

# Keppel Union School District's Proposal to the County Committee to Adopt By-Trustee Area Elections

October 25, 2023  
District Boardroom

# Introduction

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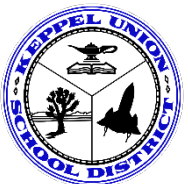
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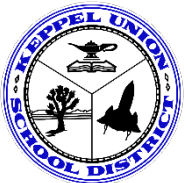




# Agenda

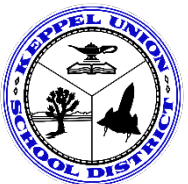
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- Background – Keppel Union School District
- Required steps to adopt by-trustee area elections
- Transition Process and Public Outreach
- Draft Maps
- Selected Map

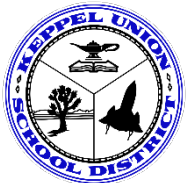
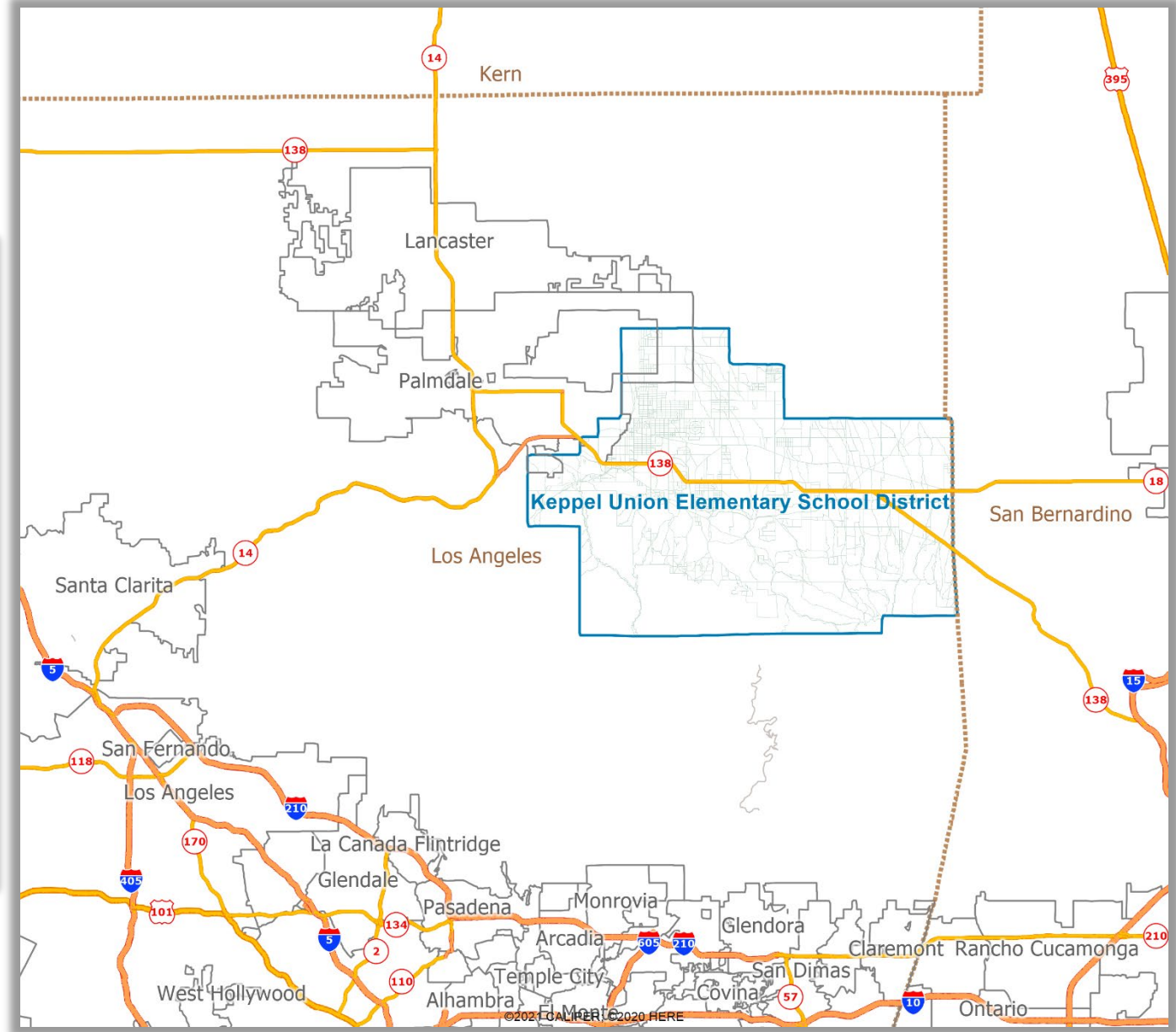
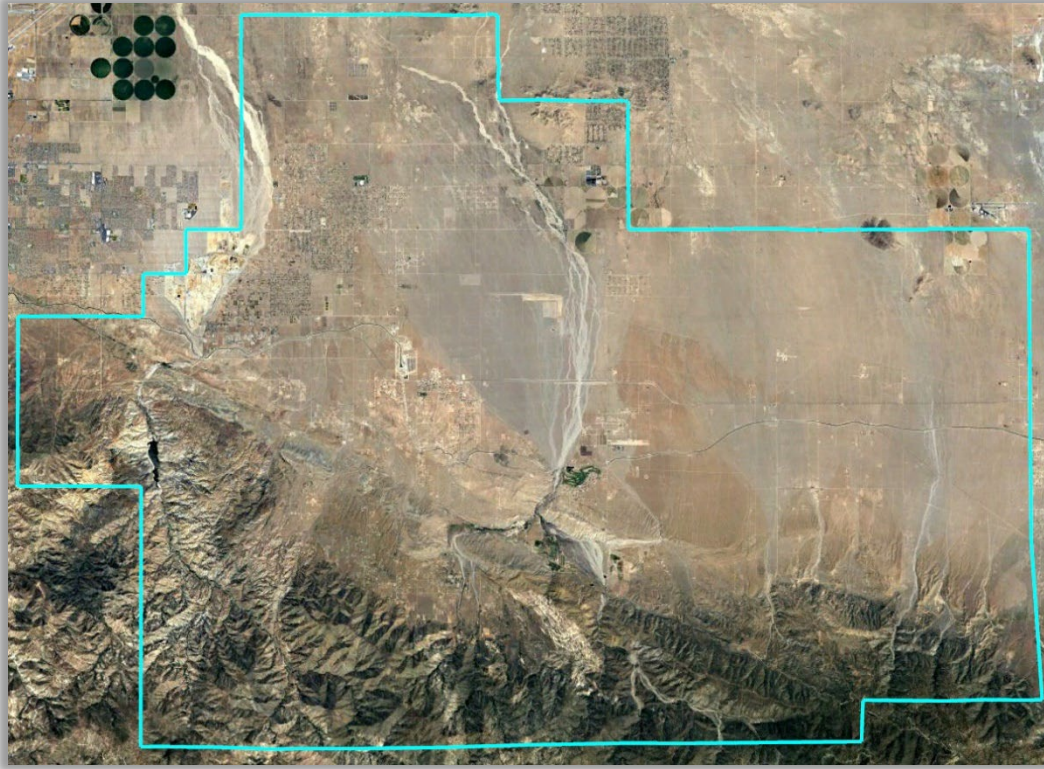


# Keppel USD: Who are we?

- Keppel Union School District serves students and families in the communities of Littlerock, Pearblossom, Lake Los Angeles, Sun Village, East Palmdale, Llano, Valyermo and Juniper Hills in the beautiful Antelope Valley. The District educates approximately 2,700 students in grades pre-school through eight (8).
- **The District's schools include:**
  - Alpine Elementary School
  - Antelope Elementary School
  - Daisy Gibson Elementary School
  - Keppel Academy
  - Lake Los Angeles Elementary
  - Pearblossom Elementary School

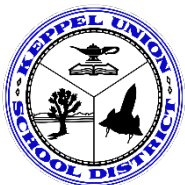


# Keppel USD: Where are we?



# Demographic Summary

Each of the five trustee areas must contain about 4,371 people.

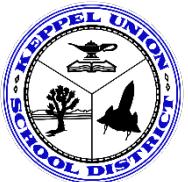


Category	Field	Total	Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	21,854	Age	age0-19	29%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	65%		age20-60	51%
	NH White	25%		age60plus	20%
	NH Black	5%	Immigration	immigrants	22%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	2%		naturalized	47%
	NH Native Amer.	1%	Language spoken at home	english	52%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	13,480		spanish	45%
	Hisp	51%		asian-lang	1%
	NH White	38%		other lang	2%
	NH Black	7%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	20%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	2%		Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad
Native Amer.	2%	bachelor	8%		
		graduatedegree	2%		
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	10,888	Child in Household	child-under18	39%
	Latino est.	46%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	48%
	Spanish-Surnamed	43%		Household Income	income 0-25k
	Asian-Surnamed	1%	income 25-50k		22%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	income 50-75k		19%
	NH White est.	44%	income 75-200k		33%
NH Black	6%	income 200k-plus	4%		
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	Total	7,330	Housing Stats	single family	98%
	Latino est.	43%		multi-family	2%
	Spanish-Surnamed	40%		rented	32%
	Asian-Surnamed	1%		owned	68%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%	Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2016-2020 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.		
	NH White est.	47%			
NH Black	5%				
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	4,949			
	Latino est.	34%			
	Spanish-Surnamed	33%			
	Asian-Surnamed	1%			
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%			
NH White est.	52%				
NH Black est.	5%				

# The Reason for the Transition



- The CVRA prohibits **at-large** elections that result in racially polarized voting.
- The District received a demand letter to transition under the CVRA.

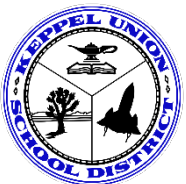


# Process to Transition to By-Trustee Area Elections

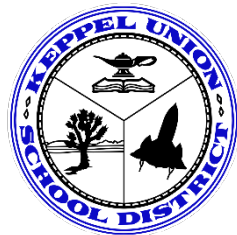
1. Five public hearings (Elec. Code, 10010)

2. Timely posting of draft maps and election sequencing schedules

3. County Committee Approval (Ed. Code 5019)

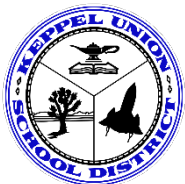


# The District's Transition Process



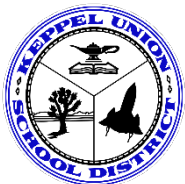
# Required Public Hearings

- **“Pre-Map” Hearings:** 2 public hearings prior to preparing proposed by-trustee area maps.
  - November 15, 2022
  - December 13, 2022
- **“Map Consideration” Hearings:** 2 public hearings to consider proposed by-trustee area maps.
  - January 17, 2023
  - February 7, 2023
- **“Map Adoption” Hearing:** Public hearing before adopting final by-trustee area map.
  - March 7, 2023



# Community Outreach & Information Transition Webpage

- Transition timeline
- FAQs
- Links to presentations
- Links to newspaper articles
- Links to draft maps
- Link to survey



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## Proposed Maps

[Tan](#)

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## California Voter Rights Information

### Notices of Public Hearings

1st Hearing: Jan 17th, 2023 (tentative), Map Consideration

2nd Hearing: Feb 7th, 2023 (tentative), Map Consideration [NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING](#)

3rd Hearing: Mar 7, 2023 (tentative), Map Adoption & Approval

### Timeline for Transitioning to by-Trustee Area Elections

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings Nov. 15 & Dec. 13	Held prior to release of draft maps.  Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Release draft maps	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3rd hearing.
Two hearings on draft maps Jan. 17 & Feb. 7	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Board Action March 7	Map should be posted at least 7 days prior to Board action.
County Committee Action TBD	Public hearing held, then vote on final approval by County

<https://www.keppelunion.org/o/keppel-union/page/ca-voter-right>

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# Community Outreach & Information

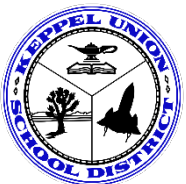
## Local Press Articles

Local print and digital newspaper serving Lancaster, Palmdale, Quartz Hill, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Lake Los Angeles, Rosamond, Lake Hughes, Leona Valley, Green Valley, Antelope Acres, California City, Acton, Crystallaire and Mojave.

Keppel USD transition articles published:

- November 13, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- January 15, 2023
- February 7, 2023
- March 9, 2023

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# Community Outreach & Information Community Survey

## KUSD Map Consideration Input Form / Formulario para la consideración del mapa del KUSD

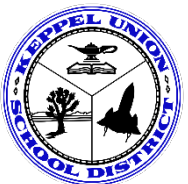
The Keppel Union School District is transitioning from a trustee "at-large" to a from "district" or "residence" boundary area for election purposes. Powerpoint presentations are available on the "By Trustee Area Transition" web page and are provided as a reference related to the Districting Process.

Hearings on draft maps are scheduled for the public to provide input. Input for consideration on draft maps may also be shared with the District by completing this Google Form. Input is requested by March 1, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Should you have any questions about the districting process, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 661-944-2155. Thank you.

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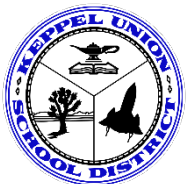
El Distrito Escolar de Keppel está en transición de elegir miembros de la mesa directiva "en general" a un "distrito" o área de "residencia" para propósitos de elección. Las presentaciones de Powerpoint están disponibles en la página web "By Trustee Area Transition" y se proporcionan como referencia relacionada con el proceso de demarcación de distritos.



# Community Outreach & Information Town Council Presentations

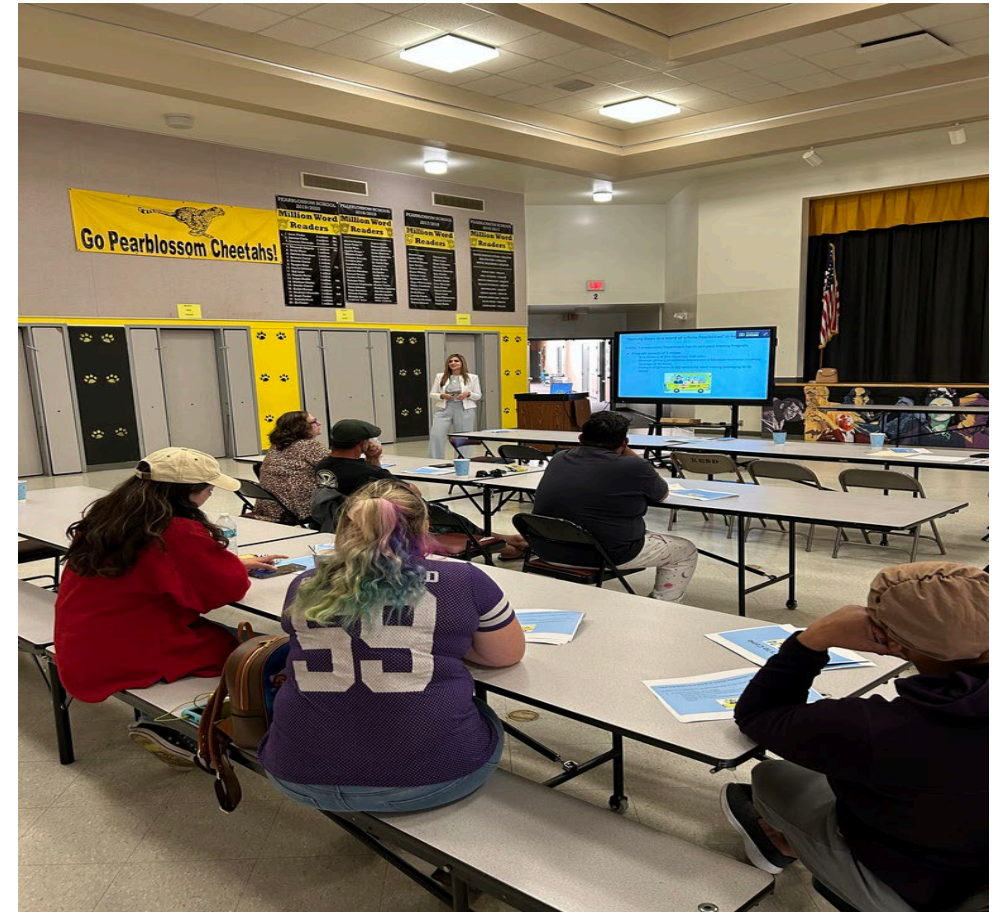
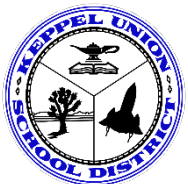


- Pearblossom Rural Town Council (1/18/2023)
- Littlerock Rural Town Council (2/9/23)



# Community Outreach & Information Schoolsite Meetings

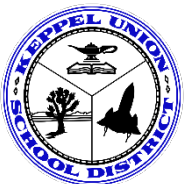
- DELAC meeting (1/19/23)
- Pearblossom Elem. breakfast with Superintendent (2/6/23)
- Antelope Elem. breakfast with Superintendent (2/7/23)
- Lake Los Angeles Elem. breakfast with Superintendent (2/8/23)
- Keppel Academy Elem. breakfast with Superintendent (2/10/23)



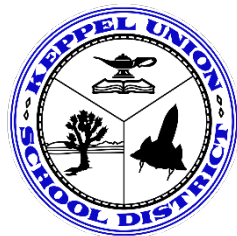
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## Other Communications

- ParentSquare email to District families (1/13/23)
- Letter to District families (1/18/23)
- Emails to school principals (1/28/23 and 1/30/23)
- Update at Antelope Valley California School Boards' Association @ Daisy Gibson Elem. (1/31/23)
- District live feed reminder regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing (2/6/23)
- Email reminder to all staff regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing (2/6/23)



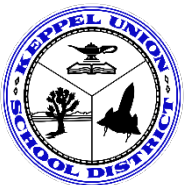
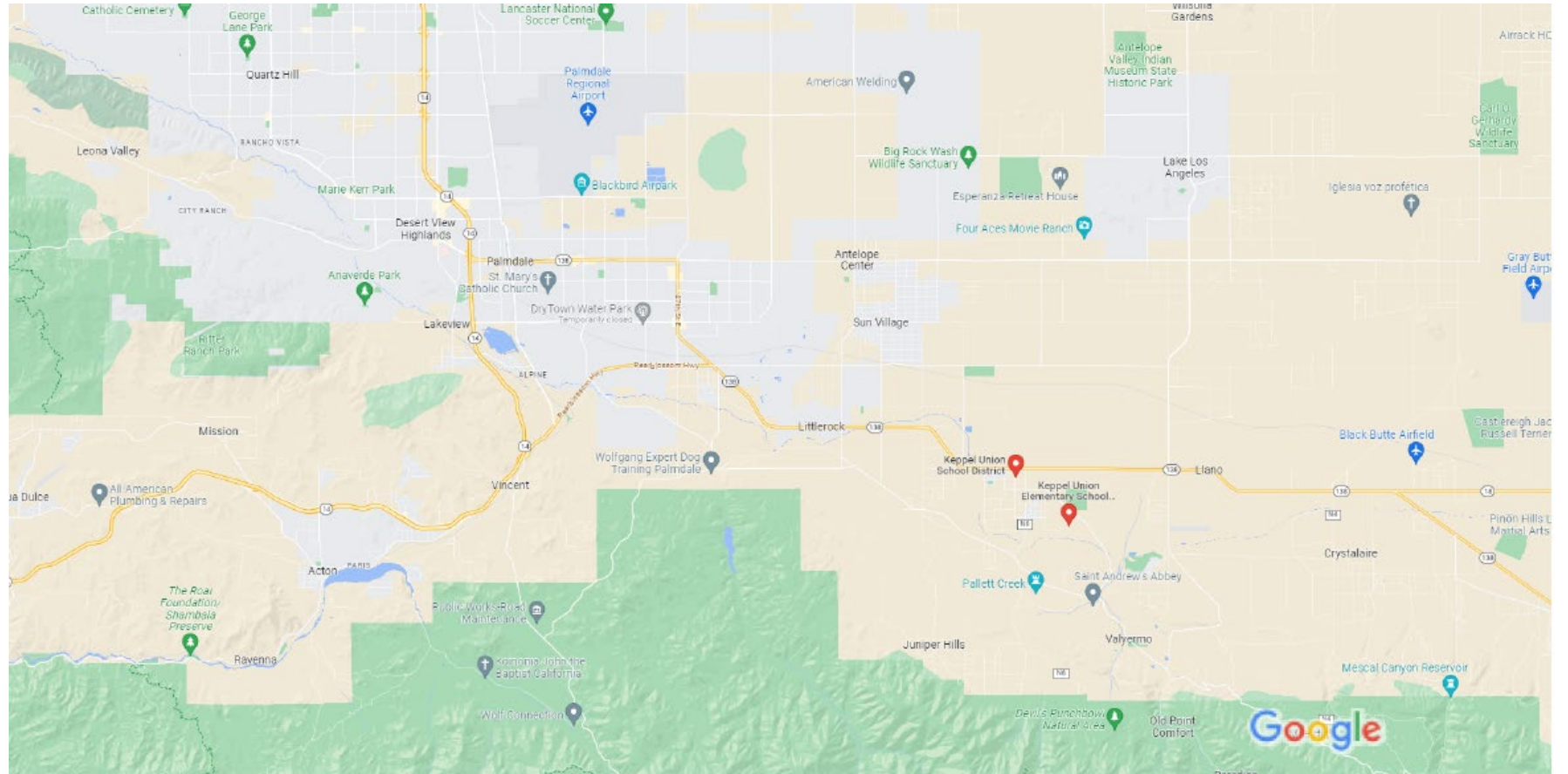
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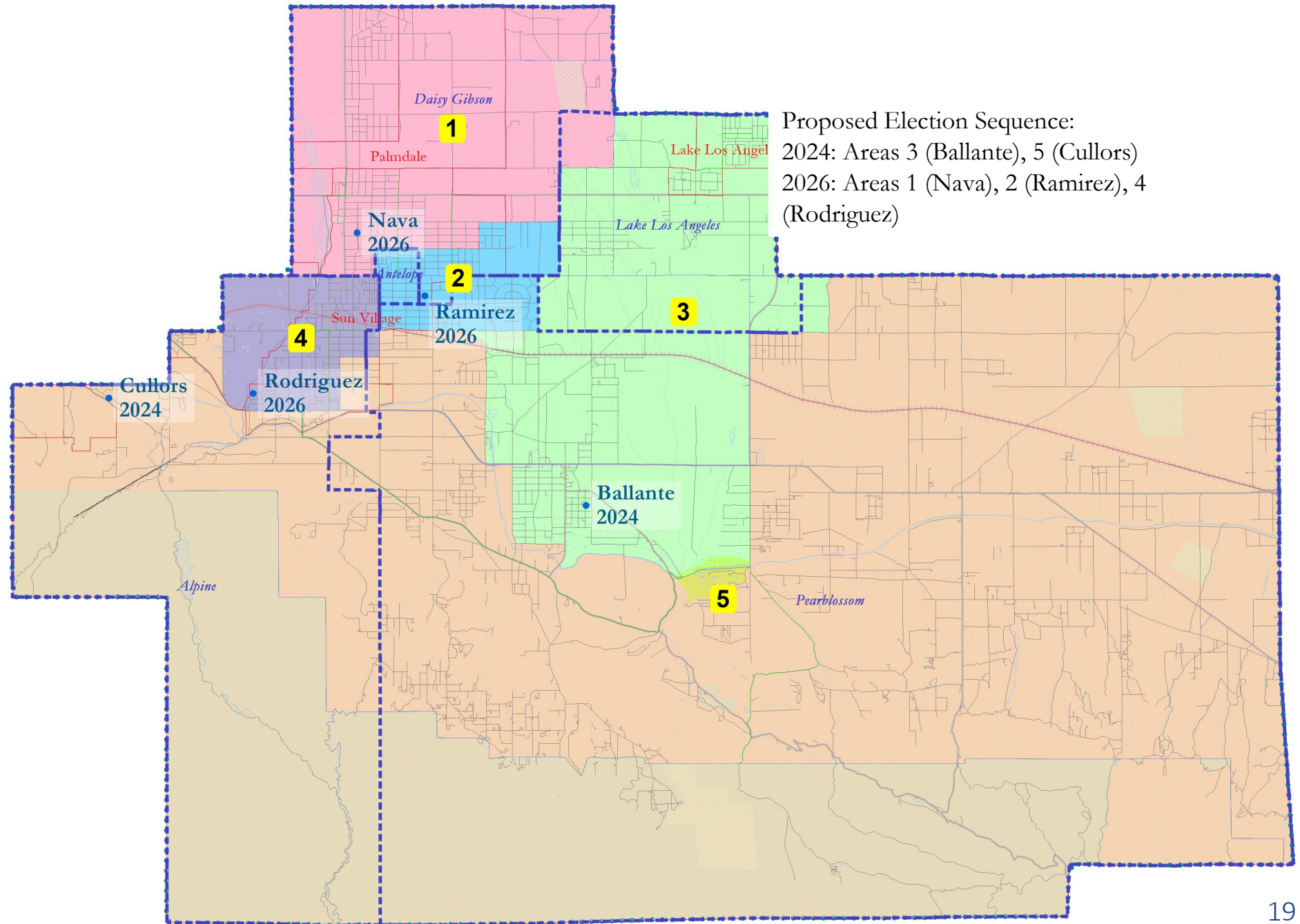
# Draft Maps

Three draft maps published on January 10, 2023:

- Green Map
- Orange Map
- Tan Map



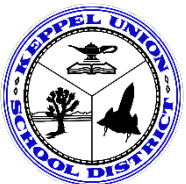
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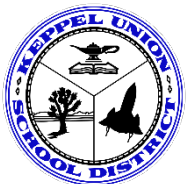
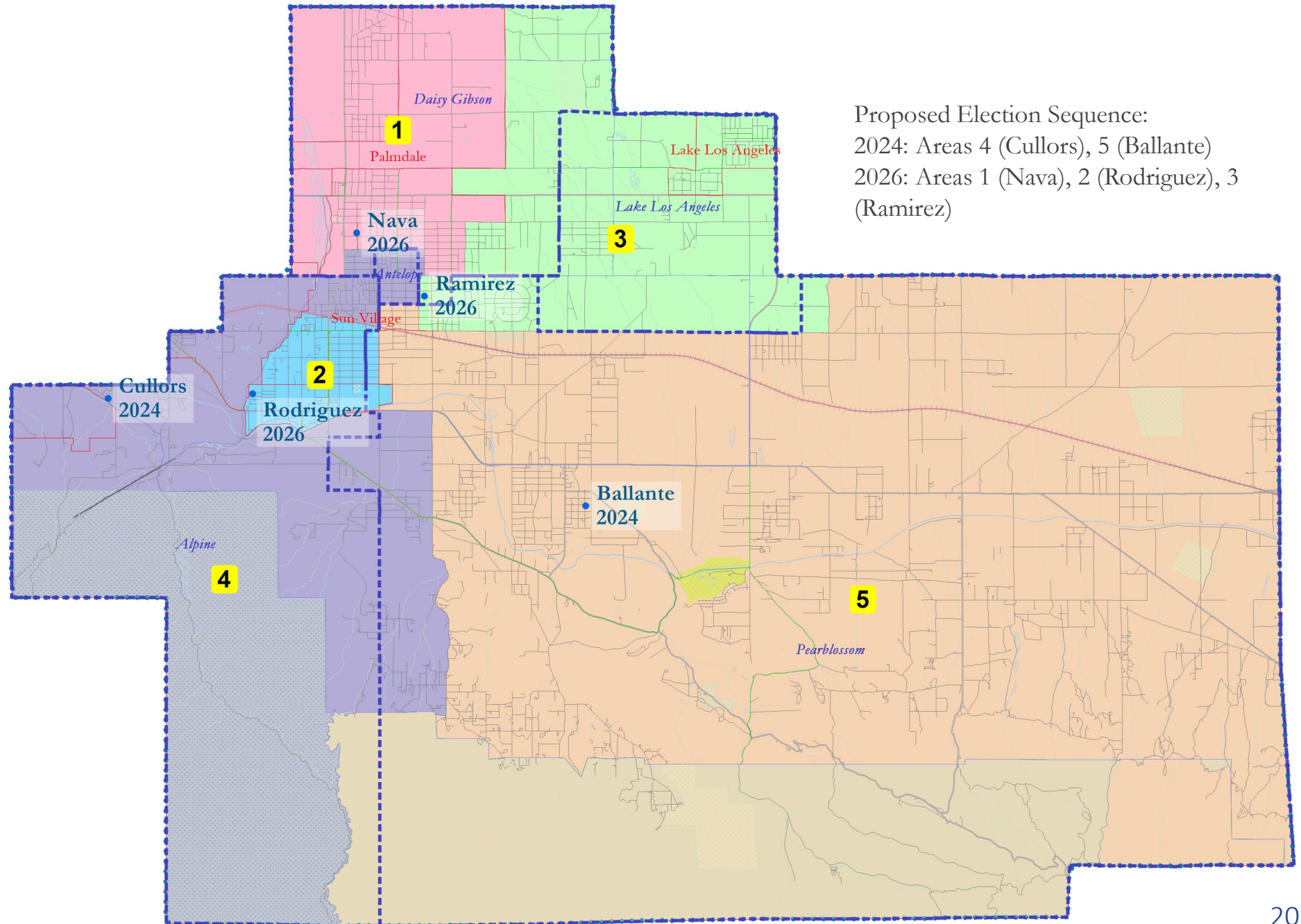
Proposed Election Sequence:

2024: Areas 3 (Ballante), 5 (Cullors)

2026: Areas 1 (Nava), 2 (Ramirez), 4 (Rodriguez)

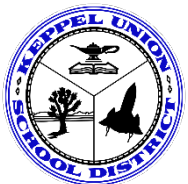
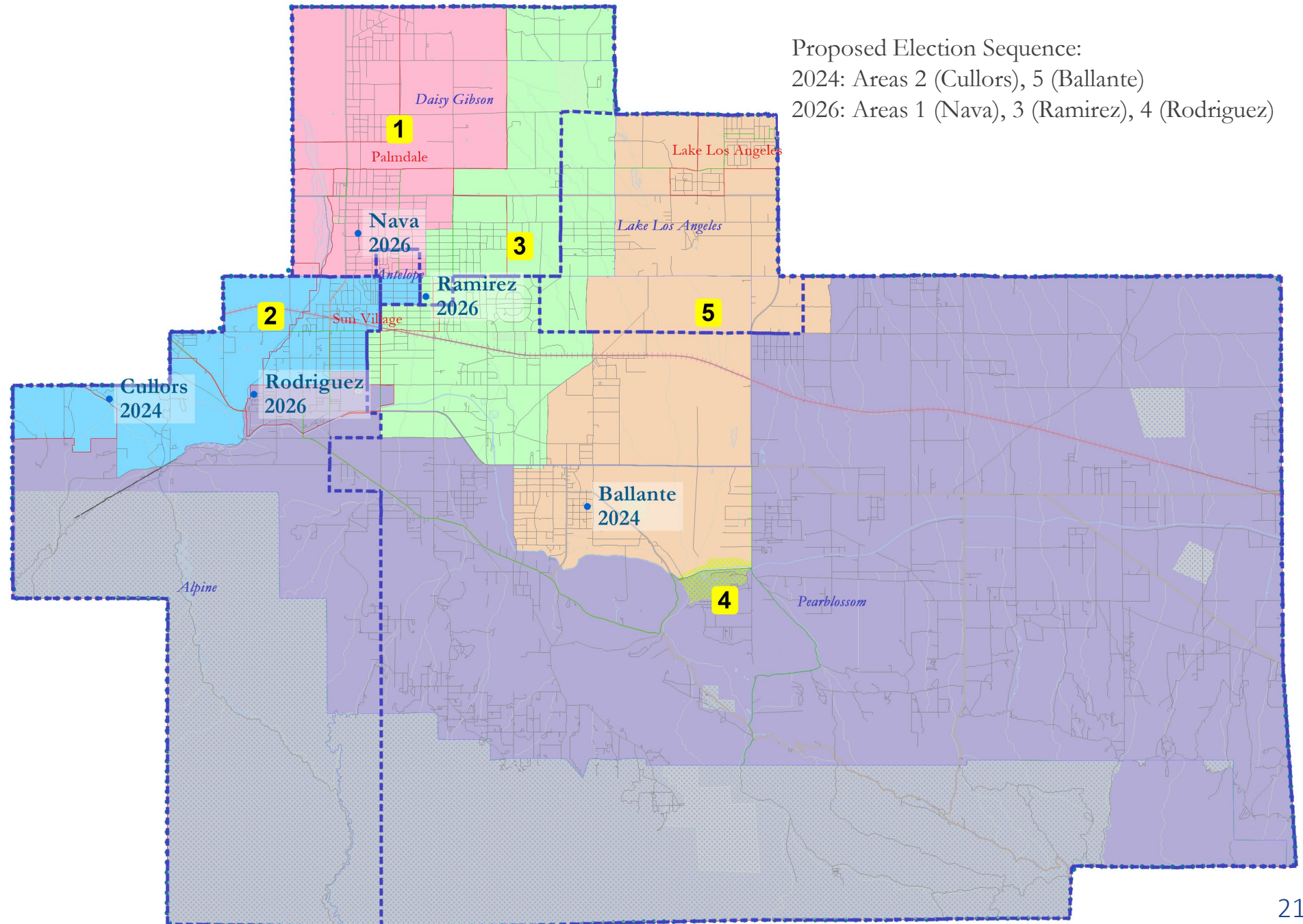


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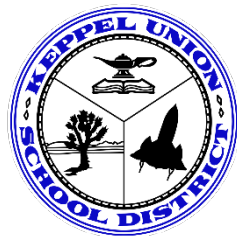


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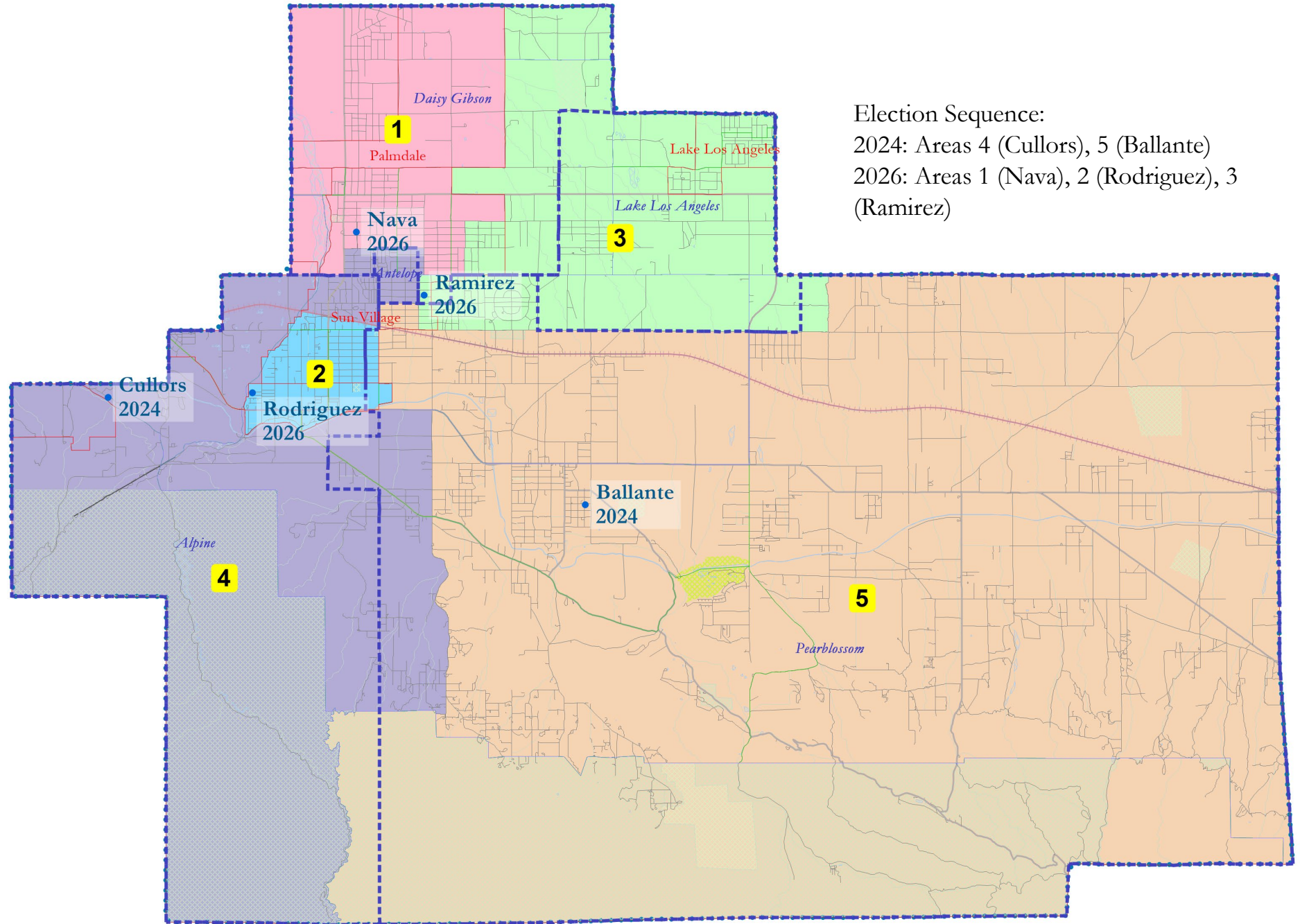
Proposed Election Sequence:  
2024: Areas 2 (Cullors), 5 (Ballante)  
2026: Areas 1 (Nava), 3 (Ramirez), 4 (Rodriguez)



# The Selected Map



# Adopted: Orange

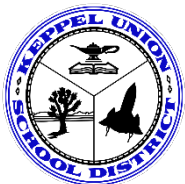


Election Sequence:  
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# Selected Map Data

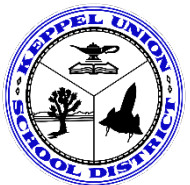
District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Total Pop	4,305	4,436	4,446	4,374	4,293	21,854
	Deviation from ideal	-66	65	75	3	-78	153
	% Deviation	-1.51%	1.49%	1.72%	0.07%	-1.78%	3.50%
Total Pop	% Hisp	80.5%	68%	67%	69%	40%	65%
	% NH White	10%	24%	22%	22%	48%	25%
	% NH Black	7%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%
	% Asian-American	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	2,654	2,786	2,524	2,620	2,896	13,480
	% Hisp	68%	45%	55%	59%	31%	51%
	% NH White	17%	43%	36%	30%	62%	38%
	% NH Black	13%	6%	6%	6%	4%	7%
Voter Registration (Nov 2020)	Total	1,922	2,134	1,974	2,092	2,766	10,888
	% Latino est.	64%	49%	53%	52%	23%	46%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	60%	46%	49%	49%	22%	43%
	% Asian-Surnamed	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	% NH White est.	22%	46%	40%	37%	65%	44%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	% NH Black	13%	4%	4%	6%	2%	6%
	Total	1,219	1,438	1,258	1,432	1,983	7,330
	% Latino est.	61%	45%	50%	48%	21%	43%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	58%	43%	47%	45%	20%	40%
	% Asian-Surnamed	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
	% Filipino-Surnamed	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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District		1	2	3	4	5	Total
Voter Turnout (Nov 2018)	Total	789	957	748	963	1,492	4,949
	% Latino est.	55%	38%	40%	37%	14%	34%
	% Spanish-Surnamed	54%	37%	38%	37%	14%	33%
	% Asian-Surnamed	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
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	% NH White est.	26%	54%	48%	46%	70%	52%
	% NH Black est.	14%	4%	5%	7%	1%	5%
ACS Pop. Est.	Total	4,744	4,503	4,087	4,535	4,024	21,893
Age	age0-19	29%	29%	33%	29%	23%	29%
	age20-60	54%	52%	50%	52%	47%	51%
	age60plus	17%	18%	17%	19%	30%	20%
Immigration	immigrants	26%	24%	18%	23%	17%	22%
	naturalized	41%	49%	53%	47%	47%	47%
Language spoken at home	english	37%	71%	46%	40%	66%	52%
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	income 25-50k	15%	15%	31%	23%	26%	22%
	income 50-75k	24%	11%	25%	20%	16%	19%
	income 75-200k	32%	41%	24%	36%	30%	33%
	income 200k-plus	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	4%
Housing Stats	single family	94%	100%	97%	99%	99%	98%
	multi-family	6%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%
	rented	34%	44%	37%	27%	22%	32%
	owned	66%	56%	63%	73%	78%	68%



# Why The Orange Map?

- ✓ Satisfies districting laws and principles.
- ✓ Preserves communities of interest.



# Requested Action

## **The District respectfully requests that the County Committee take the follow actions:**

- Approve the District's petition to adopt by-trustee area elections;
- Approve The Orange Map and election sequencing schedule; and
- Approve the District's request to eliminate the voter approval requirement under Education Code section 5020.

