

# GAINESVILLE REDISTRICTING PLANS

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- 1987 – adoption of 3 district/2 at-large system (districts based on 1980 census)
- 1992 – redistricting after 1990 census
- 2001 – redistricting after 2000 census
- 2002 – redistricting after annexation & adoption of 4 district/3 at-large system
- 2009 – deferred redistricting to 2012
- 2018 – Charter Amendment moves City Commission elections to August 2022
- 2021 – redistricting to occur in Spring 2022 in time for August elections

# GAINESVILLE REDISTRICTING

- ▶ Population Equality: target 3%, but no more than 10%
- ▶ Voting Rights: No vote dilution
- ▶ Contiguity
- ▶ Compactness
- ▶ Geographical Boundaries
- ▶ Political Boundaries (Precincts)
- ▶ Communities of Interest
- ▶ Maintain Existing District Cores

## ADOPTED CRITERIA



# Population Equality

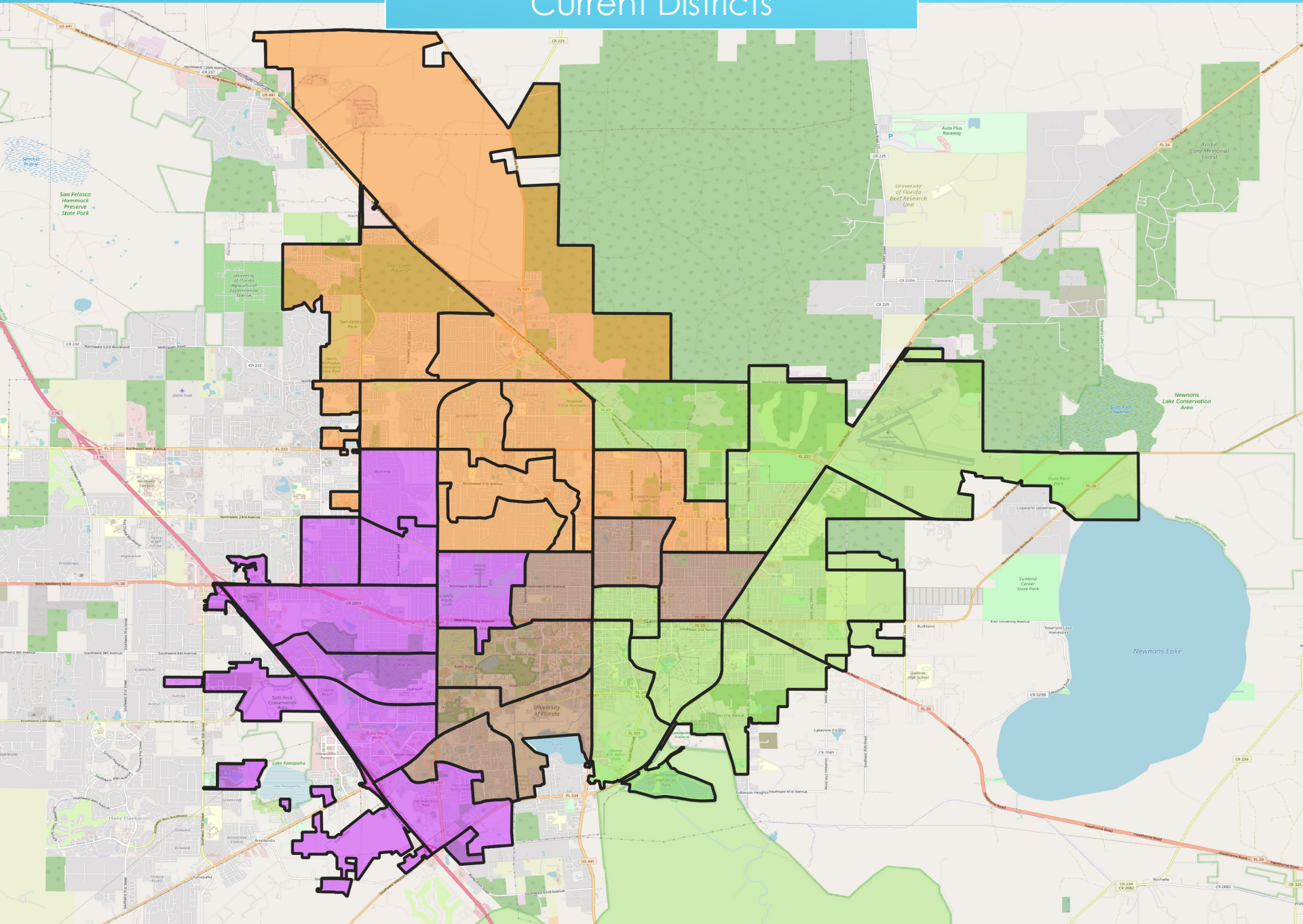
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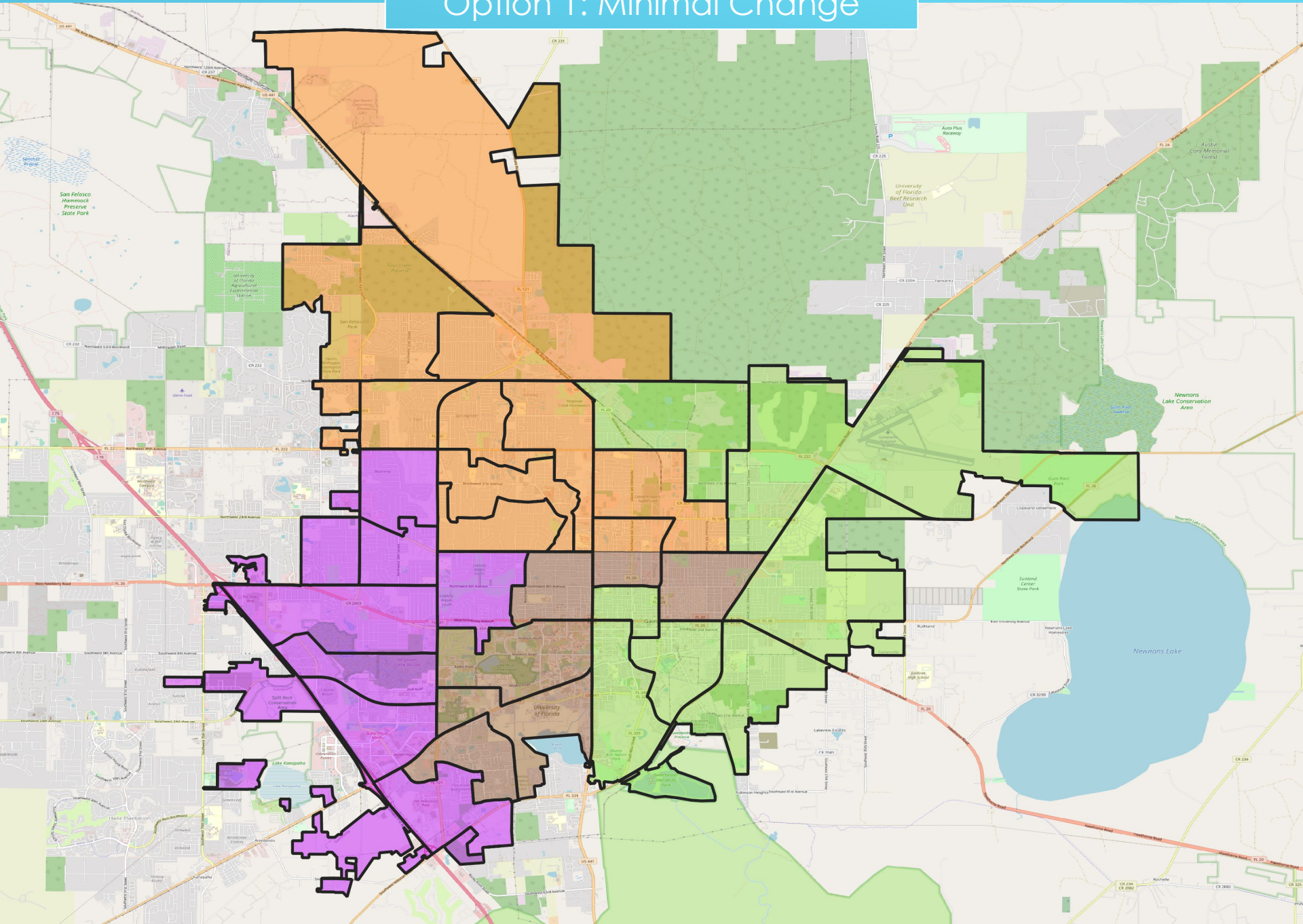
Gainesville's City Commission Districts *must* change to bring them within 10% population deviation

OPTION 1: MINIMAL CHANGE

# Current Districts



# Option 1: Minimal Change





- ▶ Precinct #7 portion north of NW 16<sup>th</sup> Ave moved from District 2 to District 4
- ▶ Precinct #22 fragment in city moved from District 2 to District 3

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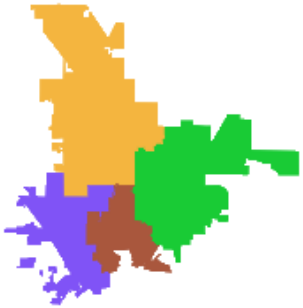
CHANGES FROM CURRENT  
DISTRICTS

- Number of Public Accounts: 53
- Number of Public Maps: 66
- Number of Submitted Maps: 6
- Number of Community Maps: 1

More attention to maps submitted by public through official email portal. Reviewed maps not submitted

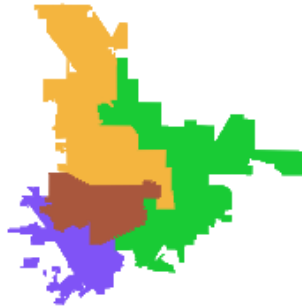
## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

# Public Submissions



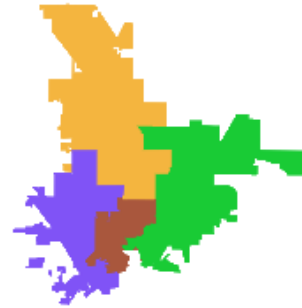
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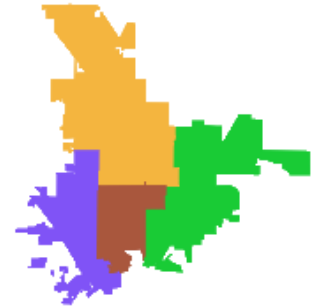
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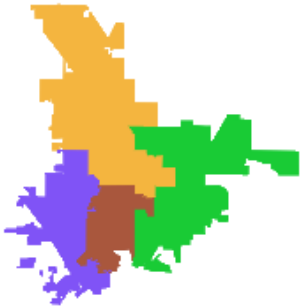
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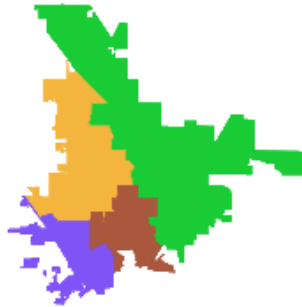
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**City Commission Map - Osc...**

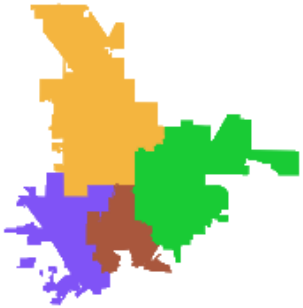
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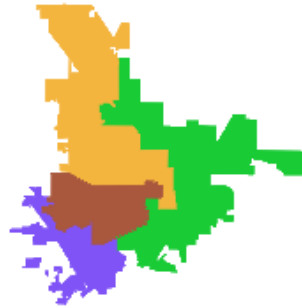
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# Public Submission Commonalities



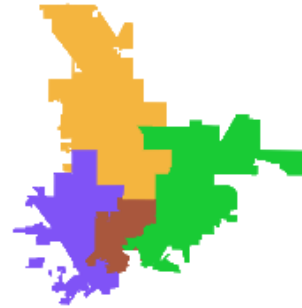
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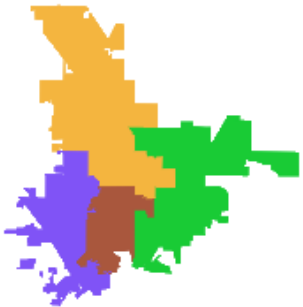
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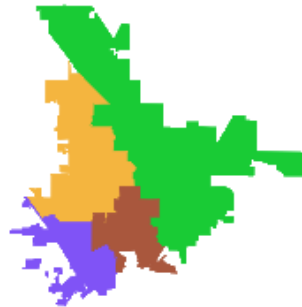
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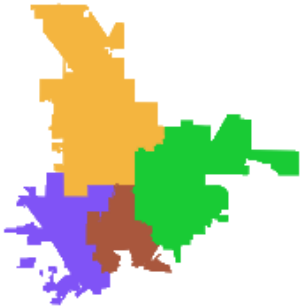


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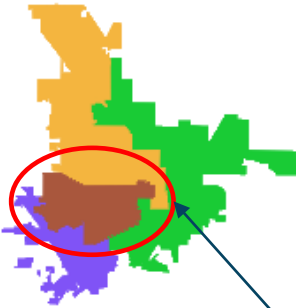
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All maps place Precinct  
27 in District 1

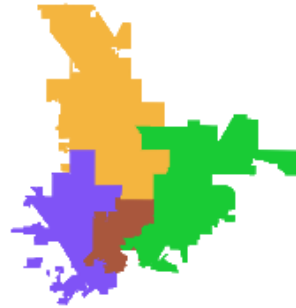
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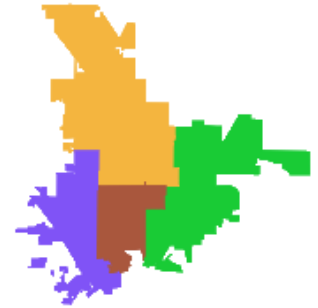
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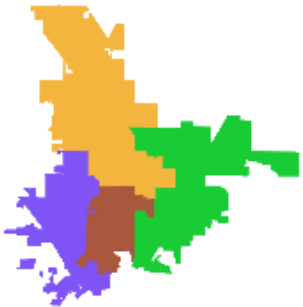
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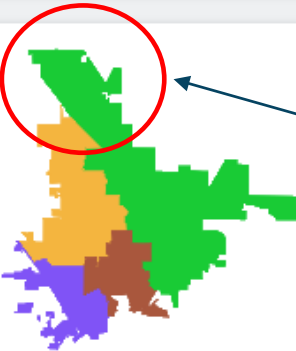
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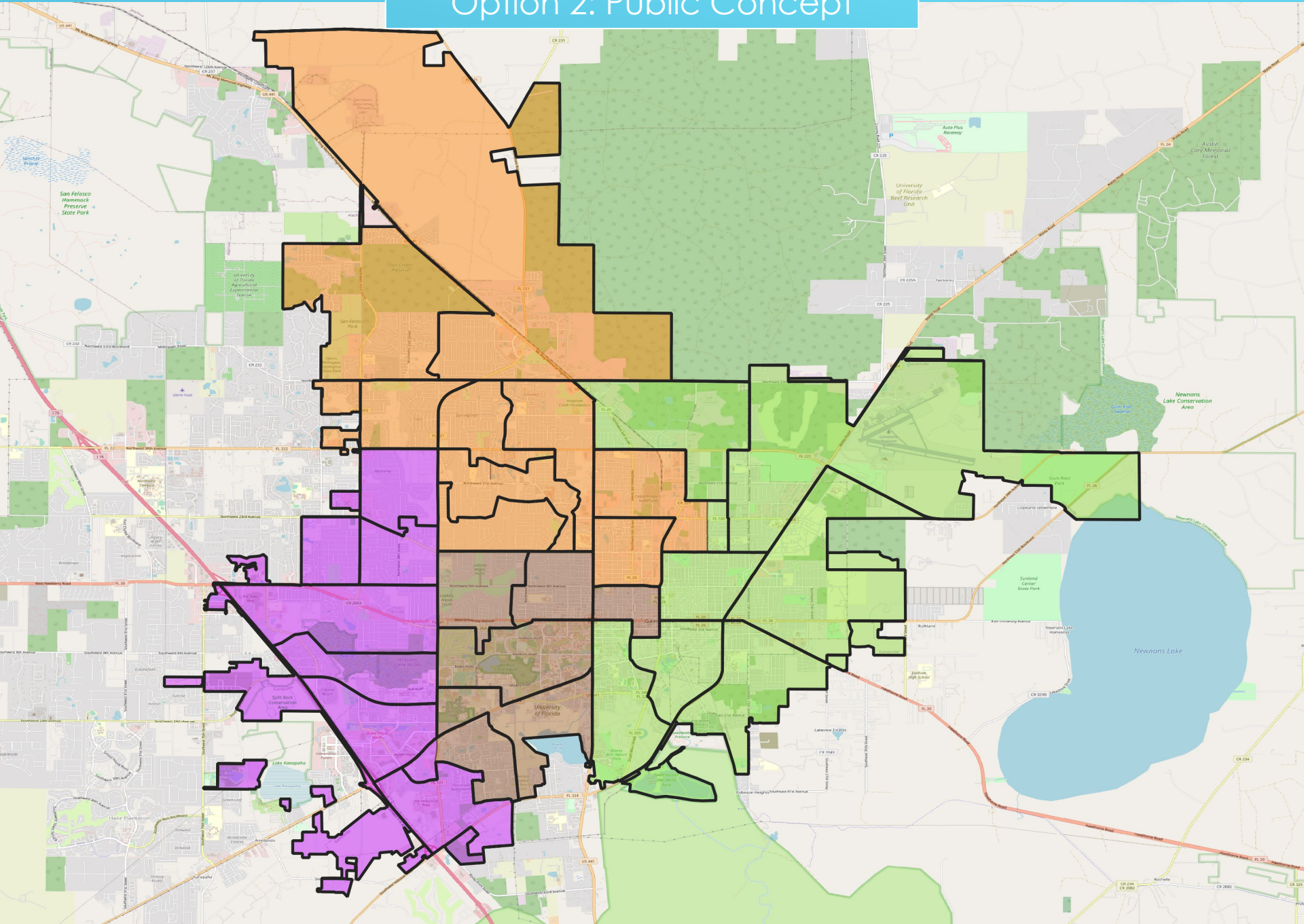


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1 of 6 maps have these features

# OPTION 2: PUBLIC CONCEPT MAP

# Option 2: Public Concept



- ▶ Black VAP of District 1 increased from 37.2% to 38.1%
- ▶ Precinct 7 moved from District 4 to District 2
- ▶ Precinct 22 fragment in city moved from District 2 to District 3
- ▶ Precincts 25 and 27 swapped between District 1 and District 4
- ▶ Precinct 12 portion east of NE 8<sup>th</sup> St moved from District 2 to District 1
- ▶ Precinct 26 moved from District 3 to District 4
- ▶ Precinct 44 portion west of SW 34<sup>th</sup> St. moved from District 4 to District 3

## OPTION 2: PUBLIC CONCEPT

### CHANGES FROM CURRENT DISTRICTS



# OPTION 3: COMMUNITY MAP



- ▶ Black VAP of District 1 increased from 37.2% to 40.5%
- ▶ Non-Hispanic White VAP of District 3 decreased from 57.3% to 46.2% (creating 2<sup>nd</sup> minority coalition district)
- ▶ District 4 midtown district bordered on
  - ▶ South by Archer Rd. and SW Depot Ave
  - ▶ East by NW 16<sup>th</sup> St
  - ▶ North by NW 39<sup>th</sup> Ave and NW 31<sup>st</sup> Ave (with a jog along NW 19<sup>th</sup> St.)
  - ▶ West by SW 34<sup>th</sup> St.
- ▶ District 1 western border
  - ▶ North includes Precinct 55
  - ▶ Middle utilizes NW 16<sup>th</sup> St.
  - ▶ South utilizes SW 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ter.
- ▶ District 2 and District 3 border
  - ▶ Line bordering north of Hogtown Creek Woods to west city border

## OPTION 3: COMMUNITY

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3	36,659	1,388	3.9%	3	36,750	1,479	4.2%
4	37,035	1,764	5.0%	4	35,186	-85	-0.2%
<b>Option 2</b>				<b>Option 3</b>			
District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.	District	Total Pop	Dev.	% Dev.
1	34,893	-378	-1.1%	1	35,254	-17	0.0%
2	35,198	-73	-0.2%	2	35,227	-44	-0.1%
3	35,672	401	1.1%	3	35,454	183	0.5%
4	35,322	51	0.1%	4	35,150	-121	-0.3%

# Racial Voting-Age Population (VAP)

<b>Current</b>				<b>Option 1</b>			
	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>		<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>District</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>
1	43.0%	37.2%	12.4%	1	43.0%	37.2%	12.4%
2	64.2%	16.4%	10.5%	2	63.5%	16.9%	10.7%
3	57.3%	15.2%	15.7%	3	57.3%	15.2%	15.7%
4	59.4%	12.1%	15.0%	4	59.7%	11.4%	15.1%

<b>Option 2</b>				<b>Option 3</b>			
	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>		<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
<b>District</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>	<b>VAP</b>
1	43.7%	38.1%	11.4%	1	41.4%	40.5%	10.8%
2	63.8%	16.5%	10.8%	2	67.2%	13.2%	10.5%
3	55.1%	15.8%	16.0%	3	46.2%	18.4%	18.6%
4	60.7%	10.5%	15.7%	4	68.7%	8.7%	13.8%

Note: Percentages may sum to more than 100% due to double counting, e.g., for a person who identifies as Black and Hispanic

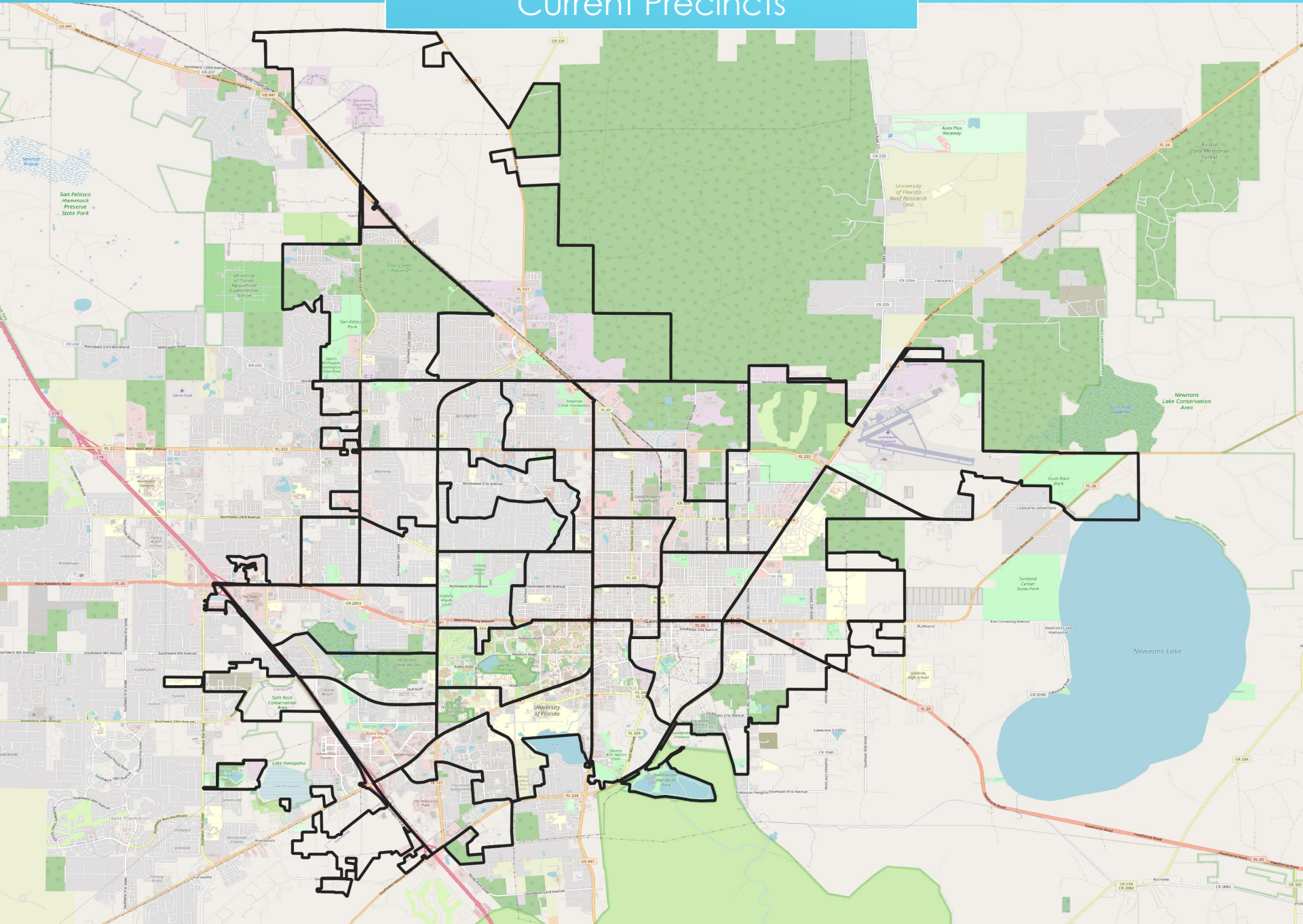
- ▶ Option 2 Best Achieves Balancing of Commission's Goals:
  - ▶ Inspired by public input
  - ▶ Total population deviation of 2.2 percentage points brings population deviation within desired 3% deviation (Option 1 is outside this range, but within 10% deviation)
  - ▶ Minimal swapping of precincts for population balance
  - ▶ Creates 2 new precinct splits (technically 3, to clean up non-contiguous part of Precinct 22)
  - ▶ Precinct swaps and splits are done in a compact manner while respecting geographic and community boundaries
  - ▶ District 1 Black VAP at 38.1% vs. 37.2% for current District 1

RECOMMENDATION: OPTION 2

- ▶ City elections held on the August statewide primary may be affected by turnout for contested statewide primaries.
- ▶ The Black VAP of District 1 decreased from 41.7% according to the 2010 Census (Wald report, p. 17) to 37.2% according to the 2020 Census.
- ▶ State legislative districts splitting precincts

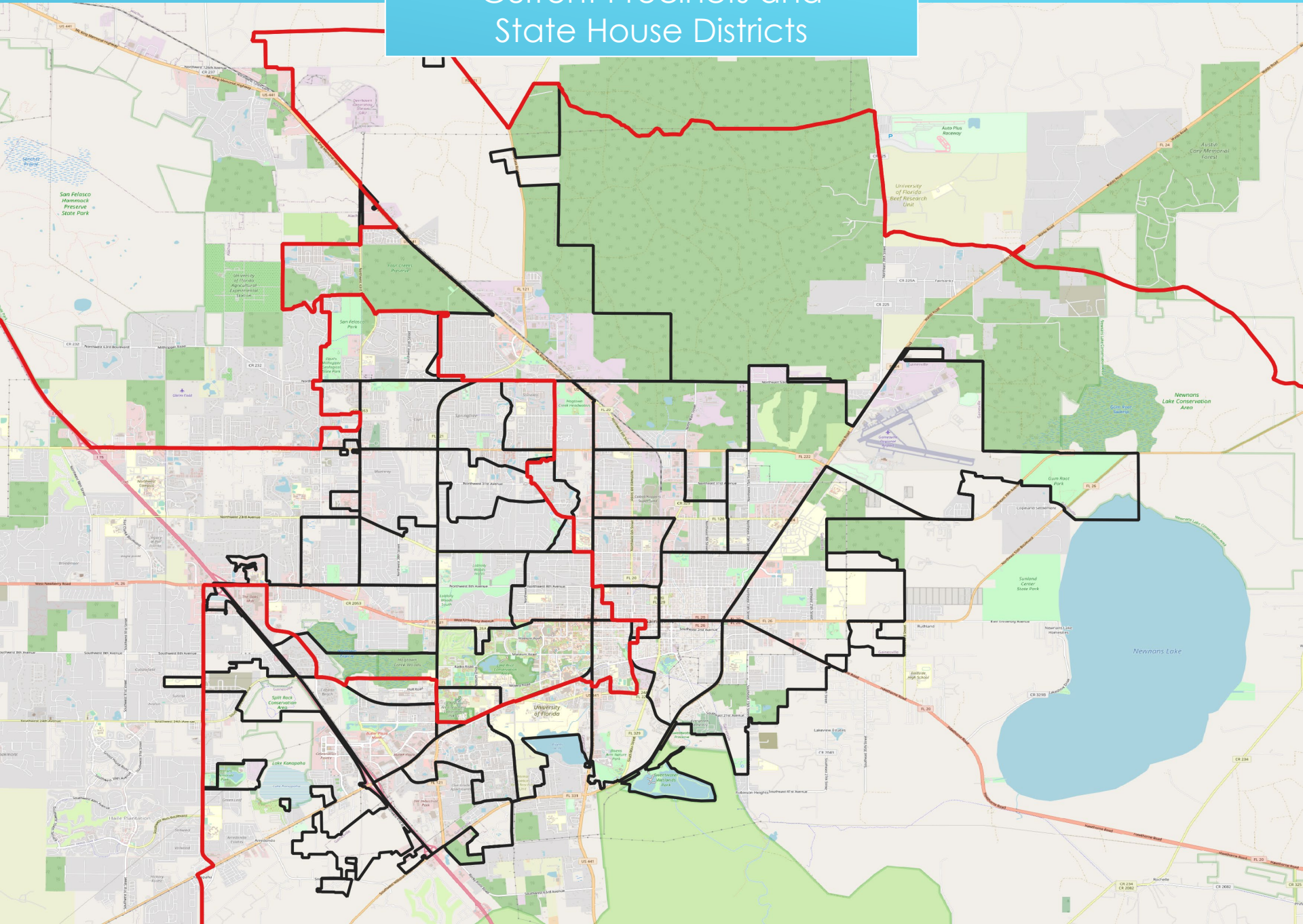
## FUTURE UNCERTAINTIES

# Current Precincts





# Current Precincts and State House Districts



# Current Precincts and State Senate Districts

