

Trumbull Redistricting – 2012

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We have created this series of packets and maps in order to help the Town Council as they work to realign Trumbull's Town Council Districts using new data from the US 2010 Decennial Census and the recent changes to State Assembly Districts.

Throughout the process we posted various packets to the town website, created multiple large format posters showing various data, and recently posted a series of maps and data to an interactive public access website. These online resources can be found here:

<http://www.trumbull-ct.gov/content/10623/10657/12115/default.aspx>
<http://www.arcgis.com/explorer/?open=1eb69061de6442c79b9491d6e39ce8bf>
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Please feel free to contact us directly with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Vicki Tesoro and Jane Aiello

Current Districts (TC_Current.pdf)

This packet includes various maps, charts, and data of the current Voting Districts.

Seven District Plan (TC_Plan7.pdf)

This packet includes various maps, charts, and data of the proposed Seven District Plan.

Four District Plan (TC_Plan4.pdf)

This packet includes various maps, charts, and data of the proposed Four District Plan.

Supporting Materials (TC_Extra.pdf)

This packet includes a summary of various plan configurations, a summary of the two-thirds (2/3) majority votes in our current Town Charter, and a drivetime analysis to current polling places.

Current Seven (7) District Plan

Overview Map

Overview of Trumbull's current Voting Districts including Assembly Districts, "split" Town Council Districts, and US Census Blocks shaded by ranges of population.

The chart shows population for current Town Council Districts with the optimal 5,145 population and a second chart shows percentage difference from optimal.

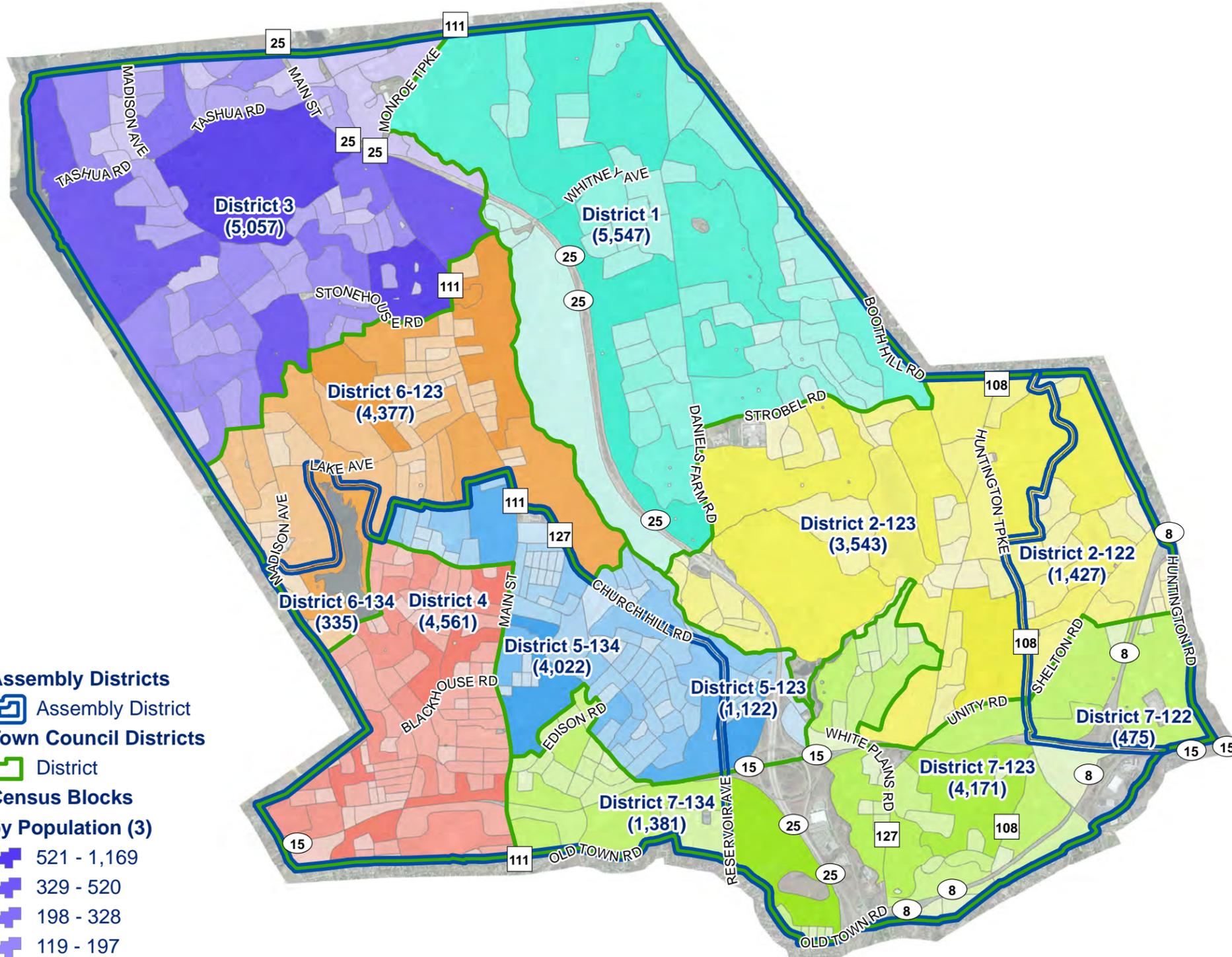
Data Sources for this map and subsequent maps are included with links.

District Map with Town Councilor Members

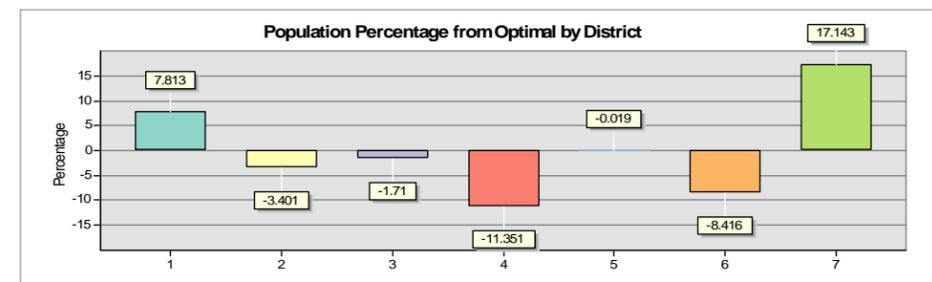
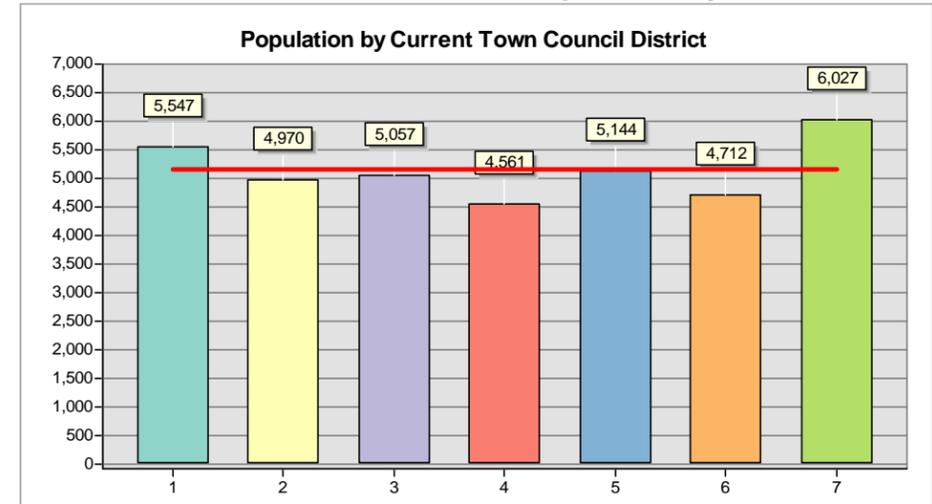
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Current Town Council Districts with Population by Census Block



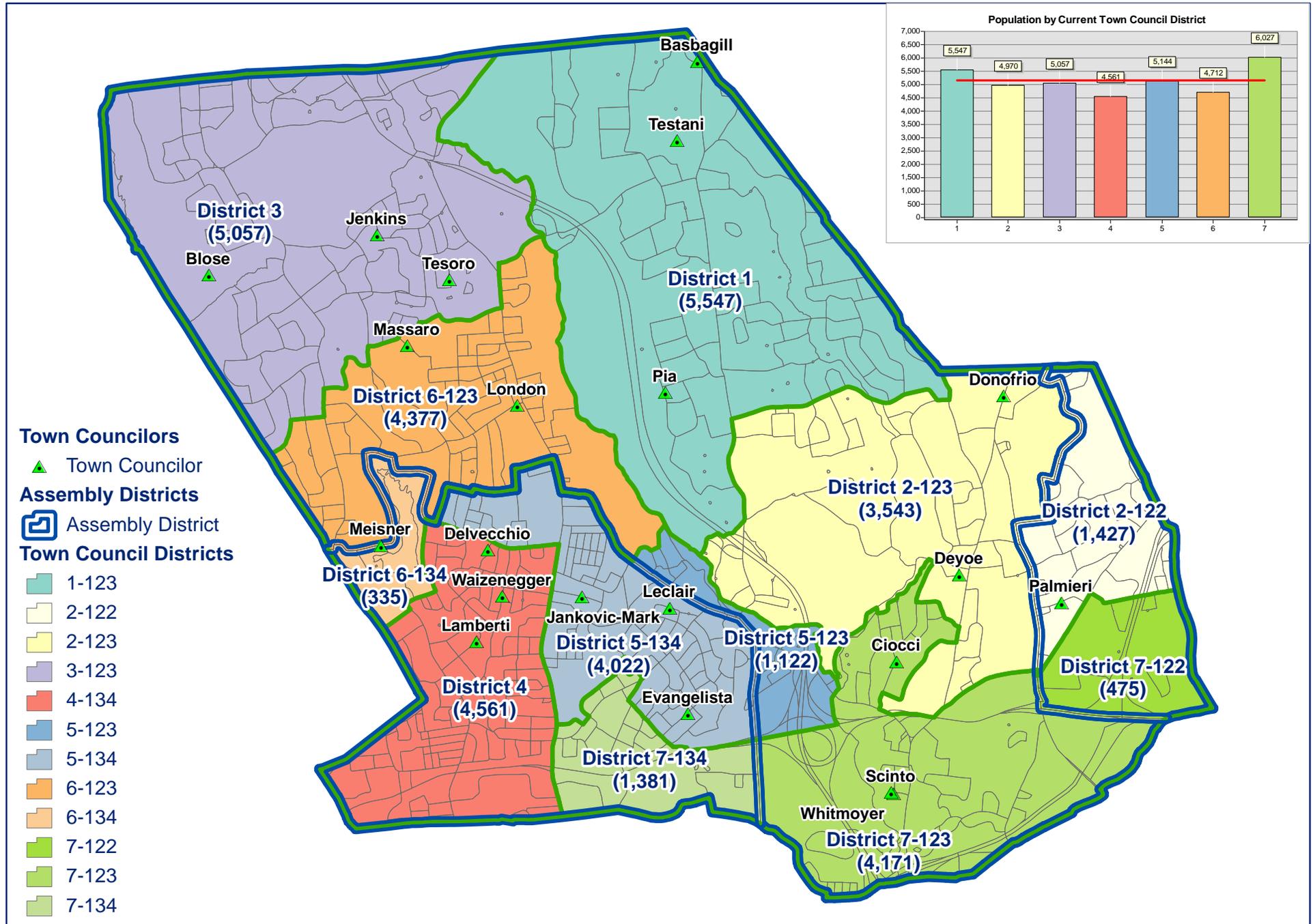
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- Town Council Districts**
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Current Town Council Districts with Town Councilors



Four (4) District Plan with “Super District”

Overview Map

Overview of the proposed Four District Plan for Trumbull’s Voting Districts including Assembly Districts, “split” Town Council districts, and US Census Blocks shaded by ranges of population.

The chart shows population for the proposed Town Council Districts with the optimal 10,290 population for the “Super District” and 8,575 for the remaining districts and a second chart shows percentage difference from the optimal.

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District Map with Town Council Members

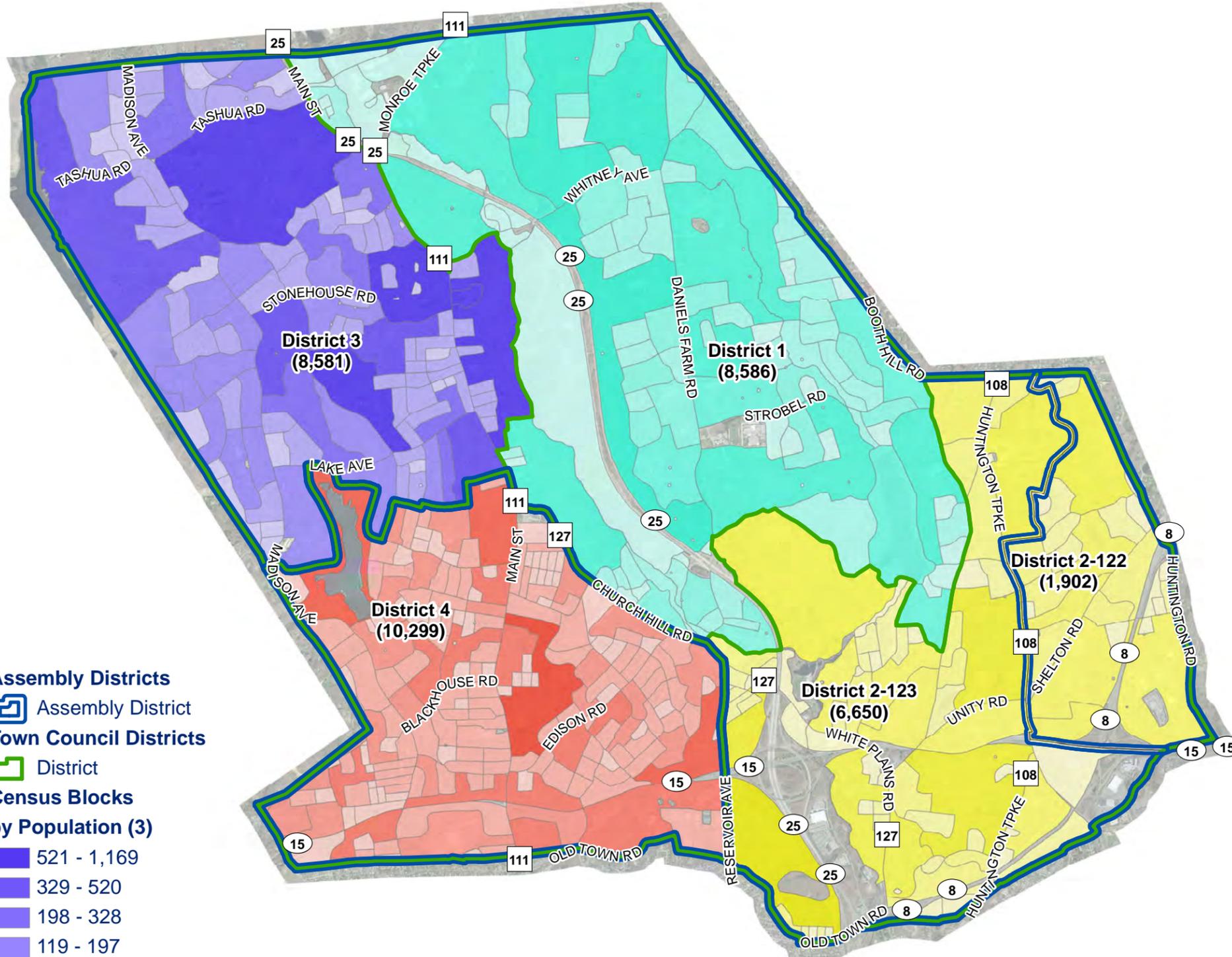
This map focuses on the proposed Town Council Districts and includes Town Council Members for reference.

District Change Map

This map shows the summary of changes grouped by current Town Council District and proposed Town Council Districts using a four-district plan. The table summarizes the changes based on current Town Council Districts. Approximately 18,000 people would change voting districts, mainly due to the merging of District 4 and District 5 and the elimination of District 6 and District 7. Approximately 10,900 registered voters would be impacted.

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Four District Plan with "Super District" with Population by Census Block



Assembly Districts

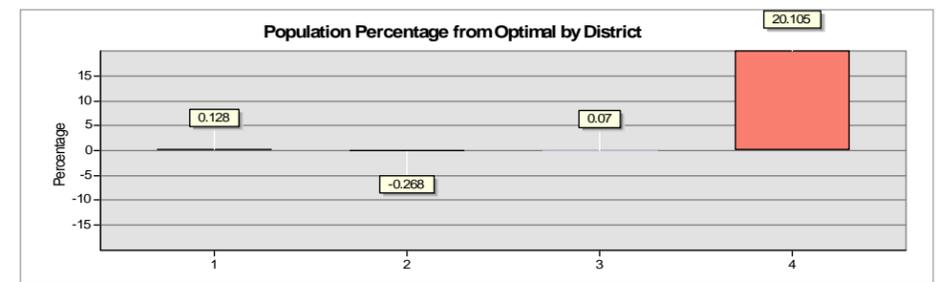
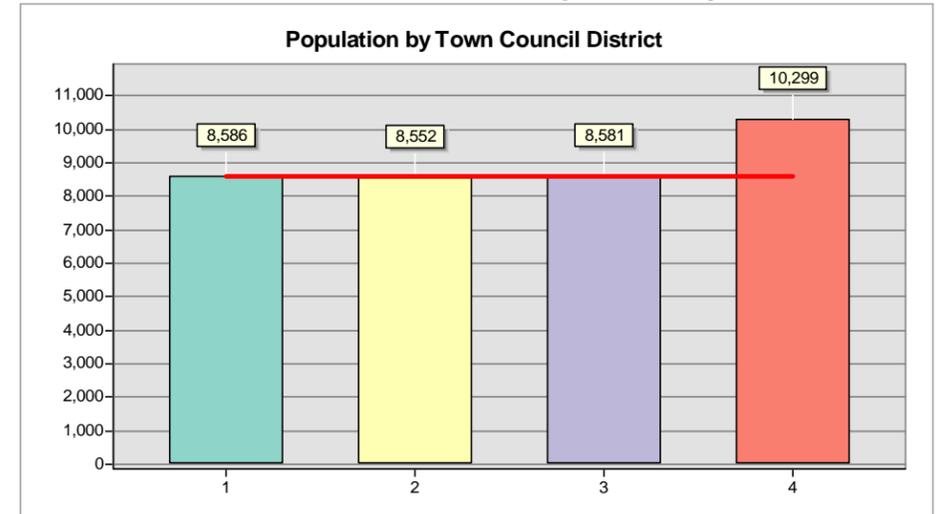
Assembly District

Town Council Districts

District

Census Blocks by Population (3)

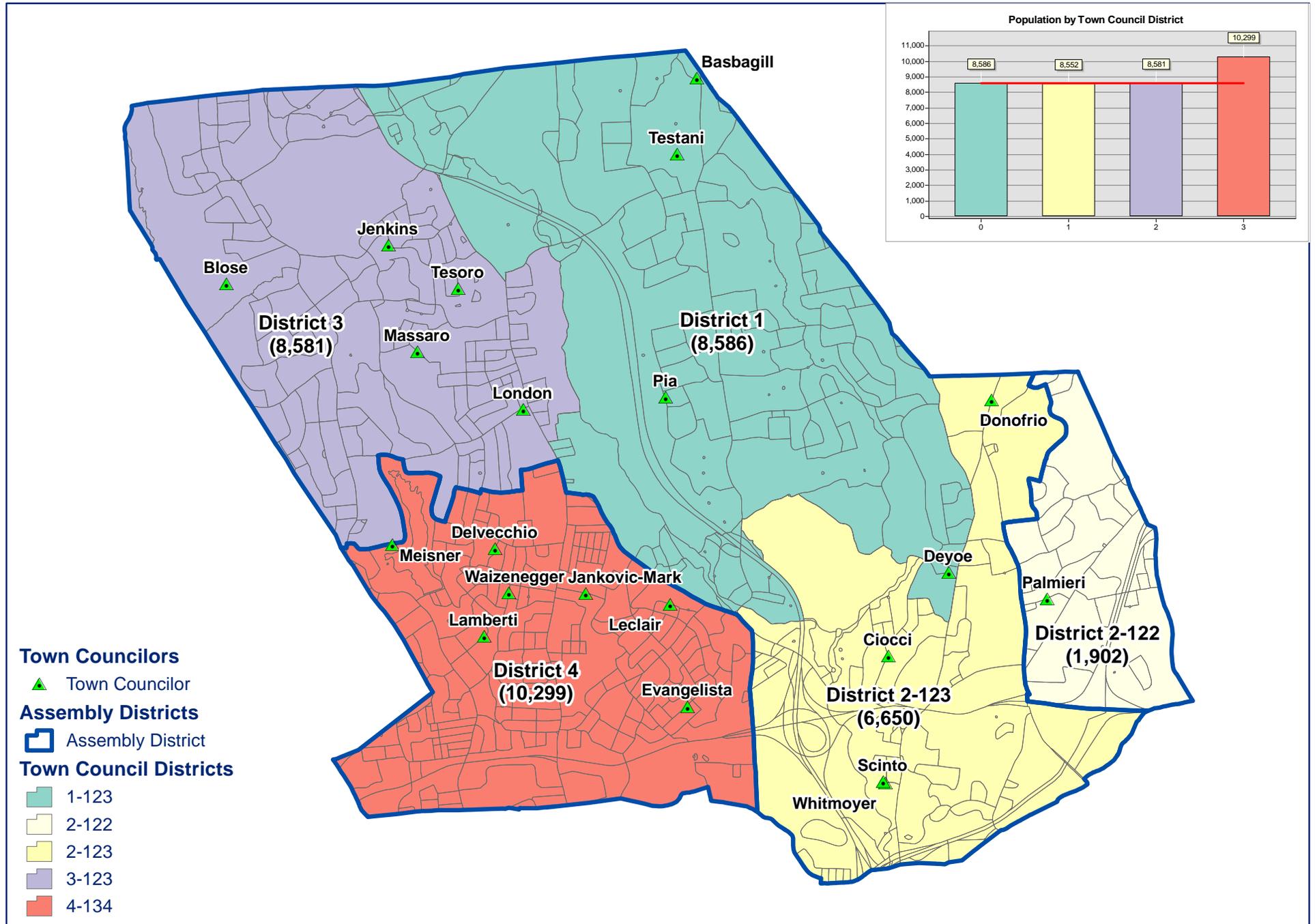
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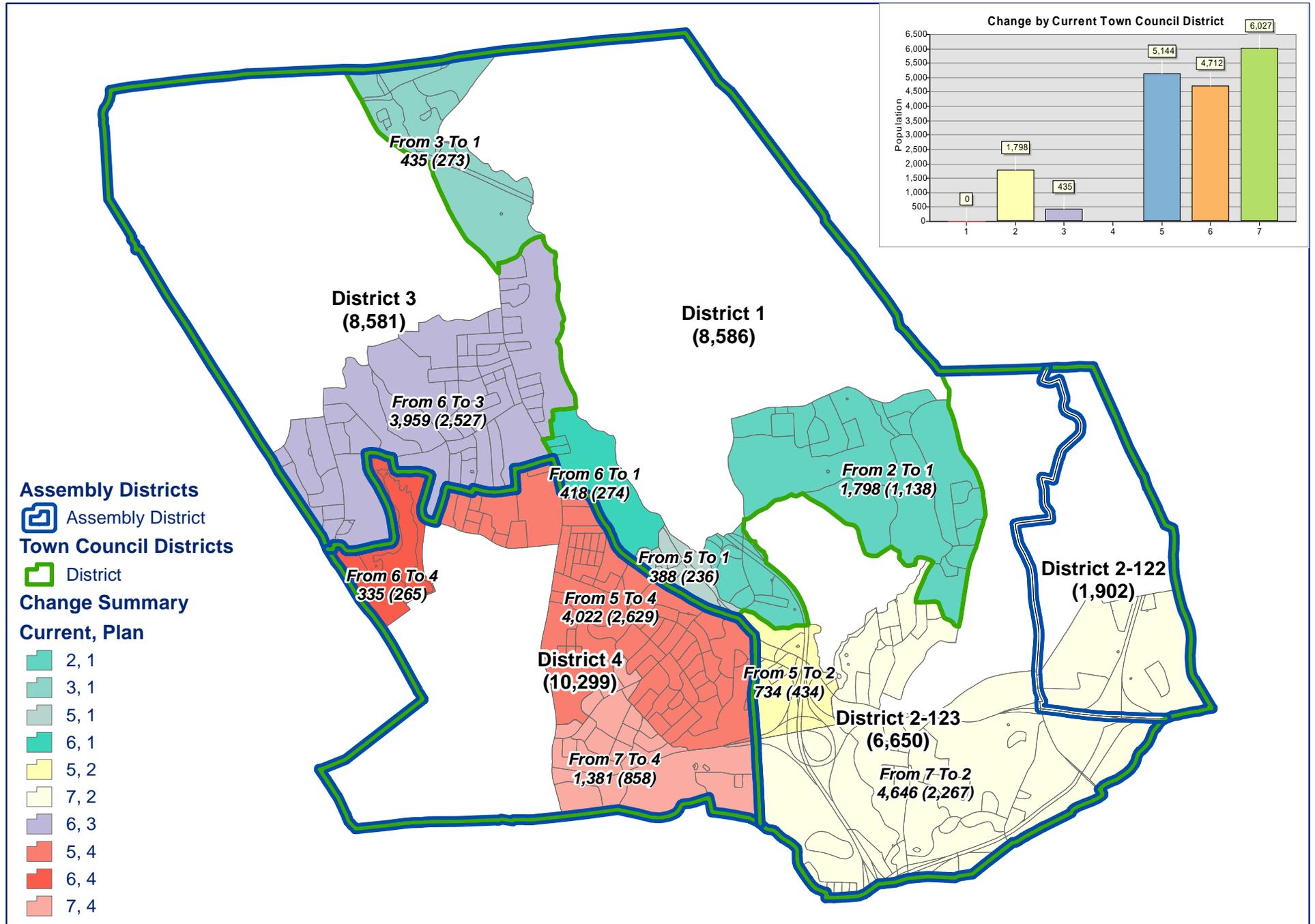
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Four District Plan with "Super District" with Town Councilors



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Four District Plan with "Super District" with District Changes by Census Block



Seven (7) District Plan

Overview Map

Overview of the proposed Seven District Plan for Trumbull's Voting Districts including Assembly Districts, a single "split" Town Council district to accommodate Assembly District 122, and US Census Blocks shaded by ranges of population.

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District Map with Town Council Members

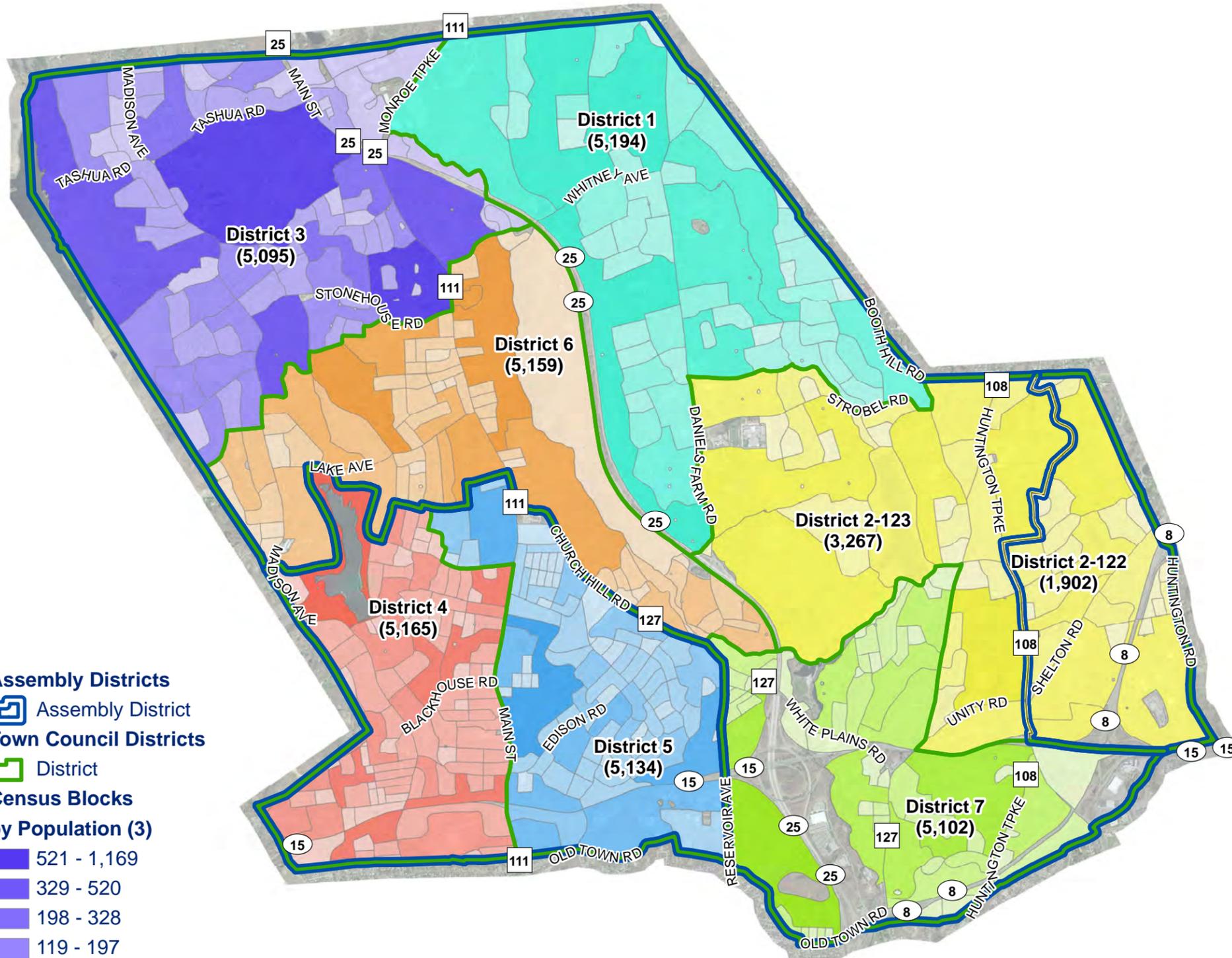
This map focuses on the proposed Town Council Districts and includes Town Council Members for reference.

District Change Map

This map shows the summary of changes grouped by current Town Council District and proposed Town Council Districts using a seven-district plan. The table summarizes the changes based on current Town Council Districts. Approximately 4,900 people would change voting districts, mainly due to removal of current "split" districts. Approximately 3,100 registered voters would be impacted.

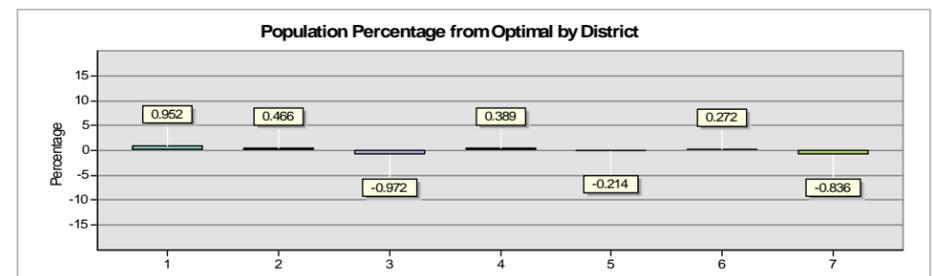
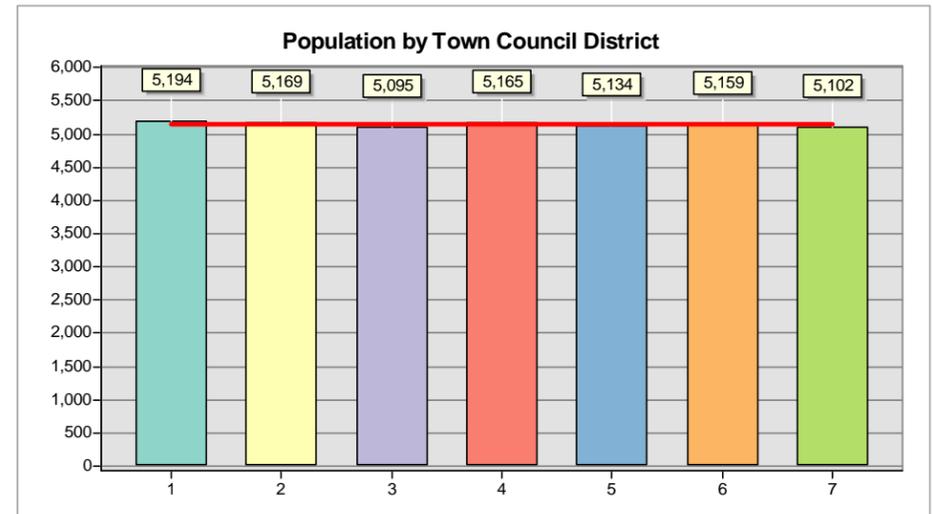
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Seven District Plan with Population by Census Block



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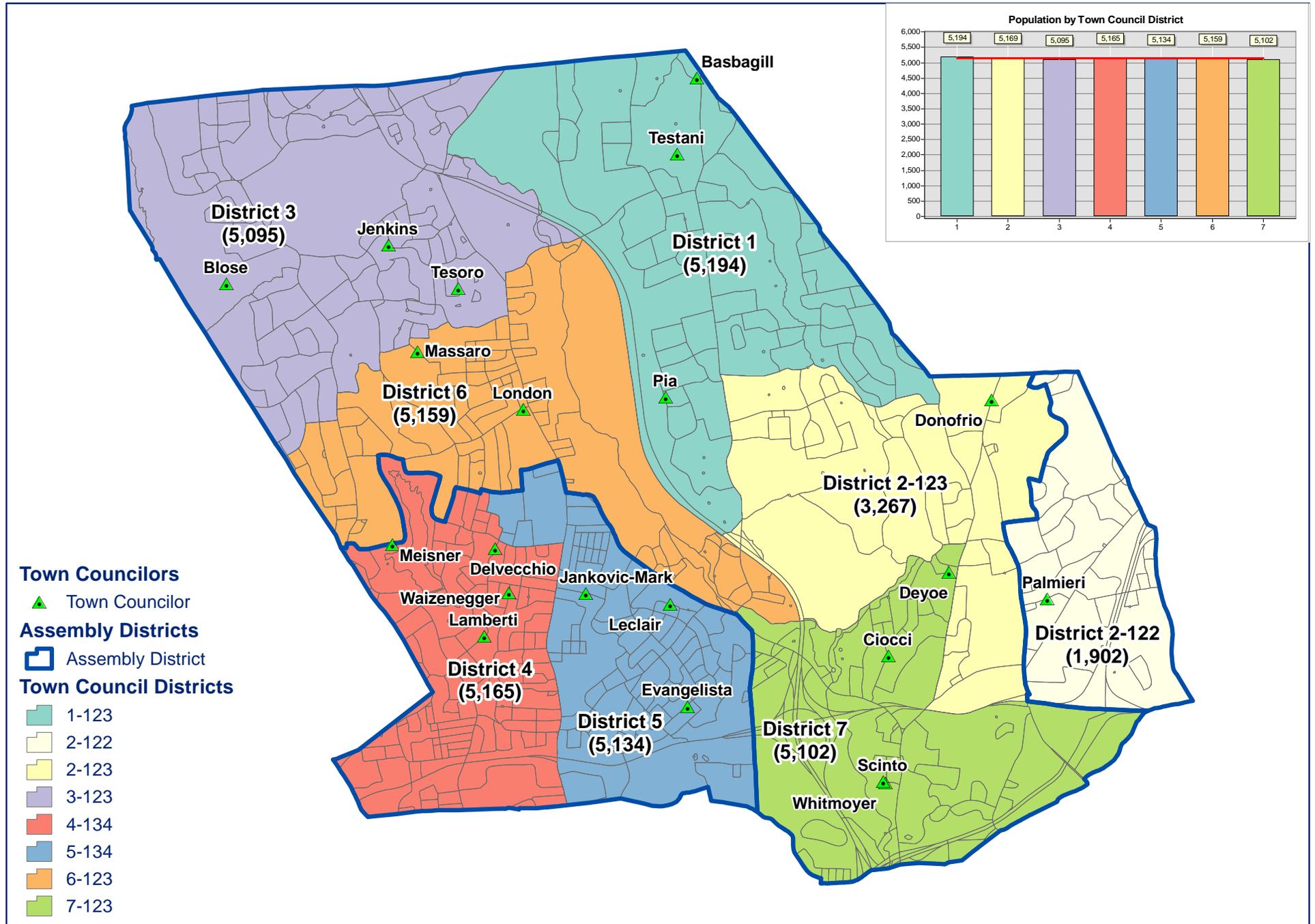
- Seven Districts with Three Town Councilors per District.
- Realign Town Council Voting Districts within less than one percent of population.
- Remove unnecessary "split" districts and minimize associated costs.
- Maintain existing boundaries and minimize voter confusion.
- Follow natural features and transportation structures.



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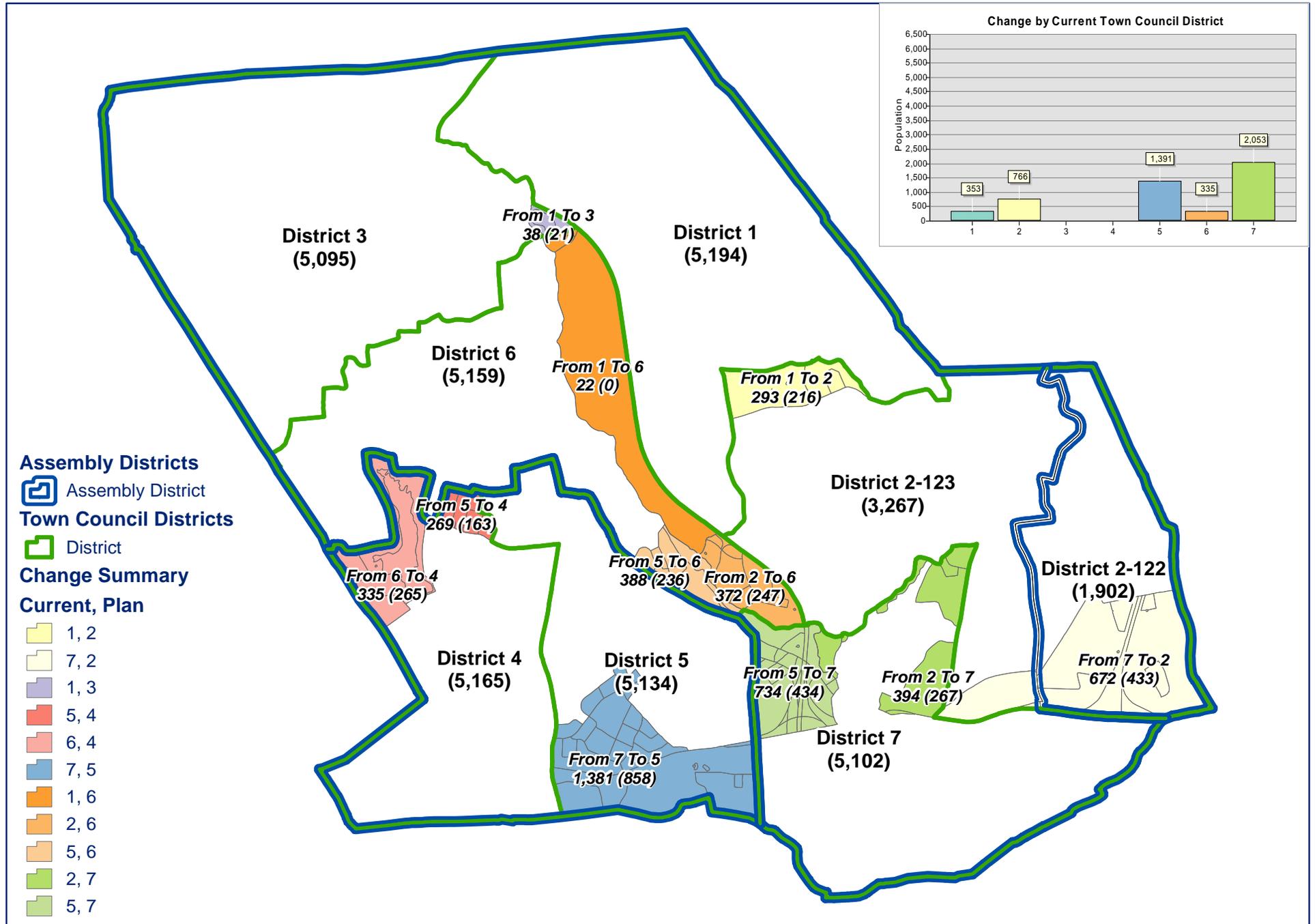
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Seven District Plan with Town Councilors



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Seven District Plan with District Changes by Census Block



Supplemental Materials

Summary of Various District Plans

A review of members, candidates, majority, population for a Seven District Plan, Five District Plan, and Four District Plan.

Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority Votes from Town Charter

A summary of Town Charter references to Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority votes with chapter and section references.

Drivetime Analysis to Current Polling Places

We ran a simple “drivetime analysis” to each Polling Place using a nationwide transportation model. We created one minute, two minute, and three minute polygons around each Polling Place and tabulated the population (not voters) within each polygon. District 5 and District 7 are the most convenient to voters and District 4 and District 6 are the most inconvenient to voters.

The drivetime analysis model takes into account limit access highways, exits, traffic light turns, speed limit, etc. The model assumes that drivers are taking advantage of the Merritt Parkway and not running side errands heading to or from the polls and staying on side streets which may be less optimal. The model does not know about local shortcuts or known bottlenecks.

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Seven District Plan

- Each district has 3 members with 1 member in the minority.
- Optimally, each member represents 5,145 people.
- Each party may nominate 2 candidates.
- Each voter may vote for 3 candidates.

- Smallest minority on Town Council is 7 members (14-7).
- 14 candidates per party, 28 total candidates.
- Maximum number of tabulators due to split districts is 8 (7 plus 1).
Note: two 3 member districts fit in Assembly Seat 134, within 9 people.

Five District Plan (Simplest Case)

- Four districts have 4 members with possibly 1 member in the minority.
- Optimally, each member represents 6,860 people.
- Each party may nominate 3 candidates.
- Each voter may vote for 4 candidates.

- One “super district” has 5 members with possibly 1 member in the minority.
- Optimally, each member represents 8,575 people.
- Each party may nominate 4 candidates.
- Each voter may vote for 5 candidates.

- Smallest minority on Town Council is 5 members (16-5).
- 16 candidates per party, 32 total candidates.
- Minimum number of tabulators due to split districts is 7 (5 plus 2).
Note: neither 4 member nor 5 member districts fit into Assembly Seat 134.

Four District Plan (Simplest Case)

- Three districts have 5 members with possibly 1 member in the minority.
- Optimally, each member represents 8,575 people.
- Each party may nominate 4 candidates.
- Each voter may vote for 5 candidates.

- One “super district” has 6 members with possibly 1 member in the minority.
- Optimally, each member represents 10,290 people.
- Each party may nominate 5 candidates.
- Each voter may vote for 6 candidates.

- Smallest minority on Town Council is 4 members (17-4).
- 17 candidates per party, 34 total candidates.
- Minimum number of tabulators due to split districts is 5 (4 plus 1).
Note: only the six member “super district” fits into Assembly Seat 134, within 9 people.

Town Council Votes requiring Two-Thirds (2/3) Majority

CHAPTER II. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 5. Meetings

Hold Executive Session

Section 6. Adoption of Legislation

Pass legislation and override veto of First Selectman

Section 7. Emergency Legislation

Override CHAPTER VIII, Section 7 Right of Referendum

Section 12. Vacancies in the Town Council

Fill Vacancies

CHAPTER III. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 6. Board of Finance, Paragraph G Purchasing contracts and expenditures

Override bid-waivers

Authorize contracts after an election

CHAPTER IV. ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Section 1. Duties of the First Selectman

Vetos can be overridden by the Town Council

Section 3. Duties of the Town Council

Increase or add new items to the budget

CHAPTER VI. BOND ISSUES

Override recommendation of the Board of Finance

CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Section 17. Ethics Commission

Appoint regular and alternate members

CHAPTER VIII. ELECTORAL PROCESS

Section 7. Referendum

Override Right of Referendum

Section 8. Special Referendum Requirements

Override special referendum with supplemental

CHAPTER II.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 1. Town Council.

The legislative power of the Town shall be vested in a Town Council, hereinafter referred to as Council, consisting of twenty-one (21) members elected as provided herein and having the powers and duties conferred herein and by law. Its members shall serve without compensation. The Council shall be the judge of the qualifications of its members. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, no member of the Council shall hold any other office or position of the Town, appointive or elective, permanent or temporary except as a member of a special or standing committee of the Council.

Section 2. Composition and Election.

At the Town election, the members of the Council shall be elected from and by voting districts of the Town for terms of two (2) years. There shall be one (1) Council member for such number of Town residents or fraction thereof as shall be determined by the Town Clerk as herein provided. During the last full week of June in the year of the Town election, the Town Clerk shall determine the total number of Town residents. The Town Clerk shall then divide the total number of residents by twenty-one (21) and allocate to each district such number of Council members as said district is entitled to on a proportionate basis.

Each Council member shall, during the term of his/her office, reside in the voting district from which he/she was elected.

In each district no political party may nominate more than one (1) less than the number of Councilmen to be elected from the district, and each voter may vote for as many Council members as may be elected from the district.

Section 12. Vacancies in the Town Council.

Any vacancy in the Council shall be filled with the designation of an elector from the same voting district and with the same party affiliation as the vacating member by the vote, at a Council meeting, of the Council members who are of the same political party as the vacating member. If the vacating member was not registered as a member of a political party or if members of a political party shall fail to fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days, then it shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of Council members present and voting.

CHAPTER VIII.

ELECTORAL PROCESS

Section 4. Majority Limitation

The determination of the number of members of any one (1) political party to be appointed or elected under this Charter shall be made as provided in Section 9-167a of the General Statutes, Rev. of 2001.

The provisions of this section shall have no application to the Town Council. No party may nominate for office more candidates for any board or commission than the number determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-167a of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended. No person may vote for more candidates to serve on any board or commission than the largest number that any political party may nominate. Subject to the exceptions specifically listed in this section, the maximum number of members of any elected or appointed board, commission, committee or similar body of the Town who may be members of the same political party shall be as specified in the following table:

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MAXIMUM FROM ONE PARTY
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5
9	6
more than 9	two-thirds of total membership

No more than a bare majority of the regular members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission and Housing Authority shall be members of the same political party. No more than a bare majority of the alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning and Zoning Commission shall be members of the same political party.

Section 5. Vacancies.

A. A vacancy in any office, board or commission subject to appointment shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the appointing authority herein designated.

B. A vacancy in the Office of the First Selectman shall be filled as provided in chapter III, section 3.

C. A vacancy in an elective office, board or commission other than the Council shall be filled as follows:

(i) By special election if a petition therefor is filed with the Town Clerk, as provided by law, within ten (10) days after such vacancy has occurred; but in such event, the First Selectman shall have the right to fill the vacancy until said special election is held.

(ii) By appointment by the First Selectman in the event such a petition for special elections are not filed in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C)(1), *supra*, unless otherwise required by State law.

D. For the purposes of this section 5, a vacancy shall occur upon:

- (i) The receipt by the Town Clerk of the incumbent's written resignation;
- (ii) The death of the incumbent;
- (iii) The incumbent's ceasing to reside in or be an elector of the Town.

E. Persons appointed by the First Selectman to fill vacancies in elected boards or commissions or elective offices shall be of the same political party, if any, as the person vacating the office.

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Current Town Council Districts with Drivetime to Polling Place

