



# **Palm Desert Redistricting 2023**

## **Public Hearing #3**

**November 16, 2023**



# Background

## Direction to Transition to Five Districts

On June 22, 2023, the City Council unanimously directed staff to take the necessary steps to transition to five single-member districts prior to the November 2024 Election.

## Public Education & Outreach Plan

On August 24, 2023, the City Council unanimously adopted the Redistricting Public Education and Outreach Plan

# Workshops and Public Hearings

Meeting Videos, Staff Reports, Presentations, & Public Comments are posted to the redistricting website.

For the full schedule, visit:  
<https://redistrictpd.org/>

1

September 6, at 6 p.m., Community Workshop #1  
(Held at City Hall & via Zoom)

2

September 14 & 28, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearings #1 and #2  
(Held in Council Chambers & via Zoom)

3

October 4 & 16, at 5 p.m., Map Drawing Workshops #1 and #2  
(Held via Zoom)

4

November 16, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearing #3  
(Held in Council Chambers & via Zoom)

# Purpose of this Public Hearing

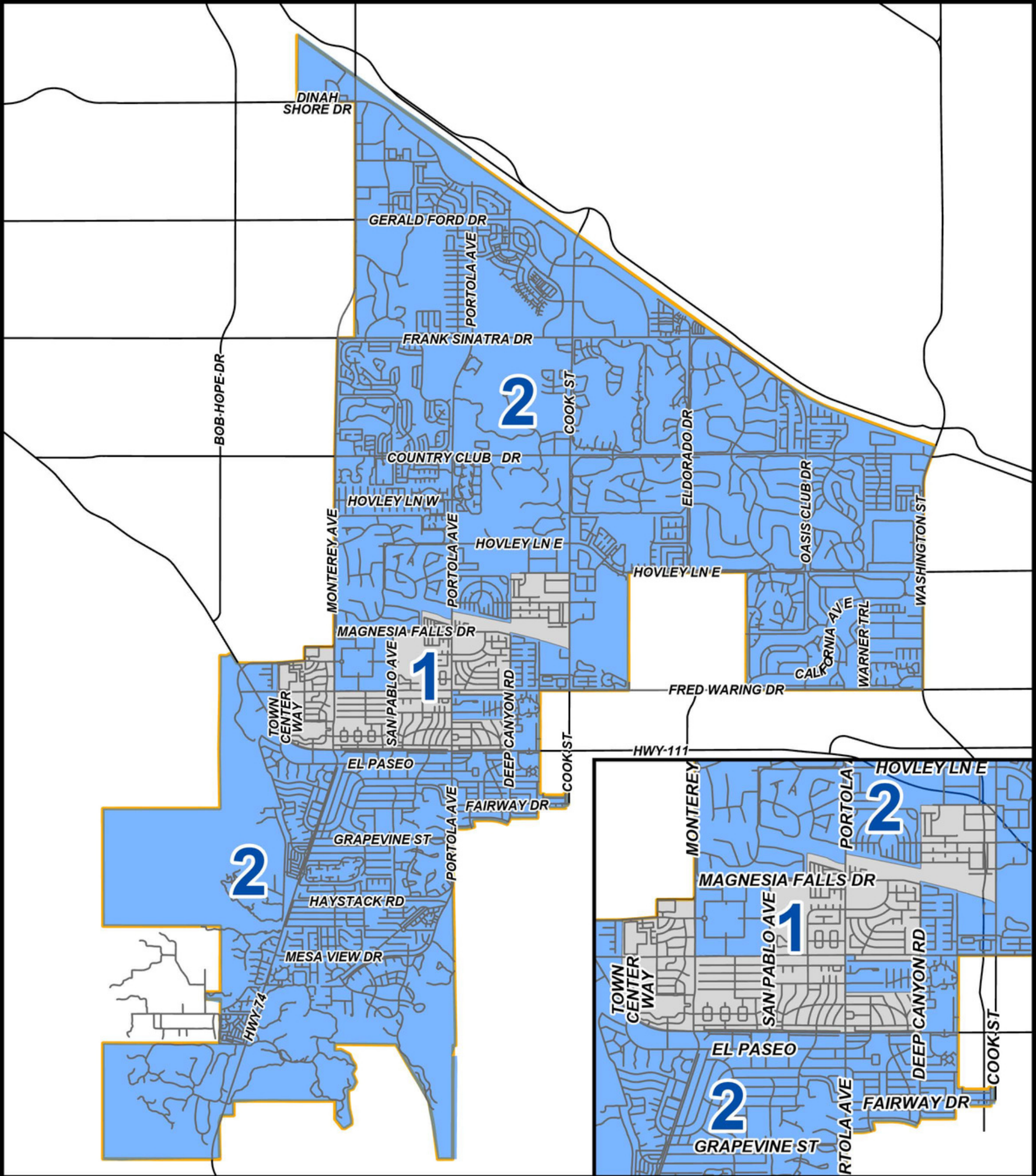
- To inform the public about the redistricting process and to hear from the community on what factors should be taken into consideration while creating district maps.
- To request the City Council select 2–3 “focus” maps for further consideration.



# District Map Drawing Criteria

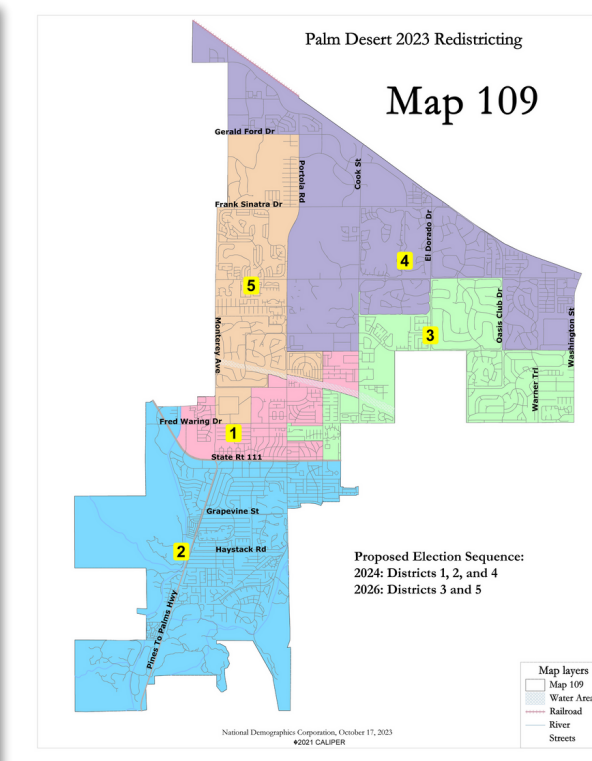
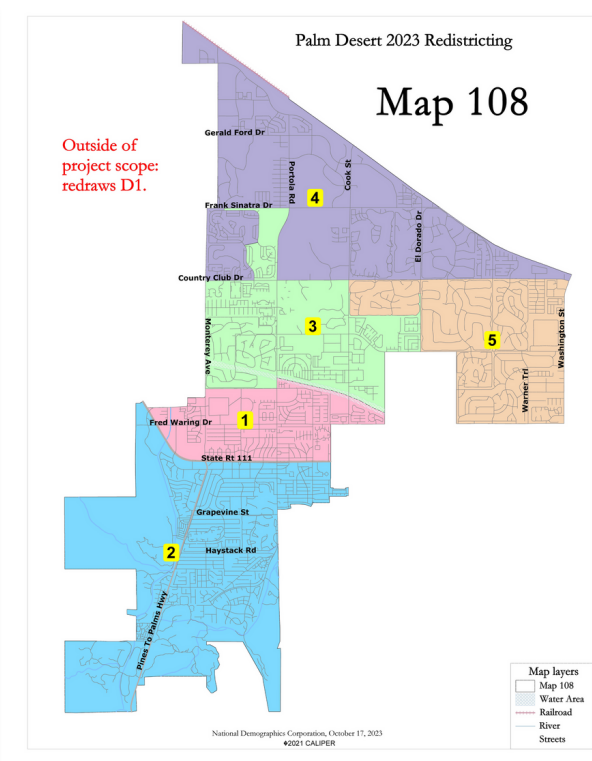
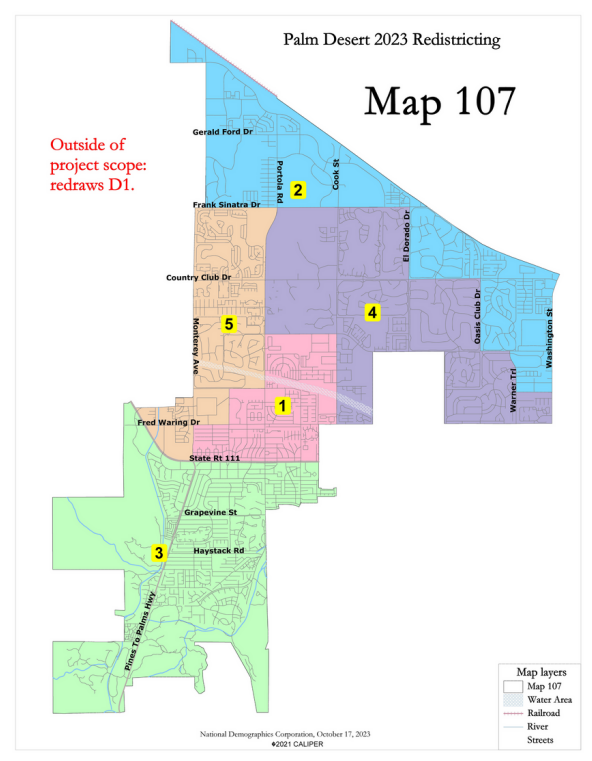
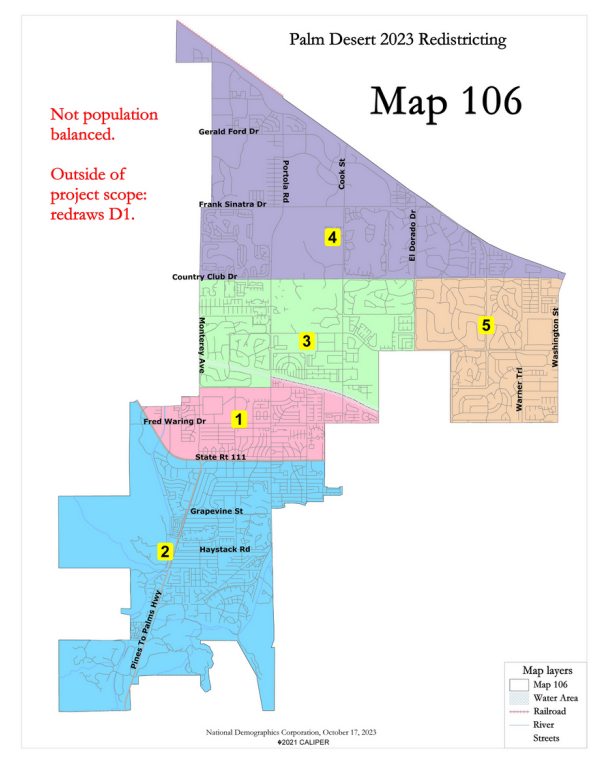
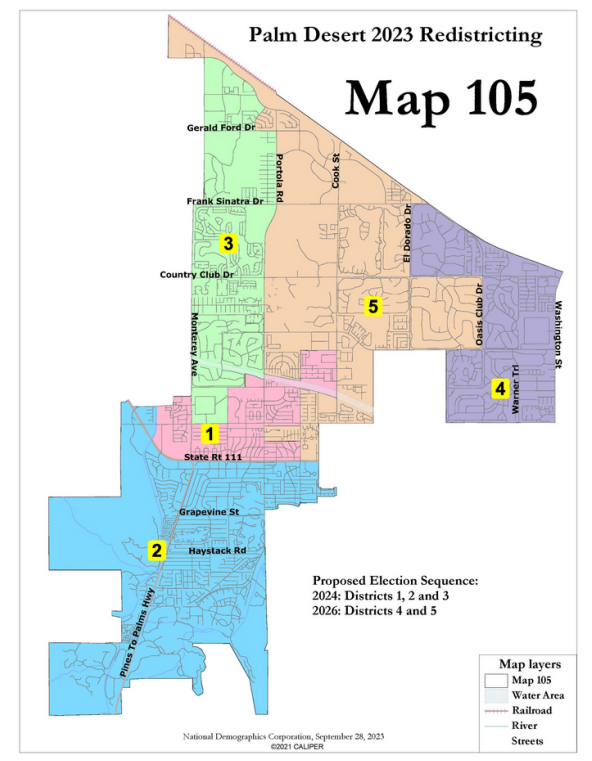
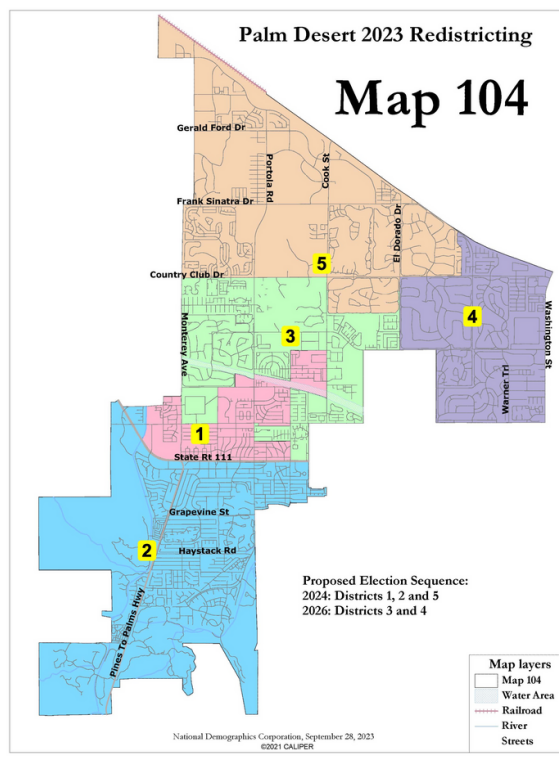
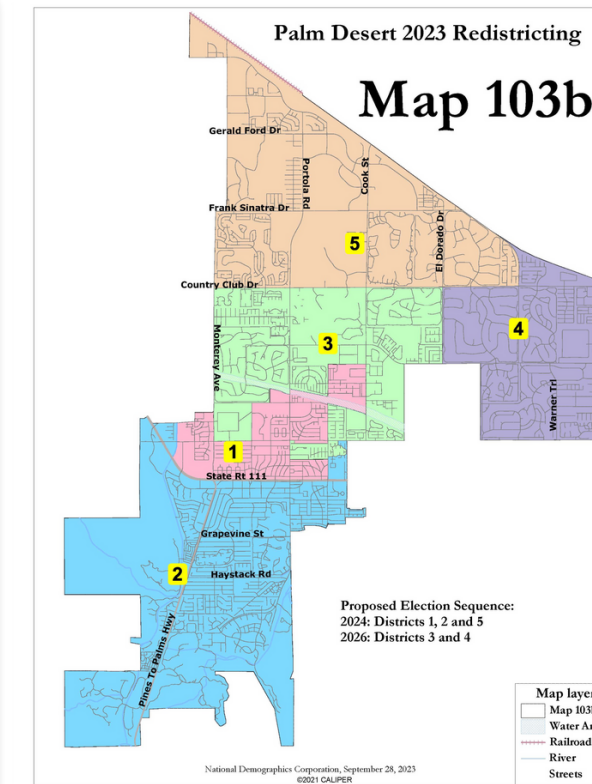
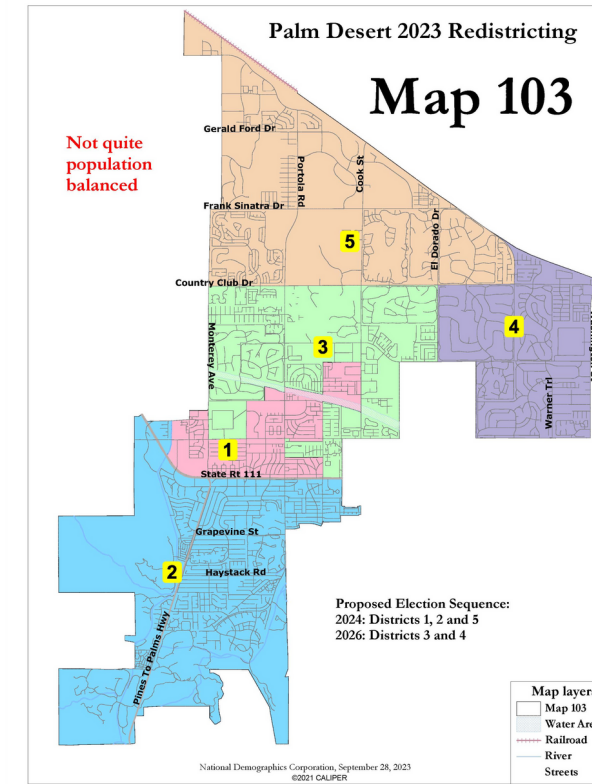
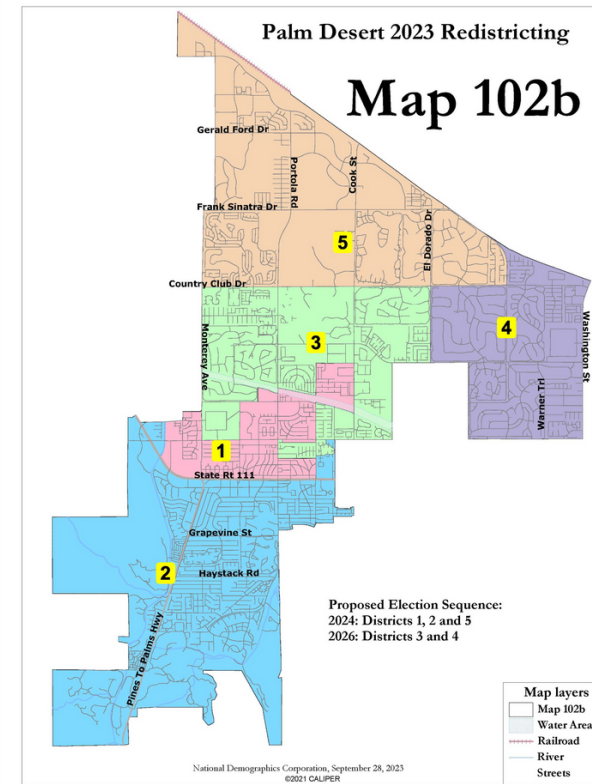
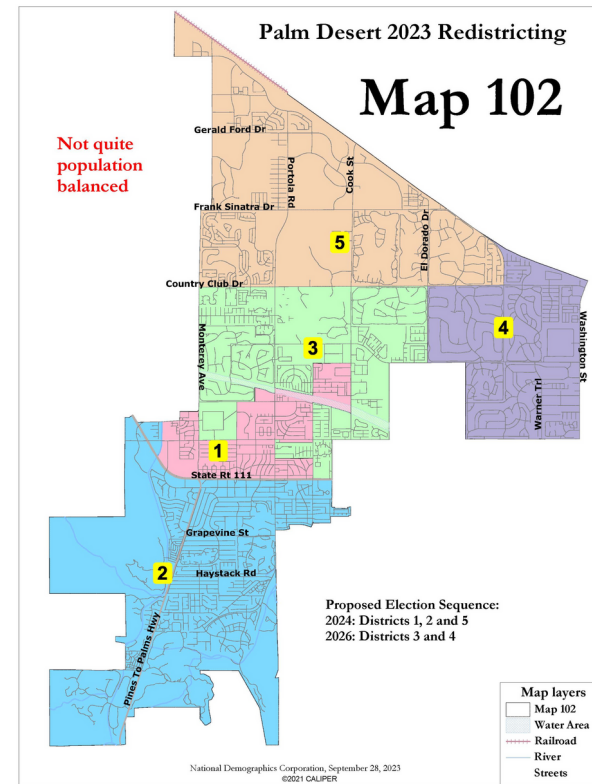
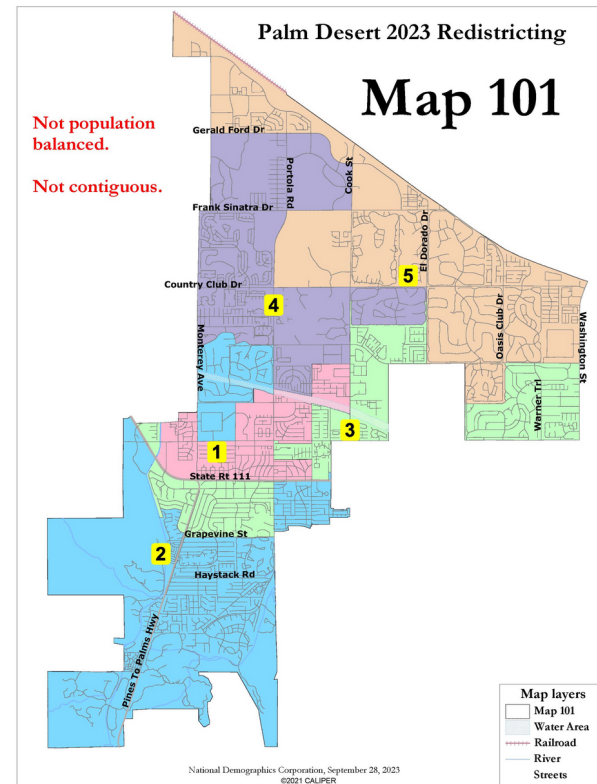
1. Federal Laws	2. California Criteria (in priority order):	3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles
Equal Population	1. Geographically contiguous	<del>* Respect voters' choice / avoid unnecessary pairing of incumbents</del>
Federal Voting Rights Act	2. Minimize division of neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)	Future Population Growth
No Racial Gerrymandering	3. Easily identifiable boundaries	* Change made pursuant to AB 764, effective January 1, 2024
	4. Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)	
	Prohibited: "Shall not favor or discriminate against an <u>incumbent</u> , <u>political candidate</u> , or <u>political party</u> ."*	Source: NDC

# Existing Two-District Map



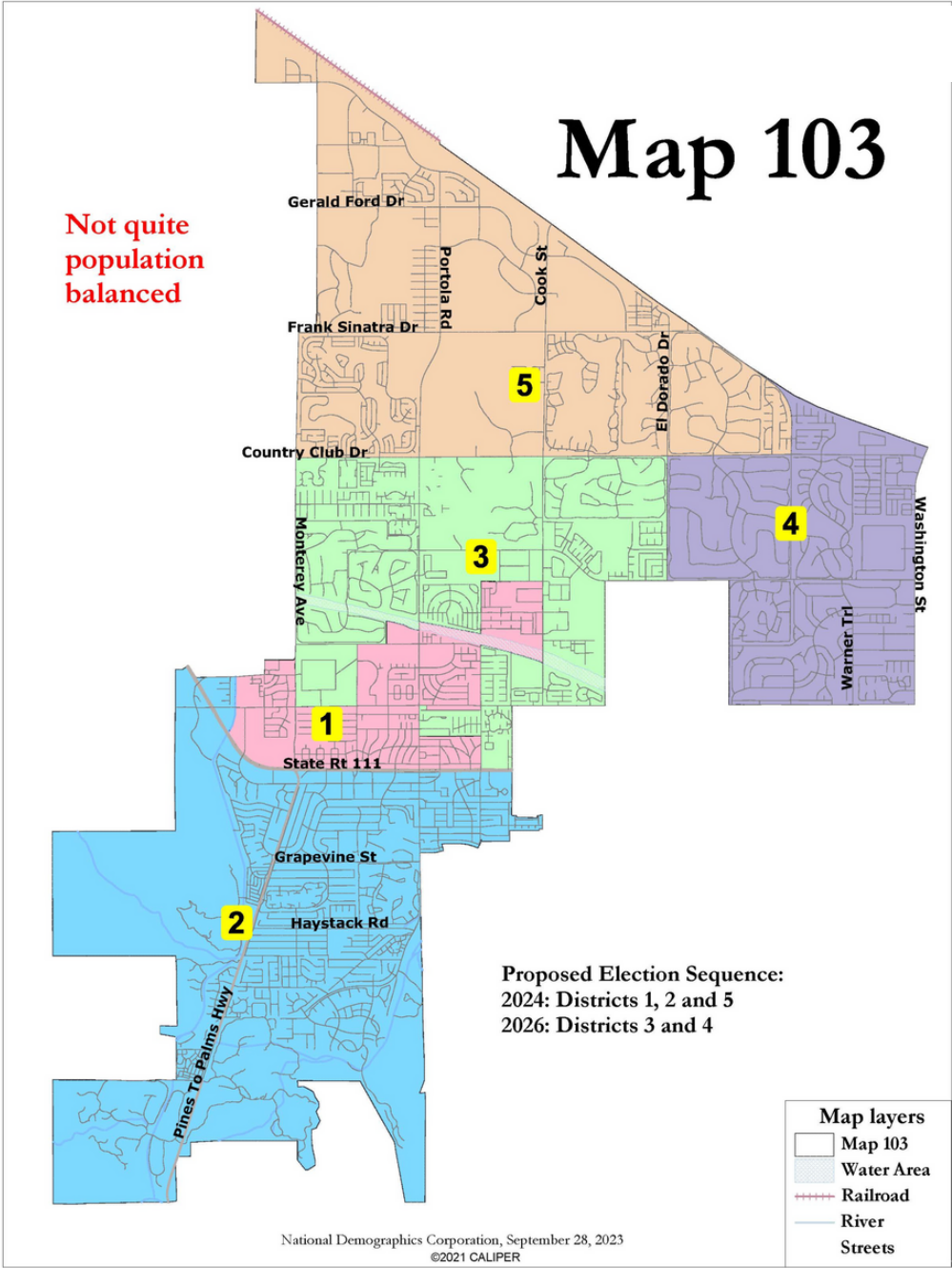
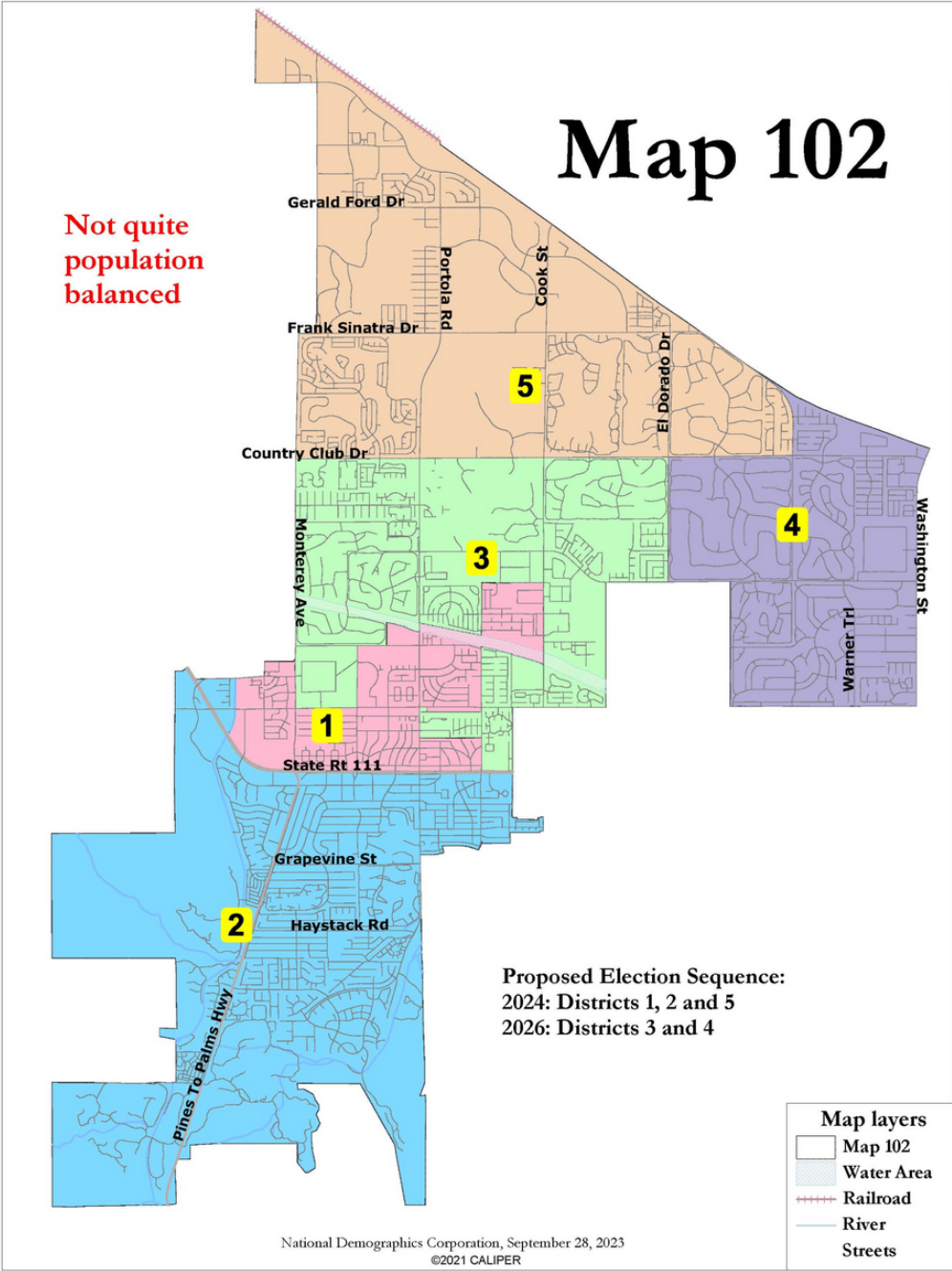
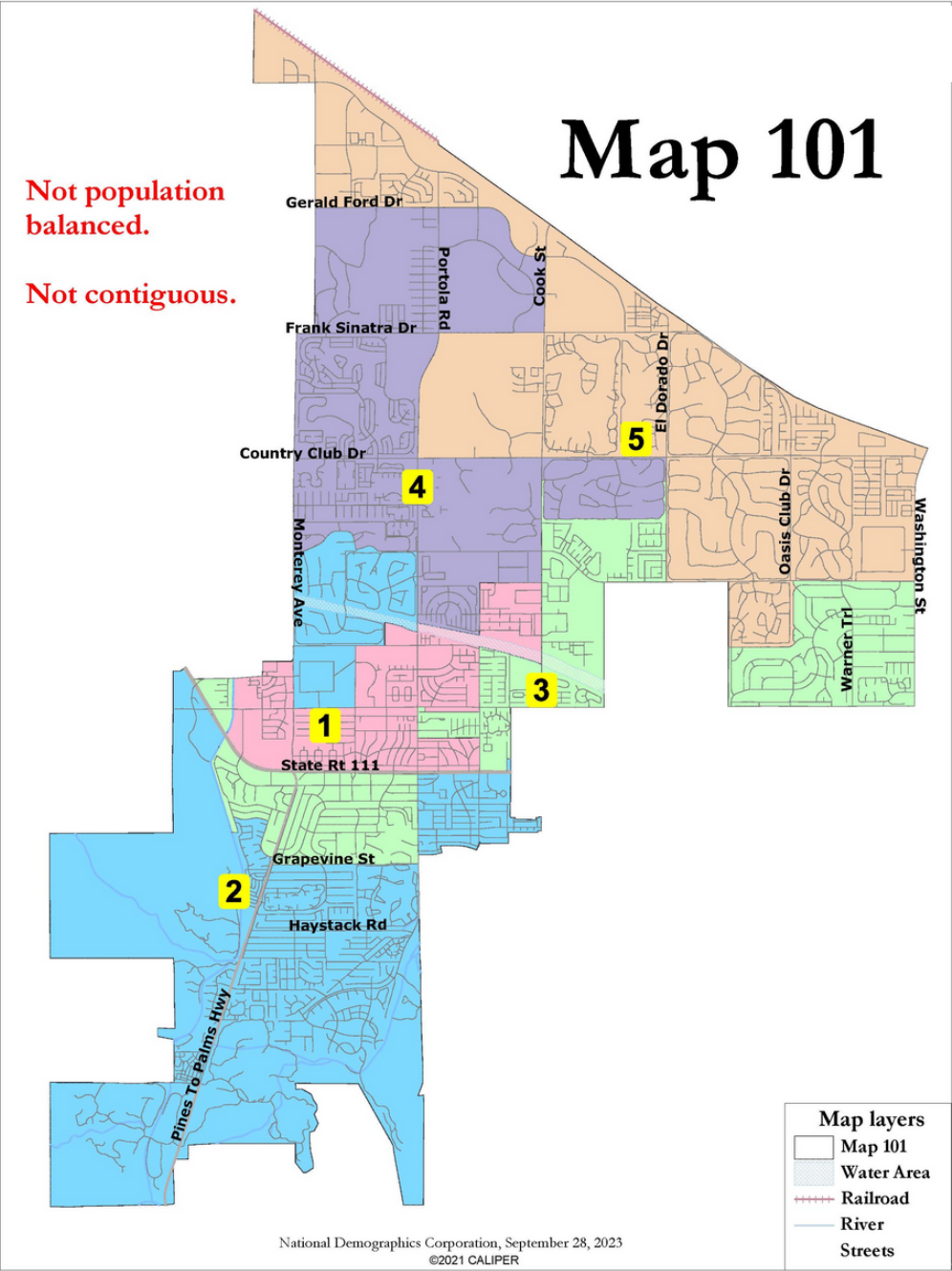


# DRAFT MAPS



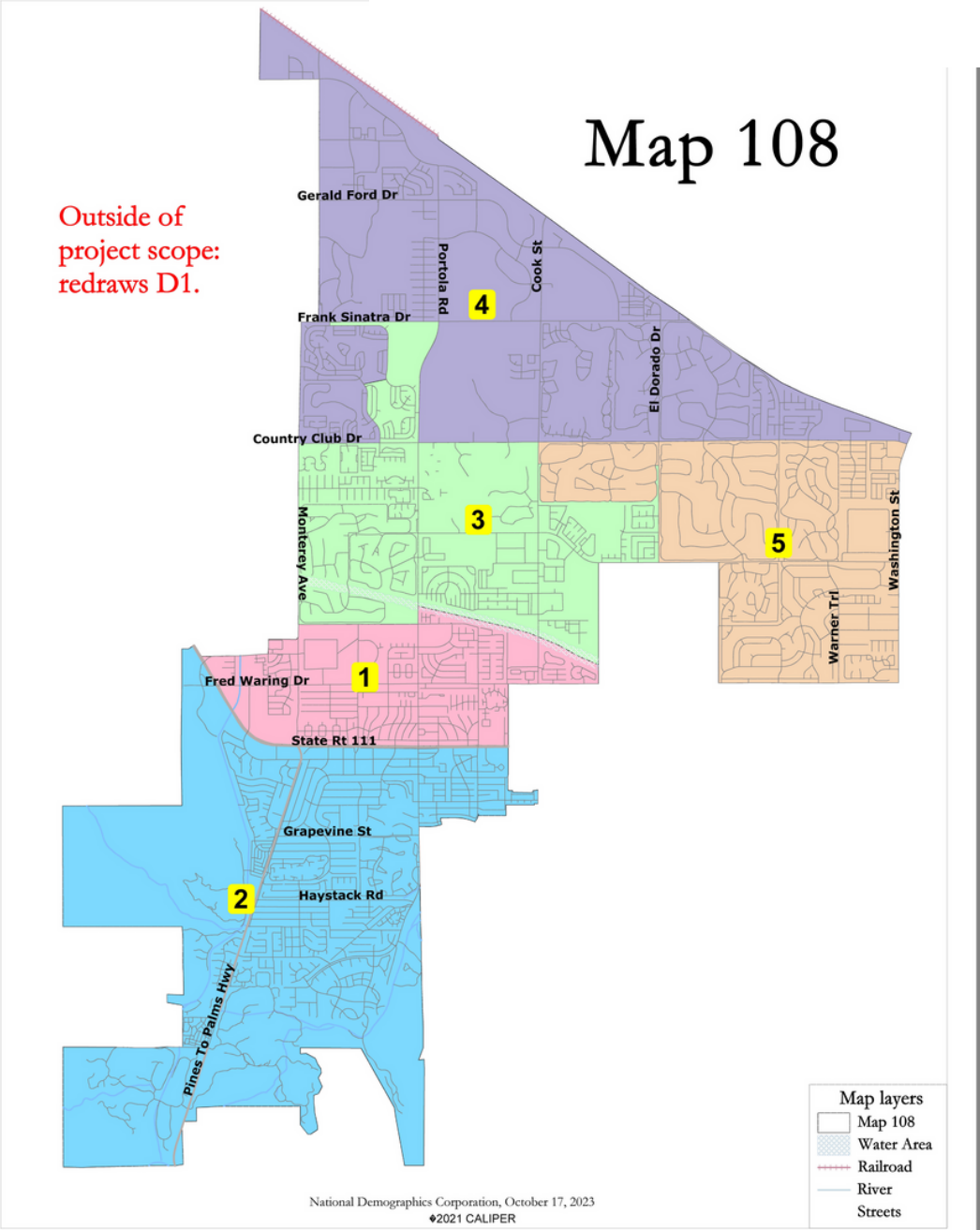
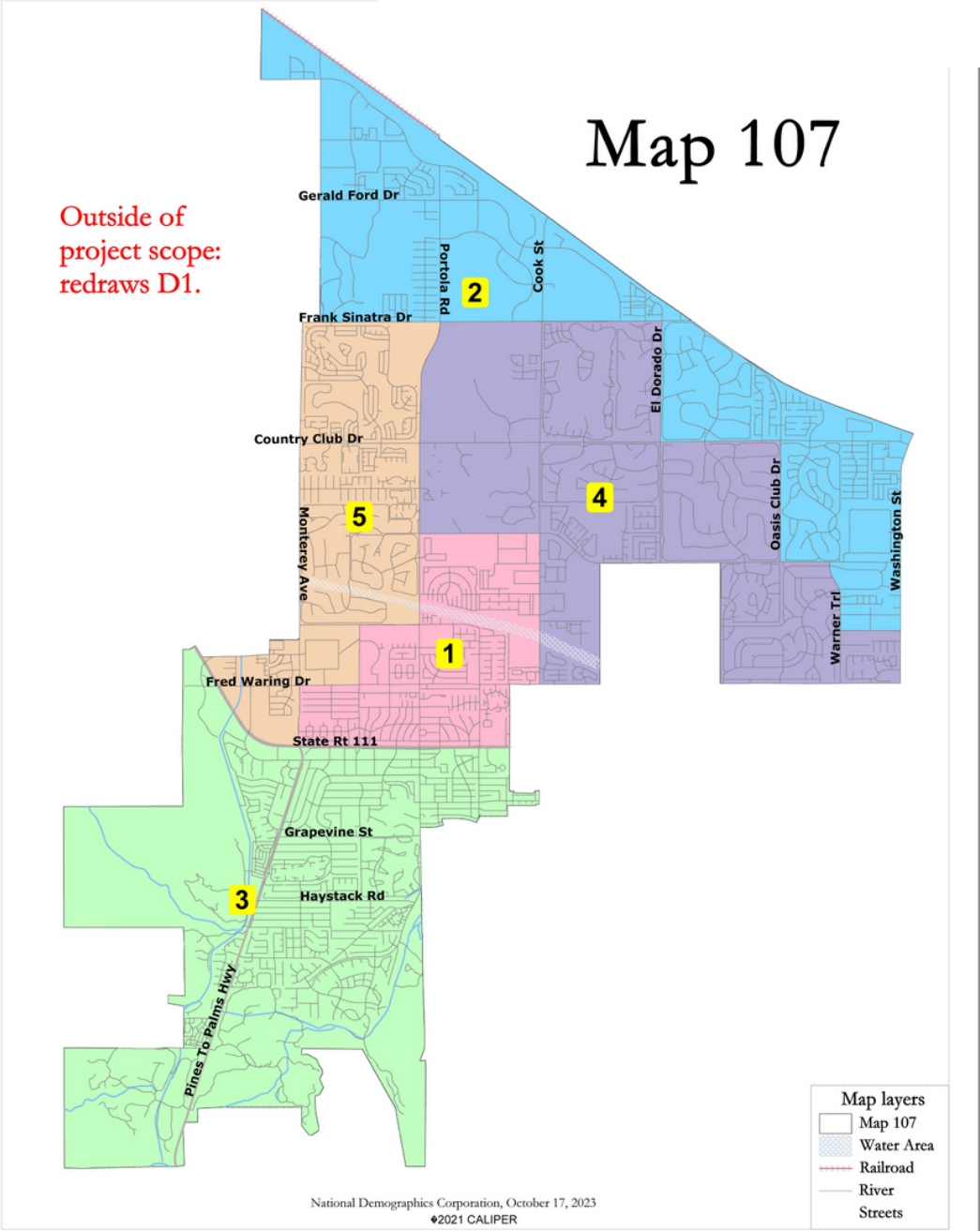
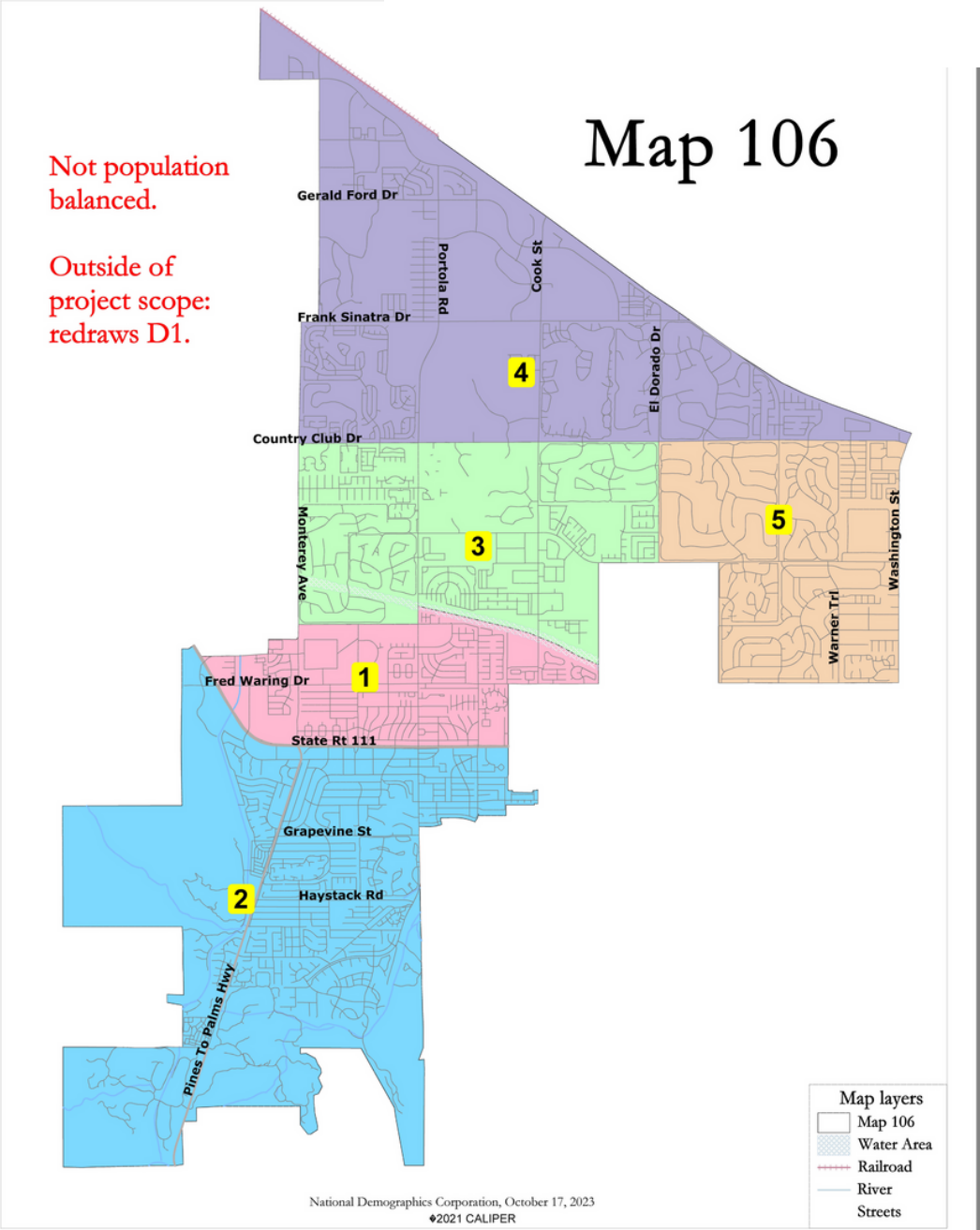


# Not Population Balanced, Not Contiguous





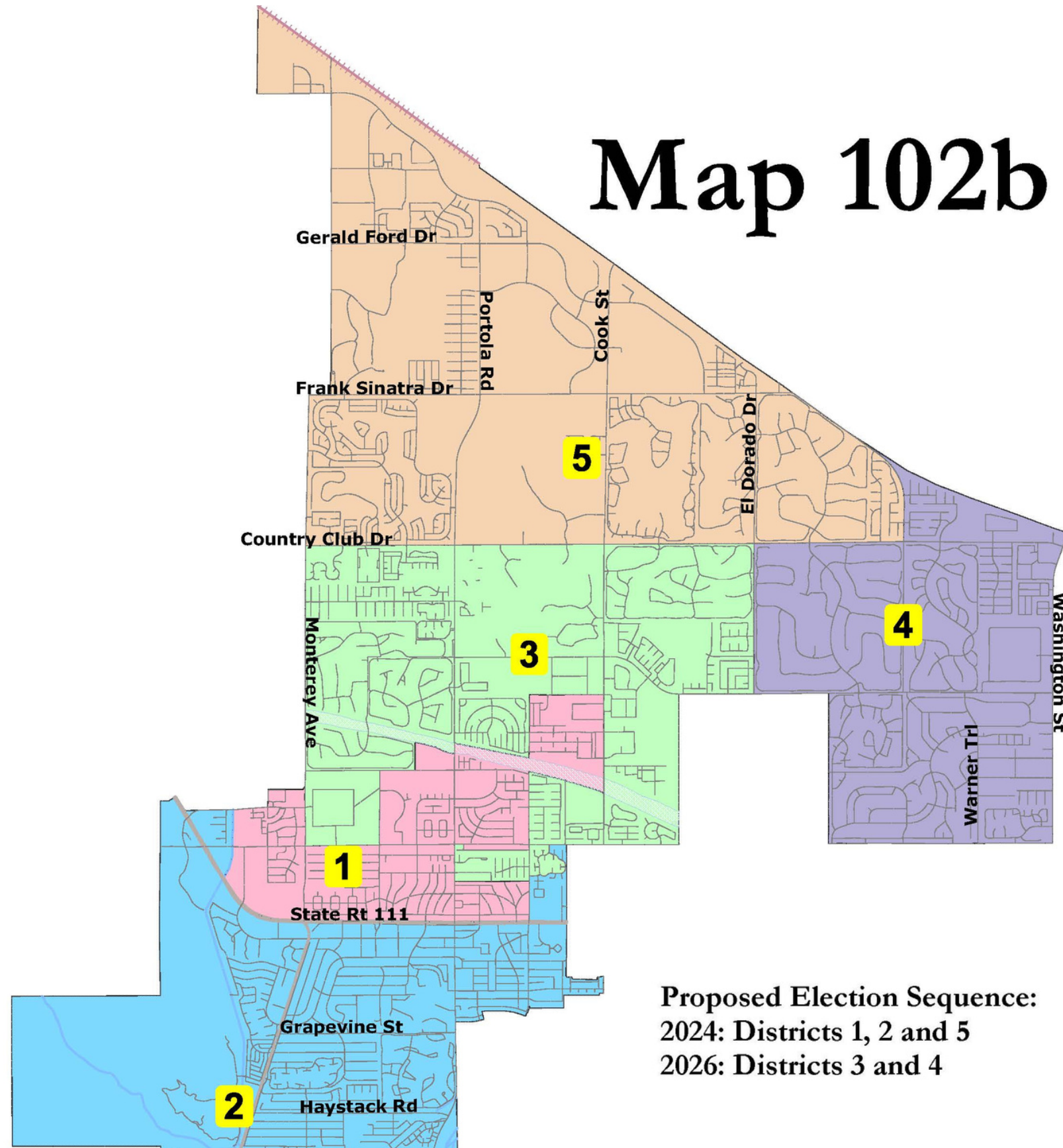
# Not Population Balanced, Outside of Scope



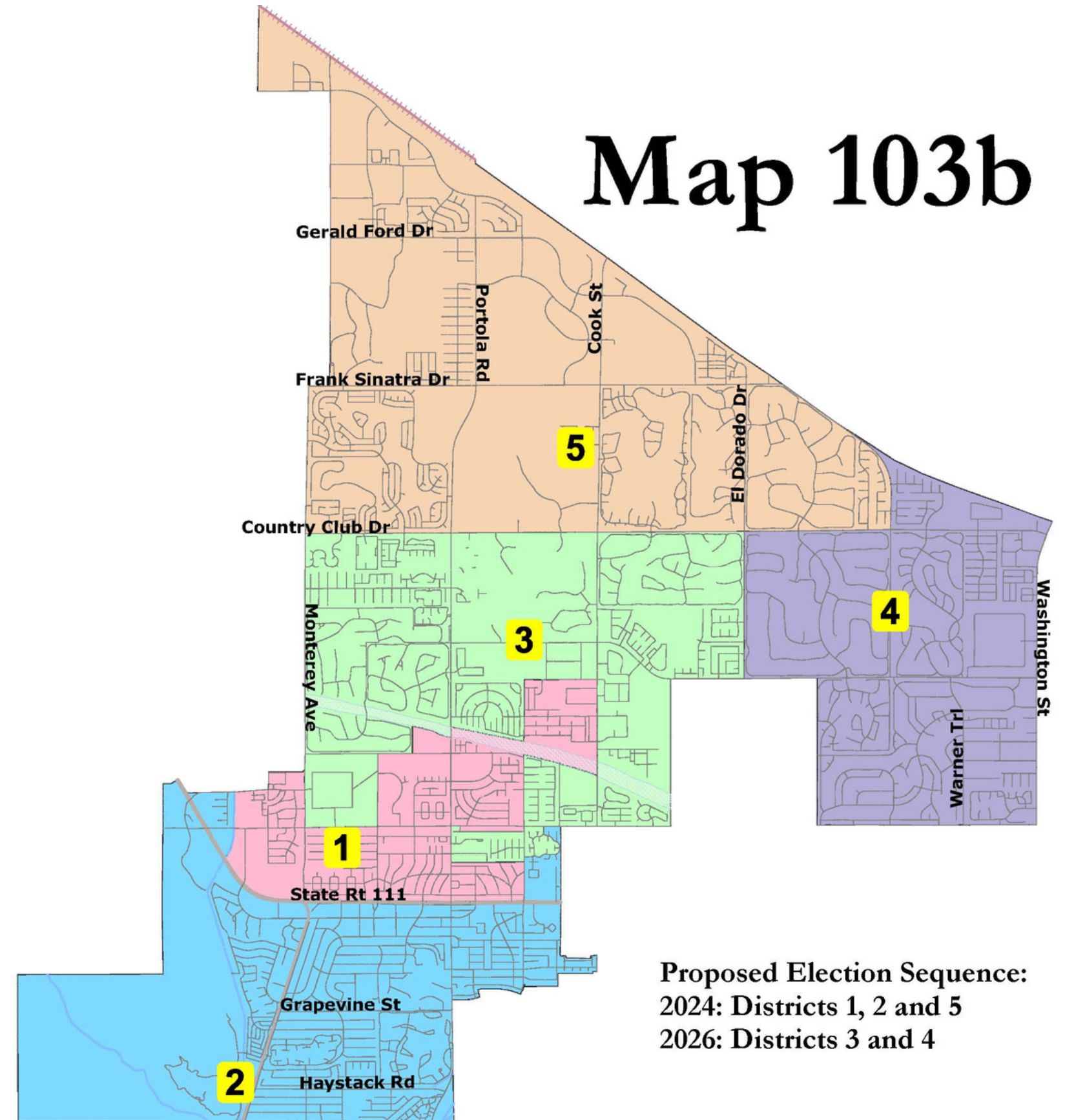


# Eligible for Adoption

## Map 102b



## Map 103b

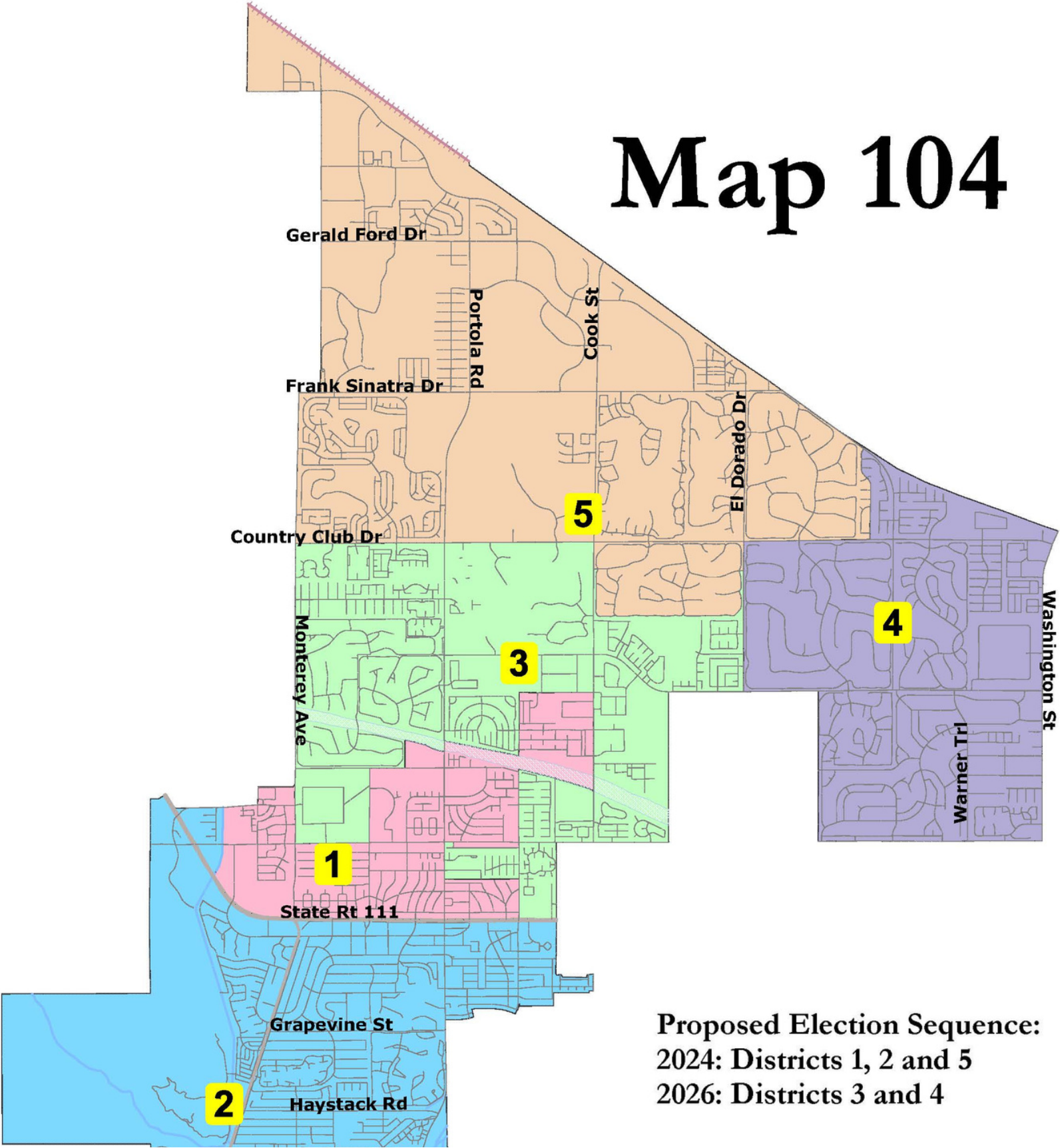


\* Maps 102b and 103b are identical. They are population-balanced versions of Maps 102 and 103 that were submitted by two individuals. Any public support for these maps will be tallied together.

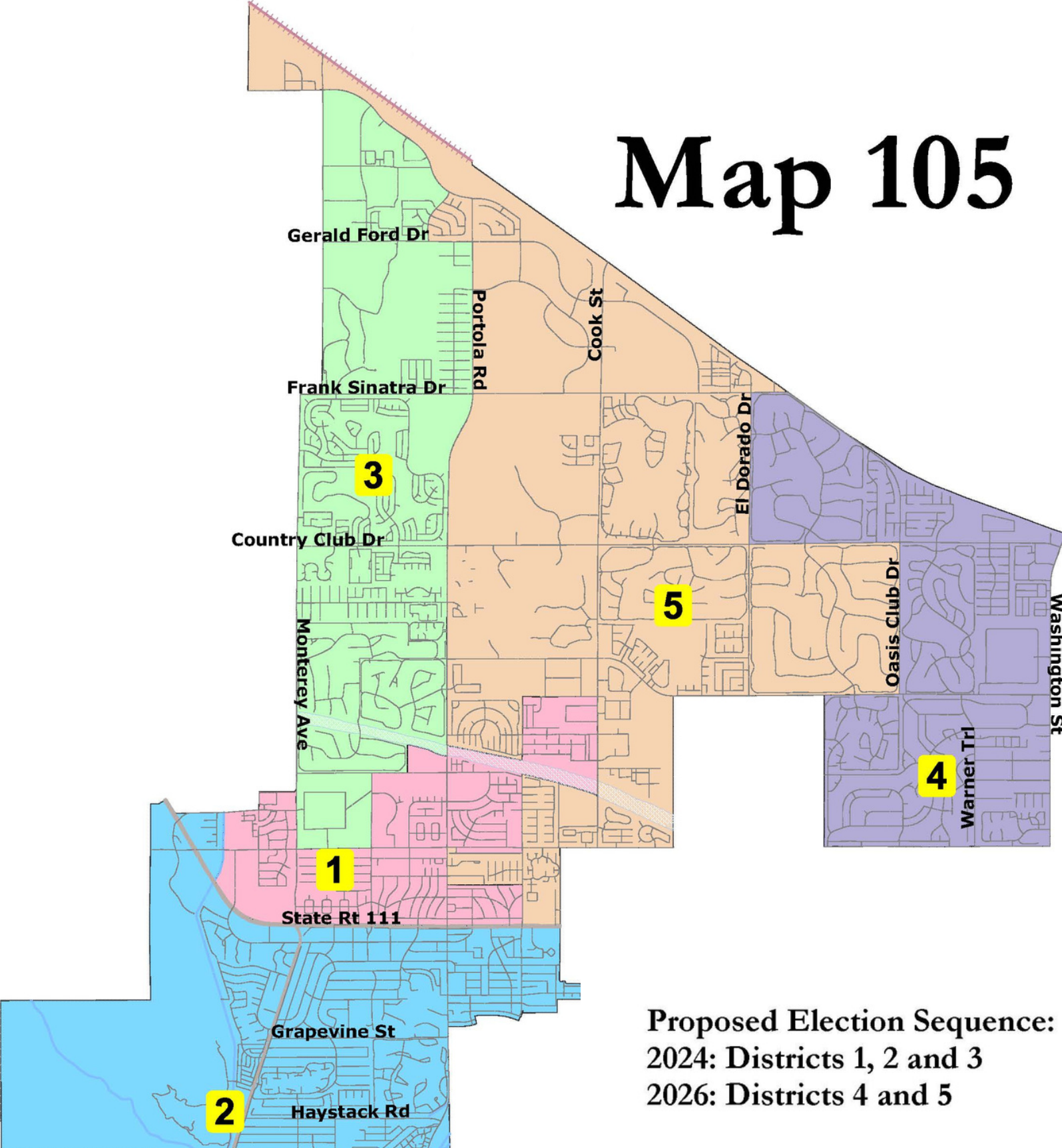


# Eligible for Adoption

## Map 104



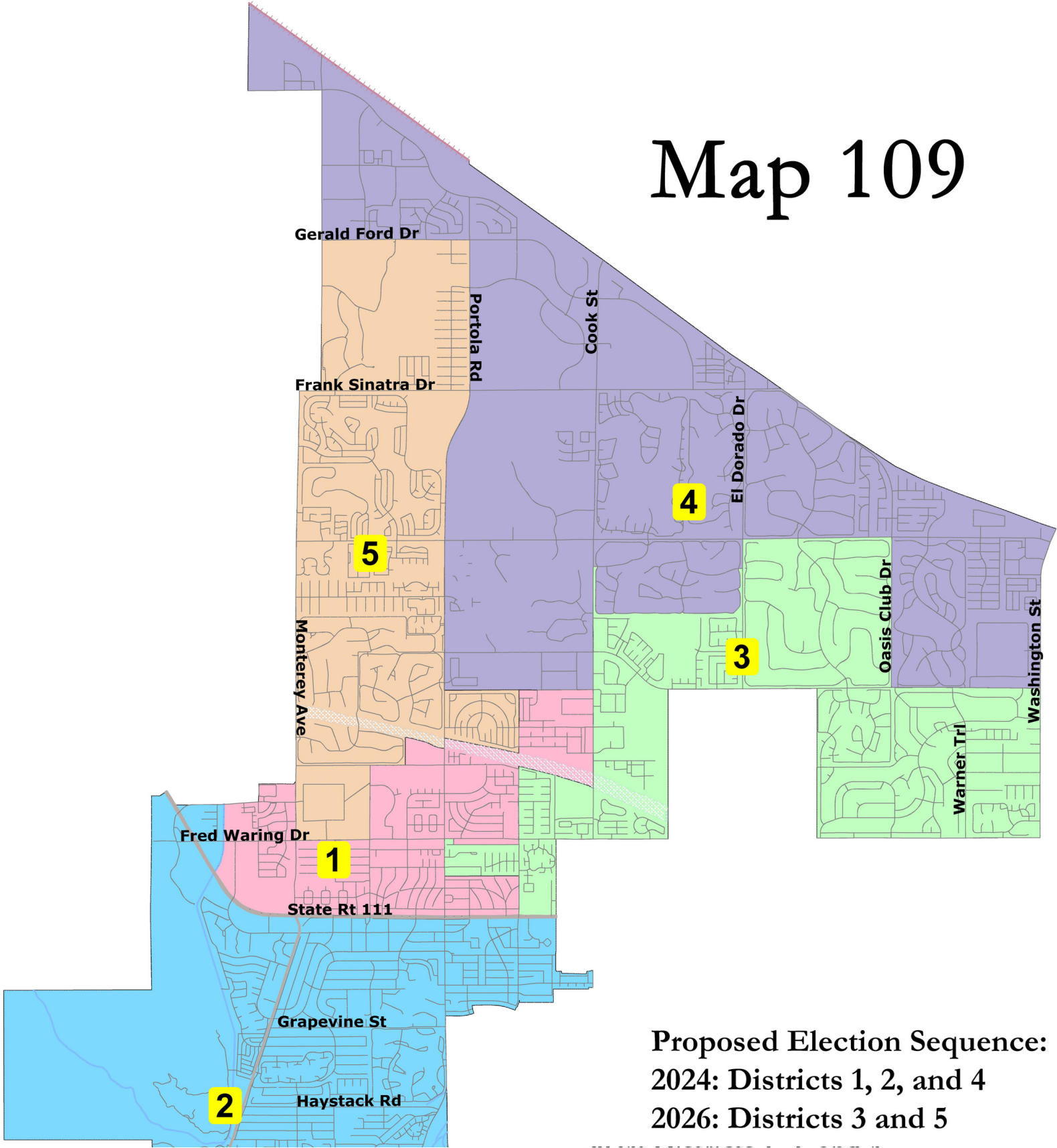
## Map 105





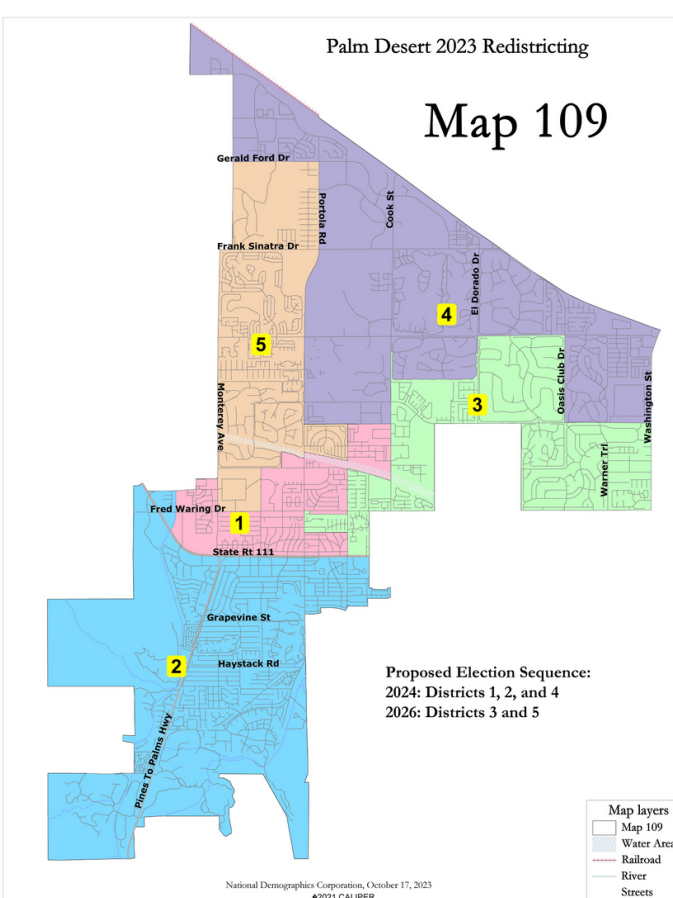
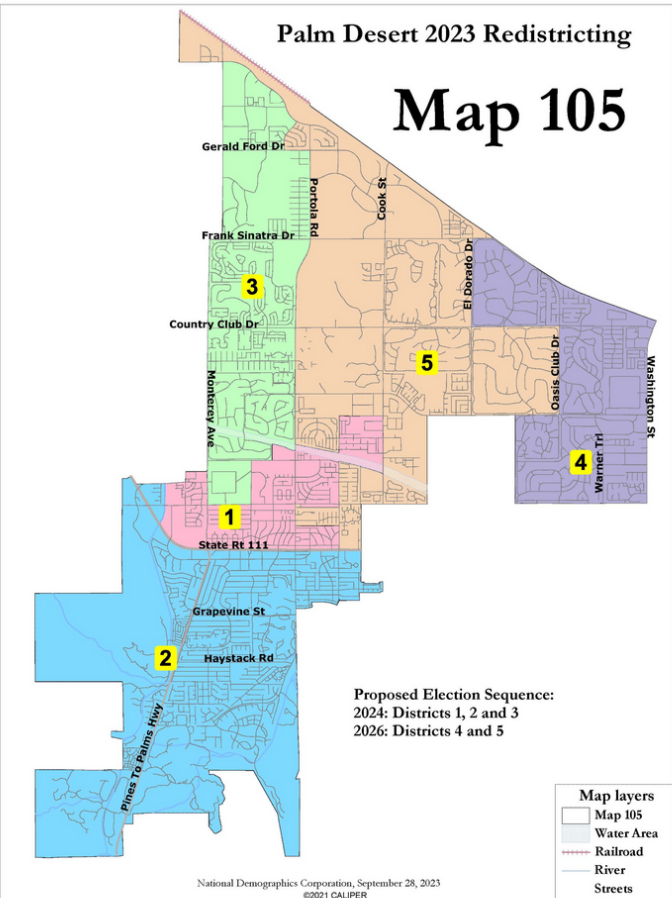
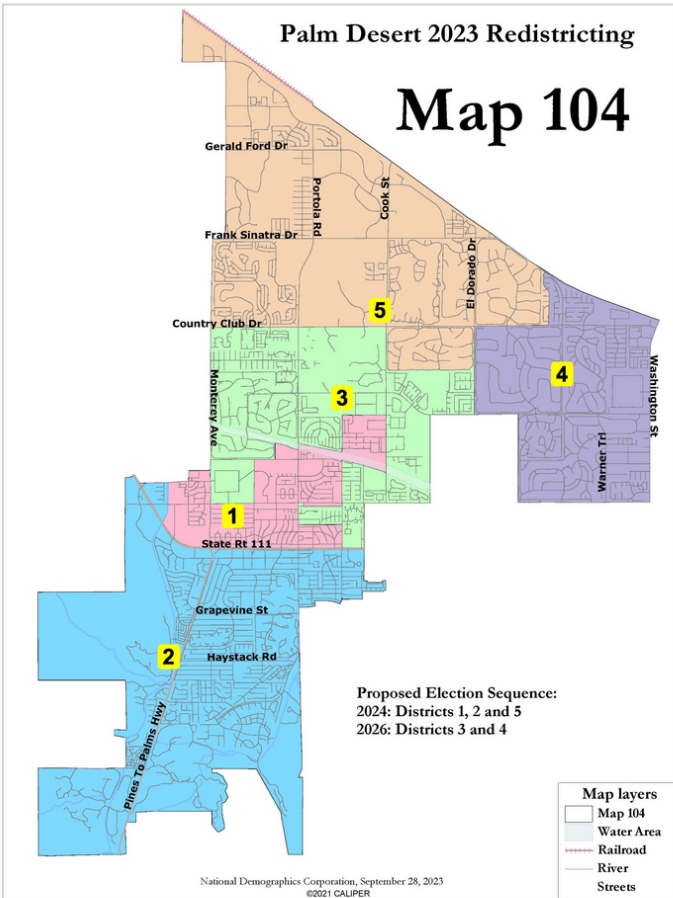
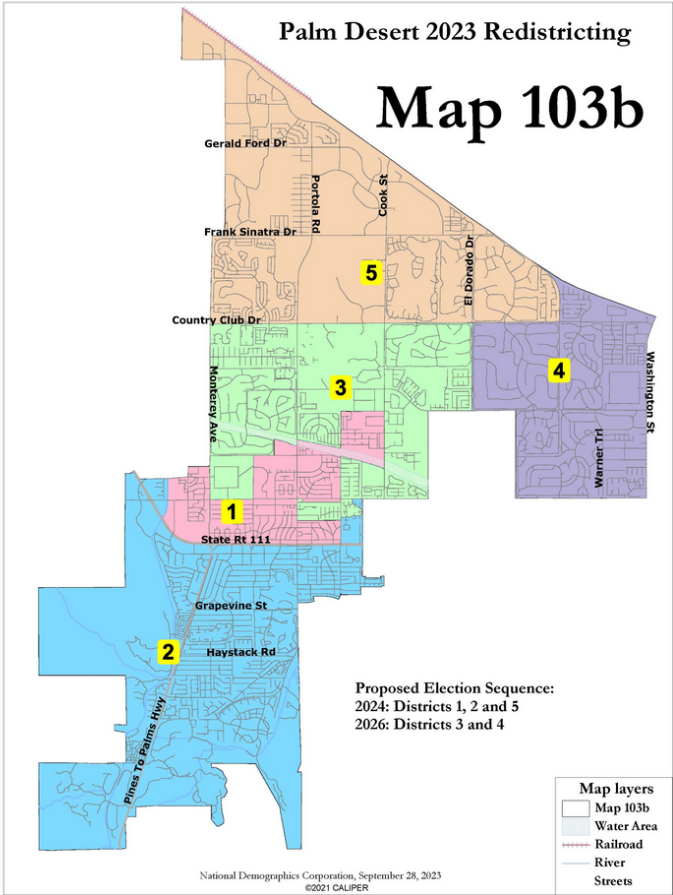
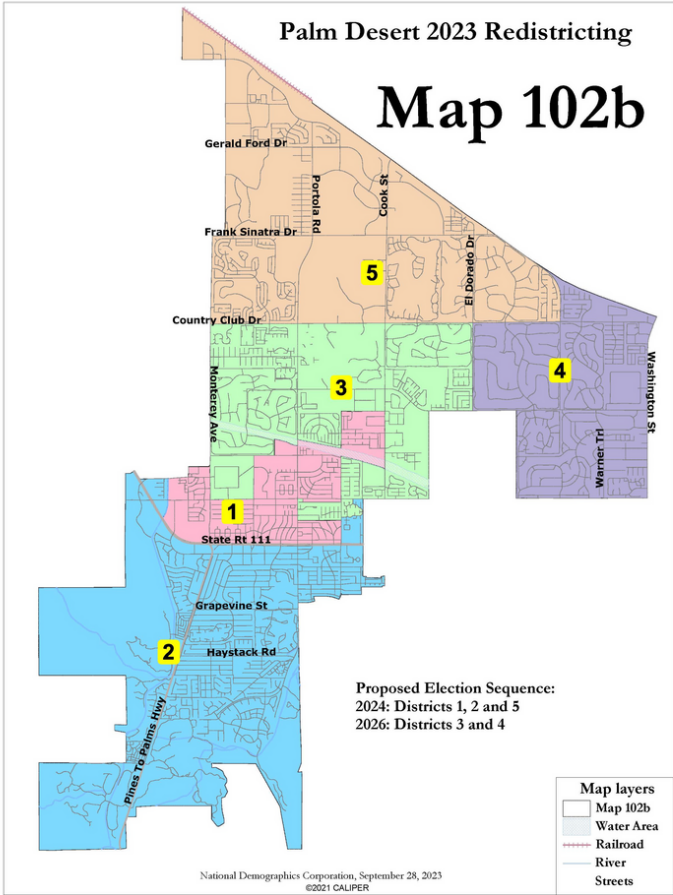
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Map 109



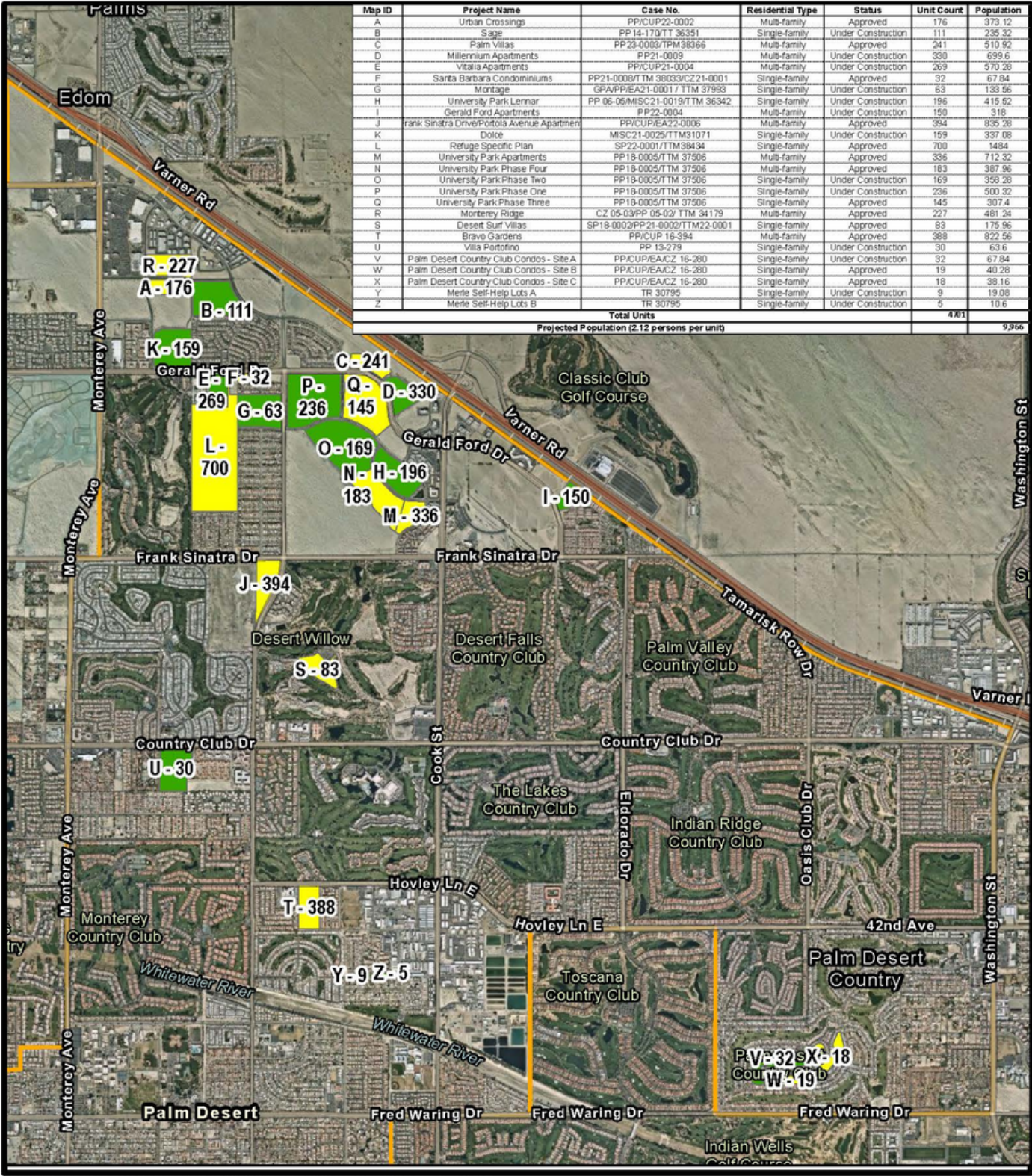


# Maps for Consideration





# Future Population Growth



	Map 102b/103b		Map 104		Map 105		Map 109	
	Units	Population	Units	Population	Units	Population	Units	Population
District 5	4,200	8,904	4,200	8,904	2,457	5,209	1,488	3,155
District 4	69	146	69	146	69	146	3,130	6,635
District 3	418	886	418	886	2,161	4,581	69	146

- The City Council may consider future population growth when selecting a final map, provided that federal and state criteria have been met.
- Based on the above chart, Maps 105 and 109 achieve a greater balance in dividing future population growth in north Palm Desert.
- By balancing future population growth in the northern area there may be fewer boundary adjustments following the 2030 Census.

## Residential Project Status - June 2023

- Approved Units: 2,942 / Projected Pop. 6,237
- Under Construction Units: 1,759 / Projected Pop. 3,729



VICINITY MAP





# Public Participation

- Provide input at an upcoming community workshops or public hearing.
  - Spanish and ASL Interpreters will be available at all workshops.
  - Spanish and ASL Interpreters available upon request for public hearings.
- Submit written comments in-person or via email.
- Subscribe for email updates about upcoming meetings.
- Request a presentation at a civic or community group meeting.

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# Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates

For the full schedule, visit:  
<https://redistrictpd.org/>

1

November 29, at 6 p.m., Community Workshop #2

- Staff presentation on focus maps; solicit public comment (Location: Palm Desert iHub, in-person only)

2

December 6, at 6 p.m., Community Workshop #3

- Staff presentation on focus maps; solicit public comment (Location: City Hall and via Zoom)

3

December 14, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearing #4

- Request the City Council select a final map w/adjustments
  - Provide direction on the sequence of elections
- (Location: Council Chamber and via Zoom)

4

January 11, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearing #5

- Request the City Council adopt a final map
  - Introduce an ordinance enacting five single member districts
- (Location: Council Chamber and via Zoom)



# **DISCUSSION**

- Which maps do you prefer? Why?
- Are there any immediate modifications that should be made to any of the selected “focus” maps? Note: The City Council will have another opportunity to make adjustments at the December 14th Public Hearing.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

- Conduct the public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries.
- Select 2–3 “focus” maps for further consideration.

**For questions or to schedule a presentation for your community group, please contact:**

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