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Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission Issues Recommendations to the County Council

Towson, MD – The 2021 Baltimore County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission announced today that it has issued its report and recommendations to the County Council.

Pursuant to Section 207 of the County Charter, the Redistricting Commission was formed in March 2021 to recommend legislation to revise the Councilmanic districts and to provide for districts that are “compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population, and in which due regard is given to current natural, geographic, and community boundaries.”

During this year’s redistricting process, the Commission held three virtual public hearings on June 1st, 3rd, and 9th to receive public input and also maintained a dedicated email address for the public to submit comments and written testimony. The Commission also held public meetings and discussions on April 15th, July 26th, August 24th, and September 23rd, culminating in the Commission’s unanimous adoption of a recommended map at its last public meeting on September 30th.

Highlights of the Commission’s revision of the Councilmanic districts include a significant reconfiguring of Districts 5 and 6 and relatively minor changes to Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. Details of the Commission’s redistricting decisions can be found in the Commission’s report to the County Council, which is posted on the Council’s website at <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil>. “On behalf of my fellow Commission members, I am very proud of the work we performed to revise the Council districts,” said Commission Chairman Robert E. Latshaw, Jr. “We took into consideration all of the public input and testimony we received, particularly the requests for an additional majority-minority district, while also staying true to our Charter-mandated requirements. I believe the recommendations we are sending to the County Council reflect that.”

The County Council will hold a public hearing on the recommendations of the Commission and adopt a final redistricting plan by January 31, 2022. “I sincerely appreciate the Commission’s hard work in such a difficult and complex undertaking,” said Council Chairman Julian E. Jones, Jr. “My Council colleagues and I look forward to reviewing their recommendations and also hearing the public’s views on the Commission’s proposed map.”

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