



Legislation Text

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Item Title & Description:

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A bill for an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 15 of the Revised Municipal Code for purposes of approving a new redistricting plan for the eleven council districts of the City and County of Denver for the municipal election on April 4, 2023, and for any general or special council election held thereafter.

Describes the district boundaries depicted on Map A. Councilmember CdeBaca approved direct filing this item on 3-17-22.

Affected Council District(s) or citywide?

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

I drew this map with an eye toward equity and preserving the communities of interest identified both in the Representable.org maps and through conversations with constituents and the D9 redistricting town halls I held last fall.

The aim of my map is to correct for the huge population shifts over the past ten years that have left us with such a wide disparity in population and representation between Council districts-currently, District 2 is 13% under the target population size of 65,000 constituents, whereas District 9 is 16% over that target population size. The spatial organization of such drastic shifts (population and growth have been consistently pushing northeast) makes it necessary

for us to design districts in a way that doesn't isolate southern Council districts, but rather stretches their edges inward toward the city center to more evenly absorb that growth.

These are the equity criteria I used in drawing the districts on my map

- Doesn't crack/dilute historically marginalized voters
- Doesn't pack/concentrate historically marginalized voters
- Doesn't stack power against historically marginalized voters
- Considers Census undercounts in marginalized areas
- Considers past and future growth trends

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached?