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PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson, Chair
Sharon Hanek, Member
Justin Leighton, Member
Douglas G. Richardson, Member
Joy Stanford, Member

MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes: November 2, 2021
5. Update from Districting Master
6. Districting Master Scheduling Issues
7. Public Comment
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment

**MEETING MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE
November 2, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Audio recordings are available at the [Pierce County Districting Committee website](#).)

1. Call to Order

The November 2, 2021, meeting of the Pierce County Districting Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Cuthbertson via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Linda Medley, Meeting Clerk, called the roll.

Committee Members Present: The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson, Chair; and Sharon Hanek, Justin Leighton, Doug Richardson, and Joy Stanford, Members.

Also Present: Steven Garrett, Districting Master.

Staff Present: Pierce County Council Office – Brynn Grimley and Linda Medley; Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Michelle Luna.

3. Approval of Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved as presented on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (aye: Cuthbertson, Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

4. Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2021

Leighton moved approval of the October 26, 2021, Districting Committee minutes as presented; motion seconded and carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (aye: Cuthbertson, Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

5. Baseline Data from the Districting Master

Chair Cuthbertson provided introductory comment. Steven Garrett, Districting Master, spoke to the data he has gathered and explained how the variances will be calculated. Discussion ensued.

6. Committee Guidelines on Variances and Other Concerns

Members shared their views and discussion ensued. Garrett requested a prioritized list from the Committee. Discussion followed. Leighton moved to provide the Districting Master a goal of a 2 percent population variance for the districts; motion seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 3 to 2 (aye: Cuthbertson, Leighton, and Stanford; nay: Hanek and Richardson).

Chair Cuthbertson outlined the draft maps that will be provided by the next meeting. Richardson provided comment regarding the maps. Leighton voiced objection to Richardson's comment. Richardson called a Point of Order that his comment was misrepresented, and he clarified his intent.

7. Districting Master Scheduling Issues

8. **Public Comment**

Chair Cuthbertson called for Public Comment. Hanek called a Point of Order that agenda Item 7. had not been addressed. Chair Cuthbertson acknowledged the Point of Order and explained the agenda item at issue was addressed during the discussion of agenda Item 6. and will be an agenda item at a future meeting.

Marianne Lincoln testified.

8. **Other Business**

Chair Cuthbertson thanked staff and Garrett for their work.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting of the Districting Committee adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved:

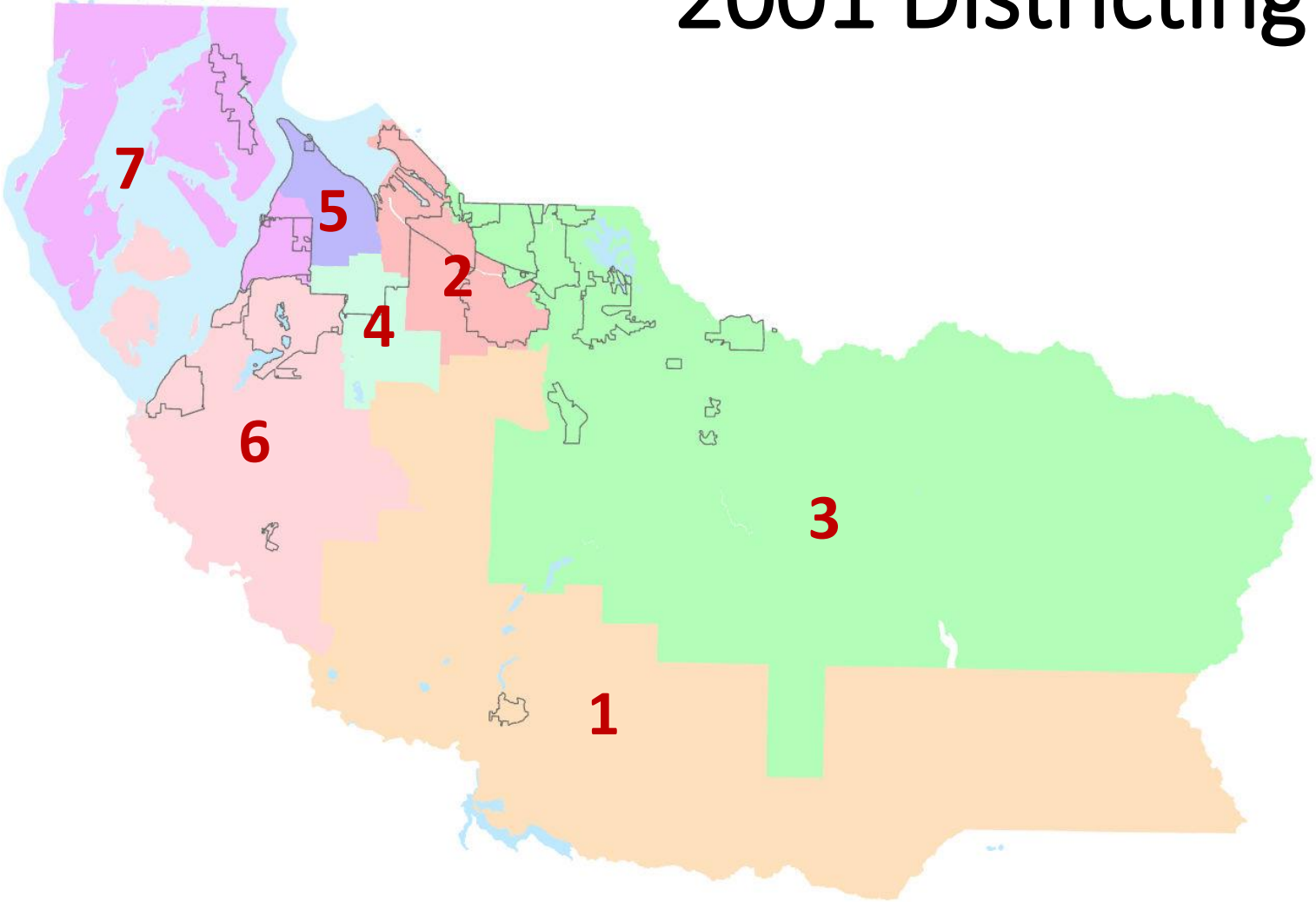
Linda Medley
Meeting Clerk

Pierce County Districting Committee

Meeting Presentation. October 9, 2021

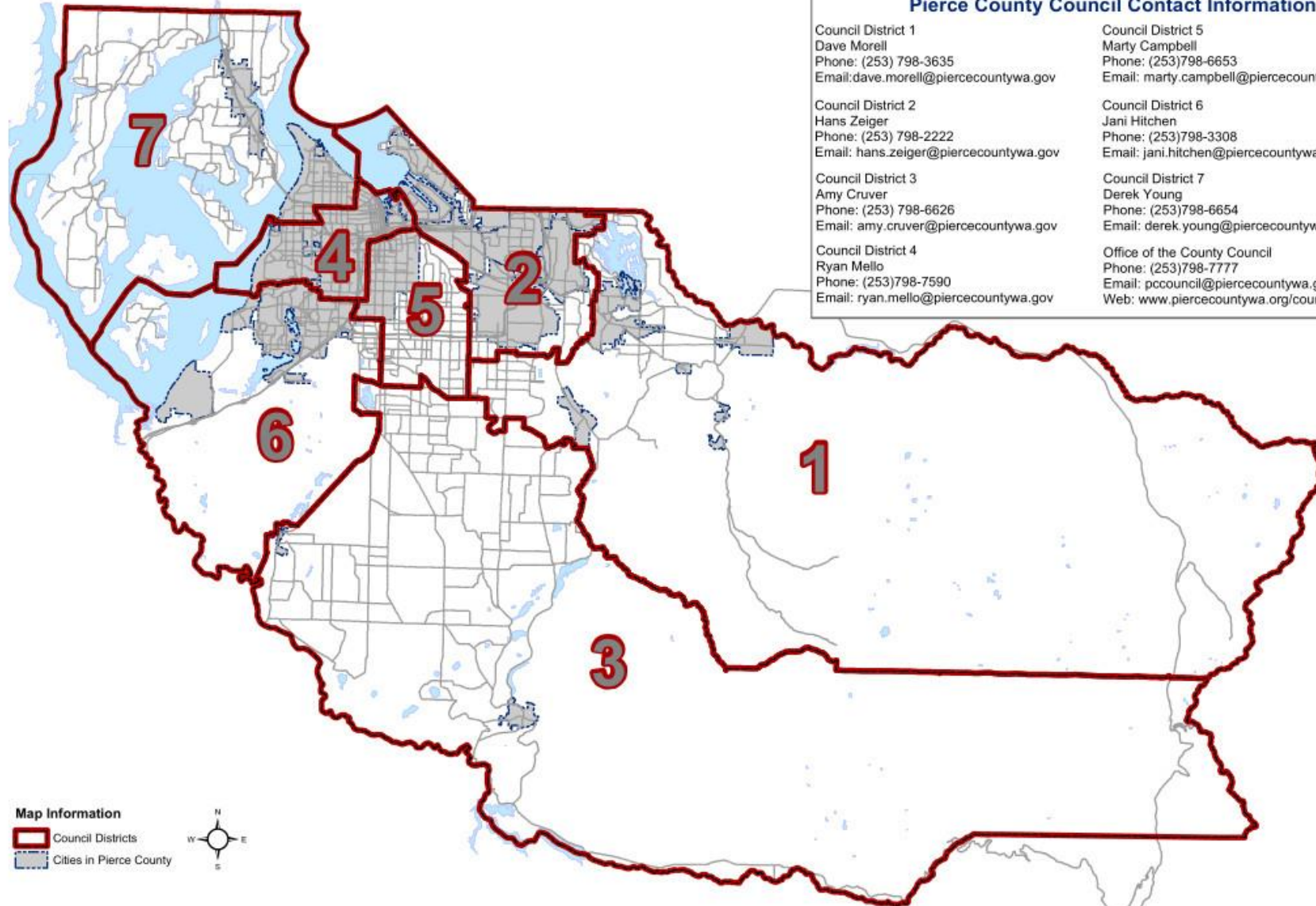
Steven Garrett, Districting Master

2001 Districting Map





Pierce County Council Districts



2011

County Population

2010: 795,393

Target (average):

113,628

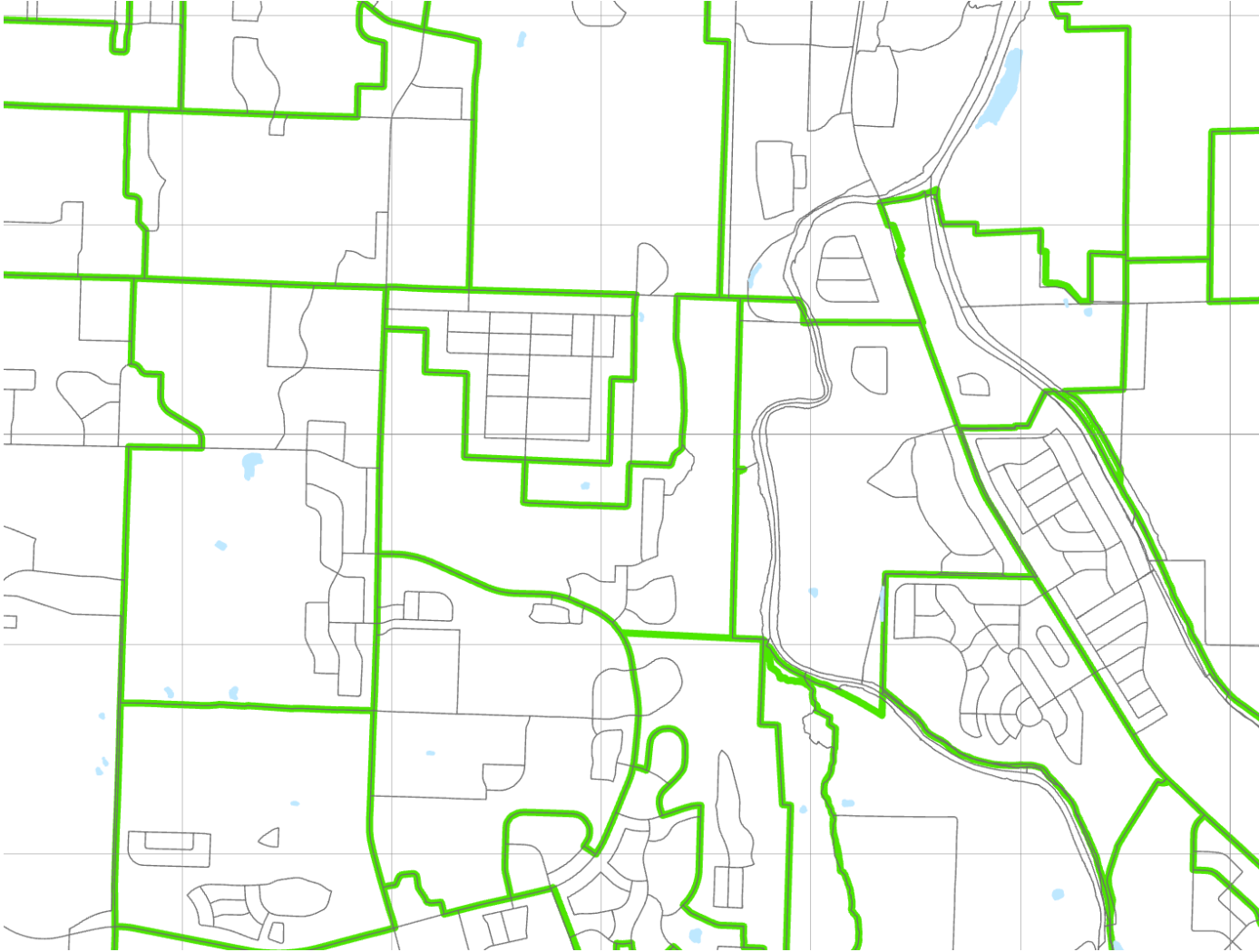
Population and Final Variance by District 2010

1.	116,475	+2.5%
2.	115,612	+1.8%
3.	114,363	+1.0%
4.	110,727	-2.5%
5.	111,373	-2.0%
6.	115,858	+2.0%
7.	110,985	-2.3%

Committee Member Raised Issues

1. OFM versus Pierce County as data sources
2. Splitting Parkland
3. Splitting Tacoma into 4 districts
4. Variance

Census Blocks vs Election Precincts



Legend

Election Precincts

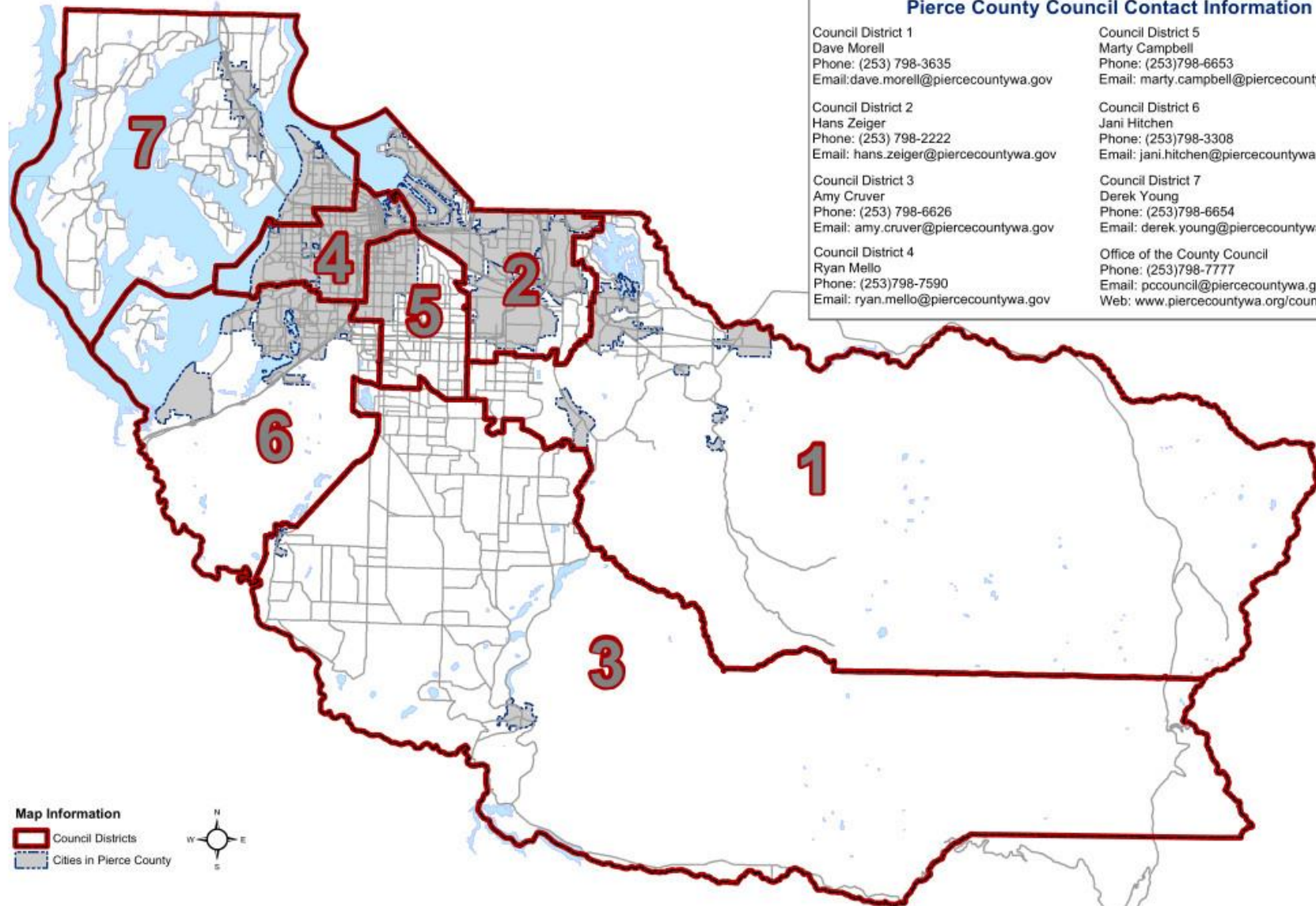


Census Blocks





Pierce County Council Districts



2021

County Population

2020: 921,130

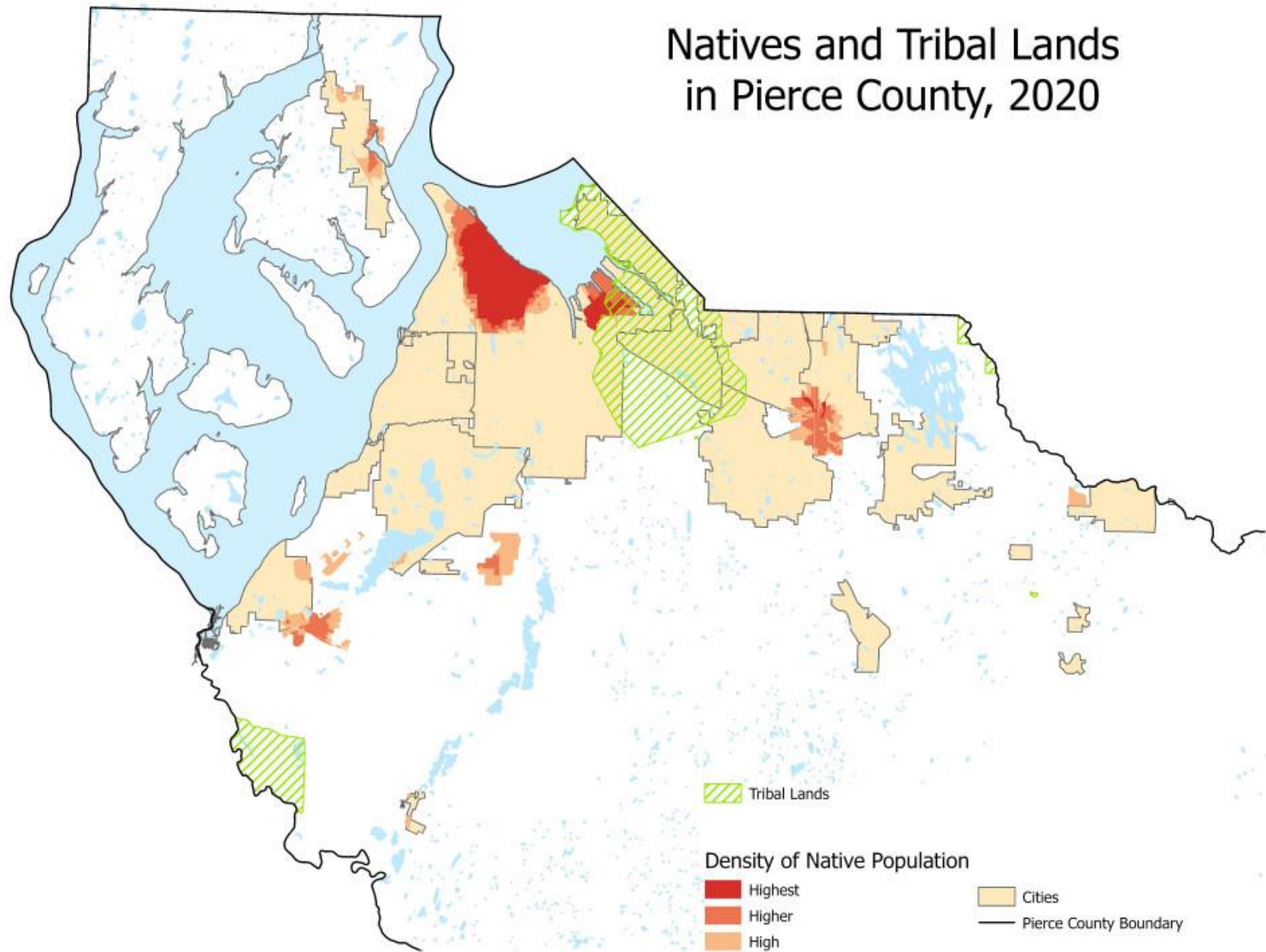
Target (average):

131,590

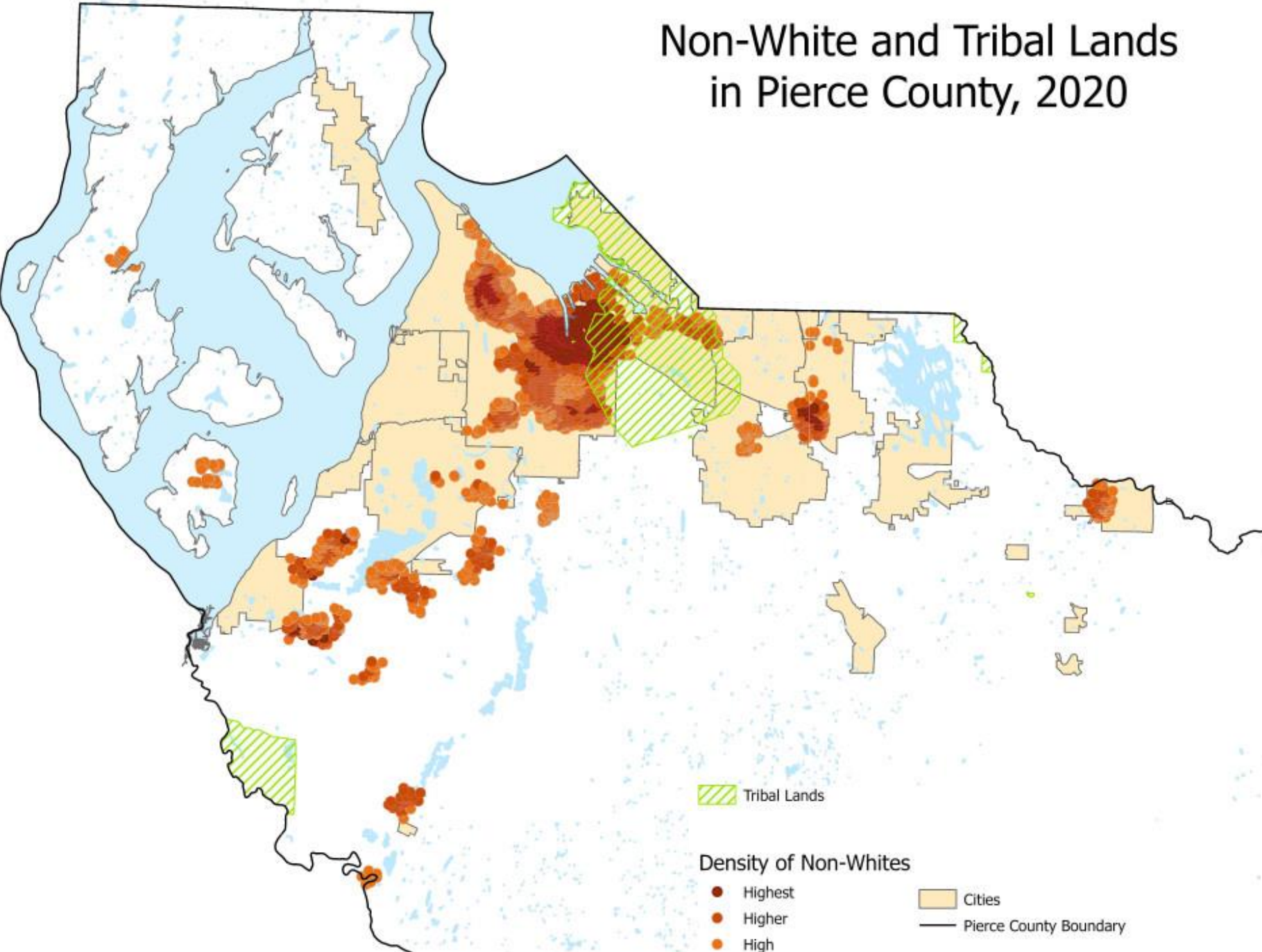
Population and Baseline Variance by District, 2020 Census

1.	142,977	+8.7%
2.	133,344	+0.1%
3.	140,033	+6.4%
4.	124,716	-9.4%
5.	123,432	-9.4%
6.	133,639	+0.1%
7.	122,989	-9.4%

Natives and Tribal Lands in Pierce County, 2020



Non-White and Tribal Lands in Pierce County, 2020



Moving Forward

1. Census blocks or Election Precincts as founding units?
2. Final Map date. Propose December 14
3. Weekly maps
 1. Based on individual districts or best map to date?
 2. If based on individual districts, we will need to double up one week for proposed 12/14 deadline