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# Memorandum

**Date:** 11/08/21  
**To:** Clerk of the Board  
**From:** Katrina Foley, Second District Supervisor  
**Contact:** Nick Anas, Chief of Staff  
**Re:** Comments on Redistricting Proposals 2, 4, and 5 – November 9, 2021 Meeting, #1

Supervisor Katrina Foley offered edits to Proposals 2 (2A) and 4 (4B). These revisions were based on consistent methodology and reflect input from the community. No revisions were submitted to Proposal 5.

**Both revised proposals submitted by Supervisor Foley meet the criteria for compliance with state and federal law**

1. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act by creating a Latino Minority Majority District in Central Orange County.
2. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 are contiguous.
3. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 are compact.
4. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 unite communities of interest more so than the originally proposed Maps 2 & 4.
5. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 reduce city splits unless required due to population size.
6. The amended proposals to Maps 2 & 4 are non-partisan and are not drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

For purposes of consistency the coastal based district is referred to as District 2 for all Proposals.

**Cities in all Three Board Approved Proposals for District 2**

Costa Mesa, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach

**Cities in Two of Three Board Approved Proposals for District 2**

Aliso Viejo, Huntington Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, and Laguna Woods

**Cities in One of Three Board Approved Proposals District 2**

Dana Point, Lake Forest, Tustin

## **Costa Mesa**

Costa Mesa should be united. In both Proposals 2 and 4, Costa Mesa is divided at Adams and Arlington Streets. In Proposal 2 the northern portion of Costa Mesa is within an API centered district. Coincidentally, in Proposal 4 the almost exact same portion of Costa Mesa is placed in the Central Orange County District.

The portion of Costa Mesa that is currently drawn into those proposals do not have a significant community of interest that would justify incorporation into either an API plurality or Latino majority district. This is reflected in the fact that Costa Mesa has not been divided in any independently drawn legislative or supervisorial districts in recent history. There are no City Council or School District boundaries that reflect the proposed split and in fact the split would further increase divisions due to dividing certain local city council and school board districts into two Supervisorial Districts.

Moreover, no independent redistricting commission has adopted legislative boundaries that partially or entirely place Costa Mesa and Santa Ana in the same district.

In developing an API plurality district, advocates of Proposal 2 should consider areas that bring together API and Latino communities, such as portions of Santa Ana, West of the Santa Ana River, or consider additional portions of the cities of Fullerton and La Habra.

In developing a Latino majority district, advocates of Proposal 4 should consider diverse regions in West Anaheim, portions of Orange, and portions of East Garden Grove.

Revisions to Proposals 2 and 4 confirm that uniting Costa Mesa has no legal impact. In fact, uniting Costa Mesa increases the API share of the population in Proposal 2 and strengthens the Latino vote in the Voting Rights Act District in Central Orange County in Proposal 4.

The City of Costa Mesa sent a letter to the County of Orange requesting that Costa Mesa remain united in one Supervisorial District.

## **Irvine**

The City of Irvine added over 95,000 new residents between 2010 – 2020. According to comments submitted by representatives of the Orange County Asian Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA), these new Irvine residents are fueled by immigrant communities that face similar needs of socioeconomically disadvantaged communities in Costa Mesa. Having a representative represent those respective communities in one district could be beneficial to serving those residents.

Comments submitted by representatives of the Marshallese community support combining the cities of Irvine and Costa Mesa. The Marshall Islanders first settled in Costa Mesa decades ago and recently expanded their families into Irvine. Bringing these communities of interest together in one district will benefit this community.

Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach share impacts of the County operated John Wayne Airport and would benefit from being in one district.

Additionally, the Irvine Ranch Conservancy shares open space land projects with Newport Beach and Irvine.

#### **Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, and Aliso Viejo**

The cities of Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, and Aliso Viejo historically share certain state and federal legislative districts with Newport Beach and Huntington Beach, including in today's independently drawn State Senate and Congressional districts.

Laguna Beach faces common coastal issues shared more so with Newport Beach and Huntington Beach more so than the other more southern coastal communities as most recently highlighted in the oil spill. Additionally, the primary transportation corridor into the City of Laguna Beach is the 133 Freeway which connects to Irvine, Newport Beach, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Woods, and Costa Mesa through the 73 Freeway.

Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, and Irvine are united by the Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park operated by OC Parks. This region would benefit from having one Supervisor represent the region.

#### **Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, and Dana Point**

The cities of Dana Point, Laguna Hills, and Laguna Niguel have traditionally remained intact in Supervisorial and Legislative Districts. The relationship with those, and other South County cities and the County of Orange is unique. They are, relatively, recently incorporated communities that contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Orange County Fire Authority for vital services.

The City of Laguna Niguel submitted a letter to the County of Orange requesting that communities including Laguna Niguel and other South Orange County cities remain together in the same Supervisorial District. These revisions keep most South County cities in one District.

#### **Attachment(s)**

Attachment A: Proposal 2 and Proposal 2A

Attachment B: Proposal 4 and Proposal 4B

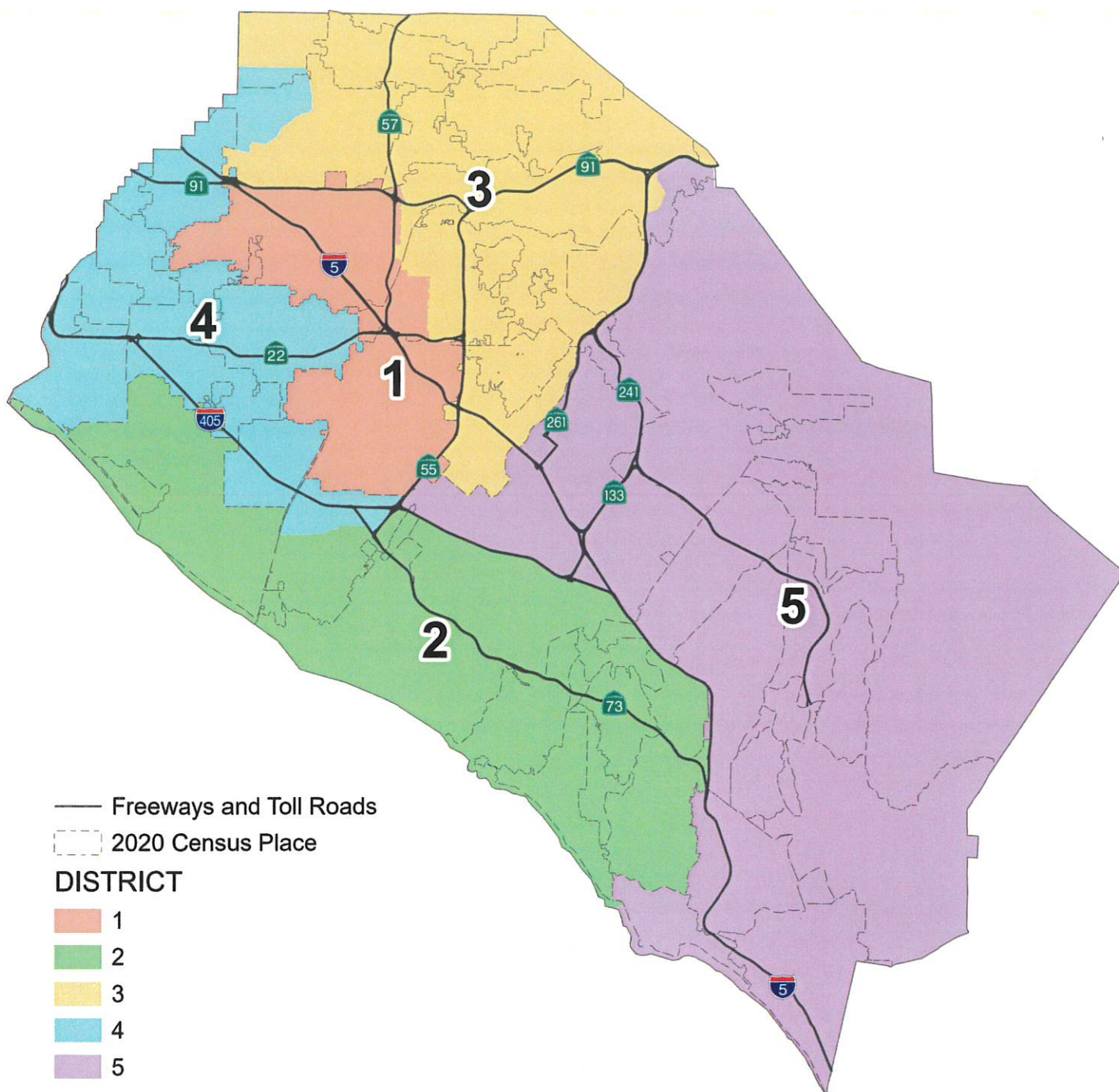
Attachment C: Proposal 5

Attachment D: Correspondence from the City of Costa Mesa

Attachment E: Correspondence from the City of Laguna Niguel

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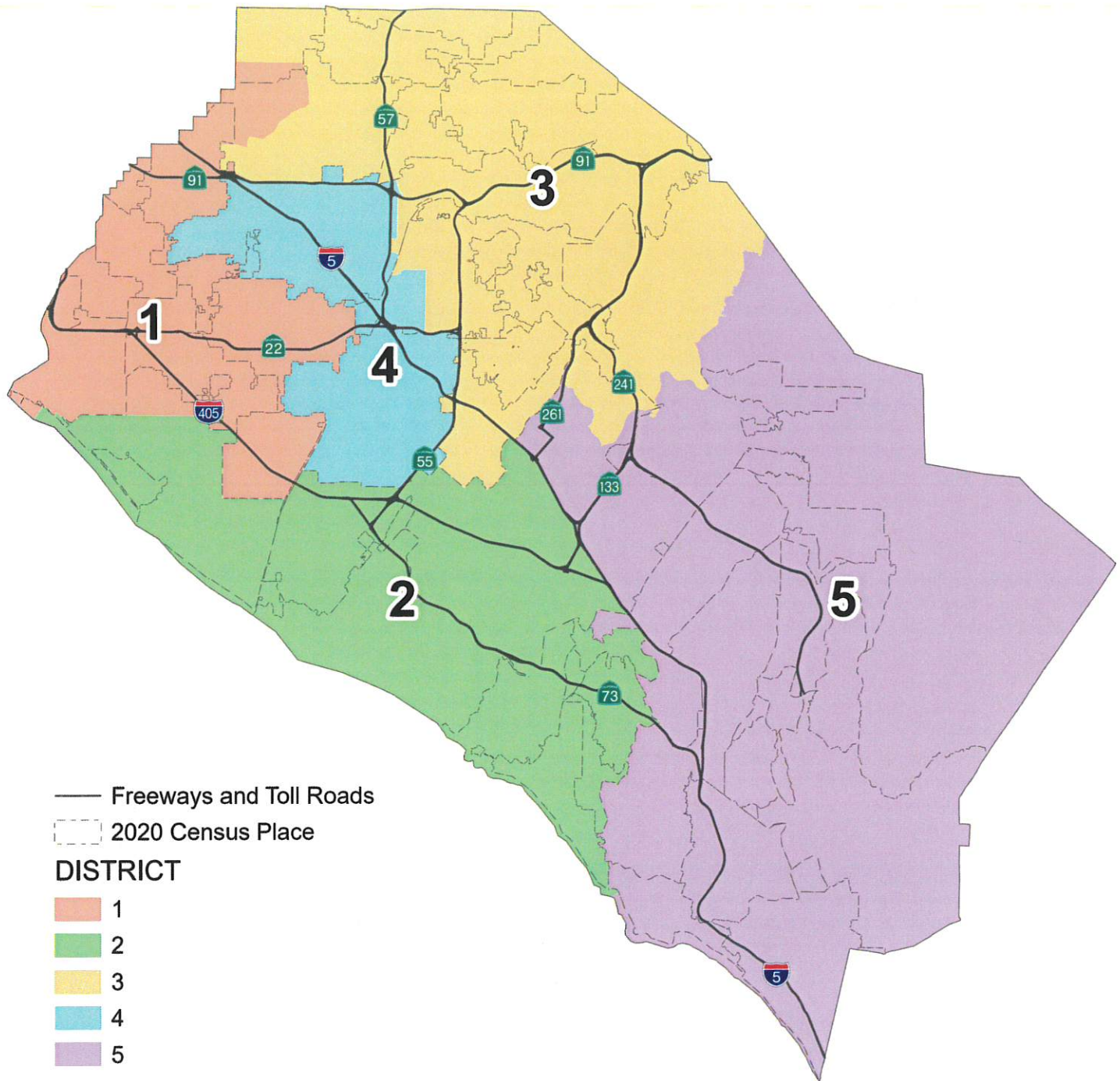
## Proposal 2 Map





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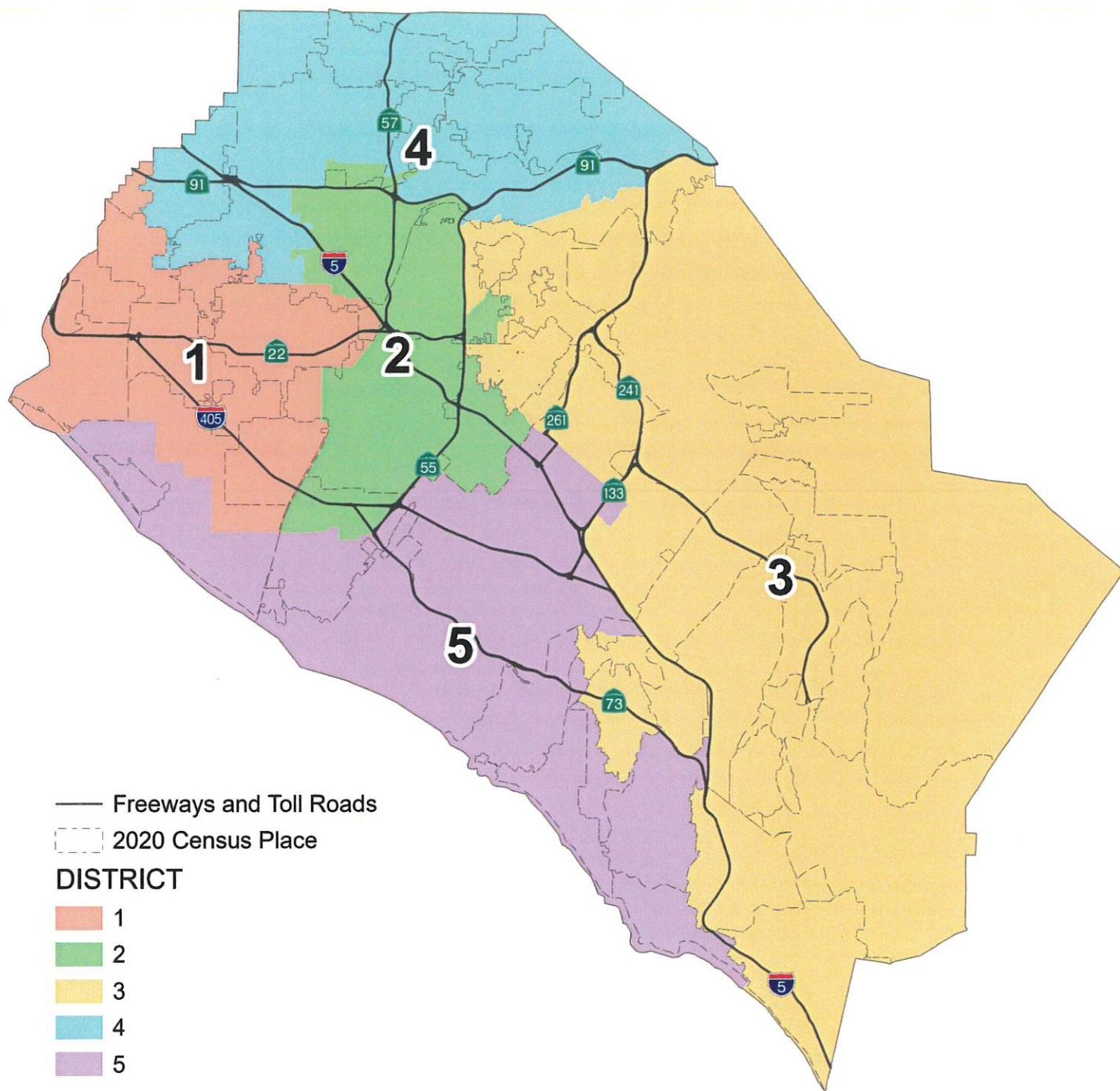
## Proposal 2A Map



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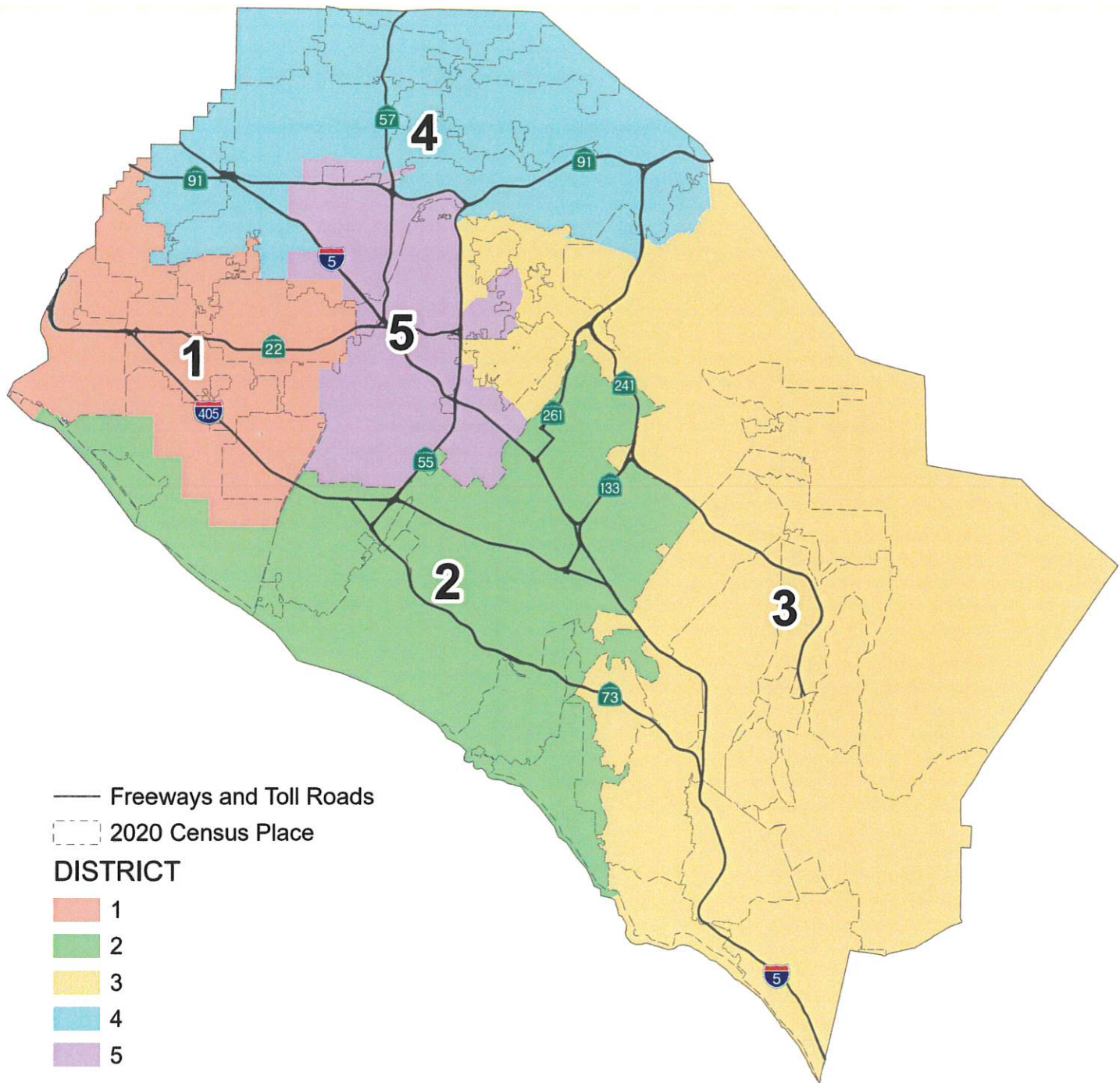
### Proposal 4 Map





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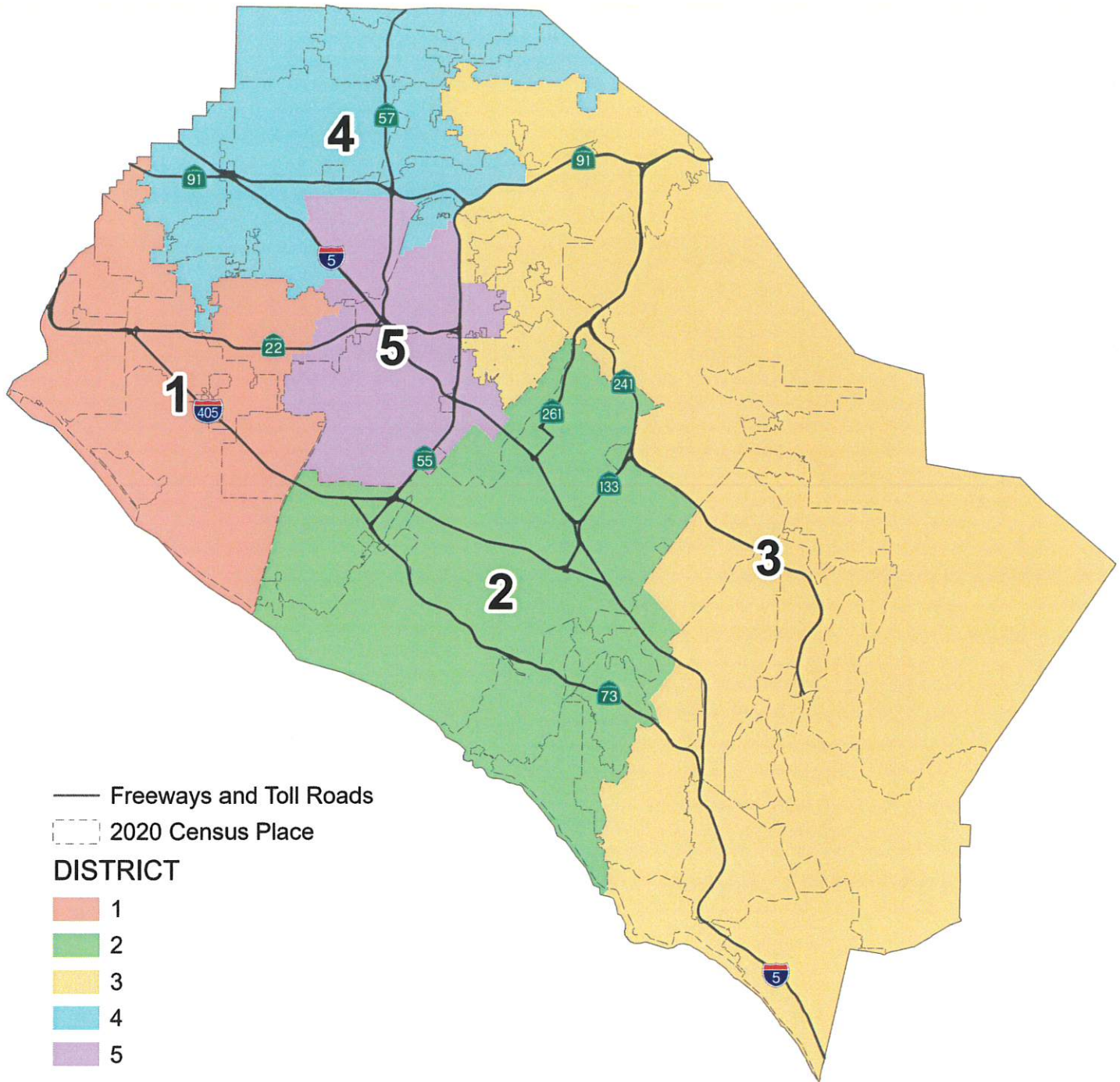
## Proposal 4B Map



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# County of Orange 2021 Redistricting

## Proposal 5 Map





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*From the Office of the City Council*

November 4, 2021

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RE: County of Orange Re-Districting Proposals

Dear Chairman Do and Orange County Board of Supervisors,

As the County of Orange considers various proposals for redistricting, I write to respectfully request that the County reject proposals that will split the City of Costa Mesa into two supervisorial districts and instead adopt lines that keep Costa Mesa in one district. It is imperative that our communities maintain fair representation within this process.

On the county's website, there are currently eight redistricting map proposals that have been submitted for the County's consideration. Proposals one, two, three, and four would divide the City of Costa Mesa into two different supervisorial districts, which would dramatically shift voters to different election year cycles. Not only will the division of our city lead to fragmentation, but it will make it more difficult to keep our community together.

MAYOR John Stephens <i>At Large</i>	COUNCIL MEMBER Don Harper <i>District 1</i>	COUNCIL MEMBER Loren Gameros <i>District 2</i>	MAYOR PRO TEM Andrea Marr <i>District 3</i>	COUNCIL MEMBER Manuel Chavez <i>District 4</i>	COUNCIL MEMBER Arlis Reynolds <i>District 5</i>	COUNCIL MEMBER Jeffrey Harlan <i>District 6</i>
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Keeping the City of Costa Mesa in one district will allow our county representatives to champion our issues, focus on funding priorities for our community, and provide a voice to our residents. To divide our city would be devastating to Costa Mesa.

According to the County's own redistricting criteria, it states that "...to the extent practicable, (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division, and (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division." I ask that you and your colleagues on the Board of Supervisors adhere to this criterion and adopt lines that keep Costa Mesa wholly in one district, as it is currently.

Also, Costa Mesa should be included in the same district as our coastal neighbors, Newport Beach and Huntington Beach, because we not only share a border, but with Newport Beach we share a school district and our border with Huntington Beach touches county property such as Talbert Park and multiple flood channels.

Our city is a strong community with common interests that will only benefit from being represented in whole. It is critical that as we look ahead to the next 10 years, cities are kept together so that we can continue to work collaboratively with our county partners without being divided amongst multiple districts. I look forward to working with you on this important issue to ensure a favorable outcome for the City of Costa Mesa.

Sincerely,



Andrea Marr  
Mayor Pro Tempore  
City of Costa Mesa

CC: Costa Mesa City Council  
Lori Ann Farrell Harrison, City Manager, City of Costa Mesa  
Kim Barlow, City Attorney, City of Costa Mesa



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November 2, 2021

Orange County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you because I recently had the chance to review the proposed redistricting maps, and I am very concerned that several of them plan to break up South Orange County into two or more districts.

The South County cities should remain together represented in the 5<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial District. As proposed, some maps, such as #2, keep most of South County together, but others leave Laguna Hills and Laguna Niguel out by moving them to the 2nd district. Proposed Map 4 has them in the 3rd District.

Please do not break up South Orange County, make sure that all of its 11 cities continue to stay in the 5th district.

Thank you very much for all of your hard work on the redistricting process and for always being mindful of the needs of the entire County.

Sincerely,

Fred Minagar  
Mayor

c: Laguna Niguel City Council