

NDC Comments on Plan Compliance with Requirements

At the Council’s request, NDC has reviewed the various draft districting maps and, based on our experience, below are the “tiers” as we would describe them related to each map’s compliance with the various legal requirements.

Relatively Safe

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| <p>Maps 101, 104, 113, 114, 115; (new) 101b, 103b 115b</p> | <p>Each of these maps follow neighborhoods while preserving a district where Latinos are 51% [map 101] or 45 to 49 percent of Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) [104, 113, 114, 115 and 103b], and Latinos in that district have a 15 to 31 percent CVAP advantage over the next-largest population group.</p> <p>Within this group, the larger the Latino CVAP advantage, the better, so probably safest are either Map 101 (51% Latino CVAP with a 30% advantage over the next-largest group), Map 101b (52% Latino with a 30% advantage), Map 114 at 49% Latino with a 31% advantage, or Map 103b at 48% Latino with a 27% advantage; followed by Map 113 at 45% with a 26% advantage, Maps 115 and 115b at 47% with a 19% advantage, and last would be Map 104 at 45% with a 15% advantage.</p> <p>Remember that there is a 2% to 4% “margin of error” in the CVAP data in all of the maps.</p> |
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Legally Risky

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| <p>Map 103 and 103c</p> | <p>A number of residents, and the current Latino on the Council, expressed support for Map 103. But with a most-Latino district that is only 38% Latino – and where the next-largest group is close behind at 33% -- NDC has concerns about whether this map would meet Federal Voting Rights Act concerns.</p> <p>To attempt to preserve the elements of this map that the residents like while also addressing the voting rights act concerns, NDC developed map 103b (see above, in the “Also Relatively Safe” group).</p> |
| <p>Map 102</p> | <p>This map has a majority-Latino district (52% Latino, with a 34% advantage over the next-largest group), but the edges of many districts, and in particular the majority-Latino District 1, have jagged edges with no explanations in the record – and they appear to be picking and choosing individual Census Blocks one by one depending on their Latino percentages, which exposes the map to a potential “racial gerrymander” challenge.</p> |
| <p>Map 107</p> | <p>This map has compact districts that generally follow neighborhood boundaries, but its most-Latino district is only 39% Latino by CVAP, though that does represent a 16% advantage over the other population CVAP numbers.</p> |

Not Legal Maps

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| Maps 108, 109, 110 and 112 | Partial maps with only one or two districts included. These districts could be incorporated into a citywide map, but on their own they are not legal maps. |
| Maps 105, 106 and 111 | These maps are not contiguous and thus violate the requirements of California's "Fair Maps" law. |

At the time of this writing, residents have submitted revised versions of 106 and 103. Those maps will be added to this report as soon as we have processed and analyzed them.