



# Redistricting Public Hearing Summary Report

March 29, 2022

# Redistricting 2022 Timeline

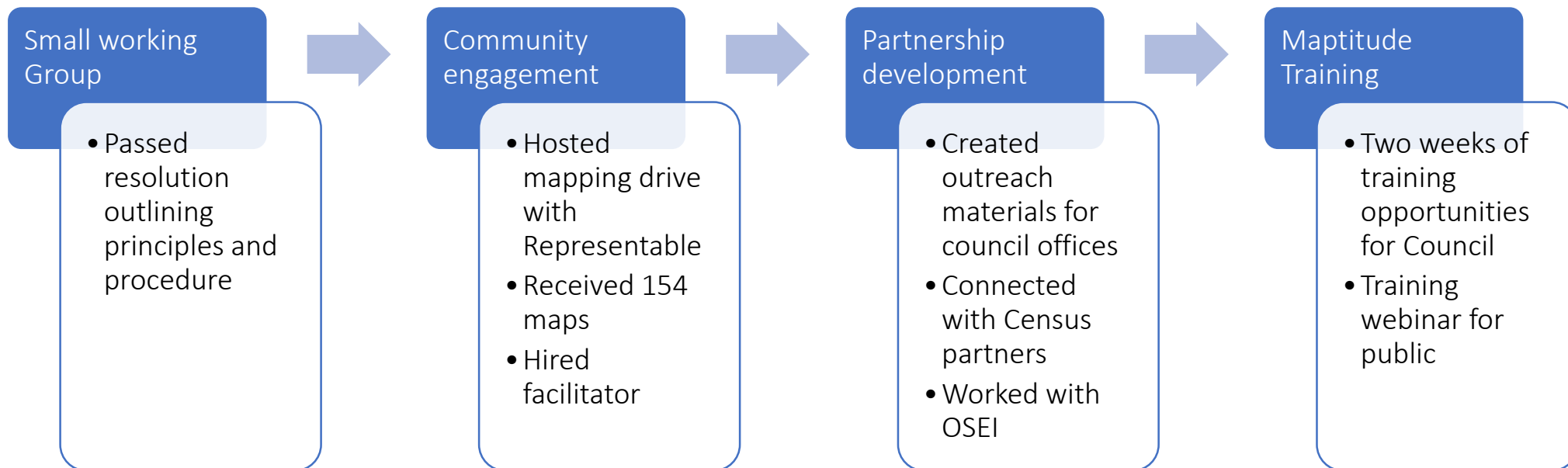
Event/Task/Action	Start Date	Complete Date
Council President assigns Redistricting Working Group	1-Mar-21	1-Mar-21
Working Group convenes with Council Staff - design draft redistricting process	1-Mar-21	1-Jul-21
Staff design Meeting in a Box and initial community engagement methods for data collection	1-Apr-21	30-Jun-21
Staff create media plan, web infrastructure, online outreach tools	1-Apr-21	30-Jun-21
Staff recruit community partners for engagement data collection methodology and analysis	1-May-21	30-Jun-21
Council elects new leadership	19-Jul-21	19-Jul-21
FINGOV Committee receives briefings on redistricting process	1-Jul-21	30-Aug-21
Community Outreach - Define Your Denver	1-Jul-21	15-Oct-21
Referred ballot measure deadline - clerk and recorder elections reform	4-Aug-21	4-Aug-21
Maptitude Software Purchase	3-Sep-21	30-Sep-21
Working Group works on resolution of principles and procedure	30-Aug-21	30-Sep-21
Committee files resolution of principles and procedure	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-21
Data received from Census Bureau	30-Sep-21	30-Sep-21
Staff analyze Defining Your Denver data	1-Sep-21	31-Oct-21
Resolutions of principles and procedures adopted by Council	11-Oct-21	11-Oct-21
Internal meetings with GIS and Council staff	1-Oct-21	1-Dec-21
Staff work with CU Students to draw community of interest maps	1-Nov-21	1-Dec-21
Train City Council and Staff on Redistricting Software	1-Dec-21	31-Dec-21
Public engagement on census data release and mapitude demos	1-Dec-21	31-Jan-22
Elections Division Re-Precincting*	30-Sep-21	30-Dec-21
Public draws maps on Mapitude	1-Jan-22	2-Feb-22
Committee, Council, and Staff work on maps	1-Dec-21	28-Mar-22
State Redistricting Final Plan Submitted*	30-Sep-21	1-Jan-22
Final Elections Precincts Deadline*	??	3-Jan-22
Public Vetting of proposed maps	1-Feb-22	23-Feb-22
Committee debates maps	1-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
Committee approves map(s) for filing	17-Mar-22	17-Mar-22
First reading of Ordinance	21-Mar-22	21-Mar-22
Adopt Ordinance effective for April 2023 election (Public Hearing) Cesar Chavez Day	29-Mar-22	29-Mar-22

# Unique Challenges of Redistricting 2022

- COVID-19 pandemic
- New state Independent Redistricting Commission
- Delayed release of census data
- Approval of moving Denver's municipal elections from May to April



# Redistricting Timeline - 2021



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# Highlights from 2021

## **Resolution 21-1059**

- Increased the number of public meetings
- Required language access to be placed into consideration.
- Incorporated language surrounding communities of interest

## **Mapping Drive with Representable.Org**

- Received 154 maps
- Identified common areas of interest among 70 maps
- First municipality in the country to use representable in an official capacity and at this level.

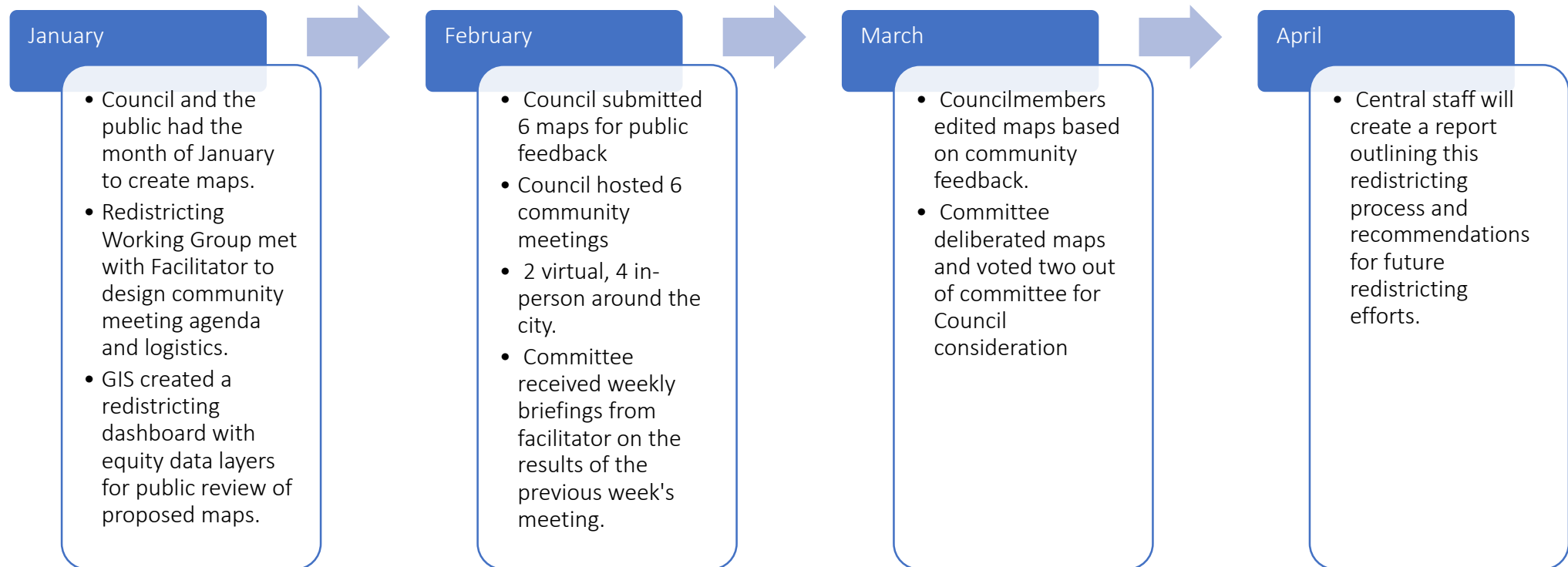
## **Maptitude for Redistricting Training**

- Acquired Maptitude for Redistricting software for all of Council use
- Hosted two weeks of trainings for council and staff to familiarize themselves with Maptitude

## **Social Media and Meeting in a Box**

- Created a social media toolkit translated into Spanish and Vietnamese for council office use.
- Created a Meeting in a Box for community use around redistricting.

# Redistricting Timeline - 2022



# Highlights from 2022

## Community Meetings

- 6 meetings
  - 2 virtual
  - 4 in person
- 389 participants
- 54 neighborhoods represented
- Community Report provided highlighting the Community meetings

## Public Dashboard

- Denver TS created a transparent tool for the public and council to use to review maps based on Charter and resolution mandated criteria.
- The dashboard also included equity data from Denver Human Services

## Public Comment

- We received 269 public comments for Denver residents

# Map Vetting Rules



## Council Must Adhere to the Following Criteria, per City Charter 3.1.2

- Draw 11 council districts
- Have the council districts be as equal in population as possible
- Council districts must contain contiguous territory
- Council districts must be as compact as possible
- Council districts must contain whole elections precincts
- Council districts must be approved by March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022



# Map Vetting Rules



## Council Should Consider the Following Criteria, per Resolution 21-1059

- The largest council district cannot be more than 10% larger than the smallest population.
- Race and ethnicity shall be taken into consideration to the extent necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act.
- District lines will follow obvious geographic boundaries to the greatest extent possible.

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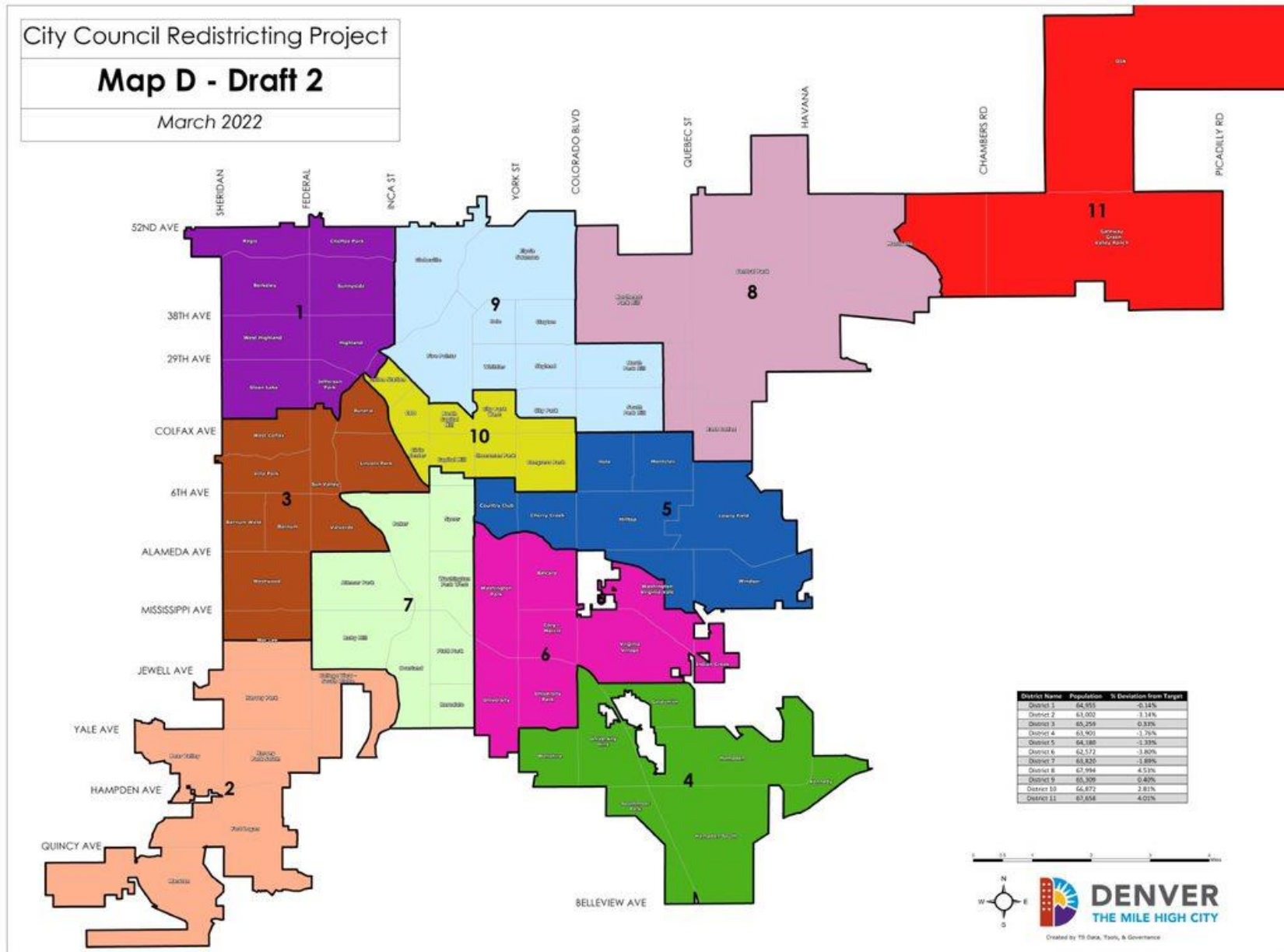
## Council Should Consider the Following Criteria, per Resolution 21-1059

- 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.
- District lines, to the greatest extent possible, will not result in two incumbent district councilmembers residing in the same district.

City Council Redistricting Project

**Map D - Draft 2**

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