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TO: Latino Agenda
 FR: The United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations
 RE: Drafts of Potential Latino State House Districts

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Over the last decade, the Latino population has grown and shifted—creating new opportunities for majority-Latino state house districts throughout the state. In 2001, there were four majority-Latino voting rights state house districts on the north side, and four on the south side. While it was not a voting rights Latino district, the 83rd House District was 45 percent Latino, 58 percent people of color, and currently has a Latina legislator.

In Chicago, the Latino population grew by 3.35 percent in Chicago with declining population on the north side and increasing population on the south side. As a result, there is enough population for three majority-Latino districts on the north side—one less than in 2000—as well as six districts (five majority-Latino voting rights districts and one influence district that includes Chinatown) on the south side—an increase of two from 2000.

Statewide Illinois’ Latino population grew by 32.5 percent. While there were no majority-Latino districts outside of the city in 2000, there are now opportunities for one majority-Latino voting rights district in Aurora, three majority-Latino districts in Franklin Park, Waukegan and Elgin/Carpentersville as well as three Latino influence districts in Evanston, Joliet and Rockford/Belvidere.

North Side: Three Potential House Districts in Chicago

On the north side, there is enough Latino population for three majority-Latino districts—one less than in 2000. Albany Park is on the border of where one of these districts can be drawn. We believe it is important that Albany Park be kept together in one district and have provided two versions of north side districts—one that includes Albany Park and one that does not.

Potential Districts	Latino		Black		Asian		White	
	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP
LN1	65.43%	60.97%	9.95%	9.19%	1.47%	1.81%	21.77%	26.77%
LN2 with Albany Park	66.49%	61.34%	3.21%	3.24%	7.29%	8.38%	21.18%	25.42%
LN3	67.57%	61.86%	3.21%	3.31%	2.75%	3.1%	25.40%	30.79%

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LN1	66.04%	60.74%	3.30%	9.19%	1.41%	1.75%	27.05%	32.41%
LN2 without Albany Park	65.54%	60.20%	2.50%	2.85%	3.40%	3.96%	32.04%	32.04%
LN3	65.20%	60.32%	3.20%	9.22%	2.69%	3.04%	26.97%	27.05%

South Side: Five Majority Latino Districts Plus One Coalition District

On the south side, there is opportunity for two potential additional Latino districts. These options include Chinatown in one as a coalition district, with four additional majority-Latino districts that keep communities of interest including Little Village and the Latino portions of Back of the Yards together.

Potential Districts	Latino		Black		Asian		White	
	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP
LS1	57.27%	51.59%	2.48%	2.65%	22.15%	24.07%	17.14%	20.79%
LS2	68.99%	65.51%	17.77%	18.20%	2.15%	2.44%	10.38%	13.13%
LS3	77.68%	72.33%	11.58%	14.39%	0.74%	0.83%	9.60%	12.06%
LS4	65.29%	58.94%	5.07%	5.22%	0.85%	0.99%	28.06%	34.19%
LS5	68.58%	62.09%	1.88%	1.94%	0.88%	1.02%	27.99%	34.35%
LS6	66.96%	61.93%	8.18%	8.49%	2.07%	2.46%	21.63%	26.21%

Suburbs: One Majority-Latino and Six Influence Districts

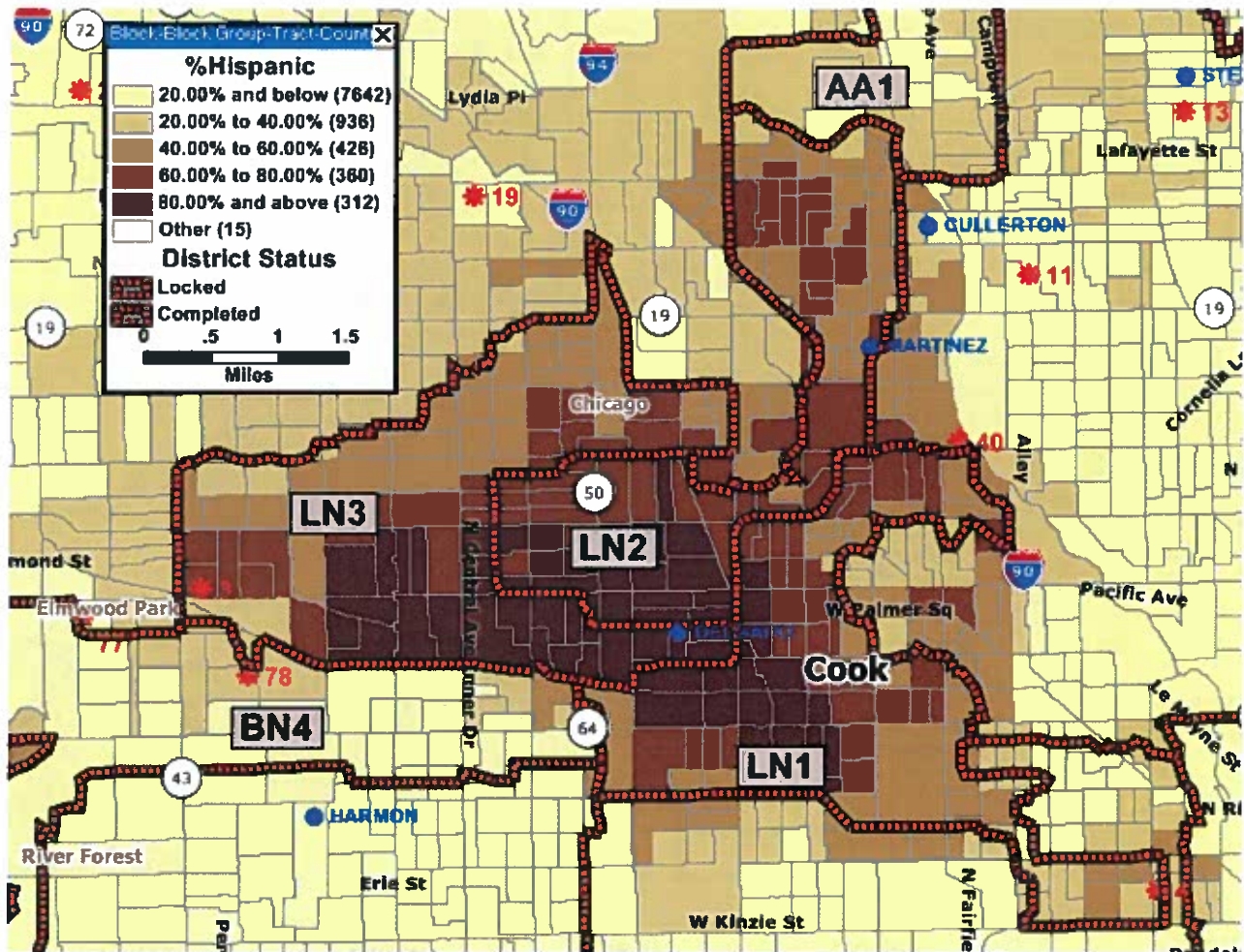
There are new opportunities for potential majority-Latino voting rights and influence districts outside of Chicago. Aurora is now a majority-Latino voting rights district. And there are opportunities for influence districts in Franklin Park, Waukegan, Elgin/Carpentersville, Joliet, Evanston, Rockford, and Evanston.

Potential Districts	Latino		Black		Asian		White	
	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP	Total	VAP
Aurora	66.55%	60.57%	9.31%	9.8%	1.04%	1.23%	21.93%	27.58%
Franklin Park	63.32%	57.12%	3.29%	3.27%	3.74%	4.2%	28.59%	34.48%
Waukegan	55.83%	50.46%	22.56%	23.06%	2.26%	2.68%	17.01%	21.85%
Elgin	55.67%	49.22%	7.25%	6.43%	3.14%	3.5%	32.42%	39.81%
Joliet	32.33%	27.54%	24.53%	23.97%	1.03%	1.13%	40.42%	46.31%
Evanston	20.27%	17.11%	28.71%	27.39%	8.06%	8.35%	39.35%	44.2%
Rockford	22.77%	18.64%	23.06%	21.24%	1.94%	1.95%	49.44%	56.55%

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Potential Latino North Side: 3 Majority Latino Districts

LN2 District includes Albany Park

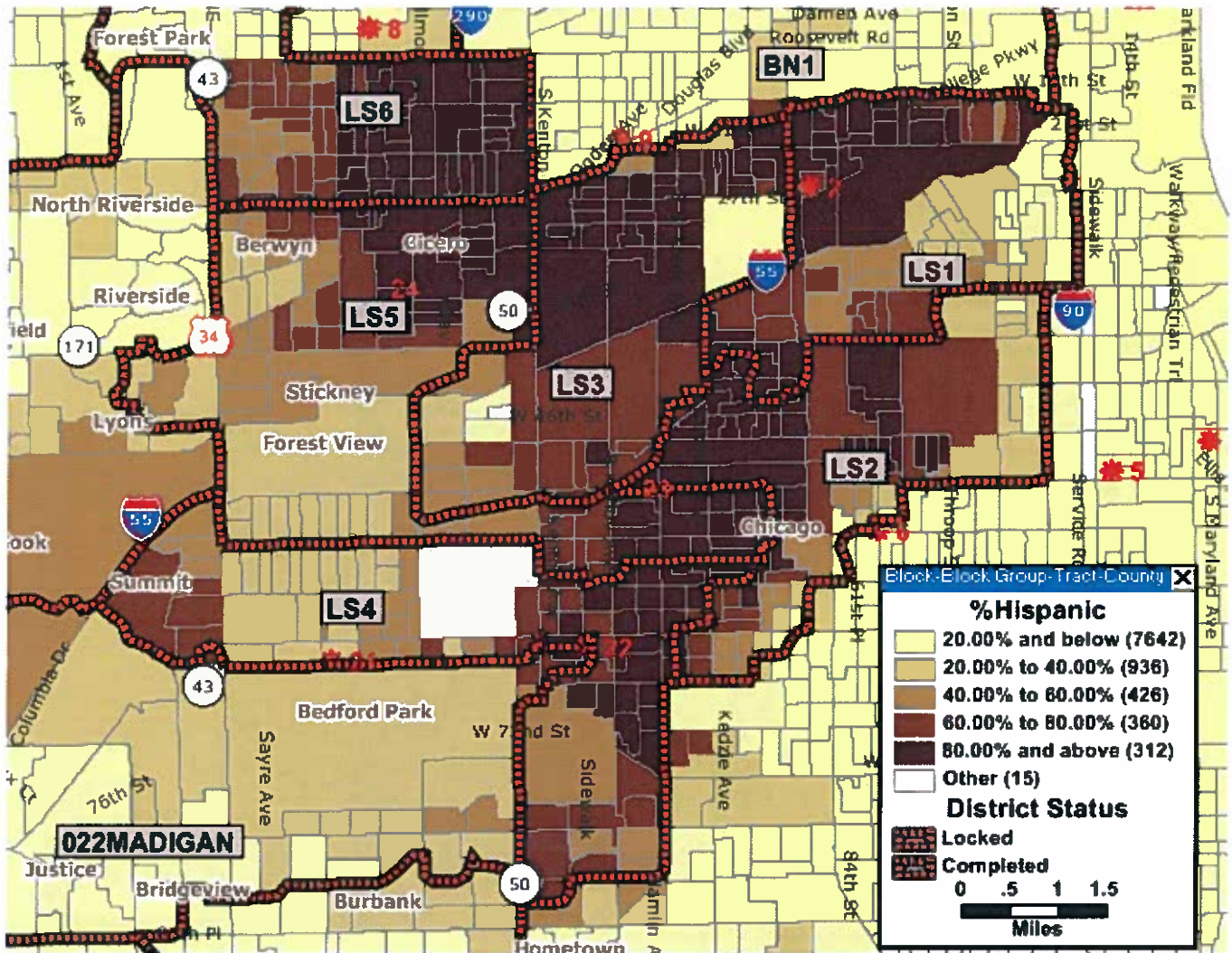


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Potential Latino South Side: 6 Majority-Latino Districts

5 Majority-Latino + 1 Coalition House Districts

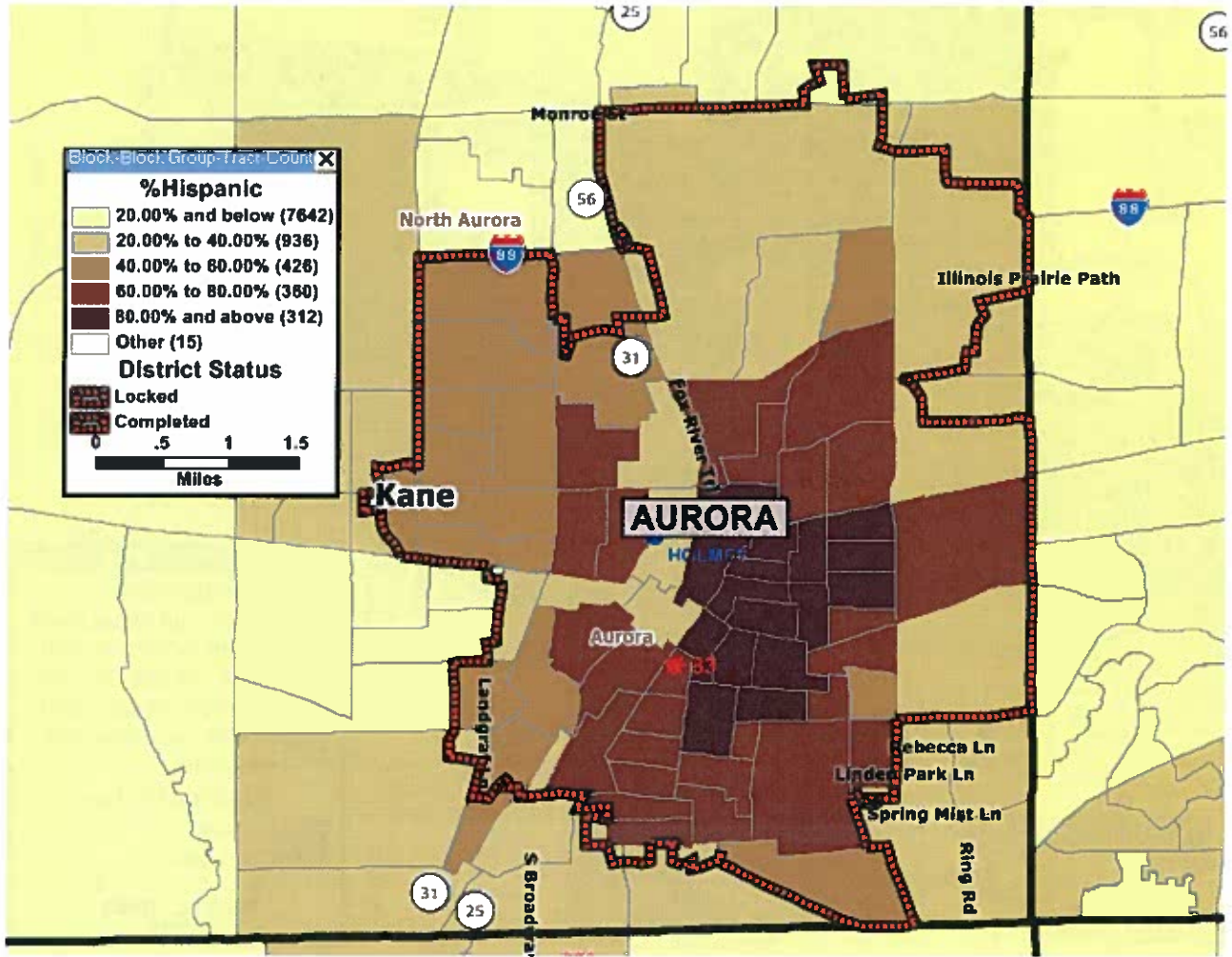


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Potential Aurora District

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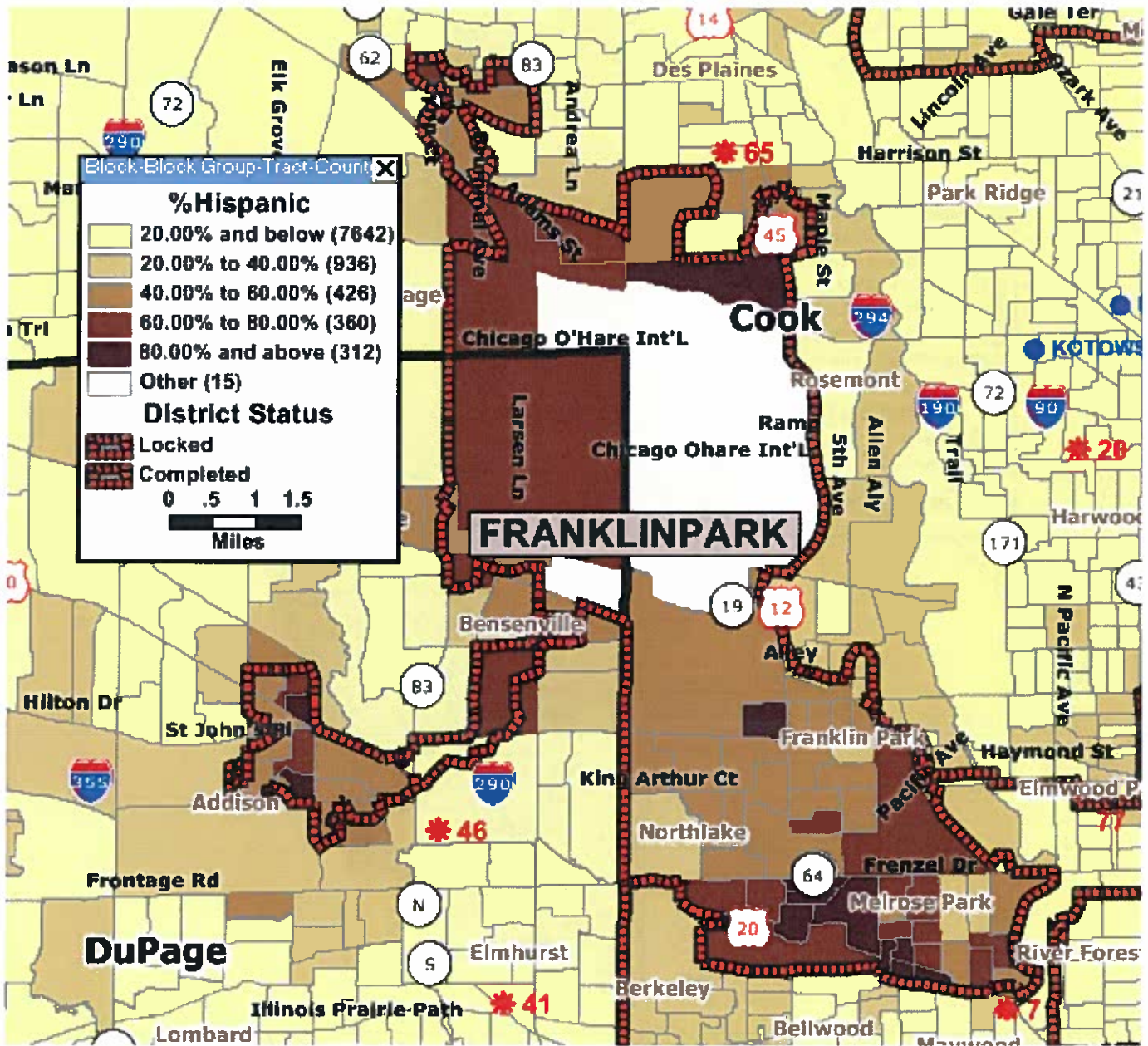


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Potential Franklin Park District

This is a potential new Latino influence district. While this district does not look very compact, it keeps key communities together including Addison, Melrose Park and Franklin Park.

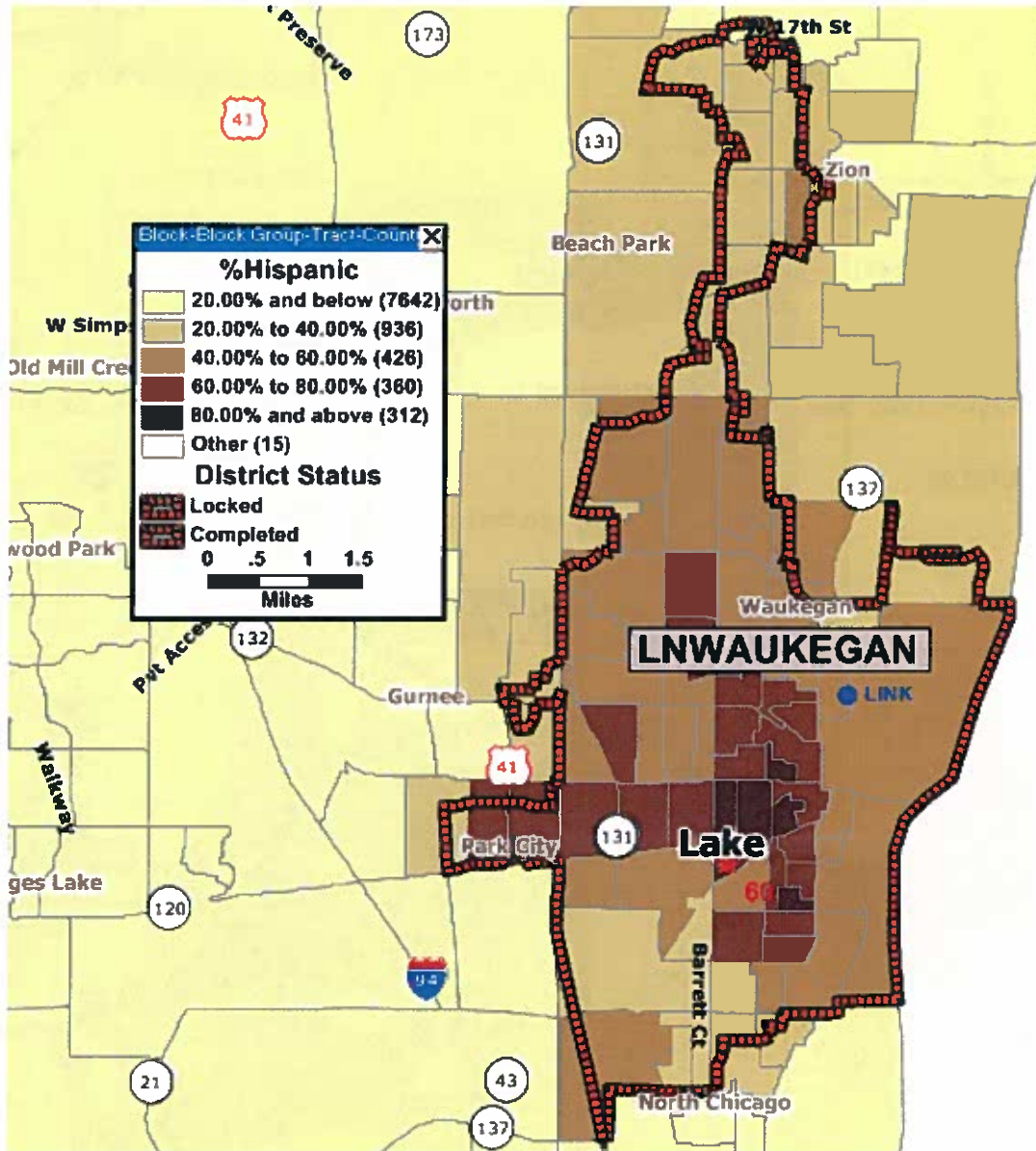


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Franklin Park	62.79%	56.52%	3.73%	3.76%	3.74%	4.2%	28.68%	34.58%

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Potential Waukegan District

This is a potential coalition district. African-Americans and Latinos together will make up a majority in this district. There is currently an African-American legislator representing this area.

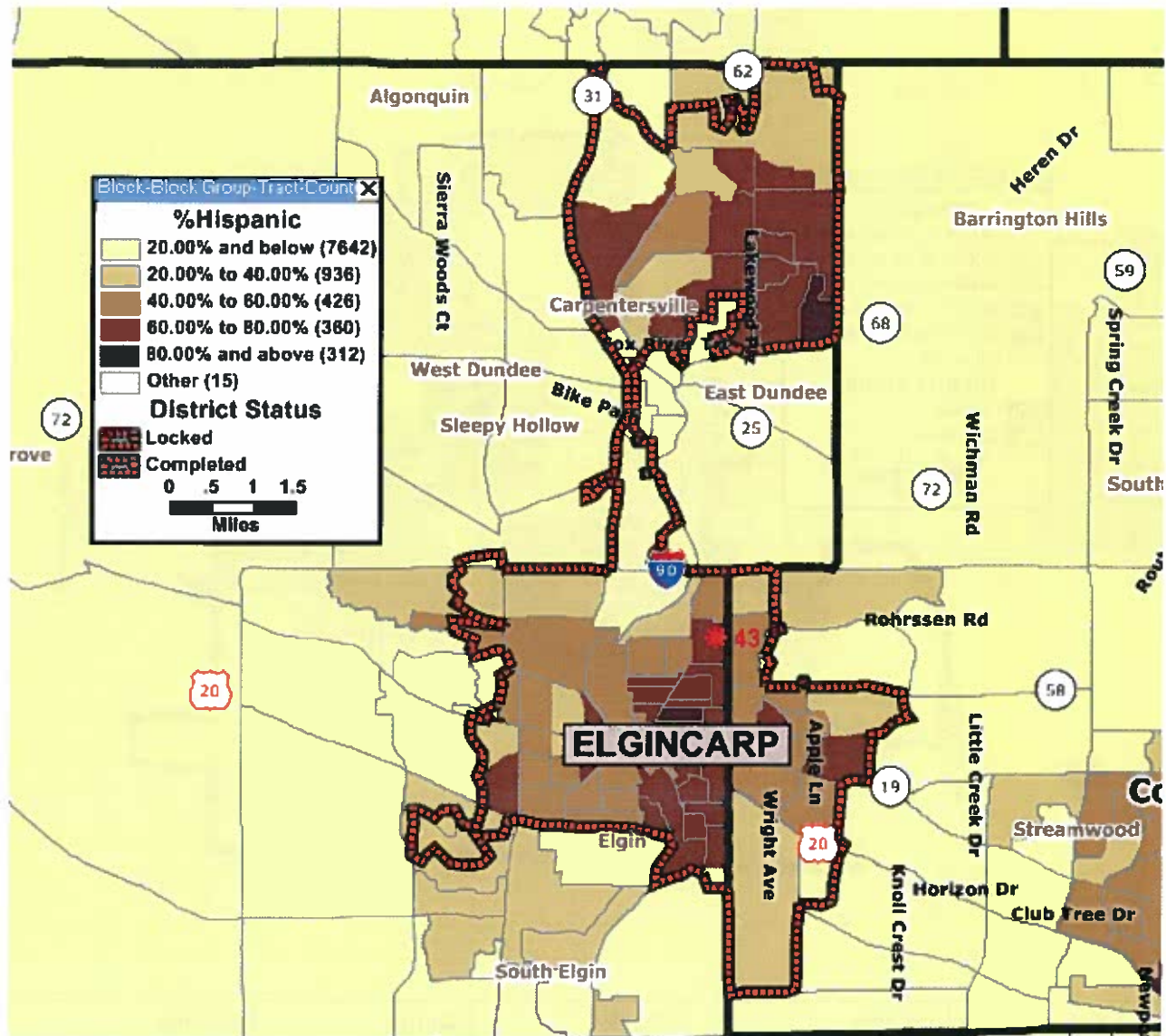


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Potential Elgin/Carpentersville District

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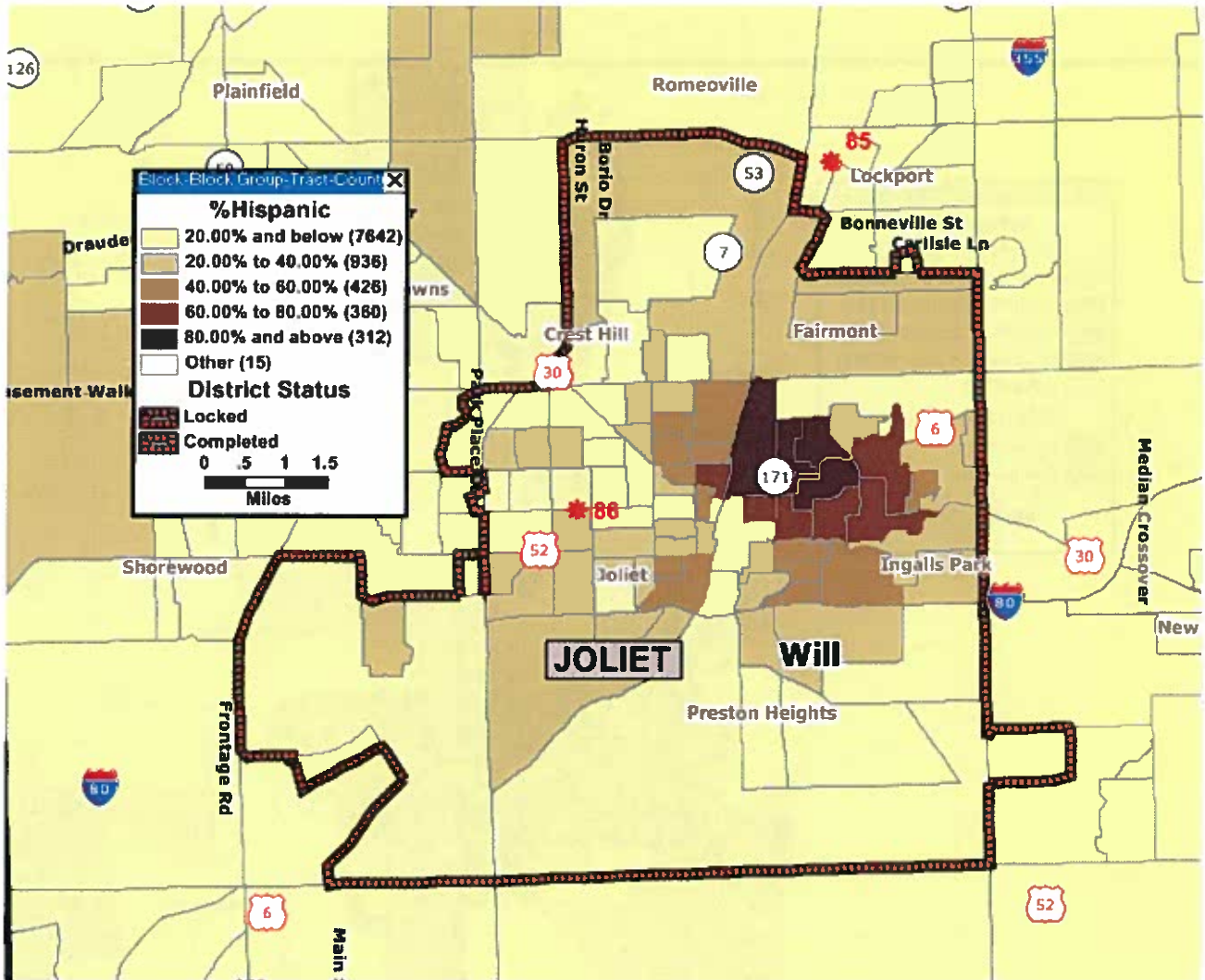


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Potential Joliet District

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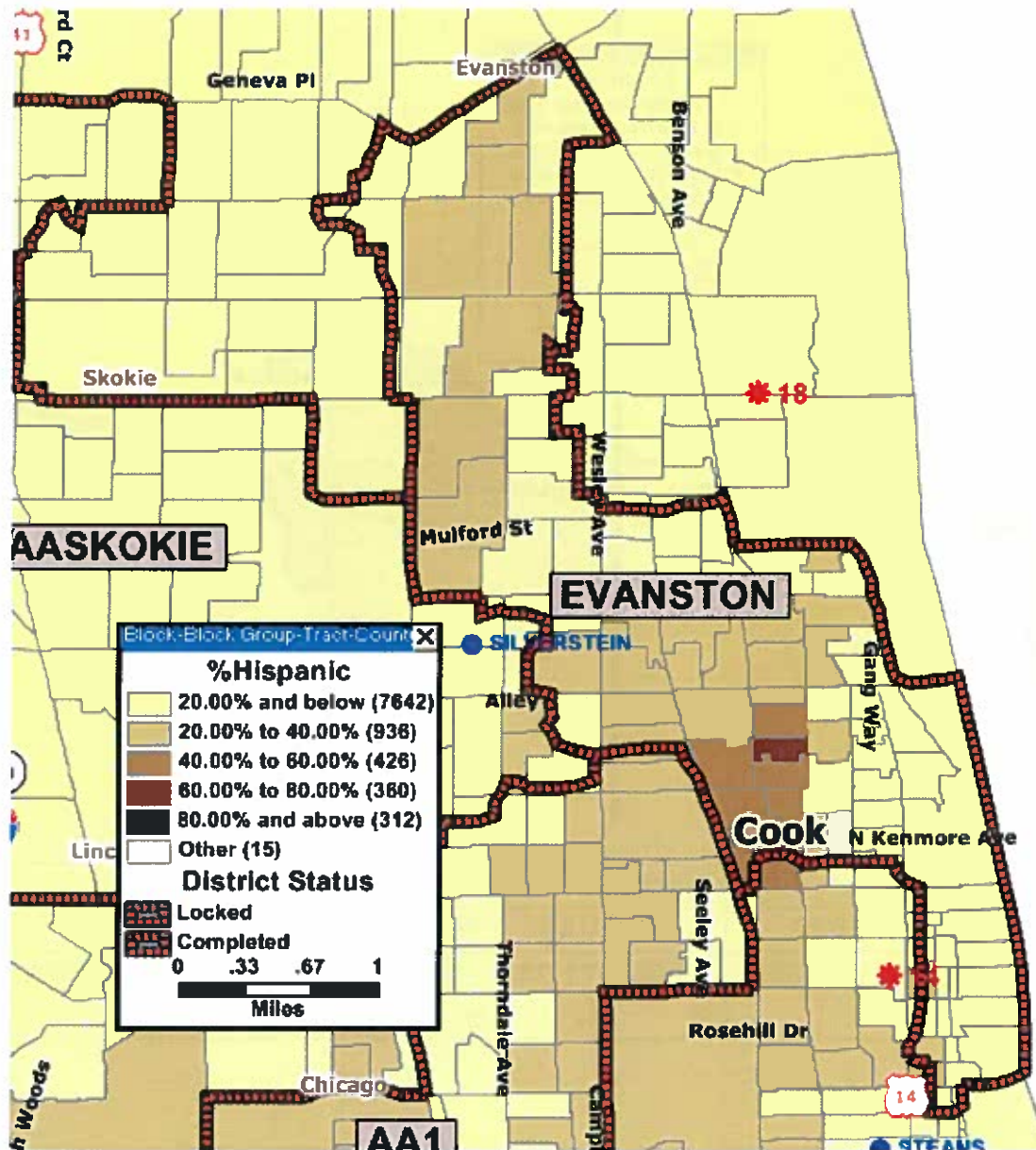


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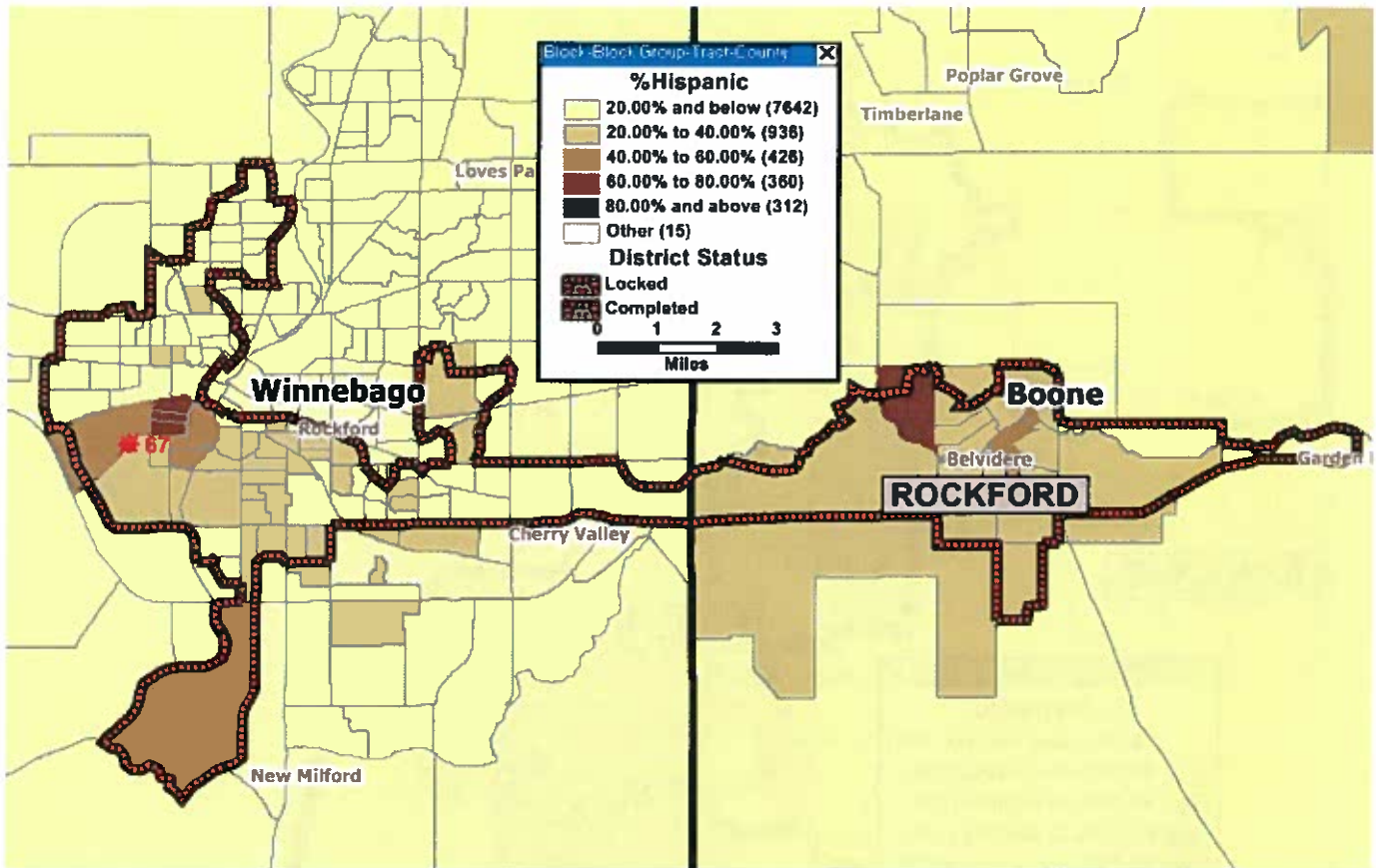


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Potential Rockford/Belvidere District

This is a potential new influence. While these populations are not high or very compact, they connect Latino immigrant populations that have faced challenges.



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