



## AGENDA

### Special City Council Meeting

and Successor Agency to the  
Former Redevelopment Agency

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – 6:00 pm.**

**Via Zoom Webinar**

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**SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 pm**

**1) CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor

**2) ROLL CALL:** Mayor Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Pallares, Council Members: Garcia, Lynch, Martinez

**3) FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

This is a special meeting and only comments or statements concerning the Agenda items listed below are allowed. Public Comments will be taken following the staff presentation and initial questions and comments by Council. Each Public Comment may be restricted to two (2) minutes in length and must be spoken into the microphone from the podium.

**5) PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. Review draft maps adjusting district boundaries and Conduct Public Hearing No. 2 to receive public input on district boundaries. (Hurlbert)

**6) CLOSED SESSION:** None

**7) CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS:** None

**8) ADJOURNMENT:**

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Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

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## STAFF REPORT City of Wasco

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** M. Scott Hurlbert, City Manager  
Tom Schroeter, City Attorney  
Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

**DATE:** March 22, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Review draft maps adjusting district boundaries and Conduct Public Hearing No. 2 to receive public input on district boundaries.

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### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the City Council Conduct a public hearing to receive public input on district boundary draft maps.

### **Background:**

Pursuant to Election Code section 21601, cities with by-district election systems must redraw their district boundary maps to ensure compliance with the California and Federal Voting Rights Acts. The process to complete the redistricting requires a minimum of four public hearings and dedicated public outreach to ensure minority populations and communities of interest are aware of the redistricting effort and are provided with options to participate. During the first public hearing on March 1, 2022, the consultant introduced the online mapping tool for the public to submit their own draft maps by March 17, 2022, which will be analyzed for population balance and other required criteria as outlined below.

At tonight's hearing, the City's redistricting consultant will present five draft map options with accompanying summary statistics for the City Council's consideration and input.

### **Discussion:**

Every ten (10) years, cities with by-district election systems must use new census data to review and, if needed, redraw district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, ensures all districts have a nearly equal population. The redistricting process for the City of Wasco must be completed by April 17, 2022.

The City of Wasco adopted its current district boundaries in 2018, based on 2010 census data as required by law. The districts must now be redrawn using the 2020 census data

and in compliance with the FAIR MAPS Act, which was adopted by the California legislature as AB 849 and took effect January 1, 2020.

Under the Act, the City Council shall draw and adopt boundaries using the following criteria in the listed order of priority (Elections Code 21621(c)):

1. Comply with the federal requirements of equal population and the Voting Rights Act.
2. Be geographically contiguous
3. Undivided neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
4. Display easily identifiable boundaries
5. Be compact (do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)
6. Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party

By law, the City must hold at least four public hearings that enable community members to provide input on the drawing of district maps:

- At least one hearing must occur before the city or county draws draft maps
- At least two hearings must happen after the drawing of draft maps
- The fourth hearing can happen either before or after the drawing of draft maps
- City staff may hold a public workshop instead of one of the required public redistricting hearings

To increase the accessibility of these hearings, cities, and counties must take the following steps:

- At least one hearing must occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or after 6:00 p.m. on a weekday
- If a redistricting hearing is consolidated with another local government meeting, the redistricting hearing must begin at a pre-designated time
- Local public redistricting hearings must be made accessible to people with disabilities

An Analysis of the City's current district boundaries, adjusted for the 2020 Census data, shows the districts are no longer population-balanced. The total population is 22,795.

#### **Total Population & Deviation per District**

District	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	6,828	2,269	49.8%
2	4,529	(30)	(0.7)%
3	2,727	(1,832)	(40.2)%
4	4,194	(365)	(8.0)%
5	4,519	(40)	(0.9)%

Determining population balance is done by measuring the spread, or deviation, between the least populated district and the greatest populated district. Deviations of 10% or less are generally considered acceptable under the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on equal protection.

The purpose of this public hearing is to review draft maps, to inform and to hear from the community on factors that must be taken into consideration for district boundaries. The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered for district maps.

The consultant has prepared five draft map options with accompanying summary statistics for the Council's consideration and input. Each map is summarized below and a population demographic analysis of the proposed options is attached to this report.

Following staff's presentation and the public hearing, the Council should suggest revisions to and/or preferences for particular draft maps.

At the third public hearing on March 29, 2022, an Introduction of the Ordinance with these revised/preferred draft maps will be presented for public comments.

At the fourth public hearing on April 5, 2022, the Council should adopt the Ordinance with the final map.

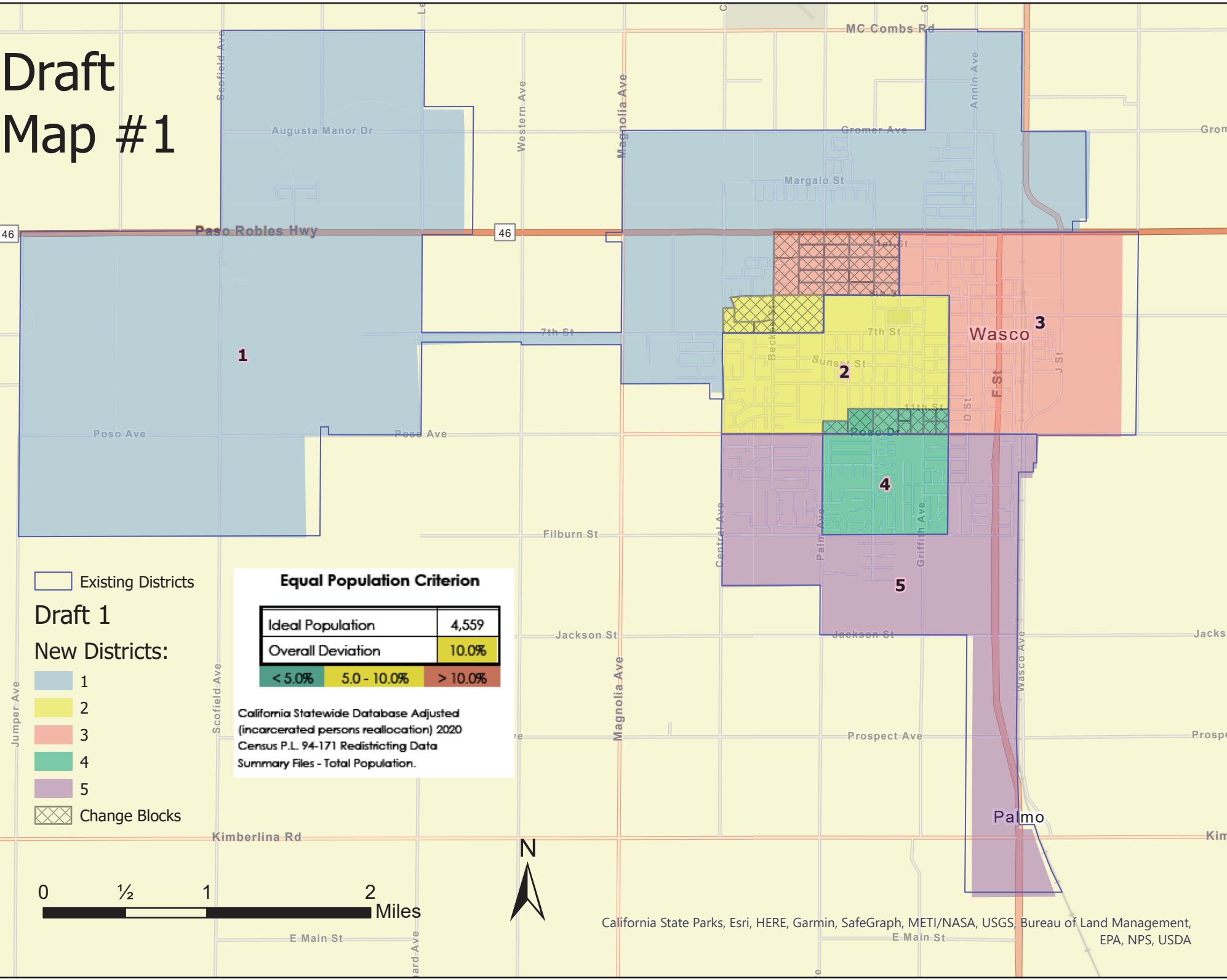
**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

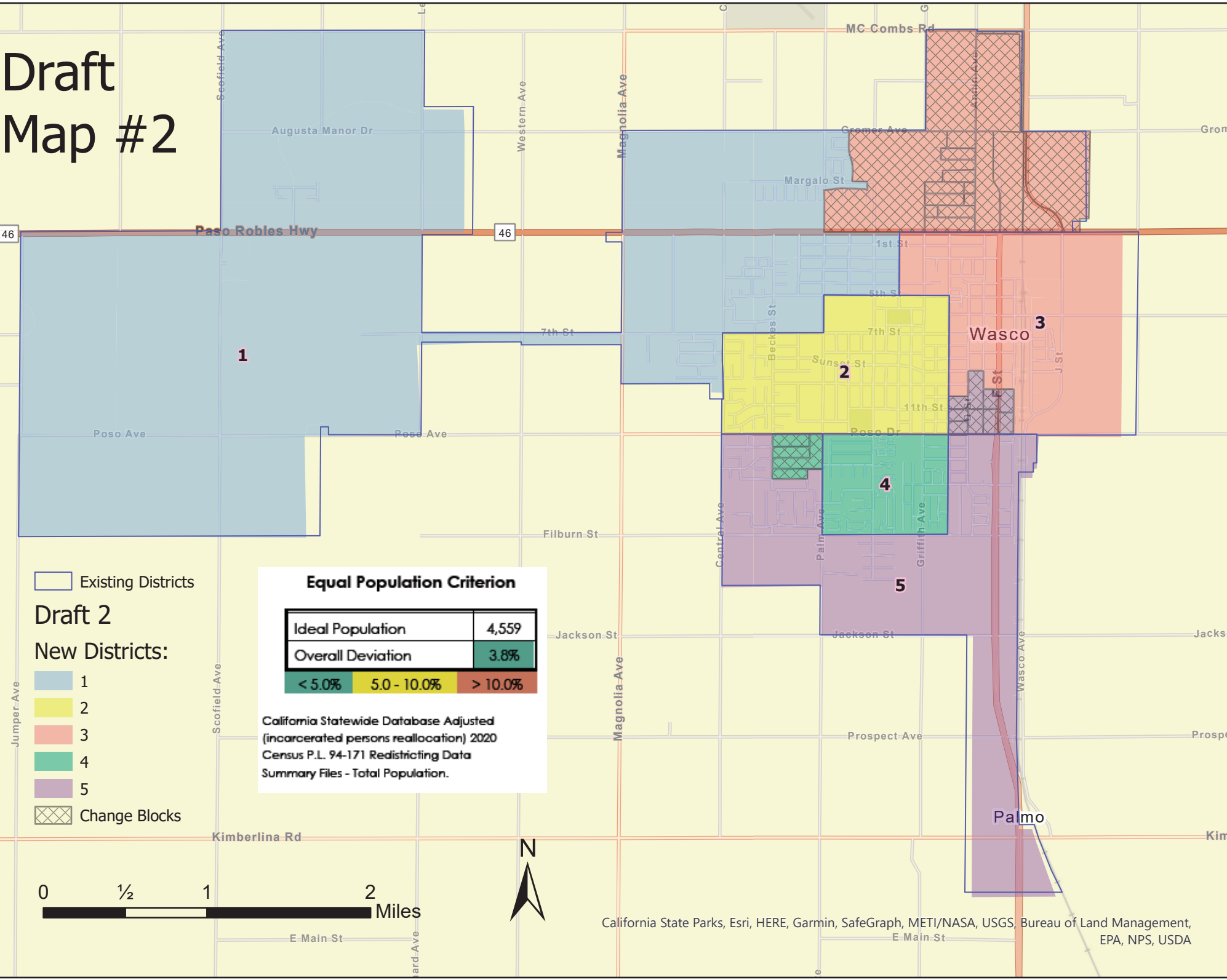
**Attachments:**

1. Draft Maps
2. District Process Timeline

# Draft Map #1

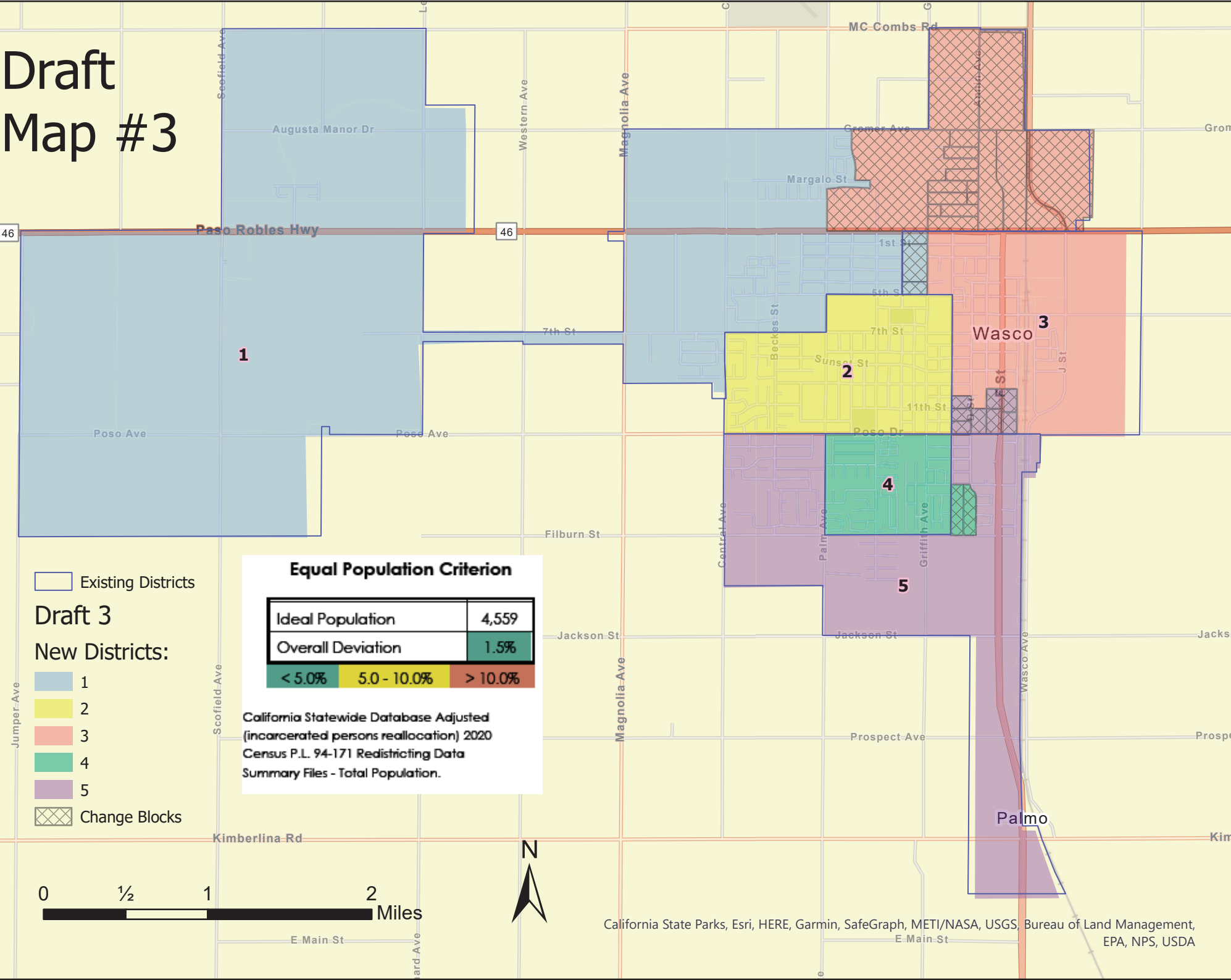


# Draft Map #2

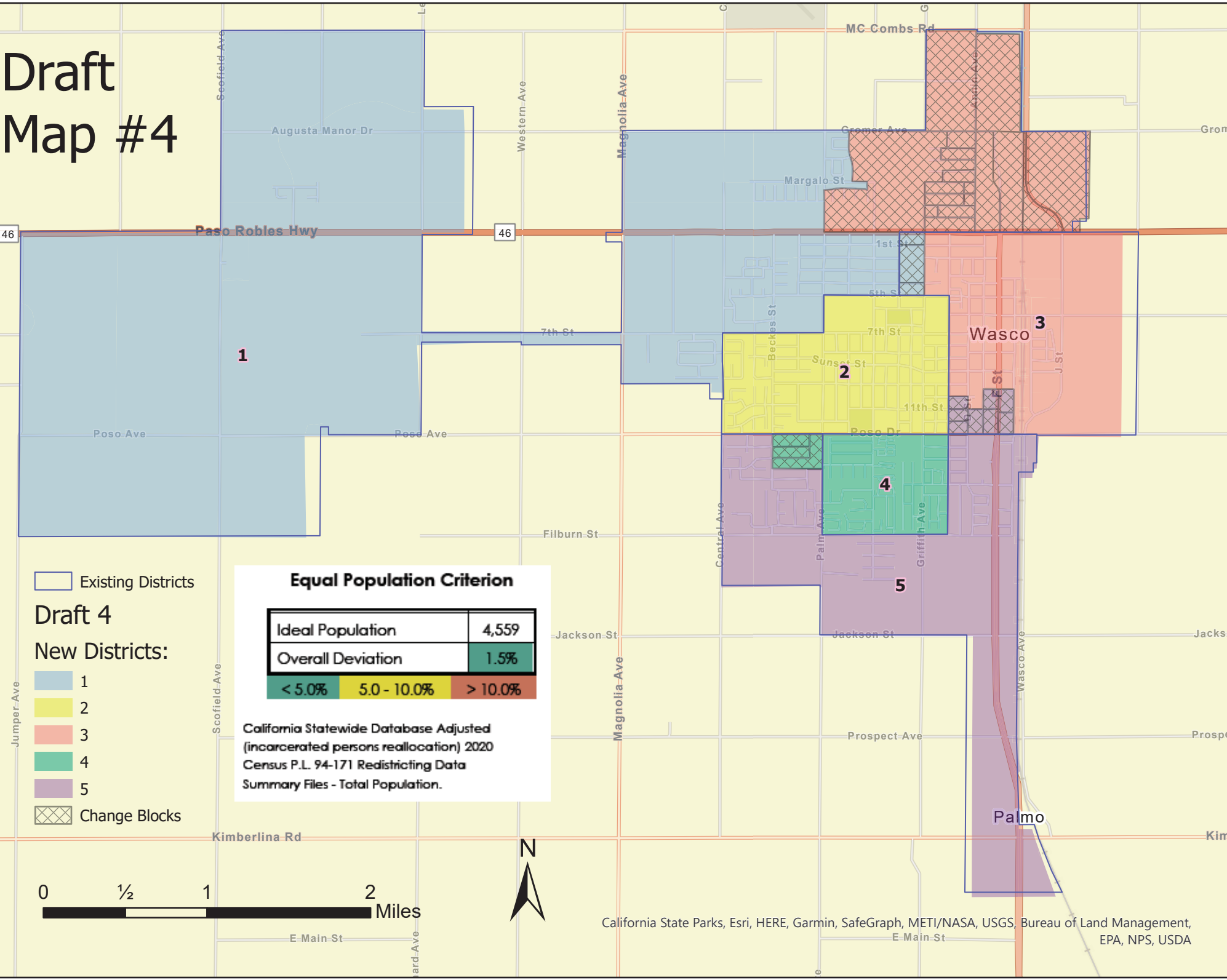




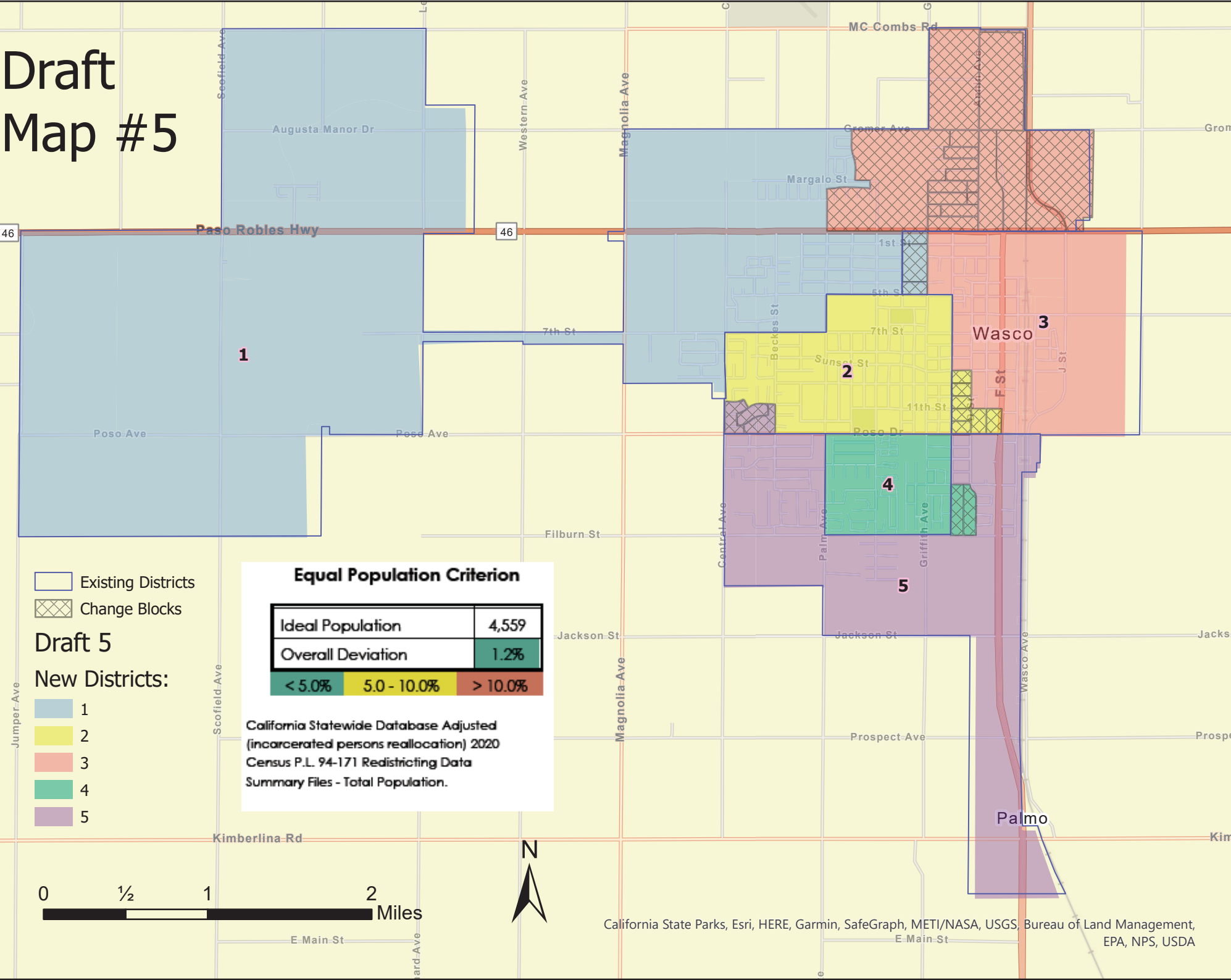
# Draft Map #3



# Draft Map #4



# Draft Map #5



# City of Wasco Redistricting Project Timeline

