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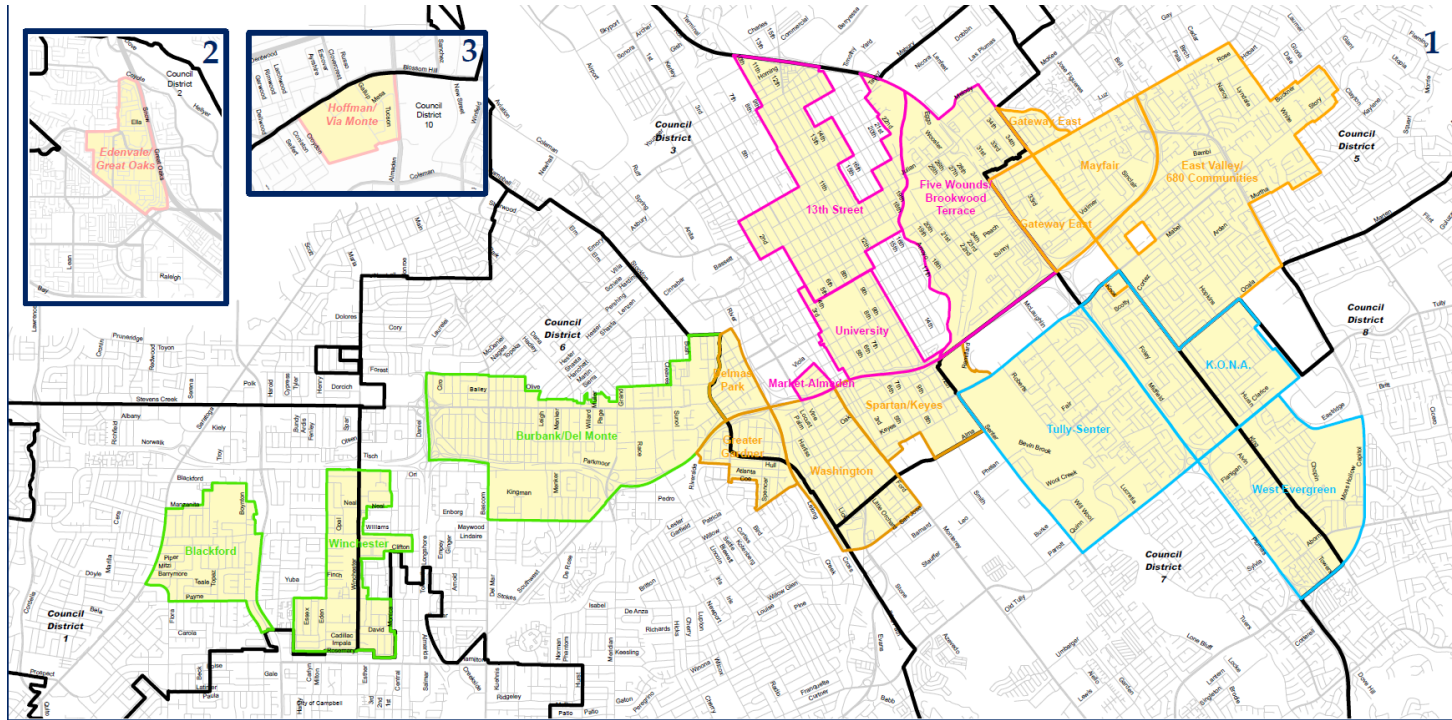
Larry Ames, March 17, 2018

San José Neighborhoods Commission

Purpose of N'ghbrhds Commission

- “The Neighborhoods Commission shall integrate the voice of neighborhoods into the City’s decision-making processes”
- “The Neighborhoods Commission is advisory to the City Council regarding San José neighborhoods.”
 - Budget
 - Code Enforcement
 - Community Engagement
 - Public Safety
 - Transportation
- Independent Citizens Oversight Standing Cmte
- **Empower the neighborhoods**

History

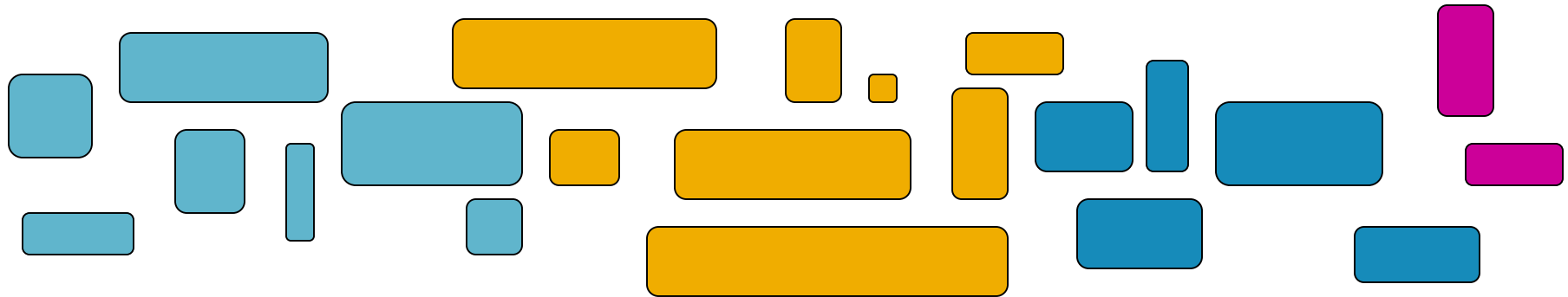


- 2002: Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) to assist ~1/3rd of city
- 2007 (→'08): SNI Project Advisory Committee (PAC) "sunsetted".
To continue community/City dialog & involve whole city, City establishes Nghbrhd Com'sn
- "Pilot Program": Caucuses in mid 2008; 1 year delay in seating; First meeting in July 2009.
- 2-year "Trial Program" ended & extended several times; made permanent Oct 2013
- summer 2014: caucuses for odd-numbered districts
- Aug 2014: first meeting of reconstructed Neighborhoods Commission

Relationship to DxNLG, UNSCC, ...

What's the difference between
"District Neighborhood Leadership Groups",
"United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County",
and the "Neighborhoods Commission"?

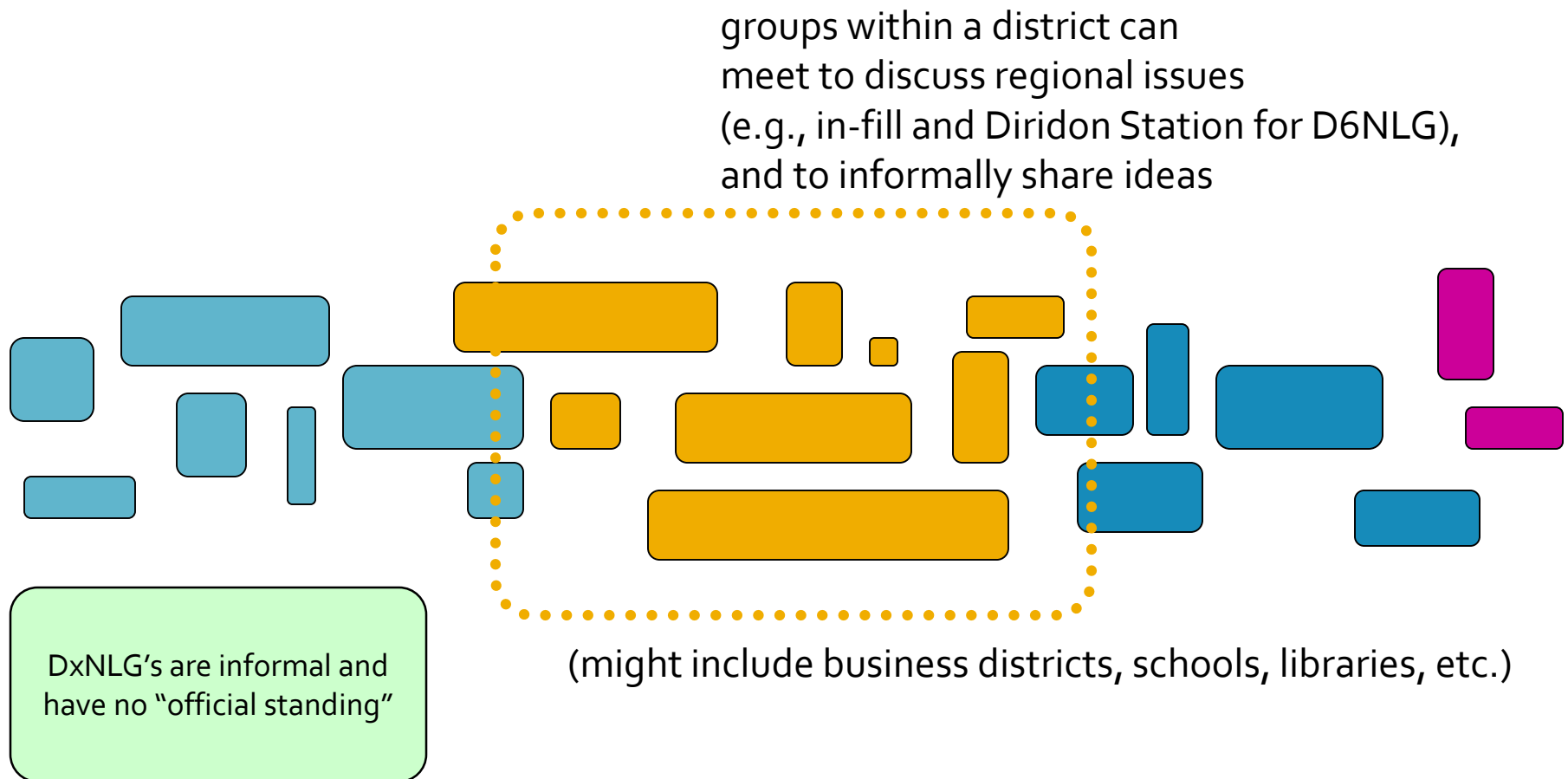
San José and the other towns in the
county are all comprised of local
neighborhoods, large and small...



neighborhood groups, large and small, across the city

(Let's use different colors
for different Council districts...)

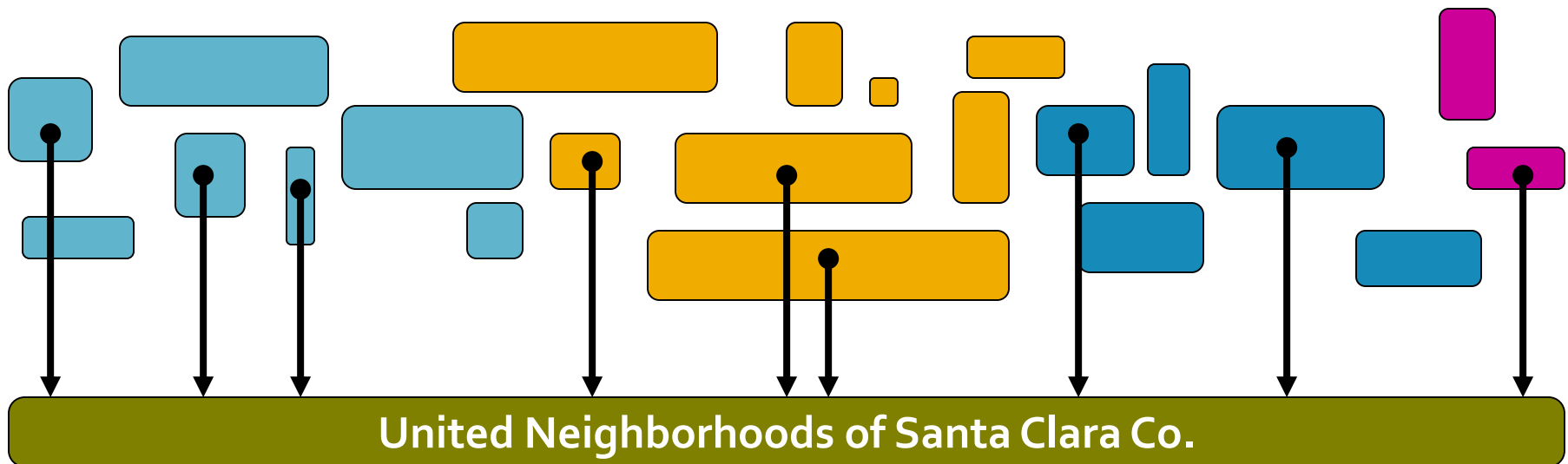
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UNSCC is a great forum for involvement, but again it is not an official entity.

UNSCC involves communities from across all of Santa Clara County.



groups from across the County may participate in UNSCC to learn techniques and share insurance & 501(c)3 funding

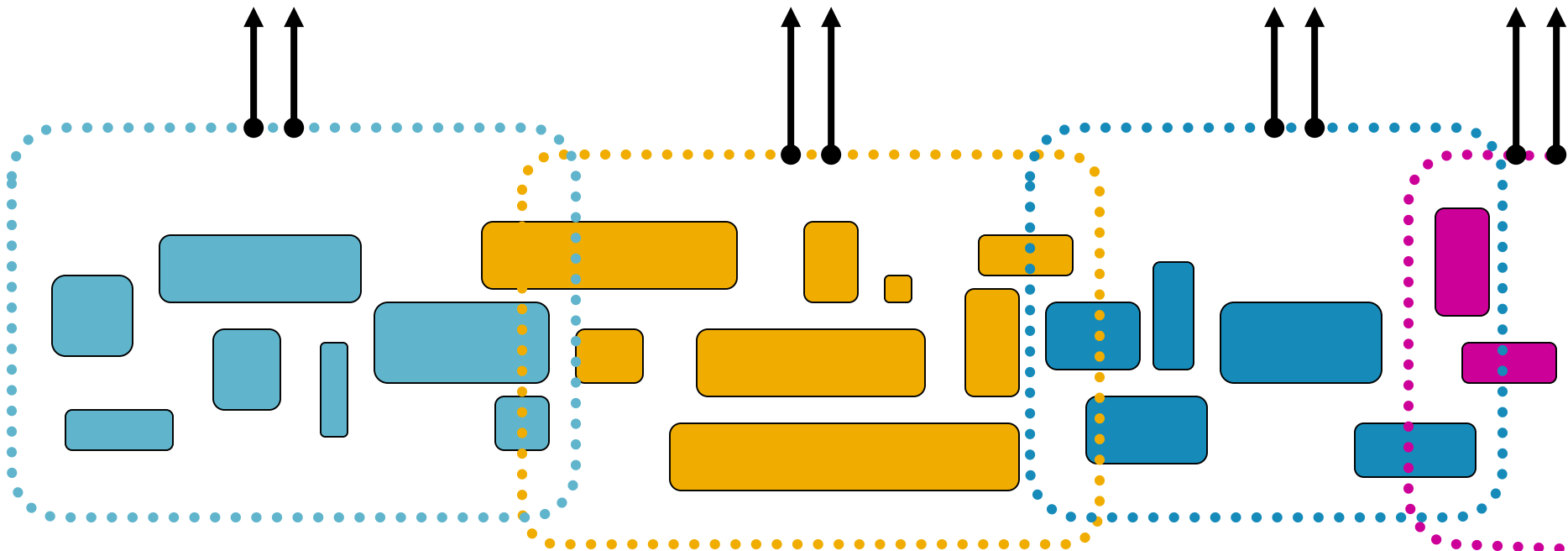
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The Neighborhoods Commission is an official City of San José Commission.

It can write formal letters to the Mayor and City Council.

It is the only City Commission with the charter to represent the n'ghbrhds.

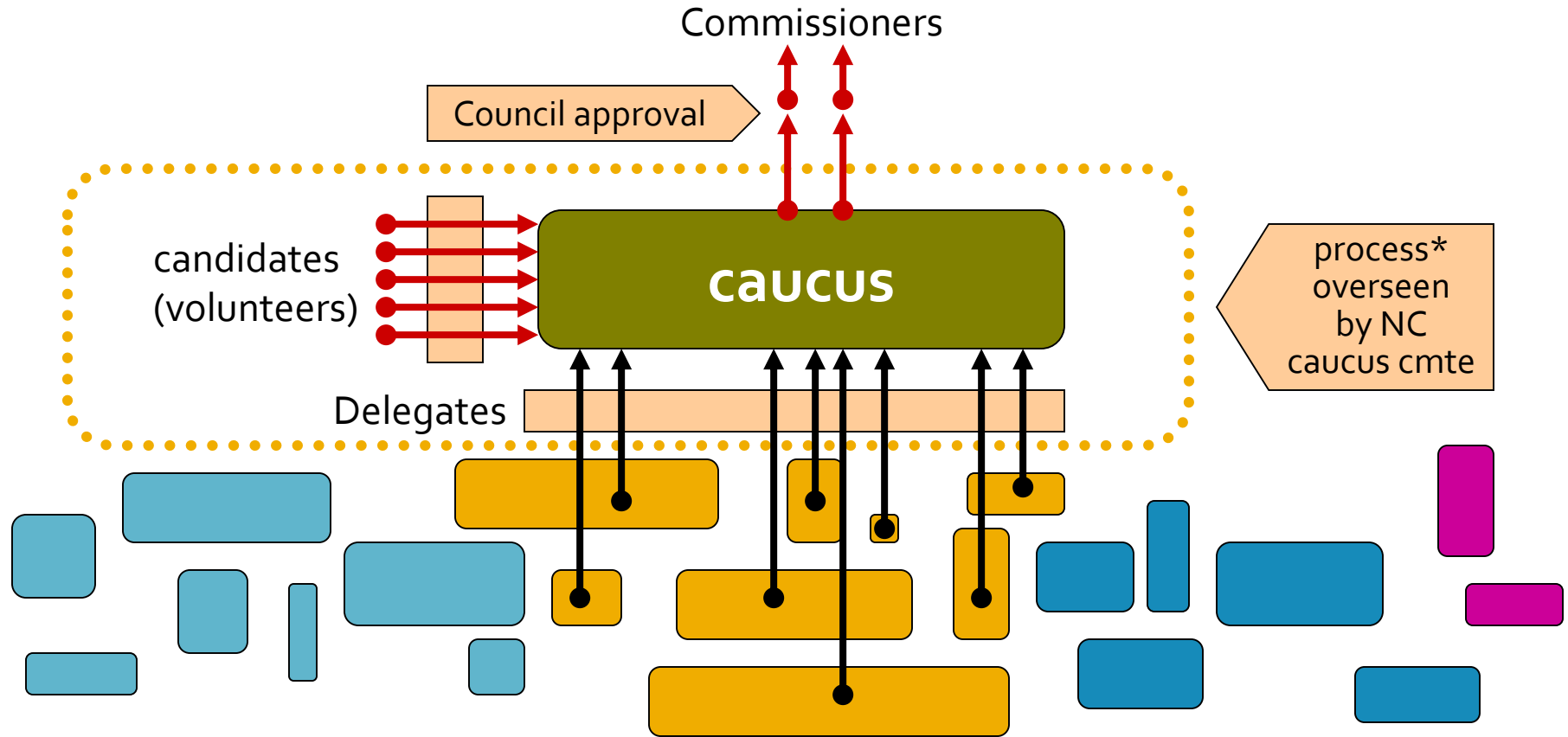
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the community selects 2 residents to officially represent
all the neighborhoods within each city council district
on neighborhood issues of citywide import

(some n'ghbrhds may be in
multiple Council districts...)

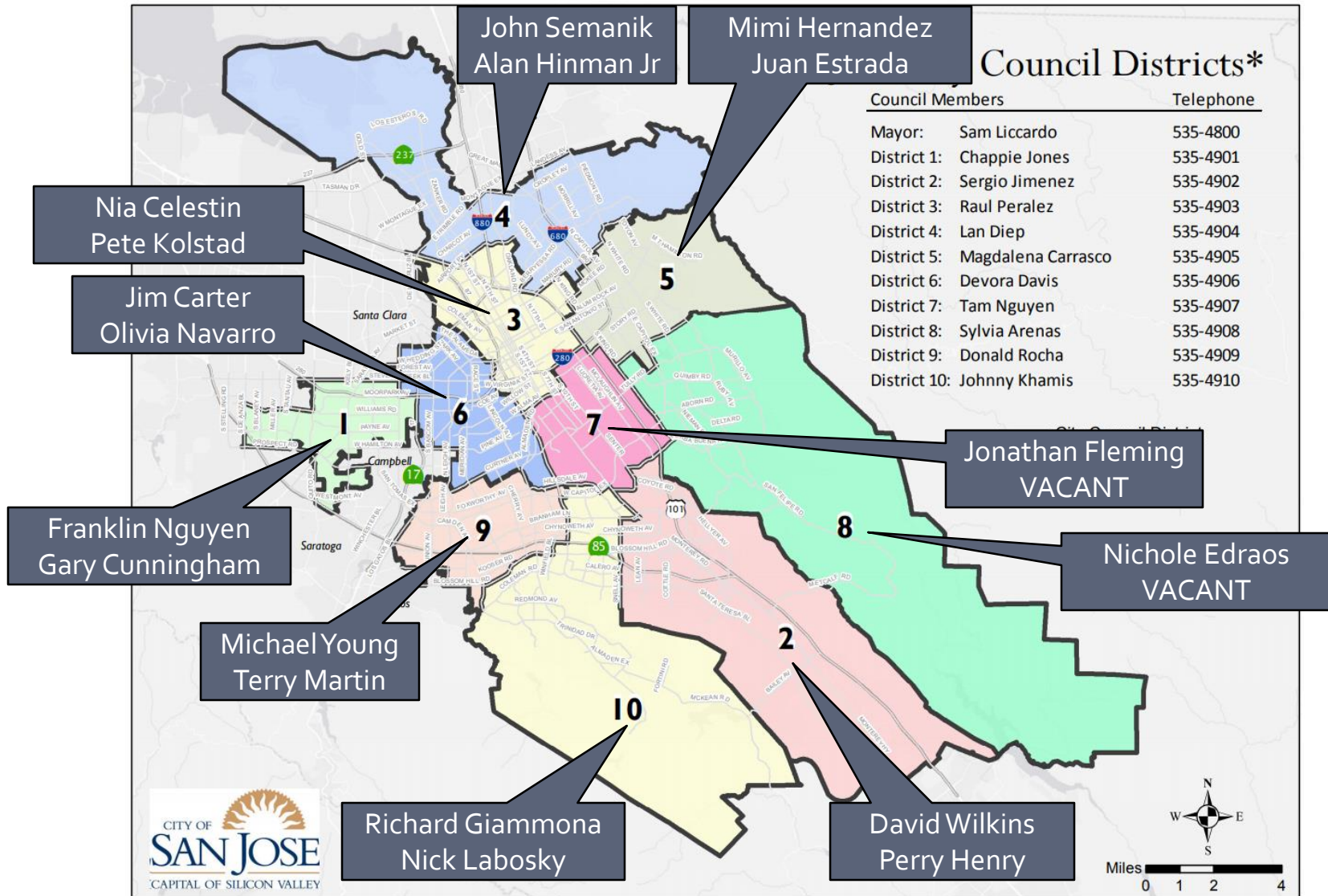
Caucus Process



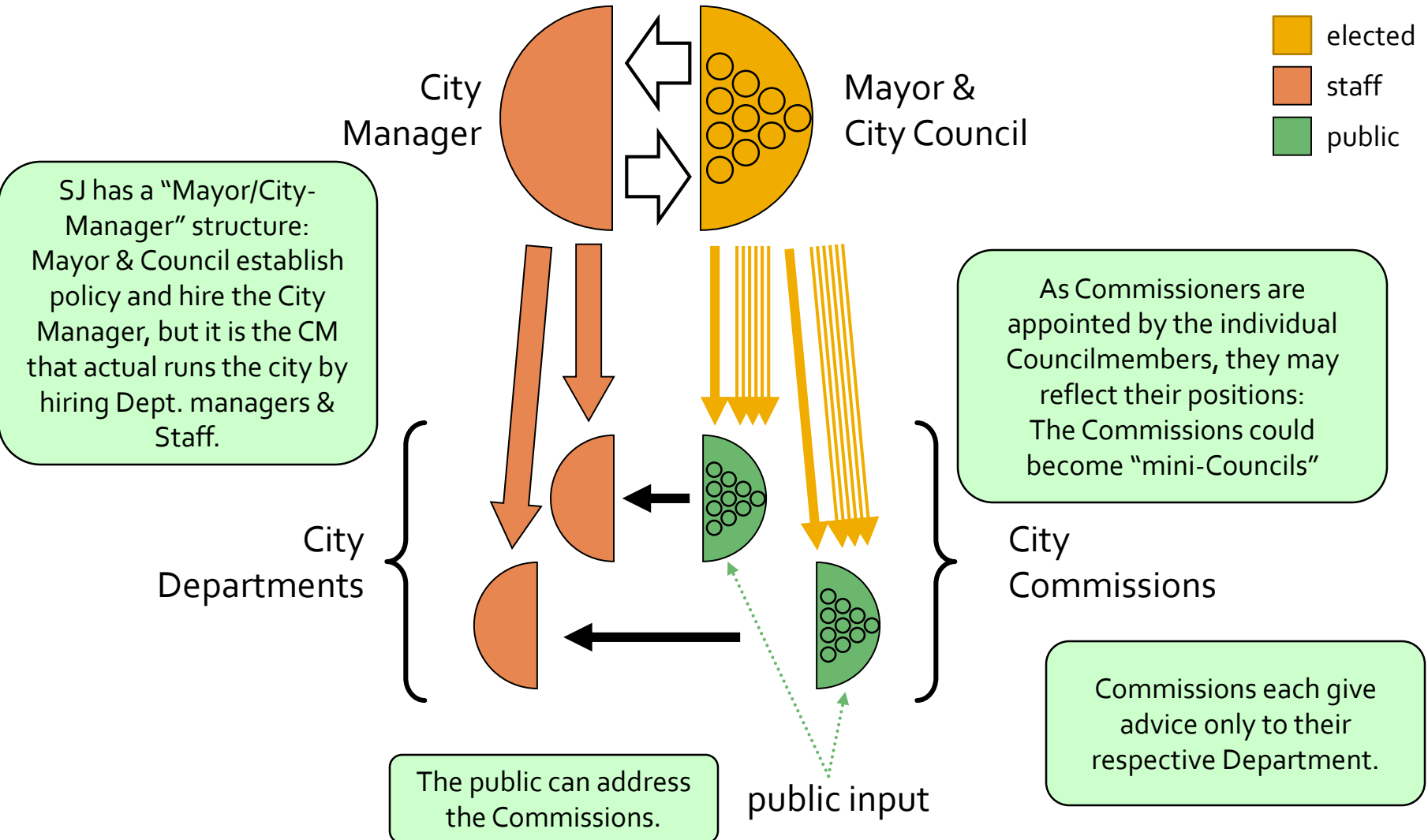
The NC's Commissioner selection process is unique: C'msnrs are selected by the community rather than by the Councilmember.

* In case of mid-term vacancies, the Councilmember of that district appoints a replacement from a pool of qualified candidates.

Commissioners



Standard Relationship to City



N'ghbrhd C'msn Relationship to City

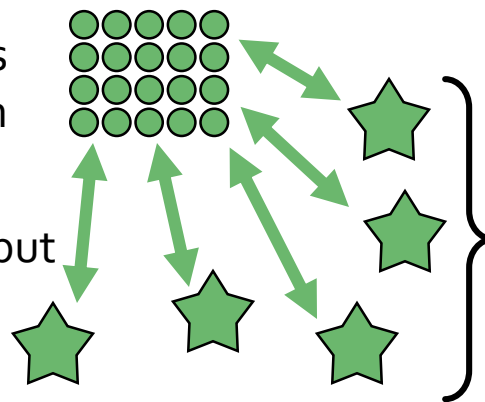


The N'ghbrhd Commissioners work with the City Manager's office and give advice to the Mayor & Council; They do not interact with individual City Departments.

The N'ghbrhd Commissioners are selected by the Community and approved by the Council as a whole. The Commissioners independent of their Councilmembers.

Neighborhoods Commission

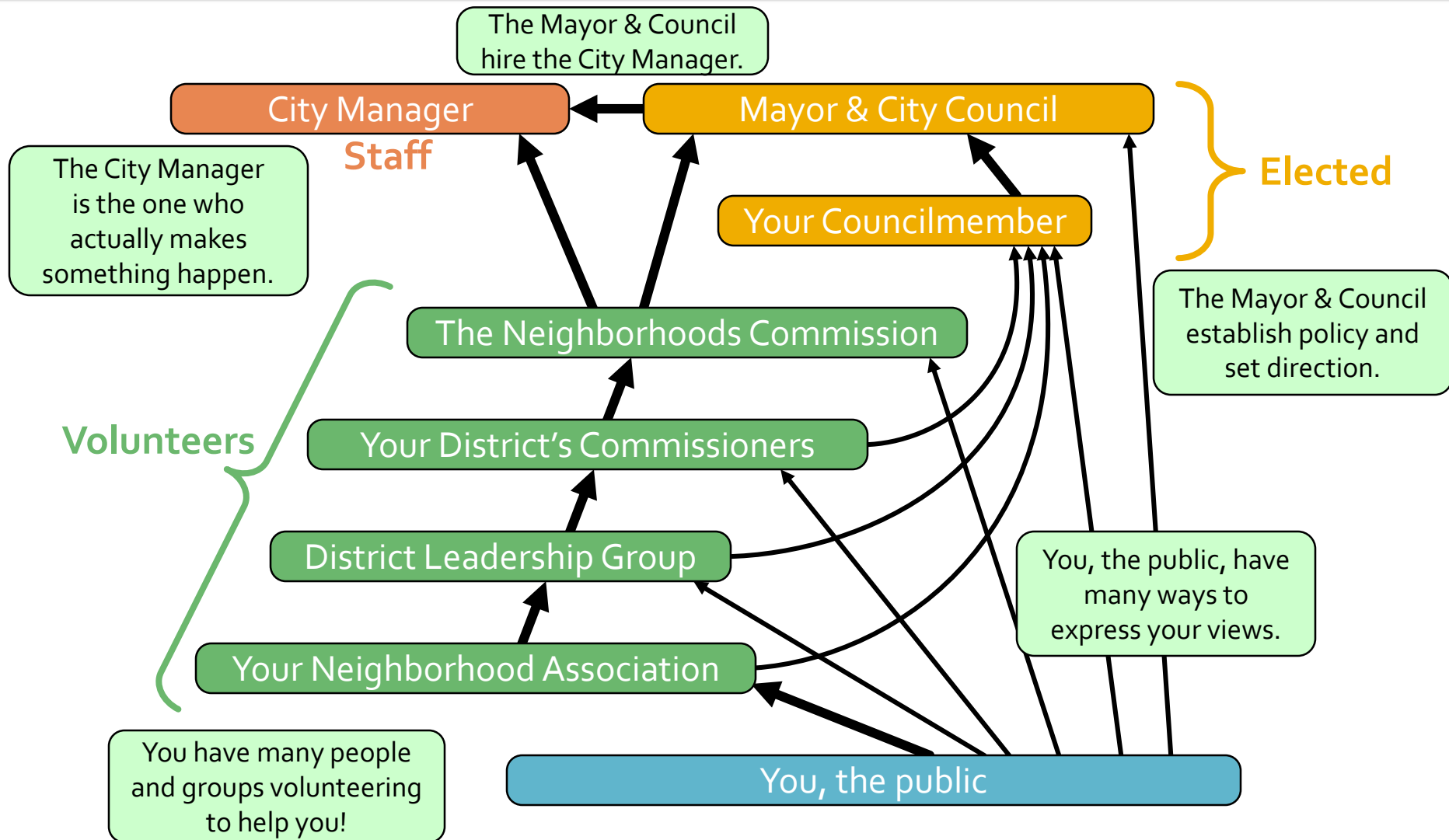
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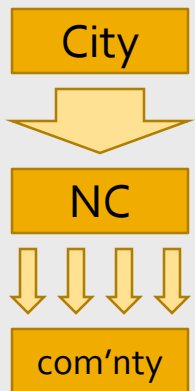
Neighborhoods

the public interacts with the NC individually and thru their N'ghbrhd Assoc.s

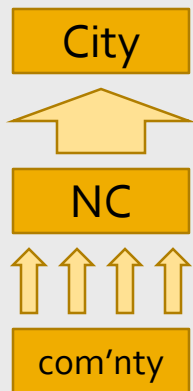
You, the C'msn, and the Big Picture



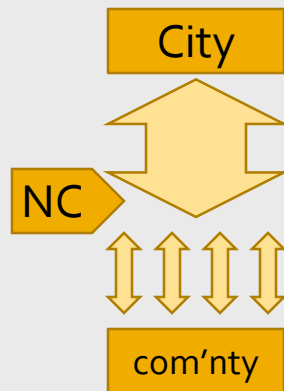
Types of N'ghbrhd C'msn Involvement



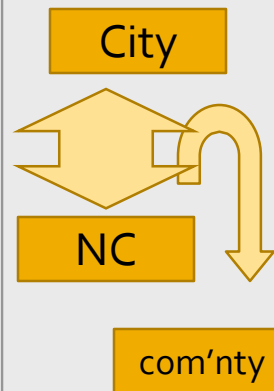
Disseminate:
get info
from City
and share
with the
community



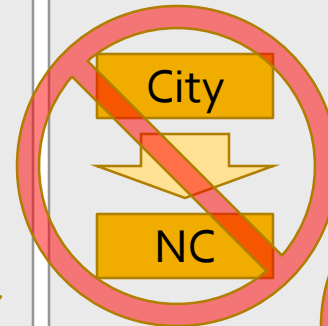
Collect:
get info
from the
community
and share
with City



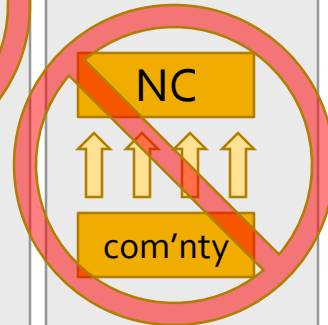
Facilitate:
arrange for
City and
community
to exchange
info



Focus group:
City can get
feedback from
NC so as to
have better
presentation for
community



Checked Box:
City claims it
consulted the
community
because it
talked to NC



Diversion:
City appeases
the public by
having the
community
meet with NC

The N'ghbrhds C'msn is not
there just to waste time.

Past Accomplishments

- City Policies: Trees, Out-Reach, Homelessness, Bylaws, Illegal dumping, ...
- VTA & BART; transportation
- Unmanned Aerial System (UAS, aka "Drones")
- Budget
- Illegal Fireworks



Contact Information

- Meetings are open to the public:
Check www.SanJoseCA.gov website for
agendas & schedules
 - Commission meetings are generally held on the
2nd Wed. (exc. July & Dec.), at 6:30 PM,
in City Hall, Wing Rooms 118 and 119.
 - Informal notes & other materials on website:
www.NeighborhoodsCommission.com/
- NC Chair: Nichole Edraos

Question or comments?