

Proposal to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission regarding Legislative District 5

Based on the 2010 Census, each legislative district needs to have between 207,740 and 218,393 people in each district. The target population should be approximately 213,067 people in each district.

Legislative District 5 (LD5) is currently made up of the Southern parts of Navajo and Apache Counties, plus Greeley, Graham and Gila Counties. After the 2010 census LD5 is shown to be short 20,809 persons.

LD5 needs to pick up approximately 21,000 people to bring it close to the target population for a District.

By adding the community population of **Camp Verde** (which is currently in LD1) to LD5, it brings LD5 to within 700 people of the population target limit. LD5 would maintain its compact, contiguous, and competitive criteria.

The addition of **Camp Verde's** population to LD5 makes perfect sense. **Camp Verde's** rural and tourist community of interests has far more in common with LD5 than the majority of LD4 or LD1. Just 40 miles west down the mountain from Strawberry, Pine, Payson, and Star Valley; small town **Camp Verde** is very similar to the majority of Rural LD5 with its ranching, farming, forest, and tourist attractions. These similar communities united along Hwy 260 beginning with Camp Verde, through Payson, all the way to Show Low form the northern part of LD5. But **Camp Verde** can also identify with the communities along Hwy 188 all the way to Southern Gila County and into Graham County .

The LD5 minority majority Hispanic voting bloc in Greenlee, Southern Gila and Graham counties; and its minority majority Native American Apache voting bloc in Gila County will remain approximately the same percentages of the total district voters, protecting their voting interests. The White Mountain and San Carlos Apache generally desire to remain in LD5.

LD5 with the addition of Camp Verde will be very well balanced politically and competitively.

There is no reason for a massive reconfiguration of Legislative District 5 when a simple shift of population from **Camp Verde** into LD5 meets all the Redistricting requirements. The total population would be only 700 people short of the exact target population. In the area of the Voting Rights Act, our minority majority populations are in compliance. Our communities of interest are maintained with Camp Verde fitting right in with our historic pioneer ranching and farming interests. The LD5 boundaries remain intact bordered by I-40 on the north and US 70 on the south, except for the new inclusion of **Camp Verde** which has been rather an island to itself surrounded by public lands and far away from the main populations of LD1 or LD4.

We request that the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission maintain the existing configuration of Legislative District 5 but with the inclusion of Camp Verde. Thank You !!

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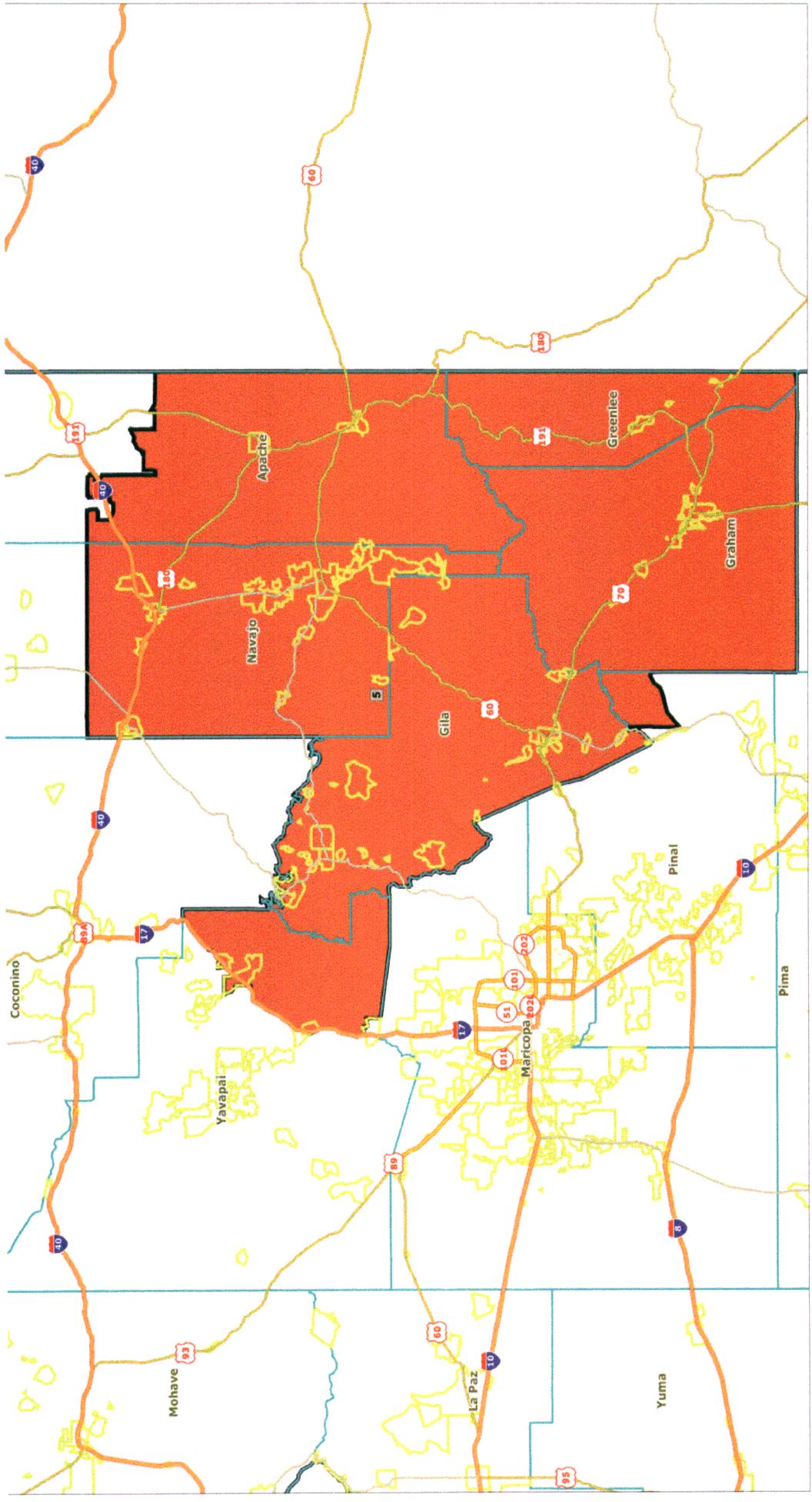
CALL TO ACTION

Please contact the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission with support for leaving Legislative District 5 basically intact with the minor addition of the Camp Verde Community to bring it into full compliance with the IRC rules.

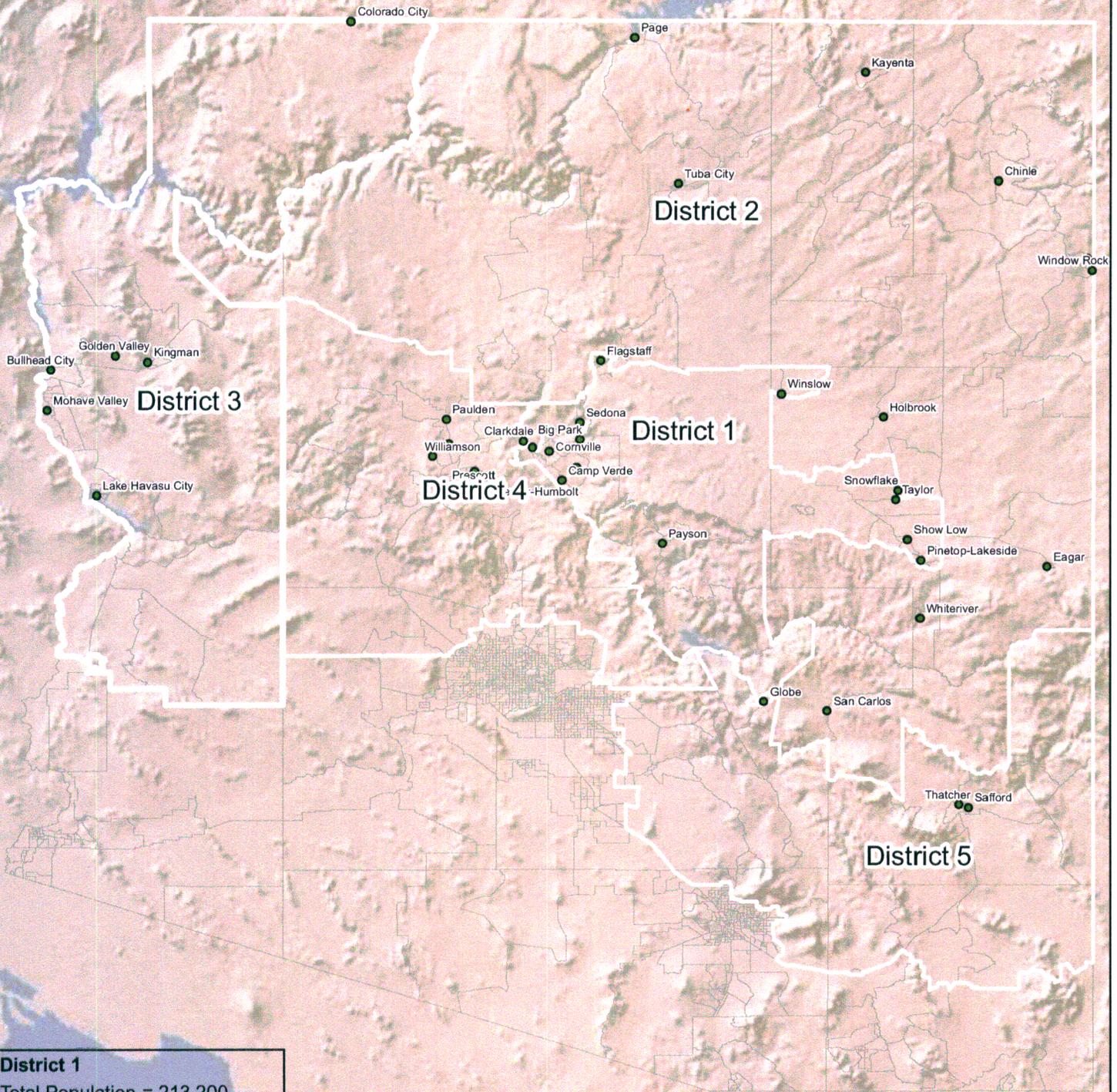
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Thank you from an unofficial group of LD5 residents who share a great interest in the results of County and State redistricting efforts.



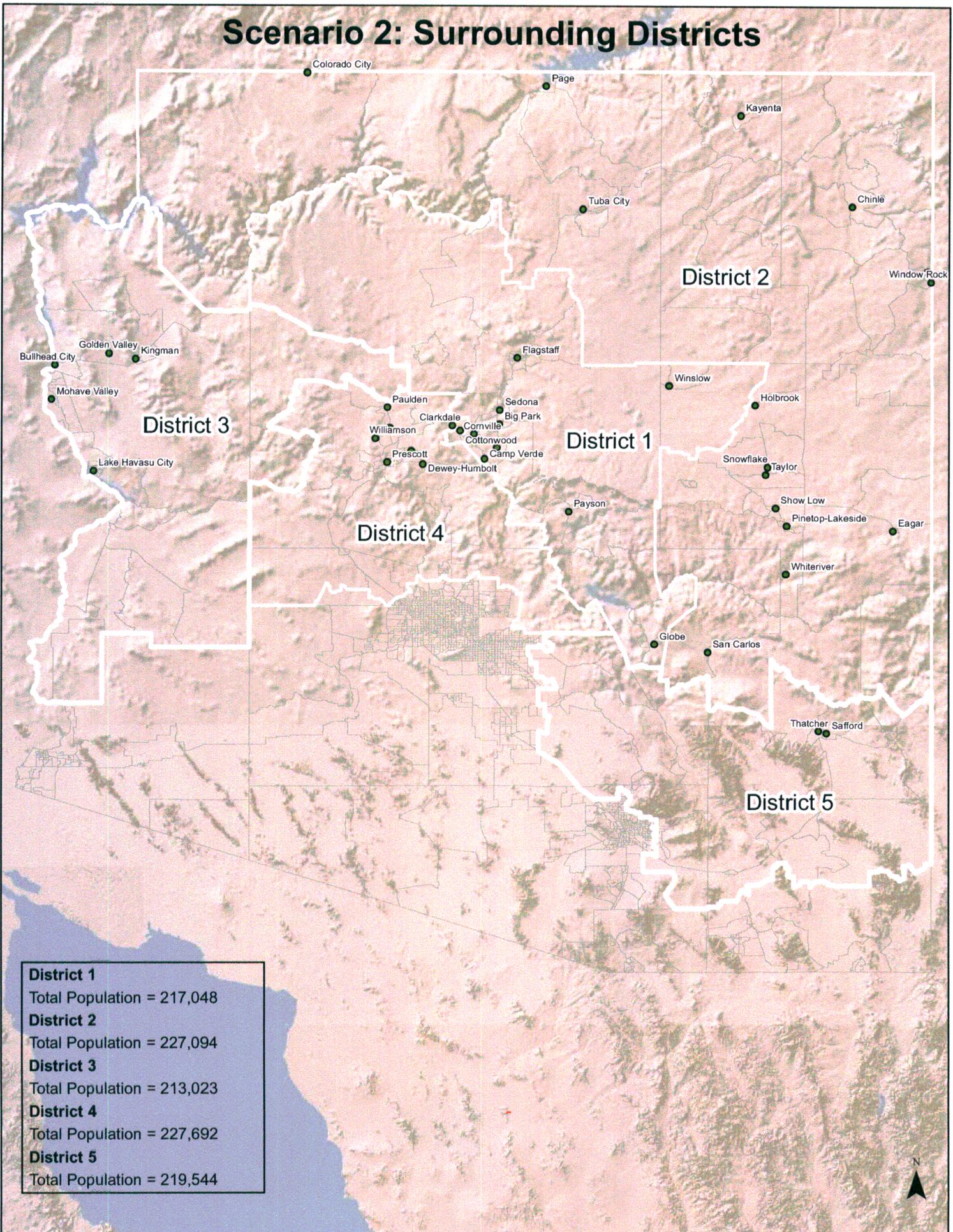
Scenario 1: Surrounding Districts



District 1
Total Population = 213,200
District 2
Total Population = 21,090
District 3
Total Population = 217,646
District 4
Total Population = 215,798
District 5
Total Population = 215,831

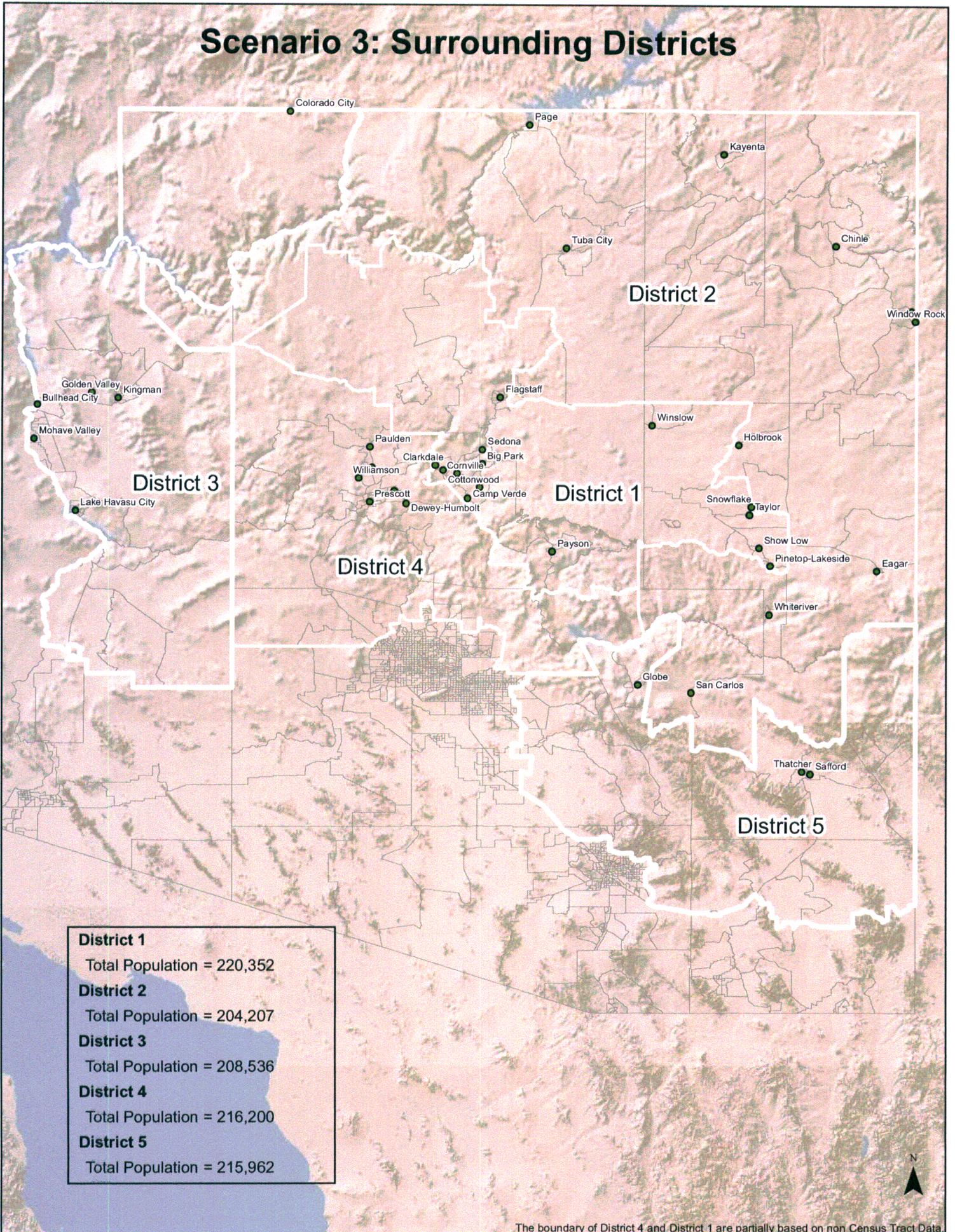


Scenario 2: Surrounding Districts

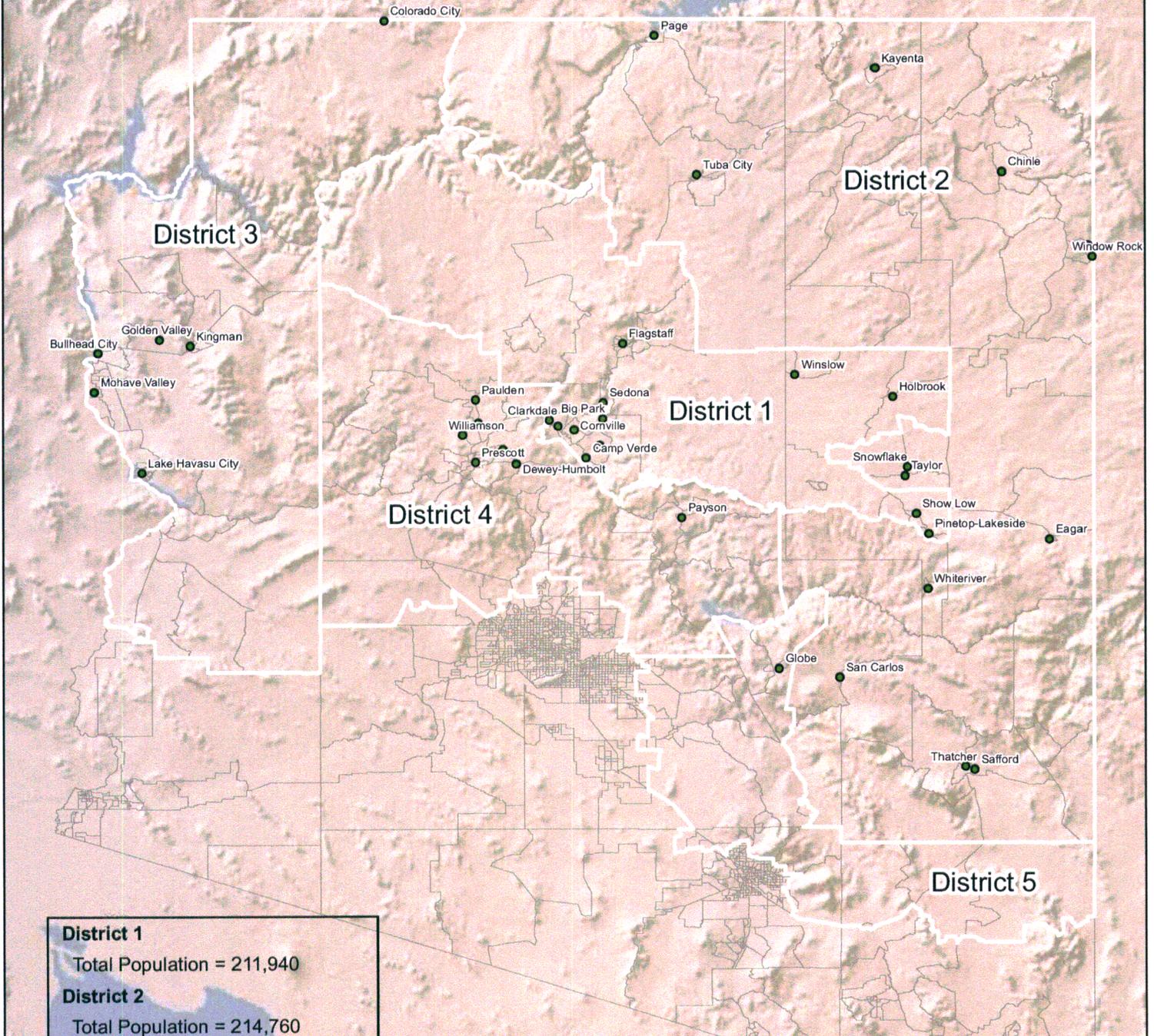


District 1
Total Population = 217,048
District 2
Total Population = 227,094
District 3
Total Population = 213,023
District 4
Total Population = 227,692
District 5
Total Population = 219,544

Scenario 3: Surrounding Districts



Scenario 4: Surrounding Districts



District 1
Total Population = 211,940
District 2
Total Population = 214,760
District 3
Total Population = 218,934
District 4
Total Population = 211,109
District 5
Total Population = 216,852

The Boundary of District 4 and 1 are partially based on non Census Tract Data.