

2024 Redistricting Final Report

Districting Process Advisory Committee

November 22, 2024

Introduction

Every four years the City of Colorado Springs realigns the six City Council districts to account for changes in population and annexations to the municipal boundaries. This realignment process is called redistricting. The updated City Council districts are set in advance of the non-partisan municipal elections that will be held on April 1, 2025.

Per §5.1.302 of the City Code, the Colorado Springs City Council appoints a volunteer District Process Advisory Committee comprised of seven (7) representatives from each of the six (6) City Council districts and one (1) at-large. Two (2) alternate members were appointed and could serve in the place of any member who could not participate. The Committee's role is to be the voice of citizens in the redistricting process. The Committee advises the City Clerk, engages in public outreach, and assists the Clerk with collecting and summarizing public input.

This preliminary report fulfills §5.1.304(C) for the Committee to “summarize the public input and make a preliminary recommendation of election district boundaries.” It should be noted that this preliminary report is separate from the report prepared by the City Clerk per §5.1.305.

Legal Requirements

The Committee's primary role is to ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the redistricting process.

- §5.1.303(A)
 - Contiguous districts
 - Substantially equal populations
 - To the extent possible, do not divide election precincts
- §5.1.303(B) – Comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and to the extent possible:
 - Follow obvious geographic boundaries
 - Do not divide recognized neighborhoods
 - Do not divide identified communities of interest

Timeline Requirements

This report fulfills the requirement for the Advisory Committee to prepare a preliminary report summarizing the public input and making a preliminary recommendation of election district boundaries, as per §5.1.304(C).

The City Clerk will release a preliminary district report by October 1, 2024 and hold a public hearing requesting public comment on the preliminary district boundaries in October per §5.1.305.

The final district report, setting the revised district boundaries, will be released by the City Clerk by at least 120 days (December 2, 2024) but no more than 150 days (November 2, 2024) prior to the municipal elections. [§5.1.307]

The Advisory Committee will prepare a final report after the release of the City Clerk's report. Per §5.1.308, the final report will include a summary of the public education efforts, details of public meetings, a copy of the preliminary report, a summary of any protests (per §5.1.306), and an evaluation of the process and compliance with the city Charter.

Advisory Committee Process

The Advisory Committee process specified in §5.1.304(A) of the City Code includes:

- Engaging in outreach efforts, including, but not limited to “public meetings, e-town hall gatherings, electronic and print media, and City website posts”,
- Working with the City Clerk on schedules and dissemination of maps with population data,
- Conducting public meetings in each of the Council Districts,
- Reporting its findings to the City Council and the City Clerk.

The District Process Advisory Committee was appointed by City Council on May 14, 2024. The Advisory Committee met regularly through September 2024. Public notice of meetings and agenda were provided on the City of Colorado Springs website.

Summary of Public Education Efforts

The Committee worked with the City Clerk and City staff to set up an informational web page on the City website. The page was posted on 8/10/2020 and a page link was prominently displayed on the City website home page.

<https://coloradosprings.gov/2024Redistricting>

The page included:

A summary of the process:

2024 City Council Redistricting

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In Progress

Seeking Input

The City of Colorado Springs and District Process Advisory Committee is inviting the community to take part in a series of public meetings to discuss potential options for redrawing the Colorado Springs City Council districts. More information in the "public engagement tab". Residents can also view the proposed maps and fill out the survey here:

[SURVEY](#)

Contact

Overview

The City Clerk sets the Council District boundaries every four years (per City Charter) to ensure districts remain comparable in population as the city grows. The districts were last re-aligned in 2020 and the City Clerk is now reviewing the districts ahead of the 2025 General Municipal Election. Districts must be substantially equal in population, contiguous, and comply with Voting Rights Act and other pertinent laws. The plan is not approved by the Mayor or City Council.

City Council has appointed 9 members to the District Process Advisory Committee. The committee will serve as an advisory body to educate the public, assist the City Clerk, and advise City Council on the districting process. The committee will hold at least one public meeting in each council district to solicit public input.

The City Clerk will release a preliminary City Council district report and map in October after the committee gathers citizen comments. After further opportunity for public input, the City Clerk will prepare the final City Council district report on setting the district boundaries no earlier than November 4 and no later than December 2.

This project page will be updated with additional information as the process moves forward.

Tools for residents to find their city council district and review the option maps:

Department:
City Clerk, City Council and
Legislative Services

City Clerk's Office
719-385-5901, [option 4](#)
Elections@ColoradoSprings.gov

Key Dates

April - June 2024 Advisory Committee Appointed

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Resource Center

The six City Council Districts must be re-aligned based on population every four years according to City Code [5.1.3-Election Districts](#) and [City Charter 2-10\(b\)](#). This review must occur in the even-year prior to the odd-year election. The districts were last re-aligned in 2020 and it is now time to review the districts prior to the April 1, 2025 General Municipal Election for a four-year term of all six City Council District seats.

[FIND YOUR COUNCIL DISTRICT](#) | [FIND YOUR COUNCIL MEMBER](#)

Document Library


- [Project Timeline](#)
- [District Process Advisory Committee Training Presentation](#)
- [Statistical Terminology for Redistricting](#)
- [Current City Council District Map](#)
- [UCCS GeoCivics Redistricting Resources](#)
- [UCCS GeoCivics Activities to Understand Redistricting](#)

2024 Redistricting Option Maps


- [Option A map](#)
 - [Option A pros and cons](#)
- [Option B map](#)
 - [Option B pros and cons](#)
- [Option C map](#)
 - [Option C pros and cons](#)

Committee


A schedule of the public meetings:



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ABOUT
PUBLIC MEETINGS
INTERACTIVE PUBLIC VIEWER TOOL

The City of Colorado Springs and District Process Advisory Committee is inviting the community to take part in a series of public meetings to discuss potential options for redrawing the Colorado Springs City Council districts.

The public will have the opportunity to provide feedback on three different possible City Council district maps, along with sharing what their biggest priorities for a redistrict map should be. There will be seven different public meetings held across Colorado Springs, including a virtual option. Community members may attend any of the scheduled meetings, not only the meeting hosted by a representative of their district.

City of Colorado Springs may view the potential options maps and provide comments by completing the online survey, emailing, calling or postal mailing them to the City Clerk.

SURVEY

Meeting Information


Council District 1: Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Fire Station 18 (6830 Hadler View)

- Council District 1 Representative: Hank Scarangella
- [Virtual option](#)
- [View agenda](#)

Council District 2: Monday, September 9 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm; The Village High School (1355 Kelly Johnson Blvd)

- Council District 2 Representative: Devin Camacho

An interactive map showing the possible changes:



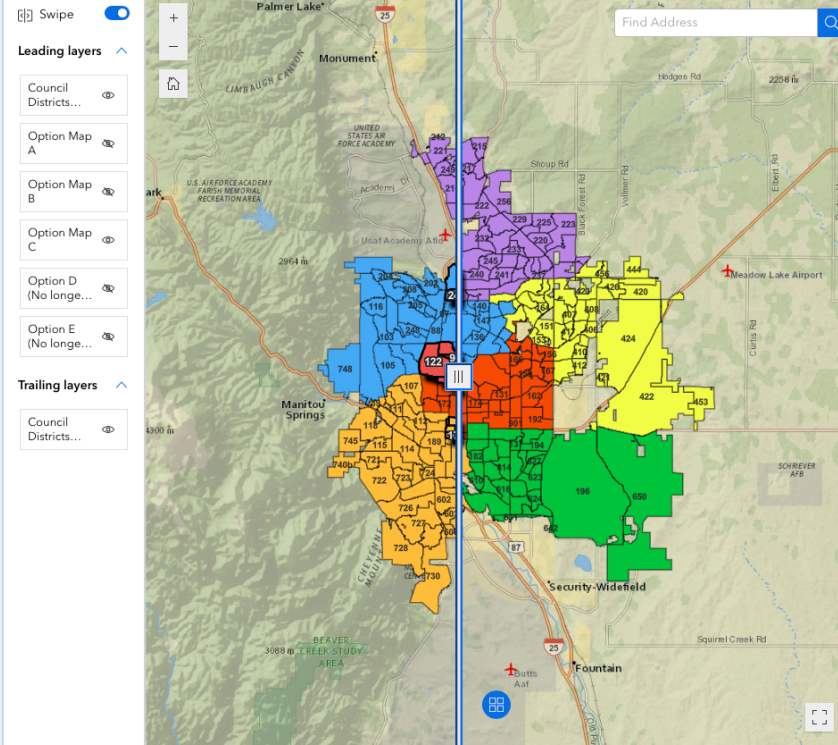
Colorado Springs City Council Redistricting 2024
City Clerk Preliminary Plan Options - Public Viewer

The 2020 district map is being updated to reflect five redistricting possibilities. The goals are to ensure the districts have roughly equal population, are contiguous, are representative of their respective populations, and comply with all applicable laws. The following are the City Clerk options. Select the option from the Leading layers list. To do a **swipe comparison**, select the **Leading layers** located within the swipe tool. Turn on the visibility of the Option you would like to view by toggling the eye symbol and then use the swiper to compare to the current districts. **Note: The map is set to a default scale to give the best view of the changes but you can navigate and change scale by using the zoom (+) and home to reset to original view. You can also switch to a full screen view by selecting the widget in the lower right corner.** To view if your address is being affected, use the search bar and enter your address to zoom to location.

The District Process Advisory Committee and the City Clerk need your input

We need your feedback to the proposed changes to the district boundaries. By participating in the redistricting process, you are helping ensure that the City Council boundaries are fair and equitable.

Please fill out survey below



A survey focused on the process and possible options:

Colorado Springs City Council Redistricting Survey

The City of Colorado Springs is seeking feedback on proposed updates to City Council districts. Redistricting takes place every four years to ensure Colorado Springs City Council districts are balanced based on population.

What is your current ZIP code?*

What is the name of your neighborhood? If you're unsure, please type "I don't know" in the box.*

When someone asks you where in town you live, what are the MOST common ways you describe your area, or neighborhood? (Check all that apply)*

Geographic Location (North, South, Central, etc.)

Neighborhood Name

Familiar Cross Streets

A familiar point of interest people may know (e.g. Garden of the Gods, Memorial Hospital)

School District Boundaries

City Council District Boundaries

Additional outreach efforts included postings on social media, emails, printed infographic flyers in public places (libraries, neighborhood shops) and coverage in local media. See Appendix A for examples of these forms of outreach.

Public Meetings

Per §5.1.304(A) of the City Code, seven (7) public meetings were held to provide information about the redistricting process and solicit feedback from the community.

Council District 1: Wednesday, September 11 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Fire Station 18 (6830 Hadler View)

Council District 2: Monday, September 9 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm; The Village High School (1355 Kelly Johnson Blvd)

Council District 3: Wednesday, September 18 at 6-7 pm; Westside Community Center (1628 W Bijou St.)

Council District 4: Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Carmel Community School (1740 Pepperwood Dr., Carmel Community Room)

Council District 5: Wednesday, September 11 at 2 - 3 pm; Ruth Holley Library (685 N Murray Blvd)

Council District 6: Friday, September 6 at 5:30-6:30 pm; Fire Station 20 (6755 Rangewood Dr)

At-Large Meeting: Monday, September 23 at 5:30 - 6:30 pm; City Administration Building (30 S Nevada, Room 102) and virtually

The meetings included a virtual option via MS-Teams. Each meeting location was set up to include a presentation screen with the virtual attendees and the PowerPoint slides, a set of large maps of the current and potential district boundaries, and a map of the neighborhoods in the city. Each attendee was provided a printed copy of the PowerPoint slides, a copy of the 2024 redistricting flyer, and the option to write comments on sticky notes and post them on a map.

The meetings followed a similar agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Districting Process and Timeline
3. Legal Requirements for Districting
4. Districting Data and Maps
5. Public Comment and Questions

Attendance varied among the meetings:

District	Representative	Participants
1	Hank Scarangella	6*
2	Devin Camacho	2
3	Shelly Roehrs	13*
4	Jeannie Lira	13*
5	Jennifer DeWoody	9*
6	Jerde Quattlebaum	13
At Large	Steven Radil	13

*Includes online participants via MS-Teams

Preliminary Recommendations

The City Clerk provided the Committee with a set of five (5) districting map options. The maps were conversation starters and allowed the committee members to explore options and constraints of the redistricting process. The overall goal of redistricting is to redraw the district boundaries so that the city’s population is evenly distributed amongst them.

After discussion about the initial five option maps (Options 1 thru 5), the Committee decided to include three of the maps in the public meetings as examples of what redistricting may produce. These three options (A, B, and C) were similar in some respects (moving precincts at the boundary of districts 1 and 2) but varied in how those changes were rebalance across the rest of the city. The three options redistributed the population in this manner:

District	2020 Pop	2024 Pop ¹	Option A	Option B	Option C
1	81,707	79,546	83,432	83,234	82,834
2	79,904	91,767	85,704	83,327	80,614
3	80,788	80,031	80,031	85,738	84,646
4	79,847	81,138	81,138	81,138	83,783
5	80,254	79,195	87,192	83,866	83,508
6	79,314	88,668	82,848	83,042	84,960
TOTAL	481,814	500,435	500,435	500,435	500,435
Ideal	80,302	83,406	83,406	83,406	83,406

¹ Population estimates based on census data provided by ESRI

After the public meetings were held, the committee members reviewed all public comments (appendices B and C) and discussed the Pros and Cons of each option. Each member then submitted recommendations for the preliminary map to be created by the City Clerk. Committee members were asked to identify a preferred option with rationale for the selection, along with potential changes to the preferred option if any. The group agreed that a majority vote of the preferred option would be included in the preliminary report.

At least one committee member preferred each of the three maps but Option C received the most support, with qualifications. Most of the discussion focused on how to keep neighborhoods (e.g. Mountain Shadows, Middle Shooks Run) and communities of interest (e.g. UCCS, school district 49) together. The qualifications and recommendations, some of which were made by the public, include:

- Account for projected growth in districts 2 and 6 in order to reduce the deviation between district sizes in coming years by allowing those districts to be drawn below the ideal population size.
- Unify all school district 49 precincts into one city council district by moving precincts 253 and 455 (currently in district 2) into district 6.
- Move precinct 139 into district 4 in order to unify industry related to the airport.
- If the opportunity presents itself, unify the Cottonwood Creek neighborhood by moving precinct 142 from district 6 into district 1. This will also further reduce the population size of district 6 to allow for future growth.
- Unite the Kitty Hawk/Bonneville and Wasson neighborhoods by moving precincts 94, 95, and 96 into district 5.

Public Outreach for Release of Preliminary Map

The City Clerk released the preliminary map and City Council District Plan on October 4, 2024. Public feedback was accepted through a variety of means, including US Postal Service, email, via an online form, by phone, or in person at two public hearings. The public hearing were held as a hybrid format (in person and online options) on October 30 and November 13, 2024.

Public input was further requested through general outreach such as press releases and media interviews, and targeted outreach including social media ads and postcards sent to voters within the affected precincts.

Final Recommendations

Following the committee's Preliminary Report (dated September 30, 2024), which recommended the adoption of the Option C map, an additional public meetings were held (Oct. 29) which provided another set of feedback about the maps. This additional feedback was reviewed by the committee at a meeting held on Nov. 15.

At the conclusion of the Nov. 15 meeting, the committee unanimously voted to recommend Option C without changes.

Committee members were also asked to provide suggestions or recommendations about the process. These are summarized below for consideration.

1) The committee recommends that City staff provide more information and structure on roles and responsibilities of the committee members. The committee and staff should have an early focus on establishing how collective decisions will be made and in choosing internal leadership roles (a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary, report writer(s)) to effectively facilitate the committee's work.

Multiple committee members mentioned the need for greater attention to internal committee processes, roles, and/or member responsibilities. A former member of the 2020 committee did join the first meeting of this committee to discuss redistricting in general but offered no comments about lessons learned about past committee processes or experiences. Future committees would benefit from an early focused conversation about internal processes rather than on the larger context of redistricting in general. Related to this were concerns about uneven or ad-hoc communication processes. The open meetings law that prevents communicating with the entire committee via email distribution lists or "reply all" messages to be an obstacle to collaboration. This recommendation is nearly identical to one presented by the 2020 committee.

2) The committee recommends that the City assemble the committee and begin its work earlier in the year so as to avoid inevitable time constraints or delays throughout the fall.

Establishing the committee and beginning its work earlier in the calendar year would allow the City staff to address key concerns from previous committees that would require extra meetings, including devoting time to addressing the first recommendation from this committee and unadopted recommendations from the 2020 committee, such as more time to explain redistricting, digest background material, and to explore map options. During this committee cycle, City staff had obligations due to an unrelated citizen initiative which precluded meetings until the late summer. This in turn led to a compressed timeline in the fall to organize and execute the required public meetings to in each district. Given the City staff's other commitments and time constraints, beginning the work of the committee earlier would be an effective strategy to avoid or mitigate these kinds of scheduling impacts.

3) The City should consider if the current number of geographic council districts meets citizen and governance needs.

While relatively evenly apportioned, the recommended Option C map creates boundaries where each of the six council districts will represent between

80,000-85,000 citizens. Given the City's recent growth, a formal study comparing the City to peer municipalities would aid in determining whether the City is an outlier in how many geographic districts and citizens per district it has, a question that was raised at multiple moments by committee members and City staff throughout the current redistricting cycle. Because the City Charter provides for council redistricting every four years, the City should consider such a study ahead of the next redistricting cycle.

Appendix A: Public Outreach Efforts

Members of the committee augmented the citywide public outreach effort with their own engagement efforts. The following table summarizes what individual members did to contact people and increase participation.

District	Outreach Efforts
1	To engage the community in the redistricting process, the D1 rep contacted the Mountain Shadows Community Association, the Kissing Camels Homeowners Association, the Peregrine Master Association, and the Sanctuary at Peregrine HOA so they were aware of the process, timelines, ways to voice opinions, etc. This information was also posted on the NextDoor platform. The D1 rep spoke at two D1 Town Hall meetings, hosted by Councilmember Donelson.
2	Communication was sent through Academy School District #20 internal and external emails to families, letting them know about upcoming public meetings – with special emphasis on District #2 and District #1 meeting times and locations. Students and Families in the Village High School 11th grade Civics class were also contacted separately with an offer to attend as an evening engagement opportunity for students to learn about local government processes.
3	Promoted all District & At-Large meetings via the League of Women Voters of the Pikes Peak Region (social media and monthly newsletter). Share Facebook events with 7+ groups (ie Elevate COS: Volunteerism, Charity & Positive Impact, etc - Next Door - all District & At-Large meetings were created on this social media platform - Shared District 3 on my personal social media groups - Pleasant Valley, Mesa, Shelly Roehrs, Realtor - Emailed Mesa & Pleasant Valley neighbors regarding District 3 & At-Large meetings - Pikes Peak Bulletin attended District 3 meeting
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5	Emailed a summary of the districting process, the DPAC flyer, and public meeting schedule to 22 homeowner associations and property management agencies doing business in the district; distributed flyers to local business across the district, focusing on precincts that were proposed to change districts in the option maps.
6	Had a variety of conversations with people from personal networks within the district.
At Large	--

Appendix B: Online Survey Results

The following summary of surveys responses was provided to the Committee.



REDISTRICTING SURVEY RESULTS

11/15/2024

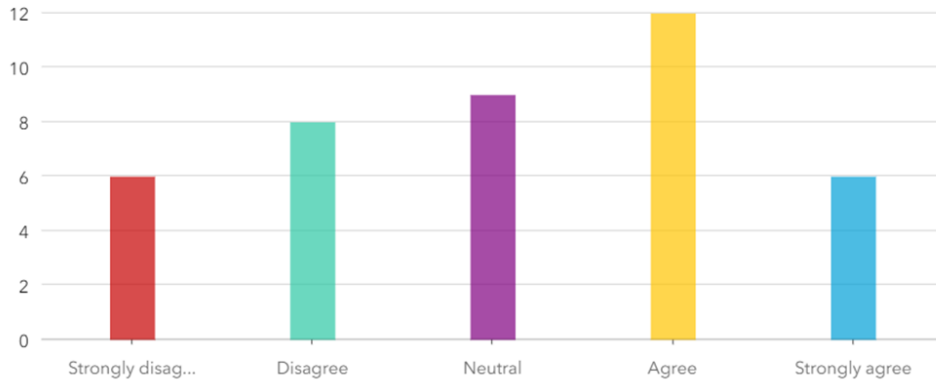
RESPONSES BY ZIP CODE



17 Unique Zip Codes represented
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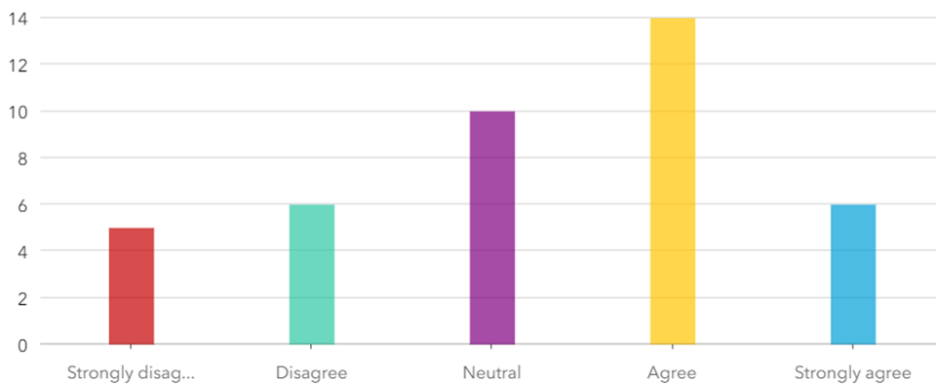
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**HOW DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA?
DOES NOT DIVIDE RECOGNIZED NEIGHBORHOODS**



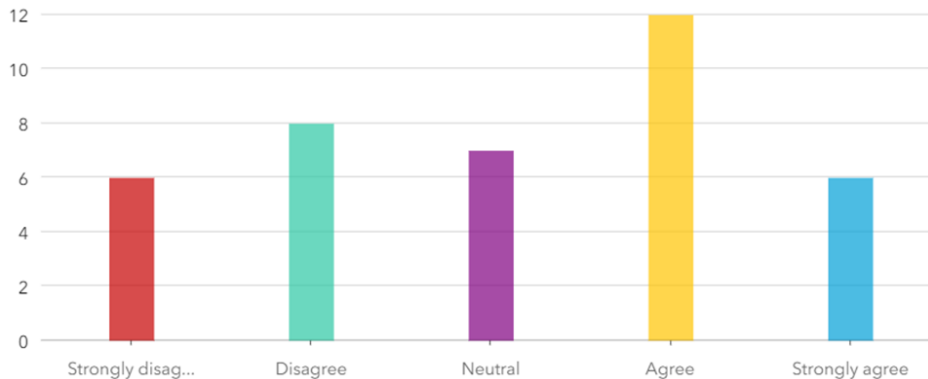
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**HOW DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA?
FOLLOWS OBVIOUS GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES**



4

**HOW DO YOU FEEL THAT THIS MEETS THE FOLLOWING
CRITERIA?
DOES NOT DIVIDE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST**



5

Public comments about the Preliminary Map (Option C) provided through the survey. Comments are not edited and are presented as is.

- We, at 4921 T-Gap (Atrium at Austin Bluffs) cannot see if we are included or in that grey triangle of no input. Map needs to be clearer before the day before election or answer is NO.
- This is the best Option that was provided and appears to redistrict the Council District boundaries and is the best based on population changes and the above criteria. I strongly recommend that the City Clerk proceed with the Preliminary Map and not make any changes.
- This is lumping areas adjacent to downtown Colorado Springs with communities in southern Colorado Springs that do not have the same issues, concerns, etc. This is a terrible idea and I wholeheartedly disagree with it!!
- This is a surprisingly fair and balanced map. Kudos to those who drew these boundaries. The gerrymandering we see in other states is refreshingly absent here in Colorado.
- There should be no reason as to why district 5 should takes some of district 1 zones. District 5 city council member has not proven to properly care for her own district.
- The west side is still split up. This has always felt intentional.
- The gold camp area is large and has a disproportionate amount of issues that enable crime. Would you consider making a focused district area around south Nevada?

- Option C.
- N/A
- My home will be moved from District 5 to District 3, which I believe is a highly inappropriate change. My neighbors and I have different needs, and the proposed plan does not account for these differences. I do not support this change
- Might want to consider swapping precincts 180 and 188. I think 180 has a higher percentage of Latinos which makes it a better fit for District 4.
- It is disappointing that our neighborhood (Cottonwood Creek/Sunset Mesa) would be split amongst 2 districts; however, Option A & Option C are the most appropriate in aligning us specifically with CD1 as most appropriate. Option B in maintaining our alignment with CD6 no longer appears to be accurate in appropriate neighborhood alignment.
- i'd think that the "no man's land" of precinct 109 would fit better in district 3 given the needs of the OCC/Manitou Springs community as they think about development, their routes in and out of their neighborhood are all in district 3. Precinct 244 and 240 are practically identical neighborhoods for the houses south of Briargate Blvd, and could be united in district 1 if needed to better balance population is needed because of this small change. I realize this puts the north part of the city in to a deficit based upon 2022 GIS population data estimates, but with the fact of all of the new construction near the Cinemas on Federal/Interquest...we know with the next round of estimates that this area will be over populated. There are at least 500 residences who don't even have mailing address other by spray paint up there.
- I'm not too keen on using Prospect St as a dividing line, that neighbor east of Nevada is very similar and should not be divided. It's a little hard to tell on the map which precincts are being moved.
- I'm not thrilled with the potential change of my council representative, but I do think our neighborhood is otherwise more aligned with D3 than with Central CS.
- For the most part I think the work makes sense. I think moving the area north of Fillmore and bounded by Austin Bluffs neighborhood into District 3 makes a good deal of sense, as does moving precincts 178, 179 and 92 into District 3 - though I wonder about moving 188 into District 4.
- Cottonwood creek neighborhoods are more culturally aligned to district 2 than district 1
- cant understand different colors
- Altouh the proposed changes appear to me to be well though out, district 6 does seem to divide neighborhoods in a way that does not seem logical. My residnce is just north of Dublin Blvd, and am not affected by this.

Appendix C: Comments from Public Meetings

Those who attended public meetings (either in person or virtually) were invited to leave written comments either by writing on a sticky note and placing it on the associated map, leaving a larger comment on an index card, or typing into the Teams chat. The following comments were received on each option (listed in no particular order).

Option A

- 240, 239, 245 -> District 1
- Map A seems much less disruptive to neighborhoods than the others
- Pro: CD5 + CD1 seem more "solid" in Map A. More "pros" listed here. Con: 4% deviation for CD3, 4.6 for CD5
- this map has fewest disruptions to neighborhoods
- Joining 94-96 makes sense as this option joins them on the same side of Filmore
- #125 & 152, 91 is closer to the south part of district to form a contiguous district

Option B

- Pro - Continues "west side" to the north (D3 growing north). But yes, divides mt shadows
- 239 into district 1
- #151 #153 are coherent neighborhoods with nothing in common with Uintah
- Pct 151 & 153 were redistricted into County Comm D2. If those precincts were moved into District 5 for council, they would be incompatible with the county boundarie
- This choice is very divisive. Not a proponent

Option C

- I prefer Option C the best. Option A second best. Option B is worst.
- Please don't split Divine Redeemer neighborhood! We have far more in common with neighborhoods that border downtown than with the current D3 neighborhoods
- Nice list of Pros. Reuniting older neighborhoods, natural (roads) boundaries. "Solid" districts
- This choice keeps #141, 135, 149 together with its neighbors on the same side of Rangewood

Appendix D: Other Public Communications

Email #1

Hi, Sarah -

I took a bit of time to look at our City Charter and the City Code to better understand redistricting. I have a few questions, if I may please:

Where does it say the City Clerk has the option to redistrict or not?

From what I see below in the city charter, we can divide precincts, although we are not to do that to the extent possible. Is that correct? I had understood from the .ppt that this was not flexible, that we do not divide election precinct boundary lines.

Also from what I see below in the city code, we are NOT to divide recognized neighborhoods or communities of interest. Is that correct? I had understood from the .ppt that there was flexibility here, yet the code leads one to think otherwise. The .ppt portrays: Do not divide neighborhoods to the extent possible. Do not divide identified communities of interests to the extent possible.

When you get a chance, would you be so kind as to help with understanding here?

Thank you so much.

Where does it say the City Clerk has the option to redistrict or not? **There is no option to not redistrict as it clearly states in the City Charter and the City Code.**

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Also from what I see below in the city code, we are NOT to divide recognized neighborhoods or communities of interest. Is that correct? I had understood from the .ppt that there was flexibility here, yet the code leads one to think otherwise. The .ppt portrays: Do not divide neighborhoods to the extent possible. Do not divide identified communities of interests to the extent possible. **To the extent possible allows for the flexibility as it states in City Code and City charter.**

Sarah B Johnson, MMC, MPA

Thank you, Sarah.

Appreciate the answers. Looks like I misunderstood from conversation the other night that the Clerk (you) have the option of redistricting or not.

Also, appreciate answer to #3 below. I reread the code, and you are correct it does say "to the extent possible" in the lead in paragraph. I missed that initially. Sorry.

And, regarding #2...what I am hearing is that even though the city charter states we can divide precincts, we do not.

Thanks again

Email #2:

First let me acknowledge that although I am the current President of the Old North End Neighborhood, I am writing an opinion as an individual, NOT the President because there has not been sufficient time to adequately staff and vote on a position for such a complex subject. There are also so some vital bits of information that require further clarification as this deadline for comments is closed.

A general observation is that the City Clerk Office was given the sole responsibility to make the final decision on District boundaries without review to avoid the process becoming political, as it is with all of the other redistricting efforts at all levels of our representative government.

Having stated that observation, it is above all of the other considerations, that the final decision must be above even the slightest hint of an influence of political considerations, whether intentional or not.

Therefore, any boundary changes which would shift District lines in a manner that would place two existing council members into the same District, whether they intend to run for office again or not, is UNACCETABLE. The reason that this is not acceptable at all, is the universally acknowledged advantage that any candidate can have is incumbency. Except in the rare case where the candidates behavior is so egregious that it is a liability. One Council member would be the incumbent in their District and to a much lesser extent the other newly included Council member would not be.

As I understand the current recommended boundary changes, this political reality eliminates Option A, from consideration.

In general, way too much consideration is given to balancing population totals among the Districts. There are not hard and fast limits not to be exceeded but there would have to be a compelling logic of discrimination shown for the population to be shifted greatly. A 10% difference in each District would allow a much more coherent compliance with the other guidelines for District boundaries.

Without a detailed map of the new district boundaries, it is very hard to follow the changes being proposed.

I find none of the current proposals acceptable.

Appendix E: Recommendations from Individual Committee Members

District	Committee Member	Recommendations
1	Hank Scarangella	<p>My preference is for Option C. It produces the best Deviations from the Deal numbers and keeps most neighborhoods intact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One new suggestion is to move 142 into D1. This moves virtually all of Cottonwood Creek into D1, reduces D6 population by another 2,912 and does not make D1's population too high. - The overall movement of neighborhoods seems to make sense. - Moving 243 and 141 into D1 puts the Cottonwood Creek Park and much of the neighborhood into D1. <p>In Option A, moving 152 from D1 to D5 breaks up Vista Grande. If Option A is adopted, 152 should remain in D1.</p> <p>In Option B, splitting Mountain Shadows would be a mistake. Moving 748/102/105 creates an extremely large geographic area for D3 and would also split Kissing Camels between D1 and D3.</p>
2	Devin Camacho	<p>My recommendation is for option A. Reasonings below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Brings whole the Old North End by moving precincts 94,95, and 96 into District 5. · Maintains that the precincts North of Filmore along the N. Nevada corridor remain in the same District as UCCS. I'd consider this area a community of interest as UCCS is making major investments along the entire N. Nevada Corridor. o This map also keeps the precincts and neighborhoods directly south of UCCS in the same district as the school.

3	Shelly Roehrs	<p>In my opinion, if the population allows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep D49 intact by moving the 2 precincts into District 6 <p>Referencing Option B -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move Precincts 740a, 748, 109, and 102 into District 3 - Keep Precinct 105 in District 1 - Move Precincts 242, 251, 252, and 244 into District 1 - Move Precincts 151 and 153 into District 5 - Move Precinct 92 and 93 into District 3 - Move Precinct 139 into District 4
4	Jeannie Lira	<p>My preference and the community members I spoke with, is map C.</p> <p>Thank you to all the committee members for taking time to gather input and give input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map A- This map does not affect district 4, my only criticism is the north move in district 5 beyond Austin Bluffs, I do not think this is a good move as far as the College is concerned and does not draw clean lines. • Map B- This map is a hard no for me as it breaks up known communities and we are trying to put people first. • Map C- Having all of Knob Hill in one city council district to allow clear representation at city council- Clear lines drawn in council district 5 that follow demographic lines along Austin Bluffs Prkwy and Pikes Peak ave.

<p>5</p>	<p>Jennifer DeWoody</p>	<p>I recommend option C. Public comments favored option A, often with the rationale that the map was “least disruptive” to current boundaries. But I think the additional changes in option C are valid and positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reunites established neighborhoods in the core of the city (MSR, Knob Hill) - Moves the piece of school district 49 into D6 - Divides Cottonwood Creek into two districts, not three (option A) - Results in District 2 population below the average, allowing for additional growth in that area <p>I considered possible modifications of option C to address raised in comments and pros/cons, but no simple solutions are obvious. (Issues include moving precinct 240 into District 1 to unit the new apartments at Chapel Hill with the North Academy district, and reuniting USSC with precinct 123, 99, 127, but no public comments seem to have raised a concern with that change.)</p> <p>One change that may be helpful with minimal disruption to the population balance is to move precinct 109 on the west side (300 people) into District 3 (which is probably a better neighborhood fit). I believe one comment suggested this (though they called it precinct 300 by mistake, and I could not find precinct 300).</p> <p>I think, in balance, option C solves more problems than it creates.</p>
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6	Jerde Quattlebaum	<p>I was the District 6 representative and was able to attend one meeting in person and dialed in to one other. I had a variety of conversations with people from my personal network within my district and the most common question or concern revolved around preserving the school districts. In fact a large majority of people were not overly concerned with redistricting efforts or the election in general.</p> <p>The redistricting process was very open and all members were very communicative. The staff that worked with us was incredibly knowledgeable and helpful throughout the process.</p> <p>I do not have a preference for the maps but there is a concern that the proposed changes do not account for the increasing growth on the eastern side of District 6 (east of Marksheffel) and there is a concern that the proposed changes may quickly become irrelevant as a result of that growth.</p>
At-large	Steve Radil	<p>As the at-large member, I reviewed comments from the online survey and entire series of public meetings rather than focusing on the feedback related to a specific council district. Based on that city-wide set of input, my interpretation is that Option C had the plurality, though not the majority, of supporting comments. The feedback noted that the Option C map did a few things quite well, including unifying several neighborhoods that are currently split across multiple districts and uniting all of School District 49 into one council district. While the population imbalances were higher in this option than in Option B, it still performed better in this metric than did Option A. Noting that the plurality of public support went to Option C, I take no issue with this as a potential recommendation from the committee.</p>

Alternate	Sarah Brittain Jack	<p>The re-districting process was an open, transparent process from beginning to end. Sarah was knowledgeable about the process, the law that drives the process and very clear and concise in her presentation at each meeting. She was open to opinion and suggestions.</p> <p>There were seven public meetings conducted - one for each District and one for at-Large. These were all held in a location in the District and they were held in the evenings. I attended 4 of the 7 meetings. Not unlike most public meetings they were not packed but, there was attendance and interest.</p> <p>My preference for the maps is - first place "A" ... second place "B"</p>
Alternate	Matthew Stewart	<p>My recommendation is for option C.</p> <p>This option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appears least disruptive to existing neighborhoods • seeks to bring two precincts into the d49 school district boundaries along with the rest of their council district. • places Cottonwood creek into two districts rather than its current makeup of three. • has the plurality of community support from the neighborhood feedback received. • brings population under the deviation threshold which prepares communities for anticipated growth of the next four years. <p>This was my first time to serve on a city commission – and it was a great experience as a high school civics teacher. I saw active and engaged members from all over the city working together to provide a solution to a complex problem. The city charter and the tenets of the voting rights act were the guiding principles by which we operated – leading to a process that was pragmatic and non-partisan. Our processes were open and transparent to the public, and we considered stakeholder input throughout.</p>

