

## City of Novato Map Submitter Comments

### **Public Map 101** – Zachary Griggy

This plan maintains the district cores of the existing map and improves the map by balancing population and modifying district boundaries to remove neighborhood splits present in the current map.

### **Public Map 102** – Steve Jordan

No comments submitted.

### **Public Map 103** – Tracey Ruiz

This map only adds population to Districts 2 and 4 so as to not remove residents who have not voted. District 2 adds residents along Novato Blvd between Wilson and Center who access their homes along that Blvd. The census populations are too large around The Square to add back (1300 pop.) so an area bordered by Sutro and Novato Blvd at the west corner of District 2 was taken back from District 1. District 5 adds back the residents of Pebble Beach that were separated from their community. District 1 and 3 border is now defined at Olive Avenue. District 5 population is increased with the addition of Stonetree and other residents south of Highway 37.

### **Public Map 104** – Tracey Ruiz

The main variation is in the District 2 border. District 2 adds the census block between Virginia Street and Novato Blvd. These residents access their homes from Novato Blvd. It does not cross Novato Blvd. in any other locations. this also allows both sides of Virginia Ave to be in the same district. District 1 is bordered by Redwood Blvd, Grant Ave West, Virginia Avenue (both sides of street) and homes that access on Simmons, Novato Blvd. District 3 is reduced by Stone Tree neighborhood. Hill Road North is added to District 3. It is a large census block of 1000 residents that cannot be split. District 4 adds back the residents of Country Club that were split into District 5 in the original map. (Pebble Beach Drive). District 5 would add the residents of Stone Tree using Hwy 37 as the main border. District 5 always struggles for population because a large geographic portion is unincorporated. However, current and future housing growth at Hamilton should stabilize this.

### **Public Map 105** – Tracey Ruiz

Version 3 (Relaxed District 2 Border). The District 2 border on Novato Blvd is more flexible as it heads south to include neighbors who can access their homes off of Novato Blvd. District 1: Using Novato Blvd as the border, District 1 loses resident to District 2 which helps equalize the population of both districts.



District 2: This map corrects a big split in the neighborhood behind the Square Shopping Center. Those residents were placed in District 1 in the original map in order to meet the requirements of putting a council member in each district. District 3 and District 5: District 3 is overpopulated and District 5 is under populated. By using Highway 37 as the boundary, a South-East Novato district is created. StoneTree residents are moved to District 5. Their commonality is that StoneTree and Hamilton are bordered by the same infrastructure and both have flood zone concerns. District 4: A minor change was made to include Pebble Beach residents who were separated from their neighborhood in the original district map. The neighbors of Indian Hills access their home from Ignacio Blvd. and are now added to District 4 (from District 3). About 5-6 homes on the incorporated end of Alameda de la Loma should be in district 5 but the software provided does not allow the ability to break up census blocks. District 5: As Novato grows, this area may struggle with population. Additional residential development at Hamilton should balance this in the future. StoneTree only makes a minimal difference as District 5 remains the lowest population of the five districts.

#### **Public Map 106 – Tracey Ruiz**

Version 2: Review borders where Districts 1,2,3 meet around Virginia Street. This map relies heavily on geographic and neighborhood borders in District 1 and 2. Adds back residents behind the Square Shopping Mall to District 2 who were separated in the original district map. District 1 bordered by Redwood, Virginia Ave North and Novato Blvd. District 2 is bordered by Novato Blvd, Hill, and both sides of Indian Valley Road. At the end of Hill, is a 1000 resident complex that moves to District 3 to balance population. District 3 – Using Virginia Avenue as a border will split the street’s residents into two districts. The east border is reduced by Stone Tree Neighborhood in order to balance the populations. District 4 has added the missing street of Pebble Beach Drive to complete the neighborhood. District 5 is added with the Stone Tree neighborhood to balance population.

#### **Public Map 107 – Tracey Ruiz**

This map is to show that by using very strict geographic and street borders, it results in a deviation slightly above 10%. Variations adjust the border edges to meeting the below 10% deviation criteria. However the populations are balance very closely in population, keep neighborhoods together, and keeps residents in Districts that they can strongly identify with. This base map is also forward-thinking to anticipate future height-growth in District 1 and I have already anticipated future adjustments along the borders of District 2 and 3. District 5 will always struggle with balanced voter population due to the large unincorporated area of Loma Verde which cannot be included in the statistics by is a part of the character and diversity of Southern Novato.

#### **Zach 2 – Zachary Griggy**

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