

ORDINANCE NO. 2506

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2.27.7 (CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ELECTIONS) OF THE REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING NEW CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH DISTRICT USING 2020 FEDERAL CENSUS DATA

WHEREAS, in March 2019, the City of Redwood City transitioned from at-large elections to district-based elections for the election of City Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a final district election map that was comprised of seven (7) districts; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with federal and state law, the City must undergo the redistricting process based on 2020 US Census demographic data; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2021, pursuant to California Election Code section 23001, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15946 establishing an Advisory Redistricting Committee (the “Committee”) to conduct a robust, community-focused redistricting effort; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, following extensive community engagements, workshops, map submissions and consideration of public testimony, the Committee recommended two maps for the City Council’s consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, in recommending the boundaries of the new council districts, considered (a) natural boundaries, street lines and/or City boundaries; (b) geography; (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory; and (d) community of interests within each district; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the Committee’s recommendation and the testimony and discussion during public hearings on December 20, 2021, January 24, 2022, and February 14, 2022 where the public was invited to provide input regarding the content of the maps drafted by the City’s demographer and maps submitted by the public that had been released and published at least seven (7) days before each meeting; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2022, following a lengthy and transparent public process that complied with the California FAIR MAPS Act (Elections Code Sections 21620 et seq.), the City Council held a final public hearing, reviewed additional public input, and formally selected a final map establishing new council districts, incorporated in, and set forth, in this Ordinance as Exhibit “A”, which was introduced for a first reading at the same regular meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY
HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Code Amendment. Section 2.27.7, Article I, Chapter 2 of the Redwood City Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the text shown in double underline (example) and deleting the text shown in ~~strikeout (example)~~, as provided below:

“2.27.7. **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ELECTIONS:**

A. Declaration of Purpose. The City Council hereby declares that the change of method of electing members of this Council hereby enacted is being made in furtherance of the California Voting Rights Act of 2001.

B. City Council Districts Established through Redistricting. Seven City Council districts are hereby established in the City of Redwood City. The boundaries and identifying number of each district shall be as described on the Council District Map as attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein;

C. Election of Members of the City Council by District.

1. Following the effective date of this Ordinance and upon the commencement of “by district” elections in the order established in Section 2.D of this Code, Members of the City Council shall be elected “by district” as defined in California Government Code Section 34871 or any successor statute. Any candidate for City Council must have been a resident and elector of the district in which he or she seeks election for at least thirty days before the time he or she files nominating papers or equivalent declaration of candidacy for such office, or such person’s appointment to fill a vacancy therein. No term of any Member of the City Council that commenced prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be affected by the adoption of this Ordinance.

2. Registered voters signing nomination papers or voting for a Member of the City Council shall be residents of the geographical area making up the district from which the Member is to be elected.

3. The terms of the office of each Member elected to the City Council shall remain four (4) years.

D. Commencement of District Elections with Newly Established Districts through Redistricting. Commencing on the general municipal election in ~~2020 and every four years thereafter, the voters in districts 1, 3, 4, and 7 shall elect Members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms. At the general municipal election in 2022 and every four years thereafter the voters in districts 2, 5, and 6 shall elect Members of the City Council by district for full four (4) year terms.~~ At the general municipal election in 2024

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The term of office of any council member who has been elected and whose term of office has not expired shall not be affected by any change in the boundaries of the district from which he or she was elected.”

Section 2. Technical Adjustments and Metes-and-Bounds. If necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Clerk is authorized to make technical adjustments to the district boundaries that do not substantively affect the populations in the districts, the eligibility of candidates, or the residence of elected officials within any district. The City Clerk shall consult with the City Manager and City Attorney concerning any technical adjustments deemed necessary and shall advise the City Council of any such adjustments required in the implementation of the districts. The City Clerk shall also direct the City’s demographer to provide a metes and bounds description of each district as shown on the map attached as Exhibit “A”, which shall be submitted to the City Council at its next regular meeting and kept on file in the City Clerk’s office for public review.

Section 3. Discrepancy. If there is any discrepancy between the description of a district set forth above in Section 1, the map attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, or the metes and bounds or equivalent description described in Section 2 above, the metes and bounds or equivalent description shall prevail.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall nonetheless remain in full force and effect. The Council of the City of Redwood City hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unenforceable.

Section 5. CEQA Determination. Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review as the adoption of this Ordinance does not qualify as a “project” pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), under Public Resource Code Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15320, 15378, and 15061(b) (3) as there is no possibility that such action would cause either a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment.

Section 6. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

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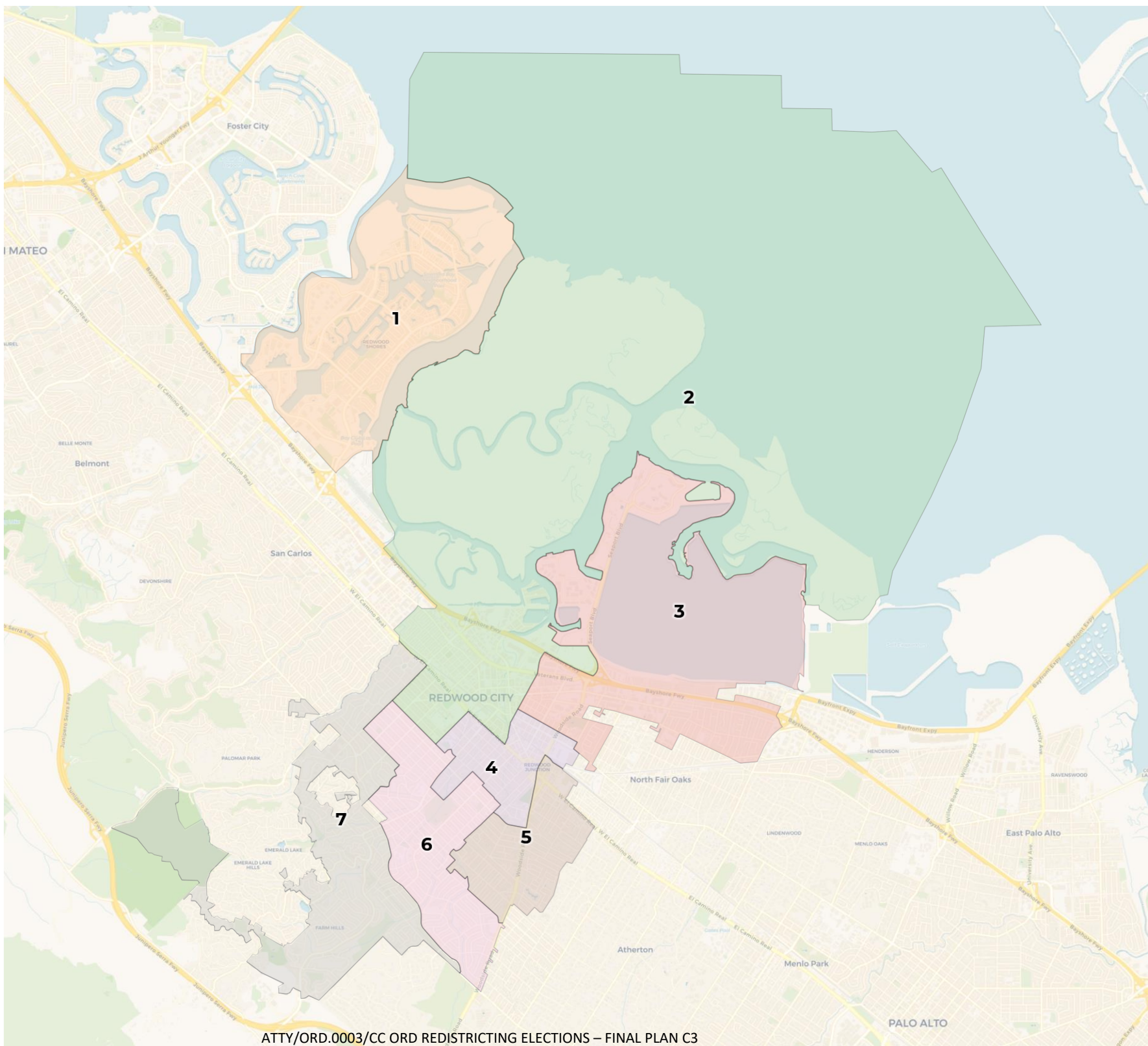
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Exhibit A

City of Redwood City

Final Plan

**REDISTRICTING
PARTNERS**



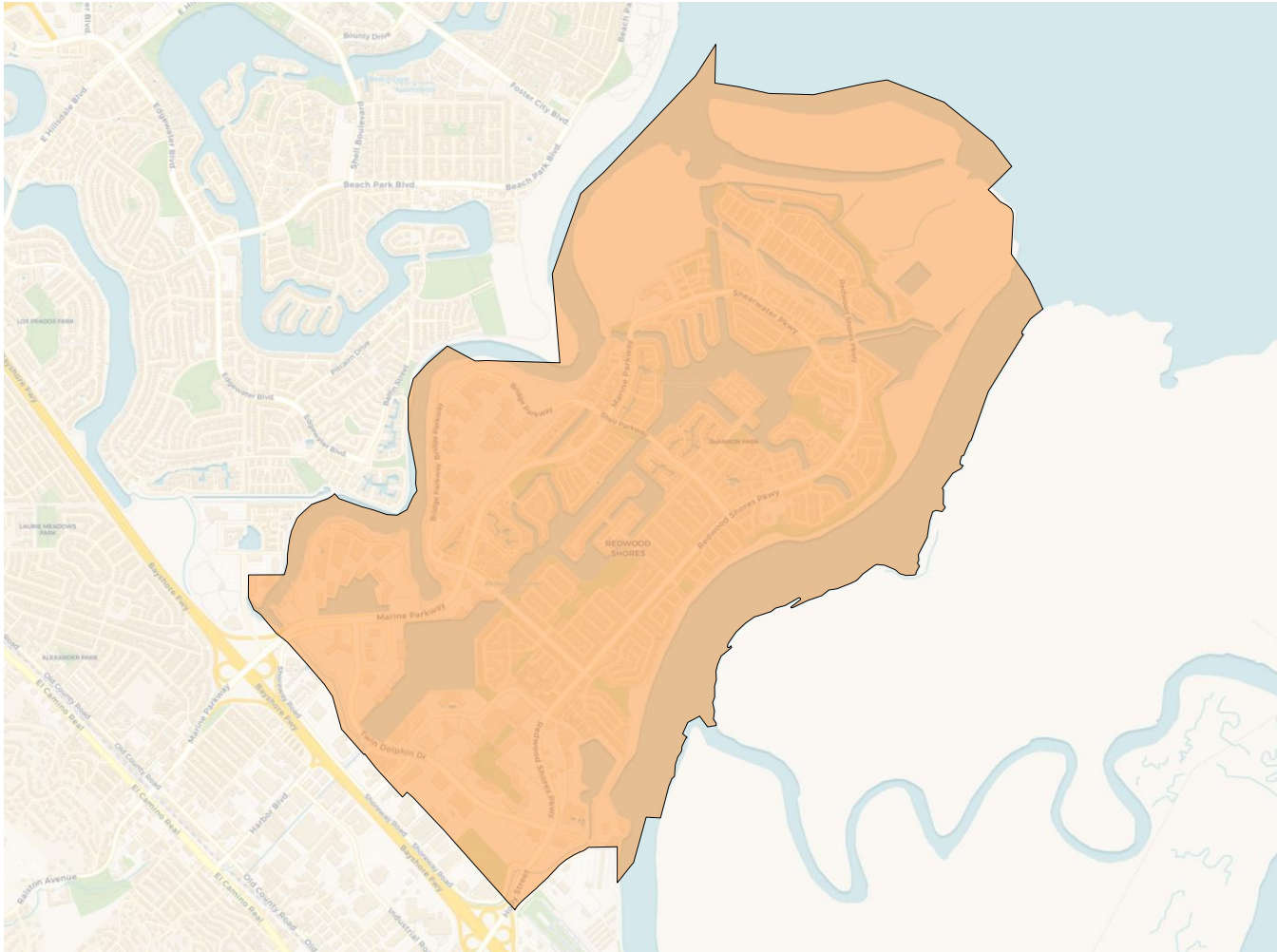
2020 Census

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Population	12,796	11,870	12,267	11,638	12,160	11,857	11,835
Deviation	736	-190	207	-422	100	-203	-225
Deviation %	6.1%	-1.6%	1.7%	-3.5%	0.8%	-1.7%	-1.9%
Other	6,083	5,638	2,862	2,873	5,699	7,803	8,366
Other %	47.5%	47.5%	23.3%	24.7%	46.9%	65.8%	70.7%
Latino	995	3,460	8,386	7,750	4,843	2,875	1,862
Latino %	7.8%	29.1%	68.4%	66.6%	39.8%	24.2%	15.7%
Asian	5,547	2,413	813	827	1,355	1,075	1,493
Asian %	43.3%	20.3%	6.6%	7.1%	11.1%	9.1%	12.6%
Black	171	359	206	188	263	104	114
Black %	1.3%	3.0%	1.7%	1.6%	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%

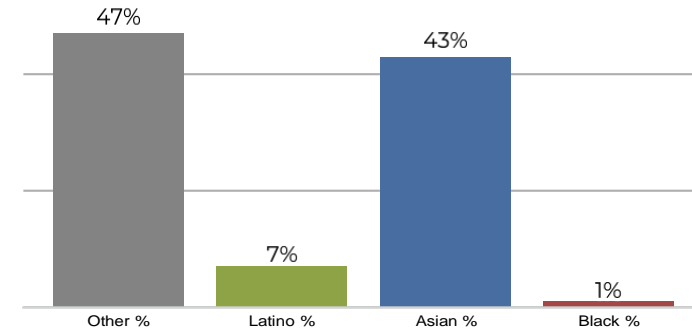
Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Total CVAP	7,710	5,494	6,623	5,246	7,833	8,654	8,476
Other CVAP	3,975	3,398	2,314	1,970	4,959	6,150	6,795
Other CVAP %	51.6%	61.9%	34.9%	37.6%	63.3%	71.1%	80.2%
Latino CVAP	595	1,275	3,377	2,701	1,667	1,993	866
Latino CVAP %	7.7%	23.2%	51.0%	51.5%	21.3%	23.0%	10.2%
Asian CVAP	2,890	620	684	364	956	464	785
Asian CVAP %	37.5%	11.3%	10.3%	6.9%	12.2%	5.4%	9.3%
Black CVAP	250	200	248	210	251	47	31
Black CVAP %	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	4.0%	3.2%	0.5%	0.4%

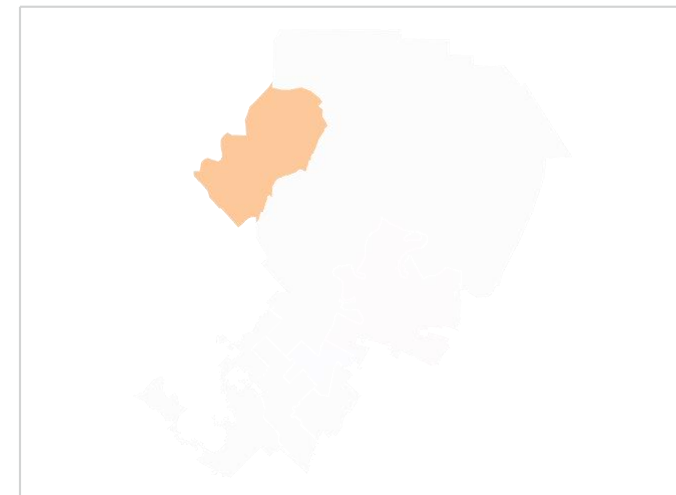
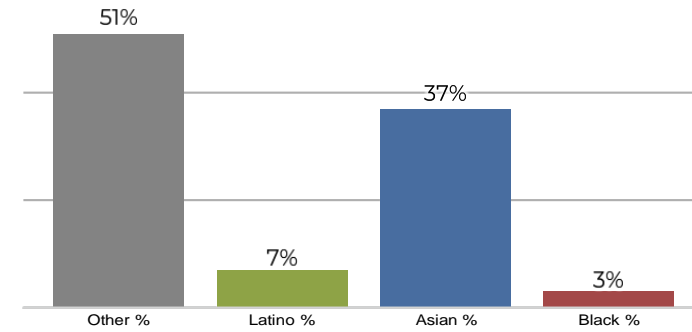
District 1



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Citizen Voting Age Population

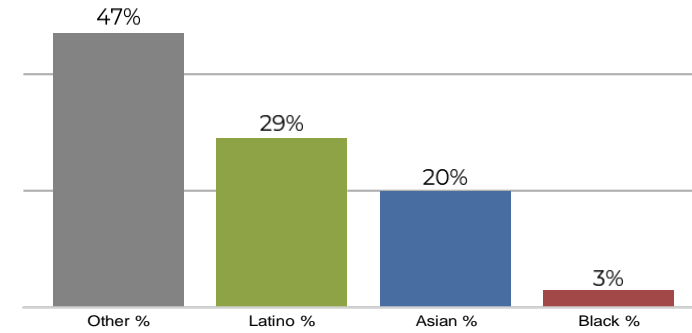


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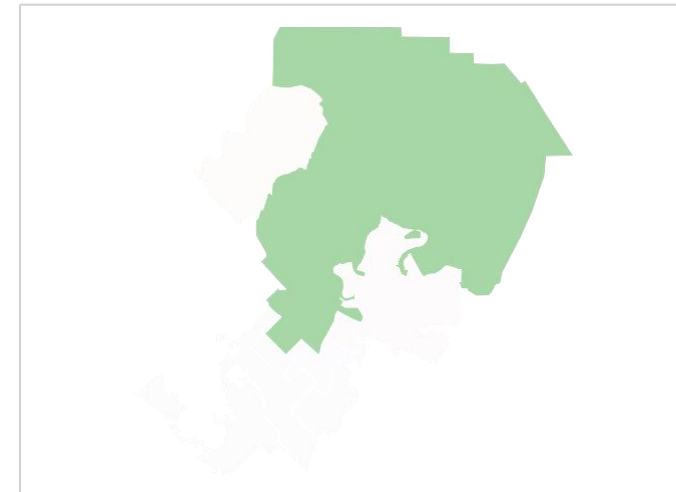
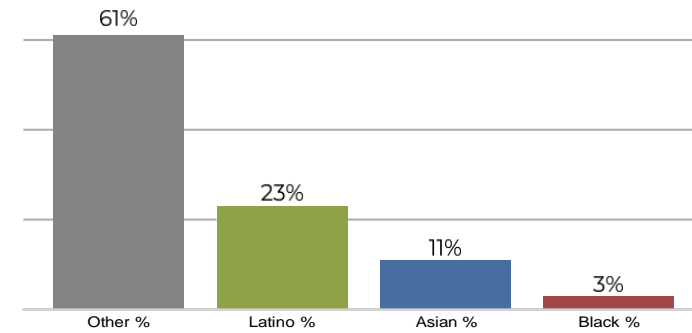
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Citizen Voting Age Population

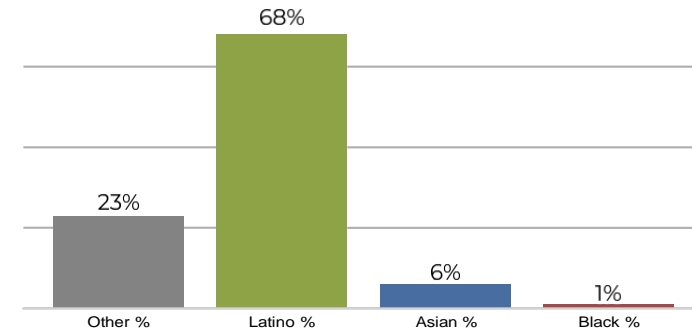


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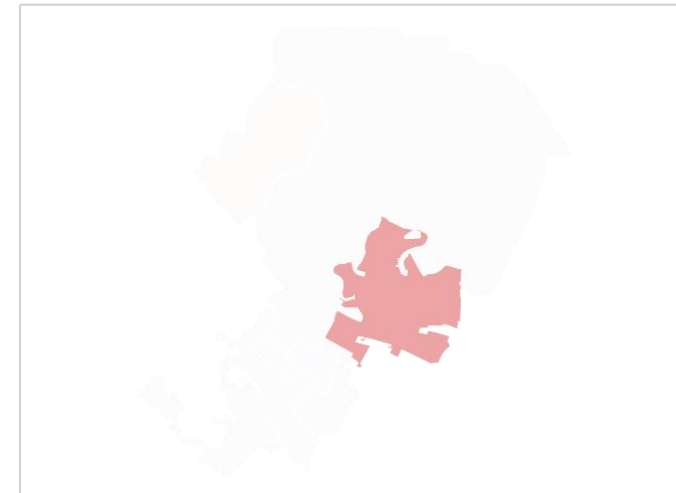
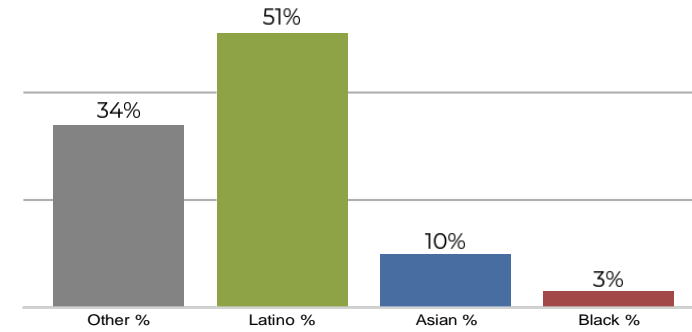
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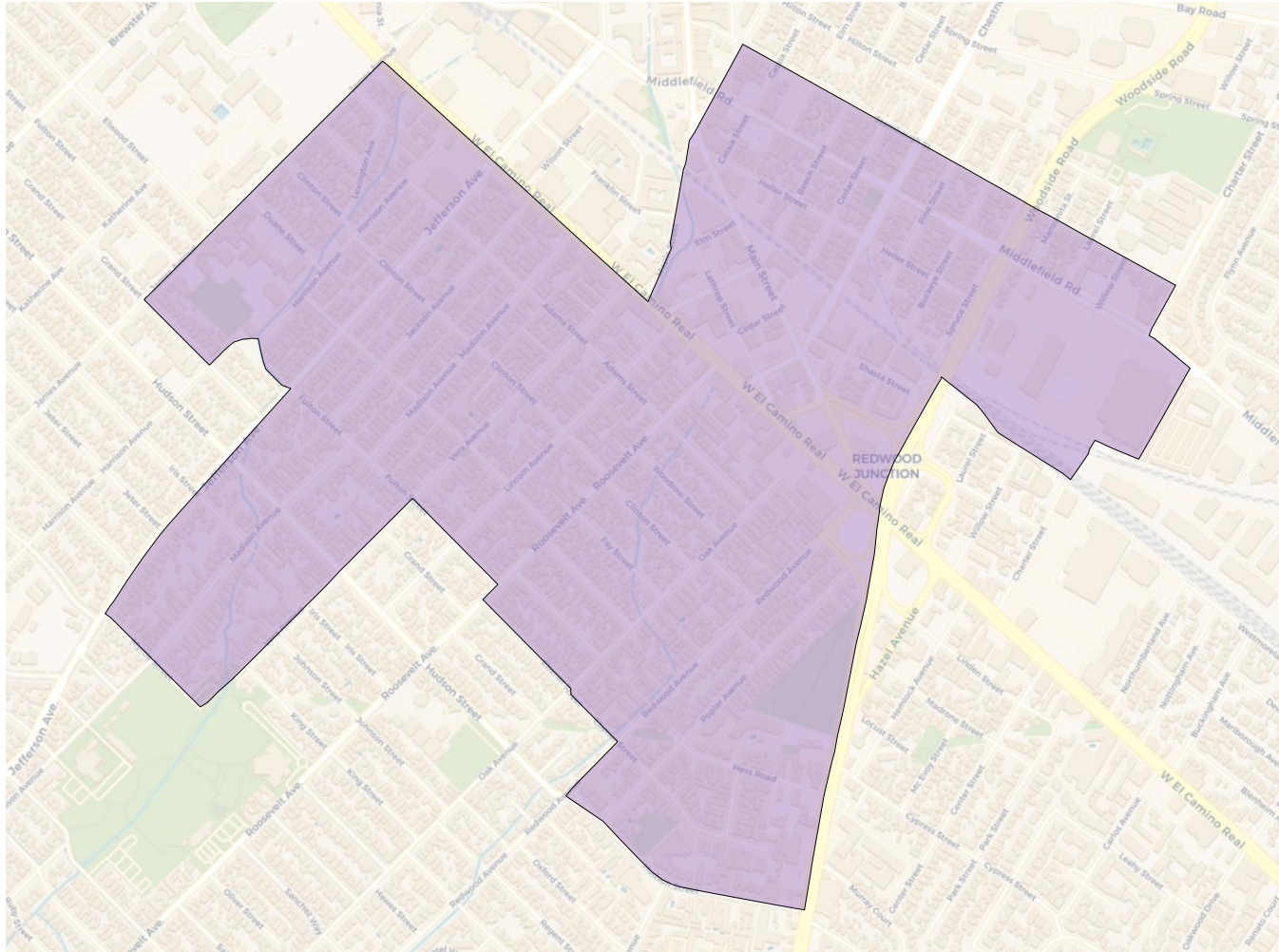


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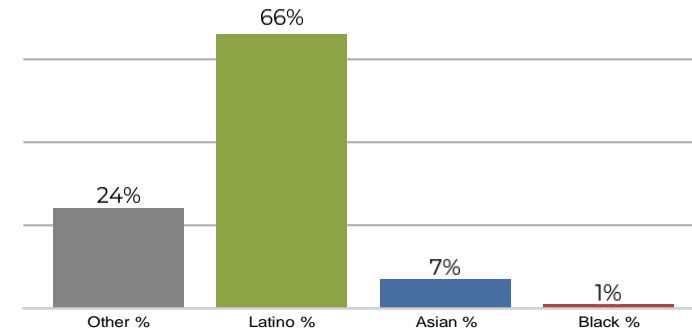


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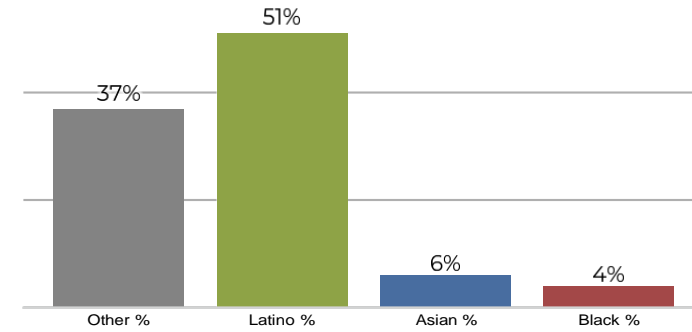
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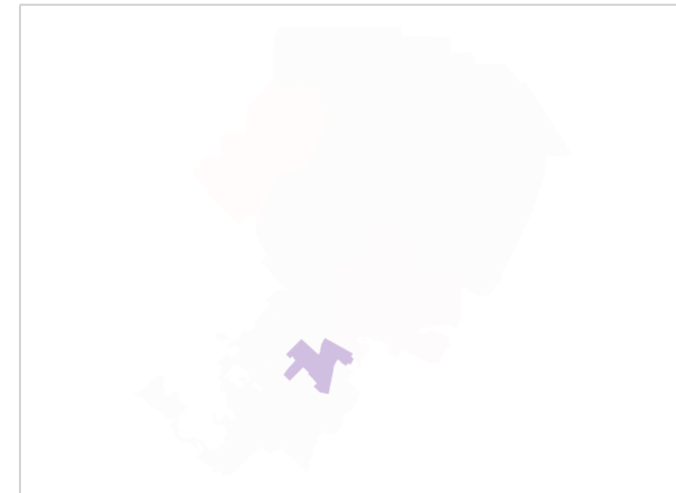
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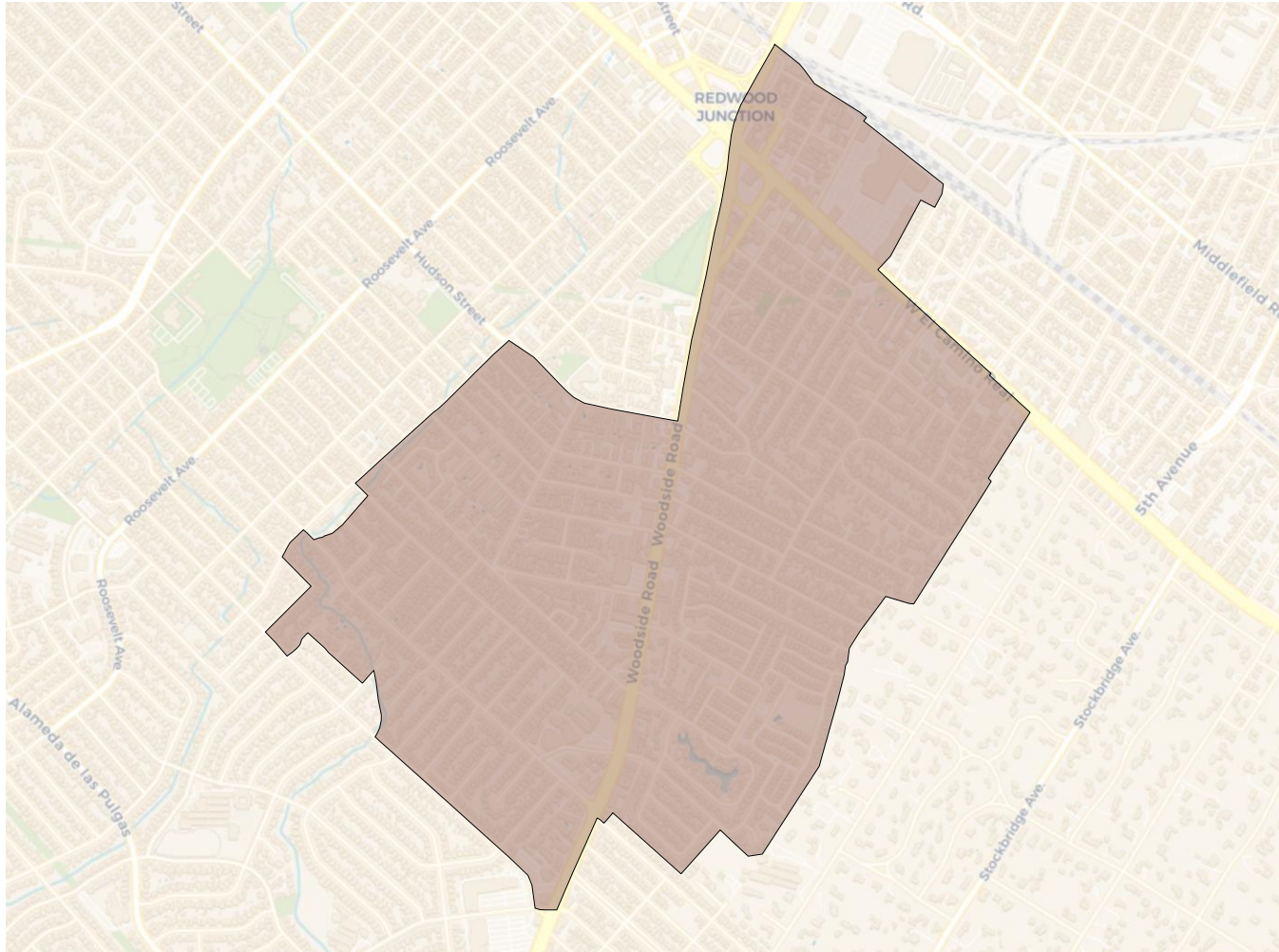
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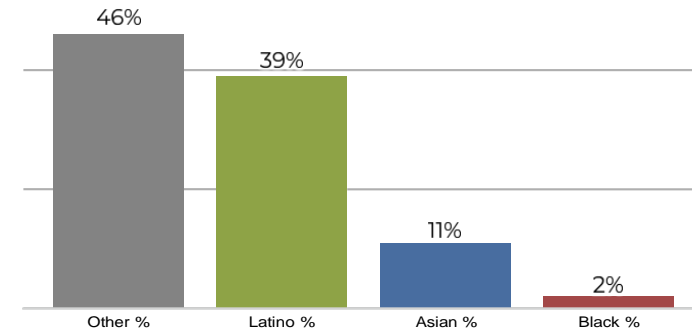
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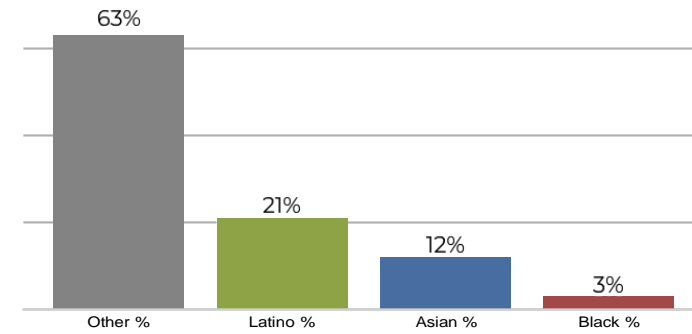
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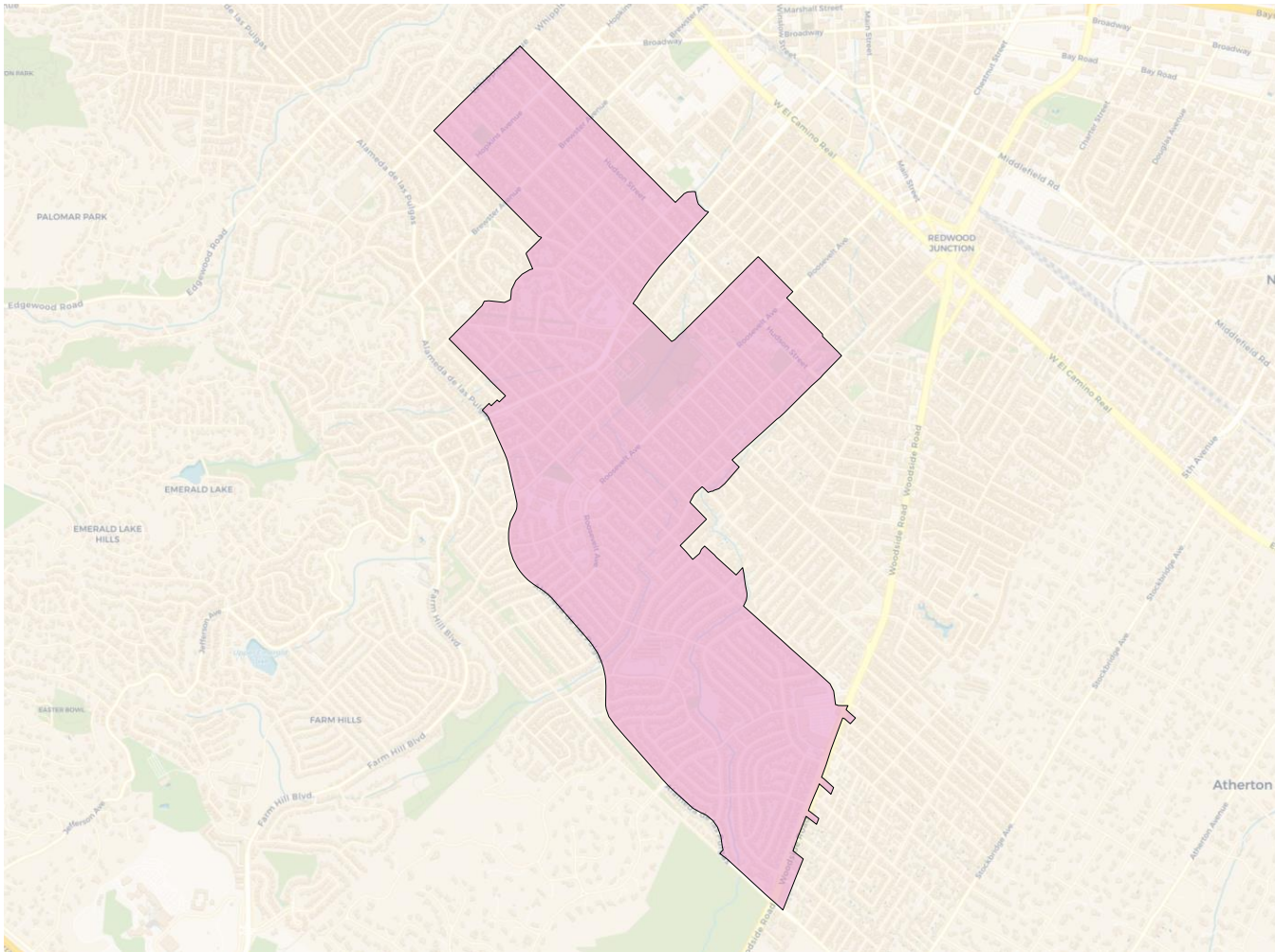


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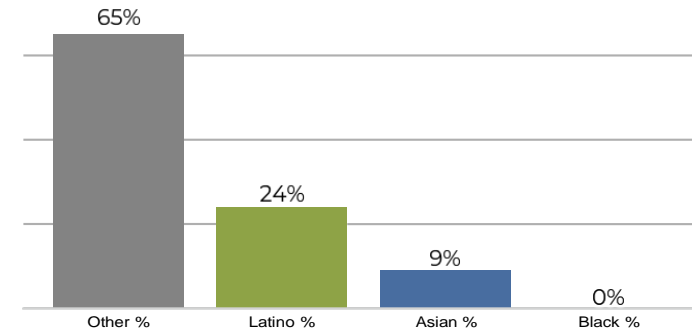


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12,160	100	0.8%	5,699	46.9%	4,843	39.8%	1,355	11.1%	263	2.2%
Total CVAP	Other CVAP	Other CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
7,833	4,959	63.3%	1,667	21.3%	956	12.2%	251	3.2%		

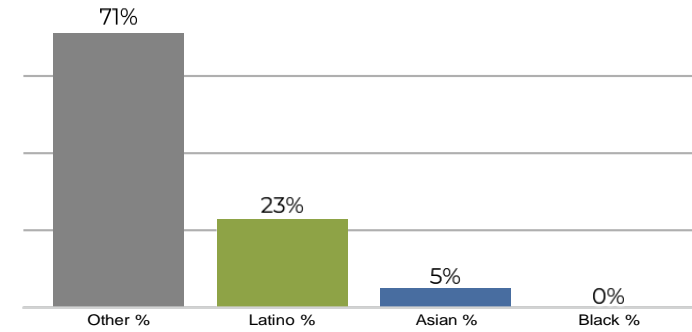
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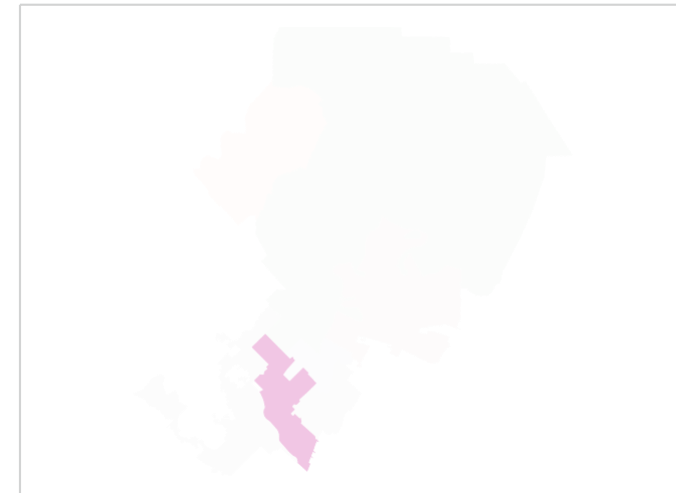
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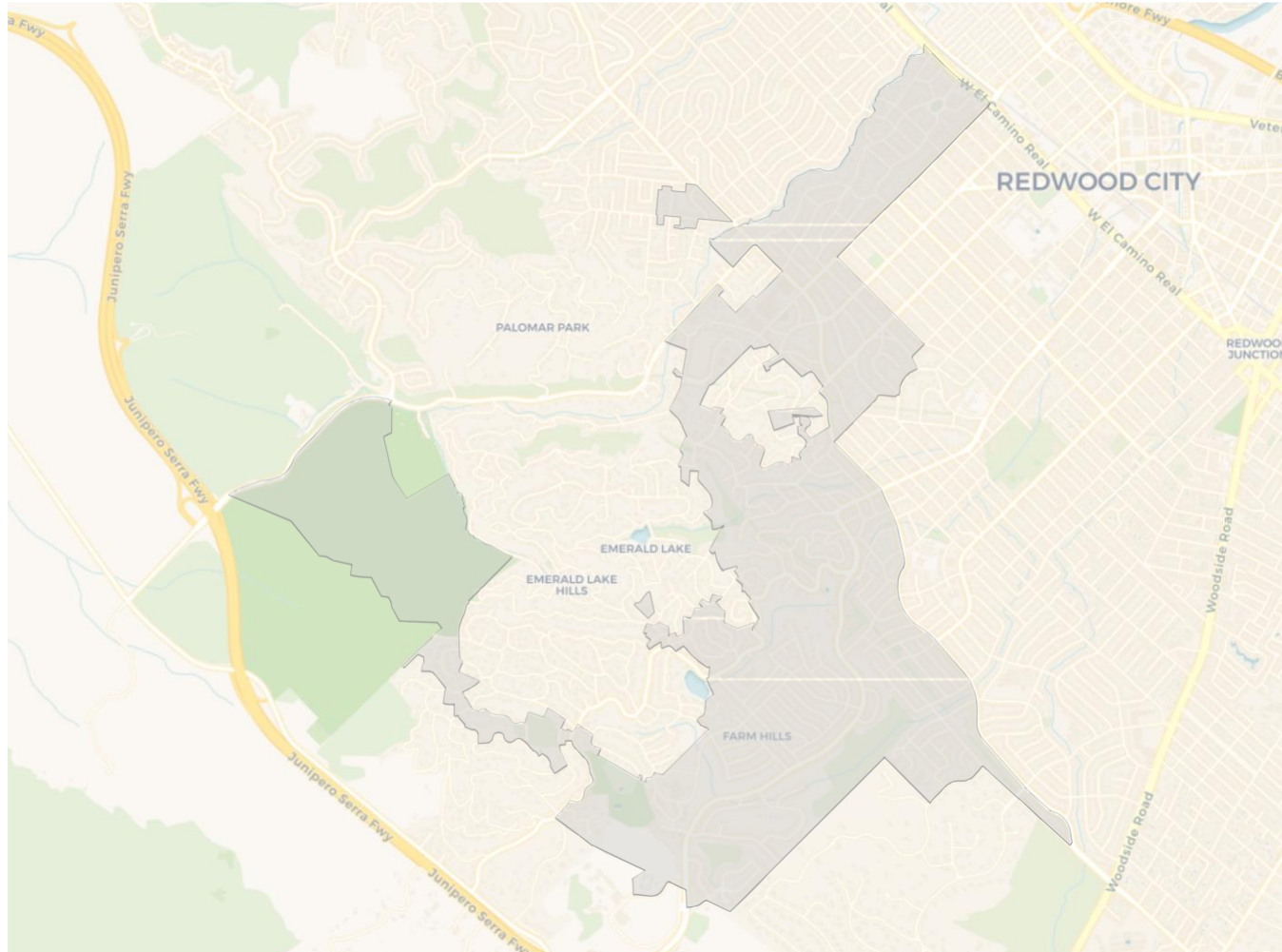
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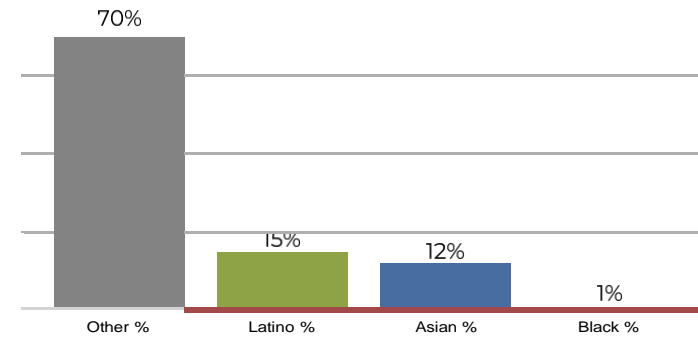
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11,857	-203	-1.7%	7,803	65.8%	2,875	24.2%	1,075	9.1%	104	0.9%
Total CVAP	Other CVAP	Other CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
8,654	6,150	71.1%	1,993	23.0%	464	5.4%	47	0.5%		



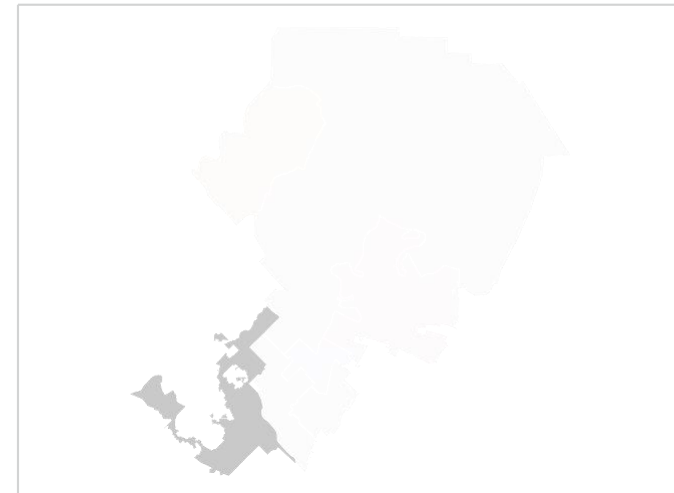
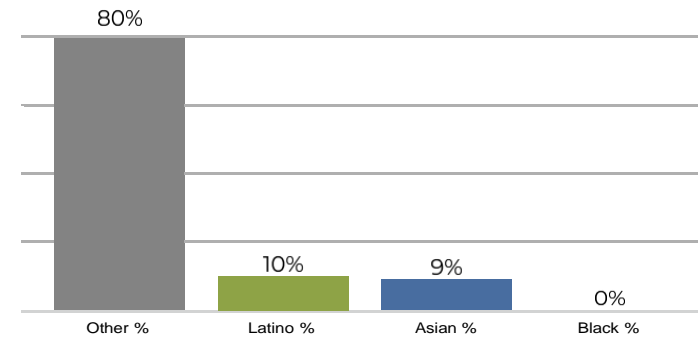
District 7



2020 Census



Citizen Voting Age Population



Population	Deviation	Deviation %	Other	Other %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
11,835	-225	-1.9%	8,366	70.7%	1,862	15.7%	1,493	12.6%	114	1.0%
Total CVAP	Other CVAP	Other CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
8,476	6,795	80.2%	866	10.2%	785	9.3%	31	0.4%		

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At a Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing
Authority Meeting thereof held on the 28th day of February 2022 by the following
votes:

AYES, and in favor of the passage and adoption of the foregoing ordinance:

AYES: Aguirre, Espinoza-Garnica, Gee, Hale and Smith

NOES: Howard, Reddy

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance
this 1st day of March 2022.



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City