

SUBJECT: REDISTRICTING

Attached as information for the Council to begin the redistricting map process. Each Council member will be provided with a large map of their proposed district with aerial photography overlays to help identify locations.

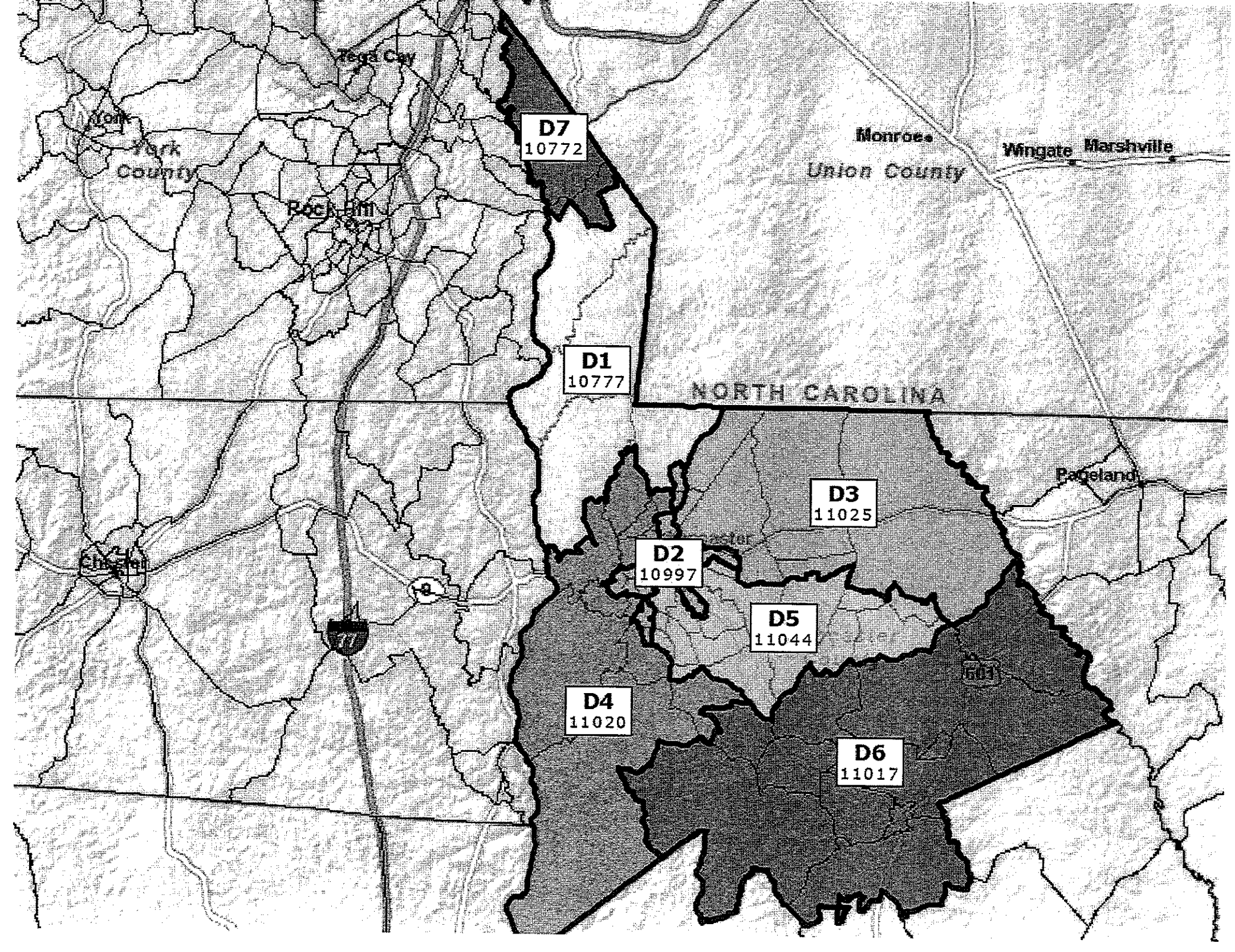
I would stress the map at this point is simply a staff product that has attempted to incorporate the comments generated from the public hearings and in an attempt to balance out the population numbers. I would note that with the exception of the two panhandle districts, all districts are under a 1% variation. The two panhandle districts were drawn slightly under-strength to allow for future growth in the next ten years but still meet the maximum 2% variance.

At this point we would encourage each member to review their map and determine areas where Council may desire to make adjustments. I would note Council has the ability to change anything on the map provided we maintain a maximum 2% population variance and we avoid retrogression to the extent possible.

No action is needed at this point but we would encourage you to discuss any concerns with your fellow Council members so we can proceed with adopting a Council preferred map and begin a series of public hearings based on that map.

Please let me know if anyone needs any additional information. Thanks.

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NORTH CAROLINA

York

York
County

Rock Hill

Rock Hill

Monroe

Union
County

Wingate

Marshville

Fogelant

Charlotte



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District Statistics Report

District No.	Total Population	Deviation	Deviation (%)	Deviation from the total (%)	White (%)	Black (%)	American Indian/ Alaskan Native (%)	Asian (%)	Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (%)	Some other race (%)	Two or more minority race (%)
D1	10,777	-173	-1.58	-173 (-1.61%)	9,161 (85.01%)	1,303 (12.09%)	52 (0.48%)	133 (1.23%)	1 (0.01%)	101 (0.94%)	26 (0.24%)
D2	10,997	47	0.43	47 (0.43%)	3,502 (31.85%)	6,904 (62.78%)	55 (0.50%)	40 (0.36%)	0 (0.00%)	462 (4.20%)	34 (0.31%)
D3	11,025	75	0.68	75 (0.68%)	9,521 (86.36%)	1,272 (11.54%)	72 (0.65%)	29 (0.26%)	7 (0.06%)	109 (0.99%)	15 (0.14%)
D4	11,020	70	0.64	70 (0.64%)	7,798 (70.76%)	2,685 (24.36%)	43 (0.39%)	108 (0.98%)	4 (0.04%)	360 (3.27%)	22 (0.20%)
D5	11,044	94	0.86	94 (0.85%)	8,037 (72.77%)	2,383 (21.58%)	45 (0.41%)	21 (0.19%)	3 (0.03%)	527 (4.77%)	28 (0.25%)
D6	11,017	67	0.61	67 (0.61%)	7,604 (69.02%)	3,205 (29.09%)	65 (0.59%)	32 (0.29%)	1 (0.01%)	91 (0.83%)	19 (0.17%)
D7	10,772	-178	-1.63	-178 (-1.65%)	9,221 (85.60%)	931 (8.64%)	78 (0.72%)	216 (2.01%)	10 (0.09%)	294 (2.73%)	22 (0.20%)



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
BUFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
4073 HURLEY WALTERS ROAD
LANCASTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29720

Monday, June 20, 2011

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public concerning redistricting of the Lancaster County.

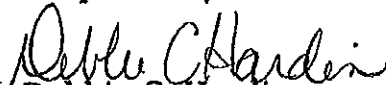
County Staff present were Steve Willis, County Administrator and Debbie Hardin, Clerk to Council. D.W. "Cotton" Cole also attended.

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, York Observer, Kershaw News Era, The State, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, WRHI Radio, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel.

Steve Willis read the attached information and opened the hearing up to questions from citizens. The only citizen present was Harvey Carnes. He took handouts of the redistricting information attached to these minutes and Mr. Willis showed him the proposed district maps and explained the changes.

No other citizen comments were made and the hearing was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Debbie C. Hardin
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council, June 27, 2011



D.W. "Cotton" Cole, Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 101 N. MAIN STREET
LANCASTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29720**

Tuesday, June 23, 2011

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public concerning redistricting of the Lancaster County.

County Staff present were Steve Willis, County Administrator and Debbie Hardin, Clerk to Council.

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, York Observer, Kershaw News Era, The State, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, WRHI Radio, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel.

Steve Willis read the attached information and opened the hearing up to questions from the citizens present. Mr. Willis brought for public review large maps that show the current as well as the proposed changes. For the record, Mr. Willis stated that the proposed maps are just drafts and that County Council may change the lines totally from what is proposed at their own discretion. There were approximately 13 citizens present.

Citizens Comments:

Charles Keith Deese, 1553 Kelly Drive, Lancaster, reminded Council that certain Boards and Commissions have a residency requirement.

Doris Hood, wanted to be sure she understood that District 1 would have to be split and District 2 would maintain a minority population. Mr. Willis explained that Lancaster County could only have 7 districts unless voters change it in a General Election.

Shirley Draffin, 918 West Shiloh Unity Road, Lancaster, asked will District 2 grow? Mr. Willis stated that District 2 must grow to meet the state standard of 10,950 or within 2% of that total, and to keep the minority population. Ms. Draffin asked how many were 18 or older? Mr. Willis stated that voting age can not be considered. Ms. Draffin also asked, once lines are drawn, how long until people are told. Mr. Willis Stated that once the public hearings are concluded, County Council will begin drawing lines, hopefully in Mid-July and then there will be more

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public hearings to review the maps before they are submitted to the Justice Department for their approval.

Jane Massey, Van Wyck, asked Mr. Willis for proposed maps. Mr. Willis handed out his proposed maps for review and had large maps presented for citizen review.

Doris Hood asked was Emerald Estates in District 2? Mr. Willis explained not presently but is in District 2 on the proposed new redistricting map. Ms. Hood also verified that when finalized there would be two districts in Indian Land and that Districts 3-7 are to be revamped to meet the present required number of residents. Mr. Willis confirmed.

No other citizen comments were made and the hearing was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie C. Hardin
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council, July 25, 2011

D.W. "Cotton" Cole, Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Andrew Jackson Recreation Center
6354 North Matson Street,
LANCASTER, SOUTH CAROLINA 29720**

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public concerning redistricting of the Lancaster County.

County Staff present was Steve Willis, County Administrator.

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: Lancaster News, York Observer, Kershaw News Era, The State, The Rock Hill Herald, Fort Mill Times, WRHI Radio, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local Government Channel.

Steve Willis read the attached information and opened the hearing up to questions from the citizens present. Mr. Willis brought for public review large maps that show the current as well as the proposed changes. Morris Russell, Emergency Management Director for Lancaster County will take the proposed Southern Redistricting map to the Kershaw Town Meeting for their review. For the record, Mr. Willis stated that the proposed maps are just drafts and that County Council may change the lines totally from what is proposed at their own discretion. There were approximately 2 citizens present.

Citizen Comments:

There were no citizens comments made.

Public Hearing adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie C. Hardin
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council, July 25, 2011

D.W. "Cotton" Cole, Secretary

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Indian Land Recreation Center
8286 Charlotte Highway
INDIAN LAND, SOUTH CAROLINA 29720
Thursday, June 30, 2011**

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to hear comments from the public concerning redistricting of the Lancaster County.

County Staff present was Steve Willis, County Administrator and Jeff Naftal, Deputy County Administrator.

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Steve Willis read the attached information and opened the hearing up to questions from the approximately 13 citizens present. Mr. Willis brought for public review large maps that show the current as well as the proposed changes. For the record, Mr. Willis stated that the proposed maps are just drafts and that County Council may change the lines totally from what was proposed at their own discretion.

Citizen Comments:

Citizen - phone number 803-547-3220 - left a message on Steve Willis's voice mail concerning the redistricting of District 1 and opposed splitting Legacy Park into two separate districts.

The following questions were raised by persons in the audience that did not come to the microphone and state name:

How does this process affect voting precincts? Mr. Willis stated that precinct lines are drawn by the Election Commission and not County Council.

Does Council Members have to live in the District in which they represent? Mr. Willis stated that Council members must reside in the District in which they represent and that the goal is to keep Council and School Board Members in the same district. Mr. Willis informed the public the order in which members and representatives run for office: the House of Representatives run every two years, the Senate is every

four years, Council and School Board are staggered terms with four running in one cycle and 3 running on another - serving four year terms.

Will panhandle be cut in half? Where will the lines be cut off? Steve Willis explained the proposed map that is just a draft and Council can change the lines as long as the required numbers are met.

Can the new member serve a two year term to keep in line with the School Board. Mr. Willis stated that we could not do that because the form of government of County Council is a staggered four year terms.

Who are the four up for re-election in County Council? Larry McCullough, Cotton Cole, Rudy Carter, Kathy Sistare.

Steve Willis informed citizens that one of the things we are looking for with these public hearings is comments on how to draw the lines. For Indian Land, either east and west, or north or south and to come up and state your name and address for the record as comments will be transcribed and taken to County Council.

Judy Fuller, 1515 Deer Forest Drive, Indian Land, requested that Legacy Park stay together in the same district. Currently the proposed draft is splitting Indian Land North and South, which splits Legacy Park.

Joe Ramsey, Indian Land, approved the proposed maps as drawn by Mr. Willis having a North and South District better than dividing east and west along 521 and that this is the preferred split and urges Council to coordinate with the election commission so that there would not be split voting districts. Mr. Ramsey also recommends cutting the line at Doby Bridge Road instead of River Road to keep the fire districts the same.

Steve Willis discussed the time frame for completion of the redistricting process with this meeting being the final public hearing, then hopefully during the month of July, Council will start drawing lines and a call for anyone to submit proposed maps, then a second round of public hearings reviewing the maps to be considered sometime in August and then in mid September, send approved maps to the Justice Department for their review, which could take up to 90 days, to be finalized and approved by January.

Jane Massey, Van Wyck, stated that she is thinking of people living in the district and have things in common. Ms. Massey discussed the different areas of Indian Land. She is in favor of an east/west 521 split.

Wanda Rosa, 86614 Arrington Road, Indian Land, emailed Debbie Hardin, Clerk to Council, her comment that she is in favor of splitting Indian Land, North and South and suggests that it be done keeping the fire districts and precincts intact if possible.

No other comments were made and the Public Hearing adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie C. Hardin
Clerk to Council

Approved by Council, July 25, 2011

D.W. "Cotton" Cole, Secretary

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