DISTRICT 3
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In 2020, Sunnyvale shifted to by-district elections with 6 districts and a directly-elected mayor.

The City's district boundaries do not strictly follow major road boundaries.

The County's district boundaries currently follow major roads and municipal boundaries.

Both City and County keep neighborhoods together. For the City, advocates wanted to keep the northernmost mobile home parks together in District 6 and the SNAIL neighborhood in District 5 together.

Presentation now turns to an overview of District 3 and details about the Lawrence Station Area along the Caltrain Corridor and the El Camino Real Corridor.
A DISTRICT OF RISKS

Bordering both the SF Bay and the Diablo, Range District 3 is at risk for natural disasters.

The County Office of Emergency Management pulls together a Local Hazards Mitigation Plan with 15 county jurisdictions. The plan addresses:

- Dam/levee failures
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flooding
- Landslide/mass movement
- Severe weather
- Wildfire

King Tides in Sunnyvale
February 2020

SCU Lightening Complex Fire
August 2020
A DISTRICT OF GROWTH

Unique among Cities, Sunnyvale has reconceived its downtown - and construction of the new downtown is well underway at last.

Sunnyvale be adding housing along the Caltrain corridor in the Sunnyvale Downtown and at Lawrence Station.

Sunnyvale will also add housing along the El Camino Real corridor.

Public transit, bicycle, pedestrian and rail corridors will become increasingly important in the next decade.

The County helps fund transportation improvements
District 3 includes only has 2 miles of the Caltrain corridor, between the Sunnyvale Station and Lawrence Station.

The Sunnyvale Station in District 3 is awaiting Measure B funding and other for a grade separation.

The Mary Grade separation in Sunnyvale is in District 5.

Lawrence Station will be impacted by pedestrian and bicycle improvements to Lawrence Expressway.
Nearly 1.5 million vehicle trips occur daily on the Santa Clara County expressways.

Of the 62 miles on 8 County expressways, District 3 has 11.5 of them:

- 4 miles of Lawrence Expressway
- 3 miles of Central Expressway
- 4.5 miles of Montague Expressway

With more housing around Lawrence Station, massive upgrades for Lawrence Expressway the area overlapping Sunnyvale and Santa Clara comprise a COI.
EL CAMINO REAL CORRIDOR RENTERS AND BICYCLISTS

A quarter mile next to the ECR Corridor in Sunnyvale is home to

• a higher Asian population than the rest of Sunnyvale (50.6% compared to 43.8%)
• a higher median income ($102,869 compared to $99,251)
• a higher percentage of renter-occupied homes (66% compared to the 53%)

District 3 has just 2.5 miles of the ECR Corridor on the Bay-side.

El Camino Real is the only non-highway road that connects Daly City to San Jose

It is the essential north-south route for bicyclists
As County elected leaders seek to add both housing and to reduce traffic congestion, splitting districts at major corridors for rail, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian and at places for grade separations works against communities of interest that live along or near the impacted areas.

These COIs include rail users, renters, bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users.
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