

West Kern Community College District Draft Plan Presentation

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Districting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings May 10 & June 14	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Release draft maps No later than July 5*	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing.
Two hearings on draft maps July 12 & August 9	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map adoption September 13	Map adopted via resolution. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

* Reflects an approximate date

Districting Rules and Criteria

Federal Laws

- ❑ Equal Population
- ❑ Federal Voting Rights Act
- ❑ No Racial Gerrymandering



Traditional Redistricting Principles

- ❑ Communities of interest
- ❑ Compact
- ❑ Contiguous
- ❑ Visible (Natural & man-made) boundaries
- ❑ Respect voters' choices / continuity in office
- ❑ Planned future growth

Draft Maps

- Starting point maps – many changes can be made prior to final adoption

- Drawn to illustrate a range of options
 - Each map illustrates a different way of balancing the “traditional redistricting principles”
 - Residents and the Board can suggest preferred ways to ‘mix and match’ the elements of the different maps

- More detailed view available in the [interactive review map](#).

NDC Green

Sequence of Elections

Area 1 - 2026

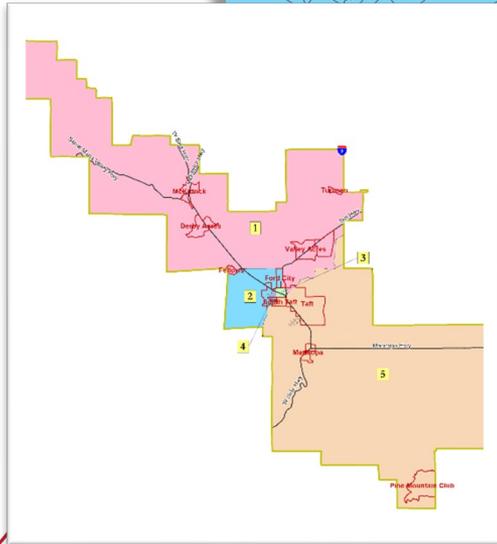
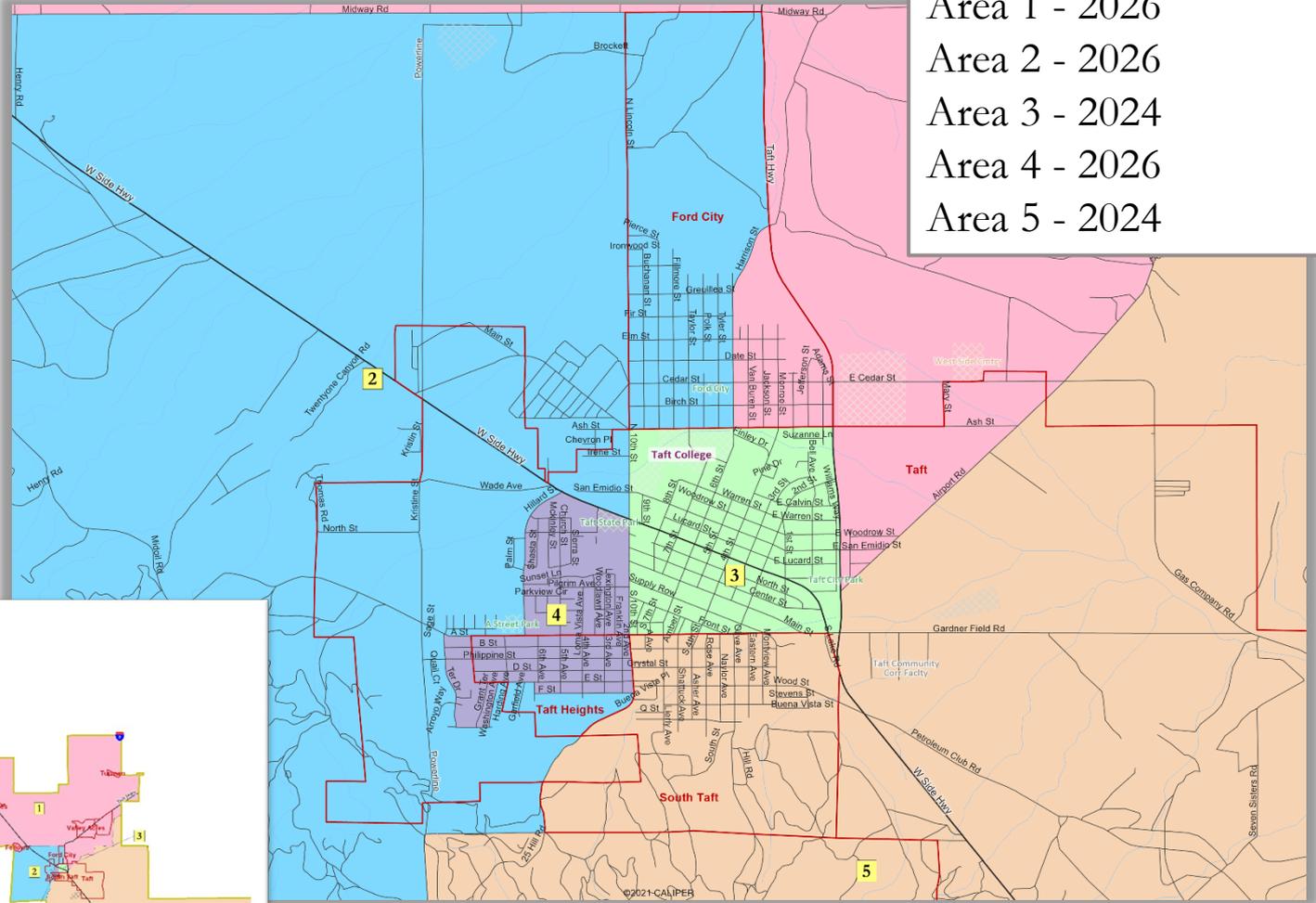
Area 2 - 2026

Area 3 - 2024

Area 4 - 2026

Area 5 - 2024

- 2.8% deviation
- 35% Latino in Area 5; 27% in Area 3
- Highly compact.
- Keeps South Taft, central Taft together
- Rural areas divided between Areas 1 & 5



NDC Orange

Sequence of Elections

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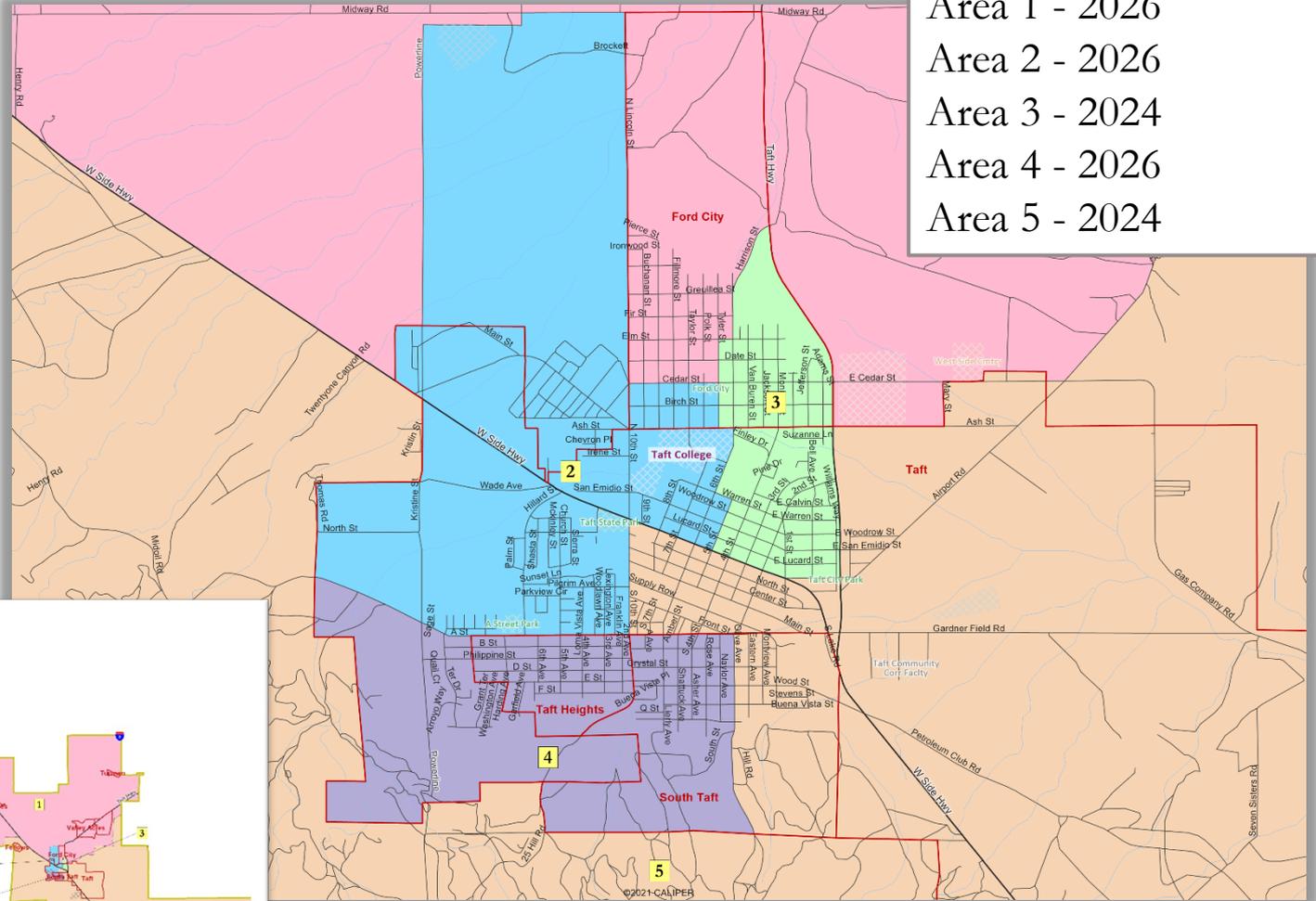
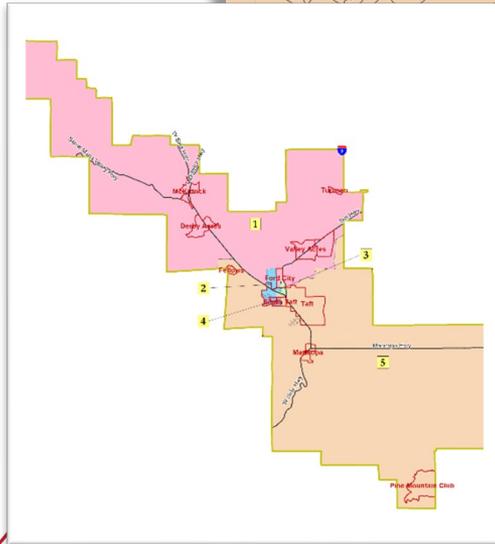
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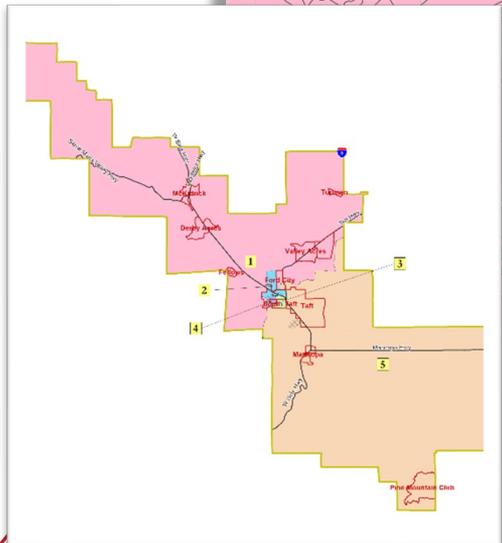
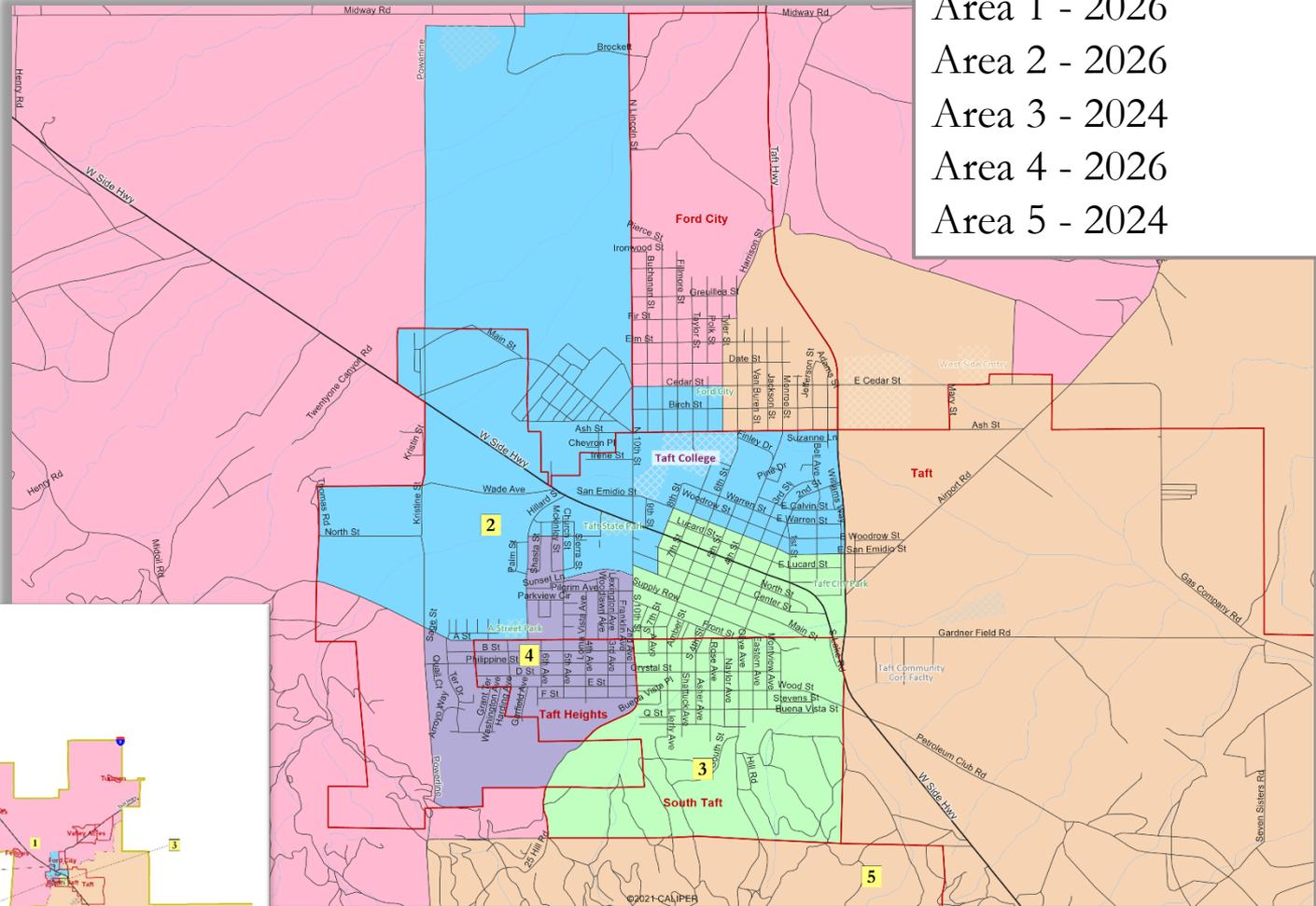
- 5.2% deviation
- 34% Latino in Area 5; 24% in Area 3
- Follows Taft City boundaries – keeps 3 areas in urban area
- Rural areas divided between Areas 1 & 5



NDC Yellow

- Area 1 - 2026
- Area 2 - 2026
- Area 3 - 2024
- Area 4 - 2026
- Area 5 - 2024

- 4.3% deviation
- 33% Latino in Area 3; 31% in Area 5
- Links central Taft and South Taft
- Rural areas divided between Areas 1 & 5



Huerta Map

Sequence of Elections

Area 1 - 2026

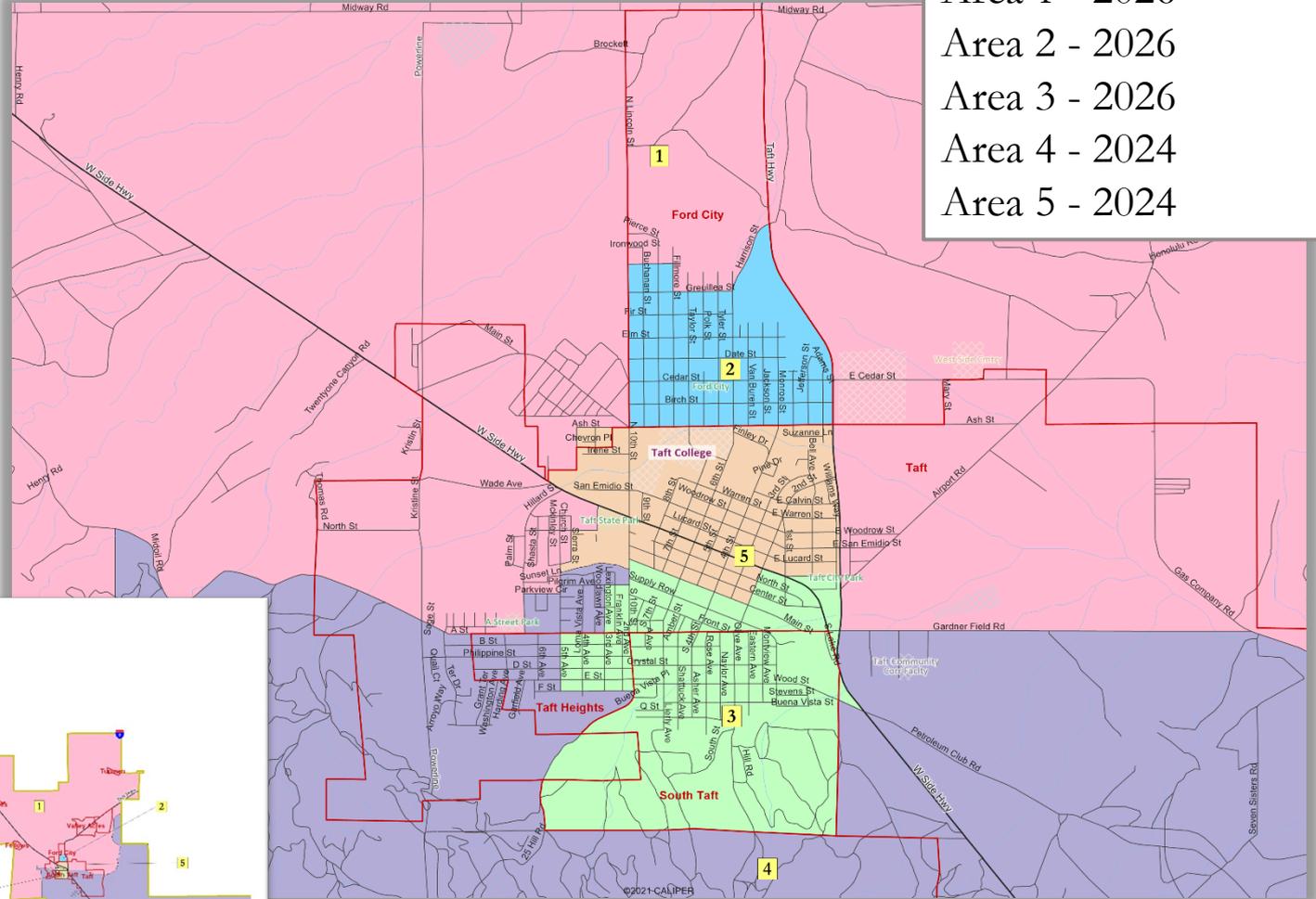
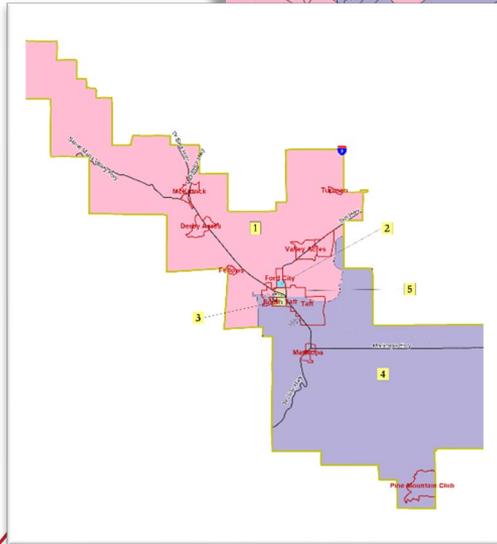
Area 2 - 2026

Area 3 - 2026

Area 4 - 2024

Area 5 - 2024

- 4.0% deviation
- 35% Latino in Area 3;
24% in Area 2



Hearing & Discussion

- What do you like and dislike about each map?
- Which maps do you prefer?
- How can the preferred maps be improved?
 - ▣ This could be a mix and match approach

Next Steps

- NDC will revise the maps as requested.
- Maps will be posted by August 2nd (likely well before that).
- Hearing on August 9th
- Adoption to follow on September 13th