

Public Comments received online regarding Redistricting

and seems like an attempt to dilute/split votes. The current District 8 was compact and made sense based on population, demographics, and geography.

primarily along Dorchester R. Geographically, the areas have competing interests in terms of traffic and development because of the distance. A gain for that area will not likely benefit our area and vice versa.

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*Provide additional details on the timeline for the redistricting process and next steps, including how public comments will be used and the timeframe for additional maps to be developed as a result of public input.

city of North Charleston. I moved to the neighborhood behind CP (Wescott Chase) and I became a Summerville resident. I prefer North Charleston, Councilman Brinson has been fair, respectful and a great public servant leader.

Also the taxes tend to be lower in North Charleston. In addition my business, See Wee Homes, is in North Charleston.

Please Do Not redistrict District 3 & 7 this would be an injustice to the residents of these districts.

This clearly shows the city's manipulation of the boundaries of its constituents which is GERRYMANDERING and As long as it doesn't effect my property value and move me from my voting district

It would be very disappointing if the city redrew these boundaries, as presented in the draft, based on input from the City's staff and its council people. We need an independent commission to determine these boundaries.

has done for our district and how glad I was to see that Oak Terrace Preserve will still be represented by him. It is such a wonderful neighborhood and I appreciate all he's done over the years to get it built. I also really appreciate his focus on making sure that areas are walkable and pedestrian friendly as it makes it such makes it such a wonderful place to raise a family and do business. I was sad to see that downtown Park Circle was moved to a

concerned. District 7 has been completely relocated on the map and is getting quite the land grab all around our neighborhoods in District 3.

The following areas are being removed from District 3 and would now be included in District 7:

1. a thin strip of land all the way down I26 right next to neighborhoods in District 3, including where I live, Northwoods Estates
2. the east side of Rivers Ave., from the county line all the way to Greenridge road
3. University Boulevard
4. Trident Medical Center
5. Wannamaker Park, Charleston Southern University, and the businesses between the two
6. Possibly Greenridge Road from Rivers to Antler Drive, it is unclear on the website maps if this is District 3 or District 2, can the citizens get clarification on where this area falls in the redistricting?

These are areas that our votes in District 3 should have a say in. The development and infrastructure of these areas directly impact our neighborhood, yet are being moved from our district to another. The reason the City of North Charleston cites for redistricting is "To rebalance district sizes so that a vote in one district has the same weight as a vote in all others." But these business areas being moved from our district to another has the opposite effect, our vote in District 3 will have less weight than others on issues that matter to us. These business areas do not even have Voters of the Charleston Area (LWVCA) is uniquely positioned to give input; not only do we serve this community, but we have spent the past few years studying and advocating for best practices in the redistricting process.

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I would encourage the City to please work with the League of Women Voters and give them an opportunity to review

Hello, we live in proposed district 8 (Mixson) and we love this proposed design, as we would be coupled into our

Charleston except for reporting all the said crimes in our area whereas I know that they are much more in Mt.

Pleasant but not being reported. Now that we have increased in our growth, they have decided to make this change.

Will this move help or hurt the people of North Charleston?

and Wanamaker. The area left in 3 is already developed we lose any potential growth. Other districts are being

given control over the entrances to our community. I will need time tonight to speak to why these are such

important issues for my community please put me on the list to comment.

proposed council districts with the overall demographics of the city according to the latest Census estimates (11.2% Hispanic / Latine, 37.1% white non-Hispanic, 43.7% Black / African-American alone). You can view the spreadsheet at this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15HmkgYEHmZUr58_-W1KFo8aETw4CKhVrdai9iRh0Cfg/edit?usp=sharing

I noticed two troubling trends:

1. The proposed districts would give disproportionate power to white voters. Why, in a city with North Charleston's demographics, would we need 3 districts with a majority-white (non-Hispanic) population?
2. The proposed districts would dilute the power of Black voters. We would have just 2 districts with a majority-Black population, and the districts' Black population percentage would vary from the citywide figure by a median of 3.5 percentage points.

I have not conducted the same analysis of the NAACP-proposed districts yet, but I noticed the NAACP's recommendations would have created 2 majority-white districts and 4 majority-Black districts.

We fell very well represented by our neighbor, Virginia Jamison

I was at the meeting tonight and was there to support my Council member, District 3, and Deer Park

The stated purpose for the redistributing was clearly stated at the beginning off the meeting - as well as the ethical guidelines

It seems as though District 3 is being relieved of much of its commercial and undeveloped land and still is left with a less than average population count.

For example removing the sliver of land starting between Salamander and 26 goes against several of the ethical guidelines outlined by council at the beginning of the meeting; natural boundary (26), neighborhood splitting, equalizing population, etc.

District 3 may have a reputation for wanting less development, and it seems like District 3 is being punished for doing so by removing much of the developable and commercial property that surrounds it, without any substantive effect on population. These changes look development oriented and are a surgical removal of our commercial buffer - that a good portion of is zoned residential.

This diminishes district 3's control over our own neighborhood.

Our 26 commercial buffer is being absorbed by a completely redefined District 7 that looks almost completely commercial.

to have any say in what happens all around our community. As many said in the meeting, this should not be a processed that is rushed, no matter when elections are coming up. Everyone who lives in these districts should have ample to time to make their voices heard. This document (<https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/May-24-2022-Letter-re-N.-Charleston-Redistricting.pdf>) sent to you outlines some great ways to make sure this happens. Please reevaluate and use the proposal from the NAACP to guide your decision. This will impact for the next 10 years, decisions for all of the development that happens around us. I suggest, as many others have, to use the NAACP proposal to guide your next restricting proposal.

As a concerned citizen, there is no reason for the head of Greenridge road to be placed in a different district, this area should be placed in district 3 and remain there, also the run along I- 26 should be zoned district 3 and not an adjacent district, it is more sensible to keep that area in our district so we have direct input with issues such as development without going outside of our district. What appears to be happening is a "Land grab" by the city to move forward with their build plan and make it difficult for the home owners in our area to address with our city council representative because the rezoned area will not be in our district. Let's face it the city and county have done NAACP's plan. This proposal provides a more equitable distribution of voting strength for everyone, and specifically for minority citizens. Minority citizens, whose voices have been so long diluted and denied, should be able to elect a representative who is familiar with and can fairly and adequately represent and articulate their needs and desires. Having grown up on Liberty Hill and still owning land on Liberty Hill, I do expect to move back to Liberty Hill as a resident in the not too distant future. I think it is unfair to the residents of Liberty Hill, many of whom have been life long residents, to ignore their voices and combine them with census tracts that do not reflect who we are. The city's