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**Map Alternatives for the City of Fort Lauderdale
City Commission Meeting – 1st Reading**

April 5, 2022



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Redistricting Parameters

- City Charter:
 - *“the city commission shall, by ordinance, adopt, create and establish four (4) separate and distinct geographical commission districts...*
 - *...[These] shall be of contiguous territory and as approximately equal in population as is practicable...*
 - *... noncontiguous parcel(s) shall either be made part of one (1) of the districts... or if such parcel(s) has a population approximately equal to the other commission districts to be created, then such parcel(s) may be a commission district...*
 - *...After... each decennial census, the city commission shall reestablish the boundaries of the four (4) commission districts so that the districts shall be as approximately equal in population as is practicable.”*



Redistricting Parameters

- The following guide our efforts:
 1. Reasonable population equality across districts
 - A maximum 10% overall deviation from the ideal size across districts.
 - Adhere to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965: Arbitrary dilution of minority population clusters and other discriminatory practices are prohibited.
 2. Geographic contiguity and appropriate compactness
 - Follow major natural and manmade boundaries where possible.
 - Respect for the integrity of communities of interest.
 - Minimize the degree of change in pre-existing patterns of districts.
- Population equality is of primary importance
 - The others are significant in guiding decisions towards reaching reasonable population balance.

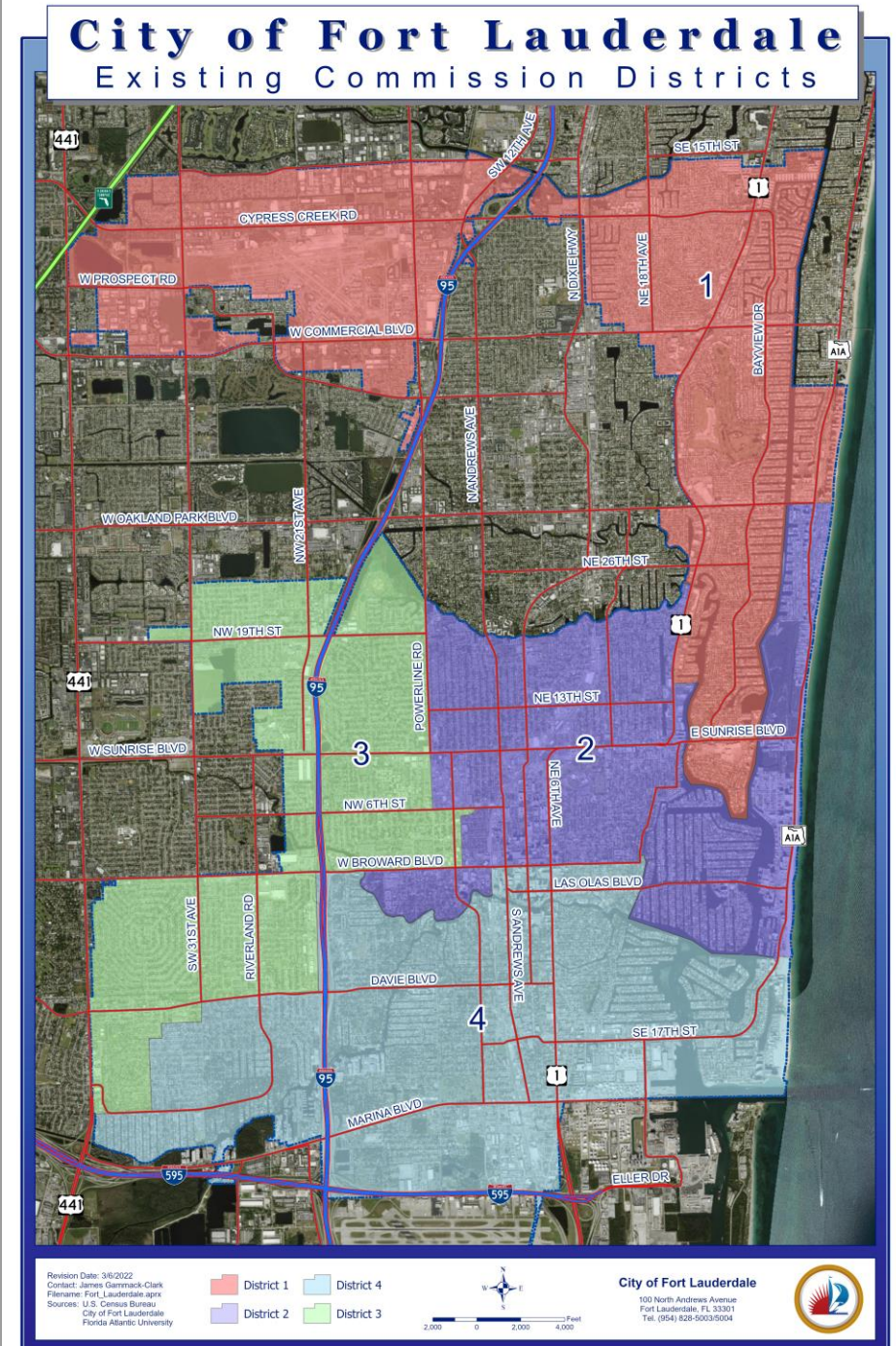


Data

- U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census Redistricting Summary Files [Public Law 94-171]:
 - Resident population counts by census block
 - The smallest enumeration unit possible
 - Aggregated to form each of the four voting districts
- Housing data provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale
 - From which population estimates were derived to account for new housing, scheduled for construction by January of 2023



- 2020 US Census Blocks:
 - The population of the City of Fort Lauderdale is 182,760
 - Average population for each district is 45,690
- 2023 population projection :
 - Staff Identified Projects that will be Constructed/Occupied between April 2020 and January 2023
 - Projection used to evaluate future population equity.
 - 11,955 person increase
 - The population of the City of Fort Lauderdale will be **194,715**
 - Average population for each district will be **48,679**





2020 Enumeration and 2023 Population Projection

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2020 Enumeration and 2023 Population Projection

- Largest District: 4 at 56,491 people
 - 7,812 (16.05%) more than the theoretical average
- Smallest District: 1 at 42,614 people
 - 6,065 (12.46%) less than the theoretical average

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- The current Commission Districts are heavily unbalanced
 - Total Deviation of 36.56% between all four districts
 - Spread = 28.51% (16.05% + 12.46% between highest and lowest districts)
 - Exceeding max. 10% overall deviation from the ideal size across districts

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2020 Enumeration and 2023 Population Projection

- As a product of the city's rapid growth since 2020
 - When the population balance was already imbalanced
 - The mean deviation has increased significantly (5.06% to 9.14%)
 - While the spread has more than doubled (12.99% to 28.51%)
 - If this pace continues, redistricting may be again necessary prior to 2030

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MAP ALTERNATIVES



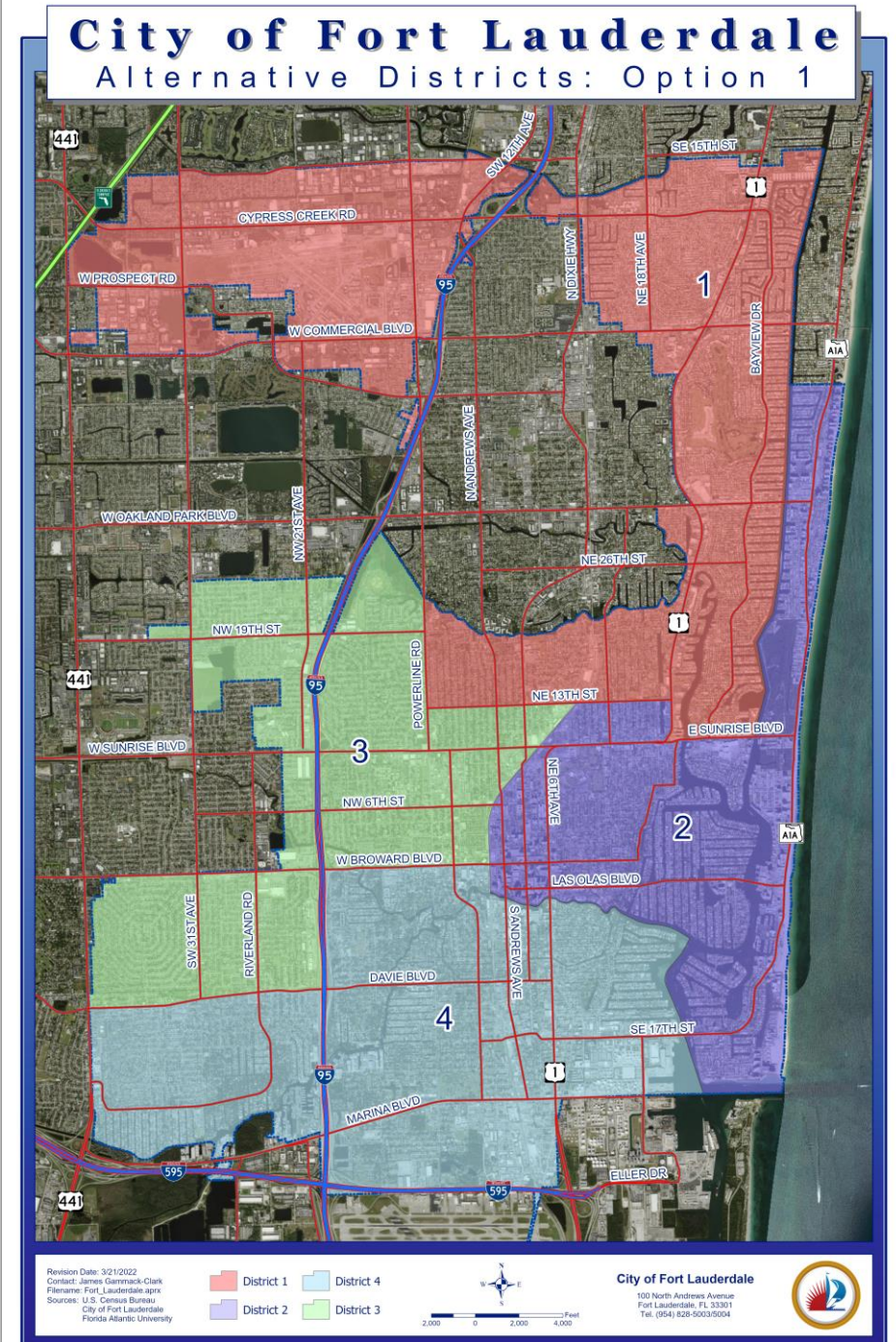
Alternatives

- Four Alternatives have been prepared for consideration:
 - The overall pattern of district boundary changes needed to increase the population of District 1 and decrease District 4.
 - Each map alternative impacts each election district.
 - All meet standard districting guidelines and the requirements of the City Charter
 - Each map provides an alternate way to balance district populations and achieve better population equity
 - Maps do not arbitrarily dilute minority populations
 - Each map attempts to improve spatial compactness and maintain contiguity
 - Consideration for communities, neighborhoods, and public comments

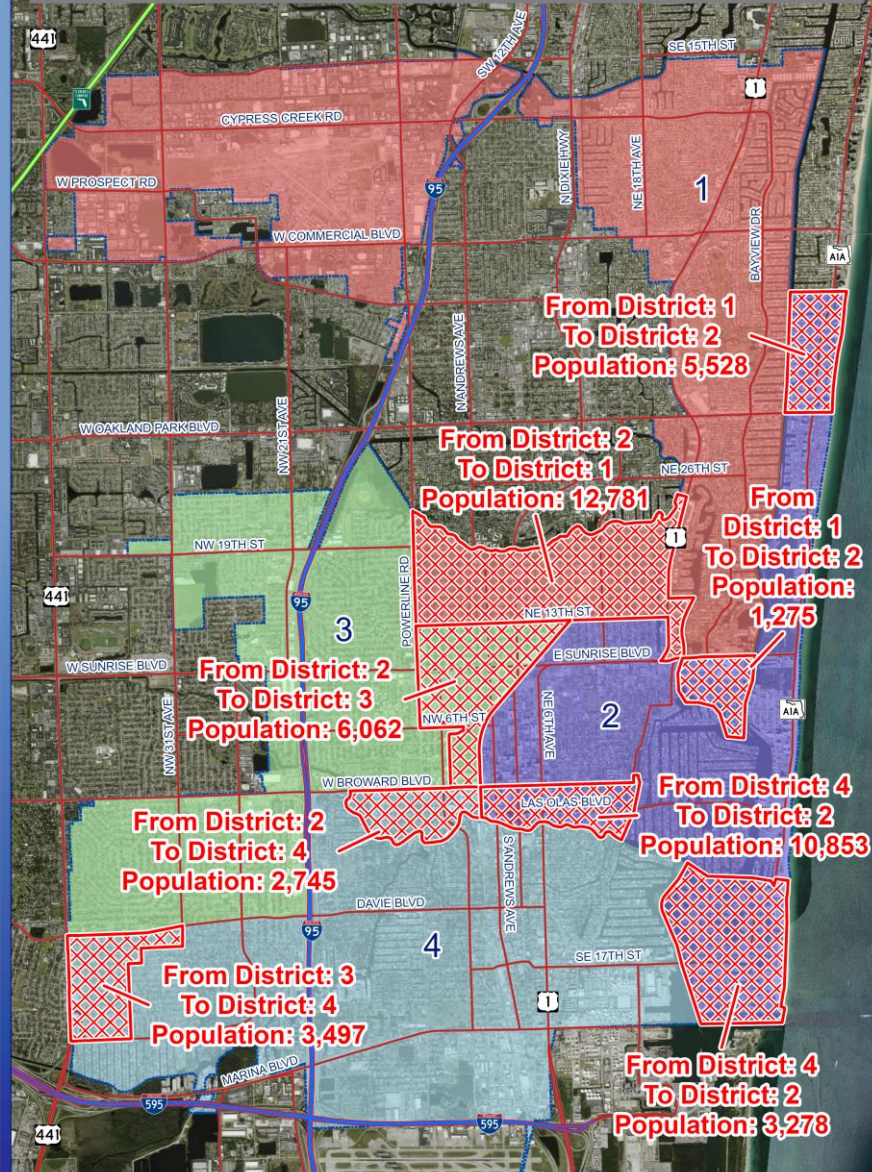


Alternative 1

- In this case, the necessary expansion of District 1 occurs to the west
 - Total Deviation: 1.78%
 - Mean Deviation: 0.44%
 - Spread: 1.45%



Alternative 1



- District 1 gains:
 - 12,781 people from District 2 north of 13th and east of US 1
- District 2 gains:
 - 5,528 people from District 1 north of Oakland Park and east of the Intracoastal
 - 1,275 people from District 1 south of Sunrise Blvd
 - 3,278 people east of the Intracoastal from District 4
 - 10,853 people from District 4 north of New River east of the FEC railway
- District 3 gains:
 - 6,062 people south of 13th west of the FEC railway down to Broward Blvd from District 2
- District 4 gains:
 - 2,745 people from District 2 north of the New River
 - 3,497 people from District 3 south of Davie Blvd



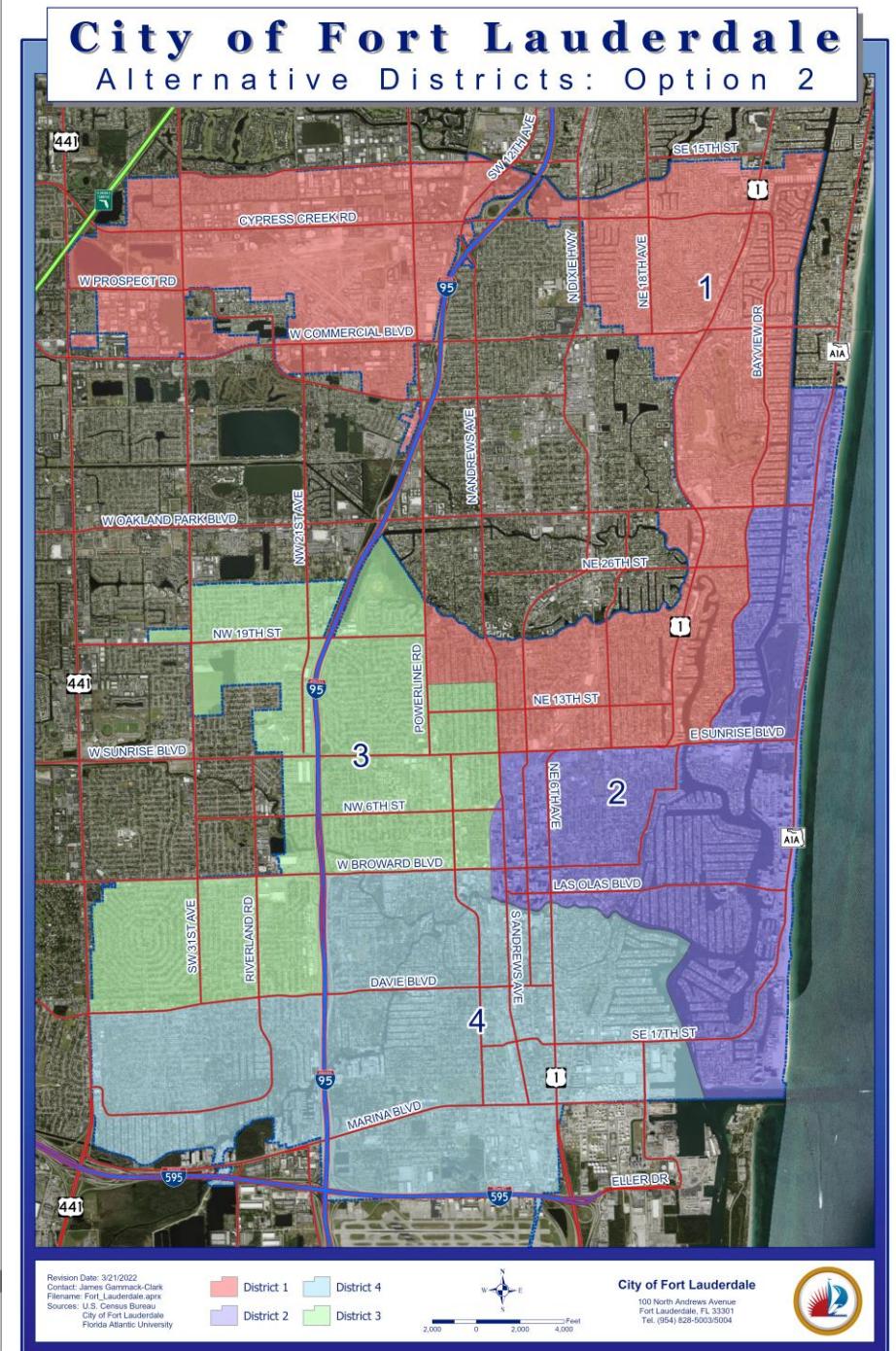
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Alt. 1	2020 Population	% of City	Deviation From Average	2023 Population Projection	% of City	Deviation From Average
District 1	47,857	26.19	4.74%	48,592	24.96	-0.18%
District 2	41,562	22.74	-9.03%	49,111	25.22	0.89%
District 3	46,566	25.48	1.92%	48,407	24.86	-0.56%
District 4	46,775	25.59	2.37%	48,605	24.96	-0.15%
Total	182,760	100	18.07%	194,715	100	1.78%
Average	45,690	25	4.52%	48,679	25	0.44%

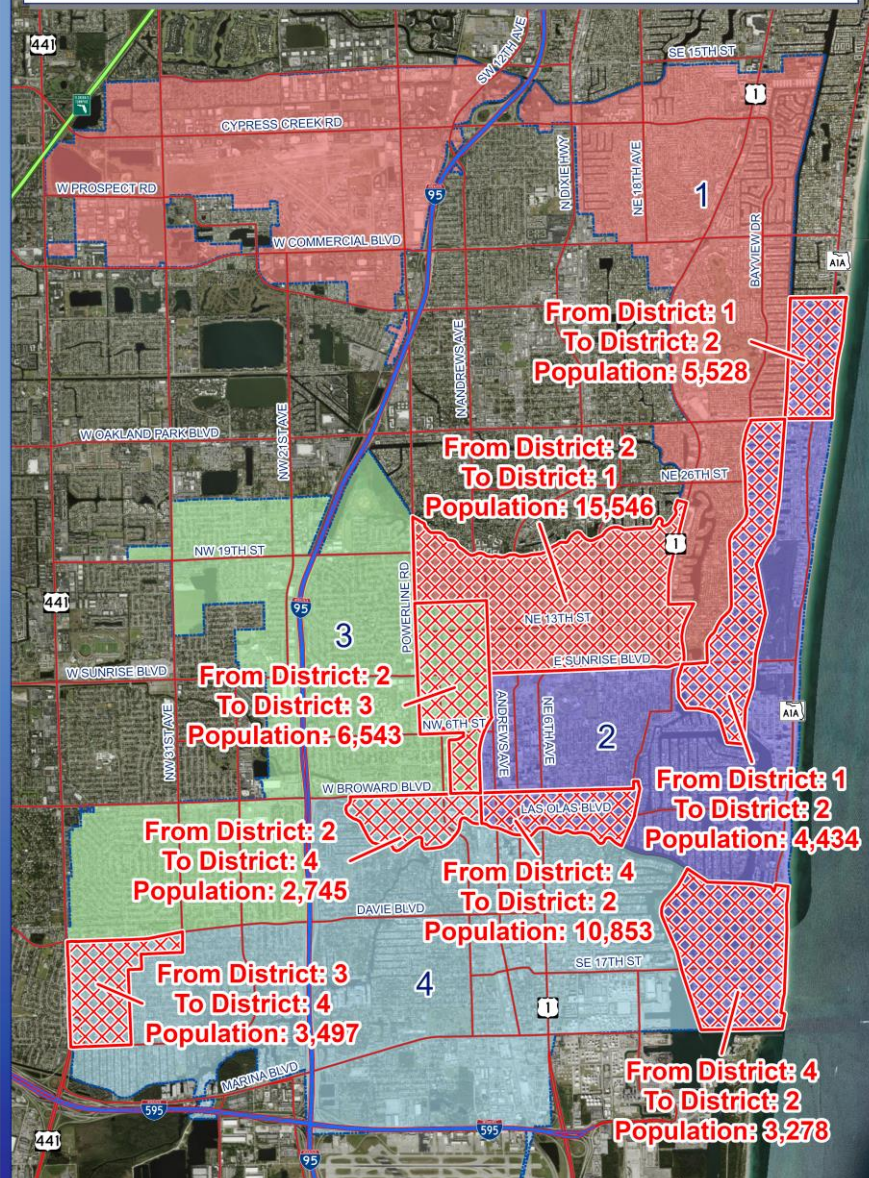


Alternative 2

- Again, the necessary expansion of District 1 occurs to the west
 - Total Deviation: 2.28%
 - Mean Deviation: 0.57%
 - Spread: 1.70%



Alternative 2



- District 1 gains:
 - 15,546 people from District 2 north of Sunrise Blvd
- District 2 gains:
 - 5,528 people from District 1 north of Oakland Park and east of the Intracoastal
 - 4,434 people east of Bayview and south of Sunrise Blvd
 - 3,278 people east of the Intracoastal from District 4
 - 10,853 people from District 4 north of New River east of the FEC railway
- District 3 gains:
 - 6,543 people west of Andrews south of 15th Street from District 2
- District 4 gains:
 - 2,745 people from District 2 north of the New River
 - 3,497 people from District 3 south of Davie Blvd



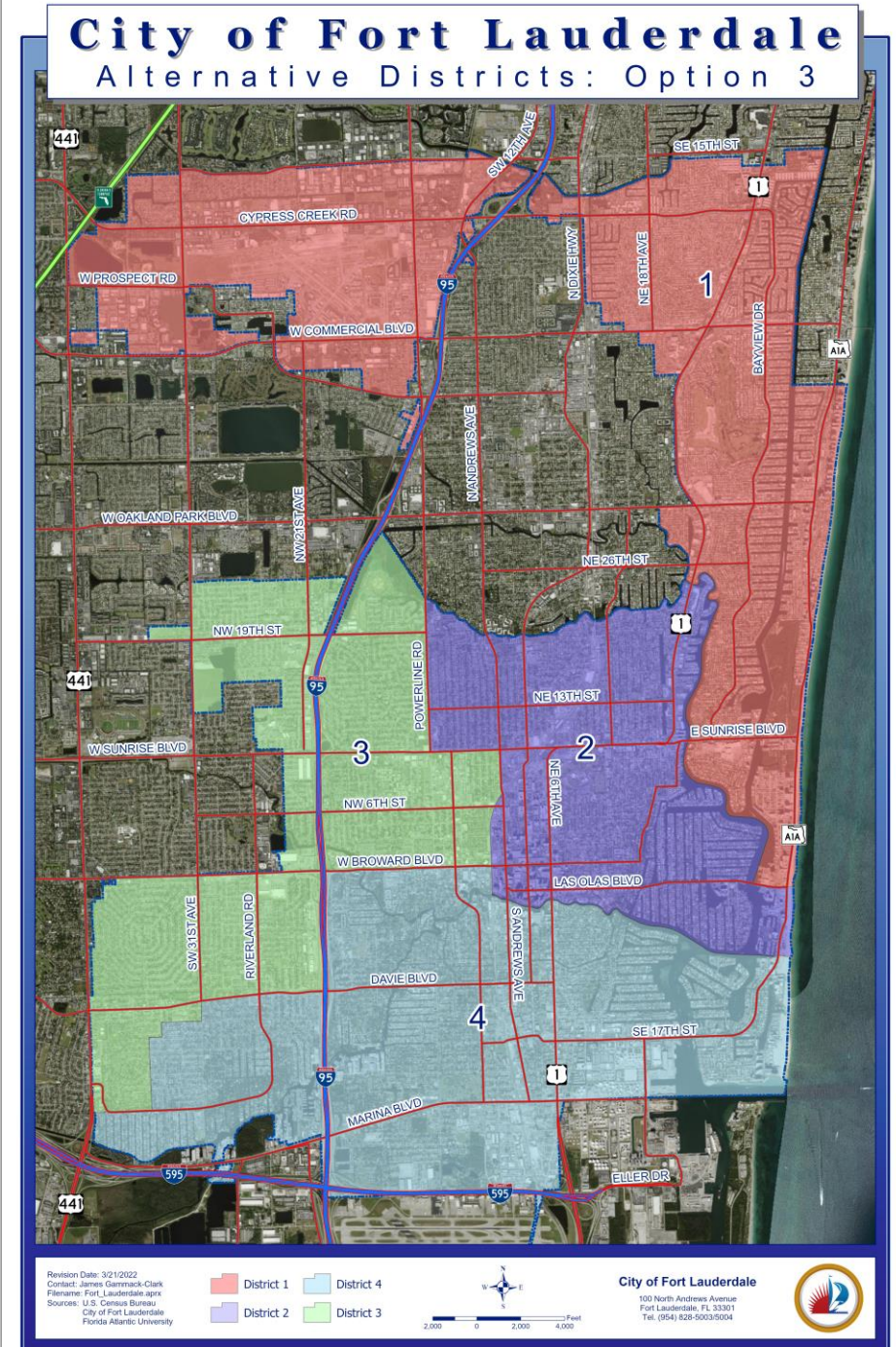
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Alt. 2	2020 Population	% of City	Deviation From Average	2023 Population Projection	% of City	Deviation From Average
District 1	47,637	26.07	4.26%	48,198	24.75	-0.99%
District 2	41,289	22.59	-9.63%	49,024	25.18	0.71%
District 3	47,059	25.75	3.00%	48,888	25.11	0.43%
District 4	46,775	25.59	2.37%	48,605	24.96	-0.15%
Total	182,760	100	19.26%	194,715	100	2.28%
Average	45,690	25	4.82%	48,679	25	0.57%



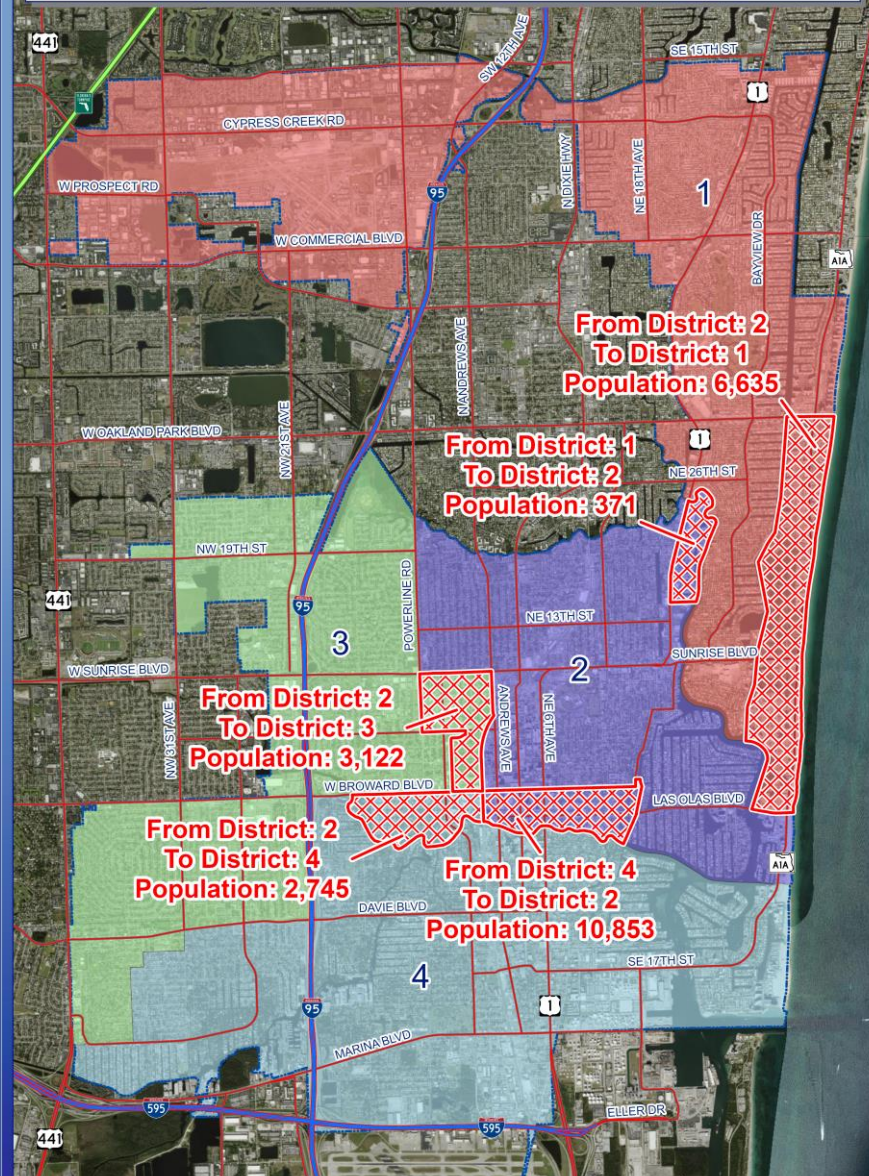
Alternative 3

- In this case, the necessary expansion of District 1 occurs to the south and east
 - Total Deviation: 1.99%
 - Mean Deviation: 0.5%
 - Spread: 1.19%



Alternative 3

- District 1 gains:
 - 6,635 people from District 2 east of the Intracoastal and north of Las Olas Blvd
- District 2 gains:
 - 371 people from District 1 east of US 1
 - 10,853 people from District 4 north of New River east of the FEC railway
- District 3 gains:
 - 3,122 people from District 2 west of Andrews Ave south of Sunrise Blvd
- District 4 gains:
 - 2,745 people from District 2 north of the New River





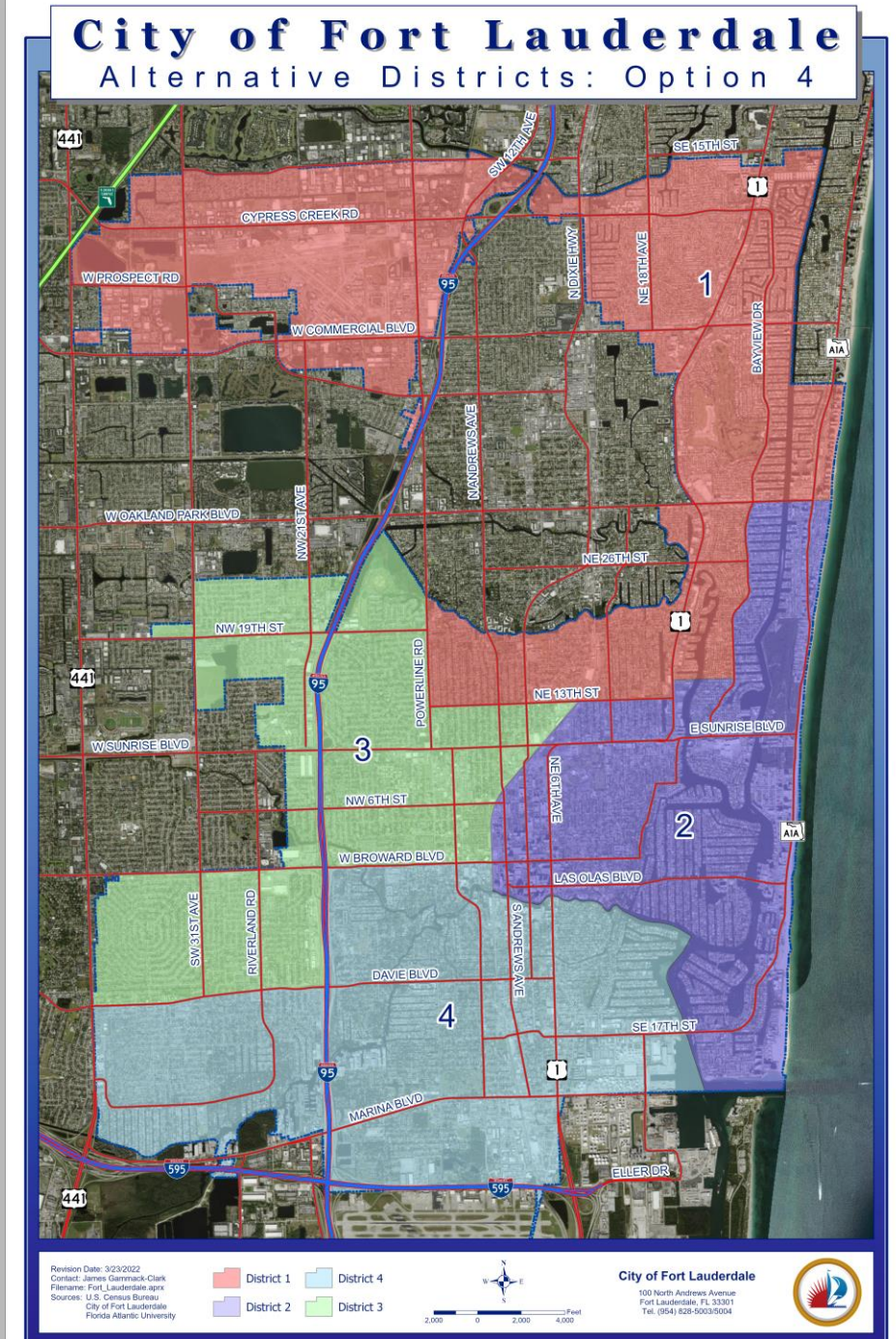
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Alt. 3	2020 Population	% of City	Deviation From Average	2023 Population Projection	% of City	Deviation From Average
District 1	48,160	26.35	5.41%	48,878	25.10	0.41%
District 2	40,920	22.39	-10.44%	48,487	24.90	-0.39%
District 3	47,155	25.80	3.21%	48,964	25.15	0.59%
District 4	46,525	25.46	1.83%	48,386	24.85	-0.60%
Total	182,760	100	20.88%	194,715	100	1.99%
Average	45,690	25	5.22%	48,679	25	0.50%



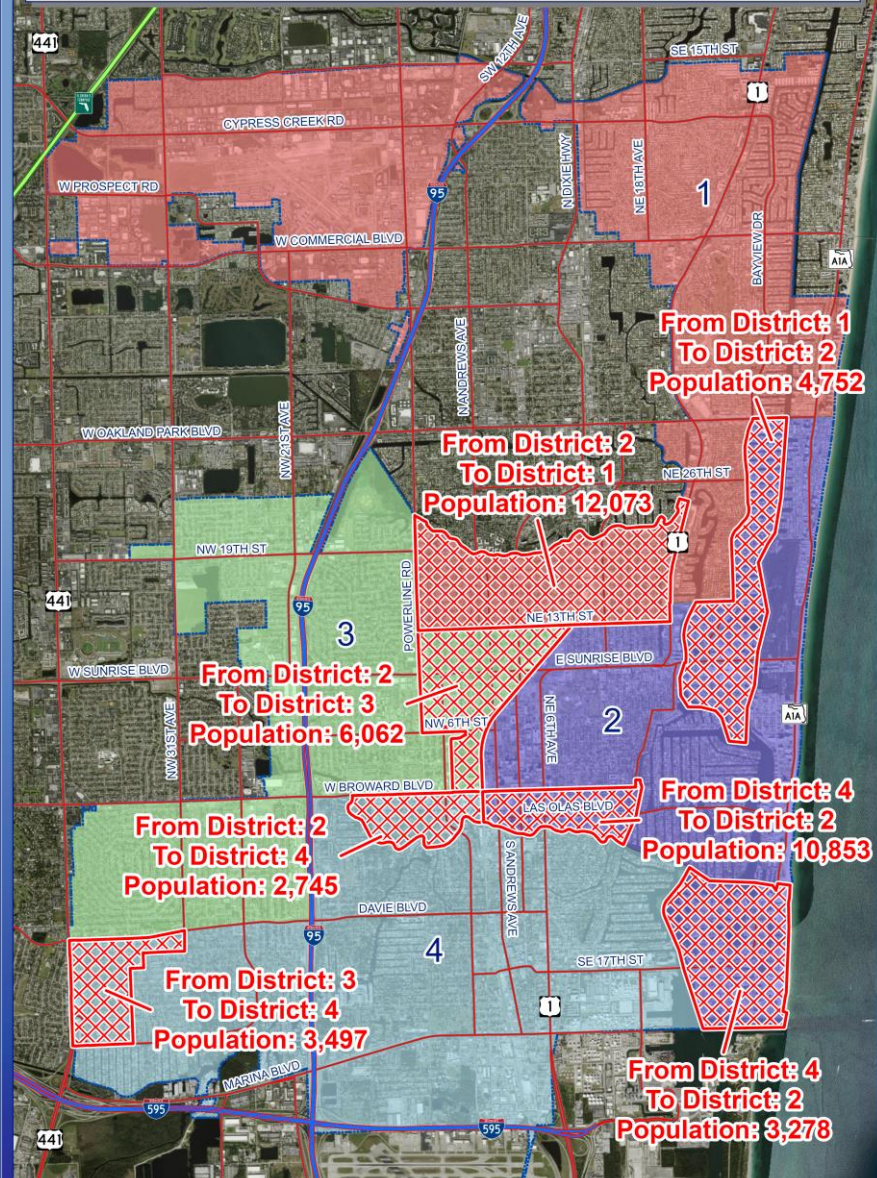
Alternative 4

- Again, the necessary expansion of District 1 occurs to the west
 - Total Deviation: 5.16%
 - Mean Deviation: 1.29%
 - Spread: 4.45%



Alternative 4

- District 1 gains:
 - 12,073 people from District 2 north of 13th St
- District 2 gains:
 - 4,752 people from District 1 east of Bayview Dr and south of Sunrise Blvd
 - 3,278 people from District 4 east of the Intracoastal
 - 10,853 people from District 4 north of New River east of the FEC railway
- District 3 gains:
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Alternative 4

Alt. 4	2020 Population	% of City	Deviation From Average	2023 Population Projection	% of City	Deviation From Average
District 1	49,670	27.18	8.71%	49,935	25.65	2.58%
District 2	39,749	21.75	-13.00%	47,768	24.53	-1.87%
District 3	46,566	25.48	1.92%	48,407	24.86	-0.56%
District 4	46,775	25.59	2.37%	48,605	24.96	-0.15%
Total	182,760	100	26.01%	194,715	100	5.16%
Average	45,690	25	6.50%	48,679	25	1.29%



Summary – 4 Map Alternatives

Configuration	Impacted Population	Total Deviation	Mean Deviation	Spread	Split Neighborhoods
Existing	N/A	35.56	9.14	28.51	1 Progresso Village
Alternative 1	46,109	1.78	0.44	1.45	4 Downtown Fort Lauderdale, Lake Ridge, South Middle River, Middle River Terrace
Alternative 2	52,424	2.28	0.57	1.70	3* Downtown Fort Lauderdale, South Middle River, Coral Ridge
Alternative 3	23,726	1.99	0.50	1.19	1* Central Beach Alliance
Alternative 4	43,260	5.16	1.29	4.45	4 Downtown Fort Lauderdale, South Middle River, Middle River Terrace, Coral Ridge

* A split in the Progresso Village neighborhood is excluded from the tally as the residential portion remains intact.



Timeline

- March 7, 2022 - District Analysis Submitted
- March 15, 2022 - Commission Meeting
- March 17, 2022 – Public Outreach Meeting
- March 21, 2022 - Redistricting Alternatives Report Submitted
- March 22 to April 5 - Public Comments
- April 5, 2022 – Commission Meeting and 1st Reading
- April 19, 2022 - Commission Meeting and 2nd Reading/Adoption
- Submit new Election District Map to Supervisor of Elections



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