

Antelope Valley Healthcare District Introduction to Districting Public Hearing #4

May 28, 2025

Ken Chawkins
National Demographics Corporation

Election Systems

1. “At Large”
2. “From District” or “Residence” Districts
3. “By District”

**The California Voting Rights Act
was written to specifically
encourage by-district elections.**

CVRA Impact

❑ Switched (or in the process of switching) as a result of CVRA:

- ❑ At least 337 school districts
- ❑ 46 Community College Districts
- ❑ 208 cities
- ❑ 1 County Board of Supervisors
- ❑ 76 special districts

❑ Cases So Far:

- ❑ Palmdale, Santa Clara and Santa Monica went to trial on the merits. Palmdale and Santa Clara lost. Santa Monica is awaiting a decision. Burbank and Huntington Beach trials are scheduled to start in 2025.
- ❑ Modesto and Palmdale each spent about \$1.8 million on their defense (in addition to the attorney fee awards in those cases).
- ❑ Santa Monica has spent an estimated \$7to \$10 million so far. Plaintiffs in Santa Monica requested \$22 million in legal fees after the original trial.

❑ Sample settlements:

- ❑ Palmdale: \$4.7 million
- ❑ Santa Clara: \$3.8 million
- ❑ Modesto: \$3 million
- ❑ Highland: \$1.3 million
- ❑ Anaheim: \$1.1 million
- ❑ Whittier: \$1 million
- ❑ Santa Barbara: \$600,000
- ❑ Tulare Hospital: \$500,000
- ❑ Camarillo: \$233,000
- ❑ Compton Unified: \$200,000
- ❑ Madera Unified: about \$170,000
- ❑ Hanford Joint Union Schools: \$118,000
- ❑ Merced City: \$42,000

❑ An estimated \$18 million in total settlements and court awards so far.

Districting Process

Step	Description
Two Initial Hearings Feb. 26 & March 26 ✓	Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.
Release draft maps April 23 ✓	Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to 3 rd hearing.
Two hearings on draft maps April 30 & May 28 ✓	Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.
Map adoption June 25	Map adopted via ordinance or resolution. Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria

In prioritized order:

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Avoid division of neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Avoid division of Cities and Census Designated Places**
4. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
5. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

2. California Prohibition

“Shall not adopt election district boundaries for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party.”

3. Other Traditional Redistricting Principles

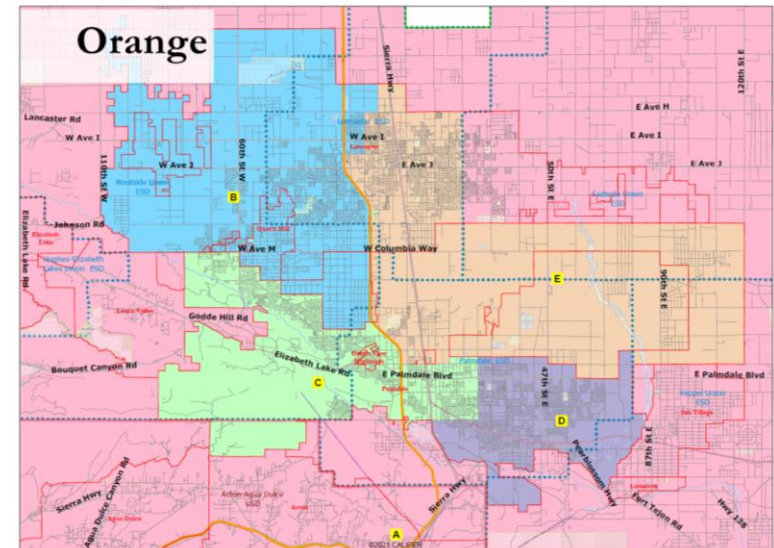
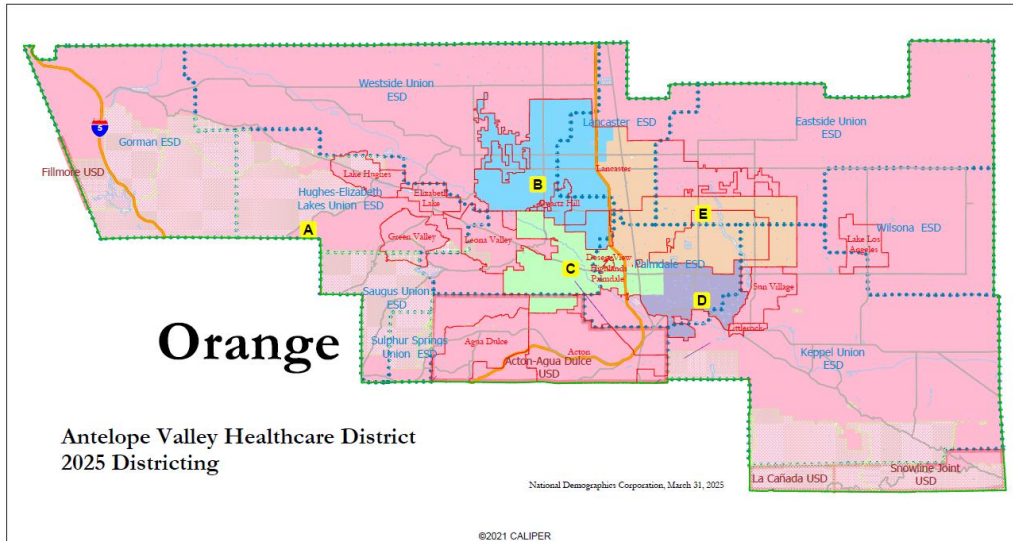
Future population growth

Demographic Summary

Each of the five divisions must contain about 83,953 people.

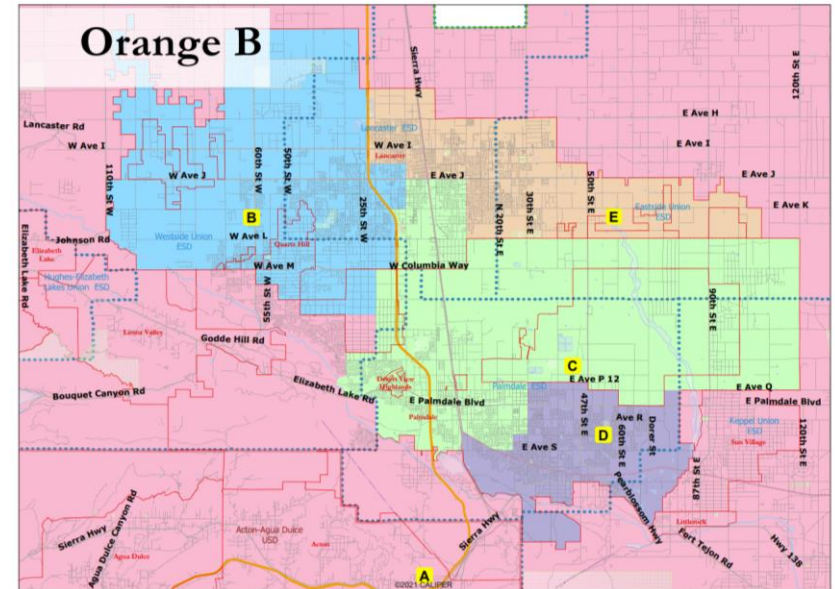
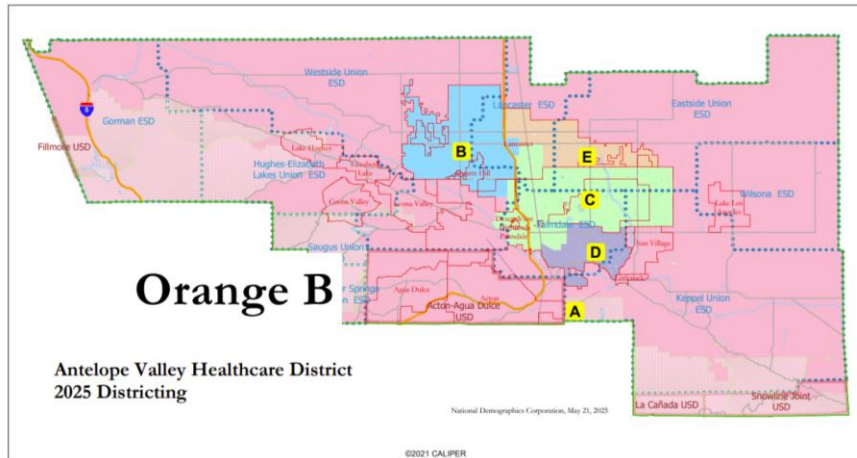
Category	Field	Total	Category	Field	Total
2020 Census	Total Population	419,763	Age	age0-19	30%
Total Pop.	Hispanic/Latino	52%		age20-60	51%
	NH White	25%		age60plus	19%
	NH Black	15%	Immigration	immigrants	19%
	NH Asian/Pac.Isl.	6%		naturalized	56%
	NH Native Amer.	1%	Language spoken at home	english	58%
Citizen Voting Age Pop	Total	261,879		spanish	37%
	Hisp	46%		asian-lang	2%
	NH White	31%		other lang	2%
	NH Black	17%	Language Fluency	Speaks Eng. "Less than Very Well"	16%
	Asian/Pac.Isl.	5%	Education (among those age 25+)	hs-grad	62%
	Native Amer.	1%		bachelor	12%
Voter Registration (Nov 2022)	Total	221,363		graduatedegree	6%
	Latino est.	42%	Child in Household	child-under18	40%
	Spanish-Surnamed	38%	Pct of Pop. Age 16+	employed	54%
	Asian-Surnamed	2%	Household Income	income 0-25k	15%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%		income 25-50k	17%
	NH White est.	38%		income 50-75k	16%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2022)	NH Black	16%		income 75-200k	43%
	Total	81,713		income 200k-plus	9%
	Latino est.	30%	Housing Stats	single family	84%
	Spanish-Surnamed	27%		multi-family	16%
	Asian-Surnamed	2%		rented	36%
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%		owned	64%
Voter Turnout (Nov 2020)	NH White est.	49%	Total population data from California's adjusted 2020 Census data. Citizen Voting Age Population, Age, Immigration, and other demographics from the 2019-2023 American Community Survey and Special Tabulation 5-year data. Turnout and Registration data from California Statewide Database. "Latino" figures calculated by NDC using Census Bureau's Latino undercount by surname estimate.		
	NH Black	17%			
	Total	157,854			
	Latino est.	37%			
	Spanish-Surnamed	34%			
	Asian-Surnamed	2%			
	Filipino-Surnamed	1%			
	NH White est.	44%			
	NH Black est.	16%			

Proposed Map Orange



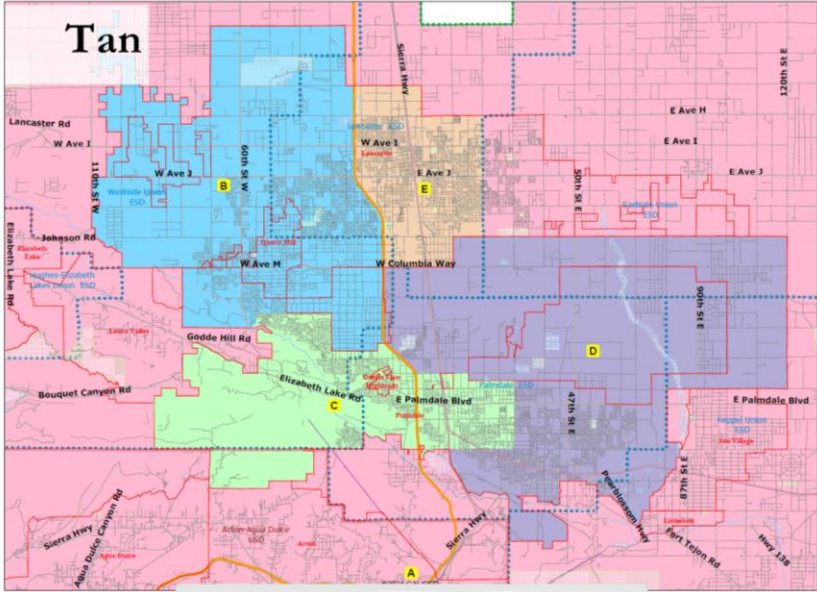
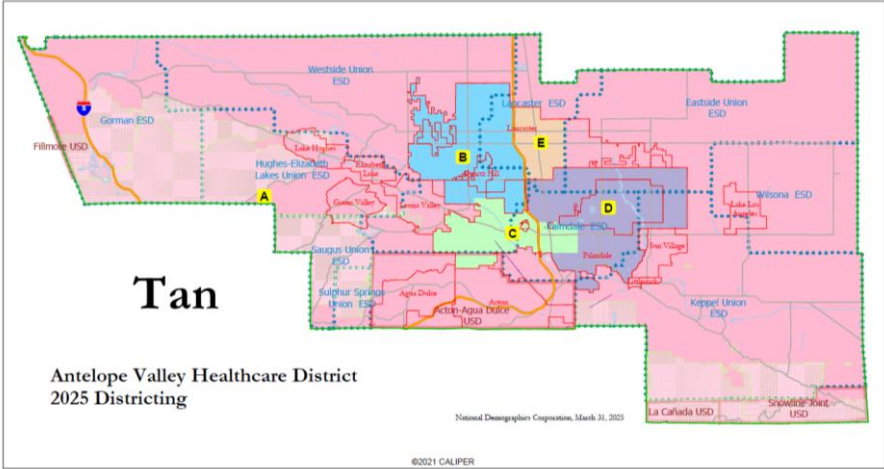
- Population balanced – 2.79% Deviation
- Two Cities encircled by “rural” communities
- Zone D – Majority Latino

Proposed Map Orange B



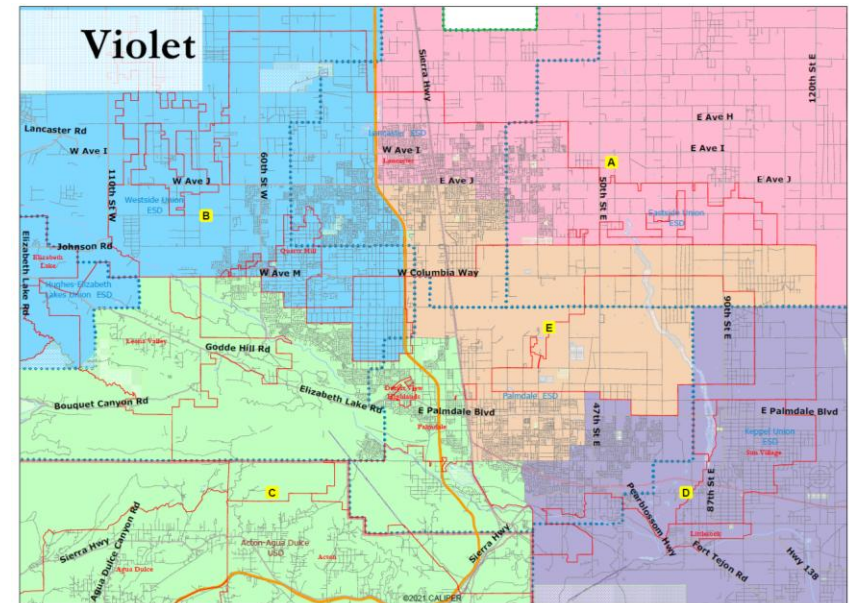
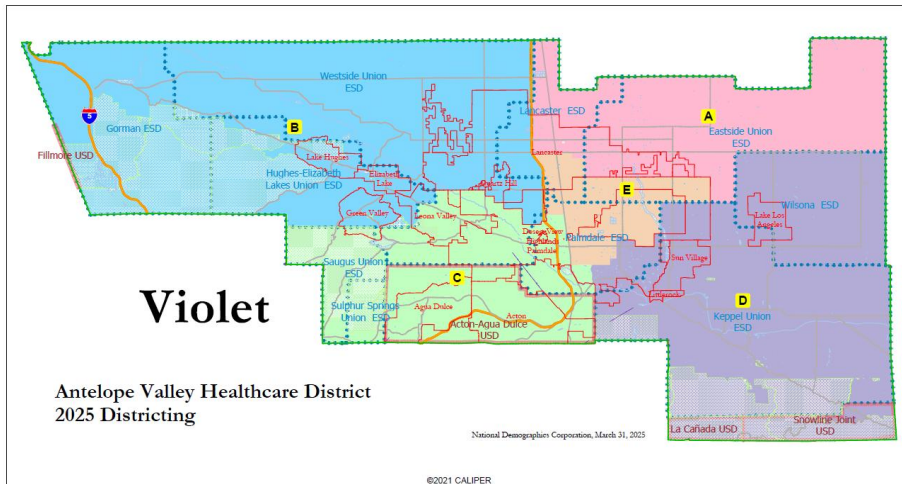
- Population balanced – 7.53% Deviation
- Two Cities encircled by “rural” communities
- Zone C & D – Majority Latino

Proposed Map - Tan



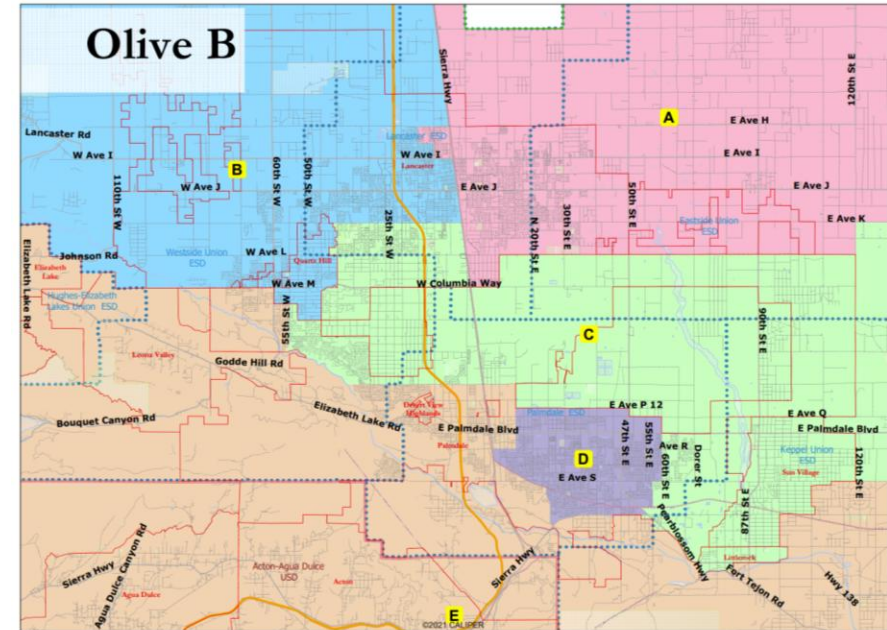
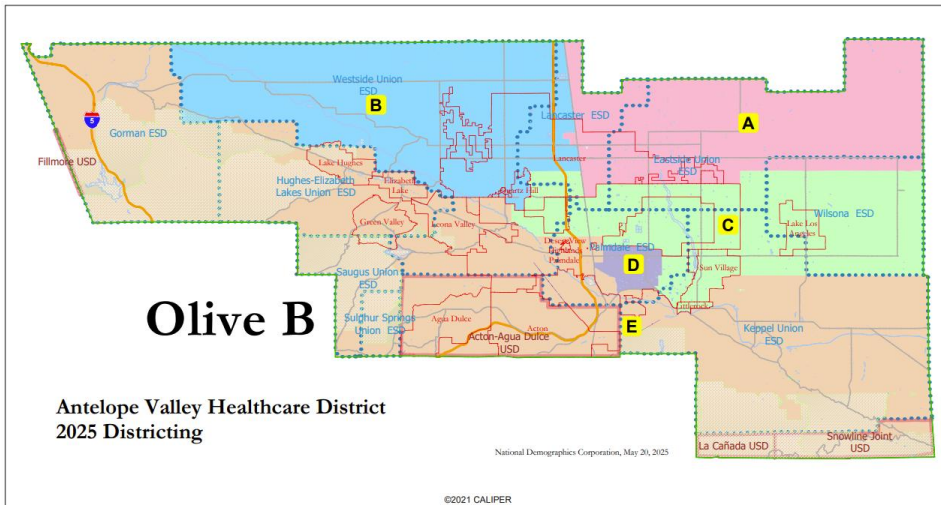
- Population balanced – 5.93% Deviation
- Two Cities encircled by “rural” communities
- Zones C & D Majority Latino

Proposed Map - Violet



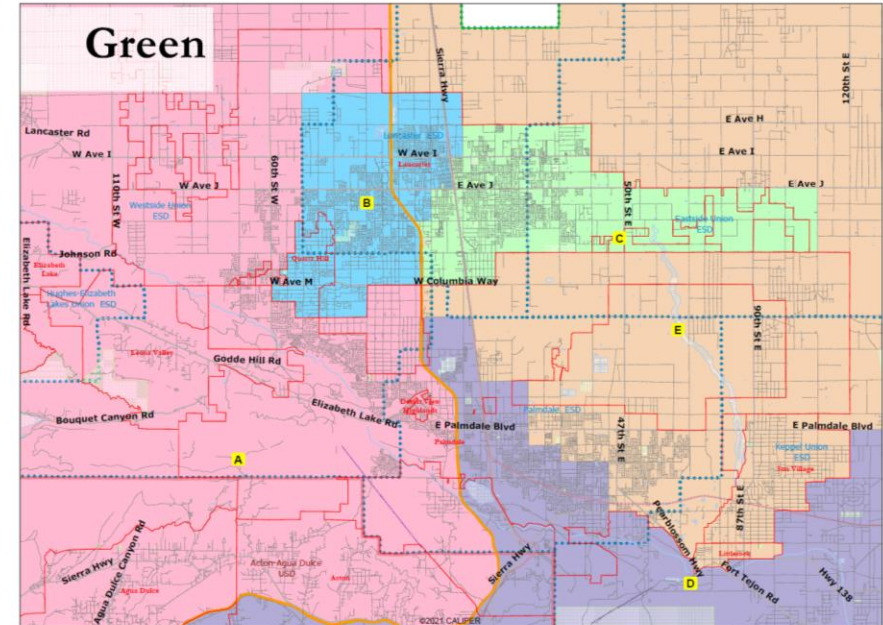
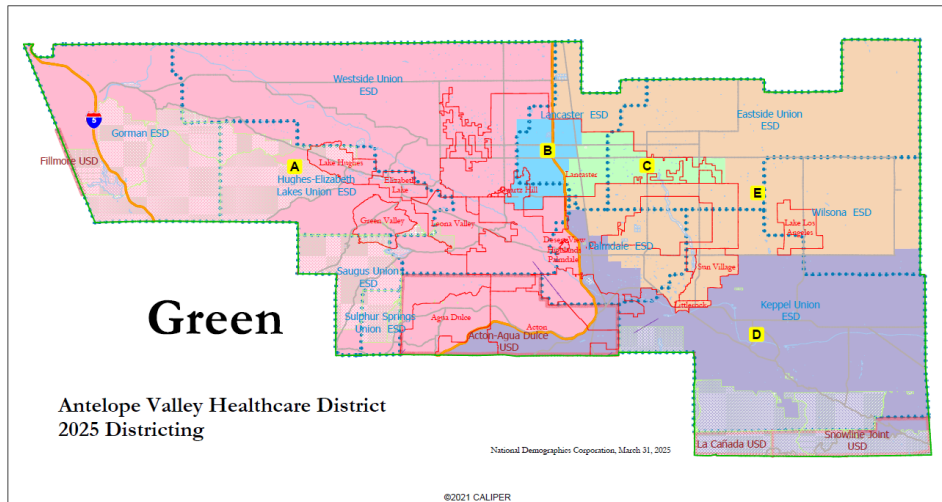
- Population balanced – 4.04% Deviation
- “Pie pieces” using School District lines roughly
- Zones D & E Majority Latino

Proposed Map – Olive B



- Population balanced – 2.50% Deviation
- “Horizontal” Orientation
- Zones D Majority Latino

Proposed Map – Green



- Population balanced – 6.11% Deviation
- Only Zone B crosses freeway
- Zones D & E Majority Latino

Your Turn:

1. What maps do you like?
2. What maps do you **NOT** like?
3. What adjustments to you want for final selection?
4. Any **NEW** ideas to bring forward?



Share Your Thoughts

Website

<https://www.avmc.org/about-us/board-of-directors/>

Phone

(661) 949-5508

Email

District.Board@avmc.org