

# Cuyahoga County Districting Commission

August 19, 2021



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# Overview

- Responses to questions from 8/17
- Website
- Regional meetings
- Data availability
- Current map with population deviation
- Decision points for the Commission

A map of Cleveland, Ohio, showing various neighborhoods. A large blue rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the map, containing white text. The word 'Cleveland' is written in a large, semi-transparent font across the city. Several large black numbers are scattered on the map: '7' in the north, '6' in the east, and '5' in the south. The neighborhoods shown include Lakewood, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Berea, Middleburg Hts, Broadview Heights, Independence, Valley View, Walton Hills, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Solon, Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike, Wood, Woodmere, Shaker Hts, University Hts, Beachwood, Lyndhurst, Euclid, South, Mayfield Hts, and Broadview Heights. The word 'Summit County' is visible at the bottom right.

# Responses to Questions from 8/17

# Responses to Questions from 8/17 Public Comments

## Questions

- Could we consider other community factors, for example health care issues or LGBTQ?
- Could public input be more of an interactive exchange with commissioners and consultants?
- Is there a way to address undercounted communities, specifically referencing homeless concentrations?
- Will this process utilize data being developed by Ohio University?
- What is the standard for a minority community to be packed/diluted?
- Do we consider the current map compact?



# Districting Commission Website

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The screenshot shows the Cuyahoga County Council website. At the top left is the county seal and the text "Cuyahoga County Council". To the right is a search bar and a "Stay informed, subscribe now" link. A dark blue navigation bar contains links for HOME, ABOUT THE COUNCIL, MEETINGS, LEGISLATION, REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS, MEDIA ROOM, PUBLIC RECORDS, and PENDING LEGISLATION. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "You are here: Home > About the Council > Council Districting Commission". The main heading is "2021 Cuyahoga County Districting Commission". Below this is a sub-heading: "Get detailed information about the effort to redraw Cuyahoga County's 11 County Council districts." To the right of this text is a "Contact Forms" box with two links: "Submit a Question or Comment" and "Sign up for Updates". Below the sub-heading are four checkmarks: "✓ Transparent ✓ Fair ✓ Open ✓ Accountable". A section titled "Find the information you need by clicking on any of the following questions:" lists ten questions about the districting process. A bolded paragraph states: "Cuyahoga County's districting process must be completed by September 1, 2021." This is followed by a paragraph explaining the delay in the 2020 Census data. Another bolded paragraph states: "Despite the compressed timeline, the Cuyahoga County Districting Commission is committed to making the districting process open, transparent, fair and accountable to Cuyahoga County residents." The final paragraph invites citizens, interested parties, and the media to visit the site regularly.

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## 2021 Cuyahoga County Districting Commission

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Find the information you need by clicking on any of the following questions:

- Why do Cuyahoga County's Council districts need to be redrawn?
- What laws govern the County Council districting process?
- What criteria will be used to make sure the County Council districts are fair?
- Who is working on the districting process?
- What do the existing and proposed maps look like?
- How are district maps drawn and what data are they based on?
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- When and where are the Districting Commission meetings held?
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- Where can I see all the materials used and developed by the Commission and the questions, comments, maps, or other materials submitted to it by the public?
- Where can I find press releases and media reports about the districting process?

**Cuyahoga County's districting process must be completed by September 1, 2021.**

Under normal circumstances, the census data needed for districting would be released in April and the Districting Commission would have 120 days to accomplish its assigned task. This year, however, the 2020 Census was not completed on time and the necessary population data was not released until August 12, 2021, forcing the Cuyahoga County Districting Commission to complete its work in less than three weeks.

**Despite the compressed timeline, the Cuyahoga County Districting Commission is committed to making the districting process open, transparent, fair and accountable to Cuyahoga County residents.**

The Commission invites the citizens of Cuyahoga County, interested parties, and the media to visit the site on a regular basis as we work to complete the vitally important task of revising the County Council Districts. [Questions and comments are welcome and may be submitted here.](#)

Contact Forms

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LINK: <http://council.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/2021-Council-Districting-Commission.aspx>

# Districing Commission Website Roadmap

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# Districting Commission Website: Contact and Submission Forms

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### Council Districting Committee - Submit a Question or Comment

Question or Comment

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### Council Districting Committee - Want information or updates?

Name:

Address:

City:  Zip:

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# Districting Commission Regional Meetings

# Proposed Meeting Schedule

## Monday, August 23

- Time: 3-5pm
- Location: Cuyahoga County HQ, 2079 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland

## Wednesday, August 25

- Time: 5:30-7:30pm
- Location: Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood

## Thursday, August 26

- Time: 3-5pm
- Location: Cuyahoga County HQ, 2079 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland

# Outreach for Regional Meetings

- **Who:** Elected officials, good government groups, community organizations, political parties, and community leaders.
- **How:**
  - Email
  - Direct calls
  - Requests to be on calendars



The poster features a map of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, divided into 11 numbered districts. The districts are color-coded: 1 (pink), 2 (green), 3 (blue), 4 (orange), 5 (yellow), 6 (light green), 7 (yellow), 8 (red), 9 (blue), 10 (yellow), and 11 (light green). The map is titled 'Cuyahoga County, Ohio County Council Districts Adopted September 8, 2011'. The poster also includes the Cuyahoga County logo and the text 'Cuyahoga County Districting Commission'.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
**Make Your Voice Heard**

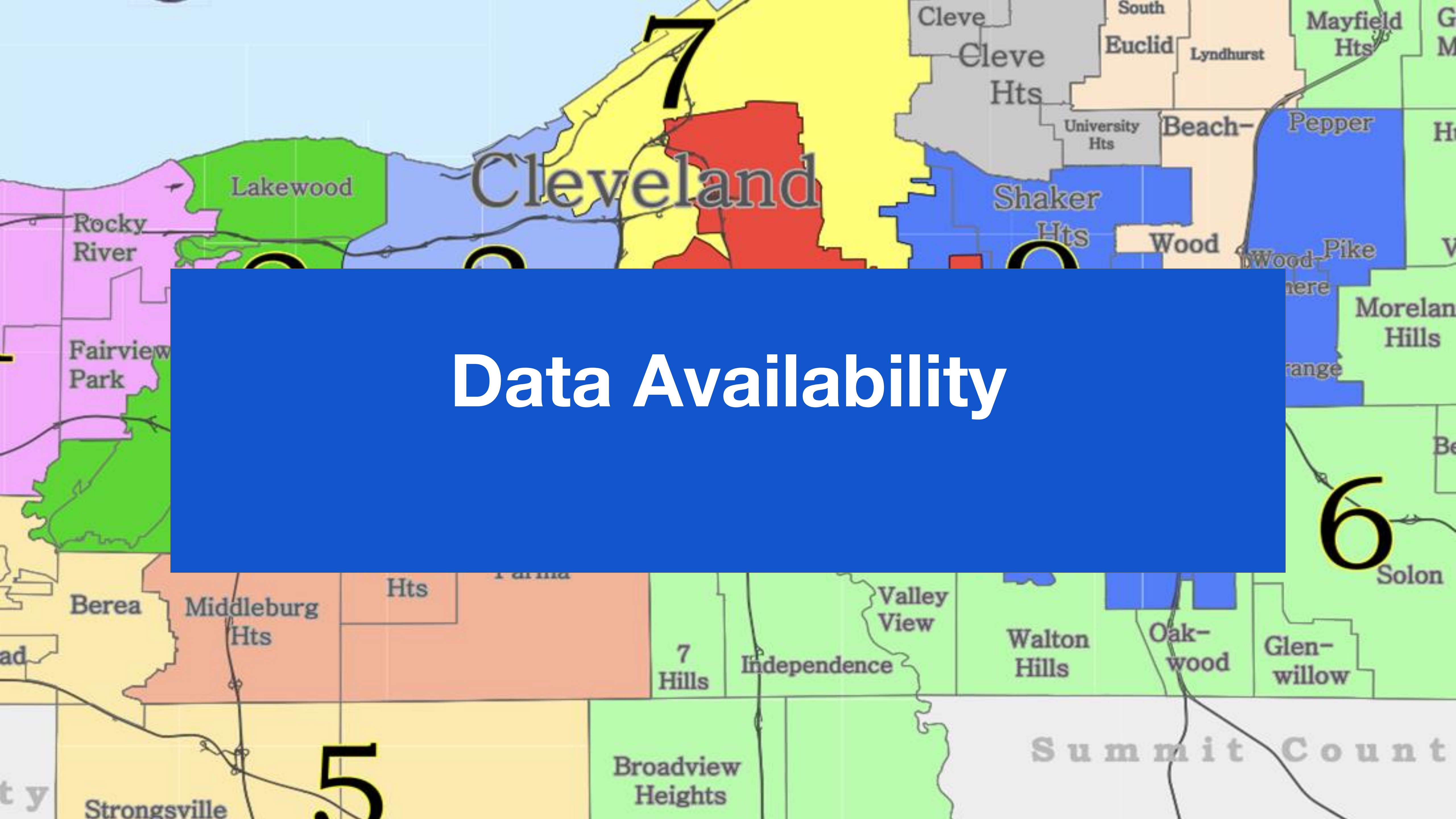
Every 10 years, Cuyahoga County must redraw its County Council districts to reflect population changes in the most recent federal census.

The County Districting Commission is committed to a **transparent, open, fair and accountable** districting process. **We invite you to join us** to learn more and provide your input into the districting process and proposed maps.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- Thursday, August 19, 3-5pm**  
Cuyahoga County Administration Building,  
Committee Room A, 4th Floor  
2079 E. 9th Street in Cleveland
- Monday, August 23, 3-5pm**  
Independence Library, 6361 Sellig Drive,  
Independence
- Wednesday, August 25, 5:30-7:30pm**  
Lakewood City Hall, 12650 Detroit Ave  
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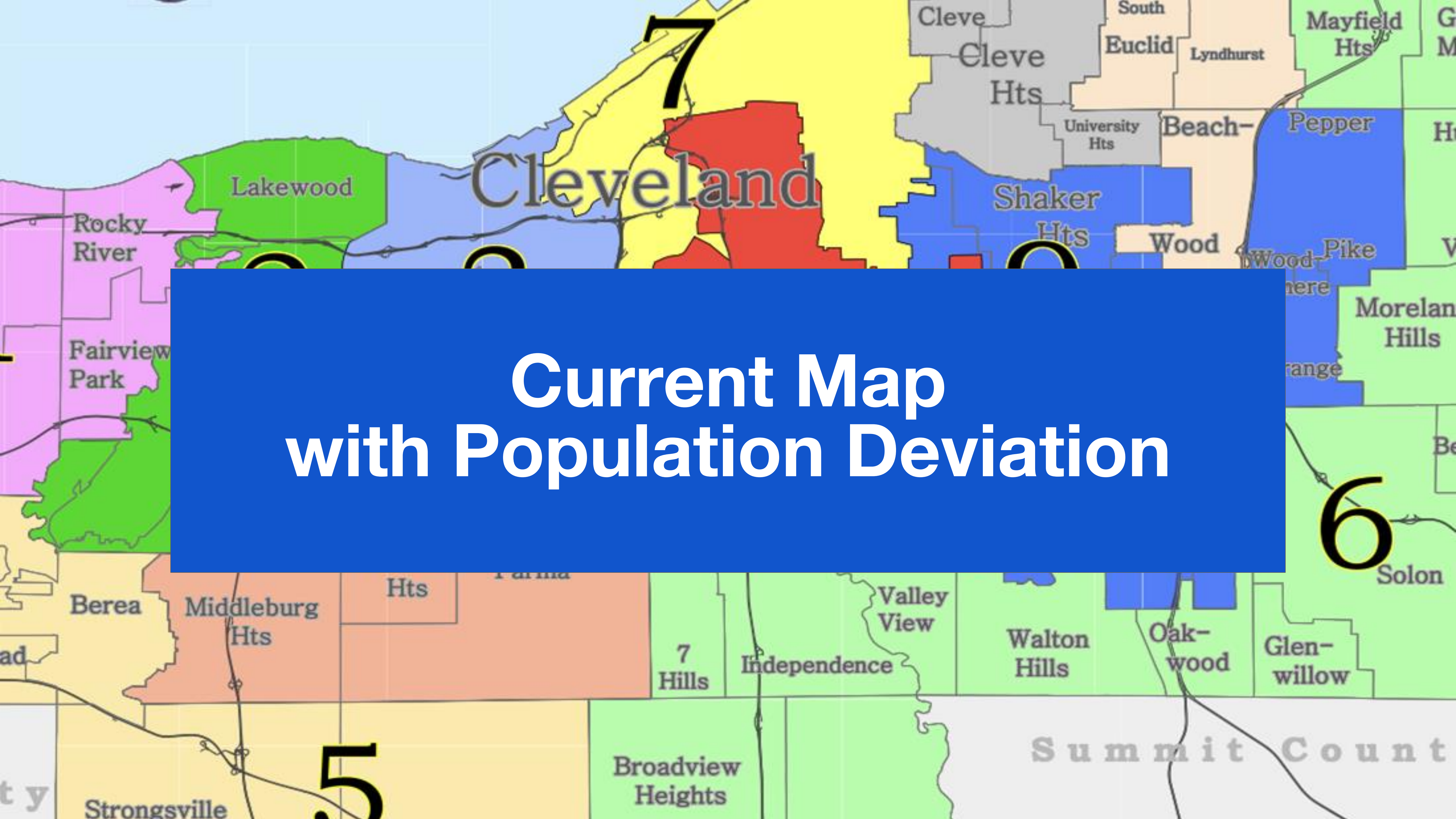
For more information visit <https://bit.ly/37JcCu3> or contact Destinee at [destinee@rstrategygroup.com](mailto:destinee@rstrategygroup.com) or 931-286-6761  
*\*Additional meetings may be added. Please check the County's website for most up-to-date information*



# Data Availability

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- The 2020 Census Data will be made available today on the Districting Commission website.
- This will include the current precincts (VTDs), current council district designations and account for precincts that are split by the council district boundaries.

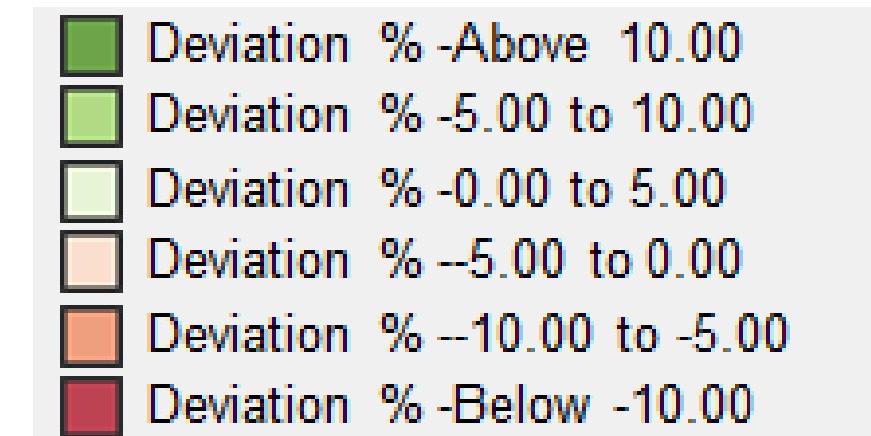
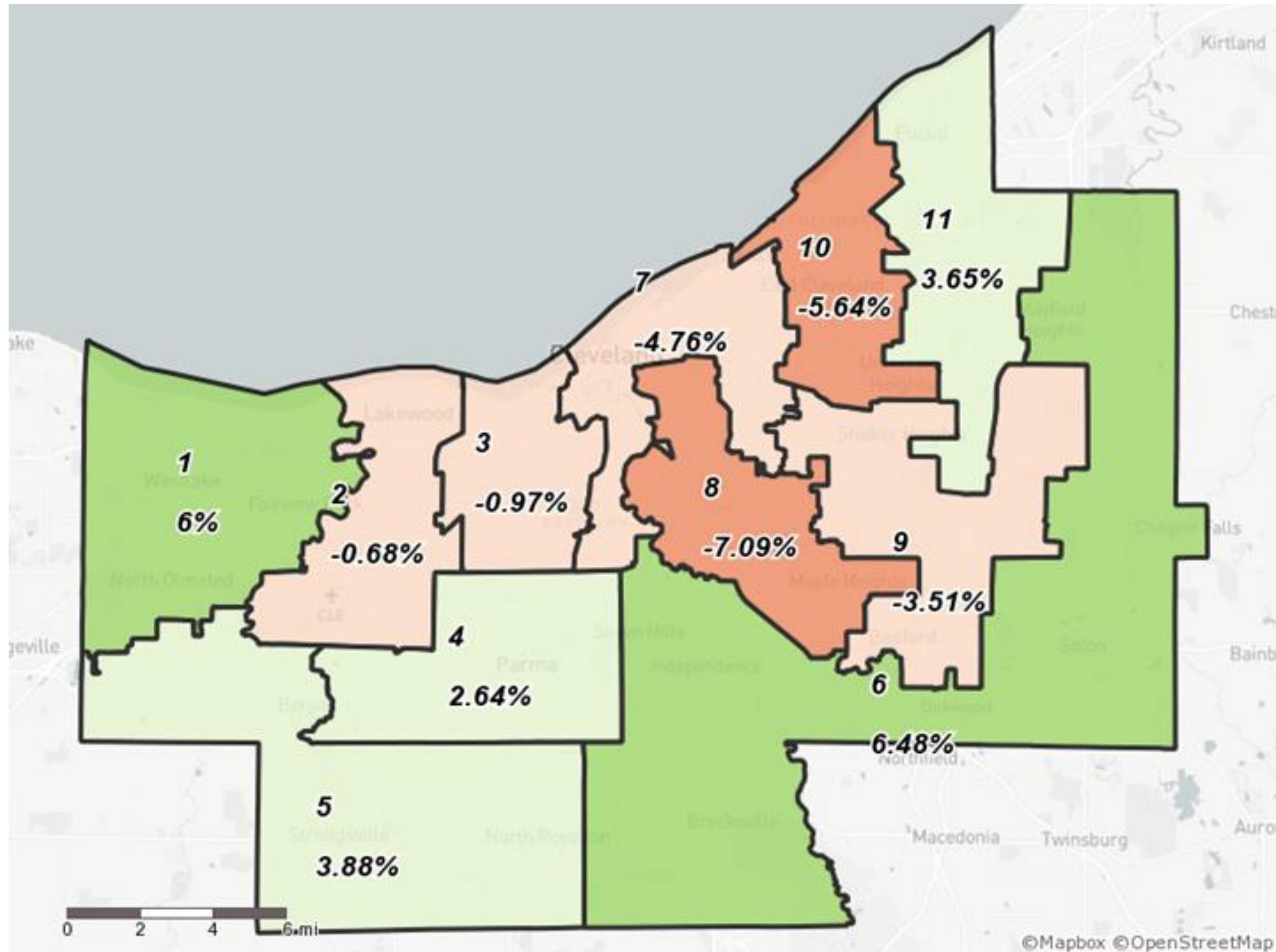
A map of the Cleveland, Ohio area showing various neighborhoods and their population deviation. The map is color-coded by neighborhood, with Cleveland city proper in red. A large blue rectangular box is overlaid on the map, containing the text 'Current Map with Population Deviation'. Large numbers 5, 6, and 7 are placed on the map, likely representing different population deviation levels or districts. The map includes labels for various neighborhoods such as Lakewood, Rocky River, Fairview Park, Berea, Middleburg Hts, Parma, Independence, Valley View, Walton Hills, Oakwood, Glenwillow, Broadview Heights, Strongsville, Shaker Hts, Wood, Wood-Pike, Moreland Hills, Solon, University Hts, Beachwood, Pepper Pike, and Mayfield Hts. The word 'Cleveland' is written in large letters across the center of the map. The word 'Summit County' is visible at the bottom right.

# Current Map with Population Deviation

# Districting Criteria

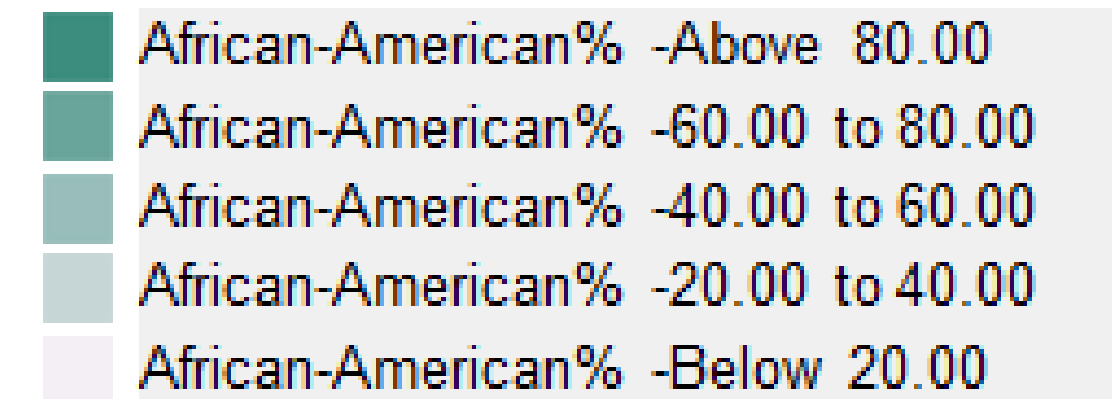
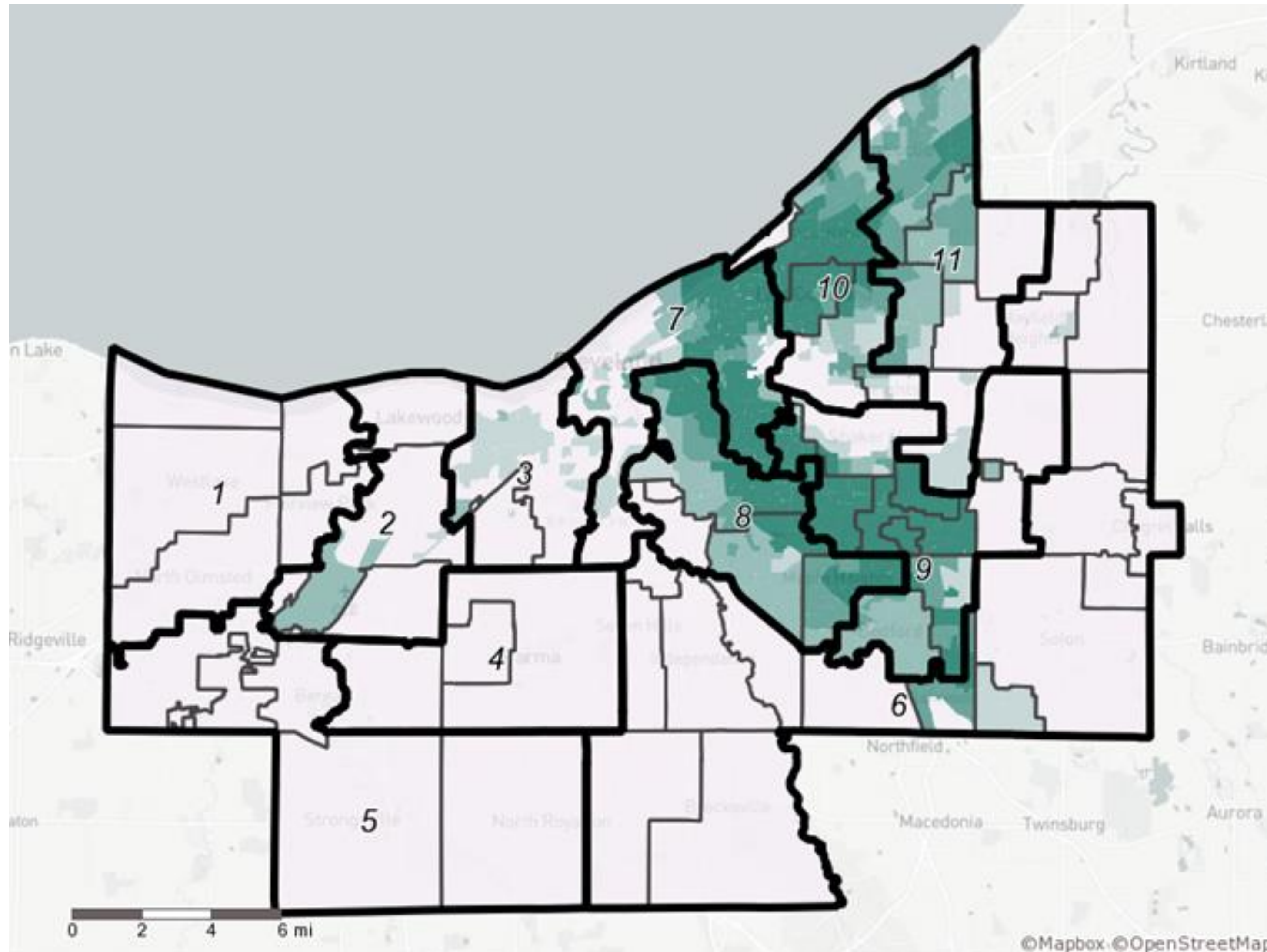
- *Statutory requirements:*
  1. Contiguity
  2. Districts should neither pack nor dilute African-American or Hispanic residents
  3. Districts must not split precincts
- *Aspirational criteria:*
  1. Districts must have “substantially equal populations” with a range of allowable deviation from the ideal district size
  2. Whether the number of residents being assigned to new districts should be minimized
  3. Division of communities, other than the City of Cleveland, due the size of its population
  4. Allowing councilmembers to continue to represent their current districts

# Population Deviation of Current Districts

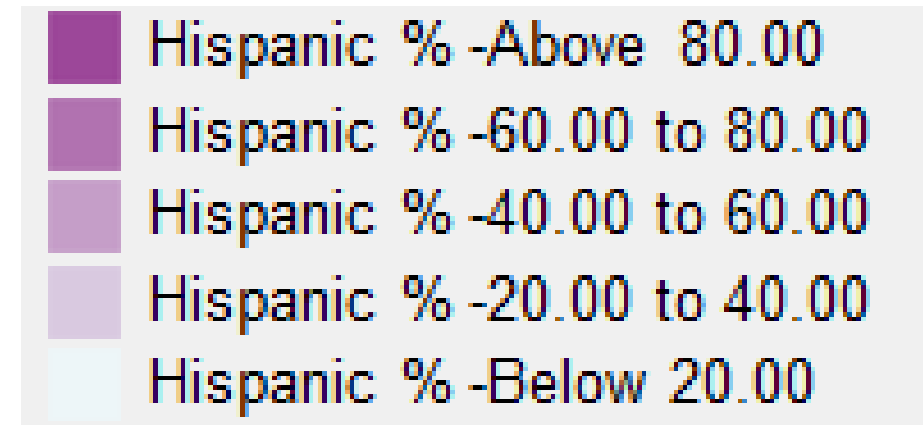
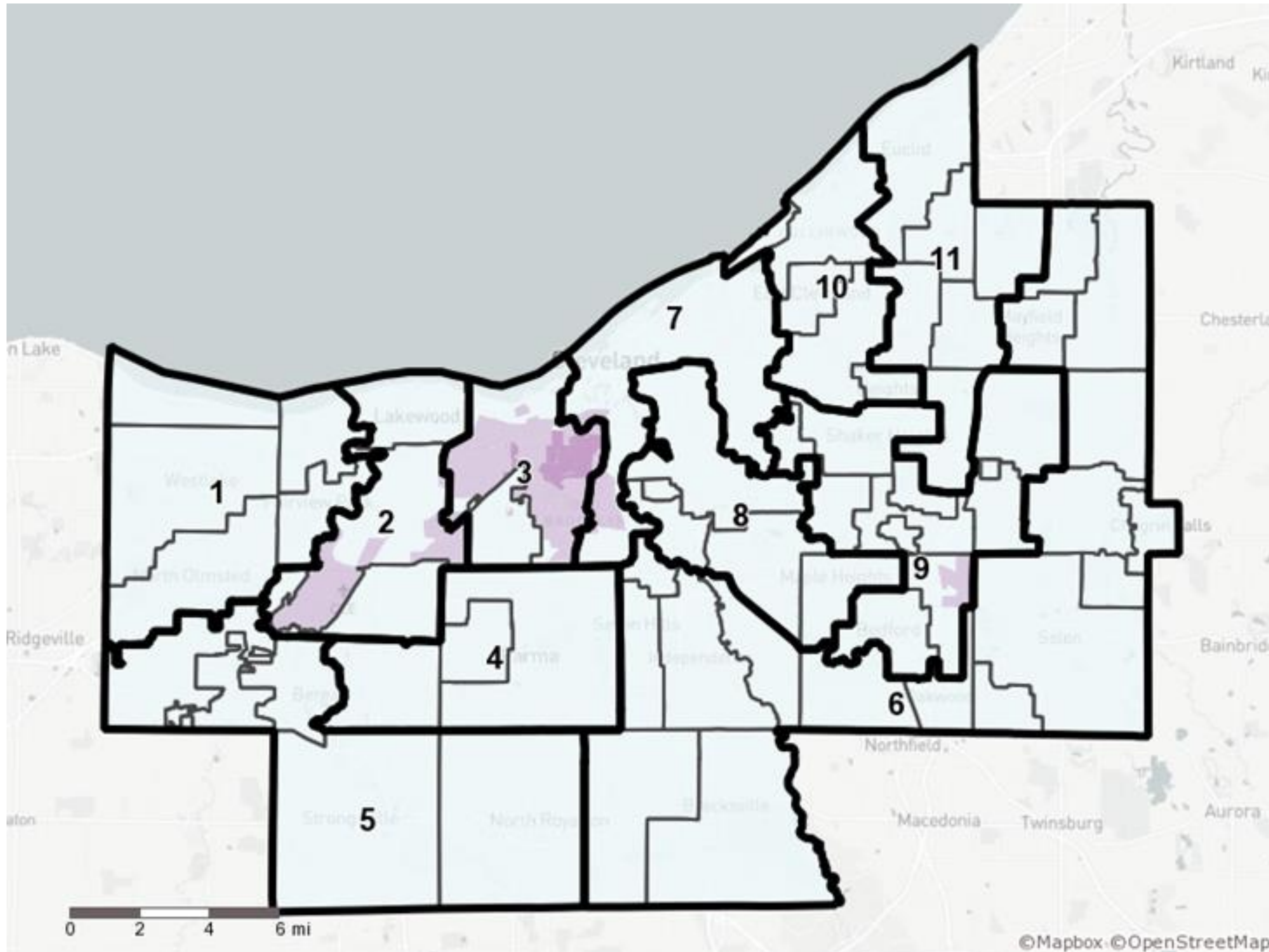




# African-American% of Total Population



# Hispanic% of Total Population





# Decision Points for the Districting Commission

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- Critique of Current Map
  - Positives and Negatives
- Population Deviation of Districts
- Communities of Interest
  - Ideas to incorporate



**QUESTIONS?**