Creating Two Latino Congressional Districts in Illinois

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Illinois’s Latino Population

Illinois has more Latino population than Arizona, and is only surpassed by California, Texas, Florida, and New York.

Illinois has 2,337,410 Latinos as of the 2020 Census, which is 18.2% of the state population.

Latinos are the largest minority group in Illinois

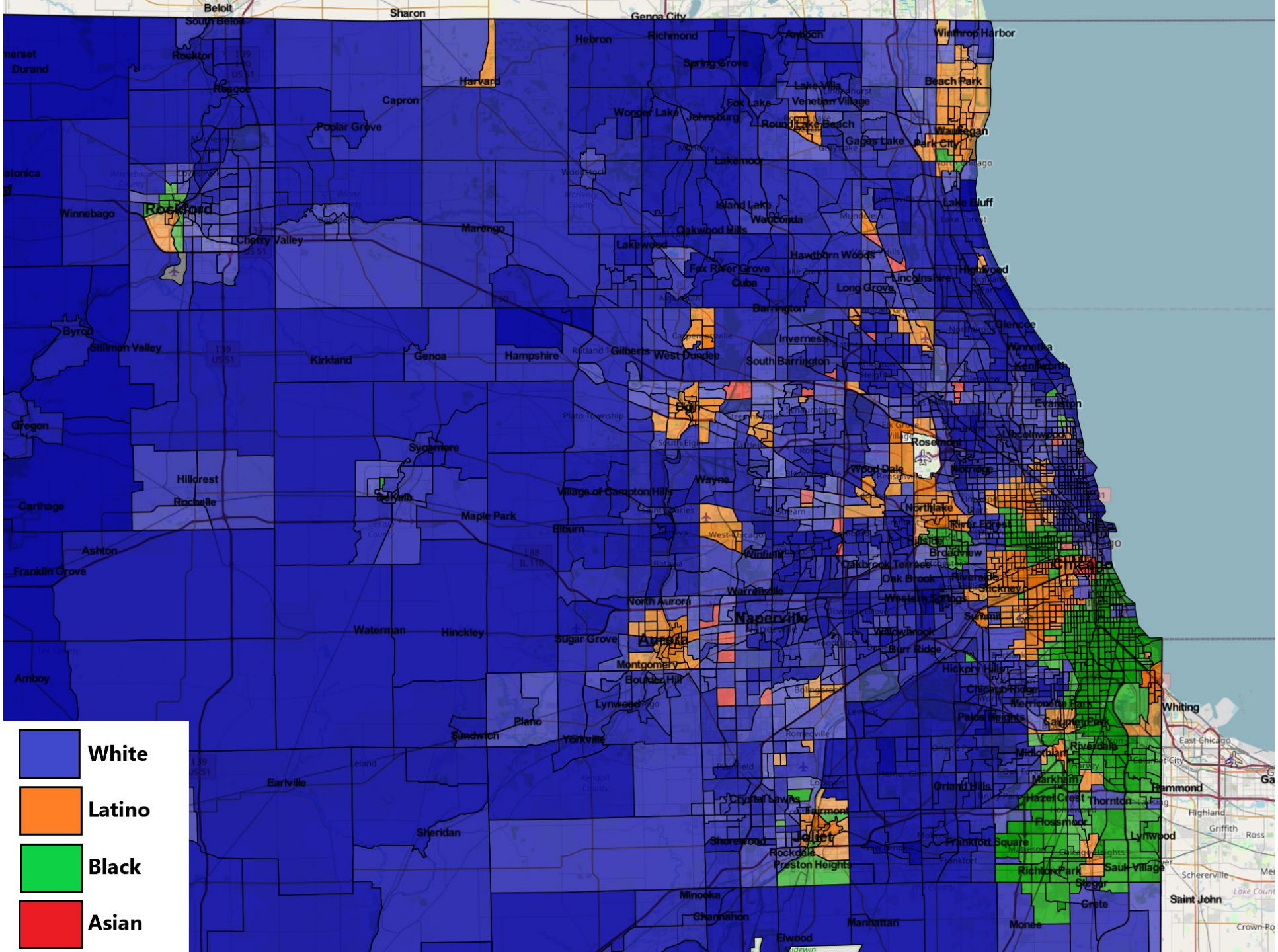
Illinois vs New York philosophy on Latino Congressional Districts

Illinois inefficiently packs its Latino population into one Latino majority congressional district, electing one Latino to Congress.

New York only has one Latino majority district, but also has three Latino plurality districts. New York efficiently uses its Latino population to elect Four Latinos to Congress

Census Tracts by Demographics

Northeastern Illinois



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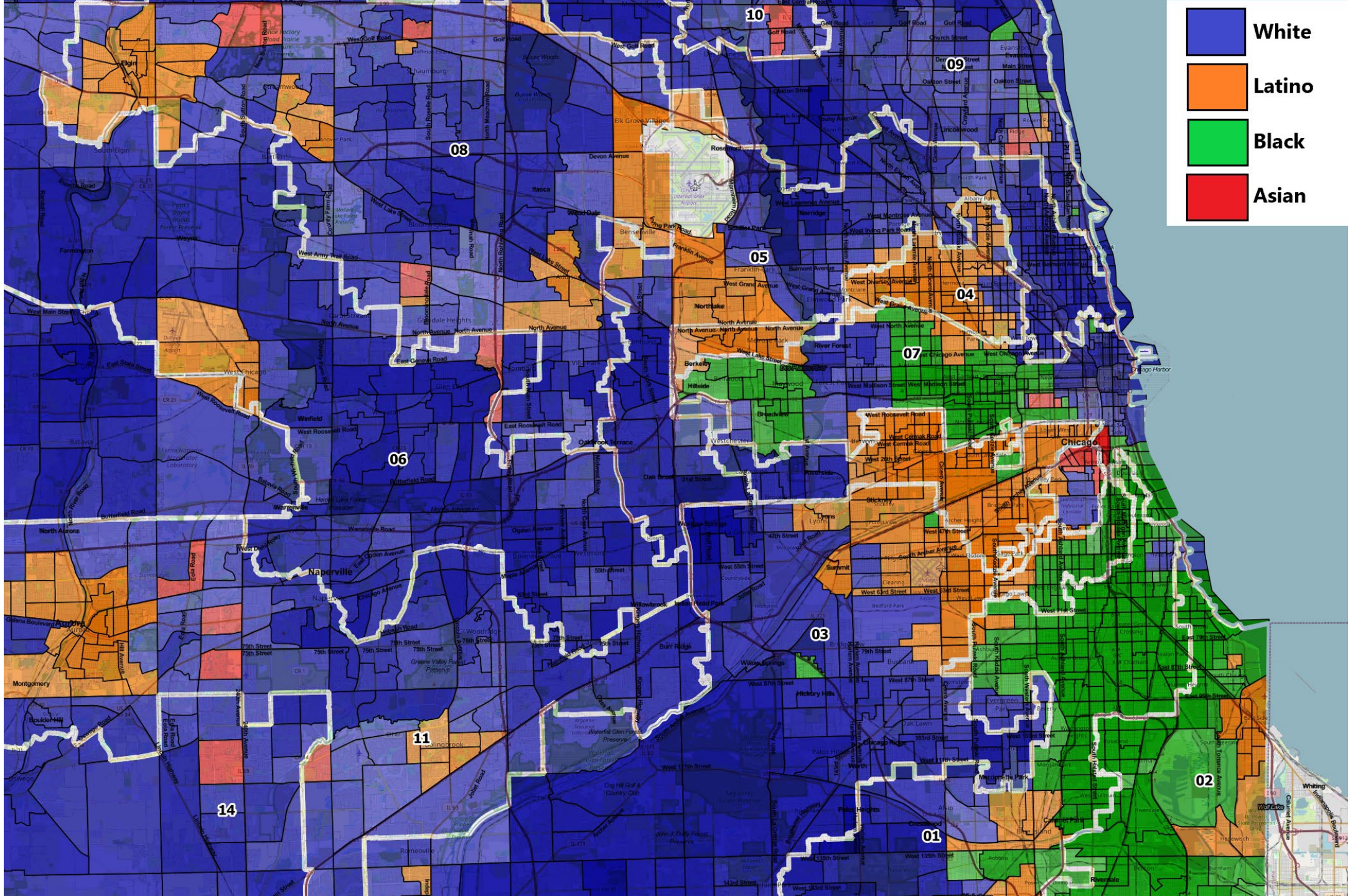

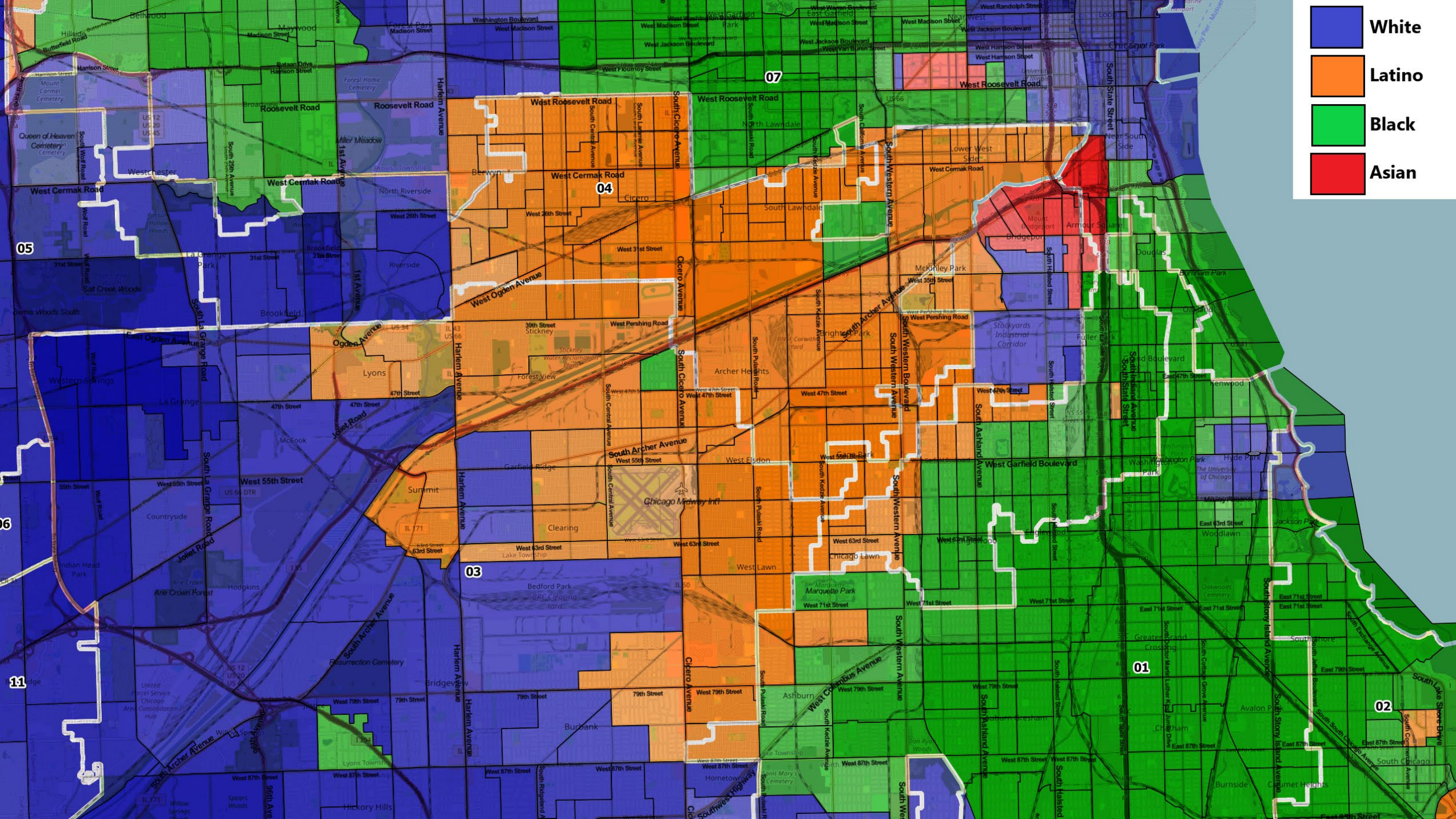
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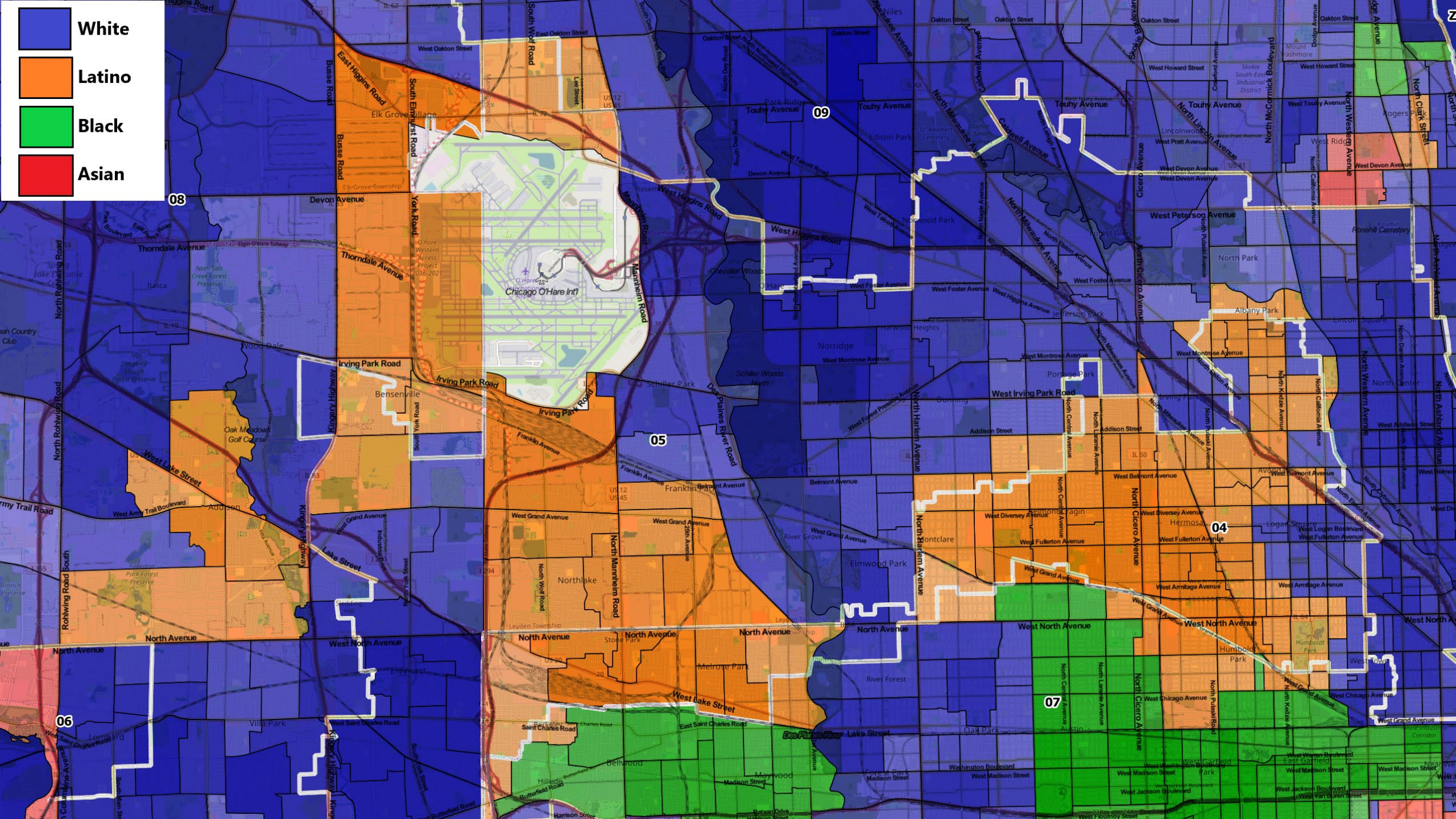
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Fullerton Park Forest Preserve
North Branch Industrial Corridor
West Garfield Park
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Rogers Park
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Park Ridge
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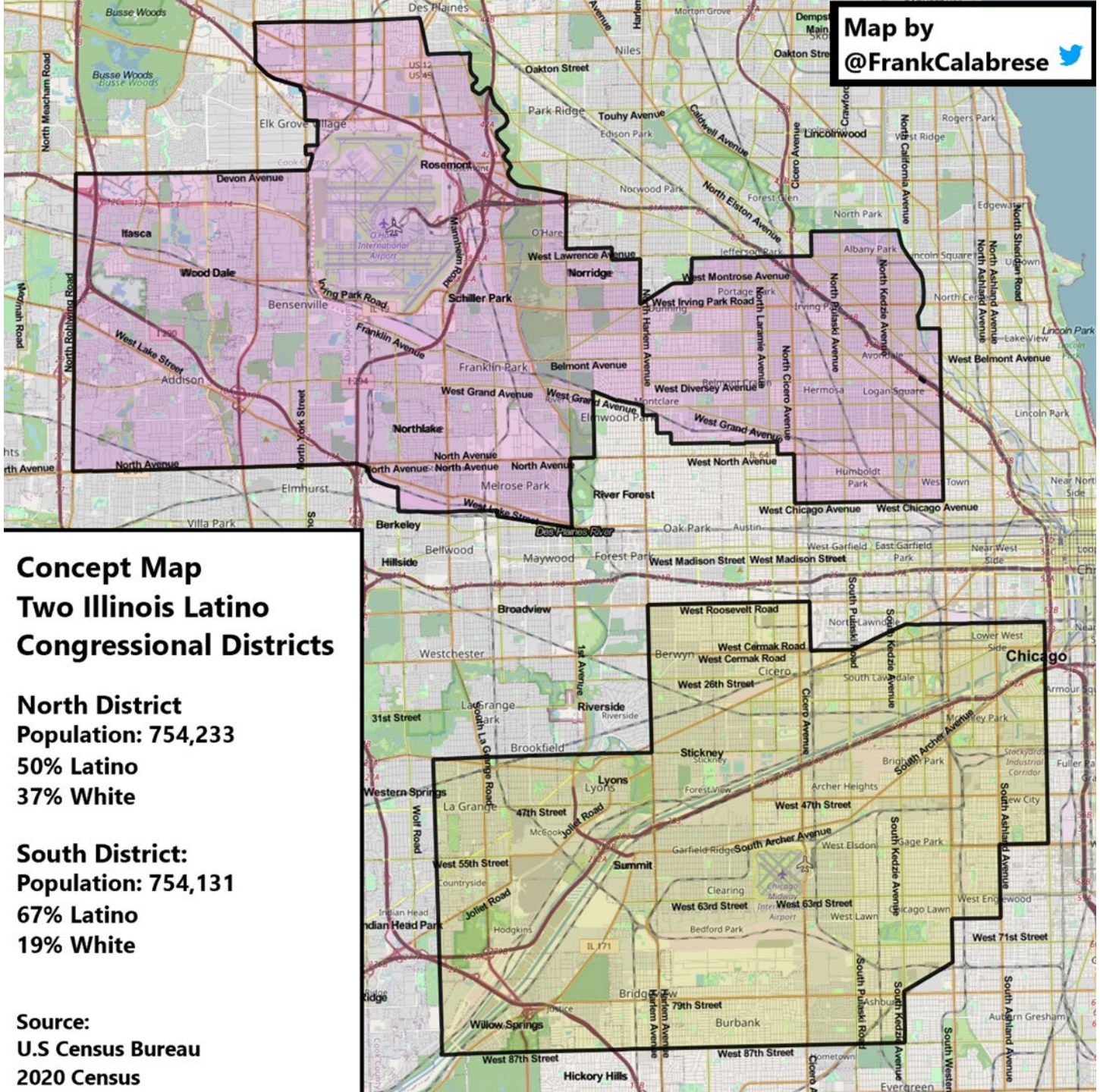

Concept Map
Two Illinois Latino Congressional Districts

North District
Population: 754,233
50% Latino
37% White

South District:
Population: 754,131
67% Latino
19% White

Source:
U.S Census Bureau
2020 Census

Two Illinois Latino Districts

Illinois does not need one “super” Latino district to elect a single Latino, it can elect two Latinos to congress in two separate districts.

The south Latino district would consist of southwest Chicago, Cicero, Berwyn, Burbank, and Bridgeview. This district would be 67% Latino

The north Latino district would consist of northwest Chicago, Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Bensenville, Addison, and Des Plaines. This district would be 50% Latino

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The north district would be more Latino than three New York congressional districts that elect Latinos

NY-12
Velasquez
38% Latino

NY-13
Espaillat
49% Latino

NY-14
Ocasio-Cortez
47% Latino