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Item 15

**CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND DIRECTON REGARDING
ADDITIONAL GOALS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE
REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE TO PRIORITIZE ONCE ALL
LEGAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET**





Background

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- In April and May 2021, the City Council appointed a 12 Member Redistricting Task Force
- Task Force singularly focused on redistricting:
 - > Training provided by City Attorney and technical consultants on federal and state legal requirements and criteria that must be met
 - > Conducting public meetings, workshops, and a public hearing prior to release of data; encourage community input and engagement
 - > Task Force to consider various redistricting plans after data is released, including those submitted by the public
- A final report and recommended redistricting plan is to be submitted by the Task Force to the City Council
- City Council considers the recommended plan and adopts an ordinance establishing new district boundaries
- Statutory deadline is December 15, 2021



Redistricting Task Force

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Name	Nominating Authority
Vince Farhat (Chair)	Mayoral
Rita Moreno (Vice Chair)	Mayoral
Adriana Lim	At-Large
Patrice Marshall McKenzie	At-Large
Delano Yarbrough	At-Large
David Coher	District 1
Margaret McAustin	District 2
Terry Tornek	District 3
Donald C. Nanney	District 4
Jordan Vannini	District 5
Geoffrey L. Baum	District 6
Francis Chen	District 7

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COVID-19 Impacts on Redistricting

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- Explaining Impacts of COVID-19 a Key Component to Community Engagement and Education Strategy
- Highlights the Release of Census Data and Compressed Timeline

Description	Planned Schedule	COVID-19 Schedule
Completion of Census 2020	July 31, 2020	October 15, 2020
Census to release official population data	March 31, 2021	Mid/Late August 2021
California to release official redistricting data	April/May 2021	Late September 2021
Legal deadline for map adoption	December 15, 2021	December 15, 2021
First election with new map	June 7, 2022	June 7, 2022



2021 Redistricting Schedule

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Date	Description
June – August	Community Workshops (Each Council District) Educate the public on redistricting & solicit input on communities of interest in the city
August 19, 2021	Initial Public Hearing Required prior to release of draft maps
Mid/Late August	Census Data Release (Expected) Census Bureau to release official 2020 population data
Mid/Late September	State Data Release (Expected) California to release official 2020 redistricting data
October	Task Force Meetings Public submits draft maps & Task Force selects map(s) to recommend to Council
November - December	City Council Public Hearings Receive recommended plan, discuss, and possibly revise map(s)
By December 15, 2021	Final Map Adoption by City Council Legal deadline for final map adoption by ordinance



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Charter Section 1201:

“The City Council shall, by ordinance, establish seven districts which shall be used for all elections of Councilmembers. Said districts shall be as nearly equal in population as practicable and such redistricting shall be in compliance with applicable laws.”



Federal and State Requirements

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1. Federal Law

- ✓ Ensure equal population
- ✓ Comply with federal Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Prevent racial gerrymandering

2. California Law

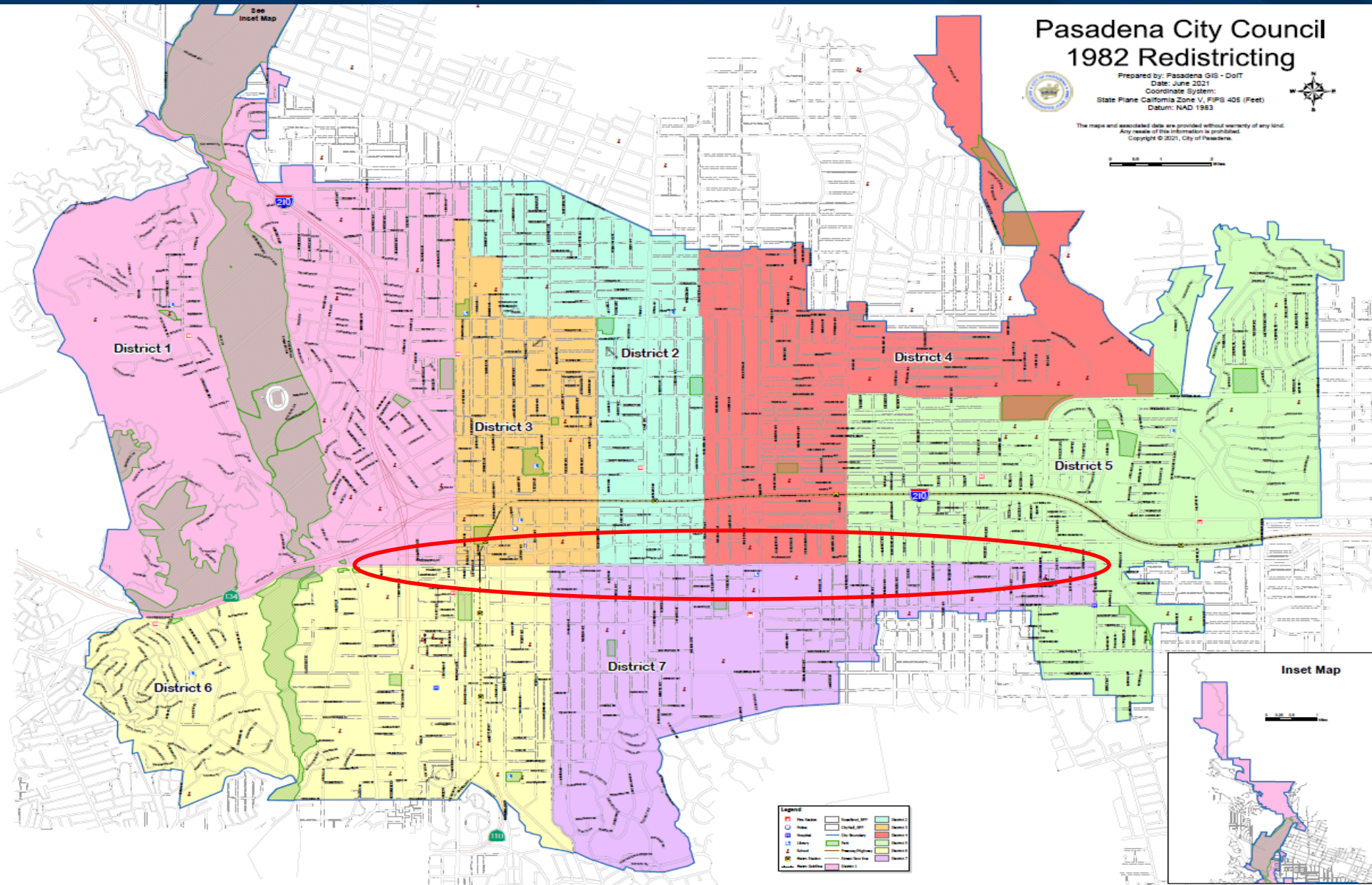
1. Ensure geographic **contiguity**
 2. Minimize division of neighborhoods & **“communities of interest”**
 3. Create easily identifiable boundaries
 4. Maintain **compactness**
- ✓ Do not “favor or discriminate against a political party”

3. Other Goals

- Minimize changes to election cycles
- Respect voters’ choices
- Preserve core of existing districts
- Anticipate future growth

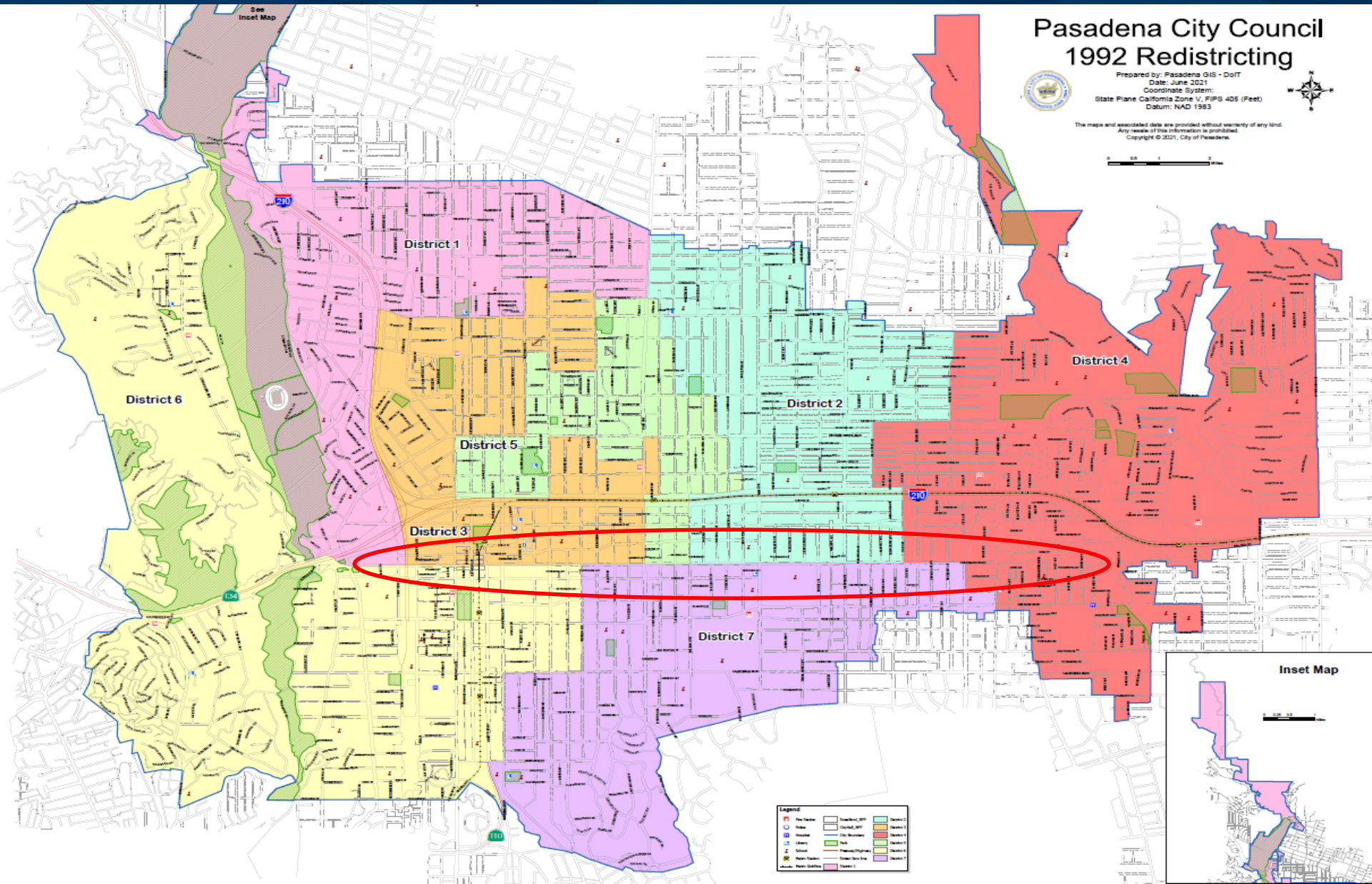


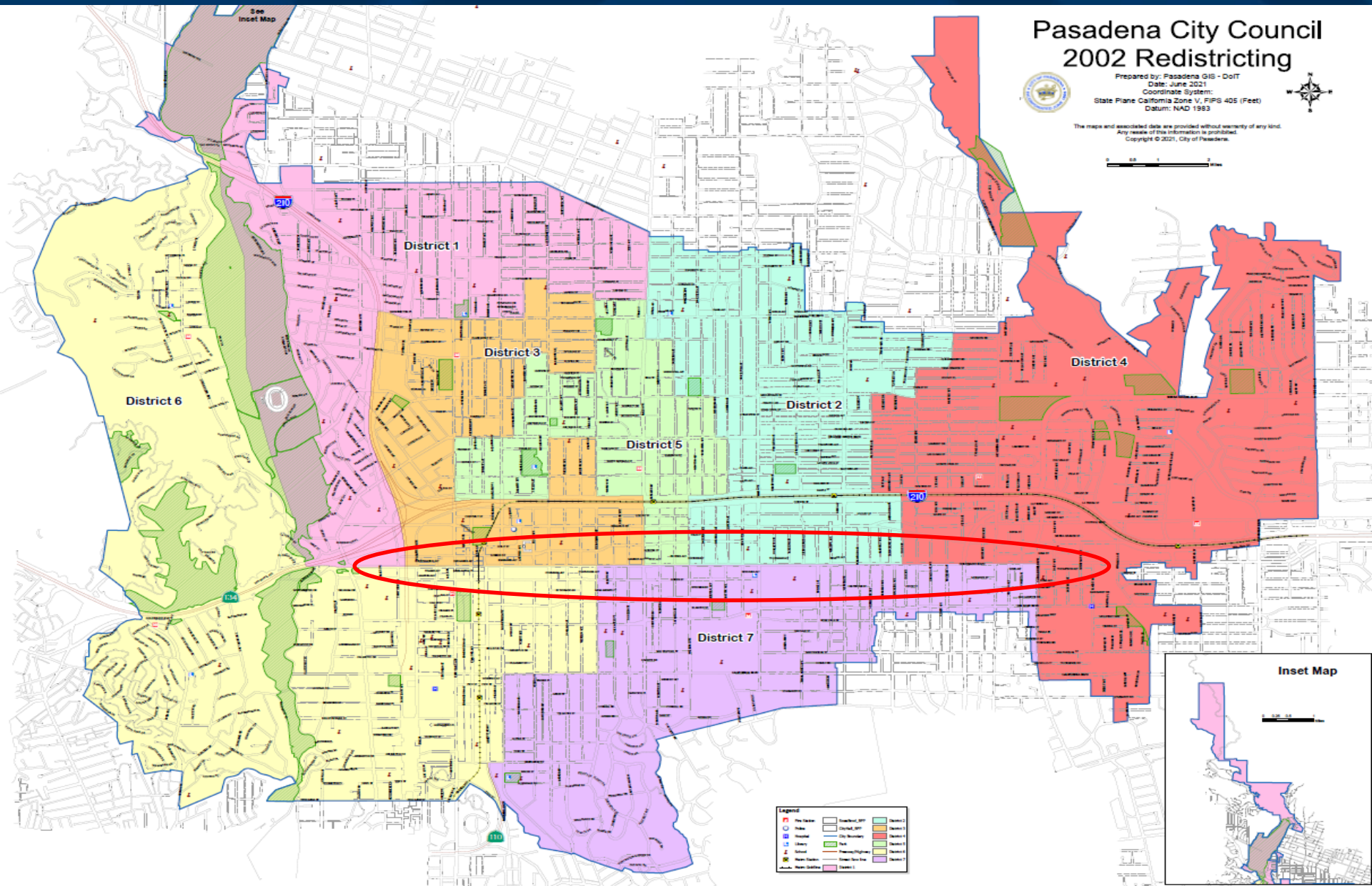
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1982 Redistricting Criteria

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1982 Criteria Used for Redistricting:

- *Equal population (+/- 2% deviation)*
- *Compactness and contiguity*
- *Topography and geography*
- *Respect for established communities of interest*
- *Non-dilution of voting strengths of minorities*
- *Minimal disruption of exiting boundaries*
- *Consideration of residence locations of incumbents*



1992 Redistricting Criteria

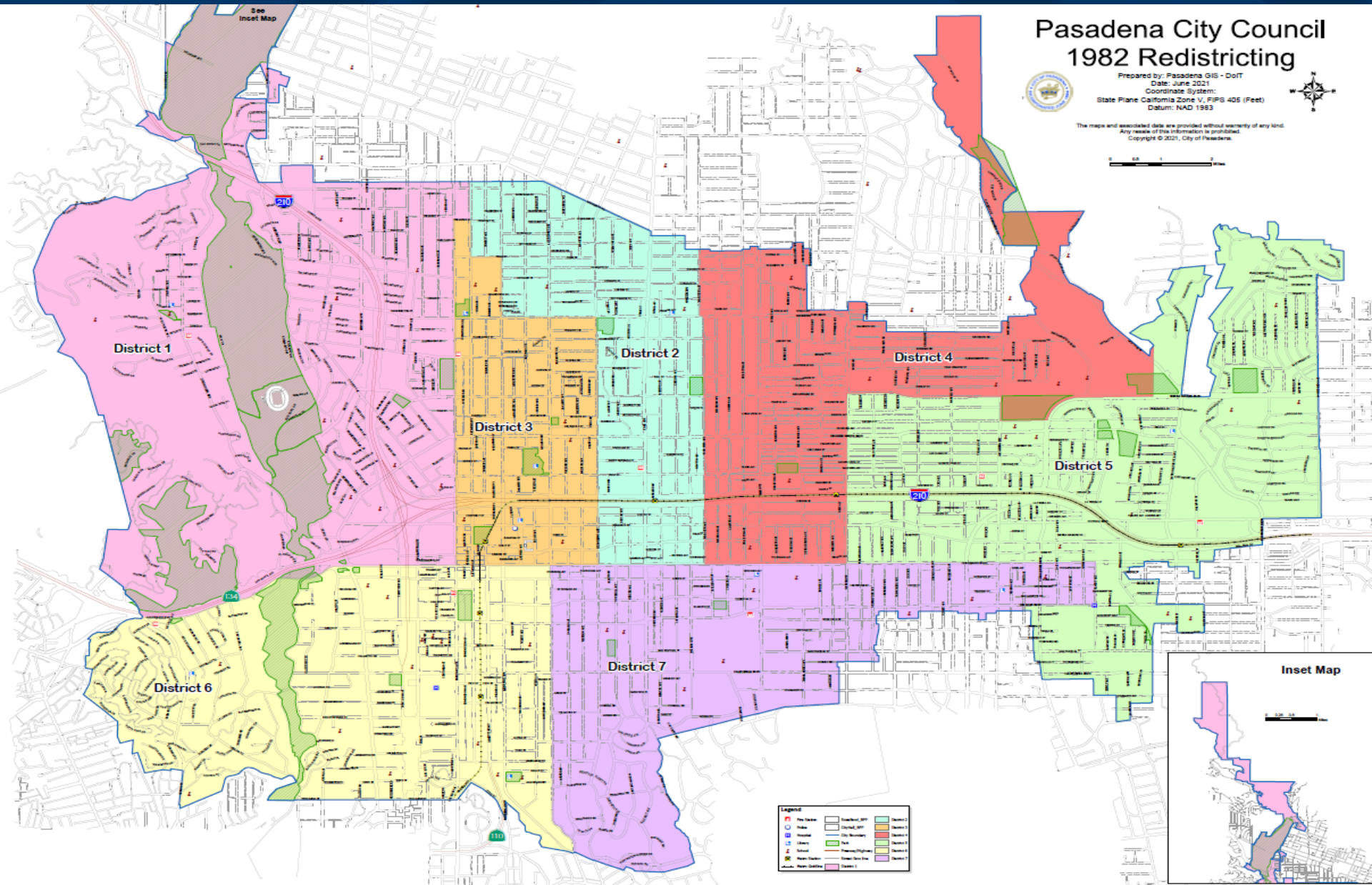
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1992 Criteria Used for Redistricting:

- *Redistricting shall not have the effect of diluting minority voting strengths*
- *Redistricting shall maintain seven Council Districts per City Charter*
- *Equal population (+/- 2% deviation or better, unless necessary to achieve first criteria of protection minority voting strength)*
- *Compactness and contiguity, and consider communities of interest such as neighborhood groups*
- *Make divisions along Census block lines, not splitting any blocks*



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2002 Redistricting Criteria

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2002 Criteria Used for Redistricting:

- *One Person, One Vote: Equal population (deviation of less than 5%)*
- *Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: Does not dilute or diminish voting power of any demographic or ethnic population in the City*
- *Communities of Interest: Reflect traditional redistricting criteria of socio-economic and neighborhood commonalities*
- *Continuity of Representation: Minimize the number of people who would have their representation changed by process*
- *Recognizable Boundaries: Arroyo Seco and Colorado Boulevard; regularity and “recognizability” of district boundaries*

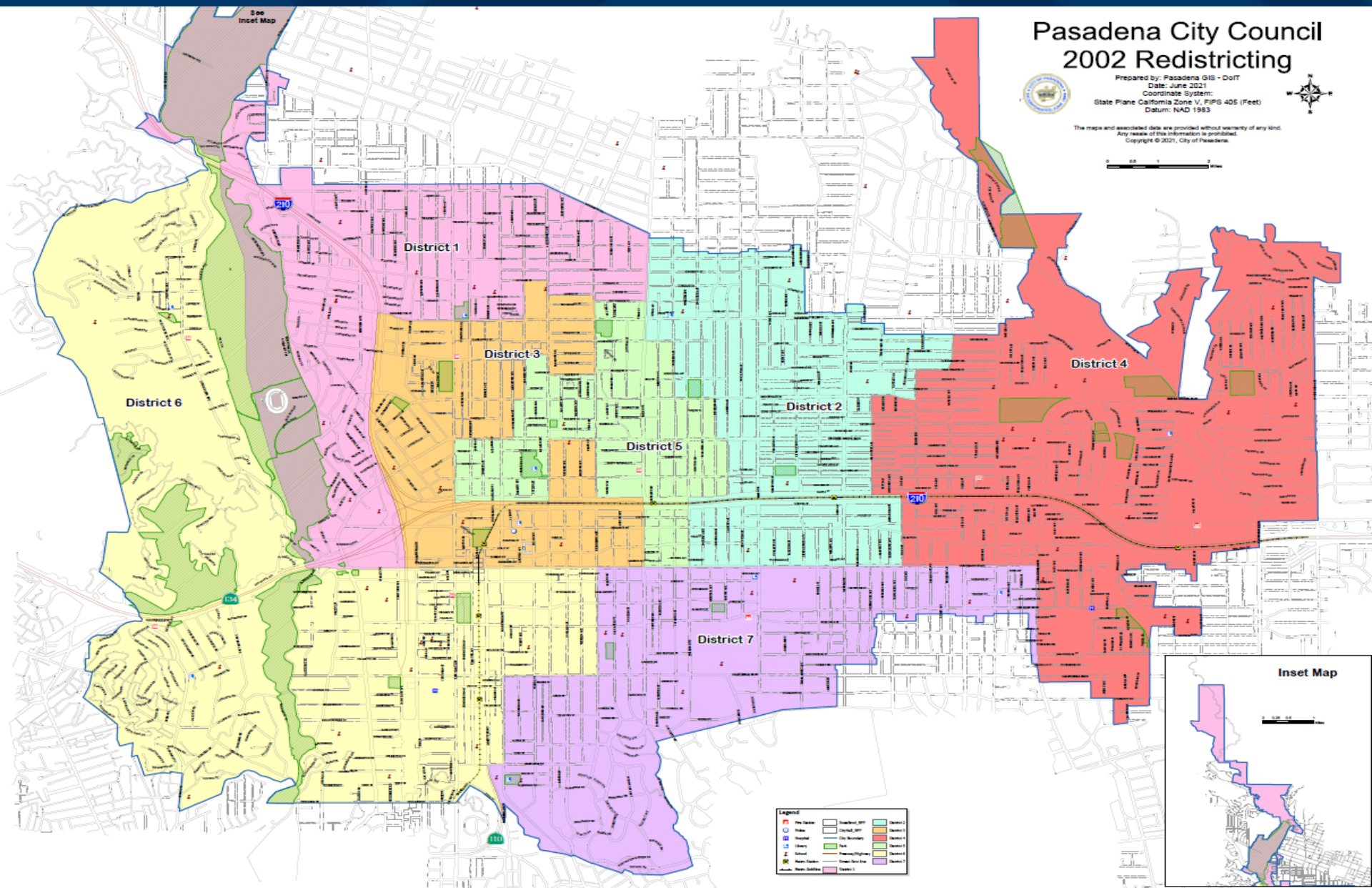


2012 Redistricting Criteria

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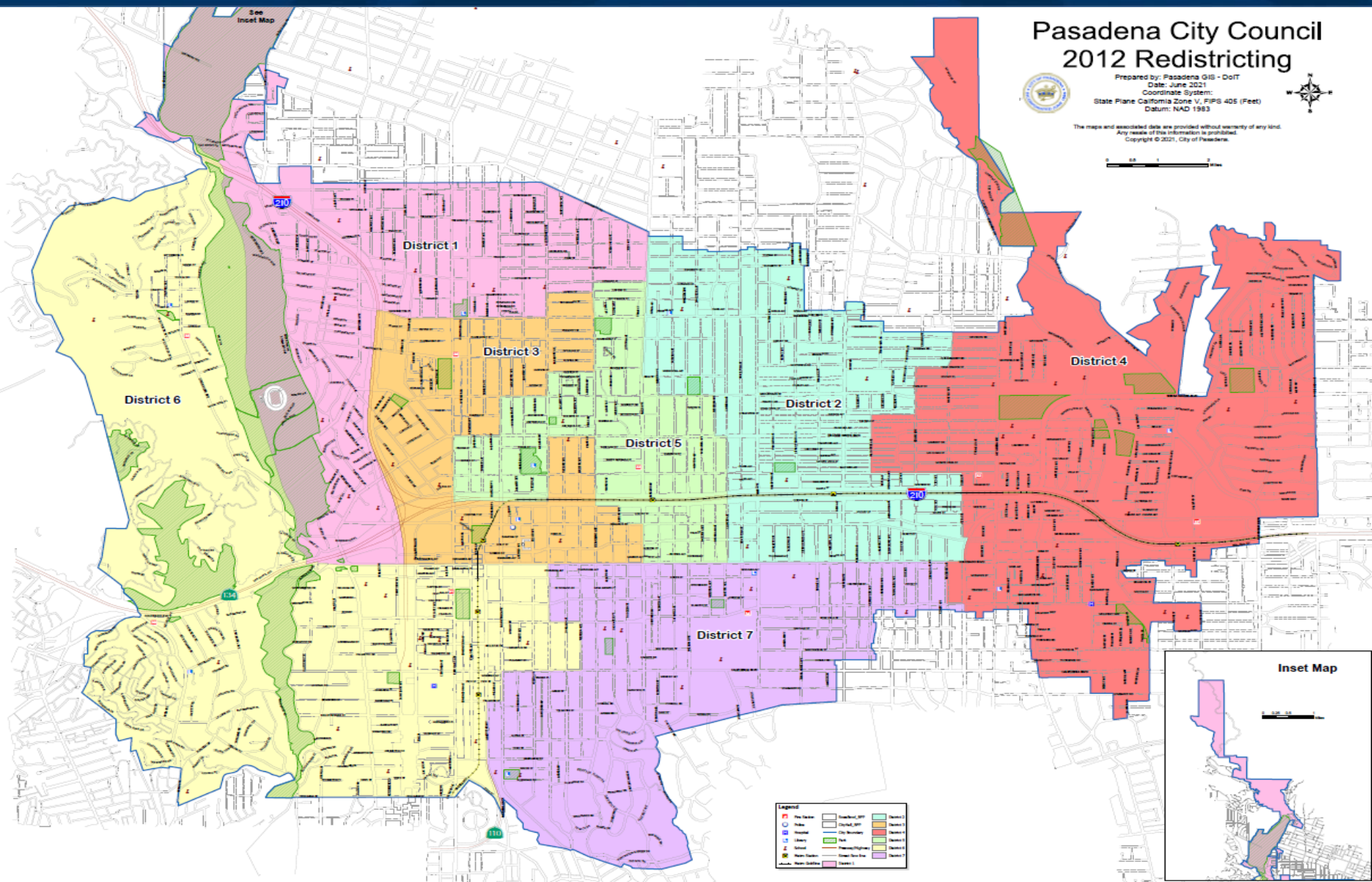
2012 Criteria Used for Redistricting:

- *One Person, One Vote: Equal population (deviation of less than 1%)*
- *Federal Voting Rights Act Compliance: Does not dilute or diminish voting power of any demographic or ethnic population in the City*
- *Communities of Interest: Reflect traditional redistricting criteria of socio-economic and neighborhood commonalities*
- *Continuity of Representation: Minimize the number of people who would have their representation changed by process*
- *Recognizable Boundaries: Arroyo Seco and Colorado Boulevard; regularity and “recognizability” of district boundaries*





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2021 - Other Goals and Considerations

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Once Federal and State laws are met, shall the Task Force endeavor to:

- ***Minimize changes to voters participating in 2022 to 2024 election cycles***
- ***Minimize the number of residents who would have their representation changed by process***
- ***Continue to maintain recognizable boundaries:***
 - *Arroyo Seco and Colorado Boulevard are noted in prior redistricting efforts;*
 - *For Colorado Boulevard, should Task Force maintain as much as possible, unless required to comply with the law?*
 - *Is crossing Colorado Boulevard ok?*
 - *Is a district not touching Colorado Boulevard ok?*
- ***Preserve core of existing Council District boundaries***



Upcoming Redistricting Meetings

Hybrid: In-person and on Zoom

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- *Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Pasadena Convention Center, Ballroom A-C from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (District 6)*
- *Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Villa Parke Community Center, Multi-purpose Room from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (District 5)*
- *Saturday, August 7, 2021 at Madison Elementary School, Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to noon (All Spanish Language Workshop)*
- *Thursday, August 19, 2021 – Public Hearing*
- *For more information, please visit the City's Redistricting Webpage at www.cityofpasadena.net/redistricting or call the City Clerk's Office at (626) 744-4124*



Questions

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