

Consolidation of Precincts Policy

The process of consolidating precincts and setting up polling places for an election is an exercise requiring the consideration of legal lines, convenience for the voters, cost to the taxpayers and efficiency of administering an election in a timely and orderly manner.

The Sacramento County Department of Voter Registration and Elections consolidates precincts for elections using the legal requirements of a maximum of 1000 persons at a polling place for statewide elections and a maximum of six precincts together in special non-state office elections.

An average size polling place in November 1998 had 680 voters. The average size for the special election to fill the vacancy in the 6th City Council District at the March 2, 1999 was 1286. If there are less than 250 voters in a precinct and it cannot be consolidated with a contiguous precinct, then that precinct is declared a mail ballot precinct and the voters are all mailed an absentee ballot and no polling place is set up for those voters.

Consolidations are larger for non-state elections because turnout is so much lower, and because of the law and the cost-savings.

Factors taken into account in consolidating precincts:

- 1) Election law on maximum of 1000 voters in statewide elections and a maximum of six precincts consolidated into one for other elections.
- 2) Election law requires results to be reported by City, Supervisorial District, Congressional District, Senate District and Assembly District. Precincts and polling places do not cross these lines.
- 3) Do the precincts have exactly the same issues on the ballot?
- 4) The precincts must be contiguous to one another.
- 5) Do not make voters cross major barriers, such as a freeway or a river.
- 6) Population Growth.

Factors taken into account in selecting polling places:

- 1) There must be accessible polling place sites available.
- 2) The polling place should be central for a majority of the voters and easy to find.
- 3) Public buildings are preferable to garages.
- 4) History – Where have the voters voted in past elections.
- 5) Is there adequate parking?

There were 272 polling places in the City of Sacramento for the June 1998 Primary Election. In the November 1998 election, 23 polling places were moved to new locations. Of those 23 polling places:

- 1) Ten were split from other precincts or could not be used in the same combination as June because they had different issues on the ballot from the precincts with which they were consolidated with in June.

2) Five were polling places that had been in homeowners' garages. The owners had either moved or decided not to have their garages available for the November election.

3) Three were the result of population growth in precincts which had to be split because they had grown to more than the maximum allowed of 1000 registered voters at a polling place.

4) Five were moved because of other location changes. Four because the June polling place was not available or judged not suitable. One small group of 31 persons was moved to a Mailed Ballot precinct because the nearest polling place for their type of ballot was judged too great a distance.

When there are special elections such as the election to fill the vacancy in the 6th City Council District in March 1999, precincts are consolidated, using an average of two or three precincts assigned to one polling place. In that election, 17 polling places were used in contrast to the 35 polling places used in November 1998. Lower turnout, different consolidation rules and cost are factors in considering the consolidations for that kind of election.

Special elections generally have just one or two districts and voters from large areas all vote on the same issue. Whereas in a Primary Election there are about 70 different ballot types which have unique ballots and in a General Election there are about 220 different ballot types which have unique ballots.

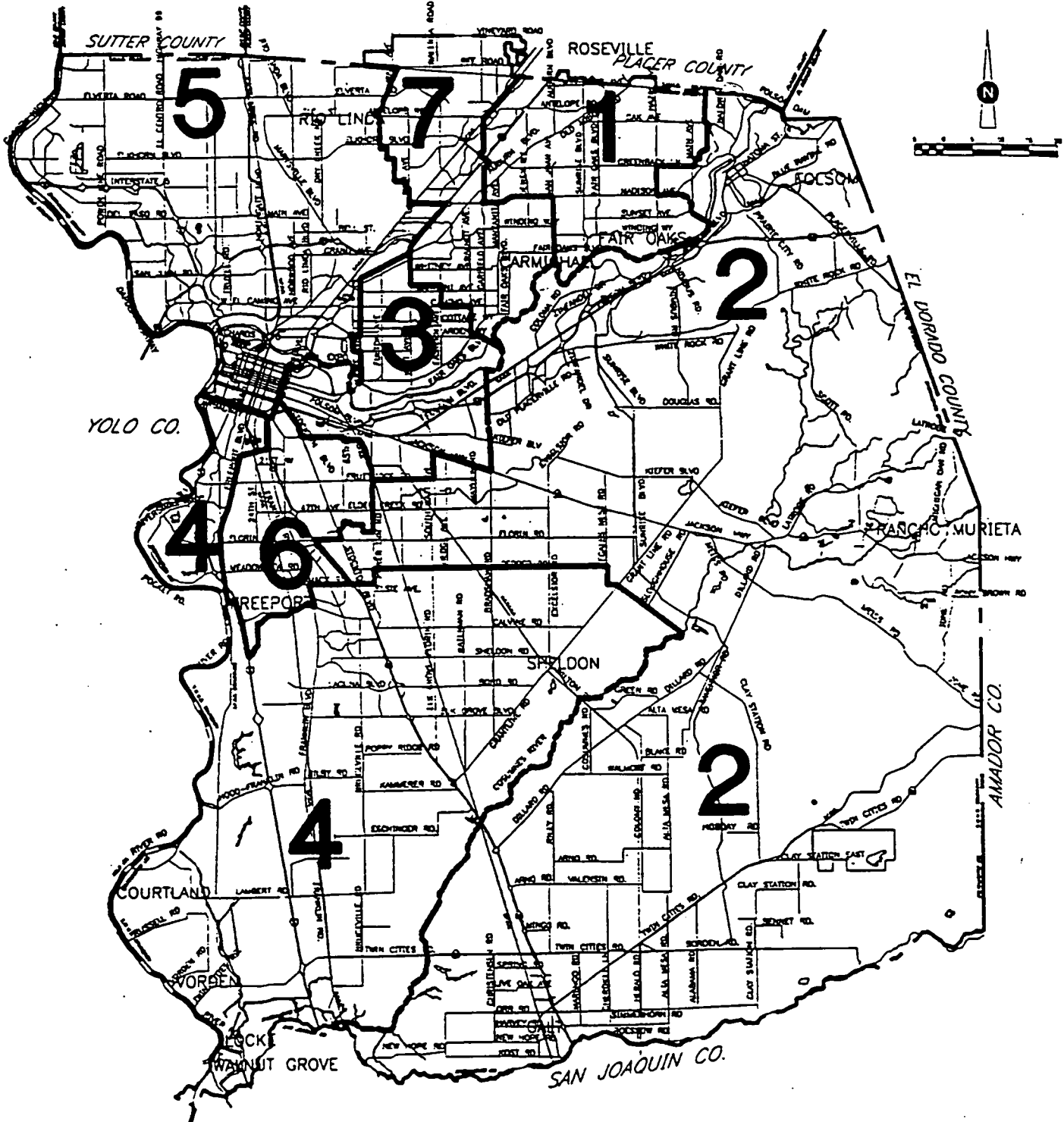
The Primary Election in the City of Sacramento is defined by lines of participating districts in consolidating precincts and setting up polling places. The following districts have elections in Primary Elections:

City of Sacramento boundaries
City of Sacramento Council districts in that election
County Board of Education Trustee Area Lines, Areas 1, 2, 3, 6 & 7
Assembly Districts 5, 8, 9 and 10
Congressional Districts 3, 5 & 11
Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3 & 5

The November General election polling in the City of Sacramento is defined by lines of participating districts in setting up consolidated precincts and polling places. The following districts have elections in November General Elections:

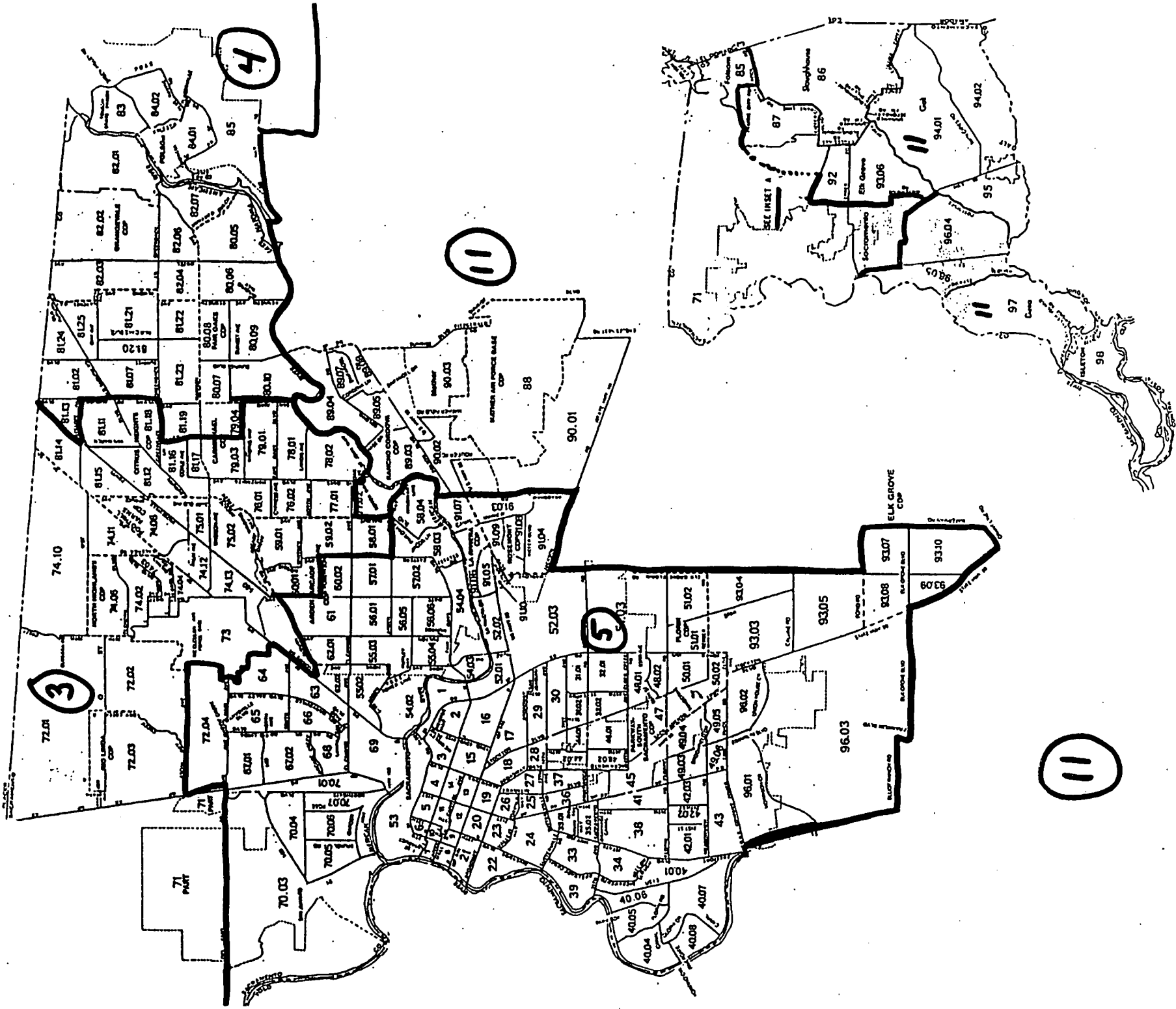
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City Council Districts in that election
Supervisorial Districts 1, 2, 3 & 5
Congressional Districts 3, 5 & 11
Assembly Districts 5, 8, 9 & 10
American River Flood Control District

SMUD Wards 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Los Rios Community College District Areas
Sacramento Unified School District
Elk Grove Unified School District
Grant Joint Union High School District
Del Paso Heights Elementary School District
Natomas Unified School District
North Sacramento Elementary School District
Robla Elementary School District
Rio Linda Elementary School District
San Juan Unified School District
Arcade Water District
Fulton-El Camino Park and Recreation District

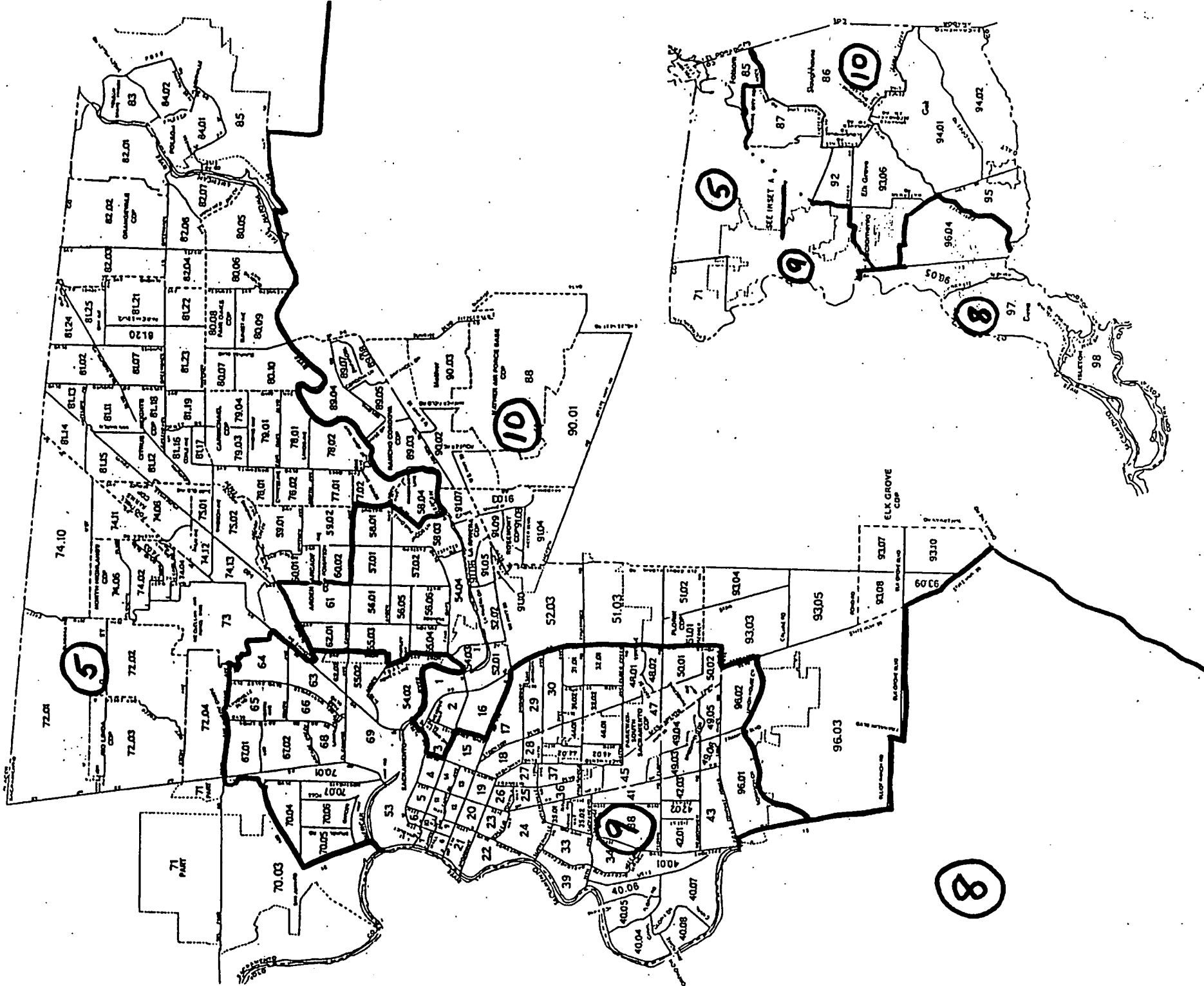


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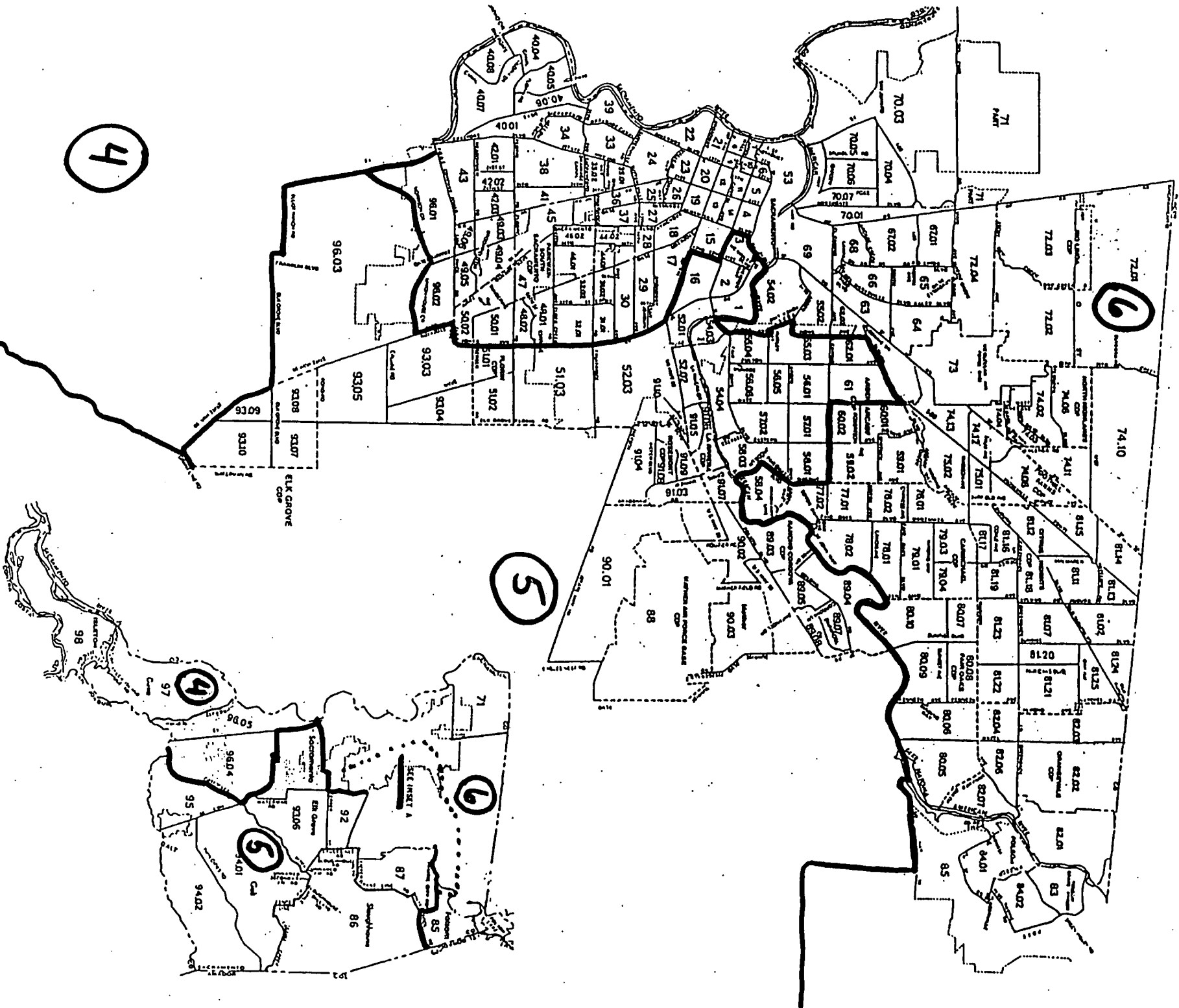
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SENATE DISTRICTS



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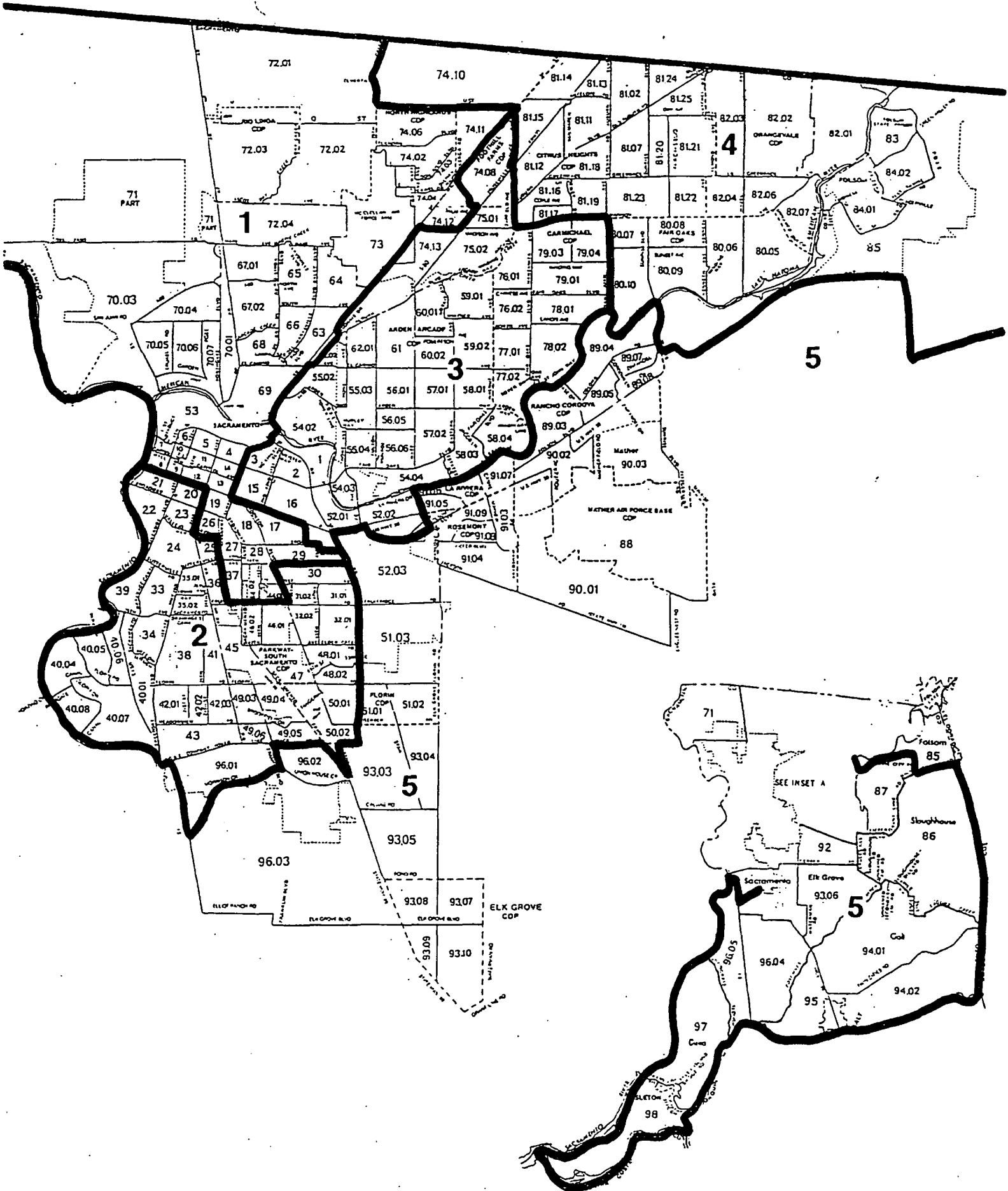
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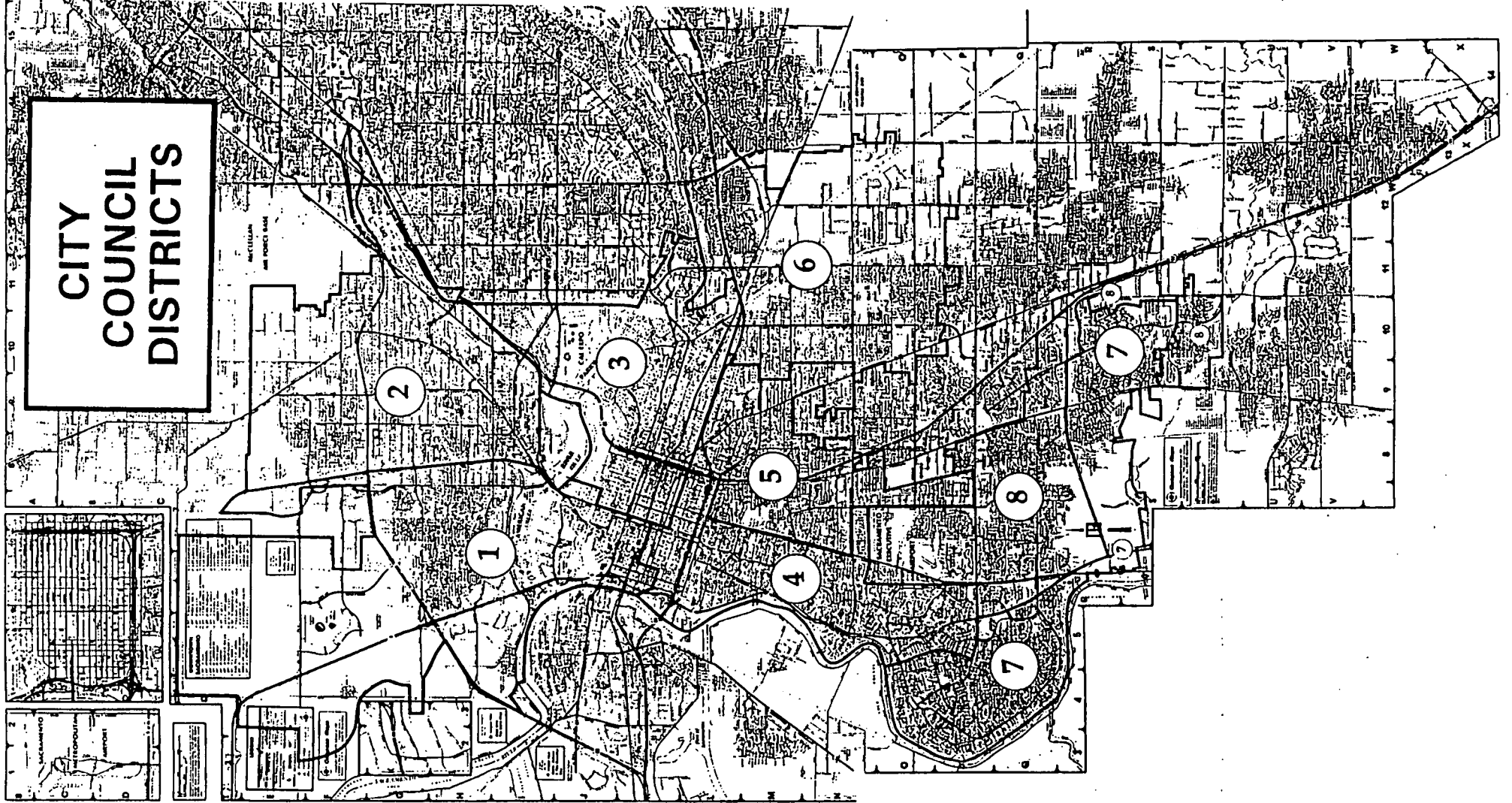
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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS
SEPTEMBER 17, 1991



CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS



DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT	CODE	TOTAL REG	DEM REG	REP REG	A-I REG	G-P REG	LIB REG	NAT REG	P-F REG	REF REG	MISC REG	DEC REG
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO		*0	559968	266684	198728	11850	3605	2837	1096	2722	4013	518	67915
3RD CONGRESSIONAL DIST		*103	113218	48638	45117	2615	609	624	183	468	890	108	13966
4TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST		*104	87851	31575	41805	1805	450	502	67	290	595	61	10701
5TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST		*105	295711	160826	85087	6107	2306	1422	752	1773	2137	295	36006
11TH CONGRESSIONAL DIST		*111	62188	25645	26719	1323	240	289	94	191	391	54	7242
4TH SENATORIAL DIST		*204	4954	2215	2036	92	10	25	2	12	29	4	529
5TH SENATORIAL DIST		*205	177823	79542	69758	3616	953	795	240	646	1009	144	21120
6TH SENATORIAL DIST		*206	377191	184927	126934	8142	2642	2017	854	2064	2975	370	46266
5TH ASSEMBLY DIST		*305	208933	83581	90110	4568	1096	1180	258	787	1542	172	25639
8TH ASSEMBLY DIST		*308	4954	2215	2036	92	10	25	2	12	29	4	529
9TH ASSEMBLY DIST		*309	168258	101346	36824	3574	1546	837	596	1277	1433	198	20627
10TH ASSEMBLY DIST		*310	177823	79542	69758	3616	953	795	240	646	1009	144	21120
1ST SUPERVISORIAL DIST		*401	91792	51438	21341	2438	1075	586	386	772	1047	129	12580
2ND SUPERVISORIAL DIST		*402	93489	56587	22396	1718	522	365	250	574	603	93	10381
3RD SUPERVISORIAL DIST		*403	119722	54167	46622	2287	914	628	174	479	700	96	13655
4TH SUPERVISORIAL DIST		*404	126799	46754	53988	2636	598	701	104	411	920	88	15599
5TH SUPERVISORIAL DIST		*405	128166	57738	49381	2771	496	557	182	486	743	112	15700
CITY OF SACRAMENTO		*510	178605	104377	42632	3667	1752	887	558	1227	1427	196	21882
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 1		*510 -11	19845	11250	4613	469	150	108	85	140	255	23	2752
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 2		*510 -12	18793	11126	3723	606	103	102	93	174	195	26	2645
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 3		*510 -13	28667	15186	7907	540	621	208	70	183	226	37	3689
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 4		*510 -14	25434	14564	7007	401	308	121	56	166	190	23	2598
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 5		*510 -15	19790	12912	3241	402	285	96	108	176	197	24	2349
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 6		*510 -16	20172	11639	5249	417	143	98	42	149	110	26	2299
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 7		*510 -17	24735	13631	7176	351	80	103	40	96	103	21	3134
SAC CITY COUNCIL DIST 8		*510 -18	21169	14069	3716	481	62	51	64	143	151	16	2416
CITY OF FOLSOM		*520	22740	7195	11952	363	75	118	12	35	83	14	2893
CITY OF GALT		*530	7294	2965	3091	223	23	37	17	23	30	8	877