



# Redistricting

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Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District  
Community Workshop

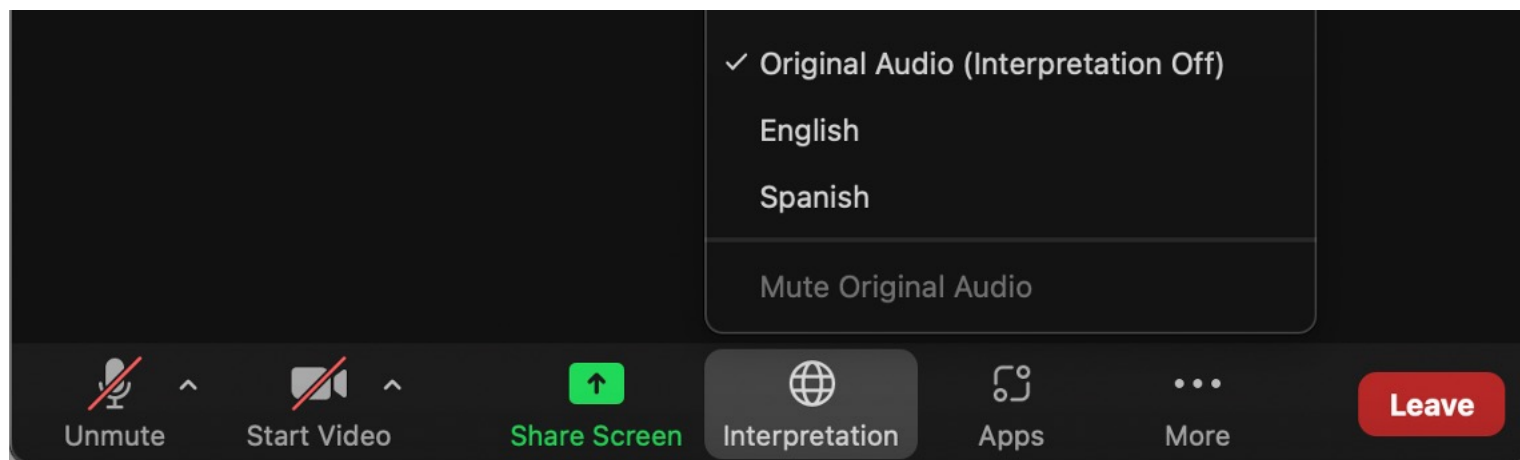
October 17, 2023

Meeting is being recorded.

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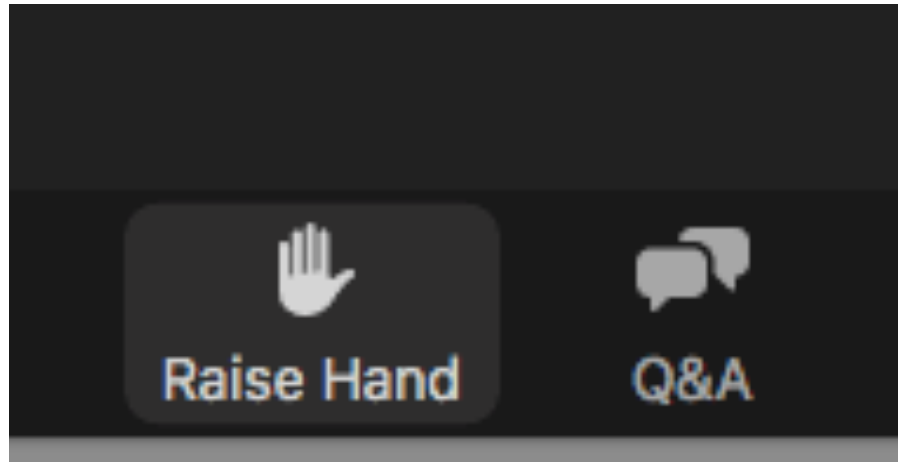
- All participants must enter a language room
- Interpretation provided: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese



# Zoom Features

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- Raise your hand to speak
- Type a question in the Q&A and we will respond



# Introductions

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# Today's Schedule

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AGENDA: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Process, Rules and Goals

Board's Guidance & Review of Draft Plans

Draft Plan Feedback, Q&A

Next Steps

# Today's Goals

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*You* Learn From the Experts

Experts Listen to *You*

You Leave Empowered to Give Effective Feedback

# Timeline

Hearing	Purpose	Date
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Public input</li></ul>	September 6
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public input</li><li>• Initial direction</li></ul>	September 13
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review plans (public &amp; draft)</li><li>• Provide additional direction</li></ul>	October 4
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review or further revise plans</li><li>• Select final plan</li></ul>	October 25
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce ordinance</li></ul>	November 8



# Three Phases

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## **Phase I:** Before draft plans:

- September 6
- September 13

Input on communities of interest, existing lines, and potential changes

## **Phase III:** After select final plan:

- November 8

Introduction of ordinance

## **Phase II:** After first draft plans:

- October 4
- October 25

Chance for feedback, suggested revisions, alternate plans, and sequence of elections.

# What is Redistricting?

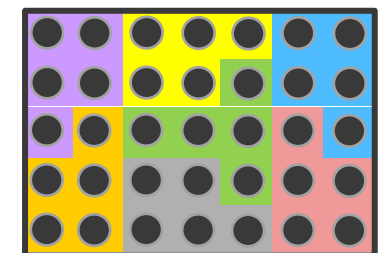
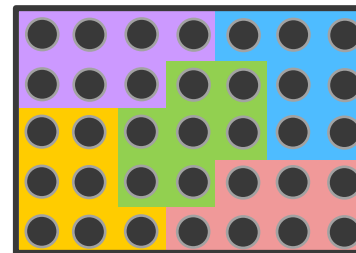
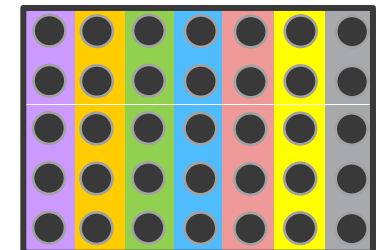
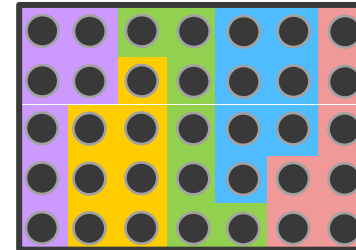
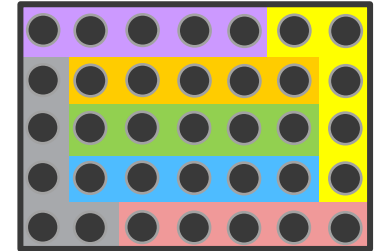
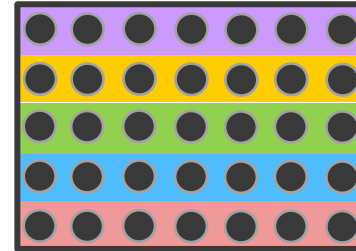
5 Directors currently elected from wards. 2 at-large

Redistricting the act of redrawing those lines

Normally done to reflect shifts in populations over time

In this case so all 7 Directors will be elected by wards

How those lines are drawn affects how people are represented



# Why Redistrict?

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**Evolving Rules:** Federal/state law continue to change. Both through legislation and the courts. California Voting Rights Act

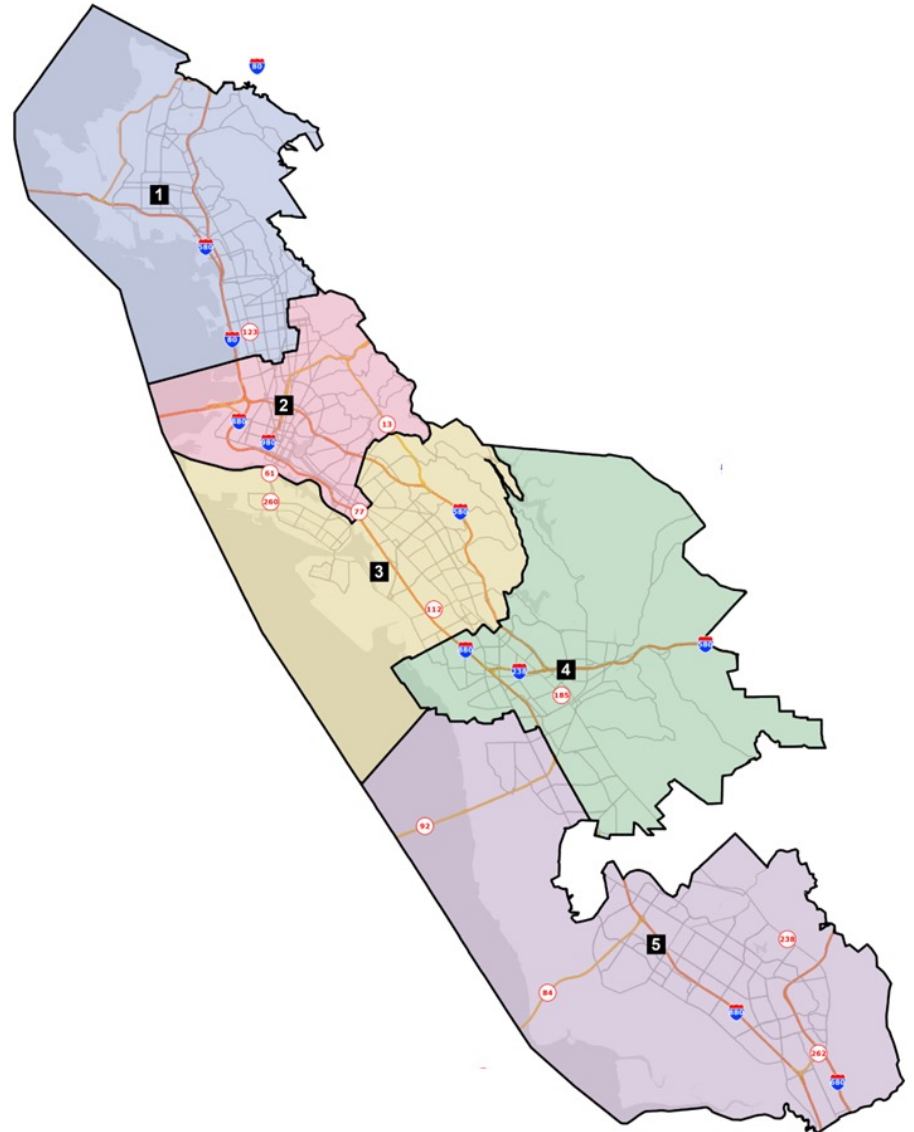
**New Data:** While Census conducted once a decade, other data sources updated annually

**Public Input:** Communities change over time. New opportunities to engage public

# Current Lines (7 Wards)

#	Population <sup>^</sup>	
	Total	Deviation
1	315,268	+40.1%
2	314,269	+39.6%
3	316,393	+40.6%
4	315,168	+40.0%
5	314,500	+39.7%
6	0	-100.0%
7	0	-100.0%
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Ideal	225,085	

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# Relevant Laws

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**U.S. Constitution:** Equal Population and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment

**Federal Voting Rights Act**

**State Constitution and Code:** Contiguity, Compactness, Topography and Geography, Community of Interest

**Case Law**

# Prior Plans

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## Draft Plans

- Plan Green
- Plan Blue
- Plan Purple
- Plan Red
- Plan Orange
- Plan Yellow

## Public Plans

- 15 full or partial timely public plans\*

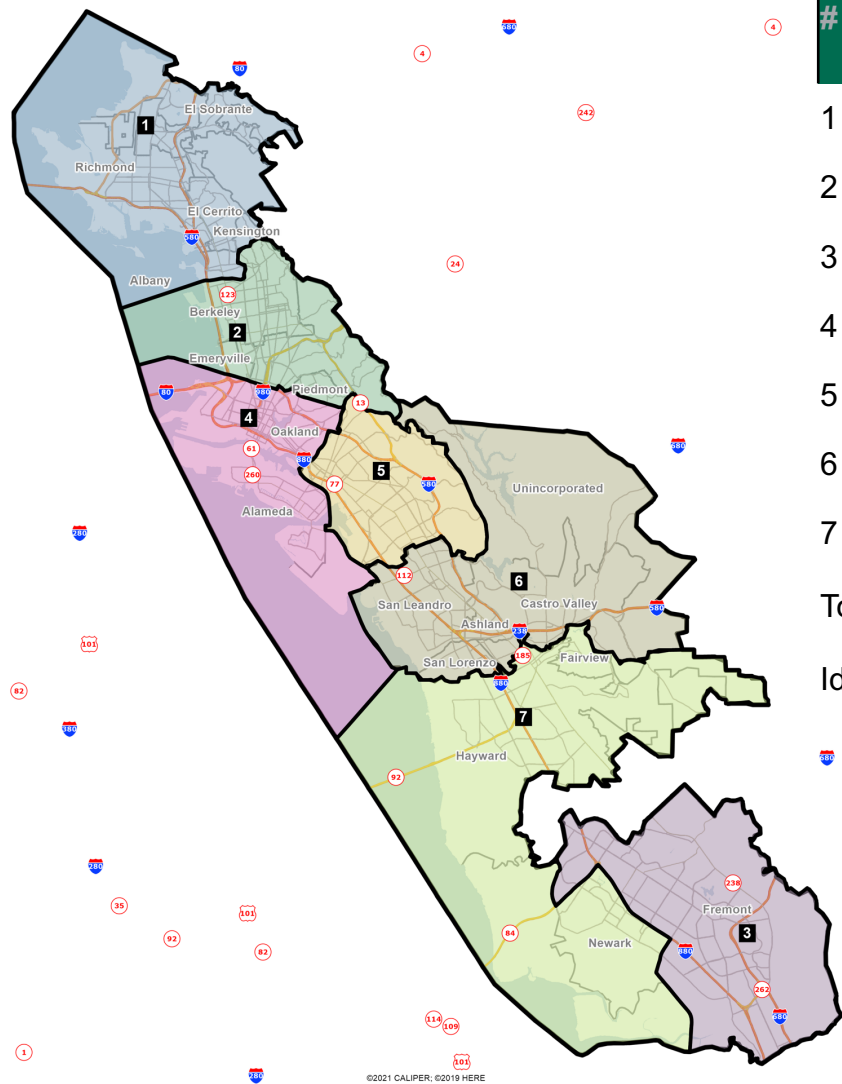
*\* Two additional public plans (196347/196353) were withdrawn in favor of an updated submission.*

# Hearing 3 & Board's Guidance

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- Renumber wards 1 through 7, from north to south.
- Consider:
  - The original Green Plan.
  - An alternative of the Green Plan swapping Fairview and Cherryland.
  - Explore splitting downtown Oakland into at least 2 and up to 3 wards.
- Make decisions on the sequence of ward elections at the next Board meeting.

# Plan Green



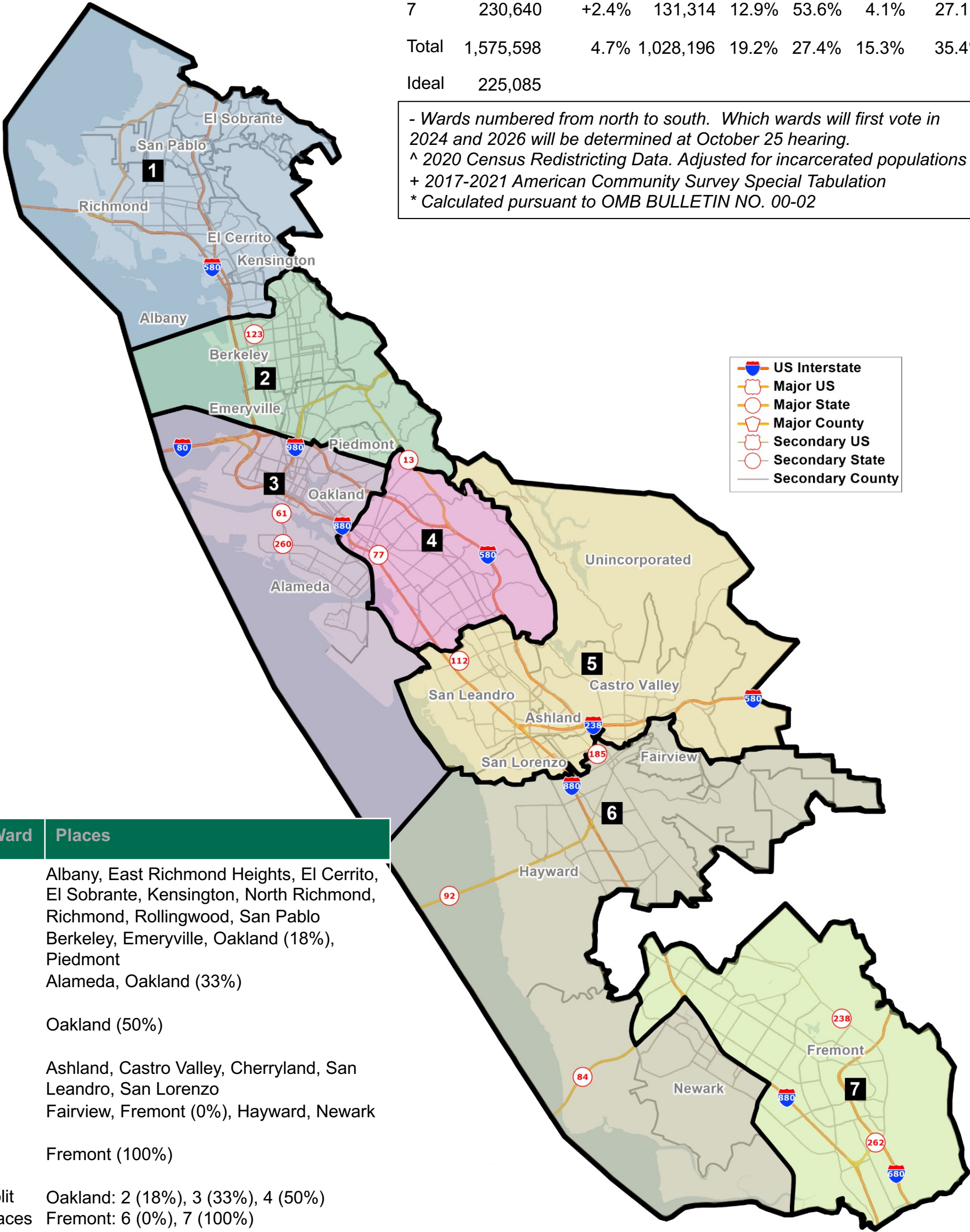
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2	225,960	+0.4%	171,515	9.1%	18.6%	11.0%	59.6%
3	230,640	+2.5%	131,314	12.9%	53.6%	4.1%	27.1%
4	222,790	-1.0%	158,802	11.1%	27.3%	17.0%	42.2%
5	220,110	-2.2%	133,202	25.4%	15.3%	35.1%	21.5%
6	227,395	+1.0%	152,944	23.2%	29.9%	11.1%	32.5%
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1	Albany, East Richmond Heights, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Kensington, North Richmond, Richmond, Rollingwood, San Pablo
2	Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland (18%), Piedmont
3	Alameda, Oakland (33%)
4	Oakland (50%)
5	Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, San Leandro, San Lorenzo
6	Fairview, Fremont (0%), Hayward, Newark
7	Fremont (100%)
Split	Oakland: 2 (18%), 3 (33%), 4 (50%)
Places	Fremont: 6 (0%), 7 (100%)

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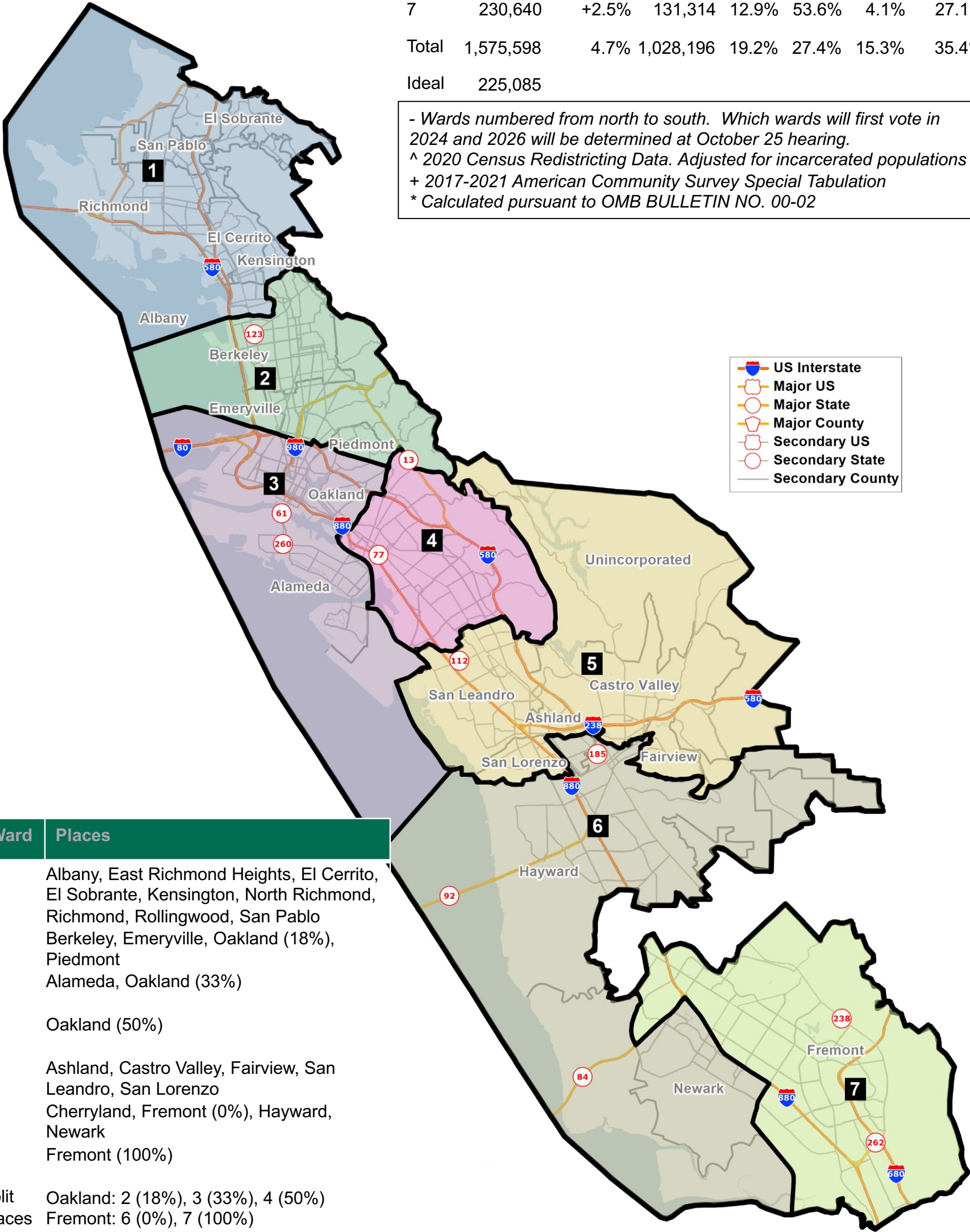
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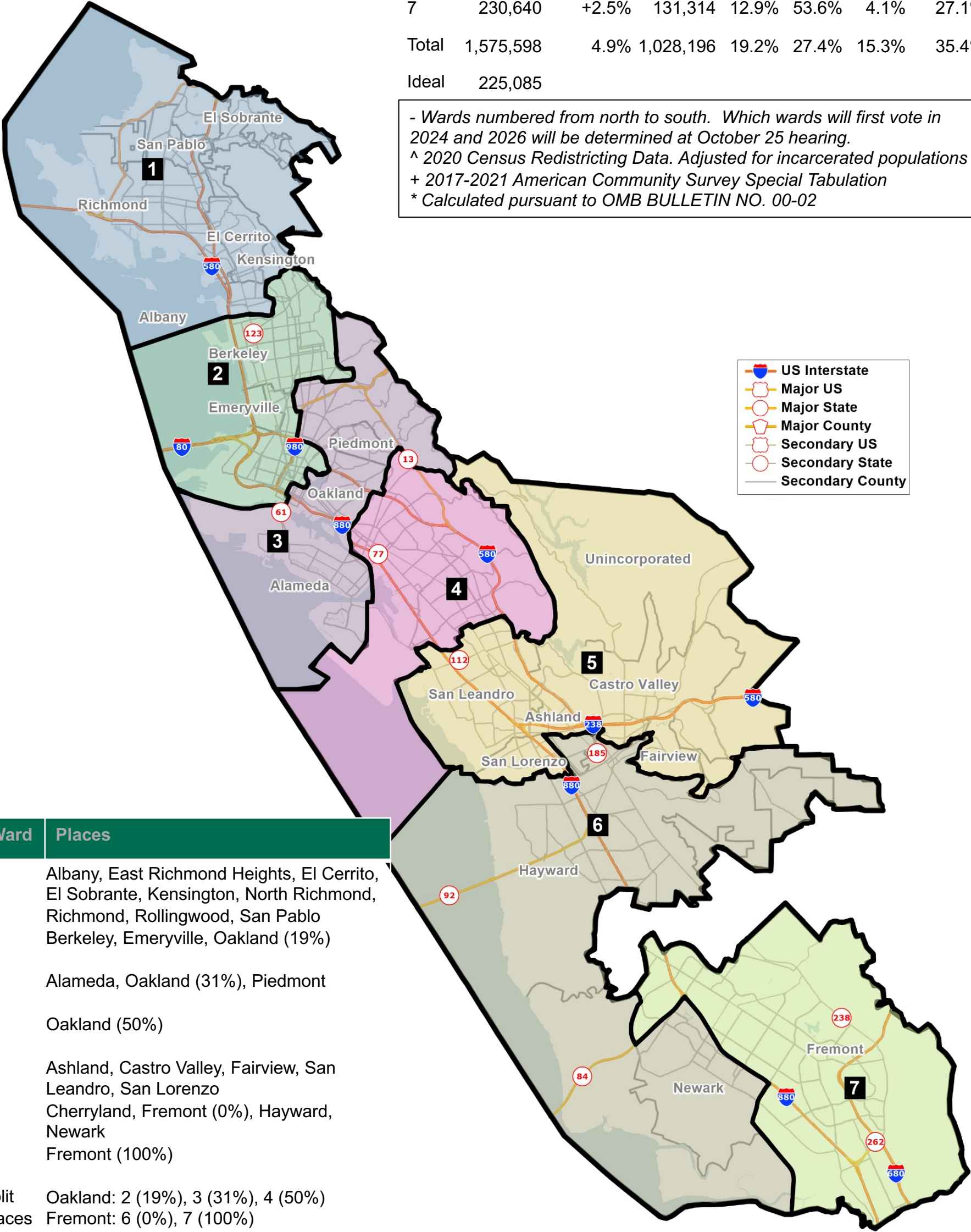
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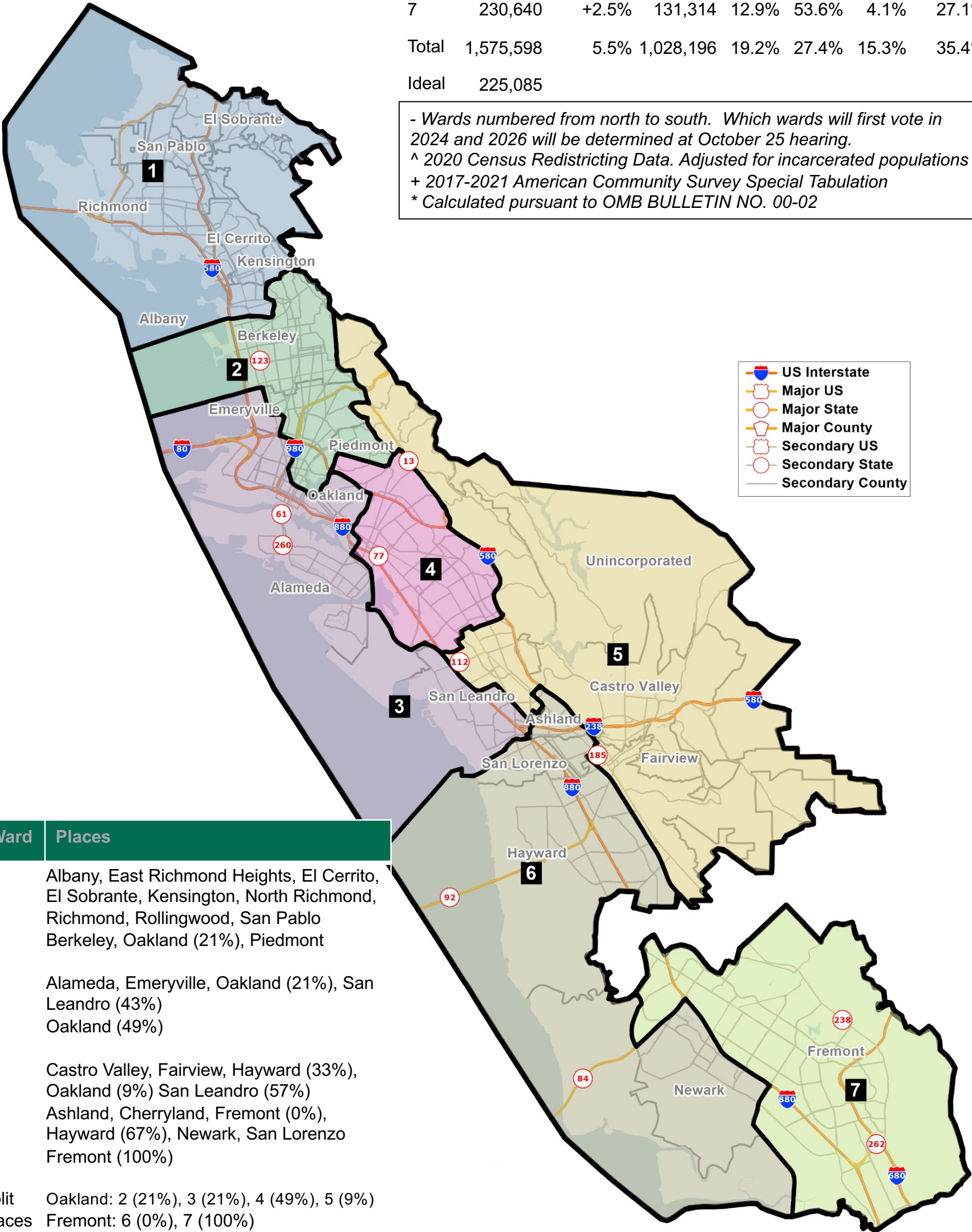
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# Feedback on Board Guidance

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Do you have a favorite plan?

What do you like about the plans? What parts of the plans work? What parts don't?

Should downtown Oakland be in one ward or split in multiple wards?

What areas should vote in 2024 versus 2026?

# Share Your Thoughts

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Feedback gathered today  
will be shared with the  
Board

Participate in an upcoming  
Public Hearing

Email feedback to  
[myvoice@actransit.org](mailto:myvoice@actransit.org)

# Q&A With Your Hosts

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**What is the Process?**

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## What is Ward Redistricting?

The redistricting process aims to change AC Transit's existing election system. Currently, there are five wards and two at-large seats on the District's Board of Directors. However, this process will shift to a new system with seven wards for elections, and the at-large seats on the Board will be removed. This means that each ward will represent a smaller population within a single ward.

This transition is expected to be phased in over the 2024 and 2026 election cycles. Unlike the 2021 redistricting process, which occurred every ten years to readjust the population distribution among the five wards after the U.S. Census, the present process involves a distinct change. This change includes the addition of two new wards as part of the shift towards a seven-ward election system.

To find out which of the current five wards you live in go [here](#).

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