

**Sierra County  
Board of Supervisors'  
Agenda Transmittal &  
Record of Proceedings**

**MEETING DATE:**  
November 16, 2021

**TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:**  
 Regular    Timed  
 Consent

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**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors  
**APPROVING PARTY:** Heather Foster, Clerk of the Board  
**PHONE NUMBER:** 530-289-3295

**AGENDA ITEM:** Conduct a public hearing regarding the 2021 Redistricting process for Sierra County and possible action on proposed Supervisorial District boundaries.

**SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**    Memo    Resolution    Agreement    Other

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** See attached

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**GENERAL FUND IMPACT:** No General Fund Impact

**OTHER FUND:**

**AMOUNT:** \$        N/A

**ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?**

Yes, -- --  
 No

**IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET?**    Yes    No

**IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED?**    Yes    No

**SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE**

**BOARD ACTION:**

- Approved
- Approved as amended
- Adopted
- Adopted as amended
- Denied
- Other
- No Action Taken

- Set public hearing  
For: \_\_\_\_\_
- Direction to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Continued to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Authorization given to:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 2021- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agreement 2021- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:**  
     Ayes:  
     Noes:  
     Abstain:  
     Absent:  
 By Consensus

**COMMENTS:**

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 DATE

**SIERRA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**2021 REDISTRICTING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing regarding the 2021 Redistricting process on **November 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** This is the fourth public hearing to receive input regarding Supervisorial District boundaries. Feedback received may inform Redistricting proposals. Action on proposed Supervisorial District boundaries may occur at this hearing.

Additional information will be available at <https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>.

The Board of Supervisors will hold the public hearing via teleconference and attend the meeting from the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Downieville, CA and/or participate remotely to the same extent as if they were present. **The Board Chambers will remain closed to the public in accordance with Sierra County Resolution 2021-140 and AB 361.**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that at said time any interested person may be heard. Members of the public may also submit written comments on this matter by U.S. Mail to the Sierra County Clerk, P.O. Drawer D, Downieville, CA 95936 or email to [clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov).

The public may observe and provide public comments during the hearing by using the Teams options below:

By Phone: 1-323-892-2486  
Access Code: 102 443 168#

By PC: <https://tinyurl.com/111621SBOS>

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that if you challenge the action of the Board of Supervisors on any of the above stated items in court, it may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Sierra County Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Dated: November 8, 2021  
Posted: November 8, 2021  
Published: November 11, 2021



# REDISTRICTING 2021: SHAPING SIERRA COUNTY'S FUTURE

Public Hearing #4: Final Adoption of Map  
November 16, 2021 6pm

SCOTT MCLERAN

## RECAP: REDISTRICTING

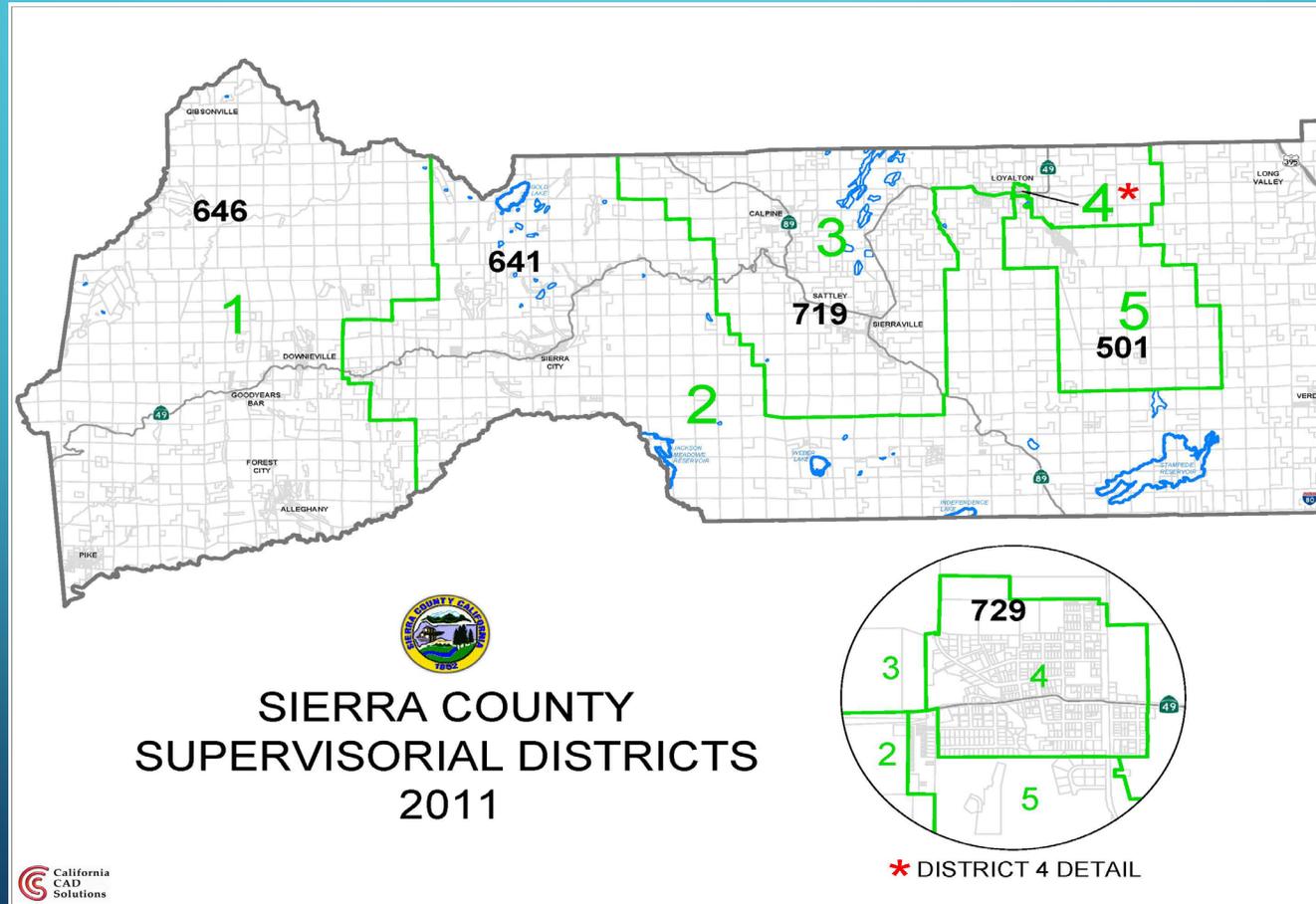
- Every 10 years, counties must “redraw” the district boundaries based upon the U.S. Census data from the Federal government.
- Requires a review of the most recent Census population data and adjustment of the district boundaries to keep them as equal in population as possible, while allowing for adjustments based on geography, topography, communities of interest, etc.

# WHAT SHOULD WE CONSIDER WHEN REDRAWING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR SIERRA COUNTY?

## → Criteria used to adopt district boundaries (in order of priority):

- Geographically contiguous districts
- Geographic integrity of neighborhoods
- Geographic integrity of cities and towns
- Easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.); and
- Geographically compact
- Boundaries **WILL NOT** be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party

# SIERRA COUNTY DISTRICT MAP WITH 2020 POPULATION TOTALS



# WHAT DOES SIERRA COUNTY'S POPULATION LOOK LIKE IN 2021?

- Current Population Total for Sierra County: 3,236
- Current Population By District:
  - D1: 646
  - D2: 641
  - D3: 719
  - D4: 729
  - D5: 501
- Population goal per District (must be within 10% by law): 647
  - So each district should fall between 582 and 712

# VOTERS RIGHTS ACT

The law favors keeping the status quo unless there is a justifiable reason for change.

# TIMELINE FOR SIERRA COUNTY 2021 REDISTRICTING

- **November 16, 2021** – Public hearing for final adoption of map and ordinance
- **December 15, 2021** – Deadline for Redistricting Map to be drawn and adopted

# HOW CAN SIERRA COUNTY RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED?

- **Draw a map of your neighborhood as YOU see it, and submit those maps or boundaries to County staff via email here:**

[clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov)

- **Visit the website for more information and review the maps as they are drawn, submitted and published here:**

<https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>

# CONTACT SIERRA COUNTY STAFF FOR MORE INFORMATION

## → Board of Supervisors

100 Courthouse Square, Room 11  
P.O. Drawer D  
Downieville, CA 95936

Phone: 530-289-3295 Fax: 530-289-2830

### Hours

Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Closed

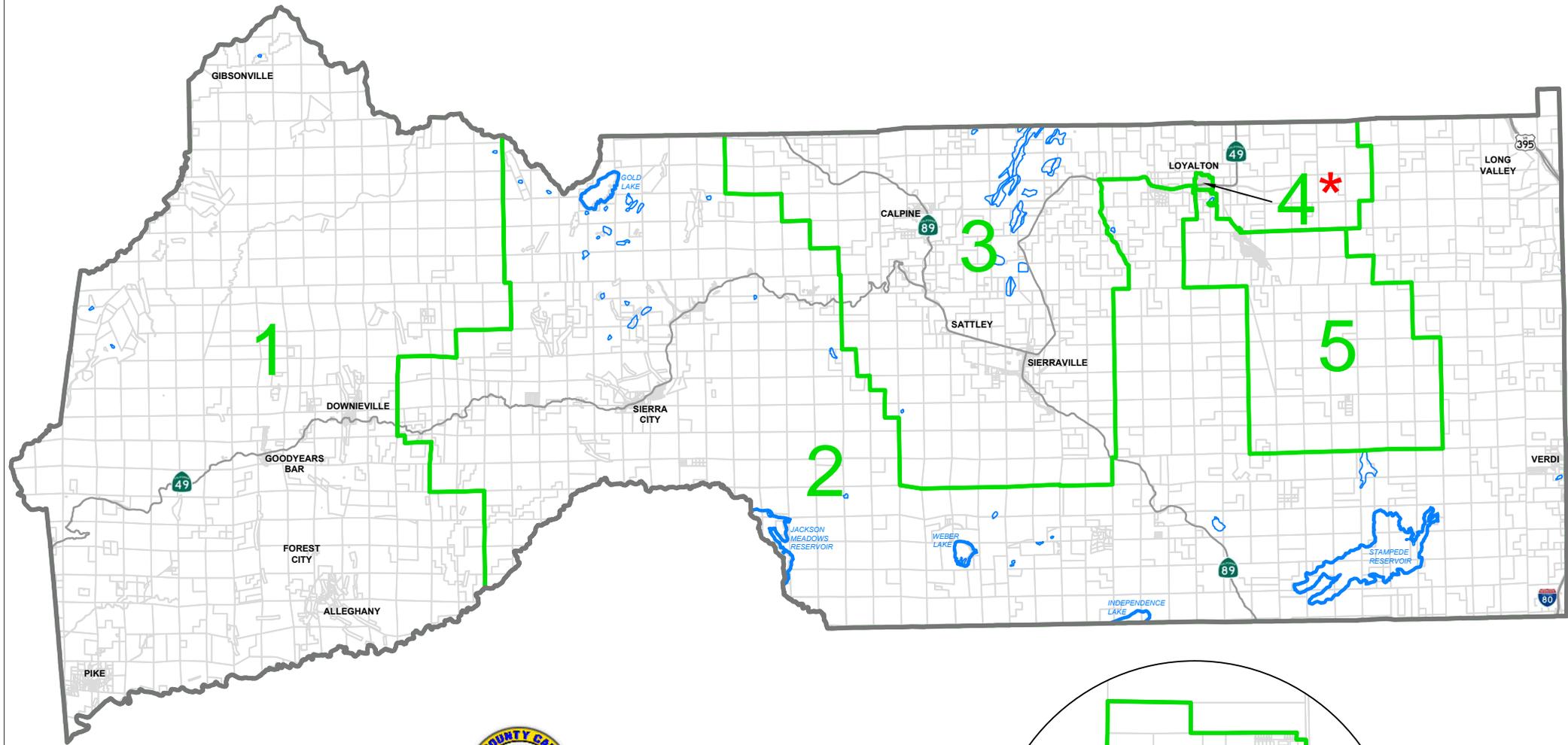
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## → Redistricting Inquiries and Submissions:

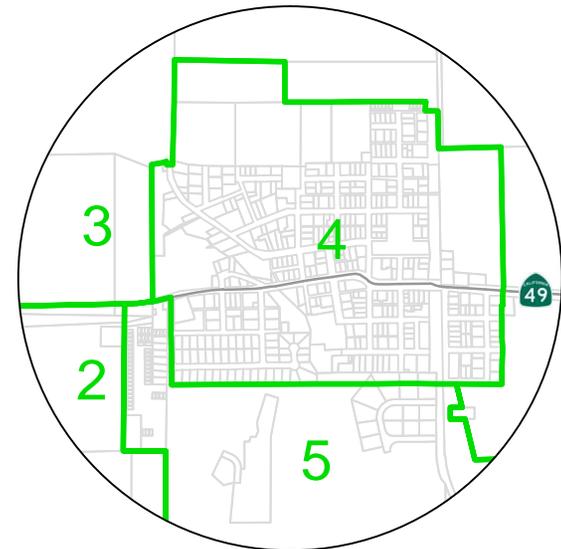
[clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:clerk-recorder@sierracounty.ca.gov)

## → Learn More about the Process online:

<https://www.sierracounty.ca.gov/635/2020-Census>



# SIERRA COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2011



\* DISTRICT 4 DETAIL

**2020 Census Population for Sierra County is 3236**  
**Allowable 10% deviation is between 582 to 712**

**Option 1**

Option 1 shifts the properties zoned residential on the north side of Hwy 49 from District 3 into District 2 (population of 10) and shifts 3 census blocks located in the southwest corner of the City of Loyalton which includes Hill Street, Gulling Ave., Taylor Ave., Granite Ave., and Patterson Ave. (population of 106) from District 4 to District 5.

District 1 – 646  
District 2 – 651  
District 3 – 709  
District 4 – 623  
District 5 – 607  
Total = 3236

**Option 2**

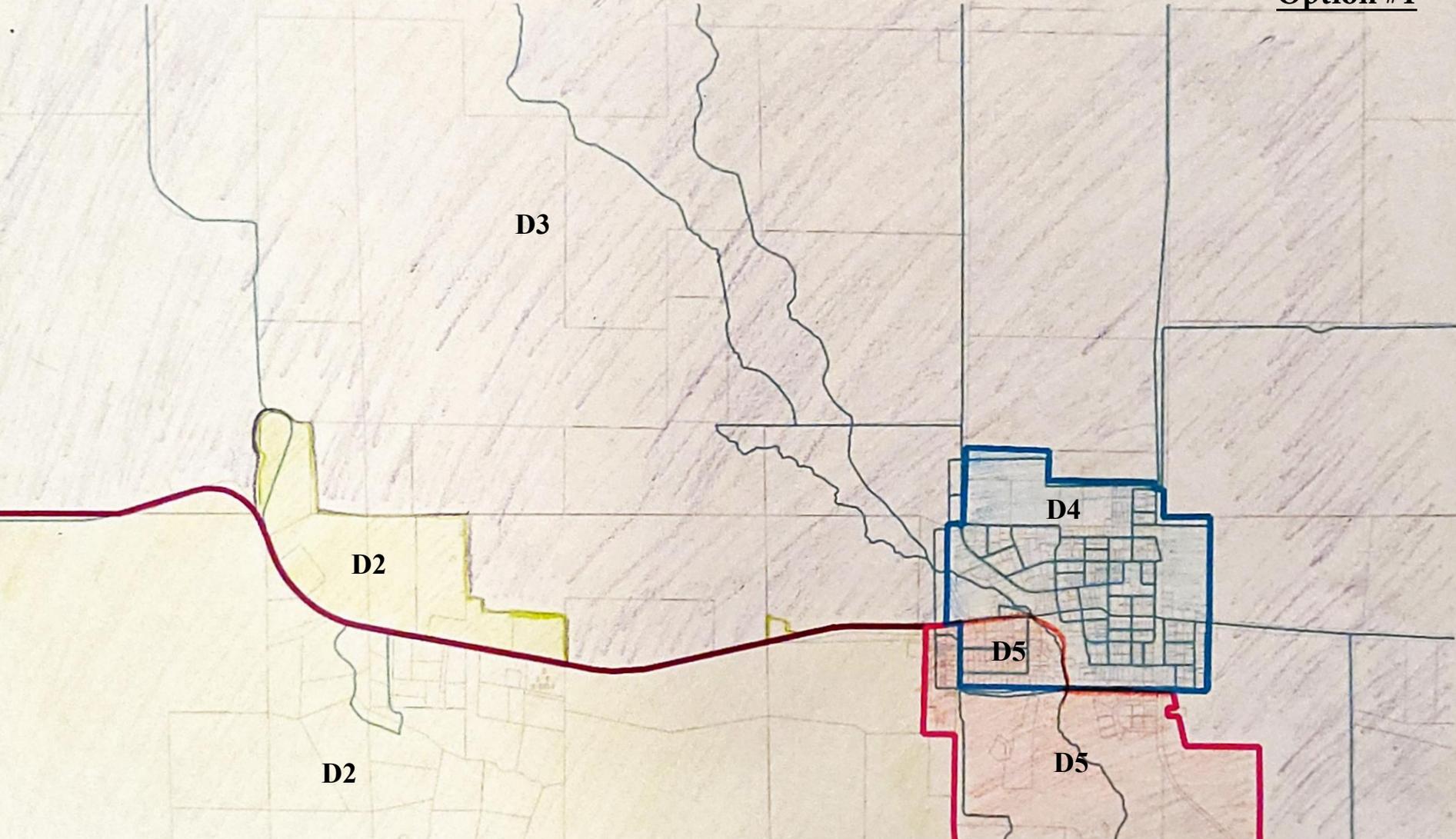
Option 2 is identical to Option 1, except for shifting 100 Hill Street (Senior Apartments) from District 2 to District 5 (population of 60)

District 1 – 646  
District 2 – 591  
District 3 – 709  
District 4 – 623  
District 5 – 667  
Total = 3236

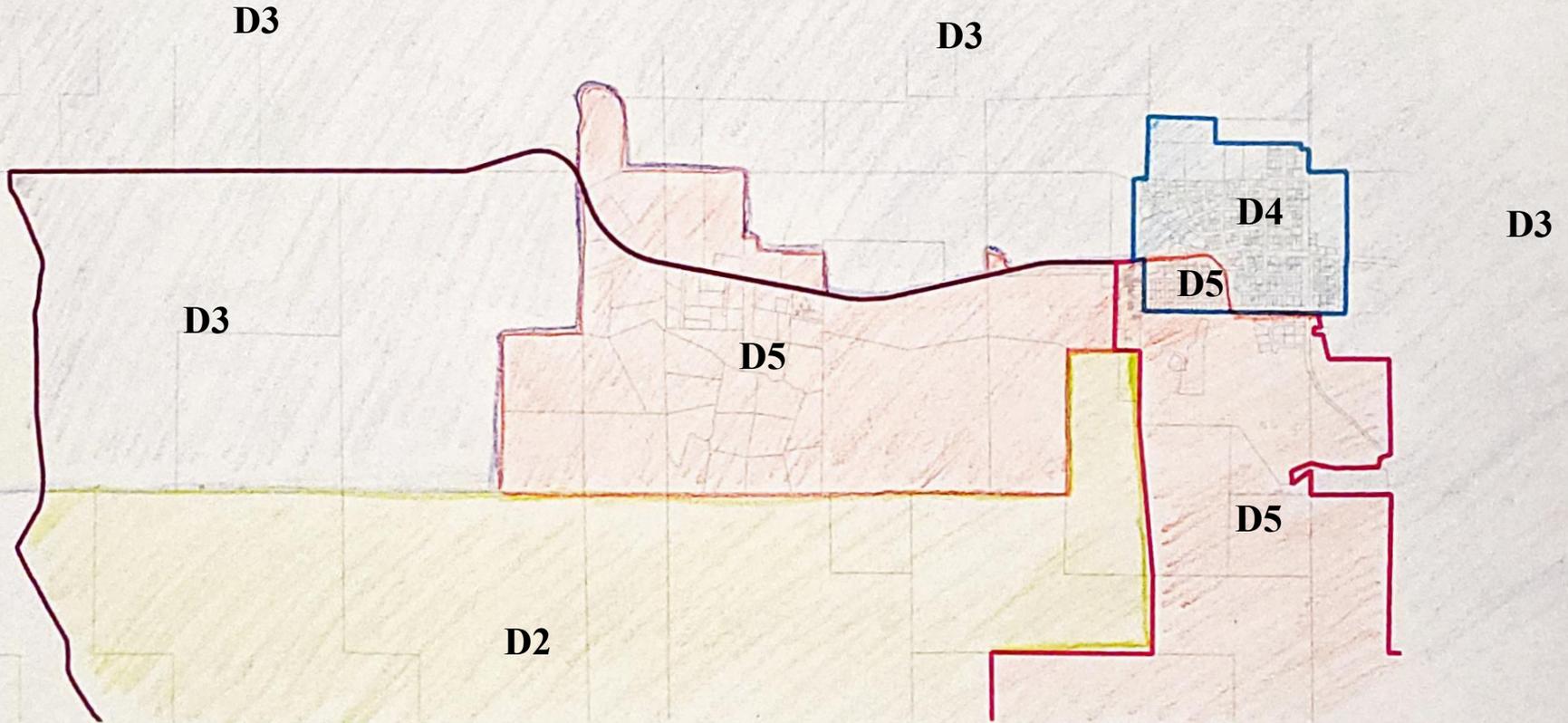
**Option 3**

Option 3 shifts the properties zoned residential on the north side of Hwy 49 from District 3 into District 5 (population of 10); the residential properties south of Hwy 49 (Loyalton Pines area) from District 2 to District 5 (population of 36); and shifts 3 census blocks located in the southwest corner of the City of Loyalton which includes Hill Street, Gulling Ave., Taylor Ave., Granite Ave., and Patterson Ave. (population of 106) from District 4 to District 5.

District 1 – 646  
District 2 – 605  
District 3 – 709  
District 4 – 623  
District 5 – 653  
Total = 3236



Option #3



A scenic landscape featuring a green field in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The text "FAIR DISTRICTS" and "TWO NEW OPTIONS" is overlaid in white.

FAIR DISTRICTS  
TWO NEW OPTIONS



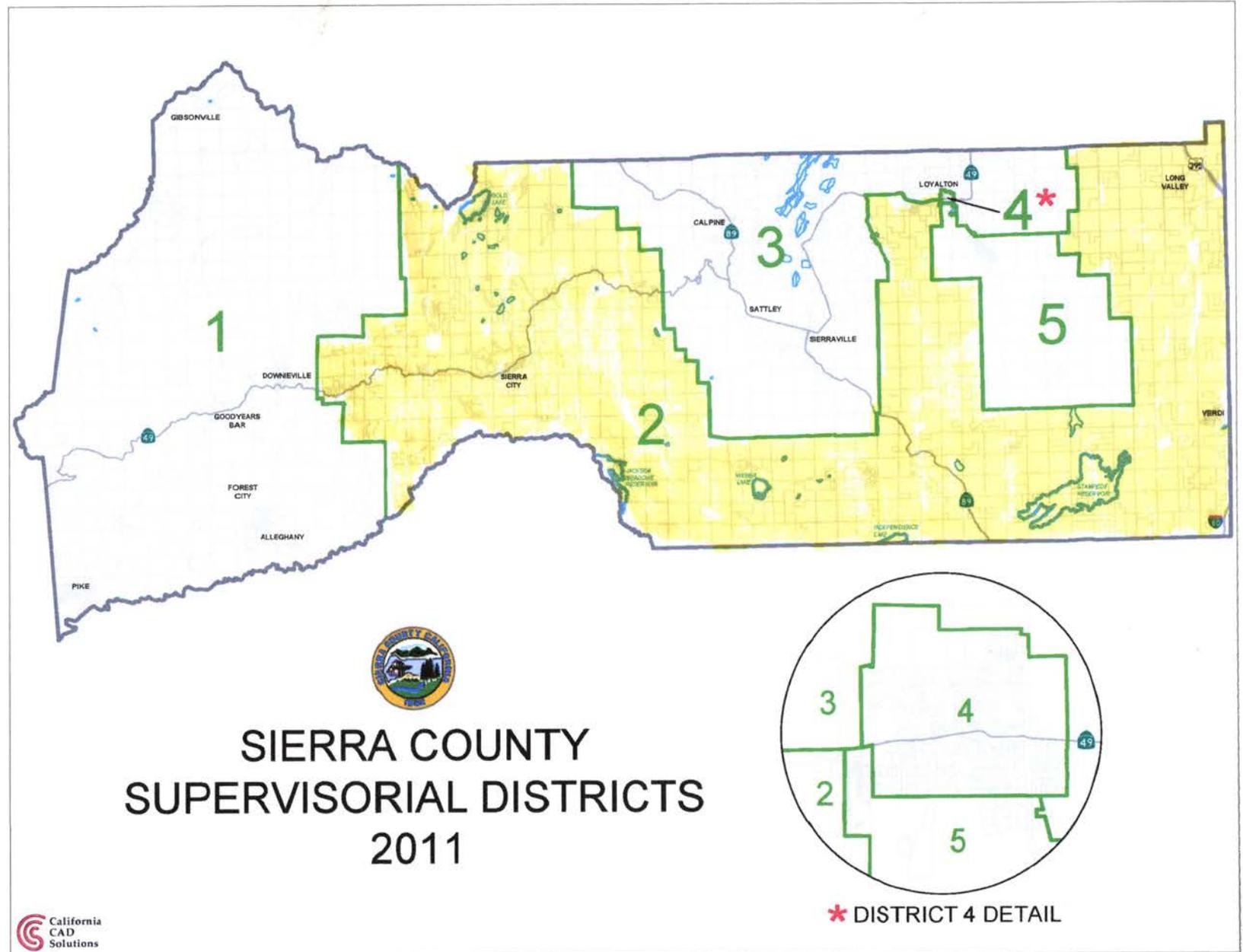
# What criteria will our Board of Supervisors use when drawing district lines?

- To the extent practicable, district lines will be adopted using the following criteria:
- (1) geographically contiguous districts (each supervisorial district should share a common border with the next),
- (2) the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or communities shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (3) geographic integrity of a city shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division,
- (4) easily identifiable boundaries that follow natural or artificial barriers (rivers, streets, highways, rail lines, etc.), and
- (5) To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.
- **NOTE: In addition, boundaries shall not be drawn for purposes of favoring or discriminating against a political party.**

# Current Map from 2011

District 2 extends from outside Downieville to the Nevada Border.

District 2 crosses the Yuba Pass, heads south to Webber Lake, veers north, west of Loyalton then moves south and east to include Verdi and Long Valley.

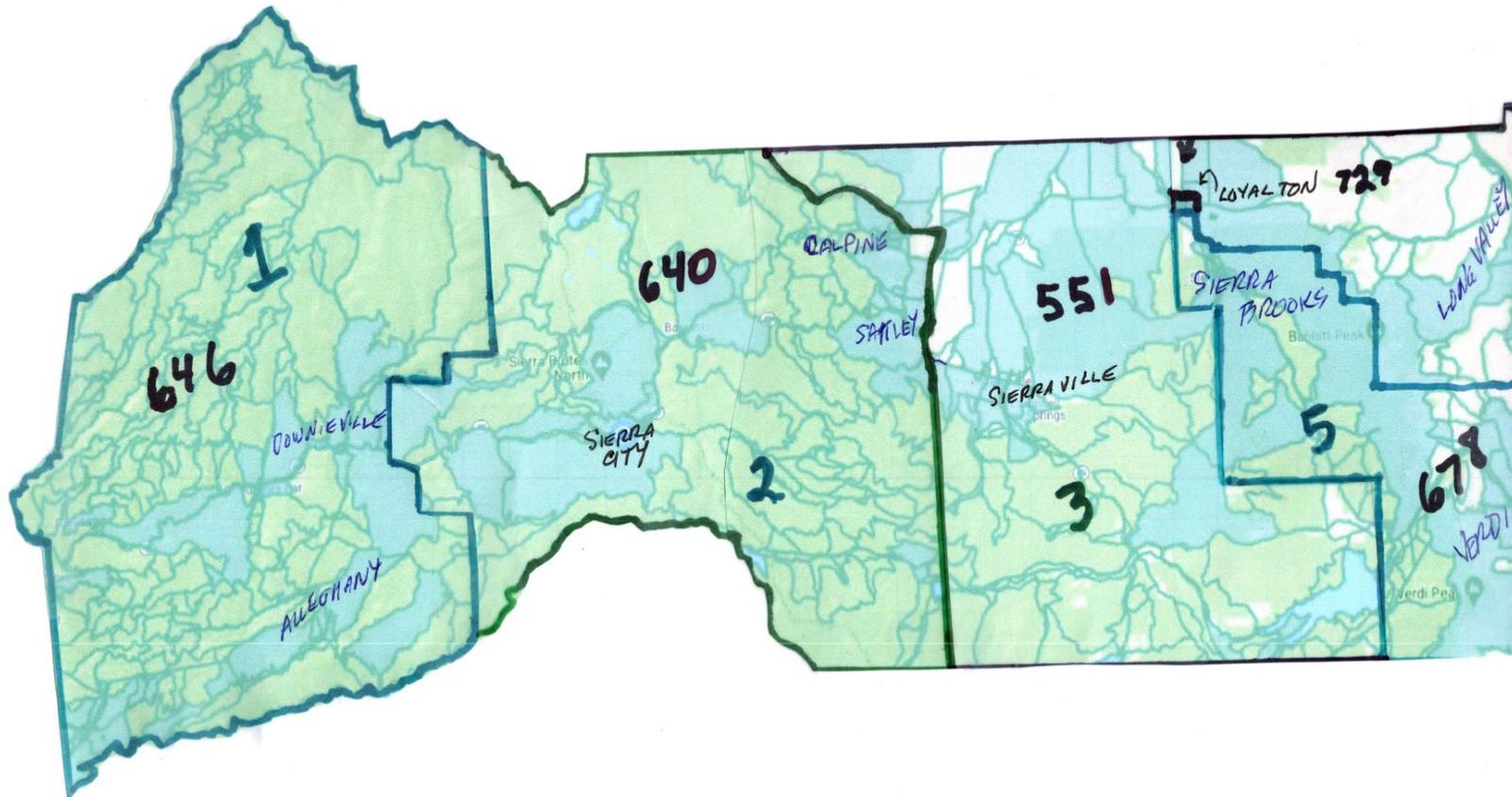


# The District 2 Problem

- Extreme distances between the communities represented, Sierra City, Senior housing in Loyalton, Verdi and Long Valley.
- There is no community of interest between any of these communities partly due to distances prohibit having a Town Hall for everyone to gather to hear from our Supervisor.
- While our current Supervisor has done a herculean job of traveling from town to town to address issues and meet with his constituents this map is not fair to the Supervisor or his constituents.
- The current map does not meet the California Election Code 21500: (c) (5) **To the extent practicable, and where it does not conflict with the preceding criteria in this subdivision, supervisorial districts shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness in a manner that nearby areas of population are not bypassed in favor of more distant populations.**
- This map has been in effect for 20 years and a solution must be found.
- Two possible solutions are presented next and others may be possible.

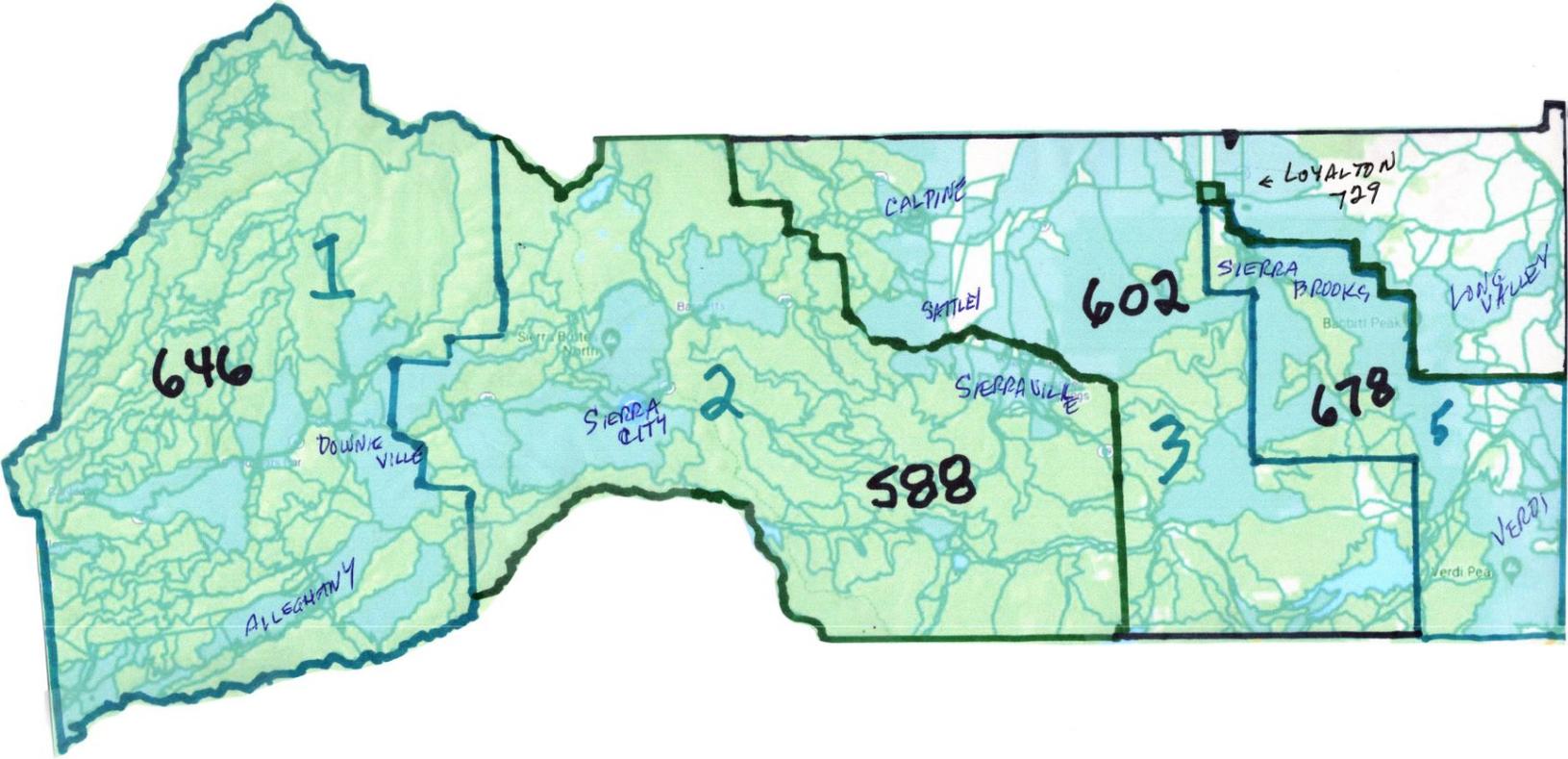
**LET'S FIX IT!**

# Solution One: District 2 merges with Calpine and Sattley and runs south to include Webber lake



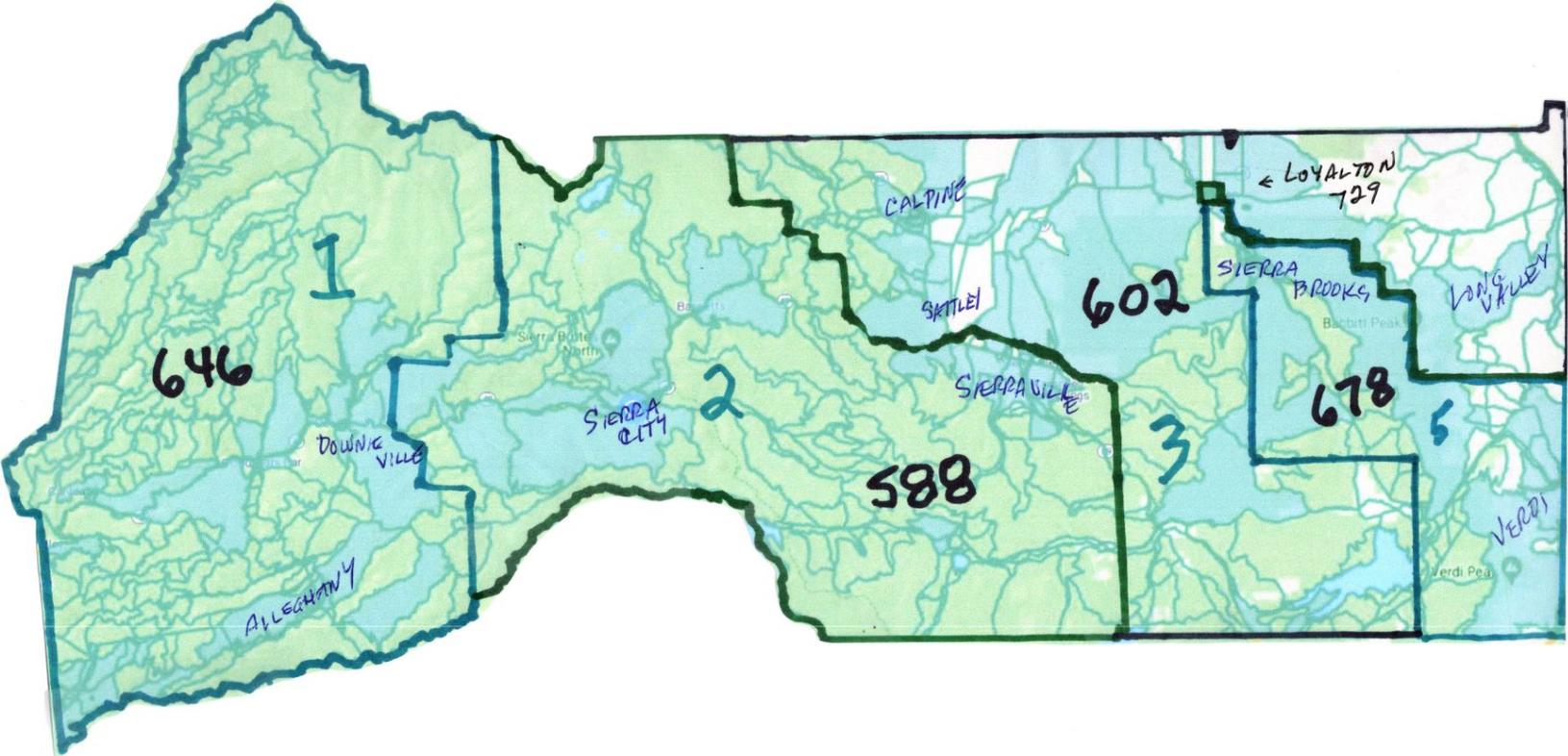
ADD A FOOTE

# Solution One: District 2 merges with Sierraville and runs south to include Webber lake



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Both solutions involve District 5 – Sierra Brooks – to merge with Verdi and District 3 would move farther east and connect with Long Valley







Change is hard,  
thank you for listening

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