DETROIT CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING

BACKGROUND

LEGAL UNDERPINNINGS

- Primary Considerations (Priority Considerations)
  - As close to equal population as possible
  - As compact and contiguous as possible
- Other Factors (May also be considered)
  - Preserving the integrity of political subdivisions
  - Preserving the core of a district
  - Maintaining communities of interest
  - Election precincts

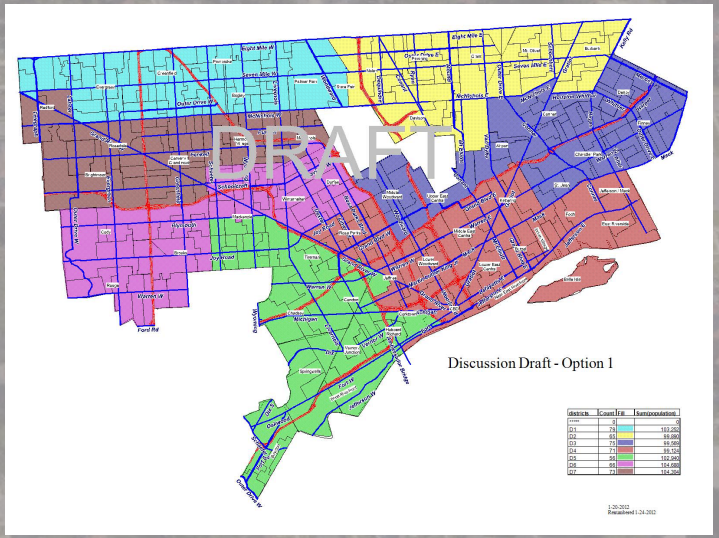
PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS

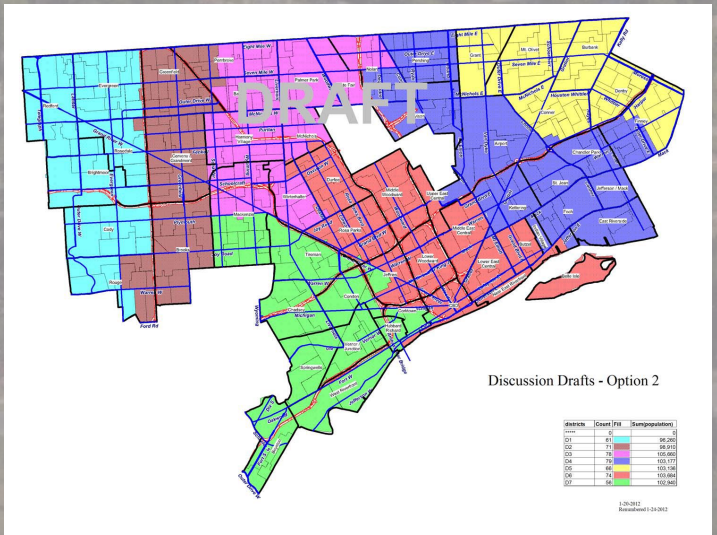
- As close to equal population as possible (91,400 +/- 5%)
  - The U.S. Supreme Court has determined that deviations from equal population must be small and justified by a legitimate state policy.
- As compact and contiguous as possible
  - Compact - avoid “bizarre shapes” and any other “obvious irregularities” as much as possible. A district that is less dispersed from its central core will be more compact while a district encompassing regions located far from its center will be less compact.
  - Contiguous – requires that all areas of the district to connect at some point with the rest of the district.

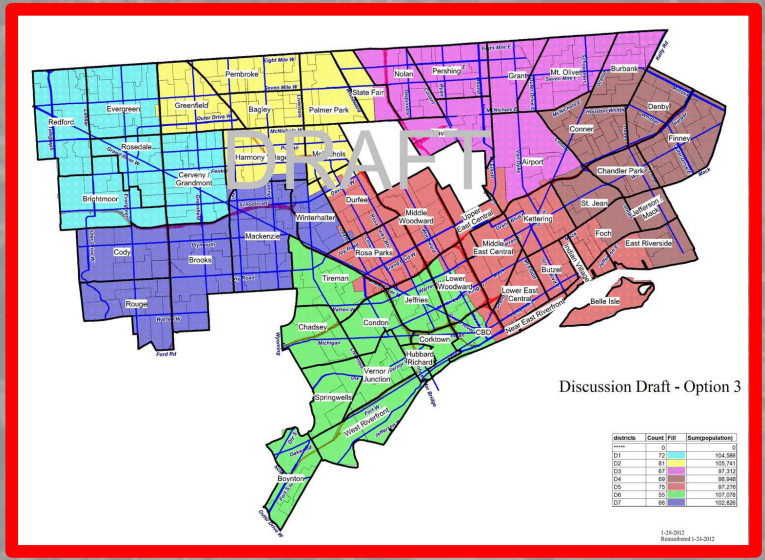
OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED

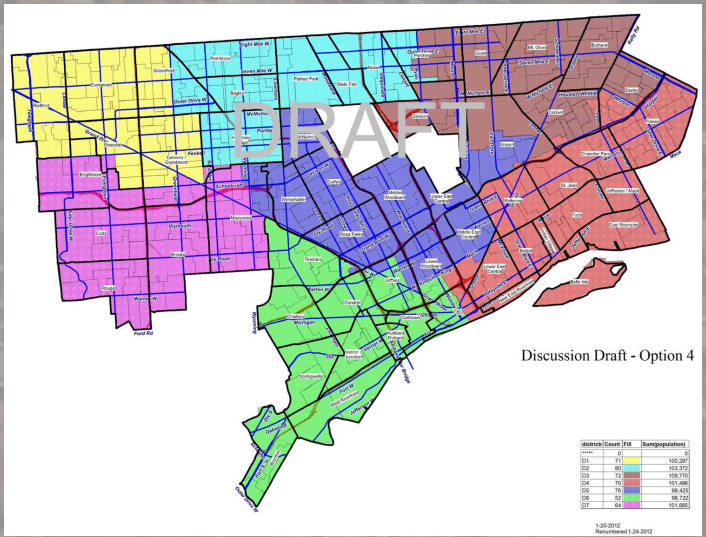
- Preserving the integrity of political subdivisions
  - In this case keeping all districts within the City boundaries.
- Preserving the core of a district
  - Avoiding as much change as possible for one or more district.
- Maintaining communities of interest
  - The Michigan State Constitution defines Communities of Interest as groups or neighborhoods that might "share cultural or historical characteristics or economic interests.”
- Election precincts
  - Minimizing disruption to election precincts as much as possible.

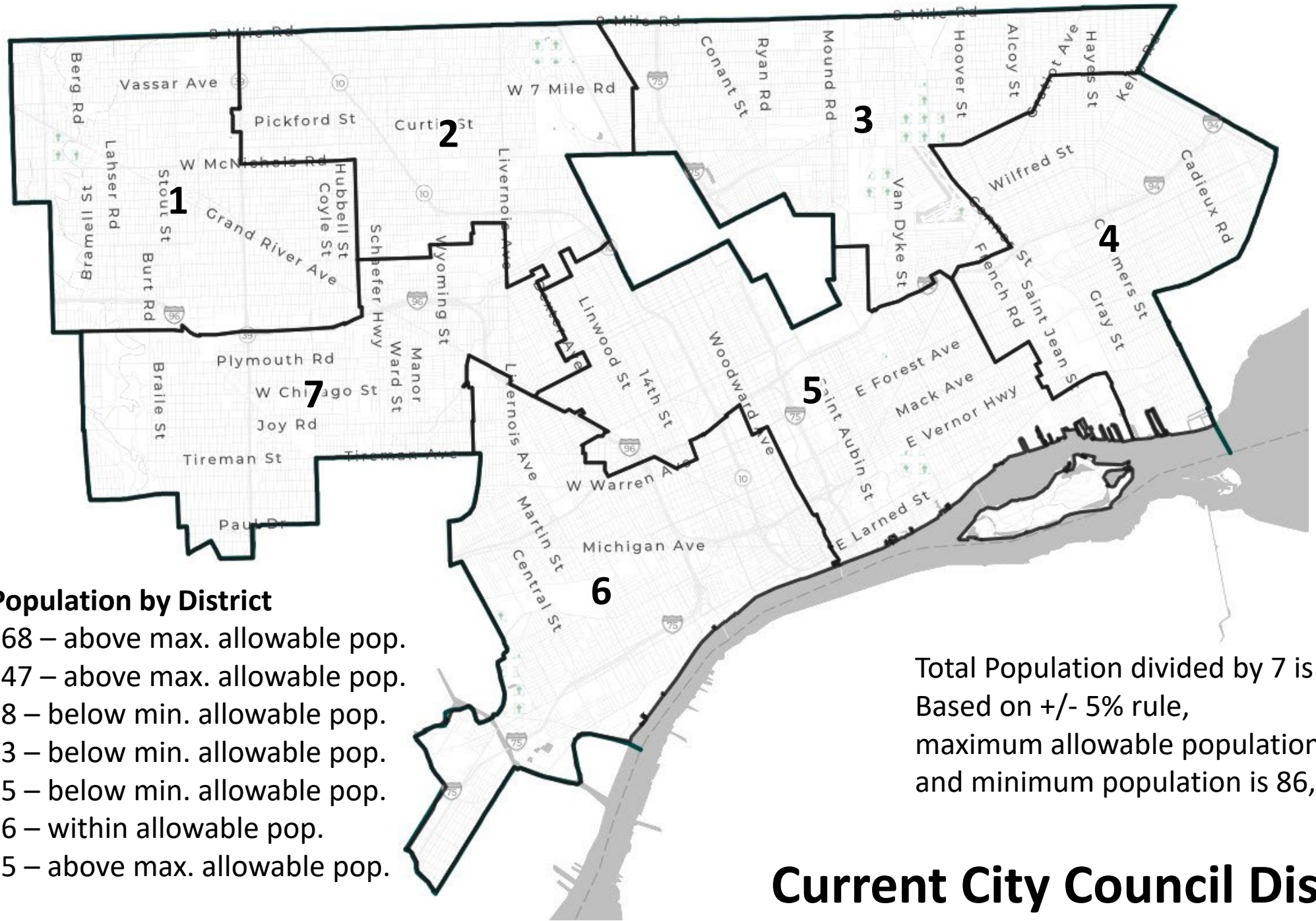
Four draft possibilities were considered for the current Districts from which the third option was adopted in February of 2012











Current Population by District

1 – 100,068 – above max. allowable pop.
2 – 100,347 – above max. allowable pop.
3 – 80,928 – below min. allowable pop.
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5 – 86,375 – below min. allowable pop.
6 – 94,326 – within allowable pop.
7 – 96,555 – above max. allowable pop.

Total Population divided by 7 is 91,400
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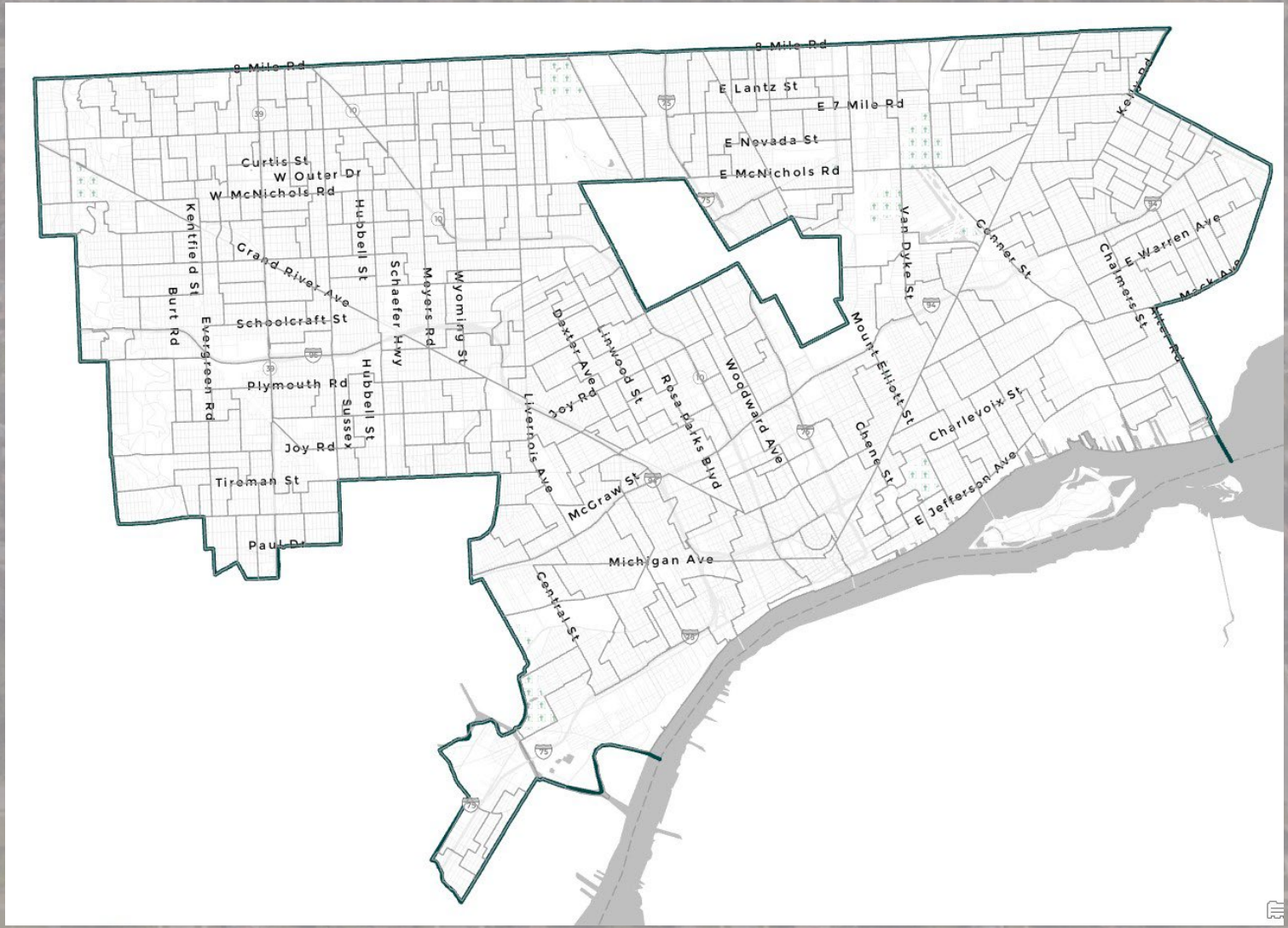
Current City Council Districts

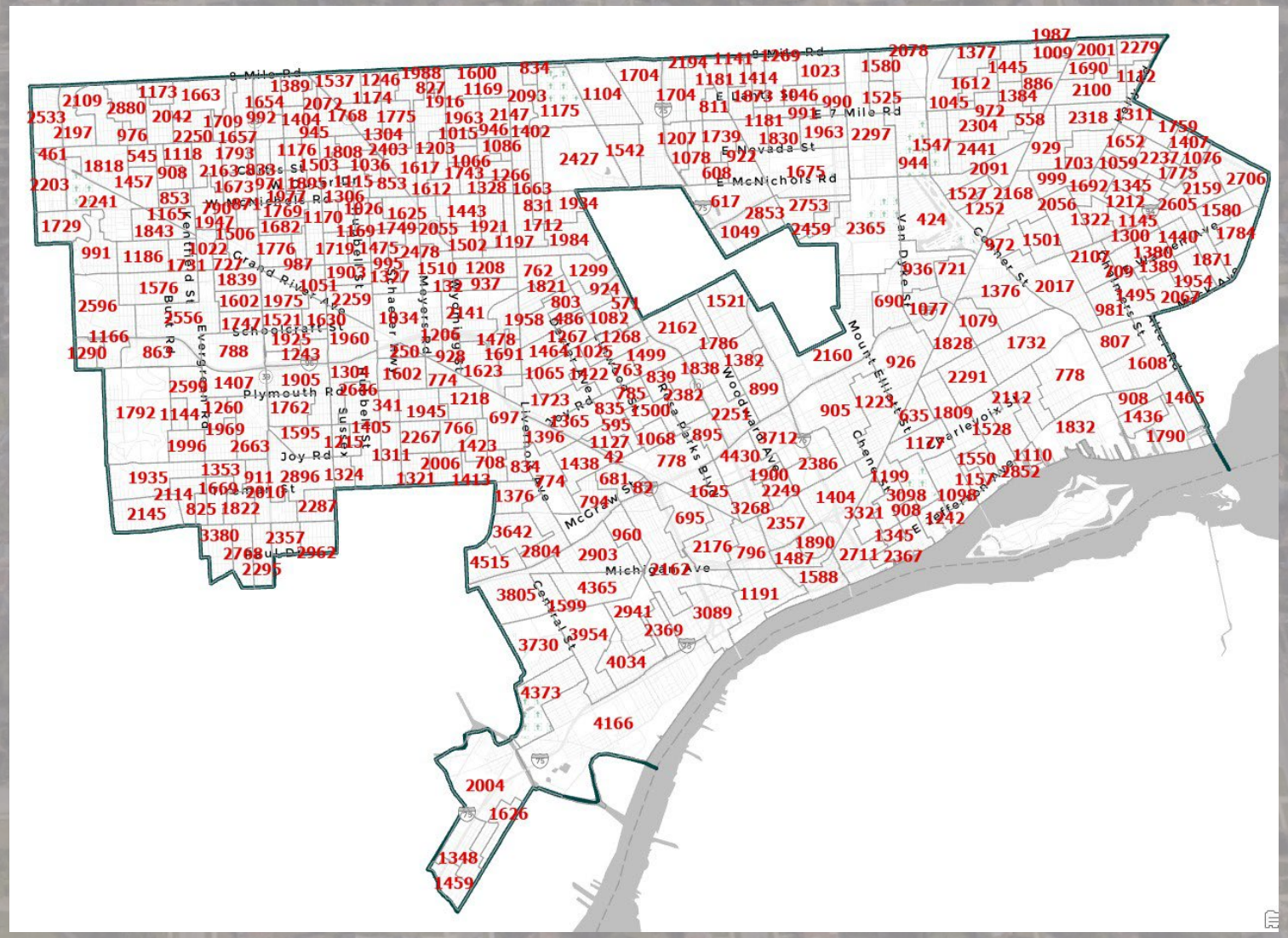
Population Comparison by District 2010-2020

	2010 pop.	2020 pop.	% decrease
Dist. 1	104,586	100,068	4.32
Dist. 2	105,741	100,347	5.10
Dist. 3	97,312	80,928	16.84
Dist. 4	98,948	79,203	19.95
Dist. 5	97,276	86,375	11.21
Dist. 6	107,078	94,326	11.91
Dist. 7	102,826	96,555	6.10

2023 Voting Precincts – 400 total



2023 Voting Precincts (with population)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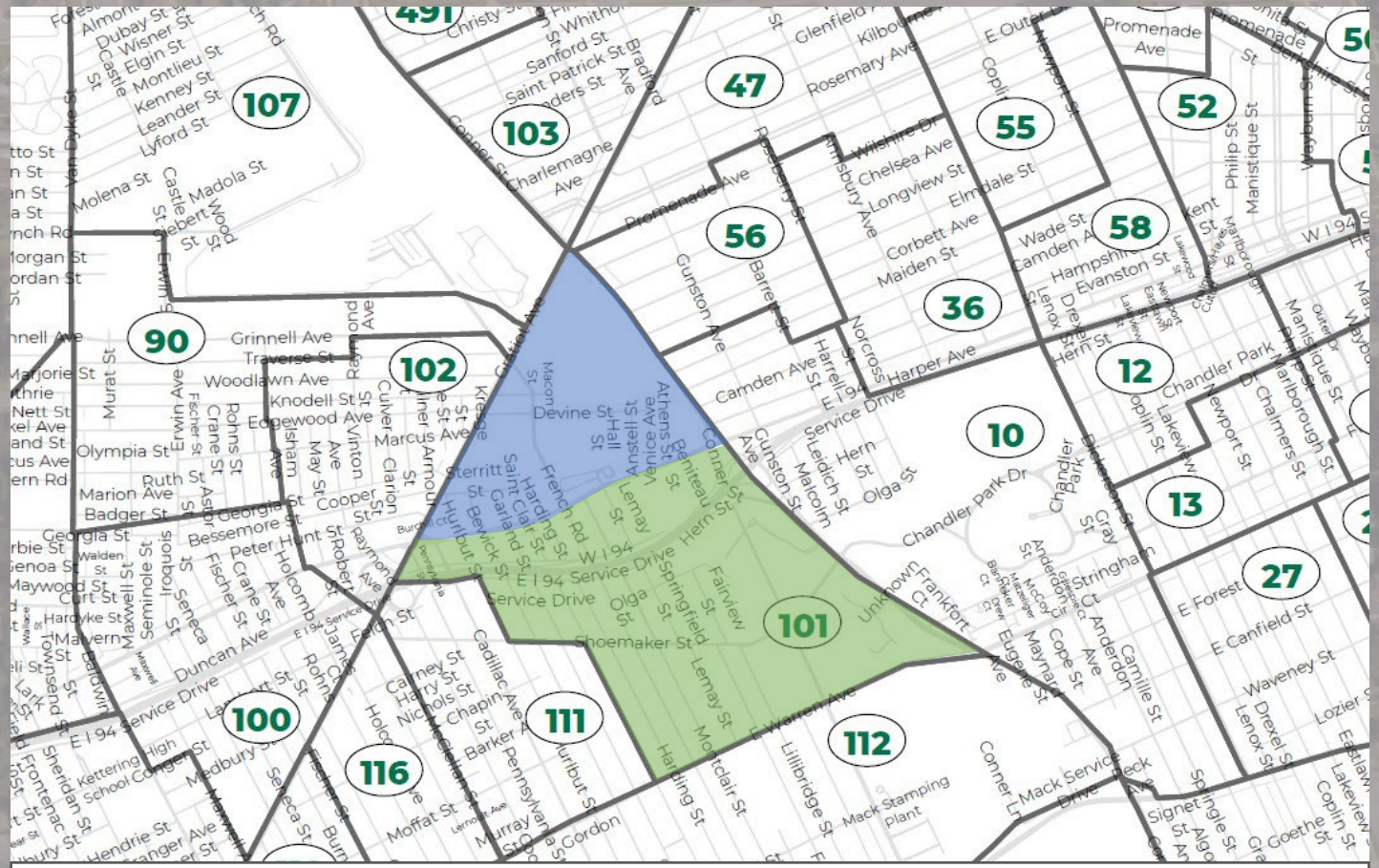
2023 Voting Precinct Consolidations

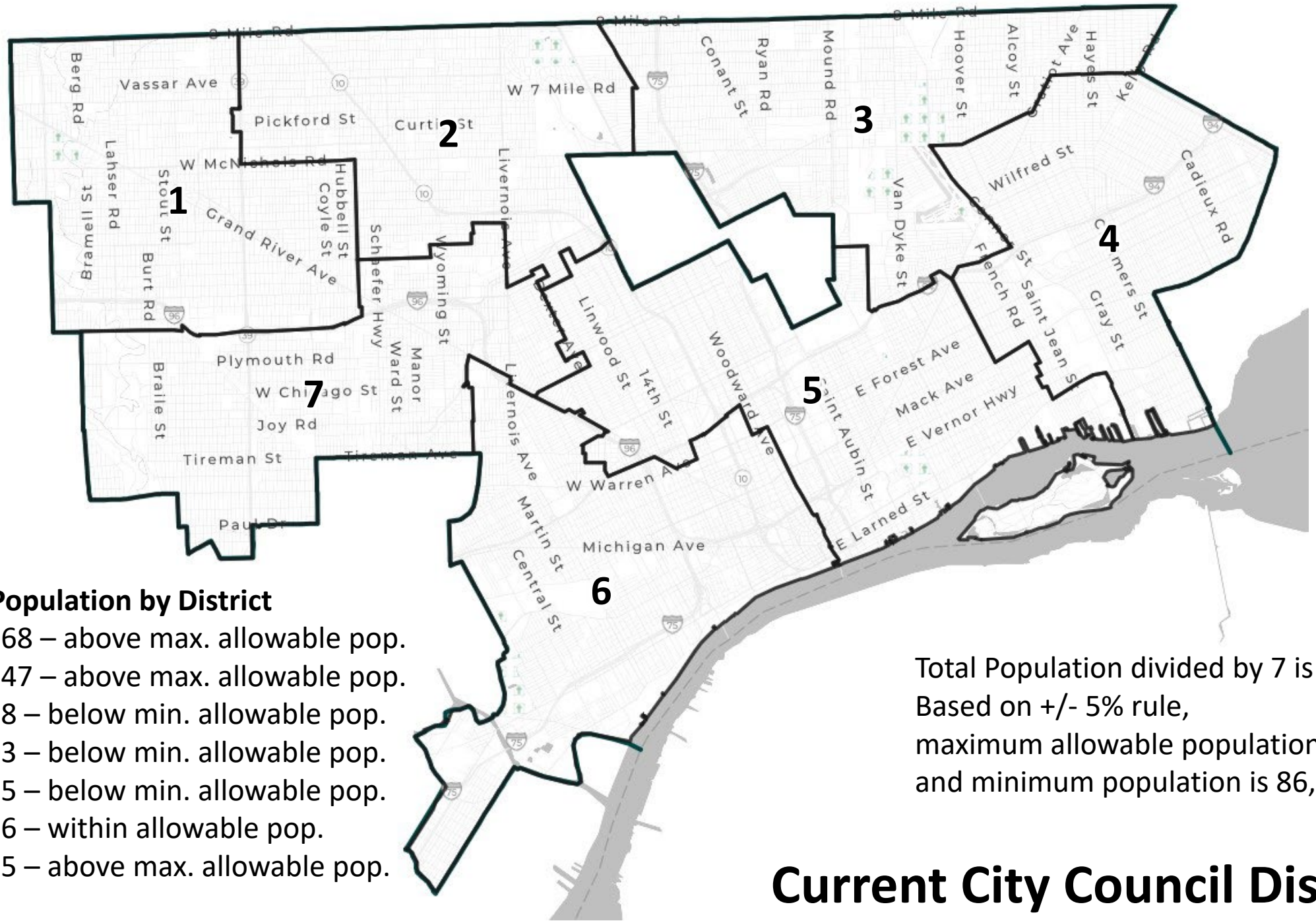
- Voting precincts have been consolidated several times in recent years
- Most recently in April 2023, the existing 450 precincts were consolidated to 400 precincts
- As a result, some current district boundaries are no longer available because they split a voting precinct
- This is demonstrated by precinct 101 which is currently divided into districts 3 & 4 and needs to be reunified in the redrawn districts



voting precinct 101 in 2012 when current districts were established

area added to voting precinct 101 through consolidation by 2023

Proposed New City Council Districts



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Current City Council Districts

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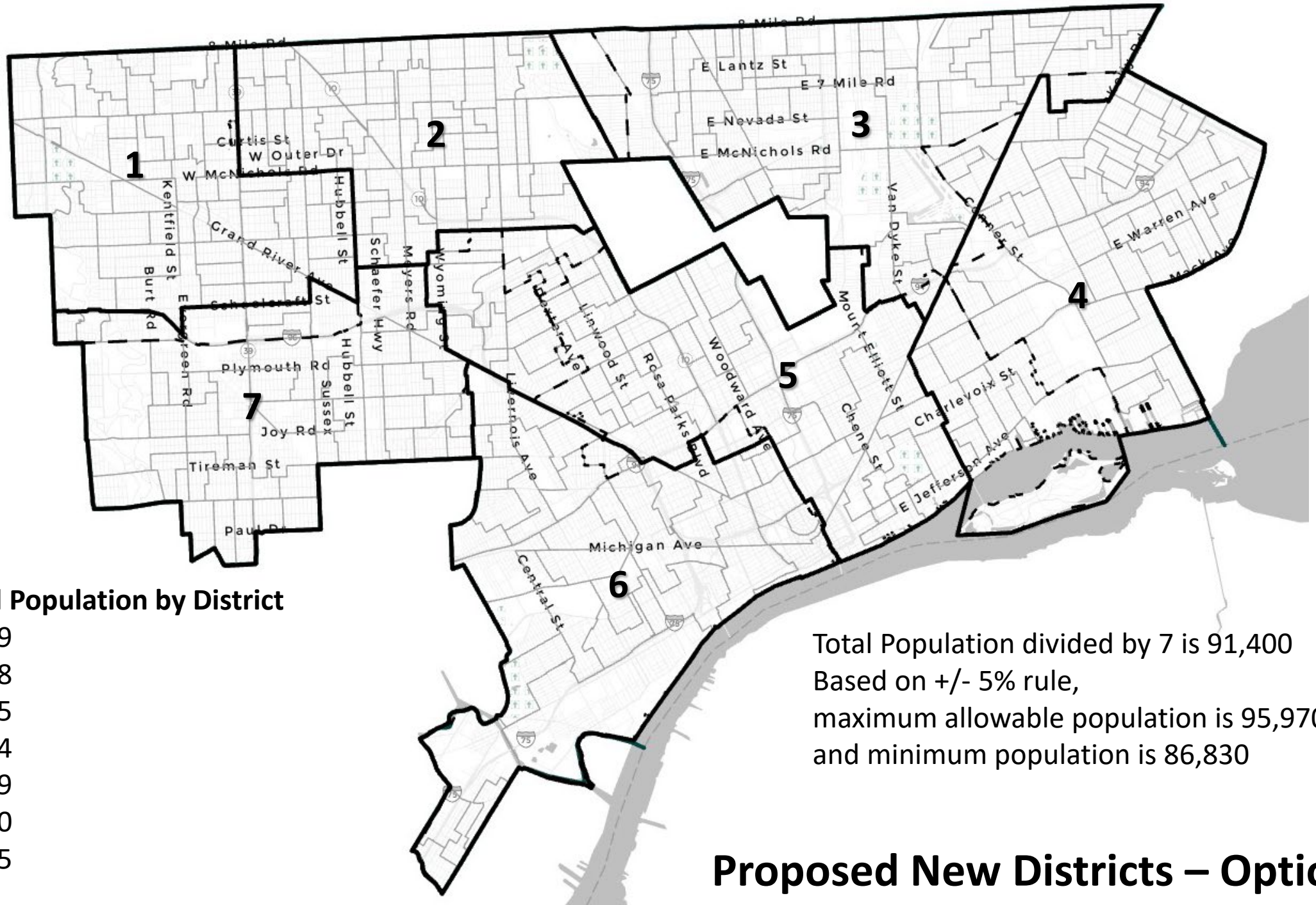
Prioritize even boundaries over population equalization



Proposed Population by District

1 – 91,659
2 – 92,178
3 – 91,495
4 – 91,154
5 – 90,709
6 – 91,850
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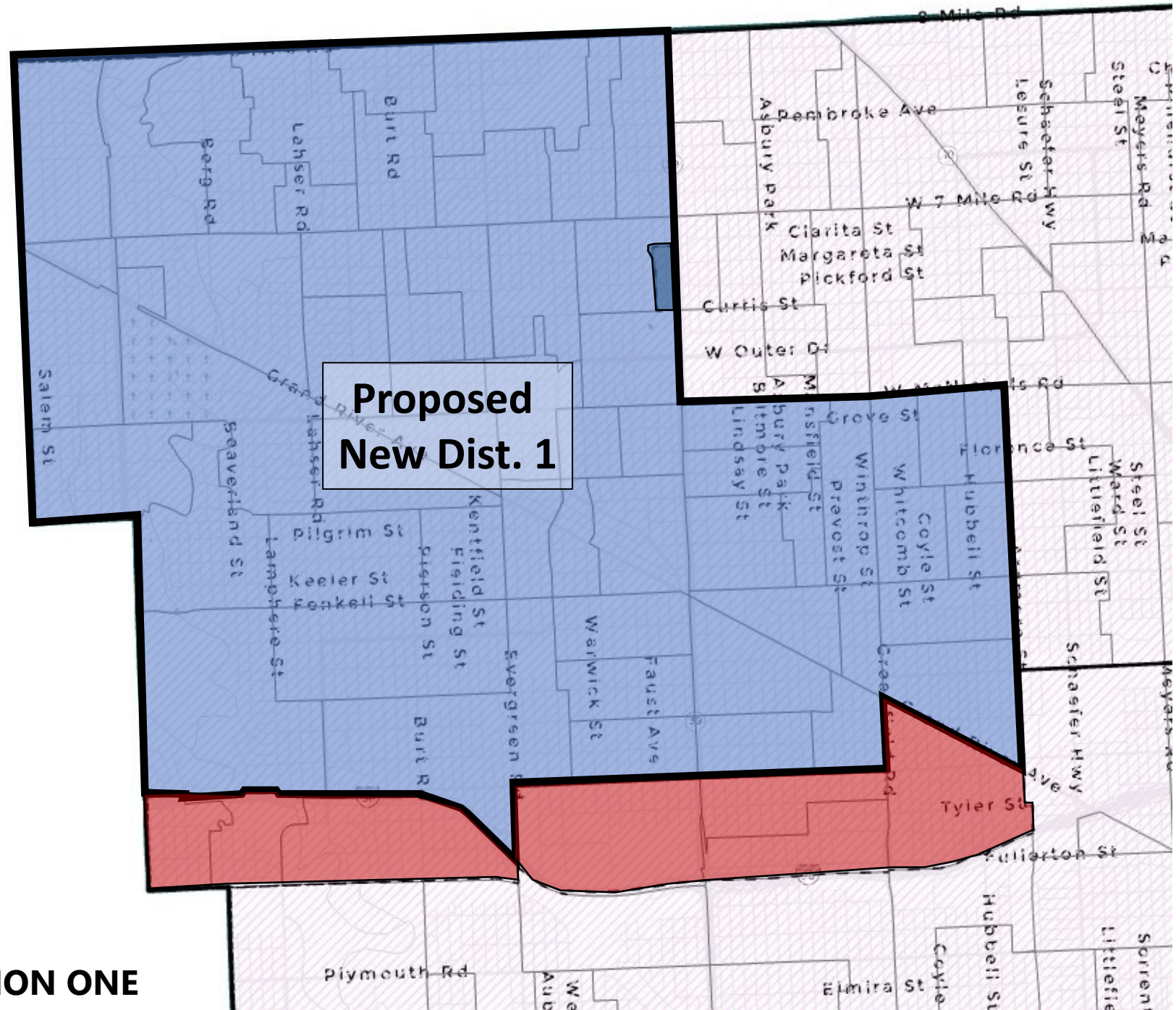
Proposed New Districts – Option 1



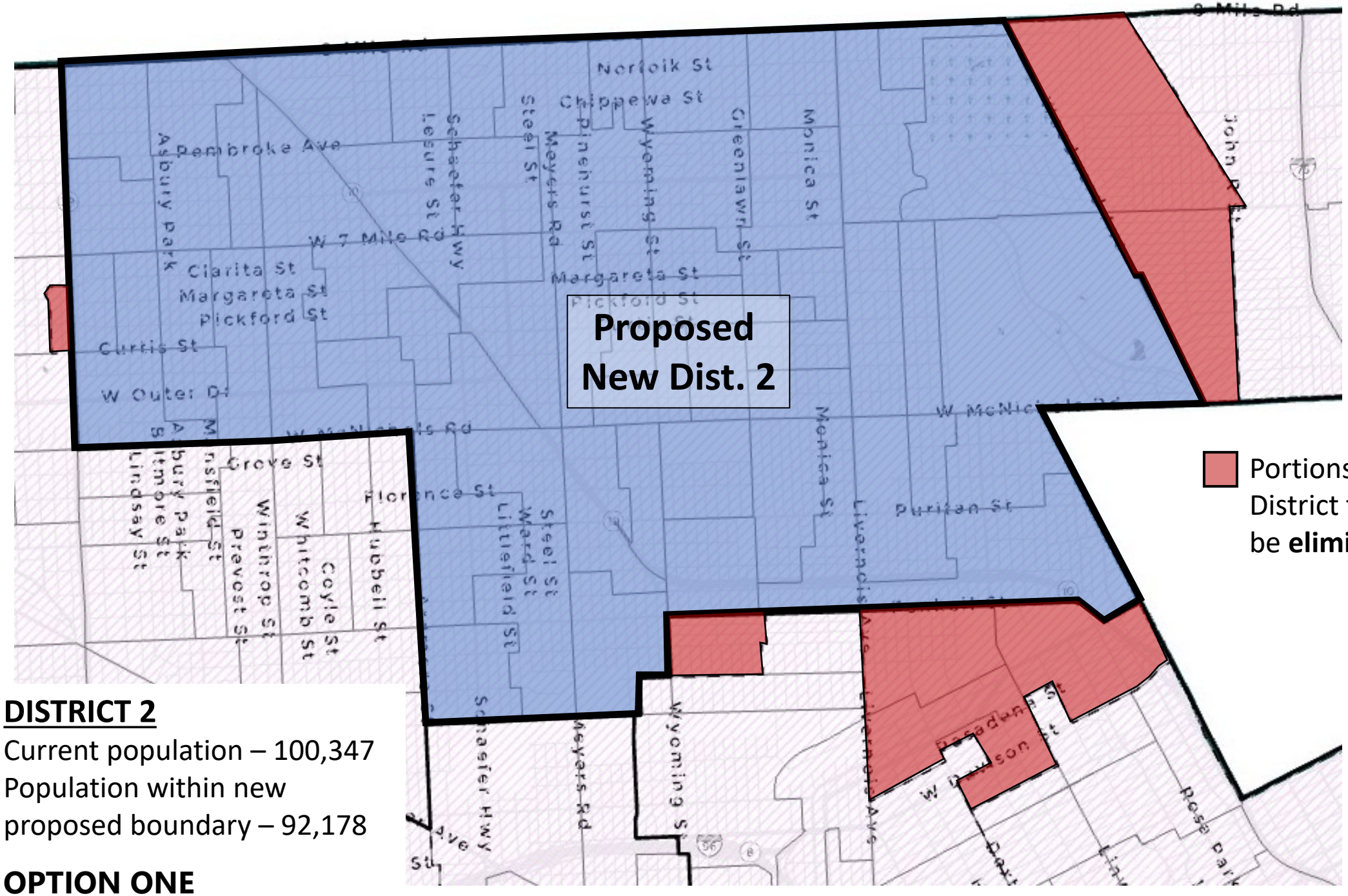
OPTION ONE

DISTRICT 1

Current population - 100,068
Population within new proposed boundary - 91,659

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

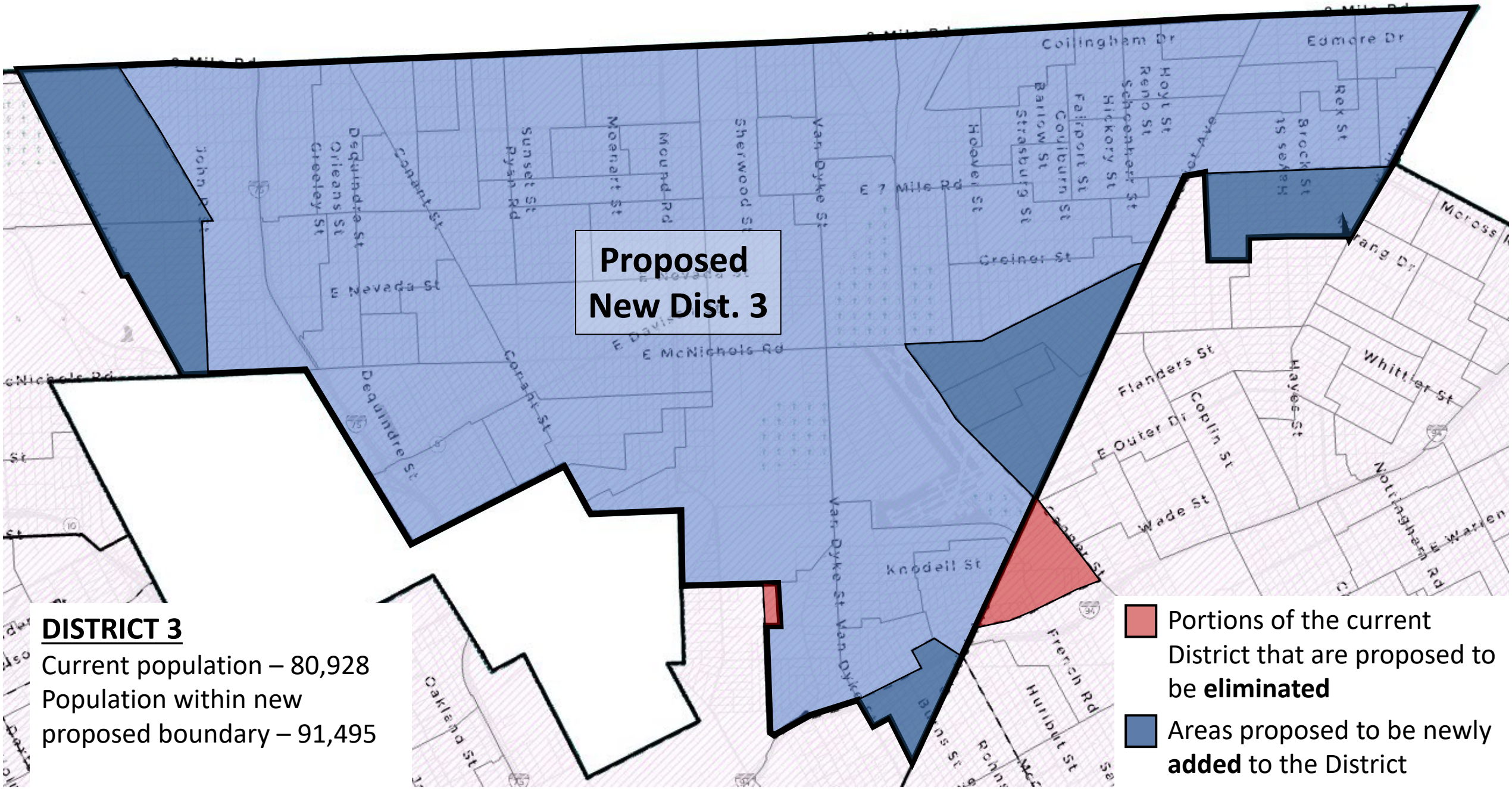


DISTRICT 2

Current population – 100,347

Population within new proposed boundary – 92,178

OPTION ONE



DISTRICT 3

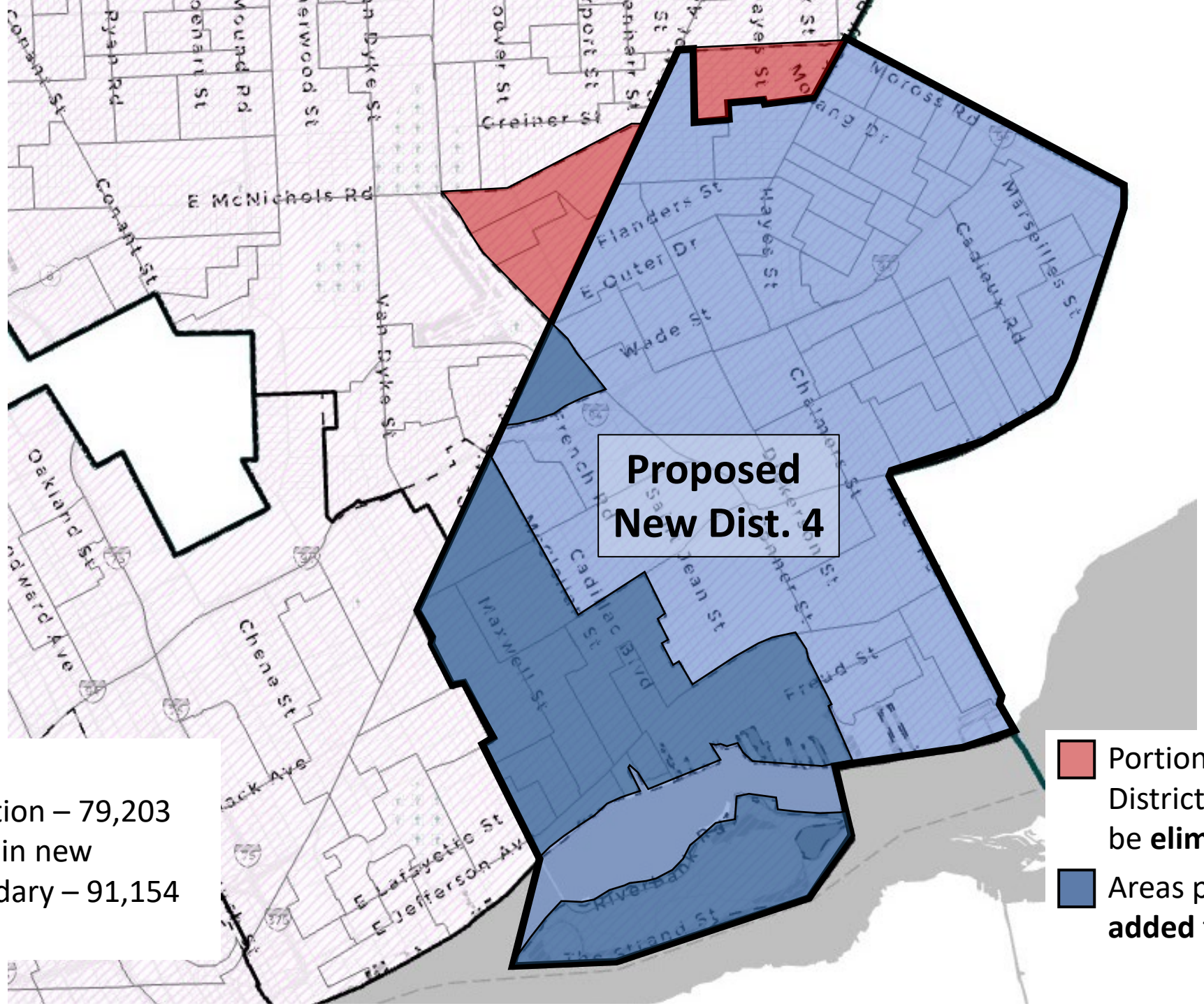
Current population – 80,928

Population within new proposed boundary – 91,495

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION ONE



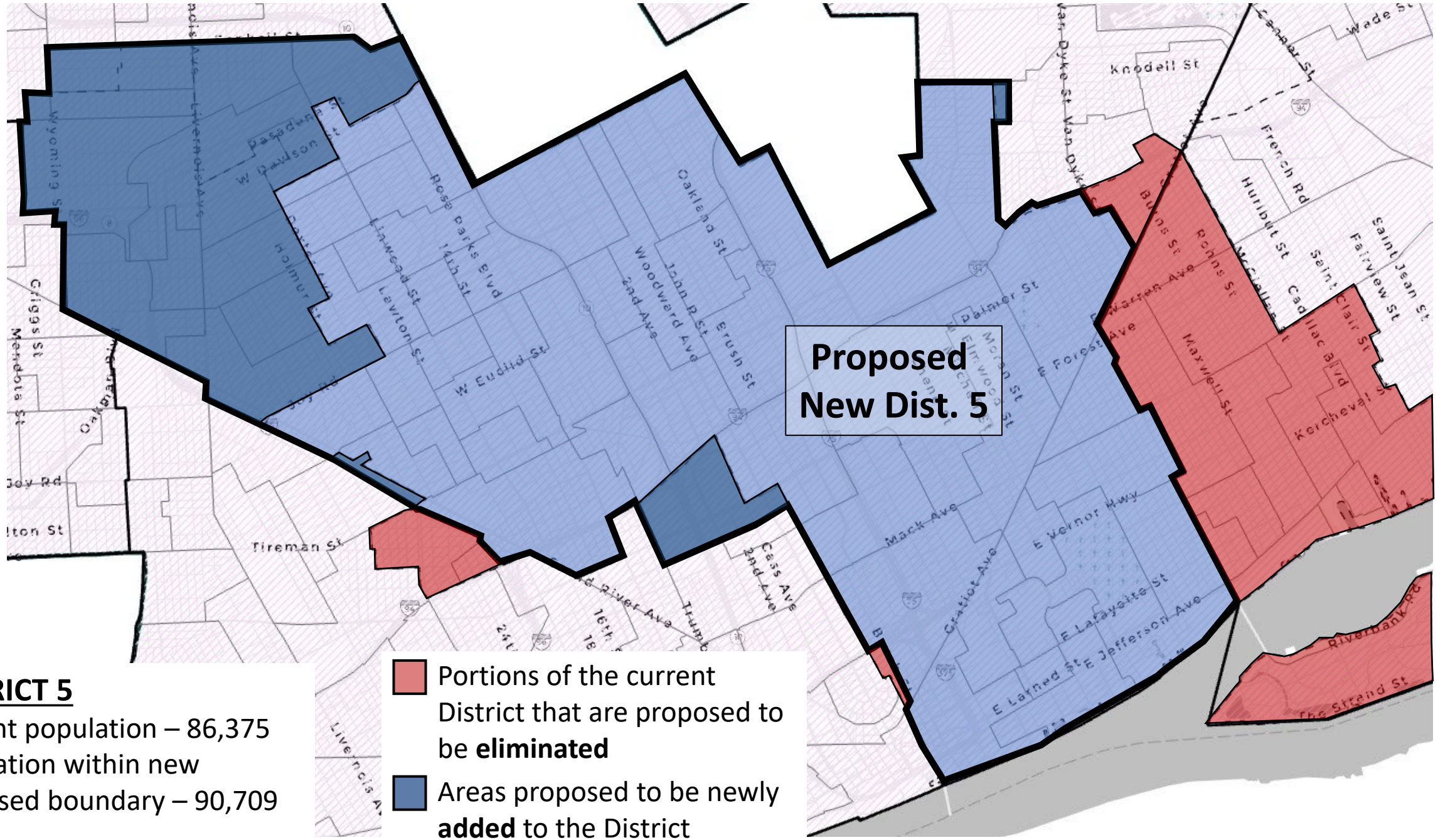
DISTRICT 4

Current population – 79,203
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,154

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION ONE



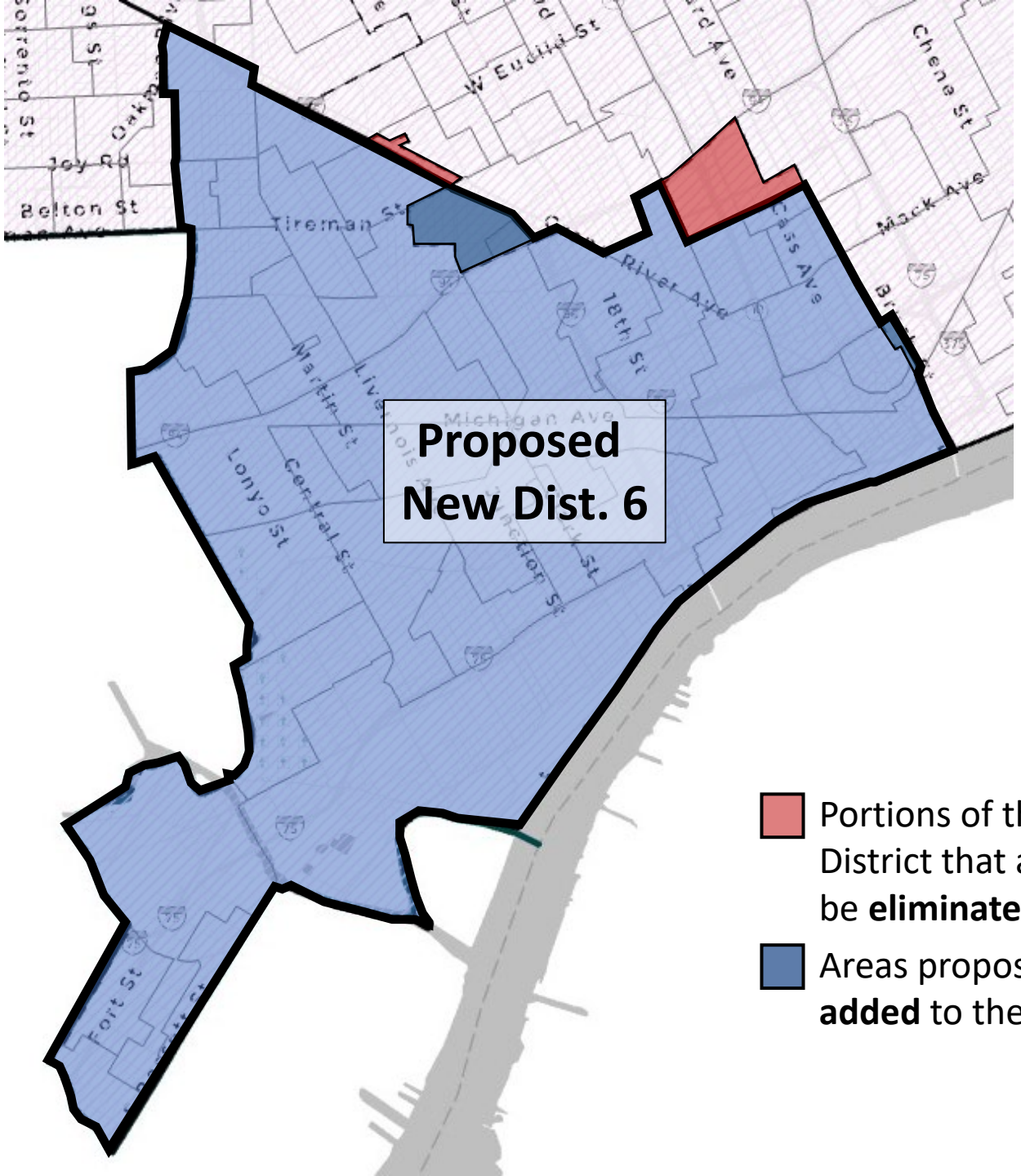
DISTRICT 5

Current population – 86,375
Population within new proposed boundary – 90,709

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION ONE



Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

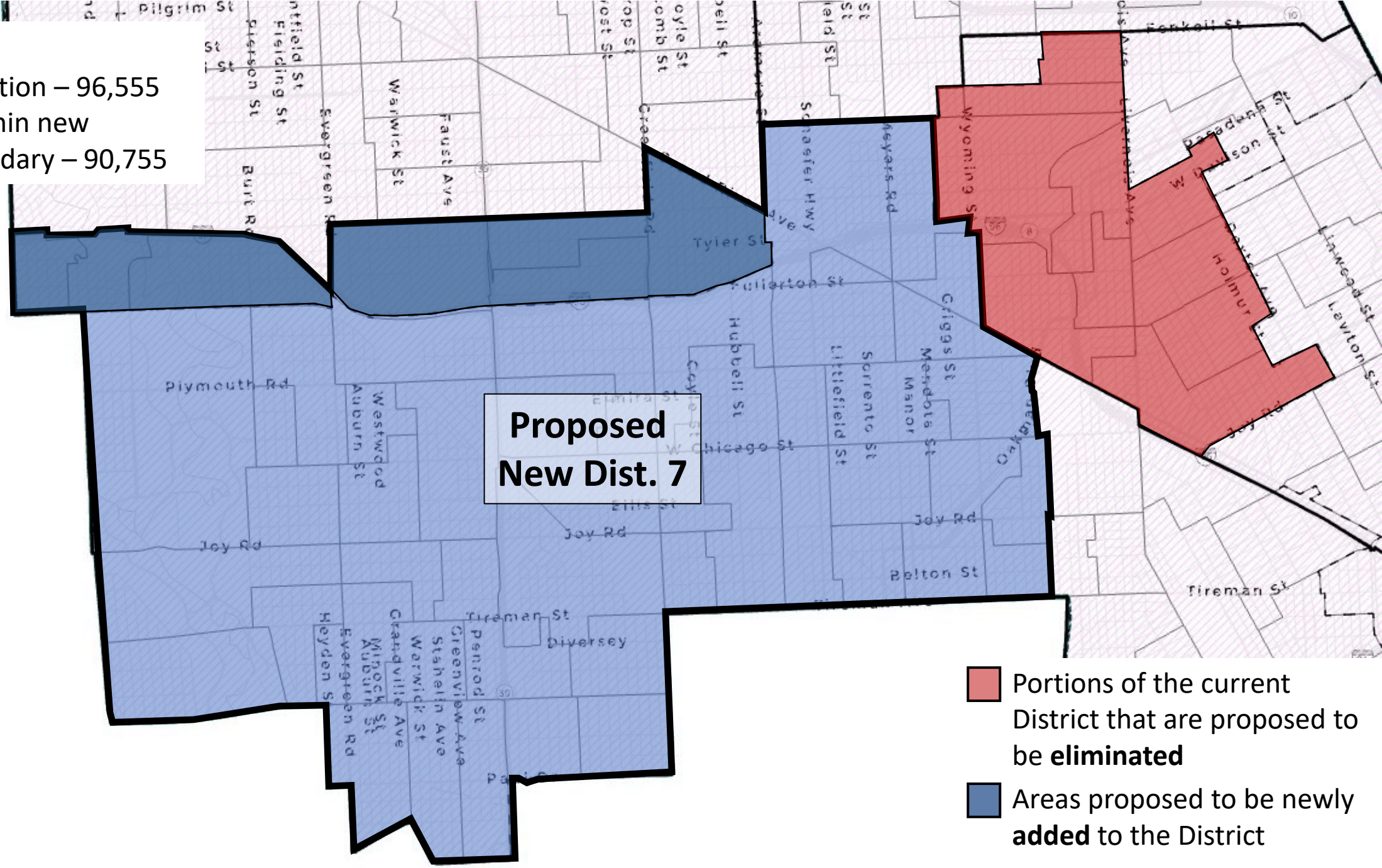
DISTRICT 6

Current population – 94,326
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,850

OPTION ONE

DISTRICT 7

Current population – 96,555
Population within new proposed boundary – 90,755



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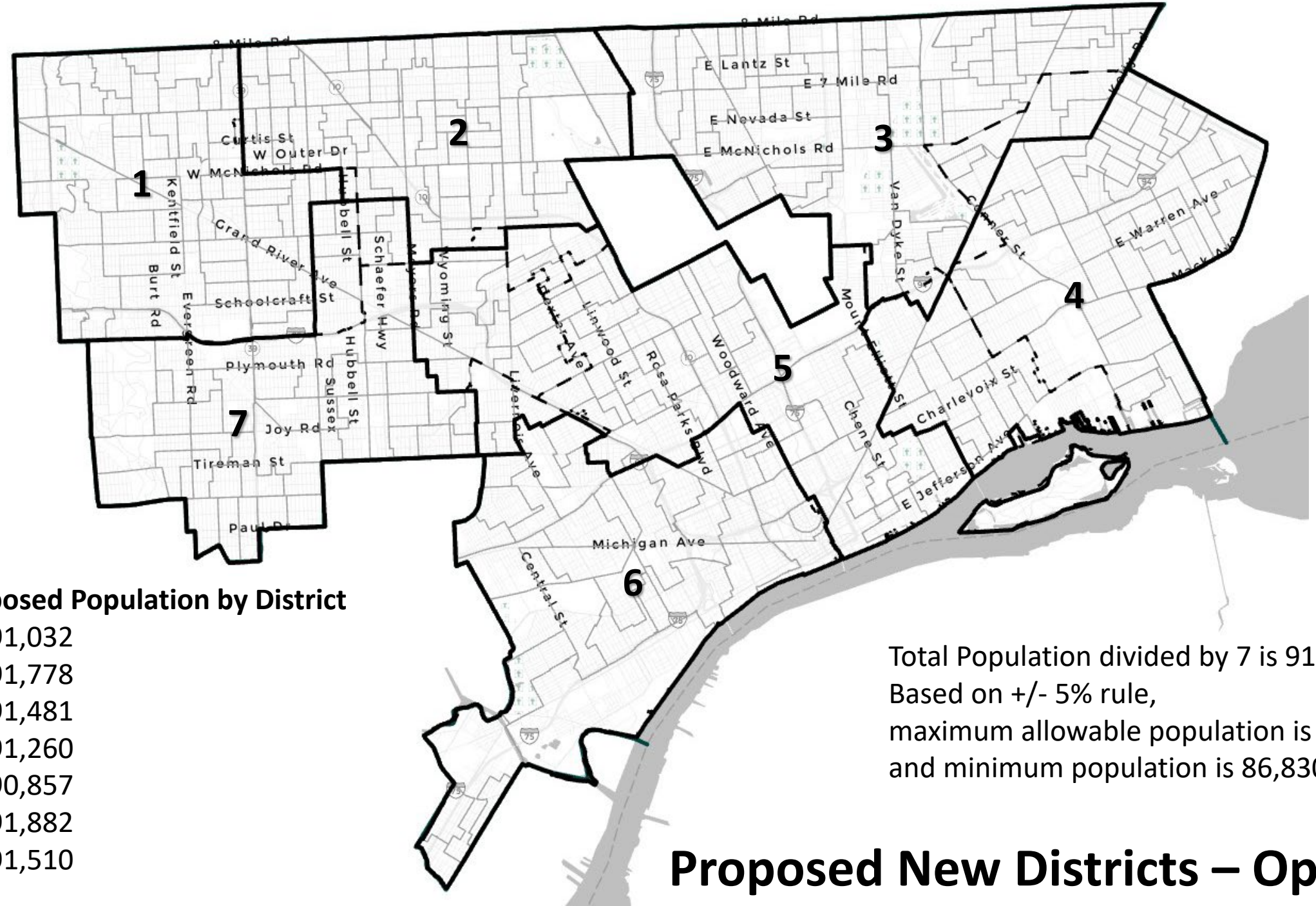
Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION ONE

Option 2

Prioritize equal population over even boundaries



Proposed Population by District

1 – 91,032
2 – 91,778
3 – 91,481
4 – 91,260
5 – 90,857
6 – 91,882
7 – 91,510

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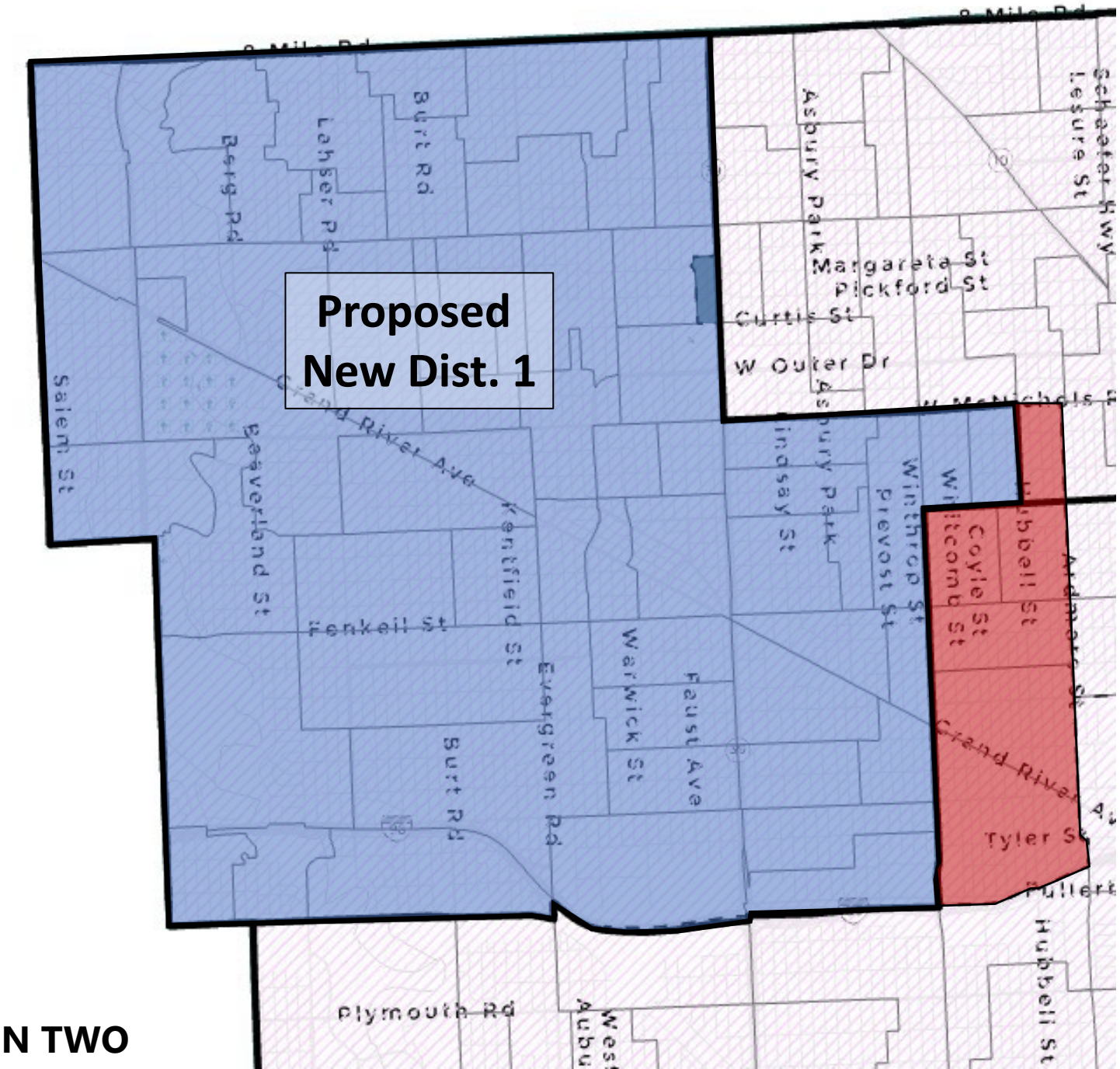
Proposed New Districts – Option 2



OPTION TWO

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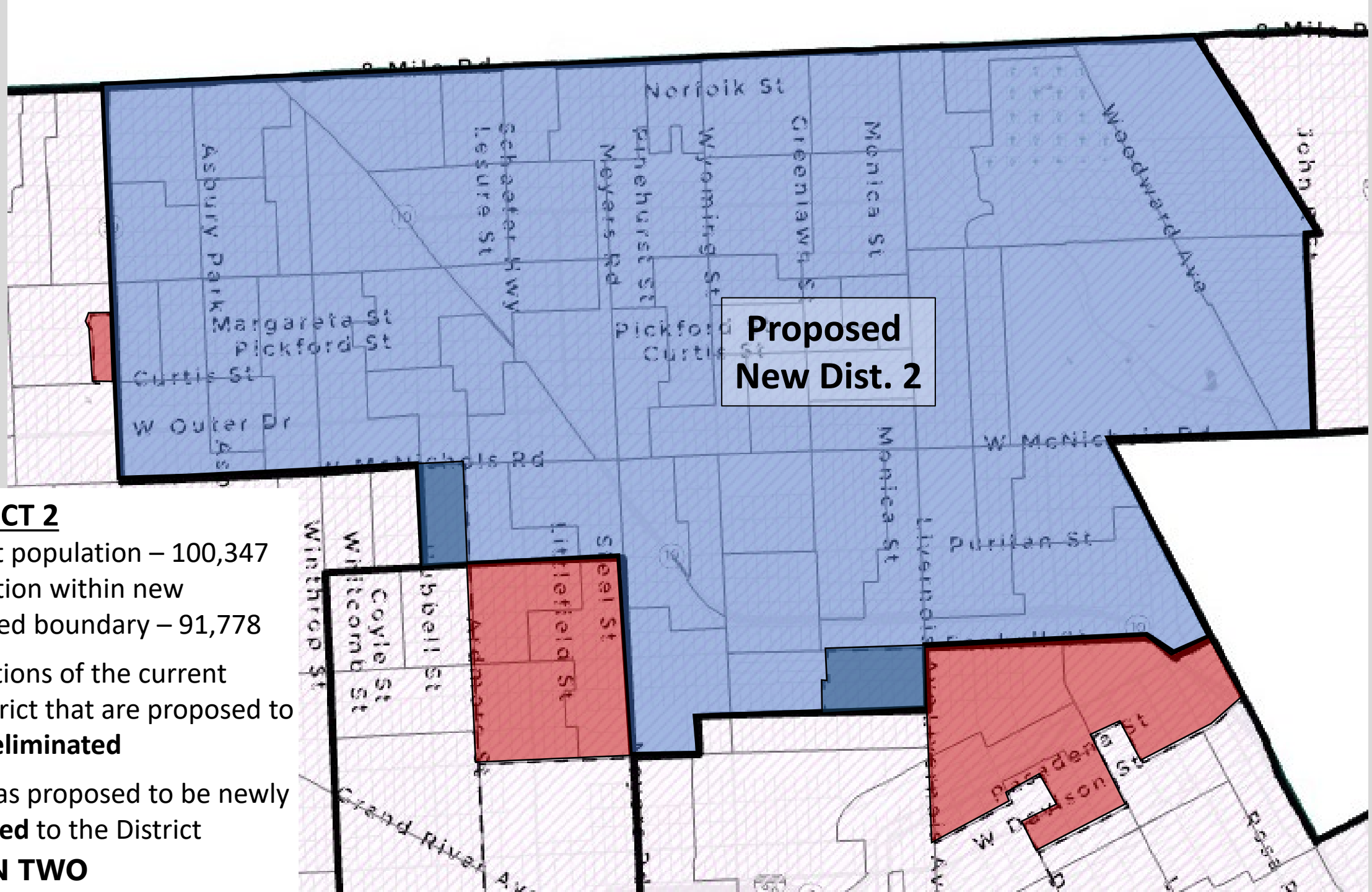


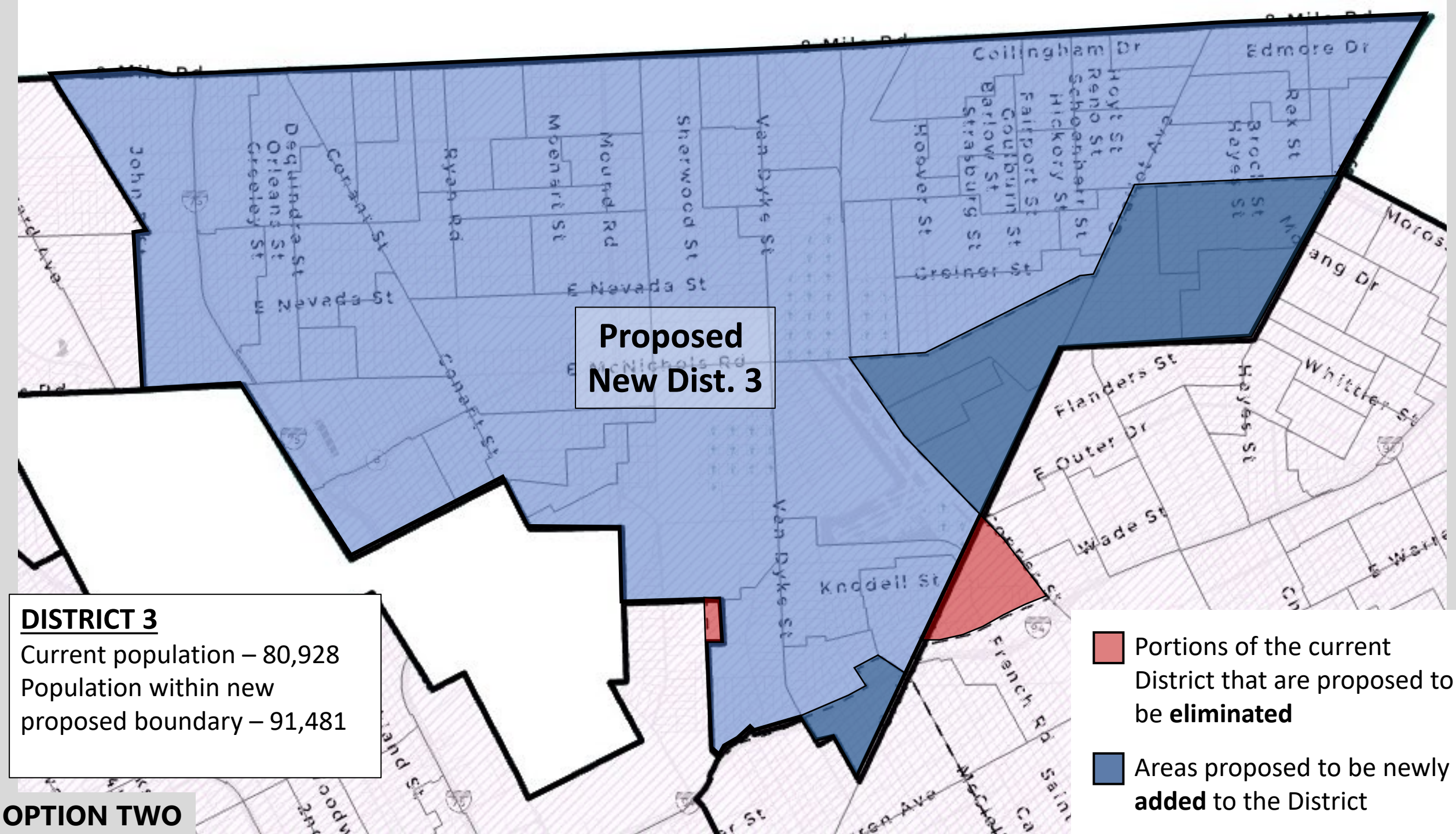
DISTRICT 2

Current population – 100,347
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,778

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION TWO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Sherwood St
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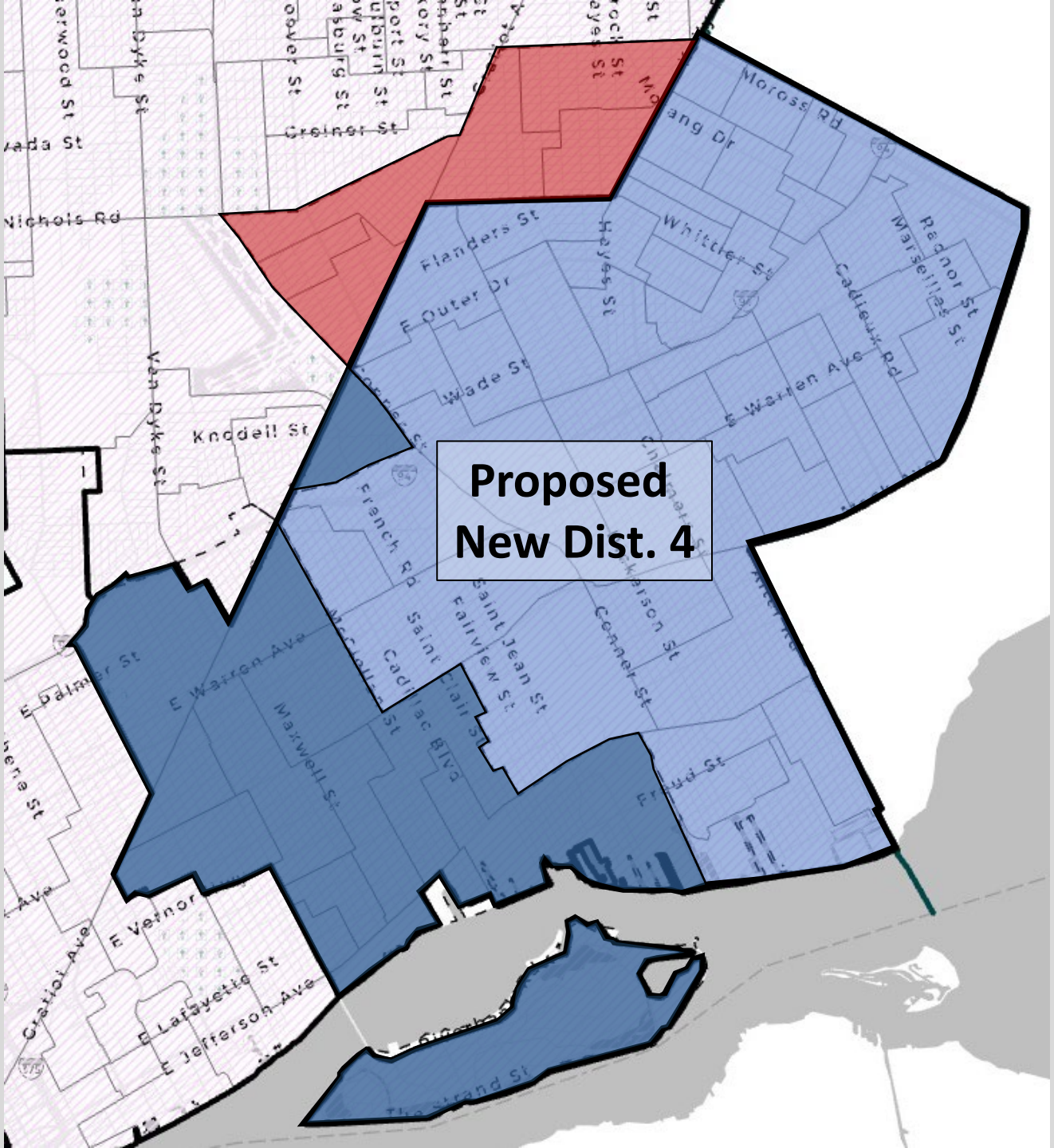


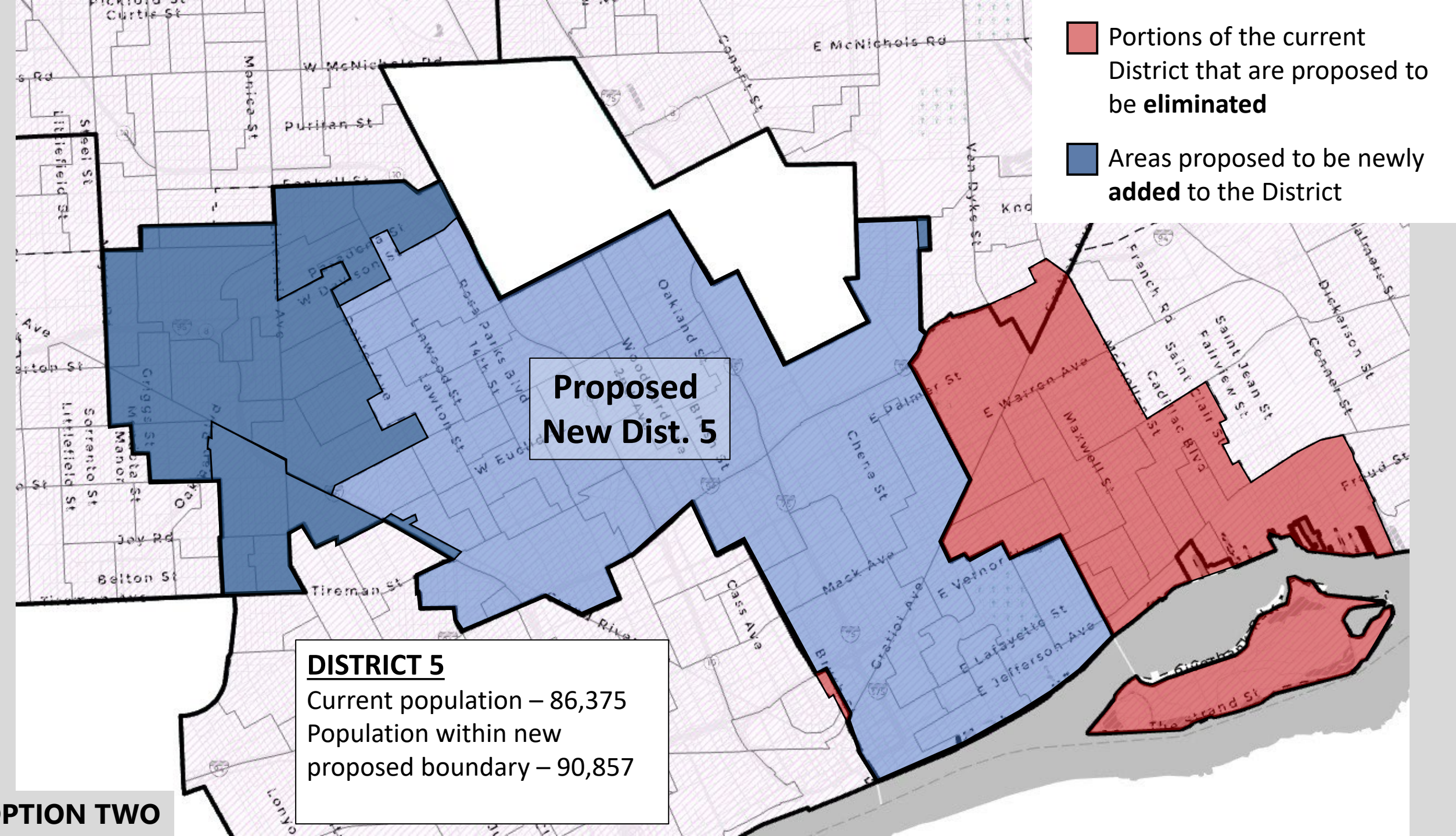
DISTRICT 4

Current population – 79,203
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,260

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION TWO


Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**
Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District
Proposed New Dist. 5
DISTRICT 5
Current population – 86,375
Population within new proposed boundary – 90,857
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Steel St
Littlefield St
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E Vernor
E Lafayette St
E Jefferson Ave
The Strand St
Saint Jean St
Fairview St
Dickerson St
Connel St
French Rd
Freud St

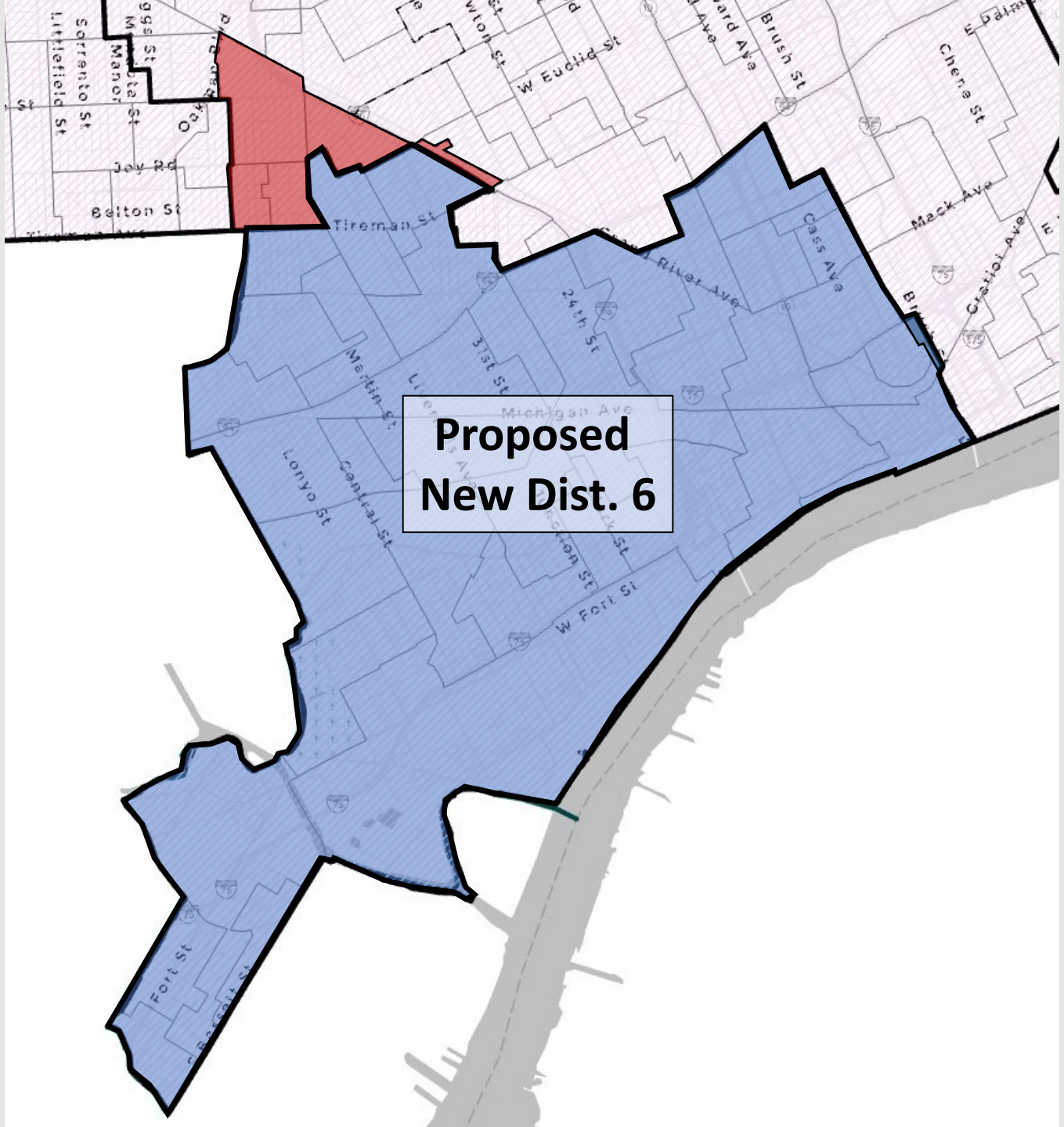
OPTION TWO

DISTRICT 6

Current population – 94,326
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,882

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

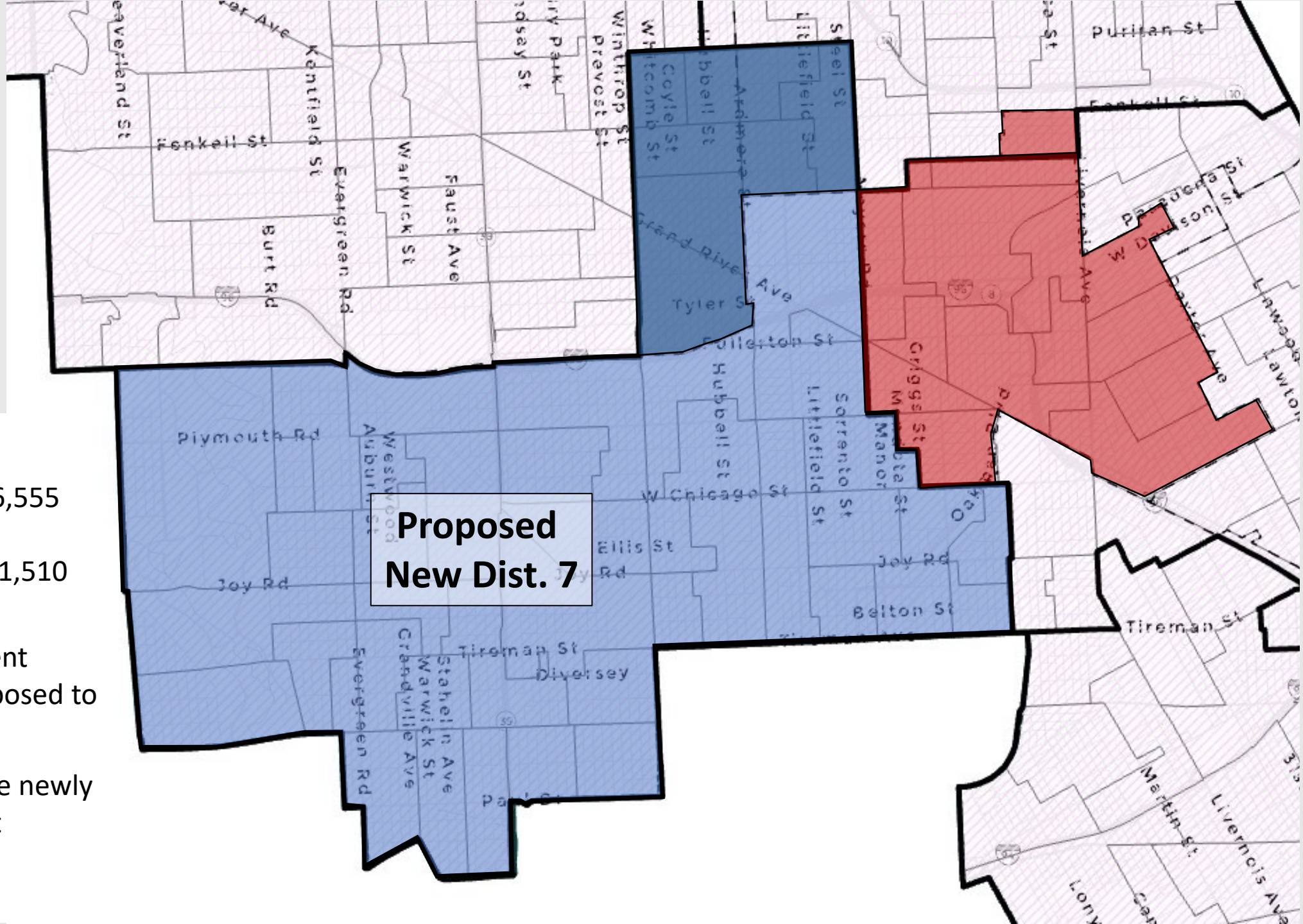


OPTION TWO

DISTRICT 7

Current population – 96,555
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,510

- Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**
- Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



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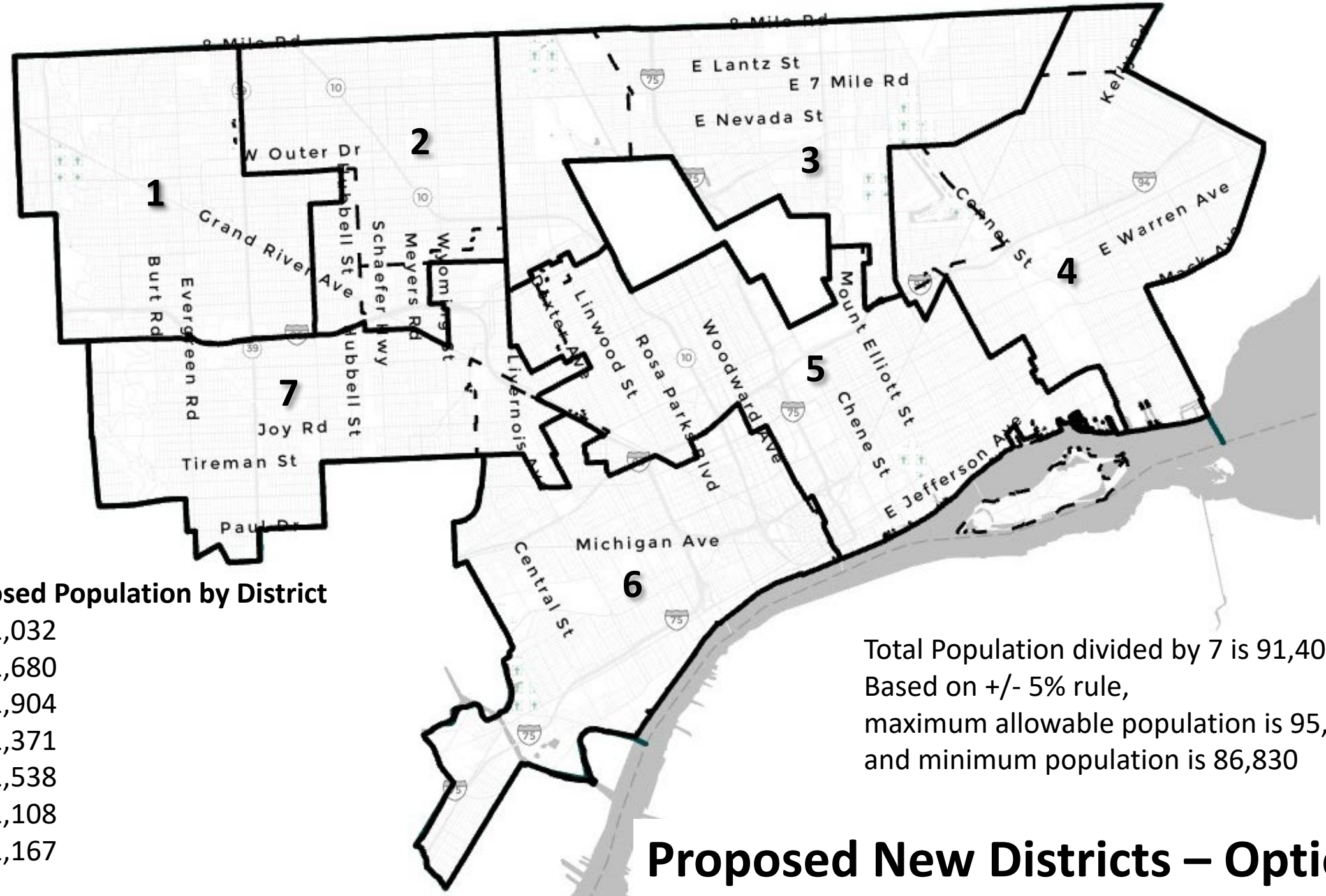
Option 3

Maintain current District 5 boundaries



Proposed Population by District

1 – 91,032
2 – 91,680
3 – 91,904
4 – 91,371
5 – 91,538
6 – 91,108
7 – 91,167

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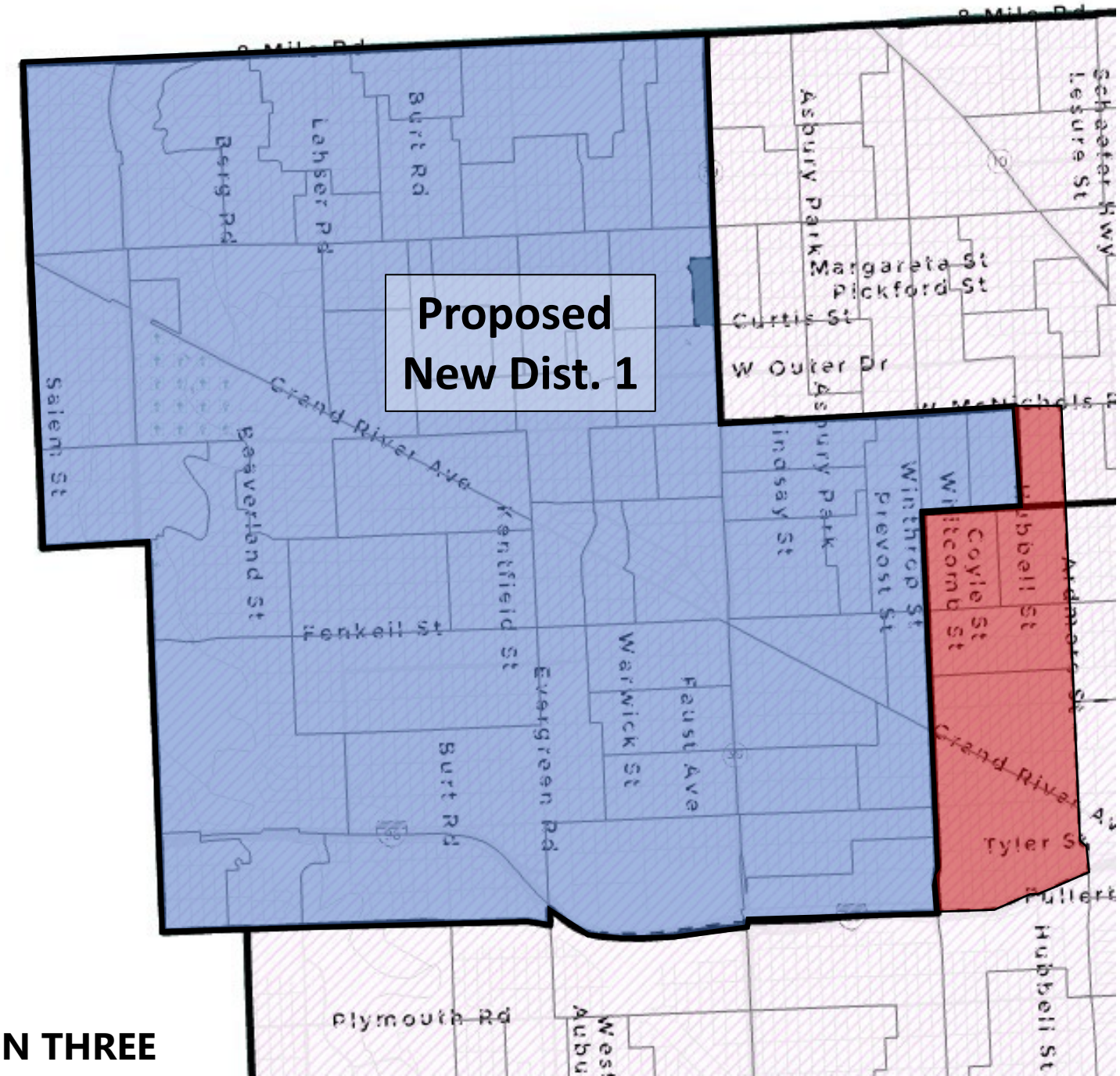
Proposed New Districts – Option 3



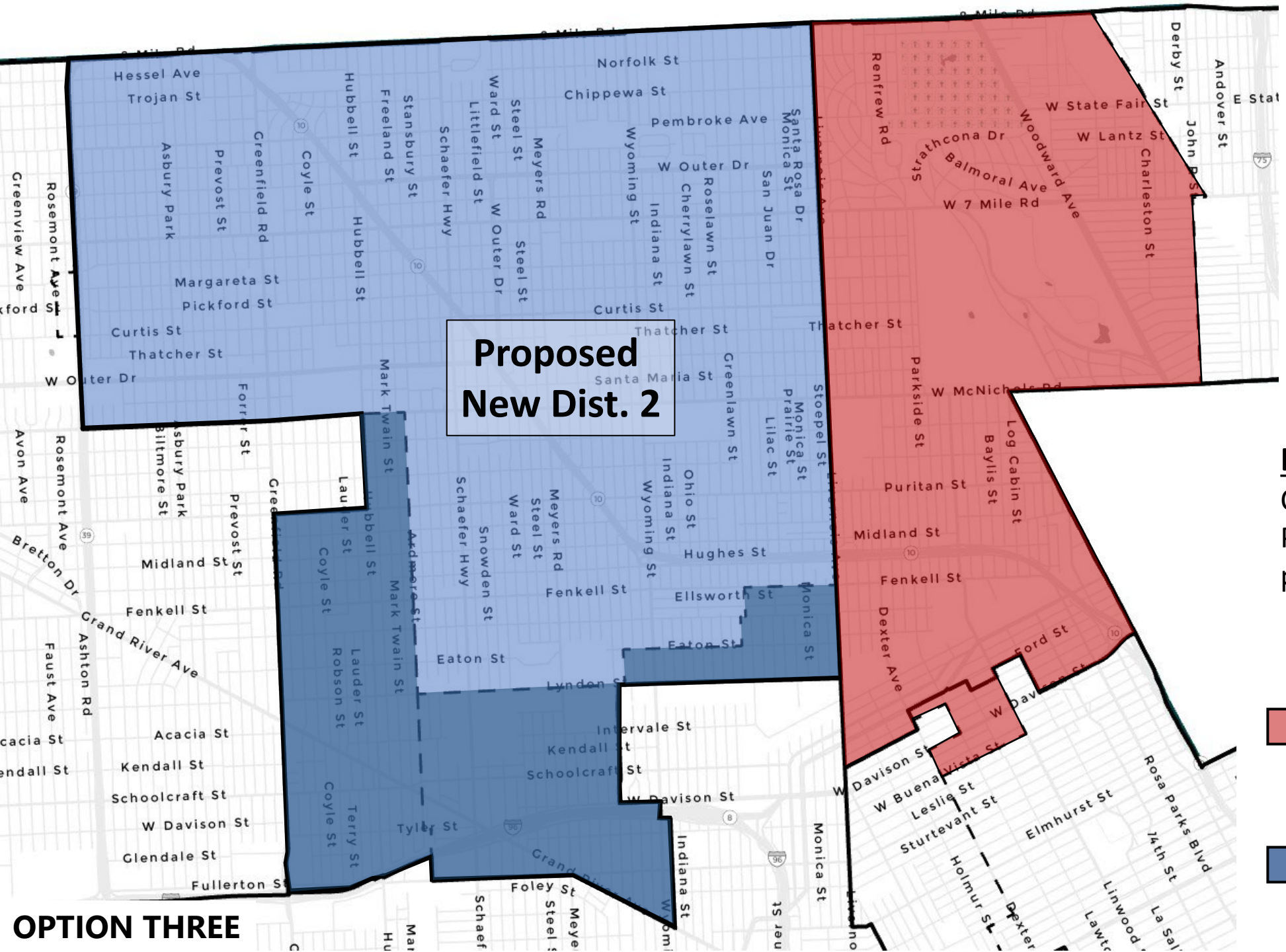
OPTION THREE

DISTRICT 1

Current population - 100,068
Population within new proposed boundary - 91,032

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



OPTION THREE

DISTRICT 2

Current population - 100,347
Population within new proposed boundary - 91,680

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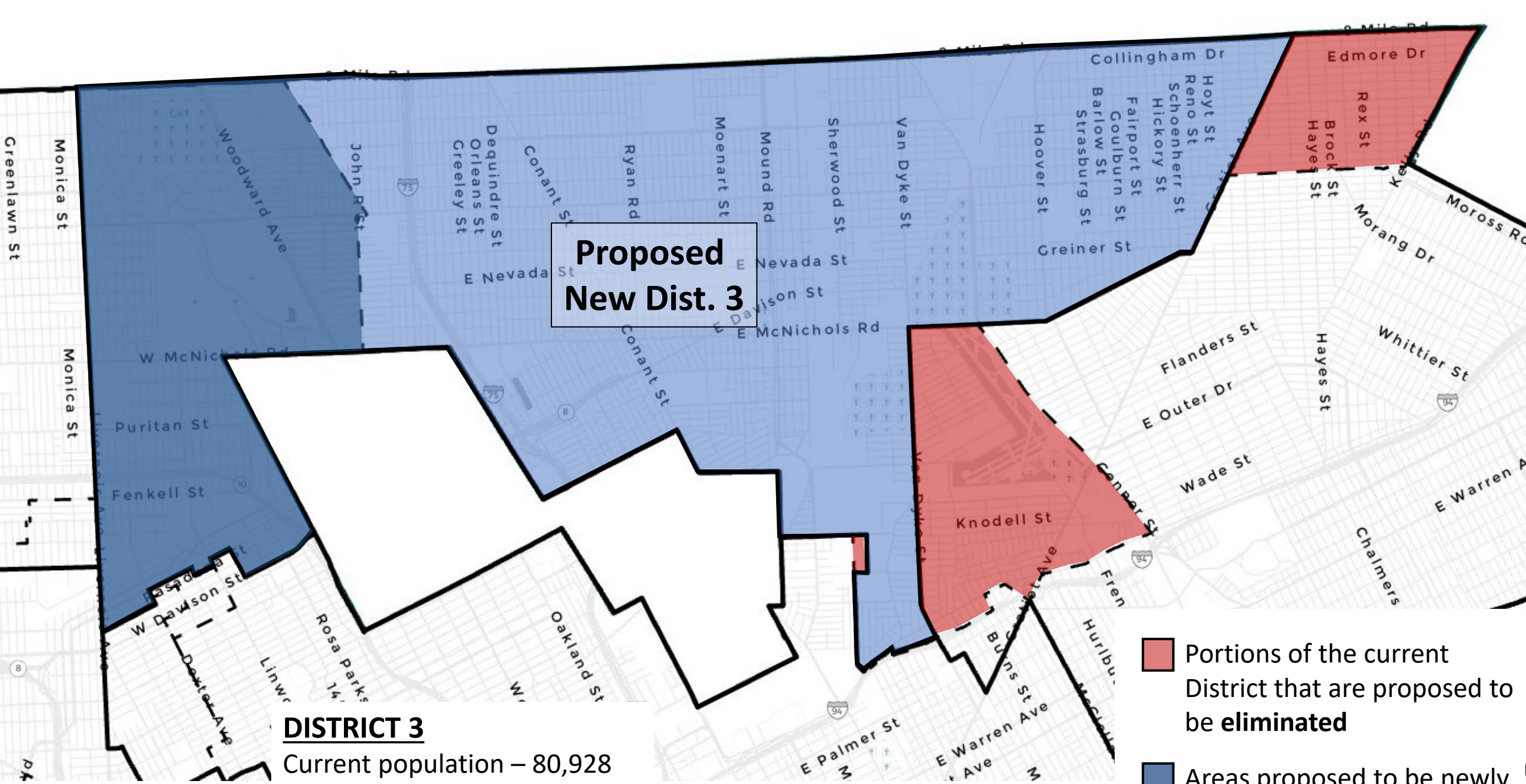


DISTRICT 3

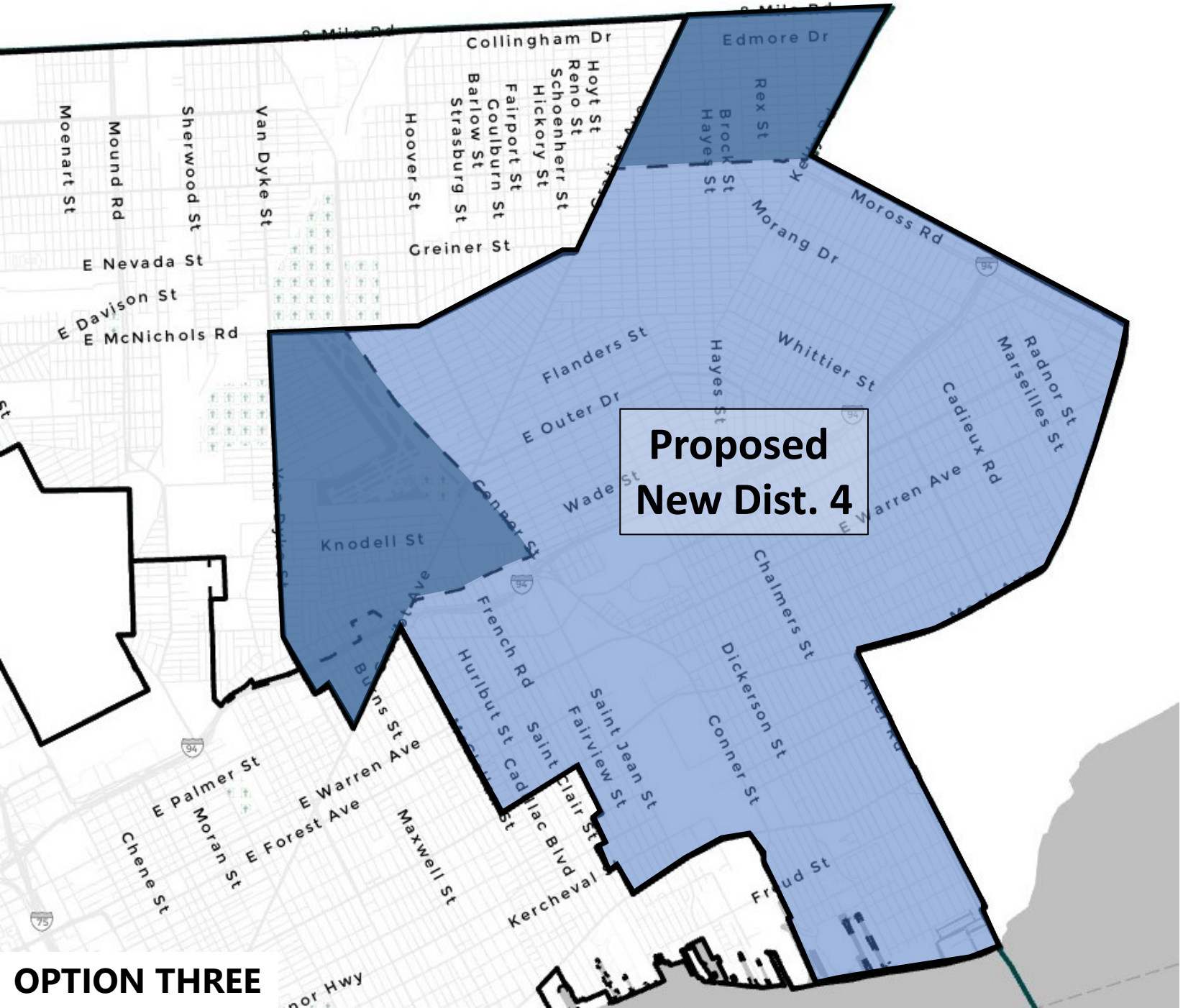
Current population – 80,928

Population within new proposed boundary - 91,904

OPTION THREE

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



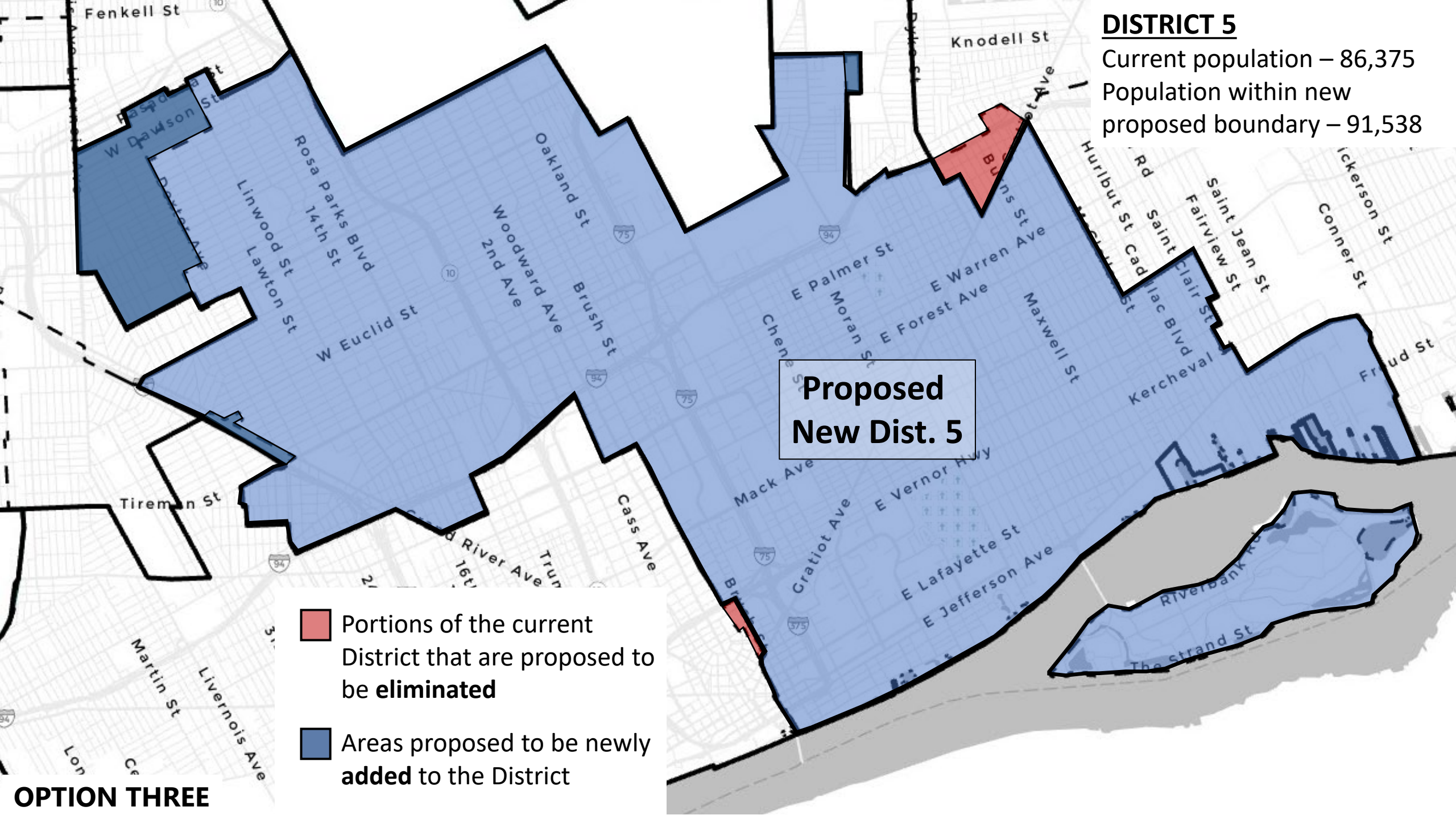
OPTION THREE

DISTRICT 4

Current population – 79,203
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,371

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



OPTION THREE

DISTRICT 6

Current population – 94,326
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,108

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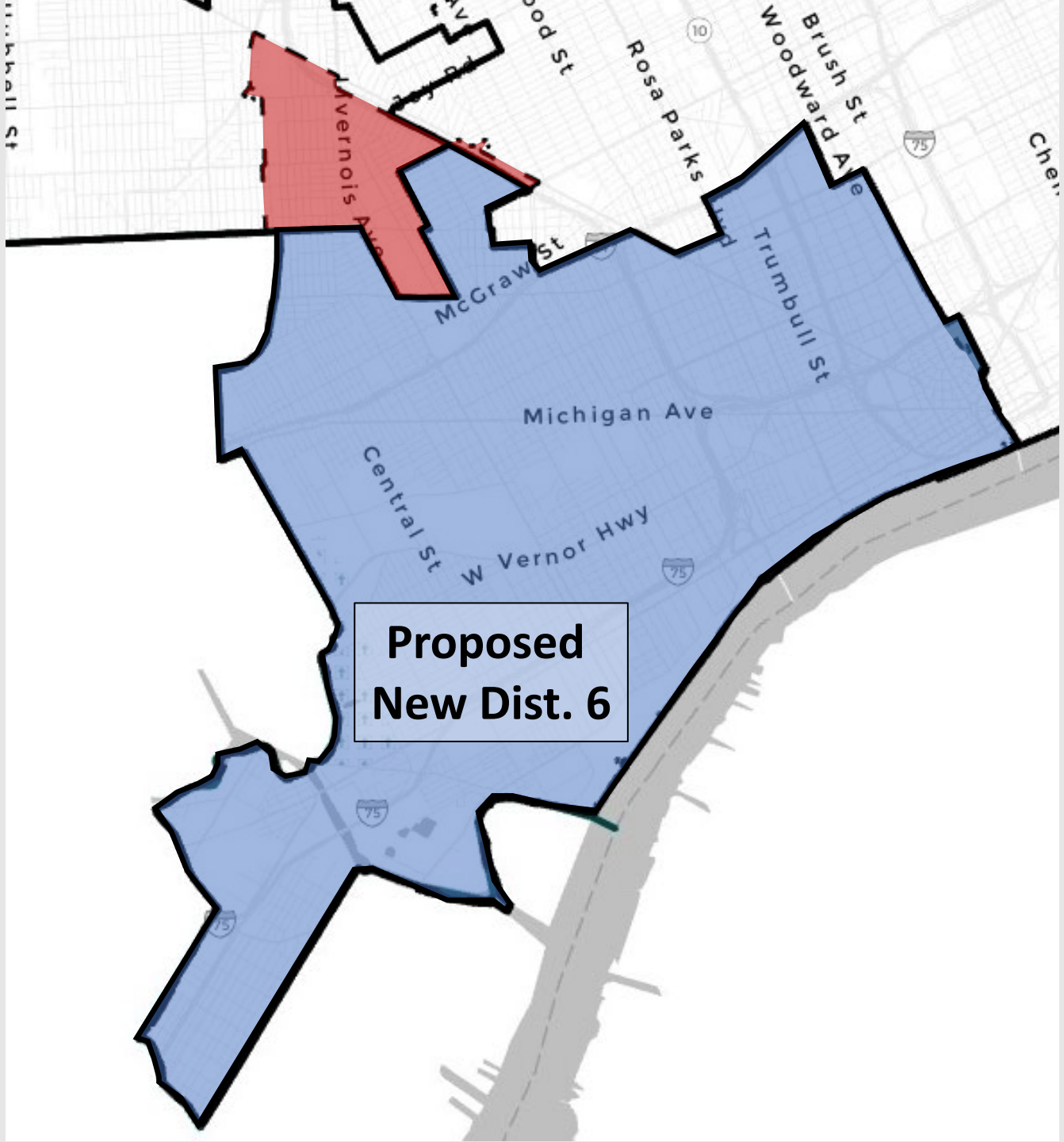
Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



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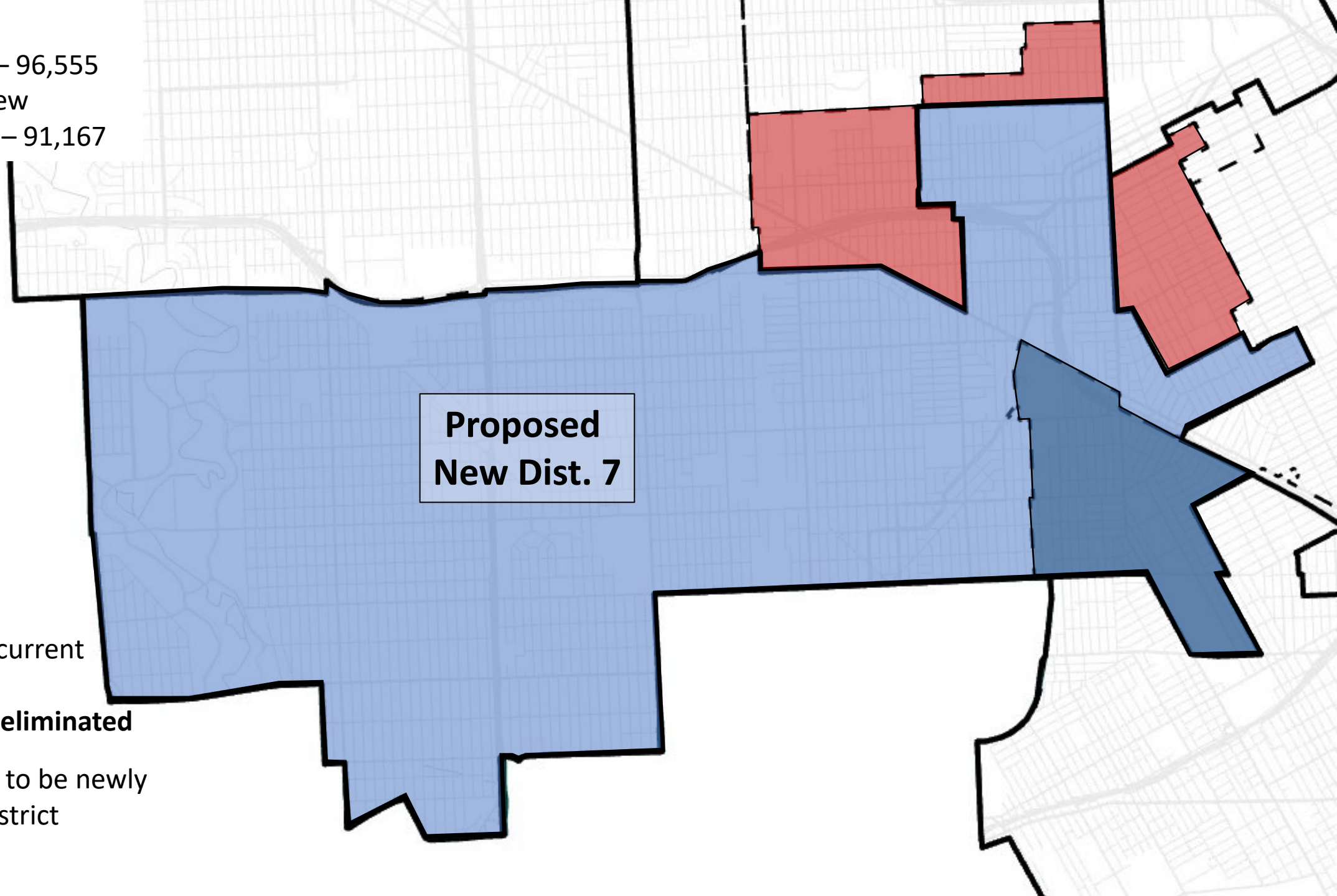
DISTRICT 7

Current population – 96,555
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,167



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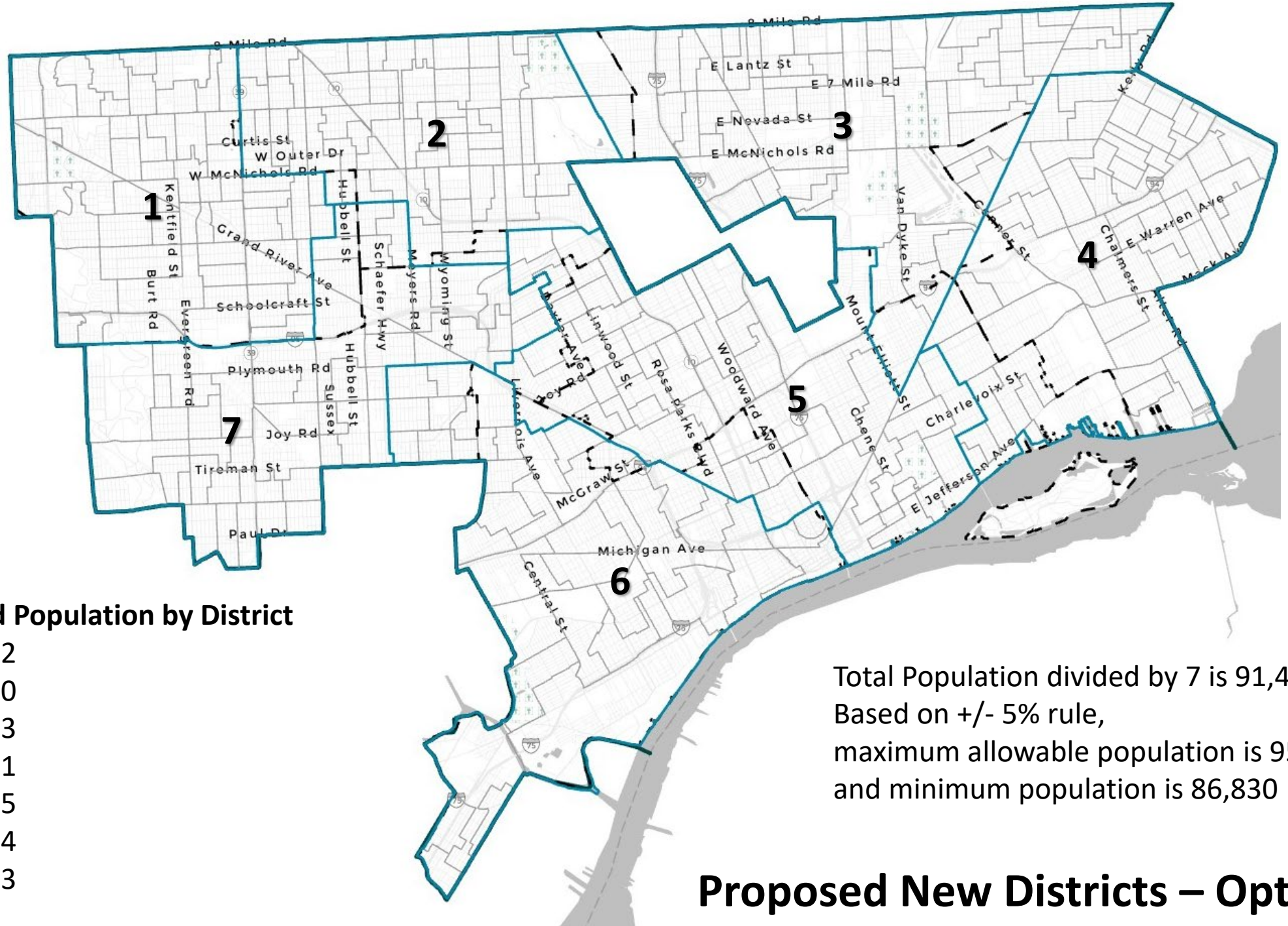
Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION THREE

Option 4

Greater impact to all districts



Proposed Population by District

1 – 91,582
2 – 91,370
3 – 90,103
4 – 90,421
5 – 91,755
6 – 91,414
7 – 91,913

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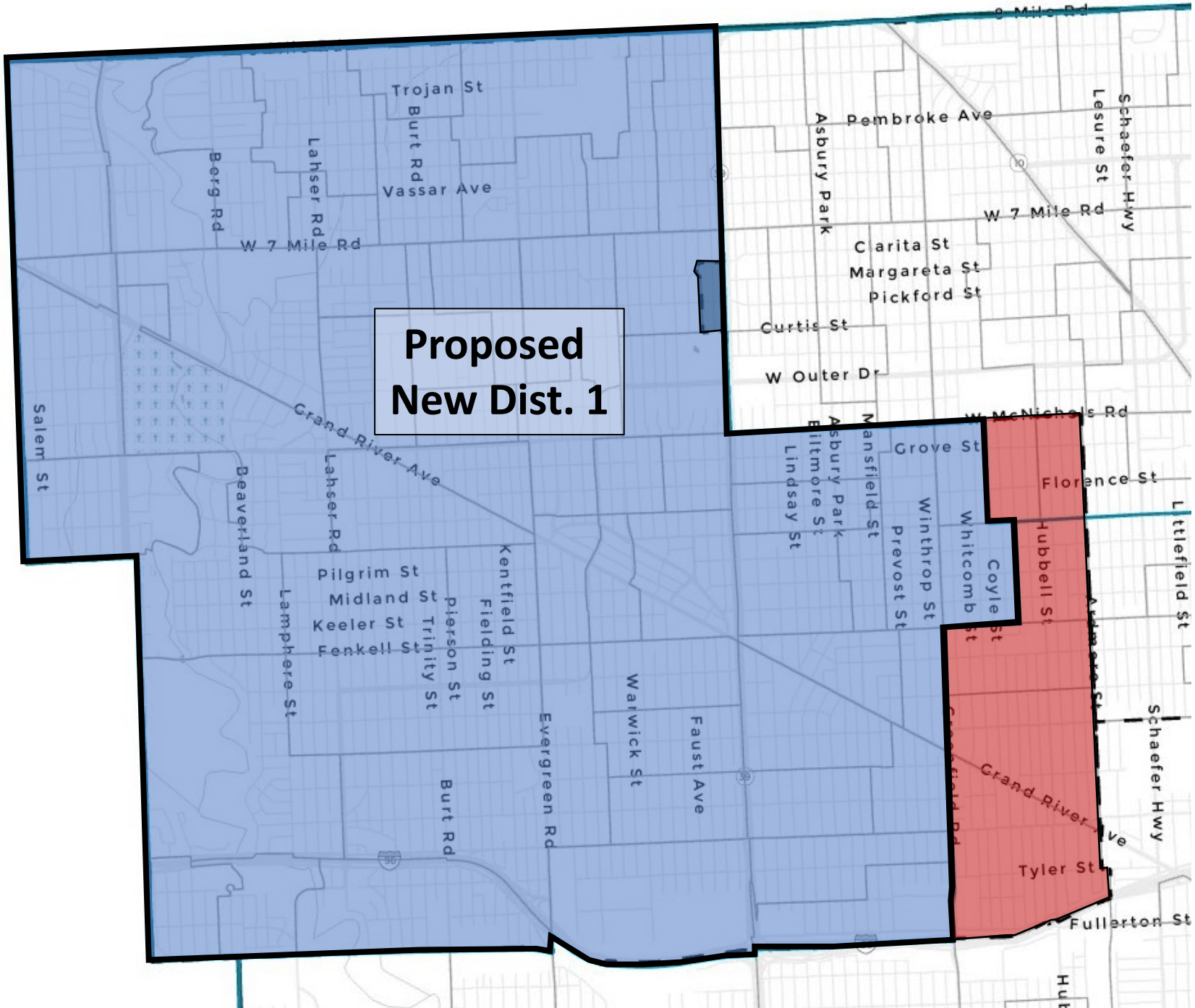
Proposed New Districts – Option 4

DISTRICT 1

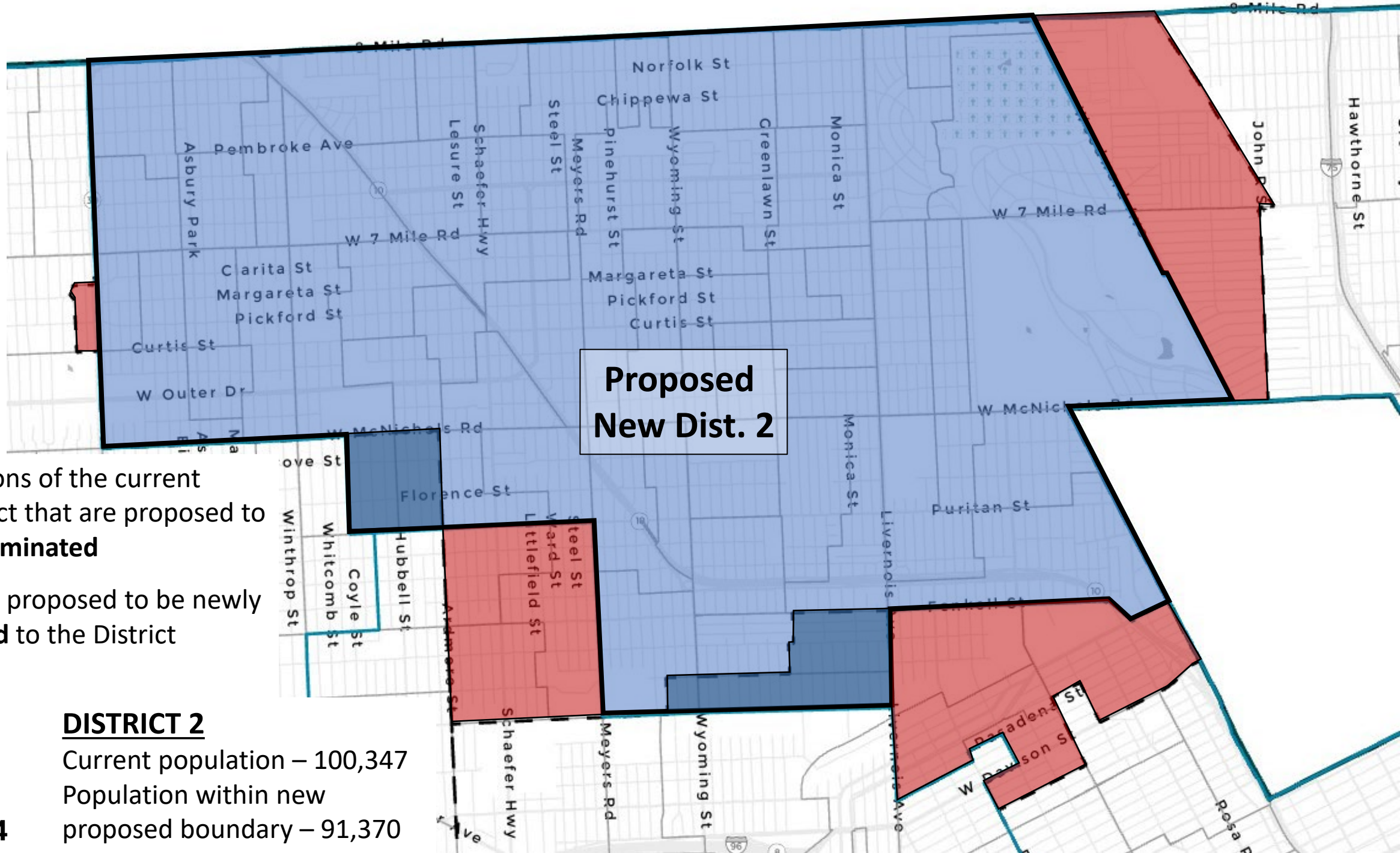
Current population - 100,068
Population within new proposed boundary - 91,582



Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION 4



Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

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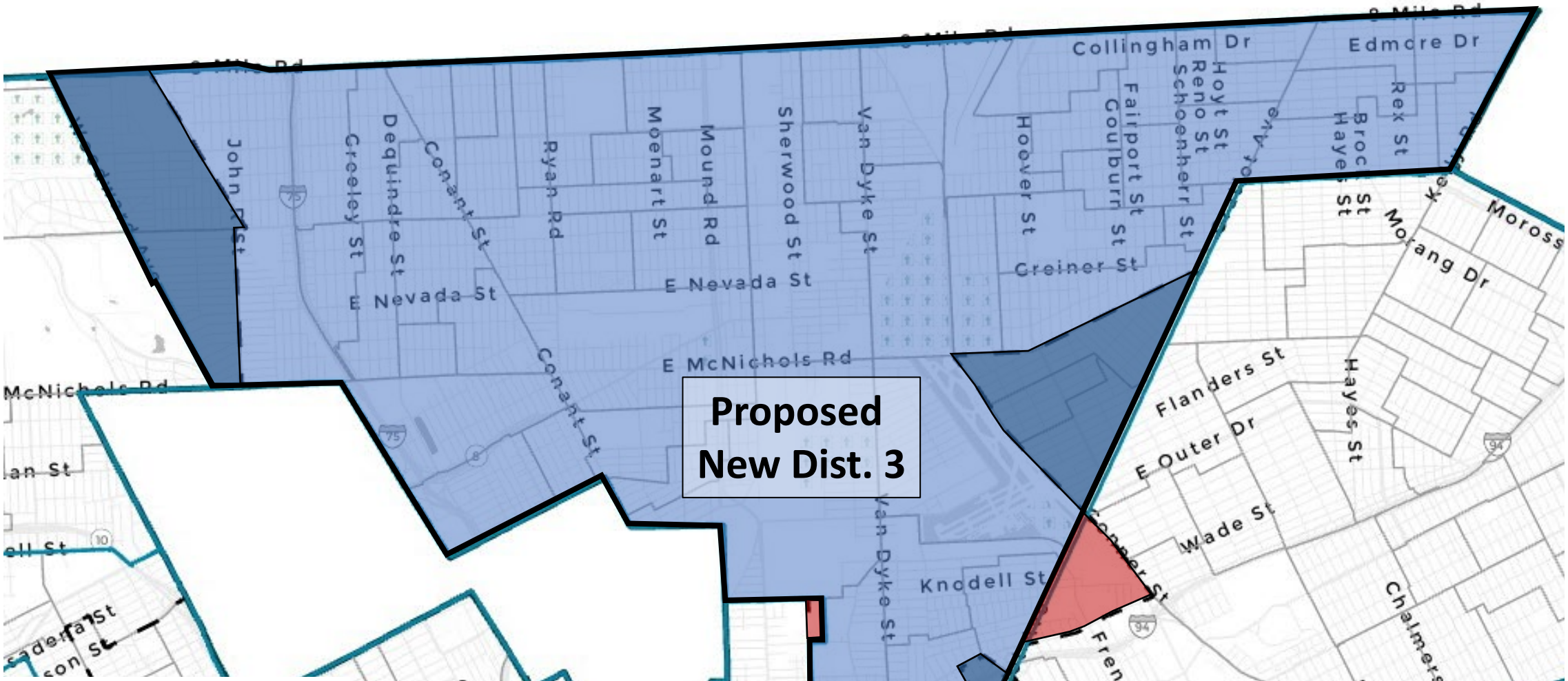
DISTRICT 2

Current population – 100,347

Population within new proposed boundary – 91,370

OPTION 4



DISTRICT 3

Current population – 80,928
Population within new proposed boundary – 90,103

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

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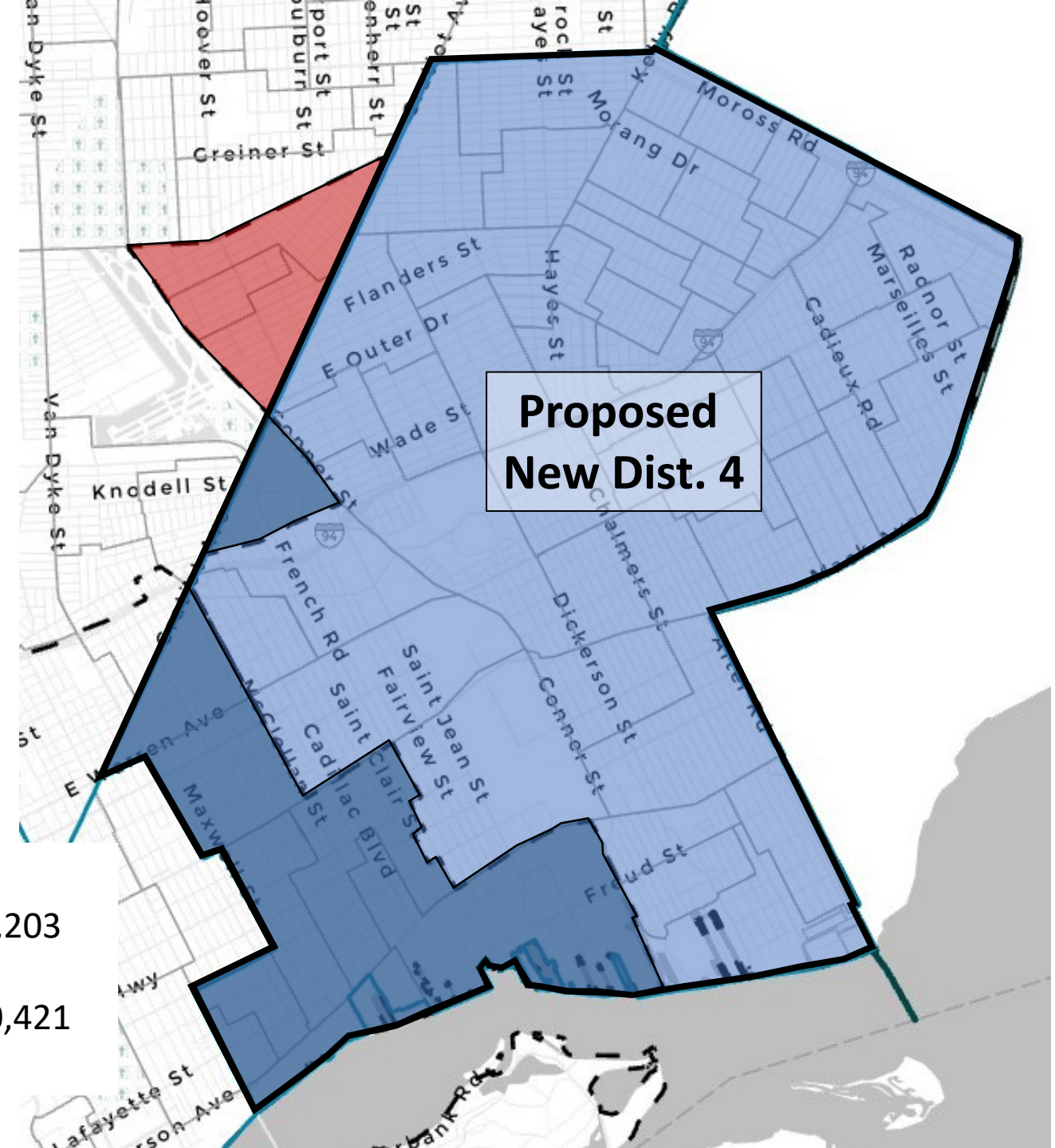

DISTRICT 4

Current population – 79,203
Population within new proposed boundary – 90,421

OPTION 4

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

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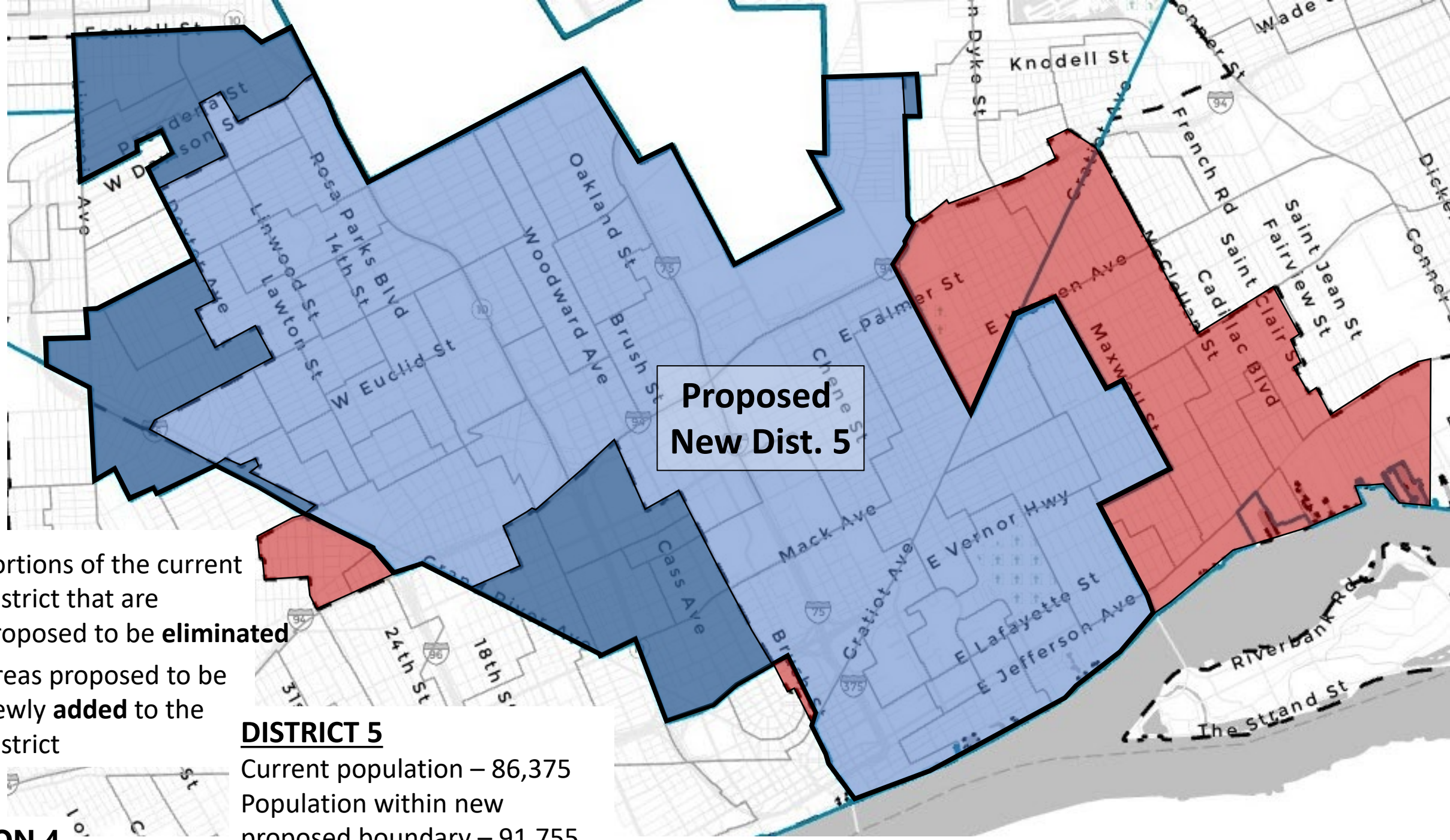


Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

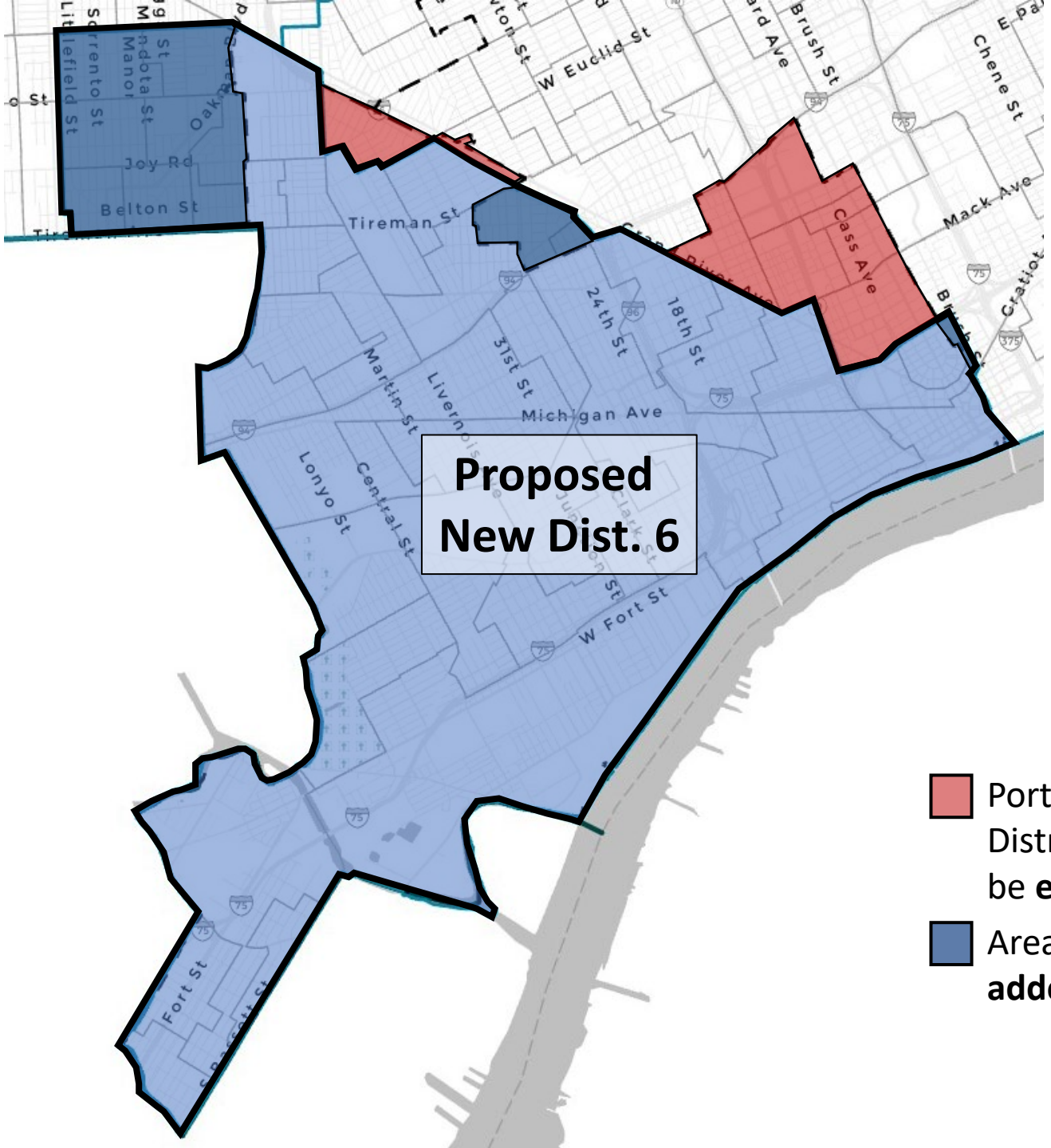
Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

DISTRICT 5

Current population – 86,375

Population within new proposed boundary – 91,755

OPTION 4



DISTRICT 6

Current population – 94,326
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,414

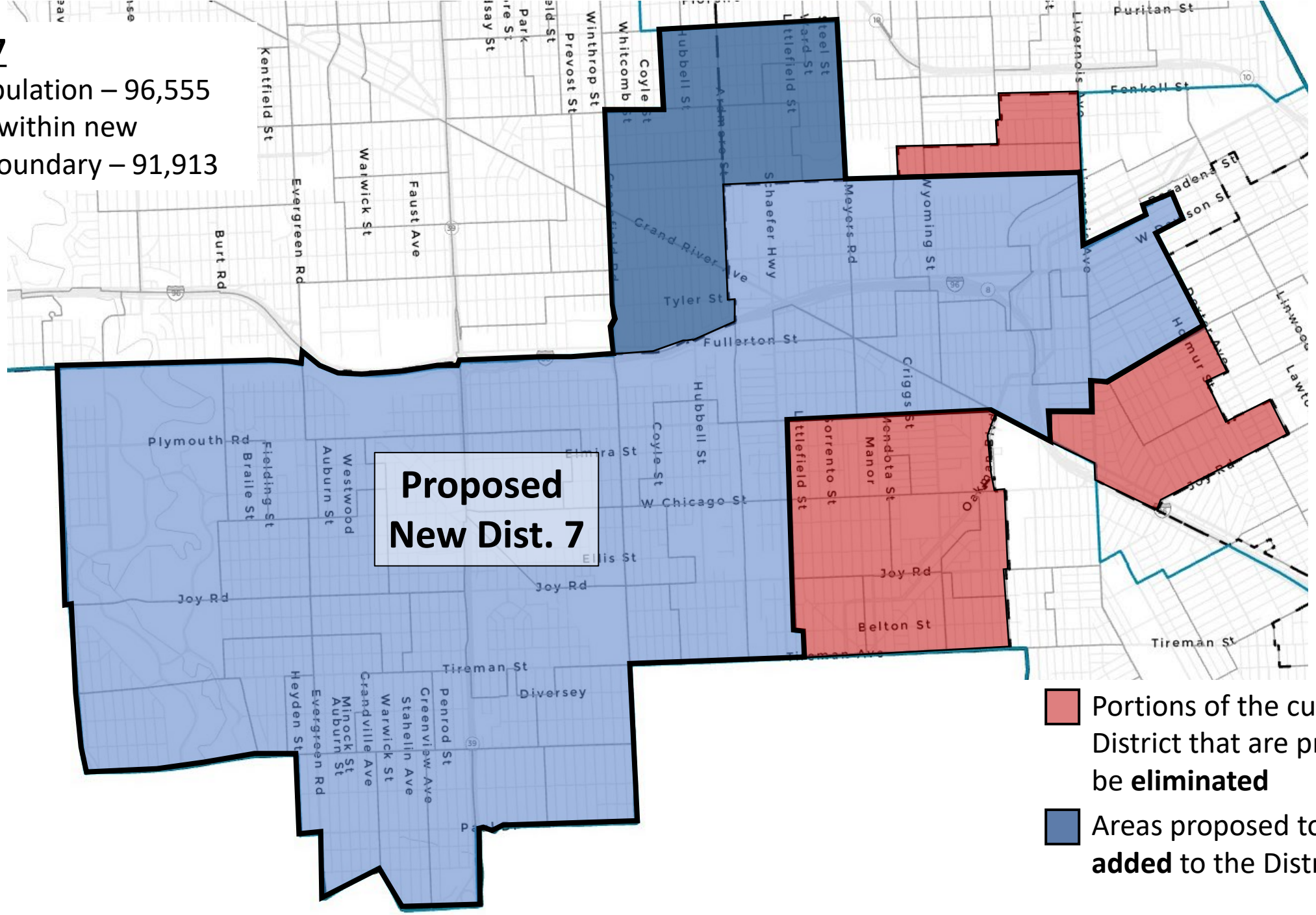
Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION 4

DISTRICT 7

Current population – 96,555
Population within new proposed boundary – 91,913



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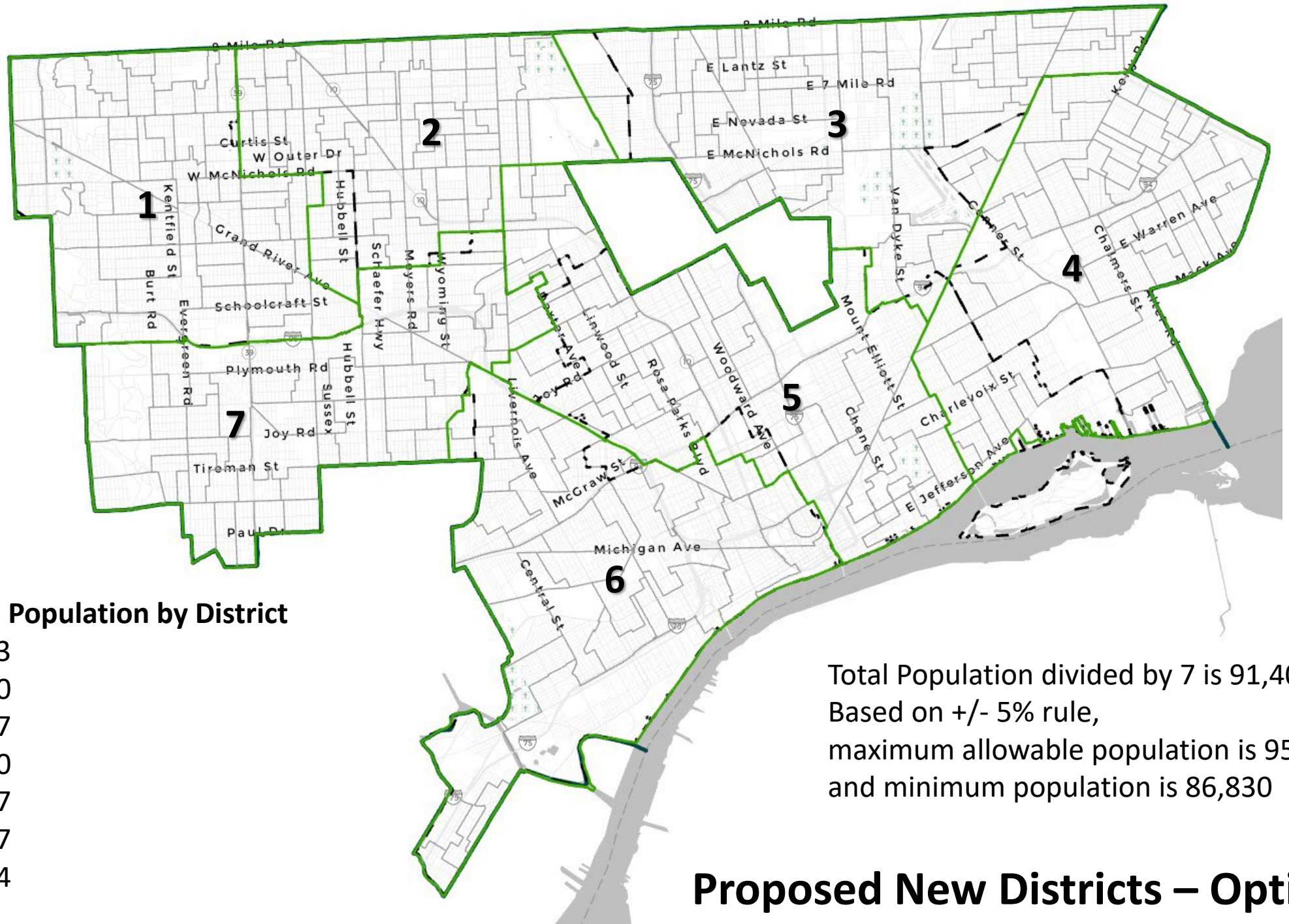
OPTION 4

Option 5

Allows northward expansion of district 5



Proposed Population by District

1 – 91,823
2 – 94,920
3 – 89,177
4 – 92,230
5 – 88,687
6 – 90,537
7 – 91,184

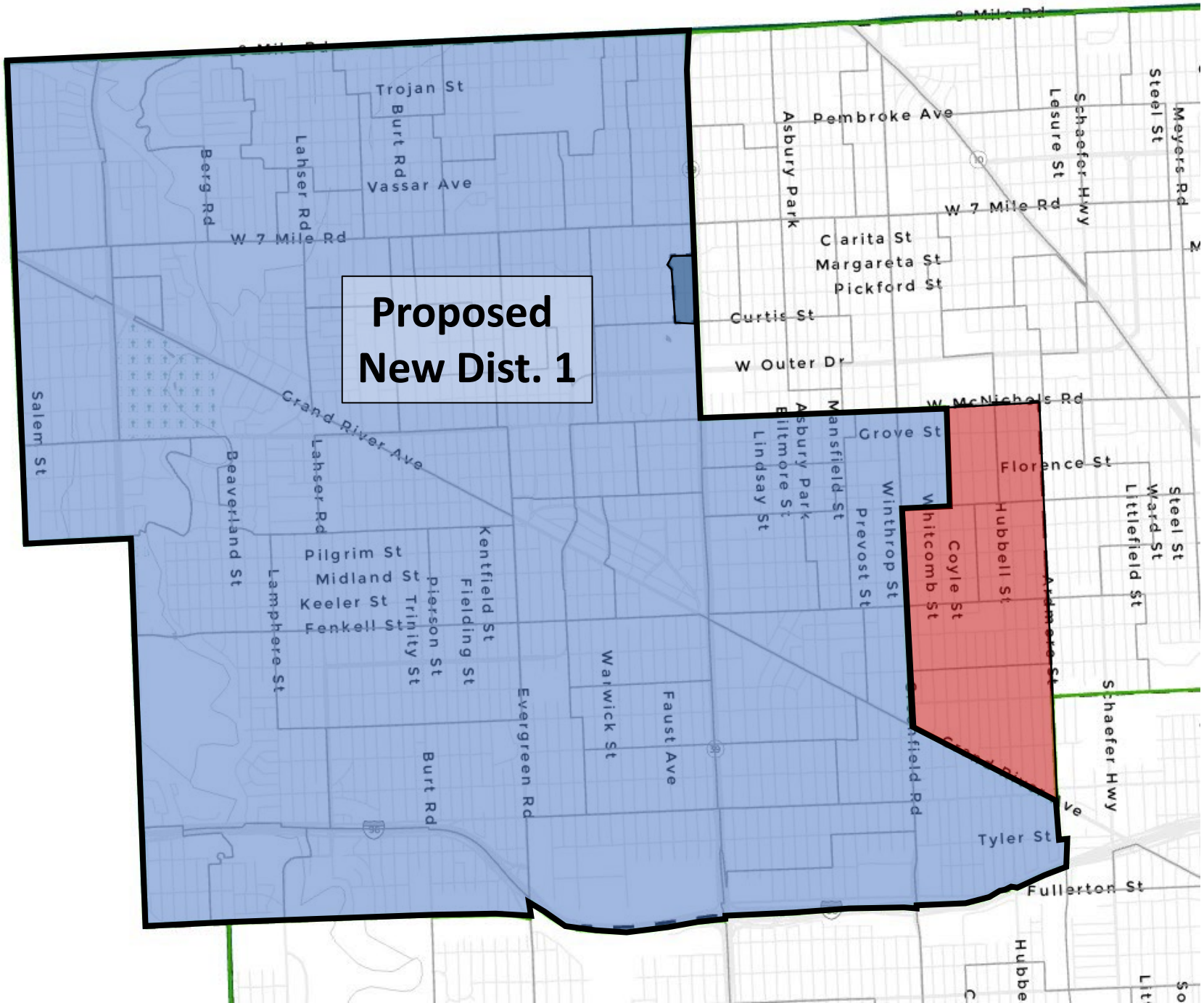
Total Population divided by 7 is 91,400
Based on +/- 5% rule,
maximum allowable population is 95,970
and minimum population is 86,830

Proposed New Districts – Option 5

DISTRICT 1

Current population - 100,068
Population within new proposed boundary - 91,823

- Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**
- Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District



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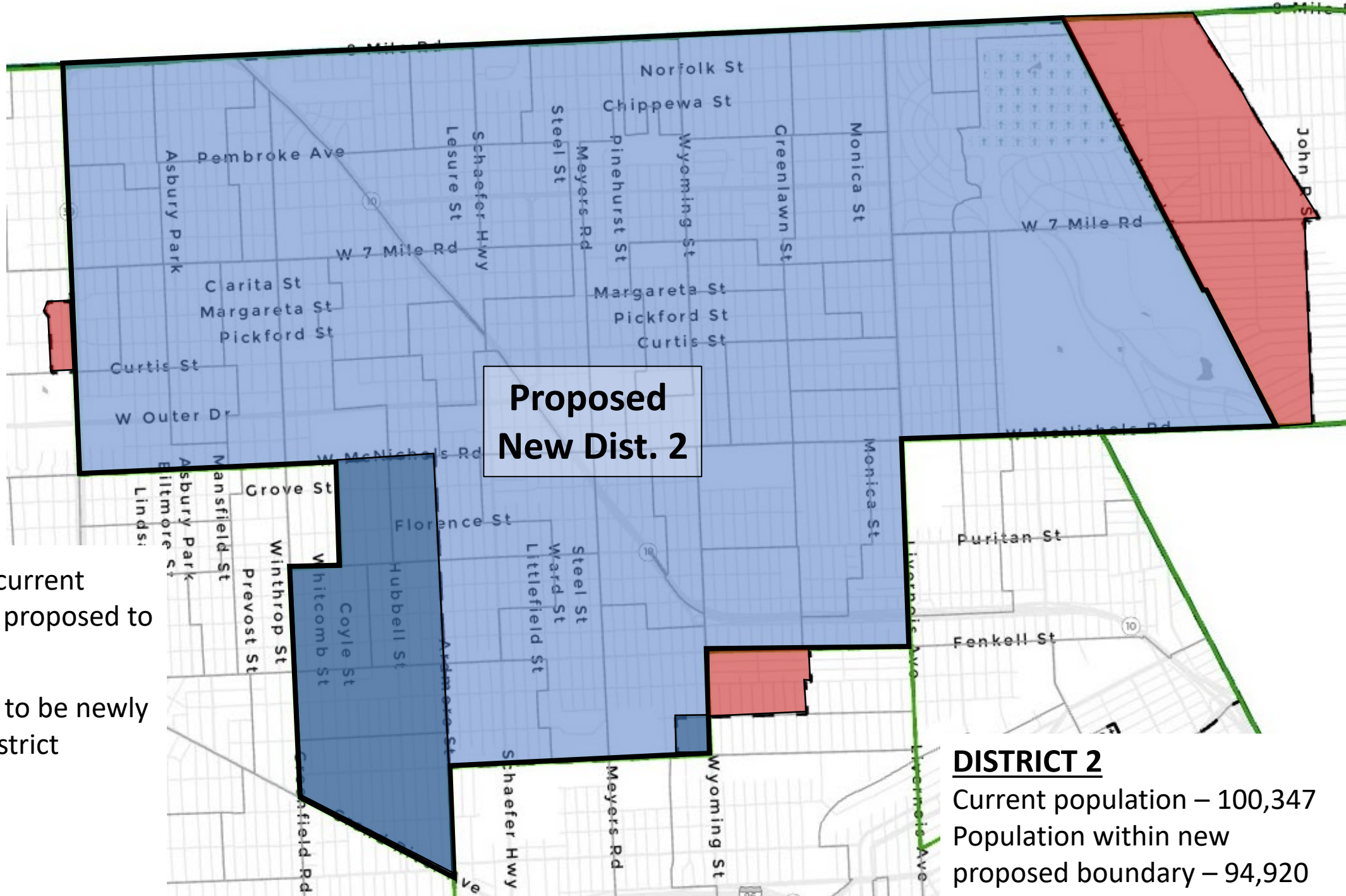

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OPTION 5

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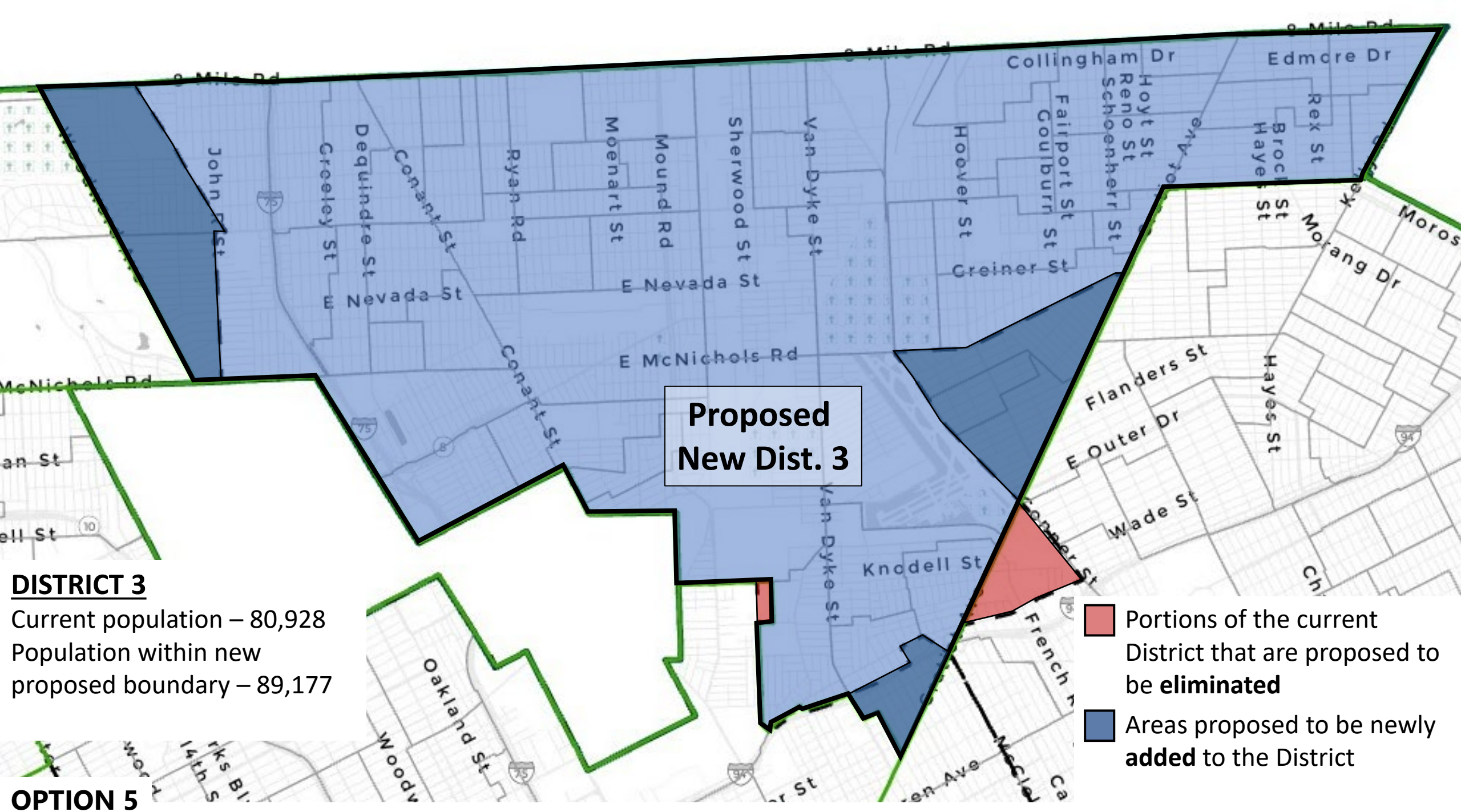

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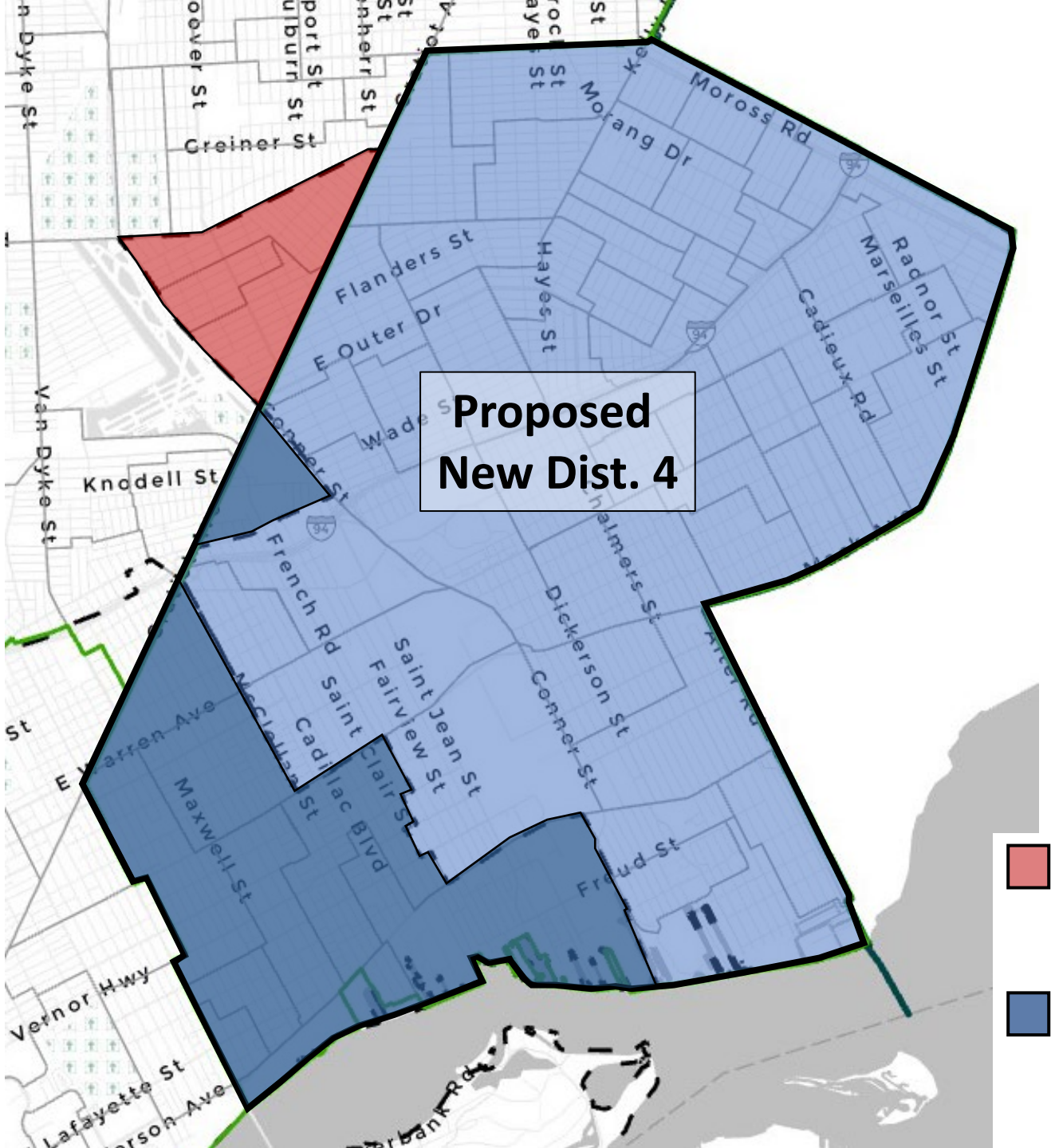

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OPTION 5

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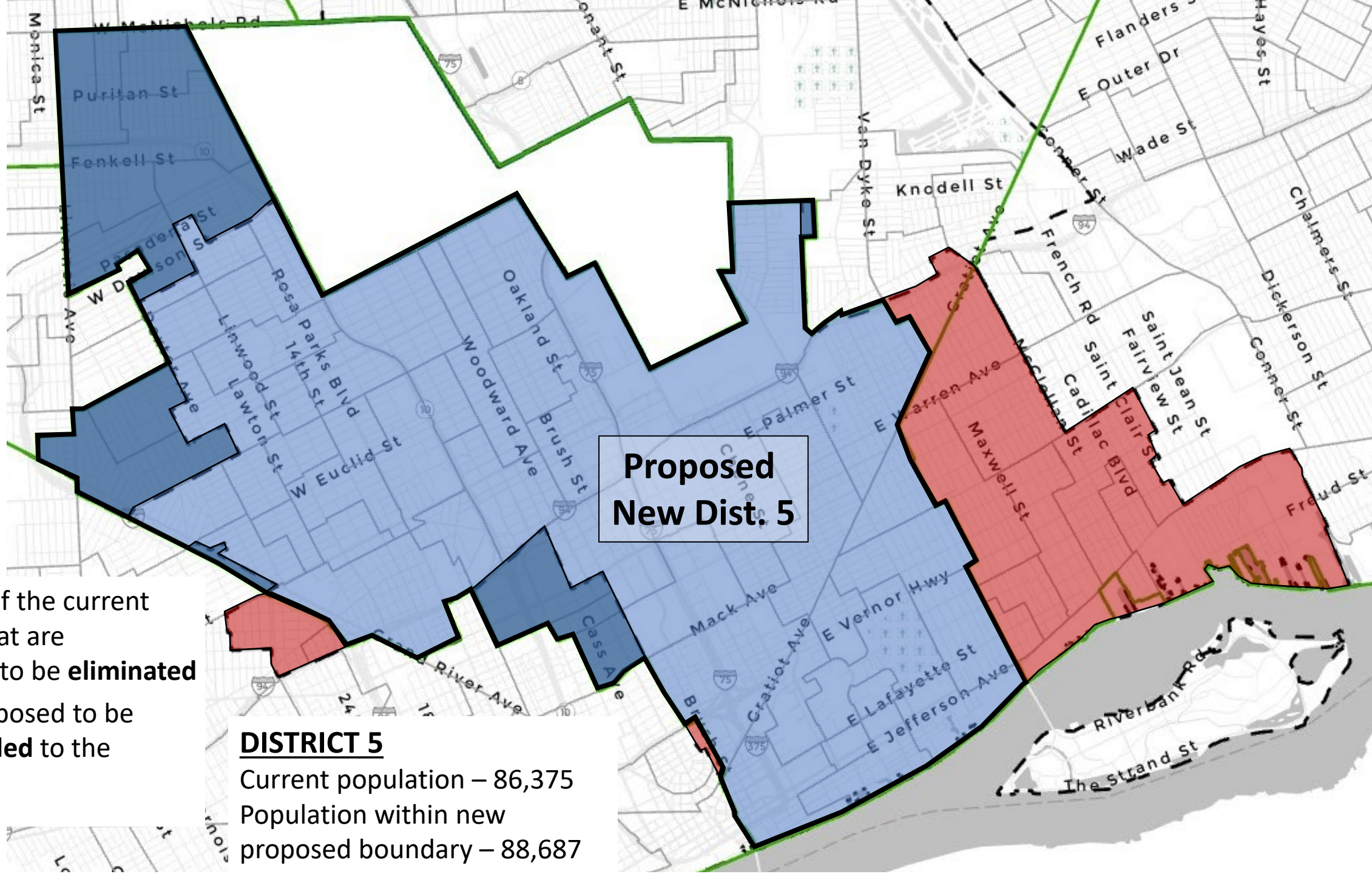

Portions of the current District that are proposed to be **eliminated**

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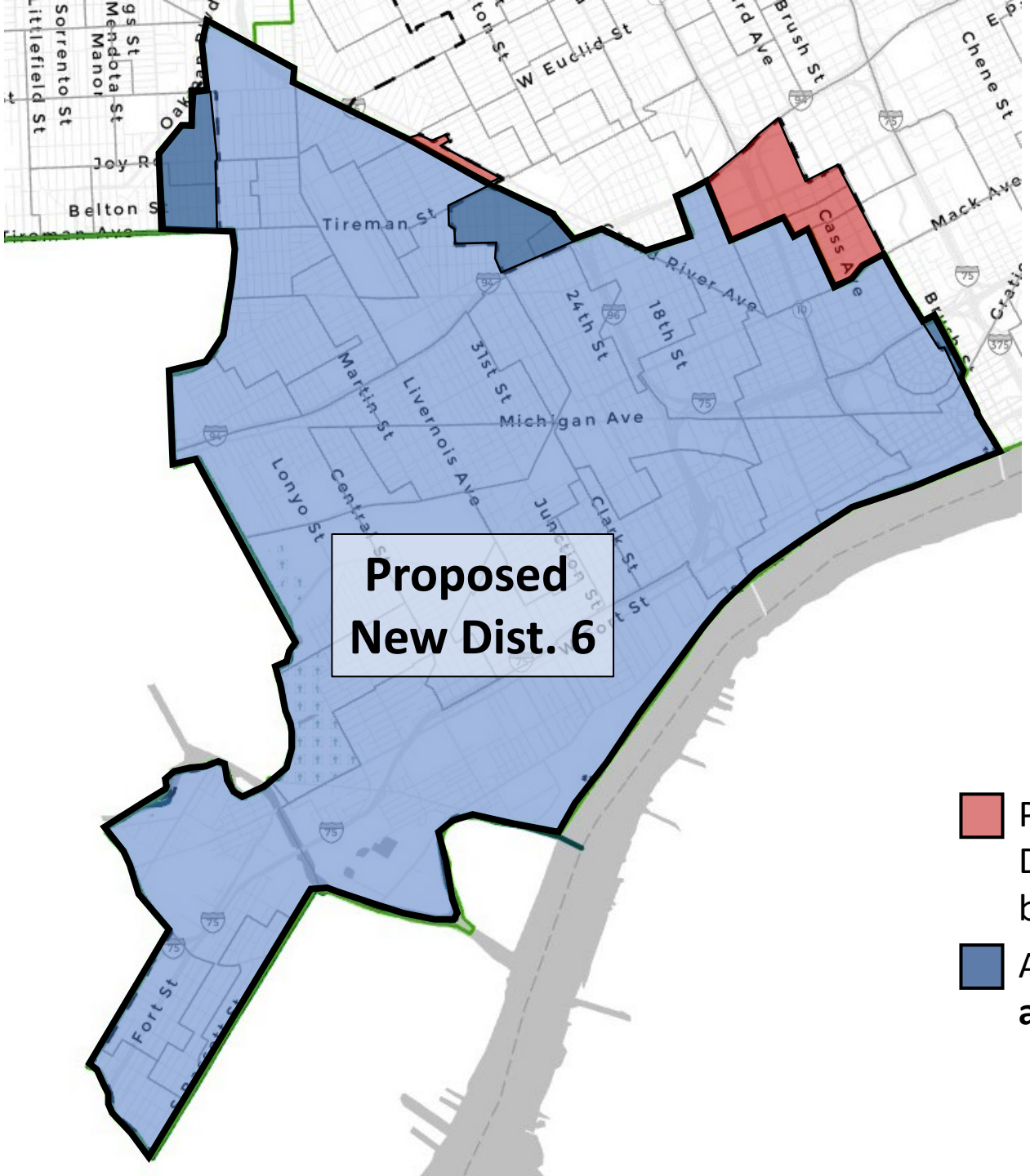
OPTION 5

DISTRICT 5

Current population – 86,375

Population within new proposed boundary – 88,687



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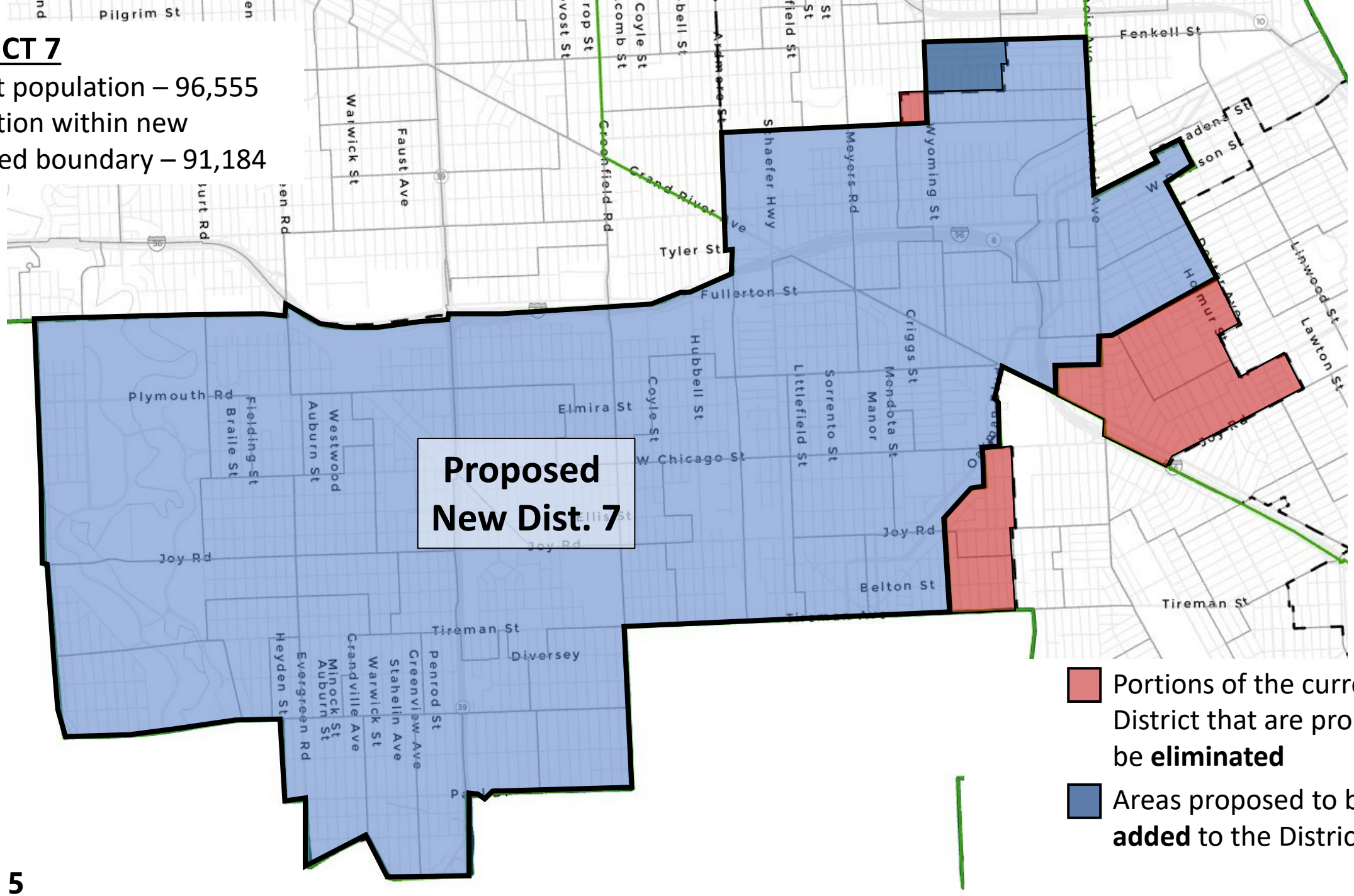

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Areas proposed to be newly **added** to the District

OPTION 5