

Roosevelt County

County Commission Redistricting

December 7, 2021

Presented by:

Brad Morrison
Redistricting Specialist
Research & Polling, Inc.



About Us

- ❑ Research & Polling, Inc. has 40 years of redistricting experience
 - Staff has over 80 years combined redistricting experience

- ❑ Over 150 redistricting projects for state and local governments
 - NM State Legislature (4 cycles)

Who Redistricts?

<i>Elected Body</i>	<i>Districts</i>	<i>Authority to Redistrict</i>
U.S. House of Representatives	3	State Legislature / Governor
New Mexico Legislature State House State Senate	70 42	State Legislature / Governor
Public Education Commission	10	State Legislature / Governor
County Commission	3/5	County Commission
City Council/Commission	4 to 10	City Council/Commission
Local School Board	5/7	Local School Board

Redistricting

- ❑ What is “redistricting”?
 - Draw (and re-draw) lines that determine which voters are represented by each district
- ❑ Why redistrict?
 - NM Statute, 4-38-3
 - ❑ Population > 13,000 (single member districts)
 - ❑ Roosevelt County Pop = 19,191 (19,846 in 2010 Census)
 - Population changes over the past 10 years
 - ❑ Unequal distribution of change
- ❑ When redistrict (typically)?
 - After Decennial Census data is released
 - ❑ Use most current population data

Principles of Districting

- ▣ Equal population
- ▣ Minority Voting Rights
- ▣ Compactness
- ▣ Contiguity
- ▣ Communities of interest

Ideal Population

- Roosevelt County total population: 19,191
 - Change from 2010: -3.3% (-655 people)

- Ideal population = total pop. / # of districts
 - 2020 Census, Roosevelt County: $19,191 / 5 = 3,838$

- Districts must be “substantially equal”
 - Within $\pm 5\%$ of the ideal population
 - Population of each district (ideal pop $\pm 5\%$)
 - $3,838 \pm 192$, range: 3,646 to 4,030

- Based on total population, not registered voters

Minority Voting Strength

- ❑ Do not dilute voting strength of ethnic/language minority groups (Voting Rights Act, Section 2):
 - Native Americans
 - African Americans
 - Hispanics
- ❑ Give the minority population an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice
- ❑ Do not create districts in which race is the predominant criterion in subordination of traditional districting principles (Shaw v. Reno, 509 U.S. 630 (1993))

Compactness

- ❑ Different ways to measure compactness
 - None are perfect

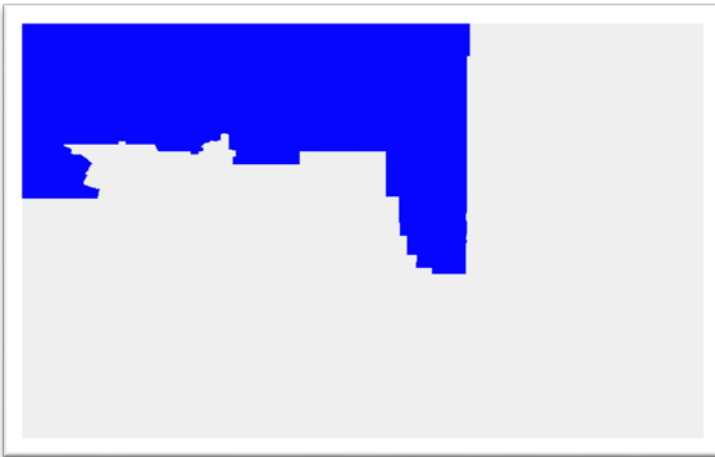
- ❑ Refers to shape, not geographic size
 - Could have a very large district in area that is compact in shape

- ❑ Compactness of a district can be affected by:
 - A jurisdiction's irregular outer boundary

Compactness

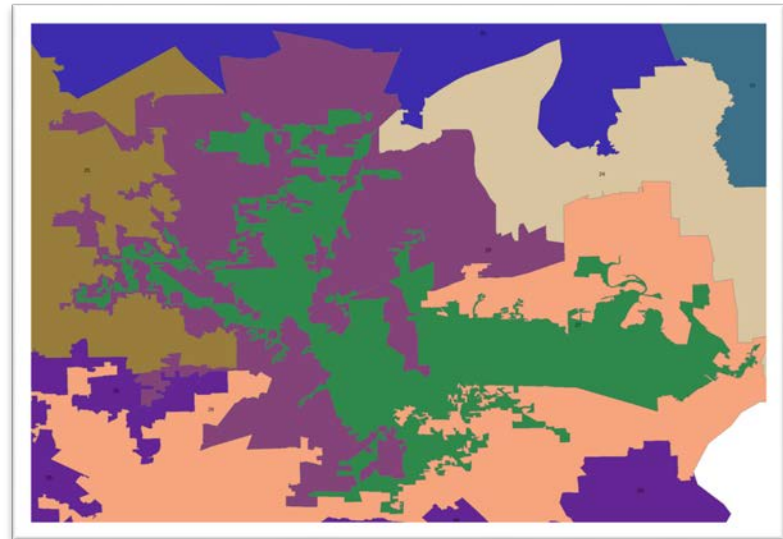
□ Compact:

NM – 3rd CD
1991

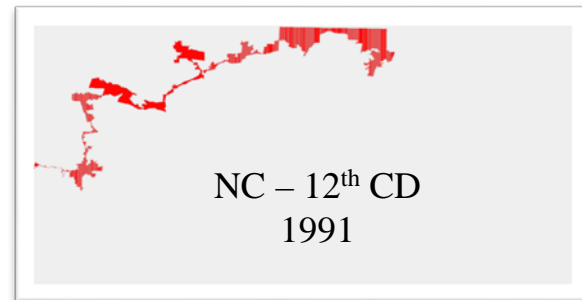


□ Not Compact:

TX – 18th CD (light purple)
1991



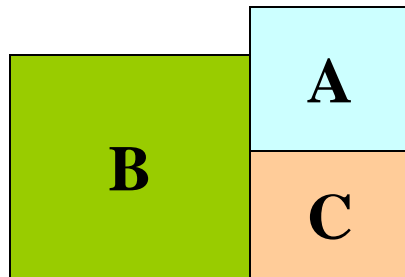
NC – 12th CD
1991



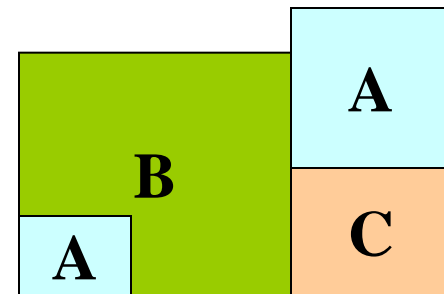
Contiguity

- ❑ No islands of territory
- ❑ One distinct part, not two or more

❑ Contiguous:



Not Contiguous:



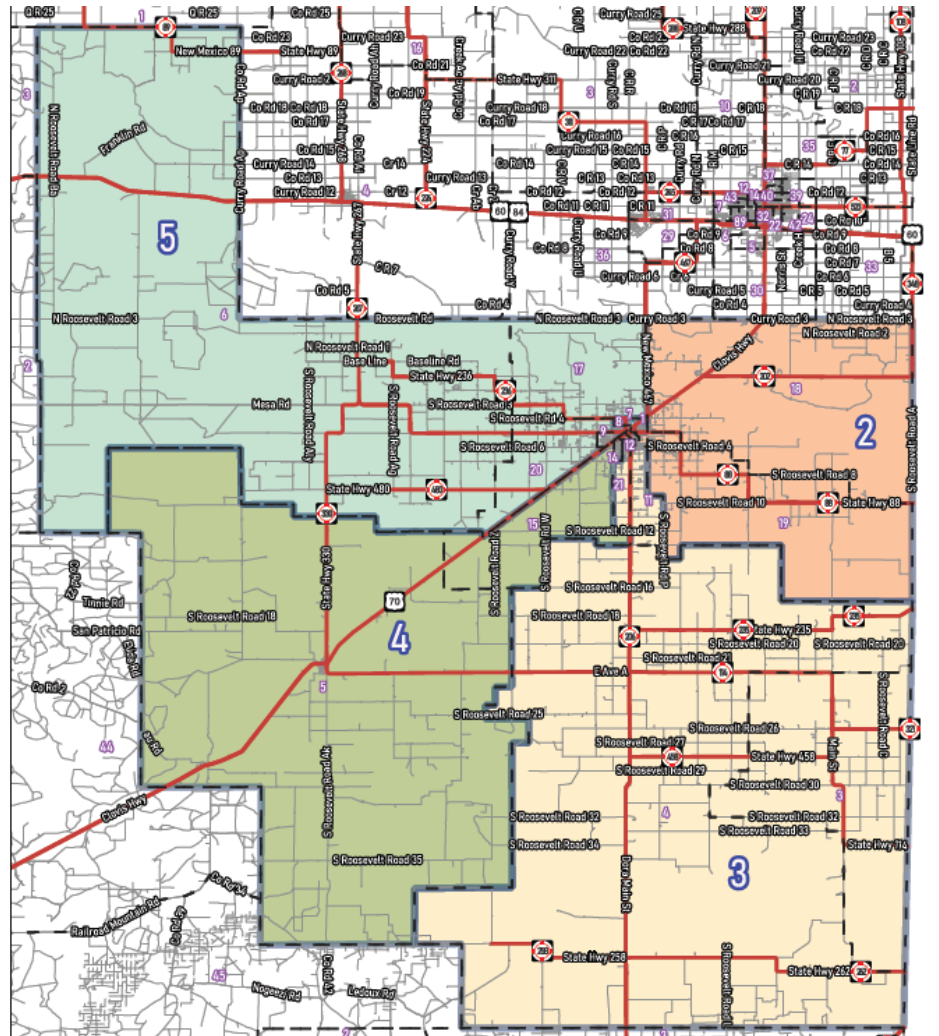
Communities of Interest

- ❑ Other factors which may determine where a district boundary could be drawn
 - Respecting political subdivisions/neighborhoods/geographic boundaries
 - Respect cultural/historical traditions
 - Maintaining core of existing districts
 - Avoid pairing incumbents

- ❑ Can be considered as long as previous districting principles are not violated

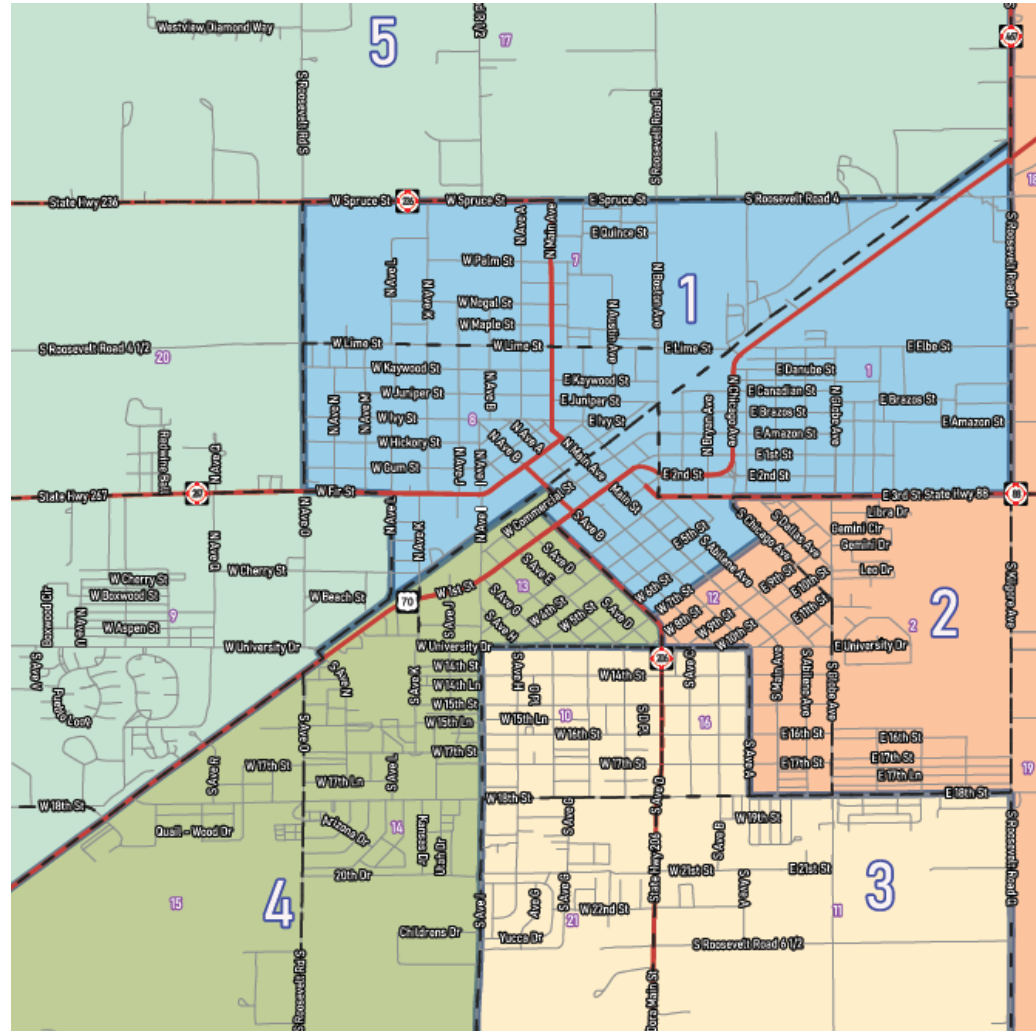
Current Districts

District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,780	-58	-1.5%
2	4,035	197	5.1%
3	3,790	-48	-1.3%
4	3,565	-273	-7.1%
5	4,021	183	4.8%
County	19,191		



Current Districts - Portales

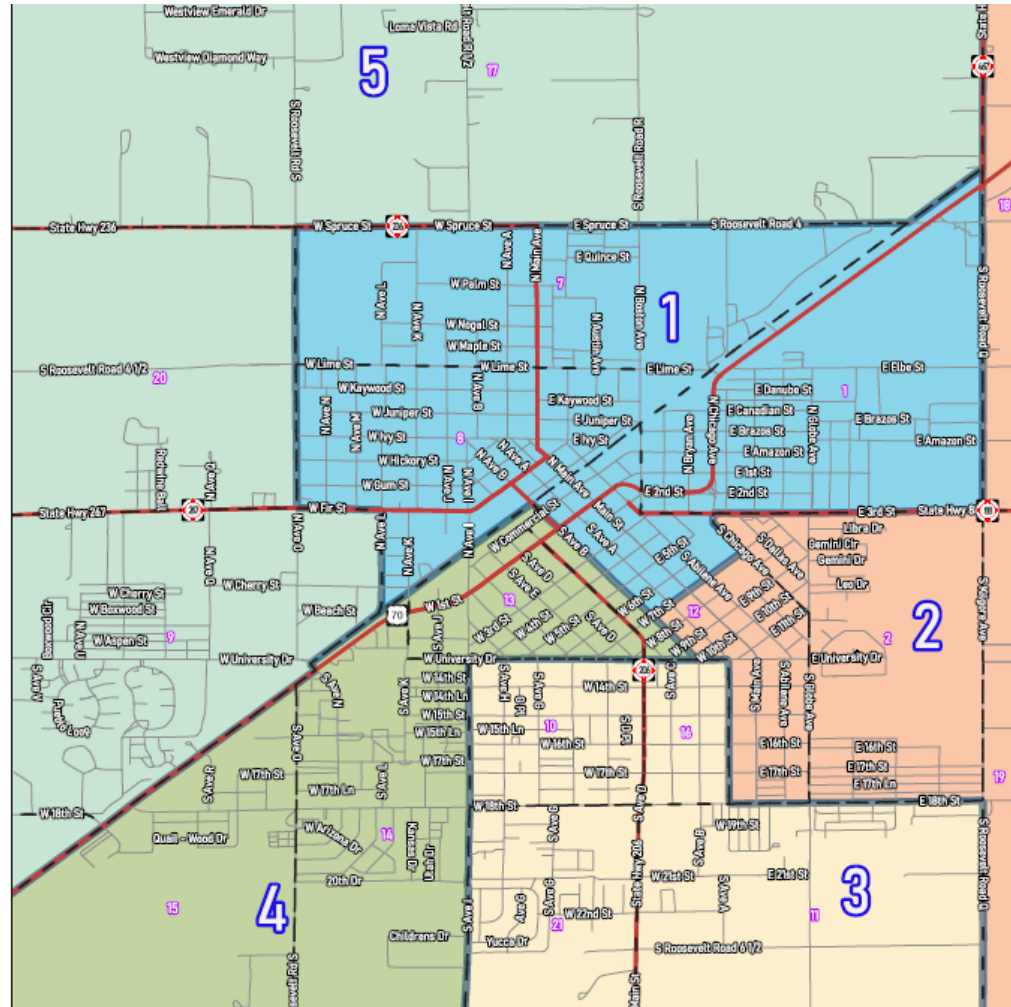
District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,780	-58	-1.5%
2	4,035	197	5.1%
3	3,790	-48	-1.3%
4	3,565	-273	-7.1%
5	4,021	183	4.8%
County	19,191		



Proposed Plan A – Portales

District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,728	-110	-2.9%
2	3,940	102	2.7%
3	3,790	-48	-1.3%
4	3,712	-126	-3.3%
5	4,021	183	4.8%
County	19,191		

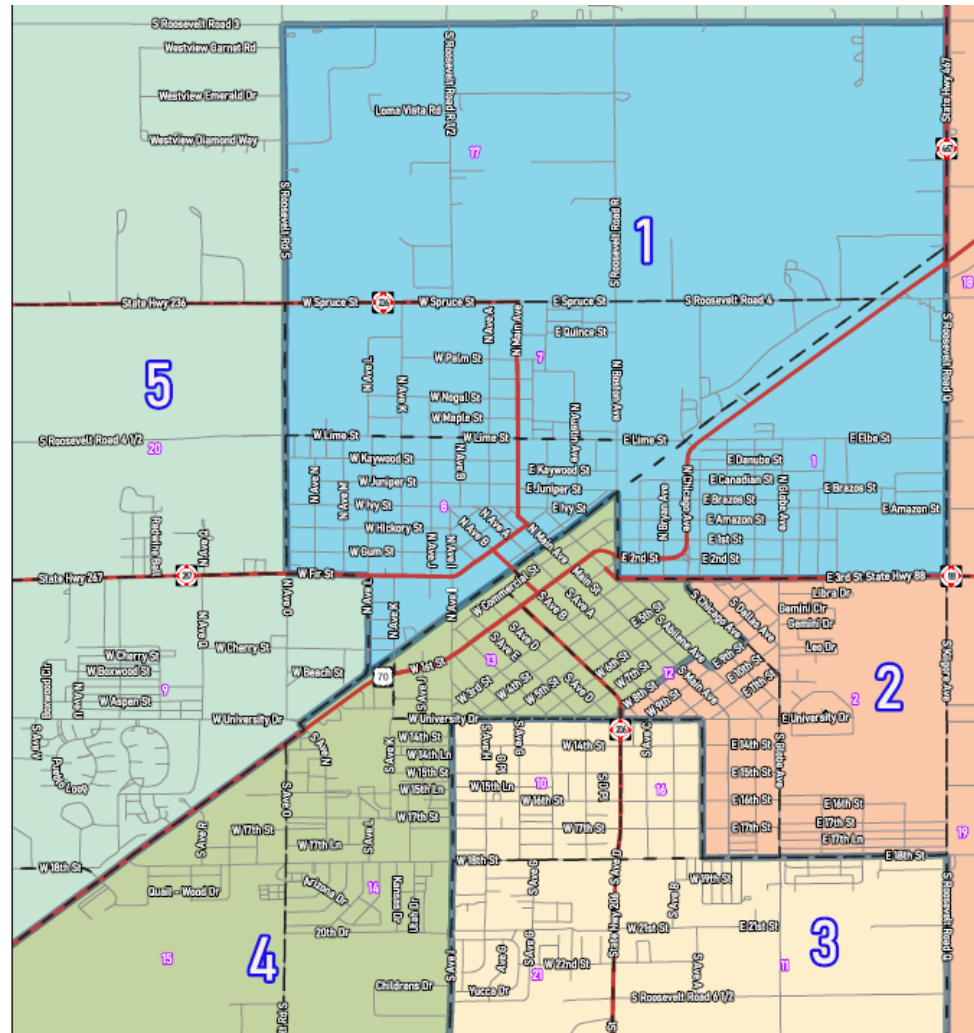
This is a “status quo” plan. The only change is that District 4 moves one block further East into the City of Portales (from Ave C to Ave B) to pick up population from Districts 1 and 2. D3 and D5 do not change at all.



Proposed Plan B – Portales

District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,699	-139	-3.6%
2	3,946	108	2.8%
3	3,790	-48	-1.3%
4	3,994	156	4.1%
5	3,762	-76	-2.0%
County	19,191		

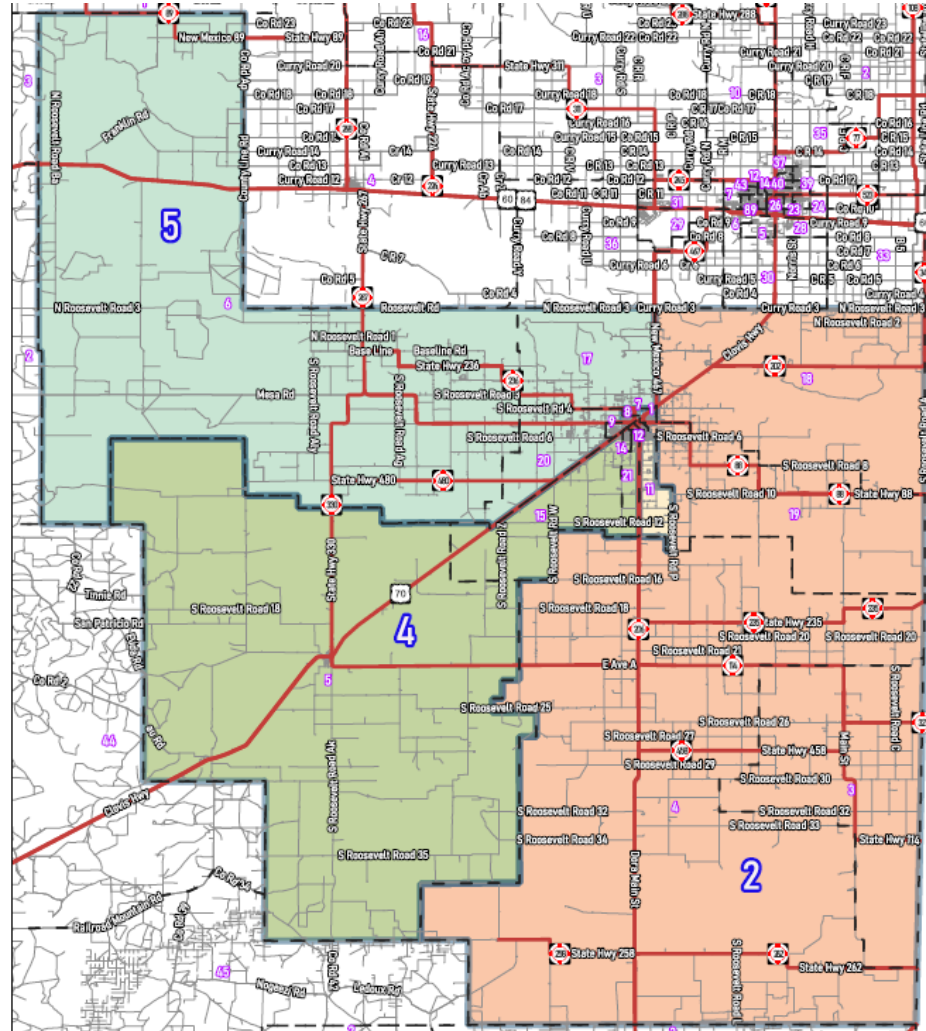
This plan has D1 backing out of Portales slightly (to the North). We split Precinct 17 to accomplish this. This allows D4 to push further Northeast into the city and D2 backs out of the city slightly. The rest of the county remains the same as Current. D3 does not change at all.



Proposed Plan C

District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,780	-58	-1.5%
2	3,760	-78	-2.0%
3	3,807	-31	-0.8%
4	3,823	-15	-0.4%
5	4,021	183	4.8%
County	19,191		

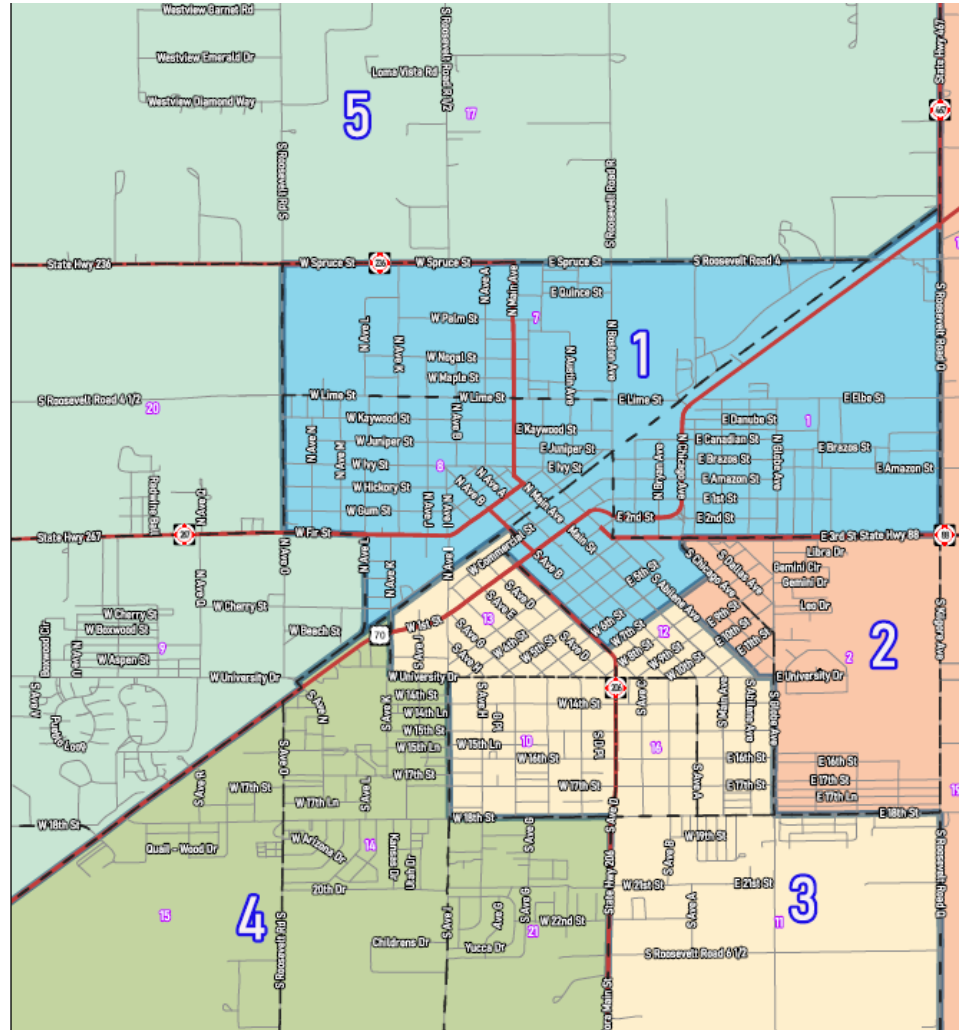
This was an attempt to do something different. This plan has District 2 taking a large portion of District 3 in the southern portion of the county. District 3 pushes further into the city and District 2 backs out of the city more. D1 and D5 do not change.



Proposed Plan C - Portales

District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	3,780	-58	-1.5%
2	3,760	-78	-2.0%
3	3,807	-31	-0.8%
4	3,823	-15	-0.4%
5	4,021	183	4.8%
County	19,191		

District 3 pushes further into the city and District 2 backs out of the city more. D1 and D5 do not change.



Thank you

Questions?

