



October 7, 2021

TO: LOCSD Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 2A- 10/07/2021 Board Meeting
3rd Public Hearing to Receive Input from the Community Regarding
the Creation of District Based Election System

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DESCRIPTION

At the August 5, 2021 and September 2, 2021 Board meetings, the first two meetings of a series of public hearings were held regarding transitioning to by-area elections by November 2022. At those meetings, the District's consultant, Cooperative Strategies, provided an overview of the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and the legal requirements in the law. They also outlined the considerations the community should take into account when establishing the area boundaries. This is the third Public Hearing to review the 2020 census data and prospective area boundary scenarios.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board take the following actions:

1. Receive a presentation on the prospective voting areas boundary scenarios;
2. Conduct a public hearing to receive public input on voting area boundaries; and
3. Provide Board input regarding voting area boundary scenarios for consideration at the November 4, 2021 Public Hearing.

DISCUSSION

On January 7, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-01 declaring its intention to transition from at-large to division-based elections for the Board of Directors commencing with the General Election in November 2022. Elections Code Section 10010 provides that before any map or maps of the boundaries for the proposed areas are drawn, the District must conduct two (2) Public Hearings over a period of no more than thirty (30) days, at which time the public is invited to provide input regarding the composition of said area boundaries. Those meetings were held on August 5 and September 2, 2021. This is the third Public Hearing to review the 2020 census data and prospective area boundary scenarios.

The public is requested to provide input regarding communities of interest and other local factors that should be considered while drafting the voting area maps based on the 2020 census data. A *community of interest* is a neighborhood or group that would benefit from being in the same area because of shared interests, views, or characteristics. Considerations in establishing the voting areas are but not limited to:

- Each area shall contain nearly equal number of inhabitants
- Drawn to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act
- Compact and contiguous, as much as possible
- Respect communities of interest, as much as possible
- Follow man-made and natural geographic features, as much as possible
- Respect incumbency, if possible
- Any other local considerations

Next Steps

- The District is scheduled to conduct a fourth Public Hearing to continue the public discussion of the draft voting area scenarios on November 4, 2021.
- The District is scheduled to conduct the fifth and final Public Hearing on December 2, 2021 to consider the change to the by-area election method and to select and adopt a preferred voting area map.
- District staff and the demographer will then work with the County Elections Office to have the division maps integrated into the countywide voting system. The first by-division election will be held in November 2022.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond the executed contract with Cooperative Strategies and the noticing cost for the Public Hearing associated with recommended action in this report.

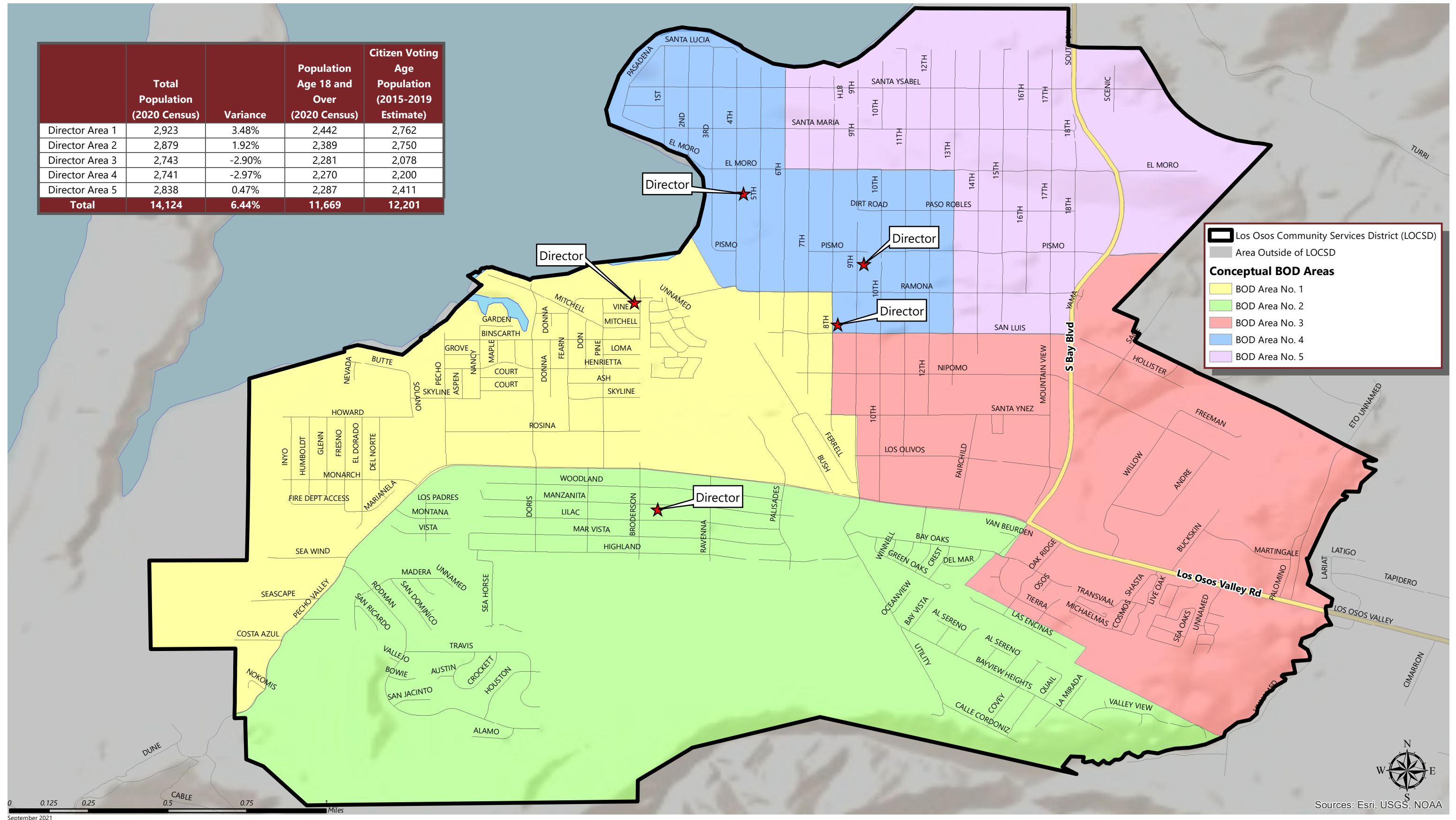
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Map Scenarios

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) AREAS - SCENARIO 1

	Total Population (2020 Census)	Variance	Population Age 18 and Over (2020 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2015-2019 Estimate)
Director Area 1	2,923	3.48%	2,442	2,762
Director Area 2	2,879	1.92%	2,389	2,750
Director Area 3	2,743	-2.90%	2,281	2,078
Director Area 4	2,741	-2.97%	2,270	2,200
Director Area 5	2,838	0.47%	2,287	2,411
Total	14,124	6.44%	11,669	12,201



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CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AREAS - SCENARIO 1

Total Population:	14,124	Ideal Population:	2,825	Variance:	6.4%
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Total Population (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,923	2,879	2,743	2,741	2,838
Population Variance	98	54	-82	-84	13
	3.5%	1.9%	-2.9%	-3.0%	0.5%
Hispanic/Latino	13.8%	13.5%	21.1%	16.1%	14.6%
White	75.6%	78.4%	66.9%	71.1%	69.7%
Black/ African American	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.4%
Asian	3.1%	2.9%	6.2%	5.9%	7.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Two or More Races	5.7%	3.9%	4.1%	5.5%	6.4%

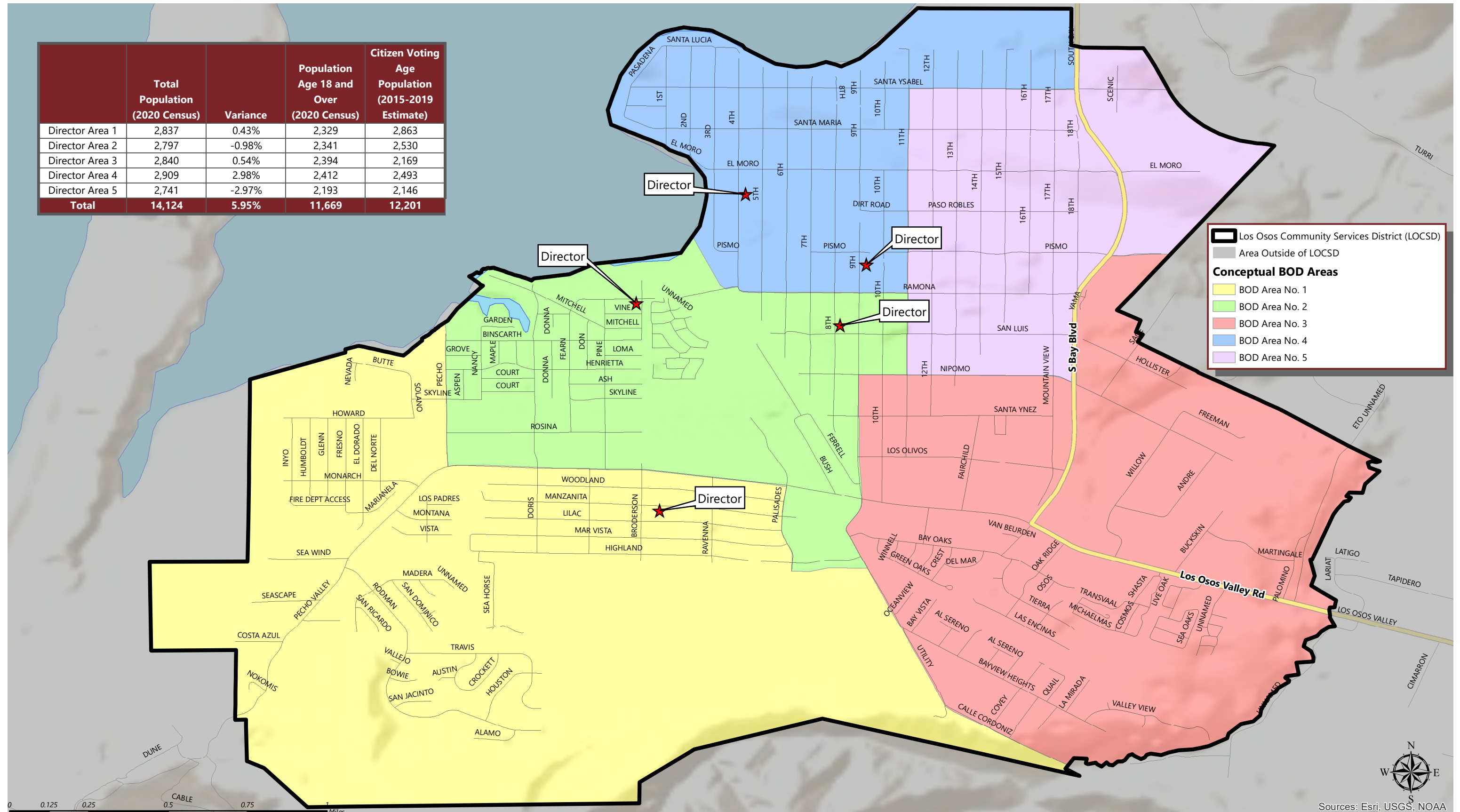
Population 18 and Over (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,442	2,389	2,281	2,270	2,287
Hispanic/Latino	11.8%	11.3%	18.1%	13.7%	11.9%
White	79.2%	80.2%	70.1%	73.8%	73.8%
Black/ African American	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Asian	2.9%	3.2%	6.3%	6.0%	7.6%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%
Two or More Races	4.7%	3.8%	3.7%	5.0%	4.7%

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2015-2019)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,762	2,750	2,078	2,200	2,411
Hispanic/Latino	5.2%	17.6%	14.5%	9.6%	6.8%
White	90.8%	80.3%	74.4%	81.0%	82.0%
Black/ African American	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.3%	0.0%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	1.2%	2.4%
Asian	2.8%	2.1%	4.8%	5.7%	5.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.8%	0.0%	5.4%	2.2%	3.4%

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) AREAS - SCENARIO 2

	Total Population (2020 Census)	Variance	Population Age 18 and Over (2020 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2015-2019 Estimate)
Director Area 1	2,837	0.43%	2,329	2,863
Director Area 2	2,797	-0.98%	2,341	2,530
Director Area 3	2,840	0.54%	2,394	2,169
Director Area 4	2,909	2.98%	2,412	2,493
Director Area 5	2,741	-2.97%	2,193	2,146
Total	14,124	5.95%	11,669	12,201



September 2021

Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AREAS - SCENARIO 2

Total Population:	14,124	Ideal Population:	2,825	Variance:	5.9%
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Total Population (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,837	2,797	2,840	2,909	2,741
Population Variance	12	-28	15	84	-84
	0.4%	-1.0%	0.5%	3.0%	-3.0%
Hispanic/Latino	12.8%	16.4%	19.4%	14.5%	15.8%
White	78.1%	72.6%	70.1%	74.7%	66.1%
Black/ African American	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%
Asian	3.3%	3.6%	5.1%	4.7%	8.8%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
Other	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%
Two or More Races	4.1%	5.5%	4.0%	4.8%	7.3%

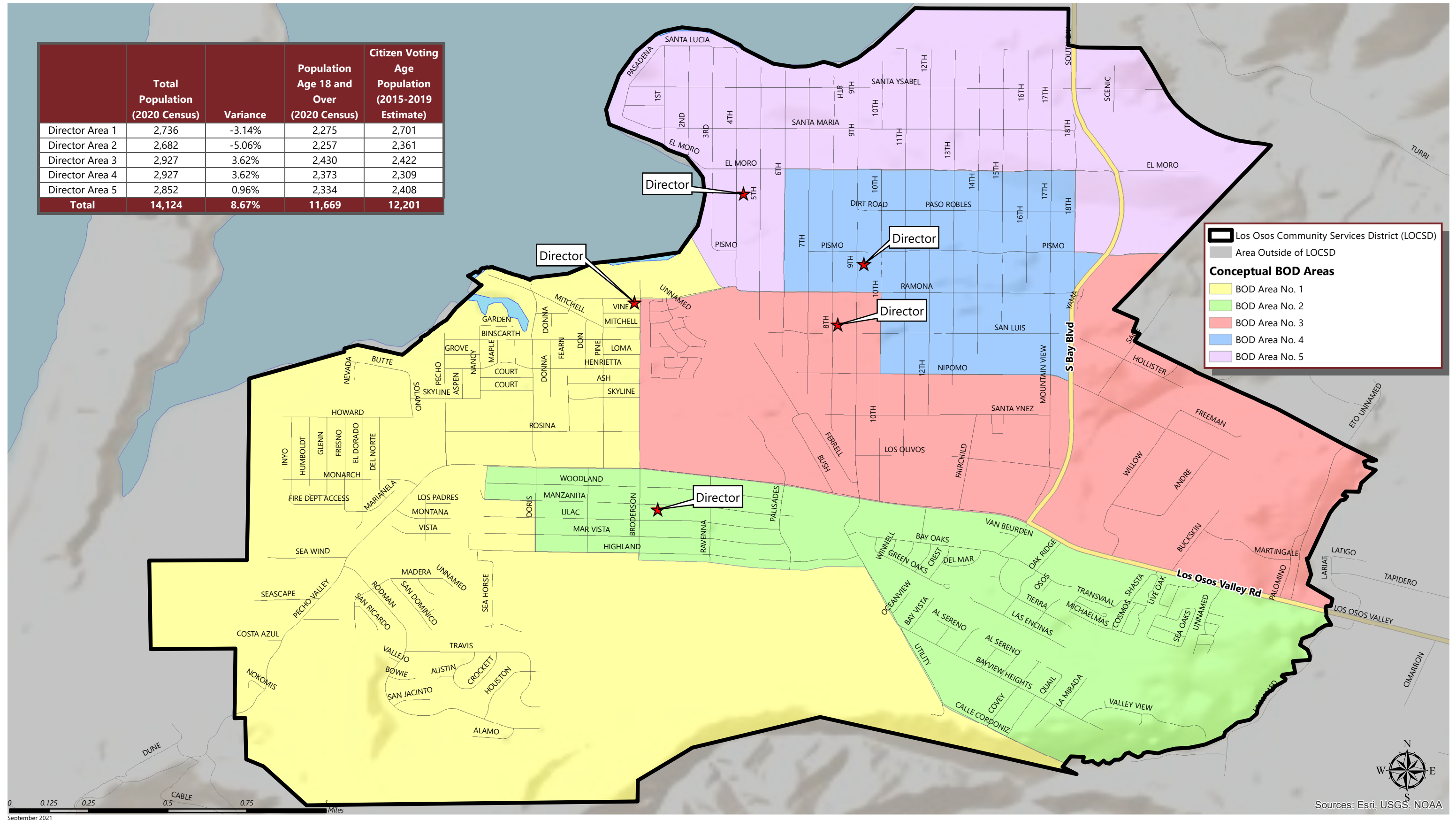
Population 18 and Over (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,329	2,341	2,394	2,412	2,193
Hispanic/Latino	11.0%	13.7%	16.5%	12.6%	12.8%
White	80.1%	76.8%	73.1%	77.9%	69.4%
Black/ African American	0.7%	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.1%	0.7%	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%
Asian	3.5%	3.5%	5.3%	4.4%	9.5%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Other	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%
Two or More Races	3.8%	4.4%	3.8%	3.9%	6.2%

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2015-2019)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,863	2,530	2,169	2,493	2,146
Hispanic/Latino	14.7%	8.5%	13.7%	7.9%	8.2%
White	82.5%	86.7%	77.6%	83.8%	78.8%
Black/ African American	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	2.2%	1.6%
Asian	2.1%	3.8%	3.4%	4.4%	7.0%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.6%	0.4%	4.8%	1.5%	4.4%

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CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) AREAS - SCENARIO 3

	Total Population (2020 Census)	Variance	Population Age 18 and Over (2020 Census)	Citizen Voting Age Population (2015-2019 Estimate)
Director Area 1	2,736	-3.14%	2,275	2,701
Director Area 2	2,682	-5.06%	2,257	2,361
Director Area 3	2,927	3.62%	2,430	2,422
Director Area 4	2,927	3.62%	2,373	2,309
Director Area 5	2,852	0.96%	2,334	2,408
Total	14,124	8.67%	11,669	12,201



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CONCEPTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AREAS - SCENARIO 3

Total Population:	14,124	Ideal Population:	2,825	Variance:	8.7%
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Total Population (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,736	2,682	2,927	2,927	2,852
Population Variance	-89	-143	102	102	27
	-3.1%	-5.1%	3.6%	3.6%	1.0%
Hispanic/Latino	11.1%	14.4%	22.5%	16.0%	14.4%
White	80.3%	77.4%	64.4%	66.8%	74.0%
Black/ African American	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	0.4%
Asian	2.4%	2.6%	6.6%	9.0%	4.4%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.6%	0.7%
Two or More Races	4.5%	3.9%	5.2%	6.5%	5.5%

Population 18 and Over (2020 Census)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,275	2,257	2,430	2,373	2,334
Hispanic/Latino	9.2%	12.1%	19.6%	13.2%	12.3%
White	83.4%	79.5%	68.0%	69.8%	77.8%
Black/ African American	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.4%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.3%
Asian	2.2%	3.0%	6.6%	9.6%	4.2%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	0.5%	0.8%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Two or More Races	3.8%	3.7%	4.4%	5.6%	4.2%

Citizens by Voting Age Population Estimate (2015-2019)					
	Director Area 1	Director Area 2	Director Area 3	Director Area 4	Director Area 5
Population	2,701	2,361	2,422	2,309	2,408
Hispanic/Latino	6.7%	17.1%	13.9%	9.1%	7.2%
White	91.3%	80.7%	74.7%	77.0%	85.5%
Black/ African American	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.5%	2.3%
Asian	1.3%	2.1%	5.7%	7.5%	3.9%
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Two or More Races	0.7%	0.0%	4.6%	4.7%	1.0%