City of McFarland
Introduction to Districting

National Demographics Corporation

Jan. 11, 2024

Election Systems

1. **"At Large"**

2. **"From District" or "Residence" Districts**

3. **"By District"**

> **The California Voting Rights Act was written to specifically encourage by-district elections.**

Districting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings December 14 & January 11	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Initial Public Map Deadline January 15	Deadline for map submissions from the community for Public Hearing 3
Release draft maps January 18	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.
Third Public Hearing January 25	Meeting to discuss and revise the draft maps and election sequence
Final Public Map Deadline January 29	Deadline for map submissions from the community for Public Hearing 4
Release revised maps February 1	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 4th hearing.
Fourth Public Hearing February 8	Meeting to discuss the draft maps and election sequence; selection of preferred map and introduction of ordinance
Map adoption February 22	Map adopted via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

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Redistricting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws	2. California Criteria for Cities	3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles
Equal Population **Federal Voting Rights Act** **No Racial Gerrymandering**	1. **Geographically contiguous** 2. **Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest"** (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together) 3. **Easily identifiable boundaries** 4. **Compact** (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)	**Future population growth** **Prohibited:** "shall not favor or discriminate against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.."

Demographic Summary

Total population from the California adjustment to the 2020 Census

Other demographic data from the American Community Survey and Statewide Database
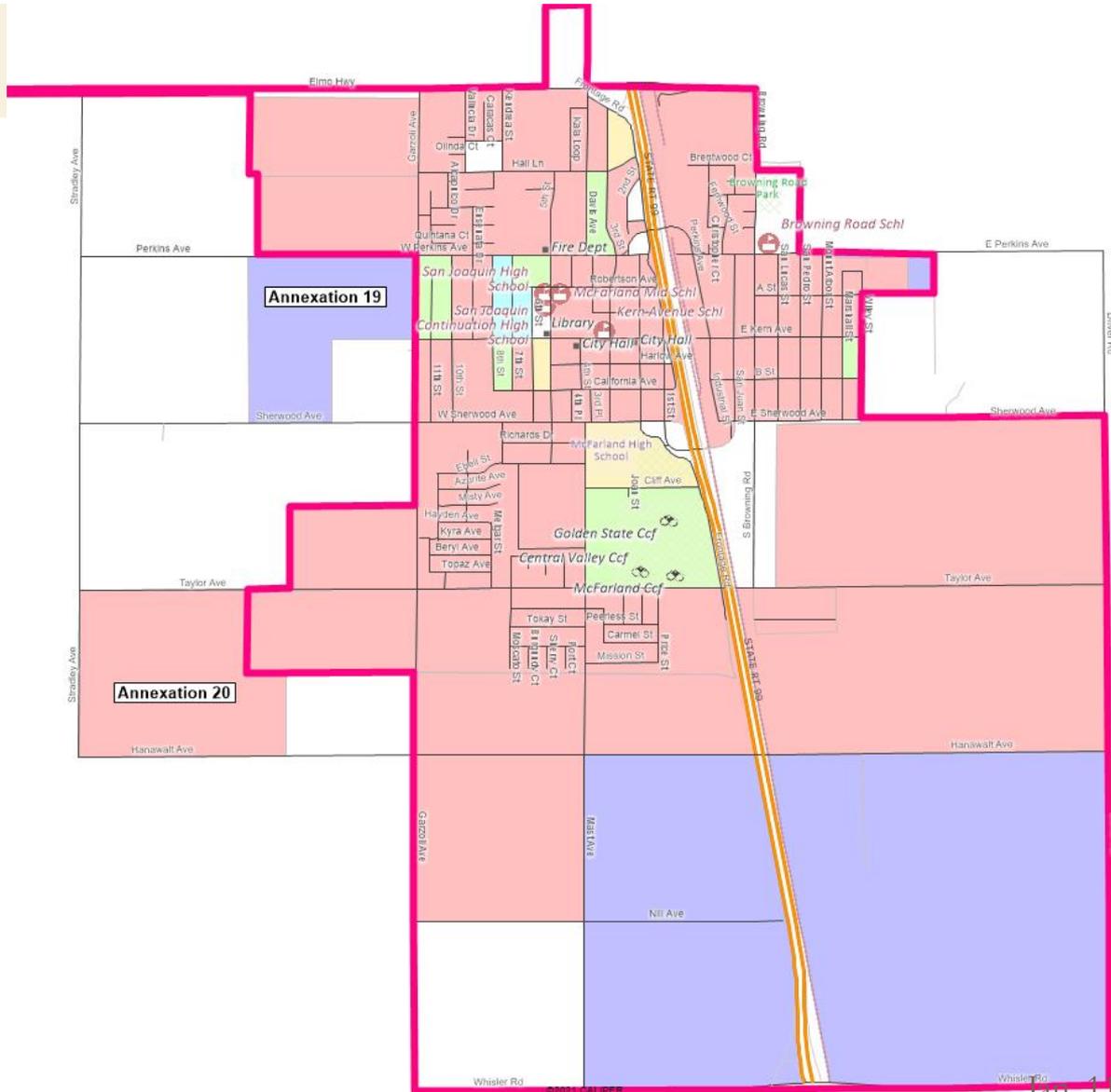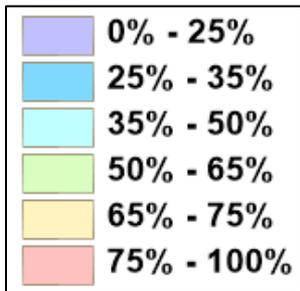
Each of the 4 districts must contain about 3,484 people.

Data include current population of both Annexation 19 (7 residents) and Annexation 20 (2 residents)

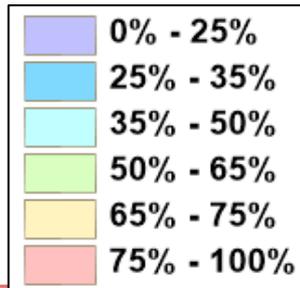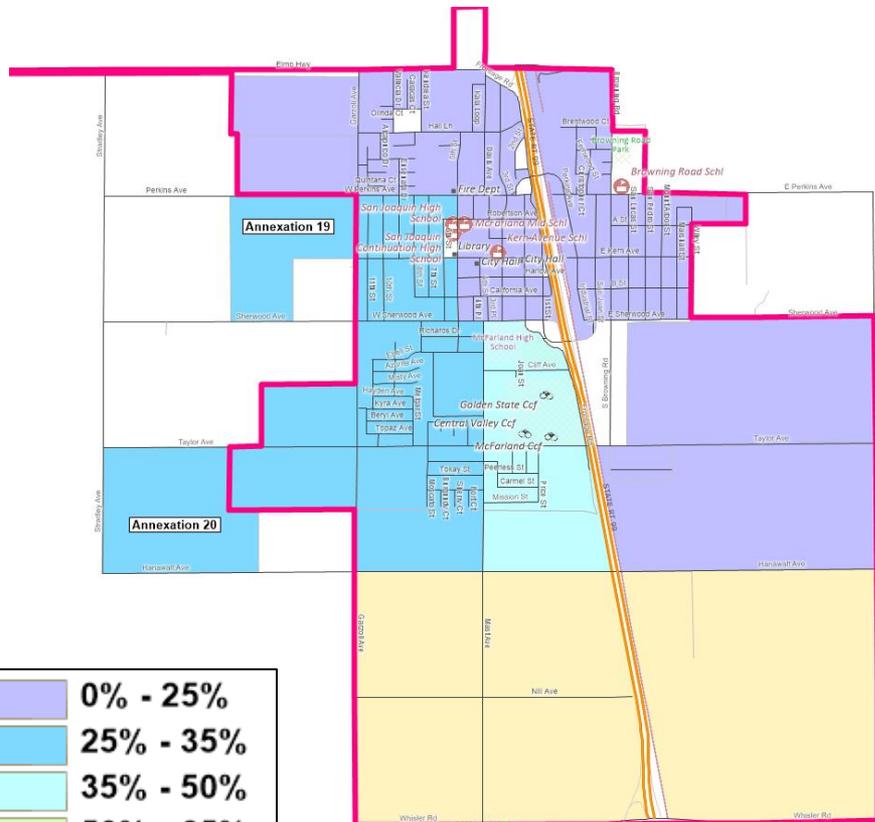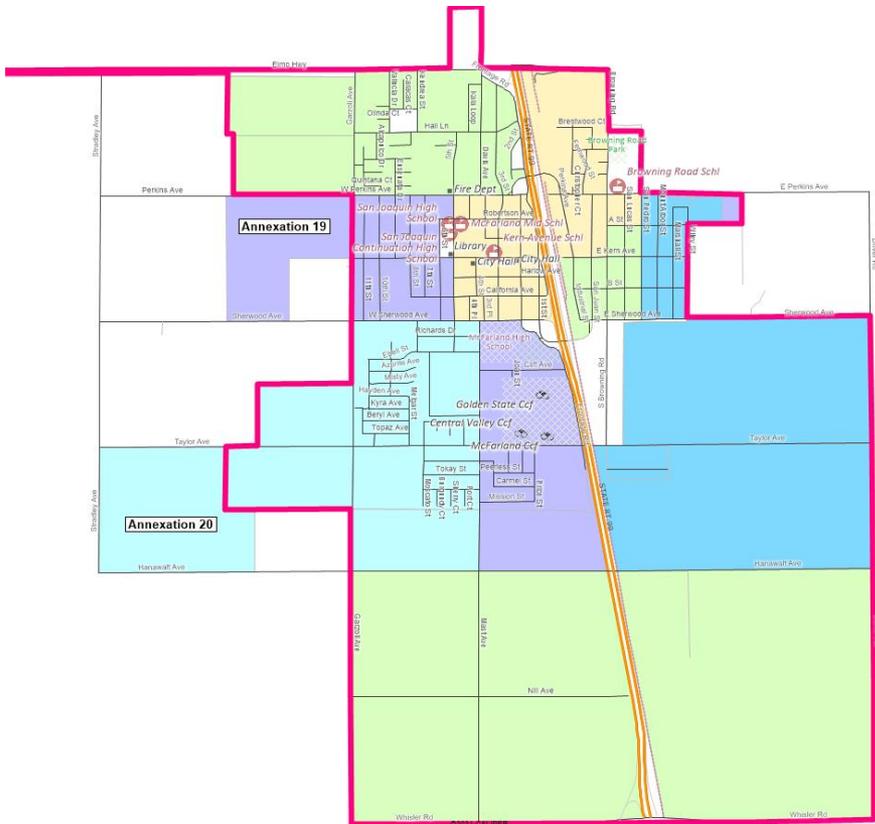| City of McFarland					
Category	**Field**	**Total**	**Category**	**Field**	**Total**
Census	Total Population	13,935	Age	age0-19	39%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	96%		age20-60	51%
	NH White	3%		age60plus	10%
	NH Black	0%	Immigration	immigrants	32%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	1%		naturalized	24%
	NH Native Amer.	0%	Language spoken at home	english	24%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	5,639		spanish	75%
	Hisp	91%		asian-lang	1%
	NH White	7%		other lang	0%
	NH Black	0%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	48%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	1%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	51%
	Native Amer.	0%		bachelor	2%
Voter Registration (Nov 2022)	Total	4,610		graduatedegree	2%
	Latino est.	98%	Child in Household	child-under18	64%
	Spanish-Surnamed	88%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	57%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%	Household Income	income 0-25k	25%
	Filipino-Surnamed	2%		income 25-50k	36%
	NH White est.	0%		income 50-75k	16%
	NH Black	0%		income 75-200k	22%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	Total	1,438		income 200k-plus	1%
	Latino est.	94%	Housing Stats	single family	85%
	Spanish-Surnamed	85%		multi-family	15%
	Asian-Surnamed	0%		rented	46%
	Filipino-Surnamed	2%		owned	54%
	NH White est.	2%			
	NH Black	0%			
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	2,507	Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2017-2021 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.		
	Latino est.	92%			
	Spanish-Surnamed	88%			
	Asian-Surnamed	0%			
	Filipino-Surnamed	2%			
	NH White est.	6%			
	NH Black est.	0%			

Latino **CVAP**

Latinos predominate throughout the city

Legend:
- 0% - 25%
- 25% - 35%
- 35% - 50%
- 50% - 65%
- 65% - 75%
- 75% - 100%

Other Socio-Economic Demographics

Renters

Income $75k +

Legend:
- 0% - 25%
- 25% - 35%
- 35% - 50%
- 50% - 65%
- 65% - 75%
- 75% - 100%

Defining Neighborhoods

1ˢᵗ Question: What is your neighborhood?

2ⁿᵈ Question: What are its geographic boundaries?

Examples of physical features defining a neighborhood boundary:

- Natural neighborhood dividing lines, such as highway or major roads, rivers, canals and/or hills

- Areas around parks or schools

- Other neighborhood landmarks

Defining Communities of Interest

California Elections Code Section 21130(c)(2):

> **A "community of interest" is a population that shares common social or economic interests <u>that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation</u>.**

The shared interests may include (but are not limited to):

- ▫ Shared public policy concerns such as education, public safety, public health, environment, housing, transportation, and access to social services. cultural districts;

- ▫ Shared socioeconomic characteristics;

- ▫ Similar voter registration rates and participation rates; and /or

- ▫ Shared histories.

Definitions of Communities of Interest may <u>not</u> include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Public Hearing & Discussion

What is your neighborhood and what are its boundaries?

What other notable areas are in the City, and what are their boundaries?

For each answer, please provide:

☐ Geographic boundaries

☐ The history or defining shared characteristic of the area

In the absence of public testimony, planning records and other similar documents may provide definition.

Any other questions about the process, criteria, maps, or any other part of this process?