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My my name is Ada Briceño. I was in the recent CalMatters [article](#).

I say this unapologetically. If you read my first testimony (below), I was drawing your attention to the root issue raised by the article:

An organized effort to present a biased picture of Orange County.

Rather

than arguing the merits, I wish to submit additional ways to “visualize” Orange County. These maps existed long before my testimony, as well as the testimony you’ve been alerted to. Indeed, most existed before your selection.

You

will always seek the most current data. But sometimes looking to the past will help you see what is real. I have been a labor organizer for three decades, including on districting issues. We must ensure all communities, including immigrant and working-class communities, have a voice and are heard.

*THE FIRST OF MY TWO TESTIMONIES: I was Speaker Number 5 on September 1, 2021.*

*“Hi, I would like to discuss north and south Orange County. And I specifically live in Stanton, but just the coastline of north and north Orange County.*

*Thank you. My name is Ada Briceno. And I'm an immigrant from Nicaragua. I'm co-president of Unite Here Local 11, a union representing thousands of dishwashers, cooks and room attendants in most of Southern California. I have lived in north Orange County since I was 16.*

*I want to cut to the chase. For me, it's clear that there's an organized effort to persuade this commission to group the entire coastline of Orange County into one district.*

*It takes hours to drive along our coast. And if you do so, you would clearly see that north and south Orange County are very different communities.*

*If you don't live in Orange County, it's hard to know that it's challenging to drive north and south along our coastline. PCH is the only highway of our coasts. It's narrow and with low speed limits. Most people drive east and west, not north and south due to our highway structure.*

*Because of this, there's a big difference between northern communities and southern communities.*

*On the north end of our coast is Seal Beach and Leisure World, a retirement community. On the southern side of our coast is Newport Beach, an affluent city that is the home of one of the best libraries in the world. If you drive around the northern cities where I live, you'll see working class neighborhoods, many diverse immigrant communities and RV parks.*

*I've spent decades organizing here for workers rights and immigrant rights. A vast majority of hotel workers live in north Orange County, where I live also. My small city of Stanton borders Buena Park and Garden Grove, which is very similar working class cities with large Latino immigrant communities. My city also borders Westminster, which is the home to the world's largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam, where many working class immigrants also live. Our communities need health care, affordable housing, jobs with dignity and immigration reform.*

*By comparison, the southern coastline is the version of OC that most people see on TV, with world class surfing and well maintained streets. These are very different needs than north Orange County, where working class neighborhoods like mine.*

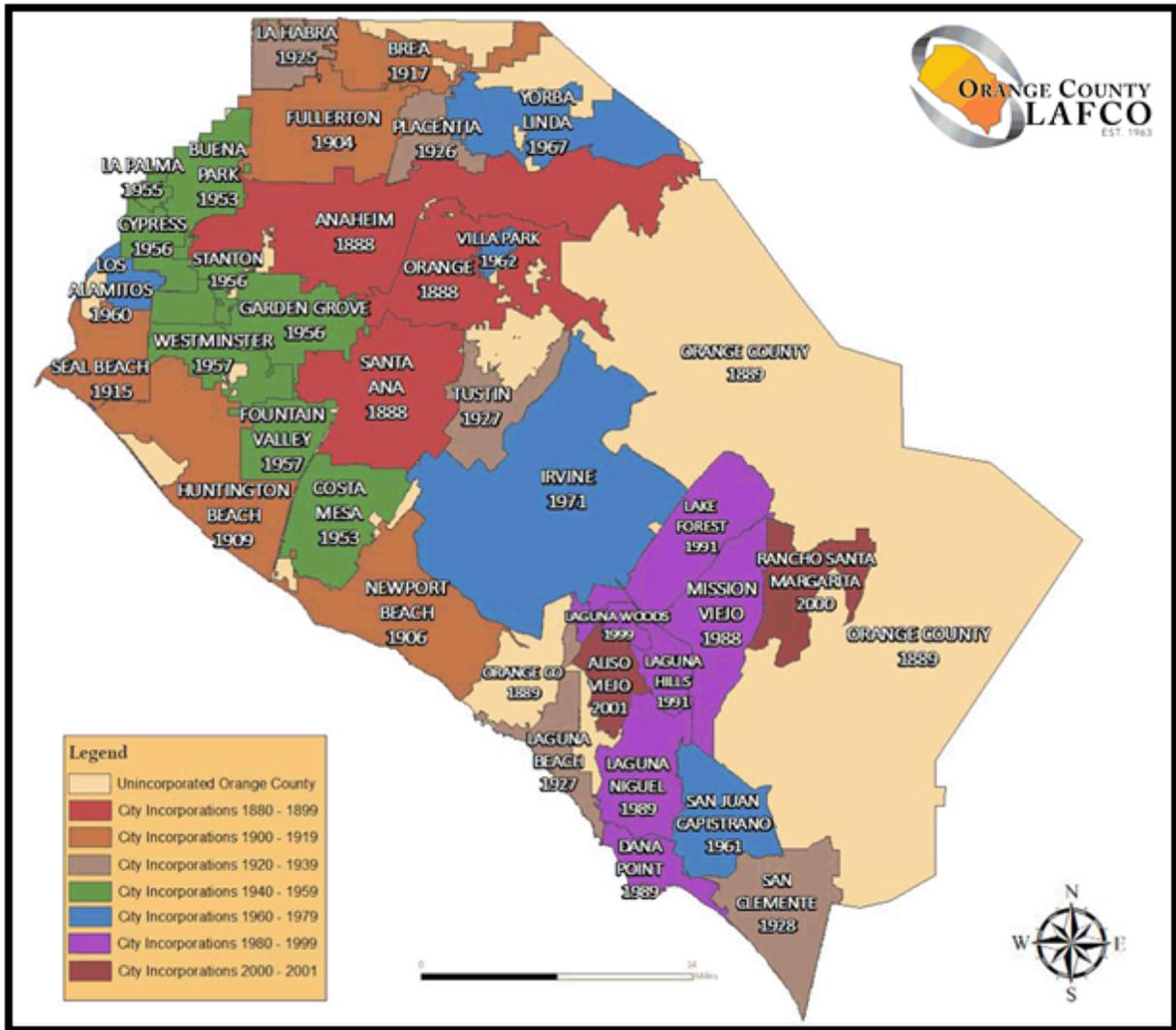
*Multi-generational*

*families will occupy a single home because of the high cost of living.*

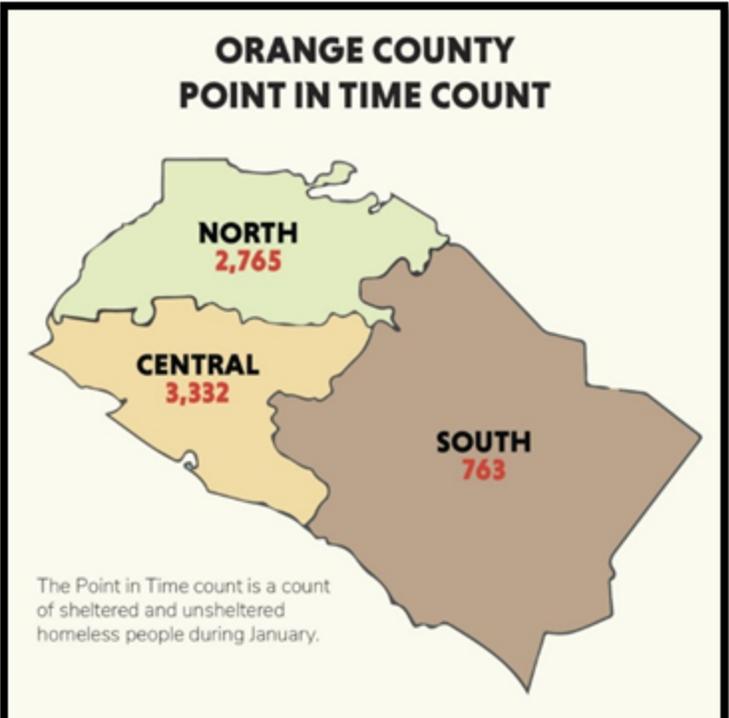
*North Orange County immigrants and workers do not make up the majority of our coastline. And perhaps that's the point.*

*I urge you to respect the unique needs of north and south Orange County. We cannot disenfranchise our working families, our immigrant families and seniors. And, North Orange County and South Orange County have different needs for our children and our families. And we must honor these differences. Thank you very much for listening to me.”*

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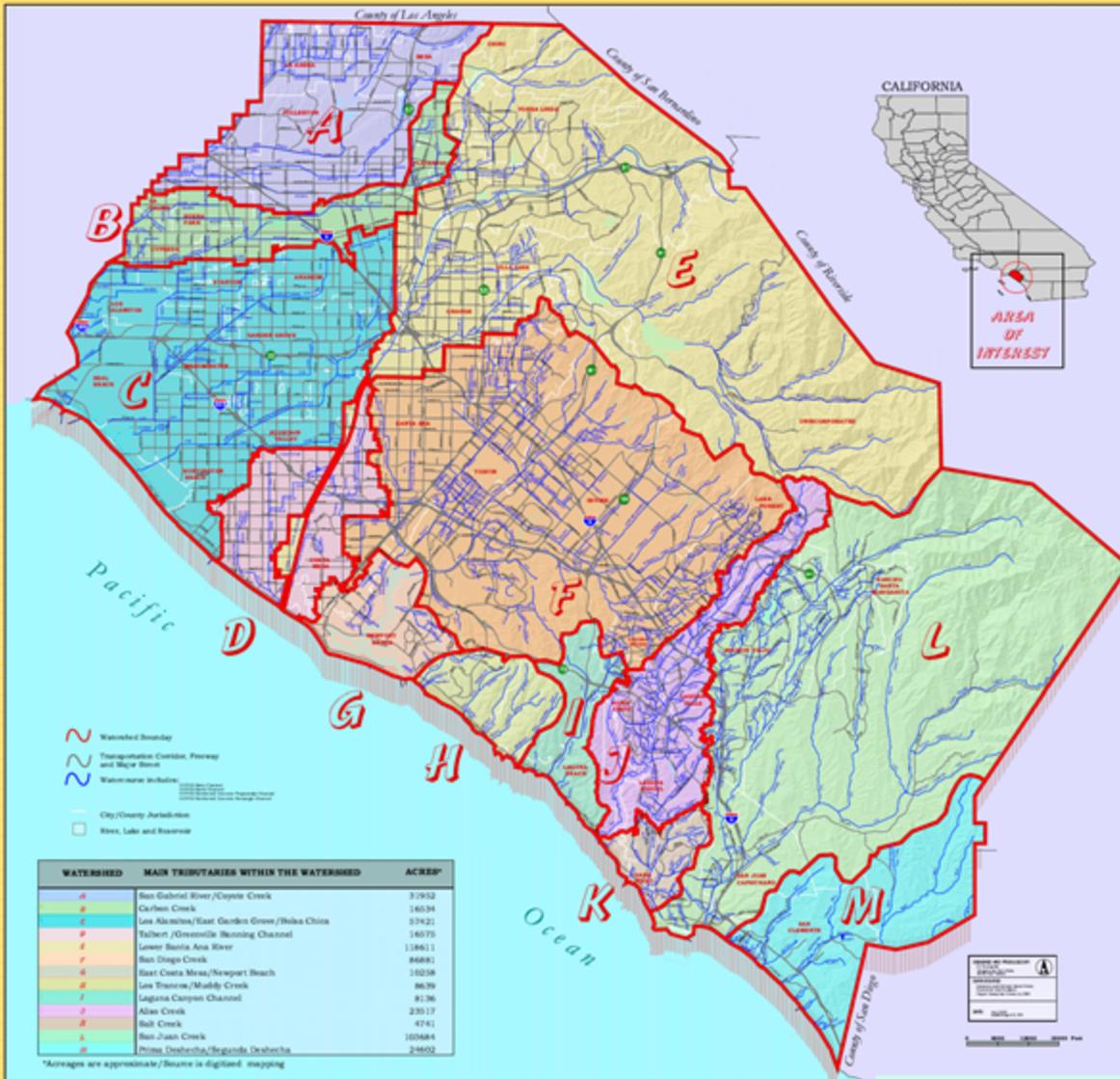
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# WATER



# OCFCSD DRAINAGE SYSTEM



# EDUCATION



# Children

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