

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

R-11-104 Meeting 11-28 October 19, 2011

AGENDA ITEM 5

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Consideration of District Ward Boundary Re-Alignment (Redistricting)

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Approve the revised redistricting criteria.
- 2. Approve the attached resolution altering existing ward boundaries based upon 2010 census data.

SUMMARY

At the public August 24, 2011 Special Board meeting, a Redistricting Study Session was held where draft redistricting criteria and three potential redistricting scenarios were presented to the Board for feedback. Staff has incorporated the Board's feedback into a revised set of criteria, which were then used to guide the development of a new, proposed redistricting plan. Staff will present the revised redistricting criteria and the proposed redistricting plan to the Board for approval.

DISCUSSION

The District is required by California Elections Code Section 22000 and the federal Voting Rights Act to adjust its ward boundaries prior to the next biennial general election following each federal decennial census. The purpose of these statutes is to ensure that the wards, to the extent practical, are equal in population. With the recent availability of the 2010 Census data, the District has calculated the population variance between wards at +/- 3.6 percent. Staff is proposing to adjust the ward boundaries, using the following revised criteria, to mitigate this variance to better balance the population between wards and ensure compliance with the redistricting statutes.

Background

At the August 24, 2011 Special Public Board meeting, the Board provided feedback on the draft redistricting criteria and the three potential redistricting scenarios. The following is a brief summary of the Board's feedback and an explanation on how staff incorporated the feedback into the revised criteria and proposed redistricting plan:

- Board feedback: Increase the maximum variance to 2.5% from 2% in the criteria; however, keep variance as low as possible in redistricting plans. *Staff's action*: The revised criteria now states, "Equalize the population count in each Ward to +/- 2.5%, but strive to minimize the variance as much as possible". The proposed redistricting plan minimizes the variance to 2%. The higher 2.5% variance was not needed to meet the redistricting goals of community cohesiveness in this redistricting plan.
- Board feedback: Include the importance of minority voting strength to the criteria. Staff's action: To address this feedback an additional item was added to the criteria that states, "Ensure that minority voting strength does not diminish as a result of redistricting".
- 3) *Board feedback*: The Board unanimously preferred Scenario 2 of the three scenarios presented. However, the Board requested a number of modifications to this scenario. *Staff's action*: The proposed redistricting plan consists of Scenario 2 with the following requested modifications:
 - Board feedback: Unite Skylonda and Kings Mountain Communities in proposed redistricting plan.
 Staff's action: Staff unified Kings Mountain Community in Ward 7 by moving a portion of it from Ward 6 to Ward 7. Staff found that Skylonda is currently united within Ward 6, so no action was taken.
 - II. Board feedback: Prevent loss of population in Ward 7. Staff's action: In the proposed redistricting plan, Kings Mountain Community was unified in Ward 7, which added close to 100 people to Ward 7.
 - III. Board feedback: A proposal to add a section of Palo Alto to Los Altos Hills from Ward 5 to Ward 2 was presented at the last meeting. The Board asked that this section not be added to Ward 2 and should remain in Ward 5 in the proposed redistricting plan. Staff's action: In the proposed redistricting plan this section remains in Ward 5 and is not added to Ward 2.

This feedback has been incorporated into the overall revised redistricting criteria and the proposed redistricting plan, which is explained in detail below.

Revised Redistricting Criteria

To formulate the criteria, staff considered the principles established during the District's last redistricting, reviewed the criteria of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District, East Bay Regional Park District, and local counties and municipalities, and confirmed adherence to all applicable laws. The following is a list of the recommended criteria and an explanation of how these criteria were incorporated into proposed redistricting plan. This list is not meant to represent any order of priority.

1) <u>Comply with all applicable laws</u> (required)

The District is required to comply with Chapter 8 of the Election Code (Special Districts 22000, Reapportionment of Special Districts after Federal Census). This statute states that:

"Each district required by its authorizing act to adjust division boundaries pursuant to this section shall, by resolution, after each federal decennial census, and using that census as a

basis, adjust the boundaries of any divisions so that the divisions are, as far as practicable, equal in population and in compliance with Section 1973 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended, to the extent those provisions are applicable. In adjusting the boundaries of the district, the board may give consideration to the following factors: (1) topography, (2) geography, (3) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and (4) community of interests of the district."

As indicated in Elections Code Section 22000, the District must also comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (Section 1973 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended), which "prohibits electoral systems, including redistrictings, which dilute minority voting rights by denying minorities an equal opportunity to nominate and elect candidates of their choice."

2) <u>Keep city representation intact and maintain cohesive neighborhoods and communities,</u> <u>where possible</u> (required)

To the greatest extent possible, the redistricting plan was drawn to respect local government boundaries, neighborhood association boundaries, and communities. Maintaining community cohesiveness is essential both in complying with the Election Code and preserving community voting strength. If communities are dissected, the voting strength of that area may be diluted.

In order to comply with this criterion, the following data were analyzed to inform the ward boundary adjustments:

• Aerial Imagery

Aerial imagery was used to analyze developed infrastructure and natural environmental features to help determine neighborhood boundaries. Aspects of a neighborhood such as tree canopy density, street patterns, roof types, density of land use, building types, property size, and location of buildings on properties are easily identified using aerial imagery. When determining potential ward boundary changes, analyzing visible neighborhood features helps to determine the extent of established neighborhoods, ensuring that communities do not get dissected by proposed ward boundary changes.

• City and County Boundaries

City and County boundaries can provide hard community, political, and land use barriers. These barriers, especially within the urban environment, are useful to follow when determining ward boundaries because they can provide steadfast barriers that are rarely altered.

City and County boundaries were used to keep city and county representation intact as much as possible. All boundary realignments took place in areas where city representation was already shared. No additional cities were dissected in the proposed redistricting plan.

• Major Roads and Highways

Major roads and highways tend to bound and shape residential neighborhoods and often form the outer edges of neighborhood boundaries. Highways and freeways provide hard land use boundaries because they limit opportunities for connection between neighborhoods on either side.

• Neighborhood Association Maps

Neighborhood association maps showing neighborhood boundaries are often available from local governments. These boundaries are often created based on input from neighborhood residents, community leaders, and public officials. Utilizing neighborhood association boundaries when determining potential new ward boundaries is beneficial because it ensures that an established neighborhood is kept intact, which strengthens the voting strength and public involvement voice of communities.

Neighborhood association maps were obtained for all areas that contained potential changes. The proposed redistricting plan unites many neighborhood associations resulting in intact neighborhood representation.

• Environmental Features

Environmental features such as creeks and streams can be used to mark potential ward boundaries. An analysis of waterways in the urban regions of the Peninsula has revealed that waterways often form strong neighborhood and political boundaries.

Other environmental features such as hills can help determine the physical extent of neighboring communities. Hilltop communities have different land use characteristics, street patterns, and densities compared with neighborhoods on flat ground. The physical change in an area's landscape determines the differences in land use patterns in the built environment, which leads to hard physical boundaries between communities built in different geographic areas.

3) Equalize the population count in each Ward to +/- 2.5%, but strive to minimize the variance as much as possible (population equalization is required, but the +/- 2.5% variance value is not required)

The Election Code requires each ward within the District to have equal populations, as far as practicable, to respect the principle of one person-one vote so that each person has equal representation. The ideal ward size is the population that each ward would have if the total population within the District was divided exactly equally among wards. The deviation refers to the percentage that a ward's population is allowed to vary above or below the population of the ideal ward. As the deviation is decreased, the potential to negatively impact neighborhood and community cohesiveness is increased due to the larger number of fine-grained adjustments needed to meet the lower deviation threshold. As a point of reference, the State's standard of population equalization is set at +/-2.5%.

Past District redistricting scenarios have used a deviation of +/-1%. At the August 24, 2011 Study Session, the Board requested, and staff concurs, to allow for a maximum deviation of +/- 2.5% when equalizing the population counts between District wards. This proposed increase in the maximum deviation allows for improved neighborhood and community cohesiveness as required by the Election Code. Although +/-2.5% is the proposed target, staff aimed to minimize the variance as much as possible without impacting community cohesiveness. Staff was able to keep the standard of deviation to +/-2.0% when developing the proposed redistricting plan that is before the Board for approval, which is slightly under the proposed target maximum of +/-2.5%.

4) <u>Strive to keep wards as similar to the current configuration</u> (not required)

As a common practice, realigned districts should reassign the minimum number of residents to new wards to avoid confusion among voters. The proposed redistricting plan reassigns the least amount of people to new wards as much as possible while still keeping communities intact.

5) Avoid altering ward boundaries in the Coastal Protection Area (not required)

In 2004, the District underwent a significant public process to determine ward boundary locations in the coastal protection area. As a result, staff is not recommending any changes to ward boundaries within the coastal protection area.

The proposed redistricting plan contains no changes to the ward boundaries in the coastal protection area.

6) Keep incumbents in their current ward (not required)

Keeping incumbents in their current ward is common practice and helps avoid confusion among voters. The proposed redistricting plan keeps all incumbents in their current ward.

7) Ensure that minority voting strength does not diminish as a result of redistricting (required)

Percentage of minority populations per ward will not significantly decrease as a result of the redistricting. This ensures that minority voting strength is kept intact. Census data was used to calculate percentages of minority population within current and proposed wards. The minority population percentages do not significantly decrease as a result of the proposed redistricting. The largest decrease was .258%.

In summary, these criteria preserve community voting strength to the greatest extent possible, and are consistent with the Election Code requirement of population equalization.

Proposed Redistricting Plan

Current District Population

Based upon the 2010 Census data, the population within the boundaries of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (District) is 705,528 (see Table 1 below). This is an increase of 25,854, or 3.8%, from the 2004 population of 679,674, which was calculated using 2000 census data. The population in each of the District's existing seven wards range from a low of 97,097 in Ward 7 to a high of 104,194 in Ward 2, which represents a variance of 7.3%. Based on the 2010 Census data, the ideal ward population is 100,790. A maximum variance of +/-2.5% would allow for wards to range in population from 98,270 to 103,310.

WARD	2004 POPULATION*	2010 POPULATION	PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN POPULATION
1	~97,096 **	101,181	102,385
2	~97,096	104,194	102,838
3	~97,096	103,344	102,786
4	~97,096	100,616	100,676
5	~97,096	100,839	99,090
6	~97,096	98,257	98,780
7	~97,096	97,097	98,976
TOTAL	679,674	705,528	705,528

Table 1: District population in 2004, 2010 and population in proposed redistricting plan.

*Population based on 2000 Census Data **This is the approximate population per ward.

Summary of Proposed Redistricting Plan

The revised criteria, as described in this document, were used to create the proposed ward boundaries (see Attachment 1). This plan meets the proposed population equalization maximum deviation of +/- 2.5% per ward and in fact comes under this amount to approximately +/-2.0%. Populations within each ward range from 98,780 to 102,838 (see Table 1). A primary goal of this redistricting plan is to achieve community cohesiveness and equalize population between wards. A total of 16,309 people are reassigned to new wards in this plan. This was the minimum amount of people that needed to be reassigned in order to achieve these goals. The current ward boundaries dissect many neighborhood associations especially in Redwood City. The proposed redistricting plan successfully brings these communities back together. Minority populations per ward do not significantly decrease as a result of this redistricting plan, ensuring that the minority voting strength is kept intact. The largest decrease in minority populations as a result of this redistricting plan is -0.258% (see Attachment 2). City and county representation are kept intact as much as possible. All boundary realignments take place in areas where city representation was already shared. No additional cities are dissected in the proposed redistricting plan.

Description of Proposed Adjustments by Ward (see Attachment 3 for an overview of all changes)

Ward 1

See Attachment 4 for final proposed Ward 1 Map; see Area A on Attachment 5 for zoomed area of proposed change.

• Area A: Cupertino is currently shared between Ward 1 and Ward 2. Due to an increase in population in Ward 2, Ward 1 would receive population from Ward 2 in the area southeast of the intersection of Highways 85 and 280, consisting of the Glenbrook Apartment Home community.

Ward 2

See Attachment 6 for final proposed Ward 2 Map; see Areas A and B on Attachment 5, and Areas C, D, and E on Attachment 7, for zoomed areas of proposed changes.

- Area A: Cupertino is currently shared between Ward 1 and Ward 2. Due to an increase in population in Ward 2, Ward 2 would transfer population to Ward 1 in the area southeast of the intersection of Highways 85 and 280, consisting of the Glenbrook Apartment Home community.
- Area B: due to growth in Ward 3, an area of Sunnyvale southeast of the intersection between Sheraton Drive and Pome Avenue would move from Ward 3 to Ward 2. Due to the population density in this area of Sunnyvale, minor roads versus major roads were used as the boundary between Ward 3 and Ward 2.
- Area C: to unify the City of Los Altos and keep city representation intact, a small area of Los Altos would move from Ward 2 to Ward 4.
- Area D: the College Terrace Neighborhood, which is currently divided between Ward 2 and Ward 5, is unified within Ward 5.
- Area E: an unincorporated pocket of Santa Clara County that is most similar to an adjacent area in Ward 5 is moved from Ward 2 to Ward 5.

Ward 3

See Attachment 8 for final proposed Ward 3 Map; see Area B on Attachment 5 for zoomed area of proposed change.

• Area B: due to growth in Ward 3, an area of Sunnyvale southeast of the intersection between Sheraton Drive and Pome Avenue would move from Ward 3 to Ward 2. Due to the population density in this area of Sunnyvale, minor roads versus major roads were used as the boundary between Wards 3 and 2.

Ward 4

See Attachment 9 for final proposed Ward 4 Map; see Area C on Attachment 7 for zoomed area of proposed change.

• Area C: to unify the City of Los Altos and keep city representation intact, a small area of Los Altos would move from Ward 2 to Ward 4.

Ward 5

See Attachment 10 for final proposed Ward 5 Map; See Areas D and E on Attachment 7, and Area F on Attachment 11 for zoomed areas of proposed changes.

- Area D: the College Terrace Neighborhood, which is currently divided between Ward 2 and Ward 5, would be unified within Ward 5.
- Area E: an unincorporated pocket of Santa Clara County that is most similar to an adjacent area in Ward 5 would move from Ward 2 to Ward 5.
- Area F: downtown Menlo Park, which is currently divided between Ward 5 and Ward 6, would be unified within Ward 6.

Ward 6

See Attachment 12 for final proposed Ward 6 Map; see Areas F, G, H, I, J, and K on Attachment 11, and Areas L and M on Attachment 13 for zoomed areas of proposed changes.

• Area F: downtown Menlo Park, which is currently divided between Ward 5 and Ward 6, would be unified within Ward 6.

- Area G: Redwood City waterfront communities (Marina and Bair Island), which are currently divided between Ward 6 and Ward 7, would be unified within Ward 6.
- Area H: the Centennial Neighborhood, which is divided between Ward 6 and Ward 7, would be unified within Ward 6.
- Area I: the Oak Knoll/Edgewood Park neighborhood and Sequoia/Eagle Hill neighborhoods, which are currently divided between Ward 6 and Ward 7, would be unified within Ward 7.
- Area J: the Palm Park and Central neighborhoods, which are currently divided between Ward 6 and Ward 7, would be unified within Ward 6.
- Area K: an unincorporated pocket of San Mateo County that lies within Redwood City's Sphere of Influence, and is more similar to adjacent Redwood City neighborhoods in Ward 7 than it is to Atherton in Ward 6, would be moved out of Ward 6 and into Ward 7.
- Area L: a portion of Woodside that lies west of Highway 280 would be moved from Ward 7 to Ward 6 to unify the Town of Woodside west of Highway 280.
- Area M: Kings Mountain community would be unified by moving a portion of it from Ward 6 and adding it to Ward 7.

Ward 7

See Attachment 14 for final proposed Ward 7 Map; see Areas G, H, I, J, and K on Attachment 11, and Areas L and M on Attachment 13 for zoomed areas of proposed changes.

- Area G: Redwood City waterfront communities (Marina and Bair Island), which are currently divided between Ward 6 and Ward 7, would be unified within Ward 6.
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Conclusion

The proposed redistricting plan preserves community and minority voting strength to the greatest extent possible, enhances neighborhood cohesiveness, keeps city representation intact, reassigns the minimum amount of people to new wards, keeps incumbents in their current ward, equalizes population variance between wards to $\pm/-2\%$, and complies with all applicable laws. See Attachment 15 for a draft resolution altering ward boundaries based upon 2010 census data.

FISCAL IMPACT

Board action to approve the proposed redistricting criteria and redistricting plan would result in a minor fiscal impact to revise ward maps, website content, and to notify affected property owners of ward changes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice was provided as required by the Brown Act. No additional notice is required.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

This proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and no environmental review is required.

NEXT STEPS

If adopted, staff will transmit the redistricted ward boundaries to the Election Officers in the counties of San Mateo, Santa Cruz and Santa Clara and work with the Officers to ensure the ward boundaries are accurate for the 2014 General Election. Staff will also update its District maps and brochures to show boundary changes.

Attachment(s)

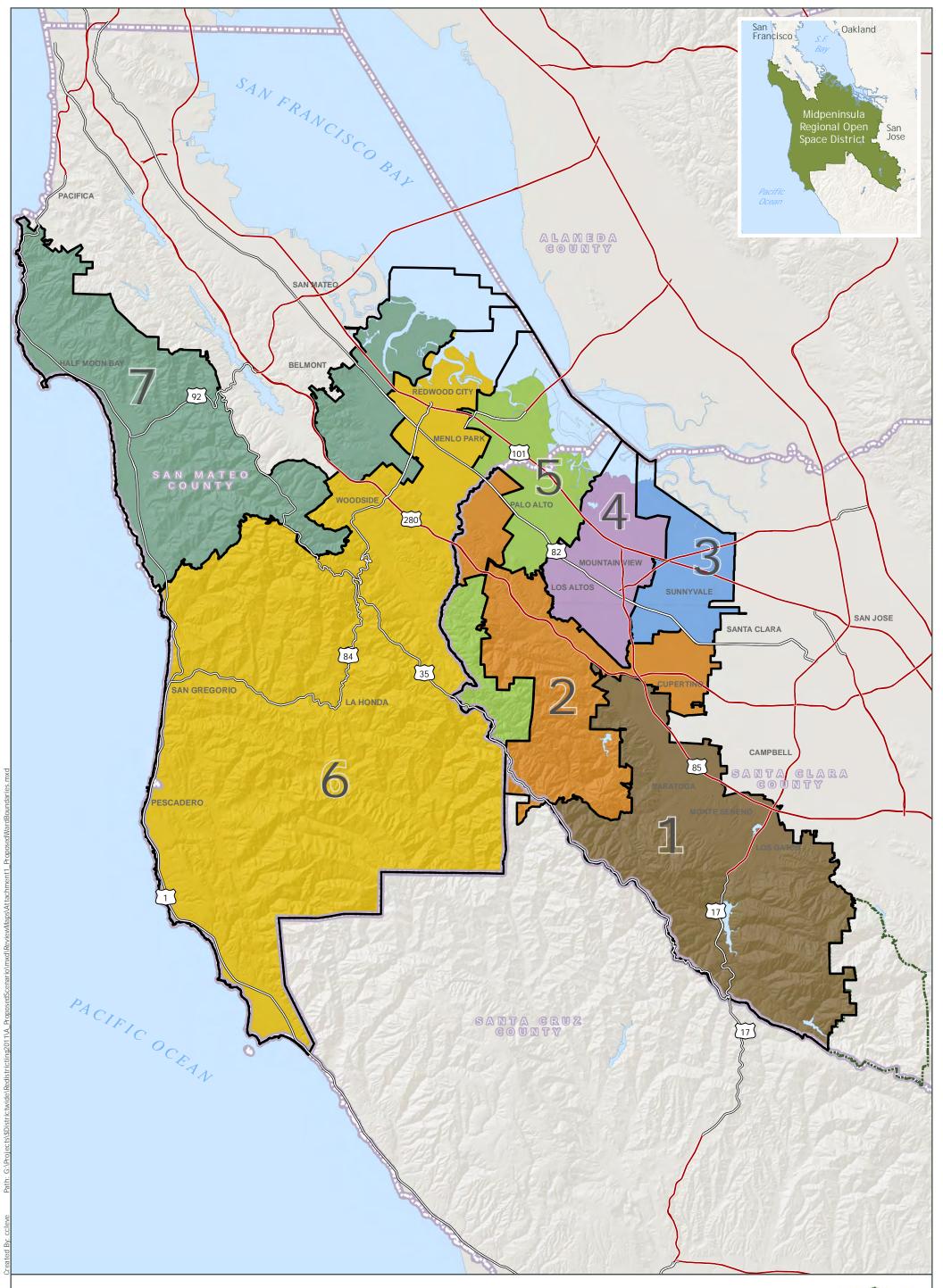
- 1. Proposed Ward Boundary Map
- 2. Minority Population Percentages Before and After Redistricting
- 3. Overview Map of Proposed Changes
- 4. Proposed Ward 1 Boundary Map
- 5. Proposed Changes: Areas A & B
- 6. Proposed Ward 2 Boundary Map
- 7. Proposed Changes: Areas C, D, & E
- 8. Proposed Ward 3 Boundary Map
- 9. Proposed Ward 4 Boundary Map
- 10. Proposed Ward 5 Boundary Map
- 11. Proposed Changes: Areas F, G, H, I, J, & K
- 12. Proposed Ward 6 Boundary Map
- 13. Change Areas L & M
- 14. Proposed Ward 7 Boundary Map
- 15. Resolution

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ATTACHMENT 1: PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES



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Attachment 2: Minority Population Percentages Before and After Redistricting

		Population of "Hisp	anic Alone"
Wards	Current Percent of Voting Age Population	Percent of Voting Age Population after Redistricting	Difference In Proposed from Current
1	4.32%	4.28%	-0.0438%
2	6.55%	6.59%	0.0322%
3	19.56%	19.65%	0.0870%
4	15.39%	15.38%	-0.0081%
5	23.49%	23.80%	0.3025%
6	34.84%	34.58%	-0.2580%
7	14.64%	14.63%	-0.0127%

Population of "Asian Alone"

	Current		
	Percent of	Percent of Voting	Difference In
	Voting	Age Population after	Proposed from
	Age	Redistricting	Current
Wards	Population		
1	31.64%	32.18%	0.54%
2	39.62%	39.59%	-0.03%
3	40.24%	40.25%	0.00%
4	25.69%	25.67%	-0.01%
5	17.97%	18.09%	0.12%
6	7.60%	7.66%	0.06%
7	11.23%	11.22%	-0.01%

Population of "American Indian or Alaska Native Alone"

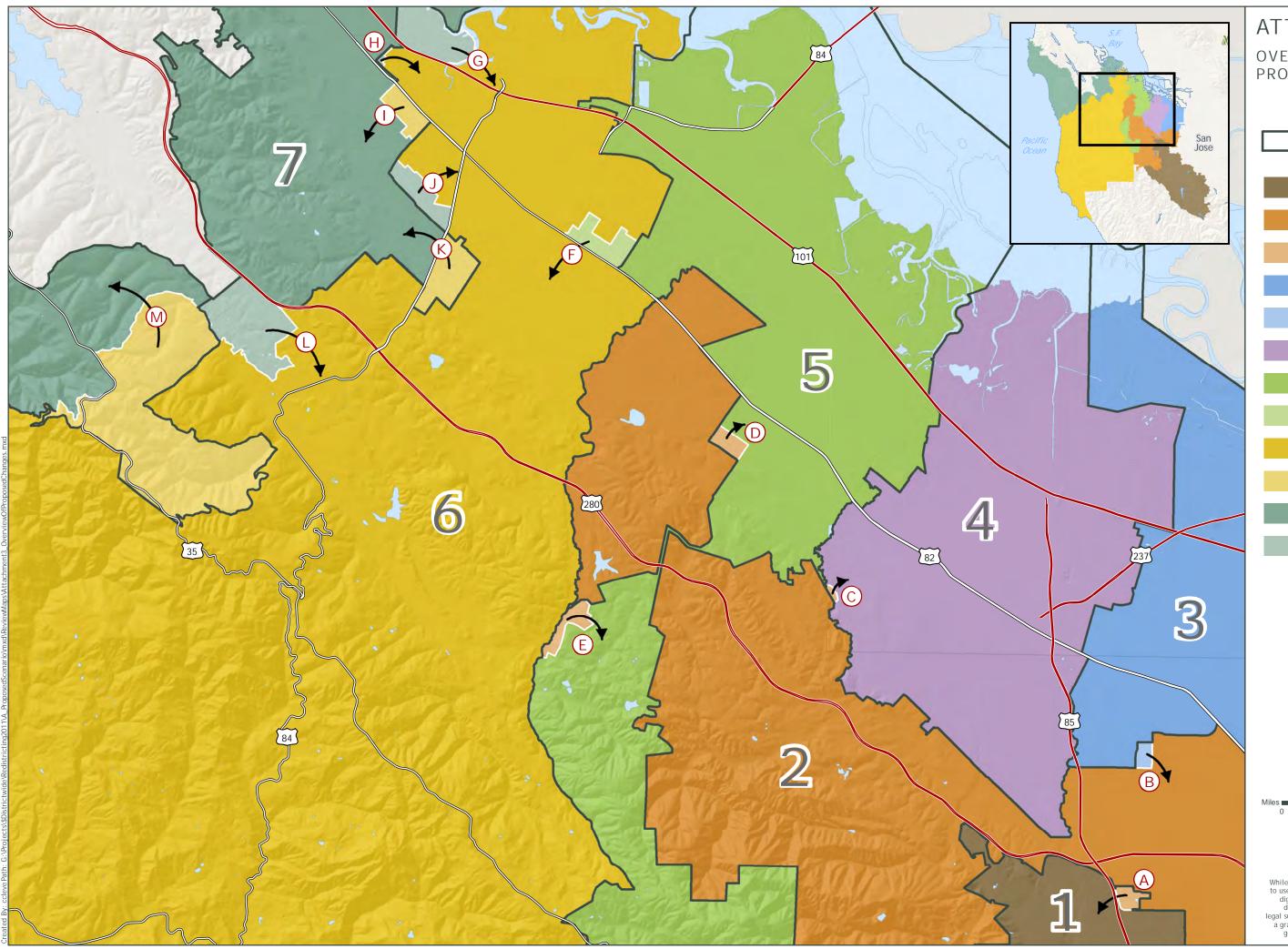
	Current		
	Percent of	Percent of Voting	Difference In
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	Age	Redistricting	Current
Wards	Population		
1	0.14%	0.15%	0.0031%
2	0.16%	0.15%	-0.0061%
3	0.20%	0.20%	0.0010%
4	0.14%	0.14%	-0.0001%
5	0.13%	0.13%	-0.0016%
6	0.19%	0.20%	0.0072%
7	0.16%	0.16%	-0.0048%

Population of "African American or Black Alone"

Current Percent of Voting Age Population	Percent of Voting Age Population after Redistricting	Difference In Proposed from Current
0.51%	0.51%	-0.0007%
1.71%	1.72%	0.0034%
2.04%	2.04%	0.0065%
1.81%	1.82%	0.0065%
7.42%	7.52%	0.1048%
1.84%	1.83%	-0.0013%
0.95%	0.98%	0.0237%

Population of "Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian Alone"

Current Percent of Voting Age Population	Percent of Voting Age Population after Redistricting	Difference In Proposed from Current
0.10%	0.10%	0.00%
0.15%	0.15%	0.00%
0.49%	0.49%	0.00%
0.42%	0.42%	0.00%
2.38%	2.41%	0.03%
0.87%	0.88%	0.00%
0.30%	0.30%	0.00%



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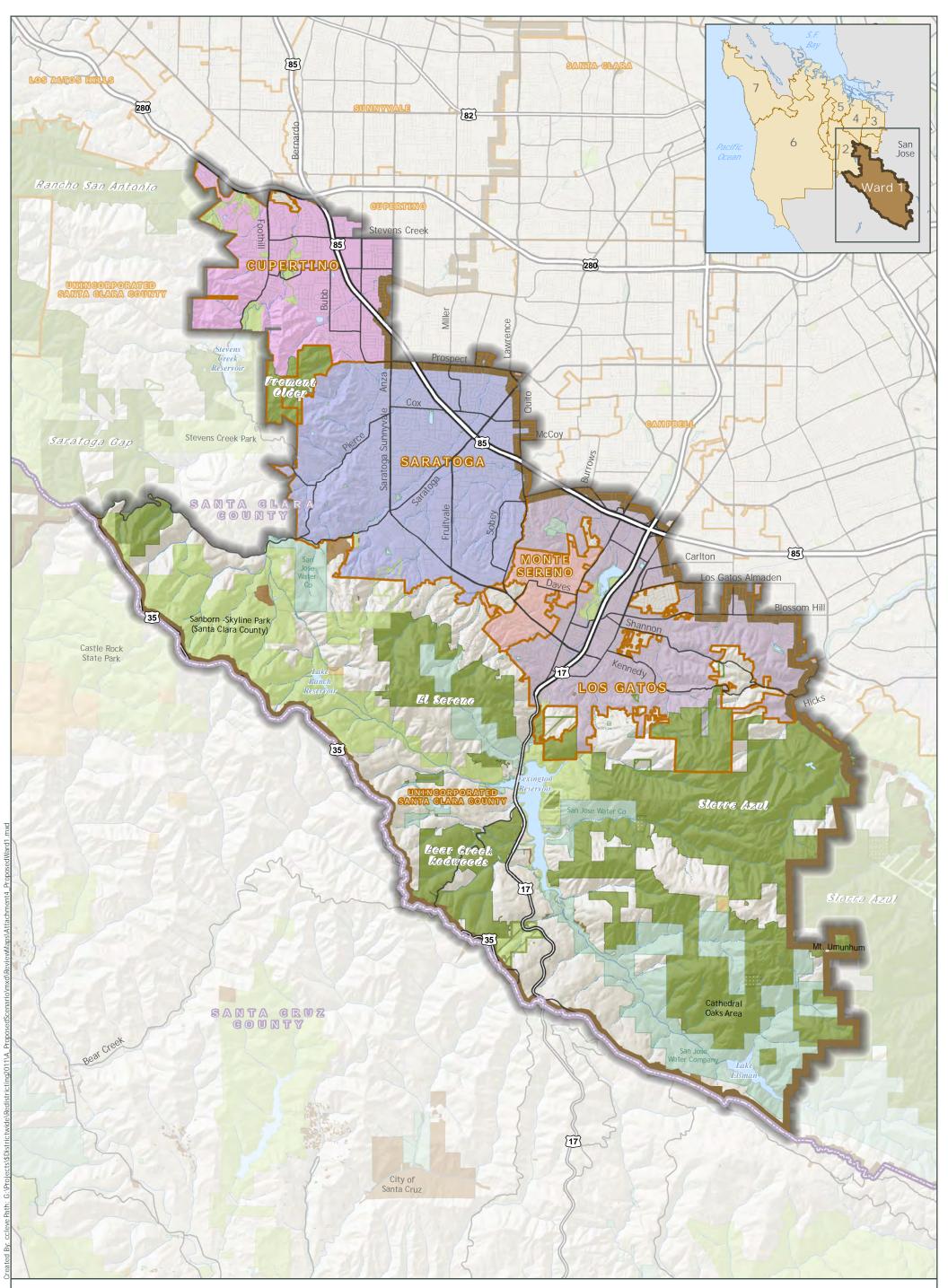
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ATTACHMENT 4: PROPOSED WARD 1 BOUNDARY



Ward 1 Boundary









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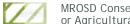




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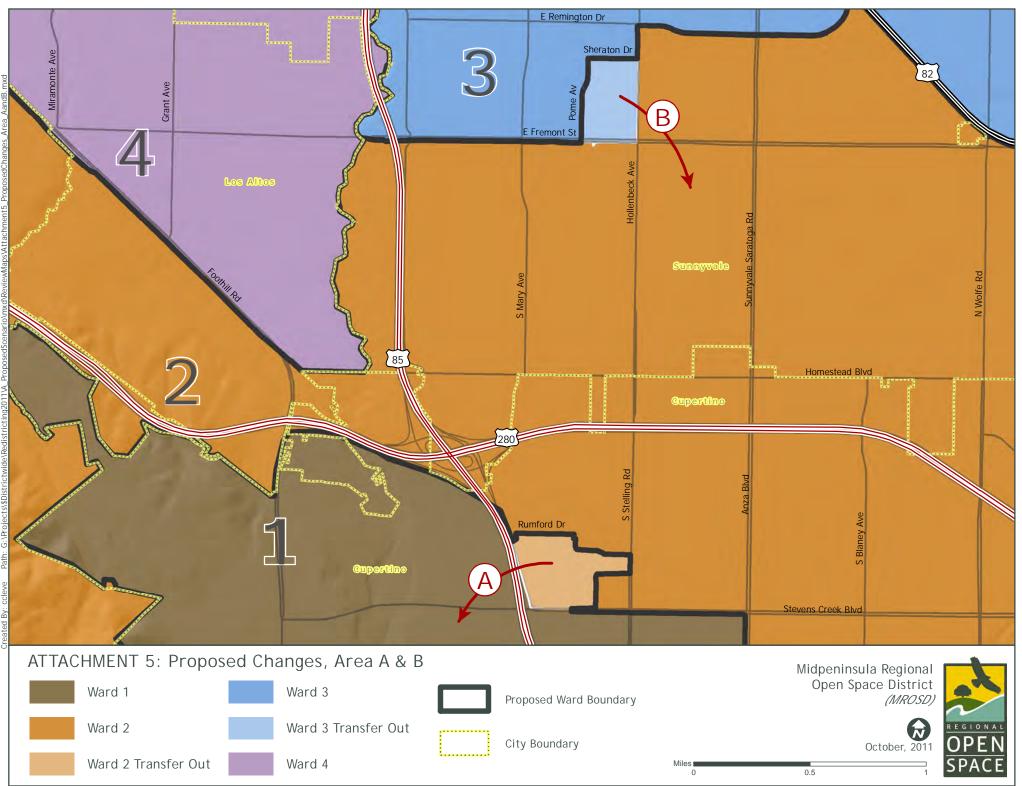
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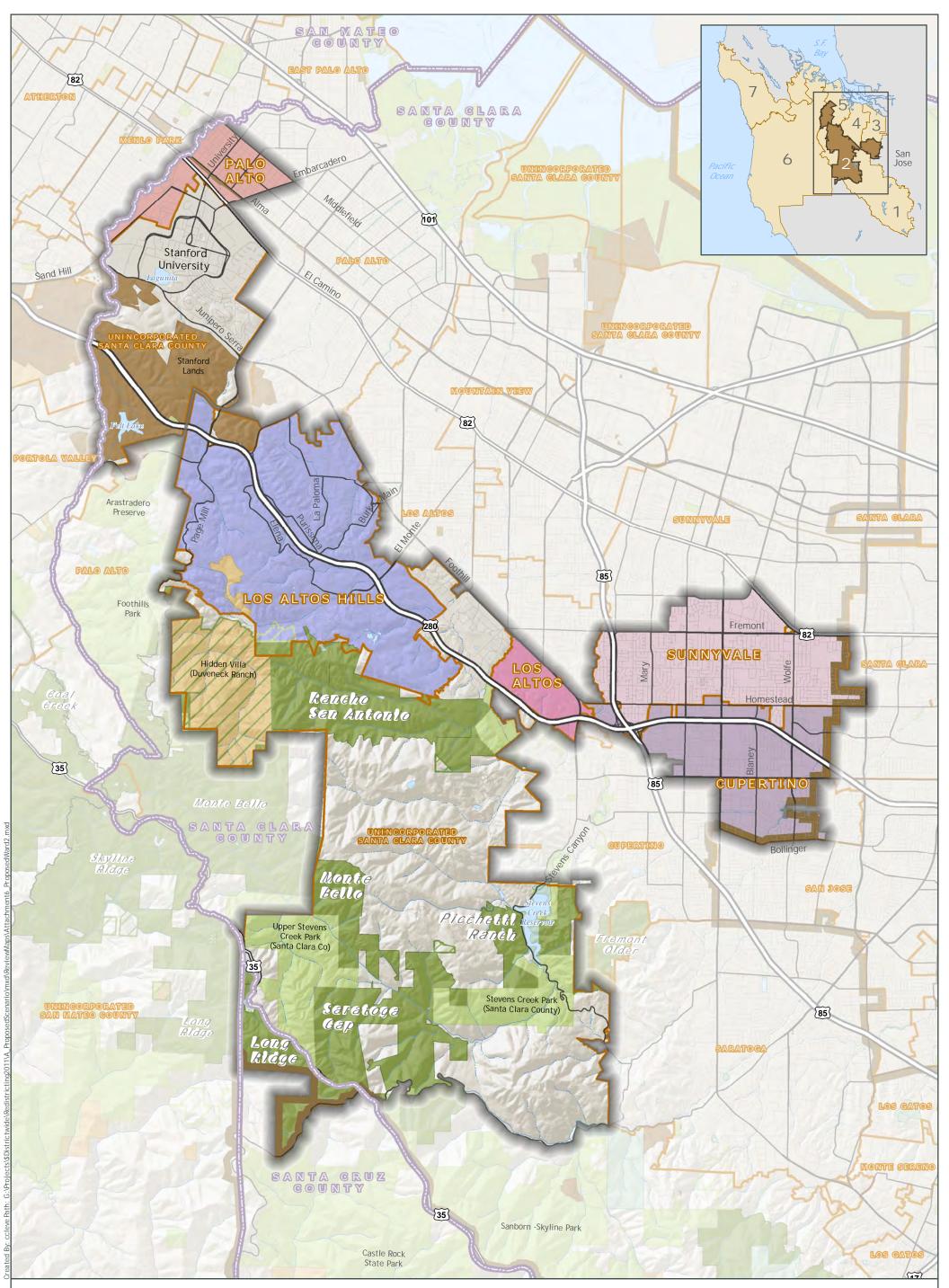
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ATTACHMENT 6: PROPOSED WARD 2 BOUNDARY

Watershed Land



Ward 2 Boundary



















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County Boundary

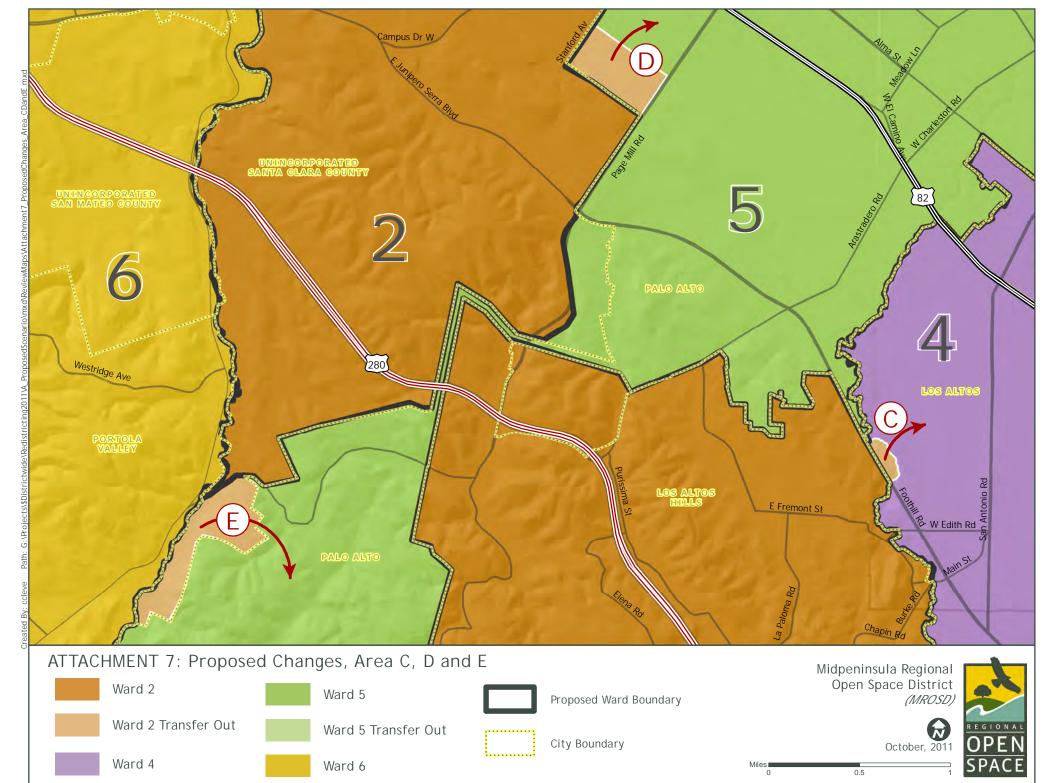
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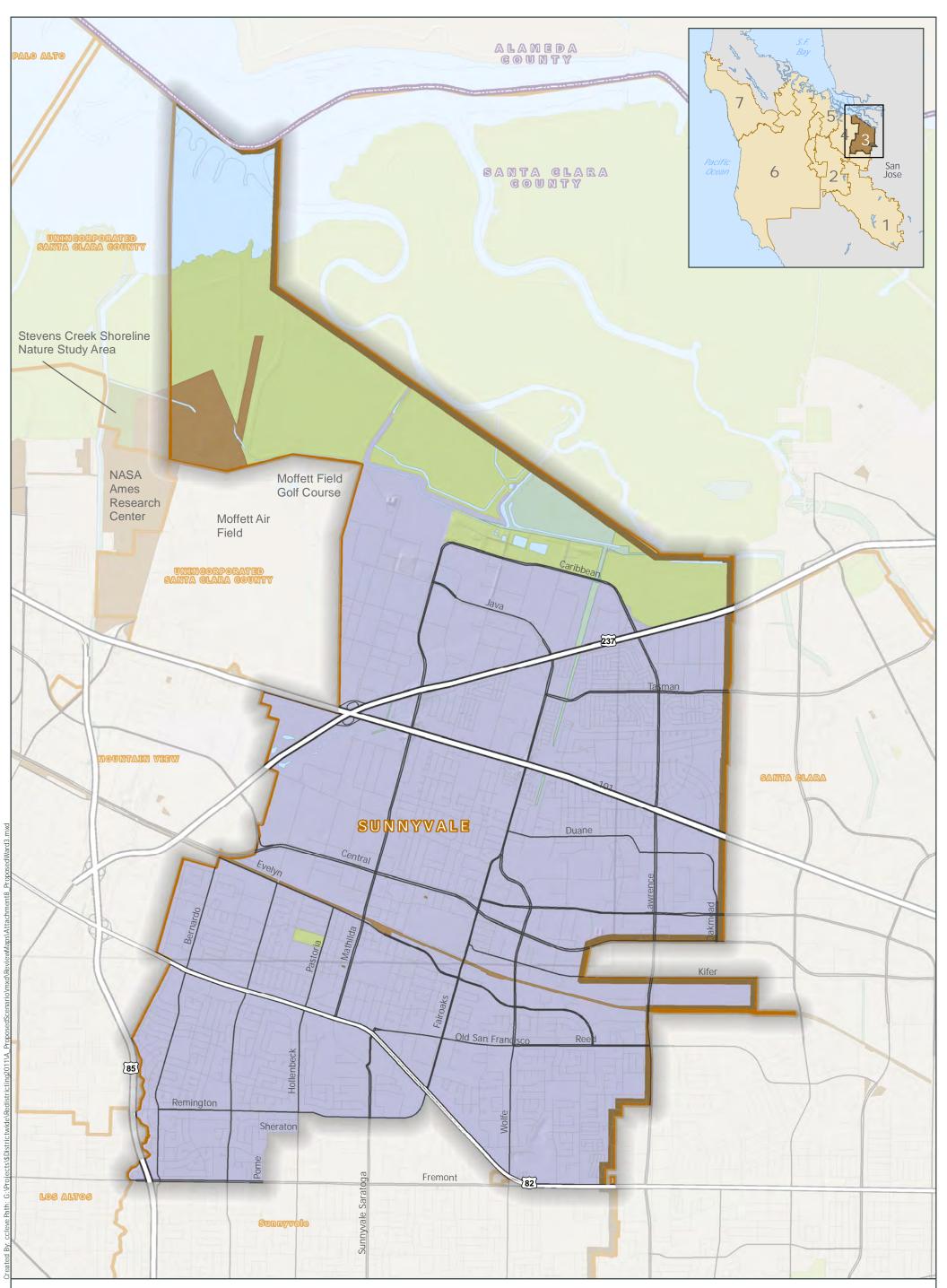
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ATTACHMENT 8: PROPOSED WARD 3 BOUNDARY

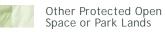
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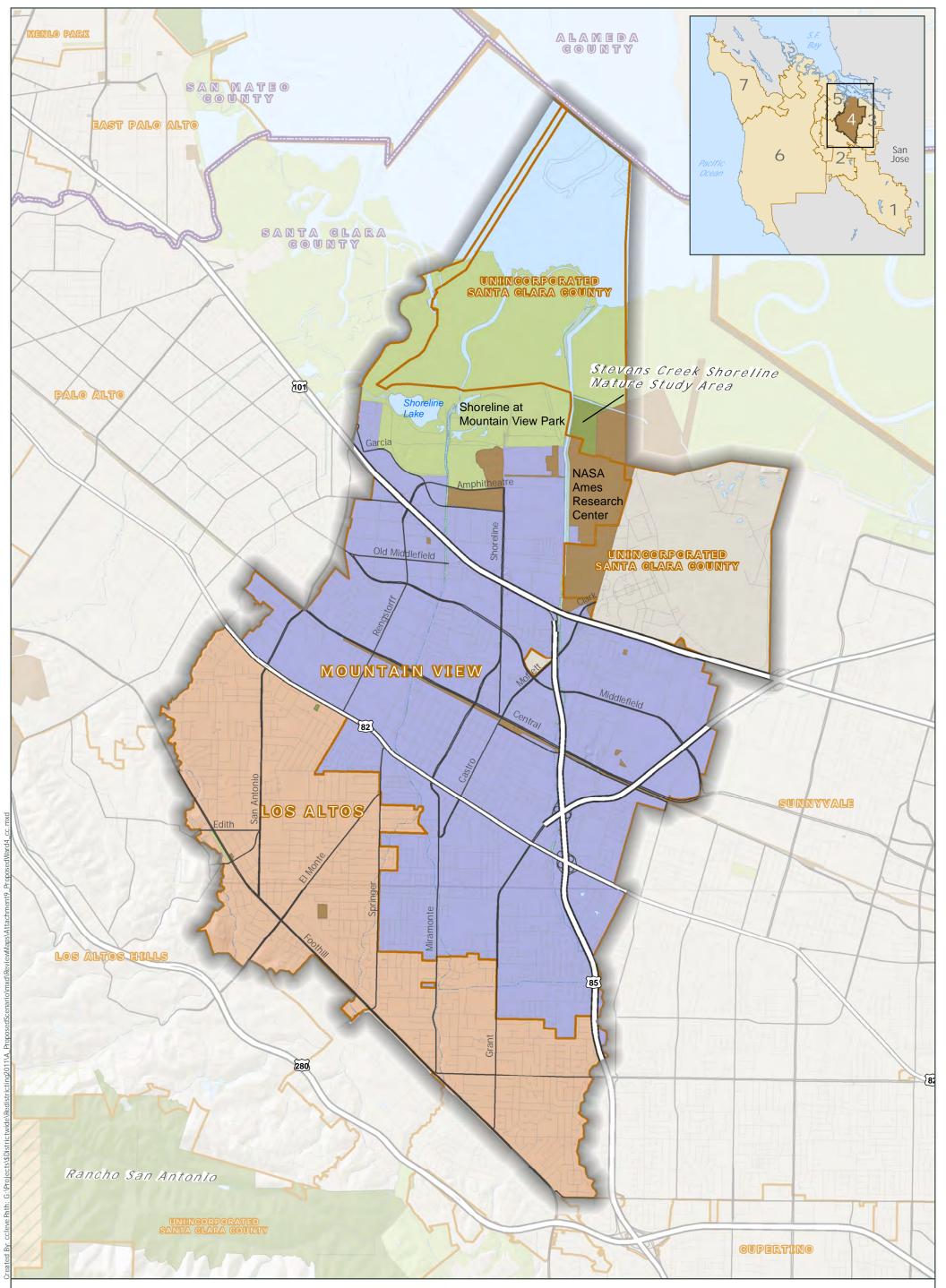
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ATTACHMENT 9: PROPOSED WARD 4 BOUNDARY

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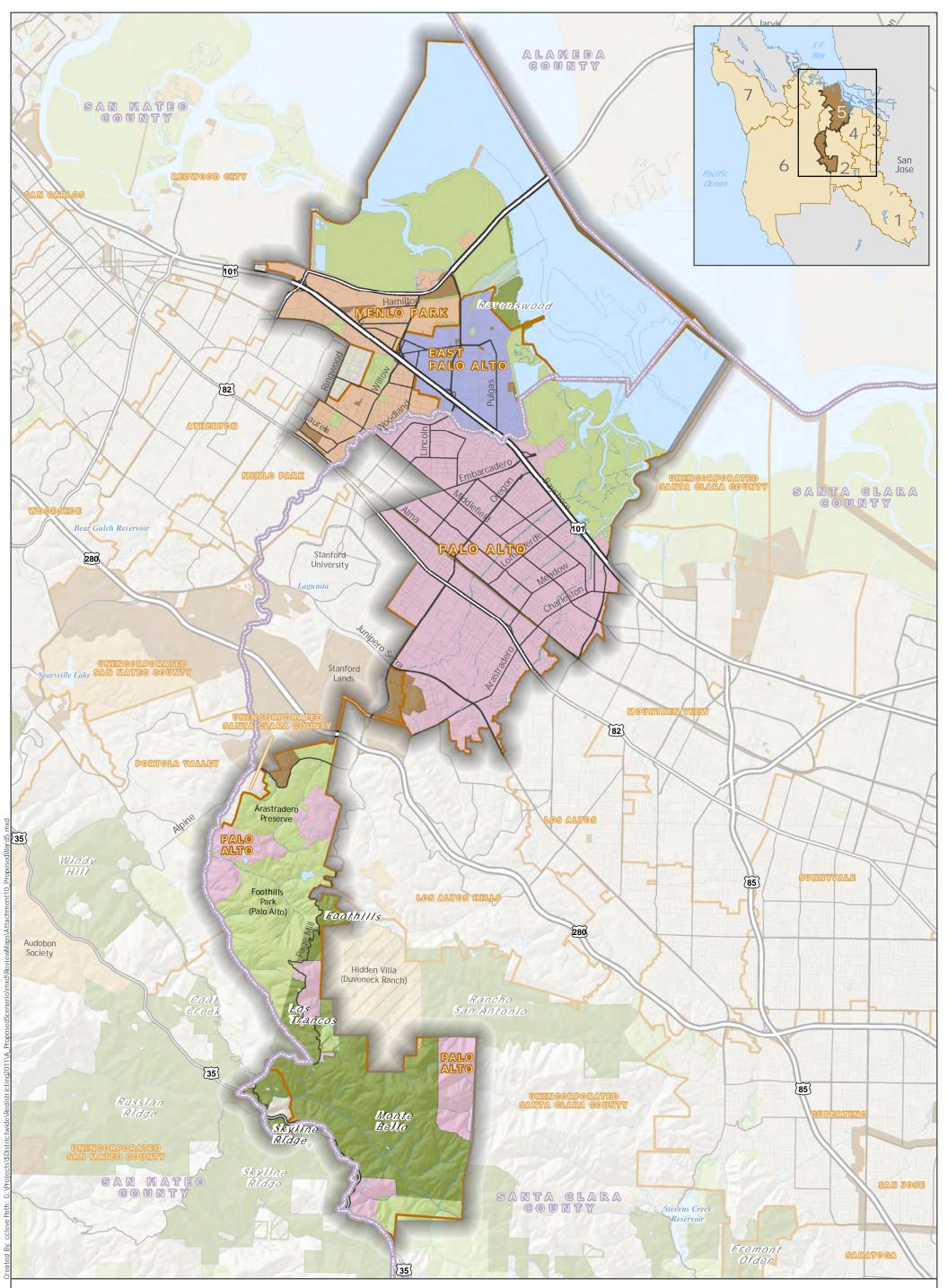
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ATTACHMENT 10: PROPOSED WARD 5 BOUNDARY



Ward 5 Boundary





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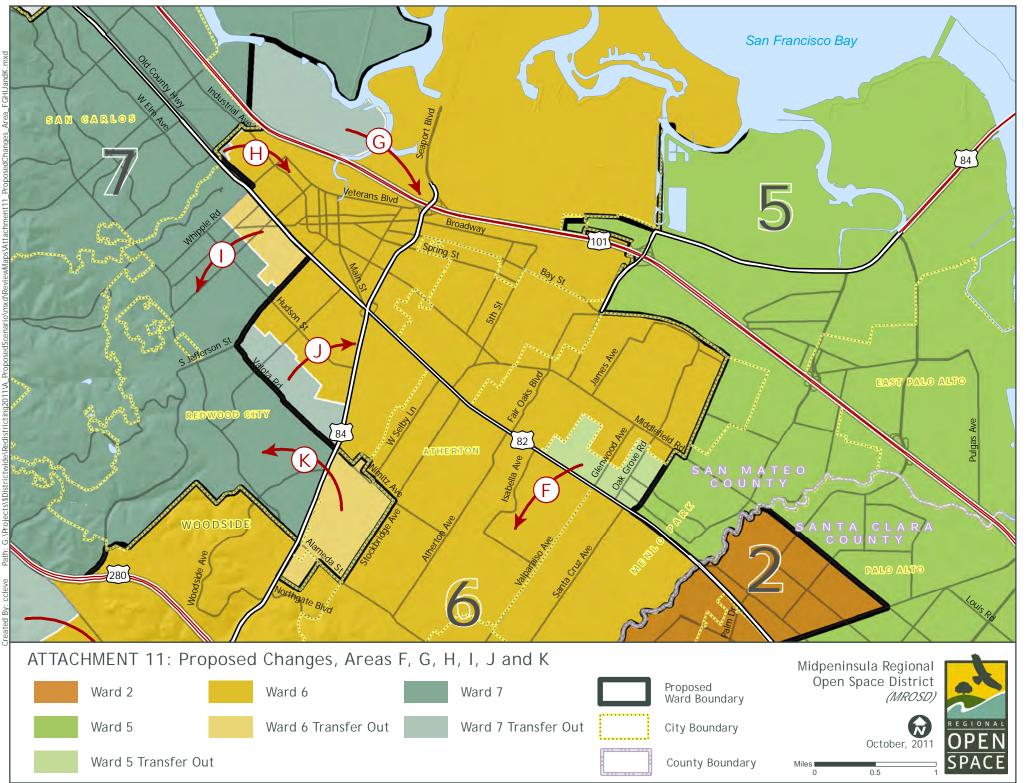
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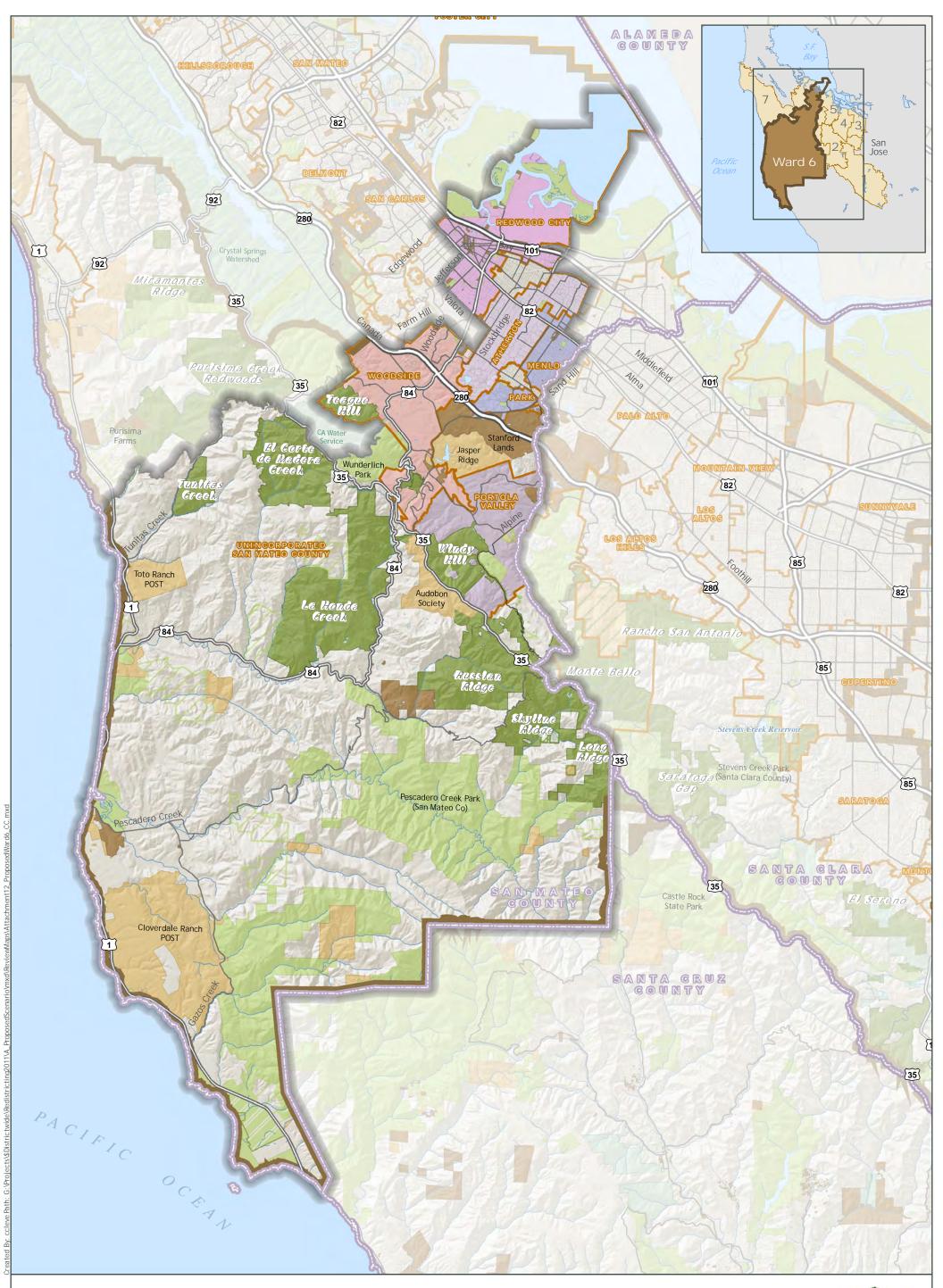
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ATTACHMENT 12: PROPOSED WARD 6 BOUNDARY

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Ward 6 Boundary









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Non MROSD Conservation

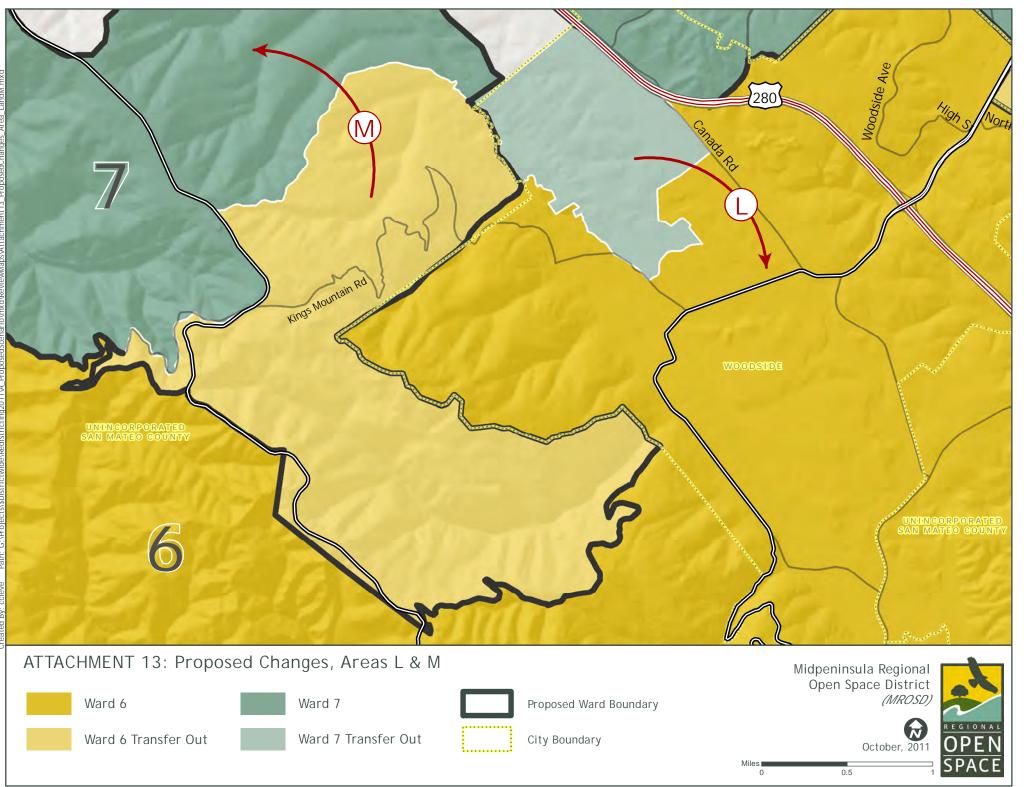


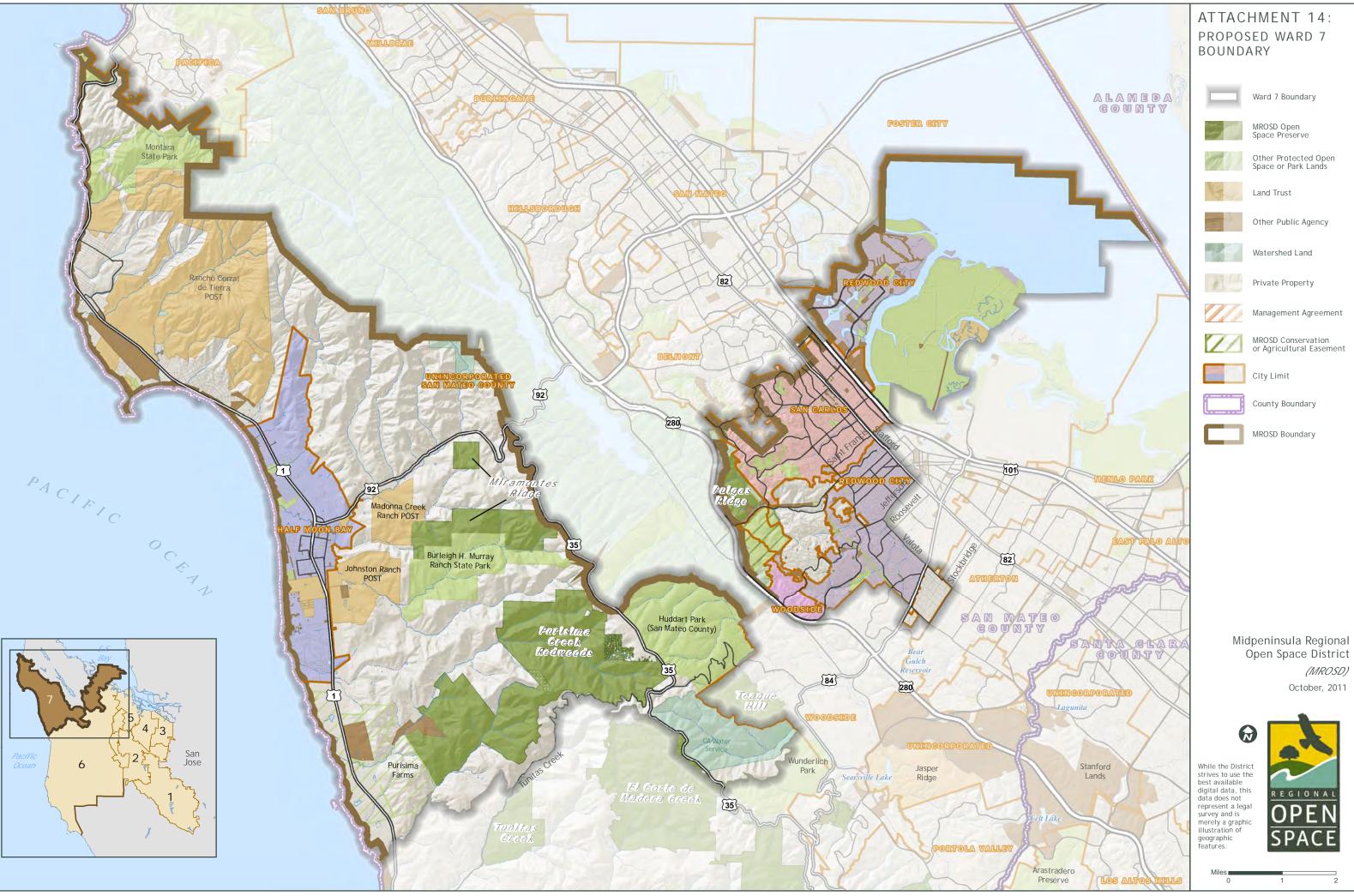
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RESOLUTION NO. 11-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ALTERING EXISTING WARD BOUNDARIES BASED ON THE 2010 UNITED STATES CENSUS

The Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District has reviewed population figures provided by the 2010 United States Census for the District's seven wards; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that ward boundary adjustments are in order to achieve equal population, as far as practicable, per ward based on the 2010 United States Census data; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the District ward boundary adjustments are based on the following criteria: 1) Compliance with all applicable laws; 2) Keeping city representation intact and maintaining cohesive neighborhoods and communities, where possible; 3) Equalizing the population count in each Ward to a target maximum variance of +/- 2.5%, but aiming to minimize the variance as much as possible; 4) Keeping wards as similar to current configuration as possible; 5) Avoid altering ward boundaries in the Coastal Protection Area; 6) Keeping incumbents in their current ward; and 7) Ensuring that minority voting strength does not diminish as a result of redistricting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District as follows:

Section One. Pursuant to Elections Code Section 22000 and Public Resources Code Section 5534, ward boundaries are hereby adjusted for wards of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District as described schematically in Exhibit A affixed hereto and made a part hereof and as delineated in detail on file with the District Clerk in the District Administration Office, which documents are incorporated herein by reference:

<to be attached upon approval of ward boundaries Exhibit A: Ward 1 Map Exhibit B: Ward 2 Map Exhibit C: Ward 3 Map Exhibit D: Ward 4 Map Exhibit E: Ward 5 Map Exhibit F: Ward 6 Map Exhibit G: Ward 7 Map

<u>Section Two.</u> The ward boundaries as established by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on November 9, 2004, with respect to the wards in Santa Clara County County and San Mateo County by Resolution No. 04-40 are superseded by this resolution.

Section Three. Pursuant to Election Code Section 10522, the following statement indicates in which wards a director is to be elected at the next biennial general election to be held on November 6, 2012 (Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, and Ward 7), and in which wards a director is to be elected on the succeeding general election to be held on November 4, 2014 (Ward 1, Ward 2, and Ward 5, and Ward 6).