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TO: LINN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CC: SECRETARY OF STATE

FROM: IOWA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

RE: LINN COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING REPORT - PLAN I

I. PLAN 3 COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.210A, the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) shall draw a representation plan for a county that elects supervisors under plan “three” as defined in Iowa Code section 331.206 if a new representation plan is required by law. Following submission to and approval by the state commissioner of elections of a precinct plan to be used to draw the new representation plan for the county, the state commissioner of elections shall notify the Legislative Council which shall direct the LSA to prepare a representation plan for the county.

After the LSA has drawn the plan, the LSA shall submit the plan to the governing body for the county and shall at the earliest feasible time make available to the public copies of the legal description of the plans, maps illustrating the plans, a summary of the standards prescribed by law for development of the plans, and a statement of the population of each district included in the plan, and the relative deviation of each district population from the ideal district population.

Upon receipt of the first plan, the governing body shall comply with the duties required by Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph “c”, to the extent applicable. After the requirements of Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraphs “a” through “c” have been met, the governing body shall review the plan and either approve or reject the plan. If the plan is rejected, the governing body shall give written reasons for the rejection and shall direct the LSA to prepare a second plan. The second plan may be amended by the governing body in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph “d”. After receiving the second plan, the governing body shall approve the second plan, the first plan, or an amended plan.

II. LINN COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING.

A. PLAN SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS.

PRECINCTS. The proposed precinct plan for Linn county as submitted and approved by the state commissioner of elections complies with legal standards applicable to precincts and allows for the drawing of a valid supervisor redistricting plan.

POPULATION EQUALITY. Pursuant to the 2020 federal decennial census, the total population of Linn county is 230,299 persons. Linn county has 3 supervisors. As a result, the ideal population size for each county supervisor district is 76,766 persons. To avoid the requirement that a county board of supervisors has the burden of proof to justify any supervisor district that deviates from the ideal population by more than 1 percent or 768 persons, each county supervisor district in the plan has a population of between 75,998 and 77,534 persons.

CITIES. Iowa Code section 49.3, subsection 2, paragraph “e,” provides that cities shall not be divided into two or more county supervisor districts unless the population of the city is greater than the ideal size of a district and cities shall be divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible. Based on this requirement, cities that did not exceed the ideal size of a district were not divided into two or more county supervisor districts in the plan. The city of Cedar Rapids exceeds the ideal size of a district and was divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible.

B. LINN COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS PLAN I DESCRIPTIONS.

PLAN I. The first proposed county supervisor redistricting plan for Linn county is as follows:

District 1. District 1 shall consist of the following precincts: Cedar Rapids 19, Cedar Rapids 20, Cedar Rapids 21, Cedar Rapids 22, Cedar Rapids 23, Cedar Rapids 29, Cedar Rapids 30, Cedar Rapids 31, Cedar Rapids 32, Cedar Rapids 33, Cedar Rapids 34, Cedar Rapids 35, Cedar Rapids 36, Cedar Rapids 39, Cedar Rapids 40, Cedar Rapids 41, Cedar Rapids 42, Cedar Rapids 43, Cedar Rapids 44, Cedar Rapids 45, Cedar Rapids 46, Cedar Rapids 47, Cedar Rapids 48, Cedar Rapids 49, Cedar Rapids 50, Cedar Rapids 51, Clinton Township, Fairfax, Fairfax Township, and Putnam Township.

District 2. District 2 shall consist of the following precincts: Cedar Rapids 01, Cedar Rapids 02, Cedar Rapids 03, Cedar Rapids 04, Cedar Rapids 05, Cedar Rapids 06, Cedar Rapids 07, Cedar Rapids 08, Cedar Rapids 09, Cedar Rapids 10, Cedar Rapids 11, Cedar Rapids 12, Cedar Rapids 13, Cedar Rapids 14, Cedar Rapids 15, Cedar Rapids 16, Cedar Rapids 17, Cedar Rapids 18, Cedar Rapids 24, Cedar Rapids 25, Cedar Rapids 26, Cedar Rapids 27, Cedar Rapids 28, Cedar Rapids 37, Cedar Rapids 38, Hiawatha 01, Hiawatha 02, and Hiawatha 03.

District 3. District 3 shall consist of the following precincts: Bertram Township, Boulder - Buffalo, Brown - Linn, Fayette Township, Franklin Township, Grant Township, Jackson Township, Maine Township, Marion 01, Marion 02, Marion 03, Marion 04, Marion 05, Marion 06, Marion 07, Marion 08, Marion 09, Marion 10, Marion 11, Marion 12, Marion 13, Marion 14, Marion 15, Marion 16, Marion 17, Marion 18, Marion Township 01, Marion Township 02, Monroe Township 01, Monroe Township 02, Mount Vernon 01, Mount Vernon 02, Otter Creek Township, Robins, Spring Grove Township, and Washington Township.

C. PLAN I PUBLIC NOTICE. The requirements of making information about the plan available to the public shall be met by making this report and the attachments available through the Legal Topic Publications section on the Iowa General Assembly's website located at the following link:
www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/legalPubs.

D. PLAN I APPROVAL OR REJECTION NOTIFICATION. If Plan I is approved by the board of supervisors, the plan shall be submitted to the state commissioner of elections for approval as required by Iowa Code section 321.210A, subsection 2, paragraph "e." If Plan I is rejected, the board of supervisors shall notify the state commissioner of elections of the rejection, including reasons for rejecting the plan, which the state commissioner of elections will provide to the LSA.

III. ATTACHMENTS.

Attached to this Report are the following:

- 1** — Standards for Plan 3 county supervisor redistricting.
- 2** — Map of proposed county supervisor districts - Plan I.
- 3** — Information including populations and population variance statistics for each county supervisor district in Plan I.

ATTACHMENT 1

STANDARDS FOR PLAN THREE COUNTY SUPERVISOR REDISTRICTING

Several Iowa Code sections prescribe standards for establishing county supervisor districts for counties that elect supervisors under plan “three.”

Iowa Code section 49.3 establishes requirements for election precincts and all election districts, including city wards and county supervisor districts. Specifically, Iowa Code section 49.3, subsection 2, establishes the following five requirements that are applicable to plan “three” county supervisor election districts:

1. All boundaries shall follow precinct boundaries.
2. All districts shall be as nearly equal as practicable to the ideal population for the districts as determined by dividing the number of districts to be established into the population of the county.
3. All districts shall be composed of contiguous territory as compact as practicable.
4. Consideration shall not be given to the addresses of incumbent officeholders, political affiliations of registered voters, previous election results, or demographic information other than population head counts, except as required by the Constitution and the laws of the United States.
5. Cities shall not be divided into two or more county supervisor districts unless the population of the city is greater than the ideal size of a district. Cities shall be divided into the smallest number of county supervisor districts possible.

Iowa Code section 331.210 governs plan “three” supervisor districts. The Iowa Code section provides that supervisor districts shall be drawn as provided in Iowa Code section 331.209, except that the boundaries of supervisor districts shall follow voting precinct lines. Iowa Code section 331.209, governing plan “two” supervisor districts, provides that supervisor districts shall be drawn, to the extent applicable, in compliance with the redistricting standards provided for senatorial and representative districts in Iowa Code section 42.4, including the requirement of justifying any population variance of a district in excess of 1 percent. If a supervisor redistricting plan with a variance in excess of 1 percent is adopted, Iowa Code section 331.209 requires the county board of supervisors to publish the justification for the variance in one or more official newspapers.

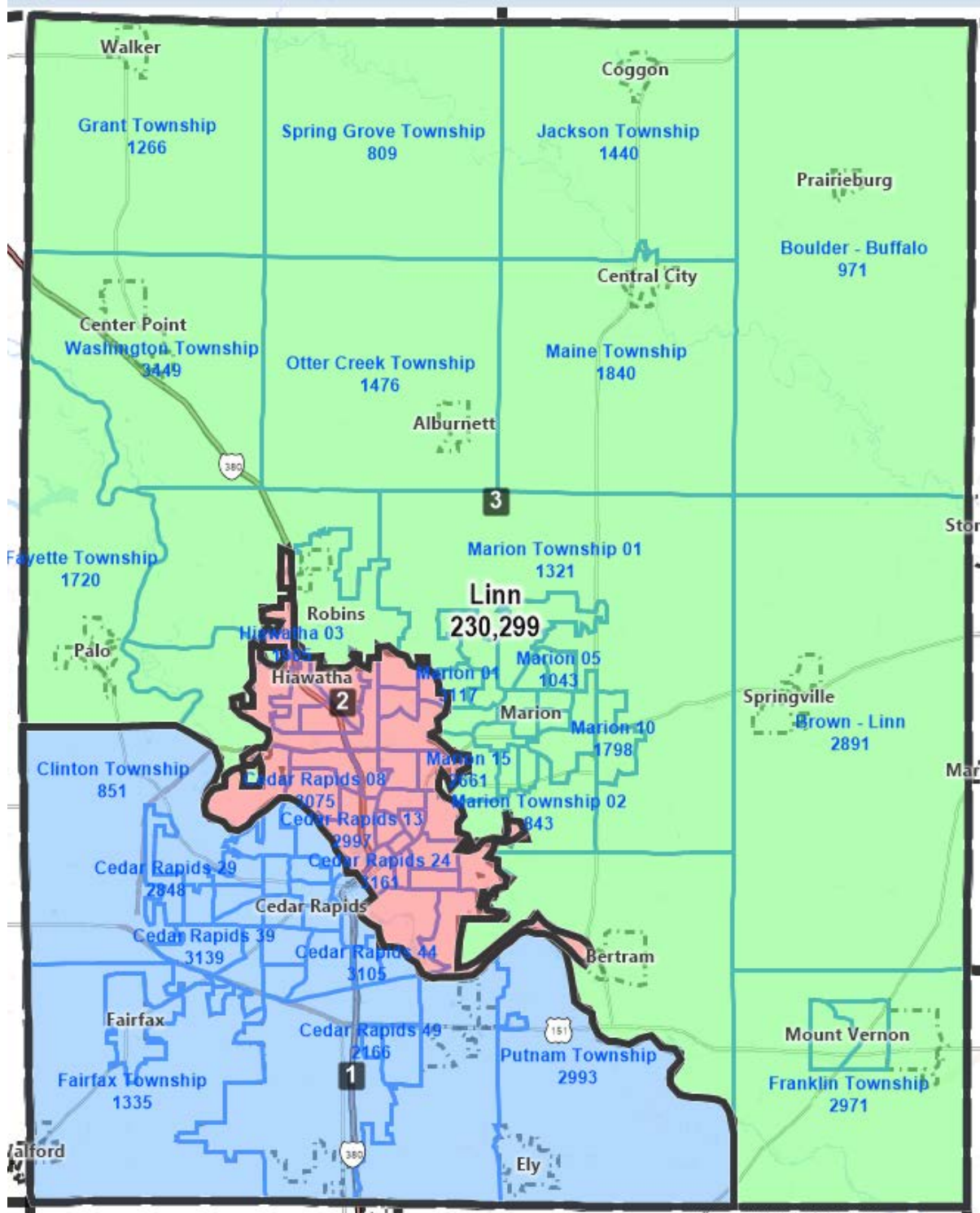
Iowa Code section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph “f,” governing plan “three” county supervisor plans drawn by the Legislative Services Agency, also provides that plans shall be drawn in accordance with Iowa Code section 42.4, to the extent applicable.

Iowa Code section 42.4, governing congressional and state legislative redistricting and made applicable to plan “three” county supervisor redistricting, prescribes, in relevant part, several redistricting standards to be used in the preparation of congressional and legislative redistricting plans. The Iowa Code section provides that legislative and congressional districts shall be established on the basis of population; that, subject to population requirements and to the extent possible; the number of counties and cities divided among more than one district shall be as small as possible; that districts shall be composed of convenient contiguous territory; that districts shall be reasonably compact in form; and that no district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress, or other person or group, or for the purpose of augmenting or diluting the voting strength of a language or racial minority group. In providing that no district shall be drawn for the purpose of favoring a political party, incumbent legislator or member of Congress, or other person or

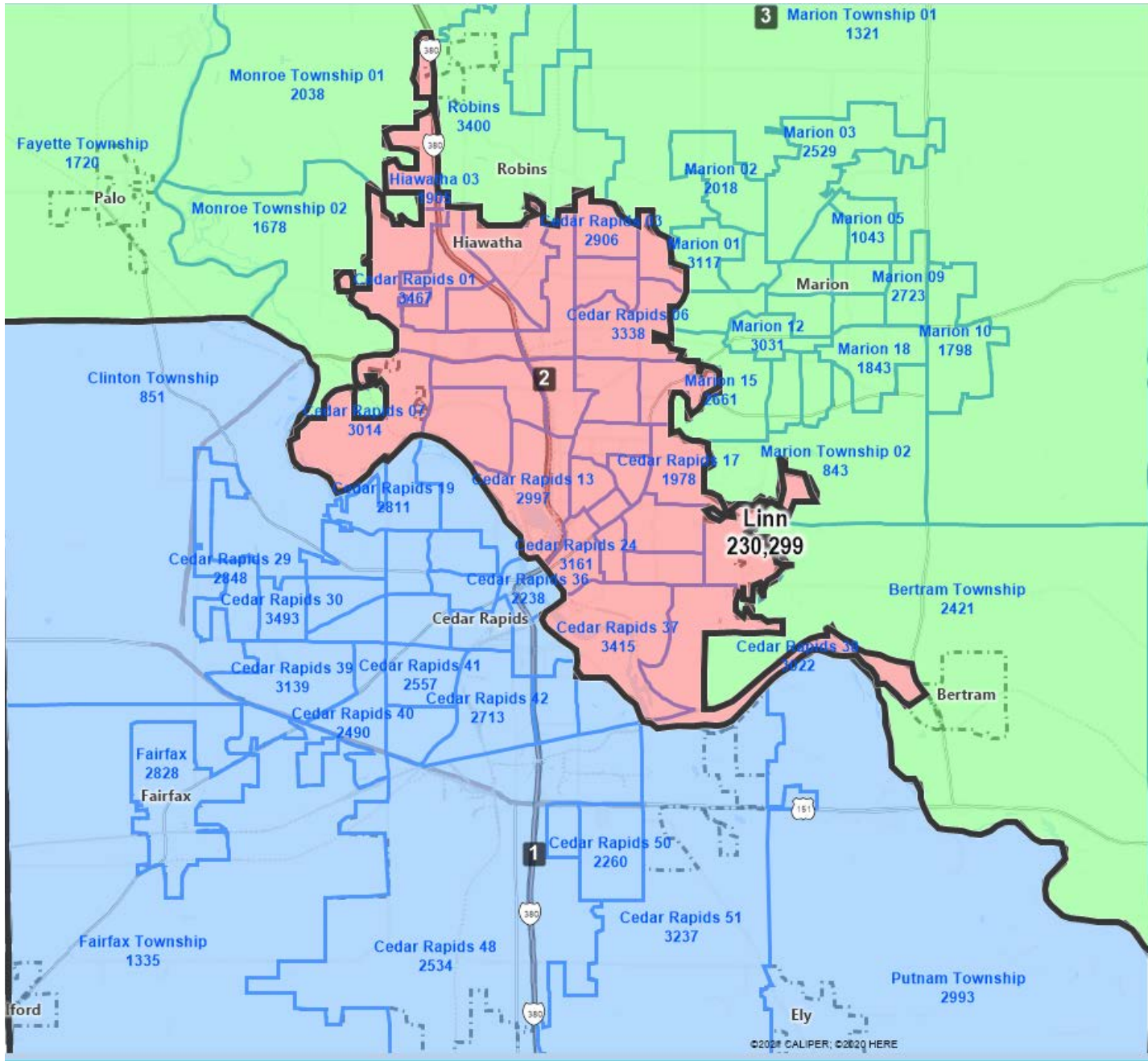
group, or for the purpose of augmenting or diluting the voting strength of a language or racial minority group, Iowa Code section 42.4 provides that no use shall be made of any data concerning the addresses of incumbent legislators or members of Congress, the political affiliations of registered voters, previous election results, and demographic information, other than population head counts, except as required by the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

ATTACHMENT 2

Proposed Linn County Supervisor Districts – Plan I



Proposed Linn County Supervisor Districts (Cedar Rapids Area) – Plan I



ATTACHMENT 3

**PLAN I POPULATION SUMMARY
LINN COUNTY**

DISTRICT NUMBER	TOTAL POPULATION	% DEVIATION FROM IDEAL DISTRICT POP.	DEVIATION FROM IDEAL DISTRICT POP.
1	76,946	0.23%	180
2	76,757	-0.01%	-9
3	76,596	-0.22%	-170

Total County Population: 230,299

Ideal Supervisor District Population: 76,766

Maximum Allowable Population Deviation: 768 persons

Absolute Mean Deviation: 119.67 persons

Overall Range

	LARGEST DISTRICT POP.	SMALLEST DISTRICT POP.	OVERALL
ABSOLUTE	76,946	76,596	350
RATIO	1.0046		