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Community Meetings Report

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1. Overview

As part of the 2022 Denver City Council redistricting process, six community meetings were held to review the redistricting process, discuss maps proposed by councilmembers, and gather public input. The Council Redistricting Working Group secured the services of GBSM, a Denver-based communications consulting firm, to design and facilitate these community meetings to ensure that the process was managed and documented neutrally and to provide Councilmembers with the opportunity to listen to community members and provide technical expertise without needing to oversee the meeting management. Prior to GBSM's engagement, the City led several other phases of community engagement which included:

- Collective community review of Census data
- Collection of public input through the Representable tool—where community members identified communities of interest
- Submission of community-drawn maps through Maptitude software

1.1 Redistricting Background

Redistricting is the process of drawing the boundaries of districts in which public officials are elected. Effective redistricting accurately reflects the population changes and diversity and allows for equitable and fair representation. Every 10 years, after the US Census data is released, local governments must update their district boundaries to reflect updated population numbers. In Denver, these new districts will be the boundaries for the next three municipal elections and Council must abide by several overarching rules, to the extent possible:

- Denver must be divided into 11 districts
- Each district should have a relatively equal population (approximately 65,000 people per district)
- Lines should be drawn to encourage geographic compactness
- The districts must be geographically contiguous
- Districts should be comprised of whole election precincts

1.2 Community Meeting Facts and Figures

Between February 2nd and February 23rd GBSM facilitated six community meetings. They were held at the following locations:

- February 2nd – Virtual via Zoom
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Sandoval, Councilwoman Gilmore, Councilwoman Black, Councilman Hinds, Councilman Herndon, Councilwoman Torres, Councilman Flynn and Councilman Kashmann*
- February 9th – Virtual via Zoom
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Sandoval, Councilwoman Gilmore, Councilwoman Torres, Councilman Herndon, Councilwoman Ortega, Councilman Hinds, Councilwoman Sawyer, Councilwoman Kniech, Councilwoman Black and Councilwoman CdeBaca*
- February 12th – Cook Park Recreation Center, 7100 Cherry Creek Street
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Black, Councilwoman Gilmore, Councilwoman Sawyer and Councilman Kashmann*
- February 15th – Church of All Saints, 2559 S. Federal Boulevard
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Torres, Councilman Clark, Councilman Flynn, Councilwoman Ortega and Councilwoman Kniech*
- February 16th – Lake Middle School, 1820 Lowell Boulevard
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Sandoval, Councilwoman Torres and Councilwoman Ortega*
- February 23rd – Manual High School, 1700 E. 28th Ave
 - *Attended by Councilwoman Sandoval, Councilman Herndon, Councilwoman Black, Councilwoman Gilmore and Councilwoman CdeBaca (virtual)*

In total, 389 participants signed up or registered for the six meetings. At least 36 individuals registered for or signed into multiple meetings; however, it is possible that additional participants took part in multiple meetings throughout the course of the process.

Participants across the six meetings self-identified as being from the following neighborhoods in Denver:

Arapahoe Square	Athmar Park
Auraria	Bear Valley
Berkeley	Capitol Hill
Central Park	Chaffee Park

Cherry Creek East	City Park
Clayton	Cole
College View	Congress Park
Crestmoor/Hilltop	Curtis Park
East Colfax	Five Points
Globeville-Elyria Swansea	Governor's Park
Grandview	Green Valley Ranch
Hale	Hampden South
Highlands	Hutchinson Hills
LoDo	Lower Highlands
Lowry Fields	Mar Lee
Montbello	Montclair
North Denver	North Park Hill
Northeast Park Hill	Platte Park
Regis	Riverfront Park
Ruby Hill	Sloan's Lake
South Park hill	Sun Valley
Sunnyside	Union Station
University Park	Valverde
Villa Park	Washington Virginia Vale
West City Park	West Colfax
West Highland	Westwood
Whittier	Windsor

1.3 Meeting Format

Participants were given an overview presentation that described what redistricting is, why it's important, and what guidelines City Council must follow when drawing map boundaries. The presentation also covered a historical summary of Denver's district boundaries and population growth since the 1950s, the process that Denver's City Council undertakes to effectively redistrict, information on Communities of Interest (COIs) and a description of the community engagement touchpoints.

Following this introduction, participants were provided 25-30 minutes to individually examine each of the six maps sponsored by members of Council and leave comments describing what they liked about each map and what they would change about each map, and why that change is important to them. At the conclusion of this, the group reconvened for a discussion, where the facilitator asked three key questions:

- What drew you to prefer one map over another?
- What are the "absolute musts" for you when choosing your favorite map?
- What was your biggest concern about the map you liked the least?

In most meetings, it is important to note that discussion and questions extended beyond this inquiry to focus on the redistricting process itself, possible amendments to the City Charter, and the weight of community feedback in Council's consideration and decision-making, among others (a summary of themes that arose from these discussions is captured below).

The following includes:

- An overview of the survey data gathered at the individual meetings
- An aggregate of the rankings of the maps and factors important to the public in the redistricting process
- A summary of salient themes heard during the discussion across all meetings
- An overview of the preferences and concerns raised in individual meetings related to the six individual maps proposed by members of City Council

It should be noted that the discussion and map comment overviews include a distillation of the information gathered during the course of the meetings in order to provide City Council with an

accessible report that allows for further deliberation within the timeline available. This summary report does not include every comment received, but rather a high-level account of input. However, a full summary of all comments received across all meetings is available in appendix A, which members of Council may review as well.

2. Survey Data – Meeting Specific

Participants at each meeting were asked to rank the maps sponsored by City Council in order of preference. They also responded to a multiple-choice question about what factors were most important to them when determining how to rank the maps. The following section provides an overview of the map rankings and factors of importance across the six redistricting meetings.

2.1 Meeting #1 – Held Virtually on Zoom

93 individuals registered - 32 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. D
2. A
3. E
4. B
5. C
6. F

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Not separating my neighborhood
2. Maintaining community diversity
3. Connection to current Council representative
4. Creating clear borders

2.2 Meeting #2 – Held Virtually on Zoom

206 individuals registered - 81 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. A

2. D
3. B
4. E/F (tied)
5. C

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Not separating my neighborhood
2. Maintaining community diversity
3. Connection to current Council representative AND creating/maintaining clear, defined borders
4. Not separating school boundaries

2.3 Meeting #3 – Held in-person

15 individuals signed in - 11 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. A/D (tied)
2. B
3. F/E (tied)
4. C

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Maintaining community diversity
2. Not separating my neighborhood
3. Connection to current Council representatives
4. Creating/maintaining clear, defined borders AND not separating school boundaries

2.4 Meeting #4 – Held in-person

13 individuals signed in - 12 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. C/D (tied)
2. B
3. F/A (tied)
4. E

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Not separating my neighborhood
2. Creating/maintaining clear, defined borders
3. Maintaining community diversity
4. Not separating school boundaries AND connection to current Council representatives

2.5 Meeting #5 – Held in-person

14 individuals registered - 13 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. E
2. A/D (tied)
3. B
4. F
5. C

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Not separating my neighborhood

2. Maintaining community diversity
3. Creating/maintaining clear, defined borders
4. Not separating school boundaries AND connection to current Council representatives

2.6 Meeting #6 – Held in-person

60 individuals signed in - 25 provided survey responses

Map Ranking Order

1. E
2. A
3. D
4. F/C (tied)
5. B

Important Factors by Ranking

1. Not separating my neighborhood
2. Maintaining community diversity
3. Not separating school boundaries
4. Creating/maintaining clear, defined borders AND connection to current Council representatives

3. Survey Data – Averaged

The following data highlights the total *first-choice* responses provided across the six redistricting meetings, as well as the *average* percentage of respondents who selected these as first-choice options.

Map Preferences

1. A – 72 responses (41%)
2. D – 40 responses (23%)
3. E – 36 responses (21%)
4. B – 15 responses (9%)
5. F – 7 responses (4%)
6. C – 4 responses (2%)

Important Factors

1. Not separating my neighborhood – 71 (51.5%)
2. Maintaining community diversity – 45 (32.5%)
3. Connection to current Council representatives – 11 (8%)
4. Creating/maintaining clear, defined borders – 11 (8%)
5. Not separating school boundaries – 0 (0%)

4. Discussion Themes (across all maps)

During each meeting, attendees participated in a Q&A/discussion about the maps and overarching drivers for participants when considering district boundaries. Across all community meetings, salient themes discussed included the following, among others:

- ***Gerrymandering.***
 - This concern arose at each meeting, and not associated with a single map. Participants raised the concern of maps gerrymandered for racial purposes, to pack or crack districts, and to disenfranchise marginalized populations, among other reasons.
 - Some participants also asserted that maps drawn in visually irregular manners may be gerrymandered. Others noted that, just because a map may appear to have more consolidated/compact boundaries does not mean that it was drawn without an agenda.
- ***Keeping neighborhoods intact and keeping neighborhoods with shared interest together.***
 - In addition to being the highest-ranking factor of importance in the meeting survey, the topic of keeping neighborhoods whole emerged as a consistent theme in discussion. Notably, the neighborhoods of Montbello, Northeast and North Park Hill, Capitol Hill, East Colfax, and Five Points, among others, were highlighted as critical to remain whole.
 - Similarly, participants frequently raised the concern of separating neighborhoods from others with shared interests and history, such as Chaffee Park-Sunnyside, the Park Hill neighborhoods, East Colfax-Montbello, Washington Virginia Vale-Hilltop, Globeville-Elyria-Swansea, and Arapahoe Square-CBD.
- ***Integrating community feedback into finalized maps.***
 - Many participants asked and shared concerns about whether and how feedback from community meetings would be used by City Council to update proposed maps and considered in the final drawing.

- ***Continuity.***
 - Some noted that continuity (i.e., attempting to make as few change as possible from existing district lines) should also be a factor for Council to consider when identifying district boundary lines.
- ***Equity.***
 - Discussions in each segment centered on equity as a necessary driving factor in creating district maps, as well as whether and how equity had been a focal consideration in the development of each of the six proposed maps.
- ***Accessibility of public engagement process.***
 - This concern was raised during the initial virtual meetings, with some participants noting that the virtual format (paired with a virtual survey and chat feedback requirement) barred those from attending without significant digital literacy. Others at in-person meetings noted a lack of a virtual option, as well as little opportunity for non-English speakers to offer input on the process.
- ***Altering the City Charter to increase number of Council districts.***
 - Although separate from the 2022 redistricting process, participants frequently engaged in discussion on the potential for amending of the City Charter to place the decision-making power in the hands of the voters, and not in City Council. Others suggested a Charter amendment to increase the number of districts (by either removing at-large Councilmembers or increasing Council entirely) to preventing the necessary dissection of neighborhoods.
- ***Questions on using projected population growth in creating proposed maps.***
 - Participants frequently asked if Council had examined projected population growth across districts to determine appropriate population count in final maps. This was paired with concerns raised about equal distribution of populations and respecting the Charter rules requiring districts to be compact, contiguous, and to maintain nearly equal population amounts.
- ***Condensed nature of the public engagement and voting process, based on the time Council has been provided to review public feedback and vote on final maps.***

- Some participants raised a concern that Council would not have time to effectively compile feedback provided during the public engagement process, review said feedback, and incorporate this into the redevelopment of maps within the timeframe given.
- *Diversity of constituents in representation.*
 - A number of comments arose highlighting a desire for Councilmembers to represent a balanced diverse population across their districts, ensuring they were required to advocate for/be accountable to a broad range of constituents across the cultural and socioeconomic spectrum.
- *Majority-minority districts.*
 - In contrast to the point immediately above, others noted the importance of maintaining majority-minority districts wherever possible to ensure often marginalized voices have more power to self-advocate from the outset.

5. Map-Specific Feedback

During the redistricting public engagement meetings, participants were given time to examine the six maps proposed by members of Council and provide feedback to two overarching questions:

- What do participants like about the map?
- What would participants change about the map, and why?

Feedback was provided on virtual sticky notes during the first two meetings through the Miro software, and on paper sticky notes placed on the physical maps hanging on the wall during the final four in-person meetings. The feedback was then transcribed and incorporated into individual meeting summaries (viewable in the appendix).

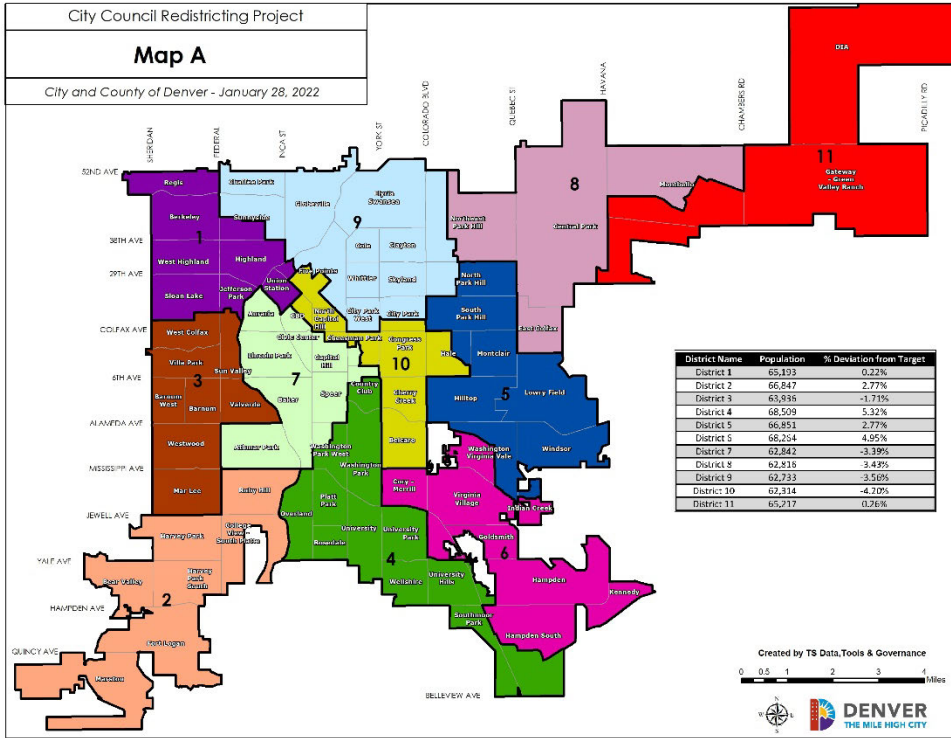
The following includes an overview of some of the topics that were seen in the public feedback provided across all six meetings.

*Note: This is not an exclusive list of comments; a comprehensive list can be seen in appendix A.

5.1 Conflicting Comments

City Council and community members should note that the following summary includes comments received during the process that may either directly or indirectly conflict with each other—while there were many themes that arose as a general consensus, there were also many occurrences in which one community member expressed support of an aspect of a proposed map that another community member opposed. Participants also expressed contradicting views in terms of how to split or maintain certain communities—for example, some shared that they saw a benefit in equally distributing communities at risk of displacement across several districts to ensure that multiple Council representatives advocated for them, while others strongly preferred that these communities remain intact. There are nuances to these differences that only Council can determine how best to navigate during their deliberations and decision-making process.

5.2 Map A



Map A was sponsored by Councilwoman CdeBaca, who provided the following narrative:

“This map is based on a comprehensive analysis of historical maps, gerrymandering in Denver, as well as the input of residents who attended one of three mapping workshops in District 9 or provided feedback, maps, communities of interest or other criterion ideas in response to five publications and numerous updates and reminders via social media”

In support of Map A, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

- Racial equity appears to be a focus of the map
- The map appears to account for future growth and adjusts for population
- The voting history of the prospective districts appears to remain relatively unchanged
- District 8 includes three NEST neighborhoods that are experiencing gentrification (The neighborhood of

East Colfax remains unified, and it unites East Colfax with Montbello and Northeast Park Hill)

- The map allows for development within the Montbello neighborhood to remain within a single district
- Riverfront Park is moved from District 9 to District 1
- Capitol Hill remains whole and remains with Auraria and areas around Downtown (also creates an innovative solution for the Auraria Campus, placing it with District 7)
- Central Park is in District 11
- Keeps Globeville and Elyria-Swansea together
- Keeps Valverde, Barnum, West Colfax, and Sun Valley together, all within District 3
- Chaffee Park and Sunnyside are placed into District 9 with Globeville-Elyria Swansea, separating these neighborhoods from the Downtown area
- Union Station is in District 1, separate from CBD
- Hale and the 9th & Colorado area remain in District 10
- Valverde is in District 3, which keeps the Latinx population intact
- The organization of Arapahoe Square allows for Council districts with shared interests and common community cohesiveness
- District 2, with its added population, gives disadvantaged populations voter power

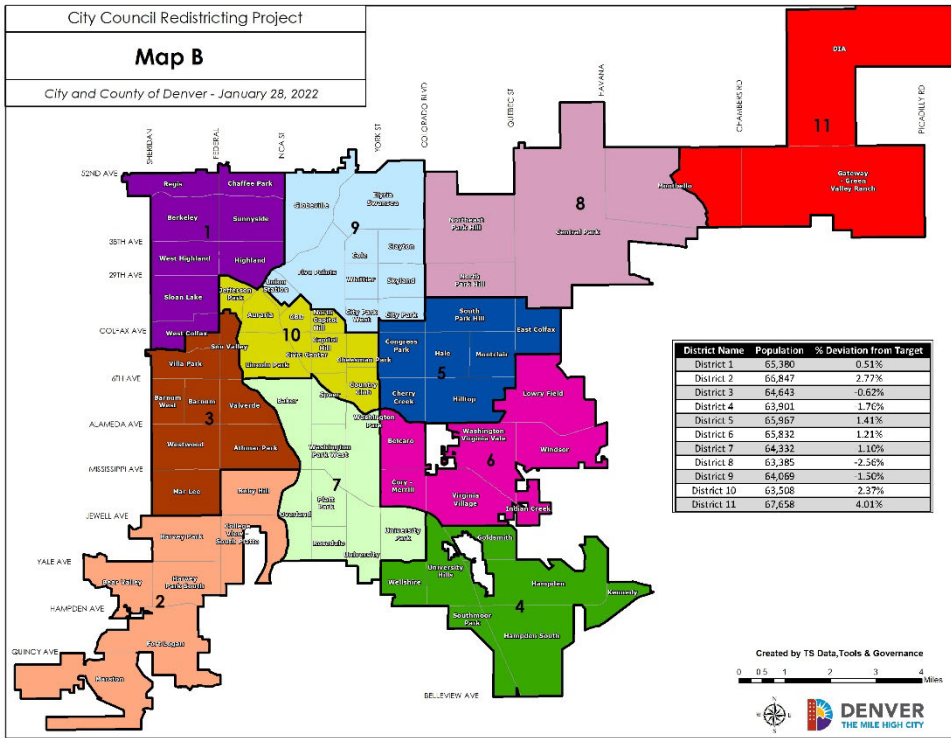
In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map A, among others:

- Districts should be more compact (a comment echoed by many)
- Some neighborhoods are arbitrarily divided, with Five Points added as a representative example
- North Park Hill should not be divided
- Northeast Park Hill should not be divided
- North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill should not be separated from one another
- District 4 should not run from Downtown to South Denver
- Traditional North Denver neighborhoods should not be separated from each other (i.e., Sunnyside, Chaffee Park, Globeville

also mentioned as potentially part of District 1)

- Far Southeast Denver – District 4 – should not be divided into two separate districts
- The Downtown area should be kept within one district
- Hale should be kept together, as it represents a Community of Interest
- The Historic Park Hill Community should remain together
- Athmar Park should be placed in District 3, and the southern half of Mar Lee should be placed in District 2
- Washington Virginia Vale should not be divided

5.3 Map B



Map B was sponsored by Councilwoman Torres, who provided the following narrative:

“We asked community to help us identify their "communities of interest" and several areas of town were quite clear about neighborhood unity and continuity. This map reflects key communities of interest in West Denver keeping Barnum, Barnum West, Westwood, Athmar Park, and Valverde in one district. It also keeps Five Points whole, provides representation of Downtown (Central Business District and Union Station) by more than one Councilmember, connects Auraria to Lincoln Park, unifies the East Colfax Neighborhood, connects College View to Loretto Heights, and keeps both NE Park Hill and Lowry whole. This map respects, as much as possible, neighborhood cohesion. However, with a reduction in 55 precincts, it was a challenge to avoid splitting all neighborhoods. Districts are compact and deviation from the goal population is max 4.01% and min -2.56%, with a total range of 6.57% difference, with most districts hovering around +1% or -1% deviation. This map assumes that our city will continue to grow in population-- districts that will likely carry that growth are positioned to absorb it in an equitable manner.”

In support of Map B, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

- District lines are similar to the existing layout of City Council districts
- Districts are compact
- Cherry Creek and Congress Park are in District 5
- Union Station split across two districts may give this center more focus from Council as a whole
- West Area Plan neighborhoods are kept together
- The map plans for future population growth
- The CBD is in District 10
- The map accounts for River Mile planned growth
- North and Northeast Park Hill are intact
- District 3 remains unchanged, which includes Athmar Park

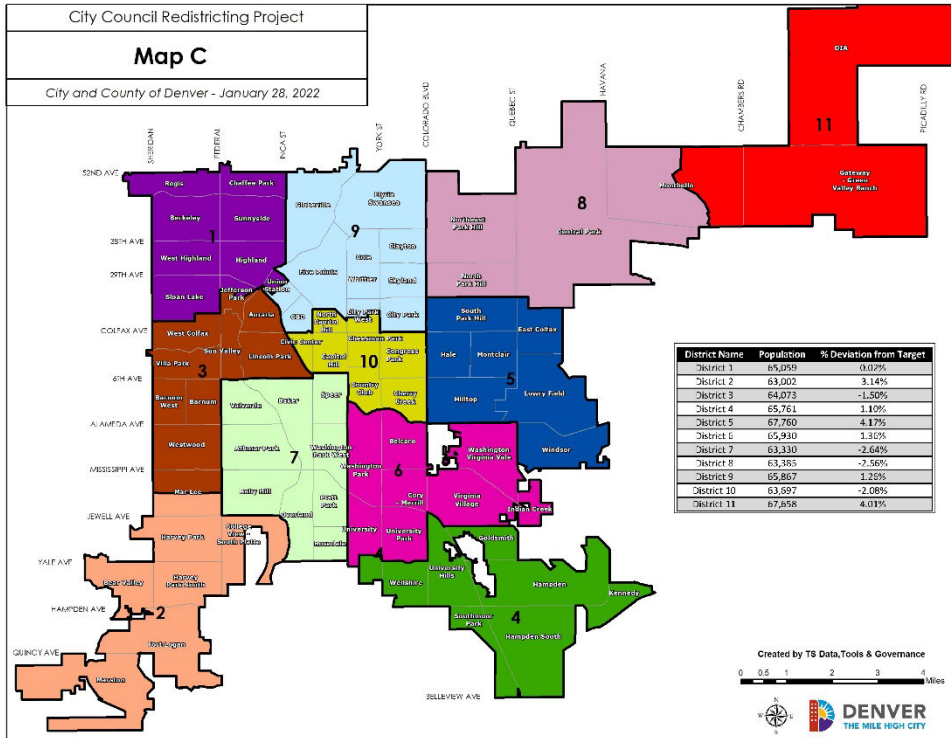
In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map B, among others:

- East Colfax should be in District 8 due to its equity rankings and needs to be with similar communities such as Montbello and Northeast Park Hill, not in District 5
- District 9 should incorporate Spanish-speaking communities in Northwest Denver
- Country Club and Jefferson Park should not be in the same district (Some advocate for Jefferson Park to stay in District 1)
- Union Station should be placed entirely within District 10 (Relatedly, District 10 should not cross I-25)
- West Colfax should be maintained as a whole neighborhood, using either the gulch or the lake as geographic boundaries to separate districts
- Riverfront Park Community should not be separated at 15th St.
- Montbello should not be separated in this proposed manner, as the BIPOC and older adult community is placed in a white, affluent-majority area
- Washington Virginia Vale should be kept in District 5 with areas of similar zoning type
- Lowry and Windsor should remain in District 5 due to the ongoing concerns with the Lowry and Lowry Vista redevelopments
- Union Station, Auraria and CBD should be in the same district due to common interests, and Arapahoe Square should

remain part of the CBD, as its zoning creates and maintains these interests

- District 11 is already overpopulated – starting the next ten years with this many constituents is not smart
- Chaffee Park should remain with Globeville and Elyria-Swansea
- Mar Lee South should remain in District 2

5.4 Map C



Map C was sponsored by Councilman Flynn, who provided the following narrative:

“This map is based on communities of interest and compactness, and was drawn intentionally to minimize the amount of change and “swapping” of areas between districts. Boundary adjustments have been made on the margins.”

In support of Map C, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

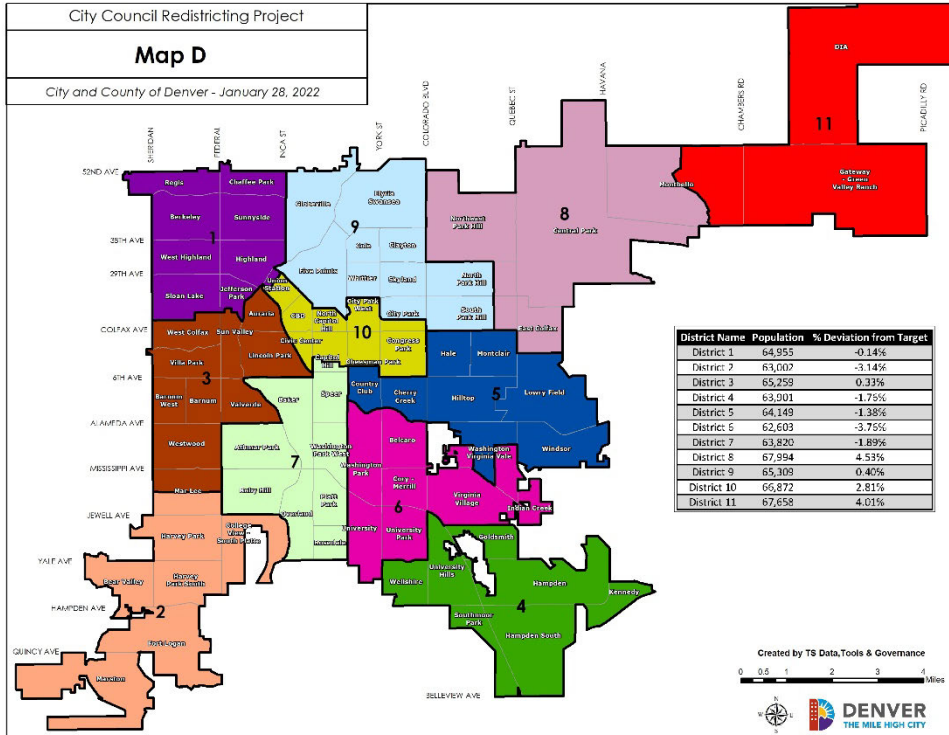
- The districts are compact and easily divided
- The Downtown area is spread among multiple Council representatives
- The map keeps neighborhoods intact
- The areas affected by the new development at Loretto Heights on both sides of Federal are represented by one Council district
- District 5 is largely kept intact, which is important for many reasons, including the Lowry and the 9th Avenue redevelopment
- West Denver community is kept together

- Northeast and North Park Hill are both kept intact
- Five Points is kept intact
- The urban core of the city is placed with Curtis Park, RiNo, and North Central Communities, which could benefit from increased density and equitable development
- The District 1 boundaries keep the Northwest neighborhoods together
- The boundary lines of District 3 are not altered significantly

In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map C, among others:

- Globeville-Elyria-Swansea and the CBD should not be in the same district
- Chaffee Park and Sunnyside should be within District 9
- Cherry Creek and Congress Park should be in District 5
- Athmar Park and Valverde should be placed in District 3 (with Barnum) -- some noted that the Latinx population of Valverde is part of a Community of Interest in West Denver and would be better represented in this district. (Relatedly, Valverde is already part of the West Area Plan; this map contrasts with work already established by the City)
- East Colfax should be in District 8, not District 5, where it would be paired with more affluent neighborhoods that do not share common interests
- The split of Montbello should be revised so as to not marginalize the BIPOC older adult population of Montbello
- Washington Virginia Vale should remain with similar zoning areas in District 5
- District 11 should have a smaller population; because it is still growing rapidly, it will be out of the target population for the next election cycles
- District 2 should have a higher population
- Riverfront Park should not be split at 15th St.
- Union Station, Auraria and CBD should remain together (Relatedly, Union Station should remain in a single district)
- Southwest Denver neighborhoods should be kept intact

5.5 Map D



Map D was sponsored by Councilman Clark, Councilman Herndon, Councilman Kashmann, Councilman Hinds, Councilwoman Gilmore, and Councilwoman Black, who provided the following narrative:

“The submitted map adheres to all of the rules put forth in our City Charter, and to the greatest extent possible to the additional criteria set forth in Council Resolution 21-1059. The largest district is 8.3% larger than the smallest, falling well within the 10% goal. Special attention was put toward preserving communities of interest (COI) based on the final report provided to Council using the 14 group COI areas and 154 individual COIs that were submitted by members of the public. Additionally, this map puts forward a plan that also preserves the constituencies traditionally represented by each district to the greatest extent possible.

This map re-unites several statistical neighborhoods that have, in the past, been split while minimizing drawing district boundaries through neighborhood boundaries whenever possible. For the Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI) neighborhoods were analyzed and then grouped together after carefully considering the following elements; shared histories, issues,

and aspirations, built environment and natural features, planning need, character, context, development patterns, major destinations, and common infrastructure. This plan also makes several moves to put neighborhoods that are grouped in the NPI together in the same Council District.

The sponsors of this map believe that this map represents the best scenario for creating district maps that are compact, contiguous and abide by the allowed standard deviation while giving a strong voice to each resident, neighborhood, and community of interest.”

In support of Map D, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

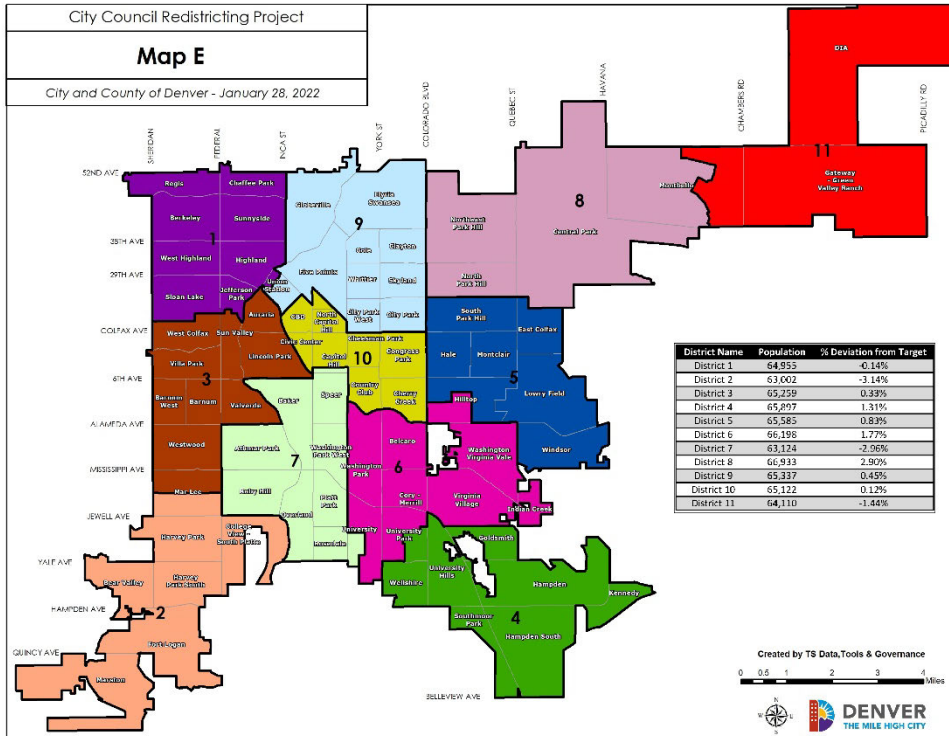
- The map is compact and contiguous
- West Denver is kept intact
- East Colfax remains in District 8 with other NEST neighborhoods facing displacement pressures (Specifically, East Colfax is united with Montbello and Northeast Park Hill in this district)
- Valverde remains in District 3
- West Colfax is made whole
- The downtown area is combined in District 10 with the Golden Triangle and Near-East Colfax, which have
- higher-density housing and commuters (Relatedly, the CBD and the LoDo area are within a single district)
- Riverfront Park is not split at 15th St. and is included into District 1
- Cherry Creek is in District 5
- Five Points remains unified
- North Denver remains intact due to the boundary for District 1
- The CBD remains intact

In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map D, among others:

- North Park Hill and South Park Hill should remain intact, with some calls to remove these neighborhoods from District 9 and to be placed in District 8 or District 5
- If the Park Hill neighborhoods are split, they should be done so laterally
- Note that the voices in Globeville-Elyria-Swansea, Cole and Whittier would be dampened by the presence of Park Hill in the same district
- District 8 should extend further into Montbello

- District 9 should include the Spanish-speaking communities further to the northwest
- The map isolates the low-income, mostly Spanish-speaking population in Montbello – placing them in a mainly white, wealthier district
- Capitol Hill should not be split due to its status as Community of Interest
- Capitol Hill should be placed with Auraria
- City Park should not be split
- District 8 should have a smaller population, as it is likely to experience significant population growth and may soon be out of the target population range for districts compared to the rest
- District 11 should have a smaller population
- District 6 and District 2 should have a larger population due to smaller projected growth
- East Colfax should be placed with more of Montbello, and less of North and South Park Hill
- Athmar Park should be in District 3 to keep the Latinx Community of Interest intact
- Auraria should not be separated from the downtown area
- Riverfront Park should not be split at 15th St.
- Washington Virginia Vale should be placed with Hilltop/Crestmoor and not split
- Chaffee Park and Sunnyside should be placed with Elyria-Swansea in District 9
- District 2 should include Mar Lee
- The Country Club, Cherry Creek and Hilltop should not all be within one district
- Union Station should be solely within District 10

5.6 Map E



Map E was sponsored by Councilwoman Sandoval, who did not provide a narrative.

This map attempts to respect natural boundaries honor communities of interest and keep statistical neighborhoods intact to the extent possible. This map has a 6% deviation.

In support of Map E, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

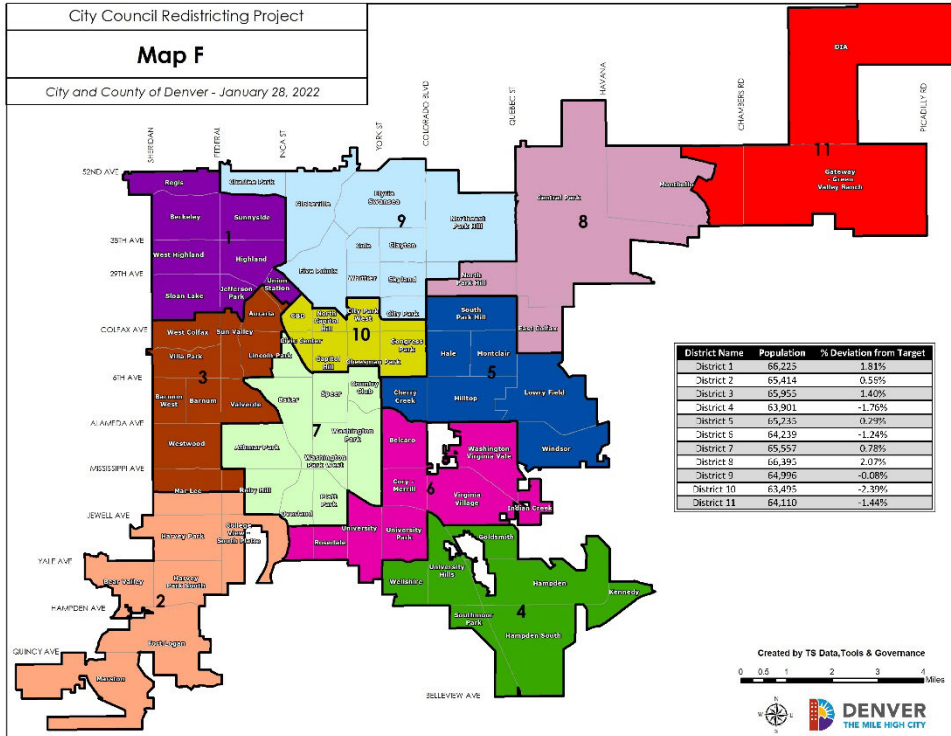
- The map is compact, contiguous, and has a low deviation spread of population
- Downtown is divided into three districts, which gives better Council representation
- Communities of Interest west of Union Station are unified
- North Denver is kept intact
- College View is in District 2, which is important due to development at Loretto Heights that affects both sides of Federal
- The map honors traditional organizing developments and respects other layers of Communities of Interest on maps

- Northeast and North Park Hill are intact
- Five Points remains intact and keeps Curtis Park united

In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map E, among others:

- Capitol Hill should not be separated in the southern section, as it has been identified as a Community of Interest
- Hilltop should not be divided into two Council districts – it should be entirely in District 5 due to the ongoing redevelopment of Lowry, Lowry Vista and 9th Avenue
- Congress Park or Cherry Creek should be placed into District 5
- Union Station should be placed into District 10 or District 1
- East Colfax should be in District 8
- District 9 should include the Spanish-speaking neighborhoods in Northwest Denver
- Auraria, Union Station, and CBD should remain together
- Chaffee Park should be placed with Globeville and Elyria-Swansea
- Athmar Park should remain in District 3
- Riverfront Park should not be split at 15th St. (should instead be split at Speer)
- North Park Hill should be placed in District 5
- District 2 should include all of Mar Lee
- Jefferson Park should move to District 3
- Arapahoe Square should remain included with the CBD, and the dividing line should be Park Avenue West, not 20th St., as it is a common Community of Interest with the CBD that shares common zoning

5.7 Map F



Map F was sponsored by Councilwoman Sawyer, who provided the following narrative:

The map submitted (and sponsored) by District 5 was created in response to the East Colfax community’s feedback. Community leaders in that neighborhood feel that they would like to be represented by a single Councilmember. They have also said that they feel strongly that their needs and interests (mostly around displacement and gentrification) align more with the residents of Montbello, and so they would like to become a part of District 8. There was also a community of interest identified in southern District 5, where we have a significant population of Orthodox Jewish residents, that we tried to keep together based on public feedback. As a result of these two stated communities of interest and public feedback requesting that neighborhoods be kept together instead of represented by two CM’s wherever possible, Council District 5 needs to grow, most likely to the west and/or north. Starting there we adjusted boundaries of other Council districts based on population growth, keeping in mind the estimated locations of Councilmembers’s homes.”

In support of Map F, meeting participants favored the following characteristics, among others:

- This map has a low deviation of population numbers that shows population is evenly distributed across districts which will allow for more growth
- Cherry Creek is placed in District 5
- East Colfax is united in District 8
- West Colfax is kept intact as a neighborhood
- West Denver is largely kept intact
- Chaffee Park is placed in District 9
- District 5 includes historically similar areas
- The responsibility for Downtown is shared
- Northeast Park Hill is intact
- Five Points remains intact – respecting the neighborhood’s historical and cultural continuity
- Union Station is entirely in District 1
- Neighborhoods affected by Lowry and 9th Ave. Development are kept together
- Washington Park and Washington Park West are in a single district (District 7), along with Speer and Country Club, which follows the natural dividing line of Speer

In turn, meeting participants proposed the following changes to Map F, among others:

- North Park Hill and South Park Hill should remain together, and North Park Hill should remain intact
- Park Hill neighborhoods should be divided laterally
- North and Northeast Park Hill should remain with Montbello and East Colfax (others suggest Northeast Park Hill and North Park Hill should be solely in District 9)
- Northeast Park Hill should be placed in District 8 to ensure better alignment with community organizing
- Auraria, Union Station and CBD should remain together
- District 6 should not reach the South Platte River
- District 9 should not reach to Federal (i.e., it extends too far west)
- Mar Lee should be in District 2
- Chaffee Park should be in District 1 with the rest of the Northside, as they share common interests (the Northwest Neighborhood Planning Initiative has begun, which also includes Chaffee Park)

- City Park and City Park West should be in the same district (Note that City Park should be removed from District 9)
- Ruby Hill should not be split into 3 council districts and Lincoln Park should not be split in half (Ruby Hill includes a very distinct student population with English-Language Learner needs and should be included in District 3)
- Washington Virginia Vale should be grouped with similar zoning types (U-SU-F) and characteristics
- Riverfront Park should not be split at 15th St.
- Planned growth in River Mile and along rail in District 9 could result in unequal representation

6. Conclusion

There is a community desire and appetite to engage on a deep and collective manner in the redistricting process – community members showed up to these meetings with clear purpose and intention, not only for their specific geographic community but for the City as a whole. Overall, participants in these meetings had a vision and long-term rationale for their positions and expressed their ideas and concerns thoughtfully and openly. Across all six meetings, one strong connecting thread was an appeal to Council to give careful thought to how they preserve or divide communities that may have shared history and social/economic interests, especially neighborhoods that may be at risk of displacement/gentrification—there was an expressed desire for Council to ensure integration of equity principles into their map considerations.

Another sentiment shared across all six meetings was a strong community call for Council to consider the comprehensive input received throughout the process and work in partnership to determine how to adjust/rework the proposed maps to listen to the community feedback. While some overarching themes in the input were nearly universal, other specific propositions made by community members conflicted with each other, and deliberating the nuances of that input will require intentional decision-making on the part of each councilmember.

7. Appendix A - Meeting Summaries

7.1 Meeting #1

What are the "absolute musts" for you when considering a new district map?

- Keep common interests of neighborhoods together, the West Area Plan, Stadium, River West, Golf Course in Park Hill, etc. - these are important for unification of residents.
- Not isolating "outer boundaries" of districts with BIPOC communities.
- East Colfax should be in a single District, and not in D5 if D5 looks like any of these maps.
- West Colfax should be entirely in D1 or D3, not split
- Cap Hill needs to be in one district
- We should have a downtown interest district (e.g. Union Station to Cap Hill) - it should not be split between many districts.
- To keep complete neighborhoods together, to keep neighborhoods with common interests, concerns, and problems together in the same District, and to continue with Councilmembers who are familiar with each area's biggest problems

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- I believe the migration of D9 into Chaffee Park and parts of Sunnyside makes sense given shared community issues, advocacy, and language. Segmenting large portions of downtown away from GES and Chaffee/Sunnyside makes sense as well, as the resident base and primary concerns differ massively.
- Putting the wealthier/whiter neighborhoods together in D4 is a great move for equity
- it's confusing to residents to break up neighborhoods - weakens our voice
- For D9 where I live, this map better captures our COI (especially excluding

downtown and capturing Spanish speaking neighbors to the NW)

- This map makes no sense.
- I also like the willingness to change from current districts. we only do this every 3 years and COIs are important.
- I appreciate that District 8 puts three neighborhoods together that are experiencing gentrification. this will better ensure that special concerns associated with same will be better considered
- The map is very carefully drawn prioritizing COIs over straight boundaries
- This has the best representation for E Colfax
- This map does a good job of Unifying 3 NEST Neighborhoods of and Communities of Interest in District 8....ideally this map would keep North Park Hill whole and expand the district more into Montbello
- It is nice that East Colfax is unified in this map.
- I like that it keeps communities of interest together
- This is an illegal map. Aspects of gerrymandering all throughout.

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Keeping neighborhoods whole is better for representation
- It is possible to have this map be created in a way that does not divide Northeast and North Park Hill
- District 10 doesn't make any sense in this map, based on either the mandatory criteria (contiguity, compactness), nor some of the council-preferred criteria, such as keeping similar/shared communities (Belcaro and Five Points? And edging into Hale from Downtown?). Ultimately, 10, 7, and 4 overlap in ways that don't make sense, so I would rectify those (consolidating around downtown neighborhoods). Also, District 4 is not anywhere near as compact as it should be, particularly given that it's reformation causes District 6 to be strangely not compact. These should be reconfigured. Significant geographic boundaries are overstepped in numerous places (e.g.

l-25) without a COI reason, so I would eliminate those crossings.

- District 4 runs from downtown to south Denver, does not seem compact or contiguous. Also, this D9 in this map does not represent downtown while D9 currently is the majority of downtown. Why the change?
- This map is highly gerrymandered. Districts 2,4,5,6,8,10 and 11 especially. It looks like maps seen in places like North Carolina or Florida,
- This map should focus on keeping communities of interest whole and Keep Northeast Park Whole and further expand district 8 into district 11
- This is a very jumbled map and separates too many neighborhoods. It looks like a map from North Carolina using gerrymandering!!
- Chaffee Park should be part of Dist. 1 along with all of Sunnyside. This map splits up traditionally North Denver neighborhoods. If possible district one should extent to the Globeville line since that community considers itself North Denver and Elyria Swansea consider themselves East siders and thus can stay in 9.
- Map A dividing up Far SE Denver Dist. 4 into 2 districts is horrible logic
- I like that East Colfax is not in District 5

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- This map places Cherry Creek and Congress Park into D5, where demographics and interests are more similar than to D10
- Downtown areas are consolidated
- This keeps neighborhoods whole and keeps West Area Plan neighborhoods together.
- This map plans for growth
- This puts the CBD in District #10. Putting all of Mar Lee in D3 and giving Ruby Hill to D2 is a nice trade off. Now D7 is more focused on South Denver.

What would you change about this map, and why?

- E Colfax does not align with District 5 interests
- I want D9 to reach over to the northwest to capture the Spanish speaking areas there
- Country club and Jeff park are quite distinct, and Jeff park crosses a major geo boundary. I would suggest the Union Station neighborhood be moved into D10 in this map.
- I would prefer to see West Colfax be maintained as a whole neighborhood. Using the geographic boundary of either the gulch or the lake to separate districts would keep COIs together
- While this map does put East Colfax in one district, people in that neighborhood have indicated they want to be together in D8 with NE Park Hill + Montbello
- As currently proposed where E Colfax is in District 5, the concerned of this economically challenged neighborhood would like be neglected among higher SES neighborhoods.

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- Compact and easily divided
- The intersection of downtown among multiple district representation.
- Most geographically consistent and keeps most neighborhoods intact. It would be great to get the CBD into CD10 but not sure that is possible.
- Thank you for returning College View back to D2 in all map scenarios.
- This makes sense to have both sides of Federal that are affected by the new development at Loretto Heights under one council district.
- This map keeps most of our District 5 together, which is important for the many issues resulting from the Lowry redevelopment and the 9th Avenue redevelopment, but it would be better for Washington/Virginia Vale to be included as they currently are, because their neighborhoods have very similar interests and concerns about traffic, crime, and similar problems.

What would you change about this map, and why?

- This maintains GES and the CBD in one District, which doesn't make sense from a cultural or issue orientation. I would move CBD into D10, move D9 into Chaffee Park/Sunnyside, and move Cherry Creek and Congress Park into D5 to make up for the population changes.
- It doesn't make sense to have East Colfax in District 5.
- I feel Valverde is an area that is abandoned within the current interests of Lucky 7 and would be better shared with D3's shared interest and community
- This doesn't maintain the COI of West Denver very well. Valverde and Athmar Park are removed from District 7.
- E Colfax interests do not align well with other neighborhoods in District 5. Its interests/challenges would likely not be well represented in a district that includes so many economically better off neighborhoods

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- This map reflects the vision East Colfax would like to see for our neighborhood by placing East Colfax into District 8 with other neighborhoods facing serious displacement pressures.
- This maintains a lot of whole neighborhood, respects the mandatory compactness/contiguity criteria, keeps West Denver together, puts East Colfax together, centralizes a downtown district, merges neighborhoods with similar demographics (e.g. D5), and more!
- This map does a good job of uniting three NEST neighborhoods that are communities of interest and NEST neighborhoods into D8
- This map allows COI as it relates to NEST neighborhoods, social, economic and racial harmony.

What would you change about this map, and why?

- This map would be OK for D5
- North Park Hill and South Park Hill should be in 9 and 8 should extend into Montbello further
- This map does a good job of prioritizing communities of interest but should not split North and South Park Hill and should expand D8 further into district 11
- D9 should include Spanish speaking neighborhood to the NW
- Cap Hill shouldn't be split (maybe send congress park to D5, place the rest of Cap Hill in D10, and have D7 eat more of Wash Park to rebalance), and I'd send some of Chaffee park and Sunnyside to D9.
- This map cuts Capitol Hill which had 9 maps submitted that marked it as a community of interest, which should not be divided
- District 8 is too big, particularly given that we should expect that this district will continue to see significant population growth given new construction there. It should be smaller than others to start if we expect its population to keep growing quickly.
- East Colfax is advocating for placement with other NEST neighborhoods and this map seems to do the trick. However we would like to be linked with a larger section of Montbello, less of North/South Park Hill

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- Compact, contiguous and low deviation spread. I like how downtown is divided into three Councilmembers for better representation. seems to follow natural boundaries (streets, waterways, etc.). Also unifies Community of Interest for West of Union Station.
- Great to see College View in District 2 due to development at Loretto Heights affecting both sides of Federal.

- What would you change about this map, and why?
- I can handle Park Hill being divided up but it seems unfortunate to break up Capitol Hill in that southwest section.
- Very similar Hilltop area is divided into two Council Districts, which is not fair to our neighborhoods.
- I would move D10 further into Union Station and send either Congress Park or Cherry Creek into D5 to help rebalance communities.
- East Colfax should not be in D5 - needs to move to D8 to better serve their community interests
- This map cuts up Capitol Hill which was indicated as a community of interest to not divide in the first part of this process
- East Colfax should not be in District 5 when the neighborhood has organized around placement in District 8 with more neighborhoods with similar needs.
- Two communities of interest aren't respected - cap hill is split, and East Colfax doesn't end up in D8. East Colfax voices won't be well-heard in D5 with this map.
- D9 should include Spanish speaking neighborhood to the NW

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- Makes sense for cherry creek to move to D5, and maintains many communities of interest
- This adapts to requests; (e.g. East Colfax in one neighborhood and in D8, West Denver mostly together and respecting geo boundaries, and Chaffee Park joins D9)
- This is best for D5 because it includes most of the historically similar areas and only excludes the areas which preferred to be a part of D8.

What would you change about this map, and why?

- North Park Hill should be with S Park Hill
- District 6 for should not reach all the way to the Platte River

- District 9 reaching to Federal seems like it's way too big geographically from east to west
- There doesn't seem to be a reason to split North Park Hill.
- D8 would be more aligned with the community organizing that has taken

place there if NE Park Hill were a part of D8.

- Splitting N and S Park hill could make sense, but that North Park Hill wedge is really weird, not compact, and I don't think it follows COI interests.
- This map divides an important community of interest in East Colfax

7.2 Meeting #2

Overarching comments:

- Concerns about the segmentation of Montbello in all of the map options
 - Example comments:

"Can we please get feedback on the obviously unwanted and seriously unfortunate split of Montbello in all maps? Is there a way to create a variance in this one case? This process must work FOR such communities not AGAINST them or else what are we here for?"

"We heard loud and clear that Montbello residents don't like their neighborhood split (and they weren't alone). And it sounded like all "new" maps still had it split because of a council resolution to assure that current council members remain in their districts. Perhaps instead, the council could resolve that incumbent member need NOT reside in their new district, at least through their current term. Then for re-election, they can either move, or run in their new resident district, or run for at-large."

- Discussion about the possibility of creating new districts and adding council members. Questions re: the process of changing the city charter to increase city council districts and what took place already in fall 2021.
- Concerns that the city council members will not use public feedback to incorporate changes in final selections of maps.

- Concerns about the access to these meetings (both in a digital format and in-person)
 - Concern about the meetings held virtually in Montbello but in-person going forward
 - Concerns about language access; specifically, that the meetings are not being offered in enough languages and that the burden is put on the public to request interpretation in advance

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- Adjusts for population and keeps racial equity
- It takes neighborhoods into consideration
- This map promotes racial equity because it has 6/7 districts where there are majority white people in those districts whereas maps B,C,D, and E have 7/11 majority white districts. I also like this map because it creates an innovative solution for Auraria Campus. Most other maps include Auraria with the East Sheridan Grouping which makes no sense. The first thing that comes to mind is adding Auraria with the Downtown area but this maps innovatively adds Auraria to District 7. As a college student, it is very frustrating that we are underserved in maps and I'm glad this map makes Auraria Campus part of a community that makes sense. I grew up in the east Sheridan area, lived on campus while attending CU Denver and now live in Cap Hill. This map addresses the reality that downtown adjacent areas will have to break up some of these areas but does it in a way that makes the most sense.
- This map, out of all of them, is the most favorable for me. Although it cuts Montbello in half, it allows us to keep the development happening within that area within one district. Too much has been done on part of residents of this area to now split this up amongst a new council member
- What I like about this map is that it unites the East Colfax, Montbello, and

Northeast Park Hill neighborhoods into a single district. All three of these neighborhoods are communities of interest facing similar threats of displacement and gentrification.

- SO far this map interest me the most, though District 9 concerns me how it makes the district majority white for communities that need more voice
- I like how Map A takes into account future growth and gives room in areas that are likely to grow.
- Very much like how this map activates around protecting vulnerable populations, rather than other arbitrary criteria
- I like how Map A concentrates some of the wealthier neighborhoods as they already have an outsized voice in business and access. We should do whatever we can to increase the voices of the traditionally marginalized.
- District 8 is more focused on combining communities with risk of displacement
- Keeps East Colfax whole
- I love that Map A does not get rid of the authenticity of District 9 and keeps the representation of the POC
- Lines reflect the shift in population
- Like how this map includes East Colfax in with Northeast Park Hill and Montbello
- District 5 looks properly mapped
- I like that the 41 and Fox station area is all together. However breaking up Sunnyside into two districts doesn't seem right.
- This map does a good job of creating more racial equity by connecting neighborhoods to the city center
- Map seems to do an excellent bringing NEST neighborhoods together in D8
- This is our Riverfront Park community's favorite alignment that moves us from District 9 to District 1. We believe this makes more geographic and community sense.
- This map is splitting the sunny side from the rest of its neighborhood and its awful
- I like that union station is in D1. Many people who live in D1 work in Union Station or vice versa.
- Union Station, Auraria and CBD should stay together

What would you change about this map, and why?

- I like that the map keeps Valverde in District 3. As a Latina and longtime SW Denver resident, it is critical to keep this Latinx community in District 3. I am concerned that Map A breaks up too many neighborhoods like 5 points, NE Park Hill, and N Park Hill
- This map does not align with the comments made by councilwomen CdeBaca. How does this unite communities?
- Aren't districts supposed to be "Compact"? This has the strangest most gerrymandered looking districts of all the proposed maps
- Without researching the data, the odd shapes on this map scream of gerrymandering.
- This is easily the worst map. It is the worst at meeting one of the charter (legal) requirements, which is being as compact as possible. I know it was created with the thought of ensuring there are an adequate count of majority-minority districts, but map F does that without being a gerrymandered mess. This splits downtown into three districts for no apparent reason, and as other maps prove, unnecessarily.
- This map divides neighborhoods and it is not good because of that. The Park Hill Neighborhoods are divided.
- Northeast Park Hill should not be divided and should remain whole in district 8
- Some of the criteria mentioned in the justification of this map isn't even consistent with the objectives that were originally
- I don't get it. If "compactness" is an objective, why is this map even sponsored? Seems the least "compact" of all?
- This map is the least compact: My neighborhood does not have much in common with the others. The borders do not make sense. Representation will be difficult
- This map splits numerous communities of interest. Doesn't meet the criteria displayed, either charter or council-preference
- Make the downtown districts into one neighborhood

- Chaffee Park should stay part of NW Denver
- CBD/North Cap Hill have nothing in common with Cherry Creek or Belcaro
- Similar properties and demographics should be kept together
- I am concerned with this map A. It has so many of the districts strung out. It seems like gerrymandering to me. Especially unfair to Latinos in District 1.
- This seems so spread out
- How weird is this shape?
- Logical communities should be kept together, and compactness should be maintained so that residents with similar geographies and issues are together. Belcaro and the North CBD do not have the same community forms or issues
- This is truly bizarre. Why divide up Five Points like this? There is NO

different community of interest on one side of this strange line than the other.

- I do not like this map as it is not compact and it lumps different communities together, this makes me worried about representation.
- Hale is a community of interest and should be kept with its neighbors
- Violates Council's goal to not split statistical neighborhoods more than any other map does.
- this map seems disjointed .Why is District 4 spread across the entire city? this map seems to have an agenda rather than taking the people's needs into consideration
- This map doesn't make sense at all; it makes Denver so choppy and unclear. So many people would be in different districts and would completely alter the neighborhoods

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- I like that Map A keeps Valverde in District 3. As a Latina and longtime SW Denver resident, it is critical to keep this Latinx community in District

3. I am concerned that Map A breaks up too many neighborhoods like 5 points, NE Park Hill, and N Park Hill.

- This map looks good in many ways. I would like to incorporate Jefferson Park in District 1 and Union Station as well.
- Good compactness, logical. District 10 as the center area makes sense, while sharing downtown/Union Station across two districts may give this center more focus from more of council

What would you change about this map, and why?

- I would like to highlight Councilwoman Torres is the only one to propose District 3 not be north of West Colfax (except for Mile High), which is extremely telling of her current lack of concern for those in that neighborhood, so I would suggest the collective committee listen to Ms. Torres' own proposal to have those north of West Colfax be a part of District 1. Sloan's Lake is our neighborhood and District 1 is where we associate ourselves, not south of West Colfax where Ms. Torres focuses the majority of her time.
- Do not break up Riverfront Park community
- This map doesn't make any sense with how it changes Dt 9 and Dt 10 especially!
- This one totally tears apart Montbello in the strangest way. It further marginalizes the Black/Brown older adult community in Montbello by placing them in a white, rich majority area
- Absolutely Riverfront Park's least favorite alignment that creates too much cultural and economic disparity.
- East Colfax has advocated to be in D8
- This map puts the East Colfax neighborhood into district 5 with neighborhoods that do **not** have common interests with East Colfax. This will be very bad for our neighborhood. Instead, East Colfax should be united with other "communities of interest" like Montbello and Northeast Park Hill
- I think Jefferson Park should stay in #1 - if needed reduce W Colfax Sloan's Lake makes a better border for #1
- This map looks good in many ways. I would like to incorporate Jefferson

Park in District 1 and Union Station as well.

- no union station in D9
- keep Washington Virginia Vale in District 5 with similar zoning types (U-SU-F)
- Breaks up community East of Sheridan.
- East Colfax will not have their voice heard if combined with so many

neighborhoods that have significantly higher income

- East Colfax would be better served in D8
- Union Station does not make sense in D9. It would make more sense to be added to D10.
- Do not split up Riverfront Park at 15th St

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- this map keeps the districts most intact
- I think this map has the most integrity in so far as keeping the West Denver community together as a community of interest. I am a Westwood resident, first gen Mex-Am, and grew up in Athmar Park and Ruby Hill. I also used

to represent this area on the Denver BOE. This area has longtime been neglected by the city, we are JUST getting a rec center and finally getting more library space that is more proportional to the number of school age children in the area.

- Like the compactness of this map

What would you change about this map, and why?

- I don't like anything about Map C. As a Latinx, first gen Mex-Am woman, I am very concerned on what this map does to West Denver.

- There is nothing I like about this map. Boundaries seem to be drawn on major roads rather than thinking through important communities of interest.

- This map needs to include Valverde in District 3 at a minimum. To exclude Valverde from District 3 is to break up a critical community of interest-- specifically, the Latinx people of West Denver who are already disenfranchised. I used to represent this area on the Denver Board of Education, and Valverde has specific needs for the students in the area that are better represented in District 3. Valverde is already a part of the West Area Plan, so passing this map would be in direct contrast to work that has already been established by the City.
- This map is messed up for the same reasons as map B, it splits Montbello in a way that marginalizes the Black and Brown older adult population of Montbello
- This map is well done and compact. Keeps communities of interest together. I am wondering if Park Hill could be added to district 9 and then District 8 could keep Montbello whole. Take out City Park West and City Park.
- Washington Virginia Vale more appropriate to group with other U-SU-F types in Dist 5
- Dt 11 has the largest # of voters and because it is still growing, it will rapidly be out of kilter for the next three election cycles
- Breaks up community East of Sheridan.
- This map packs East Colfax in with a predominantly wealthy district
- East Colfax will not have their voice heard if combined with so many neighborhoods that have significantly higher income
- This map does little to account for population growth
- This map puts the East Colfax neighborhood into district 5 with neighborhoods that do *not* have common interests with East Colfax. This will be very bad for our neighborhood. Instead, East Colfax should be united with other "communities of interest" like Montbello and Northeast Park Hill
- Do not split up Riverfront Park at 15 St
- East Colfax's issues will be drowned out if this map stays this way.

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- Keeps East Colfax whole
- Colfax corridor should be kept together as one hale/Montclair in same district
- What I like about this map is that it unites the East Colfax, Montbello, and Northeast Park Hill neighborhoods into a single district. All three of these neighborhoods are communities of interest facing similar threats of displacement and gentrification.
- I like that this map includes Valverde in District 3
- this makes West Colfax one whole neighborhood which is a huge improvement over today
- Dist 5 is well mapped
- This map seems to keep most communities whole - even if some are still split. The % of deviation is also good.
- One of the more "Compact" maps, I like it
- '% deviation isn't over 5 or under - 5 for any district which I like'
- This keeps almost every COI whole, and is compact and logical. Creates a downtown district as well as possible, which is overdue, combining it with Golden Triangle and near-east Colfax neighborhoods that have higher-density housing and commuters on the 15
- Acceptable to Riverfront Park with inclusion into District 1.
- Downtown is kept together in Dist 10
- Three NEST communities, Communities of Interest, and communities at high risk of displacement are combined into one district (NE Park Hill, East Colfax, Montbello) – I like this about the map
- D5 map makes sense to have Cherry Creek

What would you change about this map, and why?

- District 9 should not be split and made a white majority district.
- Park Hill should not be in District 9
- This map also marginalizes the low-income, mostly Spanish speaking population in Montbello by isolating them. It forces them into a mainly white, rich district. This map would silence their voice and cause them to be left behind as Councilman Herndon has done with District 8's population in Montbello
- This map needs to include Athmar Park in District 3. I grew up in Athmar Park and Ruby Hill and experienced two different council district representation. Without a doubt, we were better represented in District 3 because it better keeps the Spanish speaking Latinx community of interest intact.
- Remove North and South Park Hill from D8 and increase population in Montbello
- Auraria Campus is separated from downtown.
- Three NEST communities, Communities of Interest, and communities at high risk of displacement are combined into one district (NE Park Hill, East Colfax, Montbello) – I don't like this about the map
- this distributes the population so that D8 and D11 are maxed out and are the most populous districts in the city
- Do not split up Riverfront Park at 15th St
- having someone living in Park Hill representing GEs is worrisome because they are so different and have very different needs and changes
- this is my area. Wash Virginia Vale should be grouped with similar neighborhoods like Hilltop/Crestmoor
- North and South Park Hill would be better in D5
- Dt 8 & Dt 11 have the most population in this map and they will both continue to grow, so when the next redistricting is done - their numbers will far exceed the population than other districts. They both should have less population in all the maps being considered.

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- This is good and compact. Seems to make sense. Could Montbello be kept whole if North Park Hill were added to District 9 and City Parks taken out of district 9.
- This is the BEST map that keeps districts compact and equalizes the population the best!
- Makes a lot of sense. What happens to D9 count if Union Station goes to D1 instead? I like that D5 does not become the "rich-only exclusive" district here, unlike other map proposals

What would you change about this map, and why?

- East Colfax should be with like neighborhoods in D8
- This map should put Union Station into Dt 1
- I would like to keep Athmar Park in District 3. I grew up in Athmar Park and Ruby Hill and experienced city council representation under two different districts and were better represented in D3 because it keeps the Spanish speaking Latinx residents together.
- Do not split up Riverfront Park at 15th St!
- North Park Hill should be in 5 and East Colfax should go to 8
- Riverfront boundary needs to be along Speer to include residences (not 15th Street).
- East Colfax is advocating to be in D8
- East Colfax will not have their voice heard if combined with so many neighborhoods that have significantly higher income
- Auraria Campus is separated from downtown.
- This map should move Dt 2 further north to include all of Marlee - it is the smallest District, and then Jefferson Park should go to Dt 3 and All of Union Station should be in Dt 1

- This map puts the East Colfax neighborhood into district 5 with neighborhoods that do *not* have common interests with East Colfax. This will be very bad for our

neighborhood. Instead, East Colfax should be united with other "communities of interest" like Montbello and Northeast Park Hill

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- like E Colfax in D8, D9 is close
- East Colfax is brought into D8 and unified
- Keeps communities of color and communities of interest together
- This is a great map! It keeps COIs together and matches their requests (e.g. East Colfax moving to D8) while also maintaining the core requirements like compactness in mind
- good generally horizontal organization
- Things I like: Grouping Union Station neighborhood into district 1 (Candi does not represent our Union Station

neighborhood interests)... Hard to tell without streets where the actual edge is, but I think the neighborhood is bigger than what's outlined here (In this way, I like Map A better - Grouping Wash Park West and Wash Park (East), as well as Speer and Country Club in District 7 to follow the natural divide that Speer provides.... also think Platt Park is a good representation of District 7 as well.

- Union station in D1
- this makes West Colfax one whole neighborhood which is a huge improvement over today

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Union station, CBD and Auraria should be together.
- needlessly breaks up North Park Hill

- Chaffee Park needs to be in the same District as the rest of the Northside. It is part of this community. Also, City Park and City Park West need to be in the same district. Globeville could be part of District 1. Take City Park out of District 9. Move North Park Hill to #9 and work to make Montbello in one District.
- wasn't splitting Montbello more about contiguity?
- I am a long-time west Denver resident. My first language is Spanish, and I represented SW Denver on the Denver BOE. I am seriously concerned about how Map F negatively impacts my fellow Latinx, Spanish speaking west-side of Denver. There is nothing I appreciate about this map.
- Chaffee Park should stay with District 1 and drop Union station
- This meeting splits up Ruby Hill into 3 council districts and splits Lincoln

Park in half. This needs to be rectified immediately. Ruby Hill includes a very distinct student population with English-Language Learner needs and should be included in District 3. This would better preserve a historically marginalized, Spanish speaking, Latinx community. I grew up in Ruby Hill and Athmark Park and am a resident of Westwood. I do not think this map considers my community with integrity.

- Second favorite for Riverfront Park
- Washington Virginia Vale should be grouped with similar zoning types U-SU-F and characteristics
- Splitting Chaffee Park from District 1 separates it from the remaining NNW neighborhoods just as we are working together on the NPI
- Do not split up Riverfront Park at 15 S

7.3 Meeting #3

Discussion comments:

- How are council members taking into place concerns about gentrification/displacement? How are

they being inclusive/not separating re: communities of interest and focusing on equity?

- Discussion about the possibility of creating new districts and adding representatives
 - Would two additional districts change perspectives? Do we need two more? Or do we leave it at large? What about 15 representatives – 13 districts and 2 at large?
 - Would the redistricting process be more difficult in 2032 with more districts?
- Will the City Council vote on the district increase again?
- Re: gerrymandering – note that “just because a map looks pretty or compact doesn’t mean a line wasn’t drawn with an agenda; similarly, just because a map looks messy doesn’t mean it was gerrymandered”
- The 2022 redistricting process has been positive so far

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- This map has more of a poverty/equity focus than the other maps
- Adding Hale and the 9th & Colorado area to 10 is logical. Its COI is the expected growth in the next 10 years.
- Attempts to group communities of interest by ethnic designation
- It divides NE Park Hill
- Brilliant decision to put part of Central Park in D11
- Astonishing – only map with poverty/equity focus?
- Accounts for future growth areas

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Absurd boundaries – appears gerrymandered
- No logical reason to split up District 4
- It is not contiguous and spreads districts out way too much. The districts need to be compact.

- Some districts are not compact
- The Washington/Virginia Vale area should not be divided up because of common interests
- Division of NE Park Hill is quite awkward; should only be done for very good reason
- Boundaries do not follow statistical neighborhoods and not as compact as possible

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- Okay, but District 10 is deformed
- Accounts for River Mile planned growth
- Very similar to existing districts. Really like District 3 being so compact and districts are nicely compact with good ethnic distribution
- Follows logical boundaries, such as statistical neighborhoods and landmarks (e.g. City Park)
- Plans for future growth and keeps equitable representation with growth in centers planned for growth
- Keeps Colfax together as a community of interest
- Appears to take into account future growth

What would you change about this map, and why?

- In D8, possible to include East Colfax, remove North Park Hill, and include more of Montbello?
- Voices in East Colfax will be silenced in this District 5
- Worried about the COI community in GVR and Montbello
- District 10 is stretched out and absorbs all of downtown
- Is there a way to keep West Colfax together?
- District 10 shouldn't cross I-25
- This plan will really hurt District 5. It is extremely important to keep Lowry

and Windsor in District 5 because of all the ongoing concerns with the Lowry and Lowry Vista redevelopments

- This redistricts the East Colfax neighborhood. I prefer not to separate my COI

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- This keeps together primary neighborhoods affected by the ongoing (and ramifications of) the Lowry and 9th Ave. redevelopments

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Odd how District 10 juts north of Colfax
- District 2 needs to expand; already low representation may be worsened

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- Council should make a point of discussing the pros and cons of one vs 3-4 districts for "downtown"
- Nice and compact, respects existing neighborhood boundaries, and respects diversity of communities

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Split Washington/Virginia Vale in a more contiguous way
- District 9 and 10 are spread out a bit
- This map will allow North and South Park Hill to drown out GES and other neighborhoods at risk of displacement
- North Park Hill and South Park Hill will destroy D9 representation
- The Washington/Virginia Vale neighborhoods should not be split up because of common interests

- Park Hill neighborhoods should be divided laterally, not horizontally

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- Equal representation today
- 9 and 10 go into LODO and CBD

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Growth may not keep representation equal
- Voices in East Colfax will be silenced in this District 5
- The entire Hilltop/Crestmoor area needs to be included in District 5
- because of the ongoing redevelopment of the problems created by Lowry, Lowry Vista and 9th Ave
- Park Hill neighborhoods should be divided laterally, not horizontally

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- Communities of interest are together
- East Colfax stays in District 8 and COIs are protected
- It keeps together the affected neighborhoods for our ongoing concerns with the Lowry and 9th Ave development

What would you change about this map, and why?

- I feel District 11 is not equal; we seem to lose the Montbello District
- Planned growth in River Mile and along rail in District 9 could result in unequal representation

- Park Hill neighborhoods need to be divided laterally, not horizontally
- I do see they are trying to put District 11 back together

7.4 Meeting #4

Discussion comments:

- Re: map ranking – “I don’t feel comfortable naming my top 3 given my lack of knowledge. However, based efforts to keep neighborhoods together, I can state my least favorite as A and F
- Concern that Mar Lee should remain in District 2
- residents discussed the lack of consistently dependable representation from district to district
 - High turnover rate = less reliability and trust with representatives
- Many residents appreciated the maps that kept the communities intact; did not like those that had “squiggly lines” (as opposed to those with straight, clearly shaped lines)

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- Breath of fresh air map that starts to do the work we can only do now during redistricting of reversing and counteracting generation after generation of gerrymandering that has led to tragic displacement and the dismantling of the history and substance of Denver
- I like that neighborhoods are kept whole

What would you change about this map, and why?

- District 2 should have Mar Lee and not Ruby Hill
- District 2 is out of target and 4 & 6 too way over
- This map is not even in distribution of population
- Looks convoluted
- Too many funny lines
- This map seems disjointed; Denver is a grid city
- Talk about gerrymandering. This map splits too many neighborhoods. One good thing is that Mar Lee is now

shown all in District 3 so it is no longer split. I also like Ruby Hill in D2

- I would like to see the districts more polygonal, as I am a mathematician
- This map looks gerrymandered. Southern half of Mar Lee should stay with District 2 as it has its entire existence
- I don't like that Athmar Park is no longer in D3
- This map is strained and seeks to have politicians elect themselves instead of the communities that comprise Denver

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- Deviations from target are more uniform
- I like that District 3 remains the same and Athmar remains in D3
- I do like that Downtown has dual representation. This map splits the

fewest neighborhoods. The districts look the most compact

- Seems to put blocks or more together neighborhoods together

What would you change about this map, and why?

- District 2 needs to have Mar Lee and not Ruby Hill
- Don't break up Mar Lee

- East Colfax has advocated to be in D8
- This map is gerrymandered

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- Districts are compact
- I like this map but I don't think CBD or Union Station should be in D9. Put all of CP West or North Cap Hill in D9.
- Clean lines and population numbers are more similar
- Nicely drawn with fewest changes
- I like that D3 hasn't changed too much

What would you change about this map, and why?

- I would like to see neighborhoods kept whole, especially in SW Denver
- Keep Union Station in one district
- Union Station is split between district 9 and 1
- Districts 5 and 11 are larger outliers
- I would change Valverde and Athmar Park to remain in District 3. It seems to be divided on race
- Take Ruby Hill out of 2; bring back Mar Lee
- East Colfax should not be in D5; they have advocated for D8

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- Good configuration of D8 but line dividing Montbello needs more community input
- Keep high-density areas together; keeps neighborhoods together

What would you change about this map, and why?

- We like District 2 to have Mar Lee and not Ruby Hill
- I would like to see neighborhoods kept whole

- Union Station area should not be broken into two districts; Union station should be a part of 10; the southern portion of proposed D10 should not have the “Star Stepped” boundary currently proposed; these suggested

revisions align with communities and geography

- North and South Park Hill should not be in D9; they will overpower some of our most at-risk populations

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- I like that Union Station is D9 because it’s in the neighborhood
- Best map – closest to target
- I like the even distribution of population

What would you change about this map, and why?

- District 2 is out of target
- Mar Lee is cut in half
- Union Station should not be a part of proposed District 9; from this proposed map, Union Station should be a part of D10
- East Colfax should not be in D5; more supportive communities in D8. Please break up high concentrations of the socioeconomically privileged

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- I like the lower deviation from target population; more evenly distributed across districts
- I appreciate the community input utilized to make these adjustments
- according to Councilmember Sawyer’s comments
- Love that this map extends D5 north across Colfax to encompass North

Park Hill but should keep North and South Park Hill together

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Union Station should not be a part of proposed D1
- Too many neighborhood areas are broken up
- I don't think Ruby Hill should be cut into three council districts. District 6 stretching to the Platte is crazy
- I would like to see Mar Lee and Ruby Hill incorporated into one district. I really dislike that Ruby Hill is split into 3 districts and Mar Lee into 2

7.5 Meeting #5

Discussion comments:

- D1 residents are happy the way the current district lines are drawn
- Arapahoe Square should be with the CBD like now based on similar interests, zoning. Dividing line should be Park Ave West
- F gives displaced communities a voice
- Preservation of social capital exists in current districts. Better to keep whole neighborhoods together. Dividing neighborhoods destroys the social fabric
- Questions about adding districts
- Is this process based on population growth? What about potential growth?

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- I appreciate that Sun Valley and Valverde and West Colfax are united
- I'm glad that it considers equity as an evaluation criterion
- I appreciate Chaffee Park and Sunnyside maintaining connection with Globeville and Elyria Swansea
- D2 captures most amount of population out of all other options. Gives disadvantaged population voting power for decision making/funding projects
- The property owners, business owners and residents of Arapahoe Square in downtown greatly support this map. It would create Council districts with shared interests and common community cohesiveness
- What is #10, #7, #9? 2-4 blocks and 3 Council districts?
- This map is thoughtful and wise. It creates cohesive communities of interest

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Don't like that this map cuts up North Denver / Sunnyside – don't like that Sunnyside is removed from other Northwest neighborhoods
- Chaffee Park and Sunnyside should be in D1; Union Station should be in 7
- I would make this more compact because future redistricting could produce odd results
- This has unusual boundaries and doesn't make sense in many places. D10 is unusual. D4 running from Country Club to Southmoore makes no sense. The Montbello and Central Park divisions look arbitrary and a lot of neighborhoods seem split in arbitrary ways.
- Council should have added "continuity, where possible" as a consideration. Having D9 take over Chaffee and cut Sunnyside in half is not warranted
- I object to the division of Sunnyside between 2 council districts
- I object to the removal of Sunnyside from other NW neighborhoods
- Chaffee Park and Sunnyside belong in D1
- Don't take out Chaffee Park and Sunnyside

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- I like this map but don't like that Lincoln Park is not in D3
- This map retains more neighborhoods whole
- I like that these districts are clearly areas that relate to each other
- I like how D3 is not north of Colfax Ave. Those north associate with

Sloan's Lake and D1, not 3. Colfax seems like an ideal district line, which I believe it used to be in 2000s. Why the change?

- I like that this map keeps the most neighborhoods whole

What would you change about this map, and why?

- D1 should include Jefferson Park
- Union Station, Auraria and CBD should stay together because of common interests
- I would like to see Chaffee Park and Sunnyside connected to Elyria Swansea and Globeville

- I would prefer East Colfax to be connected to NE Park Hill and Central Park and Montbello
- It takes out Jefferson Park
- Arapahoe Square should be a part of the CBD. Its zoning etc. creates shared community interests

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- Good map with the exception of City Park W divided and Union Station divided

- Not much change from current districting
- The boundaries for D1 keep the northwest neighborhoods together

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Not a good option for D2; less voting power
- D11 has advantage and currently receives funding for projects and improvements
- I would prefer East Colfax be connected to NE Park Hill, Central Park and Montbello
- I would prefer Valverde be in D3
- I would prefer Chaffee Park and Sunnyside be in D9

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- Pretty close to what we have. Keeps North Denver intact
- The boundary for D1 keeps North Denver together
- I like East Colfax and NE Park Hill and Montbello all connected
- I like this version of D3

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Not a good option for D2. Less voting power already receives less public funding
- Reduce voting power to D11
- I would prefer Chaffee Park and Sunnyside be in D9
- I don't like the Country Club, Cherry Creek and Hilltop all in one district
- City Park is divided – not good
- I don't like the way North and South Park Hill are both arbitrarily cut off. The breaking up of Cap Hill and City Park don't seem like the best way to draw a central boundary

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- I like the drawing of this D3
- Pretty close to what we have. Keeps North Denver intact
- The boundaries for D1 are as I would have defined it
- Compact and keeps neighborhoods whole

What would you change about this map, and why?

- D6 and D8 would have advantage
- Union Station could be in D1 or D3
- I would prefer Chaffee Park and Sunnyside in D9
- I would prefer East Colfax in D8
- Arapahoe Square should be a part of and remain included in with the CBD. The dividing line should be Park Avenue West, not 20th St. Arapahoe Square is a common community of interest with the CBD. Common zoning, common interests, etc.

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- Appears somewhat equally divided population wise; however, D8 would have advantage

What would you change about this map, and why?

- It cuts off Chaffee Park and adds Union Station
- I don't like the way some neighborhoods are separated or broken out in ways that don't make sense geographically or for where communities actually overlap
- I don't like having Chaffee Park in District 9. They think of themselves as Northsiders
- Arapahoe Square should be a part of and remain included in and with the CBD. The dividing line should be Park Avenue West, not 20th St. Arapahoe

Square is a common community of interest with the CBD

- Chaffee Park is not liking being cut out of North Denver
- Council should have also had “continuity where possible” as one of the objectives. Moving Chaffee Park into D9 is not warranted

7.6 Meeting #6

Discussion comments:

- Impressed with thoughtful community outreach (from map comment)
- Will the comments from these public meetings be integrated into the final maps?
- Concerns raised about the citizens not having the ability to vote on maps, leading to mention of changing the city charter in the future
- Concern about the process being expedited (not enough time for council to get input and deliberate)
- Concern about maps that put East Colfax with Cherry Creek based on the former’s ranking on the equity index
- Comment that every council person should represent diverse districts (socioeconomically, culturally)

Map A

What do you like about this map?

- Doesn’t change the voting history of the prospective districts
- Has equity as guiding principle (decreasing majority white neighborhoods), and gives COs the power of the vote
- Appreciate the way this map splits Montbello and the fact East Colfax is paired with NE Park Hill and Montbello
- Makes southern districts less isolated; population numbers are balanced; there’s extra room for growth where there has been most recent growth
- Keeps Capitol Hill whole

- Special focus on keeping Globeville/Elyria Swansea together;
- unites neighborhoods at risk of displacement: E Colfax, Montbello, NE Park Hill
- Keeps Chaffee Park with GES
- Keeps Valverde with Barnum, West Colfax, Sun Valley
- As a CU Denver alum, it is important to me that Auraria be included with Capitol Hill and areas around Downtown. Because of the density around Cheesman and Cap Hill, I think we do have to break these areas up and Map A does this the most logical way.
- This is the only map that really considers growth and future expansion
- Decreases the majority white neighborhoods
- Keeps BIPOC communities intact
- Gives COIs the power of the vote
- Moves Union Station and CBD into separate districts
- Only map that reflects deliberate, thorough attention and consideration to race, equity and representation
- Appears to consider the evaporating voting power of minority communities best
- doesn't dilute COIs; Cap Hill & LoDo and other neighborhoods together
- Gives greater representation to Black and Brown people in Denver;

What would you change about this map, and why?

- CBD and LoDo are not in the same district
- Seems the most gerrymandered and splits up Five Points and Historic Curtis Park
- NE Park Hill needs to remain whole and not split at the golf course
- It is not compact, does not meet criteria set out by council
- Splits statistical neighborhoods more than necessary; puts more than one incumbent in the same new district, which was avoidable
- Five Points is already broken up by 2 police districts. Also broken up by 2 parks and rec districts
- Someone noted that they believe this map to be racial gerrymandering

- Does not respect geographic boundaries and divides neighborhoods.
- Breaks up Historic Park Hill Community. Does not benefit constituents currently living there
- Oddly shaped districts
- Splits NE and N Park Hill
- Odd configuration for the district

Map B

What do you like about this map?

- Keeps all of North and Northeast Park Hill intact – doesn't change Northeast Park Hill; protects the economy and voting power of those neighborhoods
- Was made to consider future growth
- I like the respect for the integrity of neighborhoods balanced with an understanding of changing population growth
- I like that Union Station is in District 9
- Map B (and Map E) do the best job of keeping neighborhoods and communities of interest together
- Northeast and North Park Hill stay together
- Does not present much of a change for Northeast Park Hill; I like that preferably
- Keeping Northeast and North Park Hill together protects the economic and voting of those neighborhoods

What would you change about this map, and why?

- This map puts East Colfax in District 5. Not acceptable. East Colfax ranks 78 of 78 on equity rankings. East Colfax needs to be with communities more similar to them, not in D5. East Colfax does not have common interests with Cherry Creek.
- I would include Jefferson Park in D1; it is still a very residential area
- East Colfax has advocated for D8; group with NE Park Hill and Montbello
- LoDo and CBD are not in the same district

- D11 starts out now being very overpopulated
- Chaffee Park is not with Globeville and Elyria Swansea
- I don't like that Mar Lee South is not in D2 as it has been for entire existence since 1947
- E Colfax belongs in D8 so we can advocate for ourselves alongside like-minded neighborhoods
- E Colfax is not with NE Park Hill and Montbello
- E Colfax does not have common interests with Cherry Creek and other neighborhoods in D5. I would instead

Map C

What do you like about this map?

- Keeps N and NE Park Hill intact – protects the economic and voting strength of those neighborhoods
- Keeps Five Points together
- Includes the urban core with historic Curtis Park, rapidly developing RiNo, and North Central Communities that would benefit from increased density and equitable development

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Puts E. Colfax in D5, which is not acceptable as we have very different and urgent community interests than the affluent neighborhoods in D5. Instead, unite E. Colfax with Montbello and NE Park Hill; these neighborhoods are all at great risk of displacement
- LoDo and CBD are not in the same district
- This disenfranchises a majority of minority voters
- Union Station, Auraria, Downtown should be together
- Starts with D11 already overpopulated and D2 underpopulated; populations will soon be very out of balance
- Valverde should be with Barnum and West Colfax
- The justification for this map reads like it was homework due at 12 am and

started at 11:58 pm; not justifiably different than Map D

- East Colfax does not have common interests with Hilltop, South Park Hill and other big \$\$ neighborhoods in D5.

Map D

What do you like about this map?

- Respects Five Points
- LoDo Neighborhood Association prefers the Little Raven area be included in same district as the rest of LoDo
- Very important to Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association: keep Upper Downtown (CBD) intact; keep Upper Downtown and Lower Downtown together (lots of shared interests)
- Keeps NE Park Hill in D8
- Diverse districts. Every district has richer and poorer neighborhoods so councilpeople have to address the needs of everyone
- Unites East Colfax, Montbello, and NE Park Hill – all neighborhoods at great risk of displacement
- Good map for D8, but include more of Montbello, none of N and S Park Hill
- Both CBD and LoDo are in the same district

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Take out North and South Park Hill from District 9 and put in 8. Replace with Union Station to D9. More compact and follow CO Blvd. More related neighbors
- This map has extremely high concentrations of white and affluent populations in a majority of districts and is not equitable.
- Does not factor in demographics and population growth, etc. Emphasizes white populations. Districts 3, 8, 9 and 11 push the population limits already and will likely become over crowded

districts. D6 and D2 have less growth and will stay underpopulated

- Splits Capitol Hill, diluting working class voters by grouping bottom half with wealthier, single family areas
- This is the worst map. As a CU Denver alum, I dislike that it breaks up Auraria and Cap Hill. Also the average percentage deviation is much higher than others.
- Keep Cap Hill united—this map disempowers renters with common interests by splitting their vote; keep City Park together; make sure that D9 remains a district with lots of marginalized voter power
- Does not have an equity focus and diminishes the voices of folks in GES, Cole, Whittier etc. by bringing in Park Hill
- Montbello has been split too far in half; Chaffee Park has been split from Globeville and Elyria Swansea
- D8 and D11 are still growing so 4.5% and 4% over average is wrong since they are guaranteed to continue to grow for the next 10 years
- Washington Virginia neighborhood seems cut off and disjointed
- Overpopulates districts experiencing most growth from outset (8, 10, 11).
- This map overpopulates D3, D8, D9, and D11
- I feel Map B, C and D have the most similar to “keeping neighborhoods intact”
- I don’t like how this map splits up NE and N Park Hill
- N. Park Hill and S. Park Hill should be in D5; if in D9 they will silence the other parts of the district
- Splits Capitol Hill and would privilege wealthier and whiter voters over working class and minority voters
- Cuts Cap Hill in half. This change follows no geographical boundary or community of interest logic. This disempowers renters with common interests by splitting their vote
- make the slower growing districts more populated and faster less populated; get rid of some majority white districts and make more majority POC districts;

Map E

What do you like about this map?

- This is the best map as it has the best distribution of people
- Love this map. Top choices. Super compact. Hits all of the criteria set out by council
- Good; shared responsibility for downtown
- I like this this map has the most even population distribution across districts
- This map most honors traditional organizing developments. That is critical because communities of color are already at a disadvantage for organizing, so that's important and it respects all other layers of the communities of interest on maps.
- Keeps NE and N Park Hill intact and it's the most accurate to the current district map for D8
- Like that this map has multiple Council people representing Downtown and Five Points
- Keeps the historical neighborhoods of N and NE Park Hill together from a cultural perspective and economic
- Doesn't break apart Five Points. D9 is already separated into 2 police districts and 2 parks and rec districts
- Has the least amount of percentage change in each district. Most equitable map of all
- Keeping NE and N Park Hill together protects the economic and voting strength of these neighborhoods
- Does the best job of keeping communities of interest and neighborhoods together
- Keeps Curtis Park united. Respects Five Points
- Love this map – true representation of Denver

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Splits Cap Hill, putting a small, likely lower income group with wealthier SFZ area
- Auraria, Union Station, CBD need to stick together (CU Denver alum)
- Not my favorite because LoDo and CBD are not in the same district

- Do not like that it divides up Hilltop
- East Colfax needs to be with like-minded communities – not in D5 (don't like that it's been removed from Globeville and Elyria Swansea)
- East Colfax has been removed from NE Park Hill and Montbello
- E. Colfax needs to be in D8 to make sure they can advocate for the critical needs in their neighborhood
- Return South Mar Lee to D2 where it belongs
- A slight adjustment to D8 north of East Colfax would make this the most evenly distributed population map
- Chaffee Park has been removed from Globeville and Elyria Swansea
- I would include Union Station with D10

Map F

What do you like about this map?

- Shared responsibility for downtown
- The map tries to keep neighborhoods whole. Also, I like the consideration of the Orthodox population
- Puts North Park Hill in D9 maintains N and NE Park Hill in one district and improves overall population balance
- Respects Five Points' historical and cultural continuity. Keep Five Points powerful, together, united

What would you change about this map, and why?

- Concerns that this map is trying to dump East Colfax and grab Cherry Creek
- Not as compact. Needs to keep neighborhoods together
- I do not like that Mar Lee is not in D2
- This map breaks up NE and N Park Hill and have been removed from East Colfax and Montbello
- Park Hill should not be divided in this way. East Colfax should be paired with Northeast Park Hill

- This map seems to break up the Colfax Corridor too much
- Auraria, Union Station, CBD need to stick together
- Please include Northeast Park Hill and more of Montbello in D8 and remove North Park Hill, placing North and South Park Hill in D5
- NE and N Park Hill should stay in D9
- Splits N and S Park Hill
- NE Park Hill has been removed from East Colfax and Montbello
- Not my favorite because LoDo and CBD are not in the same district

8. Appendix B - Meeting Presentations



Redistricting 101

Community Engagement
Sessions

Meeting Purpose

We are here to...

Offer input on proposed District maps

- For each map, what do you like, what would you change and why?
- Comparing maps, what drives you to favor one map over the others, and what concerns do you have?

In order to...

Provide Council with the range of community preferences to help them make their decisions

Meeting Agenda



Educational presentation



Open House-Style Breakouts

Visit each map and use stickies to provide feedback



Full Group Discussion

Compare and contrast maps



Survey to indicate preferences

Meeting Guidelines/Norms

- Demonstrate courtesy and respect
- Provide productive ideas and feedback
- Focus on the task at hand
- Actively listen, keep an open mind, and refrain from interrupting
- Help us stay on agenda

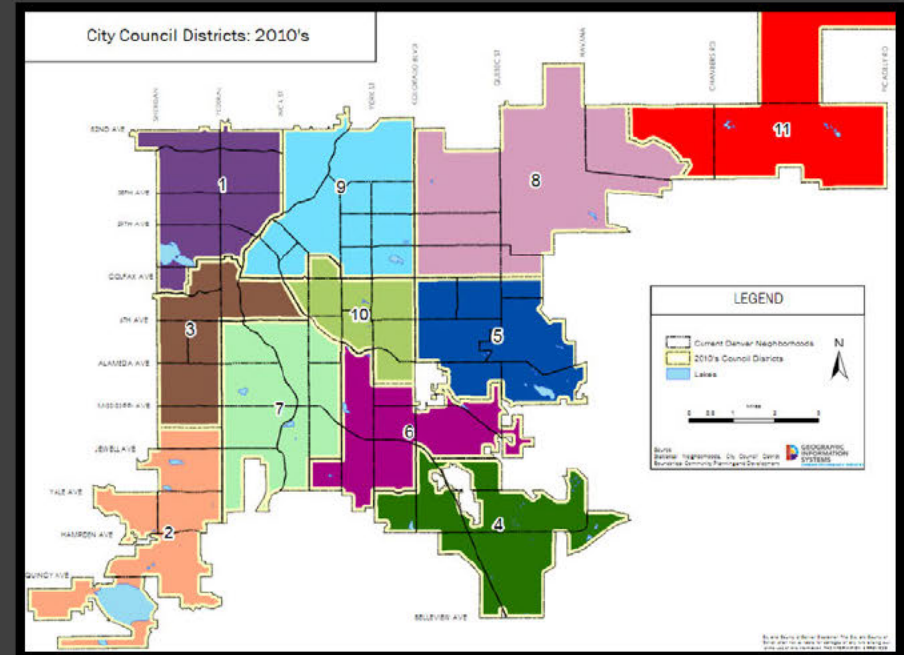


What is Redistricting?

Every 10 years Denver City Council is required to redraw its council district boundaries based on the most recent US Census Data. The new district map will be relevant for the April 2023 election.

Council must abide by several rules while redistricting according to our city Charter:

- Divided into 11 districts
- Equal population
- Compactness
- Contain contiguous territory
- Comprised of whole election precincts





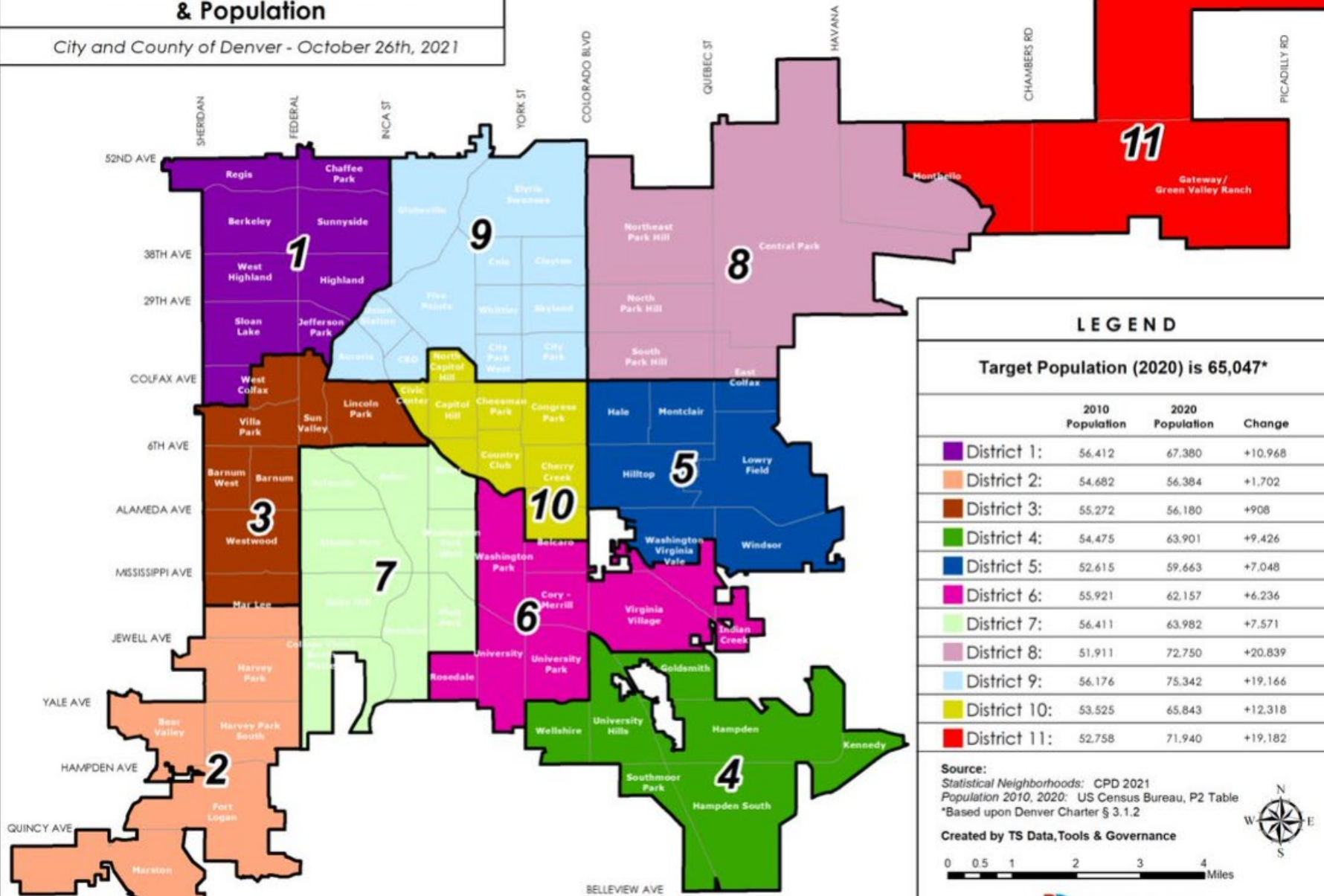
Why is Redistricting Important?

- Helps ensure that communities have equal access to political representation
- Influences how elected officials advocate for community interests and respond to needs
- Defines long-term (10-year) boundaries around communities of interest (groups of people in a geographic area who share similar interests/priorities)

City Council Redistricting Project

Current City Council Districts & Population

City and County of Denver - October 26th, 2021



LEGEND

Target Population (2020) is 65,047*

	2010 Population	2020 Population	Change
District 1:	56,412	67,380	+10,968
District 2:	54,682	56,384	+1,702
District 3:	55,272	56,180	+908
District 4:	54,475	63,901	+9,426
District 5:	52,615	59,663	+7,048
District 6:	55,921	62,157	+6,236
District 7:	56,411	63,982	+7,571
District 8:	51,911	72,750	+20,839
District 9:	56,176	75,342	+19,166
District 10:	53,525	65,843	+12,318
District 11:	52,758	71,940	+19,182

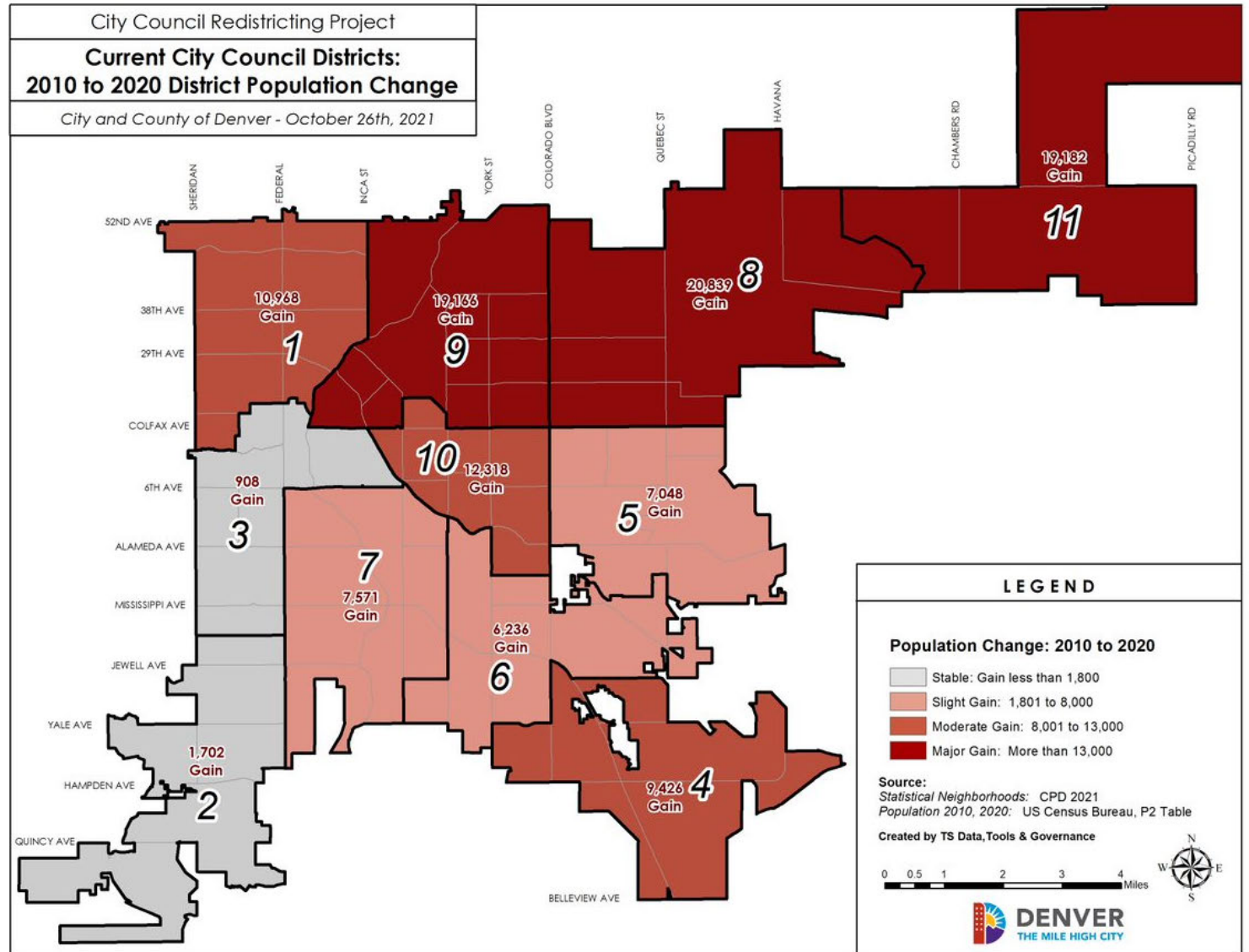
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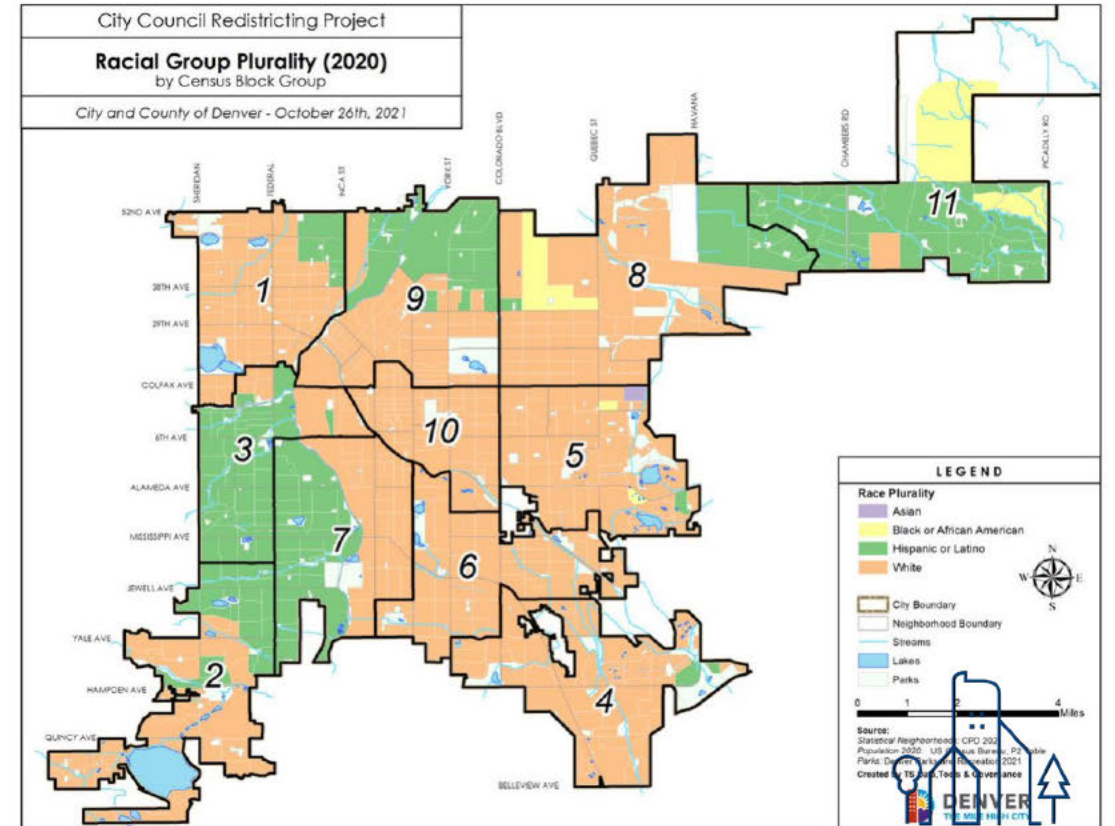
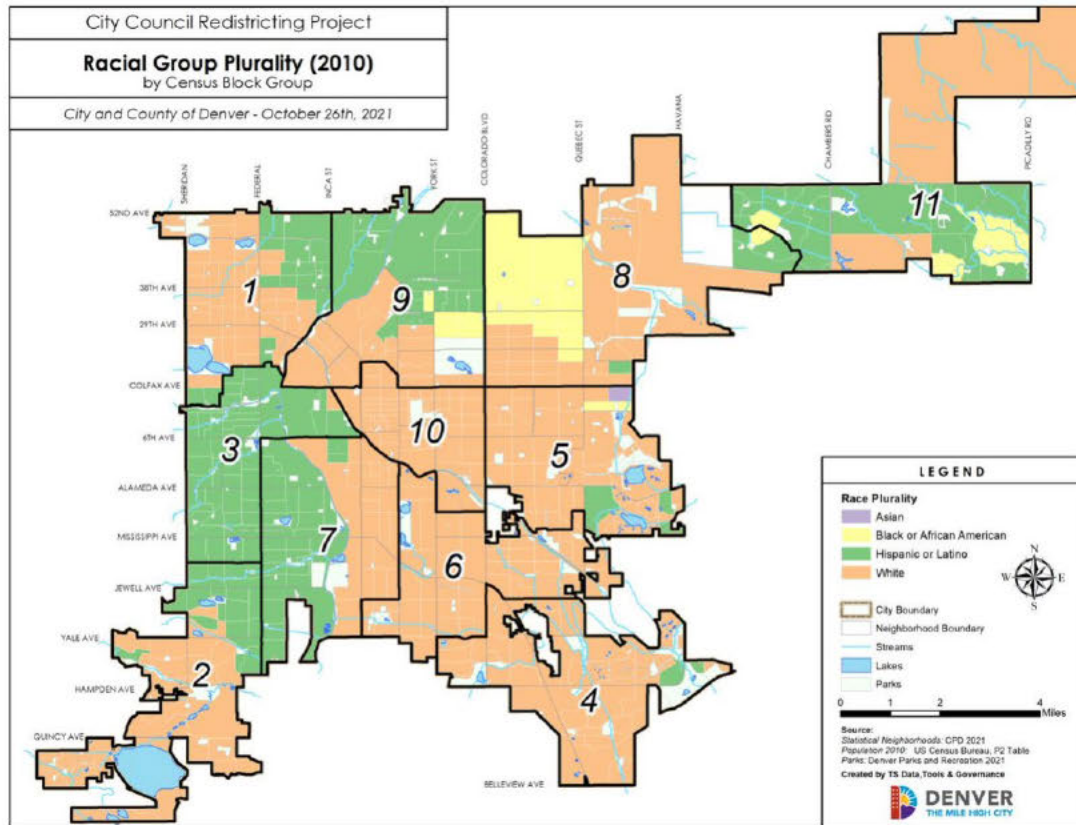


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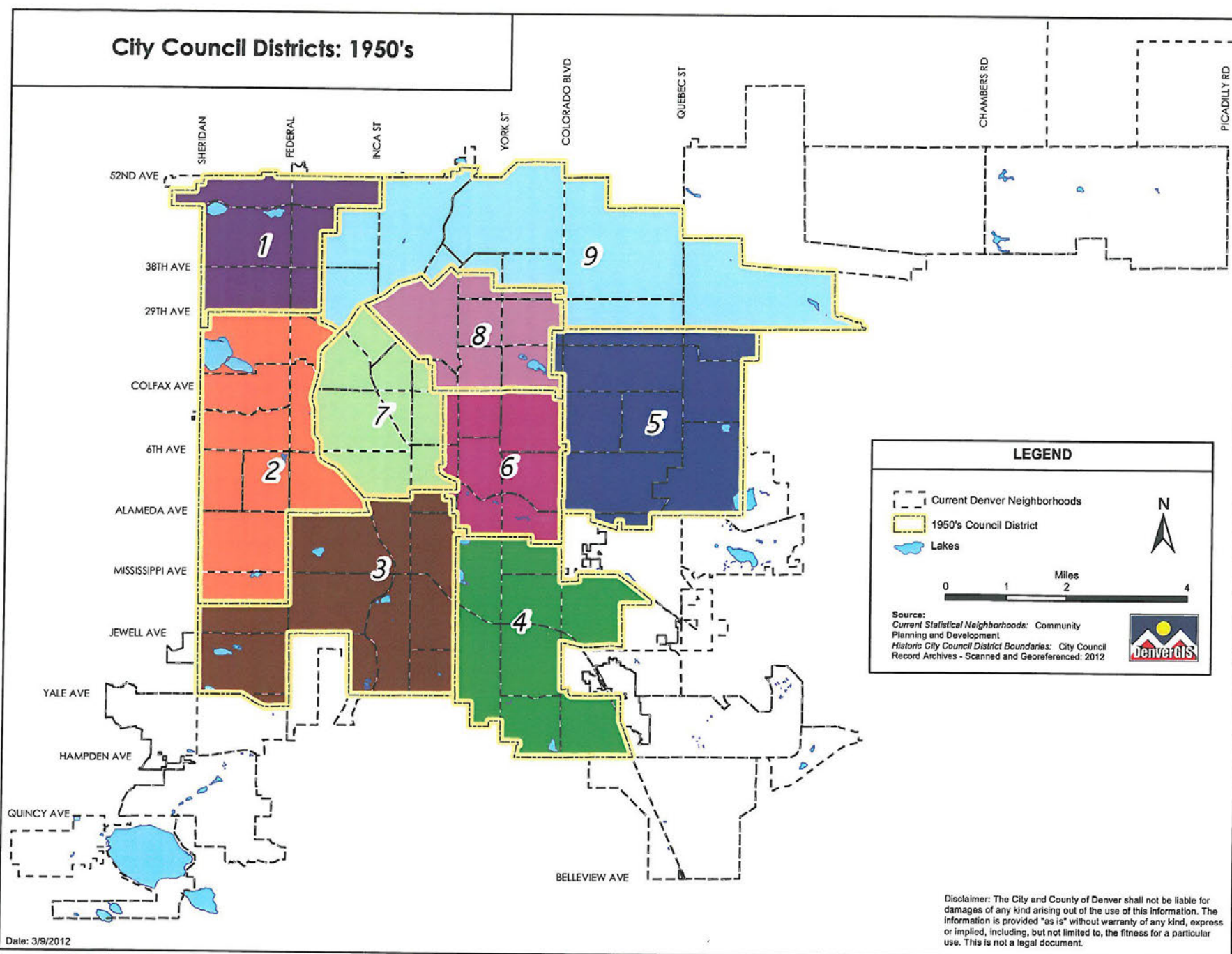
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City Council Districts: 1950's



How has Denver changed?

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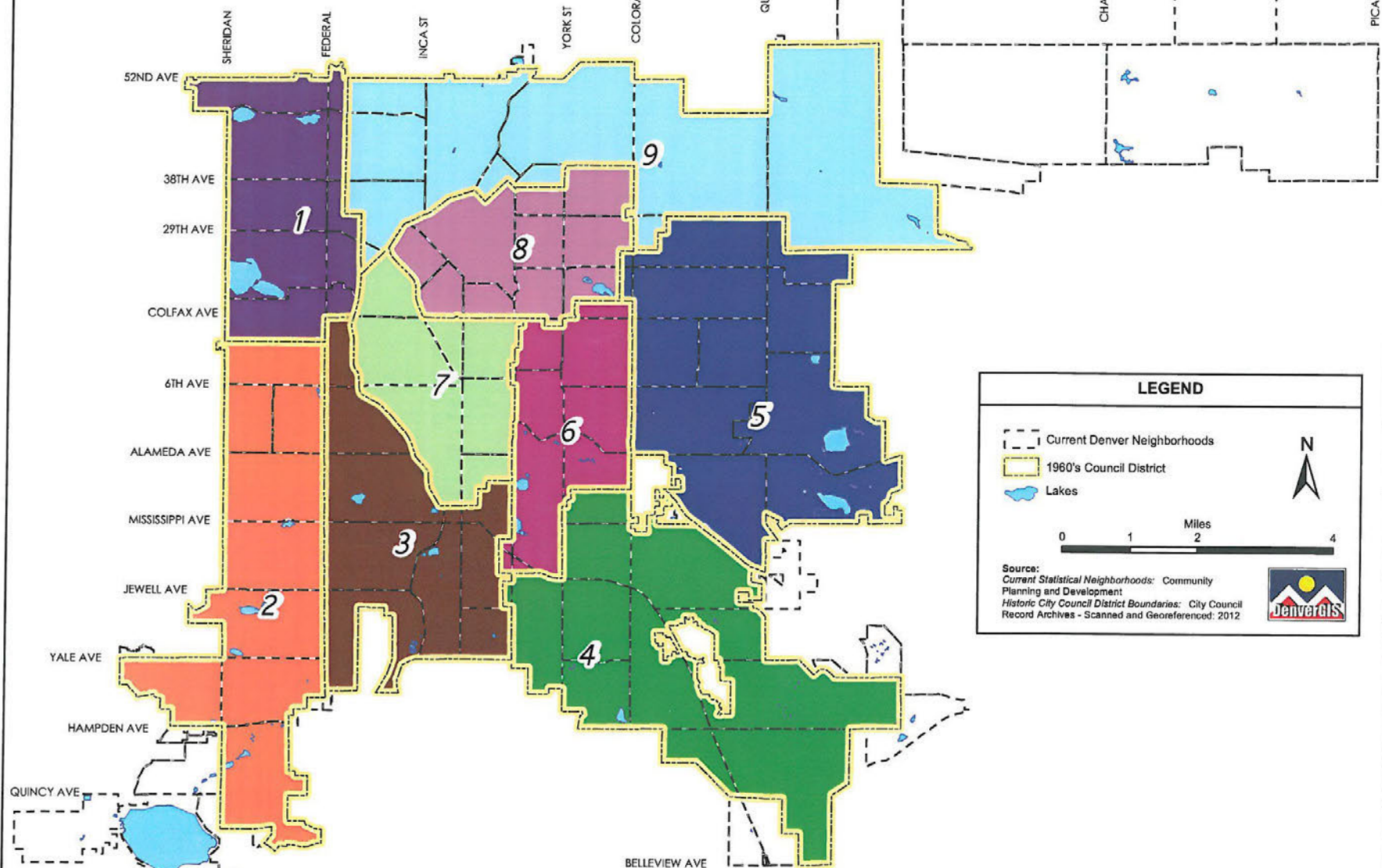
Population: 415,786

Districts: 9

Average population: 46,000

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City Council Districts: 1960's



Date: 3/9/2012

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How has Denver changed?

1960's

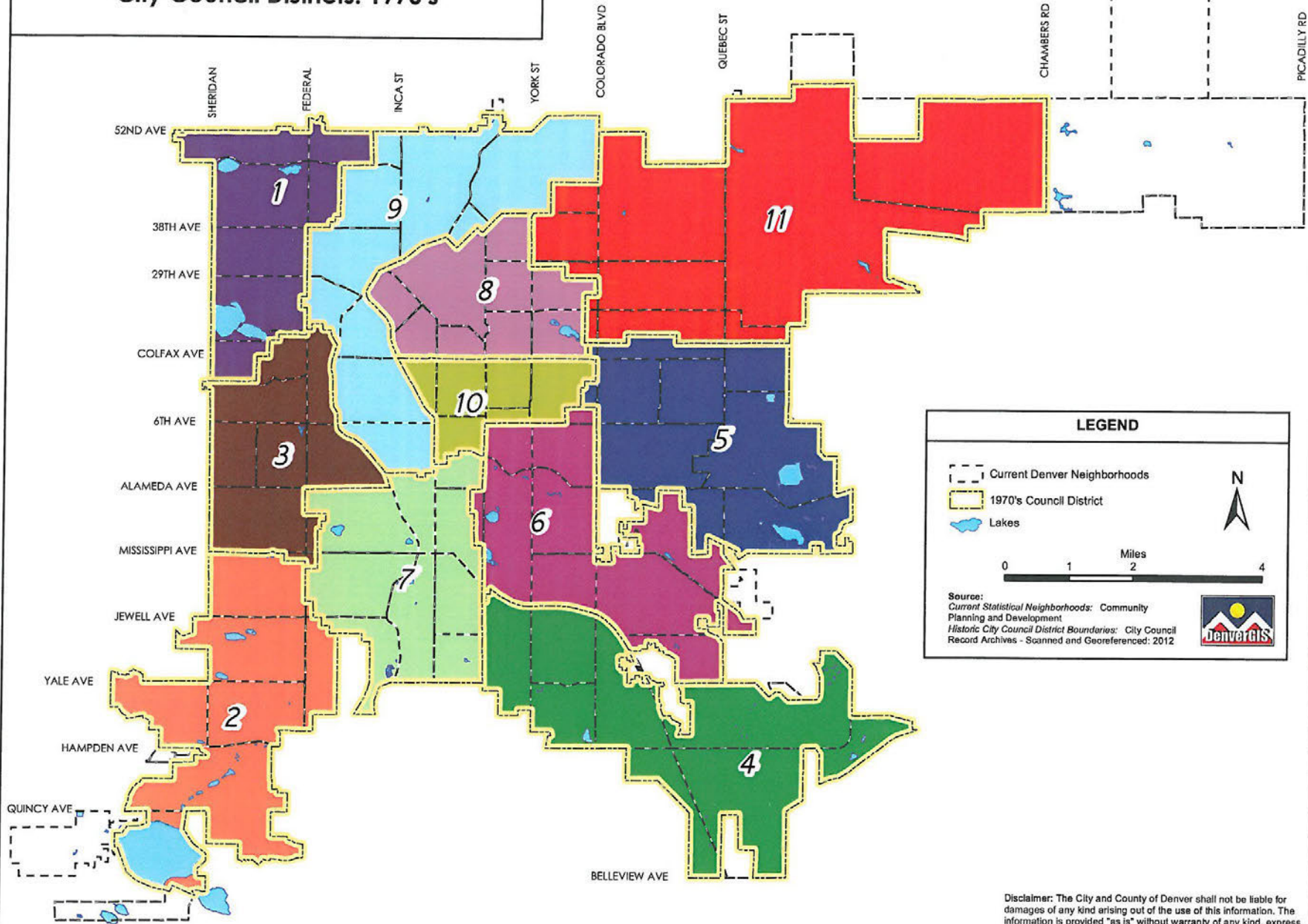
Population: 493,887

Districts: 9

Average population: 55,000

Change: +18.7%

City Council Districts: 1970's



Date: 3/9/2012

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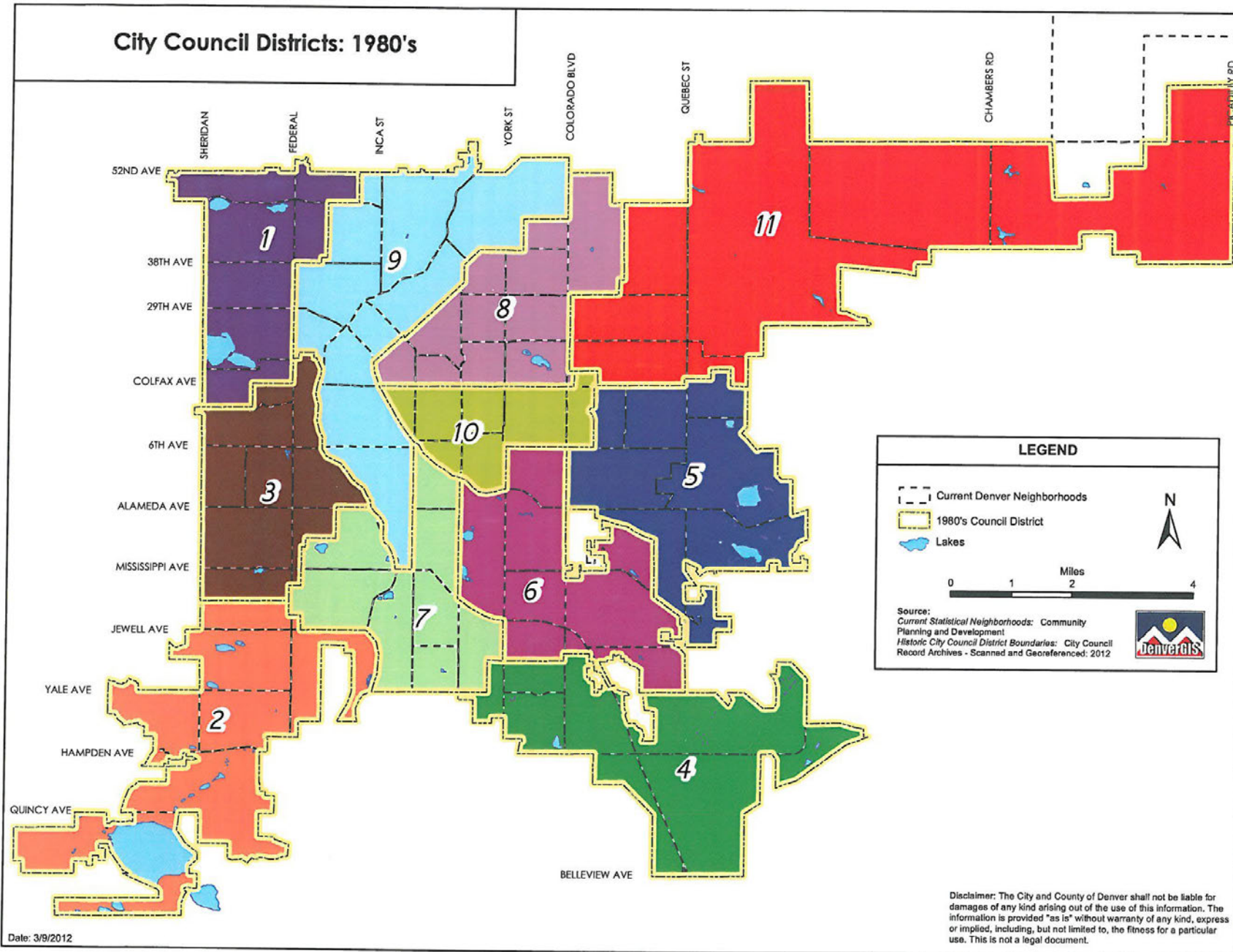
1970's

Population: 514,678

Districts: 11

Average population: 47,000

Change: +4.2%



How has Denver changed?

1980's

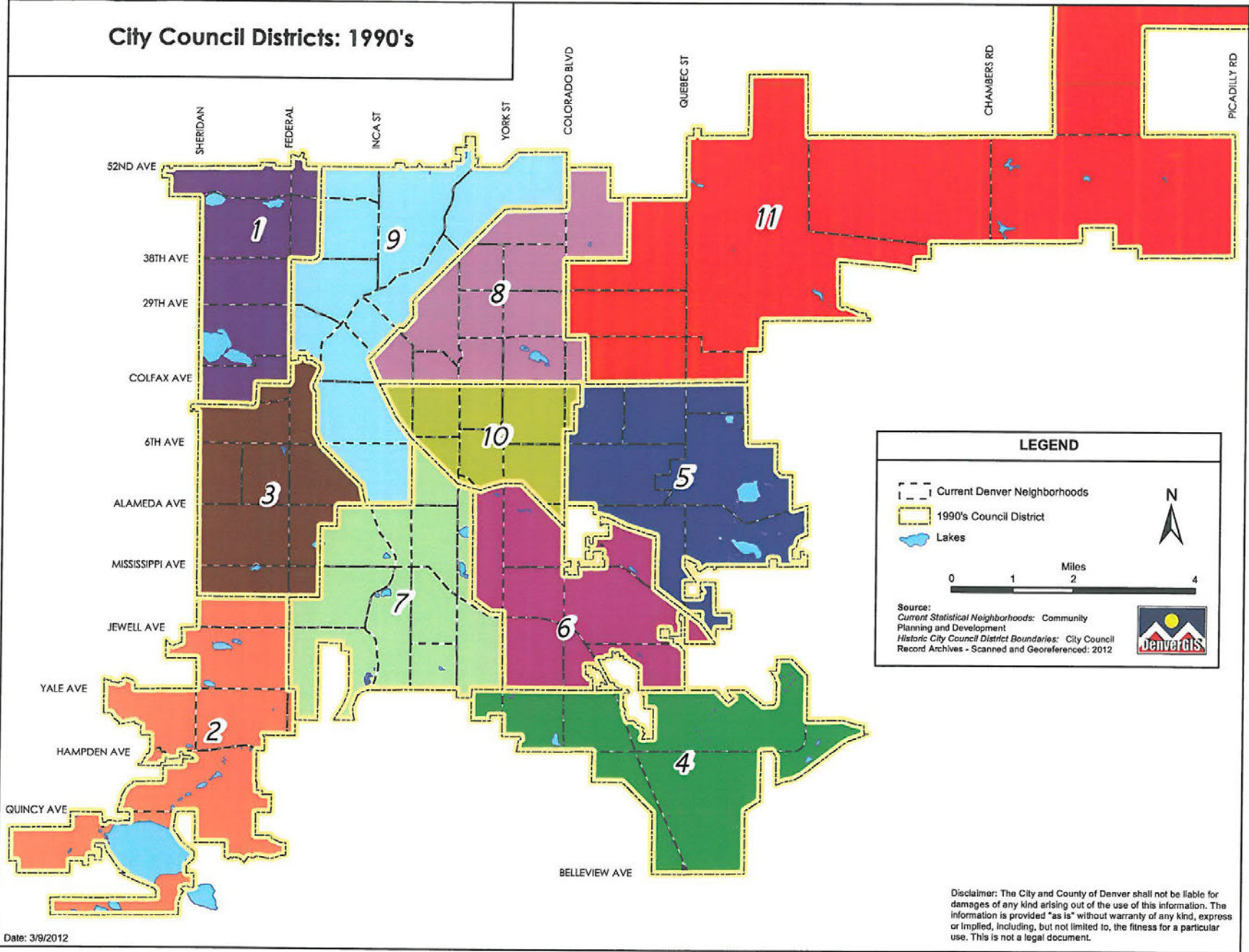
Population: 492,365

Districts: 11

Average population: 45,000

Change: -4.4%

City Council Districts: 1990's



Date: 3/9/2012

How has Denver changed?

1990's

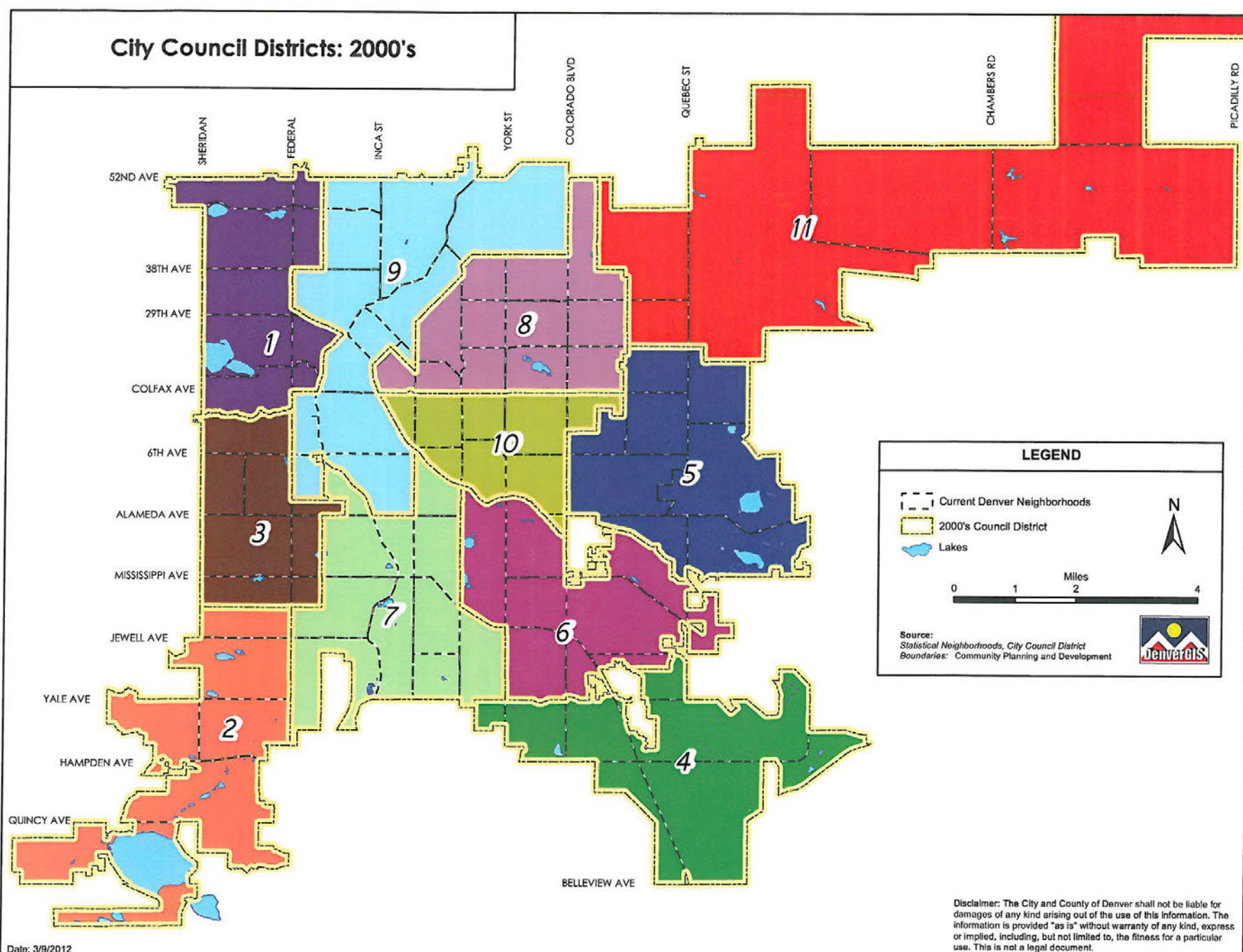
Population: 467,549

Districts: 11

Average population: 43,000

Change: -5.1%

City Council Districts: 2000's



How has Denver changed?

2000's

Population: 556,094

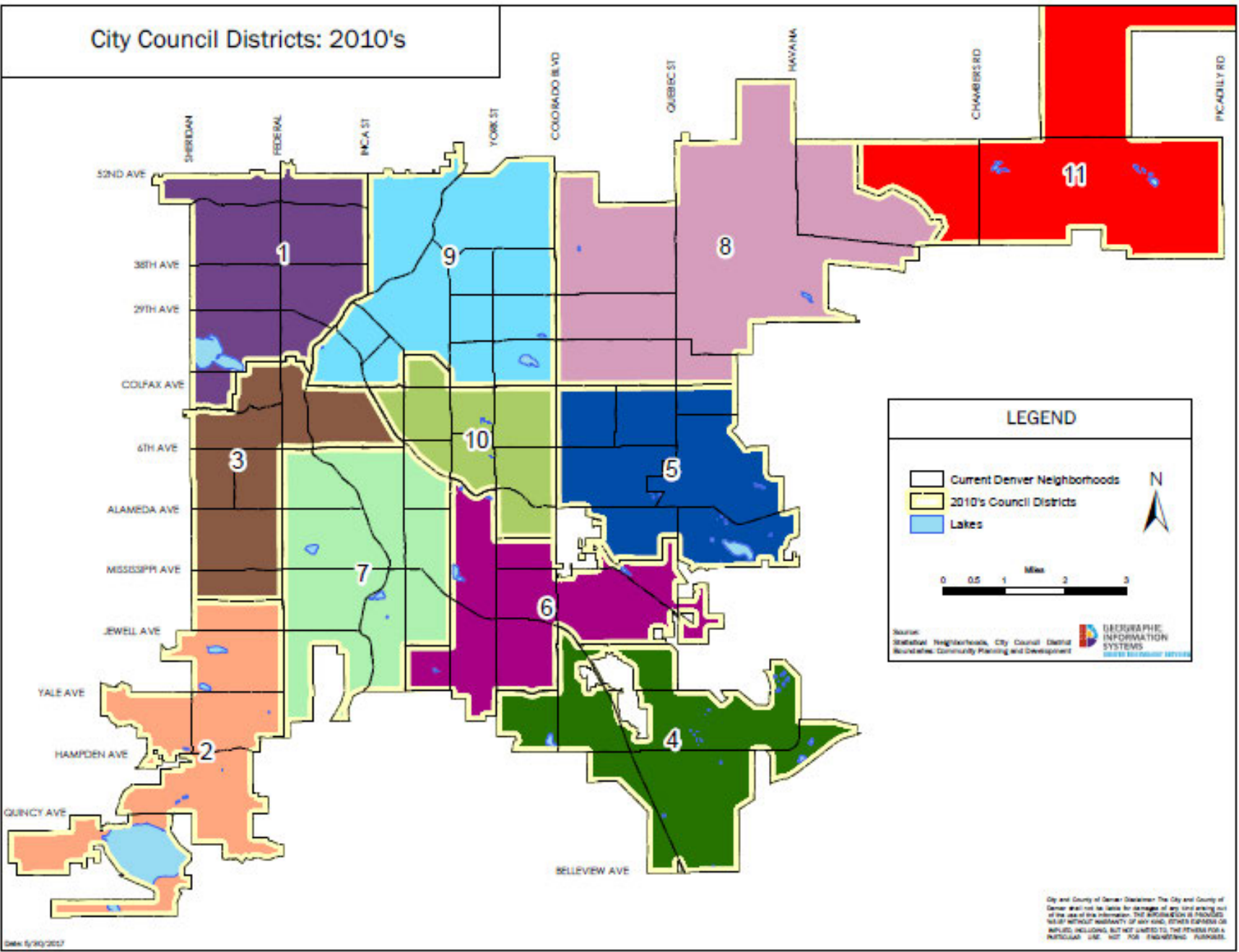
Districts: 11

Average population: 51,000

Change: +18.9%

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City Council Districts: 2010's



How has Denver changed?

2010's

Population: 600,158

Districts: 11

Average population: 55,000

Change: +7.9%

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What is the Process?

July-September 2021

- Small working group finalized Resolution of Principles and Procedure
- Resolution adopted by City Council
- Data from US Census published

October-December 2021

- State Redistricting plan submitted and approved
- Election precinct maps finalized
- Council trained on redistricting software

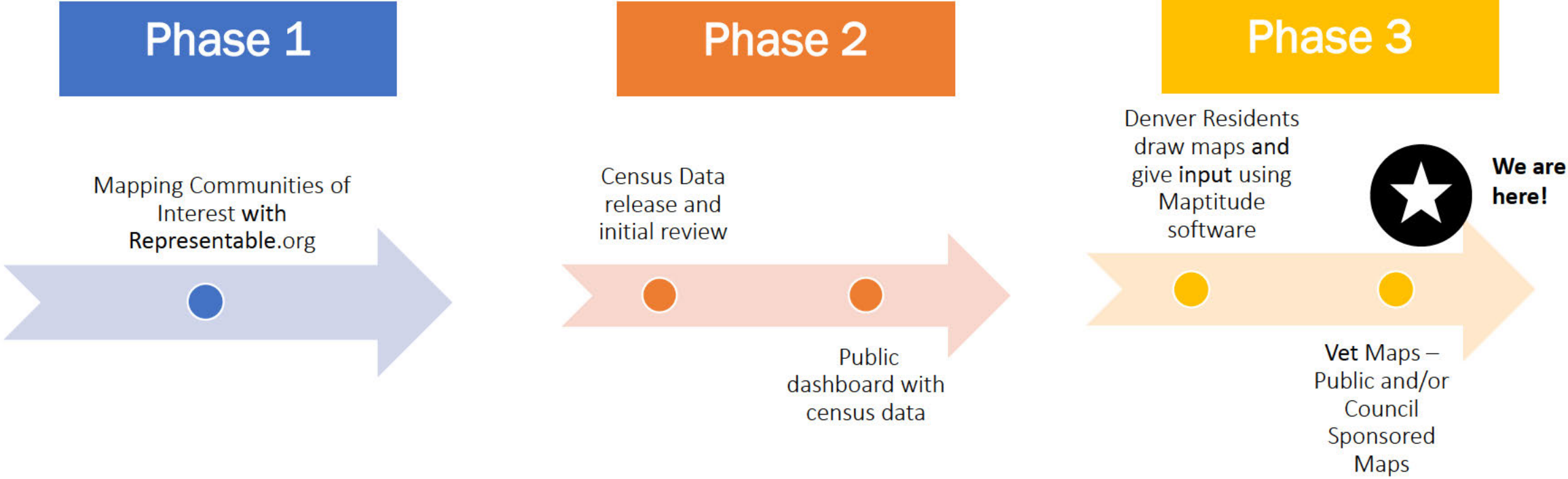
January-March 2022

- Council convenes as Committee of the Whole
- Members of Council and the public draw maps
- Public vetting of maps
- Final map approved

Community Engagement:

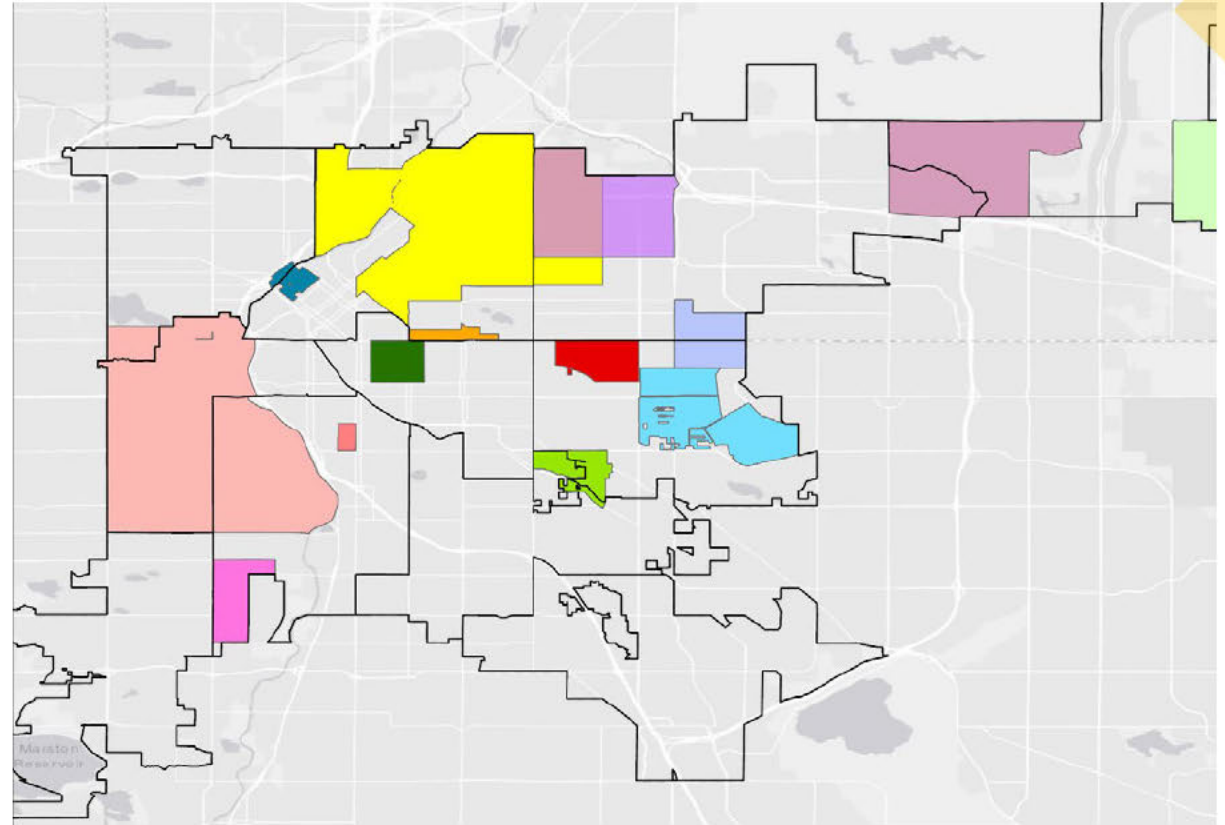
How Did we Get to the Final Maps Presented Today?

Define Your Denver: Three-Phased Approach



Define Your Denver – Mapping Drive Results

- 154 Communities of Interest (COI) submissions
- Input collected through Representable (online tool) – participation was limited
- 14 group COIs detected through analysis:
 - West Denver
 - North Denver
 - East Colfax
 - Montbello
 - Lowry
 - Green Valley Ranch
 - Colfax
 - Capital Hill
 - Northeast Park Hill
 - Baker
 - Mayfair
 - Washington Virginia Vale
 - College View
 - West of Union Station



Gerrymandering is the practice of drawing district lines in a way that favors one group. Gerrymandering allows politicians to choose voters, instead of voters choosing politicians. Minority groups have disproportionately suffered from the manipulation of district lines.

To learn more about gerrymandering, visit www.denvergov.org/redistricting and select – Redistricting Resources

What's Next?

1. Your feedback will be submitted to Council in a final comprehensive report
2. Based on your input, Council will vote in March to approve the final map
3. New districts will be in effect for the 2023 election

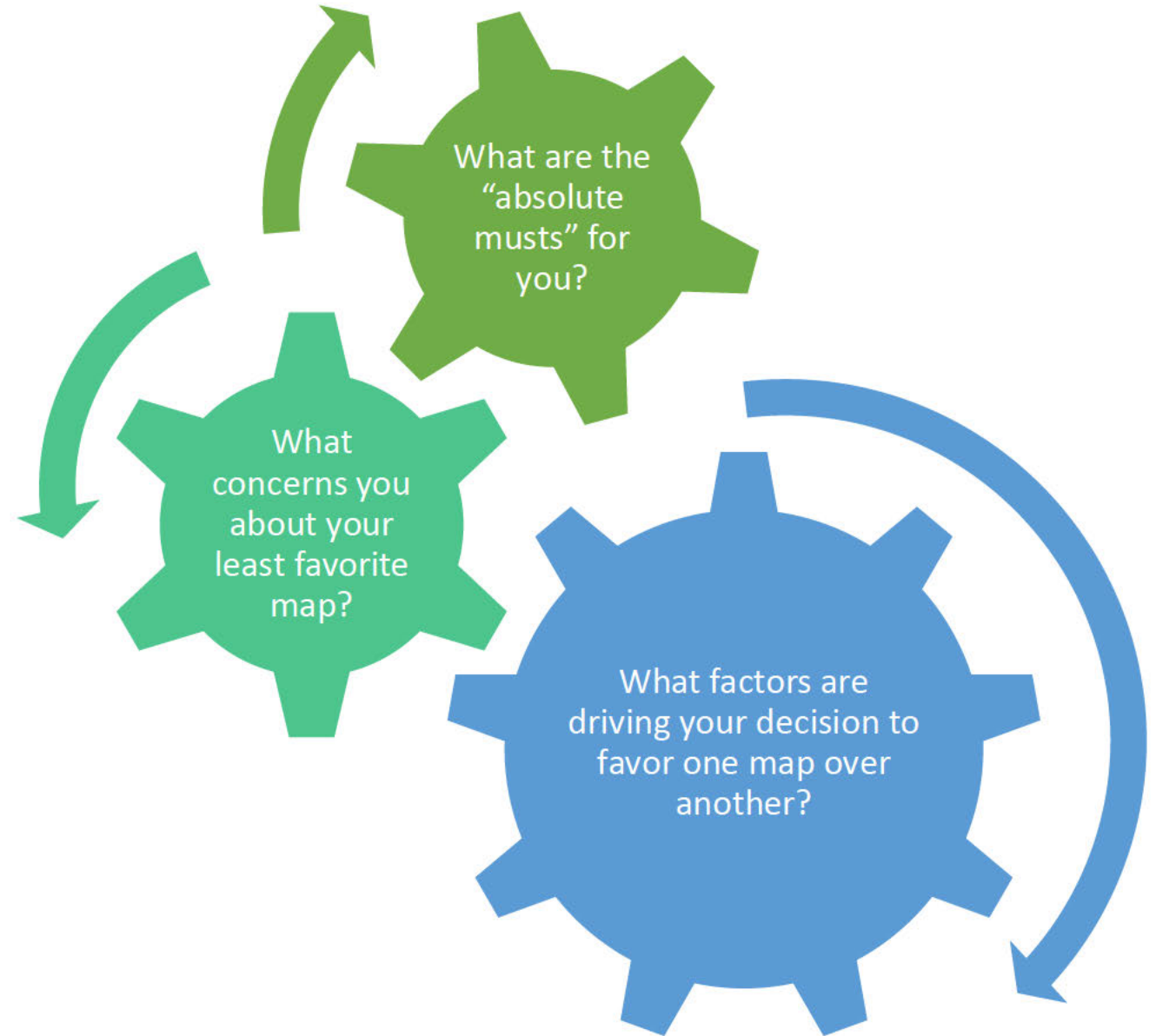


Breakout Group Directions – 30 min.

- Spend approximately 5 minutes with each map
- Write on the stickies to provide your input on:
 - What do you like about this map?
 - Is there anything you would change about this map?
 - Why is that change (or changes) important to you?
- Remember: The “why” is just as important as the “what”!



Group Discussion – Let's Compare!





Questions?

Emily Lapel
Redistricting2022@denvergov.org

9. Appendix C - Email comments

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2022 Denver City Council Redistricting
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 3:12:11 PM

Ms. Emily Lapel
Legislative Policy analyst
City and County of Denver

I am contacting you to express my strong support for Plan A, one of six proposed plans for redistricting the City of Denver. I am a resident and property owner at [REDACTED]. I have spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the six plans and strongly believe that Plan A would lead to a conclusion that more effectively aligns the interests of the residents in the LoDo area of the City with the residents of District 1. The current alignment, wherein LoDo is included in District 9, has clearly proven to be unsatisfactory for the residents and property owners in this area.

I would be happy to visit with you about my thoughts, but wanted to express my perspective to you as you are in the final stages of the redistricting process. I have a PhD degree in business and economics and have been actively involved in strategic business decision-making for the last 50 years. My analysis leads me to conclude that Plan A definitely is a better option than any of the other five proposed plans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

John C. Aplin, PhD
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BCandE
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:46:19 AM

Hello,

As a resident of Parkhill since 1960, I want to register my support for redistricting maps B, C, and E. It is vitally important that we keep this historical voting block together. We have seen throughout the country the blatant attempts at dismantling the power base of people of color. That should never happen in this city.

Thank you,

Tamara Rhone

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Choose Map A!!!!!!
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:55:27 PM

Hi there,

I urge you to choose Map A in the redistricting process for Denver. Map A is the only map that doesn't crack, pack, or stack historically marginalized voters. Equity must be the driving consideration in these discussions, and I urge you to support the only map that ensures representation for all Denverites -- not just the privileged few.

Last but not least, your decision to reduce access to participation by not hosting hybrid meetings is inequitable. Please do better in the future.

Best,
Maggie Kantor

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PMP, CSM
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Map D
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 10:52:17 AM

I live in the area that includes all of the 16 th St mall including Union Station and the Central Business District. I believe that makes sense since our problems and needs will be similar. Please strongly consider Map D in your decision making.

Grace Walsh
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments Against Map A
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 10:41:43 AM

Hello,

I'm a resident of Sunnyside and I do not believe proposed District Map A is a fair choice for our city. Under Map A, Sunnyside is no longer kept together as one neighborhood in one district. I believe this will negatively impact our neighborhood's ability to advocate for public goods and services. Furthermore, under Map A, the proposed Districts 4 and 10 are not compact, which violates criteria per City Charter 3.1.2.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Megan Kearns

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concern about some of the proposed redistricting boundaries
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:36:16 PM

All - Thank you for having an open and inclusive process for redistricting in Denver. I had a chance to look at some of the maps that have been proposed and in general think many provide thoughtful approaches to balancing the districts as needed with some different approaches to create balance.

I do have significant concerns with Map A, which splits neighborhoods in a way that does not foster community or allow for geographically focused planning and transportation efforts. Map A breaks key neighborhoods into separate districts and creates fissures through many transportation corridors and well established RNOs. This can be seen most alarmingly in Districts 9, 4, 10, & 11. I see similar, though less intense, concerns in Map F.

The districts shown in Maps A & F could also be very challenging for council offices to serve their constituents due to the extended, and in many cases illogical district configurations with split neighborhoods and transportation corridors.

Thank you for your time and the outreach efforts. Best, Karen Good - Sunnyside

From: [REDACTED]
To: [District 9; Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Denver Resident - Support Map A!
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:43:42 PM

Councilmember CdeBaca,

I am reaching out to thank you for your support of Map A for the redistricting efforts. After carefully evaluating the other map options, it is clear that they shelter wealthier populations from challenges of growth by allowing them to remain virtually the same shape they have been since the 1960s.

It is clear that Map A is the most representative, equitable option.

I have been disturbed at the lack of virtual participation in the midst of a global pandemic in this redistricting process - regardless of the pandemic, virtual participation for constituents should remain an option for people to have their voices heard. Requiring physical appearance creates a number of barriers to participation. I know you support these efforts.

Thanks for your hard work,

Joe Szuszwalak
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#); [kniechatlarge](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Denver Resident - Support Map A!
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:40:28 PM

Councilmember Kniech,

I am reaching out as a long-time constituent to ask that you support Map A for the redistricting efforts. After carefully evaluating the other map options, it is clear that they shelter wealthier populations from challenges of growth by allowing them to remain virtually the same shape they have been since the 1960s.

After considering the other maps it is clear that Map A is the most representative, equitable option and I encourage you to support it. Map A is the best shot at allowing for council to reflect the City that it represents.

I am also concerned about the ethical implications of having six council members support a single map prior to holding any community meetings; this is suggestive that constituent input is irrelevant and that the map is a foregone conclusion determined privately by some councilmembers. Denver deserves better.

Additionally, I have been disturbed at the lack of virtual participation in the midst of a global pandemic in this redistricting process - regardless of the pandemic, virtual participation for constituents should remain an option for people to have their voices heard. Requiring physical appearance creates a number of barriers to participation.

In conclusion, I strongly ask that you support Map A moving forward, I look forward to seeing your support.

Joe Szuszwalak
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support map A because it's the only map that protects communities of interest and especially Black and Brown voters.
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:40:08 AM

I support map A because it's the only map that protects communities of interest and especially Black and Brown voters.

Trey Johnson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support map A!
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:57:14 PM

Hello,

Denver, CO 80211 resident emailing in to say I support Councilwoman CdeBaca and map A!

Thanks,
Nora

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:40:36 PM

I support Map A because it's the only map that protects communities of interest and especially Black and Brown voters.

Respectfully,

Bobbie Alexander

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I think Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:07:11 PM

Is the best as far as including more of montbello in one district. I also like the fact district 9 is expanded north.
Myrna Mathers

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map A is Racial Gerrymandering
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:40:21 PM

Good Evening Council,

The following are my comments on the proposed district maps:

1. Map A is Terrible
2. Map A is clearly Racial Gerrymandering
3. Map A splits historic neighborhoods
4. Map A attempts to crack and pack the black vote and latino vote.
5. Map A does not follow geographic boundaries like the highways or rail lines and bodies of water
6. This map has so many jagged lines and skinny districts that drastically shifts from the previous map. This will likely confuse and suppress the vote.

Map F is also problematic for the black and latino community.

As an African American man under 35, I don't like that these maps split historically black & latino neighborhoods and as a resident of district 9, I am disgusted by CW Cdebaca's attempt to fit as many minorities as possible in her district because she believes she will better represent them than CW Sandoval and CM Herndon. It is also interesting that she is cutting out precincts she did not win. New Maps should grab complete neighborhoods as much as possible, not split them. Neighborhoods need the ability to organize together and communicate clearly with and through their councilperson. I believe councilpersons should represent everyone within their districts, not picking and choosing who they will meet with and listen to. These maps show clearly how the current council members feel about certain parts of their current district.

Lastly, it would be nice if Montbello (where I was a childhood resident) was whole and a part of one council district.

-Kwon Atlas, 80205, D9

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:38:29 AM

As a taxpayer and resident of City and County of Denver, I support Councilperson CDeBaca's proposal of Map A for 2022 Redistricting. Thank you.

Hanifah Chiku

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map Commentary
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:11:20 PM

I've been living in Sunnyside for 5 years, and North Denver for 24 years, and I think that the issues that face these neighborhoods are very different from those areas just to our east. I think that splitting Sunnyside up and moving part of it out of District 1 would be a grave disservice to our neighborhood. And I think that including a split Sunnyside with District 9 would greatly diminish both the voice and strength of the residents of Sunnyside. People living across small residential streets from each other share concerns, but under a city divided as Map A would create, those neighbors would have different representation and be unable to provide a united voice to their council person. As growth and redevelopment continue in Sunnyside, we need a united neighborhood who can act together to limit the bad effects and promote the good outcomes of growth. We need our voice to be represented by a single strong voice on council, not someone whose main focus and main electorate would cover disparate regions like Whittier and North Park Hill.

My misgivings about Map F flow from the removal of Chaffee Park from District 1. While I do not live in Chaffee Park myself, the folks from that neighborhood do live a similar experience to Sunnysiders, and we are often aligned on many issues that face our daily lives. We tend to support the same solutions, and have to solve the same problems. Splitting these neighborhoods will weaken each, and give a smaller voice to the voters within both.

I suggest both Map A and Map F be rejected.

Thank you for listening.

Jonathan Drout

Jonathan Drout



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maps
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:35:39 PM

I am in support currently reside in District 9, but I am not in support of the map recommendations by Councilwoman Cde Baca but am more in support of Map B by Cw Jamie Torres, Map C by Cm Flynn and Map E by Cw Sandoval these preserve the dwindling Black and Indigenous People of Color.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Perceived neighborhood characteristics
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 8:49:39 PM

Just looking at the names on the maps brings visions of wealthy neighborhoods with stately houses or of run down bungalows and poverty. Most of us aren't familiar enough with the actual character of neighborhoods outside our own. I really don't understand how people declare a community of interest outside of where they live.

There was some discussion of the redistricting being responsive to growth in differing areas of the city. We can really only guess and I think redistricting needs to be based on what is there now, not prejudiced on where growth may or may not occur.

Based on these thoughts, Map F to me was the most equitable.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please do not select map A
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 12:47:35 PM

Dear Council

I am writing to you today to voice my opposition to Map A for redistricting. It is a gerrymandered map that does nothing to fulfill your obligations as council members in the redistricting process.

it does not do the following which is laid out in you own guidelines

- - Council districts must be as compact as possible
 - District lines will follow obvious geographic boundaries to the greatest extent possible.
 - District lines will respect colloquial and statistical neighborhood boundaries to the greatest extent possible.
 - Council will preserve logical communities of interest, and the core existing constituencies traditionally represented by a particular council district to the greatest extent possible.

Map A has no regards for neighborhoods. It divides Five Points into two different and unrelated districts in the most bizarre way possible. How is promoting equity when you are dividing the most historically black neighborhood into different parts?

There are also other clear issues with this map and how it is not compact in any way shape or form.

It does not follow geographic boundaries such as park ave or other clearly defined neighborhood boundaries.

This really shows who is behind the map and their motivation and it should be clearly rebuffed and voted down!!!!

Map D or E are my top choices as they meet the criteria set forth by council.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Keith Pryor
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Use Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 10:00:57 AM

It is of the opinion that map A is the most representative of the growth of people in Denver.

Please use Map A for redistricting.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preferences
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:54:17 PM

I could not list my preferences at the Redistricting meeting.

I favor Map E and D.

Mary Helen Sandoval

[REDACTED]

All Persons, especially the deprived and oppressed, have a right to the justice that empowers them to share a more human life. Mary Luke Tobin, SL

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public comment on proposed redistricting maps
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:51:06 PM

February 9, 2022

To the Denver City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the 2022 redistricting process. Today I had a chance to review each of the proposed maps and narratives on the City's website. I find Map A to be the most compelling, fair, and equitable. I encourage you to support it.

Map A is only one of two maps with less than 7 majority white, non-hispanic districts. Of the two, Map A takes population growth into account the best.

Most of the other proposed maps actually eliminate a majority-minority district. Having so many white-majority districts is not in the spirit of the Voting Rights Act. They would be a step backward in terms of maintaining community diversity. They would only perpetuate a system that drives people of color out of the City as housing becomes more expensive and harder to find.

I find it disturbing that the Council set a guideline that, "District lines, to the greatest extent possible, will not result in two incumbent district councilmembers residing in the same district." No matter our race, background or address, most of us believe that voters should pick our elected officials. You should not pick your own voters.

We must not divide communities of color, which dilutes their voices, especially for political gain. After everything that has happened across the country in the past few years, we are called upon to do better. That includes us here Denver. We need to set aside the inherent desires to protect incumbents, using artificial geographic boundaries that ignore growth trends and demographics while perpetuating inequity.

-Aaron Browning
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:37:25 AM

To Whom This May Concern,

I am emailing you today to let you know I support Map A amongst all the options for the redistricting. I believe it's the only one that fairly and justifiably protects our Black and Brown Voters. It is important to me that everyone is looked after. I believe this is the only option!!!!

Sincerely,
Brett Weiss

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:56:39 AM

I Am in support of map A. Because it seems it is the only option that is that is the most beneficial that supports that impacts the communities like the one I live in. Communities with people of color.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting 2022
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:06:02 PM

I am a Denver Resident who resides in GVR. I strongly urge you to support **Maps B, C, and E**. It is imperative we do not upset and destroy the voting power of the Black and other long term residents in these Denver neighborhoods. Do not split the area into multiple districts.

Vel Garner

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:52:53 PM

Hello Redistricting Team,

It's disappointing to learn that council representatives voted to protect their position in their district rather than taking the longer and broader view of what is best for Denver residents and the city for the next 10 years.

Given this and other parameters, my preference is for Map A, which protects groups of residents who've historically had their votes diluted and voices marginalized. This map provides an opportunity to protect these individuals while giving all residents an opportunity to participate in their city.

Regards,

Kimberly Morse

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Cc: [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#); [kniechatlarge](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [District 3](#); [Clark, Jolon M. - CC Member District 7 Denver City Council](#); [Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1405 President Denver City Council](#); [District 9](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [Black, Kendra A. - CC Member District 4 Denver City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Preference for Upper Downtown
Date: Friday, February 25, 2022 10:30:07 AM

Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for all of the important work that you are doing in examining the City of Denver for the redistricting process that is required at this time. The work you are doing will help guide Denver forward with the many challenges we are facing.

I wanted to express my opinion on preference of the five proposed maps as a resident of Upper Downtown (Central Business District) since our City Council representative for D9 supports what would be the most devastating option for our neighborhood (Map A). Map A would carve out Upper Downtown into two two districts (separated by 16th Street mall) and would segregate Lower Downtown from Upper Downtown. As the heart of the economic engine for the state and the entire Rocky Mountain West, it is imperative that Upper Downtown remains undivided and Lower Downtown remain in a district with us in order to have collective representation at the City. Map A is not right for Denver!

Map D is the preference for the Upper Downtown RNO (UpDoNA). Map D would ensure that Upper Downtown and Lower Downtown remain in the same district and would also combine us with Golden Triangle which we see as a necessity as Golden Triangle continues to develop, densify, and becomes more integrated with the character and economy of downtown. Additionally, the other neighborhoods and RNOs is Map D (Uptown, Cap Hill, etc.) share many of the same issues and concerns we have and we feel that being in District 10 with these neighborhoods would be beneficial.

Thank you for your work and service again and I look forward to the public hearing on this issue.

Best,

Jeremiah Bebo, AICP Realtor®

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#); [Redistricting 2022](#); [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#); [kniechatlarge](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [District 3](#); [Black, Kendra A. - CC Member District 4 Denver City Council](#); [City Council District 5](#); [Kashmann, Paul J. - CC Member District 6 Denver City Council](#); [Clark, Jolon M. - CC Member District 7 Denver City Council](#); [Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Council](#); [District 9](#); [City Council District 10](#); [Gilmore, Stacie M. - CC XA1405 President Denver City Council](#)
Cc: [Helen Hedrick](#); Jack.Murphy@grarate.com; [Kristin Bennett](#); [Lisa Pope](#); [Melissa Matuska](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Request
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:03:30 PM

I am the president of the Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association (UpDoNA), Denver's newest Registered Neighborhood Organization. Our boundaries cover a large area, part of which is the area formerly known as the Central Business District which has been renamed Upper Downtown. We have over 20 multi-story residential buildings within our boundaries, some having 900 or more residents. In addition, we work closely with the Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association (LoDoNA), our sister RNO in the lower downtown area, because we have so many shared issues and concerns in our downtown neighborhoods.

Lisa Pope, Vice President of UpDoNA, and I have spent a great deal of time studying the proposed maps and have discussed the situation with our Board of Directors. We also attended the redistricting meeting on February 23 at Manual High School.

I am writing you on behalf of UpDoNA and its Board of Directors to urge you not to vote for Redistricting Plan A. This plan cuts our neighborhood in half right down the 16th Street Mall and would be disastrous for us. In addition, it would separate us from LoDoNA, making our jobs much more difficult.

We strongly prefer Plan D. This plan keeps UpDoNA's boundaries in the same district, and it also keeps UpDoNA and LoDoNA together. In addition, as was pointed out during the February 23rd meeting, Plan D keeps many other neighborhoods intact.

Please keep this in mind when you vote for the redistricting plan on March 29, 2022.

Thank you.

Rob Squire

President, Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Monday, February 14, 2022 3:26:38 PM

Amanda and the redistricting committee,

I looked over the proposed redistricting maps and since I will not be in town for any of the meetings, I want to share my thoughts.

I have been part of the Highland neighborhood since 1993. I am a historian who thinks and writes on Denver neighborhood history and on urban life. I have also been involved in community management through HUNI and most recently by being a member of the Near Northwest Side committee.

There were two maps (D and E), that reflected both the historical evolution of the Northwest section of Denver as well as recent collaborations and connections established here. Both had Chaffee Park and the Platte Street as part of the eastern boundary of the Northside. They also extended the west side boundaries to a logical point, at Sheridan.

I hope when all of this is done that you will consider one of those maps.

Regards and keep up the good work,

Rebecca Hunt

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Cc: [District 9; Hinds, Chris - CC Member District 10 Denver City Council](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for City Council Redistricting Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 5:48:36 PM

Hello,

My name is Bryan Wilson. I'm a constituent of District 10 & live at [REDACTED]

I support Map A, as it seems to be the most equitable option.

Thank you,
Bryan Wilson

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:44:52 PM

Dear Council and Staff,

I am a resident of D9, writing to support Map A.

I am deeply impressed by the work that went into this map in terms of preserving the voting power of POC and low-income voters. Specific features of this map which I support include:

1. Adjusting the population sizes of districts where we know we will see new development and where there is a likely census undercount to the low end of the range to account for that growth/underrepresentation;
2. Recognizing that Latino/a communities currently West of D9 are a community of interest with D9;
3. Recognizing that Black communities currently West of D11 are a community of interest with D11;
4. Recognizing that the districts in Southeast Denver need to be fundamentally reshaped to track the demographics of that part of the city;
5. Ensuring that there are 5 majority-minority districts rather than 7 majority-white districts.

Redistricting only happens every 10 years and I strongly urge Council not to give too much weight to existing district lines compared to the importance of districts that reflect our current and future communities. Although redrawing lines in this manner may be politically painful in some instances, it's the right thing to do.

Sarah Parady

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#); [Hinds, Chris - CC Member District 10 Denver City Council](#); [kniechatlarge](#); [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Redistricting Map A
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 11:00:39 AM

Hello,

I would like to go on record asking for you to support Map A, please.
I feel as though this is the best one that protects communities of interest, especially Black and Brown voters.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jay Morse
District 10, Capitol Hill

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Union Station area
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:05:05 PM

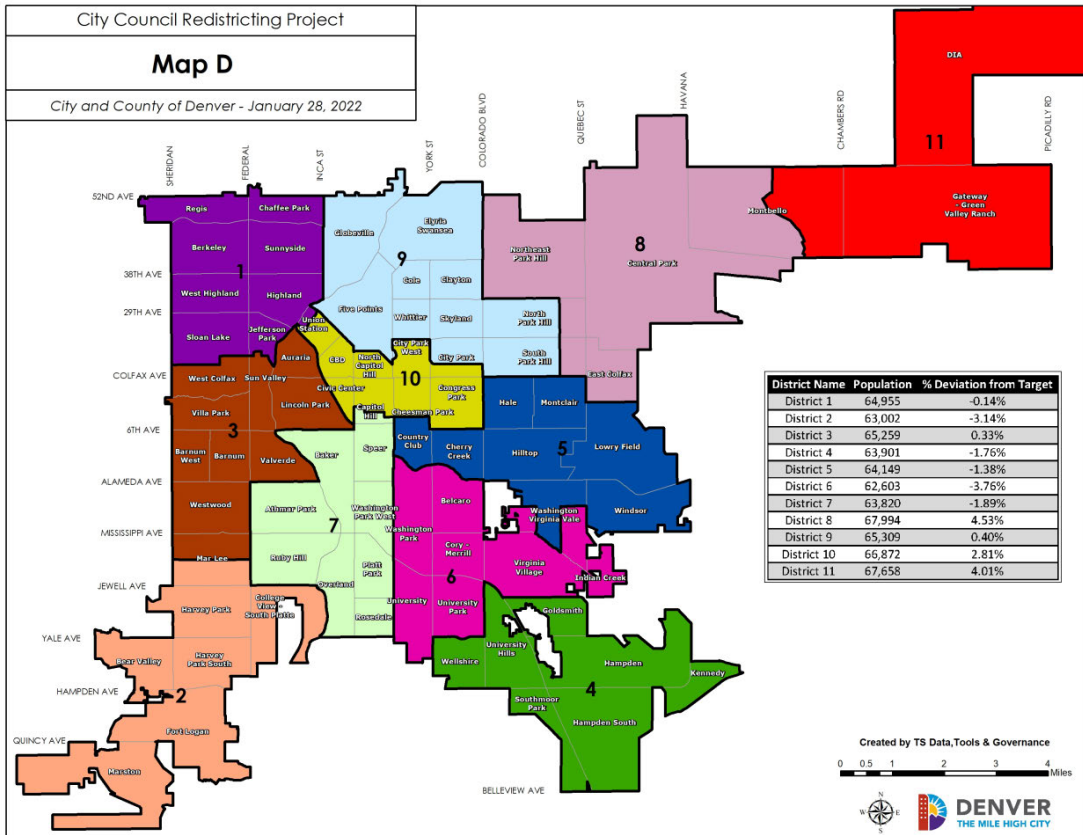
Dear Redistricting Folks,
We live at 16th & Larimer which is in the Union Station precinct (I believe). We DEFINITELY feel our "community of interest" is with the CBD and the Civic Center area, so we prefer Map D as it joins us with those areas.

Map C separates Union Station and CBD from the Civic Center area which does not work for us.

I can't speak for the residents in Montbello but I can understand why they might prefer Map A which might keep more of Montbello together.

Thank you for taking this input into consideration.
Mia Pryce

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Whittier Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 4:03:46 PM
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As a Whittier resident, I believe Map D provides the best outcome for our neighborhood. I believe an optimal map keeps Five Points, Whittier, Skyland, City Park West and South Park Hill together. Conversely, CBD, Union Station, Capitol Hill, etc have similar issues that can best be addressed as one district.

Matthew Broida

From: Lapel, Emily - CC Legislative Policy Analyst
To: Redistricting 2022
Subject: FW: [BULK] [EXTERNAL] Concerned Current or Former North/Northeast Park Hill Resident: Denver City Council is proposing changes to district boundaries on maps that will split District 8 comprised of South Park Hill North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 12:12:10 PM
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From: Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Council <Christopher.Herndon@denvergov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 12:11 PM
To: Sam Haas <samhaas@bsm.com>; Lapel, Emily - CC Legislative Policy Analyst <Emily.Lapel@denvergov.org>
Subject: FW: [BULK] [EXTERNAL] Concerned Current or Former North/Northeast Park Hill Resident: Denver City Council is proposing changes to district boundaries on maps that will split District 8 comprised of South Park Hill North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill...

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: John [REDACTED]
Date: February 21, 2022, at 8:12:29 PM MST
To: "Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Council" <Christopher.Herndon@denvergov.org>
Subject: [BULK] [EXTERNAL] Concerned Current or Former North/Northeast Park Hill Resident: Denver City Council is proposing changes to district boundaries on maps that will split District 8, comprised of South Park Hill, North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill...
Reply-To: samhaas@bsm.com

Concerned Current or Former North/Northeast Park Hill Resident:

Denver City Council is proposing changes to district boundaries on maps that will split District 8, comprised of South Park Hill, North Park Hill and Northeast Park Hill into two districts (8 & 9) or possibly three districts (5, 8 & 9)

Unfortunately, our City Council representatives in District 8 and District 9, support the separation of the historical Black community in Park Hill that consists of North, Northeast Park Hill and portions of South Park Hill

Redistricting will serve our communities in North, Northeast Park Hill and Montbello. **IF we support Maps B, C and E.** These maps retain the historical significance and voting power of the Black communities in District 8 **We support Maps B, C & E and encourage you to do the same.**

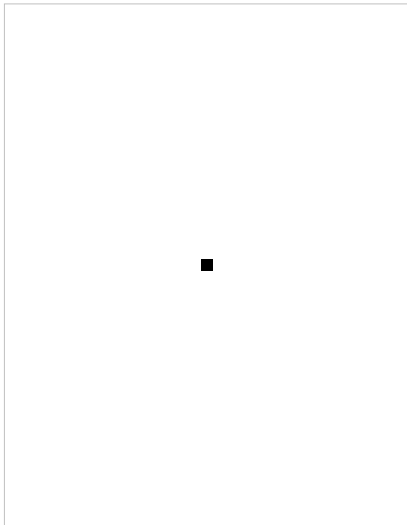
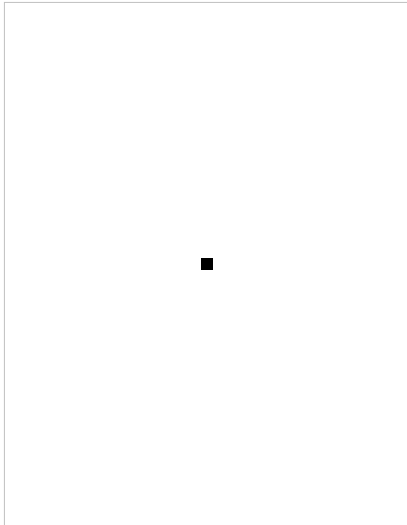
If we don't have a plan to dispute Maps A, D and F our North, Northeast Park Hill, our historical Black community loses its voting power.

Please review the redistricting maps carefully and voice your opinion by:

1. Attend the Redistricting Meeting at Manual High School this Wednesday, Feb 23, 2022 @ 5:30p m
2. Send an email message to the Redistricting Committee at redistricting2022@denvergov.org
3. Call the City Council offices at 720-337-2000
4. Comment on the Denver Post article -

[Here are the six Denver City Council district maps that could shape city elections for the next decade \(denverpost.com\)](#)

Carroll Watkins Ali
LaMone Noles
Rita Lewis
Mary Jefferson



From: [Lapel, Emily - CC Legislative Policy Analyst](#)
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support Map A!
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:55:32 AM
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From: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:22 AM
To: Lapel, Emily - CC Legislative Policy Analyst <Emily.Lapel@denvergov.org>; Sandoval, Amanda P. - CC Member District 1 Denver City Council <Amanda.Sandoval@denvergov.org>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support Map A!

I am bcc both of you on any redistricting comments – let me know if you want me to handle it different.

Thanks,
G

From: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Support Map A!

Hello Hayley,

Thank you for taking the time to review the maps and reaching out to share your thoughts, I will make sure this are included in all the comments that all Councilmembers will be reviewing.

Take care,
Gina

Gina Volpe | Senior Council Aide
Office of Councilwoman Amanda P. Sandoval
Council District 1, NW Denver



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From: Hayley Banyai-Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:48 PM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Map A!

Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval,

Hello Councilwoman Sandoval,

My name is Hayley, and I live in your district. I am concerned that equity has not been prioritized in City Council's sponsoring of specific maps, in particular Map D. I oppose this map because:

- It creates a council majority of seven districts that represents majority-white representation.
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Map A is the only map that doesn't crack, pack, or stack historically marginalized voters, while also considering Census undercounts in marginalized areas as well as past and future growth trends. Equity must be the driving consideration in these discussions, and I urge you to support the only map that ensures representation for all Denverites -- not just the privileged few. Please support Map A.

Hayley Banyai-Becker
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:41:59 AM

Map A for district 11. Green Valley Ranch needs more representation we are a strong economic engine and deserve more attention as well as policing and we are far from downtown Denver and have her own issues and needs

Robert Bob Dorshimer MA.Ed CAS
Mile High Behavioral Healthcare-CEO

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [District 1 Comments](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Equality in Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:00:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Hello Jordan,

Thank you for reaching out, sharing your comments and being engaged in your community.

Stay well,



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From: Jordan Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:48 AM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Equality in Redistricting

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Jordan Smith
[REDACTED]
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From: [District 1 Comments](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] I support city district Map A
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:59:42 AM
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Hello Courtney,

Thank you for reaching out, sharing your comments and being engaged in your community.

Stay well,



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From: Courtney Kallas [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:56 AM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support city district Map A

Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval,

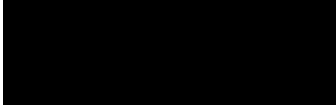
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Courtney Kallas



From: [District 3](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Support a map that ensures representation for all Denverites!
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:05:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Amanda for your email regarding the Denver Redistricting 2022. I have also cc'd the main email for recording purposes.

As a District 3 constituent, we would also invite you to attend one of the two office hours being held:

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Thank you,

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From: Amanda Corrales [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 6:47 AM
To: District 3 <District3@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support a map that ensures representation for all Denverites!

Councilwoman Jamie Torres,

Hello,

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Amanda Corrales
[REDACTED]

From: [District 3](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Support a map that ensures representation for all Denverites!
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 1:44:31 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thank you Stan for your email regarding the Denver Redistricting 2022. I have also cc'd the main email for recording purposes.

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From: Stan Njuguna [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 2:02 PM
To: District 3 <District3@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support a map that ensures representation for all Denverites!

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Stan Njuguna
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [District 1 Comments](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Map A
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 9:00:27 AM
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[image004.png](#)

Hello Lindsey,

Thank you for reaching out, sharing your comments and being engaged in your community.

Stay well,



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From: Lindsey Powers [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 12:48 PM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Map A

Councilmember Sandoval,
I'm writing to encourage you to support redistricting Map A.
Thank you,
Lindsey Winick-Powers
[REDACTED]

From: [District 9](#)
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: Redistricting comment
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:19:53 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-fkw43j20.png](#)

Hi Emily,

Please add this to the public comment on the maps.

Best regards,
Liz



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From: Dennis Royer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2022 2:55 PM
To: District 9 <District9@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Warming centers saga: A case study in city decision-making

Thank you for notifying us about last night's meeting. It was very informative.

OF NOTE, MAP "D" IS A DISASTER AND IS BACKED BY MOST OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS. IT HAS THE GREATEST IMBALANCE WITH DISTRICTS #8 AND #11 HAVING THE MOST POPULATION WHEN THEY ARE GUARANTEED TO GROW SINCE THEY HAVE THE MOST UNDEVELOPED LAND. IT ALSO TOTALLY DESTROYS PARKHILL BY PUTTING IT IN 3 DISTRICTS. I WILL BE SUBMITTING THESE COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE BUT SINCE CHRIS HERNDON IS CHAIRING AND SUPPORTS MAP "D" IT IS LIKELY PAYBACK FOR PARKHILL SUPPORTING REFERENDUM 301 AND OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOLF COURSE.

Once again, thank you for supporting public involvement.

Dennis Royer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Arapahoe Square
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:37:48 PM

Hello Emily,

It was nice to meet you yesterday evening. Please find as follows a comment on the 2022 redistricting that, if you would be so kind, we ask be forwarded to all City Council Members.

Dear Members of The Denver City Council,

I am writing for the residents, business owners, property owners and visitors of and to the area of Downtown known as Arapahoe Square. We strongly believe that Arapahoe Square is an important part of Downtown, which is why it has always been considered a meaningful, cohesive part of Downtown. The people of Arapahoe Square have common interests and common goals and share cultural and economic ties with the people of Downtown. Further, Arapahoe Square has very similar zoning to (building heights for example), and shares the Downtown street grid with, the Central Business District (CBD).

We are not asking to be a part of any specific Council District, we are just asking to be a part of a Council District that does not split Arapahoe Square and, importantly, is inclusive of the CBD.

Please note that the DOWNTOWN AREA PLAN of 2007 included Arapahoe Square (beginning on page 56). This was a extensively considered, well thought out Plan that defined Arapahoe Square's boundaries as Park Avenue West on the northeast, the alley between Lawrence St. and Larimer St. on the northwest, 20th St. on the southwest, 20th Ave. on the south and Tremont St. on the southeast (page 57). This Plan called Arapahoe Square Downtown's New Neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All the Best,

Tim Sabus

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Chaffee Park
Date: Monday, February 7, 2022 12:46:50 PM

Hello, and thanks for the opportunity to comment on the redistricting process.

Hoping to keep my comments brief to respect your time.

As residents and homeowners in Chaffee Park, my wife and I love the walkability to small businesses and parks in our neighborhood. Maps B, C, D, and E recognize that Sunnyside, Regis, and Berkeley are much easier to access and are much more contiguous than what maps A and F propose.

If Chaffee Park were to be redrawn into a disproportionately large district including City Park, what sense would that make? It takes 15-20 minute minimum driving to get to the other side of that hypothetical district, when maps B-E regain a 15-20 minute walk to most of historically near northwest Denver. That nearness contributes to a positive district identity, as demonstrated by the near northwest Denver community feedback that just occurred. I, with many of my neighbors, would not be able to participate in such a vital conversation as a part of what maps A and F propose.

Please retain Chaffee Park within District 1.
Please select map B, C, D, or E to do so.

I cannot and should not speak on behalf of other neighborhoods, but I feel strongly and proudly about my own. If you would like me to expand on this reasoning I'd be happy to share more.

I appreciate your time and for being open to public feedback and conversation. It's part of what makes Denver a great place to live.

Humbly,

Mitchell Blom
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cherry Creek
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 12:17:17 PM

Dear Council members and staff,

I looked at the various Council district maps and have some observations for your consideration, especially as they apply to the Cherry Creek neighborhood.

Our neighborhood is currently in the 10th district. The "favored" map shows it switched to the 5th. I believe Cherry Creek should remain in the 10th for the following reasons:

1. Cherry Creek is more urban and dense than most neighborhoods in the proposed 5th. It also contains more commercial properties and apartments.
2. Colorado Boulevard creates a physical barrier, especially for pedestrians. East 1st Avenue, east of Colorado Boulevard has no sidewalks for several blocks, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street to get to Cranmer Park. Most Cherry Creek residents feel more connected to neighborhoods north, west and south, especially for walking and cycling.
3. I seem to remember that traditionally Cherry Creek has been in the same district (usually the 10th) along with Cheesman Park and Capitol Hill, neighborhoods with which it is more comparable than most of the neighborhoods in the proposed 5th.

Your task is not easy and you certainly won't please everyone. You and the staff fortunately have access to the computer programs that allow the creation of various district options, so the current choices need not be final.

As an aside, I hope that down the line we will consider the option of changing the two at-large seats to the 12th and 13th districts. It is likely that after the 2030 census the City & County of Denver will likely have about 800,000 to 825,000 residents, making the current eleven district composition to have an average of 72,000 to 75,000 population. That size is not beneficial to good representation on a municipal level.

Regards,

Eric Karnes

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerned about plans that break up the current boundaries for River Front Park
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 12:55:41 PM

Good Afternoon, My name is Donnie Reinhart and I was just made aware that several of the redistricting plans for 2022 suggest breaking up the current boundaries for River Front Park. I have lived here in River Front Park for several years and am active in my HOA board and attend the Main HOA board meetings. Our River Front Park neighborhood has a mix of small businesses, apartment complexes as well as multi-family dwellings. We are a close-knit community who have similar goals and concerns and come together to solve the problems of our neighborhood. We have events in our park to bring neighbors together and include surrounding neighborhoods in our activities. It would be a great disservice to our community to split us up. Thank you for your consideration. Donnie Reinhart.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I do not think that the redistricting. Should be allowed . We have had no problem with the way it is now.
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 8:26:10 AM

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#); [District 1 Comments](#); [kniechatlarge](#); [Deborah Ortega - Councilwoman At Large](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maps and redistricting.
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:42:50 PM

Hi,

Thank you for your work on redistricting. I participated in a call a few weeks ago.

Can you tell me what the goal was for the conversations with representable.org? Also, I am wondering how many of the council members participated in the Representable.org conversations. If it was non-partisan, are any of the current A-F maps that tried to emulate those principles?

I want the maps to make sure that we are ensuring that historically marginalized populations aren't continually disenfranchised. With that in mind, we should be making sure that there are fewer majority white districts. It is important that we specifically battle past inequities with intention. Making sure that we do not marginalize people of color and their political voice. With that in mind, I see that **Map A** is the most equitable map and would like that map to be the choice for the committee/commission.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Carrie

[Carrie Murphy](#)

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] new lines for district 1,3,2
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:47:39 PM

I drew new lines based on trying to mix socioeconomic backgrounds. Districts one and three are now vertical ranging across high priced homes and those who experience poverty. I drug district 2 all the way across the city East and West again to make for a diverse range of populations, incomes, cultural backgrounds ets.

The result was larger districts, but I see this as a good thing. More and more people can communicate electronically for instance so Council people can feasibly be spread more widely. This would save taxpayers by eliminating a couple of districts and in effect save on salaries and benefits for the district people and their staff. Also it would bring in a diversity so that council people can see perspective of all of the people in Denver.

In theory this would do away with the need for the at large council saving taxpayers even more in Salary and benefits. I truly see this as a way for council to start to find common sense solutions that work for everyone and also that it will prove to bring accountability to the ballot box.

Thanks for the tool it was a great way to find innovative solutions that would create change for the better.

Jennifer Qualteri

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please keep all of Park Hill together
Date: Saturday, February 5, 2022 7:30:44 AM

Dear City Council,

As a resident and constituent of Park Hill, I request that you keep all the Park Hill neighborhoods (South, North, and North East Park Hill) together as we are all together a community of interest and geographically compact. I do not agree with splitting up our Park Hill community according to proposed Map D. Thank you.

Dan Pastula
Park Hill, Denver

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Preference of LoDoNA on re-districting under consideration by Council
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:32:26 AM

Hello –

I write on behalf of LoDoNA – the Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association – one of the many RNOs throughout Denver.

Our board of 16 members meet on 2-21-22.

We reviewed the maps proposed, many of the comments made to date on the maps and we reviewed the slide show that has been presented at various public townhall meetings.

Our board was very much engaged in the discussion of the maps being proposed.

The LoDoNA board unanimously approved a resolution preferring that all of LoDo/Union Station be a part of one of the new proposed Districts.

- We believe that LoDo/Union Station is one contiguous territory
- We believe that having LoDo/Union Station in one district is consistent with that district being compact as possible

Our board did not settle on one of the 6 proposed maps, other than to clearly desire that all of LoDo/Union Station should be in one district.

Thank you for the public forums and opportunity to comment on the maps and re-districting under consideration.

Jerry Orten

President and Board member

Lower Downtown Neighborhood Association - LoDoNA

Lodona.org

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[REDACTED]

Office at 15th and Market

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re:
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 3:13:24 PM

Great green valley needs our own district but if we have to pick it would be Map A. Also we need a sub station of DPD

Robert Bob Dorshimer MA.Ed CAS
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 24, 2022, at 3:09 PM, Redistricting 2022 <redistricting2022@denvergov.org> wrote:

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> Good Afternoon Bob,

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> Thank you for your comment. This will be shared with all of Council. To stay up to date on redistricting, visit our website: www.denvergov.org/redistricting.

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> Sincerely,

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> Emily Lapel | Legislative Policy Analyst

> Denver City Council | City and County of Denver

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> From: Robert Bob Dorshimer [REDACTED]

> Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 6:42 AM

> To: Redistricting 2022 <redistricting2022@denvergov.org>

> Subject:

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> Map A for district 11. Green Valley Ranch needs more representation we are a strong economic engine and deserve more attention as well as policing and we are far from downtown Denver and have her own issues and needs

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> Robert Bob Dorshimer MA.Ed CAS
[REDACTED]

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING ISSUE / WEST COLFAX
Date: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 3:26:20 PM

2/16/2022

TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

I HAVE LIVED HERE & ASSOCIATED MYSELF WITH DIST. 1 FOR ABOUT 1/2 MY LIFE. IF I'M READING THE MAPS CORRECTLY, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WANT TO TOSS US OUT OF OUR OWN DIST.; I'M LIVID.

WE HAVE NUMEROUS CITY WORKERS THAT REPRESENT SPECIFIC DISTRICTS; YOU GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE THAT ARE ASSIGNED TO & WORKING WITH YOU FOR THE CARE & IMPROVEMENT OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, YOUR DIST. & AFTER YEARS, A CHANGE LIKE THAT IS LIKE PULLING THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER YOU. ARE YOU LOOKING AT US AS A COMMUNITY OR JUST A SPACE ON A MAP THAT CAN JUST BE CUT OFF OF ITS LONG TIME DISTRICT. THIS IS YEARS OF PEOPLE CONNECTIONS YOU ARE INTENDING TO MESS WITH.

PLEASE LEAVE US BE.

RESPECTFULLY,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 3:31:38 PM

I live in District 11. I favor the maps that include the lowest population numbers in District 11. GVR has experienced the largest amount of growth, and will continue to do so for many more years. New construction is everywhere, and the redistricting process must take into account the future enormous growth that will occur over the next decade. Our schools, roads, and infrastructure are inadequate now, and massive future growth will only increase the existing problems.

Gail Bell

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Meetings
Date: Thursday, February 24, 2022 7:18:23 AM

Hi,

Can you please make these meetings more accessible for people who cannot attend in person? The community should be allowed access to these public input meetings since redistricting is something that will affect all of Denver for the next decade. We're still dealing with COVID, freezing temperatures last tonight, the roads were still icy, and there are plenty of other reasons why the community should have access to virtual meetings. Can you also provide more transparency for all the maps? Or can you provide another, longer public forum where the maps are explained in more detail by the council who back them? The Plan Narratives' explanations leave a lot of questions and concerns. What criteria was key in making each of these maps? Was equity considered in drawing these maps, if so what was the key criteria? Do all the maps take future growth into consideration? Do these maps project affordable housing solutions for the increasing homeless population? A lot of work went into drawing the maps, we need more time and transparency to understand the rationale behind the process to better understand these maps.

Since racism was declared a public health crisis, how are the maps addressing racism? Is the voting power of historically marginalized voters being protected? Are there majority-minority districts to protect interests of minority communities? Denver is a multifaceted, multicultural city, so it is important for minorities to have representation. They are part of the culture of Denver, they are contributing community members who deserve to have their concerns addressed and their voices heard.

Will these maps be edited based on public input, or are they all final? The community just wants fair representation. We want equity and transparency in this process.

Thank you,
Christina Zhang

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Request from Riverfront Park
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 2:07:11 PM
Attachments: [Riverfront Redistricting Request.pdf](#)

Emily,

Please see the attached letter from Riverfront Park.

Thank you.

Don Cohen, President
Riverfront Park Association

Don Cohen

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Riverfront Park Association
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:59:15 AM
Attachments: [2017 Composite Map.pdf](#)

Hello,

I am the property manager for the Riverfront Park Association. Its imperative that the entire Association remain within one district and currently a few of the models will separate the Association within the Central Platte Valley District.

Attached is a map. Everything within the Green Must remain within the same District.

Thank you for your help!

Jordan Kincaid, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM®



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Sunnyside
Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 7:58:17 PM
Attachments: [~](#)

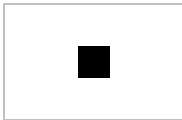
Hello -

I want to provide my input about redistricting. I want Sunnyside to remain in District 1. I feel like Sunnyside neighborhood is more similar to the NW neighborhoods than the north central neighborhoods. It also doesn't make sense to split a neighborhood in half as is proposed in Map A.

I like any option except Map A.

Thanks for your consideration,
Molly

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022; Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Coun](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote for Map E to Keep North & Northeast Park Hill in tact
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022 11:48:00 PM

Don't divide or otherwise disrupt North & Northeast Park Hill when you vote on the 2022 Redistricting Plan.

Don't dilute the voting power of North & Northeast Park Hill that is predominately African-American.

Don't vote to approve Maps A-D because these proposed maps liquidate the voices and votes of African-Americans in North and Northeast Park Hill.

Don't violate the Voting Rights Act to gain power over residents in North and Northeast Park Hill.

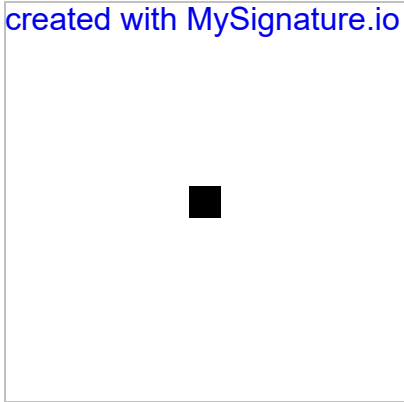
#Keep North & Northeast Park Hill as is with no disruptions.

Rita R. Lewis, Esq.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] What is important for you in considering district boundaries?
Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7:00:02 PM

What's most important to me is not marginalizing certain populations from their historical neighborhoods and diluting their voice/barriers by placing them in districts that are majority white

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Kiera Jackson (she/her)
Deputy Director
Montbello Organizing Committee

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From: Megan Tortorelli <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 at 1:34 PM
To: "Sawyer, Amanda - CC Member District 5 Denver City Council" <Amanda.Sawyer@denvergov.org>, "Herndon, Christopher J. - CC Member District 8 Denver City Council" <Christopher.Herndon@denvergov.org>
Cc: "Guillen, Bonnie K. - CC City Council Aide" <Bonnie.Guillen@denvergov.org>, "Gross, Jennifer P. - CC YA2245 City Council Aide" <Jennifer.Gross@denvergov.org>, ECNA East Colfax Neighborhood Association <[REDACTED]> Brendan Greene [REDACTED], Tim Roberts [REDACTED], Danielle Shepard [REDACTED], Nadeen Ibrahim [REDACTED]
Subject: [EXTERNAL] East Colfax Redistricting Update

Hello Councilwoman Sawyer and Councilman Herndon,

We hope you're both doing well. We wanted to touch base as the redistricting process evolves and ask for your support of our vision for District 8.

First, your support for the unification of East Colfax has been clear, consistent, and (we hope!) effective, and we're pleased that every proposed map brings East Colfax together in a single district. Thank you.

Second, as you may be aware, we have been working closely with two other neighborhoods in a proposed new District 8 that would allow us to formalize what we are finding to be a common cause and critical need for anti-displacement support. These other neighborhoods, Northeast Park Hill and Montbello, share features with East Colfax such as high poverty, lower incomes, and lower equity "scores," so that enabling a single-district collaboration would, we strongly believe, generate the kind of transformative leadership that intractable issues like poverty and high crime rates require.

Also, while we very much appreciate the complex consideration that went into these proposed maps, and how changes in one area can affect the other districts, we were hoping to find a way to not only include East Colfax as a whole in District 8, but that more of Montbello be included as well, in preference to North and South Park Hill, which we find very compelling reasons to include in a new District 5. We understand that these requests would necessitate some changes to the proposed maps, specifically D and F.

Again, thank you for your support for unifying East Colfax, and we ask for your support as well of a District 8 comprising East Colfax, Northeast Park Hill, and a portion of Montbello (along with Central Park) so that we can effectively address the needs of our communities, enabling us to support each other, and truly giving us cause for celebration in the redistricting process.



Thank you and enjoy the long weekend,

Daneille Moe, ECNA President
Brendan Greene, EC3 Executive Director, ECNA
Tim Roberts, Counterpath, East Colfax
Megan Tortorelli, East Colfax

From: spencer pajk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:54 PM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict equitably

Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval,

I am concerned about forthcoming redistricting. The map adds whiter, wealthier neighborhoods of North Park Hill and South Park Hill into D9, a historically minority-majority district to dilute the voices of the predominantly Black and Brown voices in the rest of the district which can be construed as cracking. It also leaves predominantly whiter and wealthier districts of D2, D6 and D4 underpopulated knowing growth trends will lead to LEAST growth in those areas.

spencer pajk

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From: [Torres, Jamie C. - CC Member District 3 Denver City Council](#)
To: [REDACTED] [Clark, Jolon M. - CC Member District 7 Denver City Council](#); [Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council](#); [Redistricting 2022](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting input
Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:37:56 AM

Thank you Anita, good to see your name come through my email. I'll forward your comments to the facilitators. If you can, please hop on the zoom redistricting meeting tomorrow night or one of the in-person meetings coming up

Here are the upcoming meetings:

One more virtual public meeting is this Wednesday, February 9th
5:30pm – 7:30pm

<https://denvergov-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvc-murT4pE9PjiuBVNidhTiuNuOBMI2gq>

In Person meeting on Tuesday, February 15th, 5:30-7:00pm
Church of All Saints - Parish Hall, 2559 S Federal Blvd., Denver 80219

In Person meeting on Wednesday, February 16th, 5:30-7:00pm
Lake Middle School, 1820 Lowell Blvd., Denver 80204

Jamie Torres | Councilwoman, District 3

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From: Anita Banuelos [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 10:53 PM
To: Torres, Jamie C. - CC Member District 3 Denver City Council <Jamie.Torres@denvergov.org>; Clark, Jolon M. - CC Member District 7 Denver City Council <Jolon.Clark@denvergov.org>; Flynn, Kevin J. - CC Member District 2 Denver City Council <Kevin.Flynn@denvergov.org>; Redistricting 2022 <redistricting2022@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting input

Hello Denver City Council members, Councilwoman Torres, Councilman Clark, Councilman Flynn,

I wanted this to be on record and my voice be heard concerning the redistricting of Southwest Denver districts 2,3,7. I am in agreement with map B sponsored by Councilwoman Torres which keeps neighbors together in Southwest Denver. I also agree with map C sponsored by Councilman

Flynn and map D.

My concern is my neighborhood of Athmar Park would move outside of the neighborhoods of Southwest Denver. I feel as if my community identity and needs will be limited by fair and cultural equitability. This will be worse than the redline which has hindered the progress for decades that continues to this day. I feel as my neighborhood does not reflect nor relate to common needs of others besides Overland Park on the east side of 1-25. We need fair, equitable, justified representation on Denver city council for Southwest Denver Neighborhoods.

I appreciate your time and consideration of my voice as a life long resident with majority of my family also Athmar Residents. I hope that my voice does not get lost in the progression of our great city.

Sincerely,
Anita Banuelos

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Best regards,

Anita Banuelos

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From: [District 1 Comments](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re-districting
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 3:11:08 PM

Thank you Michelle for reaching out, I am afraid this is the only email I have and it seems like you are referencing another email?

From: Michelle Deyden [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:34 PM
To: District 1 Comments <District1@denvergov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-districting

Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval,

Additionally, it shields whiter, wealthier populations from challenges of growth by allowing them to remain virtually the same shape they have been since the 1960s.

Michelle Deyden

[REDACTED]
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