

Redistricting Board Public Hearing - CSMC Meeting Room (Wednesday, November 10, 2021)

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Members present

Richard Johnson, Chair
Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair
Dr. Patricia Richardson, Board Member
Paul Thompson, Board Member
Lance Johnson, Board Member (Via ZOOM)
David Weiskopf, County Attorney
Neil Murphy, Deputy County Attorney
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney
Diane Gleissner, Staff Support
Angela Blondino, Staff Support
Sharon Ferris, Staff Support

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Johnson, Chair called the Redistricting Board Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Richard Johnson, Chair, Redistricting Board

Mr. Johnson reviewed the data on the current map and explained that the Board's tasking was to balance population within 10%. He commented that on the current map District 4 has 7,641 more than it should have; District 1 is short 1,813, District 2 is short 3,852 short and District 3 is short 1,977. Data reviewed by the Board included total population, the number of people over 18 and registered voters. The Board looked at natural boundaries like roads and also tried to keep communities together. He explained that each Board member was given access to an electronic version of the current Commissioner District Map which allowed them to begin to draw their individual map based on data provided to them. Each Board member presented their final map to the Board explaining their rationale for their map. Following discussions, a vote was taken, and the majority of the Board chose Mr. Burgan's draft map which is the Draft Proposed Redistricting Map. Mr. Johnson gave Chestnut Hills and Chestnut Ridge as an example of two neighborhoods that are currently split between District 2 and District 1 but are not under the proposed map.

Chairman Johnson asked John Houser, Assistant County Attorney to provide guidelines for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Collin J. Foster, Piney Point, MD 20674
Rose Frederick, P. O. Box 22, Loveville, MD 20656
AnnMarie Abell, P. O. Box 473, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Kaitlin Fraer, 44980 Hamptons Blvd., Leonardtown, MD 20650
Barbara Thompson, 43865 Thompson Farm Lane, Hollywood, MD 20636
Brandon Russell, 22291 Meadow Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Elfreda Mathis, 45811 Delegates Ct., Great Mills, MD 20634

All speakers were opposed to the proposed map.

Mr. Houser closed the public hearing for public comment at 6:30 p.m. noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days.

Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 6:31.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on _____.

Richard Johnson, President