Tracey Martinez

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To: Tracey Martinez
Cc: Charles McClendon
Subject: Letter for Public Record, Districts, Item 3 A
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Monday, June 26, 2017
Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Please include all Attachments to this Letter For Public Record.

Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to seek attention from all of you and as well the Public stating my concerns of certain Election District methods and reasoning.

I have discussed my complaints to the demographer directly for **omitting 4 Elementary Schools** in 4 distinct Neighborhoods: Cathedral City Elementary, Sunny Sands Elementary, Landau Elementary and Rio Vista Elementary. (Agua Caliente Elementary/DreamHomes Neighborhood is the only Neighborhood School accounted for.) These are 5 distinct Neighborhoods/Districts. 2 Neighborhoods, Cove or South and DreamHomes and 3 new/latest Neighborhood Developments all have Elementary Schools. These are 5 Distinct Neighborhoods which should Not be divided. (Notice I added "schools" icon in designated neighborhoods in maps attachments.)

Also Neighborhoods are not only unified by Neighborhood Schools but also Assessment Districts. For example, The Cove is one Neighborhood unified originally by the Elementary School. The Cove Neighborhood is now solidly unified by The Cove Improvement Assessment District. The Cove should certainly not be divided!
(Notice I added Assessment District Overlays in Maps attachment: Cove, 35th Ave, DreamHomes).

The purpose for Election Districts is Equal Representation for 5 distinctly different Neighborhoods. Election Districts provide EQUAL City Services: PD, FD, CE, City Works Road Repairs & Road Improvements, Animal Control, etc. Equal Services in All Neighborhoods PREVENTS purposeful de-gentrification of any neighborhood which lowers property values!
(See attached District Reasoning.)

All neighborhoods also are well defined by Property Taxes. For example, Cove does not pay for Blow Sand Removal, Rio Vista does. Panorama homes pay for Panorama Park. Century pays for Century Park and so on. All are separate and distinct neighborhoods which all pay distinctly different property taxes.

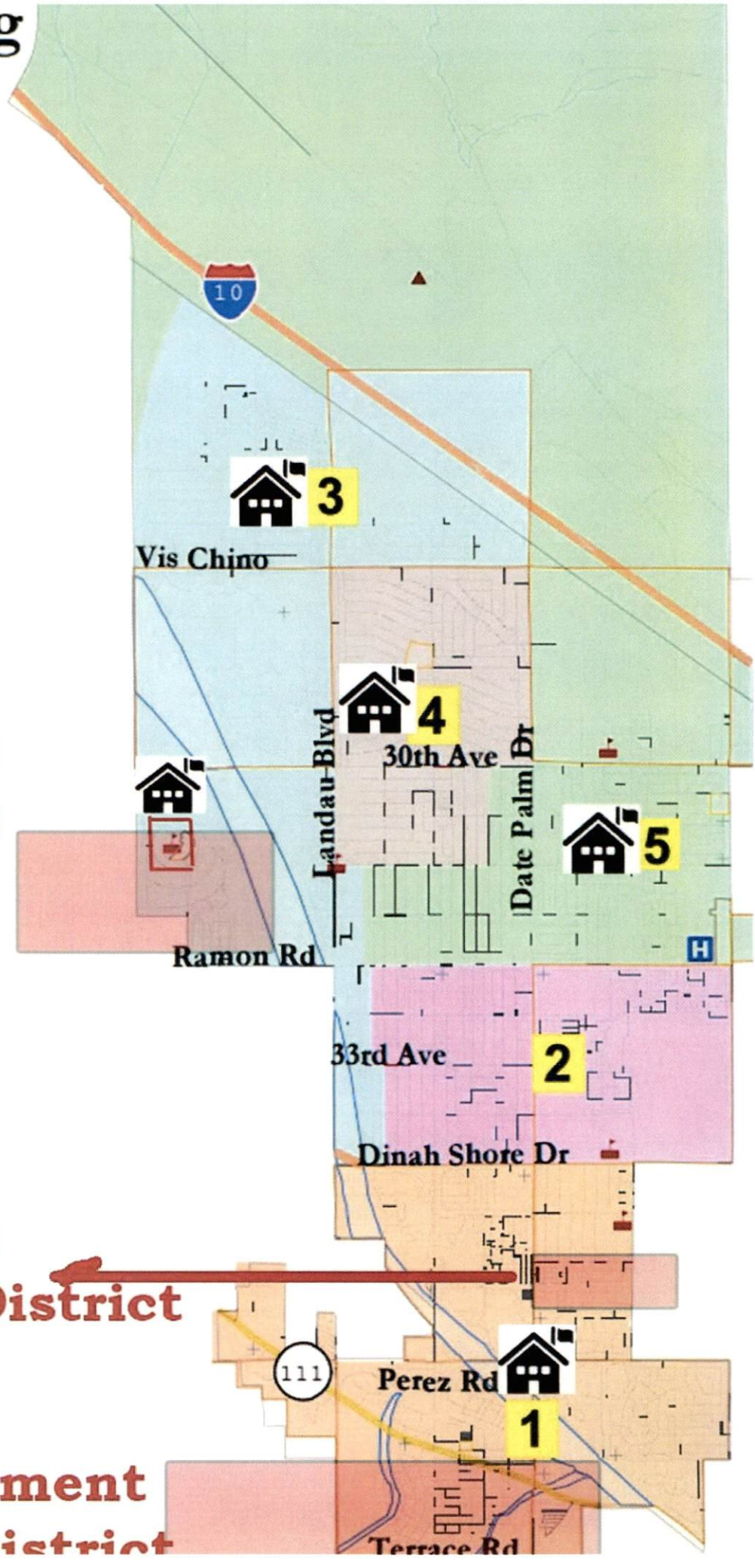
Most importantly, the proposal and the notion that two Council Members represent (split) any neighborhood to "provide more focus" OR that 3 Council Members all on the South represent (split) neighborhoods running South to North all the way to 30th is Absurd and absolutely dastardly, for now and for the future of Cathedral City. This proposes to split Cove by 2, split the Square Mile by 2. But look what this proposes to do to Landau Neighborhood! 4 separate Council Members and even a little piece for #5. Do NOT do this to "NEIGHBORHOODS". This also creates a possible Perpetual 3-2 Override Vote and All From The South. Governance from The Cove.

Lastly, I see huge trouble with splitting MY Neighborhood, The Cove in two, West Side - East Side. The Cove is unified distinctly by it's geography, sense of community, our homes and our specific assessment district. To Divide Us is Not acceptable. The west wash has already been rezoned to Open Space, last April I believe. The East Wash however has not. And it is still sitting since the 80's with 23 acres of undeveloped land held in private trust just waiting for the right time to come out of hiding and threaten everything east of Van Fleet/Chuperosa to Terrace. (Terrace up is Rancho Mirage now. The easement negotiated with the City is H Street. I myself do NOT want those mountains developed. I do NOT want to see one more home "removed". Once named for *Eminent Domain and now named for *Economic Development is still a real threat on the East Side.

I may like and respect some but I do not believe the statement "Two Council Members representing One Neighborhood can provide more focus for that neighborhood".

Denise Cross

2017 Districting



DreamHomes Improvement Assessment District

35th Avenue Improvement Assessment District

Cove Improvement Assessment District

Districting Purpose

er representation for some groups than in at-large system because p
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' result in less costly campaigns for candidates because of smaller
graphic area to be covered.[7]
' allow officials to be more responsive to constituents.[8]
' result in greater representation of racial and ethnic minorities.[9]
stitutes "particularistic" for "universalistic" interests of the city.[10]
rict representatives would have to understand and address the needs
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vpoints that might not be able to win citywide may have a better chan
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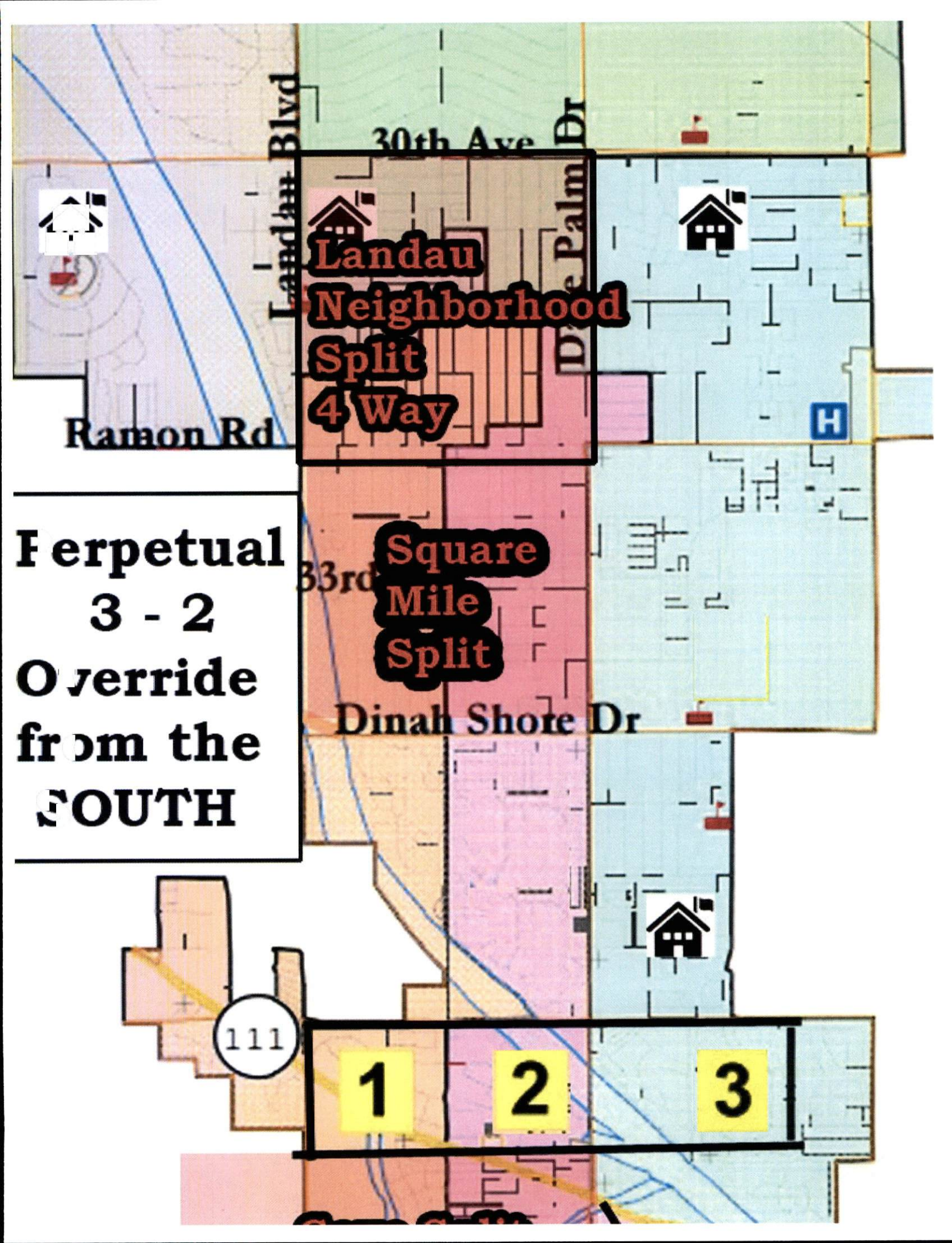
h voter has a specific councilmember to go to for assistance.[15]
' allow a piece of citywide infrastructure to be completed despite oppc
n a politically powerful neighborhood. **> The South End**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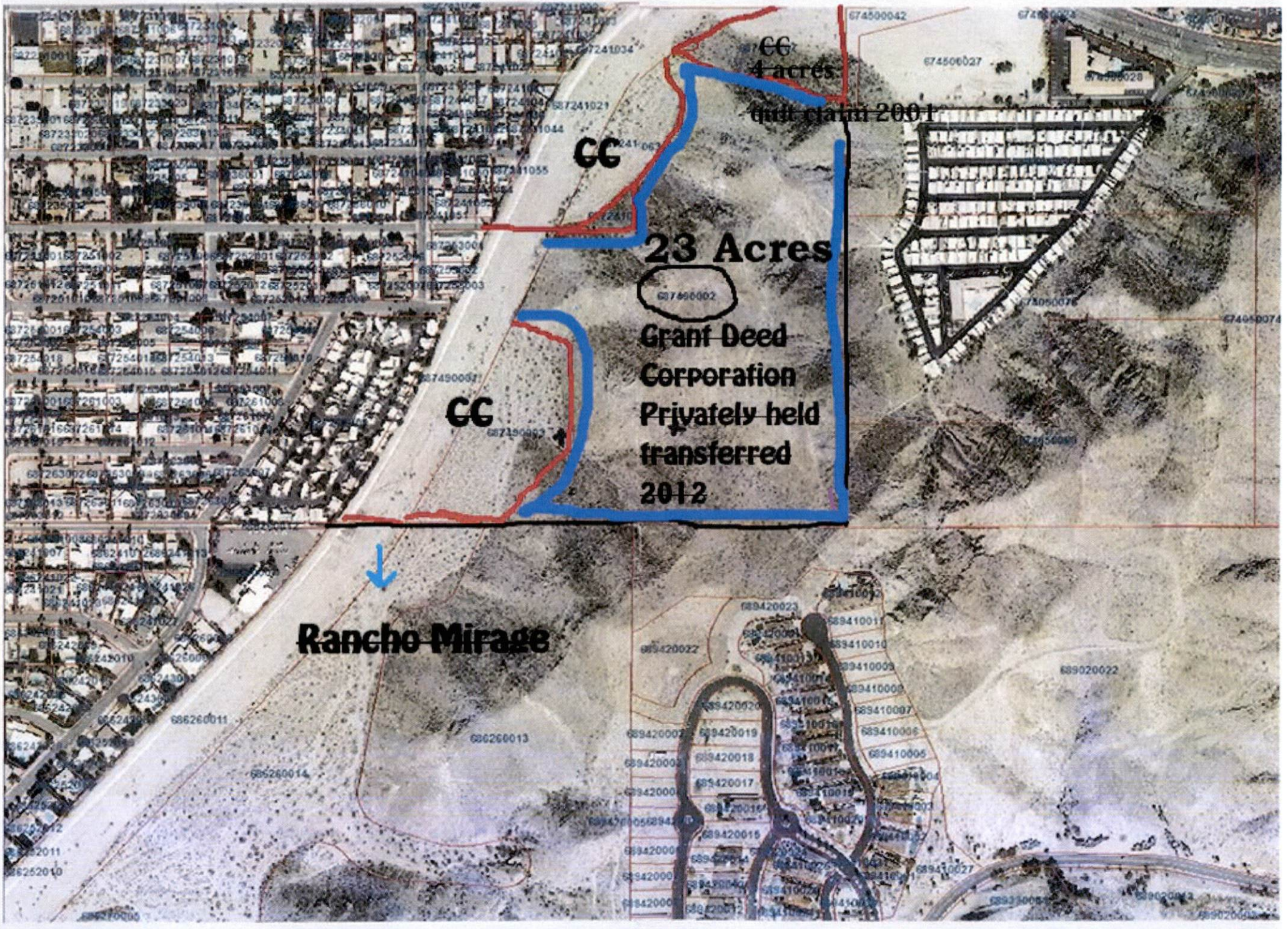
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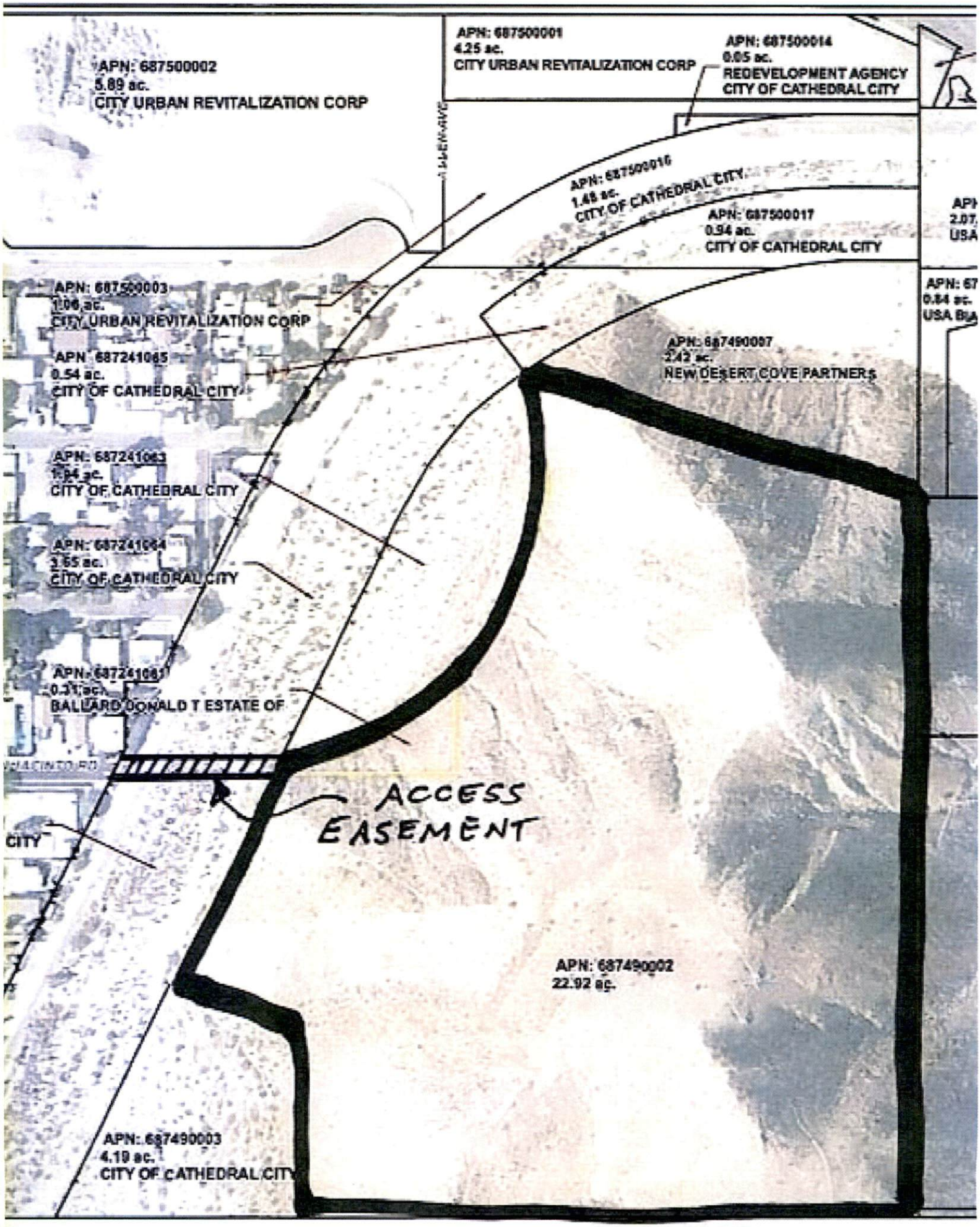

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