

Connecting Colorado for Fair Redistricting: A Public Symposium and Call to Action

A Brief History of Redistricting in Colorado

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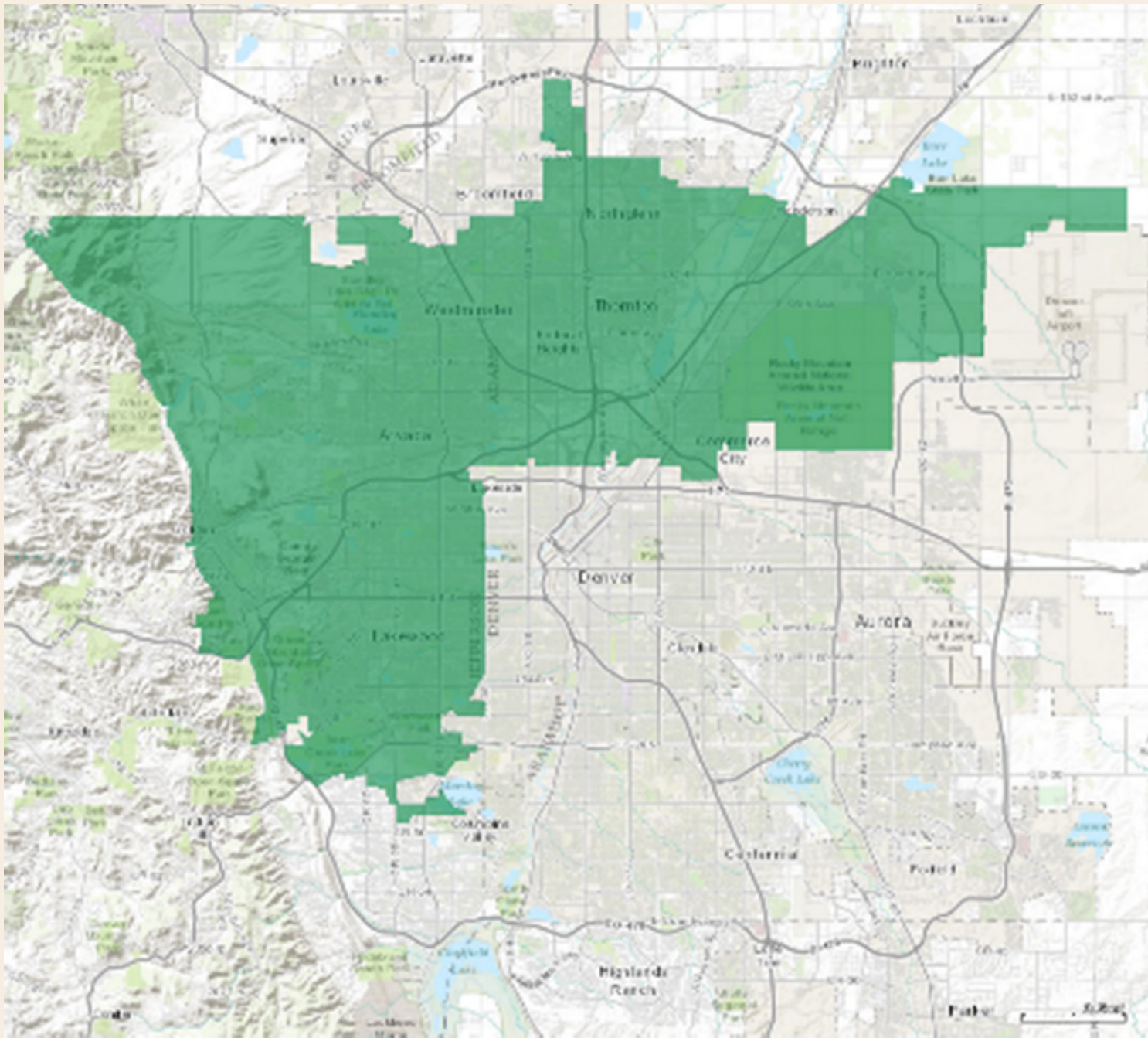
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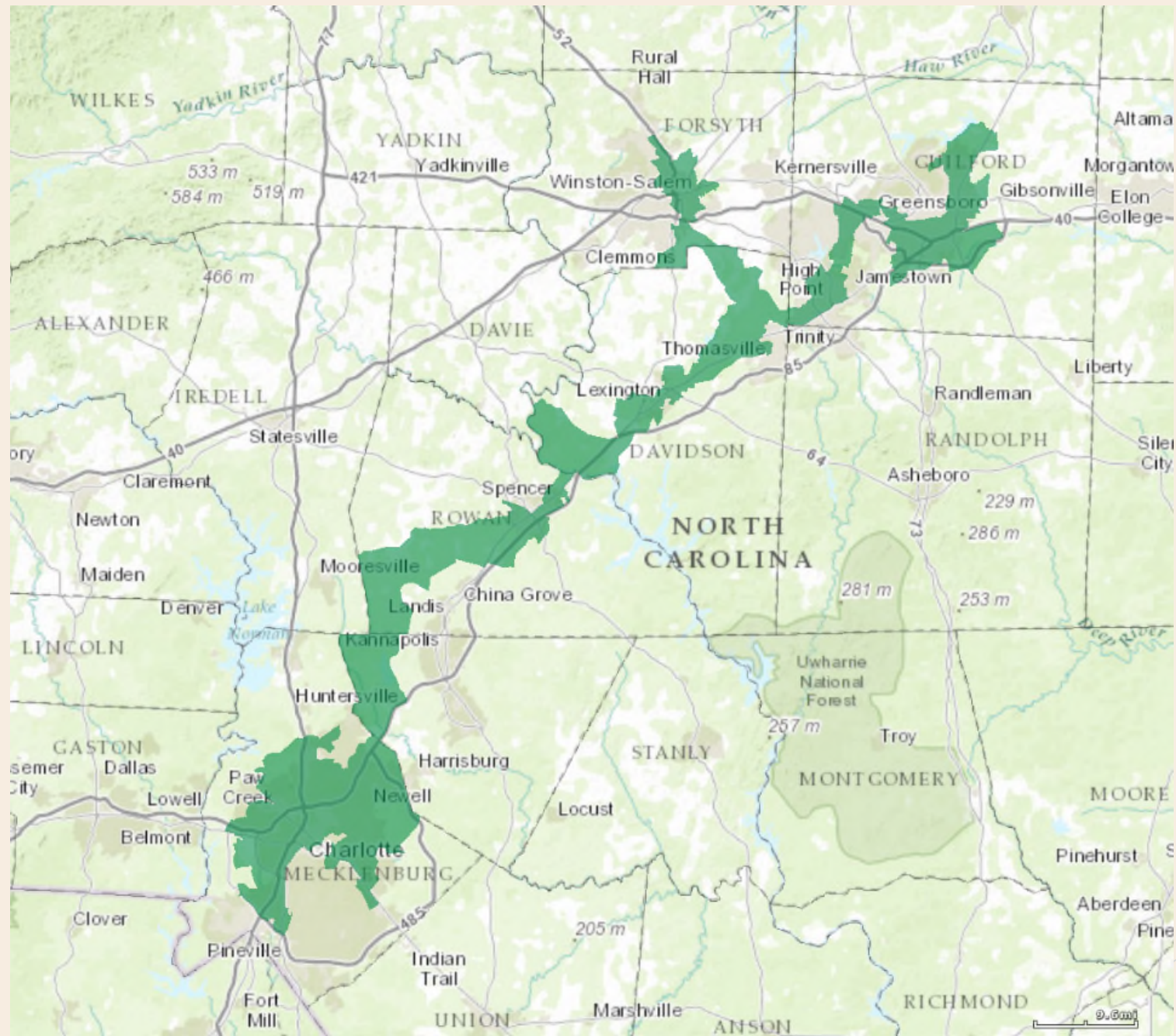
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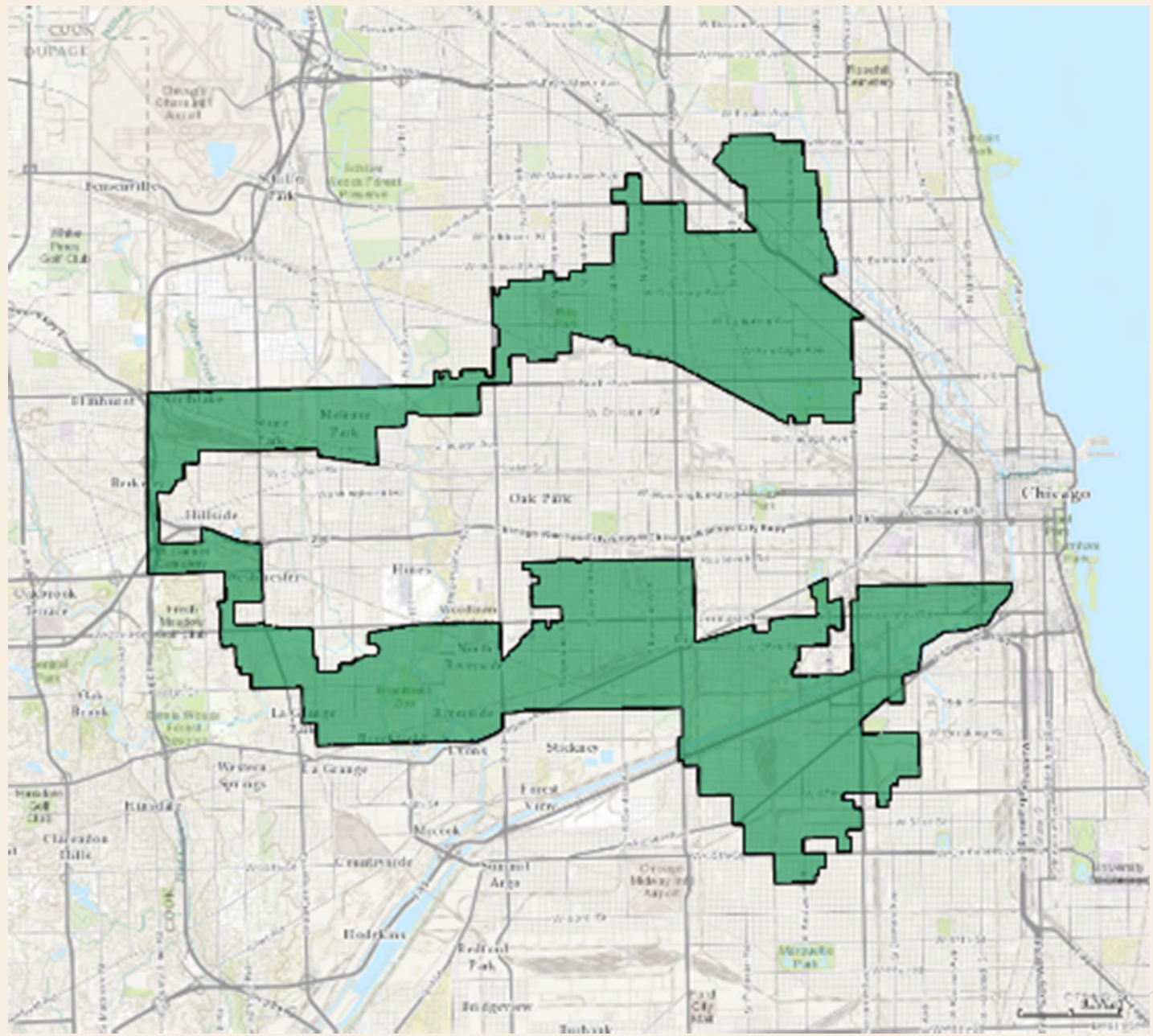
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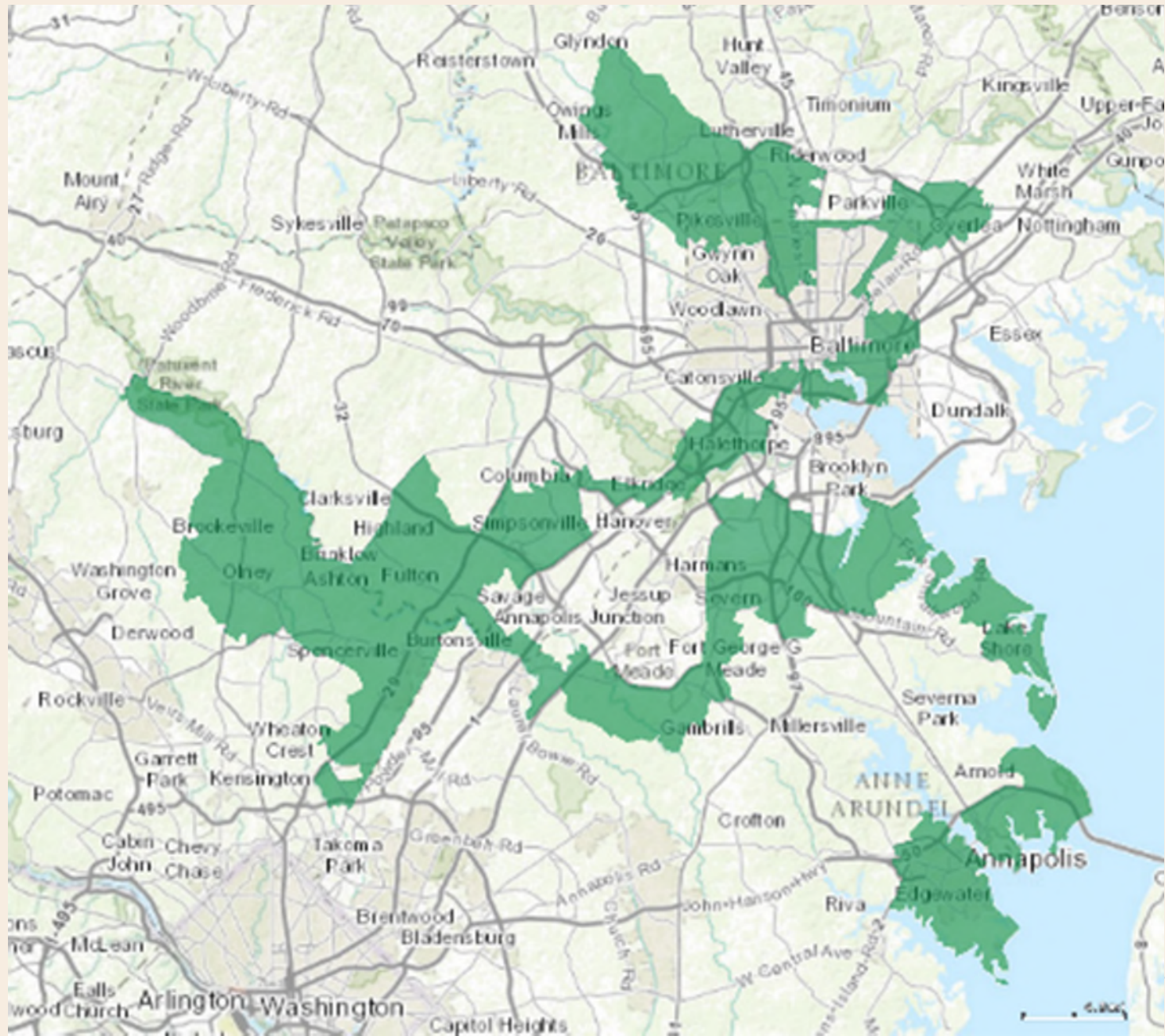
Section 44. Representatives in congress. The general assembly shall divide the state into as many congressional districts as there are representatives in congress apportioned to this state by the congress of the United States for the election of one representative to congress from each district. When a new apportionment shall be made by congress, the general assembly shall divide the state into congressional districts accordingly.

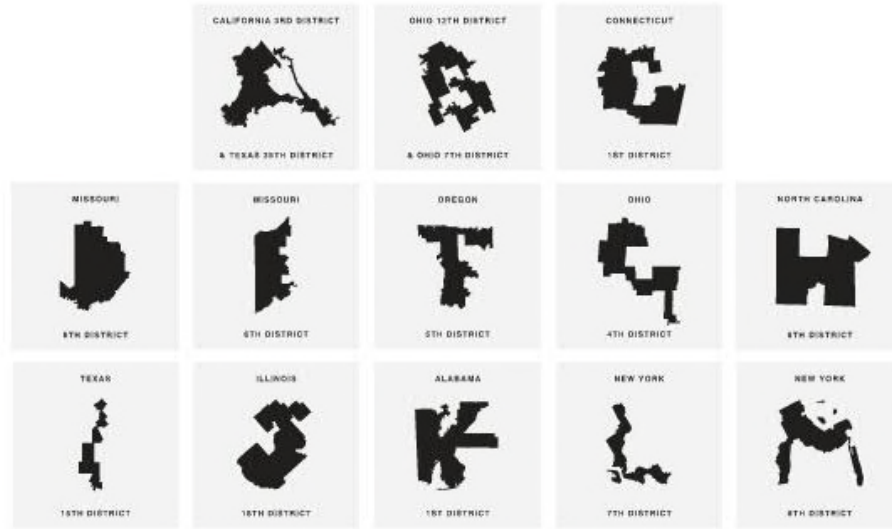
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Section 48. Revision and alteration of districts - reapportionment commission. (1) (a) After each federal census of the United States, the senatorial districts and representatives districts shall be established, revised, or altered, **and the members of the senate and house of representatives apportioned among them**, by a Colorado reapportionment commission consisting of eleven members, to be appointed and having the qualifications as prescribed in this section. **Of such members, four shall be appointed by the legislative department, three by the executive department, and four by the judicial department.** [Emphasis added]

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Section 48. Revision and alteration of districts - reapportionment commission. (1) (c) Commission members shall be qualified electors of the state of Colorado. No more than four members shall be members of the general assembly. **No more than six shall be affiliated with the same political party.** No more than four members shall be residents of the same congressional district, and each congressional district shall have at least one resident as a commission member. At least one commission member shall reside west of the continental divide. [Emphasis added]

[Prior to 2018 Amendment]

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Summary of Criteria Prior to 2018 Amendments

Federal Constitution

- Fourteenth Amendment - Equal Population

- Fifteenth Amendment - Right to Vote

Federal Voting Rights Act - Protection for racial and language minorities

- Contiguity

Five percent deviation between the most and least populous districts

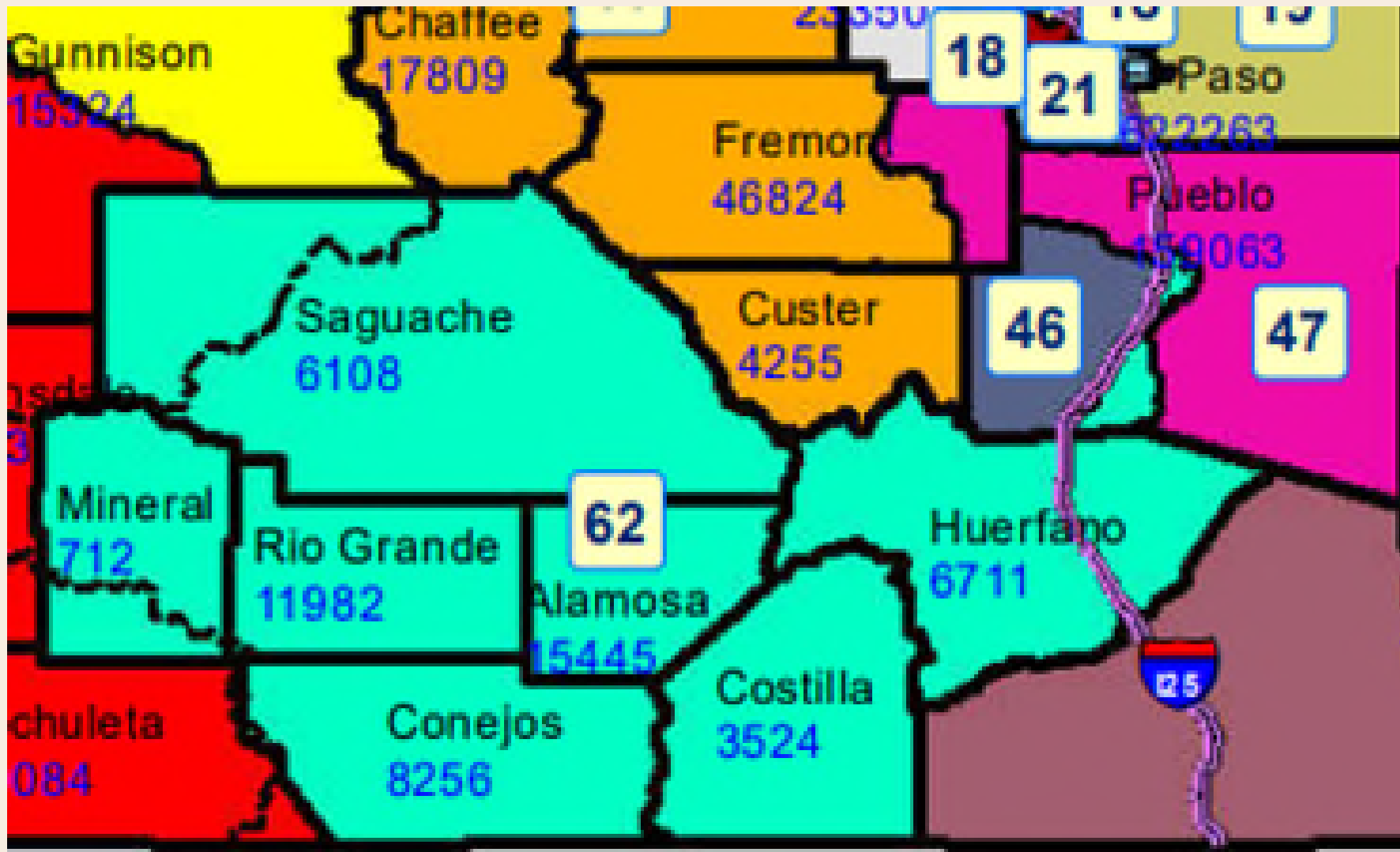
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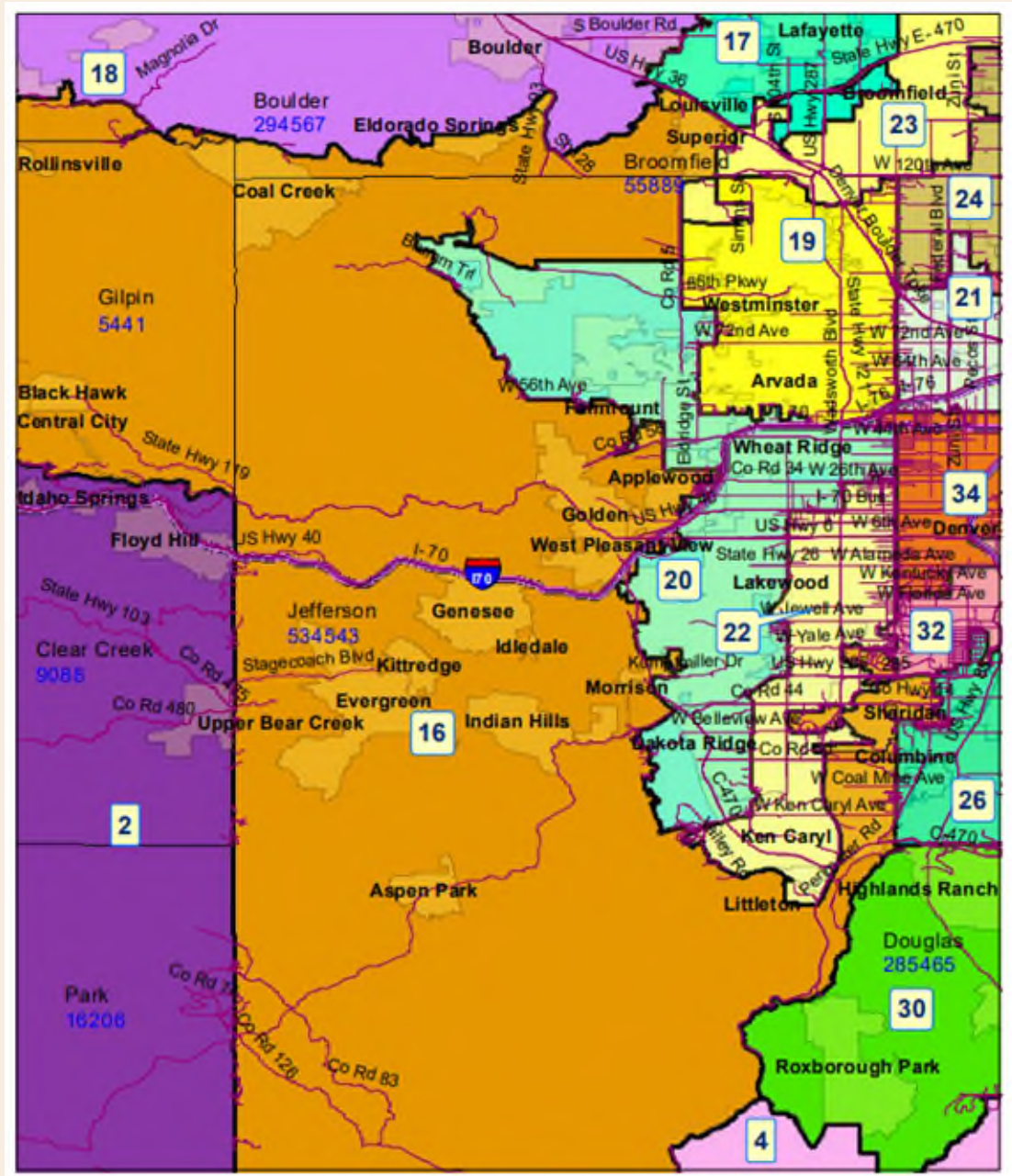
- County Boundaries

- City Boundaries

- Communities of interest

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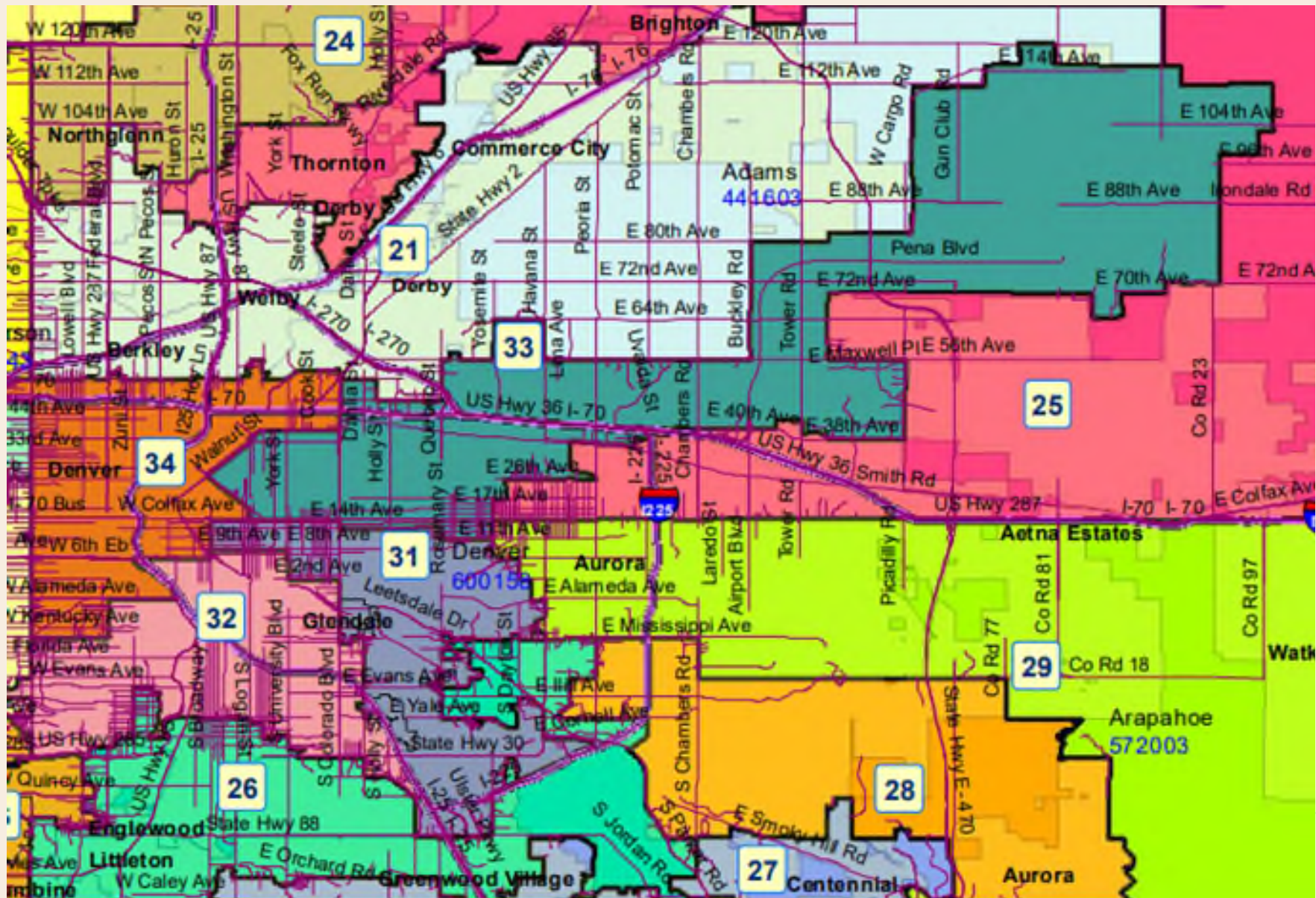


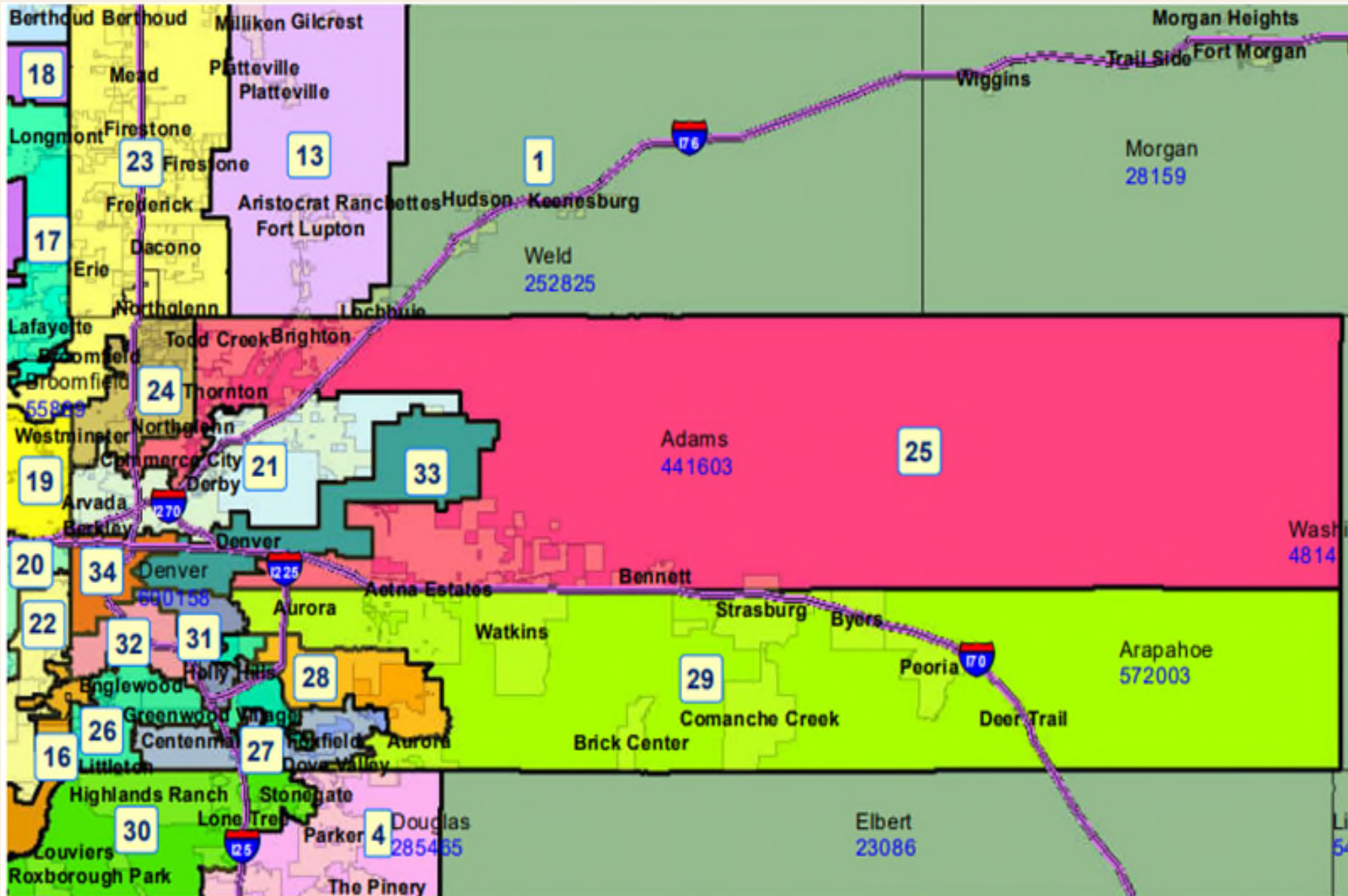


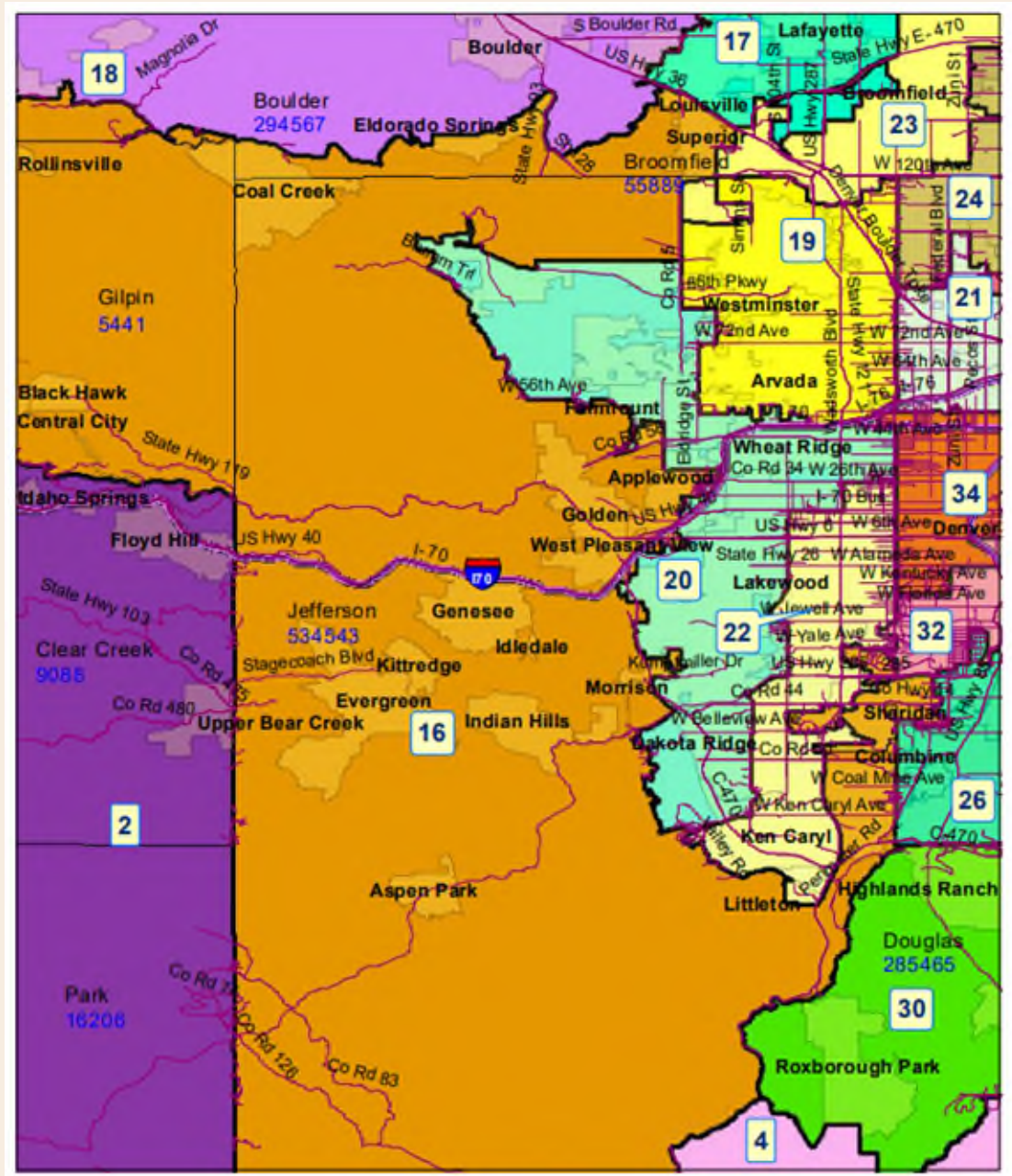
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Section 47. Composition of districts. (2) Except when necessary to meet the population requirements of section 46, no part of one county shall be added to all or part of another county in forming districts . . .







QUESTIONS?