



# City of Albuquerque Redistricting Committee: Committee Rules and Procedures



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# Timeline



**July 1, 2022** – Deadline to submit recommendations to City Council

## Suggested Meeting Schedule

March	April	May	June
March 9 March 23	April 6 April 27	May 4 May 18 (as needed)	June 8 June 29 (as needed)



Meetings shall comply with the Open Meetings Act – Agendas posted three days prior to meeting



CABQ Redistricting Website: [www.cabq.gov/2022redistricting](http://www.cabq.gov/2022redistricting)

# Committee Composition & Voting Procedures

9 Members    9 Alternates



Alternates may participate in all meetings of the Committee



BUT may not vote unless the Committee member is absent at the time of the vote

# Committee Composition & Voting Procedures

**Adoption of  
regular motions:**



Majority of  
members present

**Adoption of final  
recommendations  
to City Council:**



Majority of all  
members  
(at least 5 of 9)

# Committee Composition & Voting Procedures

The Committee's final recommendations may include **one or more** maps for the City Council to consider





# City of Albuquerque Redistricting Committee: Redistricting Basics



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# Redistricting Background

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Constitutional requirement after  
Census Bureau completes their  
count

Ensures one person, one vote





# Principles of Redistricting

Equal Population

Minority Voting  
Rights

Contiguity

Compactness

Communities of  
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# Equal Population

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 Ideal District  
Population

 Allowable Population  
Deviation

 Total city population  
Number of Districts

+/- 5%



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What does it mean?

Non-dilution of voting strength

Opportunity to elect a candidate of choice

No packing/cracking



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Who does it cover?

Ethnic/language minorities (VRA)

Must meet *Gingles* factors

*Thornburg v. Gingles, 478 U.S. 30 (1986)*

- Compact and large enough to reach majority
- Politically cohesive
- Bloc voting by white population



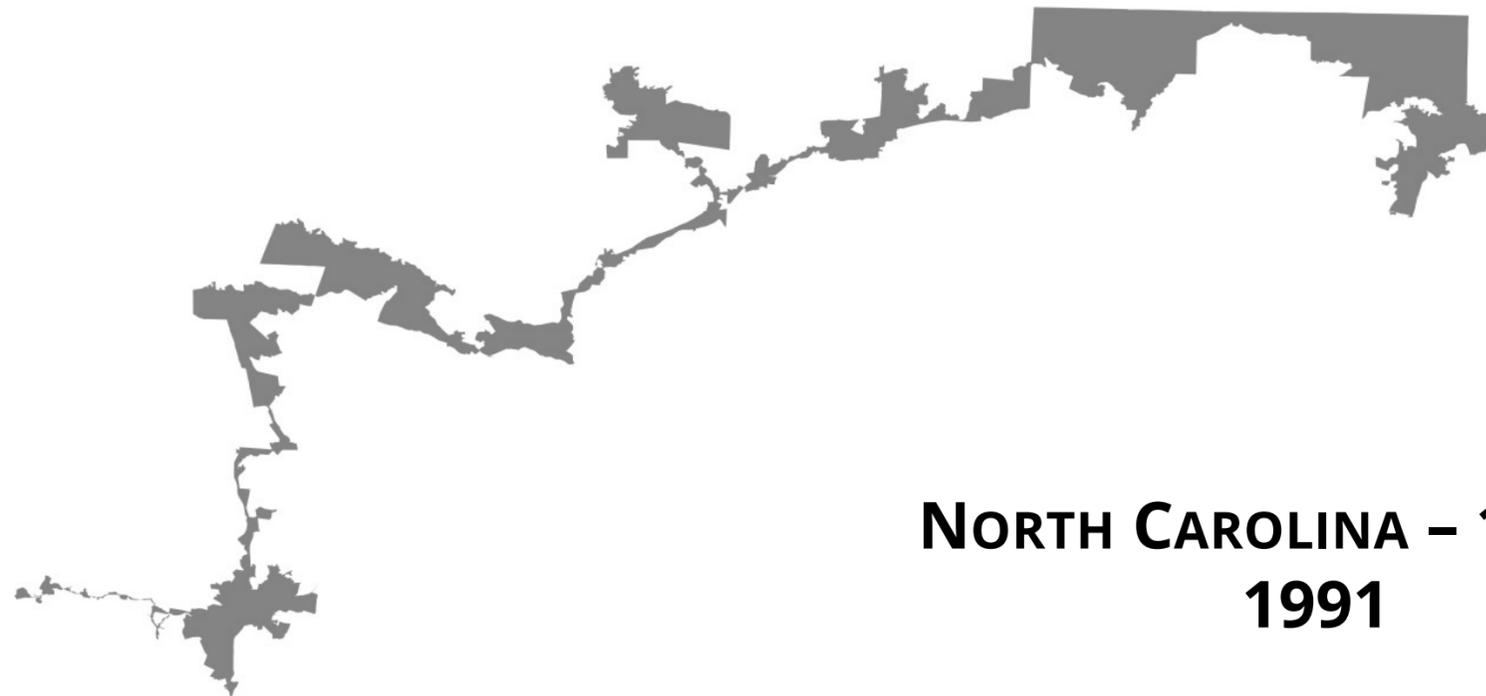
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Any caveats?

Prohibition on race as predominant factor



**NORTH CAROLINA – 12<sup>TH</sup> CD  
1991**



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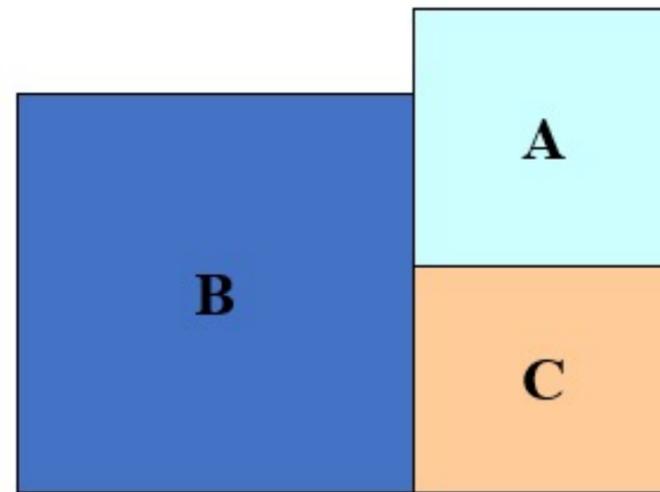
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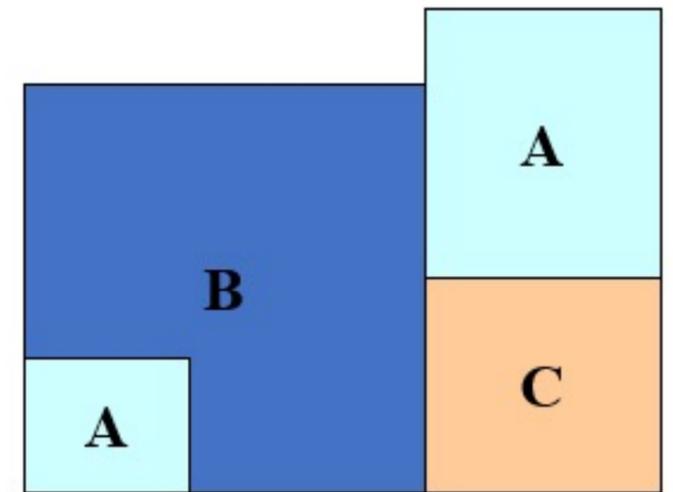
# Contiguity

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All parts of the district  
are connected



Contiguous



Not Contiguous



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# Compactness

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NM - CD3  
1991

How a district is  
distributed around its  
center

You know it when you  
see it



TX - CD18  
1991



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# Communities of Interest

A group/area with shared characteristics

e.g. neighborhoods, language, history, economics, lived experiences





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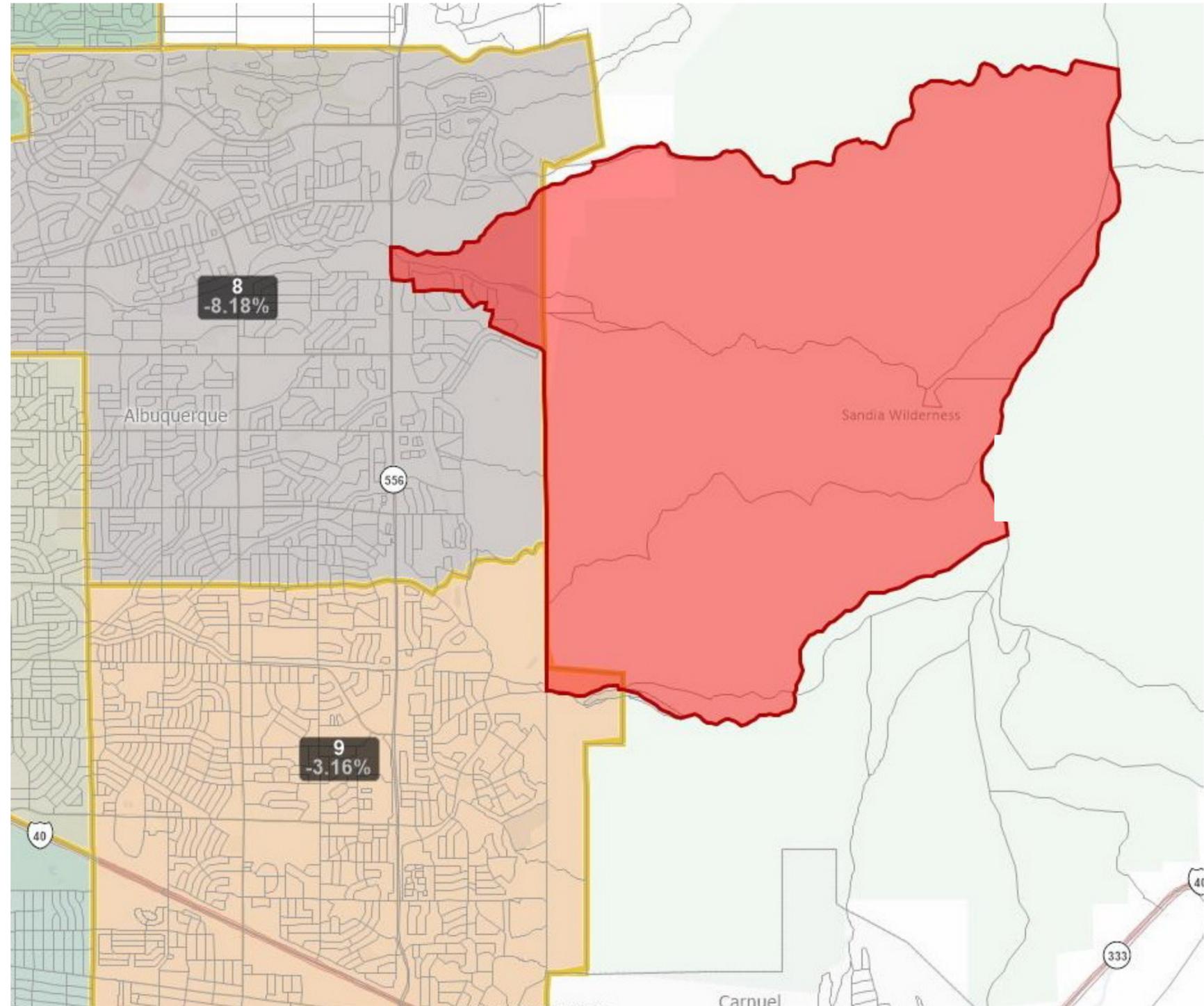
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*Subordinate to required districting principles*

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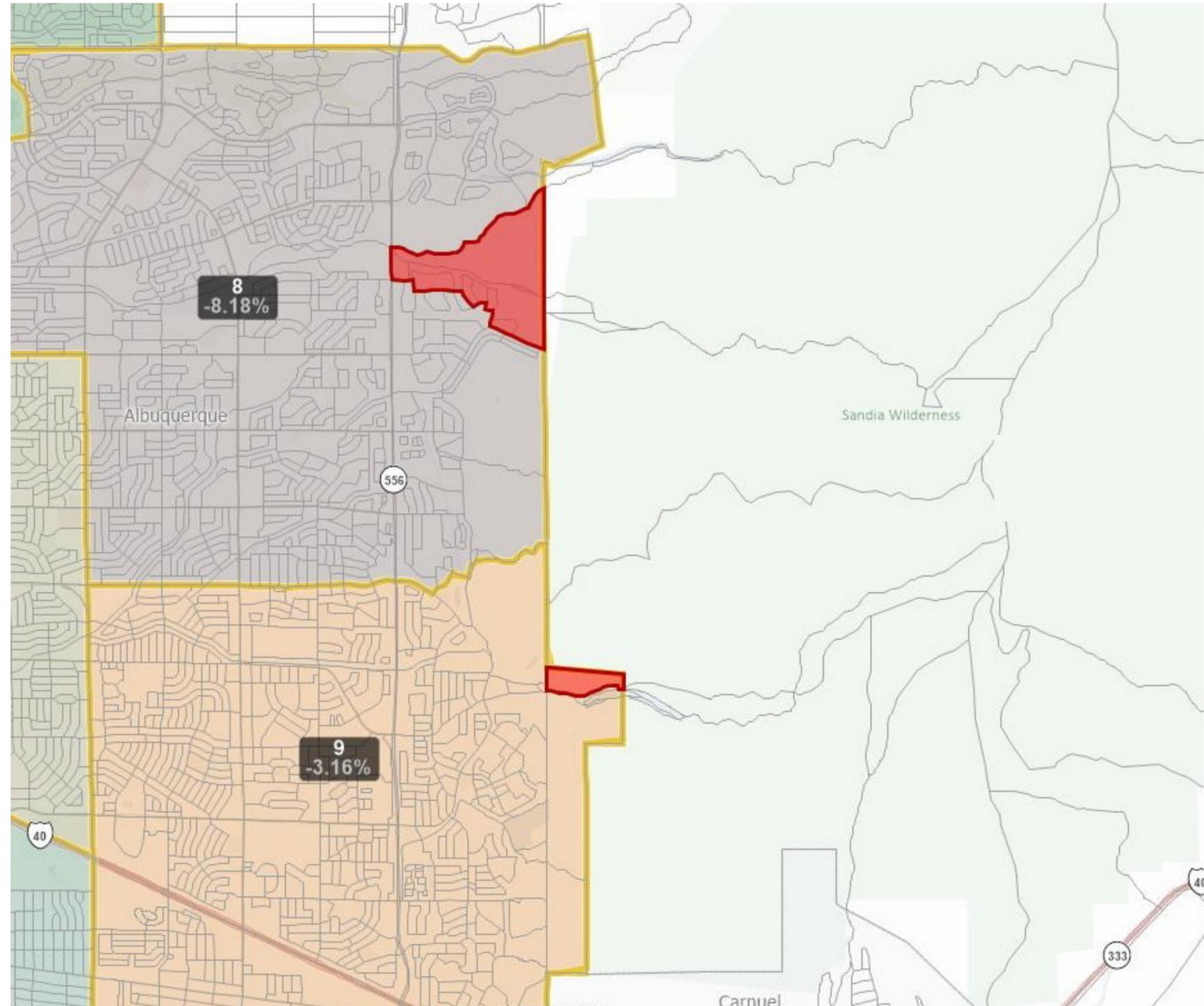
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## Districts shall not:

- 📍 Use partisan election data or registration data in designing plans

# City of Albuquerque Population Changes

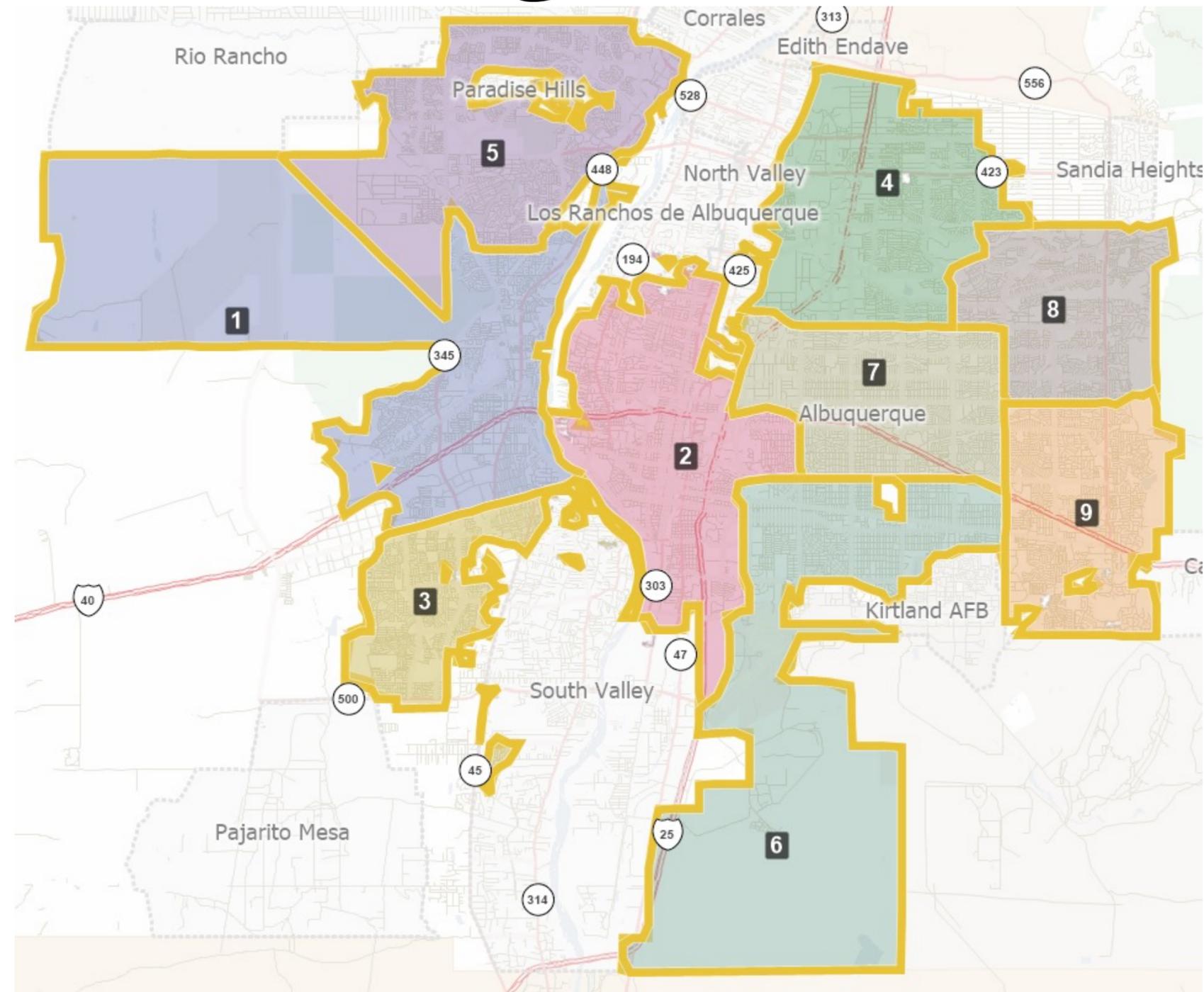
Current population 2020	% change		
	1990- 2000	2000- 2010	2010- 2020
564,550	15.9%	21.7%	3.4%





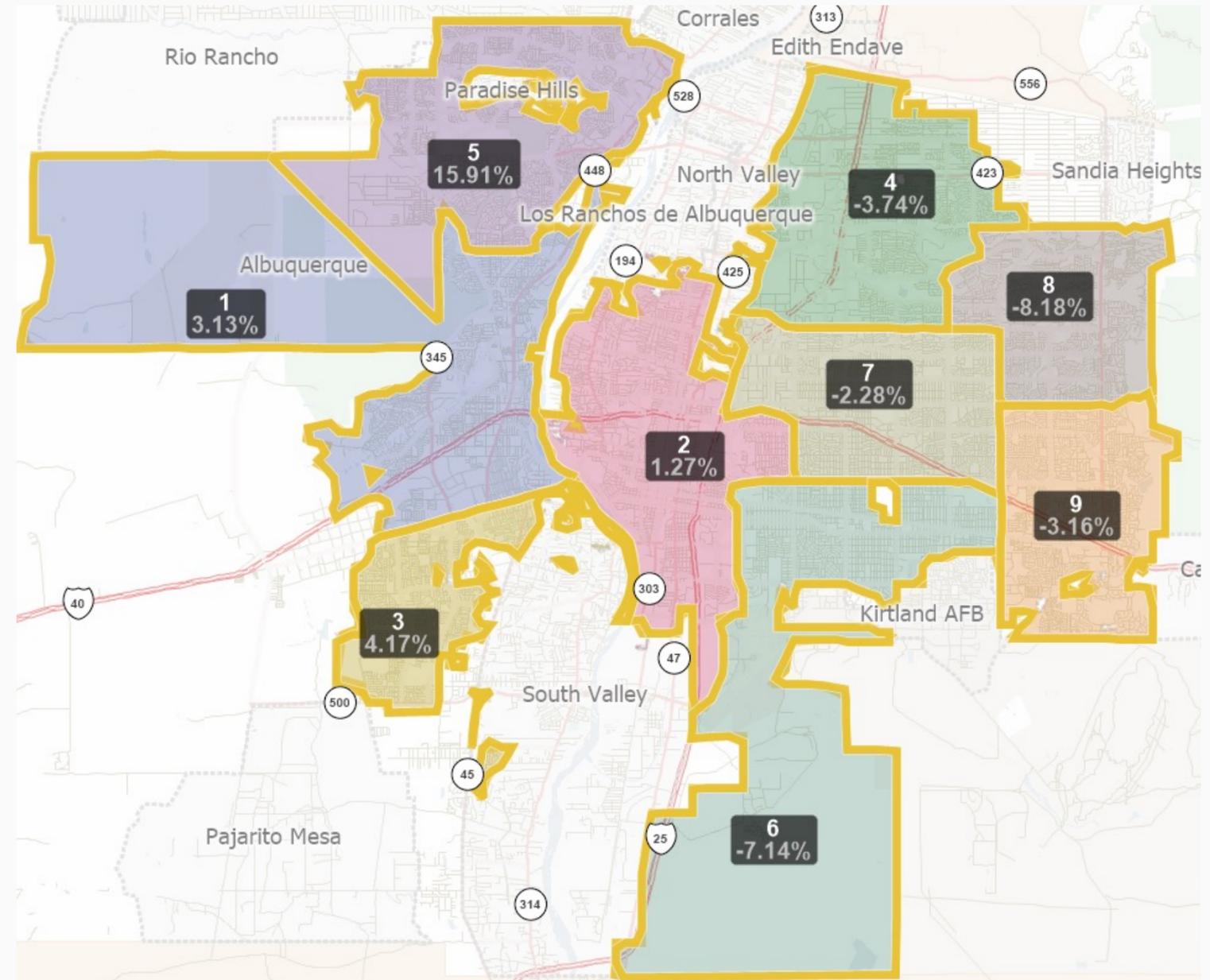
# City of Albuquerque Current Council Districts – Population *Change*

District	2010 Pop	2020 Pop	% Change
1	59,843	64,691	8.1%
2	63,508	63,528	0.0%
3	62,359	65,343	4.8%
4	58,380	60,380	3.4%
5	62,729	72,707	15.9%
6	60,695	58,253	-4.0%
7	61,520	61,300	-0.4%
8	58,138	57,600	-0.9%
9	58,900	60,748	3.1%



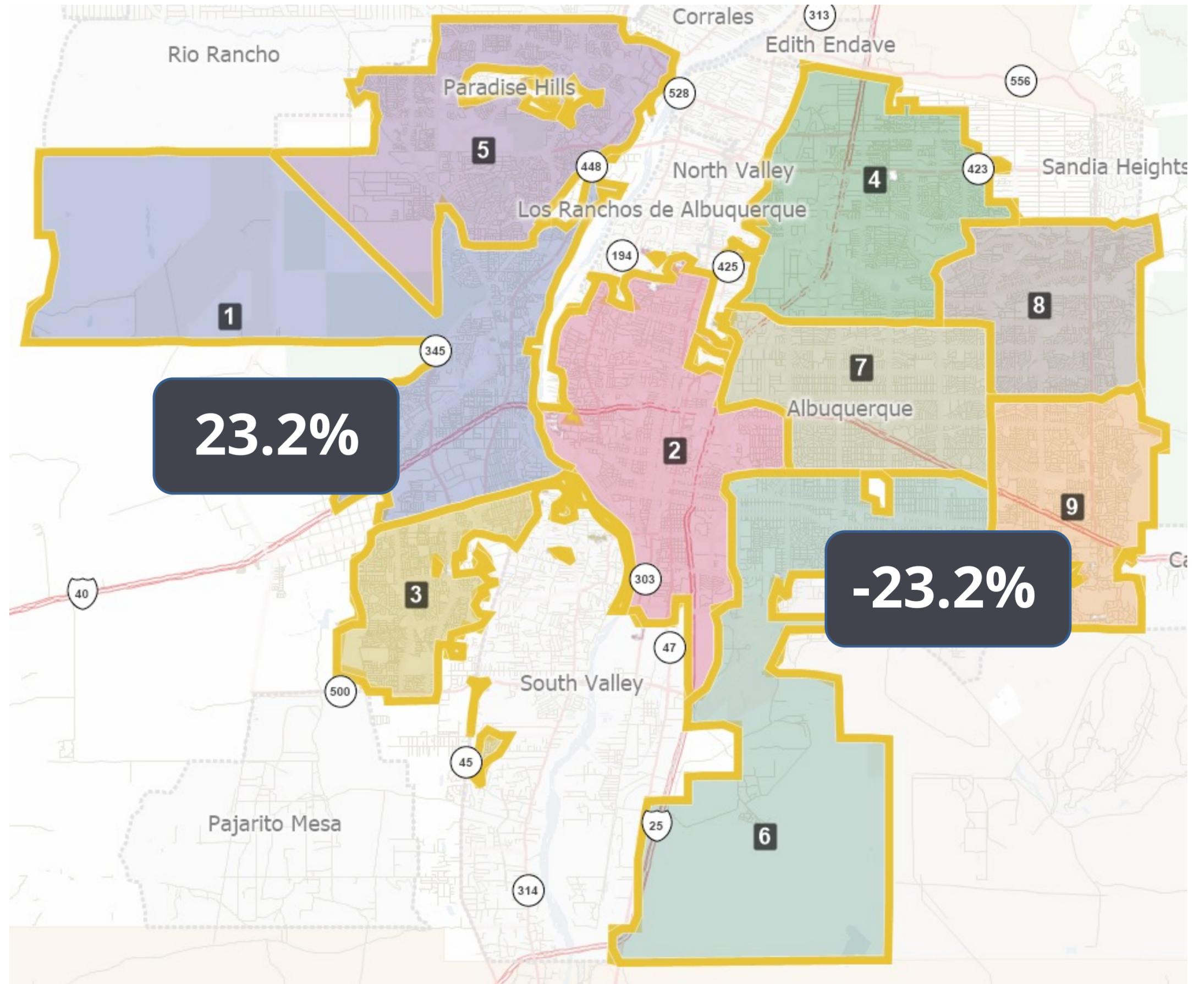
# City of Albuquerque Current Council Districts Population - *Deviation from Ideal*

District	Ideal Pop. Deviation	Effect
1	3.13%	Might adjust with other districts
2	1.27%	Might adjust with other districts
3	4.17%	Might adjust with other districts
4	-3.74%	Might adjust with other districts
5	15.91%	Shrink
6	-7.14%	Grow
7	-2.28%	Might adjust with other districts
8	-8.18%	Grow
9	-3.16%	Might adjust with other districts



Ideal district population: **62,727**

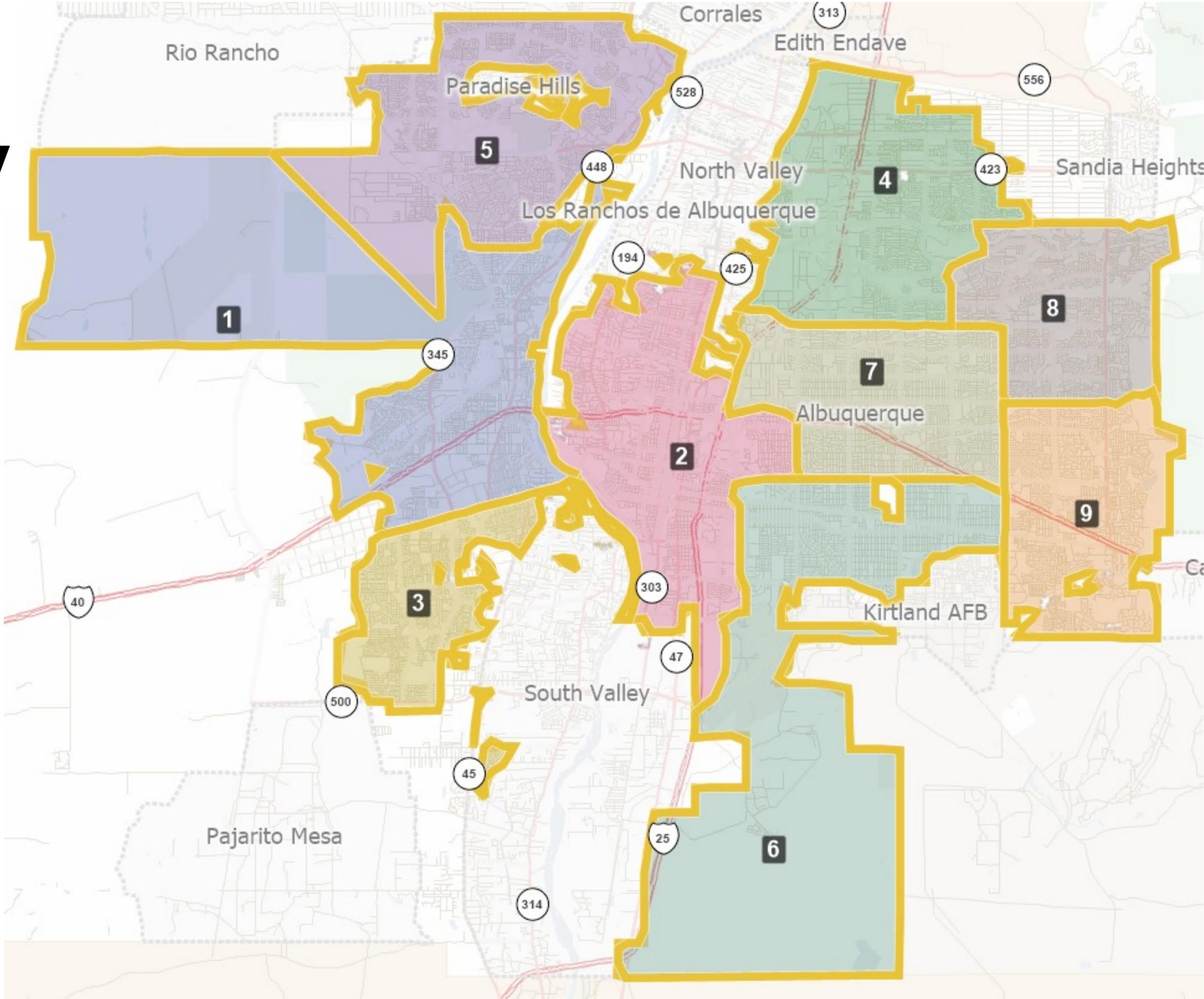
# Cumulative Deviations West and East of River



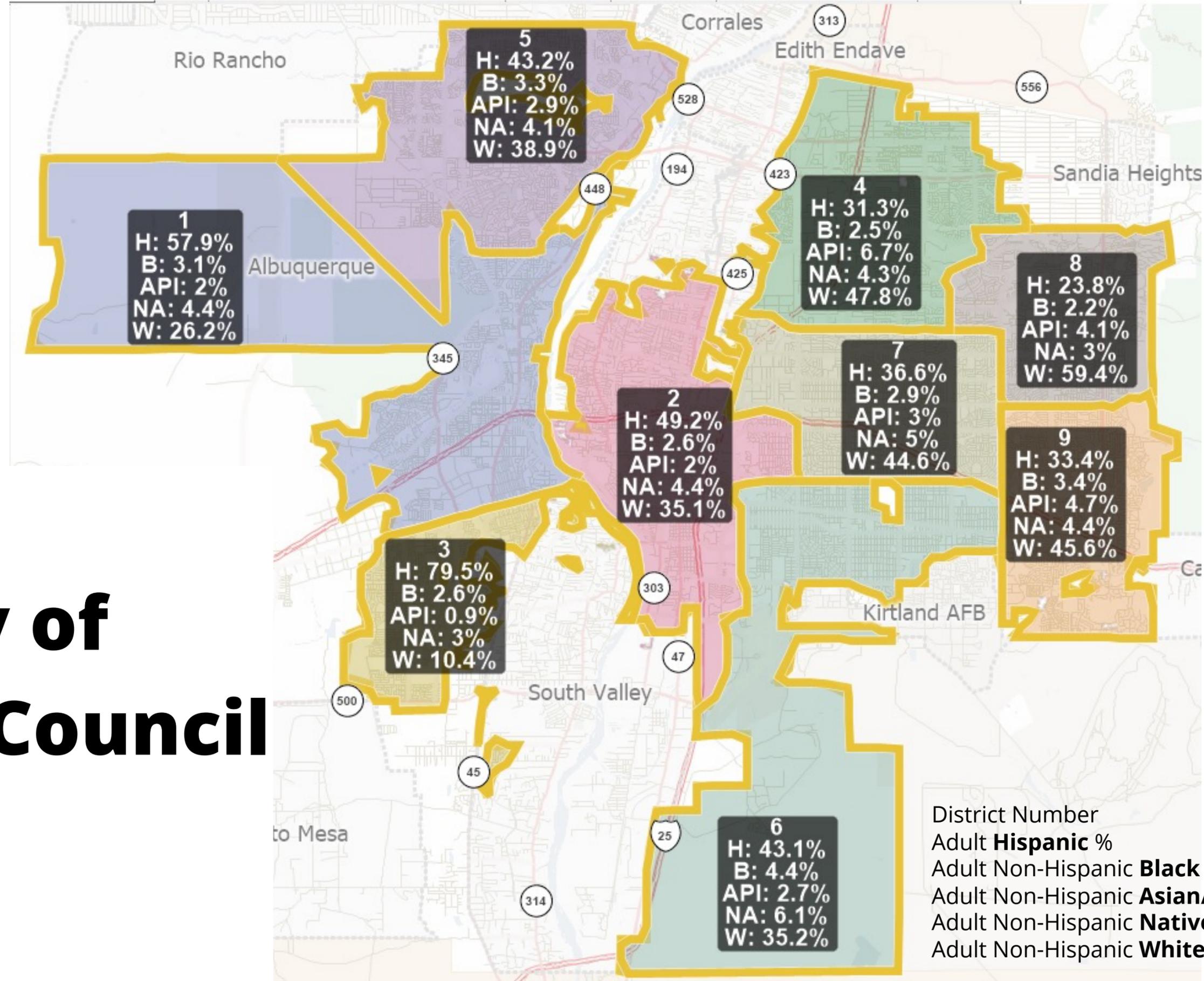
# Citywide race/ethnicity

Group	Adult Percentage
Hispanic	44.1%
Black*	3.0%
Asian*	3.3%
Native*	4.3%
White*	41.6%

*\*Non-Hispanic*



# Race/ Ethnicity of Current Council Districts (VAP)



District Number  
Adult **Hispanic** %  
Adult Non-Hispanic **Black** %  
Adult Non-Hispanic **Asian/Pacific Islander** %  
Adult Non-Hispanic **Native American** %  
Adult Non-Hispanic **White** %



# Questions?



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