

Soledad Community Health Care District Elections Code Section 21130f Report

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Elections Code Section 21130(f) language:

f)... the districting body shall issue a report that explains the basis on which the districting body made its decisions in achieving compliance with the requirements and criteria described in this section, including, as to each neighborhood, community of interest, city, or census designated place that was split into two or more districts, the reason for that split.

Report:

National Demographics Corporation (NDC), on behalf of the Soledad Community Health Care District, has analyzed the District's adopted map and prepared the following analysis of the map's compliance with the criteria of Elections Code Section 21130:

21130(a): Population Equality

The ideal population in a 5-district map for Soledad Community Health Care District is 4,035. In the adopted map, the largest zone has a population of 4,155 (2.97% over the ideal) and the smallest zone has a population of 3,982 (-1.31% under the target population). At a total difference of 4.29% between the largest and smallest zones, the adopted map is well within the "presumed constitutional" 10% range of state and federal law.

21130(b): Voting Rights Act reports

The District fully complied with the reporting requirements of Section 21130(b). That report is posted to the District's districting project website.

21130(c)(1): Contiguity

All of the zones are contiguous.

21130(c)(2): Minimize divisions of each "local neighborhood or local communities of interest"

Board discussion centered on the recognition that both the City of Soledad and the Soledad Unified School District recently transitioned to district elections within the last four years. It was identified that over 95% of the Health Care District's population is both the City and School District. Community needs identified were similar to those used by the City and School District, and there was interest in seeing how those maps might align with the Health Care District. The City, however, only has four council districts, so a map based on Council Districts was not as reflective.

On the other hand, the School District's current Trustee Area map, with the inclusion of the sparsely populated areas outside the school district as in the Magenta Draft Map, was found to reflect the communities of the Health Care District.

21130(c)(3): Keeping Cities and CDPs intact

The Soledad Community Health Care District has one city, Soledad, that must be divided into all five zones, and the map does so. There are no CDPs in the District.

21130(c)(4): Follow easily identifiable boundaries

The map uses the School District's Trustee Area boundaries, which allow voters to identify which Zone they reside in more easily.

21130(c)(5): Compactness

The map is reasonably compact given the small population and block geography. It does not bypass a community to get to a more distant area.

21130(d): No purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party

The map does not favor or discriminate against any incumbent, political candidate, or political party. Two pairs of current Directors on different election cycles ended up in the same Zone.

21130(e): Do not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute

The adopted map does not prioritize any criterion over the criteria listed in Section (c) of the statute.