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Palm Desert Redistricting 2023

Public Hearing #5

January 11, 2024

Background

Direction to Transition to Five Districts

On June 22, 2023, the City Council unanimously directed staff to take the necessary steps to transition to five single-member districts prior to the November 2024 Election.

Public Education & Outreach Plan

On August 24, 2023, the City Council unanimously adopted the Redistricting Public Education and Outreach Plan

Workshops and Public Hearings

Meeting Videos, Staff Reports, Presentations, & Public Comments are posted to the redistricting website.

For the full schedule, visit:
<https://redistrictpd.org/>

1

September 6, at 6 p.m., Community Workshop #1
(Held at City Hall & via Zoom)

2

September 14 & 28, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearings #1 and #2
(Held in Council Chambers & via Zoom)

3

October 4 & 16, at 5 p.m., Map Drawing Workshops #1 and #2
(Held via Zoom)

4

November 16, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearing #3
(Held in Council Chambers & via Zoom)

5

November 29, December 6, at 6 p.m., Community Workshops #2 & #3
(Held at iHub and City Hall)

6

December 14, at 4:30 p.m., Public Hearing #4
(Held at Council Chambers & Via Zoom)

District Map Drawing Criteria

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population

Federal Voting Rights Act

No Racial Gerrymandering

2. California Criteria (in priority order):

1. Geographically contiguous

2. Minimize division of neighborhoods and "communities of interest" (Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)

3. Easily identifiable boundaries

4. Compact (Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited: "Shall not favor or discriminate against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party."*

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

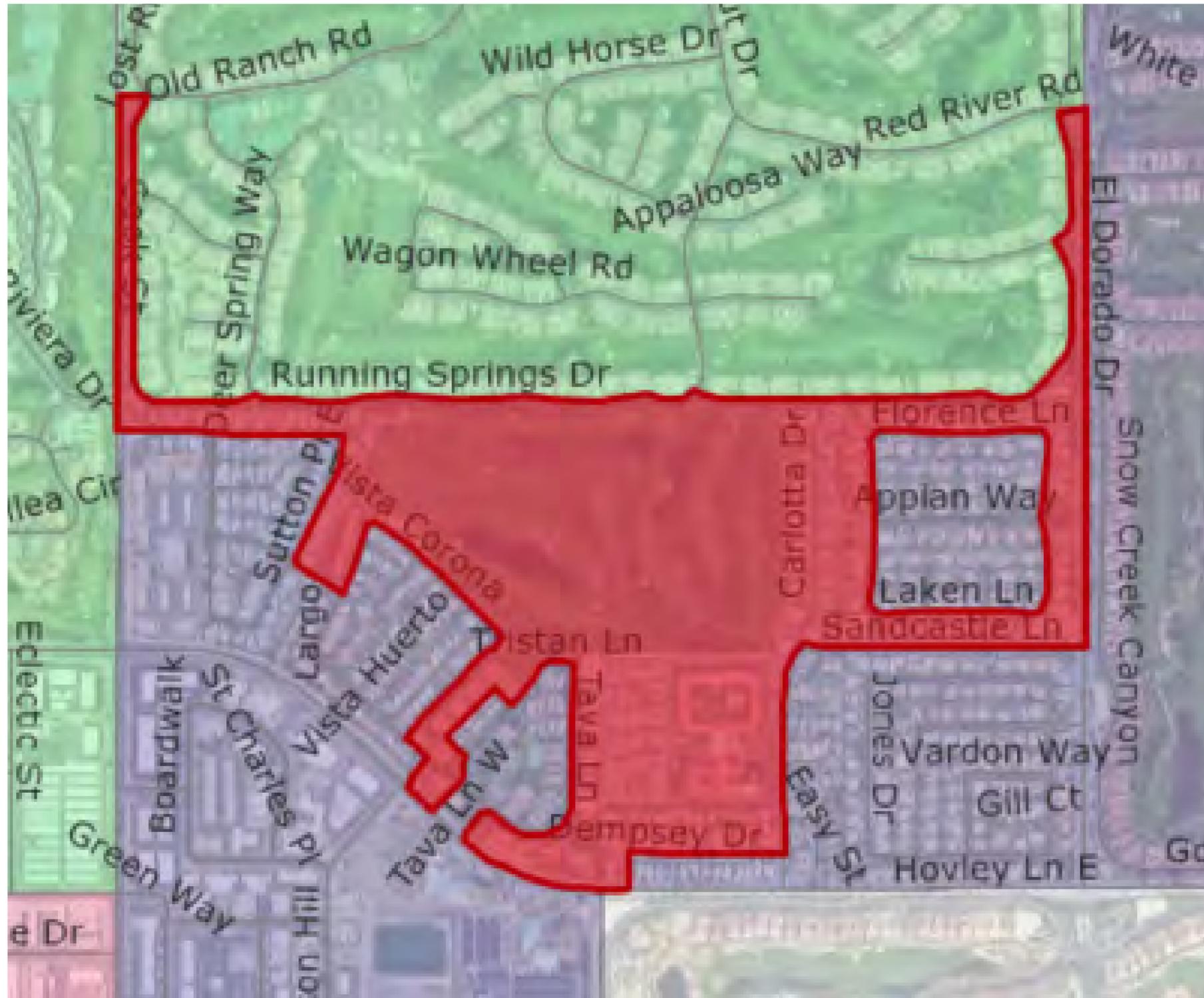
~~* Respect voters' choice / avoid unnecessary pairing of incumbents~~

Future Population Growth

* Change made pursuant to AB 764, effective January 1, 2024

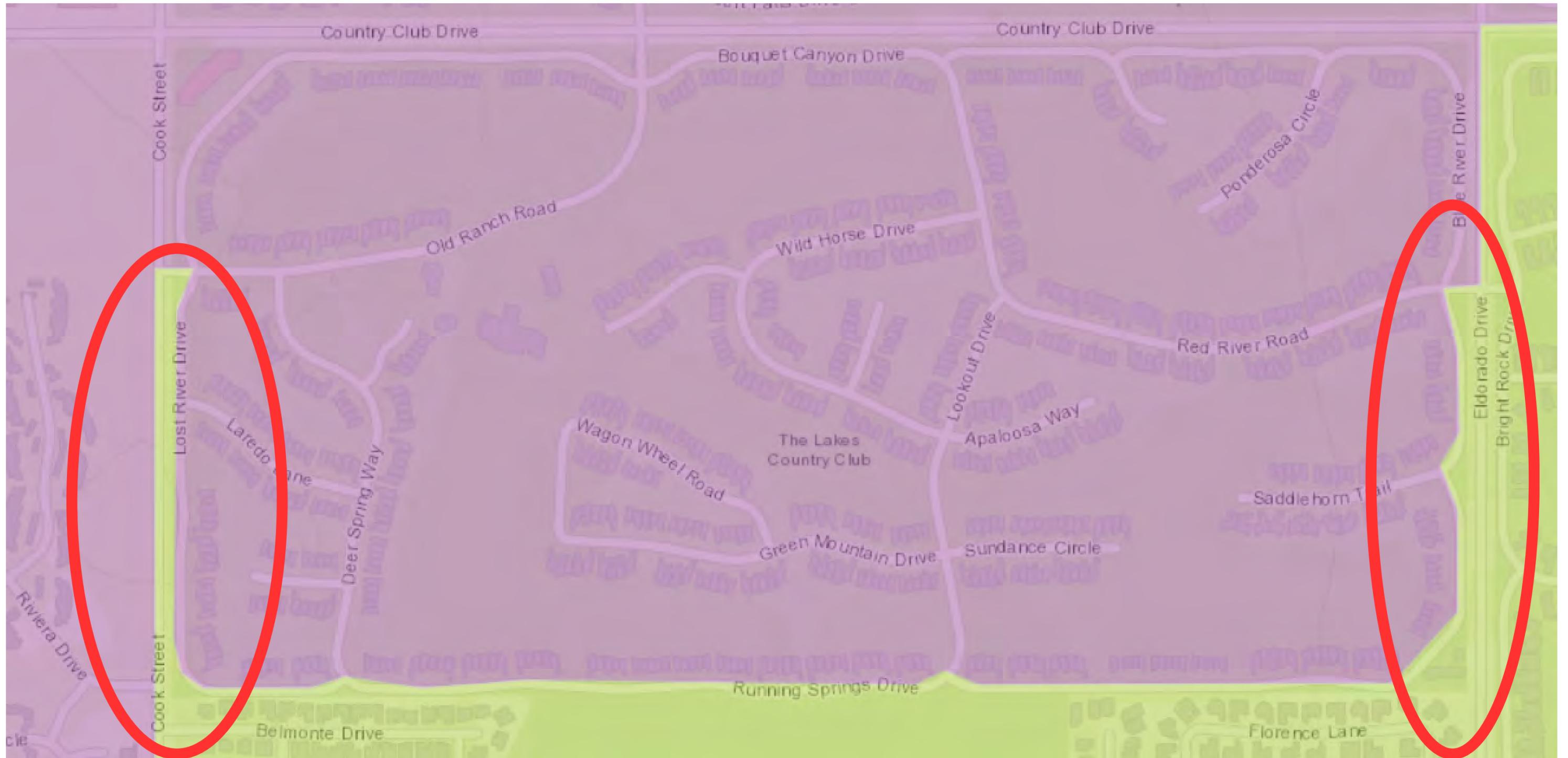
Source: NDC

Map 109 Renumbered - The Lakes Country Club



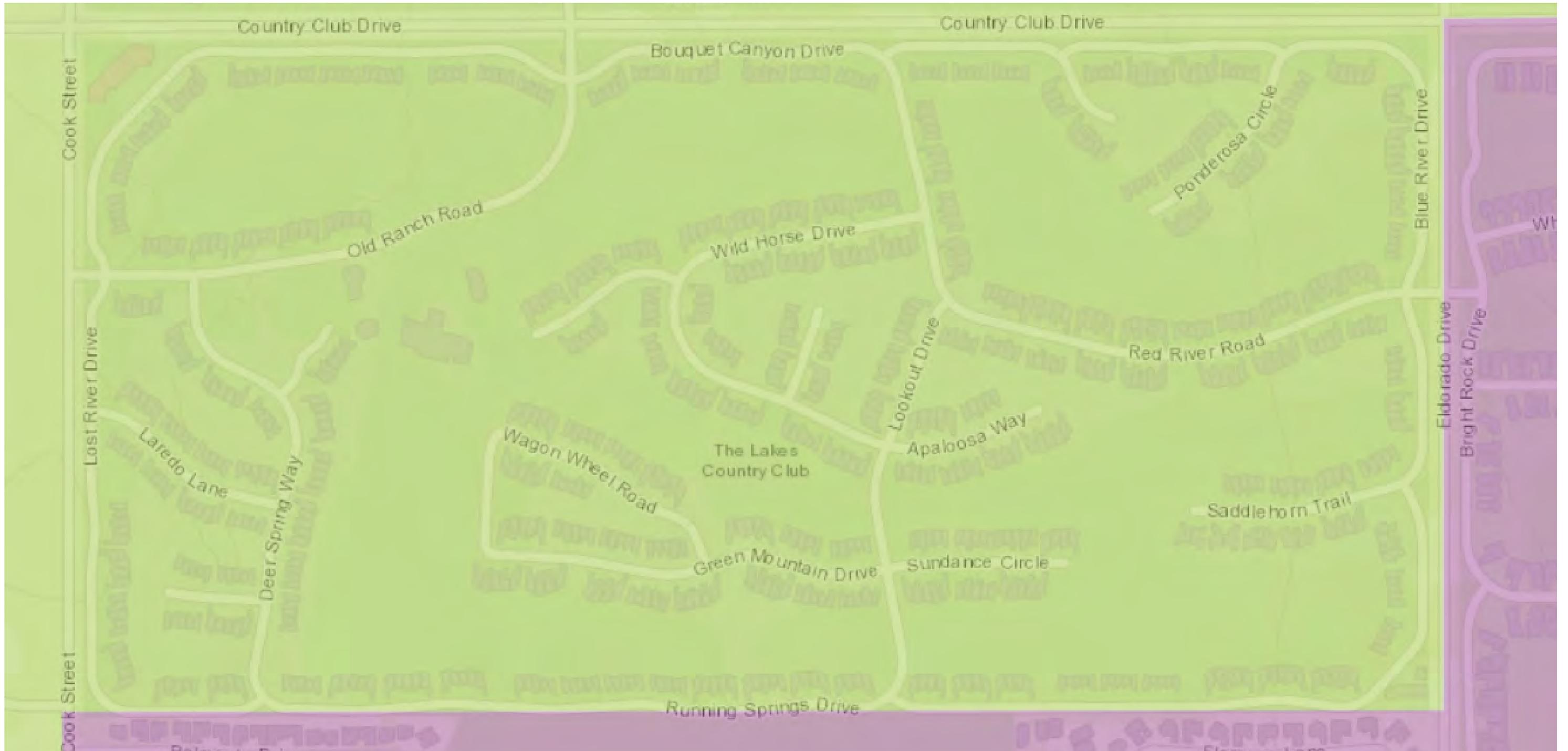
- **Issue 1:** District 3 street alignment should be Cook Street and El Dorado Drive (not interior streets of the Lakes CC)
- **Issue 2:** District 3 boundary is proposed to be Running Springs Drive. However, an unpopulated portion of the Lakes CC Golf Course is located within District 4.

Issue 1 - Map 109 Renumbered - Cook/El Dorado Street Alignment



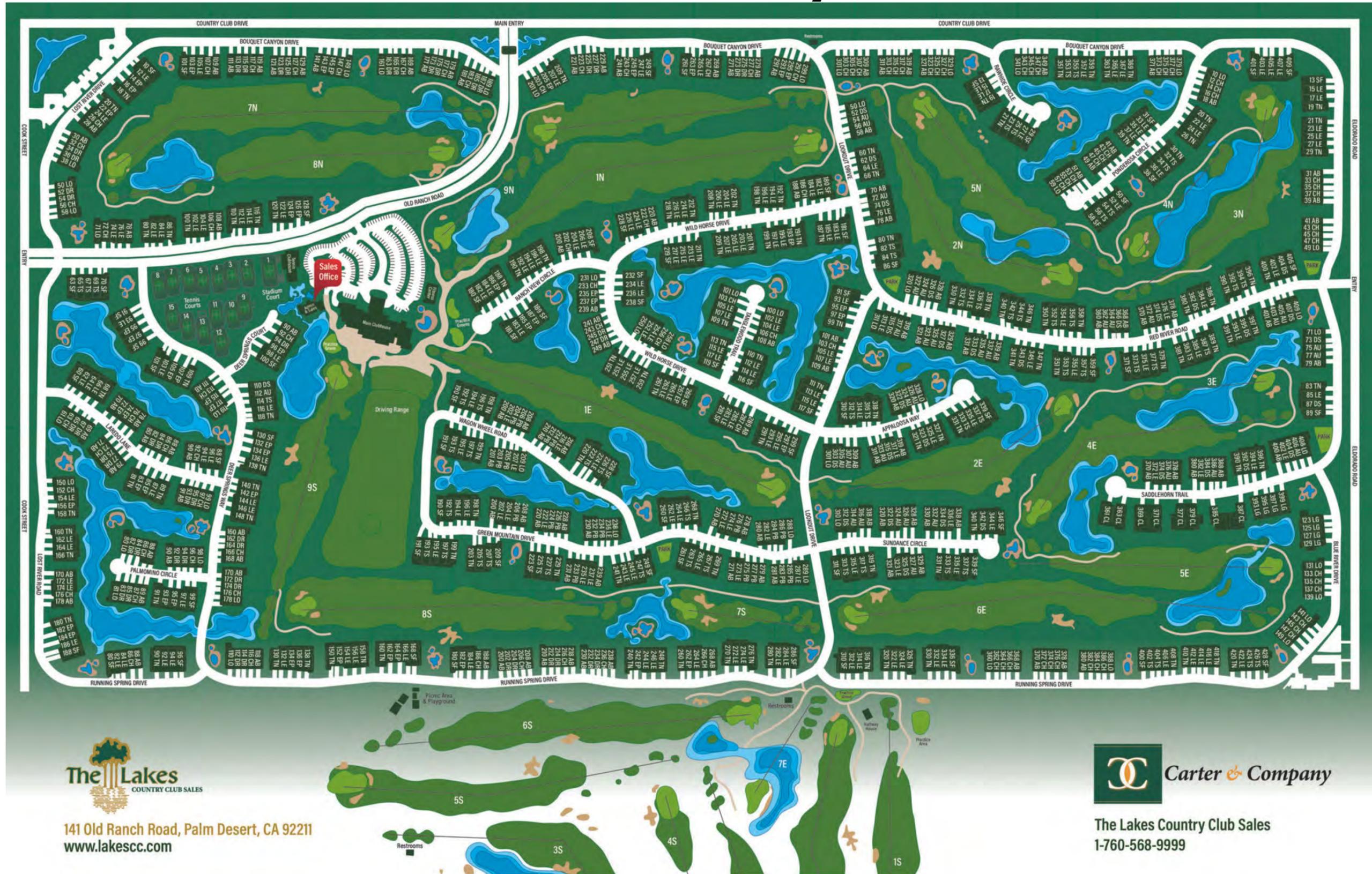
Map 109 Renumbered - Due to an oddly shaped census block, District 3 had its boundaries on the interior streets of the Lakes CC.

Issue 1 - Map 109 Renumbered B - Cook/El Dorado Clean-Up



Map 109 Renumbered B - Corrects the street alignment so that it is Cook Street and El Dorado Drive.

Issue 2 - The Lakes Country Club Golf Course

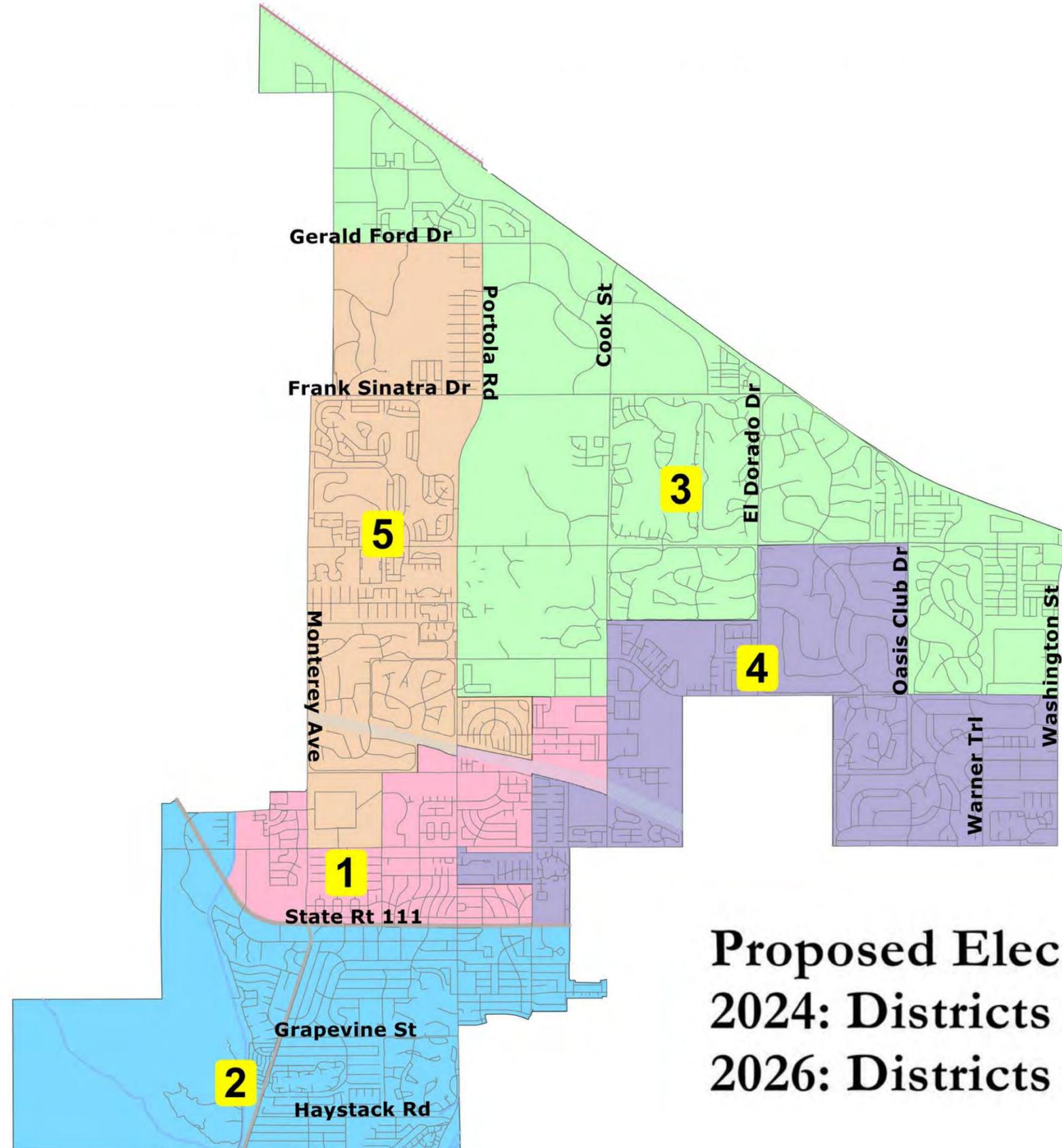


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Map 109 Renumbered B



Proposed Election Sequence:
2024: Districts 1, 2, and 3
2026: Districts 4 and 5

January 25, 2024, Action Item:

- Adopt an Ordinance enacting five single member districts
- Introduce an Ordinance to rescind use of Ranked Choice Voting



Recommended Actions

- Open the Public Hearing and receive public testimony.
- Adopt “Map 109 Renumbered B” as the City Council election district boundaries map.
- Introduce an Ordinance entitled, **“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.38.040 OF THE PALM DESERT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS, DEFINING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, AND SCHEDULING ELECTIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICTS**