

Comments submitted by the creator of each map:

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1	1: West End; 2: Beaches; 3: Hospitals & Hillside; 4: Vic Corridor; 5: Montalvo; 6: North Bank; 7: Wells & Telegraph
2	I did not have any population data so the boundary lines may have to be moved slightly to equal divisions.
3	My map will have to shift a bit to get enough population in the far eastern district (where I live!). I think it is extremely important that the Westside of Ventura be its own district in order to provide fair representation to an otherwise un- or under-represented community. Adding in other parts of the City, particularly those north of Poli, would unfairly dilute the district.
4	My suggestion is to keep downtown intact by area. Move demarcation line to San Jose. Majority of buildings are commercial.
5	No comments submitted
6	The map has a small deviation from the average ideal population (6.4%) and keeps traditional neighborhoods together. For instance, Montalvo, Saticoy, and the Ventura Avenue areas are each contained in their own districts. In addition, most natural barriers, such as Telephone and Telegraph Roads, and the 126 freeway are used as borders.
7	This plan keeps contiguous areas together.
8	We think these make the most sense given geography, interest and population, although minor changes are possible without disturbing its logic. North and south of the Ventura Freeway and the Santa Paula Freeway can be within the same district especially since it is a transportation means and because of the bridges. The Westside and Saticoy areas and some of the Downtown at the west have the greatest possible population growth due to the Community Plans that are by adoption part of the General Plan and Zoning Code. For those reasons they can be smaller than the more internal districts. The Arundell industrial district between US 101 and the railroad tracks has no population but is a cohesive group in commercial interests, suggesting its inclusion in one district.
9	I met the population between 14,548 and 16,080 for each District requirement, and considered other factors including being compact and contiguous, visible (natural and man-made) boundaries, respect for past voter turnout, and future growth. Thank you for the opportunity to participate!
10	Balances population, puts majority of commercial-industrial into Downtown district, puts east Ventura together, puts Victoria to Petit into one area, puts Montalvo and the auto center into one, and keeps Midtown intact. Concern that jail population skews numbers in area #37; not sure how affects overall map. Mapping tool very hard to use and I gave up.
11	<i>Detailed comments attached separately</i>
12	This plans intent is to use Ventura s geographic boundaries to produce neighborhoods with the Westside Pierpont Midtown and the hillside all taking a portion of downtown. The hillsides in Ventura become a district from downtown to the east end. Midtown between the hillside Poli or Mainstreet as boundry and the freeway from mills to downtown. The West-side becomes a district from the north boundry to a portion of downtown.Saticoy becomes a district. Montalvo

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14	<p>Compact balanced contiguous keeps Westside Montalvo and Saticoy whole</p>
15	<p>Here is a plan that splits downtown so that this important resource is the focus of two council members. It also keeps midtown together and the coastal voters together from river to river.</p>
16	<p>The plan attempts to meet all CVRA legal requirements while still preserving a sense of community. District-based elected officials have very small bases of likely voters that may have very narrow interests. Re-election will depend on diverting as many municipal resources to the candidate's district as possible - often at the expense of the city as a whole. The intent of this map is to create as much diversity as possible within land uses and socio-economics so that a 4-district majority cannot shut out the rest of the city from the decision-making process. Consensus will still be required with hope.</p>
17	<p>Given the shape of the City and the population distribution it is tough to create 7 districts of equal population that follow perceived neighborhood boundaries. This plan keeps the districts as compact and equal in population as possible with room for more in district 7 as new units are being built there.</p>
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19	<p>Given the shape of the City and the population distribution it is tough to create 7 districts of equal population that follow perceived neighborhood boundaries. This plan keeps the westside and two eastern most districts compact but splits most of the city into 4 districts - a hillside district beach district district and a Montalvo district while keeping the population as equal as possible</p>

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22	D1 is the heavily Latino Westside with many working-class families and renters and small immigrant-owned businesses built along the Ventura River in the citys early history. D2 features historic neighborhoods like Pierpont and the older part of Midtown ranging from beachfront homes and hillside mansions to dense apartments. D3 includes the middle-class neighborhoods surrounding community anchors and employment hubs like the mall and transit center the hospitals and the college. D4 is the upper end of the citys Eastside with the highest share of college graduates higher-income families seniors and homeowners. D5 along lower Victoria includes the working-class Montalvo neighborhood and citys second-largest Latino community with far more renters and multifamily housing than the rest of the suburban Eastside. D6 is the heart of the Eastside with many planned subdivisions and single-family residential neighborhoods of middle-class homeowners. D7 centered on Saticoy is where Venturas blue-collar outskirts meet the agricultural fields with many Latino families and mobile home residents.
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24	This plan is designed to respect the current five city districts and to plan for the future. I have taken into consideration the concerns of community members regarding keeping the Avenue Midtown and the College areas all intact within themselves.
25	This is midtown. I have only done the district that I know.
26	While we recognize the possibilities are endless this simple map divides the City equally by population while keeping the spirit of the neighborhoods intact.

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27	Based on % Hispanic Latino population by 2010 Census block 2016 Measure O results by precinct % Renting by 2010 Census block group and median household income ACS estimates by block group. Source maps available at tokozo.com. Ignores incumbent addresses.
28	1. All districts R within 14 548 to 16 080 population. Two districts with lowest map pop (1 and 7) will probably have most growth in 2020 census. District 4 has -0.0 pop deviation. 2. Established neighborhoods R together as much as possible. Many main road borders are followed. 3. Long coastline is in 3 districts that have walk-ability or close road access to one of the following river coast fairgrounds pier or harbor. 4. District 3 is actually a circularly connected 3 neighborhood combo connected by main roads Seaward Main Street Telephone Olivias Park Drive. 5. Most recently elected 2020 council - Heitman LaVere Weir are in separate districts. Districts 1 5 6 7 have no current council person."
29	Great tool with lots of demographic information available. This is a great exercise for community members to begin to consider the many the factors involved. I am in favor of seeing a broader segment of Ventura's population and neighborhoods represented on City Council. Thanks for sharing.
30	This pass incorporates a good section of downtown into the west side. Logic used was commonality of commercial corridors with adjacent housing. Downside this may favor downtown influence and dilute residential influence.
31	This pass combines downtown more with the beach than the west side and splits town vertically so may not address commonality of issues as well as Pass 1 (#030) did for the midtown-college areas.
32	Third pass offers a different split of downtown with the west side and may favor residential a bit more than my First Pass (#030). It also incorporates all beach areas with Pierpont. All 3 of my attempts tried to respect the various interests of districts as they are presently constituted and represented by community councils or areas with common concerns interests but this was not possible for most of the areas while at the same time addressing the population limits for each district.
33	Relatively compact map that ensures each District contains at least 3 'planned communities' (the blue-outlines regions on the map), and that as many 'planned communities' as possible – other than Westside – have multiple representatives on the Council. Voters are not limited in deciding which Councilmembers deserve re-election.

Comments on Map 11 District Boundaries

I used the City's Esri maps and data to formulate my district proposal. I tried the on-line system, but found it very cumbersome, particularly since the cursor was 2+ inches off from where changes occurred on the map. I created seven districts using whole census tracts, except one I divided at the foot of Ventura Ave. (1077 pop.). Six districts are very close in population, but one is below the desired population level. Each district is described below.

I have lived in Ventura since 1972 and have roamed about most of the city via car and bicycle. In doing so I have a sense about the "neighborhoods" that residents identify with. I believe neighborhoods are largely defined by barriers and travel corridors. The barriers include: 1) The 101 and 126 freeways; 2) The rail lines; 3) Major roads such as Victoria Ave.; 4) Corridors of non-residential uses such Main St.; and 5) Terrain and swaths of agriculture. In addition to barriers, the travel corridors such as Telegraph and Telephone roads tend to be the spines of neighborhoods, and help define them. In the eastern parts of the City there few connections over Hwy 126, so most travel is east/west travel within or between "neighborhoods". For these reasons I do not believe it is appropriate to create districts that run north and south through the City from Foothill to the Santa Clara River. Beyond "neighborhood" criteria, election districts should also be compact and not divide the three centers of minority population.

DISTRICT 1 (Ventura Ave.) **14,314** – At the base of Ventura Ave. is a census tract of 1077 people that runs below Main St and down to the ocean. I split this tract by an estimated 577 people who live west of the extension of Ventura Ave. with the remainder (largely the dwellings along the promenade being assigned to District 2.

DISTRICT 2 (Downtown & Midtown) **15,665** – 500 people were assigned to this district from the tract that includes the fairgrounds and the promenade area. Terrain, 101, and the main rail line separate this district from the Pierpont. Main St. is the spine of the area, and it also serves as a barrier between the Borchard area and District 3 because of so few crossing of Main St.

DISTRICT 3 (College & Medical) **14,357** – This District is bounded by major roads, particularly Hwy 126. It includes the Skyline hillside development because it funnels residents down into the middle of the District. Picking up some 1900 people due east of Victoria would have been logical given the large block of agricultural land just each of these two Tracts, but they would have created an over-populated district.

DISTRICT 4 (East End) **15,881** – The Ondulando and Clearpoint developments are included in this District because their residents feed into it via Kimball Ave. A good number of homes are nearly completed in the far eastern edge of the District, so it might be appropriate to cede two Tracts just east of Victoria (914 + 1074) to District 3.

DISTRICT 5 (Saticoy/North Bank) **17,039** – Adding the Tract with 1595 people would make this District more coherent, it would also push it to a population of 18,634. Assigning people in the 3083 Tract that are west of the Montgomery could better balance out Districts 5 and 6.

DISTRICT 6 (Montalvo) **16,277** – Including the far eastern Tract of 1595 people evens out the populations between these two adjacent Districts, District 6 has an "island" floating separately beyond a barranca, a regional park, and a major road (Kimball).

DISTRICT 7 (Pierpont Plus) **13,664** - While this District is short on population and is rather divided by large agricultural areas, 101 and the main rail line, it does include at least 6 mobile home parks. Each park is a typically tight-knit community, but collectively they share many common of interests. There are also a large number of condo and apartment complexes and few single family residences. Therefore, the collection of dense housing complexes suggests significant common interests among residents.