

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-59  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE NORTH COAST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**APPROVING THE CHANGE FROM AT-LARGE TO ZONE-BASED  
ELECTIONS FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COMMENCING IN NOVEMBER OF 2020**

This Ordinance is adopted in light of the following facts and circumstances, which are found and declared by the Board of Directors (Board) of the North Coast County Water District (District).

**WHEREAS**, the District is a Water District duly organized and operating pursuant to the County Water District Law, California Water Code sections 30000 *et seq.*

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature in the County Water District Law provided for the formation, governance, and operation of County Water Districts, and the District was established in 1944 with boundaries including the City of Pacifica and portions of unincorporated San Mateo County.

**WHEREAS**, under the District's enabling legislation, the Board of Directors of the District provides for the development and provision to its customers of a sufficient quantity of high quality water in the most cost-effective, reliable, and environmentally sensitive manner.

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to manage the District in a manner to maximize efficiency and to ensure delivery of quality services to residents of the District.

**WHEREAS**, the Board currently is comprised of 5 directors who serve 4-year staggered terms and are elected in even-numbered years pursuant to Water Code sections 30500 and 30501, and Elections Code section 10505.

**WHEREAS**, the District's enabling legislation mandated that the directors be elected at large.

**WHEREAS**, voter participation in the election process for Board members is of the utmost importance, and the Board desires to encourage the fullest voter participation in elections of Board members.

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires that its members represent the interests and wishes

of all residents within the jurisdiction of the District, and that the community have confidence that the Board continues to represent the interests and wishes of the District.

**WHEREAS**, two Director positions are set to be on the ballot in November of 2020, and the remaining three in November of 2022.

**WHEREAS**, the District engaged a demographer, Redistricting Partners, to draw maps and to assist with converting to zone-based elections, and utilized the streamlined procedure laid out in Election Code sections 10010 *et seq.* to move from its prior at-large system to a zone-based system.

**WHEREAS**, it is the District's intention to establish 5 zones which: are in compliance with one person, one vote requirements; are intended to ensure the opportunity of the District's minority groups with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise; and, include consideration of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, non-disturbance to existing precincts for purposes of implementation, as well as maintaining vital communities of interest.

**WHEREAS**, the Board held two duly noticed public hearings on January 15, 2020 and February 4, 2020, to solicit input from the community as to how the zones should be drawn in light of the factors outlined in the prior paragraph, at which Redistricting Partners and legal counsel were available to answer questions from Board members and the public.

**WHEREAS**, after receiving that input, Redistricting Partners drew 3 potential zone maps to satisfy the legal requirements of equal population among the zones and other accepted demographic principles to comply with both California and Federal law, and these maps were posted on February 12, 2020, and reviewed and discussed at a February 19, 2020 public hearing called for that purpose.

**WHEREAS**, at the February 19, 2020 public hearing, Redistricting Partners presented the maps to the Board and to the public and, along with legal counsel, was available to the Board and to the public to answer questions.

**WHEREAS**, at the February 19, 2020 hearing, input was gathered on the three Redistricting Partners maps that were presented with suggestions for additional maps.

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2020, the District posted two additional maps drawn by Redistricting Partners for discussion at a public hearing on March 4, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, at the March 4, 2020 hearing, Redistricting Partners presented the two additional maps to the Board and to the public, which were explained and discussed, with both Redistricting Partners and legal counsel available to answer questions.

**WHEREAS**, the Board held a public hearing on March 18, 2020 for the purpose of providing information about the maps that Redistricting Partners had drawn, including two additional maps based on input at the March 4 public hearing, and considering which zones would elect directors in 2020 and 2022, and to answer any questions that the public may have and both Redistricting Partners and legal counsel were present.

**WHEREAS**, at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on March 18, 2020, the Board considered the precise contours of the five zones for the election of members of the Board of Directors of the District including the map known as Plan B3, (attached hereto as Exhibit A), which complies with all Federal, State and local laws and regulations, and will ensure that all in the District may effectively exercise their electoral franchise to elect candidates of their choice in conjunction with the considerations of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, as well as maintaining vital communities of interest.

**WHEREAS**, at its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on March 18, 2020, the Board also considered which of the 5 zones would be electing directors in 2020 (and every four years thereafter) and which would do so in 2022 (and every four years thereafter).

**WHEREAS**, the San Mateo County Elections Department will be provided with the information necessary by the District staff, Redistricting Partners, and legal counsel, to ensure that this zone-based election system is implemented for the November 2020 election, and every two years thereafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the North Coast County Water District Board of Directors as follows:

1. The District declares that the change in the method of electing its Board members from at-large to zone-based elections is being made in furtherance of the purposes of the California Voting Rights Act.
2. The District establishes an electoral system with zone-based elections for the election of its Board members commencing in November 2020 with five (5) zones as shown on the Plan B3 map, which is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by this reference.
3. The sequence of elections for each of the five zones will be as follows:  
(A) District Board member elections for zones C and D will be in 2020, and every four years thereafter; and (B) District Board member elections for zones A, B, and E will be in 2022, and every four years thereafter.

4. All candidates and Board members of the District must reside in, and be a registered voter in, the electoral zone in which she or he seeks to serve or serves.
5. The General Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to give effect to this Ordinance, including, for example, providing information to the County of San Mateo Registration and Elections Division.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of March 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Ash, Burgett, Cosgrove, and Piccolotti

NOES: Director De Jarnatt


ABSENT: None



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President, Board of Directors  
North Coast County Water District

ATTEST:



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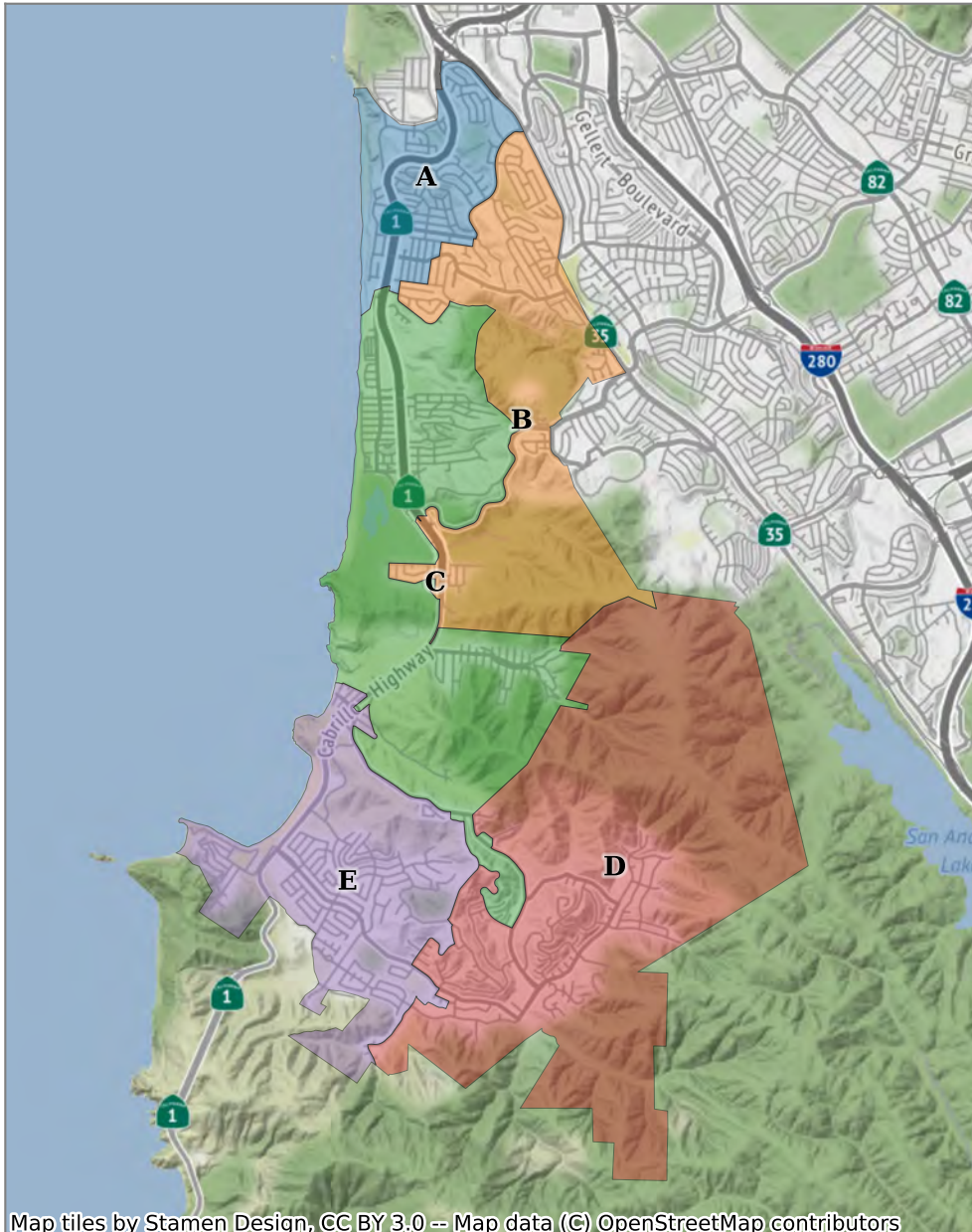
Secretary of the Board of Directors

# North Coast County Water District

## Ordinance 2020-59 - Attachment A

### Plan B3

#### District Overview



#### Base 2010 Census

	A	B	C	D	E
Population	7,434	7,672	7,157	7,447	7,524
Deviation	-13	225	-290	0	77
Deviation %	-0.2%	3.0%	-3.9%	0.0%	1.0%
No Eth	3,205	3,126	5,225	5,528	5,701
No Eth %	43.1%	40.7%	73.0%	74.2%	75.8%
Latino	1,356	1,444	1,161	1,142	1,140
Latino %	18.2%	18.8%	16.2%	15.3%	15.2%
Asian	2,517	2,770	646	708	589
Asian %	33.9%	36.1%	9.0%	9.5%	7.8%
Black	356	332	125	69	94
Black %	4.8%	4.3%	1.7%	0.9%	1.2%

#### Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP)

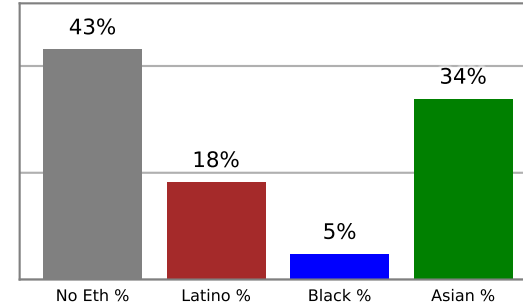
	A	B	C	D	E
Total US 18+	5,626	6,315	5,698	5,983	6,076
No Eth CVAP	2,459	2,902	4,281	4,413	4,627
No Eth CVAP %	43.7%	46.0%	75.1%	73.8%	76.2%
Latino CVAP	1,098	1,290	803	927	765
Latino CVAP %	19.5%	20.4%	14.1%	15.5%	12.6%
Asian CVAP	1,809	1,911	540	637	656
Asian CVAP %	32.2%	30.3%	9.5%	10.6%	10.8%
Black CVAP	260	212	74	6	28
Black CVAP %	4.6%	3.4%	1.3%	0.1%	0.5%

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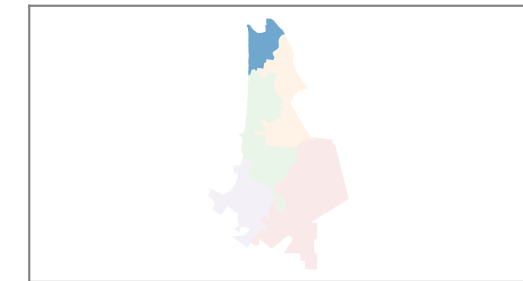
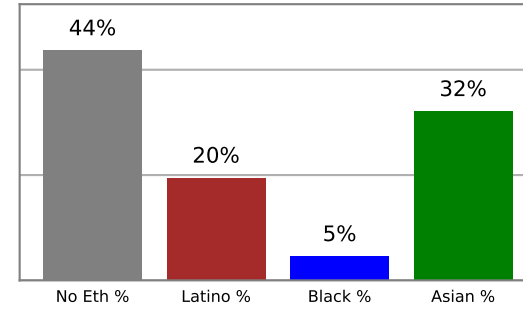
## Plan B3

### District A

### 2010 Census



### Citizen Voting Age Population



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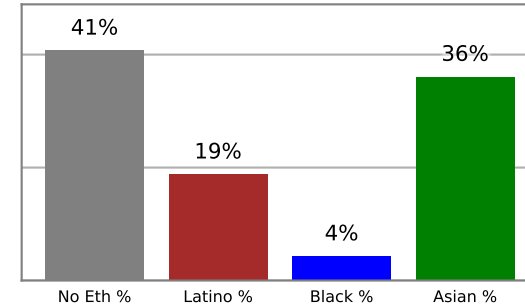
Population	Deviation	Deviation %	No Eth	No Eth %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
7,434	-13	-0.2%	3,205	43.1%	1,356	18.2%	2,517	33.9%	356	4.8%
Total US 18+	No Eth CVAP	No Eth CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
5,626	2,459	43.7%	1,098	19.5%	1,809	32.2%	260	4.6%		

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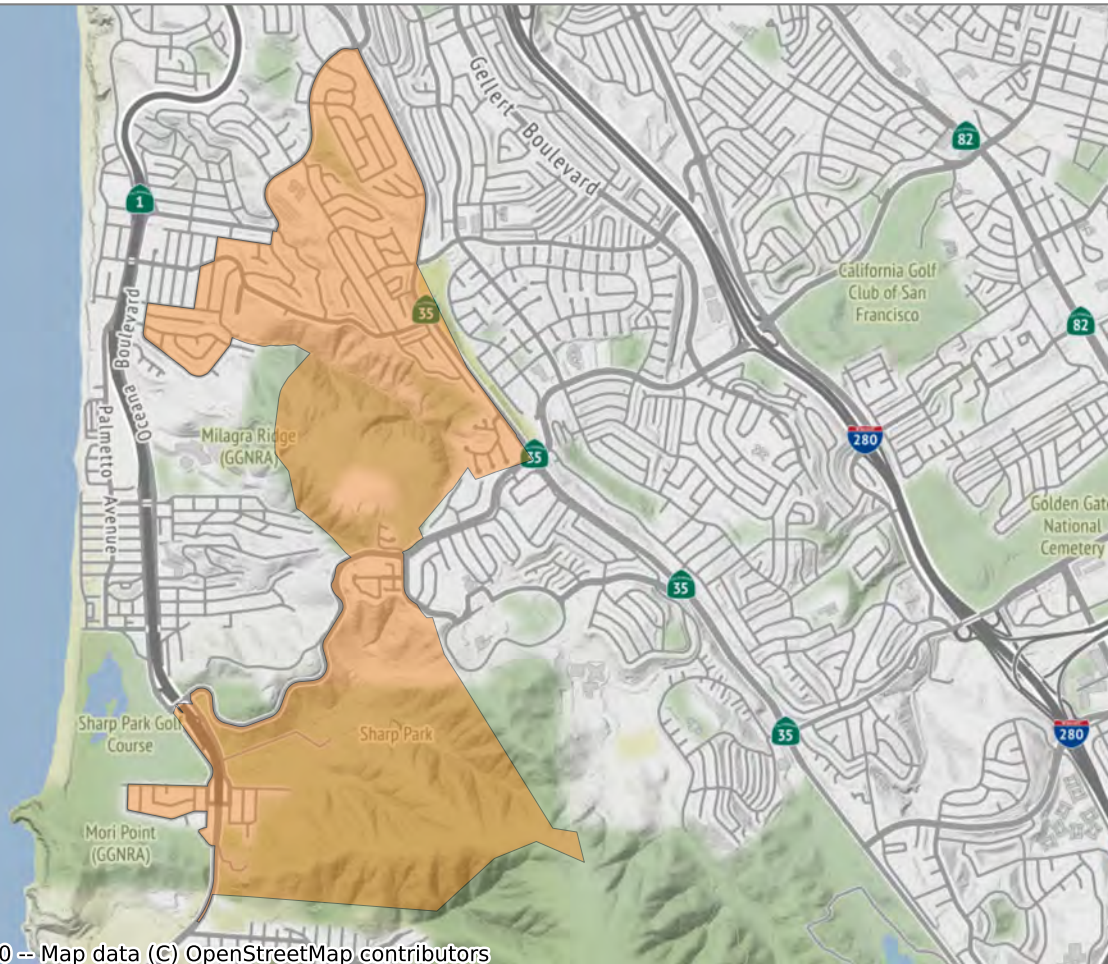
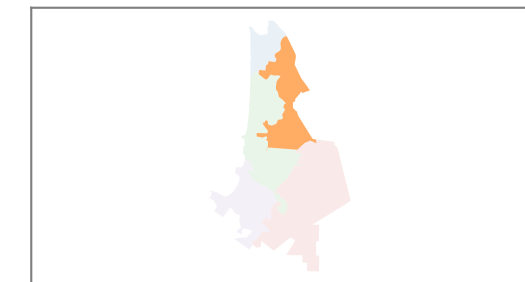
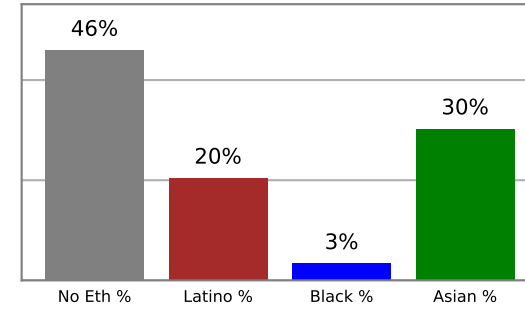
## Plan B3

### District B

### 2010 Census



### Citizen Voting Age Population



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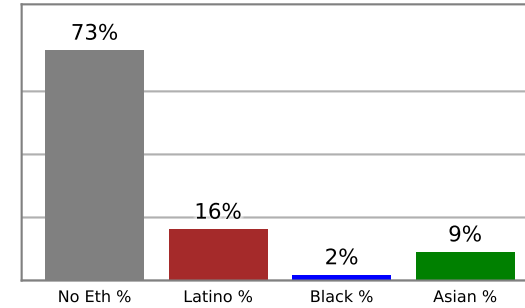
Population	Deviation	Deviation %	No Eth	No Eth %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
7,672	225	3.0%	3,126	40.7%	1,444	18.8%	2,770	36.1%	332	4.3%
Total US 18+	No Eth CVAP	No Eth CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
6,315	2,902	46.0%	1,290	20.4%	1,911	30.3%	212	3.4%		

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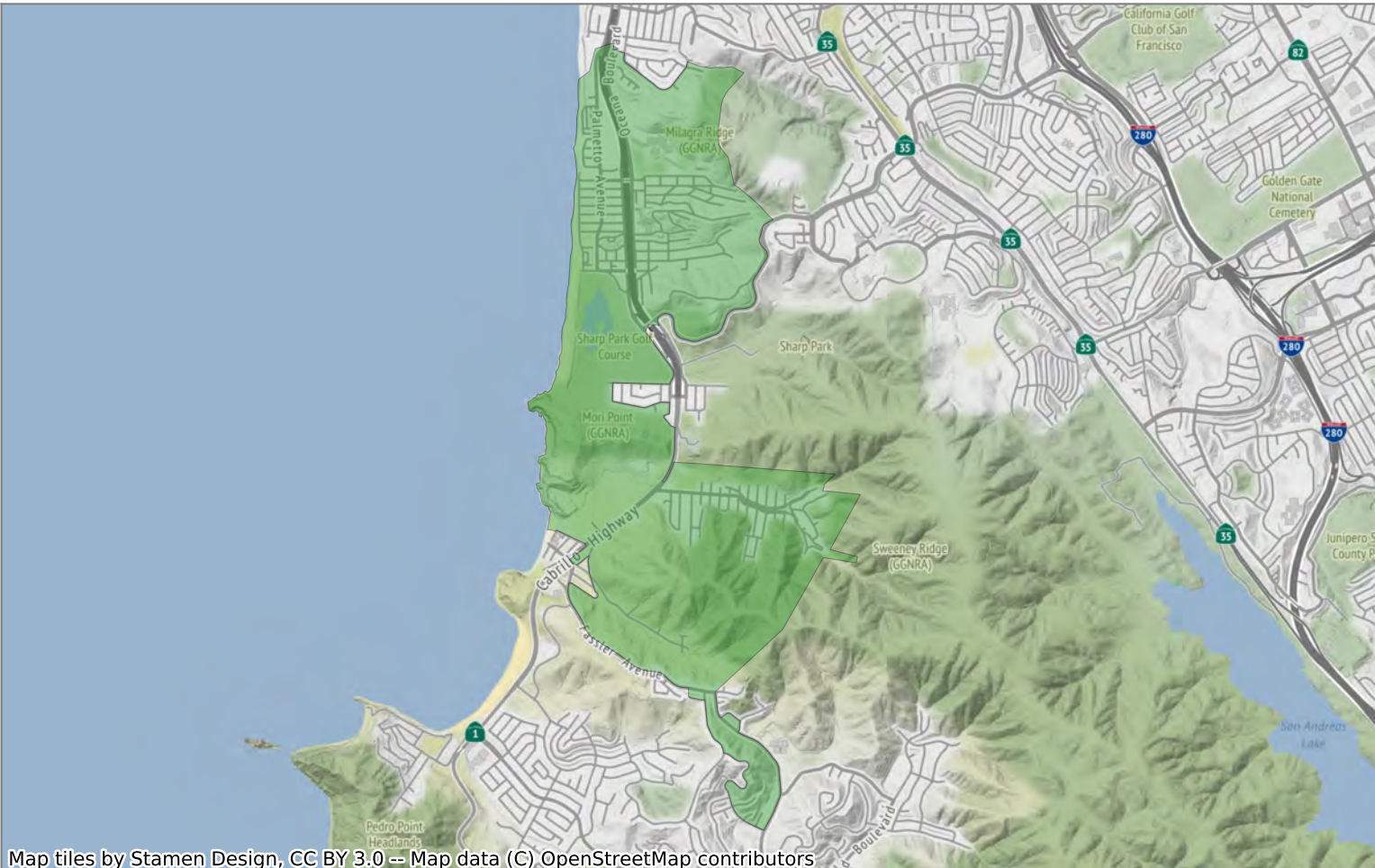
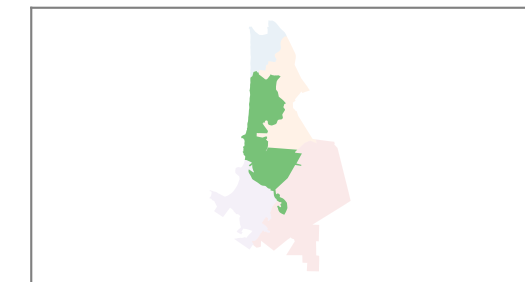
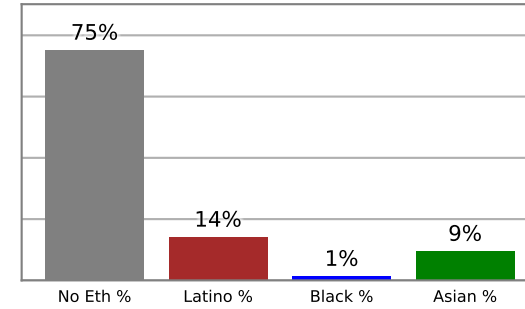
## Plan B3

### District C

### 2010 Census



### Citizen Voting Age Population



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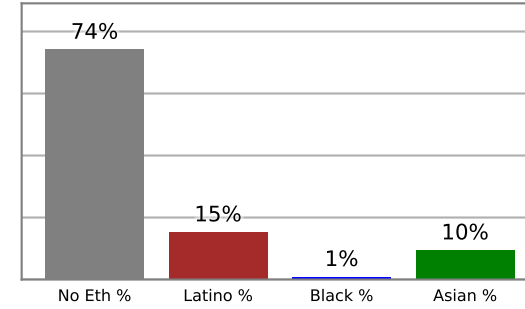
Population	Deviation	Deviation %	No Eth	No Eth %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
7,157	-290	-3.9%	5,225	73.0%	1,161	16.2%	646	9.0%	125	1.7%
Total US 18+	No Eth CVAP	No Eth CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
5,698	4,281	75.1%	803	14.1%	540	9.5%	74	1.3%		

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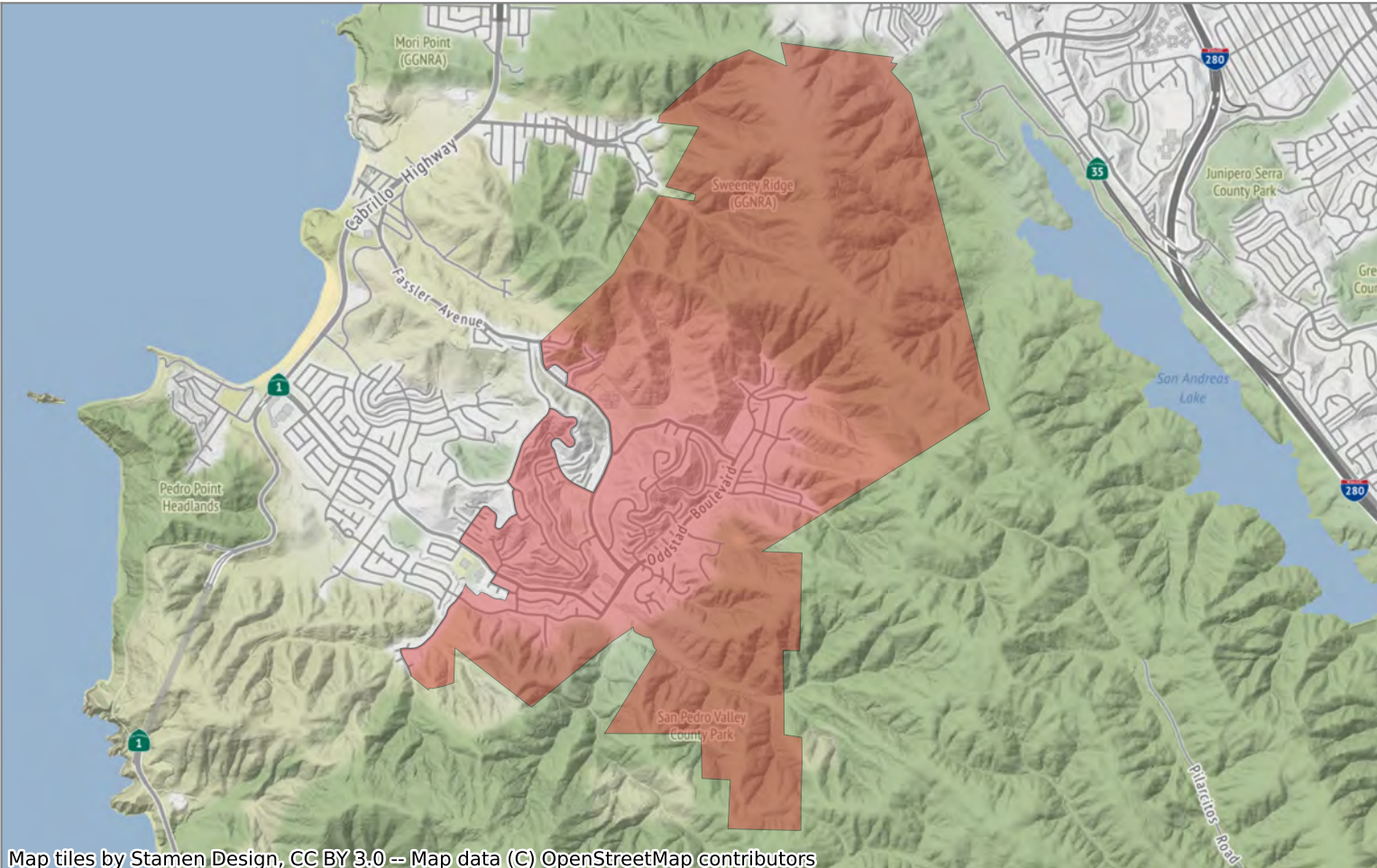
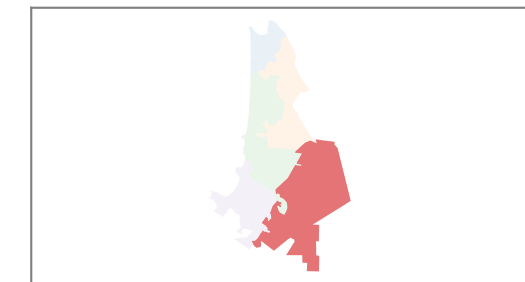
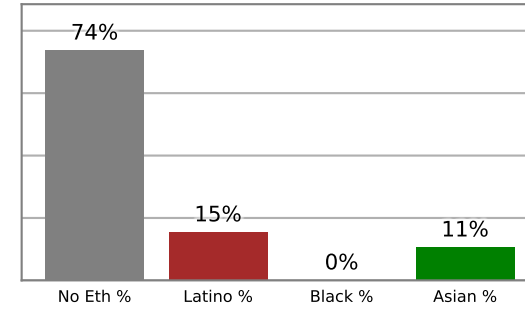
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### District D

### 2010 Census



### Citizen Voting Age Population



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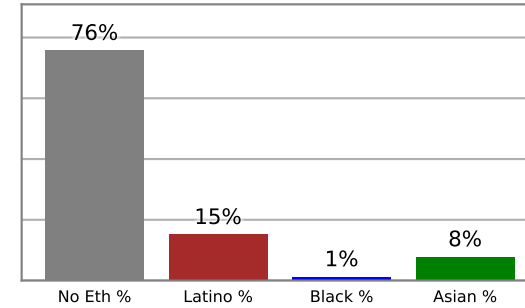
Population	Deviation	Deviation %	No Eth	No Eth %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
7,447	0	0.0%	5,528	74.2%	1,142	15.3%	708	9.5%	69	0.9%
Total US 18+	No Eth CVAP	No Eth CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
5,983	4,413	73.8%	927	15.5%	637	10.6%	6	0.1%		

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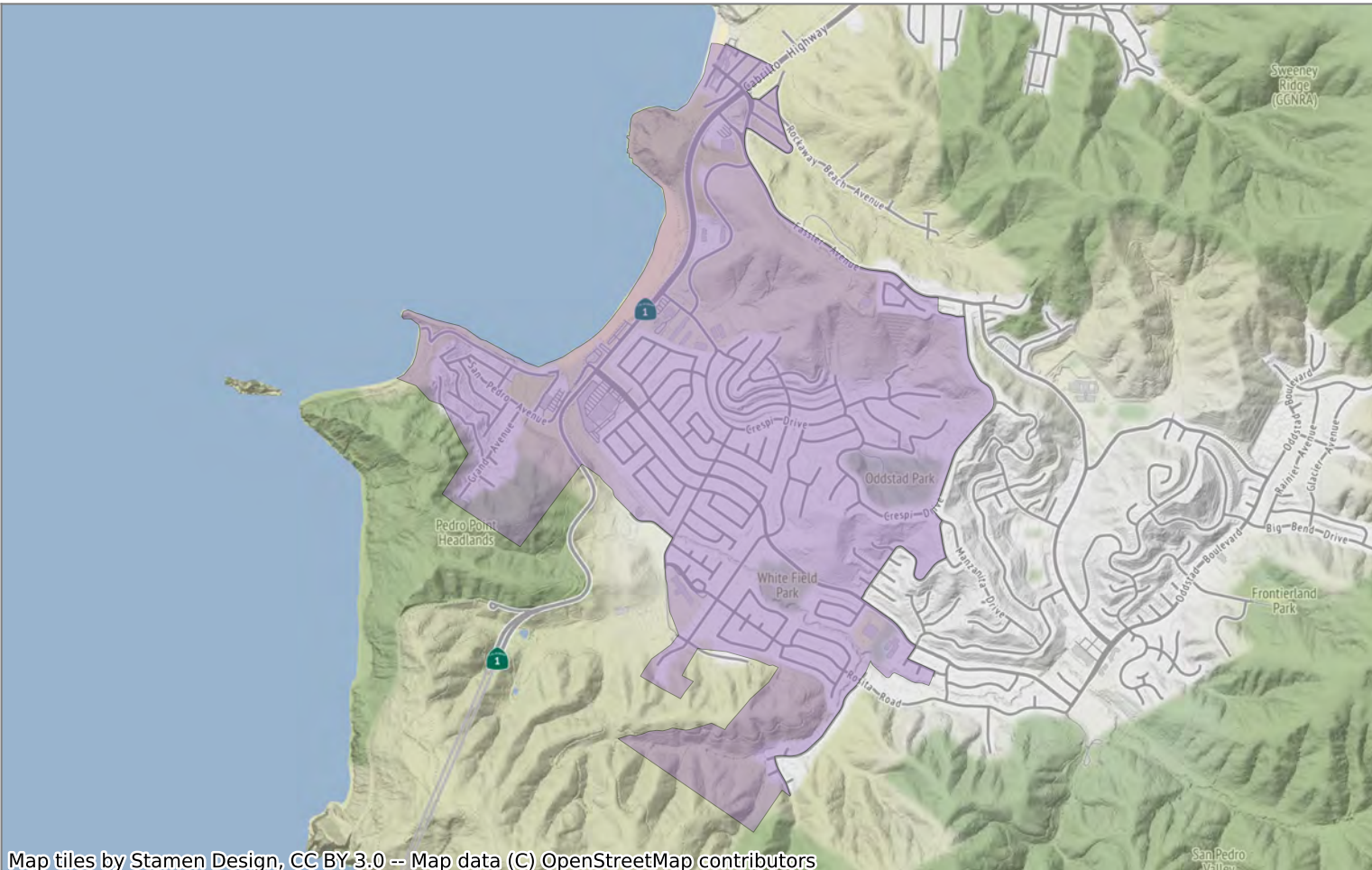
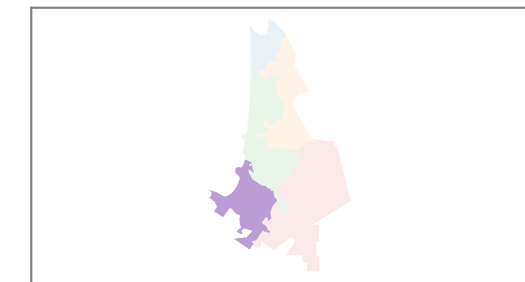
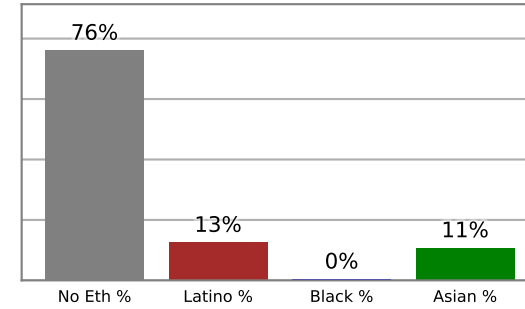
## Plan B3

### District E

### 2010 Census



### Citizen Voting Age Population



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Population	Deviation	Deviation %	No Eth	No Eth %	Latino	Latino %	Asian	Asian %	Black	Black %
7,524	77	1.0%	5,701	75.8%	1,140	15.2%	589	7.8%	94	1.2%
Total US 18+	No Eth CVAP	No Eth CVAP %	Latino CVAP	Latino CVAP %	Asian CVAP	Asian CVAP %	Black CVAP	Black CVAP %		
6,076	4,627	76.2%	765	12.6%	656	10.8%	28	0.5%		