

ORDINANCE NO. 2461

INTRODUCED BY: ALLEN-THOMAS, DOUGLAS, FORD, HURST, HUSEMAN, KIM, MADERA, MILLARD-CHACON, NOBLE

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW BOUNDARIES FOR EACH OF THE FOUR WARDS OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

WHEREAS, every ten years the United States Congress is tasked with conducting a census of every person residing within the boundaries of the United States for the purpose of apportionment of votes in Congress;

WHEREAS, states use the data gathered from the census to redraw Congressional district boundaries to satisfy constitutional requirements of equal population among the districts and to protect the voting power of minority groups between the districts;

WHEREAS, following the redrawing of Congressional districts, state house and senate boundaries, county district boundaries, and municipal ward or district boundaries are redrawn to meet constitutional requirements, state statutes, and municipal charter requirements;

WHEREAS, following the 2020 census, staff has identified that the population among the four Wards of the City do not contain equal populations and therefor are required to be redrawn to meet constitutional requirements;

WHEREAS, staff created the *2022-2023 Redistricting Plan* to guide the redistricting process to ensure all constitutional requirements and common redistricting criteria were followed, informed the public on how the redistricting process would occur, and provided an opportunity for the public to engage in the redistricting process;

WHEREAS, the constitutional requirements are for all Wards to have roughly an equal population with a deviation no larger than ten-percent between the most populous and least populous wards and for the Ward boundaries to not split the population of minority groups between Wards such that the voting power of said minority groups would be diluted;

WHEREAS, according to other redistricting criteria, the Wards are to be as geographically compact as possible, be contiguous, and strive to preserve existing boundaries, and to encompass communities of interest;

WHEREAS, staff hosted several community information sessions, mapping drives, outreach events, made public presentations at City Council and board and commission meetings, and published several articles on the City's website and social media accounts to ensure the public was adequately informed on the process and engagement opportunities;

WHEREAS, staff has utilized the 2020 census data and the communities of interest maps submitted by the public to draft five potential plans for City Council consideration;

WHEREAS, staff conducted a public hearing on February 6, 2023 to allow the City Council and members of the public to hear the redistricting criteria, review the five plans, and provide comments and feedback on the plans to ensure a final plan met all the redistricting criteria and constitutional requirements;

WHEREAS, staff received Council feedback and public comments during the February 6 public hearing and written comments from the public after posting the five plans on the City's website. Staff weighed the feedback received, the constitutional requirements, and additional redistricting criteria and drafted a Final Plan for adoption by Council by this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Commerce City Charter Section 4.2 requires that changes in the boundaries of the wards be made by ordinance adopted by the city council at least 180 days before any regular municipal election;

WHEREAS, said Charter requirement necessitates that Ward boundaries be changed no later than May 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the attached plan to satisfy all the redistricting criteria and charter and constitutional requirements and hereby re-establishes the City's four Ward boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

**SECTION 2. Re-Establishment of Ward Boundaries.** The Ward boundaries of the City of Commerce City are hereby redrawn as attached in Exhibit A and incorporated herein to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective as provided in the City Charter.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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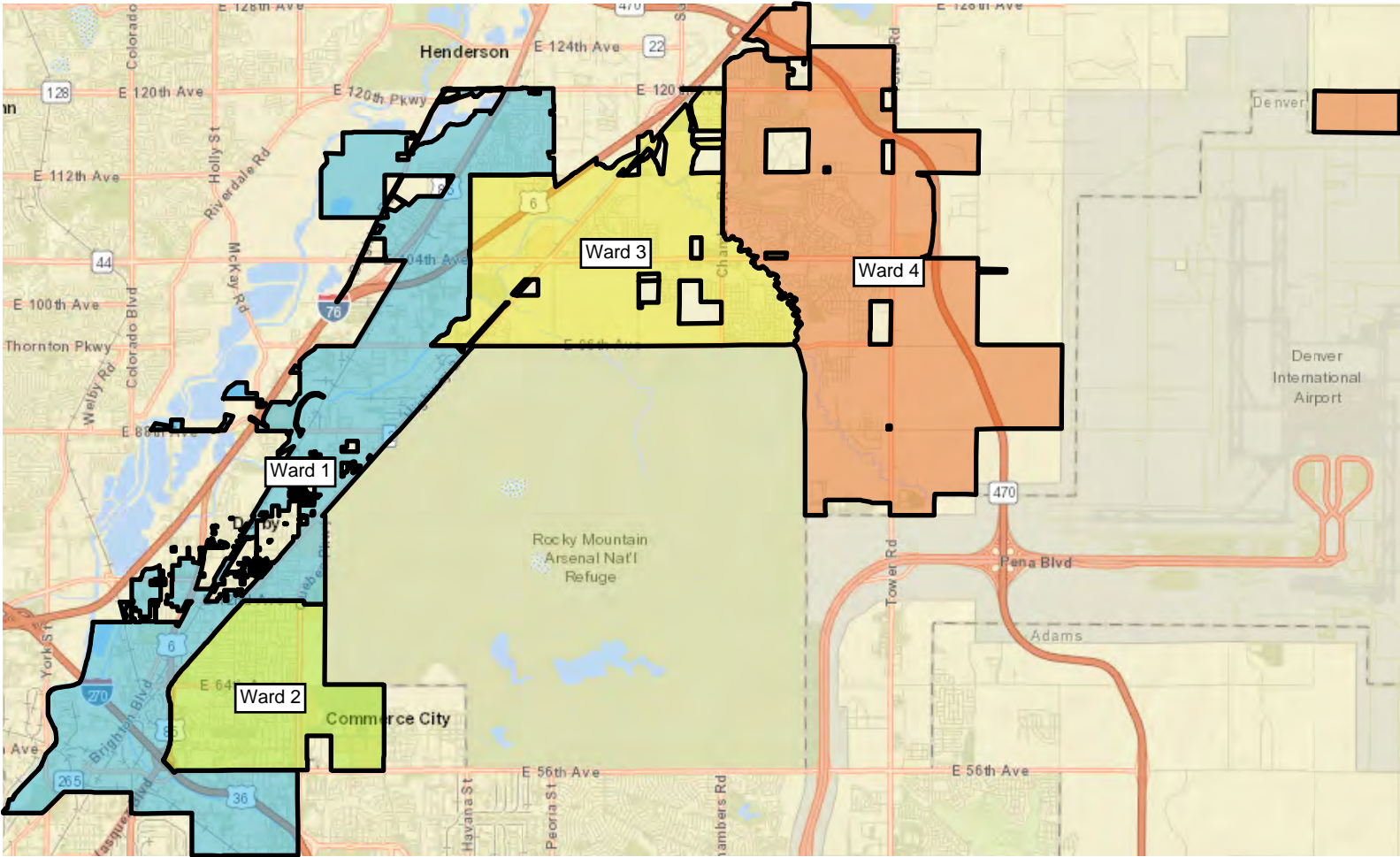
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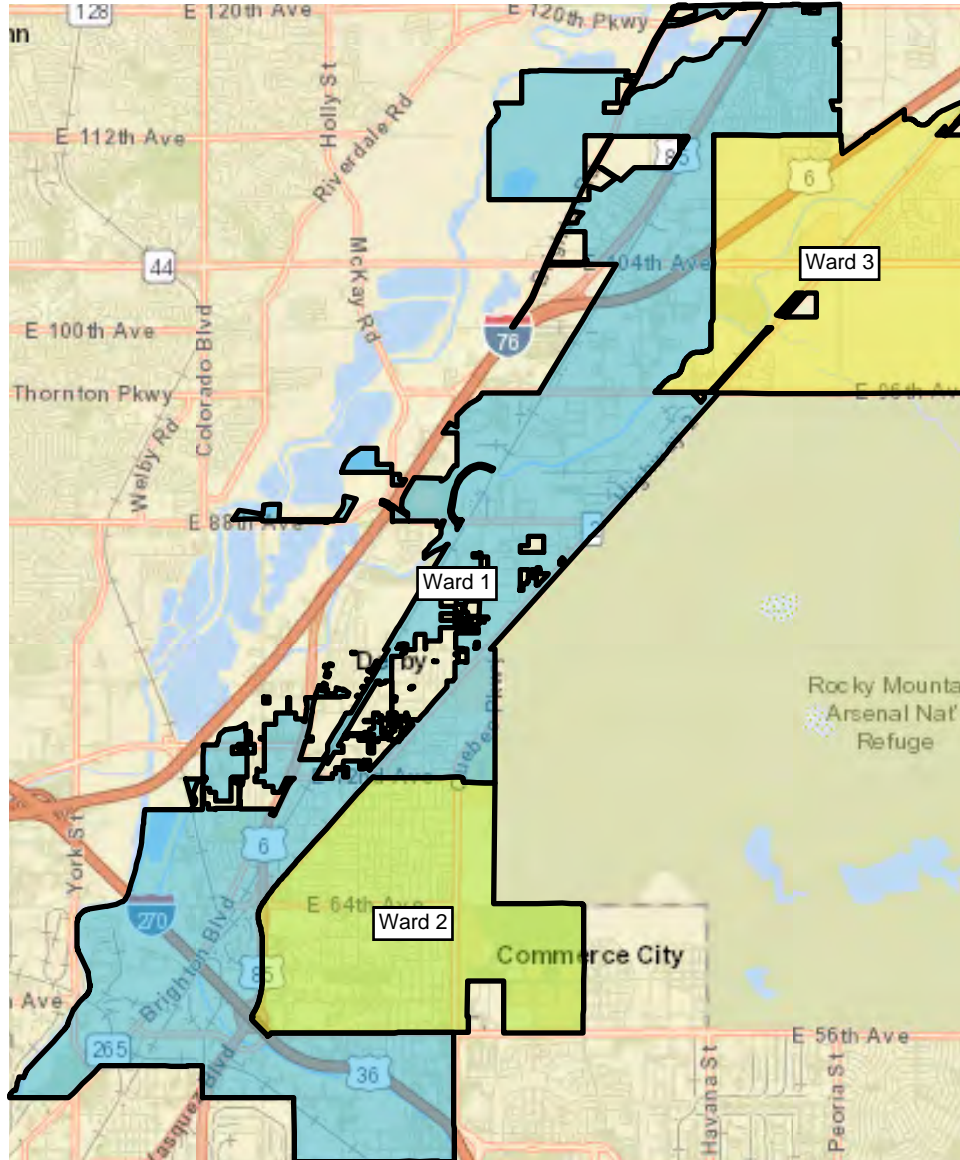
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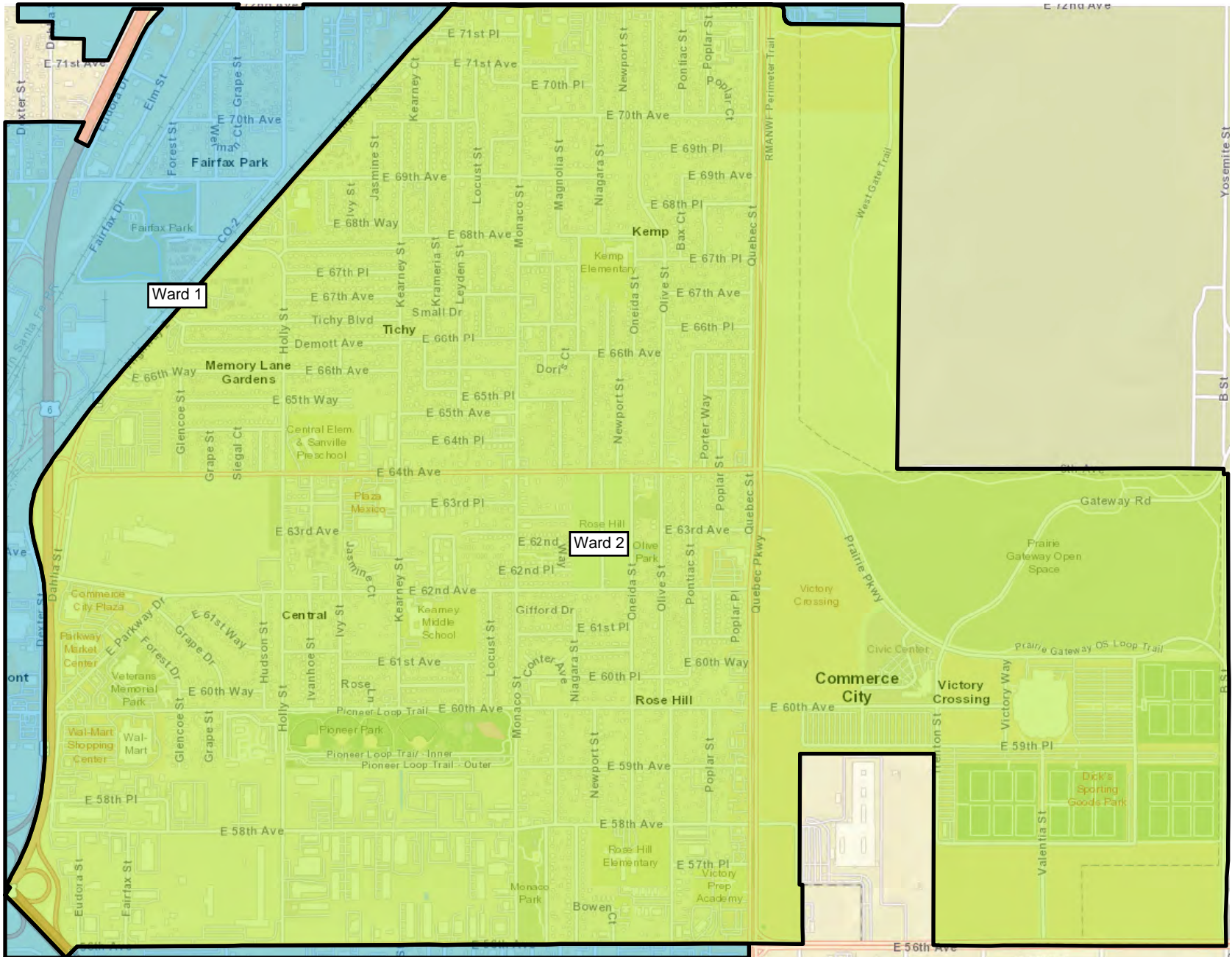
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# Exhibit A



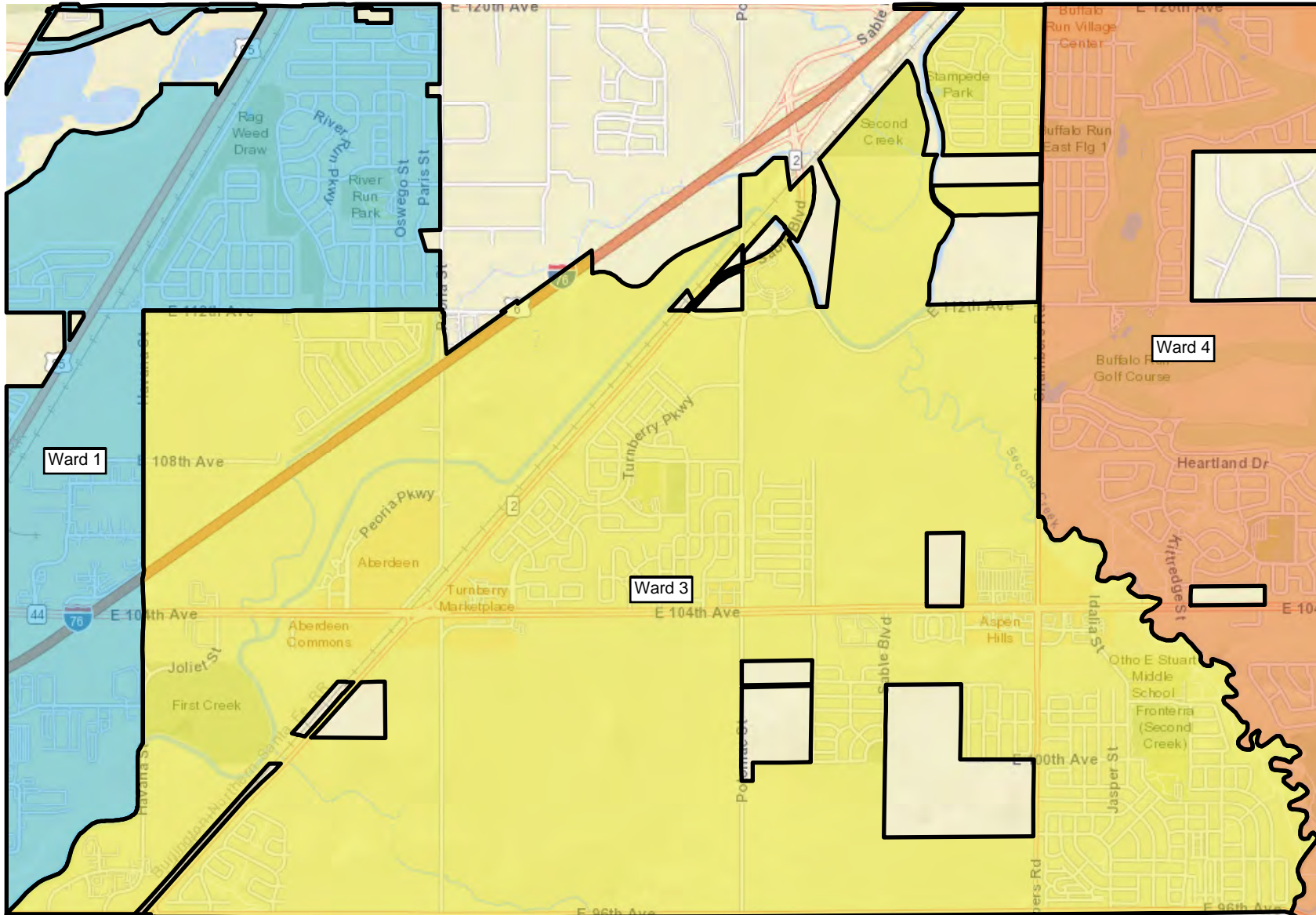




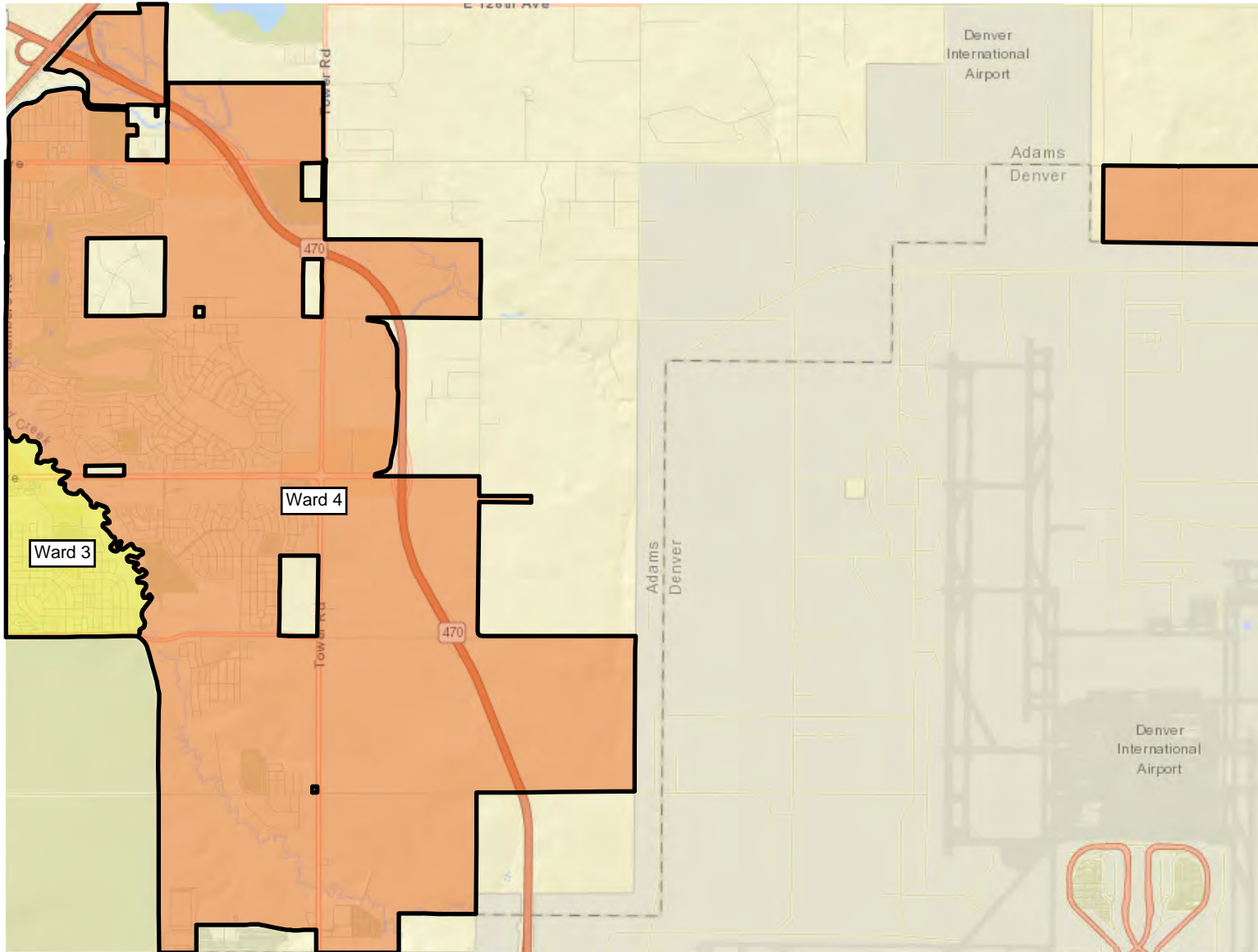


Ward 1

Ward 2









## Population Summary Report

Ward No.	TOTAL Population	Target Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)	Total (%)	Hispanic (%)	Non-Hispanic (%)	Non-Hispanic white (%)	Non-Hispanic black (%)	White (%)	Black (%)
1	15,226	15,605	-379	-2.43	24.39%	54.74%	45.26%	36.33%	2.75%	49.15%	3.22%
2	15,658	15,605	53	0.34	25.09%	72.22%	27.78%	21.13%	3.70%	36.51%	4.23%
3	15,465	15,605	-140	-0.90	24.78%	40.65%	59.35%	45.38%	5.38%	55.98%	6.09%
4	16,069	15,605	464	2.97	25.74%	28.47%	71.53%	55.86%	6.12%	63.42%	6.62%

<b>TOTAL Population:</b>	<b>62,418</b>
Mean Target Population:	15,605
Mean Deviation:	259
Mean Percent Deviation:	1.66
Largest Positive Deviation:	464
Largest Negative Deviation:	-379
Overall Range in Deviation:	843
Overall Range in Deviation Percentage:	5.40

# All Districts Summary Report

## Ward No. 1

Total Population 15,226

Total Population 18+ 10,700

Deviation -379

Dev. % -2.429

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	White	Black
Total	8,335	6,891	15,226	8,335	6,891	5,532	418	7,483	491
Total%	54.74	45.26	100.00	54.74	45.26	36.33	2.75	49.15	3.22
Total18+	5,458	5,242	15,226	5,458	5,242	4,312	265	5,524	292
Total18+%	51.01	48.99	142.30	51.01	48.99	40.30	2.48	51.63	2.73

## Ward No. 2

Total Population 15,658

Total Population 18+ 11,040

Deviation 53

Dev. % 0.34

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	White	Black
Total	11,308	4,350	15,658	11,308	4,350	3,309	579	5,717	662
Total%	72.22	27.78	100.00	72.22	27.78	21.13	3.70	36.51	4.23
Total18+	7,472	3,568	15,658	7,472	3,568	2,808	390	4,338	431
Total18+%	67.68	32.32	141.83	67.68	32.32	25.43	3.53	39.29	3.90

**Ward No. 3**

Total Population 15,465

Total Population 18+ 10,563

Deviation -140

Dev. % -0.897

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	White	Black
Total	6,287	9,178	15,465	6,287	9,178	7,018	832	8,658	942
Total%	40.65	59.35	100.00	40.65	59.35	45.38	5.38	55.98	6.09
Total18+	3,883	6,680	10,563	3,883	6,680	5,213	550	6,162	594
Total18+%	36.76	63.24	100.00	36.76	63.24	49.35	5.21	58.34	5.62

**Ward No. 4**

Total Population 16,069

Total Population 18+ 11,203

Deviation 464

Dev. % 2.973

	Total Hispanic	Total Non-Hispanic	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	White	Black
Total	4,575	11,494	16,069	4,575	11,494	8,976	983	10,191	1,064
Total%	28.47	71.53	100.00	28.47	71.53	55.86	6.12	63.42	6.62
Total18+	2,882	8,321	11,203	2,882	8,321	6,623	638	7,364	657
Total18+%	25.73	74.27	100.00	25.73	74.27	59.12	5.69	65.73	5.86

## District Statistical Report

Ward No.	TOTAL Population	Target Population	Target Deviation	Target Deviation (%)	Total	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Non-Hispanic white	Non-Hispanic black	White	Black
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# District Compactness Report

District	Polygon Area (sq. mi)	Perimeter (mi)	Reock Hull	Area/Convex Hull	Grofman	Schwartzberg	Polsby Popper	Holes
Unassigned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	12.26	78.44	0.14	0.36	22.4	6.32	0.03	28
2	3.81	9.38	0.59	0.88	4.8	1.35	0.54	0
3	7.17	28.68	0.4	0.73	10.71	3.02	0.11	8
4	13.2	35.02	0.22	0.43	9.64	2.72	0.14	7

