

CITY OF SANTA FE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 13, 2022



COMMISSION MEMBERS

- District 1 – Christopher Graeser
- District 2 – Gary Donato
- District 3 – Jeff Weber (Alternate Appointed) Nicholas McKenzie (resigned)
- District 4 - Lilliemae Ortiz, Chair
- Statistician – Gail Rekers
- At-Large – Berl Brechner, Vice-Chair
- Geographer or cartographer*** – Carmela Quintana

***(Should the city not receive applications from interested persons for the membership positions described in subparagraphs (5) and (6), above, then those positions may be filled by interested persons of any city council district who have applied for and were not selected for the other membership positions.)

REDISTRICTING

WHAT IS “REDISTRICTING”?

- THE ADJUSTMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO ACCOUNT FOR POPULATION SHIFTS
- THE WAY IN WHICH WE CHANGE DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE WHO REPRESENTS US

WHEN?

- REQUIRED AFTER EACH DECENNIAL CENSUS
 - ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON CURRENT CENSUS DATA
- SANTA FE CITY CHARTER ALLOWS FOR REDISTRICTING MORE THAN ONCE PER DECADE
 - SANTA FE REDISTRICTED IN 2015 AFTER A MAJOR ANNEXATION

PRINCIPLES OF REDISTRICTING

EQUAL POPULATION

MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS

CONTIGUITY

COMPACTNESS

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION

**IDEAL DISTRICT POPULATION =
TOTAL CITY POPULATION / # OF DISTRICTS**

2020 SANTA FE POPULATION: 87,505

SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS

# OF DISTRICTS	IDEAL POPULATION
4	21,876

ALLOWABLE DEVIATION FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS MUST BE “SUBSTANTIALLY EQUAL”

$\pm 5\%$ FROM THE IDEAL POPULATION
OF A DISTRICT (STATE STATUTE)

IDEAL POPULATION: 21,876
 $\pm 5\%$ OF IDEAL POPULATION: 20,783 TO 22,969

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN DRAWING DISTRICTS

- **A GROUP/AREA WITH SHARED CHARACTERISTICS:**

NEIGHBORHOODS

CULTURAL/LANGUAGE/HISTORICAL TRADITIONS

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

LIVED EXPERIENCES

- **MAINTAINING CORE OF EXISTING DISTRICTS**

- **RESPECTING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (E.G., AVOID PRECINCT SPLITS)**

- **TAKING INTO ACCOUNT INCUMBENTS' RESIDENTIAL LOCATION**

PRIORITIZATION OF DISTRICTING PRINCIPLES (PER CITY CHARTER)

IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

EQUAL POPULATION

MINORITY VOTING RIGHTS

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

COMPACTNESS AND CONTIGUITY

COMPENSATE FOR UNDERCOUNT OF MINORITIES

SANTA FE CITY ORDINANCE

THE COMMISSION MAY ASSIGN THE APPROPRIATE WEIGHT TO:

- MINIMIZING PRECINCT SPLITS
- MINIMIZING VOTER CONFUSION IN SWITCHING ELECTED OFFICIALS INTO DIFFERENT DISTRICTS

CITY OF SANTA FE POPULATION CHANGE 2010 vs 2020

2010	67,748
2020	87,505
CHANGE	19,757
% CHANGE	29%

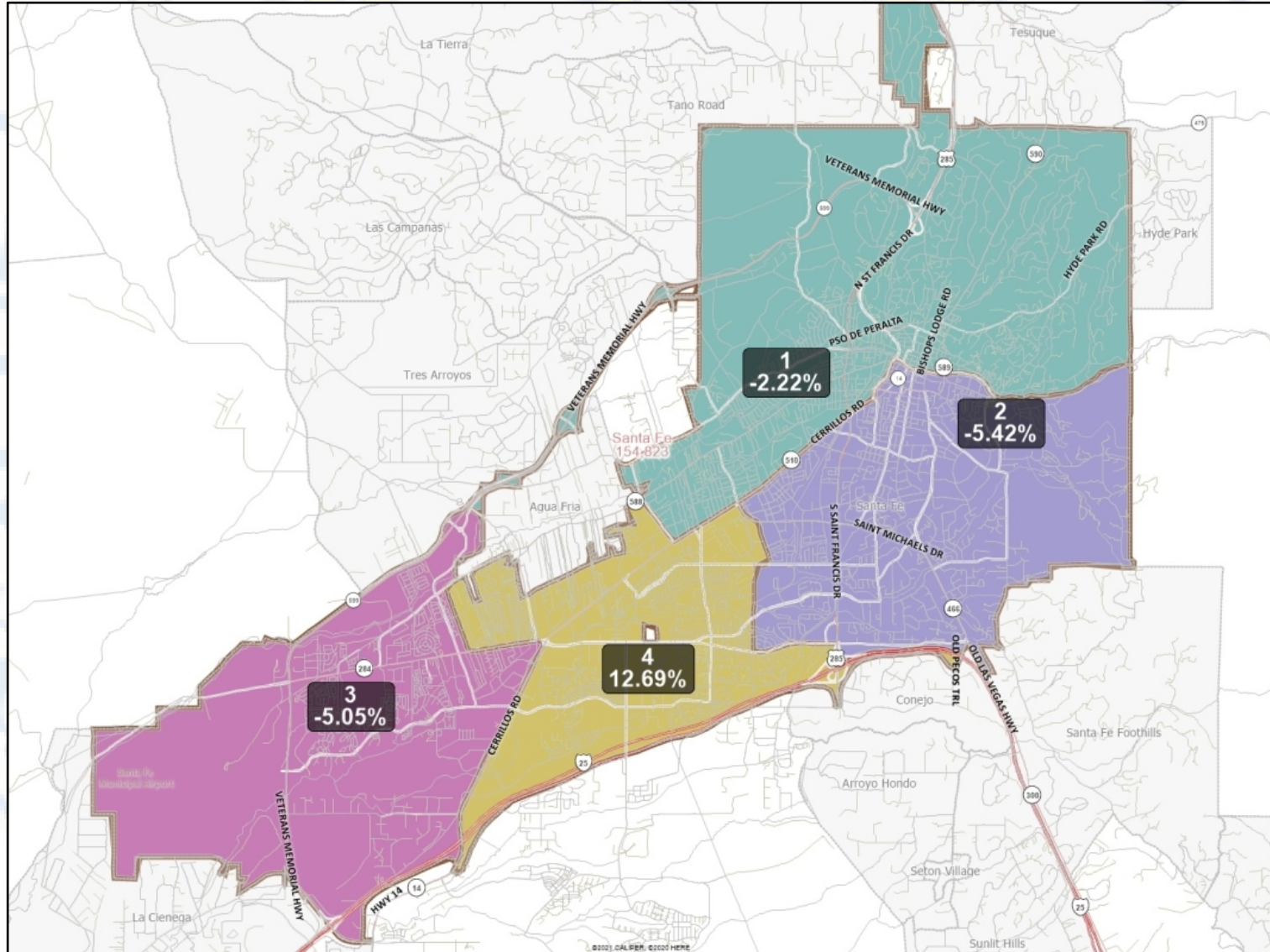
CITY OF SANTA FE POPULATION CHANGE 2015 vs 2020

AFTER 2015 CITY REDISTRICTING
(POST ANNEXATION)

2015	81,104
2020	87,505
CHANGE	6,401
% CHANGE	7.9%

SANTA FE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS (2015-2022)

DEVIATION FROM IDEAL POPULATION



CITY OF SANTA FE NEWLY ADOPTED COUNCIL DISTRICTS

