

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date: November 30, 2021
To: Honorable City Councilmembers
From: Mayor Glass
Subject: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Redistricting Map
Recommendation: Authorize Mayor to send Letter to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No X N/A
Net General Fund Cost:
Amount: \$ _____

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget (if applicable) AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

PURPOSE/INTRODUCTION: This item requests that the City Council Discussion of Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Redistricting Map and Consideration to Authorize Mayor to send Letter to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:
Every 10 years, local governments use new data from the US Census to redraw their district boundaries. Under the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the California Elections Code, the Supervisors oversee the adjustment of supervisory district boundaries within the county.

The County of Sonoma has been preparing for Redistricting since February 2021 and on November 2, 2021, The County’s Advisory Redistricting Commission (ARC), a 19-member citizen’s group tasked with drafting the map, presented their recommended map to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors. At that meeting, a majority of the Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Coursey, Supervisor Gorin and Supervisor Gore) supported adding Rohnert Park to West County.

The current map proposed would move all of Rohnert Park into District 5, which encompasses the West County (Russian River and Coastal communities). Under this proposal, 48% of 5th District voters would reside inside Rohnert Park’s city limits. It would also move southwest Santa Rosa, including Roseland and Moorland, into District 3 which includes the bulk of downtown Santa Rosa.

DISCUSSION:
Although this process has been ongoing since February 2021, the deadline for new District maps is fast approaching. Maps must be adopted by December 15th. The Board of Supervisors will be meeting on November 29 at 11AM to attempt to finalize a map that will be formally noticed and adopted at a subsequent meeting.

As of the writing of this report, the Board of Supervisors meeting has not happened and the City does not know what the final map will look like. However, the current map as proposed has concerns for Sebastopol as well as the City of Rohnert Park. Rohnert Park has sent a formal letter addressing their concerns to the Board of Supervisors.

It is recommended that the Council review the map, provide comments, receive public input and authorizes the Mayor to draft and send a letter to the Supervisors based on Council comments at this meeting.

CITY COUNCIL AND/OR GENERAL PLAN GOALS:

Goal 5 - Provide Open and Responsive Municipal Government Leadership

5.3.3. Encourage and increase public awareness of City Policies, decisions, programs and all public processes and meetings, by investigating effective methods of communication and obtaining feedback from the community.

Goal 6 - Maintain a highly qualified Staff that works to provide services to serve and protect the residents, visitors and business of this community.

Action CHW 5c: Practice an open-door policy in City programs, and actively engage and encourage participation from all individuals regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, class, disability, sexual orientation, and gender.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost associated with this item tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is requesting City Council Authorize Mayor to send Letter to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Attachment:

Letter – City of Rohnert Park

November 10, 2021



City Council

Gerard Giudice
Mayor

Jackie Elward
Vice Mayor

Susan Hollingsworth Adams
Willy Linares
Pam Stafford
Councilmembers

Darrin Jenkins
City Manager

Don Schwartz
Assistant City Manager

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon
City Attorney

Sergio Rudin
Assistant City Attorney

Cindy Bagley
Director of Community Services

Nishil Bali
Finance Director

Vanessa Garrett
Director of Public Works

Sylvia Lopez Cuevas
City Clerk

Tim Mattos
Public Safety Director

Mary Grace Pawson
*Director of
Development Services*

Victoria Perrault
Human Resources Director

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Drive
Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Re: 2021 Redistricting – November 9, 2021 Maps

Honorable Supervisors,

On behalf of the Rohnert Park City Council, I submit this letter to again urge you to create and select a district boundary map that places the entirety of the City of Rohnert Park in Supervisorial District 3.

The Rohnert Park City Council reviewed the maps released on November 9, 2021, and concluded that additional work is needed. We asked our staff to provide two maps for your consideration. One map, generally follows current district boundaries with a change to include all of Rohnert Park in District 3 (Map 73519). To balance population it slightly modifies the boundaries of Districts 1, 2, and 5 which come together around Rohnert Park. The second map includes a more significant redrawing of the District 3 boundaries to include Roseland, Moorland, South Park, and Rohnert Park (Map 73407). Both maps are embraced by our council and address our very significant concerns with the maps posted on November 9. We encourage you to select one of them or direct your demographer to create a map along the lines of one of them for your adoption on December 7.

If for some reason, you are unable to include all of Rohnert Park in District 3 using a map similar to the ones attached, then the Rohnert Park City Council's preference is to keep the current supervisor boundaries as drawn in the 2011 redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued leadership. Please establish that all Rohnert Park residents be represented together with like communities of interest.

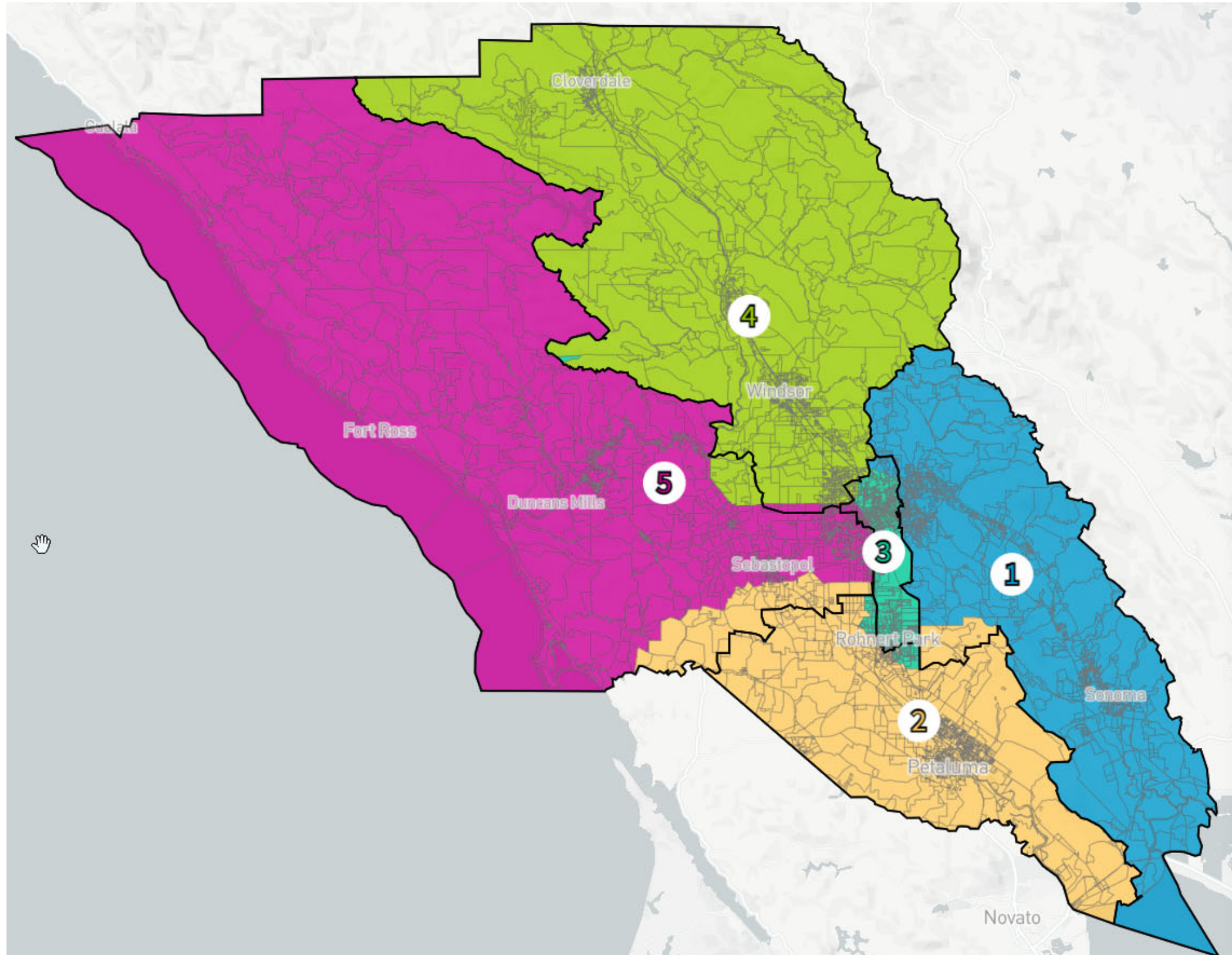
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerard Giudice".

Gerard Giudice, Mayor

Attachments: Maps: www.districtr.org/73519 and enlargement
www.districtr.org/73407 and enlargement

Cc: City Council



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Population Data Layers Evaluation

▶ Population by Race

▼ Voting Age Population by Race

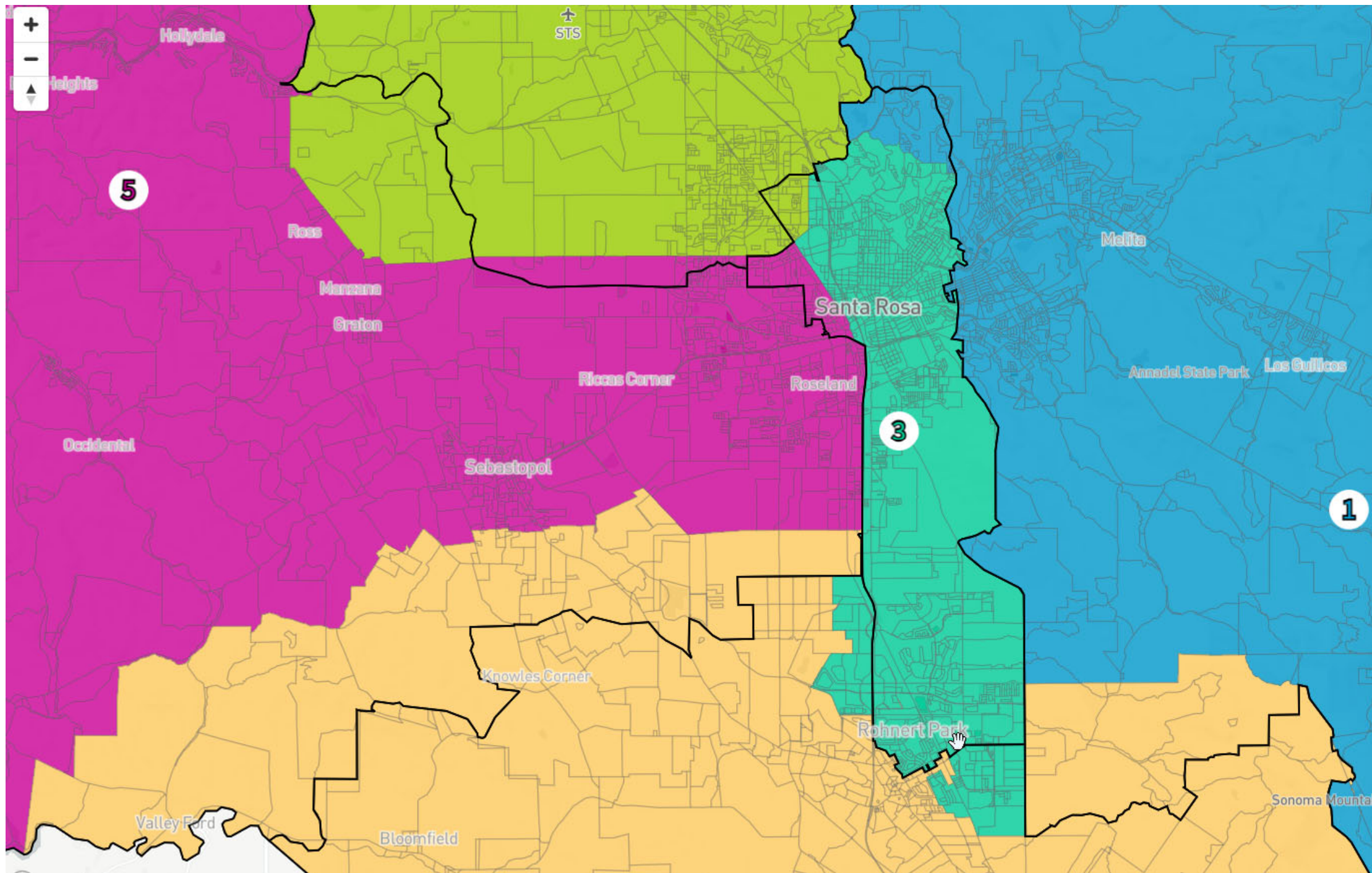
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	White	Hispanic	Asian
1	72.3%	17.8%	4.7%
2	70.4%	18.4%	5.4%
3	54.7%	28.6%	9.1%
4	59.9%	29.2%	4.7%
5	57.1%	30.5%	5.2%
Overall	62.8%	25%	5.8%

Map 73519

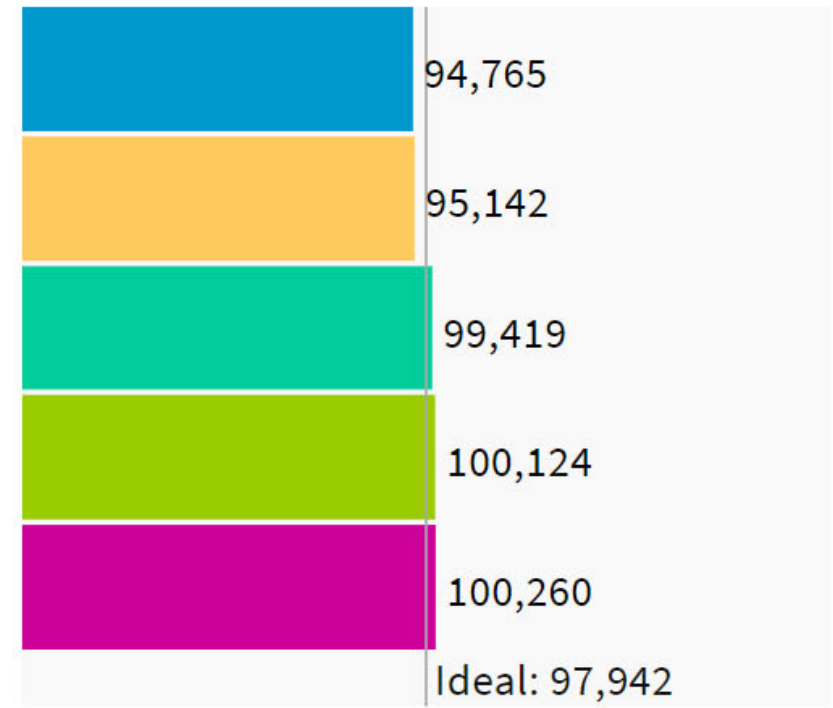


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Population | Data Layers | Evaluation

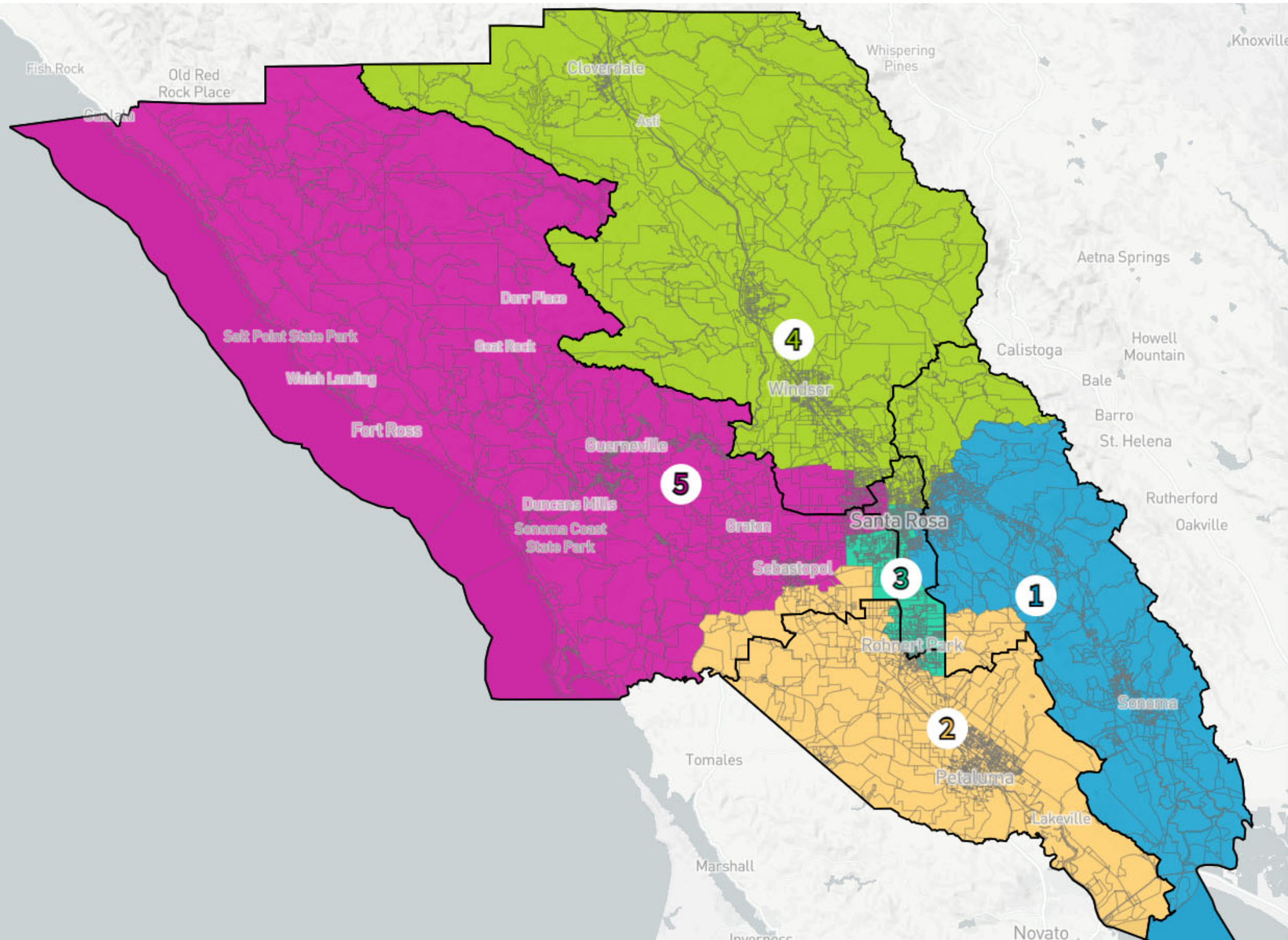
Population Balance

Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographics Corporation on 2020 Blocks.



UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 0
MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 3.24%
 Highlight unassigned units

Map 73519 Enlarged



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Population | Data Layers | **Evaluation**

▶ Population by Race

▼ Voting Age Population by Race

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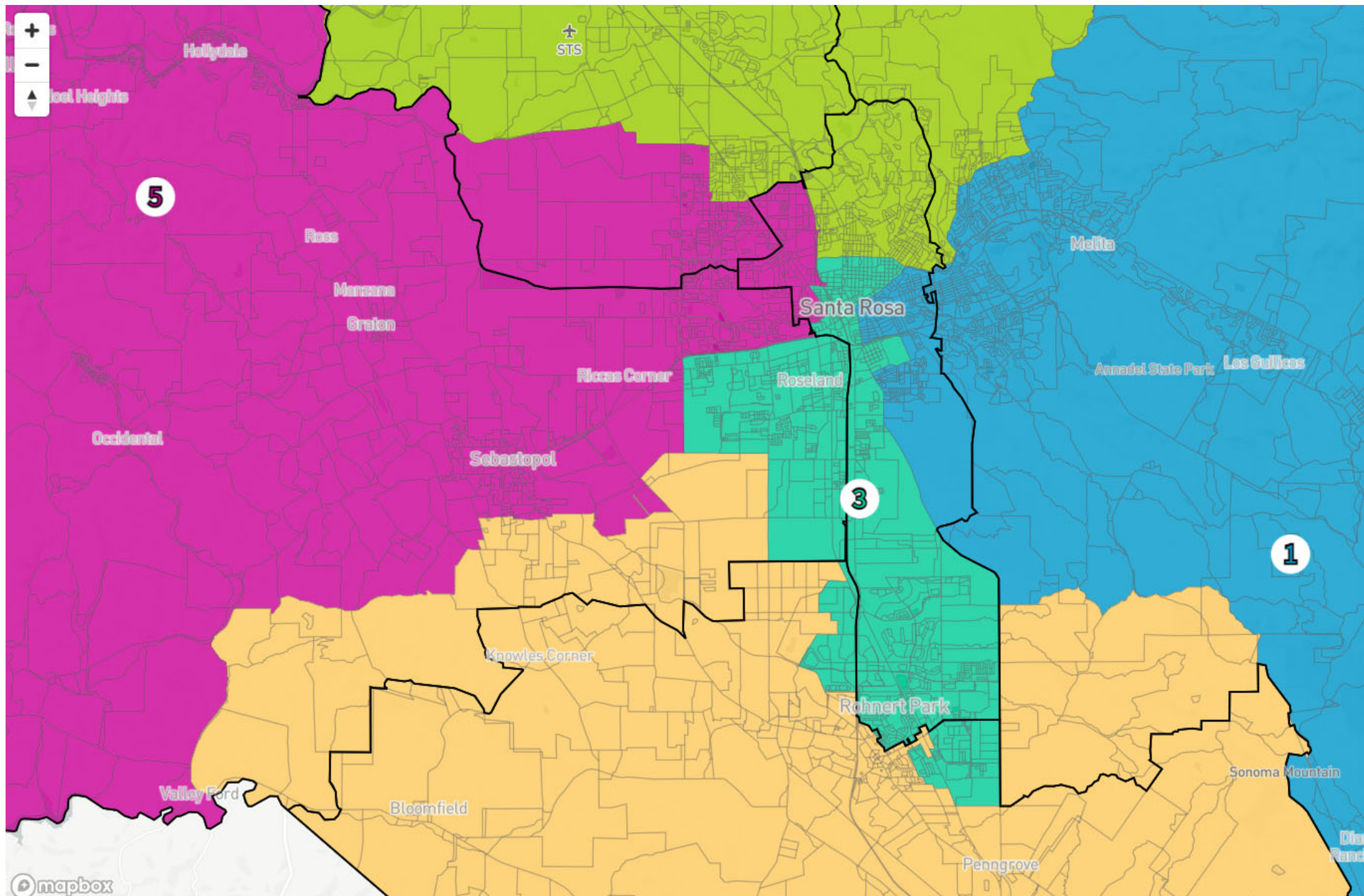
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	White	Hispanic	Asian
1	69.8%	19.6%	5.1%
2	70.4%	18.4%	5.4%
3	46.3%	36.7%	9.4%
4	64.8%	25.2%	4.1%
5	62.9%	25%	5%
Overall	62.8%	25%	5.8%

Map 73407

<https://www.mapbox.com>



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Population Data Layers Evaluation

Population Balance

① Uses 2020 Decennial Census population with processing by National Demographics Corporation on 2020 Blocks.

Blue	99,870
Orange	94,993
Green	101,653
Light Green	96,939
Purple	96,255
Ideal	97,942

UNASSIGNED POPULATION: 0

MAX. POPULATION DEVIATION: 3.79%

Highlight unassigned units

Map 73407 Enlarged