



# Overview of the City Attorney's Office City of Chula Vista

# Our Mission

The City Attorney's Office mission is to provide high quality legal services to the City in order for the City to operate in a lawful and effective manner, safeguard taxpayer resources and to improve quality of life for City residents.







# Our Client

- ✓ City is essentially public corporation that produces and maintains infrastructure and delivers wide range of services to the community
- ✓ Over 1,000 full-time employees
- ✓ Over 30 Boards & Commissions
- ✓ Over 50 square miles
- ✓ Over 275,000 residents



# Our Duties

- ✓ Provide legal advice to all City Departments
  - ✓ Police, Fire, Development Services, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Human Resources, Affordable Housing, City Clerk, Finance
- ✓ Attend meetings and provide advice to City Council and all City Boards and Commissions
- ✓ Prepare or approve as to form all City resolutions, ordinances and contracts
- ✓ Defend the City in litigation and commence litigation, as appropriate, to protect City interests
- ✓ Prosecute Municipal Code Violations
- ✓ Risk Management and Training







# Wide Range of Applicable Laws

- ✓ Federal, State, and Local Laws Apply
- ✓ Special Rules for Government Agencies
  - Constitution (State and Federal)
  - State: Government Code, Streets & Highways Code, Health & Safety Code, Civil Code, Penal Code
  - Open Government and Conflict of Interest Laws
  - Local: City Charter, Municipal Code and Policies
  - Specialty Areas: Labor, telecommunications, utilities, ADA, Environmental (State and Federal), Public Finance




# What's Different About an Elected City Attorney?

- ✓ Proposition Q, which made the City Attorney an elected position, Amended Charter Section 503 to add:

“Is the intent of the voters that the City Attorney shall be sufficiently independent of the City Council and other city officials to advise the City while acting in the best interests of the public.”







# Primary Role and Function Remains the Same

- ✓ Client is still the City
- ✓ But now directly accountable to the people



# Enhanced Responsibilities

- ✓ Improve flow of information to the Public
- ✓ Guardian of Individual Rights
- ✓ Require City officials and employees to follow the law





# Annual Budget

Approximately \$3.2 million per year

- ✓ Primarily labor costs
- ✓ Includes some funding for outside counsel
- ✓ Pressure on all departments to generate “revenue”



# Chula Vista NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION UNIT

Born: Spring 2019



# NPU MISSION

The mission of the Chula Vista Neighborhood Protection Unit (NPU) is to enhance the quality of life within the community by responding to community demands for safety and security, and supporting Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD) community policing efforts.

# INITIAL FOCUS

## ILLEGAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES:

- ▶ REVIEWED SEARCH WARRANTS, WAS ON SCENE FOR THEIR EXECUTION, AND REVIEWED CASES FOR SUBSEQUENT PROSECUTION
- ▶ MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PRODUCT SEIZED
- ▶ HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF ILLEGALLY GAINED FUNDS SEIZED
- ▶ 16 DEFENDANTS CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS
  - ▶ ALL DEFENDANTS PLED GUILTY\*
- ▶ ALL ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES HAVE BEEN CLOSED



# CURRENT FOCUS

## 1. **CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT:**

The NPU's primary function is to provide support for CVPD criminal enforcement efforts involving violations of the Chula Vista Municipal Code

## 2. **GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS:**

Assist CVPD in the pursuit of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs)

## 3. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Collaborate with local groups, committees, commissions, the District Attorney's Office and social service organizations to provide information support and resources, as needed

# CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

## NUISANCE PROPERTIES:

- ▶ WORKED WITH PATROL TO GIVE UPDATED TRAINING TO OFFICERS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH "PARTY HOUSES" GENERATING MULTIPLE CALLS FOR SERVICE

## MASSAGE PARLORS

- ▶ WORKING WITH SIU TO MORE EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE OUR MUNI CODE

## GENERAL SUPPORT FOR CVPD COMMUNITY POLICING:

- ▶ IN SERVICE TRAINING TO OFFICERS
- ▶ UPDATE CVPD MUNI CODE DATABASE
- ▶ COVID-RELATED ENFORCEMENT DURING 2020 SHUT DOWN
- ▶ VANDALISM
- ▶ FIREARMS OFFENSES
- ▶ STREET RACING
- ▶ HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS



# THE PROBLEM

- ▶ City needs money to repair and replace decaying infrastructure
- ▶ Any tax increase for a specific purpose requires 2/3rds vote (67%) of the electorate
- ▶ People don't trust government enough to approve a general purpose tax (50% plus one approval)

# THE SOLUTION

- ▶ Measure P
  - ▶ A general tax BUT
  - ▶ Intended Expenditure Plan approved concurrently
  - ▶ Citizen's Oversight Committee
  - ▶ City Manger Budget presentation and Audit requirements
- ▶ Measure A solved problem for police and fire needs





**CHULA VISTA  
BAYFRONT  
RESORT & CONVENTION  
CENTER**

# THE DREAM













# CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTING

## THE CHALLENGE

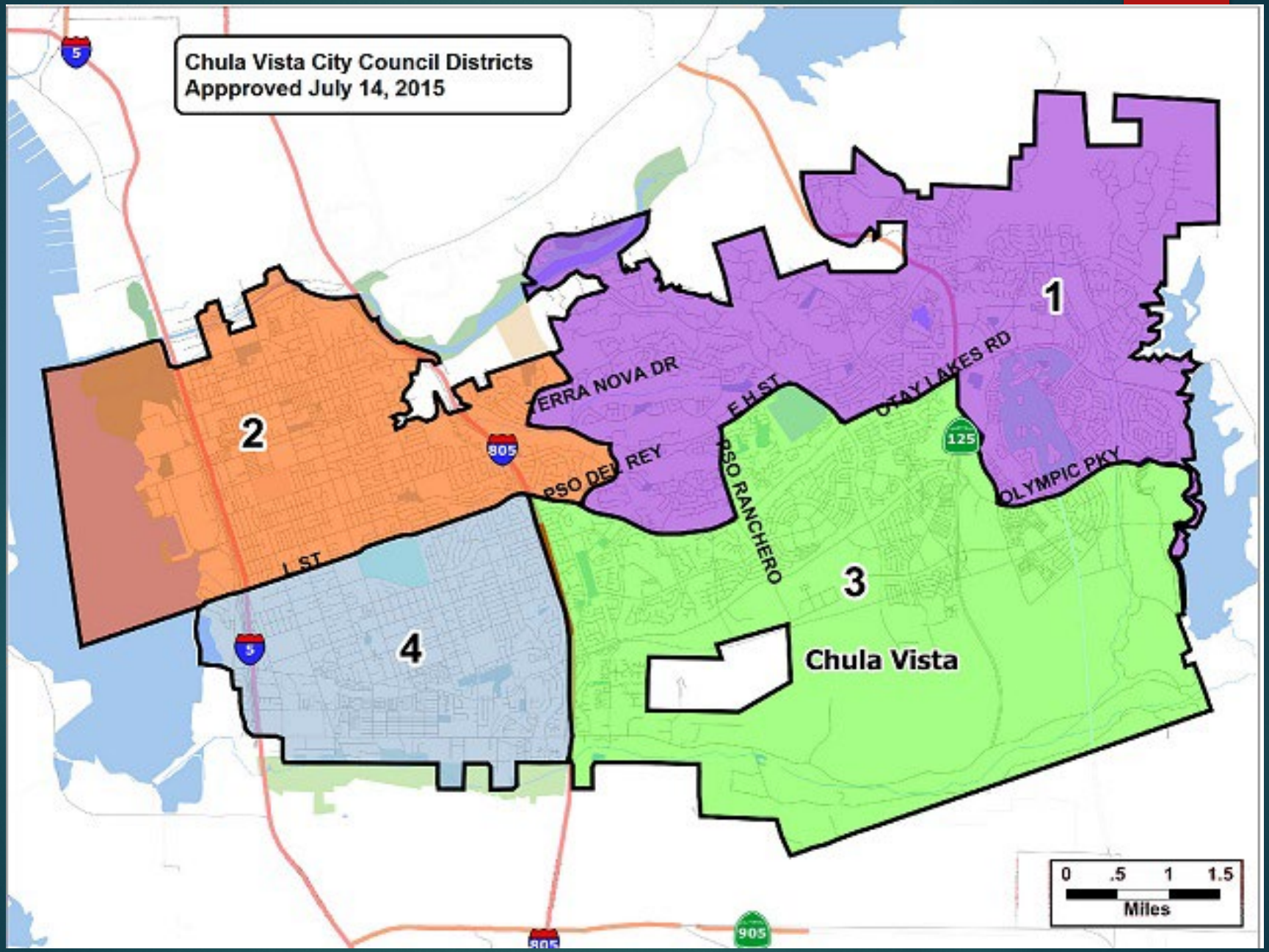
- ▶ Convert the City from “At Large” to “By District” elections for City Council people

## THE SOLUTION

- ▶ Draft Charter Amendment (Prop – 2012)
  - Standards for creation
  - Consistency with Federal and State Voting Rights Laws
  - Independent Commission and Process
  - Transition Process
- ▶ Create the District Maps
  - Form Districting Commission
  - Create maps with demographer and public input
  - Implement with 2016 and 2018 elections



Chula Vista City Council Districts  
Approved July 14, 2015



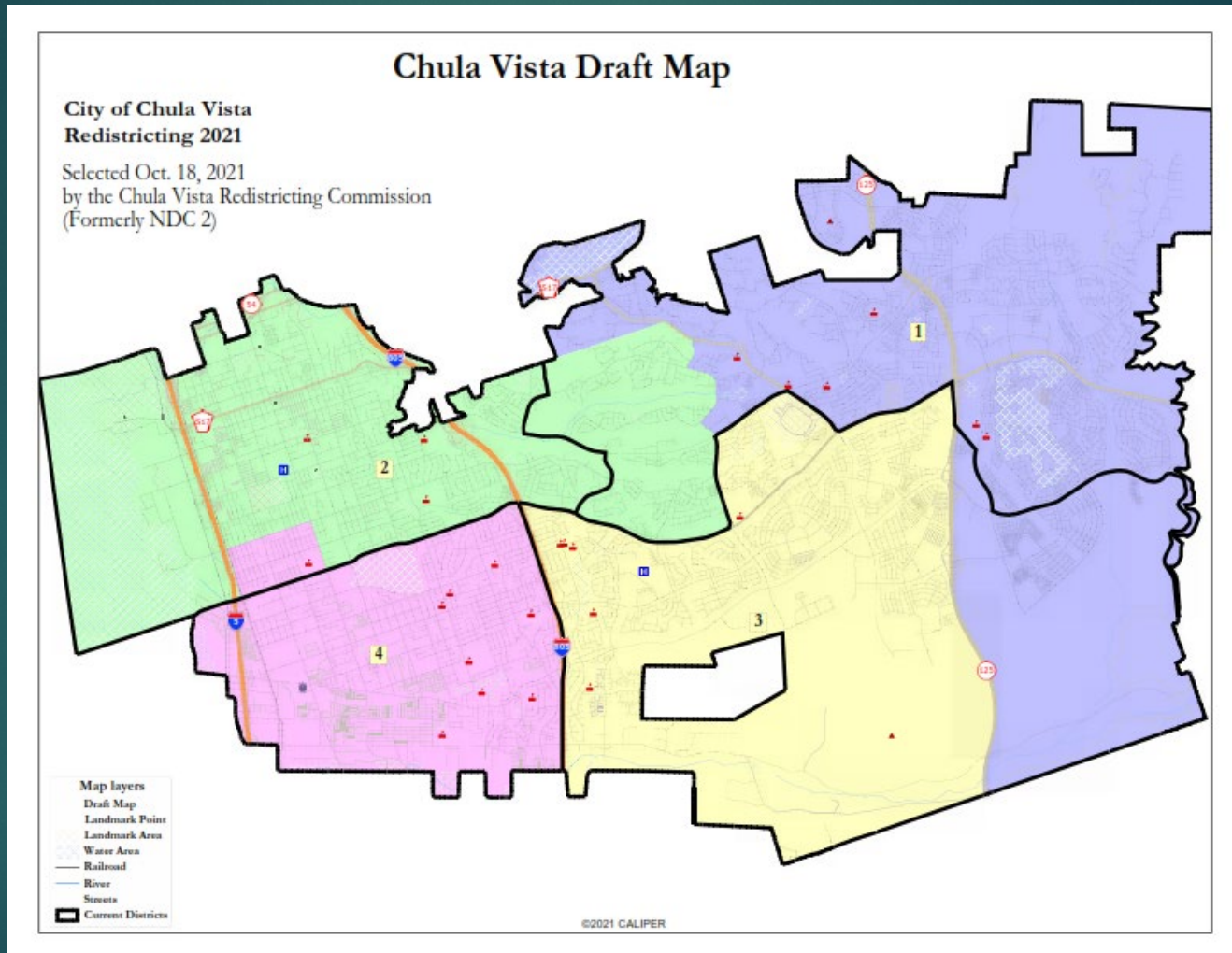
# Chula Vista Current Districts – Demographics

## *Chula Vista - Current Districts (2020 Adjusted)*

District		1	2	3	4	Total
2020	2020 Census (Raw)	66,845	63,592	82,028	63,595	276,060
	Deviation from ideal	-2,170	-5,423	13,013	-5,420	18,436
	% Deviation	-3.14%	-7.86%	18.86%	-7.85%	26.72%
2020 Total Pop	% Hisp	49%	69%	46%	79%	60%
	% NH White	21%	18%	14%	10%	16%
	% NH Black	5%	4%	8%	3%	5%
	% Asian-American	22%	7%	28%	6%	16%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	44,815	36,167	47,988	34,203	163,173
	% Hisp	44%	58%	44%	69%	52%
	% NH White	25%	29%	20%	18%	23%
	% NH Black	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%
	% Asian/Pac Isl.	23%	7%	29%	8%	18%



# Redistricting



# Public Mapping Tools

Tools for drawing your own maps are available on the City of Chula Vista Redistricting Page:

[2020 City Council Redistricting](#) | [City of Chula Vista \(chulavistaca.gov\)](#)

**Chula Vista Redistricting 2021 Public Participation Kit**  
Total Population by Population Unit

You can draw a population-balanced proposed set of districts, or just draw the neighborhood / community of interest that you want to see kept together in the final map. Use this map with the Microsoft Excel supplement and online Story Map.

Each number indicates the total population of that area. Each district must have approximately 65,567 residents, with no more than a 6,858 difference between the largest and smallest. (Final numbers may differ once the official 2020 Census data are available.)

		Census				Percentages							
Group	Category	1	2	3	4	Population	Total	1	2	3	4	Population	Total
2020 Dist.	Total Pop.	0	0	0	0	274,265	274,265						
2020 Dist.	Deviations Best	-48,567	-48,567	-48,567	-48,567	0	0	-100.00%	-100.00%	-100.00%	-100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
2020 Dist.	Total CVAP	0	0	0	0	163,297	163,297						
2020 Dist.	Hispanic	0	0	0	0	85,716	85,716	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	32%	32%
2020 Dist.	Non-Hispanic	0	0	0	0	77,581	77,581	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	68%	68%
2020 Dist.	Population	0	0	0	0	9,246	9,246	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	3%	3%
2020 Dist.	Non-Hispanic	0	0	0	0	28,723	28,723	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	10%	10%
2020 Dist.	Total Reg.	0	0	0	0	162,118	162,118						
2020 Dist.	Registered	0	0	0	0	86,983	86,983	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	32%	34%
2020 Dist.	Unregistered	0	0	0	0	75,135	75,135	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	24%	24%
2020 Dist.	Total Votes	0	0	0	0	126,393	126,393						
2020 Dist.	Registered	0	0	0	0	65,204	65,204	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	24%	25%
2020 Dist.	Unregistered	0	0	0	0	61,189	61,189	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	24%	25%
2020 Dist.	Other	0	0	0	0	58,412	58,412	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	21%	46%

Submitter's Comments about the plan:  
I think this map makes sense because...



# What's Next?

- ▶ Close Bayfront Financing and Groundbreak
- ▶ Institutional Building
- ▶ University Groundwork
- ▶ “Charter Project”
- ▶ Update Lobbyist Campaign Laws
- ▶ Fine tune City Attorney's Office operations