

# Ward Redistricting

**Budget and Finance Committee**

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- Every two years, in preparation for city elections, staff updates ward populations and proposes any changes needed to ward boundaries in order to maintain practical equality of population by ward
- Every 10 years ward boundaries are adjusted as needed based on new census data
- In interim years, ward boundaries are adjusted as needed based on estimated population growth in each ward derived from building permits issued for new residential development

- 2020 Decennial Census was released down to the block level in 2021
- Using the same methodology as when staff processed the 2010 Decennial Census for 2011 redistricting

**2020 Block Population** = (Housing Units \* Occupancy Rate \* Avg. People per HH) + Group Quarters Population

**Annual Block Population Increase** = New Dwelling Units \* Occupancy Rate \* Average HH Size

- Residential building permits issued in 2021 and 2022 to estimate the number and distribution of the city's new population
- Most residential development permitted in that two-year timeframe will be completed and occupied by end of 2023

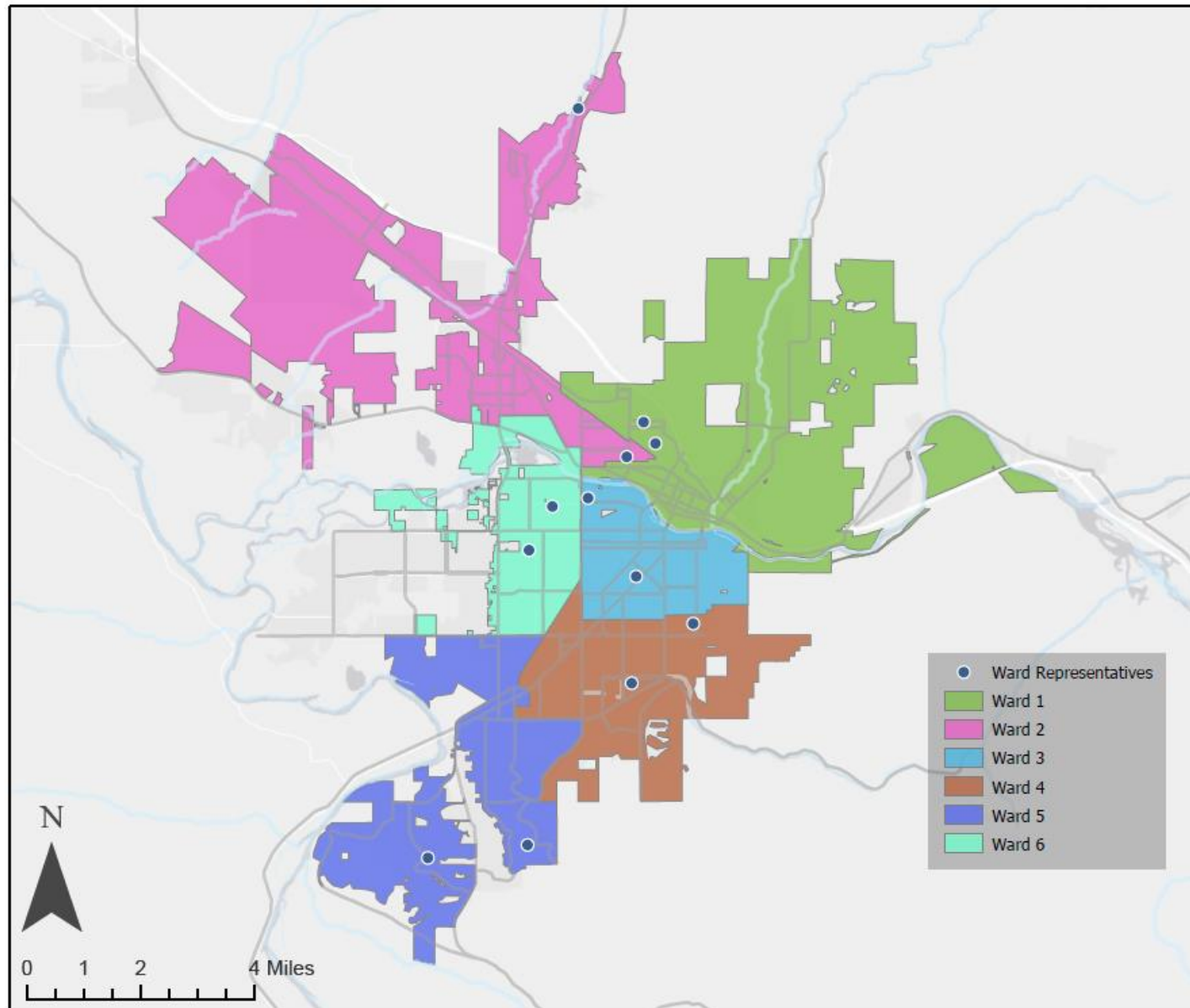
# Decadal Timeline



Year	Action	Permit Data
2011	Ward boundaries were adjusted based on 2010 Census data	
2013	No changes were needed	2 Years - 2011-2012
2015	Changes were made to Wards 1 & 2 boundaries	4 Years - 2011-2014
2017	Changes were made to Wards 1, 2, 4, & 6 boundaries	6 Years - 2011-2016
2019	Changes were made to Wards 2, 4, 5, & 6	8 Years - 2011-2018
2021	Changes are needed this year to Wards 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6	10 years - 2011-2020
2023	Ward boundaries are needed to be adjusted based on 2020 Census data plus new residential development in 2021 & 2022	2 Years - 2021-2022

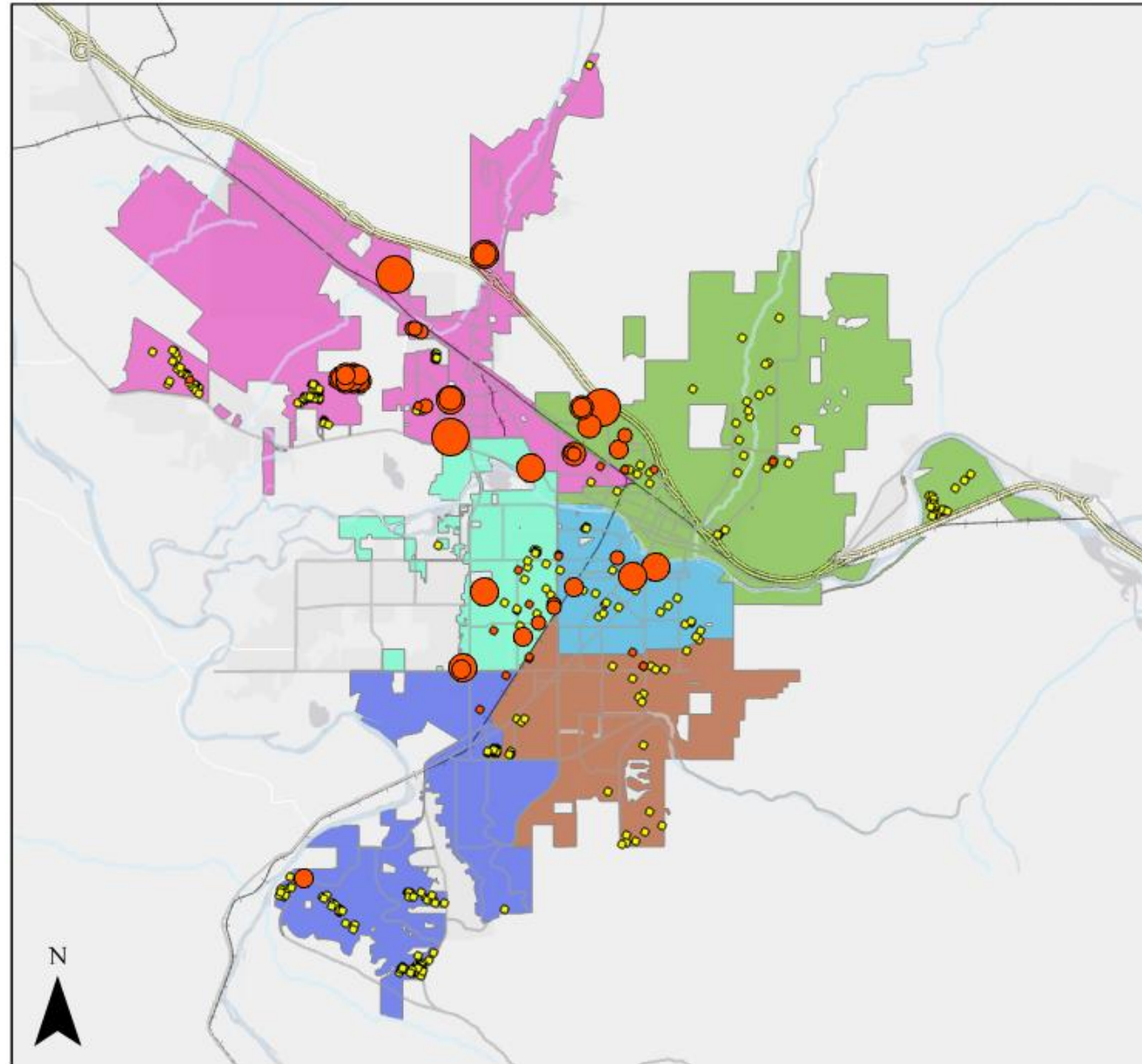
- Maintain population  $\pm$  3% of ward average
- Keep ward boundaries regular and compact in shape & size and convenient for voters
- Use natural/physical geographic boundaries
- Respect political and census boundaries where possible (neighborhood councils & census tracts/block groups/blocks)
- Avoid redistricting a seated representative out of their ward

# Current Ward Boundaries





# Res. Permits Issued 2021 & 2022





# Estimated City Population



January 1, 2023	2022 Housing Units	Total Population	Average Population per Ward	+/-3%	Minimum Population	Maximum Population
	37,546	83,448	13,908	417	13,491	14,325

Increase since  
2020 Decennial Base:      2,238              4,872

- Sources: Community Planning, Development, & Innovation January 1, 2023
- U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 SFI plus estimated new population derived from new construction city building permits

# Estimated Ward Population



Ward	2022 Housing Units	2023 Est. Population	Est. Change in Population (2020-2023)	# People from Average (13,907)	% People from Average	Aligned?
1	6,983	14,220	728	312	2.24%	Yes
2	7,184	15,760	2,694	1,852	13.32%	Over
3	5,277	12,160	257	-1,748	-12.57%	Under
4	5,989	12,361	113	-1,547	-11.12%	Under
5	5,179	14,092	293	184	1.32%	Yes
6	6,934	14,855	787	947	6.81%	Over

Total: 83,448 4,872

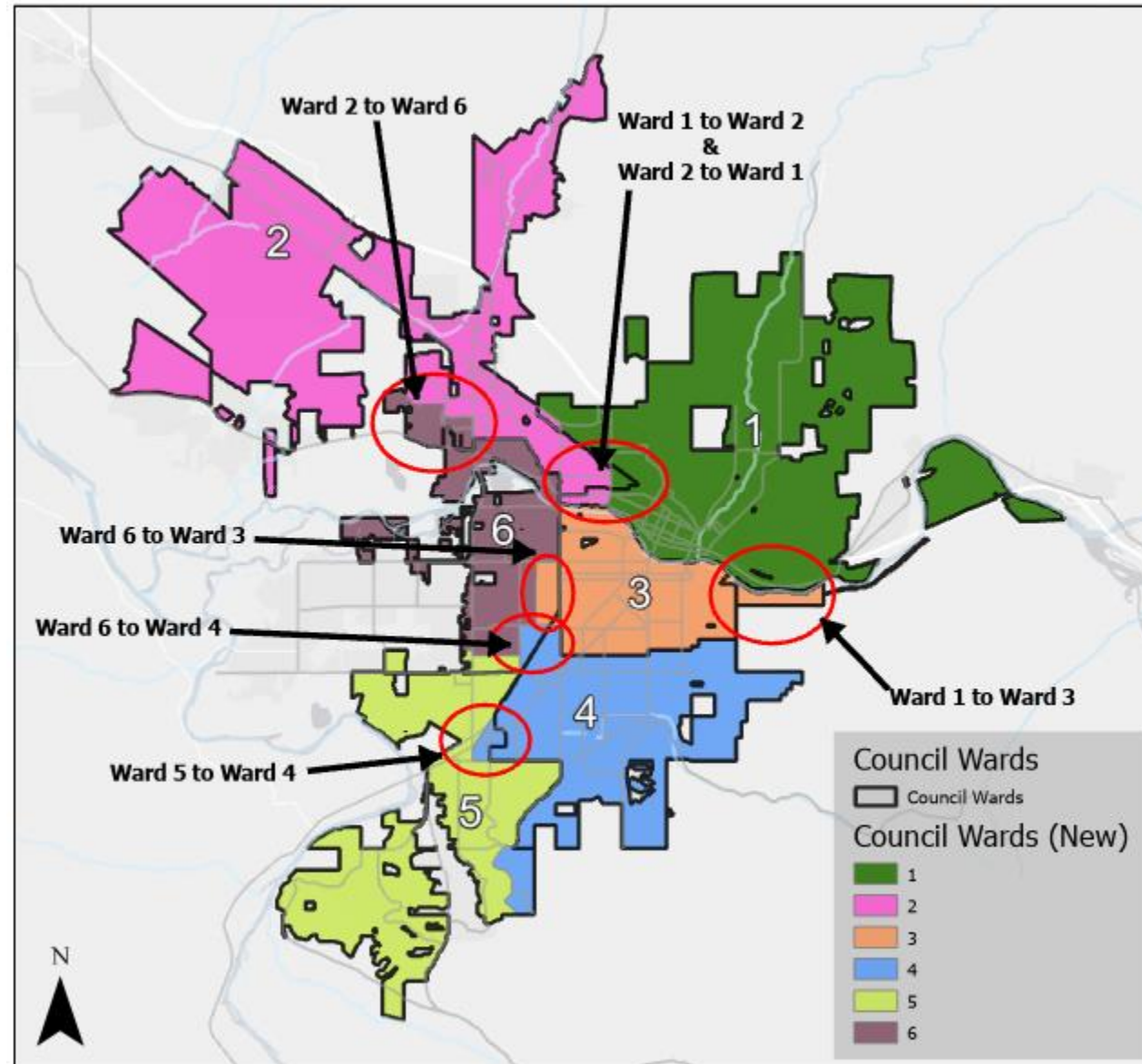
Average: 13,908

Acceptable Range: 13,491 – 14,325  
or 13,908 +/- 417

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# Proposed Option Overview of Changes:



# Ward 1 & 2 Switch

- Ward 1: **+239 People**
- Ward 2: **+580 People**
- Reasoning:
  - Scott Street is a main thoroughfare
  - W Broadway is a main thoroughfare
  - Become a more regular shape
  - Ward 1 is already within alignment and will grow with the Scott Street-Reserve Master Plan



# Ward 3 into Ward 6 & 4

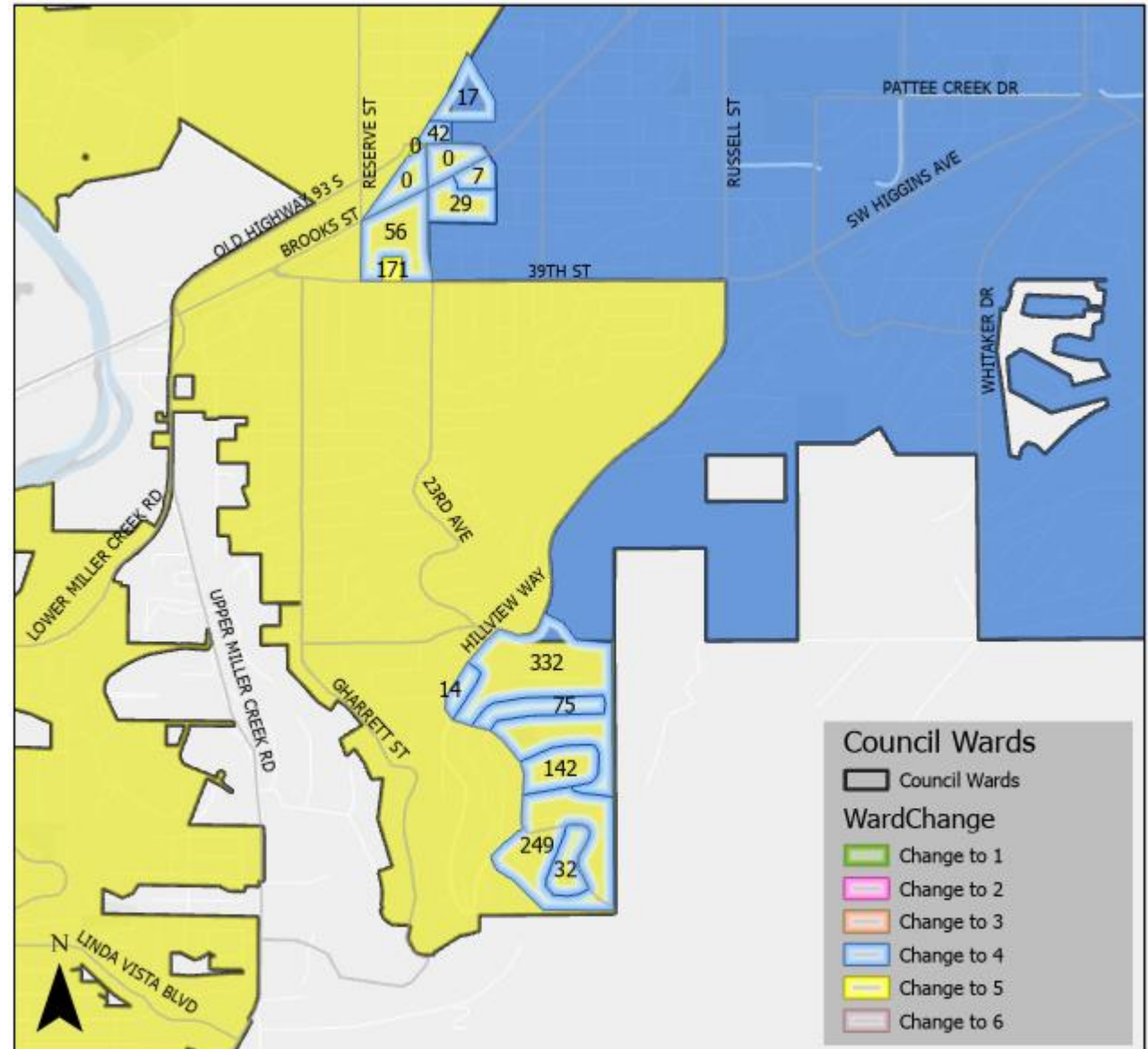
- Ward 3 moves across Russel St Franklin to the Fort and Southgate Triangle
  - Ward 3: **+1,885 people**
  - Ward 4: **-133 people**
  - Ward 6: **-1,752 people**
- Reasoning:
  - Starts a gradual movement of Ward 3 westward along 14<sup>th</sup> ST
  - Equity of Neighborhood Council representation among City Council Members
  - Maintain compact and regular shape of Ward 3





# Ward 4 into Ward 5

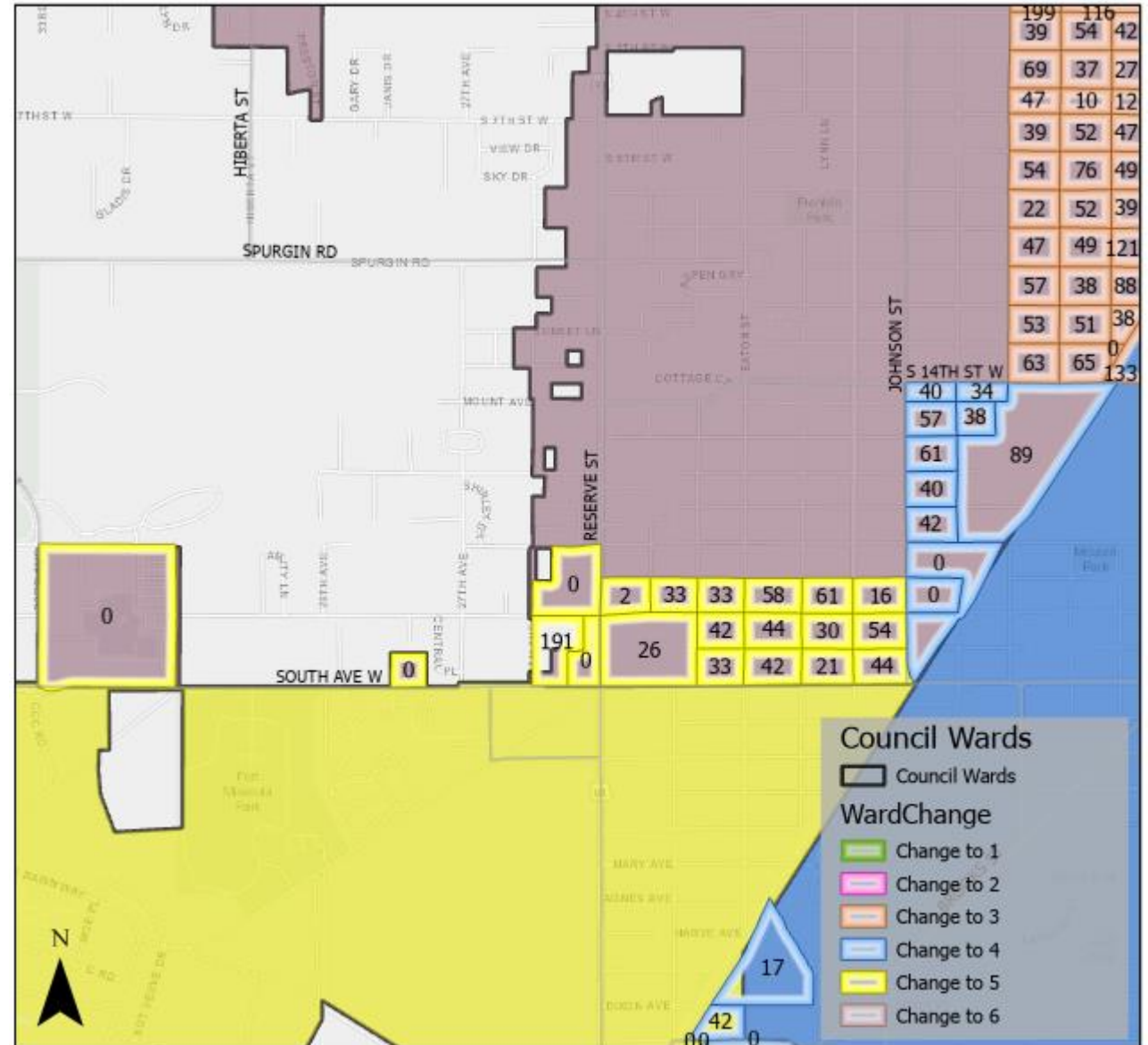
- Ward 4: **+1,166 People**
- Ward 5: **-1,166 People**
- Reasoning:
  - Hillview Way and 39<sup>th</sup> St are main thoroughfares
  - Unsplit Southgate Triangle Neighborhood Population
  - Capture future growth of Hillview Way into Ward 4
  - Continue gradual movement of Ward 4 southward into Moose Can Gully & South 39<sup>th</sup> Street





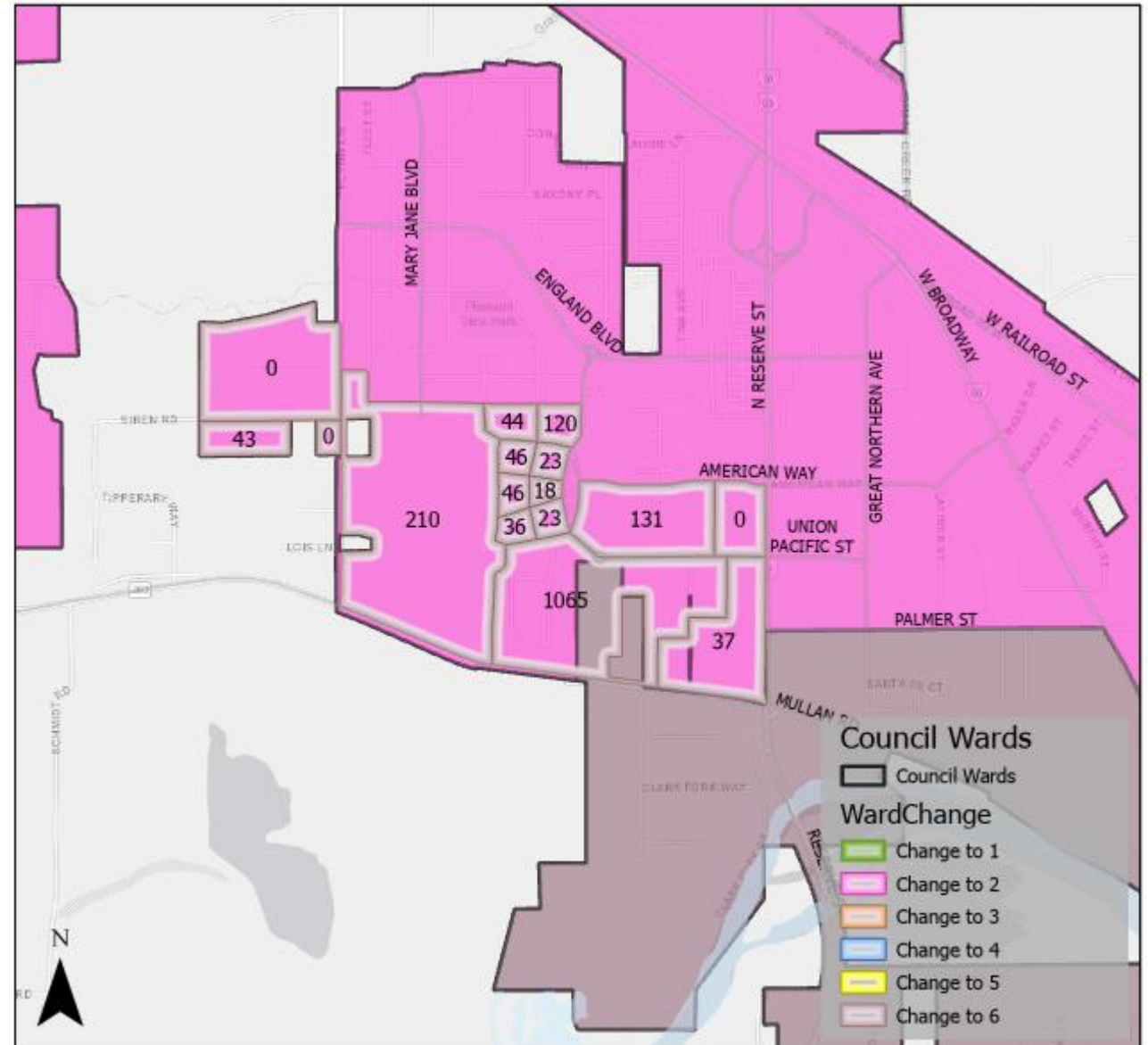
# Ward 4 & 5 into Ward 6

- Ward 4: **+401 People**
- Ward 5: **+730 People**
- Ward 6: **-1,131 People**
- Reasoning:
  - S 14<sup>th</sup> St and Johnson are main thoroughfares
  - Continue gradual movement of Ward 5 northward into Ward 6
  - Continue the split of Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood



# Ward 6 into Ward 2

- Ward 6: **+1,842 People**
- Ward 2: **-1,842 People**
- Reasoning:
  - “Unsplit” Census Block from 2021
  - Continue expansion of Ward 6 north and west into Ward 2
  - Enable either ward to capture future growth in Sxwtpqyen



# Preferred Ward Scenario Population



Ward	2022 Est. Population before redistricting	Preferred Option Population Change	Preferred Option Est. Population	# People from Average (13,907)	% People from Average	Aligned?
1	14,220	-361	13,859	-48	-0.35%	Yes
2	15,760	-1,640	14,120	213	1.53%	Yes
3	12,160	1,797	13,957	50	0.36%	Yes
4	12,361	1,428	13,789	-118	-0.85%	Yes
5	14,092	-352	13,740	-167	-1.20%	Yes
6	14,855	-872	13,983	76	0.55%	Yes

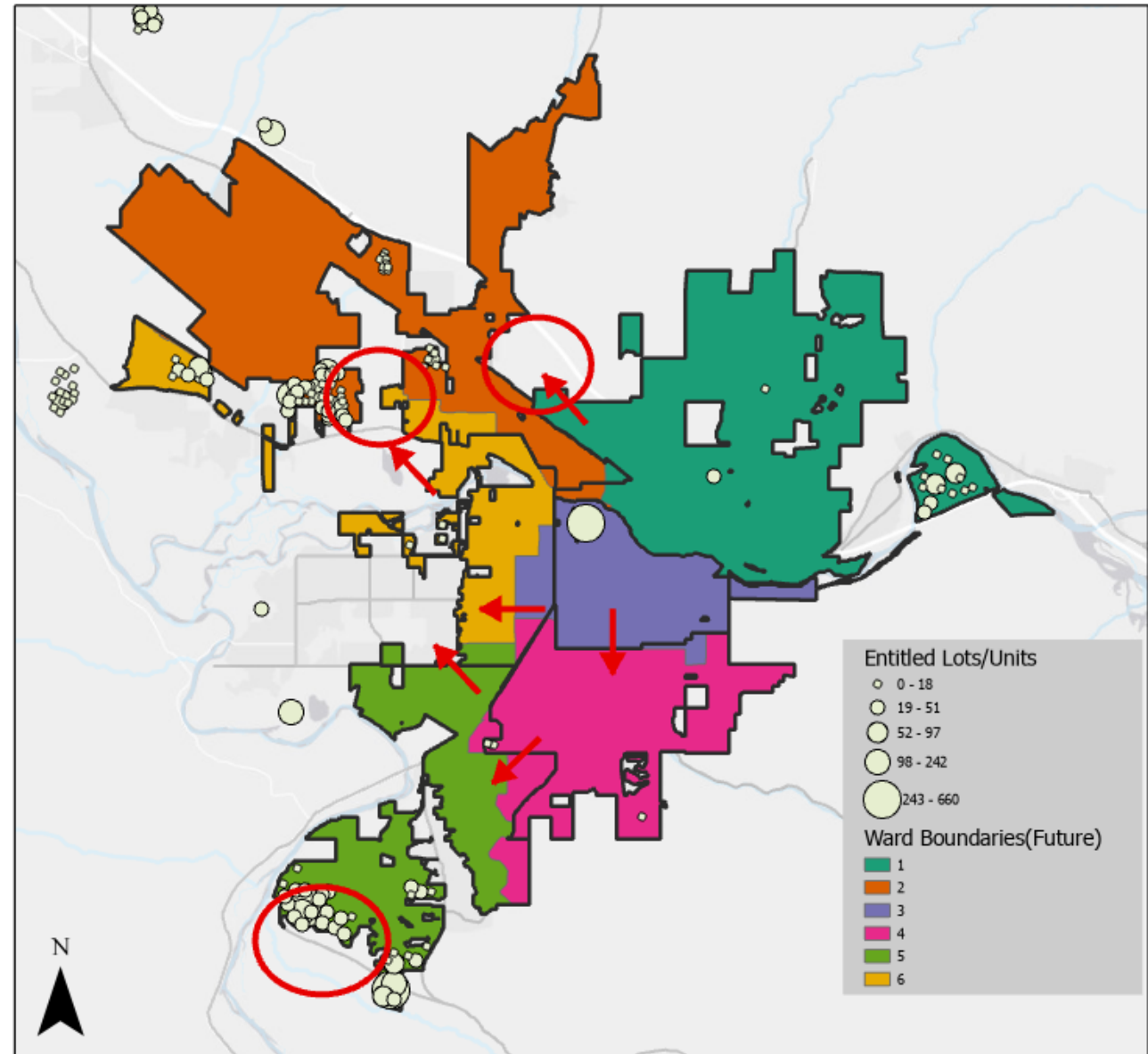
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- Future growth of Wards and continued direction movement
- Entitled Lots are shown, and the highest number of Units are in Ward 2 and 5
- Expected growth:
  - Sxwtpqyen
  - Scott Street Reserve Master Plan
  - Miller Creek Area Subdivisions
  - Hillview Way Area Growth
  - Sawmill District



*Set a public hearing for March 6, 2023, and preliminary adopt an ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 1.16 entitled “Election Wards” revising and updating Ward boundaries based on new population statistics.*