

# Covina-Valley Unified School District 2017 Districting Public Hearings

May 1 and May 15,  
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# The California Voting Rights Act

- Elections Code section 14027. An at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or the abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class . . .
- Elections Code section 14028(a). A violation of Section 14027 is established if it is shown that racially polarized voting occurs in elections . . .

# Types of Election Systems

- **At-large Elections:** Candidates must reside within the District’s boundaries and are elected by all the voters who reside in the District’s boundaries. (Education Code Section 5030(a).)
  
- **From-Trustee Area Elections:** Candidates must reside in specific geographic areas within the District’s boundaries called “Trustee Areas”, but are elected by all the voters who reside in the District’s boundaries. (Education Code Section 5030(c).)
  
- **By-Trustee Area Elections:** Candidates must reside in specific Trustee Areas within the District’s boundaries and are elected only by the voters who reside in the same Trustee Areas. (Education Code Section 5030(b).)
  
- The CVRA provides that prevailing parties (**other than the public entity**) are entitled to an award of their attorneys fees and costs.

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## □ **Expensive Cases:**

- Palmdale: \$4.7 million
- Modesto: \$3 million
- Anaheim: \$1.1 million
- Santa Clarita: \$600,000
- Santa Barbara: \$599,000
- Tulare Regional Medical District: \$500,000
- Escondido: \$385,000
- Madera Unified: about \$170,000
- City of Compton: six-figure settlement

## □ **Massive change in California elections:**

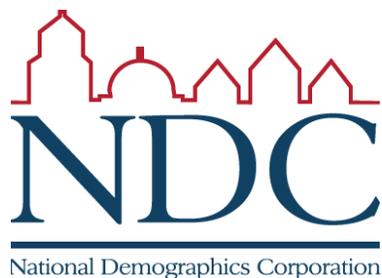
- At least 145 School Districts
- 55 Cities
- 27 Community College Districts
- 8 Water and other Special Districts
- The only County not using by-district elections was forced to change

# The Process And A Tentative Schedule\*

\*All dates are subject to change

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Date	Activity
May 1 & 15, 2017	Board holds public hearings “at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of the districts.”
June 19, 2017	Board adopts districting criteria resolution and may provide direction to demographer regarding draft maps
June or July 2017	Draft maps posted to District website and available at District office Community meeting(s) to discuss draft maps
July 17, 2017	Board meeting discussion regarding draft maps Board either endorses the set of draft maps or provides direction regarding modifications to demographer
TBD	Board holds at least 2 hearings “at which the public is invited to provide input regarding the content of the draft map or maps and the proposed sequence of elections.”
TBD	Board adoption of final map and resolution selecting final map of trustee areas Public hearing regarding resolution to submit waiver request to State Board of Education
TBD	Los Angeles County Committee hearing
TBD	State Board of Education action on waiver request
Nov. 2018	First two trustee areas hold first elections
Nov. 2020	Remaining three trustee areas hold first elections



# Demographics Summary

Latinos are 56 percent of total population, 54 percent of eligible voters (Citizen Voting Age Population, or CVAP).

Asian-Americans are 14 percent of total population and 14 percent of eligible voters.

Sources: 2010 Census, California Statewide Database, and the 2011-2015 American Community Survey. **(Updated from last presentation's 2010-2014 ACS data)**

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Race/Ethnic Profile	Count	Percent	ACS Profile	Count	Percent
Total Population	77,281		ACS Total Population	79,336	3%
Latino	43,634	56%	Age 0 - 19	21,599	27%
NH White	19,141	25%	Age 20 - 60	43,076	54%
NH Black/African-American	2,900	4%	Age 60+	14,662	18%
NH Native American	348	0%			
NH Asian-American	10,595	14%	Immigrant	20,806	26%
NH Pacific Islander	135	0%	Naturalized (pct of total immigrants)	12,884	62%
NH Other	198	0%	Age 5+	74,361	
NH Multi-Race	330	0%	Speak English at home	38,478	52%
Voting Age Population total	57,662		Speak Spanish at home	26,137	35%
VAP Latino	29,672	51%	Speak an Asian language at home	8,350	11%
VAP NH White	16,587	29%	Speak other language at home	1,397	2%
VAP NH Black/African-American	2,208	4%	Speak English only "well" or less	12,016	16%
VAP NH Native American	286	0%	Age 25+	51,353	
VAP NH Asian-American	8,460	15%	Age 25+, no HS degree	8,722	17%
VAP NH Pacific Islander	100	0%	Age 25+, HS degree (only)	30,481	59%
VAP NH Other	137	0%	Age 25+, bachelor degree (only)	8,804	17%
VAP NH Multi-Race	212	0%	Age 25+, graduate degree (only)	3,345	7%
Citizen VAP total	52,186		Households	23,764	
CVAP Latino	28,062	54%	Child under 18 in Household	8,294	35%
CVAP NH White	14,015	27%	Income \$0-25k	4,056	17%
CVAP NH African-American	2,182	4%	Income \$25-50k	5,038	21%
CVAP NH Asian & Pacific Islander	7,457	14%	Income \$50-75k	4,168	18%
CVAP Other (incl. Nat. Amer. & Pac. Isl)	470	1%	Income \$75-200k	9,507	40%
Voter Registration (Nov. 2014)	40,723		Income \$200k+	995	4%
Latino Reg	20,658	51%	Housing units	24,714	
Asian-Surnamed Reg.	2,876	7%	Single-Family	18,503	75%
Filipino-Surnamed Reg.	759	2%	Multi-Family	6,211	25%
Est. NH White Reg.	14,327	35%	Vacant	950	4%
Est. African-Amer. Reg	1,600	4%	Occupied	23,764	96%
Democratic Reg.	17,766	44%	Rented	8,934	38%
Republican Reg.	11,772	29%	Owned	14,831	62%
Other/No Party Reg.	11,185	27%			
Voters Casting Ballots (Nov. 2014)	11,098	27%	Voters Casting Ballots (Nov. 2012)	24,791	64%
Latino voters	4,429	40%	Latino voters	11,824	48%
Asian-Surnamed voters	643	6%	Asian-Surnamed voters	1,479	6%
Filipino-Surnamed voters	142	1%	Filipino-Surnamed voters	407	2%
Est. NH White voters	5,200	47%	Est. NH White voters	9,699	39%
Est. African-Amer. Reg	506	5%	Est. African-Amer. Reg	1,033	4%
Democratic voters	4,956	45%			
Republican voters	4,260	38%			
Other/No Party voters	1,882	17%			

## Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act

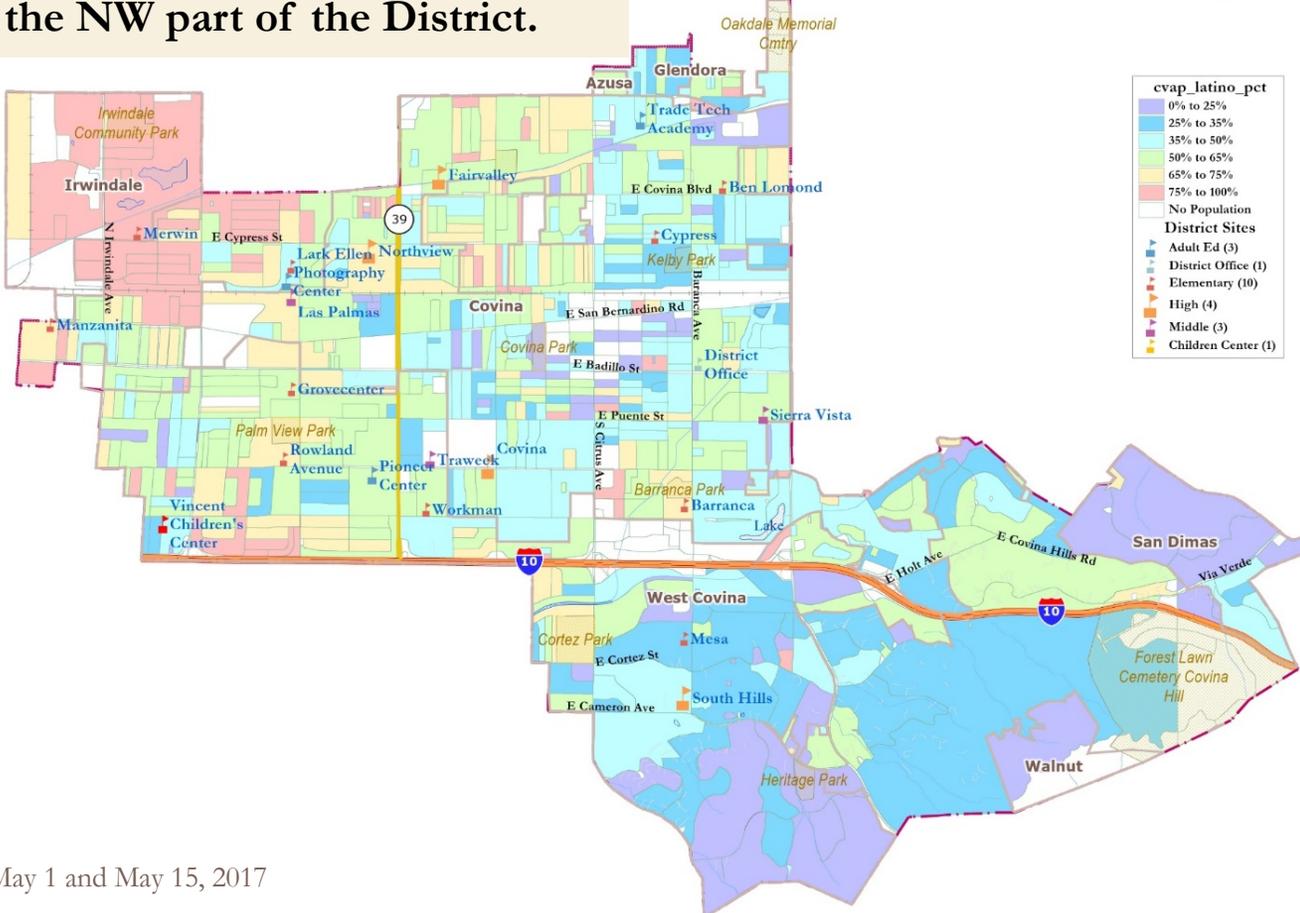
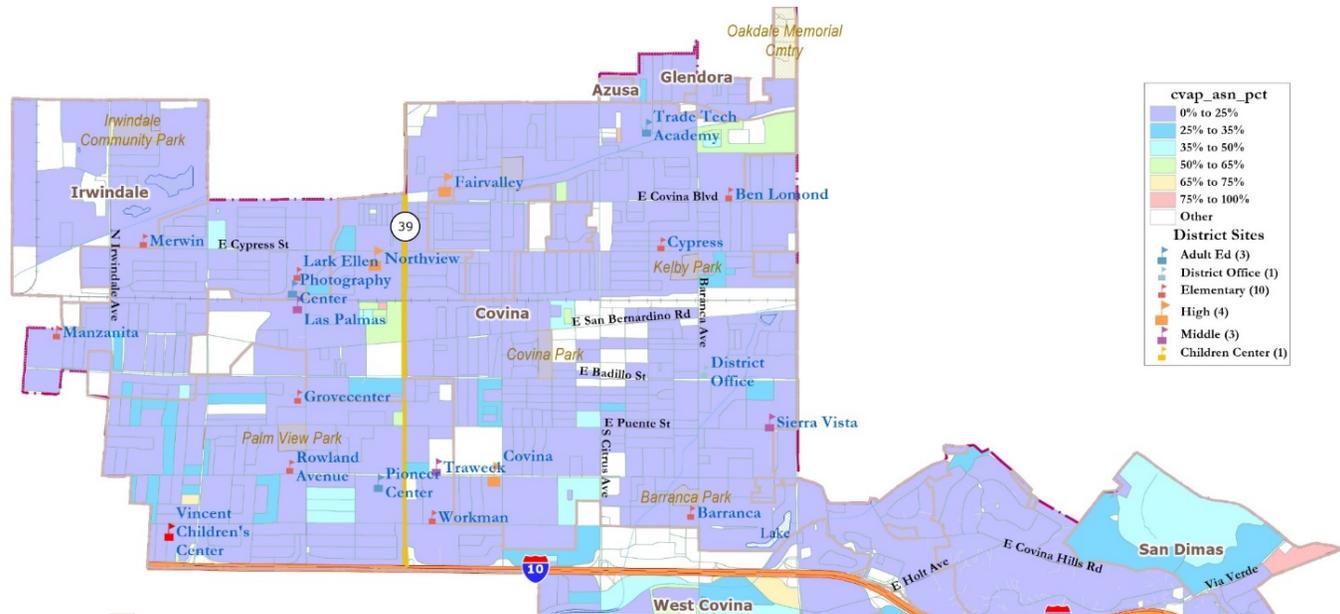


## Traditional Criteria

- ❑ Communities of interest
- ❑ Compact
- ❑ Contiguous
- ❑ Visible (Natural & man-made) borders
- ❑ Continuity in office (avoid pairing)
- ❑ Planned future growth

Trustee area borders must be drawn to comply with the Federal Laws. Then the choice is which approach best balances the goals listed in the traditional criteria.

Asian-Americans are a majority of Citizens of Voting Age in the south end of the District, while Latinos are a majority in the NW part of the District.



Trustee area borders must be drawn in each of these areas so the lines do not dilute the voting strength of either protected class.

# Defining Communities of Interest

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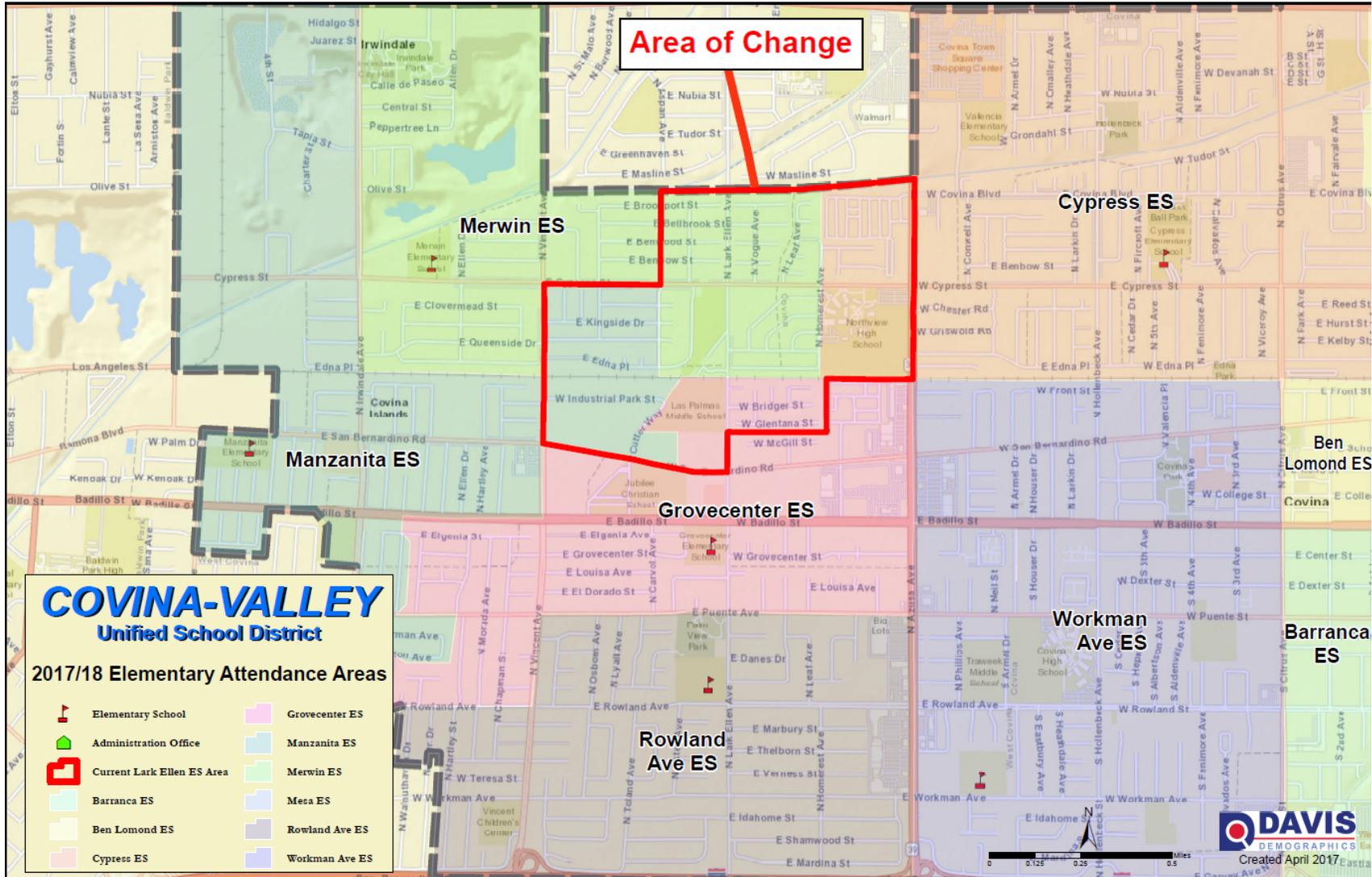
**General definition: A Community of Interest is a neighborhood or community that has shared interests, views, or characteristics.**

Possible community feature/boundary definitions include:

- ❑ School attendance areas
- ❑ City borders
- ❑ Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals, and/or hills
- ❑ Areas around parks and other neighborhood landmarks
- ❑ Common issues, neighborhood activities, or legislative/election concerns
- ❑ Shared demographic characteristics
  - ❑ Such as similar levels of income, education, or linguistic isolation
  - ❑ Ancestry (Not race or ethnicity)



# Attendance Areas



## Discussion / Hearing

What “communities of interest” should be the ‘building blocks’ used to create the draft trustee area maps?

Should the community of interest be united in one trustee area or have multiple trustees representing the community?