

**Report on the Possibility of
Creating a Majority-Minority
District in the City of Chowchilla
Pursuant to Elections Code
Section 21130, subdivision (b)(1)**

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City of Chowchilla Section 21130b Disclosure Report

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Pursuant to Elections Code Section 21130 subdivision (b)(1), this shall serve as the City of Chowchilla's report on the possibility of creating a majority-minority trustee area.

Section 21130 provides:

Consistent with the districting body's existing obligations under the federal Voting Rights Act, the districting body shall determine whether it is possible to create an election district or districts in which a minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a single-member district, as set forth in *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986), and as interpreted in case law regarding enforcement of the federal Voting Rights Act with respect to redistricting. The districting body shall publish on its redistricting web page, at a minimum, the results of its analysis within seven days of completing the analysis or prior to adopting election district boundaries, whichever occurs first.

National Demographics Corporation (NDC), on behalf of the Chowchilla, has analyzed the City's demographics and determined that it is possible to create an election district in which Latinos are a sufficiently large population of Citizens of Voting Age Population (CVAP) to constitute a majority of CVAP in one or more single-member districts. It is unclear, however, whether a district meeting that numeric standard would also meet the requirement for "geographic compact" as also set forth in *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30 (1986), and as interpreted in case law regarding enforcement of the federal Voting Rights Act with respect to redistricting. Also unclear is whether that district would comply with California's FAIR MAPS Act requirements.

NDC has also found that it is not possible to draw districts where Asian-Americans, African-Americans, or Native Americans would be a majority of a district.