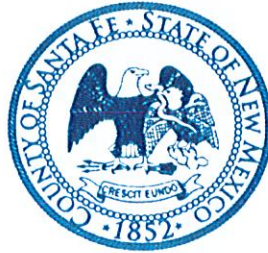


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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 12, 2011
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Erle Wright, Data Integration Administrator, GIS Division *AEW*
Via: Jack Kolkmeyer, Director, Growth Management Department *JK*
Subject: 2011 County Commission Redistricting Parameters

Issue

The Santa Fe County GIS Division requests direction from the Board to establish a set of guiding parameters in order to develop several County Commission District redistricting scenarios/plans for the Board's consideration and ultimate selection of a final redistricting plan.

Background

The release of the 2010 Decennial Census data by the US Census Bureau for the State of New Mexico and Santa Fe County has revealed that Santa Fe County's five (5) County Commission districts must be adjusted in order to balance population as equally as possible among each of the five districts. Any scenarios/plans developed for consideration should adhere to the following basic principles of districting:

- Equal Population
- Avoid Dilution of Minority Voting Strength
- Compactness
- Contiguity
- Maintenance of Communities of Interest

Many redistricting scenarios could be developed and brought forward for the Board's consideration, however, in order to efficiently conduct this task it would be best to limit the development of redistricting scenarios/plans to only those that are guided by desired underlying parameters.

Suggestions for such guiding parameters are:

- Least Change – maintain Districts as close to current configuration as possible
- Most Balanced – create as equal population per district as possible
- Growth Accommodation – use SGMP SDA's as a guide to anticipate future growth
- Urban vs. Rural – create districts based upon their development character
- Watershed Based – create districts aligned as close as feasible to watersheds
- Eco-Cultural based – create districts that aggregate similar groups (acequias, ranches, etc.)
- Other Approaches deemed worthy by the Commission

Action

The GIS Division respectfully requests that the Board select one or more of these guiding parameters as a basis for the development of redistricting scenarios/plans to be presented to the Public and the Board for consideration at subsequent Commission meetings.

**Santa Fe County
Re-Districting Process**

Proposed Steps:

- I. Receive an authorization letter from the New Mexico Secretary of State to approve the State's Precinct Boundary Adjustments in accordance with the Precinct Boundary Adjustment Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 1-3-10 to 1-3-14. **May 31, 2011**
- II. Present the Secretary of State's Authorization Letter at a Board of County Commission Meeting and Receive Direction/ Approval from the Board to have County staff adjust the precinct maps in-house. **June 28, 2011**
- III. Upon completion of the Precinct Boundary Adjustment maps with the written precinct description, send such information electronically to the Secretary of State for approval in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 1-3-12C(2). **July 2011**
- IV. County Staff to Develop Scenarios/Plans for redistricting of the Commission Districts based upon approved precinct boundaries by the Secretary of State. **July - August 2011**
*July 12 – establish parameters for developing redistricting scenarios/plans;
July 26 – present first draft of redistricting scenarios/plans for Commission review.*
- V. Public Input to redistricting process will be as directed by BCC: Public Input/ Public Workshops may or will be held to collect feedback from Citizens on proposed Redistricting Plans.
July – August 2011
- VI. Refine Scenarios/Plans based on Citizen Input and Commission Direction.
August - September 2011
- VII. Board of County Commissioners Authorizes Publication of Title and General Summary of Ordinance to Adopt 2011 Redistricting Plan. **August 30, 2011**
- VIII. Conduct 1st Public Hearing on 2011 Redistricting Plan. **September 27, 2011**
- IX. Conduct 2nd Public Hearing on 2011 Redistricting Plan and Act upon Ordinance to Adopt 2011 Redistricting Plan. **October 11, 2011**

Steps	May '11	June '11	July '11	August '11	September '11	October '11
I.	Completed					
II.		Completed				
III.			Initiated			
IV.			Initiated			
V.						
VI.						
VII.						
VIII.						
IX.						

Note: "Ideal Population" by District is **28,834 people** (144,170/5) with an allowance of +/- 1,442 people (5% of 28,834)

GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLANS

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the New Mexico legislative council to issue redistricting guidelines that articulate principles based on federal and state law and the prior experience of this legislature; and

WHEREAS, such guidelines are necessary to assist the appropriate legislative committees involved in redistricting in the development and evaluation of redistricting plans following the 2010 decennial census; and

WHEREAS, such guidelines are also intended to help facilitate the completion of the redistricting process before the nominating petitions are first made available in October 2011 for the 2012 primary election;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative council adopt the following redistricting guidelines with the intent that the appropriate legislative committees involved in redistricting use them to develop and evaluate redistricting plans.

1. Congressional districts shall be as equal in population as practicable.
2. State districts shall be substantially equal in population; no plans for state office will be considered that include any district with a total population that deviates more than plus or minus five percent from the ideal.
3. The legislature shall use 2010 federal decennial census data generated by the United States bureau of the census.
4. Since the precinct is the basic building block of a voting district in New Mexico, proposed redistricting plans to be considered by the legislature shall not be comprised of districts that split precincts.
5. Plans must comport with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and federal constitutional standards. Plans that dilute a protected minority's voting strength are unacceptable. Race may be considered in developing redistricting plans but shall not be the predominant consideration. Traditional race-neutral districting principles (as reflected in paragraph seven) must not be subordinated to racial considerations.
6. All redistricting plans shall use only single-member districts.
7. Districts shall be drawn consistent with traditional districting principles. Districts shall be composed of contiguous precincts, and shall be reasonably compact. To the extent feasible, districts shall be drawn in an attempt to preserve communities of interest and shall take into consideration political and geographic boundaries. In addition, and to the extent feasible, the legislature may seek to preserve the core of existing districts, and may consider the residence of incumbents.

Adopted by the New Mexico legislative council
January 17, 2011



New Mexico Counties
Population Change: 1990 to 2000 and 2000 to 2010

<i>Ranked By Percent Population Change, 2000 to 2010</i>					
County (Largest City)	1990 Population	2000 Population	2010 Population	% Population Change 1990 - 2000	% Population Change 2000 - 2010
Sandoval County (Rio Rancho)	63,319	89,908	131,561	42.0%	46.3%
Doña Ana County (Las Cruces)	135,510	174,682	209,233	28.9%	19.8%
Bernalillo County (Albuquerque)	480,577	556,678	662,564	15.8%	19.0%
Lea County (Hobbs)	55,765	55,511	64,727	-0.5%	16.6%
Valencia County (Belen)	45,235	66,152	76,569	46.2%	15.7%
San Juan County (Farmington)	91,605	113,801	130,044	24.2%	14.3%
Santa Fe County (Santa Fe)	98,928	129,292	144,170	30.7%	11.5%
Roosevelt County (Portales)	16,702	18,018	19,846	7.9%	10.1%
Taos County (Taos)	23,118	29,979	32,937	29.7%	9.9%
Union County (Clayton)	4,124	4,174	4,549	1.2%	9.0%
Curry County (Clovis)	42,207	45,044	48,376	6.7%	7.4%
Chaves County (Roswell)	57,849	61,382	65,645	6.1%	6.9%
Cibola County (Grants)	23,794	25,595	27,213	7.6%	6.3%
Lincoln County (Ruidoso)	12,219	19,411	20,497	58.9%	5.6%
Catron County (Reserve)	2,563	3,543	3,725	38.2%	5.1%
Eddy County (Carlsbad)	48,605	51,658	53,829	6.3%	4.2%
Otero County (Alamogordo)	51,928	62,298	63,797	20.0%	2.4%
Luna County (Deming)	18,110	25,016	25,095	38.1%	0.3%
Guadalupe County (Santa Rosa)	4,156	4,680	4,687	12.6%	0.1%
Socorro County (Socorro)	14,764	18,078	17,866	22.4%	-1.2%
Los Alamos County (Los Alamos)	18,115	18,343	17,950	1.3%	-2.1%
Rio Arriba County (Española)	34,365	41,190	40,246	19.9%	-2.3%
San Miguel County (Las Vegas)	25,743	30,126	29,393	17.0%	-2.4%
Colfax County (Raton)	12,925	14,189	13,750	9.8%	-3.1%
Torrance County (Moriarty)	10,285	16,911	16,383	64.4%	-3.1%
McKinley County (Gallup)	60,686	74,798	71,492	23.3%	-4.4%
Grant County (Silver City)	27,676	31,002	29,514	12.0%	-4.8%
Mora County (Wagon Mound)	4,264	5,180	4,881	21.5%	-5.8%
Sierra County (T or C)	9,912	13,270	11,988	33.9%	-9.7%
De Baca County (Fort Sumner)	2,252	2,240	2,022	-0.5%	-9.7%
Quay County (Tucumcari)	10,823	10,155	9,041	-6.2%	-11.0%
Harding County (Roy)	987	810	695	-17.9%	-14.2%
Hidalgo County (Lordsburg)	5,958	5,932	4,894	-0.4%	-17.5%
New Mexico	1,515,069	1,819,046	2,059,179	20.1%	13.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

2010 CENSUS RESULTS

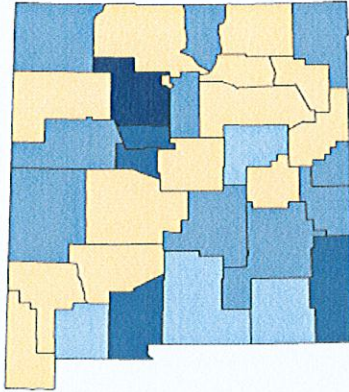
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New Mexico

STATE POPULATION: 2,059,179

POPULATION CHANGE BY COUNTY: 2000-2010

[100%](#)
[0-9%](#)
[10-19%](#)
[20-29%](#)
[30%+](#)



STATE POPULATION BY RACE NEW MEXICO: 2010

PERCENT OF POPULATION	CHANGE 2000-2010
White alone 68.4%	15.9% ↑
Black or African American alone 2.1%	23.9% ↑
American Indian and Alaska Native alone 9.4%	11.4% ↑
Asian alone 1.4%	46.5% ↑
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone 0.1%	20.4% ↑
Some Other Race alone 15.0%	-0.4% ↓
Two or More Races 3.7%	16.1% ↑

STATE POPULATION BY HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN NEW MEXICO: 2010

PERCENT OF POPULATION	CHANGE 2000-2010
Hispanic or Latino 46.3%	24.6% ↑
Not Hispanic or Latino 53.7%	4.9% ↑



Santa Fe County 2011 Redistricting

Countywide
Population Change by
Precinct 2000 to 2010

Legend

2000 to 2010 Population Change

PCT_CHG

Greater than 20% Increase

10 - 20% Increase

2 - 10% Increase

Nominal Change (+/- 2%)

2 - 10% Decrease

10 - 20% Decrease

Greater than 20% Decrease

2011 Precinct Boundaries

Railroads

Roads

23 Precinct Number

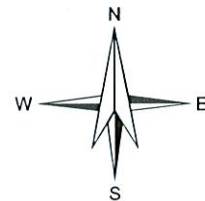
-93 Population Difference
-4.3% Percent Change

Note: This representation of population change does NOT INCLUDE the precinct boundary modifications for the NEW (2011) precincts 3 & 4 or precincts 14 & 88. It does however show the proper relative population change for these areas.

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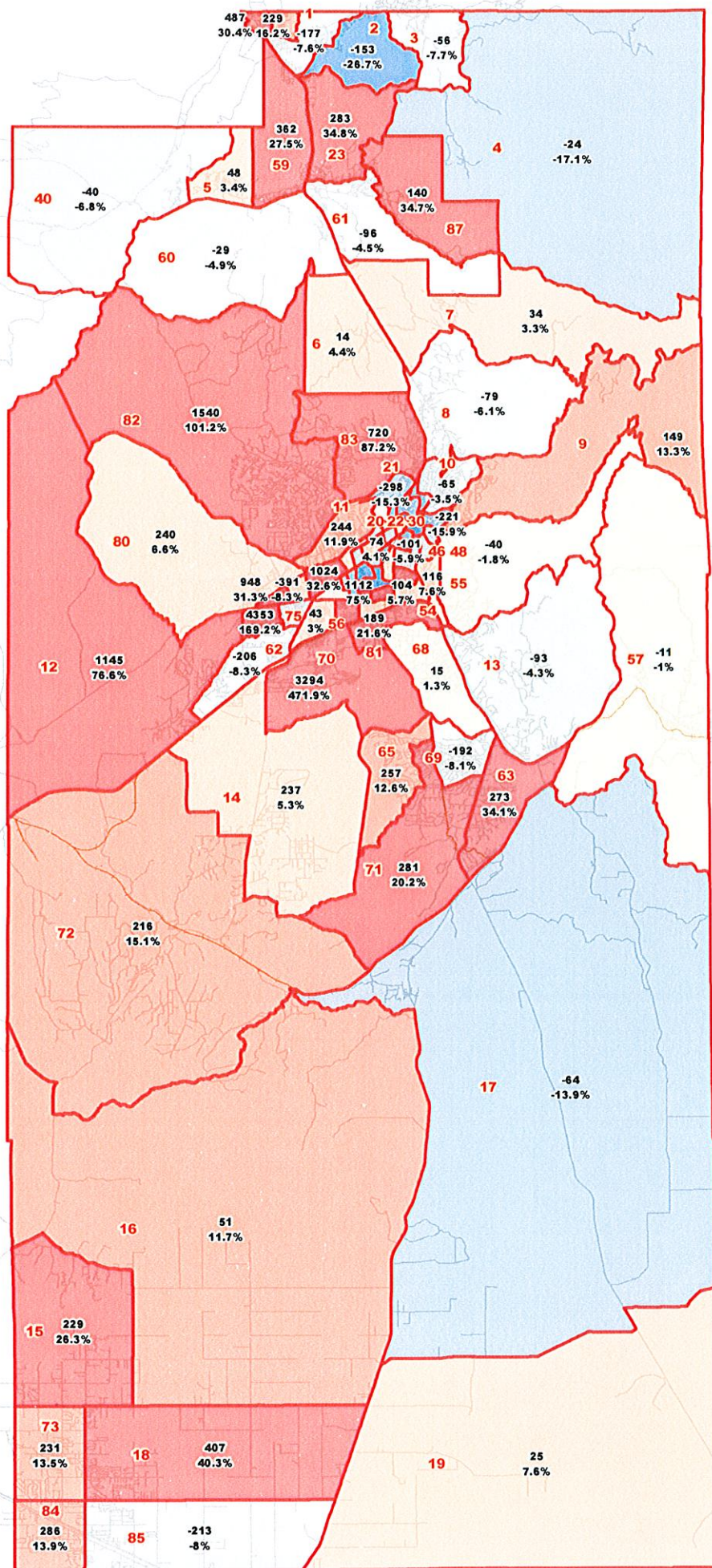
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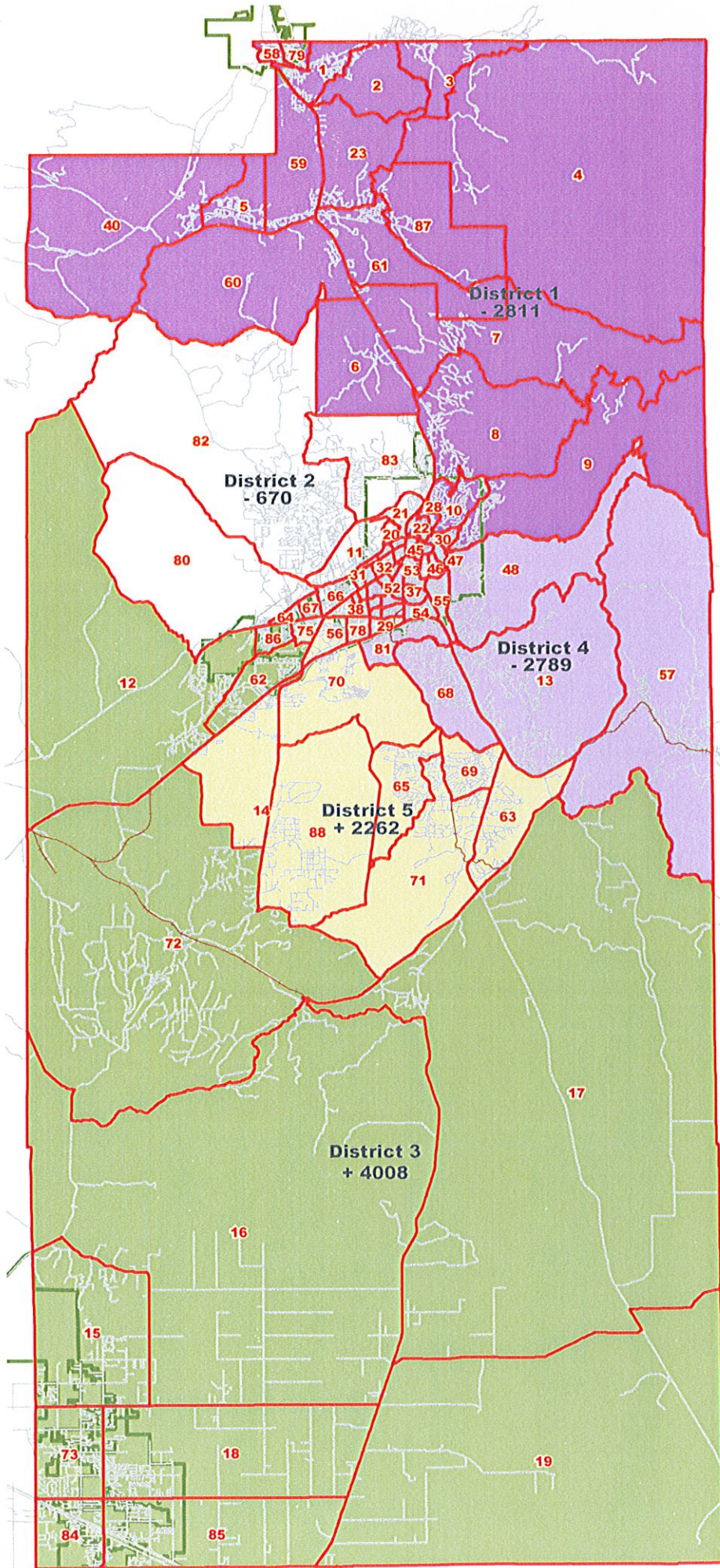
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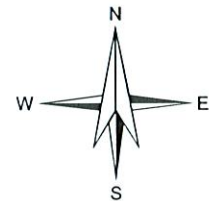
Current Commission Districts

Variation from Ideal Population

- 2811 Below Ideal
- 2789 Below Ideal
- 670 Below Ideal
- 2262 Above Ideal
- 4008 Above Ideal
- 23 2011 Precinct Boundaries
- Incorporated Areas
- Railroads
- Roads

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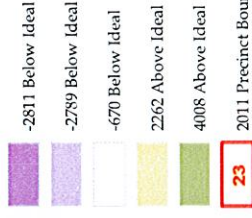
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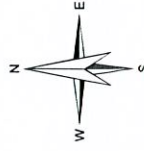
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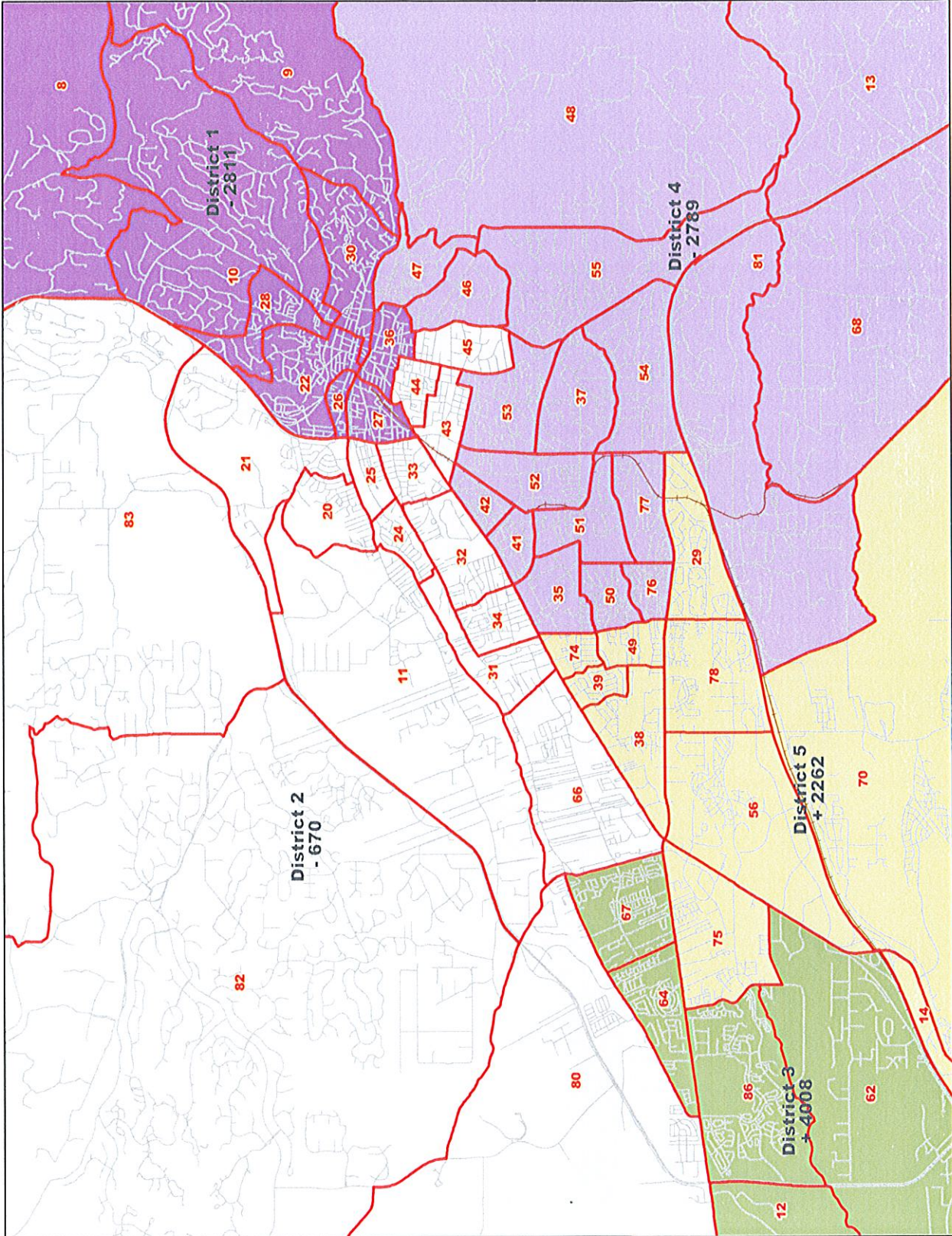


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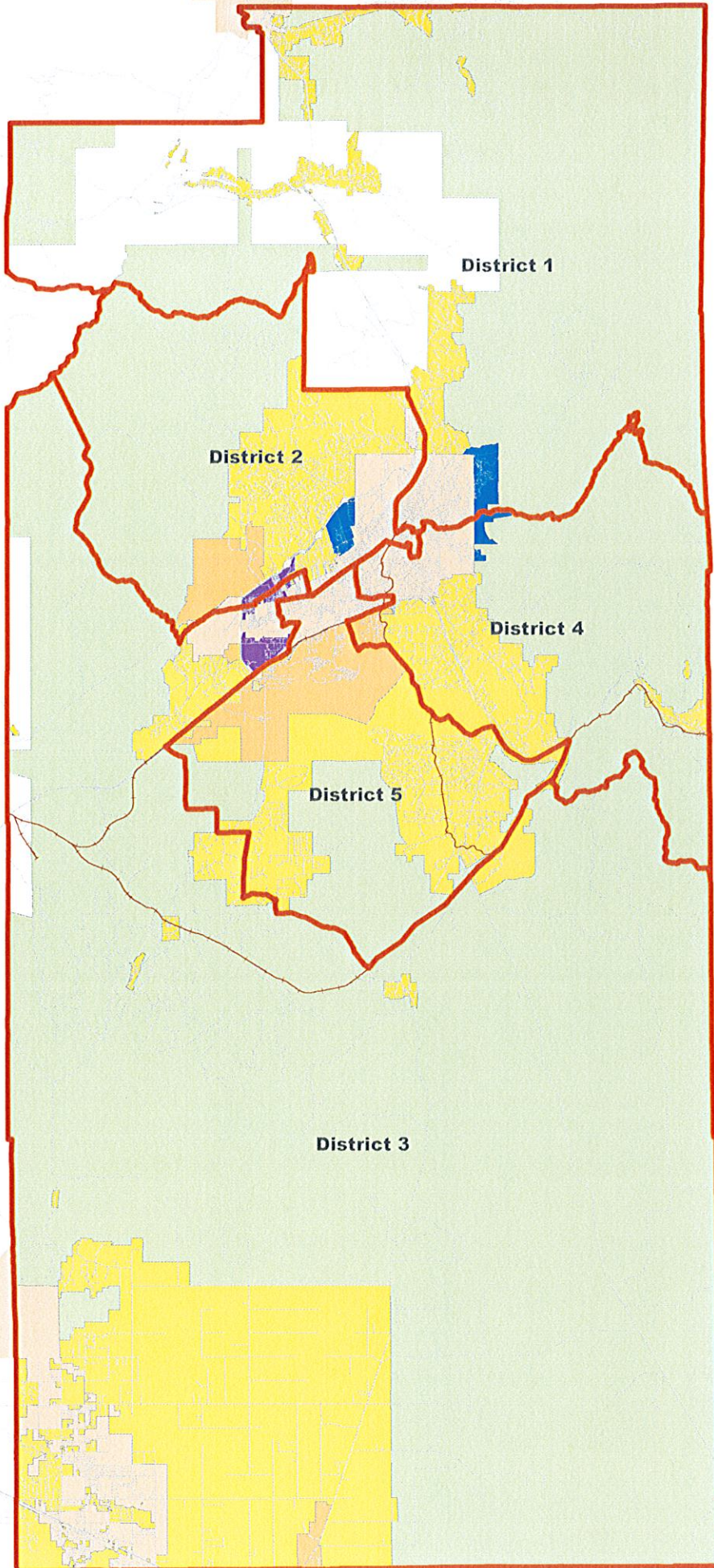


Santa Fe County 2011 Redistricting

Current District Boundaries
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Sustainable Development Areas
from SGMP and
Future City Annexation Phases

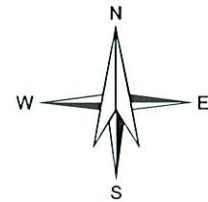
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-  Current District Boundaries
- Sustainable Development Areas- 2010**
-  SDA-1
-  SDA-2
-  SDA-3
- City Annexation Phases**
-  Phase 2 - 2011 ?
-  Phase 3 - 2012 ?
-  Incorporated Areas
-  Railroads
-  Roads



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