

Redistricting Board Public Hearing - Lexington Park Library (Thursday, November 18, 2021)

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Members present

Richard Johnson, Chair

Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair

Dr. Patricia Richardson, Board Member

Paul Thompson, Board Member

John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Diane Gleissner, Staff Support

Angela Blondino, Staff Support

Sharon Ferris, Staff Support

Absent: Lance Johnson, Board Member

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Johnson, Chair, called the Redistricting Board Public Hearing to order at 6:08 pm at the Lexington Park Library, Lexington Park, MD 20653.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Present: Richard Johnson, Chair

Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair

Mr. Johnson reviewed the data on the current map and explained that the Board's tasking was to balance population within 10%. He commented that on the current map District 4 has 7,641 more than it should have; District 1 is short 1,813, District 2 is short 3,852 short and District 3 is short 1,977. Data reviewed by the Board included total population, the number of people over 18 and registered voters. The Board looked at natural boundaries like roads and also tried to keep communities together. Mr. Johnson responded to a question asked at the second public hearing which was, if you have an in-balance in District 4 of 7,461 above the average how can 28,266 people be impacted by that small a number. He explained that when he adjusted District 4, which butted to District 1 and 2 they were unbalanced so when you balance them out it affects District 3.

Mr. Burgan welcomed citizens and explained the direction given and the process the Board has gone through thus far. He explained that they were not to take future growth into account and that the three data sets used were total population, registered voters and voters over the age of 18. He noted the delta between the highest district and the lowest district on the current map is 11,676. On the proposed draft map the delta is 389. The object was to get as closed to the amount to balance districts then receive public input. He assured citizens that their input was appreciated and again reiterated that the proposed map is still a draft.

Chairman Johnson asked John Houser, Assistant County Attorney to provide guidelines for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Public Comments given by:

Mary Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Miriam Klapka, 44620 Shallow Ford Ct., Tall Timbers, MD 20690

Robert Randall, 19711 Teddy Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Jessica Proctor, 21644 North Essex Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Ellen Kohl, 48050 Freehold Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Laura Carington, 22022 Gloucester Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
David Deaderick, 23155 Mirfield Ln., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Lawrence Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20653
Dr. Frank Clinton, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Alonzo Gaskin, P.O. Box 207, Dameron, MD 20628
Julie Randall 19711 Teddy Way, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Troy Cowan, 21411 S. Essex, Lexington Park, MD 20653
Howard Thompson, 24740 Sotterley Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636
Brandon Russell, 222901 Meadow Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Eric Heisler, 48440 Princess Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Leon H. Carrington, 22022 Gloucester Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Liz Yokley, 22085 Clipper Dr., Great Mills, MD 20634
Willie Nethar, 26621 Forrest Hall Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Brenda Songy, 40895 Lark Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650
John Bowman, 45873 S. Springsteen Ct., California MD 20619
Edsel Brown, 1060 Cattle Drive Ln., Lusby, MD 20657
Charles Carrington, 22022 Gloucester Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Adam Malisch, 48645 St. James Church Rd., Lexington Park, MD 20653
Diana Little, 22451 Chancellors Run Rd., Great Mills, MD 20634
Adrienne Dillahunt, Lexington Park (Representing NAACP)
Ted Klapka, 44620 Shallow Ford Ct., Tall Timbers, MD 20690
Woody Schafer, 41510 Marwood Circle, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Sean Killins, 21098 Jenna Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653

All speakers were opposed to the proposed map.

Mr. Houser closed the public hearing for public comment at 7:45 p.m. noting that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional seven days.

Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on _____.

Richard Johnson, President