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Public Hearing Trustee Area Map Options



COTATI-ROHNERT PARK
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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What is the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”)?

- Took effect January 1, 2003
- Prohibits the use of “at-large” elections when such an election system:

“impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election....”

(Elections Code § 14027.)



Right to Attorneys' and Expert Fees

CVRA grants a prevailing plaintiff the right to recover reasonable attorneys' fees **AND** expert witness fees.

If district wins, it is **not** granted the same right.

(Elections Code § 14030.).



What is a “By-Trustee Area” Election System?

- *Only safe harbor from a CVRA claim*
- School district is divided into trustee areas
- A governing board member is elected from each trustee area
- Board members are elected **by only the registered voters in the particular trustee area** where the governing board member resides



Current Stage- Draft Maps

- Draw Draft Trustee Area Plans
 - Demographer to use 2010 Census Data and additionally permitted updated data.
 - Population must be as equal “as is practicable” – people, not citizens.
 - Ed Code section 1002: “...trustee areas shall be as nearly equal in population...”
 - A certain amount of deviation may be permitted.



Current Stage – Draft Maps

More Criteria for Consideration

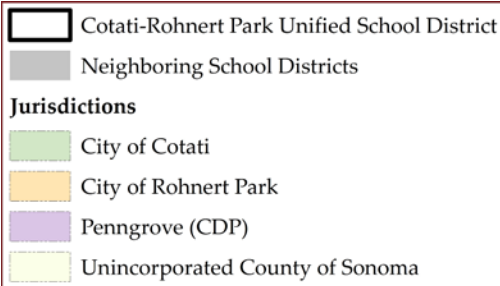
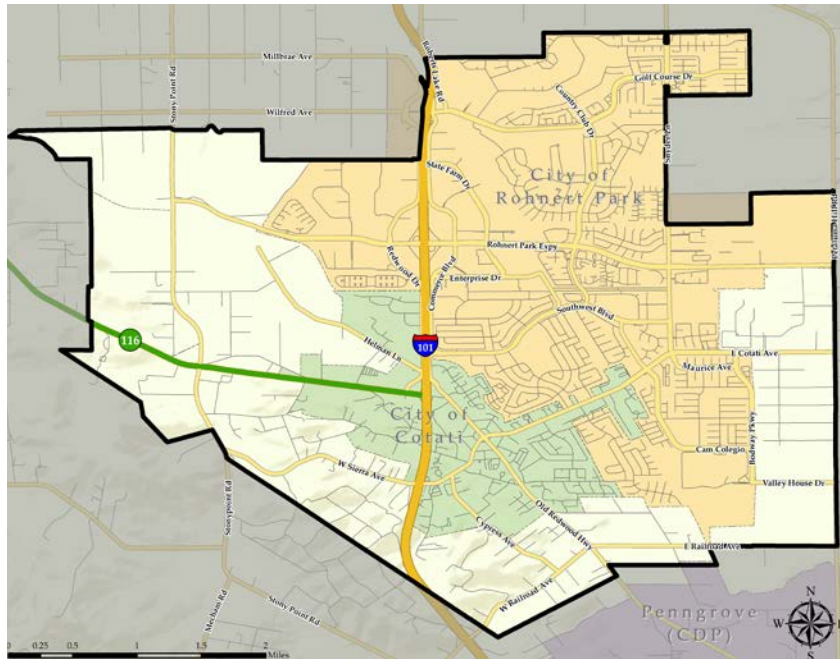
Article 21 of the California Constitution:

- Comply with the U.S. Constitution.
- Achieve population equality as nearly as is practicable.
- Comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act.
- Voting districts shall be geographically contiguous.
- Local *communities of interests*.
- Geographical compactness.
- Cannot favor or discriminate against an incumbent, political candidate or political party.



District's Demographics

Census Data (Total Population)

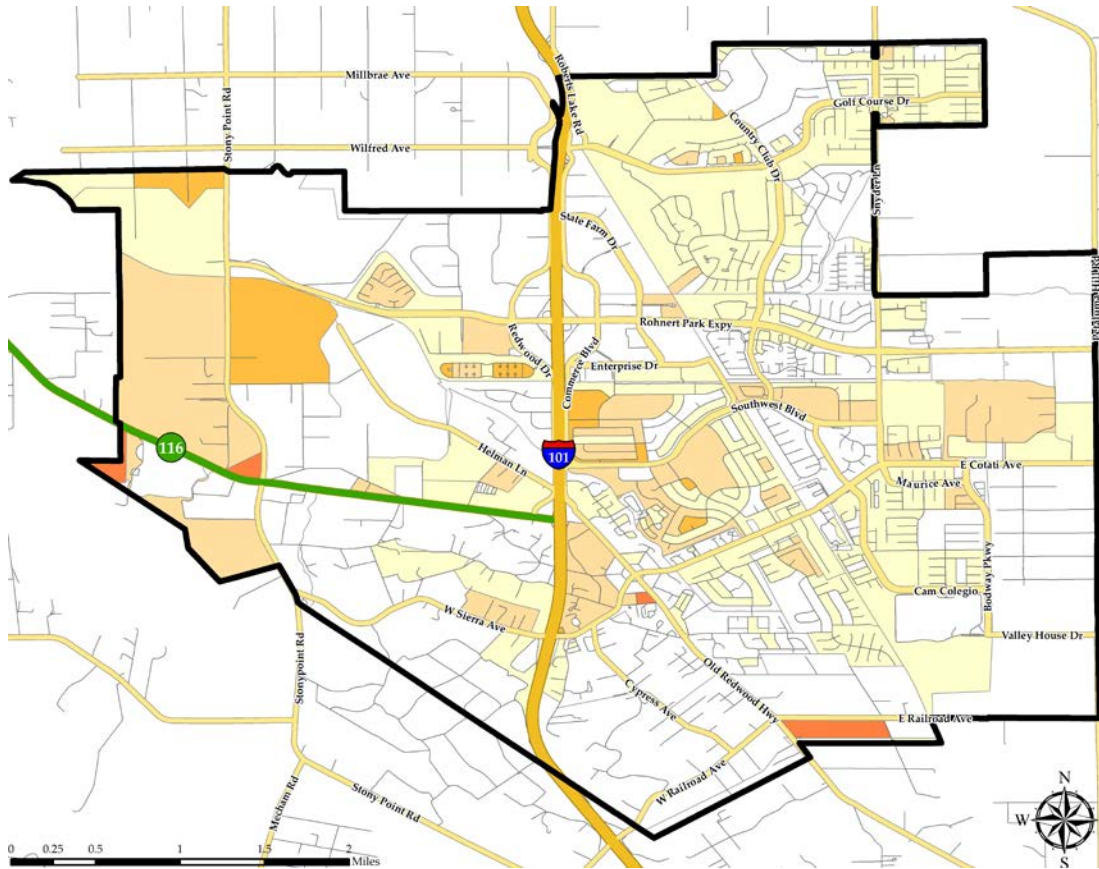


Population	Total Population		Age 18 and over	
	Total	%	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	10,968	20.79%	7,369	17.50%
White	35,808	67.89%	30,209	71.74%
Black / African American	902	1.71%	737	1.75%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	282	0.53%	217	0.52%
Asian	2,544	4.82%	2,127	5.05%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	199	0.38%	161	0.38%
Other	89	0.17%	66	0.16%
Two or More Races	1,954	3.70%	1,225	2.91%
Total Population	52,746	100%	42,111	100%

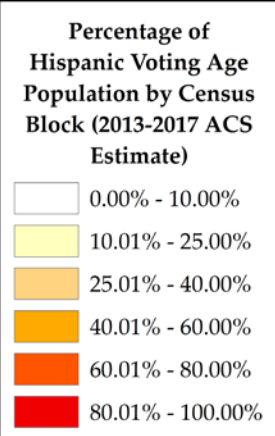


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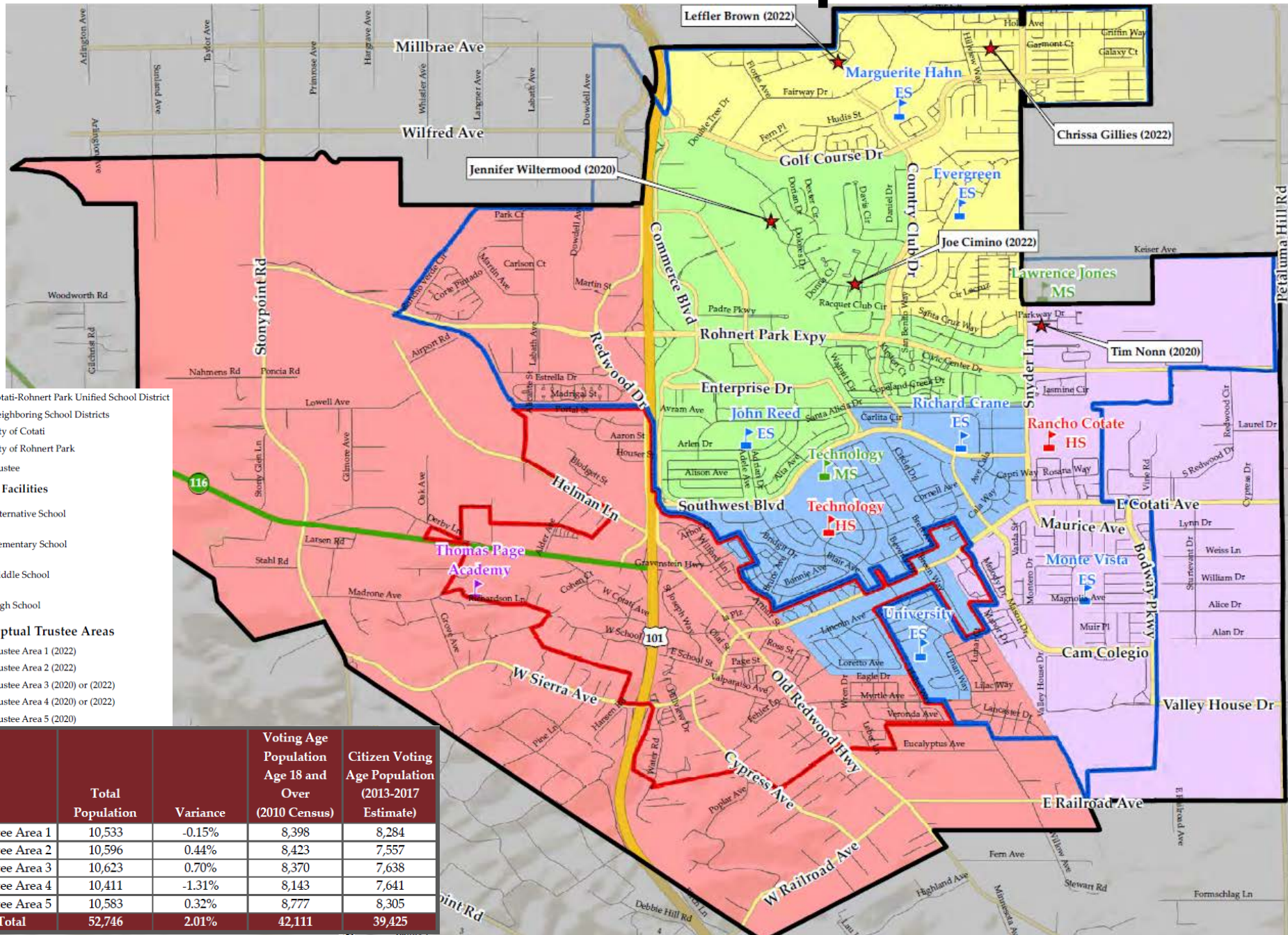
Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population Estimates



Population	Citizen Voting Age Population	
	Total	%
Hispanic/Latino	6,374	16.17%
White	29,364	74.48%
Black / African American	605	1.53%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	34	0.09%
Asian	1,658	4.21%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	45	0.11%
Two or More Races	1345	3.41%
Total Population	39,425	100%



Scenario A Map

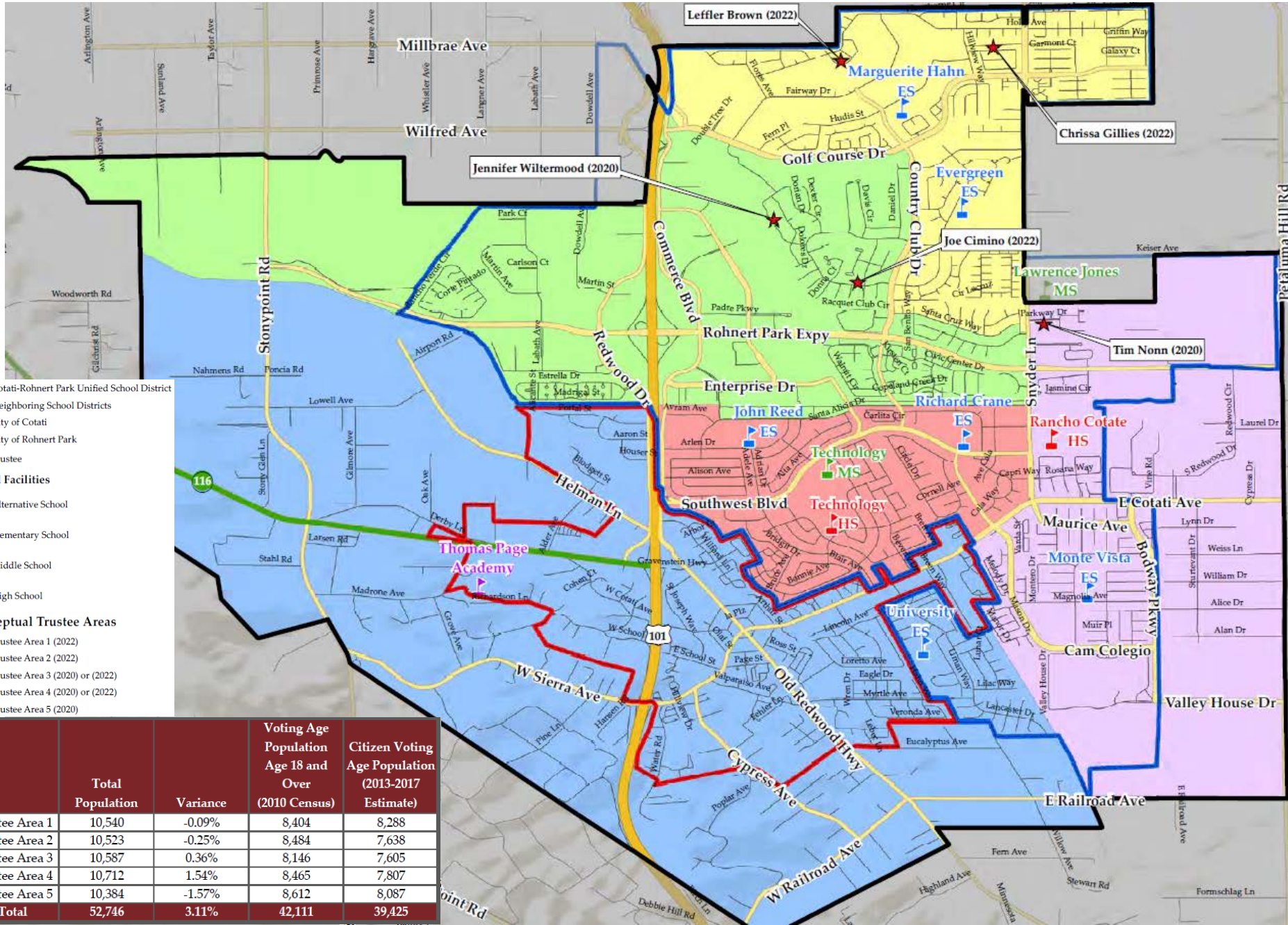


	Total Population	Variance	Voting Age Population Age 18 and Over (2010 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2013-2017 Estimate)
Trustee Area 1	10,533	-0.15%	8,398	8,284
Trustee Area 2	10,596	0.44%	8,423	7,557
Trustee Area 3	10,623	0.70%	8,370	7,638
Trustee Area 4	10,411	-1.31%	8,143	7,641
Trustee Area 5	10,583	0.32%	8,777	8,305
Total	52,746	2.01%	42,111	39,425

Scenario A CVAP Data

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2013-2017)					
	Trustee Area 1	Trustee Area 2	Trustee Area 3	Trustee Area 4	Trustee Area 5
Population	8,284	7,557	7,638	7,641	8,305
Population Variance	399	-328	-247	-244	420
	5.06%	-4.16%	-3.13%	-3.09%	5.33%
Hispanic/Latino	1,165	1,406	1,202	1,355	1,246
	14.06%	18.61%	15.74%	17.73%	15.00%
White	6,471	5,453	5,760	5,484	6,196
	78.11%	72.16%	75.41%	71.77%	74.61%
Black/ African American	74	75	194	112	150
	0.89%	0.99%	2.54%	1.47%	1.81%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	30	0	4	0	0
	0.36%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%
Asian	263	356	149	365	525
	3.17%	4.71%	1.95%	4.78%	6.32%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	11	4	0	20	10
	0.13%	0.05%	0.00%	0.26%	0.12%
Other	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	270	263	329	305	178
	3.26%	3.48%	4.31%	3.99%	2.14%

Scenario B Map



- Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District
- Neighboring School Districts
- City of Cotati
- City of Rohnert Park
- Trustee
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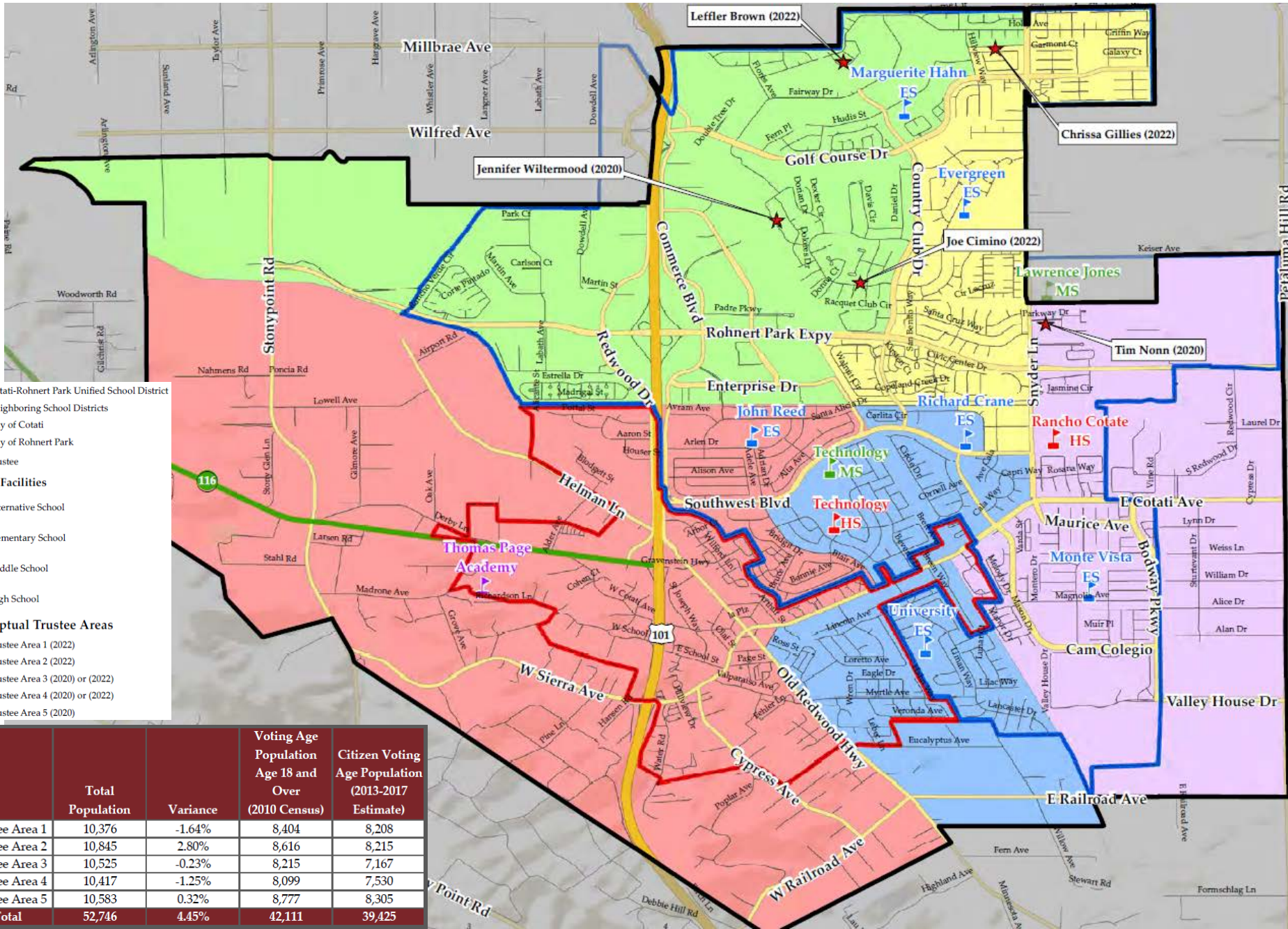
	Total Population	Variance	Voting Age Population Age 18 and Over (2010 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2013-2017 Estimate)
Trustee Area 1	10,540	-0.09%	8,404	8,288
Trustee Area 2	10,523	-0.25%	8,484	7,638
Trustee Area 3	10,587	0.36%	8,146	7,605
Trustee Area 4	10,712	1.54%	8,465	7,807
Trustee Area 5	10,384	-1.57%	8,612	8,087
Total	52,746	3.11%	42,111	39,425

Scenario B CVAP Data

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2013-2017)

	Trustee Area 1	Trustee Area 2	Trustee Area 3	Trustee Area 4	Trustee Area 5
Population	8,288	7,638	7,605	7,807	8,087
Population Variance	403	-247	-280	-78	202
	5.11%	-3.13%	-3.55%	-0.99%	2.56%
Hispanic/Latino	1,165	1,294	1,715	967	1,233
	14.06%	16.94%	22.55%	12.39%	15.25%
White	6,475	5,512	5,130	6,248	5,999
	78.13%	72.17%	67.46%	80.03%	74.18%
Black/ African American	74	87	103	191	150
	0.89%	1.14%	1.35%	2.45%	1.85%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	30	4	0	0	0
	0.36%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Asian	263	394	331	152	518
	3.17%	5.16%	4.35%	1.95%	6.41%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	11	4	20	0	10
	0.13%	0.05%	0.26%	0.00%	0.12%
Other	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	270	343	306	249	177
	3.26%	4.49%	4.02%	3.19%	2.19%

Scenario C Map



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	Total Population	Variance	Voting Age Population Age 18 and Over (2010 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2013-2017 Estimate)
Trustee Area 1	10,376	-1.64%	8,404	8,208
Trustee Area 2	10,845	2.80%	8,616	8,215
Trustee Area 3	10,525	-0.23%	8,215	7,167
Trustee Area 4	10,417	-1.25%	8,099	7,530
Trustee Area 5	10,583	0.32%	8,777	8,305
Total	52,746	4.45%	42,111	39,425

Scenario C CVAP Data

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2013-2017)

	Trustee Area 1	Trustee Area 2	Trustee Area 3	Trustee Area 4	Trustee Area 5
Population	8,208	8,215	7,167	7,530	8,305
Population Variance	323	330	-718	-355	420
	4.10%	4.19%	-9.11%	-4.50%	5.33%
Hispanic/Latino	1,110	1,483	1,414	1,121	1,246
	13.52%	18.05%	19.73%	14.89%	15.00%
White	6,356	5,921	5,073	5,818	6,196
	77.44%	72.08%	70.78%	77.26%	74.61%
Black/ African American	49	138	194	74	150
	0.60%	1.68%	2.71%	0.98%	1.81%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	30	4	0	0	0
	0.37%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Asian	362	332	153	286	525
	4.41%	4.04%	2.13%	3.80%	6.32%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	10	5	0	20	10
	0.12%	0.06%	0.00%	0.27%	0.12%
Other	0	0	0	0	0
	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Two or More Races	291	332	333	211	178
	3.55%	4.04%	4.65%	2.80%	2.14%

Final Thoughts

- Does not change overall District boundaries
- Does not change school attendance boundaries
- **Does not** change how the District is governed:
 - Each Board member, regardless of the trustee area in which he/she resides, still owes fiduciary duty to entire District
 - Still one District with common goals and challenges!!!



Schedule

January 14, 2020	Pre-Map Public Hearing #1
January 21, 2020	Pre-Map Public Hearing #2
<i>Draft map options prepared for public review</i>	
February 18, 2020	Map Public Hearing #1
February 27, 2020	Map Public Hearing #2
March 10, 2020	Map Public Hearing #3



Discussion Ideas

- What map(s) do you like best?
- What elements do you like or dislike about each map?

