

# City of Tustin

## Introduction to Districting

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# Logistics and Amenities

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# Introductions

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# Today's Goals

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*You Learn From the Experts*

*Experts Listen to You*

**You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback**

# Why You Should Care

- Democracy works better when people are engaged.
- You are experts on the community.
- You are an expert about your neighborhood.
- A once in a decade opportunity.

# Today's Schedule

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**AGENDA: 7:00 p.m – 8:30 p.m**

**Process, Rules and Goals**

**Neighborhoods/Communities of Interest**

**Next Steps**

# Background

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- California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) of 2002
- June 23, 2020 letter from the Mexican American Legal Defence and Education Fund (MALDEF)
  - The letter asserted that Tustin’s “at-large” election system violates the CVRA. The City of Tustin has started exploring the shift to district-based elections in light of the letter.

**We need your help to potentially make this change  
and draw new City Council districts!**

# Election Systems

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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.**

# California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)

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- ❑ Under the Federal Voting Rights Act (passed in 1965), a jurisdiction must fail 4 factual tests before it is in violation of the law.
- ❑ The California VRA makes it significantly easier for plaintiffs to force jurisdictions into “by-district” election systems by eliminating two of the US Supreme Court Gingles tests:
  - ~~❑ Can the protected class constitute the majority of a district?~~
  - ❑ Does the protected class vote as a bloc?
  - ❑ Do the voters who are not in the protected class vote in a bloc to defeat the preferred candidates of the protected class?
  - ~~❑ Do the “totality of circumstances” indicate race is a factor in elections?~~
- ❑ Liability is now determined only by the presence of racially polarized voting

# CVRA Impact

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## ❑ Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:

- ❑ At least 240 school districts
- ❑ 34 Community College Districts
- ❑ 154 cities
- ❑ 1 County Board of Supervisors
- ❑ 35 water and other special districts.

## ❑ Cases So Far:

- ❑ Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica went to trial on the merits. Palmdale and Santa Clara lost. Santa Monica is awaiting a decision.
- ❑ Modesto and Palmdale each spent about \$1.8 million on their defense (in addition to the attorney fee awards in those cases).
- ❑ Santa Monica has spent an estimated \$7 million so far. Plaintiffs in Santa Monica requested \$22 million in legal fees after the original trial.

## ❑ Key settlements:

- ❑ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
  - ❑ Modesto: \$3 million
  - ❑ Highland: \$1.3 million
  - ❑ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
  - ❑ Whittier: \$1 million
  - ❑ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
  - ❑ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
  - ❑ Camarillo: \$233,000
  - ❑ Compton Unified: \$200,000
  - ❑ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
  - ❑ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
  - ❑ Merced City: \$42,000
- ❑ An estimated \$16 million in total settlements and court awards so far.

# Districting Process

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Step	Description
<b>Census Data Release</b> August 12, 2021	Census Bureau releases official 2020 Census population data.
<b>Two Workshops</b> August 31, 2021 & Date TBA	Share information about the process and opportunities for participation.
<b>Two Initial Hearings</b> Sept. 7 & Date TBA	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
<b>California Data Release</b> Early October 2021	California Statewide Database releases California's official 'prisoner-adjusted' 2020 redistricting data.
<b>Release draft maps</b>	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 <sup>rd</sup> hearing.
<b>Two hearings on draft maps</b> Dates TBA	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
<b>Possible map adoption</b> By November 1, 2021 (tent.)	If adopted, map must be approved via ordinance. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

# Redistricting Rules and Goals

## 1. Federal Laws

**Equal Population**  
**Federal Voting Rights Act**  
**No Racial Gerrymandering**



## 2. California Criteria for Cities

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)

### **Prohibited:**

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

## 3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

**Minimize voters shifted to different election years**

**Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office**

**Future population growth**

**Preserving the core of existing districts**

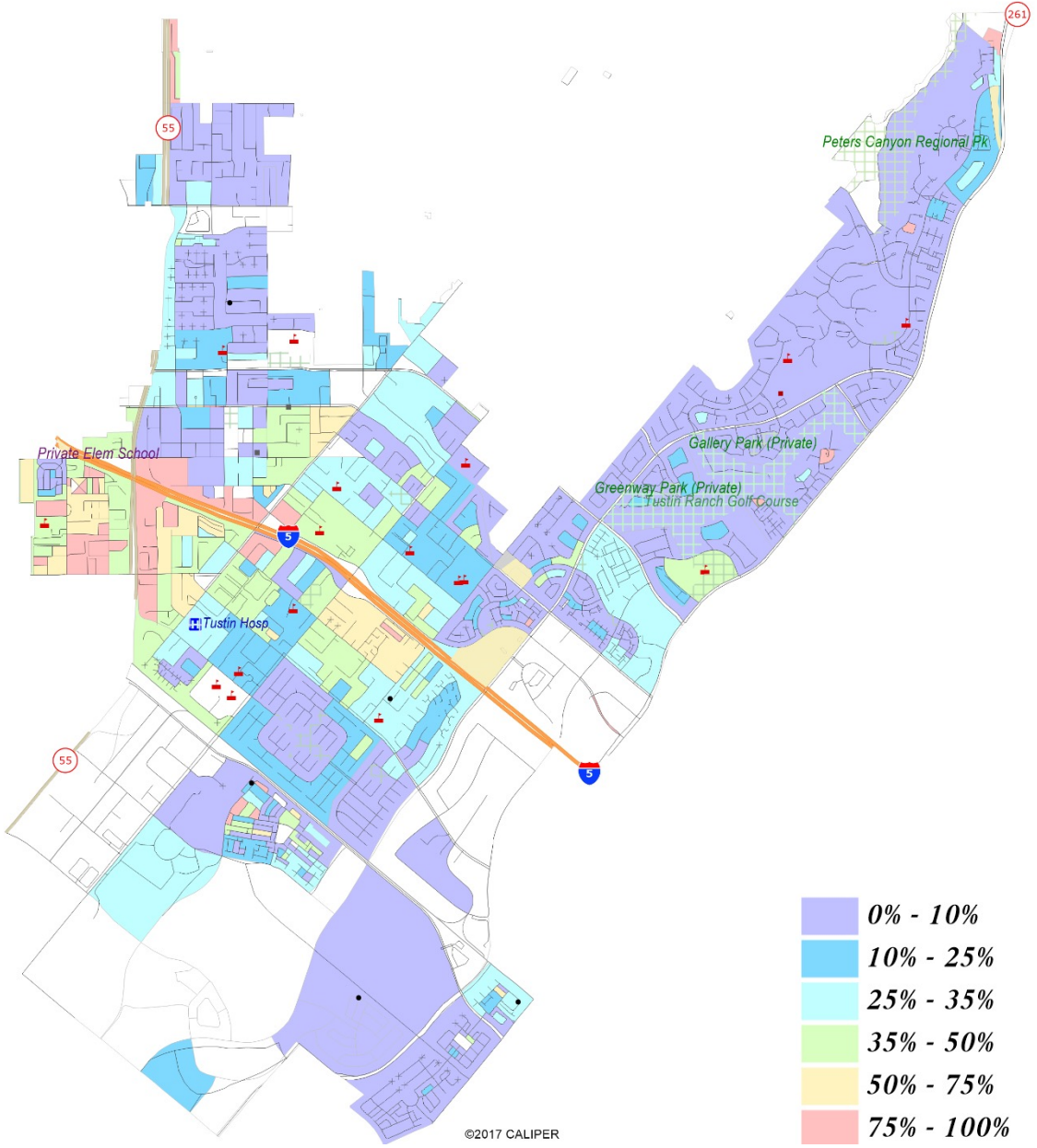
# Demographic Summary

Estimates using official 2020 demographic data and preliminary Census data

City of Tustin - Census 2020 (preliminary data)							
Category	Field	Count	Pct	Category	Field	Count	Pct
	2020 Census Pop.	80,276					
Total Pop	Hisp	32,712	41%	Age	age0-19	22,298	28%
	NH White	22,901	29%		age20-60	45,390	57%
	NH Black	1,982	2%		age60plus	12,375	15%
	Asian-American	20,685	26%	Immigration	immigrants	27,234	34%
			naturalized		12,980	48%	
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	48,431		Language spoken at home	english	35,478	48%
	Hisp	14,136	29%		spanish	23,259	31%
	NH White	20,757	43%		asian-lang	11,096	15%
	NH Black	1,484	3%		other lang	4,525	6%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	11,731	24%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	13,043	18%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	40,200		Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	18,499	35%
	Latino est.	11,363	28%		bachelor	15,062	29%
	Spanish-Surnamed	10,208	25%		graduatedegree	7,973	15%
	Asian-Surnamed	6,699	17%	Child in Household	child-under18	9,862	38%
	Filipino-Surnamed	770	2%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	44,597	72%
	NH White est.	19,356	48%	Household Income	income 0-25k	2,794	11%
	NH Black	1,137	3%		income 25-50k	3,944	15%
			income 50-75k		4,459	17%	
			income 75-200k		10,893	42%	
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	34,220		income 200k-plus	3,711	14%	
	Latino est.	8,923	26%	Housing Stats	single family	14,439	51%
	Spanish-Surnamed	8,016	23%		multi-family	12,810	45%
	Asian-Surnamed	5,728	17%		rented	13,070	51%
	Filipino-Surnamed	634	2%		owned	12,730	49%
	NH White est.	17,192	50%				
NH Black	959	3%					
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	23,087		Total population data from the 2020 Decennial Census. Surname-based Voter Registration and Turnout data from the California Statewide Database. Latino voter reg. and turnout data are Spanish-surname counts adjusted using Census Population Department undercount estimates. NH White and NH Black reg. and turnout counts estimated by NDC. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data.			
	Latino est.	5,271	23%				
	Spanish-Surnamed	4,735	21%				
	Asian-Surnamed	3,164	14%				
	Filipino-Surnamed	385	2%				
	NH White est.	13,264	57%				
NH Black est.	891	4%					

# Latino CVAP

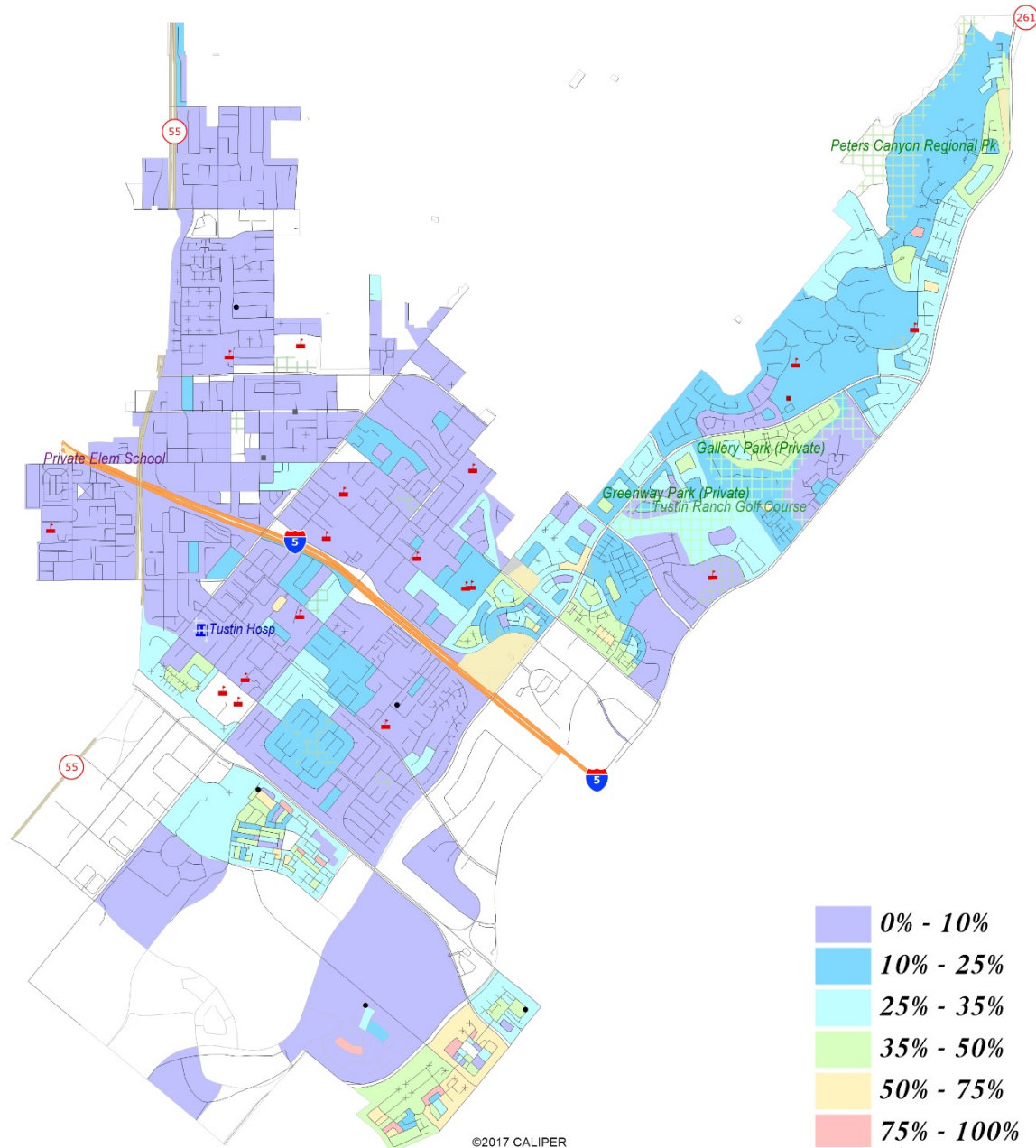
Latinos are concentrated in the western part of the city, particularly around I-5



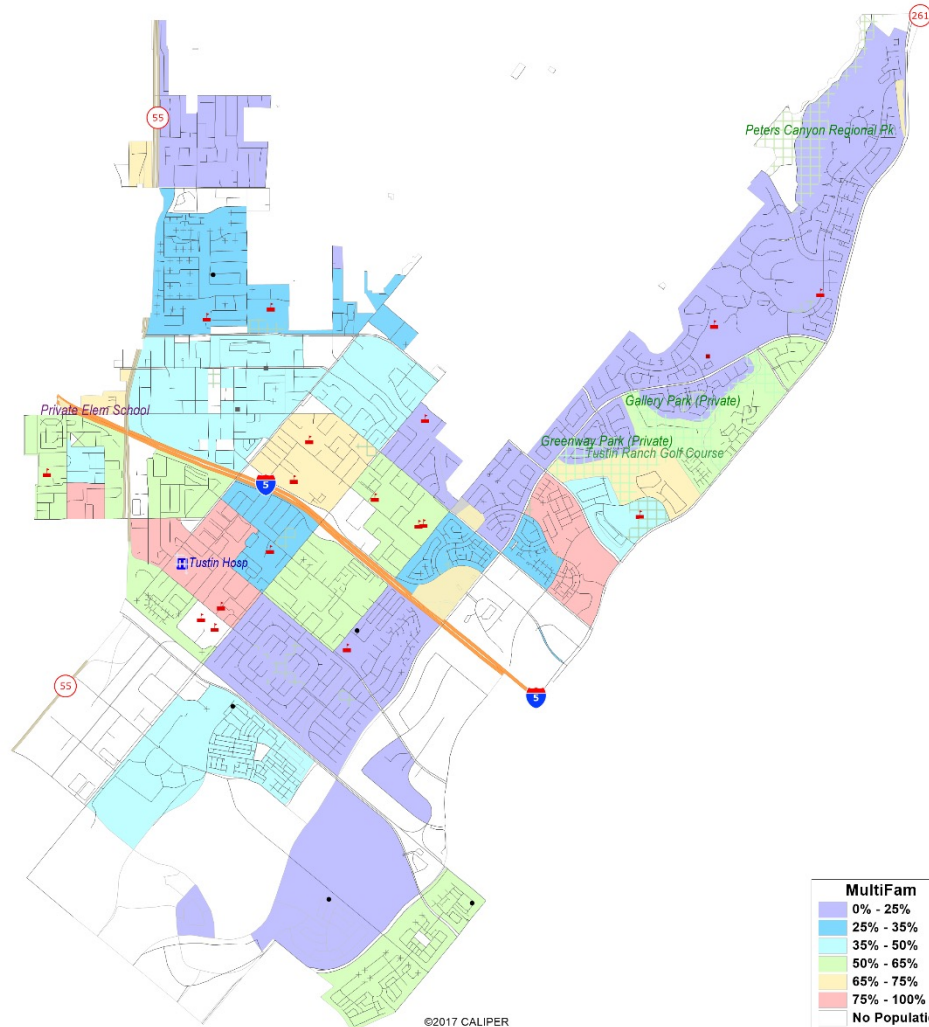
# Asian-American CVAP

Asian-Americans are concentrated in the south and eastern parts of the city

There are no significant concentrations of Native American or Black/African-American population



# Apartments / Multifamily Housing



# Defining Neighborhoods

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**1<sup>st</sup> Question: What is your neighborhood?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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



# Beyond Neighborhoods: Defining Communities of Interest

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Question: What defines your community?

- ❑ Geographic Area, plus
- ❑ Shared issue or characteristic
  - ❑ Shared social or economic interest
  - ❑ Impacted by county policies
- ❑ Tell us “your community’s story”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Would this community benefit from being “included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation”?

- ❑ Or would it benefit more from having multiple representatives?

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