

INTRODUCED: May 9, 2022

AN ORDINANCE No. 2022-132

To amend City Code §§ 9-26, 9-27, 9-28, 9-30, 9-31, and 9-32, concerning the boundary descriptions for City Council and School Board Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, for the purpose of changing the boundaries between City Council and School Board Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 as required for decennial redistricting.

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Patrons – All Members of Council

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 23 2022 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That sections 9-26, 9-27, 9-28, 9-30, 9-31, and 9-32, of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and are hereby **amended** as follows:

**Sec. 9-26. District 1.**

Election District 1 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the 1970 corporation line and Westwood Avenue; thence in a southward direction along Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the eastbound side of West Broad Street; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of West Broad

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Street to its intersection with the centerline of [~~Cleveland Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Cleveland Street to its intersection with the westbound side of Monument Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the westbound side of Monument Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of North Boulevard]~~ North Arthur Ashe Boulevard; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of North Arthur Ashe Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Ellwood Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Ellwood Avenue and Ellwood Avenue extended to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of I-195; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of the northbound lane of I-195 to its intersection with the centerline of West Cary Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of West Cary Street to its intersection with the centerline of the CSX Railroad; thence along the centerline of the CSX Railroad and the Powhite Parkway in a southward direction to the intersection of the Powhite Parkway with the centerline of the main channel of the James River; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of the main channel and south channel of the James River to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line; thence in a northward and eastward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with Westwood Avenue, the point of beginning.

**Sec. 9-27. District 2.**

Election District 2 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the 1970 corporation line and the eastbound side of West Laburnum Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of West Laburnum Avenue to its intersection with the [~~southbound side of Gloucester Road; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of Gloucester Road to its intersection with~~

~~the centerline of Westwood Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of Brook Road; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of Brook Road to its intersection with the centerline of Sherwood Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Sherwood Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of I-95; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of I-95 to its intersection with the centerline of Overbrook Road; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Overbrook Road to its intersection with the southbound side of Hermitage Road; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of Hermitage Road to its intersection with the southbound side of North Meadow Street]~~ westbound lane of I-64 and the northbound lane of I-95; thence in a southward direction along the westbound lane of I-64 and the northbound side of I-95 to its intersection with the centerline of Hermitage Road; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of Hermitage Road to its intersection with the southbound side of North Meadow Street; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of North Meadow Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of West Broad Street; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lodge Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Lodge Street to its intersection with the westbound side of West Broad Street; thence in an eastward direction along the westbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Lombardy Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North Lombardy Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of I-64; thence in an easterly direction along the eastbound side of I-64 to North 1st Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North 1st Street to its intersection with the centerline of East Duval Street; thence

in an eastward direction along the centerline of East Duval Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 2nd Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North 2nd Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of East ~~[Broad]~~ Main Street; thence in a westward direction along the eastbound side of East ~~[Broad]~~ Main Street to its intersection with North Foushee Street, at which point it becomes West Main Street, to its intersection with the southbound side of North Arthur Ashe Boulevard ~~[the centerline of North Adams Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North Adams Street to the point at which it becomes South Adams Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of South Adams Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Canal Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of West Canal Street to its intersection with the northbound side of South Belvidere Street; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of South Belvidere Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Main Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of West Main Street to its intersection with the centerline of North Laurel Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North Laurel Street to its intersection with the centerline of South Cathedral Place; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of South Cathedral Place to the point at which it becomes Floyd Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Floyd Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of North Shields Avenue; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North Shields Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West Main Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of West Main Street to its intersection with the southbound side of North Boulevard];~~ thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of North Arthur Ashe Boulevard to its intersection with the ~~[westbound]~~ eastbound side of ~~[Monument Avenue]~~ West Broad Street;

thence in a westward direction along the [~~westbound~~] eastbound side of [~~Monument Avenue~~] West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of [~~Cleveland Street~~] Westwood Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of [~~Cleveland Street~~] Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the eastbound side of West Broad Street; thence in a westward direction along the eastbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of Westwood Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line; thence in a northward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with the centerline of Westwood Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line; thence in a southeastward, then northeastward, then northwestward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with the eastbound side of West Laburnum Avenue, the point of beginning.

**Sec. 9-28. District 3.**

Election District 3 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the 1970 corporation line and the centerline of Meadowbridge Road; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Meadowbridge Road to its intersection with the centerline of Bancroft Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Bancroft Avenue to its intersection with the northbound side of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike; thence in a southward direction along the northbound side of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike to its intersection with the centerline of [~~the Ravine~~] Dove Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of [~~the Ravine~~] Dove Street to its intersection with [~~Cannon's Branch~~] the centerline of North Avenue; thence in a southward direction along [~~Cannon's Branch~~] the center line of North Avenue to its intersection with the centerline

of ~~[Lancaster Road and Lancaster Road extended]~~ Wickham Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of ~~[Lancaster Road and Lancaster Road extended]~~ Wickham Street to its intersection with the centerline of ~~[Lamb]~~ Miller Avenue; thence in a ~~[northward direction along the centerline of Lamb Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of East Norwood Avenue; thence in a northeastward direction along the centerline of East Norwood Avenue to its intersection with the census block boundary; thence in a northward direction along the census block boundary to its intersection with the centerline of East Hooper Street and East Hooper Street extended; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of East Hooper Street and East Hooper Street extended to its intersection with the centerline of Fendall Avenue; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Fendall Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Overbrook Road; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Overbrook Road to its intersection with the centerline of Miller Avenue; thence in a]~~ southward direction along the centerline of Miller Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Yancey Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Yancey Street to its intersection with the centerline of Rose Avenue; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Rose Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Fells Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Fells Street to its intersection with the centerline of St. James Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of St. James Street to its intersection with the centerline of the CSX Railroad; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of the CSX Railroad to its intersection with the centerline of Valley Road; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Valley Road to its intersection with the centerline of North 2nd Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North 2nd Street to its intersection with the westbound side of I-64; thence in a

westward direction along the westbound side of I-64 to its intersection with the centerline of North 1st Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North 1st Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of I-64; thence in a westward direction along the eastbound side of I-64 to its intersection with the centerline of North Lombardy Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of North Lombardy Street to its intersection with the westbound side of West Broad Street; thence in a westward direction along the westbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with Lodge Street; thence in a southward direction along Lodge Street to the eastbound side of West Broad Street; thence in a westward direction along the eastbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with the southbound side of North Meadow Street; thence in a northbound direction along the southbound side of North Meadow Street to the southbound side of Hermitage Road; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of Hermitage Road to its intersection with the ~~[centerline of Overbrook Road; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Overbrook Road to its intersection with the southbound side of I-64; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of I-64 to its intersection with the centerline of Sherwood Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Sherwood Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of Brook Road; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of Brook Road to its intersection with the centerline of Westwood Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Westwood Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of Gloucester Road; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of Gloucester Road to its intersection with the westbound side of West Laburnum Avenue]~~ the northbound side of I-95; thence in a northward direction along I-95 to the westbound lane of West Laburnum Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the

westbound side of West Laburnum Avenue to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line; thence in a northward, then eastward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with Meadowbridge Road, the point of beginning.

**Sec. 9-30. District 5.**

Election District 5 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of I-195 and Ellwood Avenue extended; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Ellwood Avenue extended and Ellwood Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West Main Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of West Main Street to its intersection with the centerline of [~~North Shields Avenue~~] South Foushee Street, at which point it becomes East Main Street; thence in a [~~a northward~~] an eastward direction along the centerline of [~~North Shields Avenue~~] East Main Street to its intersection with the centerline of [~~Floyd Avenue~~] South 2nd Street; thence in [~~an eastward~~] a southward direction along the centerline of [~~Floyd Avenue~~] South 2nd Street to [~~the point at which it becomes South Cathedral Place; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of South Cathedral Place to~~] its intersection with the [~~centerline~~] northbound side of [~~North Laurel~~] South Belvidere Street; thence in a southward direction along the [~~centerline of North Laurel Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Main Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of West Main Street to its intersection with the~~] northbound side of South Belvidere Street; thence in a southward direction along the northbound side of South Belvidere Street to its intersection with the [~~westbound side of the Downtown Expressway; thence in an eastward direction along the westbound side of the Downtown Expressway to its intersection with the centerline of South 2nd Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of South 2nd Street to its intersection with the~~



~~northbound side of South Belvidere Street; then in a southward direction along the northbound side of South Belvidere Street to its intersection with the northbound side of Cowardin Avenue; thence in a southward direction along the]~~ northbound side of Cowardin Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Hull Street; thence in a southwestward direction along the centerline of Hull Street to its intersection with the centerline of the CSX Railroad spur; thence in a northwestward direction along the centerline of the CSX Railroad spur to its intersection with the southbound side of Westover Hills Boulevard; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of Westover Hills Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Bassett Avenue; thence in an eastward direction to the centerline of Bassett Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 45th Street extended; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of West 45th Street extended and West 45th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Reedy Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Reedy Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of West 44th Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of West 44th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Reedy Creek; thence in a generally northeastward direction along Reedy Creek to its intersection with the centerline of Dunston Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Dunston Avenue to its intersection with West Roanoke Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of West Roanoke Street to the centerline of Forest Hill Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Forest Hill Avenue to its intersection with Reedy Creek; thence in a northward direction along Reedy Creek to the James River; thence in a westward direction along the James River to its intersection with the centerline of I-195 and Powhite Parkway; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Powhite Parkway and I-195 to its intersection with the

centerline of the CSX Railroad; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of the CSX Railroad to its intersection with the centerline of West Cary Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of West Cary Street to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of the Powhite Parkway; thence in a northward direction along the northbound lane of the Powhite Parkway to its intersection with the centerline of Ellwood Avenue extended, the point of beginning.

**Sec. 9-31. District 6.**

Election district 6 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the 1970 corporation line and Meadowbridge Road; thence in an eastward, then southward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with the centerline of Carroll Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Carroll Street to its intersection with the centerline of Mechanicsville Turnpike; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Mechanicsville Turnpike to its intersection with the centerline of Mosby Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Mosby Street to its intersection with the centerline of ~~[the eastbound side of East Leigh]~~ Venable Street; thence in a westward direction along ~~[the eastbound side of East Leigh]~~ Venable Street to its intersection with the ~~[southbound side of I-95]~~ centerline of Oliver Hill Way; thence in a northward direction along Oliver Hill Way to its intersection with the Leigh Street Viaduct; thence in a westward direction along the Leigh Street Viaduct to its intersection with the southbound lane of I-95; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of I-95 to its intersection with the eastbound side of East Broad Street; thence in a westward direction along the eastbound side of East Broad Street to its intersection with the southbound side of North 14th Street; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of North 14th

Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bank Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Bank Street to its intersection with the northbound side of North 14th Street; thence in a southward direction along the northbound side of North 14th Street to its intersection with South 14th Street; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of South 14th Street to its intersection with the shoreline of the James River; thence in an eastward direction along the shoreline of the James River to its intersection with the CSX Railroad; thence in a southward direction along the CSX Railroad to its intersection with the north channel of the James River; thence in an eastward direction along the north channel of the James River to its intersection with the southbound side of I-95; thence in a southward direction along the southbound side of I-95 to its intersection with the center of the James River; thence in a southward direction along the center of the James River to its intersection with South Ash Street extended; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of South Ash Street extended to its intersection with the eastern shore of the James River; thence in a southward direction along the eastern shore of the James River to its intersection with the entrance to Goodes Creek extended; thence in a westward direction along the entrance to Goodes Creek extended to its intersection with the point at which Goodes Creek enters the James River; thence in a westward direction along Goodes Creek to its intersection with the centerline of Commerce Road; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Commerce Road to its intersection with the eastbound side of Bellemeade Road; thence in a southwestward direction along the eastbound side of Bellemeade Road to its intersection with the centerline of Lynhaven Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Lynhaven Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Warwick Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Warwick Avenue to its intersection with the

centerline of Krouse Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Krouse Street to its intersection with the centerline of Royall Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Royall Avenue to its intersection with the northbound side of Jefferson Davis Highway; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of Jefferson Davis Highway to its intersection with Harwood Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Harwood Street to its intersection with the centerline of Lone Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Lone Street to its intersection with the centerline of Bruce Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Bruce Street to its intersection with the centerline of East 18th Street; thence in a northwestward direction along the centerline of East 18th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Ingram Avenue; thence in a northeast direction along the centerline of Ingram Avenue to its intersection with East 15th Street; thence in a northward direction along East 15th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Dinwiddie Avenue; thence in a northeastward direction along the centerline of Dinwiddie Avenue to its intersection with the southbound side of Commerce Road; thence in a northwestward direction along the southbound side of Commerce Road to its intersection with the centerline of East 9th Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of East 9th Street to its intersection with Maury Street; thence in a southwestward direction along Maury Street to its intersection with the centerline of East 10th Street; thence in a northwestward direction along the centerline of East 10th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Stockton Street; thence in a southwestward direction along the centerline of Stockton Street to its intersection with the centerline of East 15th Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of East 15th Street to its intersection with the centerline of Hull Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Hull Street to its intersection

with the northbound side of Cowardin Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of Cowardin Avenue to its intersection with the northbound side of South Belvidere Street; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of South Belvidere Street to its intersection with the centerline of South 2nd Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of South 2nd Street to its intersection with the westbound side of the Downtown Expressway; thence in a westward direction along the westbound side of the Downtown Expressway to its intersection with the northbound side of South Belvidere Street; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of South Belvidere Street to its intersection with the centerline of West Canal Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of West Canal Street to its intersection with the centerline of South Adams Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of South Adams Street to the point at which it becomes North Adams Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North Adams Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of West Broad Street; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of West Broad Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 2nd Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North 2nd Street to its intersection with the centerline of East Duval Street; thence westward along the centerline of East Duval Street to its intersection with the centerline of North 1st Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North 1st Street to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of I-64; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of the westbound lane of I-64 to its intersection with North 2nd Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North 2nd Street to its intersection with the centerline of Valley Road; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Valley Road to its intersection with the CSX Railroad; thence

in a westward direction along the centerline of the CSX Railroad to its intersection with the centerline of St. James Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of James Street to its intersection with the centerline of Fells Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Fells Street to its intersection with the centerline of Rose Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Rose Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Yancy Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Yancy Street to its intersection with the centerline of Miller Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Miller Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of ~~[Overbrook Road]~~ Wickham Street; thence in a ~~[westward]~~ eastward direction along the centerline of ~~[Overbrook Road]~~ Wickham Street to its intersection with the centerline of ~~[Fendall]~~ North Avenue; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of ~~[Fendall]~~ North Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of ~~[West Hooper]~~ Dove Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of ~~[West Hooper]~~ Dove Street to ~~[the point at which it becomes East Hooper Street; thence in an eastward direction along East Hooper Street to]~~ its intersection with the ~~[census block boundary; thence in a southward direction along the census block boundary to its intersection with the centerline of East Norwood Avenue; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of East Norwood Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Lamb Avenue; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Lamb Avenue to its intersection with East Lancaster Road; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of East Lancaster Road and East Lancaster Road extended to its intersection with the centerline of the Ravine; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of the Ravine to its intersection with the]~~ northbound side of Richmond Henrico Turnpike; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of Richmond Henrico Turnpike to its

intersection with the centerline of Bancroft Avenue; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Bancroft Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Meadowbridge Road; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Meadowbridge Road to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line, the point of beginning.

**Sec. 9-32. District 7.**

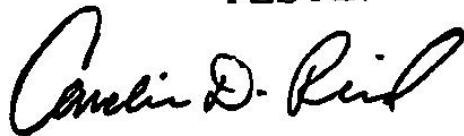
Election District 7 shall be described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the 1970 corporation line and Carroll Street; thence in a generally southeastward direction along the 1970 corporation line to its intersection with the centerline of the James River; thence in a northwestward direction along the centerline of the James River to its intersection with the southbound side of I-95; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of I-95 to its intersection with the centerline of the James River; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of the James River to its intersection with the CSX Railroad; thence in a northward direction along the CSX Railroad to its intersection with the northern shore of the James River; thence in a westward direction along the northern shore of the James River to its intersection with the northbound side of South 14th Street; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of South 14th Street to its intersection with the northbound side of North 14th Street; thence in a northward direction along the northbound side of North 14th Street to its intersection with Bank Street; thence in a westward direction along the centerline of Bank Street to its intersection with the southbound side of North 14th Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of North 14th Street to its intersection with the eastbound side of East Broad Street; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of East Broad Street to its intersection with the southbound side of I-95; thence in a northward direction along the southbound side of I-95 to

its intersection with the eastbound side of East Leigh Street; thence in an eastward direction along the eastbound side of East Leigh Street to its intersection with the centerline of Oliver Hill Way; thence in a southward direction along the centerline of Oliver Hill Way to its intersection with Venable Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Venable Street to its intersection with the centerline of Mosby Street; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Mosby Street to its intersection with the centerline of Mechanicsville Turnpike; thence in a northward direction along the centerline of Mechanicsville Turnpike to its intersection with the centerline of Carroll Street; thence in an eastward direction along the centerline of Carroll Street to its intersection with the 1970 corporation line, the point of beginning.

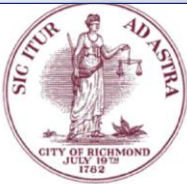
§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect on the thirtieth day after the date of adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:  
TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Reil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C'.

**City Clerk**





# Richmond City Council

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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** **Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney**

**FROM** Joyce L. Davis, Interim Council Chief of Staff

**COPY** Cynthia I. Newbille, 7<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember  
All Members of Council  
Tabrica Rentz, Acting Deputy City Attorney

**DATE** April 20, 2022

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**TITLE** **2021 Richmond City Council Decennial Voter District Redistricting Plan**

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** ☒ **Resolution** ☐

#### REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

All Members of Council

#### SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Government Operations

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

This ordinance is for reapportioning the nine Richmond Voter Districts and provide the 2021 Richmond City Council Decennial Voter District Redistricting Plan.

#### BACKGROUND

This O&R request is to provide the 2021 Richmond City Council Decennial Voter District Redistricting Plan. This request is for reapportioning the nine Richmond Voter Districts to reflect population shifts following the release of the 2020 decennial census by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The attached documents describes all of the changes needed for the Council Voter Districts to achieve the proportionality in the nine Council districts. The attached documents, entitled "2021 Richmond City Council Decennial Voter District Redistricting Plan" are based on Map 2C, which was selected by the public and recommended by Council for a plan for voter district changes and precinct changes. The attached maps correspond with the district and precinct changes.

#### Redistricting Changes Based on 2020 Census and Voter Districts

**Based upon the 2020 census, four Richmond Voter Districts changed beyond 5%**

## variance/deviation

With the adjusted population numbers, the city now has four (up from a previous three) Richmond Voter Districts whose numbers are outside a five percent variance/deviation of what represents an "ideal" number of 25,389 persons living in them (which is the total population divided by nine Richmond Voter Districts). These include:

- Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District  
Adjusted Richmond Redistricting population makes the Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District over the "ideal" population (of 25,389) by +1,871 residents, with a **variance of +7.37%** (Previous variance, using just U. S. Census population, was +8.02 %). **This means the Richmond North Central 2nd Voter District would need to move at least an estimated 614 people out of that district to be within +5% variance.**
- Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District  
Adjusted Richmond Redistricting population makes the Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District under the "ideal" population (of 25,389) by -2,794 residents, with a **variance of -11.00%** (Previous variance, using just U. S. Census population, was -11.69%). **This means the Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District would need to move at least an estimated 1537 people into of that district to be within -5% variance.**
- Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District  
Adjusted Richmond Redistricting population makes the Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District over the "ideal" population (of 25,389) by +1,439 residents, with a **variance of +5.67%** (Previous variance, using just U. S. Census population, was +6.96%). **This means the Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District would need to move at least an estimated 182 people out of that district to be within +5% variance.**
- Richmond East End 7th Voter District  
Adjusted Richmond Redistricting population makes the Richmond East End 7th Voter District over the "ideal" population (of 25,389) by +1,294 residents, with a **variance of +5.10%** (Previous variance, using just U. S. Census population, was +4.29%). **This means the Richmond East End 7th Voter District would need to move at least an estimated 37 people out of that district to be within +5% variance.**

## Richmond City Council Redistricting process

The intent of the redistricting process was for public participation in plan creation for reapportioning and redistricting of the local Richmond Voter Districts and be fair, inclusive and equitable and provide opportunity for public input.

The current Richmond Voter Districts were reapportioned/redistricted through the Richmond City Council 2011/2012 Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting Project and Council Ord. # 2011-185 (As Amended) on Nov. 28, 2011, in response to the 2010 U.S. Census. Official approval to use the Richmond Voter Districts was provided via the United States of America Department of Justice preclearance process, which was received on March 9, 2012.

The Richmond Criteria for Redistricting (Richmond City Council Resolution # 2021-R084) are in compliance with state and federal law and were developed with the assistance of the Richmond Office of the City Attorney's redistricting consultant, Mr. Gerry Hebert, and included public input, discussion, awareness, engagement, feedback, deliberations, comment, opportunity, inclusion, and public hearings on the proposed resolution.

- The 2021 Council redistricting plan shall fully comply with all relevant federal and state laws with regard to the protection of voting rights.
- 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.
- The 2021 Council redistricting plan should, to the extent feasible, maximize voter convenience and the effective administration of elections.
- 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.
- 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.

### **2021-2022 Richmond Redistricting Population**

#### **Richmond Redistricting Population: 228,501**

- Richmond's population numbers were adjusted to comply with Virginia law.
- The adjusted Richmond population numbers were updated to respond to recently amended state law regarding redistricting performed 2021 onward - in that population numbers used for reapportionment and redistricting are to reflect persons incarcerated in federal prisons and in state and local correctional facilities, including city jails - and reassign them to their pre-incarceration home residence.
- The adjusted population numbers to be used for Richmond Redistricting map drawing will be 228,501, up from current U.S. Census numbers of 226,610.
- Total 2021-2022 Richmond Redistricting Population: 228,501  
Includes U.S. Bureau of the Census - 2020 U.S. Census Richmond population (226,610), as adjusted by the Virginia General Assembly Division of Legislative Services (increase of 1,891) for a total population for reapportionment and redistricting of 228,501.
- The adjusted population for Redistricting, which are dispersed throughout the city, adds 1,891 persons to Census numbers.
- Because there are nine local Richmond Voter Districts, dividing the adjusted Richmond Redistricting Population of 228,501 by nine to find the average or "ideal" number of persons living in each District results in 25,389 per District.
- Variances/deviations of no greater than 5 percent above or below the "ideal" population per District, are generally acceptable.

The adjusted Redistricting population numbers include Census numbers and persons who were incarcerated in Virginia and provided Richmond as their home address, as adjusted by the Virginia General Assembly Division of Legislative Services pursuant to the Virginia Code of Laws § **24.2-314**, et seq.).

### **Public Input, Meetings, and Schedule**

Richmond City Council was committed to ensure its redistricting process was clearly defined, transparent, inclusive, equitable, and driven by and responsive to resident input, discussion, awareness, engagement, feedback, deliberations, comment, inclusion, and opportunity on behalf of Richmond residents.

The schedule included public transparency, opportunity for public comment through emails, web portal for awareness, public involvement and input in meetings held with the public engagement and drawing of the maps.

**Public meetings regarding the criteria and schedule included the following:**

- **October 11, 2021**  
Richmond City Council Informal meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021 Presentation and discussion of redistricting.
- **December 6, 2021**  
Richmond City Council Organizational Development Standing Committee meeting 2021-R084, Presentation and discussion of proposed criteria and schedule.
- **December 13, 2021**  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, which included the introduction of Richmond City Council Resolution # 2021-R084
- **December 15, 2021**  
Richmond City Council Governmental Operations Standing Committee Meeting, Discussion of draft legislation
- **December 21, 2021**  
Richmond City Council Special Meeting  
Richmond City Council Meeting to adopt Redistricting Criteria and Schedule
- **Wednesday, February 9, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Public drawing of Richmond Voter District Map Options  
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- **Thursday, February 10, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Public drawing of Richmond Voter District Map Options  
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- **Friday, February 11, 2022; Noon-2:00 p.m.**  
Public drawing of Richmond Voter District Map Options  
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- **Monday, February 14, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting  
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- **Wednesday, February 23, 2022; 3:30-5:00 p.m.** (additional meeting added 2.17.2022)  
Richmond City Council Special Meeting - Redistricting  
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At the conclusion of the Redistricting Special meeting held on 2.23.2022, a map referred to as 2A was discussed and requested by Councilmembers. After the meeting, it was determined the proposed map did not meet the deviance percentage to balance the voter district. As a result adjustments were made to the proposed map to balance it, however it was slightly different than that discussed at the public meeting. President Newbille requested that Map 2A be placed on the agenda for discussion and decision in a public meeting by all members of Council.
- **Monday, February 28, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting  
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Council redistricting information and engagement

- ~~Tuesday, March 1, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.~~ (not a meeting/moved to 3.8.2022 on 3.7.2022)  
30 Day Public Comment Period on draft Redistricting plan/plans begins
- **Monday, March 7, 2022; 5:00-6:30 p.m.** (additional meeting added 3.2.2022/Updated 3.4.2022)  
Richmond City Council Special Meeting  
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Introduction of a draft redistricting plan/s for public comment/Update redistricting schedule. The meeting was held to introduce two resolutions related to redistricting under expedited consideration. The meeting also included a review of proposed Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting Demonstration Map 2C (<https://richmond-redistricting-cor.hub.arcgis.com/>).
- **Tuesday, March 8, 2022** (not a meeting)  
**30 Day (actually 49 day) Public Comment Period on draft Redistricting Plan begins** (Note: This is not a final map/plan and is for continued public comments and engagement.)
- **Monday, April 11, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting  
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Council Redistricting information and engagement (public comment/engagement continues).
- **Monday, April 25, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting  
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**Final day for public comment on draft plan**  
(49 days of public comment [Note: 19 additional days/more than 30]).  
**Introduction of final redistricting plan.**
- **Monday, May 23, 2022; 6:00-8:00 p.m.** (updated 3.7.2022)  
Richmond City Council Formal Meeting  
<https://richmondva.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=902225&GUID=19408F3F-482B-4F6F-B35A-DFF1ED978714&Options=info | &Search=>  
**Final public hearing and adoption of final redistricting plan.** Council (City) Clerk publishes notice of final redistricting plan.
- **Wednesday, June 22, 2022** (not a meeting)  
**Redistricting plan/New Voter District map takes effect**  
(NOTE: Prior date for plan taking effect was 5.26.2022 and was extended further on 3.7.2022 to provide even more public input.)

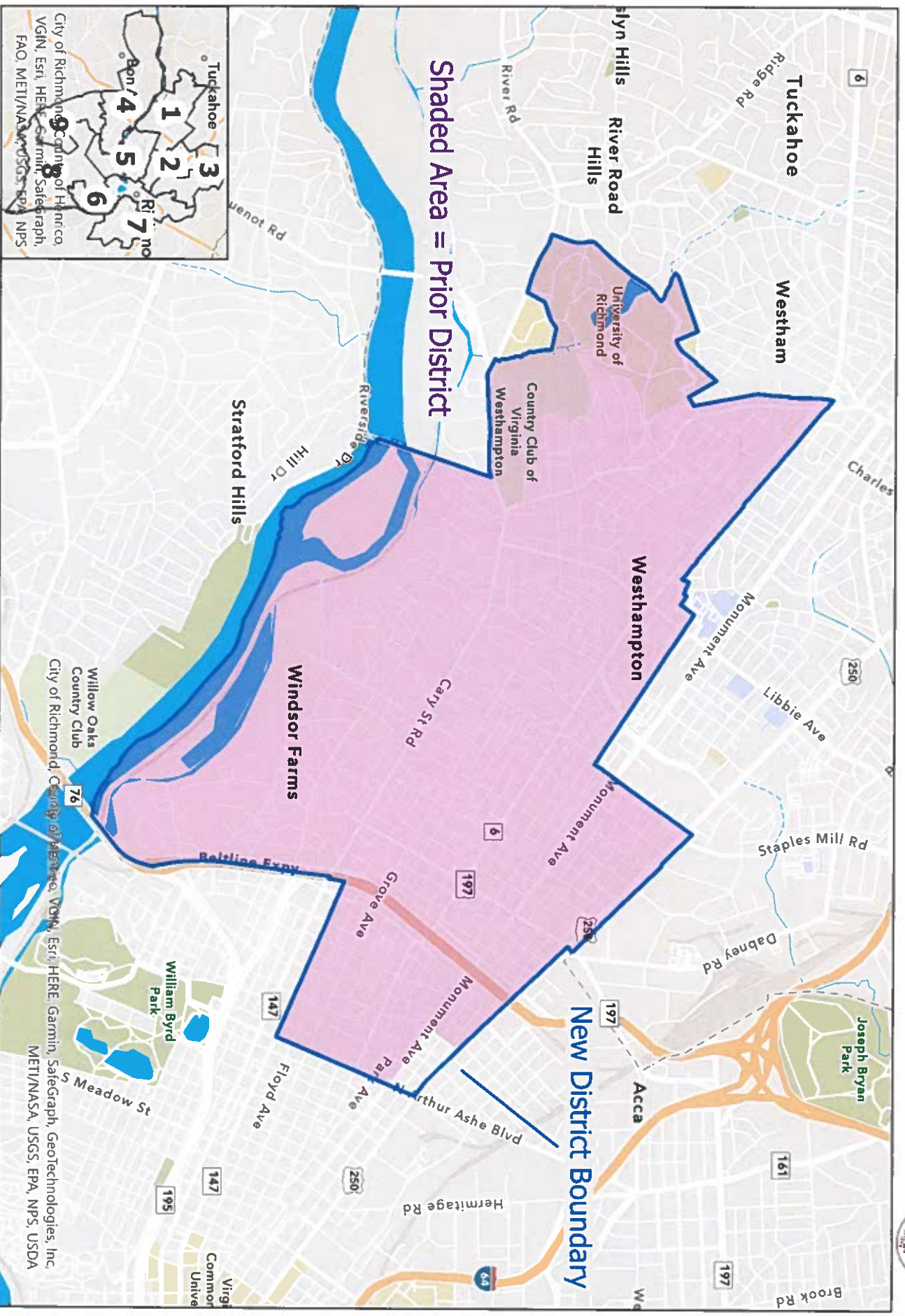
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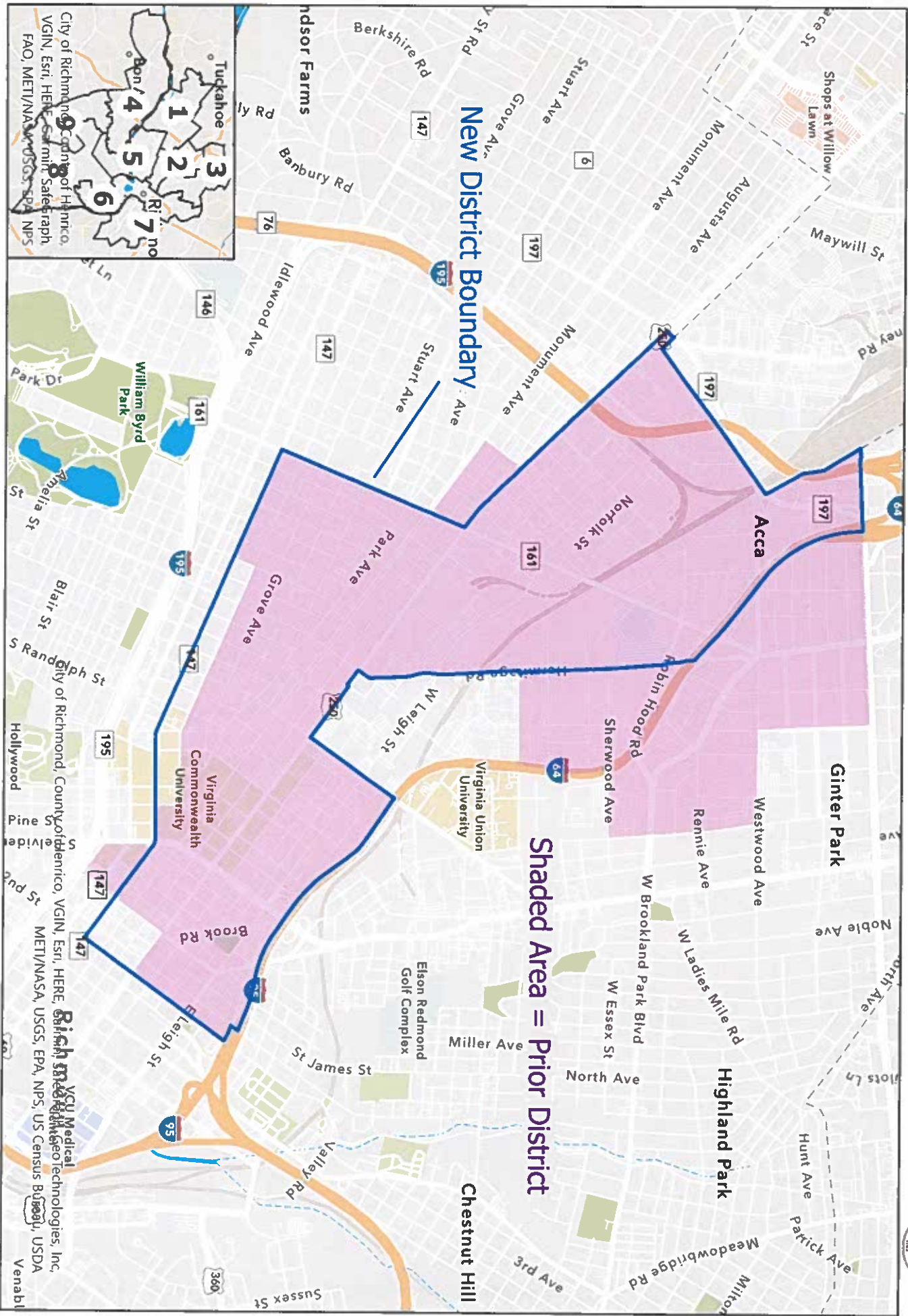


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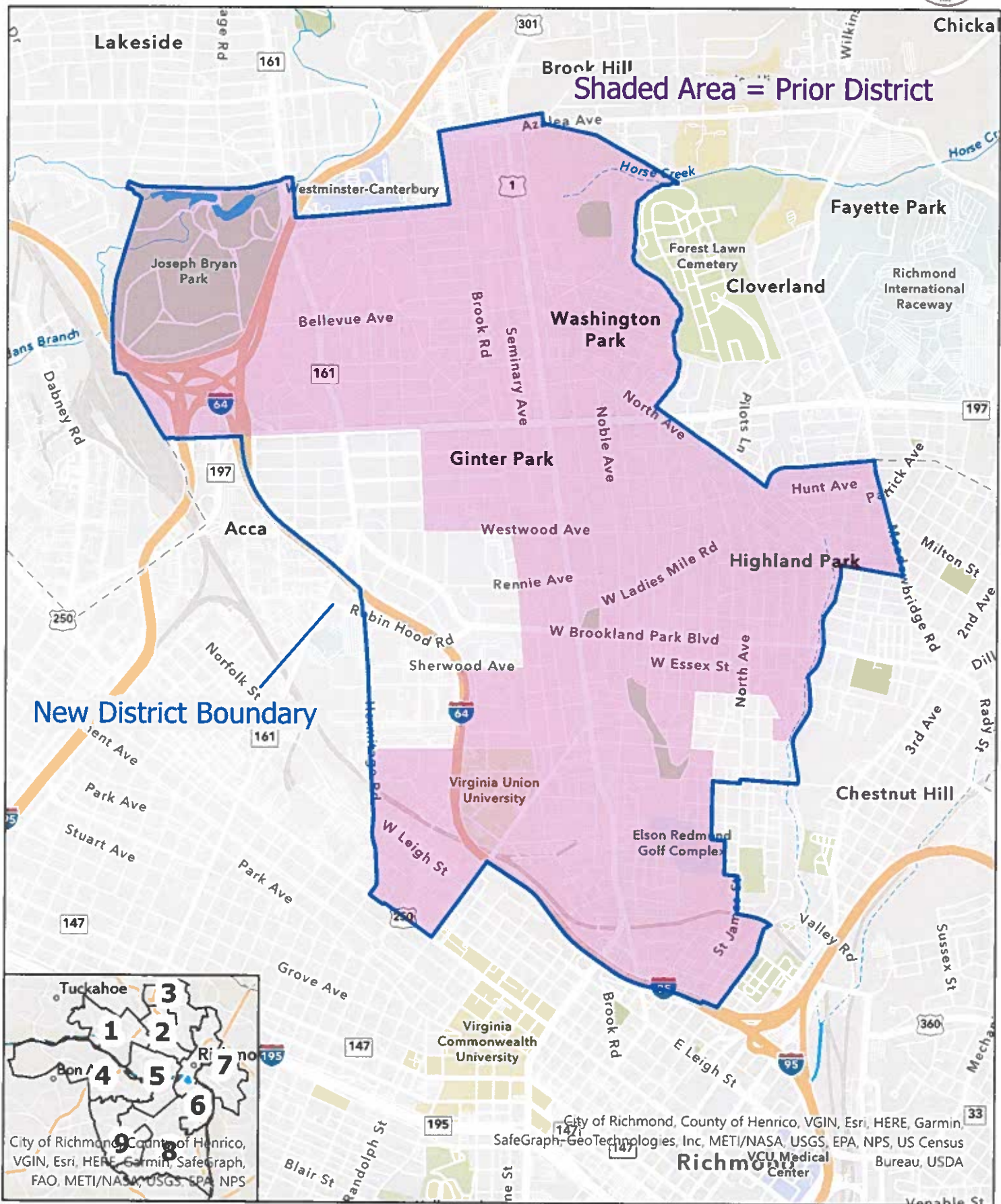


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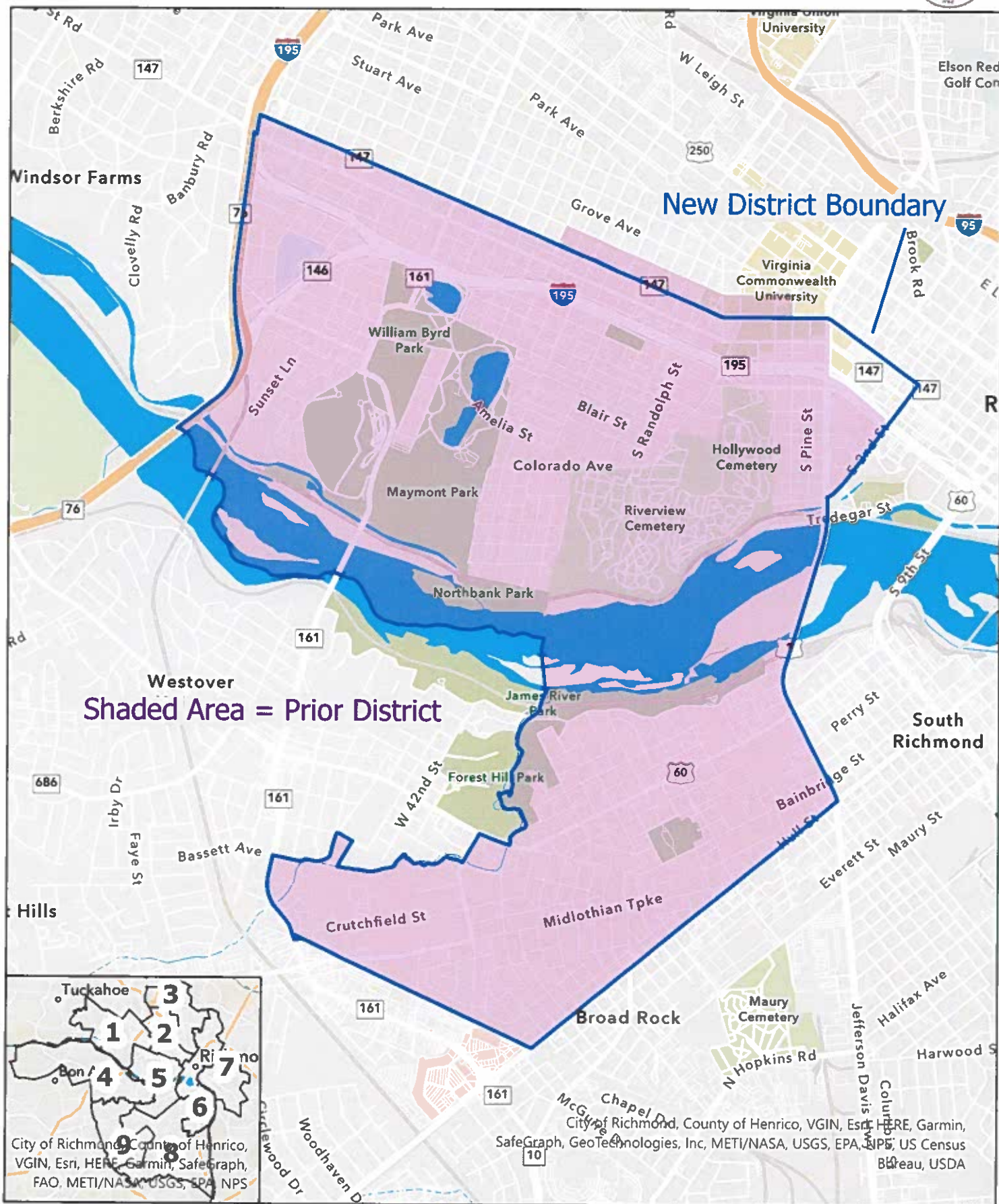


# Richmond City Council District 3





# Richmond City Council District 5





# Richmond City Council District 6

