



City of Richmond

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Richmond, VA 23219
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Agenda

City Council

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chamber, 2nd Floor - City Hall
Virtual Meeting

Special Meeting - To access the meeting via Microsoft Teams or phone, please use the link or phone number provided on the agenda.

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.

The public will have the option to provide their comments by teleconference/videoconference via Microsoft Teams, or in writing via email. Interested citizens who wish to take advantage of either option must do so prior to 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, by either calling the Office of the City Clerk at (804) 646-7955 and selecting option 3 or sending written comments and virtual comment requests to CityClerksOffice@rva.gov. All written comments received prior to the deadline will be provided to all members of the Council prior to the beginning of the meeting and will be included in the record of the meeting.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/Feb-Special>

2. Listen to the meeting audio only from your phone by dialing *67-804-316-9457 and when prompted, enter conference ID: 286 190 812#.

3. Watch the meeting livestream at <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call to Order

Electronic Meeting Announcement

Roll Call

Citizen Speaker Guidelines

Welcome ~ President Cynthia Newbille

Introduction of Participants

- Gerry Hebert, Outside Redistricting Attorney
- Keith Balmer, Director of Elections, Virginia Board of Elections – Richmond Office of Elections
- Kristen Lango and Brian Fraher, NCEC Services - Mapping Experts

Public Comment Period

Review of Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting Demonstration Maps

Determining and Decision for Map Plan Introduction

Next Steps of Redistricting Process

Updates and Additional Ways to Provide Ideas

- Redistricting Web Portal: www.rva.gov/richmond-city-council/redistricting
- Mail: Council Redistricting; 900 E. Broad Street, Suite 305; Richmond, VA 23219
- Fax: 804.646.5468
- Email: redistricting@rva.gov

Richmond Redistricting Criteria

Richmond Redistricting Criteria (Resolution # 2021-R084) were adopted by Council to be used in determining Richmond Voter Districts and are in compliance with state and federal law.

1. The 2021 Council redistricting plan shall fully comply with all relevant federal and state laws with regard to the protection of voting rights.
2. The 2021 Council redistricting plan should, to the extent feasible, avoid splits of voting precincts between the Council, School Board, state legislative and congressional election districts.
3. The 2021 Council redistricting plan should, to the extent feasible, maximize voter convenience and the effective administration of elections.
4. The 2021 Council redistricting plan should, wherever possible, preserve communities of interest as defined in section 24.2-304.4 of the Code of the Virginia (1950), as amended.
5. The 2021 redistricting plan should, if possible, consolidate smaller voting precincts so that the number of registered voters in each precinct is at least the statewide average.