CITY OF GAINESVILLE FLORIDA

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# Florida City Commissions

## Statistics and Findings

# Goal:

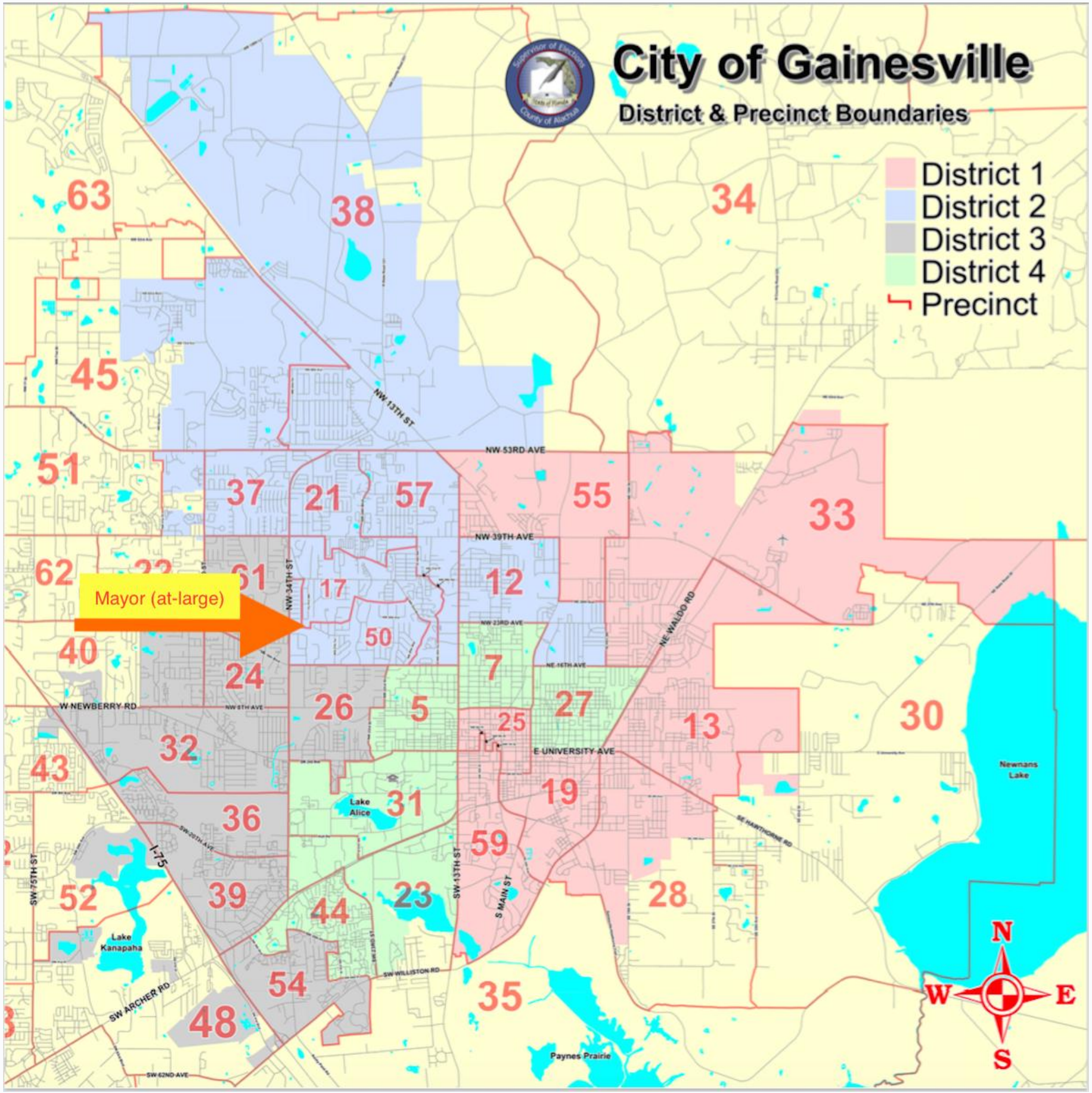
-Present information from cities in the state of Florida to determine the lost or gained efficiency of having 2 at-large city commission seats.

-Prevent future conflicts (e.g. collusion) and attempt to maximize equal representation.

# The Issue

-The Gainesville city commission consists of 4 district elected and 2 at-large commissioners with a mayor who is elected by the city's voters as a whole.

-Having 2 at-large commissioners creates a conflict because it allows for a misrepresentation of the electorate.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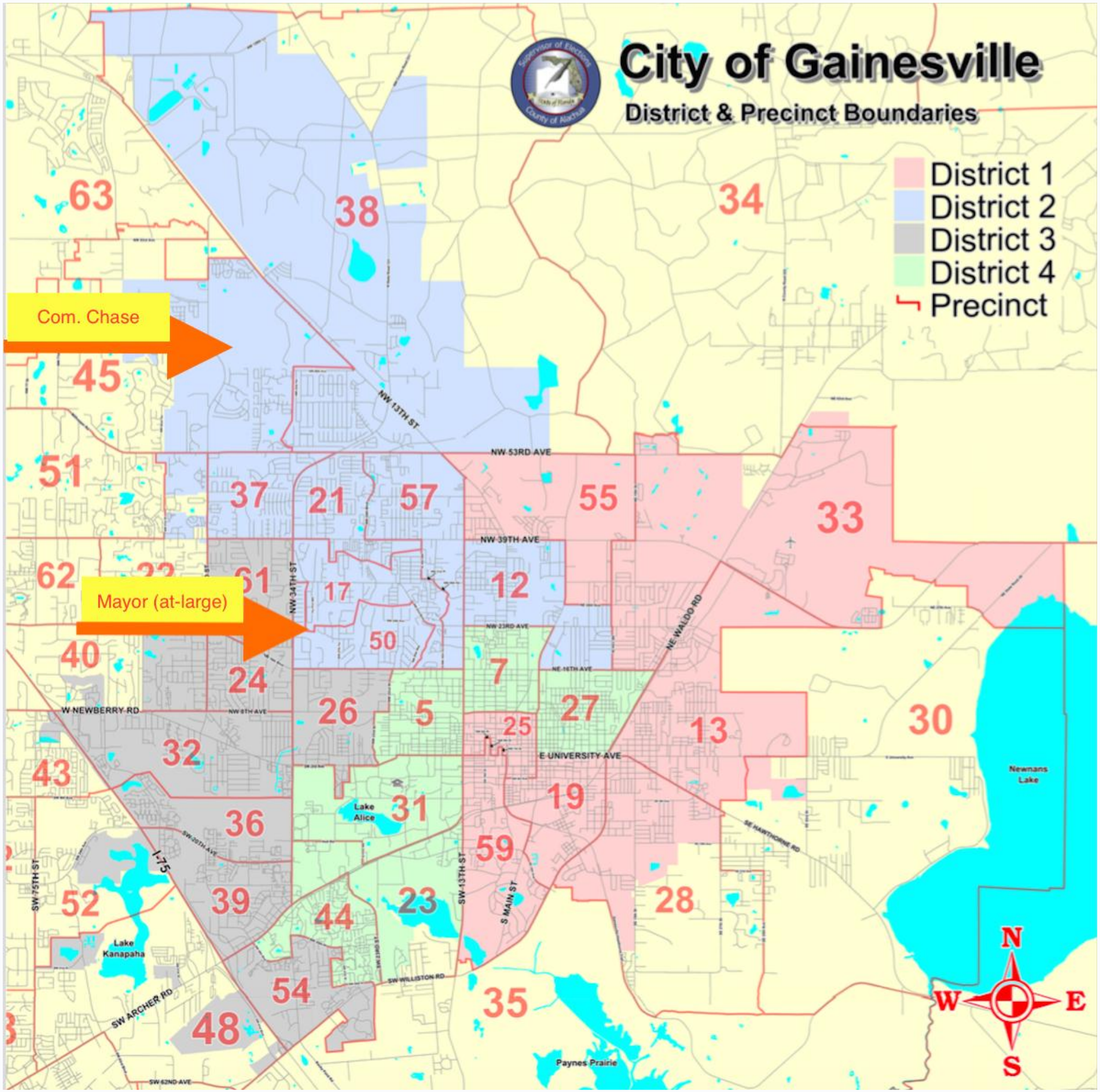
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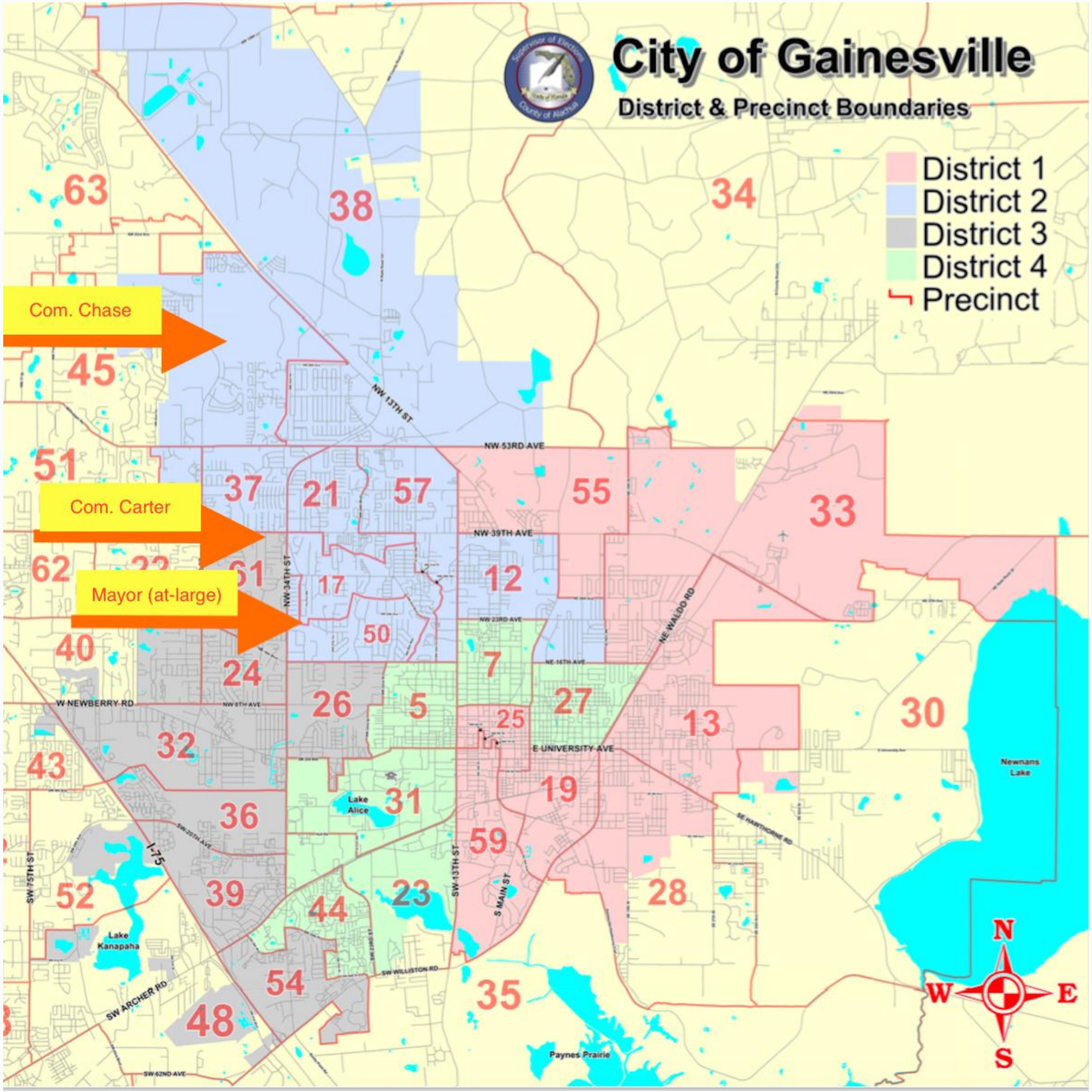
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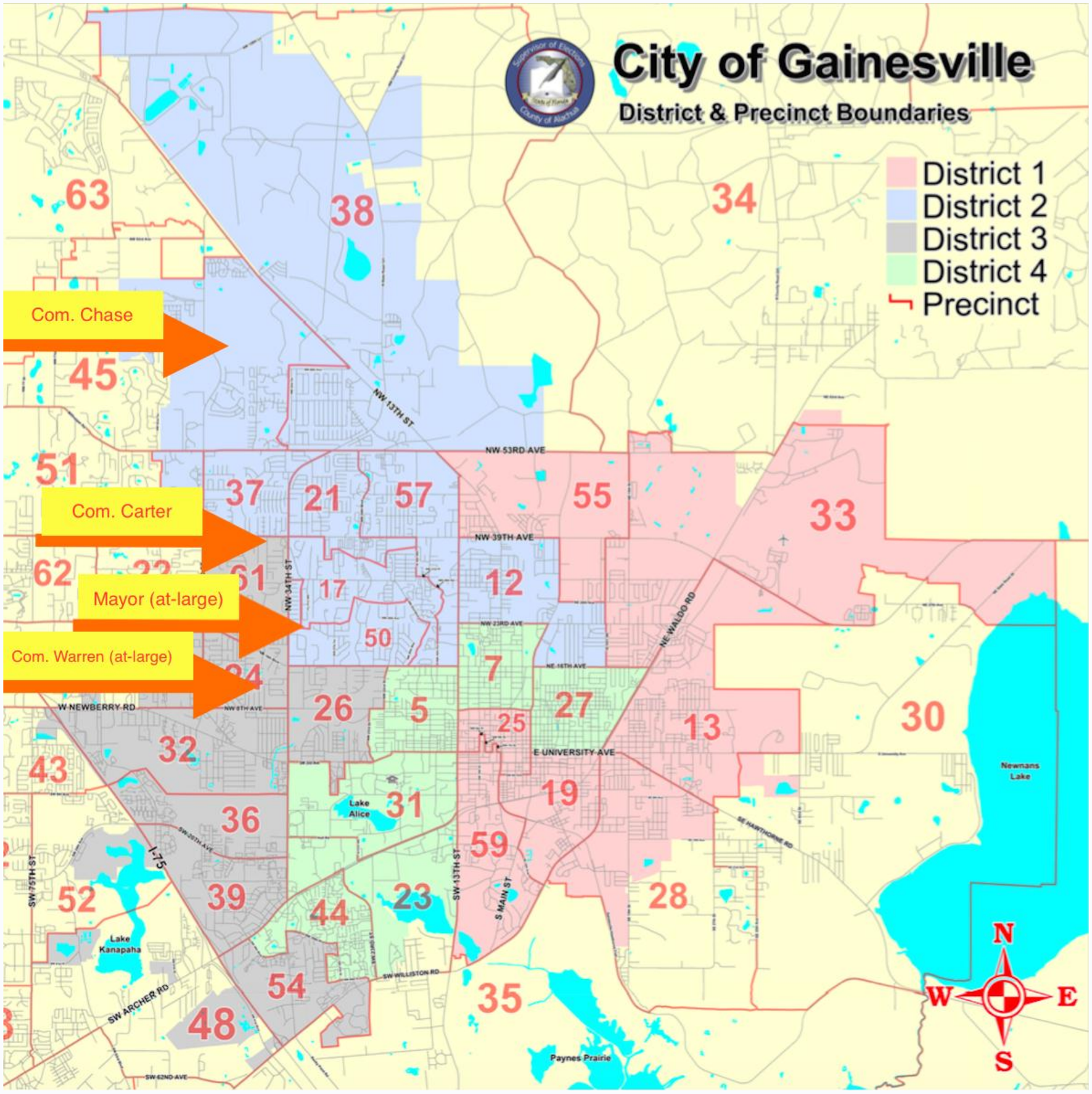
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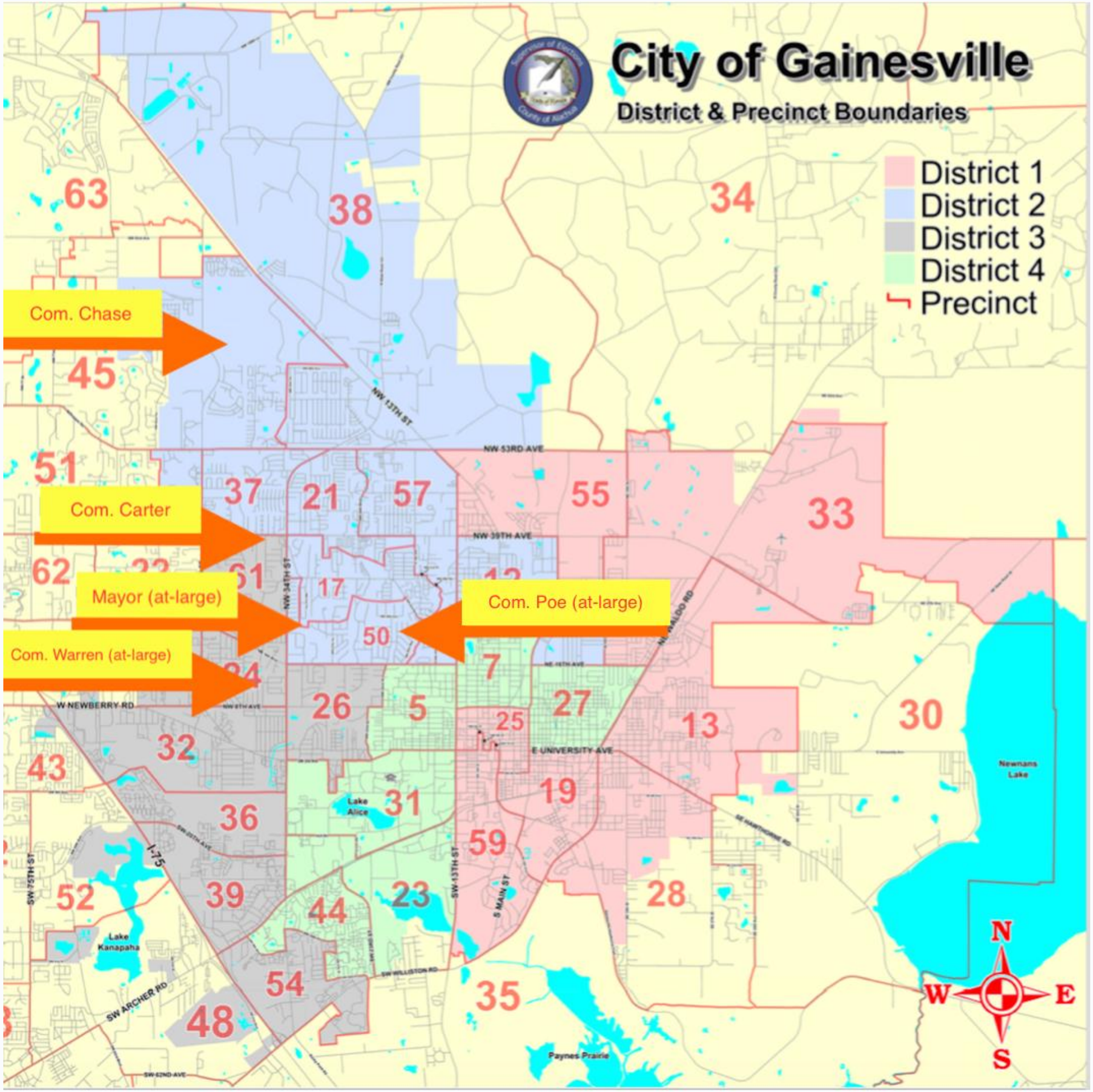
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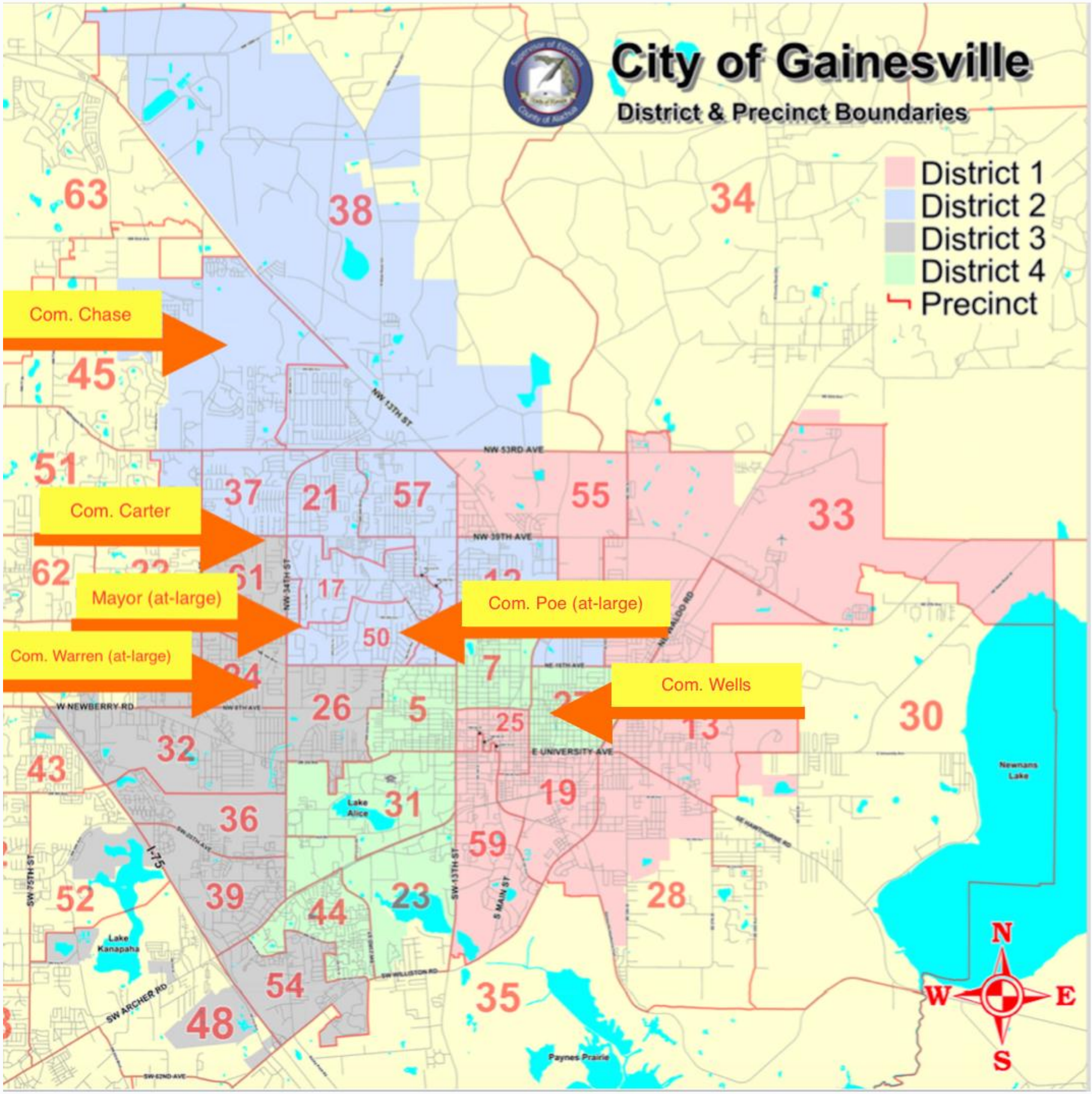
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# The Study

-Based on three variables:

1). Population (cities of 100,000+)

2). Number of Commissioners

3). Number of Commissioners at-large

# Statistics of Florida City Commissions

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Intern: Matt Morrow F: Fax Number

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(Cities with populations of 100,000+ and above exclusively)

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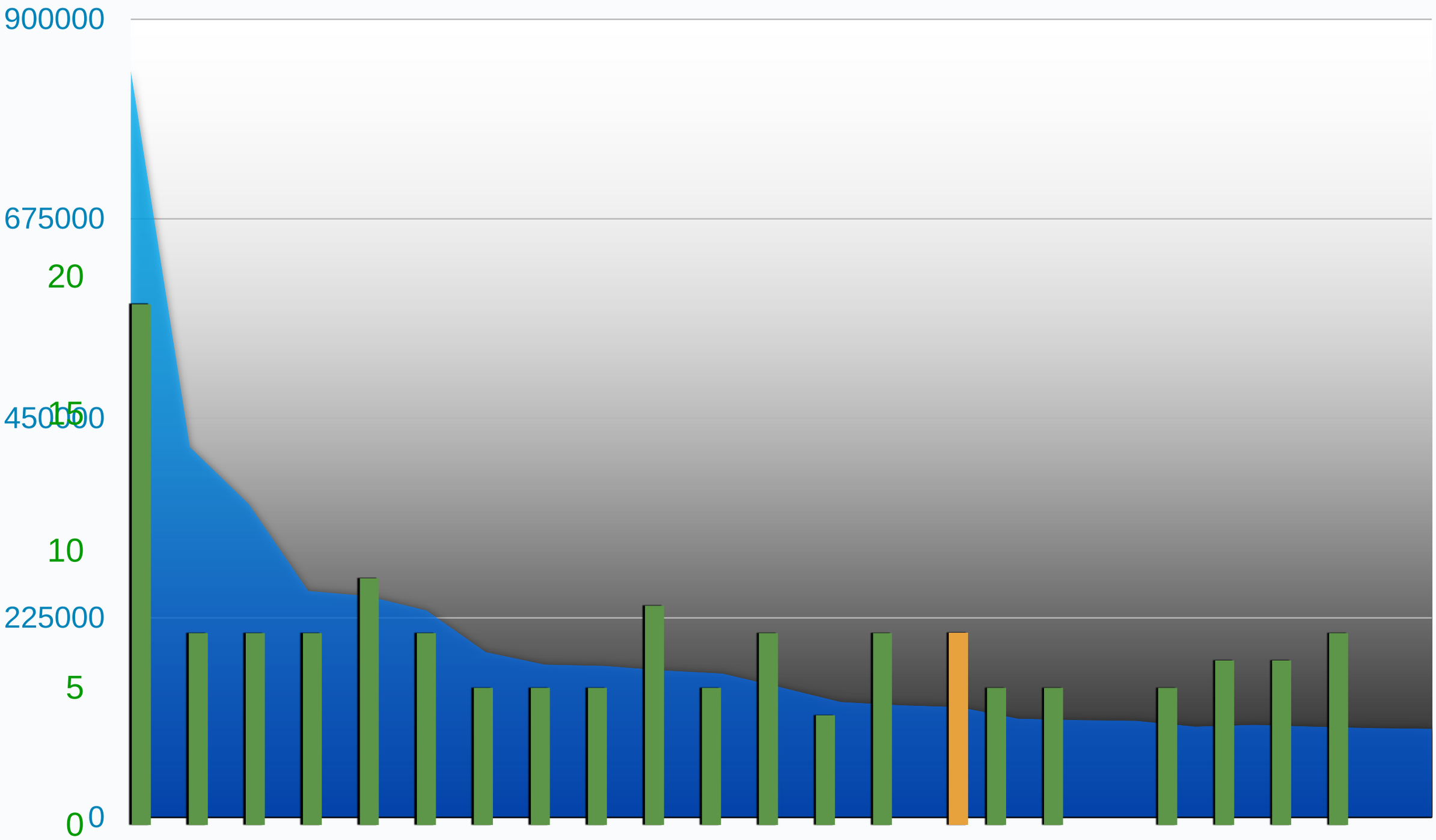
# Population/Rep. Distribution



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# Coral Springs

Population:
126,604 (Larger than Gainesville)

Number of Commissioners: 4

Number of Commissioners at-large:
all 4 commissioners and the mayor are elected at-large.

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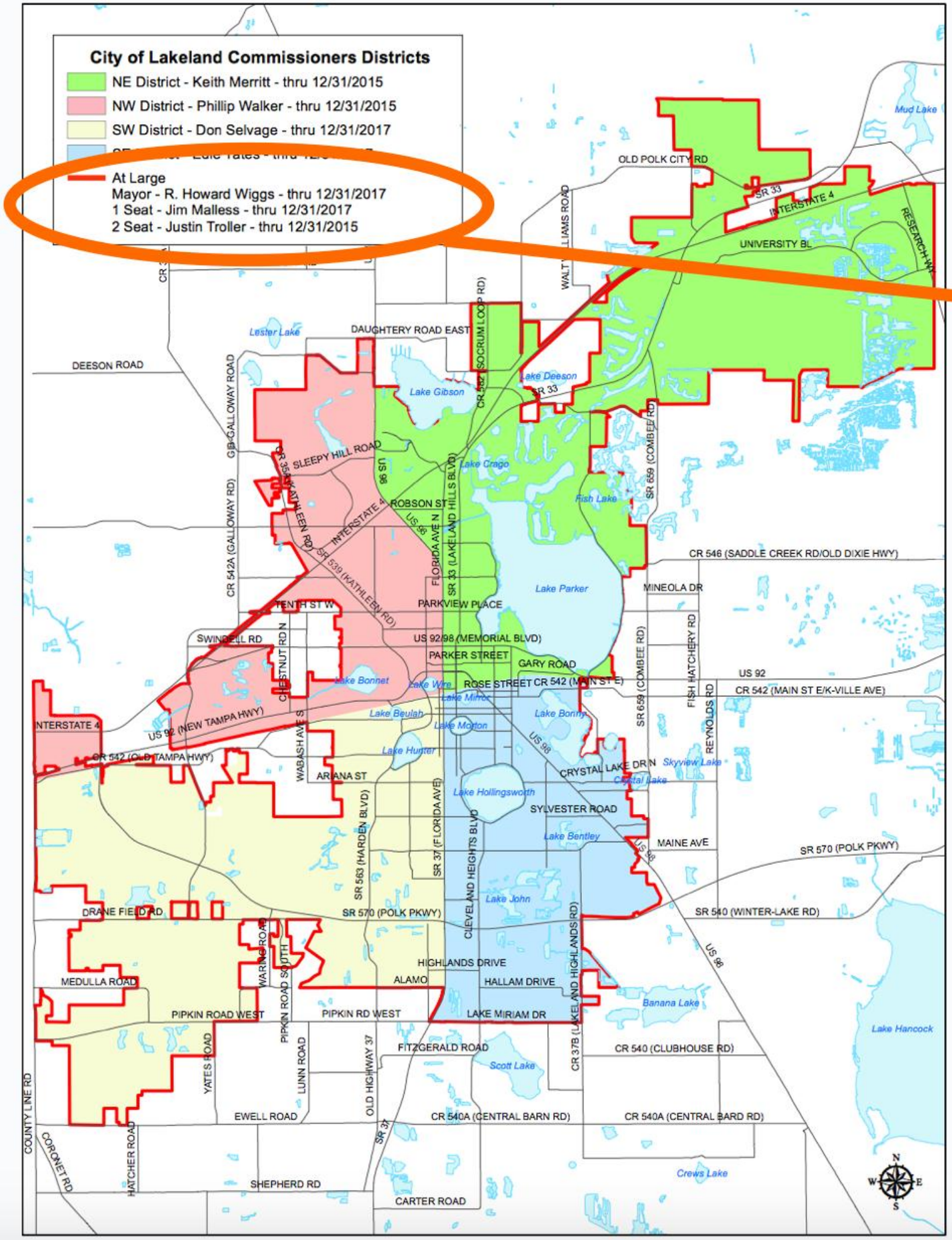
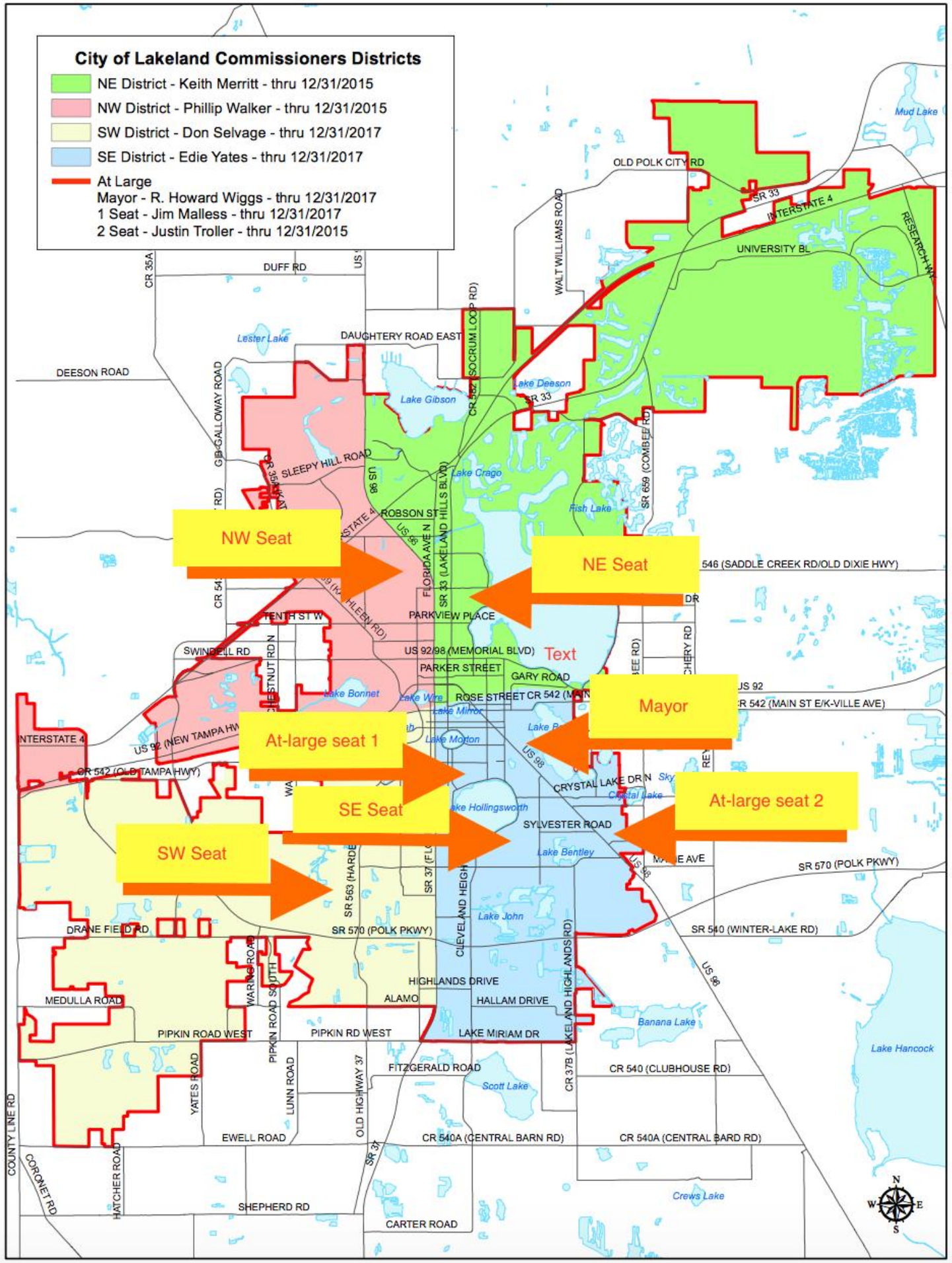



Population: 100,710
(smaller than Gainesville)

Number of Commissioners at-large: 2 of which are at-large

Total Number of Commissioners: 6 (plus a mayor)




# Note:

The mayor, the southeast district commissioner, and both of the at-large representatives all live in the same district.

# City of Hollywood

Population:

146,526 (Larger than Gainesville)

Number of Commissioners:

Consists of 6 districts with 6 commissioners and 1 at-large mayor.

# Hollywood Commission District Map
## Effective March 2012

**Commission Districts**

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
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- District 5
- District 6

Mayor (at-large)

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# City of Pembroke Pines

Population:

162,329 (Larger than Gainesville)

Number of Commissioners:

4 and 1 mayor elected at-large.

# Commission Districts Map
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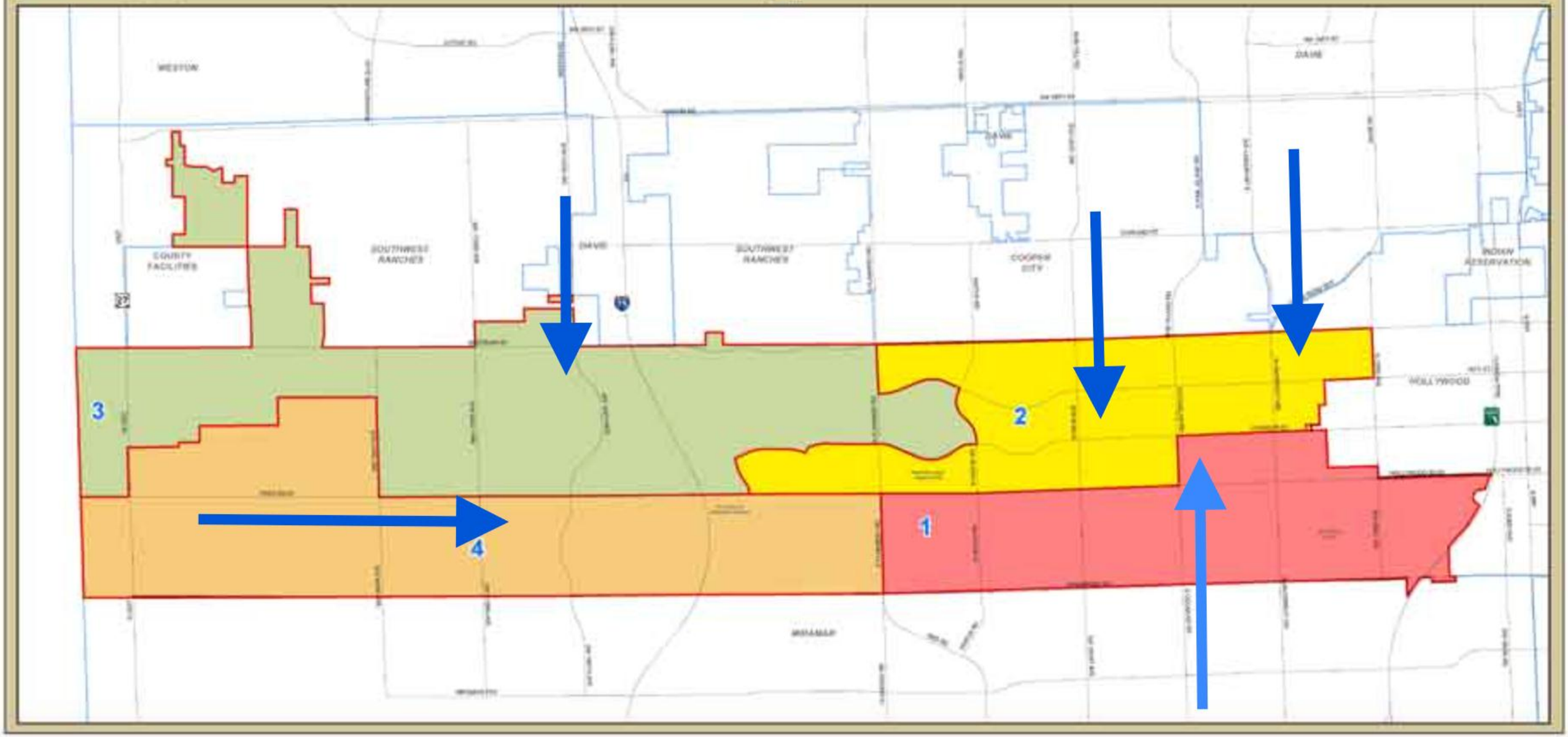
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