



## How to Create Community of Interest Maps in DistrictR



# California

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## Draw your community

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Identify a community

Built out of block groups

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## Why?

Redistricting is dividing the state into legislative districts. It determines who our representatives are. Where and how the lines are drawn influences everything from who is likely to be elected to how resources get allocated. And when it comes to democratic representation, **communities matter**. If your community is split up into different small pieces every ten years, it makes it harder to have a voice in government.

**Start by clicking on Draw Communities. Then you can find your community by clicking on California, which will take you to the mapping tool**



Search



Save



Drawing Data Layers Evaluation

Areas of Interest

SELECT  
Community 1

NAME  
Community 1

Describe this community

These details are updated automatically

Important Places

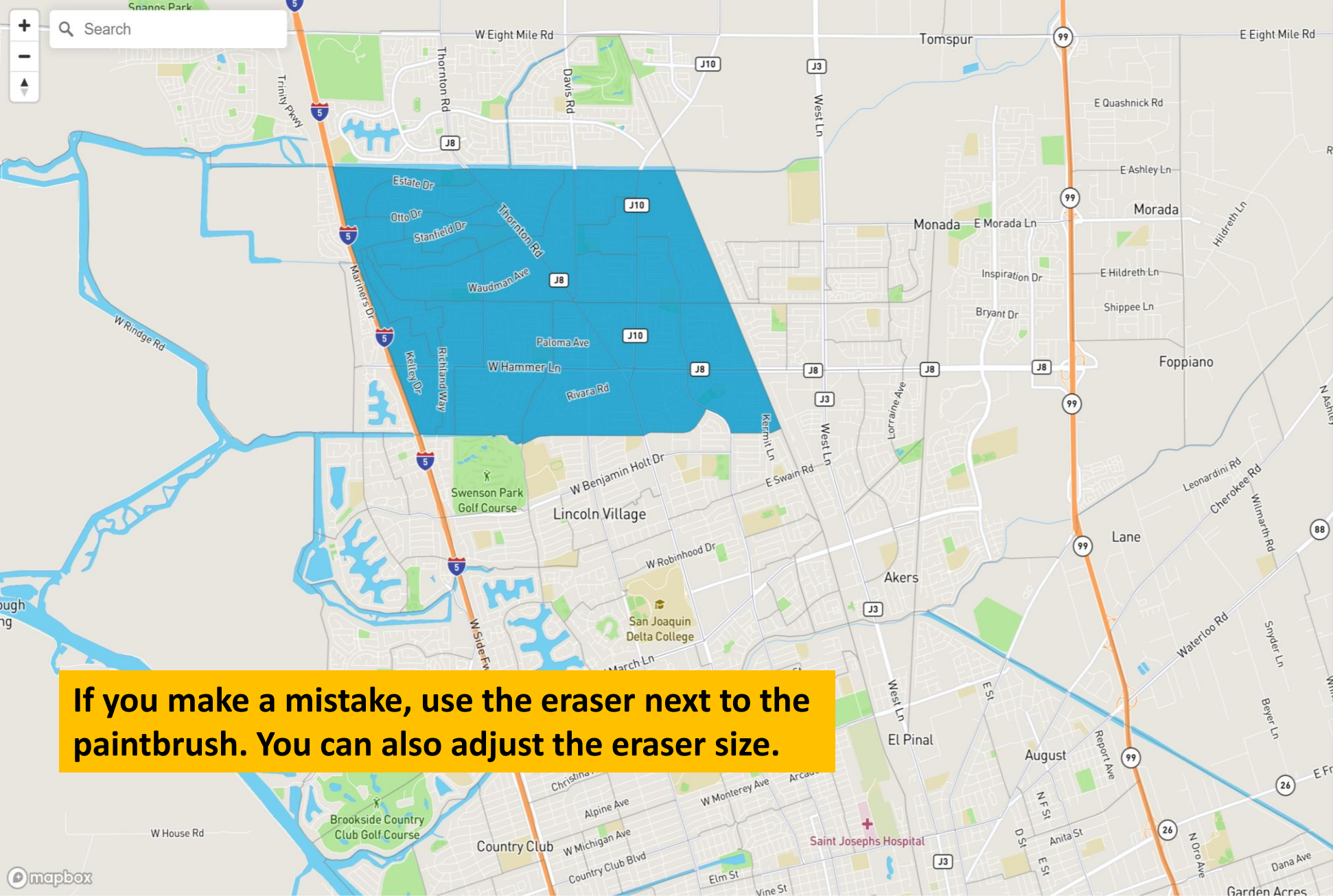
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Use the hand to pan around the map, and zoom in by scrolling with your mouse or using the + and – in the upper lefthand corner to find your community








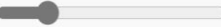




Once you find your community, use the paintbrush to fill the area. You can adjust the size of the paintbrush by toggling Brush Size.



If you make a mistake, use the eraser next to the paintbrush. You can also adjust the eraser size.




ERASER SIZE  20

UNDO / REDO  

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▼ Areas of Interest

SELECT 

 Community 1 ▼


NAME 

Community 1

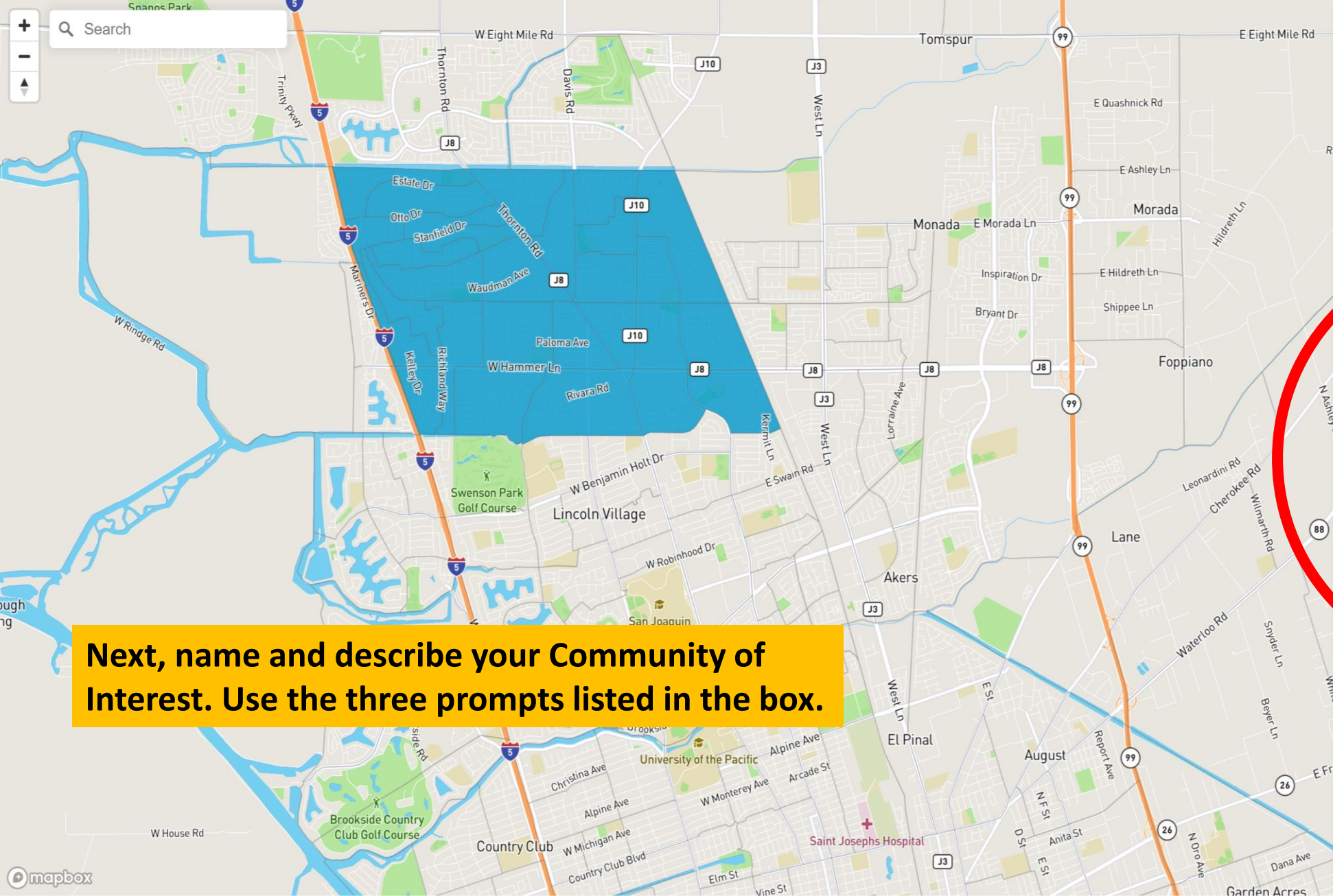
Describe this community

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▼ Important Places 

 New





**Next, name and describe your Community of Interest. Use the three prompts listed in the box.**

Save

COLOR

BRUSH SIZE

☐ Paint counties

☐ Lock already-drawn communities

UNDO / REDO

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SELECT

North Lincoln Village

NAME

North Lincoln Village

Geographic boundaries

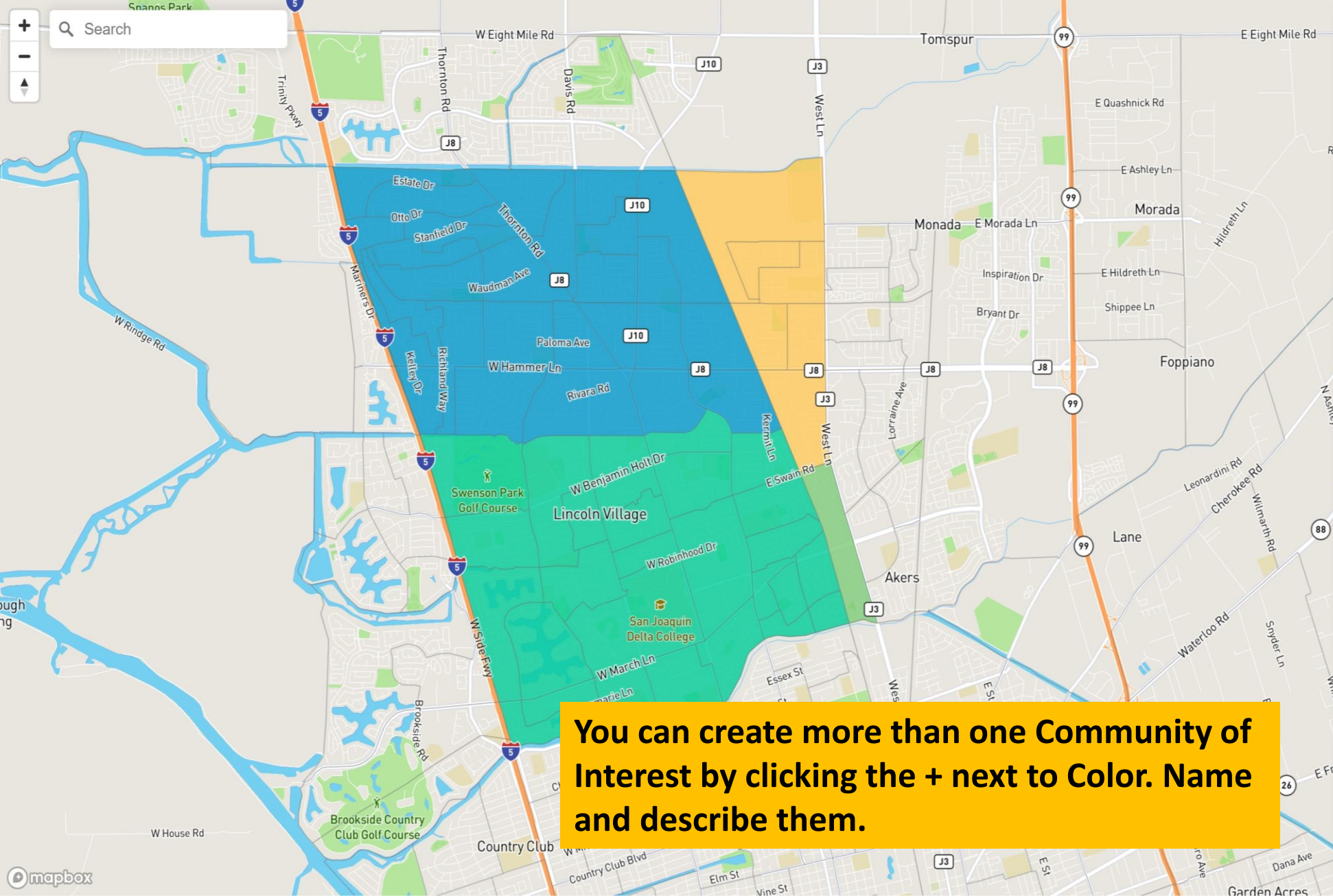
Shared characteristics, culture, or bond







How your COI is affected by policy decisions

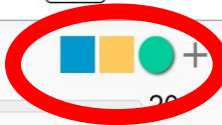
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▼ Important Places

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**Areas of Interest**

**SELECT**

 Community 3

 North Lincoln Village

 Community 2

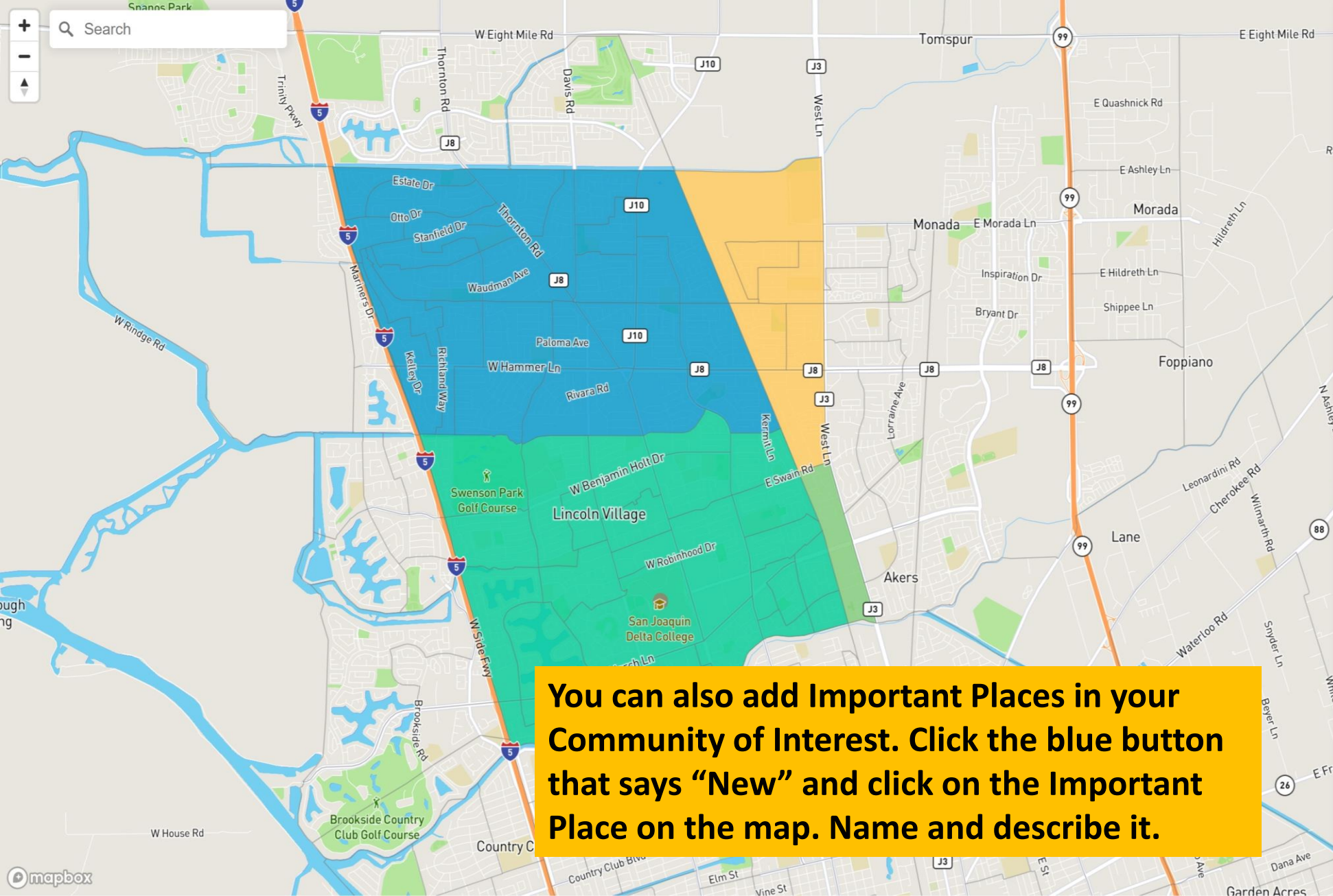
 Community 3

Describe this community

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**Important Places**  
 New





**You can also add Important Places in your Community of Interest. Click the blue button that says “New” and click on the Important Place on the map. Name and describe it.**

Save

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NAME

Community 3

Describe this community

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Important Places

New

Click on map over marker for info; edit below

SELECT

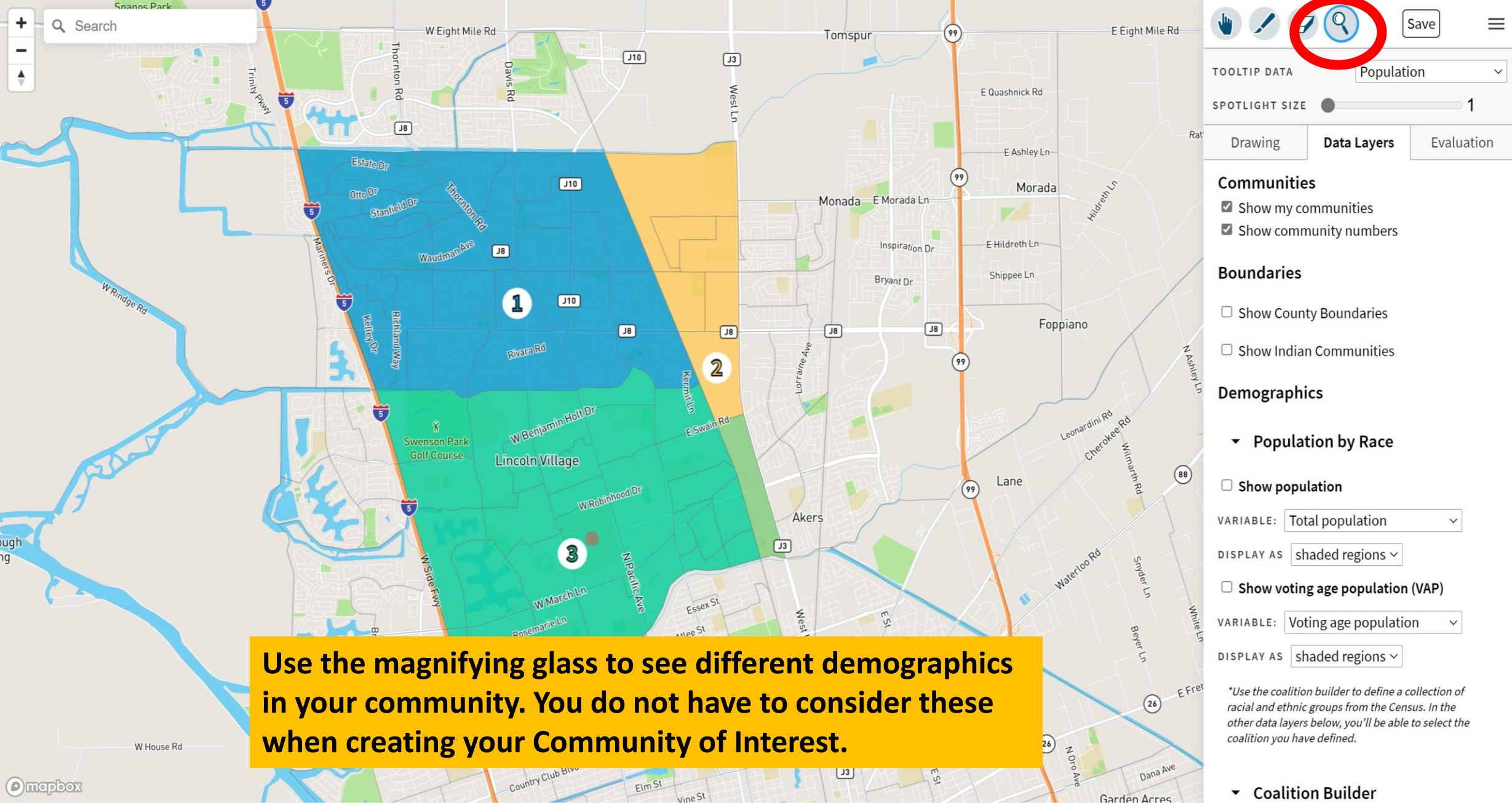
San Joaquin Delta College

PLACE NAME

San Joaquin Delta College

Describe this point





Use the magnifying glass to see different demographics in your community. You do not have to consider these when creating your Community of Interest.

*\*Use the coalition builder to define a collection of racial and ethnic groups from the Census. In the other data layers below, you'll be able to select the coalition you have defined.*

