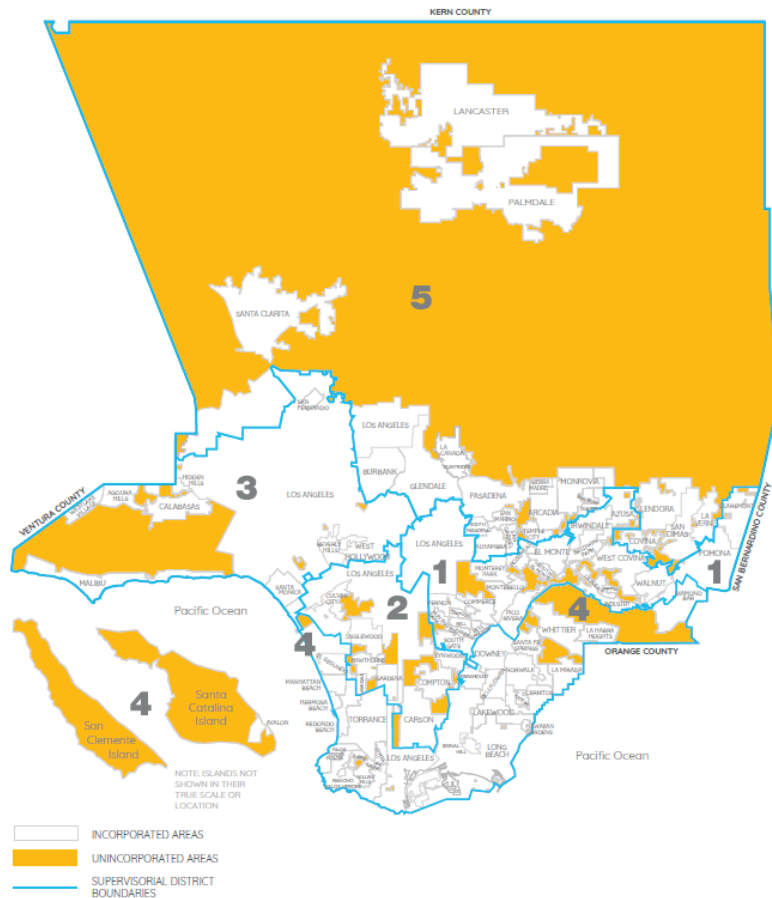




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# Los Angeles County



- 10 million people across 4,000 square miles.
- 88 independent cities.
- 150 unincorporated communities.
- 73% people of color.
- Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in diversity.

# Equity



- Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in income inequality.
- Higher unemployment in communities of color.
- \$6/hr. wage gap.
- Shift our thinking.

# Equity



- Divided black and brown neighborhoods.
- Toxic emissions.
- Higher rates of:
  - Childhood asthma
  - Preterm birth
  - Heart attacks
  - Stroke
  - Cancer

# Equity



- Disadvantaged communities.
- Barriers to opportunity.
  - Higher utility rates
  - Limited investment
  - Limited authority over management systems

# Sativa County Water District





Questions?

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