



County of Santa Cruz

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

701 OCEAN STREET, SUITE 520, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-4073
(831) 454-2100 FAX: (831) 454-3420 TDD: (831) 454-2123

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

July 26, 2001

Agenda: August 7, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries- Public Hearing on Proposed Plans

Dear Members of the Board:

On June 26, 2001 your Board took a number of actions related to the redistricting of Supervisorial boundaries. Your Board:

- e considered two plans proposed by your Board's representatives on the ad hoc redistricting committee;
- e received comment from members of the public on the proposed plans;
- e unanimously agreed to a single county-wide plan, which reflected an agreement by the 4th and 2nd District Supervisors regarding the proposed boundaries of those **Districts**;
- e directed staff to move forward to a public hearing with a map of the redistricting plan proposed by your Board, and with a map that demonstrated an alternative plan for the 2nd and 4th District boundaries, which was presented by the Santa Cruz County and Watsonville League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC); and
- opened a period for public comment on the proposed plans, and set a public hearing on the redistricting of Supervisorial boundaries for 7:30 p.m. on August 7, 2001 in the Board Chambers, located at 701 Ocean Street in Santa Cruz.

Redistricting Guidelines

As your Board will recall, the statutes governing redistricting direct that in establishing the boundaries of the districts, the Board may give consideration to the factors of a) topography, b) geography, c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and d) community of interests of the districts. In addition, districts "shall be as nearly equal in population as may be and shall comply with the applicable provisions of (the Voting Rights Act of 1965) Section 1973 of Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended." County Counsel has advised that race is to be given consideration in the redistricting process so as to assure that sufficiently large minority populations in geographically compact areas which have similar communities of interest are kept together without being overly compacted.

In addition, your Board agreed on a set of principles to guide the process:

- to the extent possible, the current district boundaries will be preserved;
- the public will have all the opportunities provided by law to participate in the redistricting process, and provide input to the Board;
- communities of interest will be preserved to the extent possible; and
- each Supervisor would have the opportunity to suggest changes to his or her district's boundaries to the extent that such changes are necessary, prior to the public hearings to be held on the redistricting plan.

Board of Supervisors' Proposed Plan

Your Board's proposed plan recommends that Precinct **5116** be transferred from the Fifth District to the Third District, and that Precinct **3009** be transferred from the Third to the First District. The transfer of Precinct **5116** responds to the population discrepancy that exists currently between the Third and Fifth districts, and its location, essentially the top of Ocean Street area, retains a community of interest for the Third District in the City of Santa Cruz, and of the majority of the UCSC campus and campus housing, now given the student population housed at the former Holiday Inn. Precinct **3009** is located in the Twin Lakes area, and a proposed transfer from the Third District to First District reunites the unincorporated Twin Lakes neighborhood with the rest of unincorporated Live Oak, and establishes 7th Avenue as the line of demarcation between the Third and First Districts.

Finally, the plan recommends that City of Watsonville precinct **4333** and unincorporated area Precincts **4010, 4011, 4013, 4015**, the portion of **4018** which lies west of Green Valley Road, **4024, 4027**, and **4028** be transferred from the 4th to the 2nd District. This transfer is intended to respect geographical communities that share common interests, retains a favorable balance if residents in the unincorporated and incorporated area, addresses the community of interest that the City of Watsonville remains largely in the 4th District.

The Board of Supervisors' proposed Redistricting plan for the County of Santa Cruz provides for the following population schedule:

District	Population Target for Equality	Population	Over/Under Target	% Deviation	% of Pop that is Hispanic	% of Pop Over 18
First	51,120	49,741	(1,379)	-2.7%	14.8%	77.9%
Second	51,120	52,206	1,086	2.1%	20.8%	77.1%
Third	51,120	49,893	(1,227)	-2.4%	15.8%	76.2%
Fourth	51,120	52,315	1,195	2.3%	71.9%	66.7%
Fifth	51,120	51,447	327	0.6%	7.9%	75.1%

Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries - Public Hearing
 Agenda: August 7, 2001
 Page 3.

Santa Cruz County and Watsonville League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Proposed Alternative for the 2nd and 4th District Boundaries

On June 25, 2001 LULAC placed on file with the Clerk of the Board a proposed alternative plan for the 4th and 2nd District boundaries, and presented their plan to your Board on June 26th. The plan recommends that the 4th District include all precincts in the City of Watsonville, as well as unincorporated area precincts 4001, 4007, 4008, 4010, 4014, the portion of 4018 east of Green Valley Road, the portion of 4019 east of Green Valley Road, 4020, 4021, and 4031. Written correspondence from the League indicated that the proposed alternative for the 4th and 2nd District boundaries would "take into account many aspects, including but not limited to communities of interest, economics, voting history, housing factors, political affiliations, and other socio-economic factors."

The League's plan provides for the following population statistics for the 2nd and 4th Districts:

District	Population Target for Equality	Population	Over/Under Target	% Deviation	% of Pop that is Hispanic	% of Pop Over 18
Second	51,120	51,213	93	0.2%	17.4%	77.6%
Fourth	51,120	53,308	2,188	4.3%	74.2%	66.4%

Maps demonstrating your Board's county-wide plan and the LULAC alternative for the 2nd and 4th District boundaries are attached for your reference.

Table of Statistics

During your Board's recess, staff placed on file with the Clerk, and provided to each Board office maps demonstrating your Board's county-wide plan and the LULAC alternative for the 2nd and 4th District boundaries, and a sheet with statistics tables. Two data elements in the table for the current district boundaries were inadvertently misprinted. The percent of the population that is Hispanic for the 4th District under the existing boundaries was stated as 72.9%. The actual figure is 70.9%. The percent of the population that is Hispanic for the 5th District under the existing boundaries was stated as 4%. The actual figure is 8%. The data under the existing boundaries was correctly interpreted in the redistricting software that was available to the ad hoc redistricting committee and to members of the public at the public use computer in the Elections Department. A table with the actual data is attached. A copy has been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Public Hearing Process

The Elections Code requires the Board to hold at least one public hearing on any proposal to adjust the boundaries of a district, prior to the public hearing at which the Board votes to approve the proposal. In addition to these two public hearings, the process must also allow sufficient time for two readings of the ordinance enacting the new district boundaries and **sufficient time for staff to**

H

Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries - Public Hearing
Agenda: August 7, 2001
Page 4.

and Congress, in order to meet the deadlines prescribed by the Special Districts elections in November, and the March Primary election.

As directed by your Board, staff has prepared maps demonstrating your Board's proposed county-wide plan and the LULAC alternative plan for the 4th and 2nd District boundaries. These maps have been placed on file with the Clerk of the Board, and have been made available to citizens and groups that have requested them. The maps were also placed on the County's website. In addition, the plans were provided in the County's redistricting software, and made available on the public use computer, which is located in the lobby of the Elections department. The public hearing was noticed as required, in the Santa Cruz Sentinel and the Register-Pajaronian, in both English and Spanish.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Accept and file this report on the Redistricting of Supervisorial boundaries;
2. Open the public hearing on Redistricting and accept public comment;
3. Determine those boundaries to be adjusted to reflect your Board's decision on redistricting;
4. Set a second public hearing for August 14, 2001, at a time to be designated by your Board, for the purpose of further considering a redistricting plan or plans, or to adopt a redistricting plan; and in preparation for adopting said plan,
5. Direct County Counsel to prepare an ordinance to adopt the redistricting plan that is designated by your Board.

Very truly yours,


 SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
 County Administrative Officer

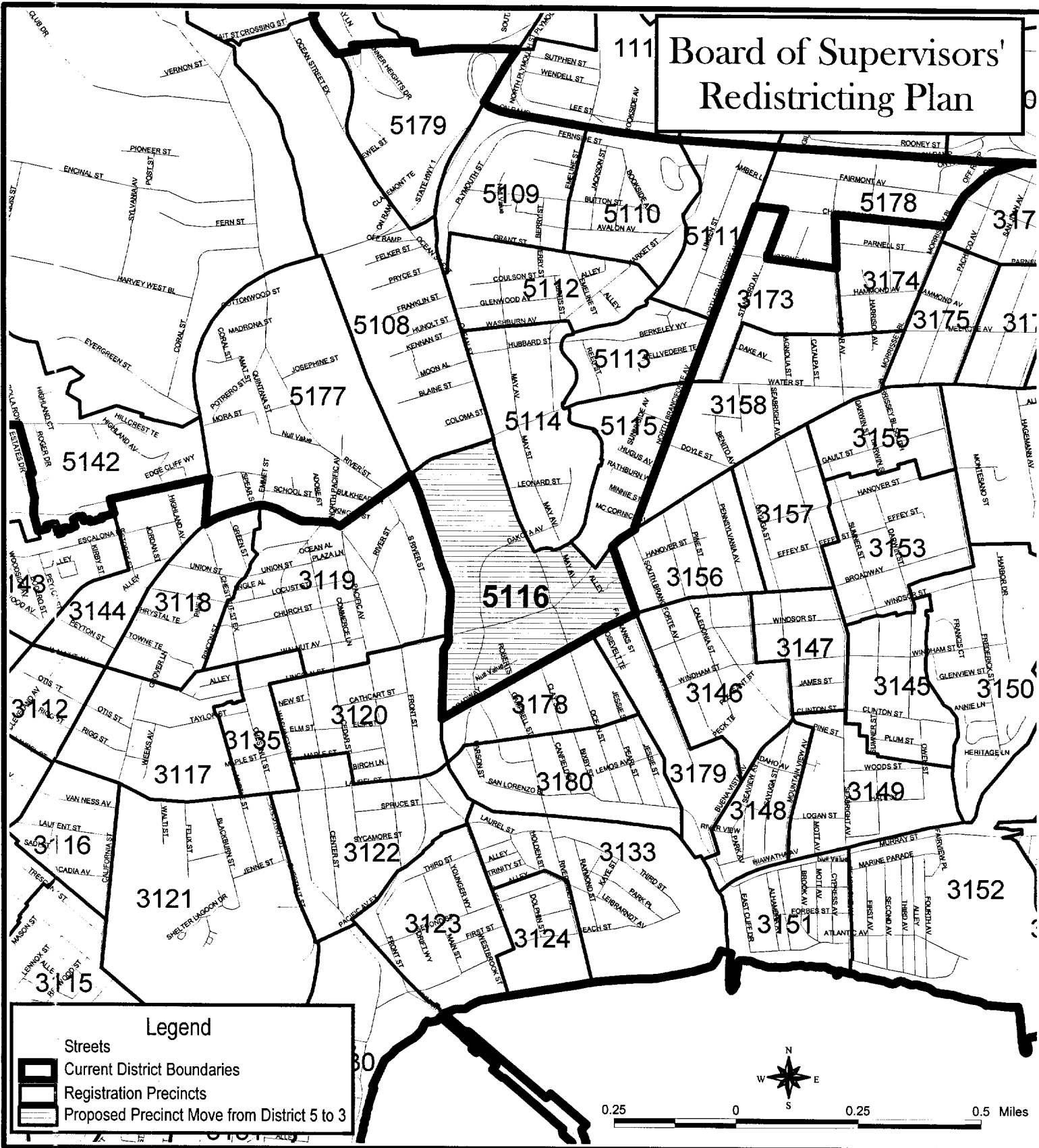
SAM:sp/s/redistrict/publichearingonebos.wpd

Attachment

cc: Santa Cruz County and Watsonville League of Latin American Citizens
 County Counsel
 Planning Department
 Clerk Recorder
 Elections Manager

al

Board of Supervisors' Redistricting Plan



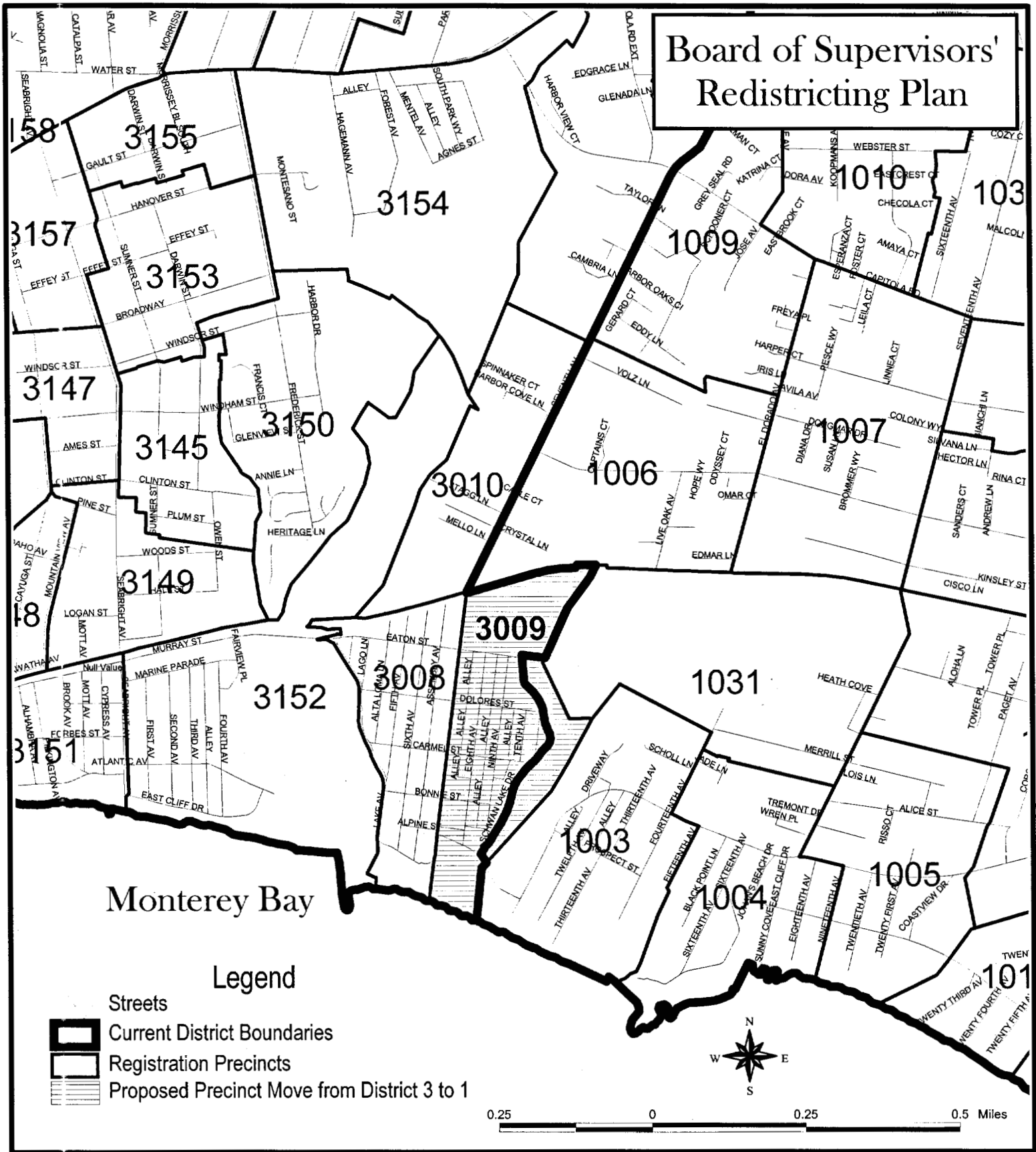
Proposed Boundary Change for 3rd and 5th Districts

District	Target	Current Pop.	Precinct	From/To	Precinct Pop	Revised Pop
5th	51,120	52,228	5116	From	781	51,447
3rd	51,120	49,556	5116	To	781	50,337*

*Not Final

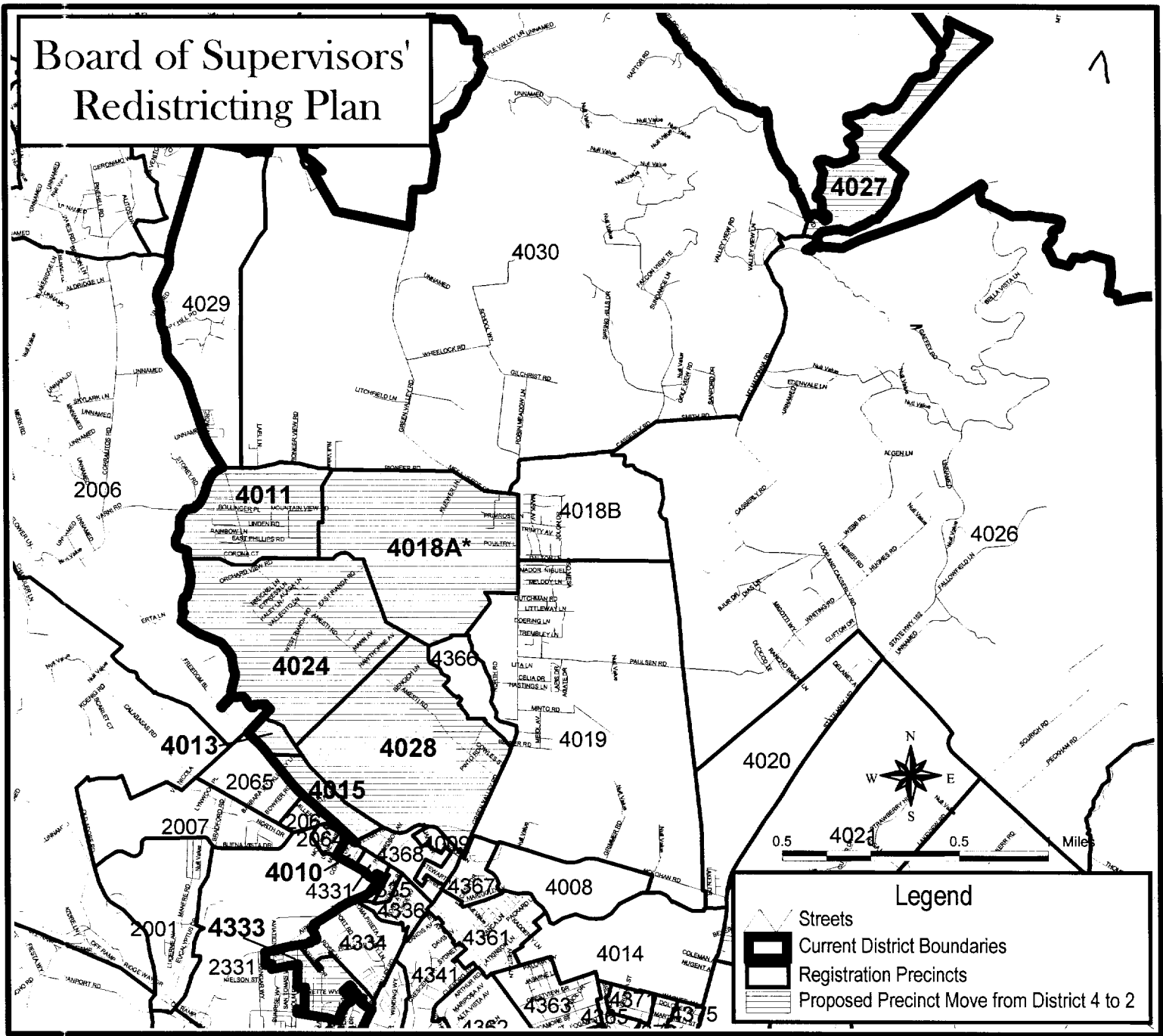
91

Board of Supervisors' Redistricting Plan



Proposed Boundary Change for 1st and 3rd Districts

District	Target	Current Pop.	Precinct	From/To	Precinct Pop	Revised Pop
3rd	51,120	49,556	3009	From	444	49,893
1st	51,120	49,297	3009	To	444	49,741

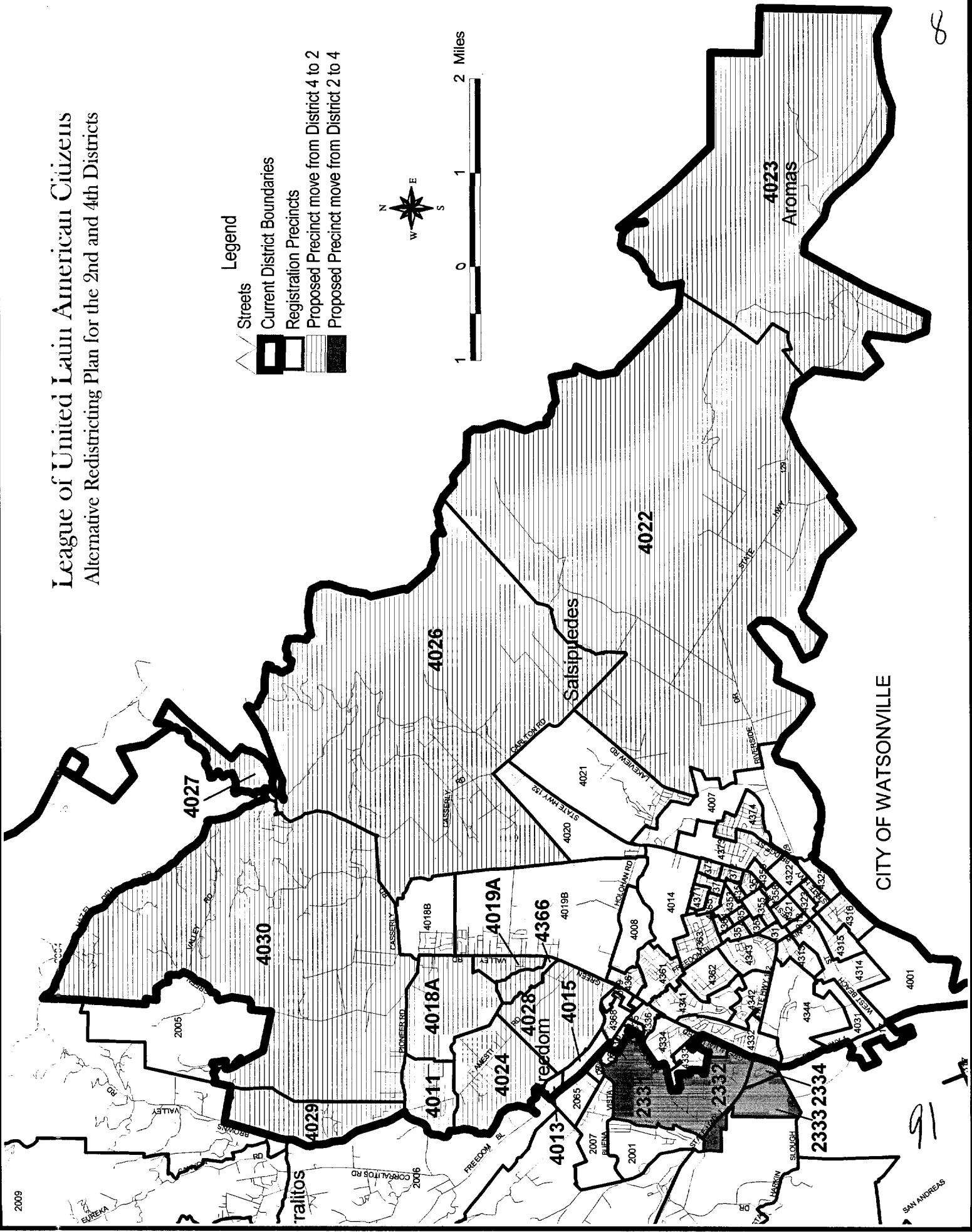


Proposed Boundary Change for 2nd and 4th Districts

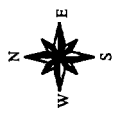
District	Target	Current Pop.	Precinct	From/To	Precinct Pop	Revised Pop
4th	51,120	57,196	4010	From	187	
			4011		1444	
			4013		67	
			4015		225	
			4018a*		753	
			4024		551	
			4027		20	
			4028		684	
2rd	51,120	47,325	4333	From	1950	52,315
			As Above	To	4881	52,206

al

League of United Latin American Citizens Alternative Redistricting Plan for the 2nd and 4th Districts



- Legend**
- Streets
 - Current District Boundaries
 - Registration Precincts
 - Proposed Precinct move from District 4 to 2
 - Proposed Precinct move from District 2 to 4



CITY OF WATSONVILLE

8

19

League of United Latin American Citizens

Proposed Boundary Change from 4th to 2nd Districts

District	Target	Current Pop.	Precinct	From/To	Precinct Pop	Pop Change
4th	51,120	57,196	4011	From	444	
			4013		67	
			4015		225	
			4018a*		753	
			4019a*		77	
			4022		464	
			4023		182	
			4024		551	
			4026		1,224	
			4027		20	
			4028		684	
			4029		312	
			4030		1,514	
			4366		10	
						-6,527
2nd	51,120	47,325	2331	From	1,603	
			2332		518	
			2333		18	
			2334		500	

League of United Latin American Citizens Totals

District	Target	Current Pop.	Precinct Totals	From/To	Precinct Pop Total	Net Change	Revised Pop
2nd	51,120	47,325	14*	From 4th	6,527	3,888	51,213
4th	51,120	57,196	4	From 2nd	2,639	-3,888	53,308

91



District	Population Target for Equality	Population	Over/Under Target	% Deviation	% of Pop that is Hispanic	% of Pop Over 18
First	51,120	49,297	(1,823)	-3.6%	14.7%	77.8%
Second	51,120	47,325	(3,795)	-7.4%	16.7%	78.1%
Third	51,120	49,556	(1,564)	-3.1%	15.8%	76.2%
Fourth	51,120	57,196	6,076	11.9%	70.9%	66.7%
Fifth	51,120	52,228	1,108	2.2%	8.0%	75.3%

Statistics Table for Board of Supervisors Proposed Redistricting Plan

District	Population Target for Equality	Population	Over/Under Target	% Deviation	% of Pop that is Hispanic	% of Pop Over 18
First	51,120	49,741	(1,379)	-2.7%	14.8%	77.9%
Second	51,120	52,206	1,086	2.1%	20.8%	77.1%
4 Third	51,120	49,893	(1,227)	-2.4%	15.8%	76.2%
Fourth	51,120	52,315	1,195	2.3%	71.9%	66.7%
Fifth				0.6		

Statistics Table for 2nd and 4th District Alternative Proposed by the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

District	Population Target for Equality	Population	Over/Under Target	% Deviation	% of Pop that is Hispanic	% of Pop Over 18
First	51,120	49,711	(1,379)	-2.7%	14.8%	77.9%
Second	51,120	51,213	93	0.2%	17.4%	77.6%
Third	51,120	49,893	(1,227)	-2.4%	15.8%	76.2%
Fourth	51,120	53,308	2,188	4.3%	74.2%	66.4%
Fifth	51,120	51,447	327	0.6%	7.9%	75.1%