

Rancho Cucamonga's Measure Q: District-Based Elections

*Many communities have at-large elections;
others have district-based elections.*

*Measure Q is on the November 2016 ballot, and would change the city
to a district-based system for members of the City Council.*



What Happened



Rancho Cucamonga was sued, alleging that it is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA)



- Fight potential lawsuit
- Put the decision to voters. Under State law, cities over 100,000 in population can only change to district elections by popular vote.

Why this is Important

Due to the threat of potential lawsuits, dozens of cities, counties and school districts are evaluating the CVRA and its requirements.

If residents vote yes on Measure Q: The City of Rancho Cucamonga would be divided into four geographically defined districts that are approximately equal in population. Council Members would be elected by district beginning with the 2018 (Districts 2 & 3) and 2020 (Districts 1 & 4) elections. The Mayor would continue to be elected citywide.

If residents vote no on Measure Q: The City of Rancho Cucamonga would defend against the CVRA lawsuit. As of February 2016, no local agency has prevailed in a lawsuit brought under the CVRA. For example, in 2015, the City of Palmdale settled a CVRA lawsuit and agreed to implement Council districts, paying \$4.5 million plus interest to the plaintiff's attorneys. In addition to the attorney fees, the judge still has the authority to impose Council districts even if the residents do not agree.



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Election Day is November 8.

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What is the CVRA?

The California Voting Rights Act of 2001 (CVRA) seeks to ensure that every community has an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in local elections.

Key Terms

Protected class:

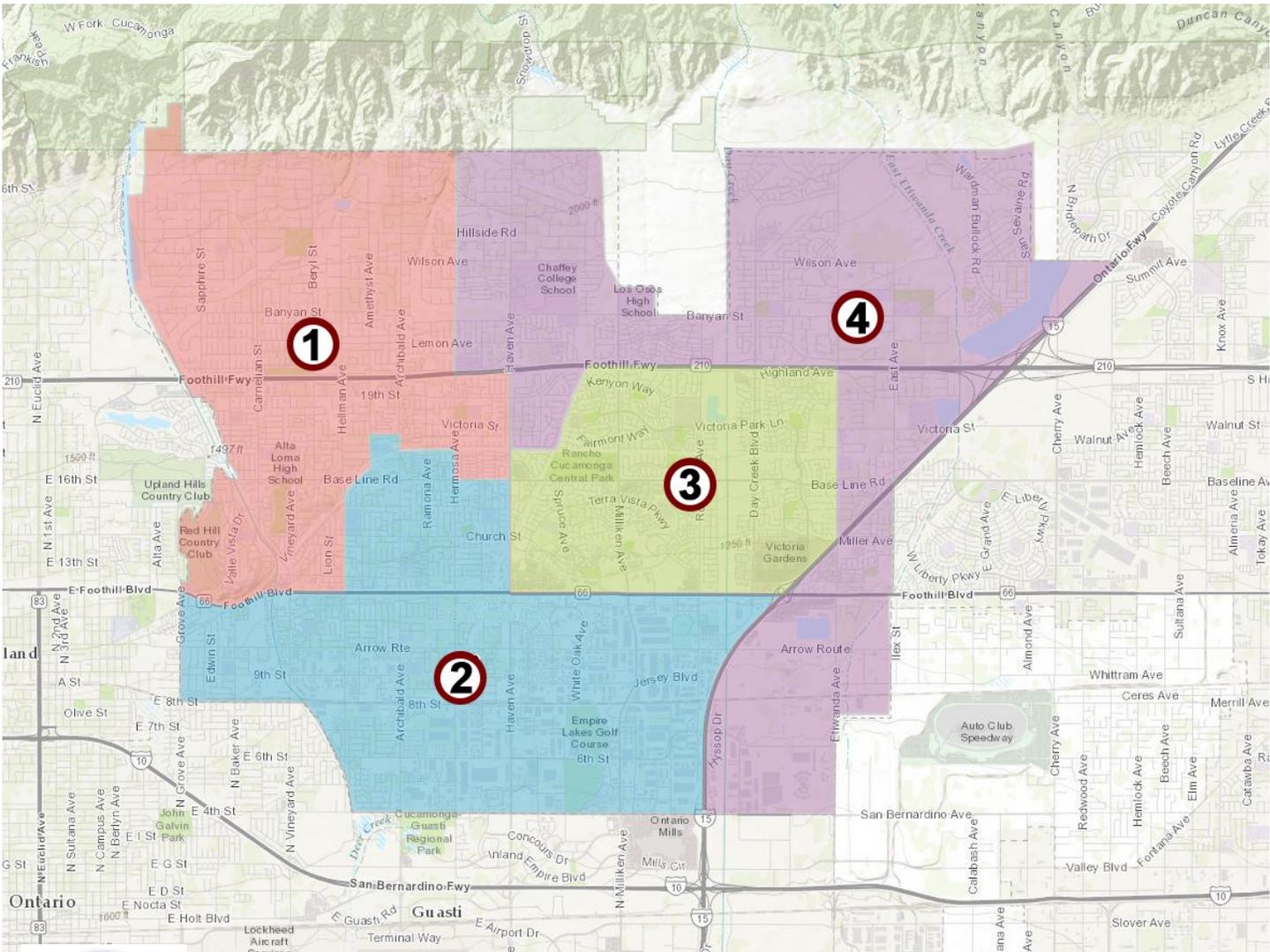
A class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as referenced and defined in the federal Voting Rights Act.

At-large election (currently used):

Voters elect city council members that provide city-wide representation. The Mayor is elected at large.

District election: Voters in each district elect city council members to represent that district within the city. The Mayor remains elected at large.

District Population	Percentage of Citizen Voting Age Population				
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Asian/Pacific Islander	
City Total	165,269	33%	47%	9%	10%
District 1	40,444	29%	60%	5%	5%
District 2	42,463	40%	42%	10%	7%
District 3	42,337	31%	42%	11%	14%
District 4	40,025	33%	42%	13%	12%



This map was developed to meet State and Federal requirements (such as equal population size, respecting communities of interest, and using whole Census blocks), and also considering community feedback, existing HOA boundaries, and existing Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) boundaries.

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