schools: $118,000
  - Merced City: $42,000
- **An estimated $16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.**

Districting Process

Step	Description
Hearings 1 & 2 November 16 & 20	• Held prior to release of draft maps • Education and to solicit input on the composition of Trustee Areas
Release draft maps *November 20*	• Must be posted on the project website seven (7) days in advance of Hearings 3-5
Hearing 3 November 30	• First Board consideration of draft maps
Hearing 4 December 14	• Board consideration of draft maps
Hearing 5/Map Adoption December 14	• Public hearing followed by map adoption
County Committee December 15-22*	• San Joaquin County Committee on School District **actual date to be determined*

Redistricting Rules and Goals

Federal Laws	Traditional Redistricting Principles
◻ Equal Population ◻ Federal Voting Rights Act ◻ No Racial Gerrymandering	◻ Communities of interest ◻ Compact ◻ Contiguous ◻ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries ◻ Respect voters' choices / continuity in office ◻ Planned future growth

Note: Counties and Cities have different criteria

Demographic Summary

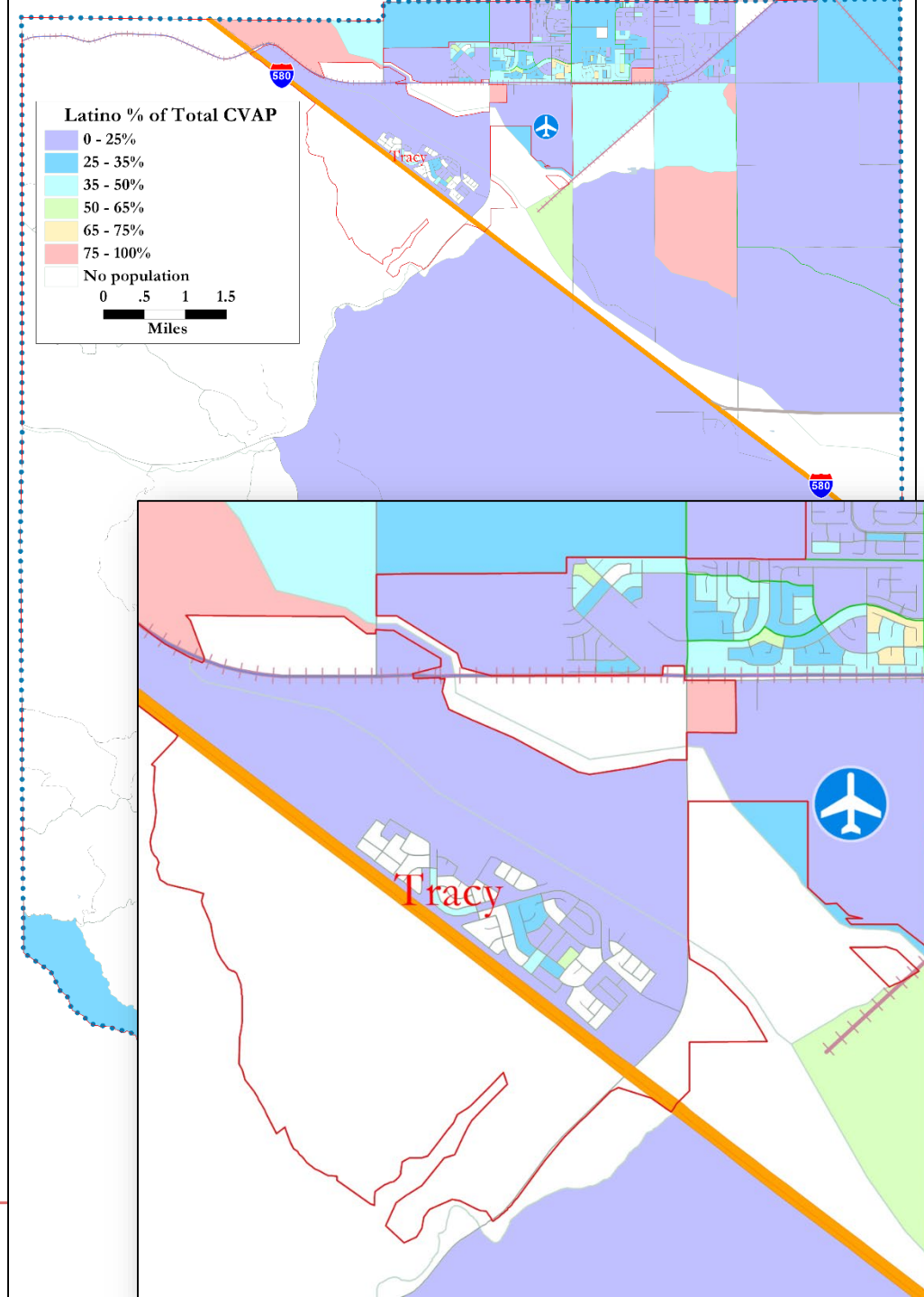
Each of the five trustee areas must contain about 3,328 people.

Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	16,638
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	29%
	NH White	32%
	NH Black	7%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	28%
	NH Native Amer.	1%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	11,134
	Hisp	25%
	NH White	38%
	NH Black	7%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	27%
	Native Amer.	2%
Voter Registration (Nov 2022)	Total	10,659
	Latino est.	26%
	Spanish-Surnamed	23%
	Asian-Surnamed	13%
	Filipino-Surnamed	4%
	NH White est.	47%
	NH Black	9%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	Total	5,327
	Latino est.	21%
	Spanish-Surnamed	19%
	Asian-Surnamed	12%
	Filipino-Surnamed	4%
	NH White est.	52%
	NH Black	9%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	8,049
	Latino est.	24%
	Spanish-Surnamed	22%
	Asian-Surnamed	10%
	Filipino-Surnamed	3%
	NH White est.	54%
	NH Black est.	9%

Category	Field	Total
Age	age0-19	31%
	age20-60	54%
	age60plus	15%
Immigration	immigrants	22%
	naturalized	69%
Language spoken at home	english	66%
	spanish	14%
	asian-lang	8%
	other lang	12%
Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	12%
Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	60%
	bachelor	22%
	graduatedegree	7%
Child in Household	child-under18	52%
Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	67%
Household Income	income 0-25k	9%
	income 25-50k	3%
	income 50-75k	7%
	income 75-200k	57%
	income 200k-plus	24%
Housing Stats	single family	94%
	multi-family	6%
	rented	25%
	owned	75%

Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.

Latino CVAP



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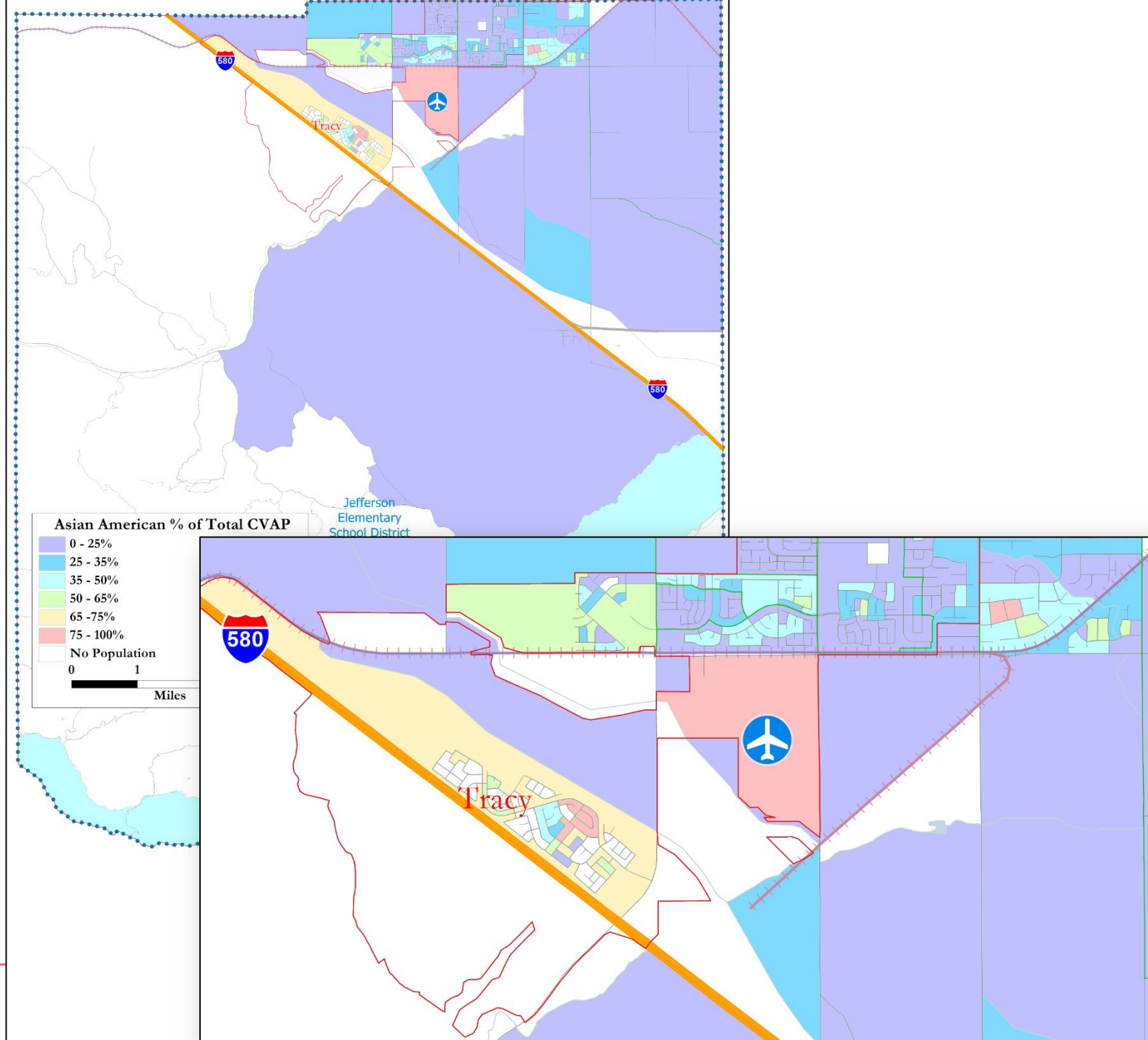
Asian CVAP



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Defining Neighborhoods

1st Question: What is your neighborhood?

2nd Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

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

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

Public Hearing & Discussion

- What is your community of interest and what are its boundaries?

- Would you prefer your community of interest be in one trustee area or that it have multiple representatives on the Board?