

Trustee Area Districting Santa Rosa City Schools

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Agenda

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 - Redistricting criteria (legal and other)
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 - Plan 2 - Divides SRED among all the trustee areas
 - 5-trustee Plans
 - Plan 1 - based on K-8 feeder boundaries
 - Plan 2 - Divides SRED among all the trustee areas
- ✓ **Questions?**

Census 2010 Counts for SRCs

Census 2010 Population Counts for the District (adjusted)*

	Total Population		Aged 18+ Pop	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Hispanic Origin	60,999	29%	38,359	24%
Non-Hispanic				
White	125,671	60%	105,925	65%
Black/African American	5,244	2%	3,591	2%
Native American	3,468	2%	3,468	2%
Asian	11,586	6%	8,565	5%
Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	1,093	1%	802	0%
Other	553	0%	363	0%
Other, Mixed Race	1,152	1%	684	0%
Total	209,766	100%	161,757	100%

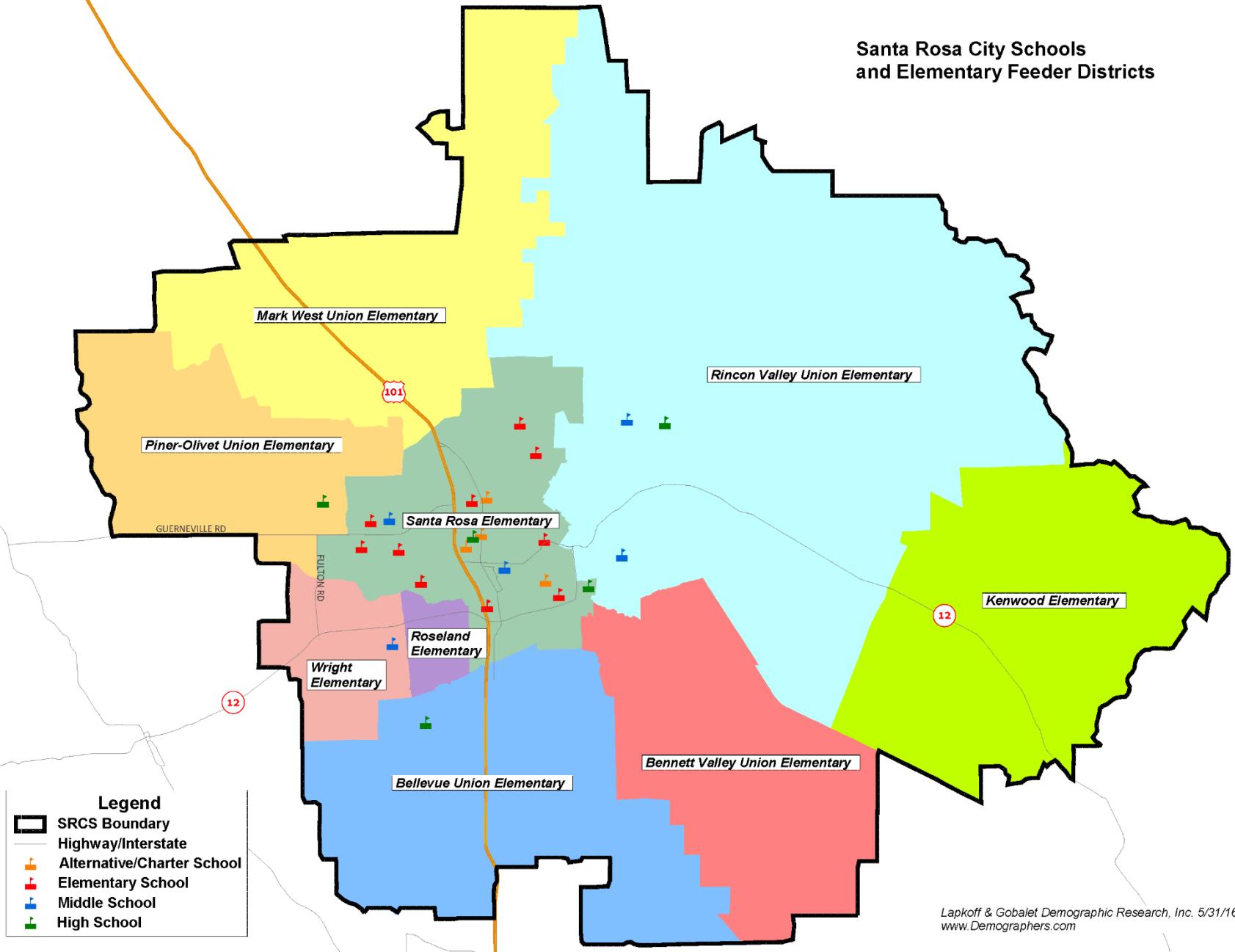
*Census 2010 count adjusted by using the local boundary for the district rather than the Census boundary.

Source: Census 2010 PL94-171 Redistricting data release

Percentages may appear to be incorrect because of rounding of the individual entries.

SRCS K-8 Feeder Districts

Santa Rosa City Schools
and Elementary Feeder Districts



Background Information Required Districting Criteria

When trustee areas are created, they must be equal in total population:

- ✓ Using latest U.S. Census data (2010 PL94-171 redistricting release)**
- ✓ Each trustee area must have a proportionate share of the school district's total population**
- ✓ There is a bit of leeway (up to 10% total deviation is permitted)**

Background Information

Required Districting Criteria

- ✓ Jurisdictions must comply with Section 2 of the *federal Voting Rights Act*:
 - ✓ Single-member election districts should be drawn so that members of protected groups will have the ability to elect representatives of their choice if:
 - ✓ the protected minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district
 - ✓ the protected group is politically cohesive
 - ✓ there has been a history of racially polarized voting
- ✓ Under the *California Voting Rights Act*, there need to be single-member trustee areas:
 - ✓ Even if the protected group is neither geographically compact nor politically cohesive.
- ✓ Supreme Court Cases
 - ✓ *Shaw v. Reno* and other cases held that race may not be the “predominant” factor when redistricting, unless there is a “compelling state interest.”

Background Information

Traditional Districting Criteria

(from the California Election Code)

- **Topography**
- **Geography**
- **Cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, & compactness of territory**
- **Communities of interest include:**
 - **K-8 feeder districts**
 - **Cities**
 - **Socioeconomic groups (groups protected under the federal Voting Rights Act, income category)**

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Additional Factors Approved by the Courts

- **Respect for boundaries of political subdivisions (feeder district boundaries, city boundaries, precinct boundaries, etc.).**
- **Using whole pieces of Census geography (not dividing census blocks).**
- **Avoiding head-to-head contests between incumbents.**
- **Anticipating future population shifts.**
- **Respecting other criteria that address unique local concerns.**

Background Information

Another Consideration

Current trustees serve out their terms of office if the change to district election occurs. The new trustee areas are “phased in.”

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Future Considerations

After each decennial Census, California school districts that elect trustees by district must

- **Measure whether trustee area populations are disparate enough to make it necessary to revise boundaries (deviation exceeds 10%)**
- **If necessary, revise boundaries to comply with the requirements for**
 - **population equality**
 - **Federal Voting Rights Act**
- **Must complete redistricting by March 1, 2022 (after the U.S. Census Bureau releases 2020 Census redistricting data)**

Plan Development

We identified communities of interest (including population concentrations of groups protected by the federal Voting Rights Act)

All of the draft plans include a trustee area that maximizes Hispanic voting strength while respecting other criteria. The Hispanic-concentrated district is called TA 1 in all plans.

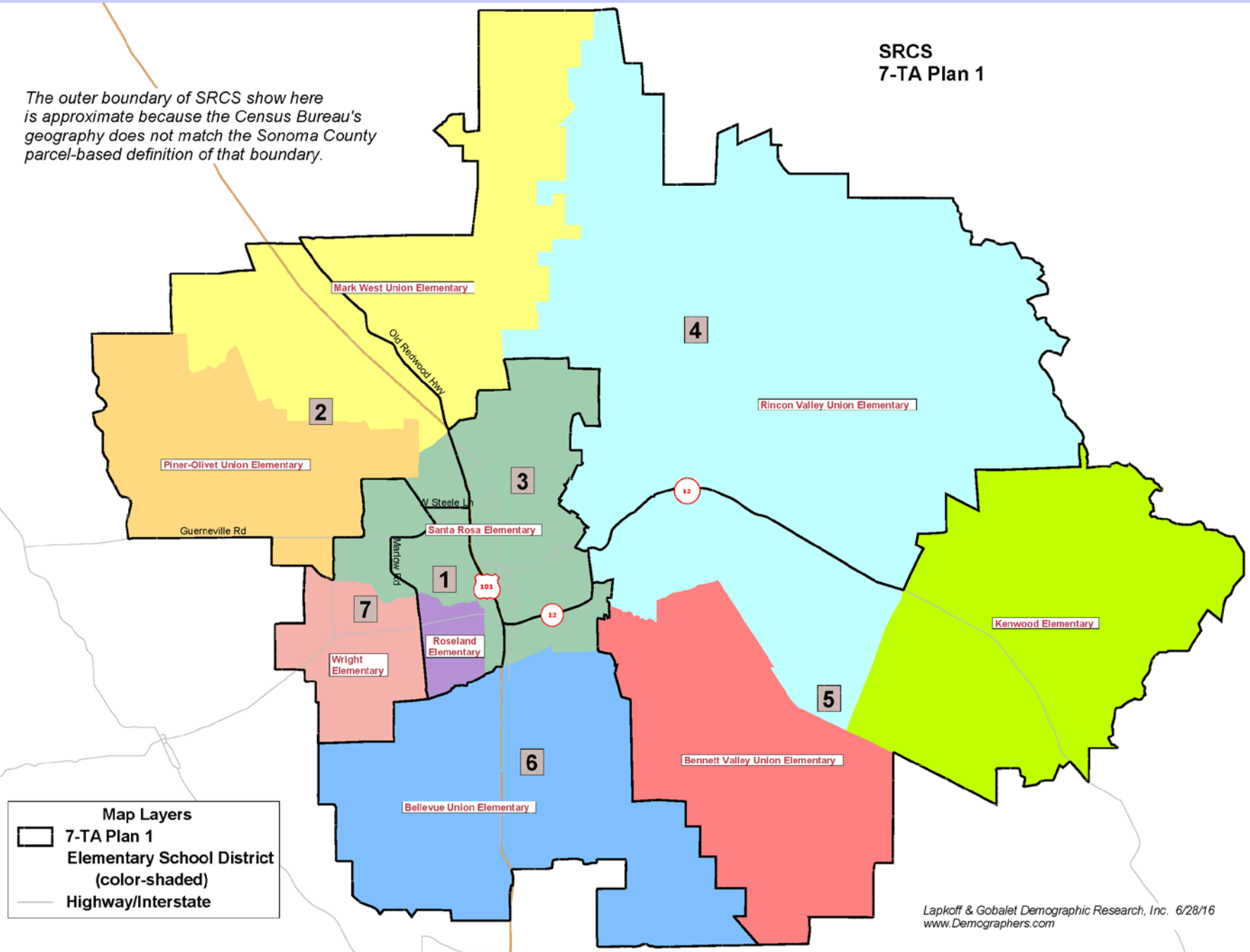
In Plans 1 (with 7- and 5-trustees), whenever possible, we kept feeder districts in a single trustee area.

In Plans 2 (with 7- and 5-trustees), we allocated a portion of SRED to each trustee area.

SRCS Preliminary Draft Plan: 7-TA Plan 1

The outer boundary of SRCS show here is approximate because the Census Bureau's geography does not match the Sonoma County parcel-based definition of that boundary.

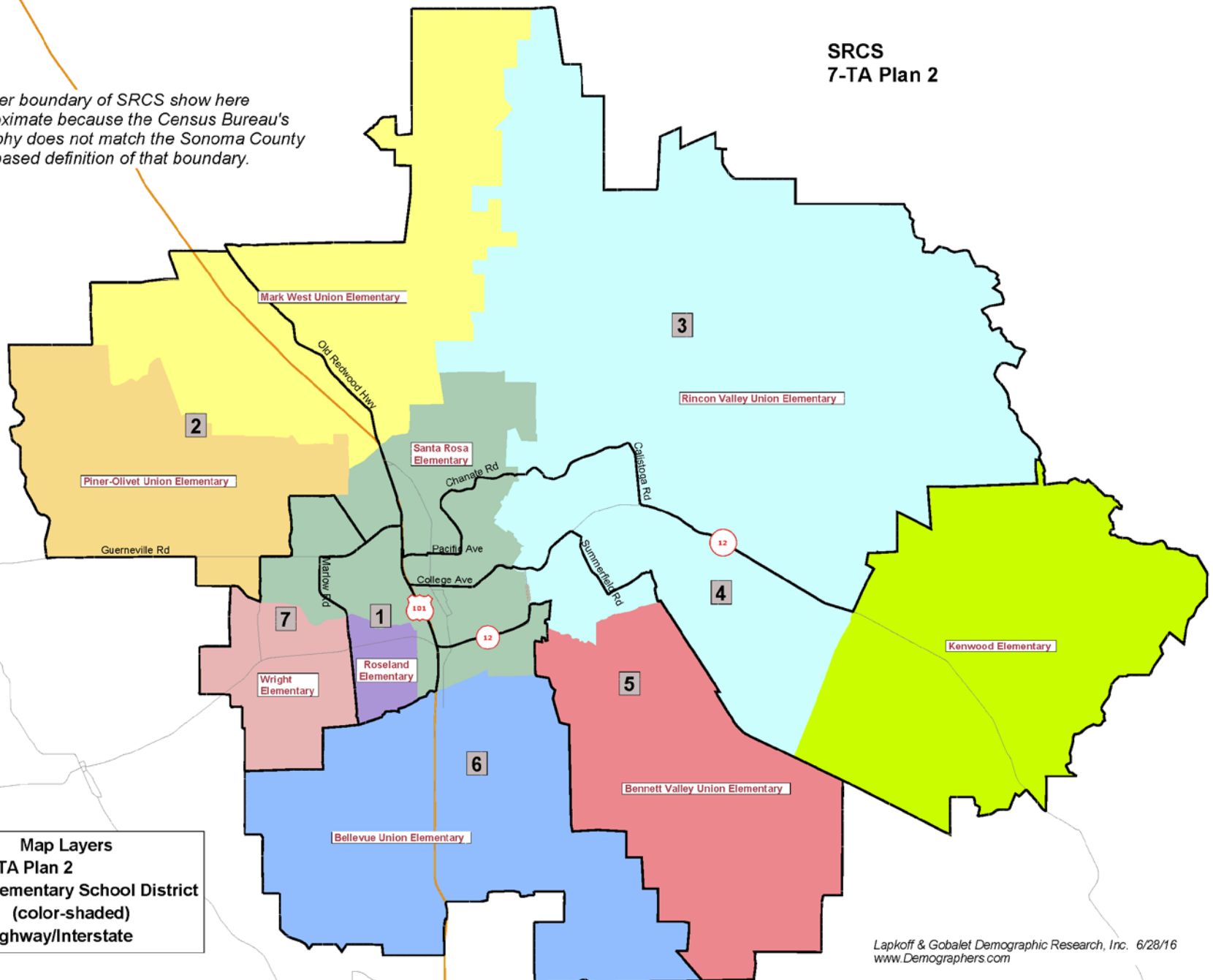
SRCS
7-TA Plan 1



SRCS Preliminary Draft Plan: 7-TA Plan 2

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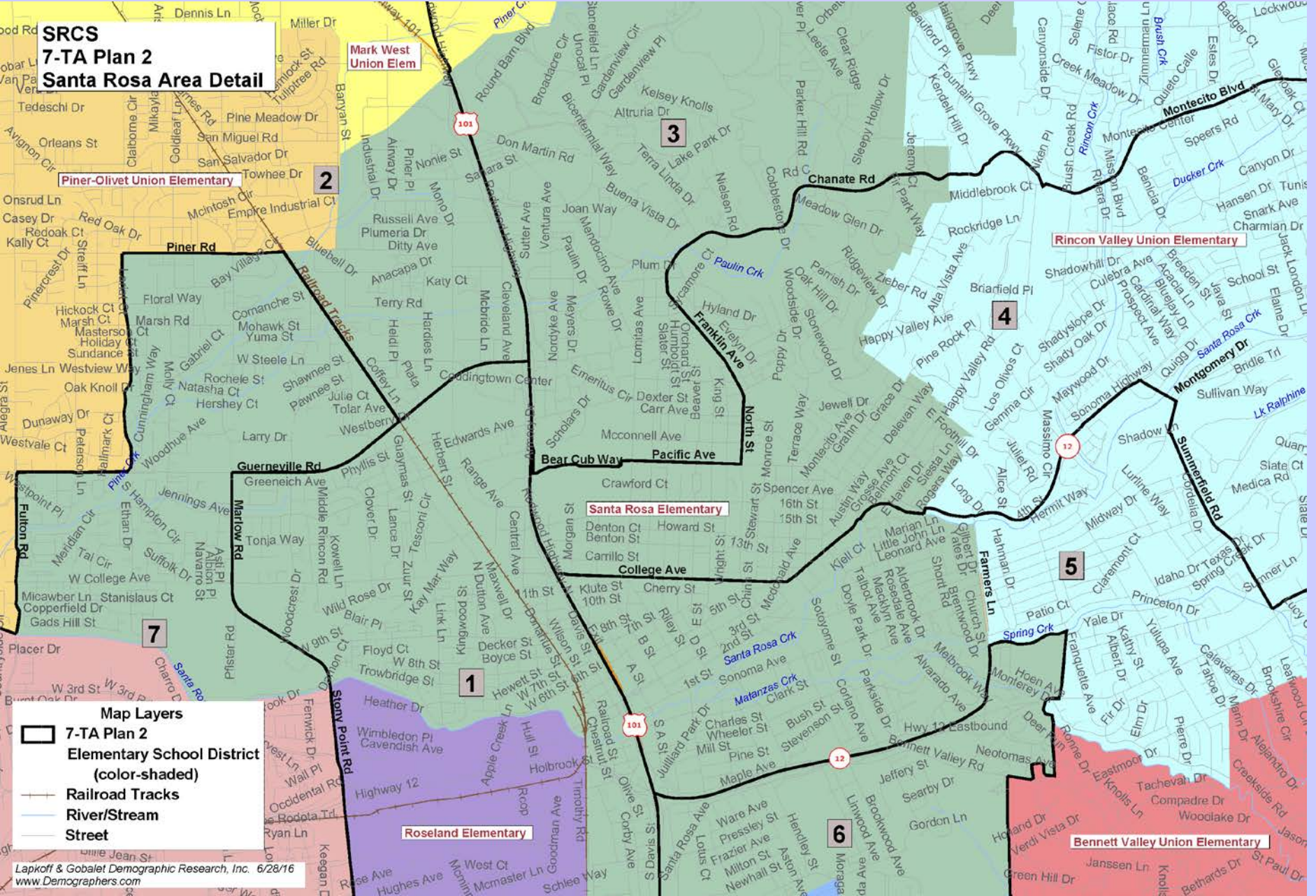
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Map Layers

- 7-TA Plan 2
- Elementary School District (color-shaded)
- Highway/Interstate

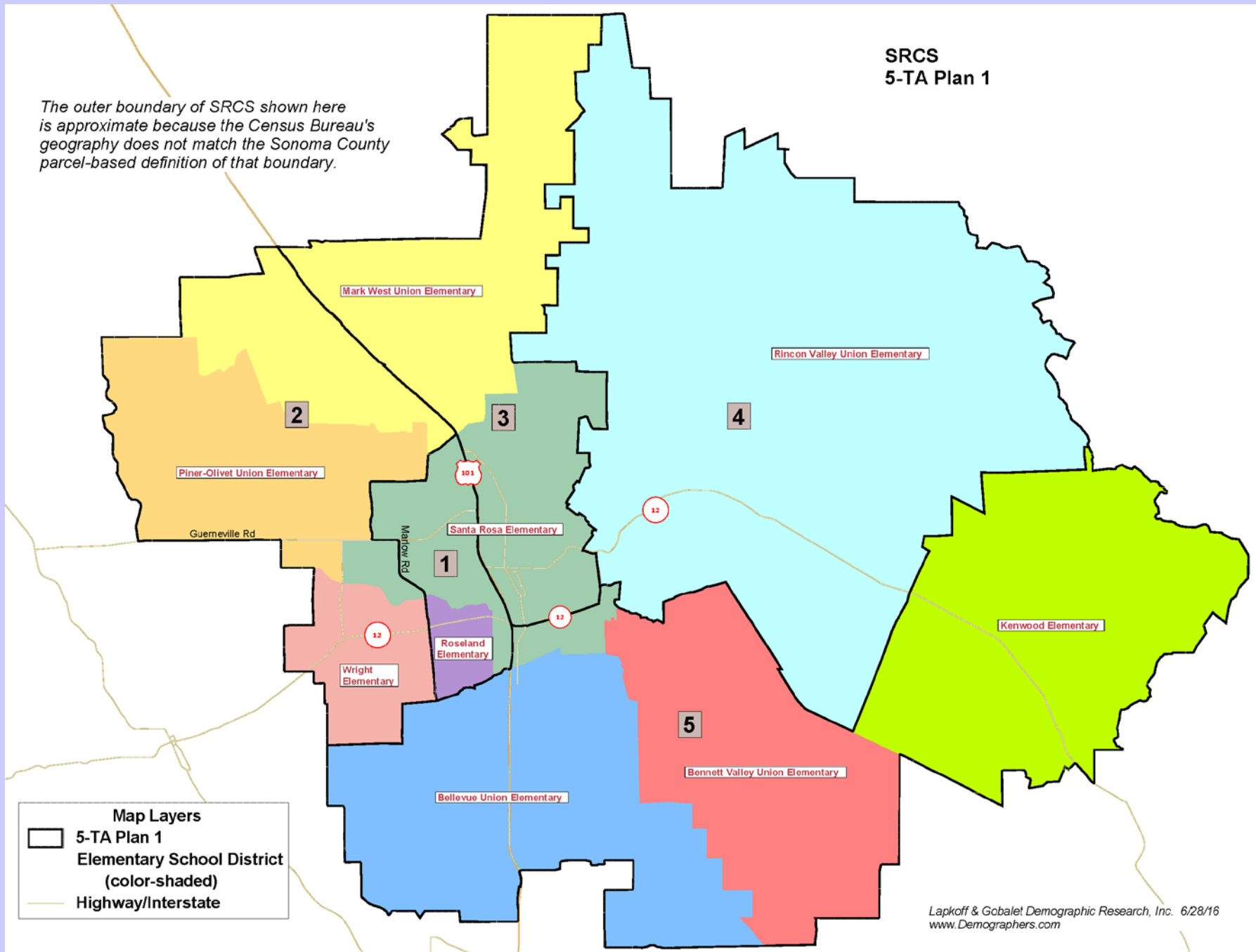
SRCS Preliminary Draft Plan: central Santa Rosa detail for 7-TA Plan 2



SRCS Preliminary Draft Plan: 5-TA Plan 1

SRCS 5-TA Plan 1

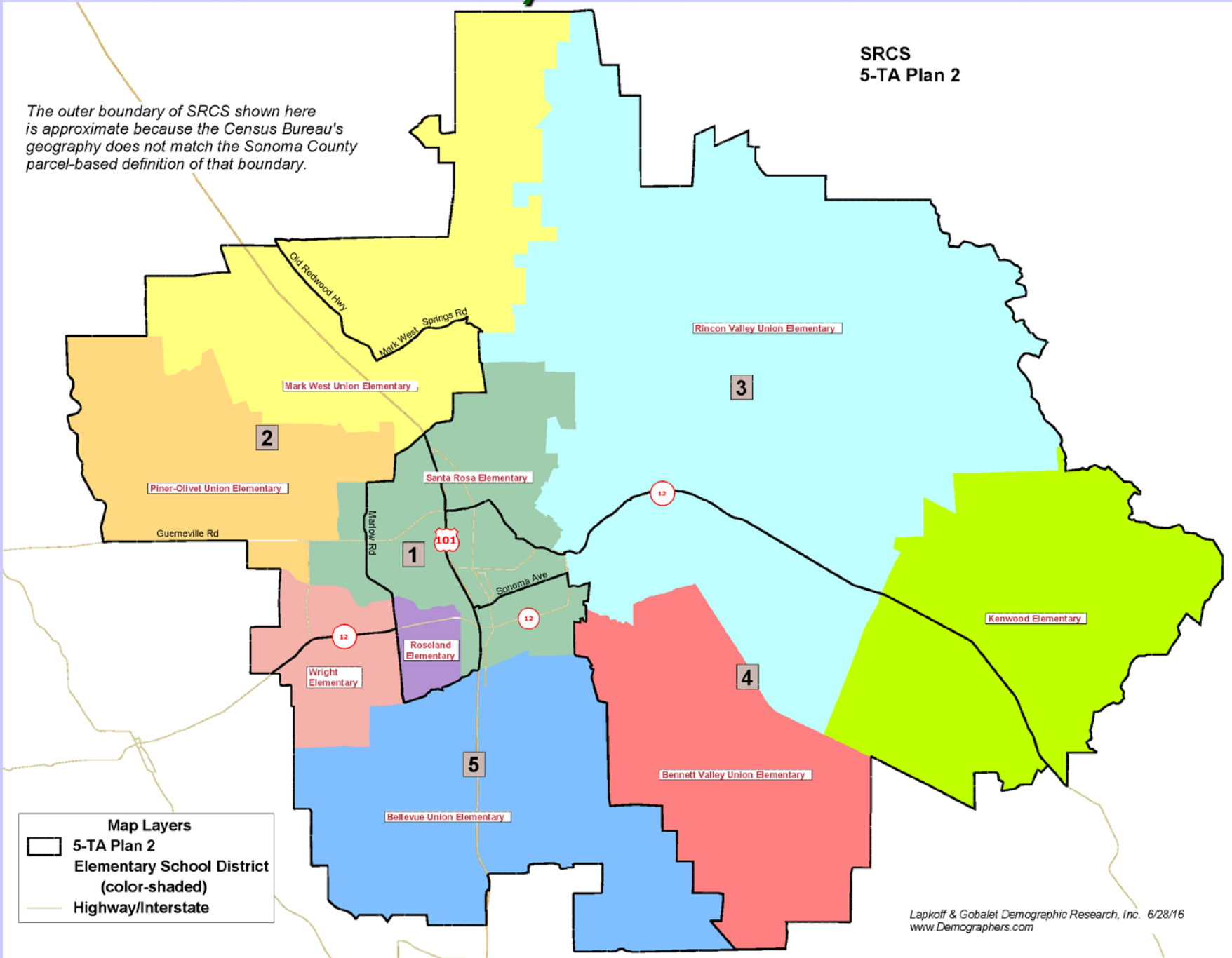
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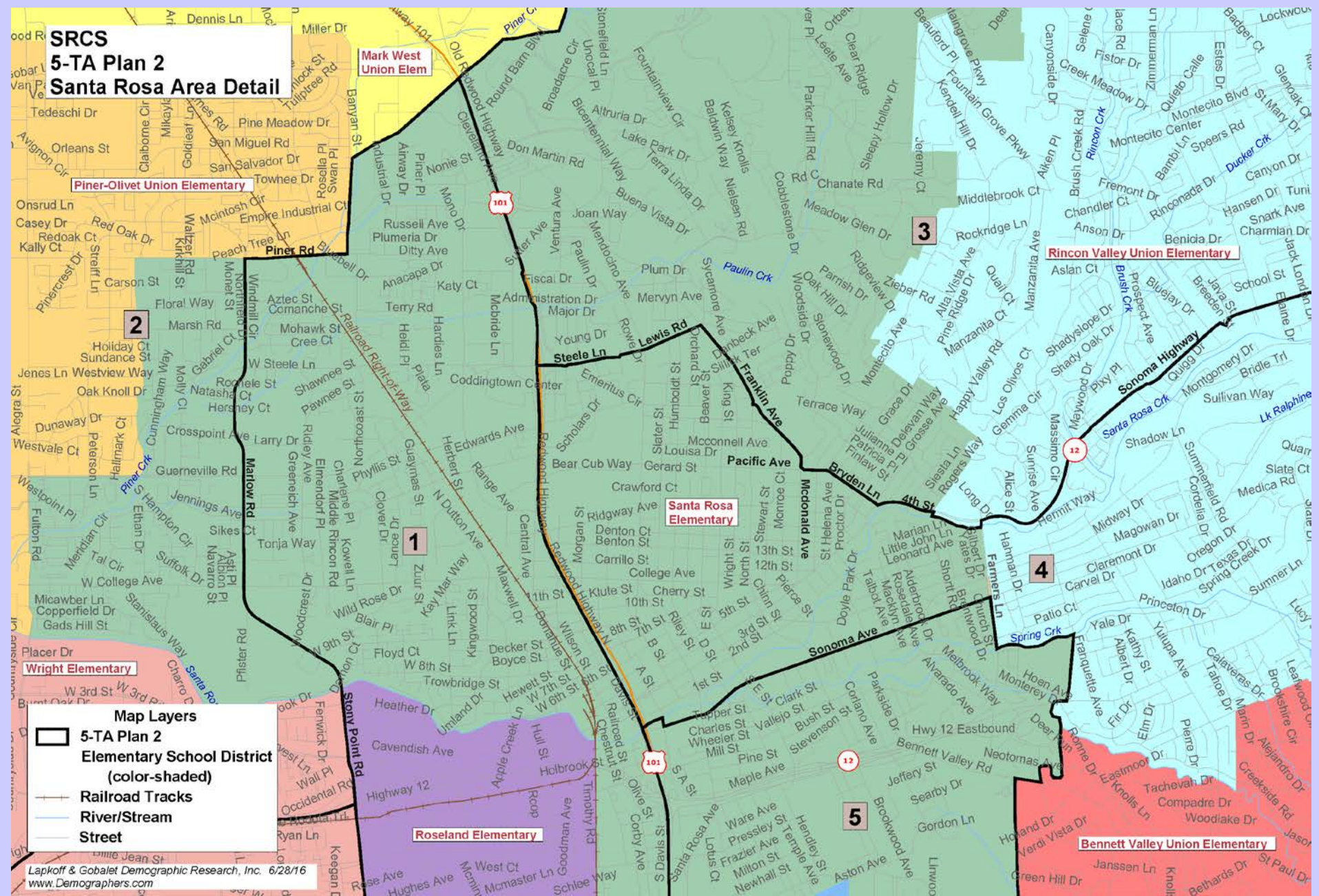
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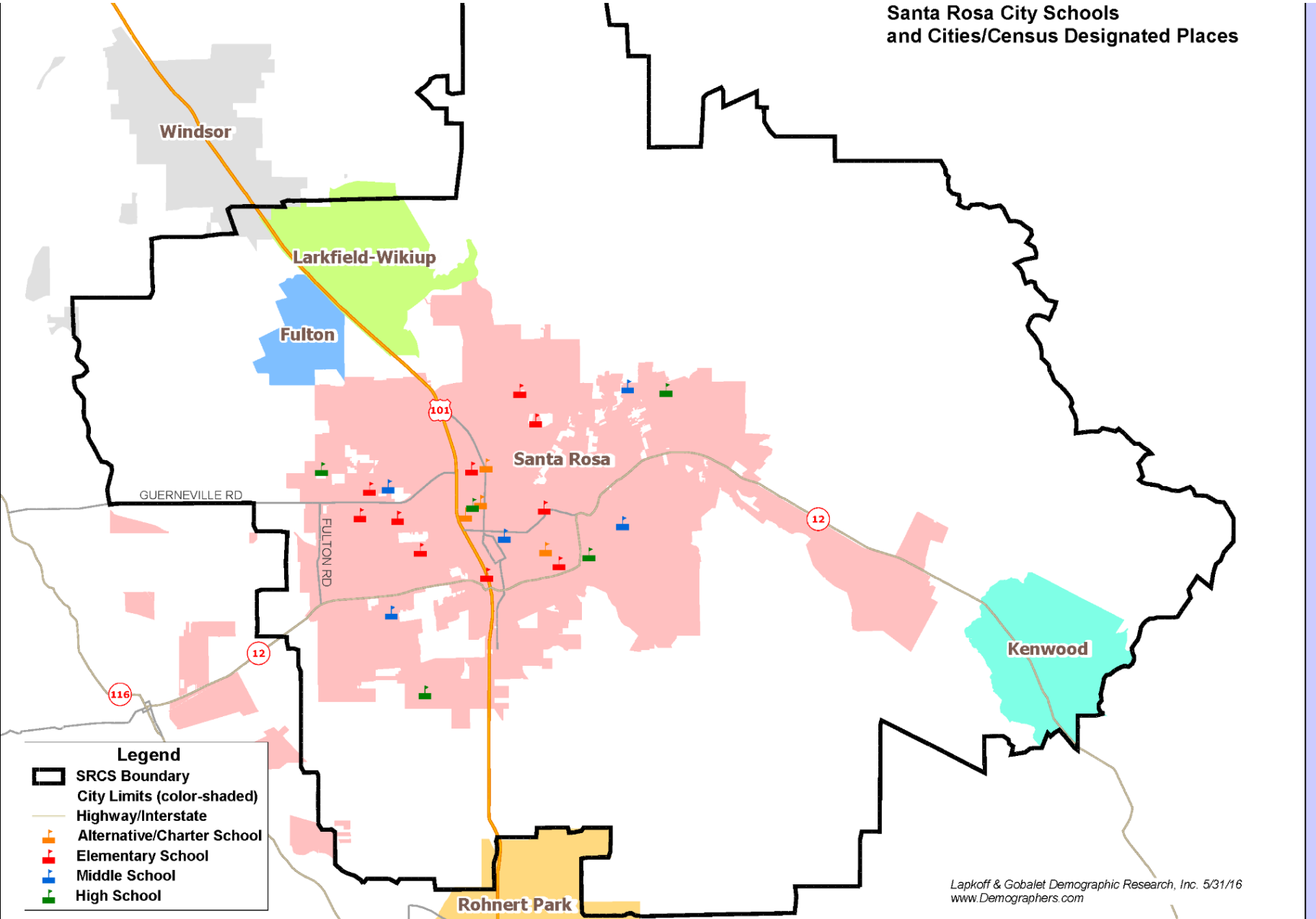
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Additional Maps

SRCS cities and unincorporated areas (Census Designated Places)



SRCS with Census 2010 self-identified race/ethnic group populations (proportional symbols)

