

Board of County Commissioners

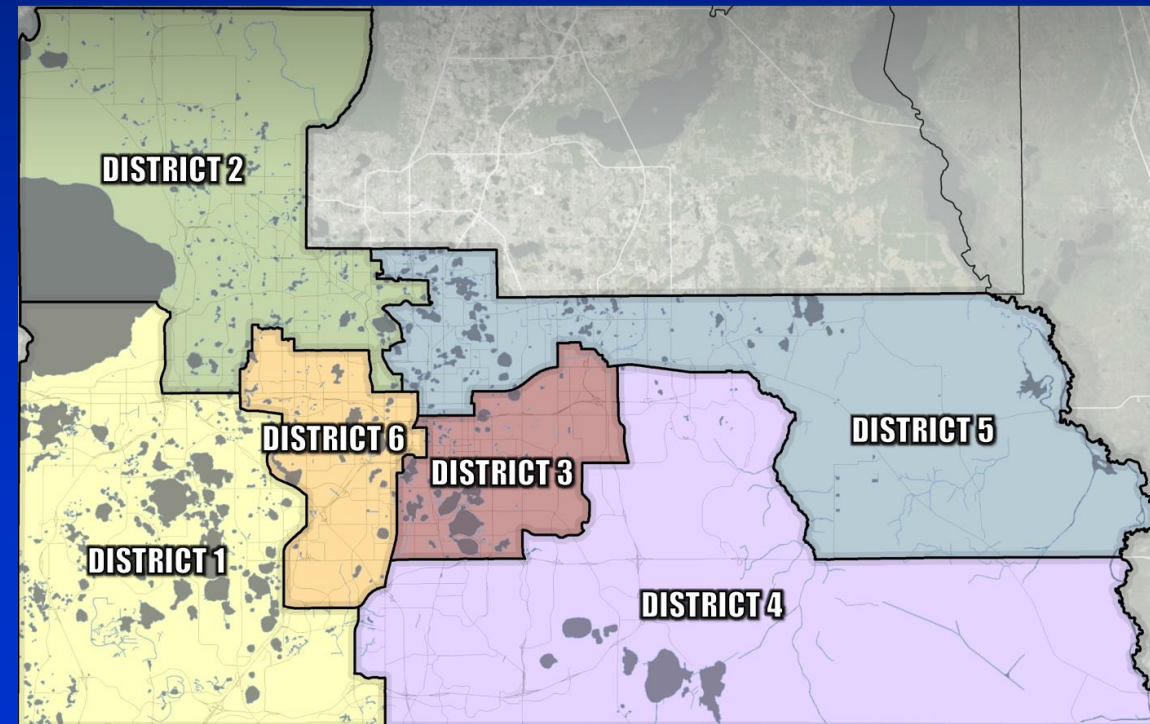
**Work Session
Redistricting**

February 9, 2021



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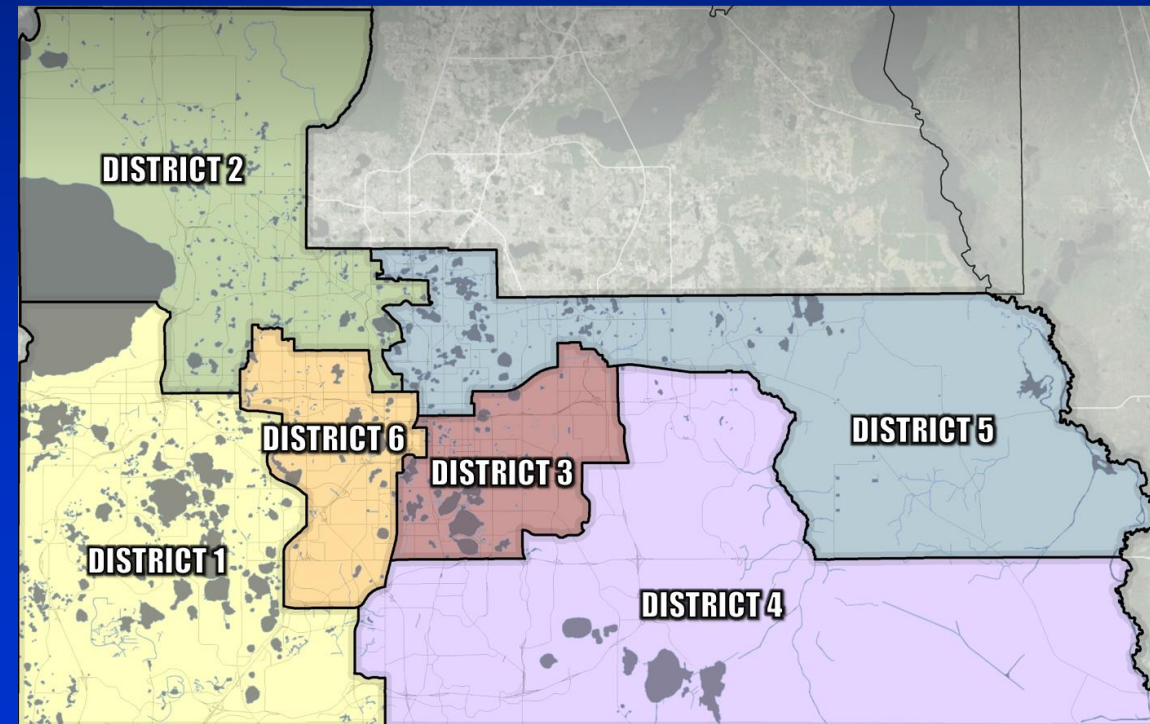
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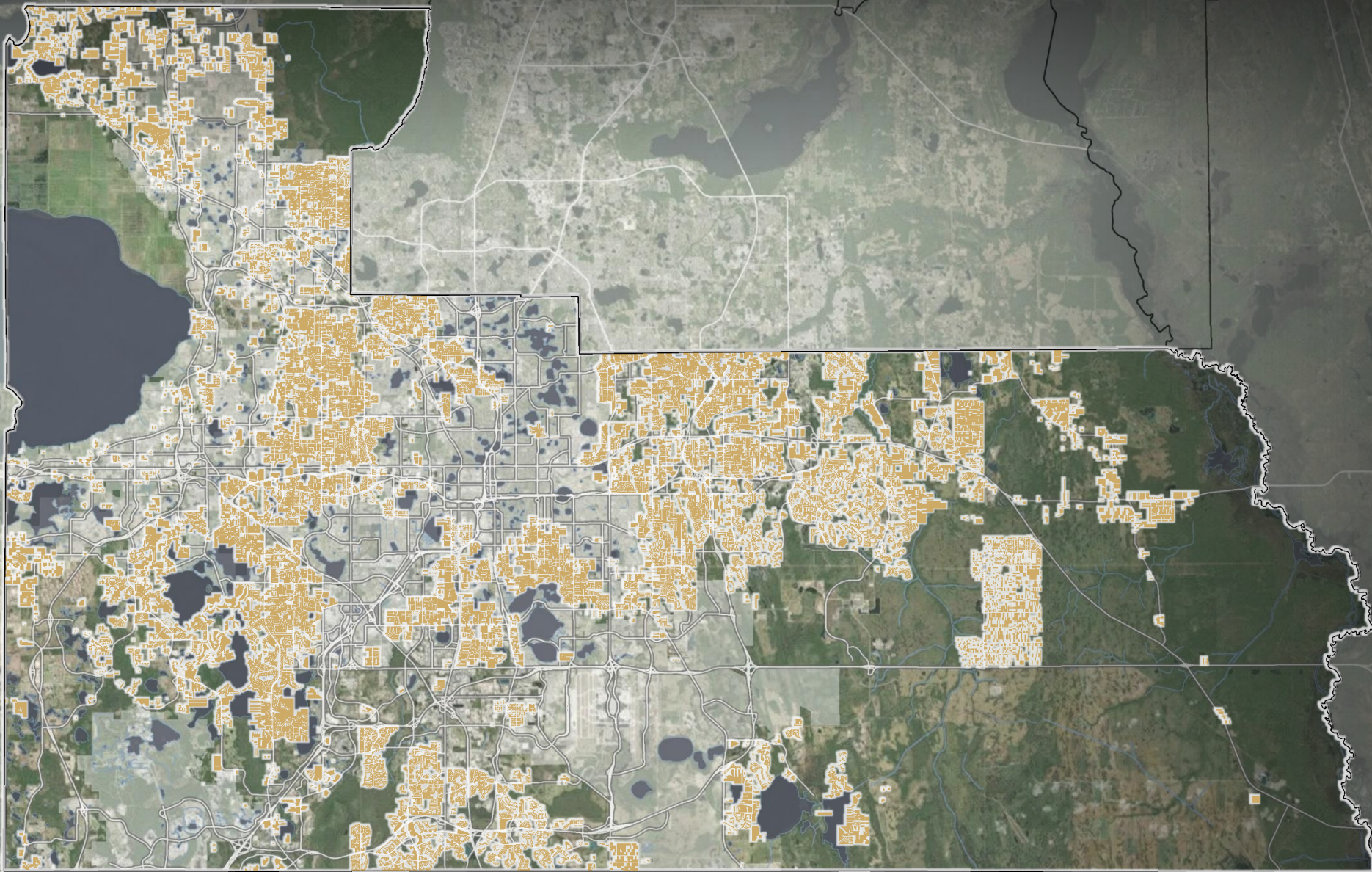
Background

▪ Redistricting

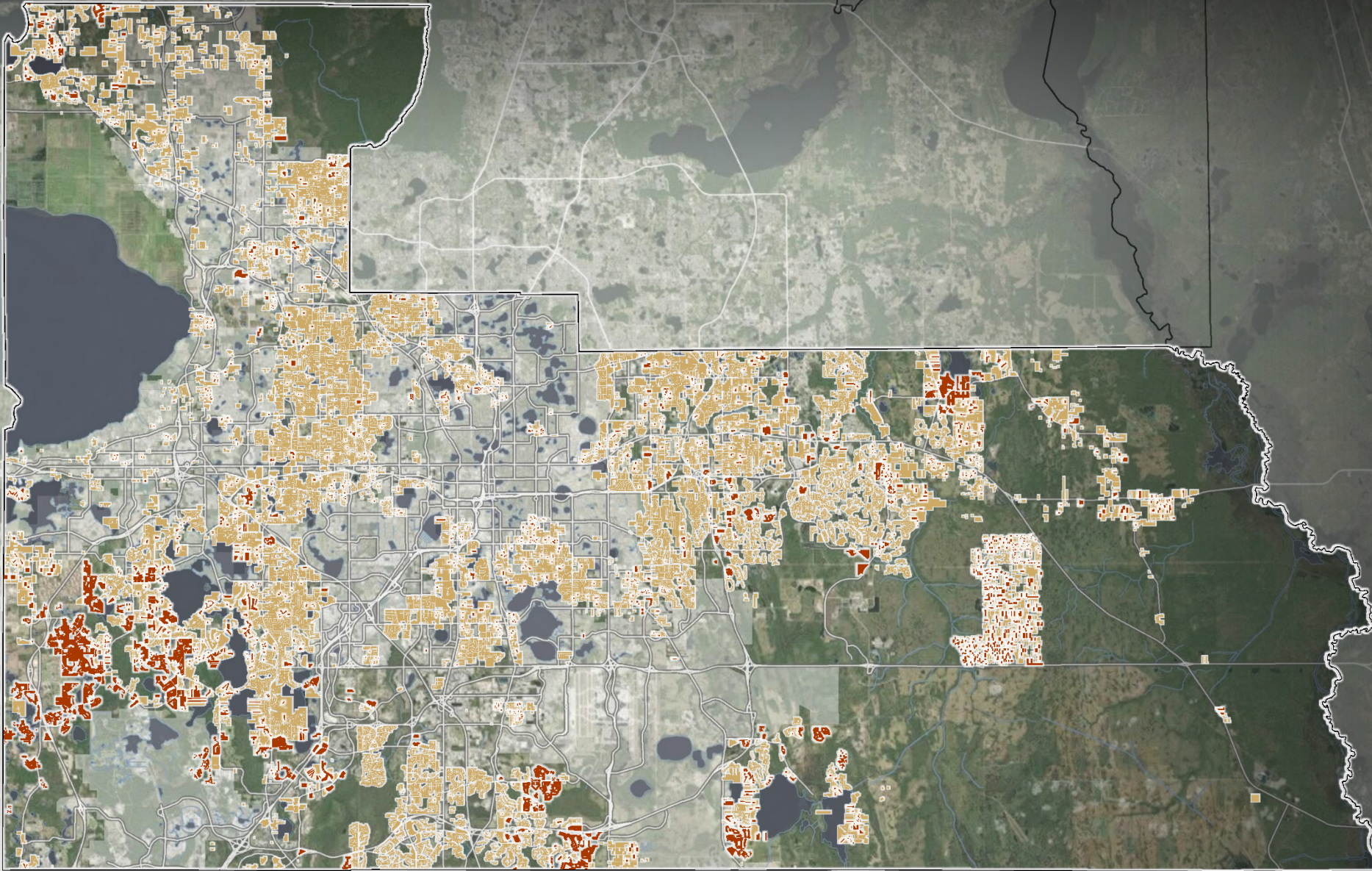
- Adjusting the boundaries of the County's commission districts
- Occurs every 10 years
- Based on the most recent decennial Census data
- Required by the Florida Constitution and Orange County Charter

United States®
Census
2020

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS Pre-2010



RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS 2010-2020





Redistricting Criteria

▪ Equal Population

- The most important of the redistricting criteria
- One Person = One Vote
- Districts must be divided so they are as nearly equal in population as practicable
 - Ideal Population = Total Population / 6 Districts
 - Slight deviation between district populations is permitted in order to address other legal redistricting considerations
 - The maximum deviation (between most populated district and least populated district) should be no more than 10 percent (+/- 5%)



Redistricting Criteria

▪ Racial and Language Minorities

– Voting Rights Act, Section 2

- Prohibits governments from denying or abridging any citizen's right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group

– Section 2 prohibits minority vote dilution which, in single member districts, could impermissibly be accomplished by

- Fracturing
- Packing

– A violation of Section 2 has occurred if as a result of the challenged structure, the minority group in question does not have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect candidates of their choice





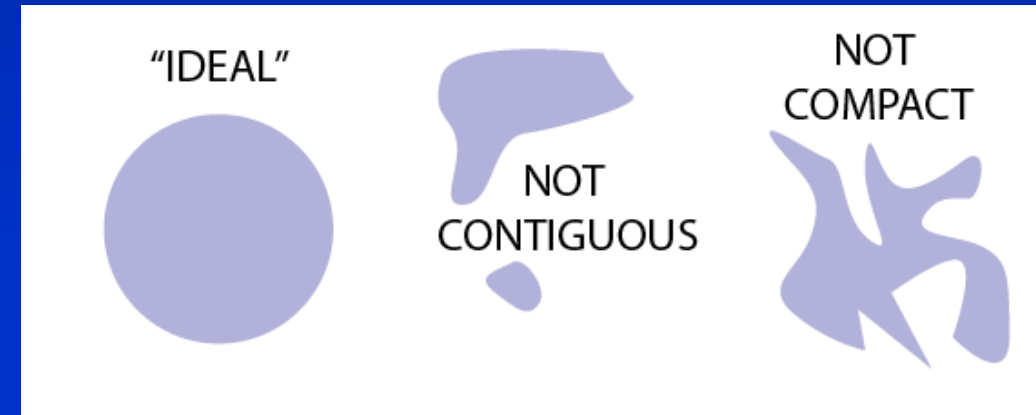
Redistricting Principles

▪ Geographic

- Contiguousness (required by Florida Constitution)
- Compactness (most compact not required, but compactness must be a consideration – “eyeball test”)

▪ Permitted considerations (cannot be prioritized above equal population, contiguousness, or race and language minority considerations)

- Preservation of political subdivisions
- Preservation of communities of interest
- Preservation of cores of prior districts
- General protection of incumbents



Background

▪ 2011 Redistricting Process

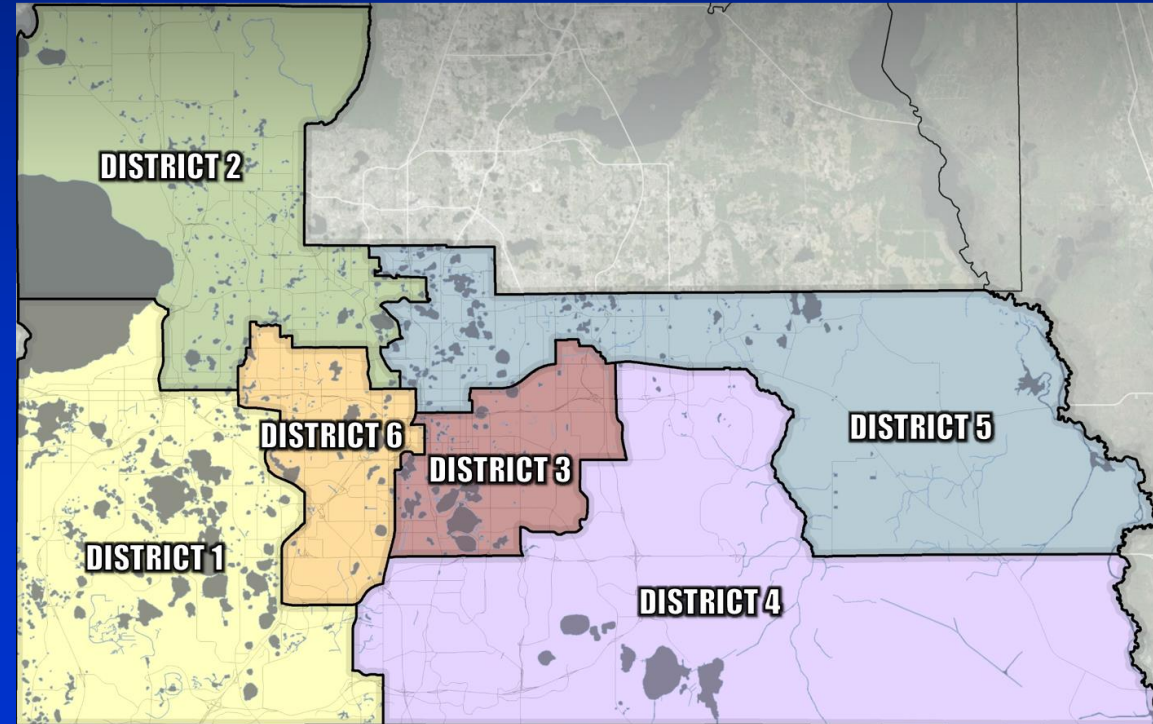
- Established an advisory committee to analyze and review data
 - Met from April 2011 to November 2011
- Numerous lengthy community meetings and public hearings
- Recommended three plans to the BCC
- Lawsuit





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2021 Redistricting Process

- **2021 Redistricting Project Team**
 - Neighborhood Services Division
 - County Attorney’s Office
 - Fiscal and Operational Support Division, PEDS
 - Communications Division
 - Supervisor of Elections Office*
- **Ongoing Activities**
 - Internal coordination meetings
 - Vetting software programs to analyze the Census data
 - Discussions with stakeholder organizations



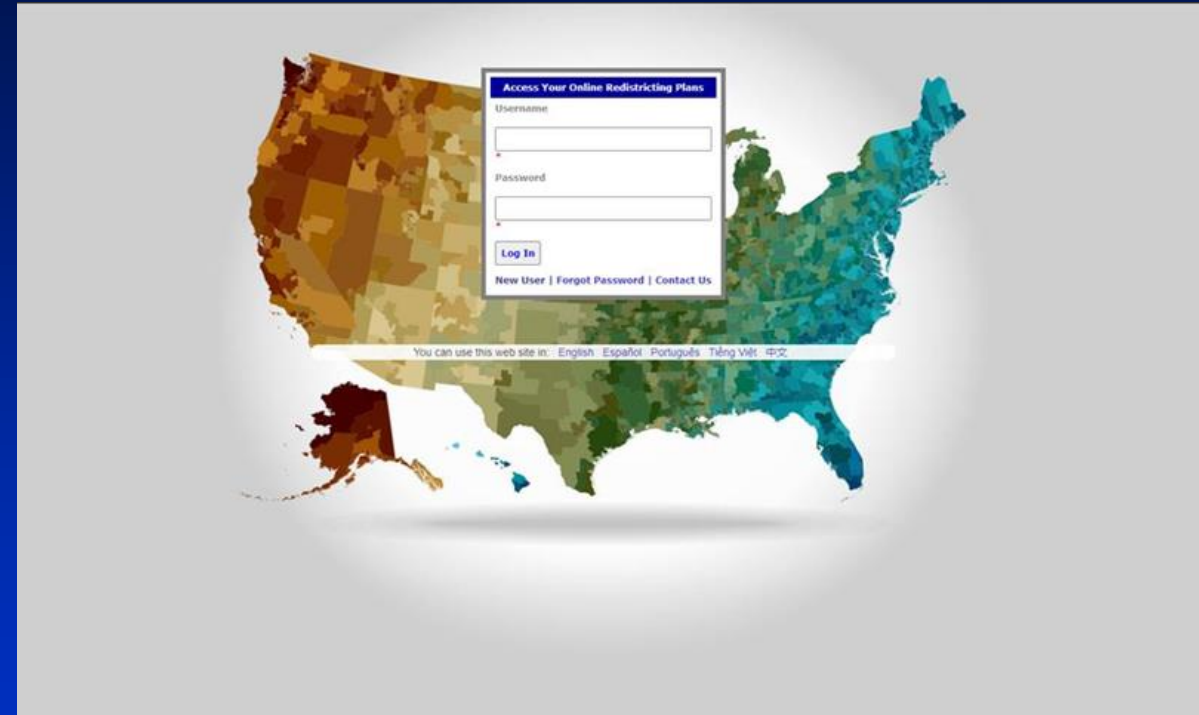
2021 Redistricting Process

- **Advisory Committee for Redistricting (ACR)**
 - Review the 2020 Census data and analyze proposed plans (maps) for commission district boundaries
 - Created by a resolution
 - Consists of 15 members
 - Mayor appoints three (3) members
 - Each Commissioner appoints two (2) members
 - Will recommend plans (maps) to the BCC



2021 Redistricting Process

- **Community Input**
 - Public ACR meetings
 - Broadcast meetings on Orange TV and social media
 - Public-facing tool to analyze data and create plans (maps)
- **Public Engagement**
 - Communications Division
 - Social media
 - Divisions' newsletters

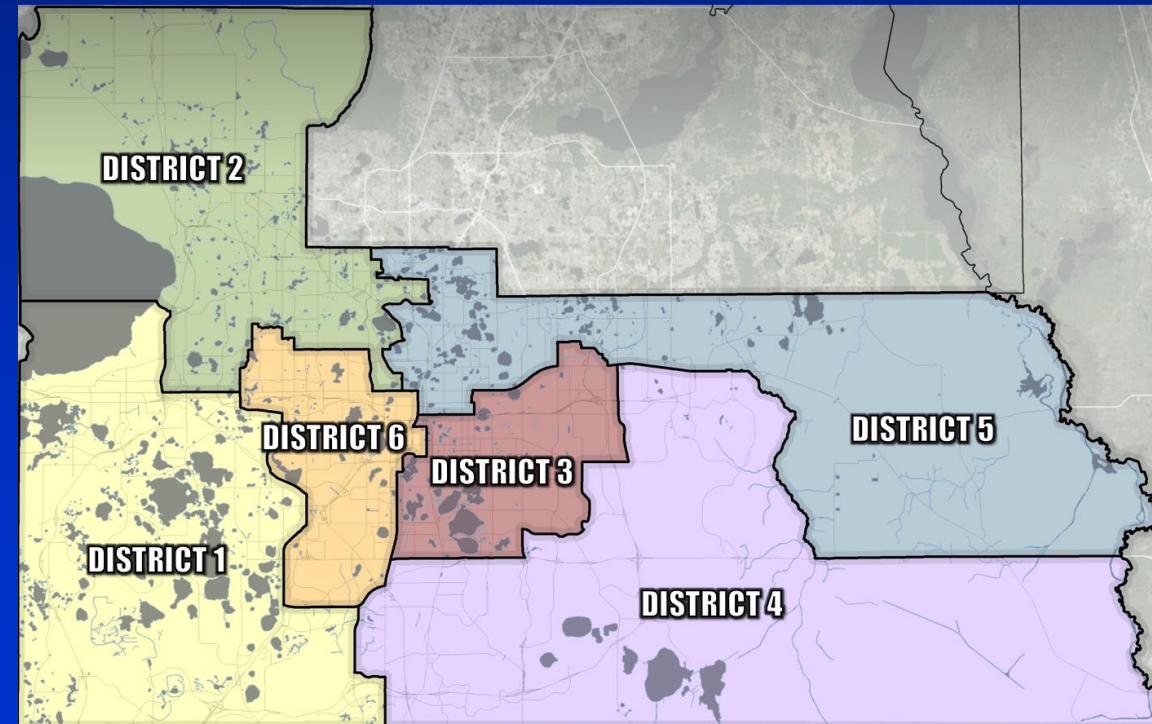


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Schedule

▪ Timeline

- Staff receives the Census data
- Resolution establishing the ACR goes to the BCC
- ACR public meetings commence
- Public hearing by December 2021

▪ Census Data

- COVID-19 lengthened the Census 2020 campaign by 6 months
- Data from the U.S. Census Bureau is not anticipated to be available for local governments until summer 2021





Schedule

- **ARC Meeting Schedule- 9 meetings**
 - Two meetings at the Administration Building
 - One meeting in each Commission District (6)
 - One Public Hearing to recommend a plan (map) to the BCC

- **Concluding BCC Meetings**
 - Work Session
 - Public Hearing to adopt the redistricting plan

Schedule

▪ Next Steps

- Memo from the Mayor requesting nominations for the ACR
- Staff continue to coordinate internally
 - Resolution
 - Software to develop and analyze maps
 - Meeting logistics

