

Back of the Yards

The Committee for a Unified Back of the Yards is a group comprised of residents, religious institutions, social service agencies, local schools and parks.

Back of the Yards is a community of interest. Back of the Yards is Chicago's second oldest Mexican-American neighborhood. It has historically been an entry port for various generations of immigrants looking for work in the Chicago Stockyards (now an industrial park), that lays to the north and east of Back of the Yards. This community area is bordered by Western Avenue to the west, Halsted Avenue to the east, 52nd Street to the south and the Pershing Avenue to the north. The community is served by the 47th Street business corridor and residents largely share racial, ethnic, language, cultural, and socio-economic identifies. Our residents are connected by a shared commitment to advance immigrant rights, create peace, accompany our youth, promote economic development, and improve our local schools.

Back of the Yards, a community that encompasses roughly a 2-mile by 1.5 mile area, is currently split into many districts at all levels of government. In 2000, our community was drawn into the tail end of three congressional districts (3, 4 and 7), three state house districts (1, 2 and 6), two state senate districts (1 and 3) and five city wards (3, 11, 12, 16, and 20). **That is a total of 13 political districts in our small community.** Having 13 districts in one community dilutes and fractures our community's vote. It has also made it difficult for residents to obtain basic government services, develop relationships with their legislators, create political empowerment, advocate for the needs of our youth, poor, and immigrants, and promote economic development. **Back of the Yards should be recognized as a community of interest, and should be kept intact and unified in the congressional, state, and municipal districts.**

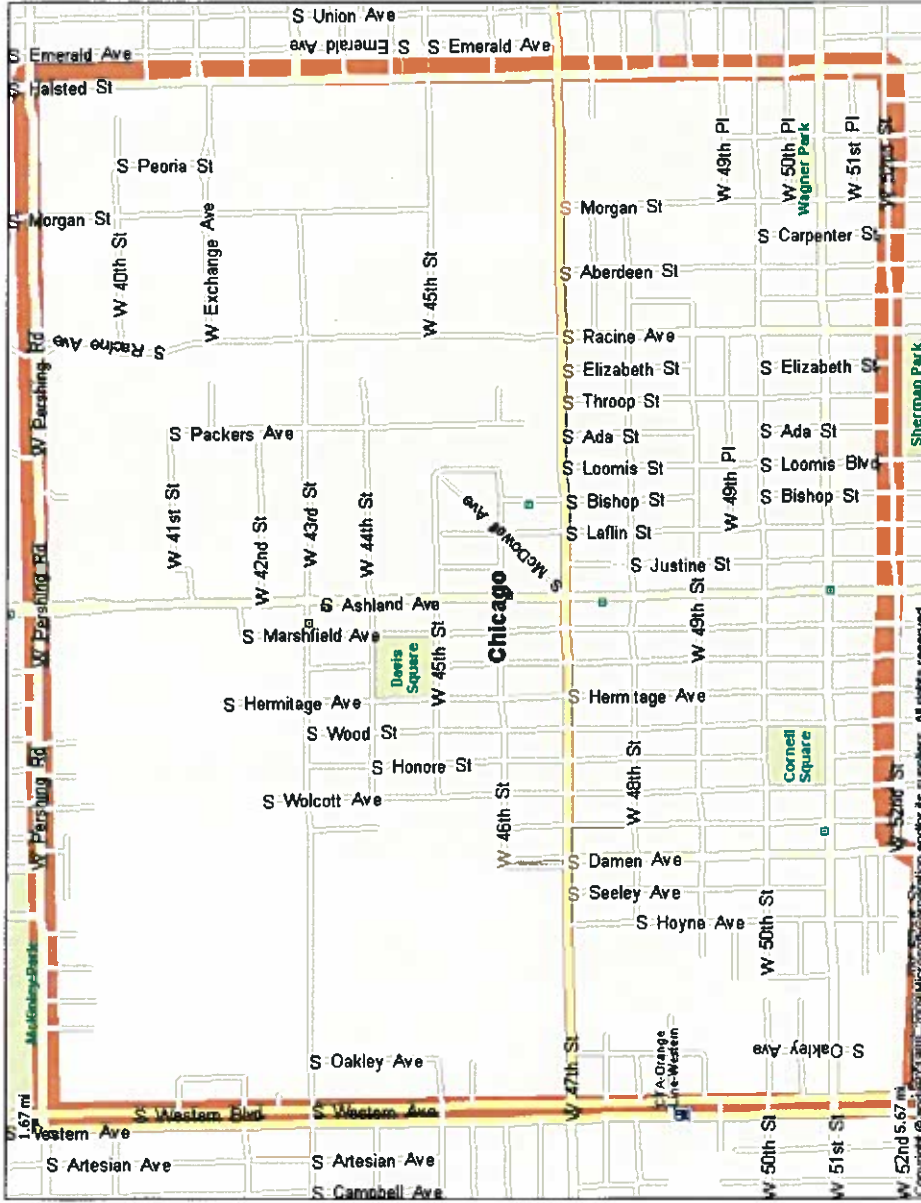
We have talked to community residents in our community, block by block, and they support a unified and intact Back of the Yards. We have collected signatures from community residents who support this effort. We submit these petitions into the record. We have also are in the process of collecting letters of support from community organizations that serve Back of the Yards.

We call on the Senate Redistricting Committee and the General Assembly to do the following:

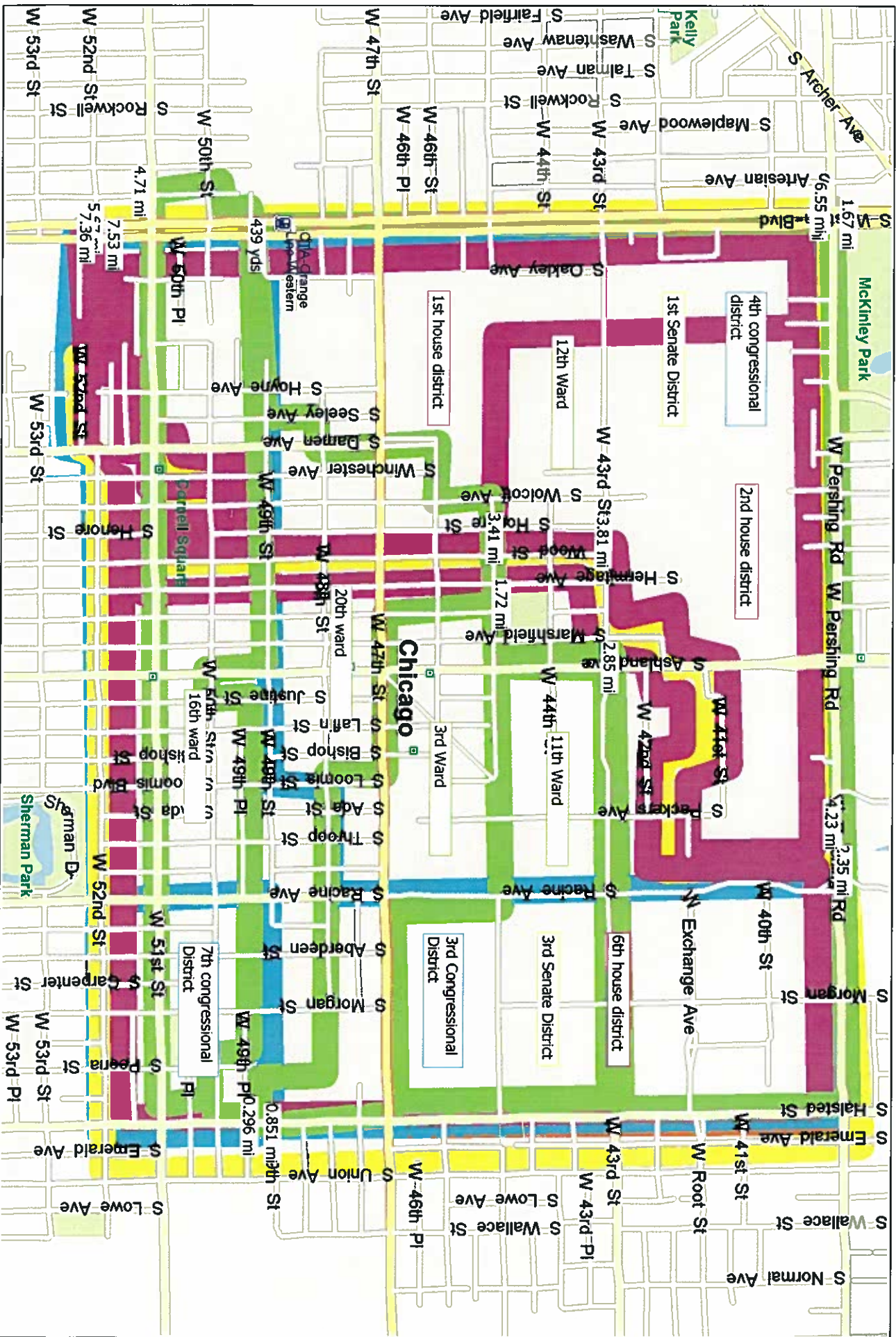
- Keep the Back of the Yards unified and intact when mapping the congressional and state legislative districts. A map of our community is offered into the record.
- Present potential redistricting maps to the public at least two weeks before a vote so that communities can provide input.
- Ensure fair representation by protecting voting rights under the Federal Voting Rights Act and the new Illinois Voting Rights Act including influence, coalition and crossover districts.
- Recognize and respect communities of interest by keeping them together and not fracturing or diluting their voice and their vote.

Thank You

Back of the Yards Community Area

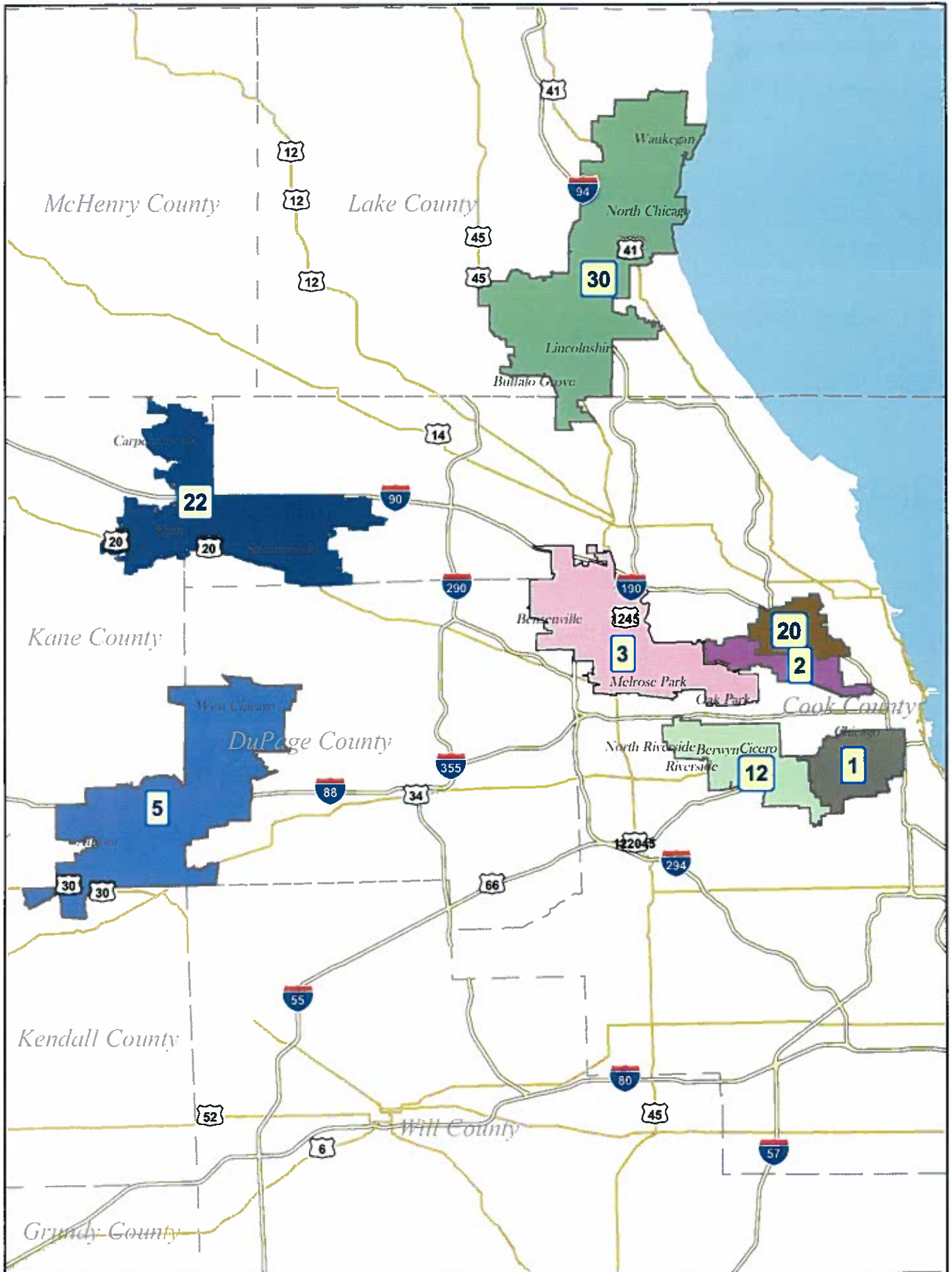


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Proposed Senate Districts



SD 1

Legend

- Existing State Senate
- Proposed RD
- Proposed LD
- Counties

Percent Hispanic by Precinct

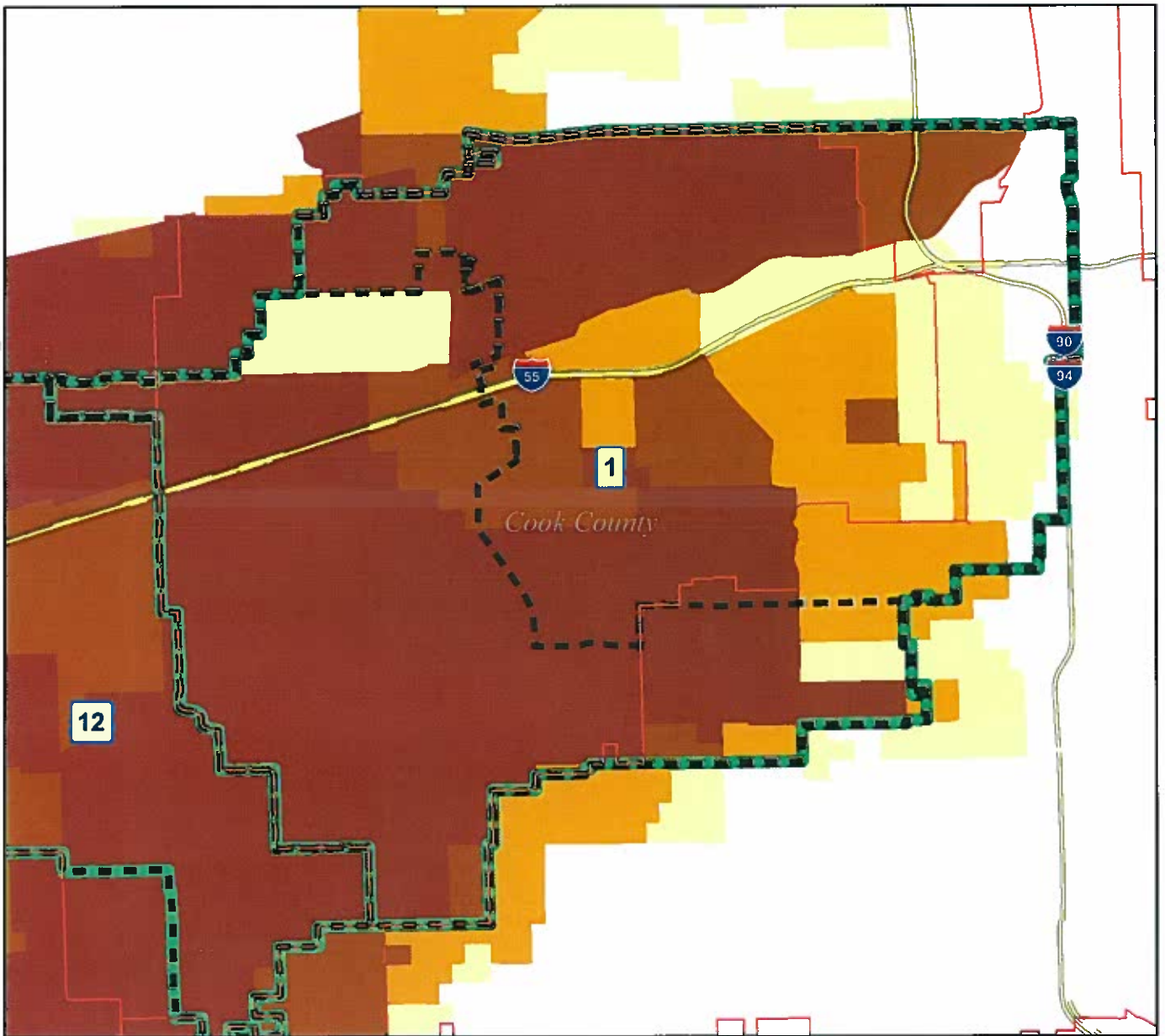
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- 50.1% - 75%
- 75.1% - and up

Existing

Total Pop: 193,410
Raw Dev: 24,058
Hispanic Pop: 144,653
Hispanic %: 74.79%
Total Voting Age: 136,046
Hispanic Voting Age: 94,103
Hispanic Voting Age %: 69.17%

Proposed

Total Pop: 217,467
Raw Dev: -1
Hispanic Pop: 145,004
Hispanic %: 66.68%
Total Voting Age: 155,711
Hispanic Voting Age: 94,524
Hispanic Voting Age %: 60.70%



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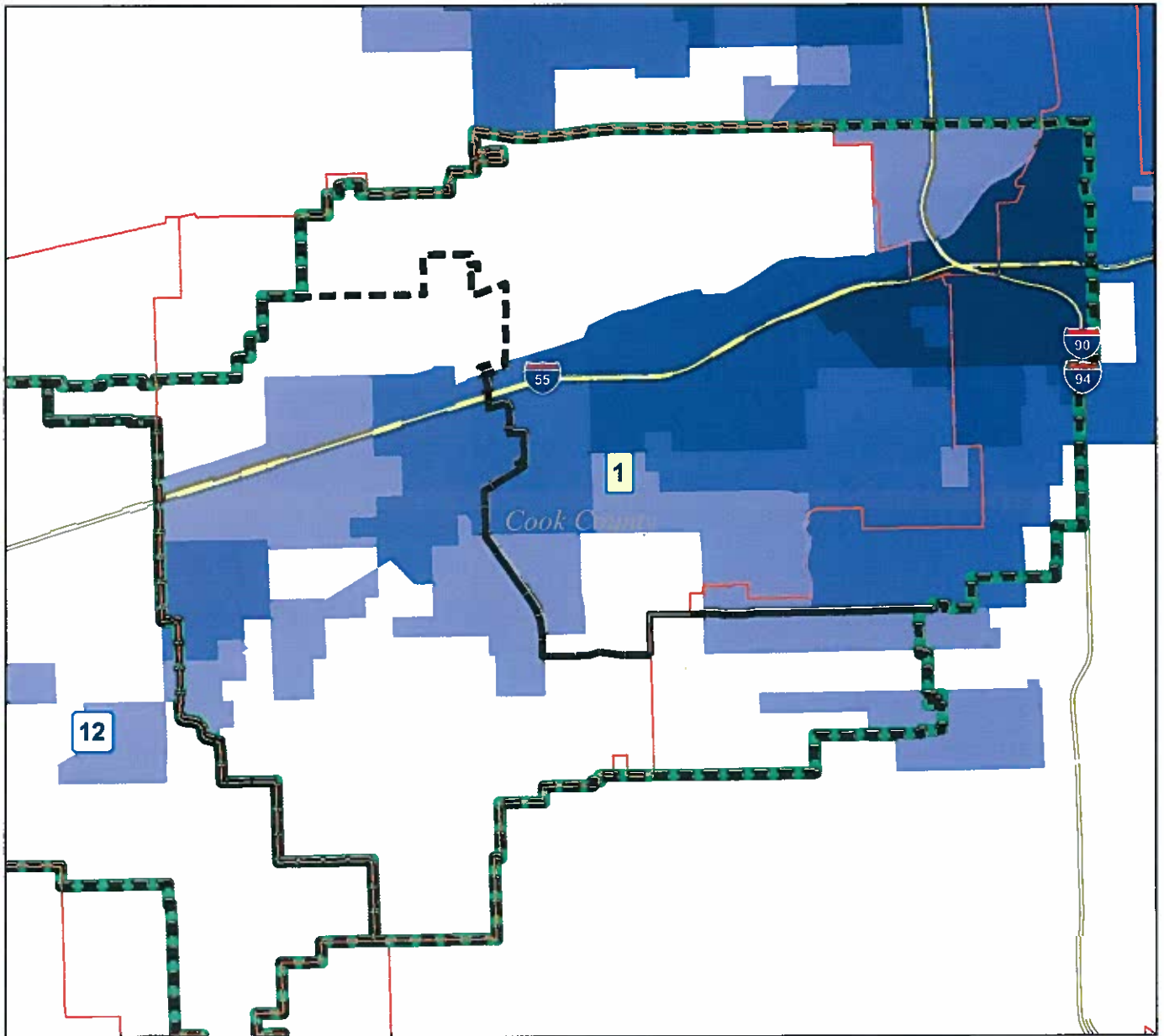
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Existing

Total Pop: 193,410
Raw Dev: 24,058
Asian Pop: 12,539
Asian%: 6.48%
Total Voting Age: 136,046
Asian Voting Age: 9,949
Asian Voting Age %: 7.31%





Proposed

Total Pop: 217,467
Raw Dev: -1
Asian Pop: 26,639
Asian %: 12.24%
Total Voting Age: 155,711
Asian Voting Age: 21,369
Asian Voting Age %: 13.72%








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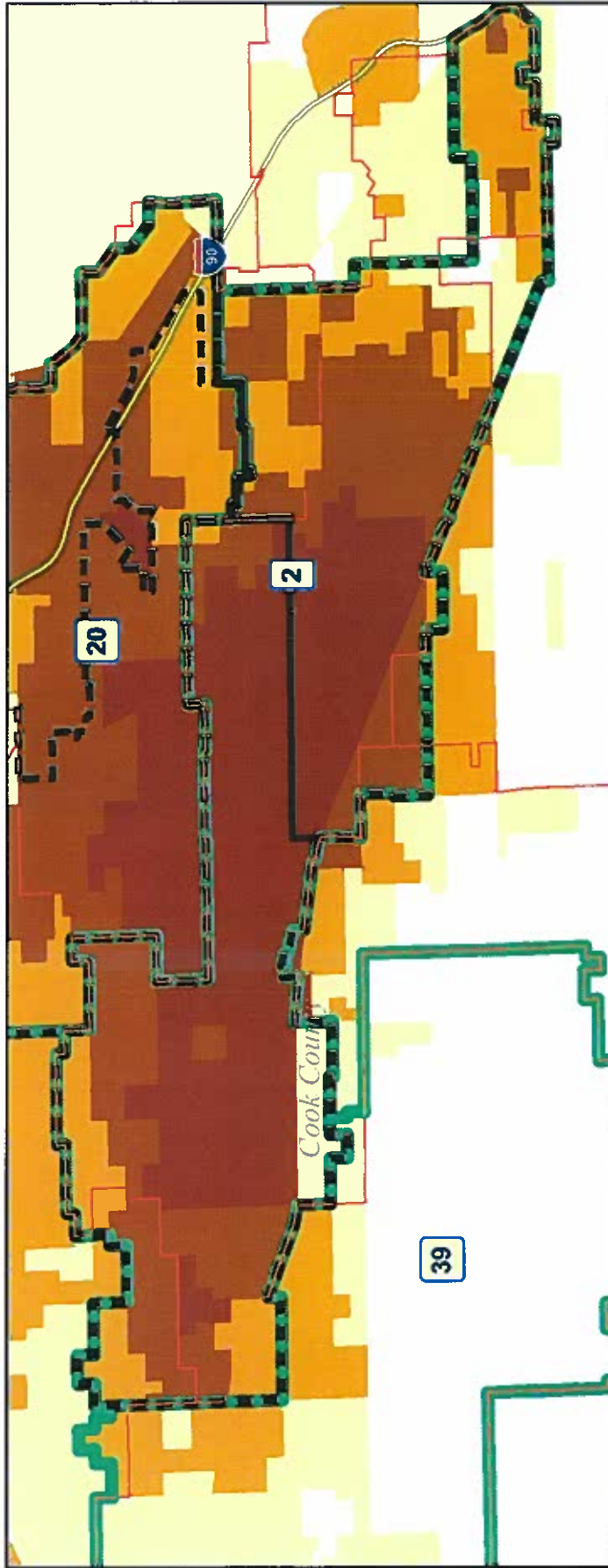
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Existing

Total Pop: 193,971
 Raw Dev: 23,497
 Hispanic Pop: 125,358
 Hispanic %: 64.63%
 Total Voting Age: 144,104
 Hispanic Voting Age: 85,151
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 59.09%

Proposed

Total Pop: 217,476
 Raw Dev: 8
 Hispanic Pop: 141,448
 Hispanic %: 65.04%
 Total Voting Age: 160,523
 Hispanic Voting Age: 96,237
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 59.95%








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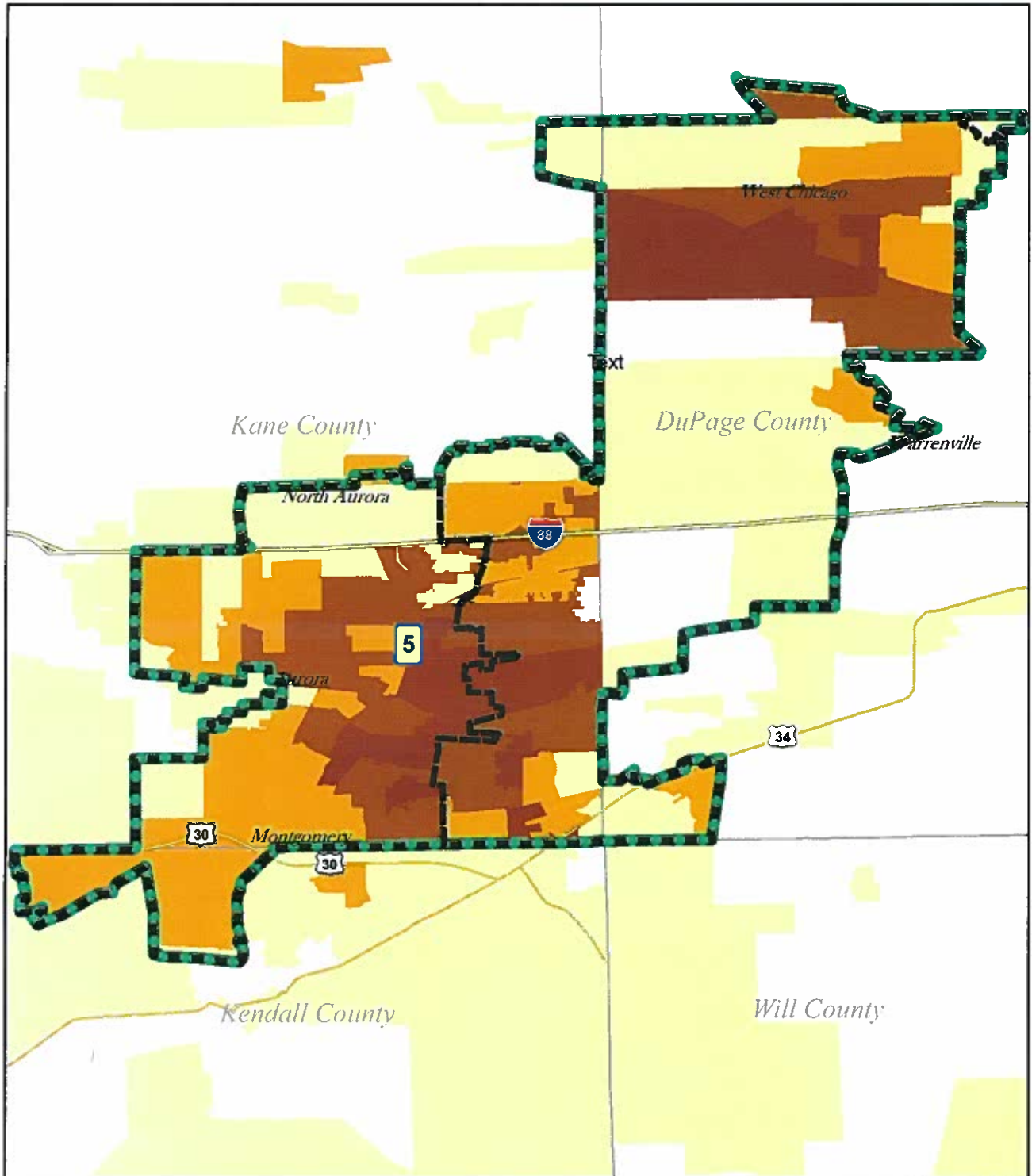
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Percent Hispanic by Precinct

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Proposed

Total Pop: 217,471
 Raw Dev: 3
 Hispanic Pop: 105,414
 Hispanic %: 48.47%
 Total Voting Age: 150,460
 Hispanic Voting Age: 64,560
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 42.91%



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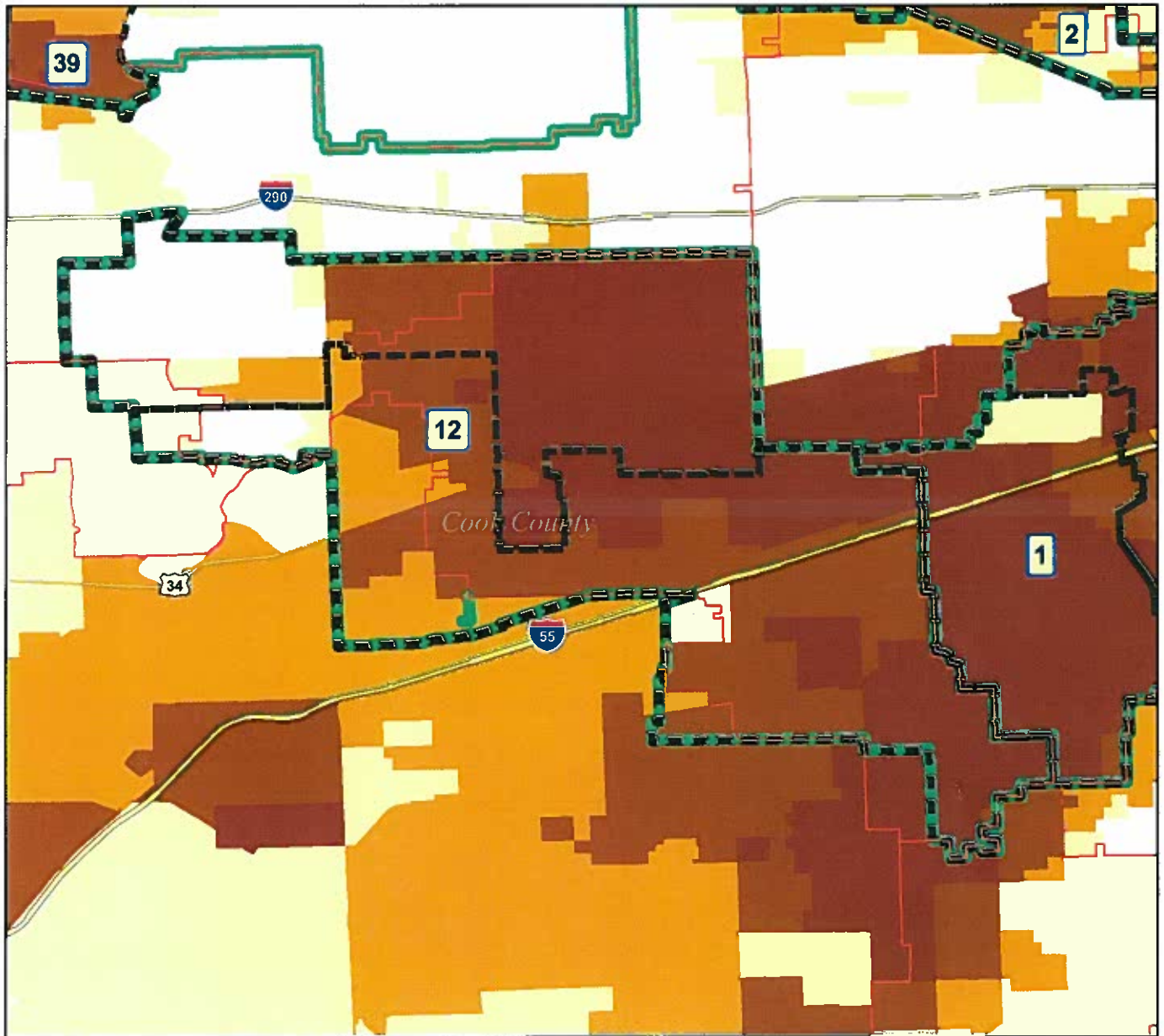
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Existing

Total Pop: 208,860
 Raw Dev: 8,608
 Hispanic Pop: 174,974
 Hispanic %: 83.78%
 Total Voting Age: 141,238
 Hispanic Voting Age: 112,714
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 79.80%

Proposed

Total Pop: 217,487
 Raw Dev: 19
 Hispanic Pop: 157,876
 Hispanic %: 72.59%
 Total Voting Age: 150,929
 Hispanic Voting Age: 101,110
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 66.99%








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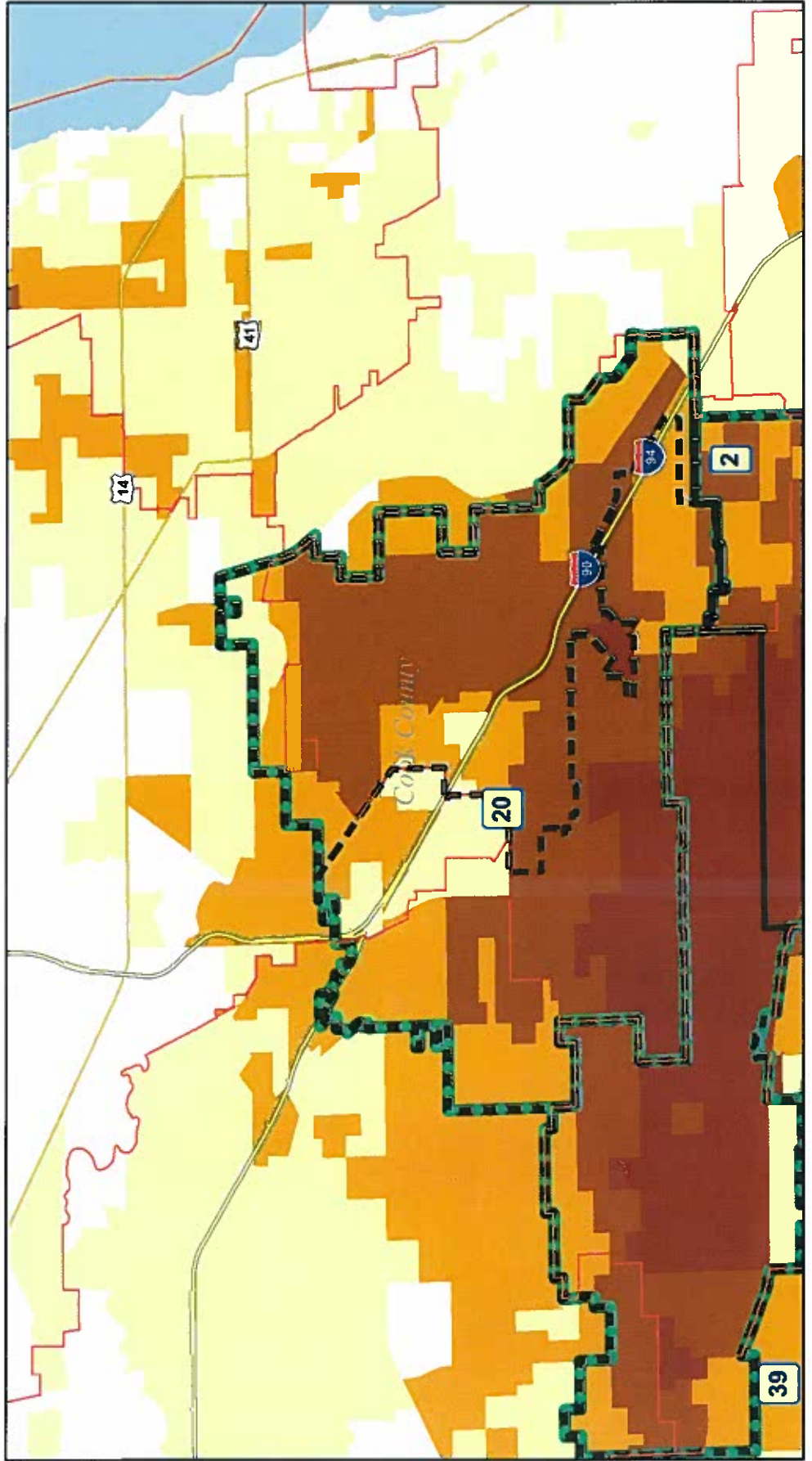
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Existing

Total Pop: 187,878
 Raw Dev: 29,590
 Hispanic Pop: 110,795
 Hispanic %: 58.97%
 Total Voting Age: 143,033
 Hispanic Voting Age: 76,410
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 53.42%

Proposed

Total Pop: 217,493
 Raw Dev: 25
 Hispanic Pop: 119,305
 Hispanic %: 54.85%
 Total Voting Age: 165,136
 Hispanic Voting Age: 81,568
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 49.39%








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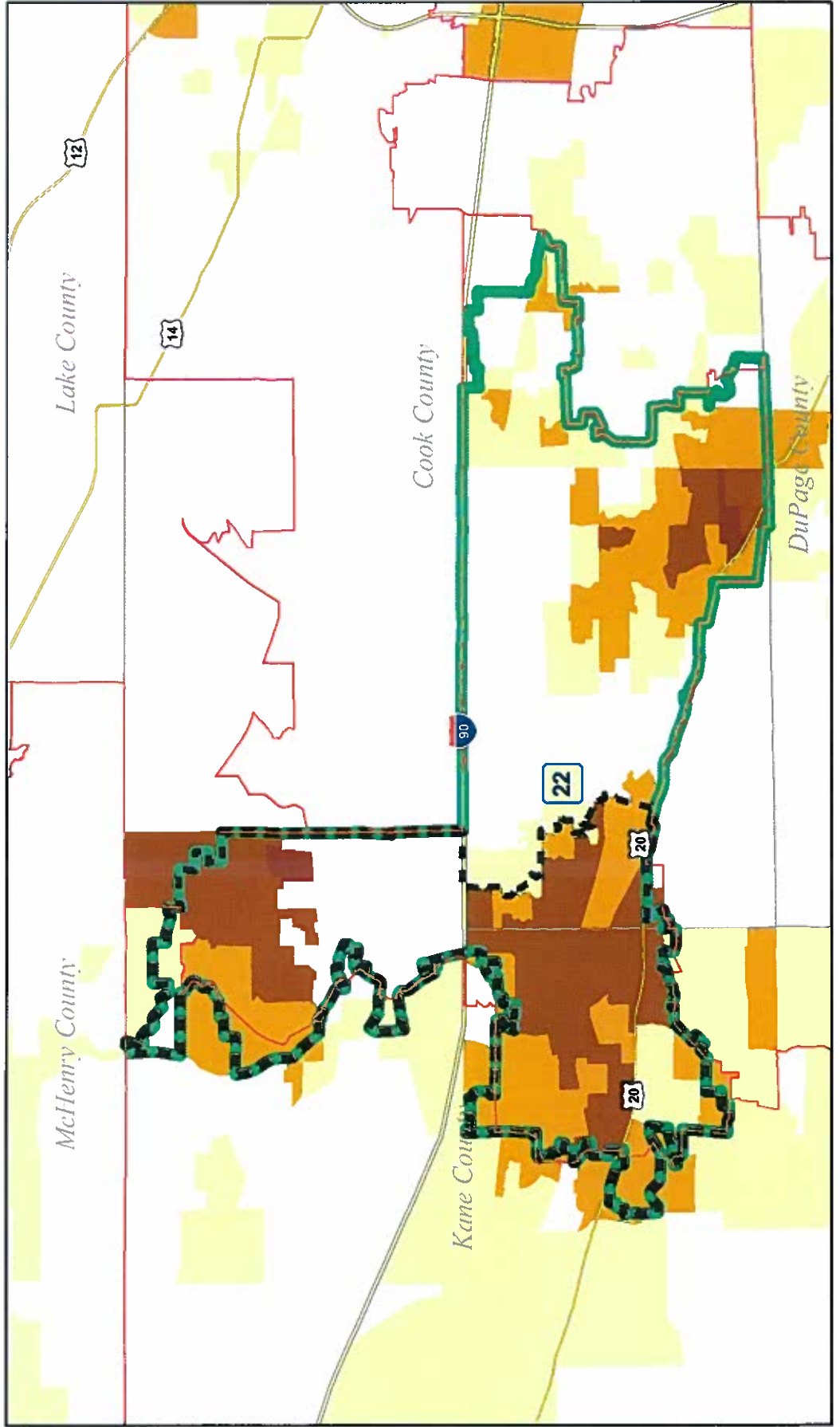
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Existing

Total Pop: 221,583
 Raw Dev: 4,115
 Hispanic Pop: 88,515
 Hispanic %: 39.95%
 Total Voting Age: 159,266
 Hispanic Voting Age: 54,491
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 34.21%

Proposed






Total Pop: 217,468
 Raw Dev: 0
 Hispanic Pop: 90,219
 Hispanic %: 41.50%
 Total Voting Age: 155,325
 Hispanic Voting Age: 55,443
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 35.69%



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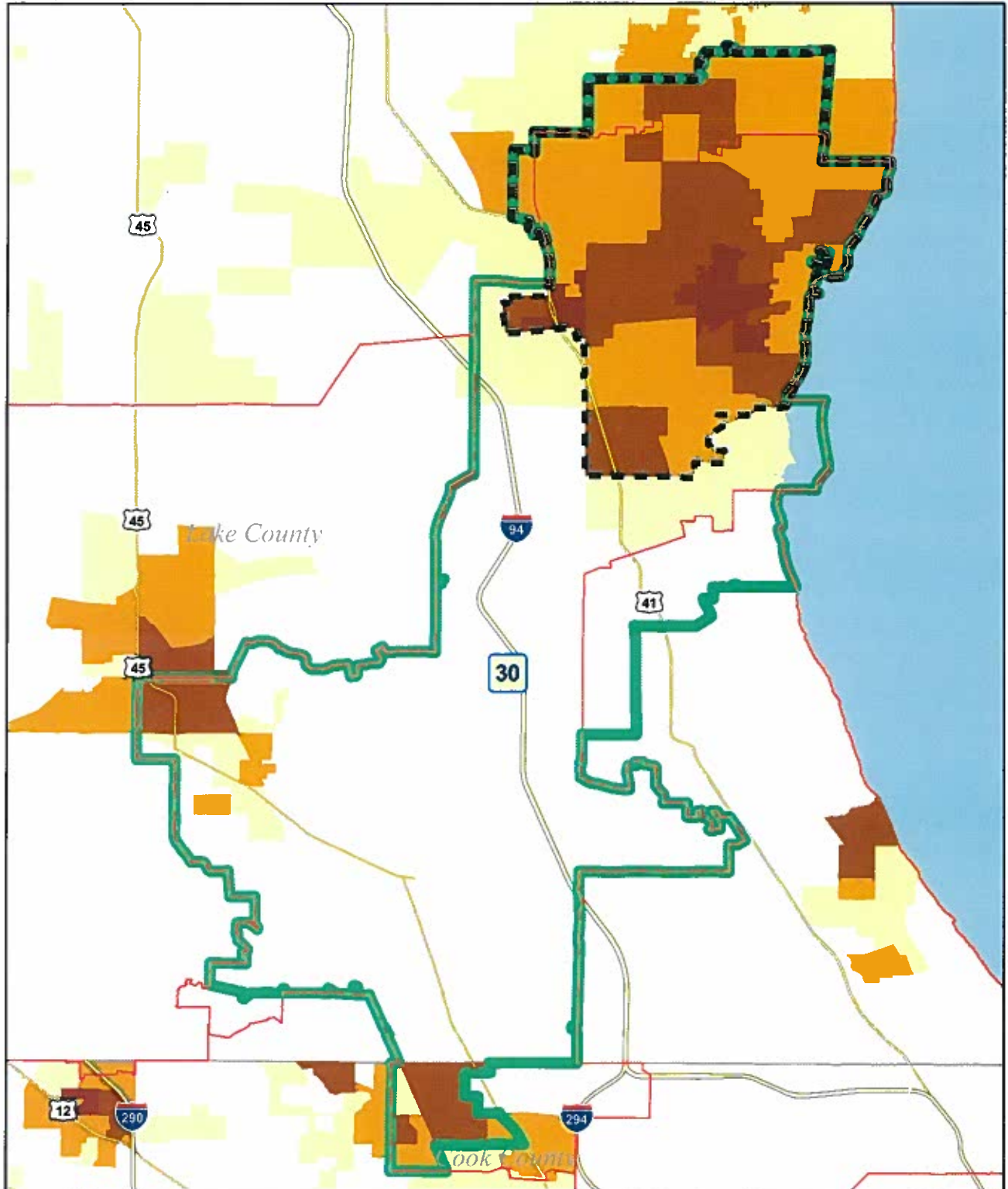
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Existing

Total Pop: 213,957
Raw Dev: -3,511
Hispanic Pop: 71,668
Hispanic %: 33.50%
Total Voting Age: 156,753
Hispanic Voting Age: 45,140
Hispanic Voting Age %: 28.80%










Proposed

Total Pop: 217,467
Raw Dev: -1
Hispanic Pop: 74,484
Hispanic %: 41.49%
Total Voting Age: 158,421
Hispanic Voting Age: 46,767
Hispanic Voting Age %: 29.52%



SD 39

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Existing

Total Pop: 201,567
 Raw Dev: 15,901
 Hispanic Pop: 61,241
 Hispanic %: 30.38%
 Total Voting Age: 152,113
 Hispanic Voting Age: 39,919
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 26.24%

Proposed

Total Pop: 217,467
 Raw Dev: -1
 Hispanic Pop: 72,879
 Hispanic %: 33.50%
 Total Voting Age: 162,728
 Hispanic Voting Age: 47,179
 Hispanic Voting Age %: 28.99%

