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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 5, 2011

To: Chair Cogen, Commissioners Kafoury, Smith, Shiprack and McKeel

From: Steve March and Shannon Grzybowski

Subject: Redistricting Briefing

Agenda

- General criteria for redistricting
 - Charter, other
- Current populations
 - By district, smallest/largest
 - Deviation from ideal
 - By race and ethnicity
- Redistricting Process
 - Obtain and review data
 - Board briefing
 - Draw proposed districts
 - Check with County Elections for precinct issues
 - Hold public meeting on proposal
 - Finalize proposal, present to Board

Redistricting

Charter Requirements

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter Section 3.15 directs the Auditor to determine from decennial census data whether the population of any commissioner district exceeds 103 percent of the population of any other commissioner district. If such disproportion is found, the Charter directs the Auditor, in consultation with the Multnomah County Elections Division, to prepare and present to the Board of County Commissioners a plan for modifying district boundaries by August 1. The Charter allows the Board 45 days after receipt of the County Auditor's plan to alter by ordinance the boundaries of the commissioner districts.

The Multnomah County Home Rule Charter specifies that the Auditor shall be guided by the following points in drawing up a plan:

- No district shall exceed the population of any other district by more than 102 percent; and
- The general geographic characteristics of districts established by the Charter shall be retained as nearly as possible

Additional Criteria

The Multnomah County Elections Division staff also suggested the following guidelines:

- Follow simple, recognizable boundaries, such as major arterials and geographic boundaries, that can be easily understood by the citizens; and
- Avoid using boundaries that could change, such as city or school districts

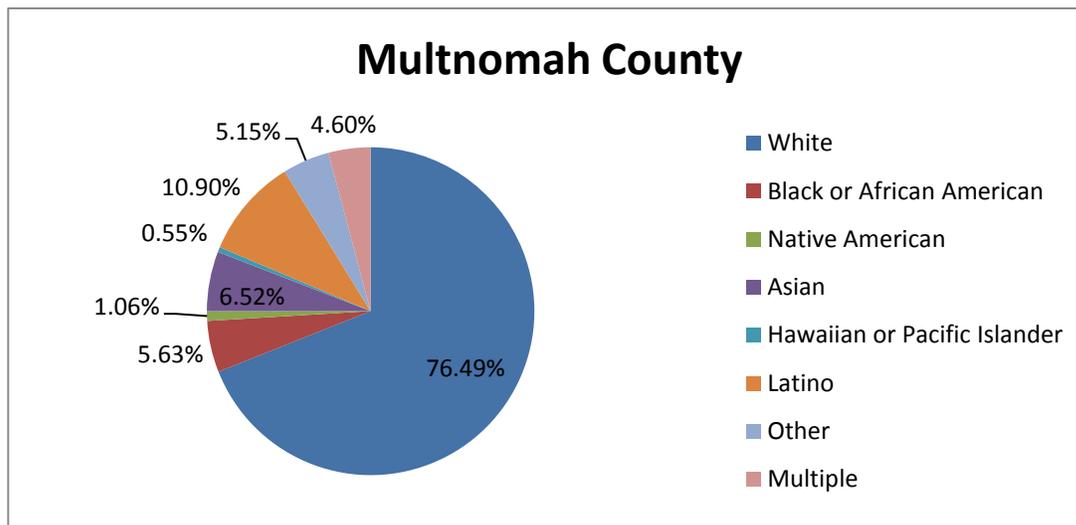
We will also consider guidelines adopted in ORS 188.010, which states that, where practicable:

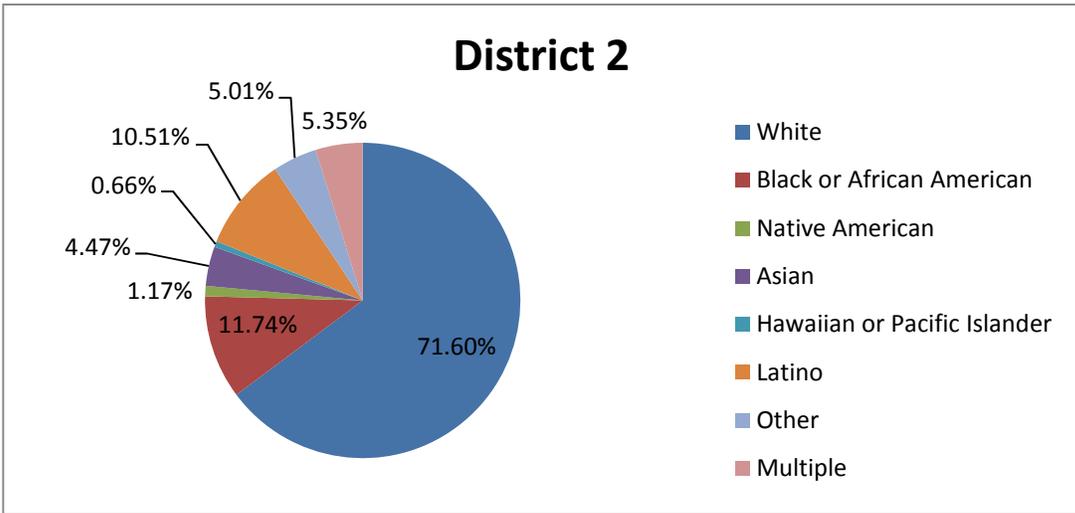
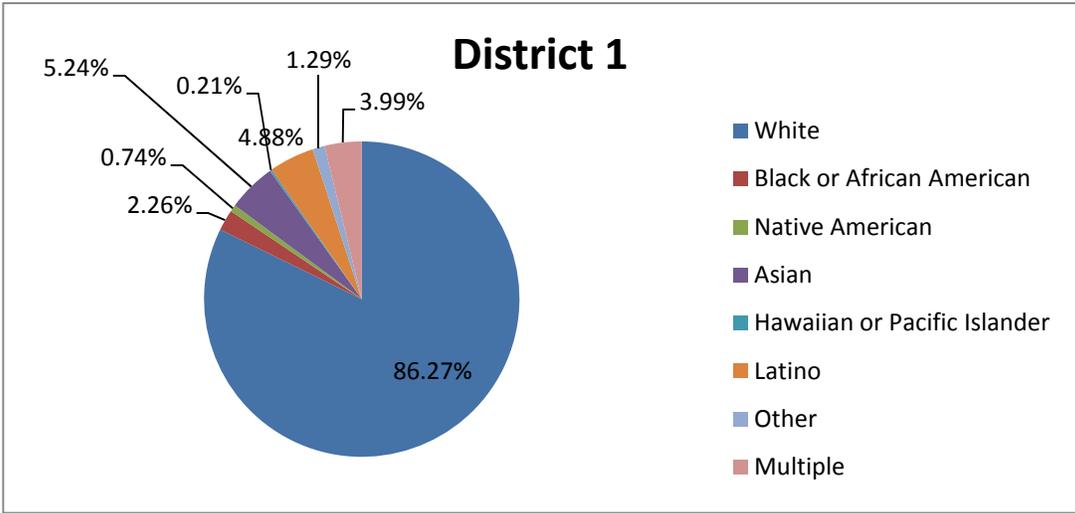
- Districts should be contiguous
- Districts should be of equal population
- Districts should utilize existing geographic or political boundaries whenever possible
- Districts should not divide communities of common interest
- District should be connected by transportation links
- Districts should not be drawn for the purpose of favoring and political party, incumbent legislator, or any other person
- Districts should not be drawn for the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group

Population

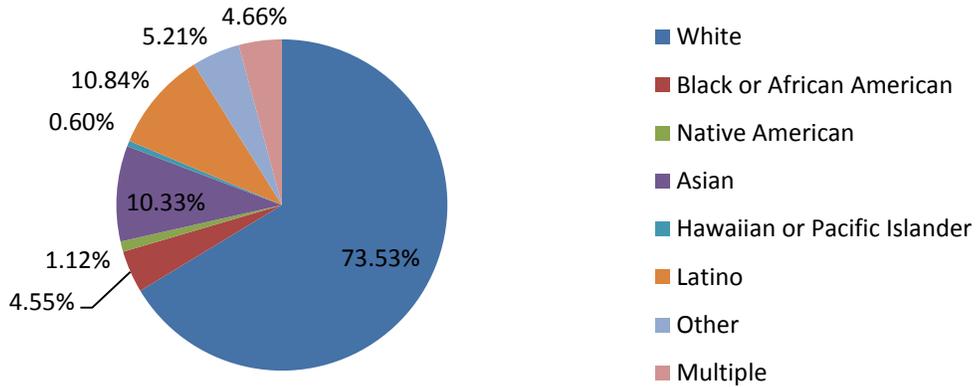
Districts	2010 Population	Largest District over others	Deviation from Ideal	Percent from Ideal
District 1-West	186,190	104.5%	+2356	1.28%
District 2-North	173,315	112.3%	-10519	-5.72%
District 3-Central	181,220	107.4%	-2614	-1.42%
District 4-East	194,609	-----	+10775	5.86%
Total	735,334			
Target District population	183,833.5			

County Populations by Race and Ethnicity

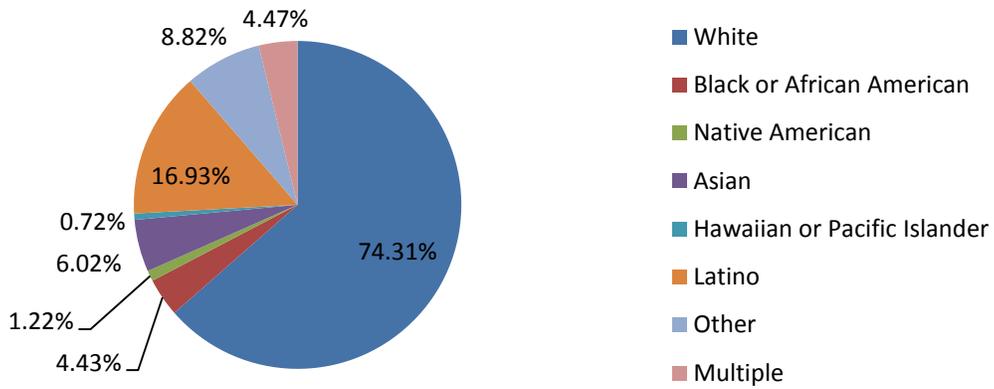




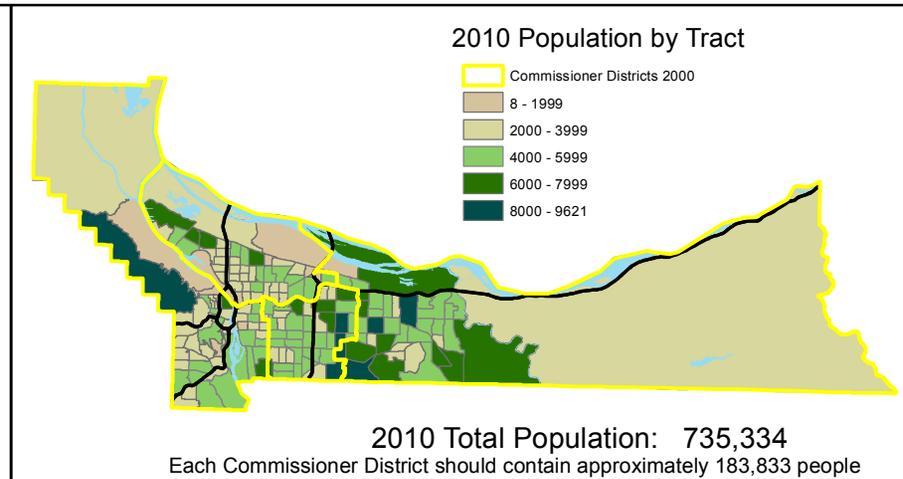
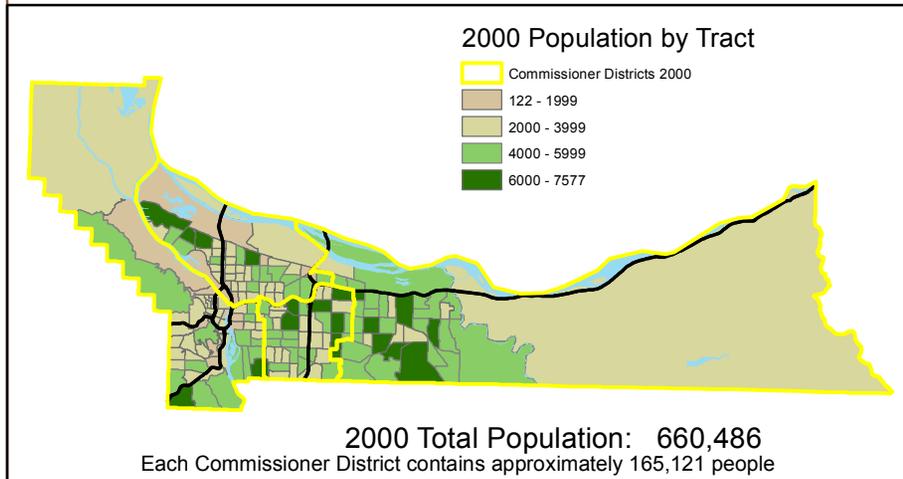
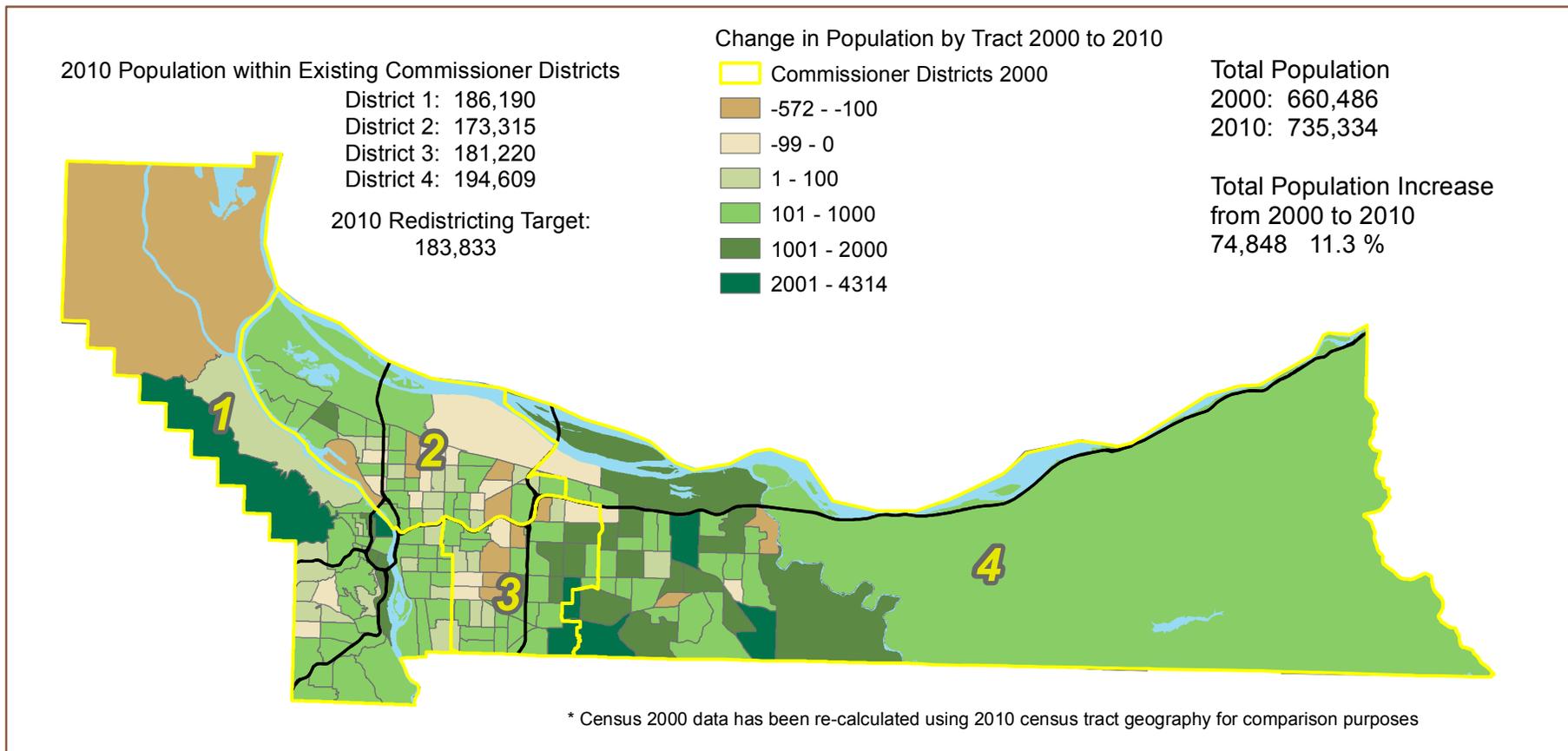
District 3



District 4



Multnomah County Commissioner Redistricting Census 2000 to Census 2010 Population Change



Multnomah County Commissioner Redistricting Census 2000 to Census 2010 Race and Ethnicity Change

