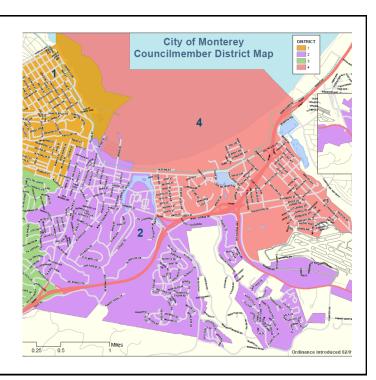
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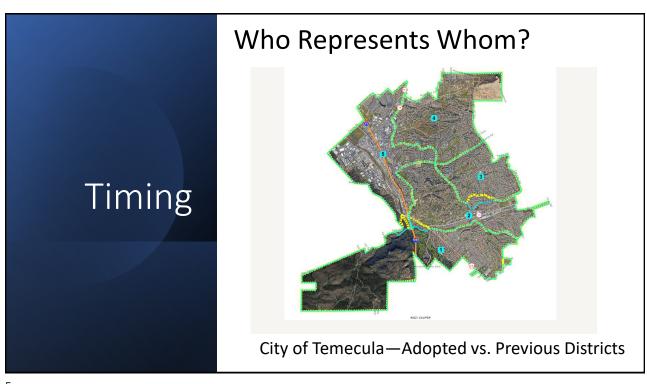
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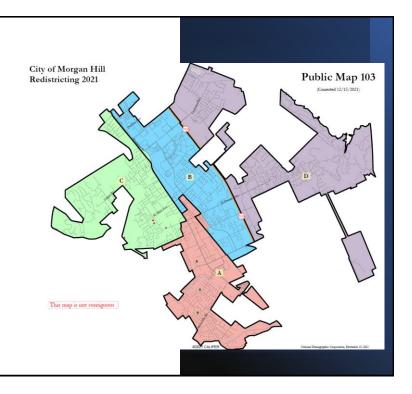
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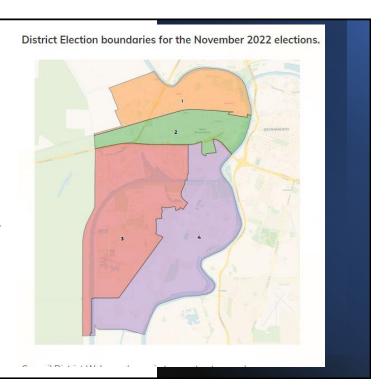
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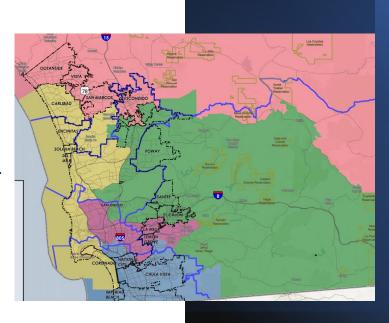
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- Expands FAIR MAPS Act reach to include schools and special districts
- 2. Bans "the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party"
- 3. Requires formal development, posting for 14 days, and adoption, of outreach plan
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 - Five for cities under 250,000
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 - Nine for cities over 500,000
- 6. Limits charter city exception to mapping criteria to charters that include a "requirement to keep whole either communities of interest or neighborhoods"

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- 7. Expressly allows mid-decade redistricting if the number of councilmembers is increased or decreased
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