

# **City of Richmond**

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## **Agenda**

## **City Council**

Thursday, January 27, 2022

5:00 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall

## **Virtual Council Redistricting Information and Engagement Meeting**

This meeting will be held through electronic communication means pursuant to the current ongoing declaration of a local emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic confirmed by Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, and as permitted by section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. This meeting will be open to participation through electronic communication means by the public and closed to in-person participation by the public. Less than a quorum of Richmond City Council will assemble in the Council Chamber on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 900 East Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia 23219, and most Council members and other staff will participate by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams.

To access the meeting, you have the following options:

1. Watch the meeting via Microsoft Teams by clicking the below link.

https://tinvurl.com/Redistricting-Teams

- 2. Listen to the meeting audio only from your phone by dialing \*67-804-316-9457 and when prompted, enter conference ID: 642 481 49#.
- 3. Watch the meeting livestream at https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx

#### Call to Order

### **Electronic Meeting Announcement**

#### Roll Call

1. Welcome & Introduction - Joyce Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

Richmond City Council continues to be committed to ensuring the 2021/2022 Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting process and plan are clearly defined, transparent, inclusive, and equitable and are driven by and responsive to providing opportunity for public engagement, involvement, inclusion, discussion, awareness, feedback, deliberation, comment, and input on behalf of Richmond residents.

### 2. Redistricting Process - Gerry Hebert, Outside Redistricting Legal Expert/Lawyer

Richmond residents are again solicited, invited, and encouraged to participate and be engaged and involved in public outreach meetings and share their comments, thoughts, and/or ideas regarding the 2021/2022 Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting process and any proposed plan or plans.

- Redistricting Overview
- Redistricting Criteria
- Redistricting Timeline/Dates to reapportion Richmond Voter Districts
- Review: Current Richmond Voter District Map Gerry Hebert, Steve Waldron, RDIT GIS
- 4. Council Analysis: 2020 U.S. Census Data Gerry Hebert, Steve Waldron
- State Actions Keith Balmer, Director of Elections, Virginia Board of Elections –
  Richmond Office of Elections
- 6. Impact: Richmond Voter Districts Census, State Actions, etc. Gerry Hebert
- 7. Public Engagement Gerry Hebert

Solicitation of Public Ideas, Suggestions, Questions, and Input for reapportioning Richmond Voter Districts. Public discussion, thoughts, ideas, questions, suggestions, comments, data, alternate plans, suggestions, etc.

- 8. Next Steps/Meeting Schedule Joyce Davis
- 9. Process to Draw Maps and Future Meetings
- 10. Updates and Additional Ways to Provide Ideas

Richmond City Council actively solicits, encourages, invites, encourages, and requests interested Richmond residents, in accordance with Virginia law, to offer, submit, suggest, and share public comments, including (but not limited to) data, questions, alternate plans, suggestions, etc., via the following helpful ways:

- Redistricting Web Portal: www.rva.gov/richmond-city-council/redistricting Updates/engagement on 2021/2022 Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting
- Mail: Richmond City Council; Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting; Richmond City Hall; 900 E. Broad Street, Suite 305; Richmond, Virginia 23219
- Fax: 804.646.5468
- Contact Email: redistricting@rva.gov