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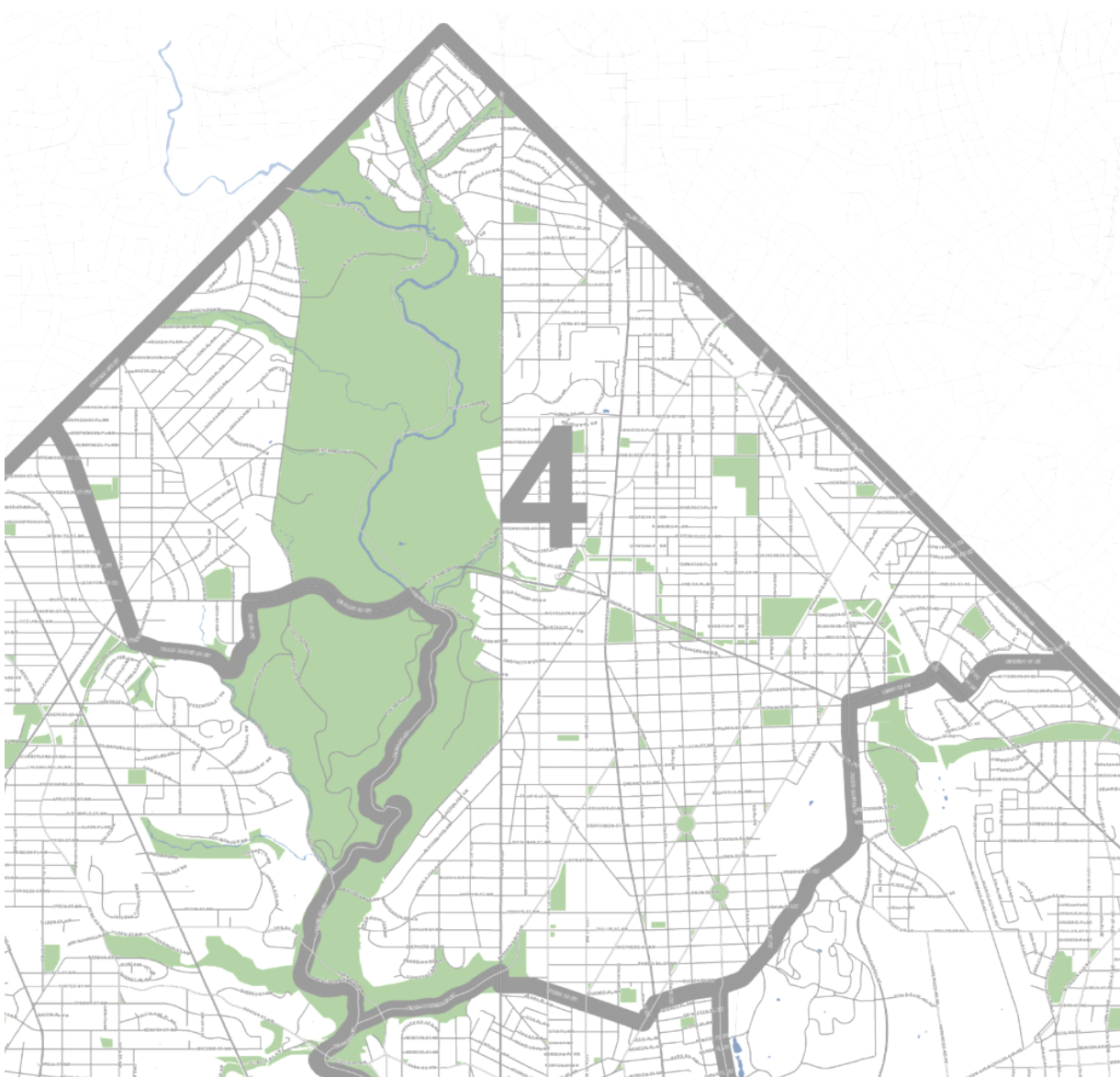
SUBJECT: Report on Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries in Ward 4

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.02, the Ward 4 Task Force on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions submits this report to accompany its recommended adjustments to the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) and Single-Member Districts (SMDs) in Ward 4.

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I. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force (Task Force) was comprised of 16 Ward 4 residents and led by two co-chairs selected by Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George. The Task Force work began its work January 23, 2022 and concluded its official business on April 1, 2022. Meetings were mostly conducted on a weekly basis and were open to the public via the Zoom platform. Task Force updates, meeting slides, and recordings were centrally posted for public access on Councilmember Lewis George’s website page dedicated to redistricting work (janeeseward4.com/redistricting).

Throughout this report, the Task Force uses the following terms to distinguish between the boundaries in effect as of report drafting versus the recommended boundaries put forth by the Task Force:	
“Current” ANC or SMD	The 2013 ANC and SMD boundaries, which are the current boundaries as of the drafting of this report that determine DC residents’ Single Member District and Advisory Neighborhood Commission representation through the end of 2022.
“Proposed” ANC or SMD	The Task Force’s recommendation for reapportioning Ward 4 population within adjusted and new boundaries that would be in effect from 2023-2032.

The Task Force received feedback from fellow Ward 4 residents via email, voicemail, Twitter, and virtual community hearings and guided by public input, statutory requirements, and Task Force members’ knowledge of Ward character and needs, the Task Force unanimously agreed to make the following key recommendations for a new ANC and SMD map to reflect the 2020 census populations and the Ward 4 community’s civic needs:

- Create 6 ANCs in the Ward. This is an increase from 5 current ANCs serving Ward 4.
- Leverage Georgia, Missouri, and Arkansas Avenues as the primary ANC boundary lines east of Rock Creek Park. These new dividers created new ANC boundaries for all ANCs east of the Park with the effect of shrinking all but one ANC: ANC 4D grew.
- Preserve ANC 3/4G as a cross-Ward ANC west of Rock Creek Park to represent the neighborhoods of Hawthorne, Barnaby Woods, and Chevy Chase (Chevy Chase spans Ward 4 and Ward 3). ANC 3/4G has existed as a cross-Ward ANC since 2000.

- Limit the number of single member districts in ANCs to 8; the proposed ANC 4B deviates from this recommendation in order to best reflect neighborhood continuity, shared neighborhood interests and resources, and to preserve significant continuity with the current borders of ANC 4B.
- The largest ANC will have 10 SMDs and the smallest ANC will have 6 SMDs, with the average number of SMDs being 7 SMDs across all 6 Ward 4 ANCs.

Detailed ANC make-up and demographics in the Task Force’s recommendations are included in the appendix of the report. The chart below reflects a topline summary of the makeup of ANCs in the Task Force’s proposed map. A comparative look at the proportion of people of color - residents who identified themselves as Black, Latinx, or Asian in the 2020 Census - in each ANC is included in the summary to demonstrate the Task Force’s compliance with D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.02(f) prohibiting redistricting actions that have “the purpose and effect of diluting the voting strength of minority citizens.”

ANC	Total Population	Number of ANCs	Target Average SMD population	SMDs in 1,900-2,100 Population Range: Under:Over ¹	% of People of Color in Proposed ANC	% of People of Color in Current ANC Borders
4A	14,217	7	2,031	3:1:3	86% ▲	80%
4B	20,315	10	2,032	7:0:3	81% ▲	80%
4C	13,962	7	1,995	4:1:2	68% ▲	67%
4D	15,957	8	1,995	7:0:1	82% ▲	79%
4E	11,855	6	1,976	4:1:1	71%	N/A
4G (3/4G)²	8,354	4	2,089	2:0:2	24%	24%

The Task Force anchored redistricting decisions in the requirement to rebalance each SMD population to be in a range of approximately 1,900-2,100 residents. A secondary anchoring value

¹ Only 3 proposed SMDs are over the population range by more than 30 residents

² The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force only worked to redistrict the Ward 4 residents who would be represented by this ANC. The Ward 3 Task Force made adjustments to the boundaries of the Ward 3 Chevy Chase SMDs. The current full ANC includes 7 single member districts but this report does not speak to or speculate on the proposed redistricting recommendations of the Ward 3 Task Force, though both Task Forces agreed to draw SMD lines exclusively in each of their respective Wards

was respecting Ward 4 neighborhood identity and continuity, and grouping neighborhoods with who share common community concerns and interests into compact ANCs. Equity across ANCs and SMDs was also prioritized. To the Task Force, equity included considerations around the racial demographic makeup of ANCs, the number of SMDs in ANCs, roughly equal populations across all SMDs, equitable workloads for future ANC commissioners with respect to common ANC issues such as city services, business development, ABRA licensing, traffic safety, public safety, National Park Service coordination, and equitable coordination around community center and amenities. Finally, the Task Force placed an emphasis on drawing ANC and SMD boundaries in more sensical and compact ways; the current ANC map includes SMD shapes that appear jagged and disjointed which can make ANC navigation more challenging and confusing for residents, businesses, and commissioners. To the best of the Task Force's ability, the recommended ANC and SMD map sought to balance all these considerations, values, and community needs.

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force recognized the vital role ANCs can have in representing issues and having their voices heard in matters affecting their community. The D.C. Code outlines that other recommendations with respect to the operation of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions shall be contained in the report of ward task forces (D.C. Code § 1-1041.02 (3)(b)(2)).

Therefore, the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force offered the following recommendations:

- The Task Force recommended that the D.C. Council and Mayor review and strengthen regulations **where necessary** to ensure transparency in ANC deliberations, so residents have an informed opportunity to testify and represent their thoughts and opinions on matters before ANCs.
- The Ward 4 Task Force further recommended that the D.C. Council and Mayor provide adequate funding for the Office of ANC and ANC Commissions (1) to centralize and provide administrative support to ANCs, (2) to integrate support for ANC financial operations, and (3) to publicize and educate the public on the vital roles ANCs and SMDs in advocating for their communities, encouraging all residents to participate and consider running for the important office of Commissioner, including running for office in the 2022 General Elections.

II. TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The following individuals were appointed by Councilmember Lewis George to serve as members of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force (SMDs listed are current, not proposed, SMDs):

Co - Chairs:

- Carol Joyner (Co-Chair, ANC 4B01), Takoma Park
- Julia Howell-Barros (Co-Chair, ANC 4C03), 16th Street Heights

Task Force Members:

- Abraham Clayman (ANC 3/4G01), Hawthorne
- Barbara Rogers (ANC 4B08), Lamond-Riggs
- Bobby King (ANC 4C02), 16th Street Heights
- Cesse Ip (ANC 4B05), Brightwood Park
- James Williams (ANC 4C10), Petworth
- Janel Forsythe (ANC 4C03), 16th Street Heights
- Janet Hailes (ANC 4C02), 16th Street Heights
- Jennifer Kauffman (ANC 4D02), Brightwood Park
- Naima Jefferson (ANC 4A02), Shepherd Park
- Roger Limoges (ANC 4A01), Colonial Village
- Selerya Moore (ANC 4D02), Brightwood Park
- Tim Tubbs (ANC 3/4G04), Chevy Chase
- Tischa Cockrell (ANC 4B09), Riggs Park
- Vince Micone (ANC 4A07), 16th Street Heights

The Task Force included an amalgam of residents throughout the Ward including longtime Ward 4 residents and newcomers, former ANC commissioners, current and former civic association leaders, other local community activists, and residents using this process to develop and deepen civic engagement ties to the community. The Task Force included residents that self-identify as 10 women, 6 men; 10 Black residents, 2 Latina residents, 1 Asian resident, and 3 white residents. Task Force members spanned in ages from late 20s to early 70s, and 3 members self-identify as part of the LGBTQ community. While not every member of the Task Force was a homeowner, there was no representation from apartment dwellers. Additionally, no member of the Task Force speaks a language other than English as their primary language.

III. TASK FORCE PROCESS

A. Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force Guiding Framework and Actions Taken to Advance and Reflect this Framework:

Like much of the District, Ward 4 experienced significant population growth over the last decade. Accordingly, the 2020 Census revealed that most of the Ward's single member districts were overpopulated. Therefore, the Task Force's primary goal was to rebalance the population within existing and new SMDs so that each falls within the 1,900 to 2,100 population range stipulated in D.C. Official Code § 1-1011.01(f) to advance the principle of equal representation under law. The table below summarizes population growth in the Ward over the past decade through the lens of the Ward's current ANC's and the impact on the permitted size of each SMD.

ANC	2010 Population	2020 Population	Population Growth	Growth Percent	SMDs Out of Population Range
4A	16,653	19,511	2,858	17.2%	7 of 8
4B	18,519	21,857	3,338	18.0%	8 of 9
4C	20,024	21,719	1,695	8.5%	6 of 10
4D	12,614	13,219	605	4.8%	5 of 6
3/4G ³	8,215	8,623	408	4.7%	4 of 4

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force's work was informed primarily by the statutory guidance provided by Councilmember Lewis George's office throughout the redistricting process, and by the guiding values the Task Force agreed upon during the January 23, 2022 Task Force kick-off meeting:

- Meetings will be public, transparent, and accessible;
- We will provide Ward 4 residents with multiple opportunities - through multiple mediums - to weigh in on Task Force work;
- Our mission is to rebalance for population equity, and ensure all voices in our Ward have fair access to all levers of local government;
- This is an apolitical task force: our responsibility is to land boundaries and populations;
- Task force members will not be current ANC commissioners, or running in the 2022

³ Table data reflects only the four Ward 4 SMDs in the ANC and does not account for population changes in Ward 3

- General Election for an ANC seat;
- All meetings will have ASL interpretation and Spanish translation; and
- Additional interpretation services can be requested with at least 3 business days' notice.

The Task Force was also guided by the December 15, 2021 memo and January 20, 2022 redistricting slidedeck presentation prepared by Redistricting Subcommittee Chair Silverman's office. The District Office of Planning additionally presented to the Task Force to provide further guidance on the technical work of redistricting and mapmaking.

The members of the Task Force felt it was the group's collective responsibility to rebalance for population equity to ensure equitable access to all levers of local government, while also reflecting communities' geographic features and preserving neighborhood cohesion and racial equity. As a group, the Task Force agreed that reapportionment and redistricting must not radically alter the demographics of the ANCs such that any particular constituency's power and representation would be significantly diluted.

In order to ensure the Task Force's final recommendations were reflective of the full diversity of community perspectives, it was essential to the body that all meetings be public, transparent and accessible to Ward 4 residents, with multiple opportunities for the community to weigh in on the Task Force's work.

Members of the Task Force met regularly as a body (*see meeting dates and notes in the subsequent subsection*) and also broke out into various working groups to focus on public outreach, map recommendations and review, and report writing. Final decisions impacting the Task Force required a majority vote by the body, but preliminary discussions on decision points within working groups, and within the larger Task Force, were conducted informally and in more of a consensus model. The co-chairs sometimes polled the Task Force during a public meeting or via an emailed survey to gauge where the majority of members stood on a particular matter. No major mapmaking decisions were made by the Task Force without having a discussion outloud via a public a meeting; sometimes the public discussion occurred after a map drafting boundary choice was made between meetings and in those cases the Task Force discussion focused on the rationale for the choice and soliciting Task Force feedback and consensus on whether to move forward with that choice or to move in a different direction. Real-time chats and comments in the Zoom platform that Ward 4 residents contributed during public meetings often provided helpful input and guidance on decisions before the Task Force.

During the redistricting process, the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force also proactively sought considerable public input and consultation from Ward 4 residents. The Task Force utilized Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's social media platform, given her strong presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, to spread the word about the redistricting process, meeting times and dates for public input. Councilmember Lewis George's office also amplified the Task Force's work in the Councilmember's weekly newsletter which was cross-posted by her office to neighborhood community listservs each week. Members of the Task Force also distributed fliers at several key locations throughout Ward 4 to engage residents without digital access or other hard-to-reach residents.

The Task Force set up a voicemail box (202-642-5714) using Google Voice and an email address (Ward4Redistricting@dccouncil.us) using a DC Council email platform to receive both English language and Spanish language feedback from Ward 4 residents, though no messages were submitted in Spanish. Members of the Task Force or representatives of the Councilmember's office responded to inquiries received either to thank them for their comment or to answer a specific question. At the conclusion of the Task Force's work, the Task Force also responded in writing to resolutions received from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, noting how the Task Force took their feedback into account in its final recommendations. Copies of those communications are included in the appendix of this report.

Throughout the Task Force's redistricting work from mid-January to the end of March 2022, 68 emails and 3 voicemails were received providing feedback on possible boundaries and proposed maps. Across two community hearing meetings, 22 residents testified live on redistricting matters via Zoom before the Task Force (8 witnesses at the first hearing on February 6, 2022, and 16 witnesses at the second hearing on March 8, 2022, including two community members who testified at both hearings); the Task Force received 11 written copies of these testimonies; 3 additional written testimonies were submitted for the March 8, 2022 hearing. Three Advisory Neighborhood Commissions – 4A, 4D, and 3/4G – passed resolutions with recommendations to the Task Force on redistricting considerations.

Finally, the Task Force took seriously its apolitical mission. The group worked with intention to ensure recommendations were informed by population shifts, geographic features, and community feedback — not the electoral or political ramifications of any boundary shift. At two early Task Force meetings, the role of current ANC commissioners and commission resolutions were discussed and the Task Force collectively agreed it would encourage and welcome ANC resolutions on top-level, apolitical redistricting subjects; the Task Force agreed that resolutions

would received written responses from the Task Force but that resolutions would carry the same value and emphasis as all other forms of public testimony and input. Similarly, the Task Force agreed that testimony presented by current ANC commissioners in public community hearings would carry the same weight as testimony provided by other Ward 4 residents. A message to all Ward 4 ANC commissioners was sent by a member of Councilmember Lewis George's staff on February 1, 2022 notifying commissioners of redistricting work underway, when and how best to weigh in, and points of contact for follow up questions; a copy of that message is included in the appendix of this report.

B. Major Map Boundary Considerations and Decision Points for Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force:

For many residents, their primary request was to preserve existing neighborhood cohesion within their respective ANCs or to group certain cohesive neighborhoods within an ANC, and in some cases within one SMD. For these residents, their testimony often identified a major corridor as a natural boundary. But another major theme was a request to include blocks on either side of major arterial and/or commercial corridors within a single ANC and/or SMD, to the extent possible, rather than using these streets as a boundary between two or more ANCs, in order to streamline ANC coordination with the District government on matters such as public safety and business permitting. These were the major mapmaking considerations related to this discussion:

- Whether to use Missouri Avenue, NW as the dividing line between ANCs 4B and 4D, as it would bisect the 200-100 blocks of Kennedy Street, NW from the blocks to the west. Some felt it was important to keep the entire Kennedy Street, NW corridor within one ANC; others felt that Missouri Avenue, NW was the natural dividing line between two distinct communities with different sets of community issues.
- Whether to maintain Georgia Avenue, NW as a primary east-west boundary south of Missouri Avenue. The role of Georgia Avenue had implications for the boundaries of ANCs 4D, 4C, and a possible new 4E; an alternative boundary surfaced by the Task Force was 13th Street, NW which would allow the Task Force to recommend boundaries that kept both sides of the Georgia Avenue, NW corridor entirely within 4D (expanding 4D significantly and shifting 4C west to Crestwood and more of 16th Street Heights). Again, most residents testified that Georgia Ave. NW was the natural border, as communities to the west and the east generally had different neighborhood identities, interests, and concerns. Still, some residents testified that coordination between two ANCs with regard to Georgia Ave. NW is challenging.

- Whether and how to divide the 14th Street, NW commercial corridors. Divisions could be created with an east-west split or a north-south split between two ANCs: 4C and a new 4E. Public feedback was provided affirming the southern (Spring - Taylor Streets, NW) and northern (Arkansas - Iowa Avenues, NW) portions of 14th Street's commercial corridors were distinct corridors, each anchoring distinct neighborhoods and neighborhood identities and that keeping the east-west portions of each corridor within a singular ANC would be the ideal way to streamline coordination with respect to each corridor's development, city services, and public safety needs.

The Task Force also heard extensive concerns about how to draw SMD boundaries in the population dense Brightwood neighborhood areas immediately north of Missouri Avenue, NW between 16th Street NW and Georgia Avenue, NW:

- The ANC 4A redistricting resolution highlighted the long-term vacancies in the current SMD 4A05, which is made up largely by apartment buildings, and has struggled to elect and sustain ANC commissioners.
- Brightwood residents and civic association leaders testified that each SMD should be diverse and balanced, and that this would give the community the best chance to fill all SMD seats and elevate community concerns.

Similarly, the Task Force engaged in considerable discussion about the question of how to draw SMDs for and around the Walter Reed campus, a major residential and commercial development underway in ANC 4A nestled between Brightwood and Shepherd Park:

- At the time of the 2020 Census, the campus population was a fraction of what it is expected to grow to over the next decade. While D.C. Code requires the city to draw boundaries that reflect decennial census data, the Task Force discussed whether it would be optimal to include the Walter Reed campus within one SMD or to split it between two so that no single commissioner is overextended as the complex develops.
- A resolution from ANC 4A requested that the Task Force draw any SMD that includes the Walter Reed campus to include blocks both to the north in Shepard Park and blocks to the south in Brightwood, given that the immediate surrounding neighbors have a shared interest in the continuing development of the site.

A major request from ANC 4D's resolution was to make sure that ANCs are a manageable size - their experience as a commission of 6 SMDs was that this was too few commissioners to adequately run an ANC. Many residents, including former ANC commissioners, shared this assessment but also cautioned that ten or more SMDs would be too unwieldy, with too many issues and too much land to cover within one ANC. One resident worried that ANC meetings would last until the wee hours with all the topics to cover in an ANC of this size. The Task Force found this feedback compelling and sought to strike the right balance and equitable distribution of SMDs in the final proposed redistricting map for Ward 4.

Lastly, throughout the redistricting period, the Task Force received multiple public testimonials and communications advocating in support of creating a new ANC to keep ANCs compact, responsive, and manageable. Driving factors in pursuing the creation of a new ANC 4E included:

- Creating an ANC 4E that includes the current SMDs of 4C01, 4C02, 4C03, 4A08, and parts of 4C05 and 4A07 would join together the Crestwood and 16th Street Heights communities which many residents noted as neighborhoods of common interests and more compact geography.
- Not creating an additional ANC would mean that ANCs 4C and 4D would each have to grow to more than 10 SMDs.
- Maintaining the current ANC borders that join Crestwood with the far northern parts of Ward 4 along the Maryland border may no longer make sense; similarly, 16th Street Heights's more residential character may no longer be as well aligned with the southern, more dense and rapidly developing portions of Petworth.
- Crestwood and 16th Street are likely the most analogous neighborhoods to match when thinking about if and where to add a new ANC to the southern portion of the Ward.

C. Summary of Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force Meeting Process and Major Discussion Topics Covered in each Session:

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force began its work with an inaugural meeting on January 23, 2022 following a January 19, 2022 formal meeting notice (see appendix) posted in accordance with the District's Open Meetings Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-576. The notice was posted publicly on Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's redistricting website (www.JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting)⁴, the redistricting website of DC Council Subcommittee

⁴ www.JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting served as the official website and central hub of public information of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force.

on Redistricting Chair Elissa Silverman (<https://www.ElissaSilverman.com/Redistricting>), promoted on Councilmember Lewis George's social media platforms on January 20, 2022,⁵ and Councilmember's weekly newsletter on January 21, 2022;⁶ The Councilmember's newsletter is cross-posted by her office to all Ward 4 neighborhood listservs each week. At the Task Force's inaugural meeting, a schedule for forthcoming meetings was proposed, agreed to, and subsequently posted on all aforementioned platforms.

To ensure accessibility of public discussion, all meetings, except for one, March 20, 2022, provided simultaneous Spanish and ASL interpretation through the Zoom meeting platform. Meetings were conducted exclusively via Zoom at the recommendation of the DC Council Subcommittee on Redistricting in recognition of the ongoing COVID-19 public health concerns and the ability to conduct in-person gatherings with sufficient distancing and other safety accommodations. Zoom allowed residents to watch the meeting live in "webinar" format or to call in to listen to discussions by phone; recordings and meeting slide decks were also posted to www.JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting within 24 hours of the meeting. Zoom chat functions were enabled for all meetings to allow the public to be active participants in Task Force discussions; chats were saved so Task Force members could go back to review input later, as needed. Public attendance at Task Force redistricting Zoom meetings ranged from 5 - 50 residents each week.

**WARD 4
REDISTRICTING
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MEETINGS**

VIRTUAL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ASL & SPANISH INTERPRETATION PROVIDED

RSVP and find more information:
www.janeeseward4.com/Redistricting

- Sunday, Jan 30 at 2pm
- **Sunday, Feb 6 at 2pm**
Public Meeting with
Community Testimony
- Sunday, Feb 20 at 2pm
- Sunday, Feb 27 at 2pm
- **Tuesday, Mar 8 at 7pm**
Public Meeting with
Community Testimony
- Sunday, Mar 13 at 2pm
- Sunday, Mar 20 at 2pm
- Tuesday, Mar 29 at 7pm

Redistricting occurs every 10 years to rebalance populations for equal representation. Ward 4 is updating its political boundaries for SMDs (Single Member Districts and ANCs (Advisory Neighborhood Commissions)). Testify before the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force on February 6 or March 8 to weigh in on how to redraw Ward 4's SMD and ANC boundaries.

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⁵ https://www.instagram.com/p/CY9W_SxrgAG/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
<https://twitter.com/CMLewisGeorgeW4/status/1484181509628116992>
<https://www.facebook.com/profile/100045432325891/search/?q=redistrict>

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https://janeeseward4.com/ward-4-dispatch-redistricting-foreclosure-moratorium-and-oversight-of-dc-agencies/?fbclid=IwAR3gEZGIPLOn_dKcH9l-xjvInsi5NcaxgAmJ-KOZdSXWf_R4wOO6eOuiCzc

- **Sunday, January 23, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - Meeting agenda included:
 - Introduction of Task Force members
 - Introductory remarks from Councilmember Lewis George, and Task Force Co-Chairs Julia Howell-Barros and Carol Joyner
 - Introduction of guiding values and Task Force meeting ground rules.
 - Staff from Councilmember Lewis George's office presented on the Redistricting process and why it is a requirement in general; statutory requirements and recommended principles for redistricting; as well as how to use census data sets and other tools provided by the Office of Planning.
 - A meeting schedule and an outline of discussion topics for the future meetings was discussed and approved.

- **Sunday, January 30, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - Presentation from staff of the District's Office of Planning providing further guidance on redistricting requirements and OP mapmaking tools.
 - Discussion of how the Task Force would engage with ANCs, commissioners, and ANC resolutions.
 - Discussion of social media platform monitoring for redistricting public input.
 - Establishment of redistricting email (ward4redistricting@dccouncil.us), voicemail (202-642-5714), and social media (#Ward4Redistricting, @Ward4Redistricting, @W4Redistricting) methods of communication; Task Force requested these centralized communication channels be leveraged for public input, feedback, and guidance as opposed to communications being sent directly to any one member of the Task Force which could minimize transparency of the redistricting process.
 - Preparations were discussed for the initial public community hearing

- **Sunday, February 6, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - The Task Force held its first public community hearing where Ward 4 residents were able to present live public testimony of roughly 3-5 minutes of input on how the Task Force should approach the work of rebalancing ANCs and SMDs. Community members were asked to [RSVP via Zoom](#) and approximately one third of the RSVP'd attendees elected to provide testimony.
 - 8 witnesses testified live during the hearing; some attendees elected not to testify live but put comments in the Zoom chat function for Task Force consideration.
 - Common themes the Task Force heard from public witnesses included:

- Creating manageable sized ANC: between 7-10 single member districts being about the right size to consider. For some ANCs, this would mean growing, for some shrinking relative to population 2010-2020 growth.
 - Creating more compact ANCs that are more able to represent and coalesce around immediate geographic and micro-neighborhood concerns or priorities.
 - Georgia and Missouri Avenues being natural arterial and geographic and neighborhood identity boundaries in the Ward.
 - Creating a better structure for Brightwood SMDs to ensure their full representation in ANC matters
 - Preserving ANC 3/4G as a split or cross-Ward ANC to represent shared neighborhood interests.
 - The Task Force discussed next step processes: breaking into smaller working groups to take closer looks at the Ward geographies and populations to propose initial thoughts on how to update and rebalance districts. The Task Force agreed to structure the working groups by the geography of natural NW, NE, SW, SE quadrants of the Ward.
- **Sunday, February 20, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - Task Force quadrant working groups reported back on their research, discussions, and map proposals for their quadrants; fellow Task Force members asked clarifying questions of each others' proposals and choices made.
 - The northwest quadrant working group had four Task Force members and focused on the boundaries of ANC 3/4G (Ward 4 boundaries), and the portion of the Ward generally east of Rock Creek Park, west of Georgia Avenue, NW, and north of Missouri Avenue/Military Road, NW. The group proposed boundaries that redrew ANC 4A with seven single member districts with a southern border at Missouri Avenue, NW; they proposed approximately 4 SMDs covering Brightwood, and an ANC for Walter Reed that was roughly half the required population but covered less of Brightwood than the current SMD and expanded further into Shepherd Park from current borders. The proposal for 3/4G committed to keeping all SMDs populated by only Ward 4 residents and balanced out population requirements by moving 3/4G03 one block north to McKinley into 3/4G04.
 - The northeast quadrant working group had four Task Force members and focused on the boundaries of current ANC 4B including neighborhoods east of Georgia Avenue, NW and generally north of Missouri Avenue, NW. Their proposal recommended keeping ANC 4B at 9 SMDs and balanced the ANC's population growth by shifting the Manor Park neighborhood into ANC 4D. Additionally, they proposed significant changes to the SMD boundaries in the northern part of

the quadrant around Takoma to shrink and rebalance SMDs along more natural street boundaries and to account for multiple Takoma SMDs growing by 50%.

- The southwest quadrant working group had three Task Force members and focused on the southern boundaries of ANC 4A generally south of Missouri Avenue, NW and the portions of ANC 4C west of Georgia Avenue, NW. Their proposal suggested the creation of a new ANC 4E to serve Crestwood and 16th Street Heights and creating an east-west division of ANCs along 13th Street, NW south of Missouri Avenue, NW. Specific numbers of SMDs were not proposed.
 - The southeast quadrant working group had four Task Force members and was focused on the boundaries of ANC 4D - everything generally south of Missouri Avenue, NW and east of Georgia Avenue, NW - and the portions of ANC 4C around and east of Georgia Avenue, NW. They proposed reconstituting ANCs 4C and 4D by using the two ANCs to represent the Ward south of Missouri Avenue/Military Road with Georgia Avenue, NW as the east-west boundary. This proposal included 9 SMDs for new ANC 4C boundaries covering Crestwood, 16th Street Heights, and Petworth west of Georgia Ave; and 11 SMDs for ANC 4D covering Brightwood Park and Petworth east of Georgia Avenue, NW.
 - Working group leaders committed to talking between meetings to reconcile proposals to ultimately merge map concepts.
- **Sunday, February 27, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - The Task Force presented and discussed 4 draft maps that merged the quadrant working groups' suggested maps. Each map also reflected various pieces of public feedback the Task Force received.
 - Task Force discussion included: key ANC boundaries chosen for each discussion map and why, changes to the racial demographics of ANCs with each map, the implications of larger or smaller ANC cohorts, and the implications for neighborhood cohesion and commercial corridors with each map.
 - Preparations were discussed for the public community hearing scheduled for March 8, 2022, including planning for social media and in-person outreach to promote the hearing and solicit more public input on redistricting work.
 - **Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. via Zoom: ([Recording](#))**
 - The Task Force held its second public community hearing where Ward 4 residents were able to present live testimony of 4-5 minutes reacting to the draft discussion maps created by the Task Force - witnesses were encouraged to use the maps to articulate what they thought would work and what they thought was off from proposals surfaced out of map amalgams combining working group proposals.
 - Community members were asked to [RSVP via Zoom](#); 16 individuals provided live testimony, representing approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ residents who RSVP'd by the

requested March 7, 2022 deadline. There were 2 witnesses at this hearing who also provided testimony at the February community hearing.

- Common themes the Task Force heard from public witnesses included:
 - The two maps with 10-12 SMDs per ANC in the areas south of Missouri Avenue, NW would be too large to be practicable.
 - If the Task Force creates an ANC 4E, Arkansas Avenue, NW should be the primary divider between 4E and 4C.
 - All map proposals could use slight improvements in Brightwood and the Task Force should take into account the apartment communities south of Missouri Avenue who also share similar interests with Brightwood residents to the north of Missouri
 - Community cohesion along and around Kennedy Street, NW needed special attention and intention relative to business and residential development, public safety challenges, and its historic identity as a core commercial corridor in Brightwood Park.
 - The 3 maps proposing roughly similar SMD configurations for ANC 3/4G were preferred to the map creating new SMD configurations.
 - SMD continuity along the northern border of the Ward that neighbors Maryland should be prioritized to streamline intrastate coordination
 - 13th Street, NW would not be as practical or natural of a border in lower Ward 4 as Georgia Avenue, NW would be.
- **Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - The four prior discussion maps were merged into two different ANC/SMD map options reflective of public input and Task Force discussions
 - Guided by the new draft map proposals, the Task Force confirmed their support for creation of a new ANC 4E, downsizing ANCs 4A and 4C to seven single member districts, and preserving nearly identical SMD boundaries for 3/4G
 - The Task Force had extensive discussions on boundaries for ANCs 4B and 4D and how best to grow ANC 4D to at least seven single member districts while avoiding a potentially unwieldy number of SMDs (more than 10 SMDs) in ANC 4B. The discussion focused on the communities north and south of Missouri Avenue, NW and how best to treat the Kennedy Street corridor as both a major commercial corridor and a focal point of neighborhood safety. The discussion ended with 11 of the 13 Task Force members in attendance agreeing the boundary for ANCs 4B and 4D should follow Missouri Avenue, NW from Georgia Avenue, NW to North Capitol Street, NW, thus keeping the far east portions of Kennedy Street (NW and NE) in ANC 4B and moving the blocks around the Emery Community Center South of Missouri Avenue, NW into ANC 4D. This boundary

enables ANC 4D to grow to 8 SMDs and 4B to encompass 10 SMDs, one SMD less than what ANC 4B would require if current borders remained unchanged.

- It was agreed that a final map would reflect this 4B/4D boundary agreement, and would be circulated back to Task Force members prior to the next meeting.
- **Sunday, March 20, 2022, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom: ([Presentation](#) | [Recording](#))**
 - Reviewed the proposed final map and presented on boundary choices made reflective of discussions the previous week around Missouri Avenue as an ANC border and subsequent shifts to ANCs 4B, 4C, and 4D related to using the border.
 - One of the Task Force co-chairs proposed an oral amendment to the proposed final map to shift the borders of proposed SMDs 4B09 and 4B10 from Oglethorpe to Nicholson on the north side of Riggs Rd to create a more compact and commonsense SMD border. No major population imbalances occurred as a result of moving lines by one block. All Task Force members present on the Zoom approved of this recommendation.
 - Discussed and confirmed where the Task Force needed to draw census block splits on a hard copy map. The only block split with a population impact would be the split in 3/4G02 to create a contiguous 3/4G01. All other splits would have no population impact but were necessary to create ‘straight lines’ that follow the natural flow of diagonal streets in the Ward where census blocks don’t align.
 - The Task Force held a vote to approve the electronic ESRI version of the proposed map, allowing the Task Force to move forward with the drawing of the hard copy map. The vote passed unanimously.
 - Discussed draft content of Task Force report to enable Task Force members to offer line edits or suggest key topics to include in the final report.
 - Committed to sharing a penultimate copy of the report with Task Force members on Monday, March 28 to provide 24 hours for review before voting.
- **Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. via Zoom ([Recording](#)):**
 - The Task Force voted 16-0 to approve a final hard copy hand drawn map reflecting ESRI design along with intended census block splits
 - Task Force co-chairs presented the topline summary of each section of the final draft of the report and areas where information was missing or required closer copy edits were flagged for Task Force members. Missing information was primarily data integration from other Task Force files and previous meeting slides.
 - The Task Force approved the draft report 16-0, with room for Councilmember Lewis George’s staff to make technical and conforming edits, and to compile all necessary appendix attachments in the proper formats.
 - The Task Force further discussed “other” Task Force recommendations on ANC operations (D.C. Official Code § 1–1041.02 (3)(b)(2)) and agreed to make very

short, general recommendations on the importance of resourcing and promoting the work of ANCs. Task Force members were given 24 hours to review proposed language and provide feedback before inclusion in the the final report.

IV. MAPS OF RECOMMENDED BOUNDARIES

In this report's appendix, the Task Force provides a PDF version of the map generated in the online ESRI map making software and a hard copy of the hand drawn map that enables the Task Force to accurately represent where census blocks should be split to create contiguous and commonsense boundaries that align with the natural geography of the Ward.

The two notable areas where the ESRI map differs from the hand drawn map include census block splits as follows:

- **Census Block 0015004000 in ANC 3/4G**
 - This block is split at 31st Street and Aberfoyle Place, NW by drawing a straight line continuing along 31st Street, NW to the northeast to connect to Beech Street, NW; the National Park Service portions of land to the north of Aberfoyle Place (between Aberfoyle Place and Beech Street, NW) and to the northwest of 31st Street, NW would also be split from 3/4G02 to join 3/4G01. This creates contiguous boundary lines for ANC 3/4G01 and creates a more equitable population balance between the two single member districts.
 - There are 16 houses included in this proposed split and the District Office of Planning estimates there are 38 residents who would be impacted by splitting the census block. Including these 38 residents would set the 3/4G01 population at 2,104, and the 3/4G02 population would be reduced to 2,110 - from 2,148 residents reflected in the ESRI map - by splitting the block.
- **Census Blocks 0017022007 and 0017021017 in ANC 4B**
 - These two census blocks are situated alongside the eastern portion of the metro red line connecting Takoma to Fort Totten and contain no homes or residents. The Task Force proposes creating two SMDs to the east of the metro line section of the Ward between the Takoma metro station to Kansas Avenue, NW, with the primary north-south SMD divider line being Walnut Street, NW. On the ESRI map, however, these particular census blocks cut across both north-south sides of what would be the continuation of Walnut Street thereby creating awkward boundaries between proposed SMDs 4B04 and 4B07.

- The Task Force proposes splitting these two census blocks in the same ways by continuing a straight boundary line along Whittier Street starting at the far northwest corner of proposed SMD 4B07 and continuing from Blair Road, NW to Sandy Spring Road, NW to meet the intersection of Sandy Spring Road and Laurel Street, NW (Walnut Street feeds into Laurel Street). No population changes occur as a result of this proposed census block split.

The hand drawn hand copy of the Task Force’s recommended ANC and SMD boundaries also serves to straighten out boundary lines in 5 places along diagonal streets in the Ward where the designated census blocks limit the ESRI map tool to horizontal and vertical census block lines. The SMDs impacted by these changes in the hand drawn map include 4B04 (Piney Branch Road and 6th Street, NW), 4C06 (New Hampshire Ave. and 7th Street, NW), 4C07 (New Hampshire Ave. and 8th Street, NW), 4D02 (Missouri Avenue and 3rd Place, NW), and 4E05 (Arkansas Avenue and 14th Street, NW) – no houses or residents are impacted by manually drawing lines that more accurately follow the natural roadway divisions in the Ward.

V. RATIONALE

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force’s work and mapmaking rationale were informed primarily by the statutory guidance provided by Councilmember Lewis-George’s office throughout the redistricting process and the guiding values agreed upon during the January 23 Task Force kick-off meeting (public slide deck version provided in appendix):

- Meetings will be public, transparent, and accessible;
- We will provide Ward 4 residents with multiple opportunities - through multiple mediums - to weigh in on Task Force work;
- Our mission is to rebalance for population equity, and ensure all voices in our Ward have fair access to all levers of local government;
- This is an apolitical task force: our responsibility is to land boundaries [of populations];
- Task force members will not be current ANC commissioners, or running in 2022;
- All meetings will have ASL interpretation and Spanish translation; and
- Additional interpretation services can be requested with at least 3 weekdays’ notice.

The Task Force was also guided by the December 15, 2021 memo and January 20, 2022 redistricting presentation prepared by Redistricting Subcommittee Chair Silverman’s office.

The collective goal of the Task Force was to rebalance for population equity relative to Ward geography and ensure equitable access to all levers of local government, while also preserving

neighborhood cohesion and racial equity. The Task Force sought to maximize outreach and feedback to ensure its final recommendations reflected this central rebalancing goal.

Below, the Task Force provides ANC by ANC rationales for redistricting choices reflected in the proposed map, including key decisions regarding individual SMDs and alternative ANC and SMD configurations considered by the Task Force.

A. For ANC 4A, the Task Force recommended:

- ***Re-drawing the ANC 4A boundaries in order to create a more compact, contiguous ANC by using Missouri Ave. NW as a proposed southern border for ANC 4A.*** Residents repeatedly requested this in their testimony. The current boundaries for ANC 4A cover a considerable length of Ward 4, stretching from the northernmost point of the District down Rock Creek Park to the southernmost point of the Ward in Crestwood. The proposed map contains ANC 4A from the northernmost points to the Ward's natural midpoint at Missouri Avenue, NW.
- ***Drawing SMD 4A01 such that it is the only SMD to span the Ward's far northern DC-Maryland border between Rock Creek Park and Georgia Avenue, NW.*** This would create continuity of cross-jurisdictional matters with neighboring Montgomery County, Maryland and better distribute the workload for the commercial corridor along Georgia Ave. NW and the northern Gateway into the District.
- ***Shrinking the physical boundaries of 4A03 to consist of the entirety of Walter Reed Campus but fewer neighboring streets:*** along Whittier Place, NW and Van Buren Street, NW to the south; along Floral Street, NW and a portion of Geranium Street, NW to the north. The Walter Reed campus is in the nascent stages of embracing its identity as a new neighborhood in Ward 4 called "The Parks at Walter Reed." In the short period of time since the 2020 Census, the area has developed considerably. The portion of the Walter Reed campus that contains residents is now under an owners' association, contains many private roads and streets, and has many common community issues with the residents to the north and south of the campus. A resolution from ANC 4A requested that the Task Force draw any SMD that includes the Walter Reed campus to include blocks to both the north in Shepard Park and blocks to the south in Brightwood, as the surrounding neighbors have a shared interest in the continuing development of the site.
- ***Creating five SMDs to share the representation of Brightwood's highly dense population: ANCs 4A03 (partially), 4A04, 4A05, 4A06, and 4A07.*** Further, the Task Force heard substantial feedback from community members and ANC commissioners

that it was important to create SMDs in ways that bring a balance of apartment buildings and single family homes to SMDs and do not over-concentrate Brightwood's Georgia Avenue corridor in any one SMD. Brightwood residents testified that each SMD should be diverse and balanced, and that this would give the community the best chance to fill all SMD seats and elevate community concerns. Within ANC 4A's resolution on recommendations for Ward 4 redistricting, the commission highlighted the long-term vacancies in the current SMD 4A05, which is largely big apartment buildings, and has struggled to elect and sustain ANC commissioners; this is a common challenge across ANCs citywide and renters tend to be underrepresented on commissions. Brightwood residents also testified that SMDs should be diverse and balanced to give the community the best chance to fill every Brightwood SMD seat and elevate community concerns.

- ***Shifting SMD 4A07 north to reflect the new ANC divider at Missouri Avenue.*** The proposed 4A07 balances population by absorbing the Rittenhouse Apartments and two census blocks just south of the Walter Reed campus. SMD 4A07 has represented residents on both the east and west sides of 16th Street and will continue to do so in the proposed map as residents living immediately next to 16th Street, NW share community interests with 16th Street traffic safety and Rock Creek Park and park maintenance.

B. For ANC 4B, the Task Force recommended:

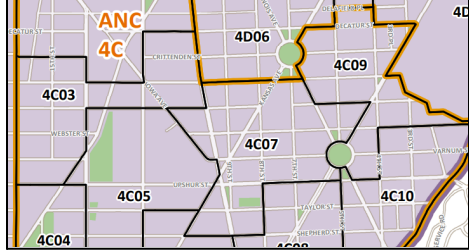
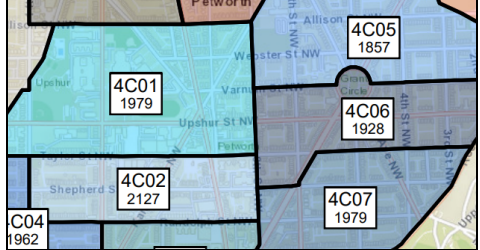
- ***Maintaining ANC 4B boundaries similar to the ANC boundaries in place since at least 1990,*** with Georgia Ave. NW to the west as the boundary, Eastern Ave to east, and Missouri Ave., NW to Riggs Rd.NE as a large parts of the southern boundary. The notable boundary change is the stretch of Missouri Avenue, NW from Georgia Avenue, NW to 4th Street, NW now creating the proposed dividing line with ANC 4D.
- ***Adding 1 newly created SMD in order to meet the statutory population requirements.*** This ensures all SMDs are re-balanced equitably. ANC 4B saw a population growth of 18%, greater than all other Ward 4 ANCs and therefore needed an additional commissioner to keep SMDs populations as close to 2,000 residents as possible. The main ANC areas over the statutory population requirements were the commercial hubs Takoma Park and Lamond-Riggs neighborhoods who had experienced significant development over the past decade..
- ***Shifting boundaries and rebalancing the population of SMDs 4B01, 4B02, 4B04 and 4B07 to alleviate significant growth in Takoma Park.***

- ***Creating SMD 4B10 in the southeastern part of ANC 4B to alleviate population growth in 4B08 and 4B09 and portions of 4B07 in the Lamond-Riggs community.*** The new SMD 4B10 boundaries include Kansas Avenue, NE to the north, Eastern Avenue, NE to the east, the red line metro train tracks (what would be the continuation of First Place, NE) to the west, and portions of Olgethorpe Street, NE, Nicholson Street, NE, and Riggs Road, NE to the south . This configuration also aimed to maintain continuity of the Lamont Riggs neighborhood.
- ***Containing all of Piney Branch Road, NW from Georgia Avenue, NW to Cedar Road, NW within a single SMD, 4B02.*** By contrast, the current ANC 4B structure splits portions of Piney Branch Road, a significant thoroughfare, across three SMDs.
- ***Creating SMDs that span both east and west sides of the red line metro line from Fort Totten to Takoma.*** While current SMD 4B07 largely follows borders along the train tracks to the east, such a border was no longer feasible with population growth of the past decade (current 4B07 has more than 2,900 residents). To split the SMD geography into two SMDs - proposed SMDs 4B04 and 4B07 - required population balances with neighbors Takoma and Manor Park who live to the west of the metro line. Neighbors on both sides of the train lines - and soon to be both sides of the Metropolitan Branch Trail - share similar community interests regarding traffic flow and safety, maintenance of public space surrounding major transit ways, noise pollution, and forthcoming trail construction. SMD 4B08 currently spans both sides of the metro line and will continue to do so in the proposed map.
- ***Preserving a portion of Kennedy Street in ANC 4B.*** There was community consensus that Kennedy St. NW from 2nd Street, NW to 1st Street, NE is an important community artery historically represented by ANC 4B and residents on neighboring streets to the North of Missouri Ave. should be part of the same representative body.
 - The Task Force considered whether to have the entirety of the Kennedy Street, NW corridor within 4D, or whether to use Missouri Avenue, NW to divide Kennedy Street, NW across ANC 4B and 4D. The majority of public feedback and testimony stated that the 200-unit blocks of Kennedy Street, NW and the unit -100 blocks east of Missouri Avenue, NE were two separate communities with differing sets of concerns than the stretch of Kennedy Street west of Missouri Avenue, NW and supported utilizing Missouri Avenue, NW as the northern border for 4D, moving a portion of the current SMD 4B05 into ANC 4D.

C. For ANC 4C, the Task Force recommended:

- ***Re-drawing the ANC 4C boundaries to create a more compact, contiguous ANC.*** The proposed ANC 4C encompasses the southern Petworth neighborhood and moves a majority of the 16th Street Heights neighborhood to a newly created commission, ANC 4E, with Arkansas Avenue, NW as ANC 4C's western border, and portions of Allison Street, NW and Buchanan Street, NW as its northern border.
- ***Reducing the number of SMDs within the proposed ANC 4C from 10 to 7.*** This is preferable to growing to 12 SMDs, as would have been necessary within the current ANC borders given the 2020 Census population growth.
- ***Preserving the lower portion of Ward 4's 14th Street, NW corridor in ANC 4C as one of the main, identifiable commercial hubs for southern Petworth neighbors, and shifting the upper 14th Street corridor into the new ANC 4E.*** The issues faced by the northern portion of 14th Street, NW shares more commonalities with 16th Street Heights neighbors. Further, this will help to ensure business corridor workloads are not over concentrated in any one ANC.
- ***Creating SMDs that strive to span both sides of major commercial corridors:*** both east and west sides of Georgia Avenue, NW and 14th Street, NW, and both north and south sides of Upshur Street, NW. Public witnesses, including former ANC 4C commissioners, and former ANC commissioners serving on the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force noted the importance of commercial corridor continuity and centering these corridors within singular SMDs, to the extent practicable, rather than using them as district dividers. The proposed SMDs within ANC 4C strives to embody this principle:
 - Proposed SMD 4C01 covers both sides of Georgia Avenue from Taylor Street, NW to Allison Street, NW, similarly encompassing the 3 blocks of commercial artery of Upshur Street, NW between 13th and 8th Streets, NW .
 - Proposed SMDs 4C02 and 4C03 cover both the east and west sides of Georgia Avenue, NW
 - Proposed SMD 4C06 covers both the north and south sides of the eastern portion of Upshur Street, NW that abuts to Rock Creek Church Road, NW and the entrance to Lincoln's Cottage.
- ***Redrawing the SMD boundaries to create more compact, less "jagged" SMDs.*** For example, the current 4C07 is shaped almost like a star along multiple diagonal boundary streets and 4C03 is shaped almost like an "H" with a portion of the SMD only one block north to south and another portion spanning five blocks north to south. The Task Force

proposed SMDs shaped more consistently as rectangles or parallelograms throughout the whole ANC.

Current SMD design	Proposed SMD design
	

D. For ANC 4D, the Task Force recommended:

- Utilizing Missouri Ave. NW as the northern boundary for ANC 4D.** This adjusted border would better reflect the community cohesion that exists south of Missouri Avenue. This change enables ANC4D to add an additional single member district (in total the ANC is growing by two SMDs) and to better coordinate the commission’s work related to the commercial business, residential development, and public safety concerns of Kennedy Street, NW. Neighbors who live north of Kennedy Street, NW and south of Missouri Avenue, NW identify as Brightwood Park residents and have strong ties Kennedy Street as the community’s commercial corridor anchor - serving all residents with shared Brightwood Park identities and common interests advances neighborhood continuity in an ANC.

 - The Task Force also considered an alternative proposal that would have included all of the Kennedy St. NW corridor from Georgia Avenue, NW to North Capitol Street, NW within ANC 4D, but the majority of community feedback, particularly from residents who live in ANC 4B stated that the corridors west and east of Missouri Ave. are part of two different neighborhoods, with different community issues impacting these two areas portions.
- Maintaining Georgia Avenue, NW as the western border of the ANC.** The Task Force considered whether to maintain Georgia Avenue, NW as the western boundary for 4D, or whether to shift it to 13th Street, NW, in order to have both the eastern and western sides of Georgia Avenue, NW, below Missouri Avenue, NW, within one ANC, as coordination between two ANCs on matters impacting this major corridor has been a challenging dynamic to navigate at times. However, the majority of testimony received from community members recommended maintaining Georgia Avenue, NW as the western border for ANC 4D as Georgia has historically been a clear divider between the

Brightwood Park and 16th Street Heights neighborhoods and it would make sense for the two neighborhoods to be kept whole in their respective ANC.

- ***Shifting the southern boundary of the ANC further south to extend from Rock Creek Church Cemetery along Buchanan Street, NW to Kansas Avenue, NW.*** This will mean that 4D encompasses the entirety of Sherman Circle within SMD 4D06, whereas previously portions of the homes facing the circle were bifurcated between ANCs 4C and 4D.
 - Additionally, the Task Force heard testimony that areas abutting National Park Service land require significant coordination with the federal agency, and it is therefore preferable that all areas bordering National Park Service land be included clearly within the same ANC, to the extent practicable. While the proposed map still has the Cemetery bordering ANCs 4C and 4D, the updated boundaries encompass more of the property along New Hampshire Avenue, NW into ANC 4D making clear that NPS coordination should primarily fall within the scope of the 4D's work.
- ***Expanding ANC 4D to eight single member districts.*** The Task Force received a resolution from ANC 4D on the need to add more single member districts to 4D to help share the workload of commissioners and specifically requested the creation of two additional SMDs within the Task Force's eventual 4D proposal. Currently, with only six commissioners, four of the six elected representatives to the ANC must fill statutory roles as stipulated by D.C. Official Code § 1-309.11(e)(1). This resolution rationale was compelling to the Task Force, as was the need to create more equitable workloads in a commission that encompasses two major commercial corridors (Georgia Avenue, NW and Kennedy Street, NW). Accordingly, the redistricting proposal for 4D would result in a total of eight SMDs.

E. For ANC 4E, the Task Force recommended:

- ***Creating a new ANC 4E.*** The population growth within Ward 4 necessitated the creation of 4-5 new SMDs throughout the Ward - specifically the portion of the Ward to the east of Rock Creek Park - in order to abide by the requirements set out by D.C. Official Code § 1-1011.01(f) of SMDs representing approximately 2,000 residents. Adding new SMDs to the current or immediately adjoining borders of ANCs 4A or 4C could create ANC sizes that the Task Force worried would be too large (9-12 SMDs) and unwieldy for a Commission to manage. Additionally, preserving only 4 ANCs east of the park would likely result in ANCs further splitting identifiable neighborhoods and therefore be too incongruent to be fully representative of its constituents and shared community interests.

- ***Uniting Crestwood and 16th Street Heights neighborhoods as an ANC Community.***
The Task Force heard community testimony from residents of the Crestwood community that their issues and identities have more in common with 16th Street Heights neighbors than they would with Southern Petworth or the current northern portions of ANC 4A, and that a new ANC should be created unifying - or reuniting - these communities.
- ***Placing the Crestwood Apartments census block within SMD 4E05.*** This connects the apartment complex with neighbors spanning north along 16th Street and Arkansas, instead of situating the complex within the proposed SMD 4E06 representing the larger Crestwood neighborhood.
 - Of all the feedback received by the Task Force during the redistricting process, the most frequent comment received was a request that all of Crestwood be preserved within one SMD – feedback the Task Force sought to accommodate to the best of its ability. Many Crestwood residents who wrote in stated that the community concerns of homeowners differed from those of tenants - namely tenants of the Crestwood Apartments. While the Task Force was largely unconvinced by arguments asserting differing community interests or needs, the Task Force was concerned that the voices of Crestwood Apartment residents would be silenced or diluted if included in an SMD shared with larger Crestwood. By creating an SMD that stretches up to and along 14th Street there is a more equitable balance of tenants and homeowners districted into SMD 4E05 creating more equal footing for tenants to run for and serve on an ANC (there are additional apartment buildings along 14th Street, NW at Allison and Webster Streets, NW, in particular)
 - Including the Crestwood Apartments in a *single* SMD for Crestwood would make the proposed SMD 4E06 more than 2,500 residents - significantly larger than the ideal limit of 2,100 residents - violating the principle of equal representation.
- ***Creating an east-west SMD division along 14th Street, NW to the south of Crittendon and north of Allison Streets, NW.*** While this east-west division stands in contrast to the choices made in ANC 4C to group both sides of major commercial corridors in one SMD, the Task Force believes there is a rational public policy advanced by splitting these 14th Street, NW SMDs in this way: the boundaries will help to balance workload concerns with forthcoming development to this stretch of 14th Street.⁷

⁷ More on 14th Street development and revitalizations plans can be found in the 2012 “Central 14th Street Vision Plan and Revitalization Strategy” Small Area Plan and the 2021 “Rock Creek East” Area Element Plan. <https://planning.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/op/publication/attachments/finalDraft14th%2520Street%2520Corridor%2520Plan%25207-16-12%2520edit%5B1%5D.pdf> and https://planning.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/op/publication/attachments/22_RCE.pdf

- The Northern Bus Garage - or 14th Street Bus Barn - to the east of 14th Street, NW will be a major construction, traffic, and environmental project for ANC 4E over the coming decade and neighbors need a commissioner able to intensely focus on representing their concerns and priorities related to this project.
- To the west of 14th Street, NW, this stretch of commercial space is zoned for additional mixed use development and neighbors similarly need a commissioner focused on stewarding responsible and responsive development. Over-concentrating major development projects in one SMD creates inequitable workloads for commissioners and risks overtaxing a commissioner in ways that minimize neighbors' ability to access their elected representative to discuss these project priorities and other neighborhood concerns.

F. For ANC 3/4G, the Task Force recommended:

- ***Preserving Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G as a Commission that spans two Wards*** and includes four single member districts in Ward 4 and additional single member districts in Ward 3, reflecting the common interests shared between these neighborhoods. ANC 3/4G passed and submitted a resolution to the Task Force, urging it to preserve the structure of ANC 3/4G and to ensure that all of Chevy Chase, Hawthorne, and Barnaby Woods are included within the same ANC; the Task Force also received emails with similar recommendations and requests.
 - The residents of these neighborhoods have long been joined together by a number of institutions and places within the community – Lafayette Elementary School, the Chevy Chase Community Center, St. John's High School, the commercial corridor of Connecticut Avenue, and Rock Creek Park – and the Task Force's recommendation ensures that this will continue.
 - The Task Force considered whether it was feasible to include the Ward 4 portion of ANC 3/4G in and ANC contained entirely in Ward 4, but found that doing so could have the effect of diluting the voting power of minority residents and would not respect the natural or political geography of the District, preserve neighborhood cohesiveness, or create compact and contiguous districts:
 - A Ward 4-only ANC west of Rock Creek Park would be too small to be practical with only 4 SMD commissioners and would create an unnecessary neighborhood division through historic Chevy Chase.
 - An ANC that connects Hawthorne, Barnaby Woods, and the Ward 4 portion of Chevy Chase with nearby neighborhoods east of the park - namely Colonial Village, North Portal Estates and Shepherd Park - would have the impact of reducing the voting power of Black residents east of the Park. Black residents make up more than 56% of these particular east

of the park neighborhoods and outnumber white residents 2:1. A new cross-park ANC entirely within Ward 4 would be 61% white and only 28% Black. The Task Force instead proposes keeping Colonial Village, North Portal Estates and Shepherd Park in an ANC 4A that would be 57% Black residents and, cumulatively, 86% residents of color.

- ***Removing the SMD 3/4G03 census blocks that are currently in Ward 3*** and placing those within a single member district in Ward 3, so that no single member district in ANC 3/4G includes census blocks from more than one ward. To balance 3/4G03's population the Task Force recommends moving the northern border of the SMD up to McKinley Street, NW.
- ***Splitting census block 0015004000 such that residents living on the north side of Aberfoyle Place, NW would be in 3/4G01 rather than 3/4G02.*** The split line would follow 31st Street to the northeast to Beech Street, NW thereby creating a contiguous 3/4G01 with the park portions of 3/4G02 that are to the north and northwest of Aberfoyle Place, NW also being moved to 3/4G01. Though census block 0015004000 is split in the current SMD design, it is split at Barnaby Street, NW impacting no residents; the Task Force's proposed division line will impact 38 residents but will create a more equitable population balance between the two SMDs and provide for greater geographic continuity of SMD 3/4G01. The proposed split is represented on the hard copy hand drawn map.

G. List of SMDs outside the encouraged population range and rationale for deviations:

The table below lists (1) the single member districts (SMDs) in the proposed map that are outside of the encouraged population range (1,900 - 2,100); (2) the population of those proposed SMDs; and (3) the Task Force's explanation of its recommendation. For each of these SMDs, the Task Force made every effort to ensure that they were within the recommended population range. The Task Force recommends single member districts outside of the population range in order to conform with census block geography or promote a rational public policy. Only three SMDs are outside of the recommended population range by more than 50 residents.

SMD	Population	Explanation
3/4G-01	2104	The final proposed map joins two separate portions of 3/4G-01 that are reflected in the online ESRI redistricting map tool by splitting Census Block 0015004000 at 31st Street, NW to create necessary geographic continuity. This split moves the houses on the north side of Aberfoyle Place, NW into 3/4G-01. The Office of Planning approximates this split includes 16 houses and 38 residents putting the total proposed SMD population at 2,104.

3/4G-02	2110	The final proposed map will reduce the population of Census Block 0015004000 from 351 to 313 creating a total proposed SMD population of 2,110, as estimated by the Office of Planning. This SMD is over the population bound to promote Barnaby Woods neighborhood cohesiveness and to respect the natural neighborhood geography of abutting SMDs representing historic Chevy Chase .
4A-01	2167	This single member district has over 2,100 residents in order to promote neighborhood cohesiveness and include all areas of ANC 4A bordering Montgomery County, Maryland within one single member district. Residents testified that a single SMD should represent community interests relating to interstate traffic, commerce, and crime and public safety.
4A-02	2114	This single member district has over 2,100 residents in order to promote neighborhood identity and contain the majority of the Shepherd Park neighborhood within one single member district.
4A-03	1718	This single member district has fewer than 1,900 residents in order to develop a compact and contiguous district around Walter Reed. The Walter Reed campus is in the nascent stages of embracing its identity as a new neighborhood called, “The Parks at Walter Reed” and has since grown to include over 400 new units of housing opened since the 2020 census; by contrast, the Census blocks encompassing the campus only reflect a population of 144 residents, less than the number of apartment units that were opened and occupied during the census. Since the beginning of the census process, the portion of the Walter Reed campus that contains residents is now under an owners association, contains many private roads and streets, and has many common community issues and development interests with the residents immediately to the north and south of the campus. Further, expanding proposed ANC4A-03 further to the north or to the south would disrupt neighborhood cohesion of Shepherd Park and Brightwood, respectively.
4A-06	2103	This single member district has just over 2,100 residents in order to promote a compact and contiguous district and prevent block splitting with similarly dense neighboring blocks.
4B-01	2102	This single member district has over just 2,100 residents in order to promote a compact and contiguous district and cohesiveness in the Takoma Park neighborhood.
4B-08	2156	According to the census data, there are currently 6,459 residents living in the Lamond-Riggs and surrounding neighborhoods South of Kansas Avenue, NE and an additional 334 residents abutting Kansas Ave, NW to the south of Fort Slocum Park. To respond to population growth in Lamond-Riggs while balancing continuity of current SMD borders in ANC 4B, 3 single member districts would be needed to represent residents in ways that aligned with neighborhood identity and natural geographic borders. However, this total population (6,483) requires two of the three SMDs to be over the recommended population range. The proposed borders of 4B08 and 4B09 were mapped out as over the recommended range to align as closely as possible with current boundaries to minimize confusion for residents where possible.
4B-09	2117	
4C-02	2127	These single member districts have over 2,100 residents in order to promote compact and contiguous districts and to use 8th Street, NW as a common east-west border between single member districts within ANC 4C.
4C-03	2130	
4C-05	1857	This single member district has under 1,900 residents in order to promote a compact and contiguous district and to use 8th Street, NW as a common east-west border between single member districts within ANC 4C.

4D-04	2106	This single member district has just over 2,100 residents in order to promote a compact and contiguous district and to ensure the dangerous intersection at Illinois, Farragut, and 8th Street, NW - and surrounding buffer streets - are squarely situated within one SMD to ensure community safety concerns and needs are able to be coordinated and escalated with District government, as needed, in a streamlined way.
4E-05	1889	This single member district has under 1,900 residents because the natural neighborhood borders of the Ward made expansion difficult in any direction: many residents opposed drawing borders further west into Crestwood, and because Arkansas Avenue, NW represents a natural neighborhood boundary between Petworth and 16th Street, expansion east or south were limited too. The north border reflected a decision to balance possible development coming to 14th Street, NW (housing and transit projects) and to not over concentrate development workload challenges for any one SMD commissioner.
4E-06	2132	This single member district has over 2,100 residents in order to promote a compact and contiguous district and to promote neighborhood cohesiveness by including nearly all of the Crestwood neighborhood within one single member district.

H. List of SMDs with Split Census Blocks and Rationale

The table below lists (1) census block numbers the Task Force recommended splitting, (2) the proposed single member districts where the census block appears on the ESRI version of the Task Force's proposed map, (3) the impacted population by a recommended block split, and (4) the rationale for this decision. The Task Force recommended these splits in order to conform with natural street or neighborhood geography and promote a rational public policy.

Census Block Number(s)	SMD	Population Impacted	Rationale
0015004000	3/4G02	Reduction: 38	The Task Force proposed splitting this block at 31st Street and Aberfoyle Place, NW by drawing a straight line continuing along 31 st Street, NW to the northeast to connect to Beech Street, NW; the National Park Service portions of land to the north and northwest of Aberfoyle Place, NW (between Aberfoyle and Beech) and to the northwest of 31st Street would also be split from 3/4G02 to join 3/4G01. This creates contiguous boundary lines for ANC 3/4G01 and creates a more equitable population balance between the two single member districts by reducing the 3/4G02 population reflected in the ESRI map from 2,148 to 2,110; the 3/4G01 population reflected in the ESRI map would grow from 2,066 to 2,104.
0017022007 001702101	4B04	0	The Task Force proposed splitting these two census blocks in the same ways by continuing a straight boundary line along Whittier Street, NW starting at the far northwest corner of proposed SMD 4B07 and continuing east from Blair Road, NW to Sandy Spring Road, NW to meet the intersection of Sandy Spring Road, Laurel Street, and Walnut Street, NW (Walnut

			Street feeds into Laurel Street). On the ESRI map these particular census blocks cut across both the north-south sides of what would be the natural continuation of either Walnut or Whittier Streets, NW thereby creating otherwise awkward boundaries between the proposed SMDs 4B04 and 4B07.
0017021003	4B04	0	On the hard copy of the Task Force's proposed map, a straight line is drawn extending north along 6th Street, NW from Cedar Street, NW to Piney Branch Road, NW, slicing off a tiny triangle of this census block to the west of 6th Street, NW. No houses or residents are impacted by drawing this straight line along 6th Street, NW in order to follow a more natural geography and roadway of the area. This small triangle area impacted by splitting the census block would become part of SMD 4B02.
0024004006	4C06	0	On the hard copy of the Task Force's proposed map, a 'straight' diagonal line is drawn along New Hampshire Avenue, NW extending northeast from the three-way intersection at New Hampshire Avenue, Shepherd Street, and 7th Street, NW. The Task Force intends for New Hampshire Avenue, NW to serve as a diagonal border between SMDs 4C06 and 4C07 between Shepherd Street and Taylor Street, NW, however the census block's horizontal-vertical line limitations reflects both sides of New Hampshire Avenue, NW being in SMD 4C06. It is common districting practice for boundaries to be the "yellow lines" on a street and the hard copy of the map reflects the implementation of that principle. No houses or residents are impacted by this mapping choice.
0024001001	4C07	0	On the hard copy of the Task Force's proposed map, a straight line is drawn extending north along 8th Street, NW from Quincy Street, NW to New Hampshire Avenue, NW, slicing off a tiny triangle of this census block to the west of 8th Street, NW. No houses or residents are impacted by drawing this straight line along 6th Street, NW in order to follow a more natural geography and roadway of the area. This small triangle area west of 8th Street, NW along New Hampshire Avenue, NW, would become part of SMD 4C03.
021026001	4D02	0	On the hard copy of the Task Force's proposed map, a 'straight' diagonal line is drawn along Missouri Avenue, NW extending southeast from the three-way intersection at Missouri Avenue, Longfellow Street, and 4th Street, NW to move the portion of this census block that is north of Missouri Avenue, NW between 4th Street and 3rd Place, NW into proposed SMD 4B06. The Task Force intends for Missouri Avenue, NW to serve as a diagonal border between ANCs 4B and 4D and the hard copy of the map reflects that intention to leverage this major arterial street as a natural boundary. No houses or residents are impacted by this mapping choice.
0025012010	4E05	0	On the hard copy of the Task Force's proposed map, a 'straight' diagonal line is drawn along Arkansas Avenue, NW extending northeast from Arkansas Avenue, NW and Varnum Street, NW

			to Arkansas Avenue, NW and 14th Street, NW. This would move the southeast triangle of this census block south of Arkansas Avenue, NW into ANC 4C, SMD 4C01 specifically. The Task Force intends for Arkansas Avenue, NW to serve as a diagonal border between ANCs 4C and 4E abutting Upshur Park and recreation facilities. Arkansas Avenue, NW serves as a natural neighborhood boundary between Petworth and 16th Street Heights and no houses or residents are impacted by this mapping choice.
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I. Why the DC Council Should Adopt Task Force Recommendations

The Council should adopt the recommendations of the Task Force because these recommendations reflect the public input and advice of Ward 4 residents, respect the natural and political geography of the District, preserve neighborhood identity and cohesiveness, and develop compact and contiguous districts that seek to equitably balance the civic responsibilities of ANCs and SMD commissioners. By and large, the Task Force recommends the creation of single member districts that are within the encouraged range of 1,900 - 2,100 residents. Where the Task Force recommends single member districts that are outside of that range, it does so as a result of census block geography or to promote a rational public policy. The Task Force's recommendations were informed by public testimony, emails, voicemails, tweets, resolutions from Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and instructions provided by the DC Council Subcommittee on Redistricting.

VI. TASK FORCE ACTION

Following weeks of debate and discussion of preliminary map proposals, the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force met on Tuesday March 29, 2022, to consider and vote on adoption of its recommended hard copy map, ESRI map, and Task Force report. All Task Force members were present at the meeting.

Task Force members received final draft copies of this report 24 hours in advance of the vote and, for the public benefit, Task Force co-chairs Julia Howell Barros and Carol Joyner presented an out loud summary of the key contents in each section of this report. Next, a member of Councilmember Lewis George's staff provided a screen-share view of the hand drawn hard copy of the map for Task Force members and the public to see where census block splits were drawn consistent with final Task Force recommendations.

The Task Force jointly voted 16-0 to adopt the hard copy and ESRI copy of the map by a vote of 16 to 0.

Task Force co-chairs next called for a vote on the final draft of the report, with room for the following amendment: the addition of a short statement summarizing ways the Task Force recommends the DC Council support the important work of ANCs (included in the report summary). Following a discussion of this amendment proposal, 11 Task Force members voted to move forward with including such an amendment

The Task Force members voted 16-0 to adopt the overall report, as amended, with room for co-chairs and Councilmember Lewis George's staff to make technical and conforming edits, and to add all required attachments to a final report package. The following members voted in favor:

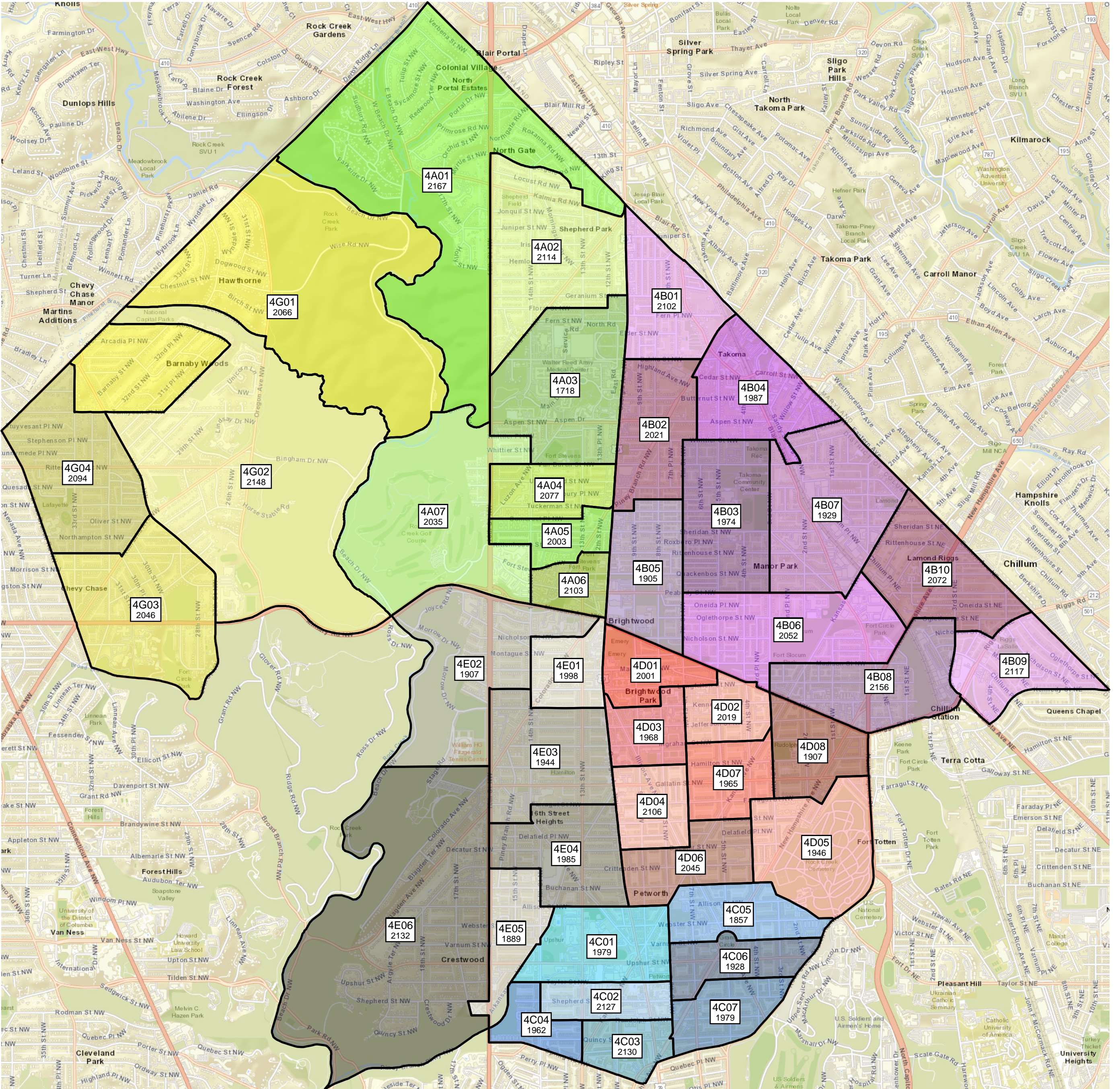
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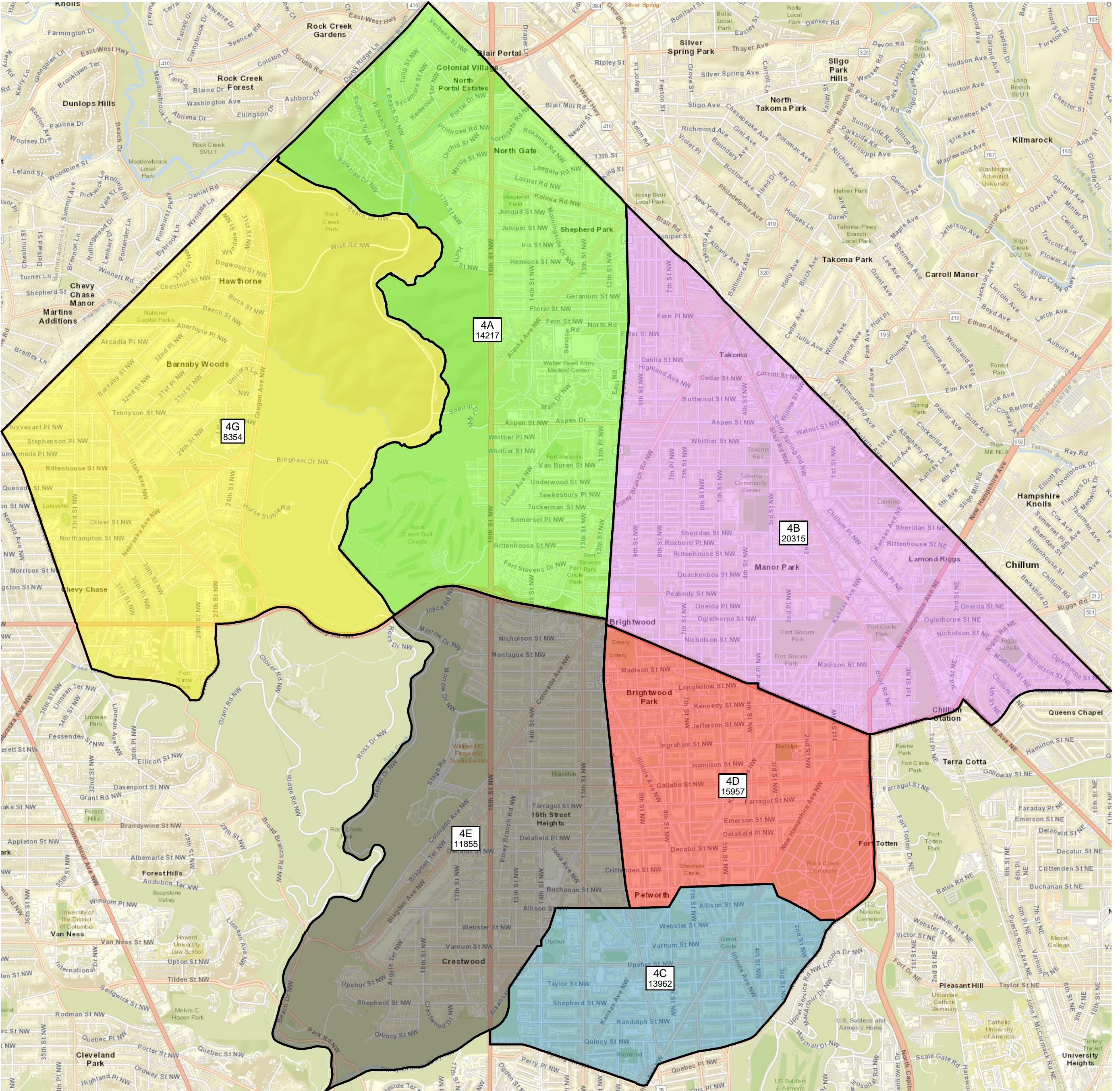
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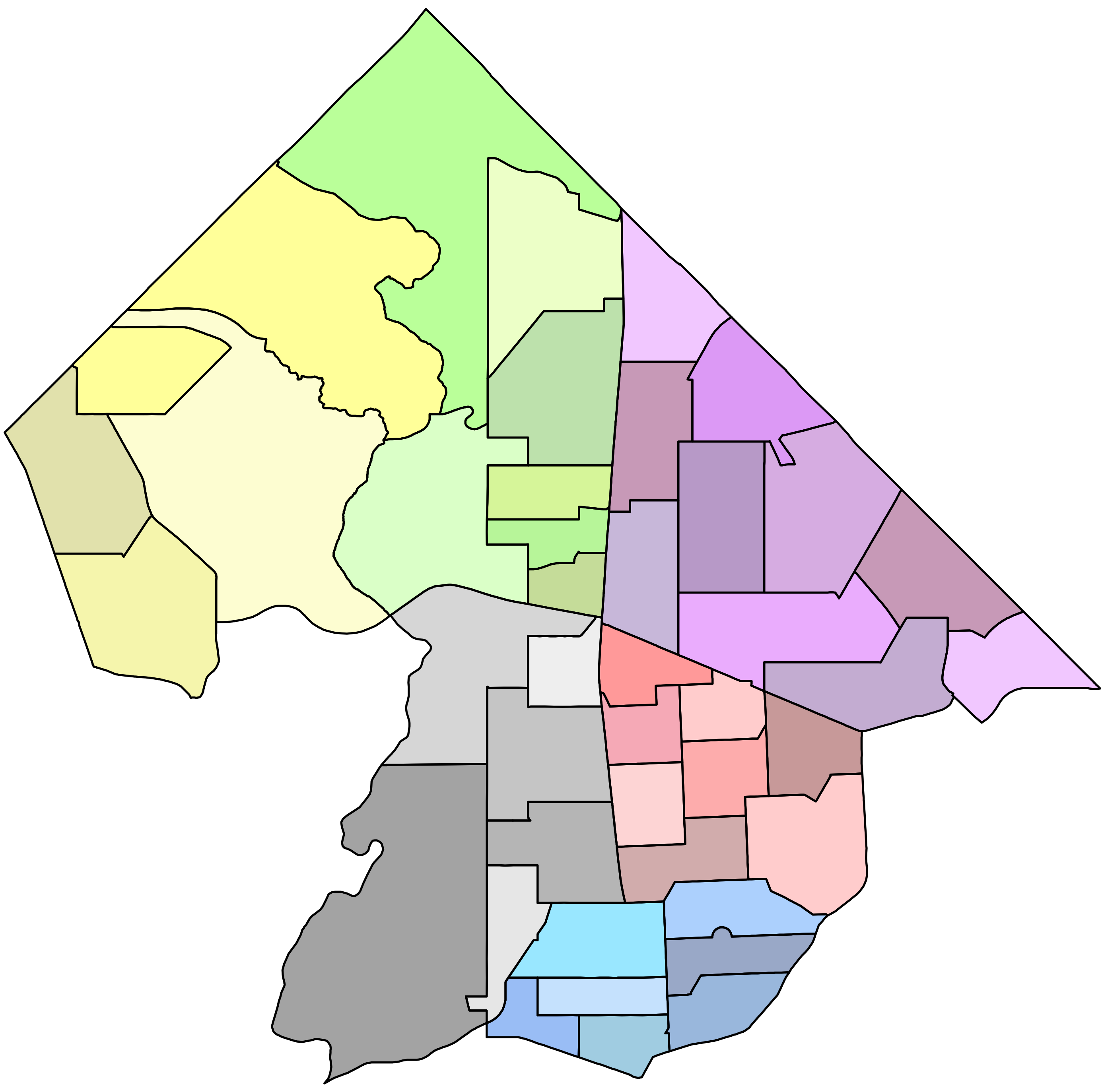
There being no further business before the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force, the meeting and business of the Task Force was adjourned on March 29, 2022.

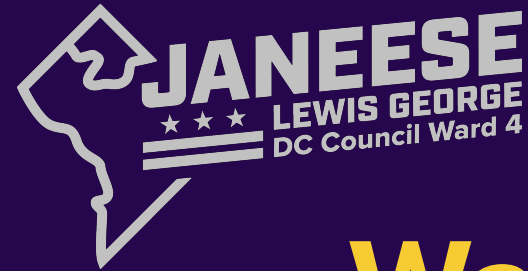
VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Redistricting Map Rendered by ESRI software
 - a. SMD map with base map
 - b. ANC map with base map
 - c. SMD map without base map or labels
2. Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force Guiding Values Discussed at January 23, 2022 Meeting
3. Task Force Principles Regarding ANC Resolutions and Commissioner Engagement Discussed at January 30, 2022 meeting
4. Proposed Modes of Communication for Public to Engage with the Task Force
5. Meeting Notices
 - a. Notice of Initial January 23, 2022 Task Force Meeting
 - b. Copy of Email to Current ANC Commissioners Regarding Redistricting Task Force Work
 - c. Public Community Meeting Hearing Flyer
6. ANC 4A Redistricting Resolution and Task Force Response
7. ANC 4D Redistricting Resolution and Task Force Response
8. ANC 3/4G Redistricting Resolution and Task Force Response
9. Racial Demographic Comparisons of Proposed ANCs
 - a. Demographics of ANCs within current borders
 - b. Summary visual and demographics of proposed map
 - c. Comparative assessment of ANC 4A
 - d. Comparative assessment of ANC 4B
 - e. Comparative assessment of ANC 4C
 - f. Comparative assessment of ANC 4D
 - g. Racial demographics of proposed new ANC 4E
 - h. Racial demographics of ANC 3/4G: unchanged ANC borders for Ward 4 purposes
10. Written Testimonies from Community Hearings
 - a. February 6, 2022 testimonies: Commissioner Zach Israel, Commissioner Randy Speck, Monica Goletiani
 - b. March 8, 2022 testimonies: Commissioner Zach Israel, Michael Halpern, Paula Edwards, Ashleigh Sanders, Commissioner Stephen Whatley, Tracy Hart, Commissioner Patrice Singleton, Taalib-Din Abdul-Uqdah, Karen Abbott (written testimony submission), Anne Strauss (written testimony submission), Jonah Goodman (written testimony submission)
11. Hand Drawn Hard Copy ANC and SMD Map - provided separately on Office of Planning Large Print Map









Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force

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Guiding Values

- Meetings will be public, transparent, and accessible
- We will provide Ward 4 residents with multiple opportunities - through multiple mediums - to weigh in on task force work
- Our mission is to rebalance for population equity, and ensure all voices in our Ward have fair access to all levers of local government
- This is an apolitical task force: our responsibility is to land boundaries
- Task force members will not be current ANC commissioners, or running in 2022
- All meetings will have ASL interpretation and Spanish translation.
Additional interpretation services can be requested with at least 3 weekdays notice.

Task Force & Meeting Groundings

- All task force members will be actively engaged in this work and expected to take on leadership roles throughout process
- It is ok to miss a meeting! Please watch recordings/follow up after
- Assume best intentions, use clarifying questions
- Be mindful of your space (move in, move back practices)
- We will begin and end on time
- All meetings will have break times
- Co-chairs will facilitate meetings, have authority to “bike rack” or mute conversations

Zoom Conduct

- All meetings will be on Zoom
 - Task force will be panelists; public viewing in webinar mode
 - Videos on for “gallery view” meetings
 - Mute unless actively speaking
 - Speak slowly for translators
 - If over time speaking: one verbal interruption cue, then we’ll mute
 - Hand raise function for questions
 - Leverage chat for Qs and “bike rack”!
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Guiding Values for ANC Input

- Current and former ANC commissioners are encouraged to testify and provide their insights on redistricting by means available to the public.
- Comments from individual commissioners or groups of commissioners outside of resolutions will be treated the same as public comments from individual non-Commissioners.
- ANCs are encouraged to pass resolutions that comport with Task Force recommendations.
- Resolution will be responded to in writing, akin to treatment as great weight - that is, the W4TF will respond to those resolutions in the final report with an explanation of why they agreed or disagreed with the recommendations of the resolution. ANCs are not required to submit resolutions.
- ANCs interested in a presentation from the Task Force should email Ward4Redistricting@dccouncil.us no later than Friday, February 11th to schedule a presentation.
- At least 2 Task Force members will facilitate each ANC presentation; at least one presenter will not be a resident of that commission.
- Task Force members will not single out any one commissioner in any social media post unless replying directly to a post initiated by the commissioner.

Helpful Topics for ANC Resolutions to Address:

- How many single-member districts should be within a Commission?
- Which roads or other features make wise natural borders between Commissions or single-member districts?
- How do borders impact the responsibilities across Commissions or single-member districts?
- How do borders impact the workload, responsiveness, or attentiveness of a Commission?
- Would a Commission benefit from having additional or fewer Commissioners?

Topics Redistricting Cannot Be Based Upon (ANCs Should Avoid):

- Why particular constituent lives within a particular single-member district should/not have representation from a particular Commissioner.
- Why particular businesses, public institutions, or community amenities should have representation from a particular Commissioner or commission
- Why a single-member district should change due to predicted future population changes.
- Why a single-member district should change based on socio-economic or racial demographics that could have the effect of diluting the voices of Black or Brown voters.
- **Anything that gives the perception that one or more ANC commissioners are choosing their own constituents or voters.**



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Community Hearings

Sunday, Feb 6
(2-4 pm)

Tuesday, March 8
(7-9 pm)



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MEETING NOTICE

WARD 4 REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE MEETING

Sunday, January 23, 2022

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Register to watch the meeting live on Zoom: bit.ly/W4redistricting

More information about Ward 4 redistricting work can be found on Councilmember Lewis George's website: JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting

Office contact: Joanna Blotner, Legislative Director (jblotner@dccouncil.us, 202-288-8985)

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| ❖ Cesse Ip | |
| ❖ Naima Jefferson | ❖ <i>Forthcoming appointments from At-</i> |
| ❖ Jennifer Kauffman | <i>Large Councilmembers</i> |
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AVISO DE REUNIÓN

GRUPO DE TRABAJO PARA LA REORDENACIÓN DE DISTRITOS EN LA ZONA 4

Domingo, 23 de Enero del 2022

2:00 – 4:00 p. m.

Regístrese para ver la reunión en vivo en Zoom: bit.ly/W4redistricting

Puede encontrar más información sobre el trabajo de la reordenación de la Zona 4 aquí:
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Contacto de la oficina: Joanna Blotner, Directora Legislativa de la Oficina de la Zona 4,
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Designados del grupo de trabajo para la reordenación de distritos en la Zona 4:

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Blotner, Joanna (Council)

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To: Blotner, Joanna (Council)
Cc: carol joyner; 'Julia Howell Barros'
Subject: Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force Updates
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Hello Commissioners –

I am writing on behalf of Councilmember Lewis George and the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force to make sure you know about upcoming community hearing opportunities to weigh in with the Task Force. The first hearing will be **this Sunday, February 6th** (2-4 PM) and the second opportunity will be **Tuesday, March 8th** (7-9 PM). You are encouraged to testify and to share these hearing opportunities with your constituents.

Please RSVP prior to hearings through the Zoom events for each of these hearings listed at janeeseward4.com/redistricting. Depending on the number of community members planning to testify, testimony remarks will be limited to either 2 or 3 minutes – longer written statements are welcomed and can be sent to Ward4Redistricting@dccouncil.us.

For this Sunday's community hearing, the Task Force is looking to hear about some of the big picture aspects of redistricting such as how many ANC commissions should Ward 4 have, what is the ideal number of commissioners/SMDs per ANC, natural boundaries that are/aren't working for our ANCs and neighborhoods, racial equity implications of redistricting choices, and more. All testimony is welcomed, of course. For the second hearing there will be draft maps to react to, so the Task Force anticipates digging into more micro/line drawing elements of redistricting in that discussion.



If you are unable to attend these hearings, there are other opportunities for input:

- **Task Force Email:** Ward4Redistricting@dccouncil.us
- **Task Force Voicemail:** 202-642-5714
- **You can create your own ANC/SMD map suggestion using the [Office of Planning's redistricting tool](#).**

Emails and voicemails can be written/recorded in Spanish and we'll be able to translate. All emails (including map attachments) messages will be shared with Task Force members and considered part of the public record

I also want to share that the Task Force adopted some guiding principles for ANC engagement and they are summarized in draft [slides](#) from this past Sunday's meeting (final guidance forthcoming based on suggested updates discussed Sunday). A few highlights:

- ANCs are welcome to adopt redistricting resolutions and resolutions will receive a written response in the Task Force's final report.
- See Slide 6 for suggestions of ANC resolution content that can be acted upon by and will be helpful to the Task Force vs topics that are beyond the scope of what can be a factor in updating boundaries for census rebalancing (i.e. topics that skew toward gerrymandering).
- If you would like a member of the Redistricting Task Force to present at your ANC this month or next, please send a request to Ward4Redistricting@dccouncil.us.

For any questions about the work of the Redistricting Task Force, please feel free to follow up with me or with Task Force Co-Chairs Julia Howell Barros and Carol Joyner, cc'd on this message.

Final note:

As you know, the Council is currently conducting its annual agency performance oversight hearings. Thank you to all the commissioners who have already participated in these hearings! **This is a friendly reminder to continue testifying on ways we can improve city services AND if you have questions or constituent cases you would like the Councilmember to raise at a particular hearing, please let me know.** Of note, the DMV hearing is this Friday, and next week there are hearings on Department of Public Works, Department of Small and Local Business Development, DC Libraries, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and more. Hearing schedule [highlights](#) & [full schedule with sign up instructions](#).

Thank you for your service and engagement with redistricting and oversight,

~ joanna

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Ward 4 Redistricting Virtual Community Hearing

Make your voice heard by testifying!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (2-4 PM)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 (7-9 PM)

Ward 4 is updating the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and Single Member ANC Districts. Share your thoughts on how to rebalance populations from the 2020 census by speaking out at a Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force hearing. More information & RSVP: JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting

La Zona 4 está actualizando los límites de las Comisiones Vecinales Consultivas (ANC) y los Distritos de un solo miembro (SMD). Comparta sus comentarios con el Grupo de Trabajo de Redistribución de distritos en la Zona 4 en una audiencia comunitaria. Para más información e confirmar su participación : JaneeseWard4.com/Redistricting

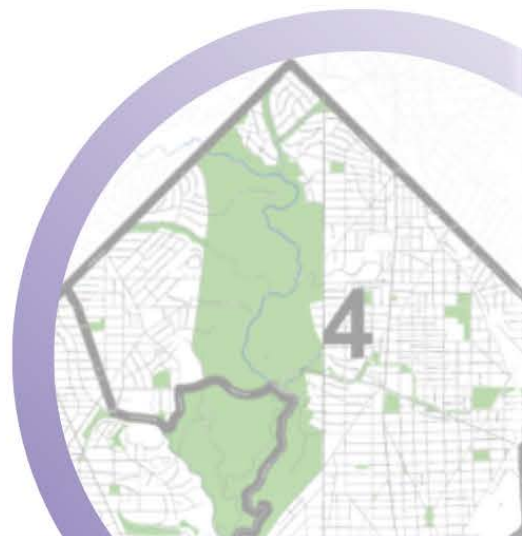
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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A

RESOLUTION #4A-03-01-22-2

**Outlining Principles for Redistricting
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A
Single Member District Boundaries**

MARCH 1, 2022

Introduced by Commissioner Patience Singleton, 4A04

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable District laws, each Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC” or “Commission”) may advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor and each executive agency, and all independent agencies, boards and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy including, but not limited to, decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, budget, and sanitation which affect that Commission area [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.10(a)];

WHEREAS, the issues and concerns raised in the recommendations of the Commission shall be given great weight during the deliberations by the government entity, and great weight requires acknowledgement of the Commission as the source of the recommendations and explicit reference to each of the Commission’s issues and concerns [D.C. Official Code §§ 1-309.10(c)(3)(A)];

WHEREAS, District of Columbia law requires the redrawing of the ANC boundaries every ten years. The process began with the creation of eight ward-level task forces, one for each ward. Each task force is charged with drafting new recommended boundaries, which it submits to the Council within 90 days of the Mayor signing the new ward boundaries into law;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Lewis George, as Ward 4 councilmember, appointed the members of the task force for our ward, and under District law, must “give full consideration to assuring fair representation for all racial and ethnic minorities, women, and geographical areas” in the ward when appointing members;

WHEREAS, the Ward 4 Redistricting Taskforce has released four proposed redistricting map options;

WHEREAS, ANC 4A is an interested party and stakeholder. The Commission is composed of eight single members districts (“SMDs”), covers more than 19,000 DC residents, and includes the Ward 4 neighborhoods of Brightwood, Colonial Village, Crestwood, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, and Sixteenth Street Heights;

WHEREAS, ANC 4A believes that there are certain principles the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force must or should consider to ensure fair and adequate representation of residents living in the boundaries of the Commission:

- The North Star of redistricting comes from the constitutional principle of one person, one vote. ANC Single Member Districts must be roughly equal in size plus or minus five percent;
- Every SMD, which elects one commissioner each, must have between 1,900 and 2,100 residents, using the 2020 Census data. There is no minimum or maximum number of SMDs that must be in an ANC, but most ANCs currently have between five and nine SMDs each;
- According to D.C. law, redrawn ANC SMD boundaries cannot dilute the voting strength of minority citizens;
- ANC SMD boundaries need to be geographically sensible -- compact and contiguous;
- Identifiable neighborhoods should stay intact and not be divided among Commissions to the extent possible; and
- Census tracts should remain whole to make data collection more accurate and understandable, as much as possible;

WHEREAS, ANC 4A Commissioners represent some of the most economically, racially, ethnically, and generationally diverse constituencies in DC;

WHEREAS, ANC 4A four Commissioners currently represent and respond to the concerns of many residents, religious institutions, and commercial businesses along Georgia Avenue from Missouri Avenue to Eastern Avenue;

WHEREAS, ANC 4A wants to ensure that residents receive fair and equitable representation under the proposed redrawn SMDs and that SMD boundaries equitably distribute workload across Commissioners:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 4A supports a redrawn map that:

- Includes both portions of Shepherd Park (Fern and Floral) and Brightwood (Aspen and Whittier) within any SMD(s) created for the Walter Reed complex. Surrounding neighbors have a shared interest in the continuing development of the site, including noise, traffic, pollution, and parking issues;
- Has at least three Commissioners representing Georgia Avenue between Van Buren Street to Missouri Avenue. This portion of the Georgia Avenue has a large number of establishments requiring liquor license renewals, criminal activity, trash, and transportation challenges. Fewer than three commissioners would place an unfair burden on certain commissioners and impact their responsiveness;
- Contains SMDs that represent diverse constituencies, including immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, and residents of co-ops, condominiums, and multifamily rental

- housing;
- Seeks to balance population size of each SMD. There are approximately 19,500 residents in ANC 4A. Ideally to prevent population disparities, there would be no SMDs with fewer than 1,800 residents or more than 2,200 residents;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 4A urges the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force to consider areas with historic vacancies when redrawing maps. The Commission has experienced long-term vacancies in current SMD 4A05, so we would recommend changes to the boundaries to include additional/alternative census blocks;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Commissioner Patience Singleton, ANC 4A04, is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution, with Commissioner Candace Nelson, ANC 4A06 serving as alternate.

ADOPTED by unanimous vote at a regularly scheduled public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of six of seven members was present) on March 1, 2022, by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.

Respectfully submitted,


Patience Singleton, Chair
ANC 4A

CC:

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
Councilmember Elissa Silverman
Councilmember Robert C. White Jr.

SENT VIA EMAIL ON April 1, 2022

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A
PO Box 55954
Washington, DC 20040

RE: Response to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4A Resolution Outlining Principles for Redistricting
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4A Single Member District Boundaries

Dear ANC 4A Chair Patience Singleton and ANC 4A Commissioners:

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force acknowledges receipt of the Commission's March 1, 2022 resolution regarding the proposed single member district boundaries (SMDs) for the Ward 4 portion of ANC 4A. The Ward 4 Task Force initially focused on four (4) potential scenarios for ANC 4A single member district boundaries and notes that the Commission's resolution offered no opinion on the aforementioned proposed maps or on the redistricting of any other ANCs in Ward 4. However, the Commission's resolution did recommend a principles-based approach that would ensure that residents receive fair and equitable representation and distribute the workload among Commissioners.

In the Commission's resolution, it offered its support for a redrawn map that:

- Includes both portions of Shepherd Park (Fern and Floral) and Brightwood (Aspen and Whittier) within any SMD(s) created for the Walter Reed complex;
- Comprises of at least three Commissioners representing the Georgia Avenue commercial corridor between Van Buren Street and Missouri Avenue;
- Contains SMDs that represent diverse consistencies, which includes residents of varying races and ethnicities, housing stock, and citizenship origin; and
- Seeks to balance the population size of each SMD and consider areas with historic vacancies in representation such as SMD ANC4A05.


The Ward 4 Task Force's final map proposal meets the legal requirements for redistricting for ANC4A and generally achieves many of the Commission's recommendations by:

- Including both portions of Shepherd Park (Fern and Floral) and Brightwood (Aspen and portions of Brightwood to Van Buren) within an SMD created for the Walter Reed complex by balancing the competing factor of growing populations in both Shepherd Park and Brightwood;
- Creating three SMDs that would serve businesses and residents that live near Georgia Avenue between Van Buren Street and Missouri Avenue;
- Creating 7 SMDs with approximately 2,000 residents in each SMD with the on-paper exception of ANC4A03 that includes the Walter Reed campus whose population in 2022 is known to be greater than the population of 144 residents reflected in 2020 census data;
- Considering the long-term vacancy in the current ANC4A05 by redrawing ANC4A05 to include a more diverse group of residents residing in various types of housing stock to give Brightwood residents more of an opportunity to have their voices and needs represented in their ANC; and
- Preserving the voting strength of minority citizens by increasing the proportion of Black residents from 50% to 57% with the new ANC borders and preserving the proportion of Latinx residents at 27% of the ANC within the proposed borders, and by rebalancing the ANC's population among single member districts to create equitable workloads while ensuring that each SMD comprises of diverse constituencies, which includes residents of varying races and ethnicities, types of housing stock, and national origin, where feasibly possible.

The Ward 4 Task Force believes that the final map proposal balances the legal requirements of equal representation with a strong interest in promoting the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, and the development of compact and contiguous districts. The Ward 4 Task Force wishes to thank ANC 4A for their service to the District of Columbia and the residents in the Commission who participated in this process.

Sincerely,

Members of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force

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RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D REGARDING ANC 4D REDISTRICTING

Whereas, once every ten years, all Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and Single Member District (SMD) boundaries in the District of Columbia must change for the next decade based on the latest census population data, following the enactment of new boundaries at the ward level.

Whereas, the rebalancing of ANC and SMD boundaries helps ensure that all residents have equitable access to elected representation at every level of government.

Whereas, the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force is required to submit a report to the Council of the District of Columbia by April 3, 2022 containing alternative recommendations for the adjustment of the boundaries of ANC areas and SMDs for Ward 4, in addition to other recommendations with respect to the operation of ANCs in Ward 4.

Whereas, the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force's redistricting plan shall result in SMD populations "of approximately 2,000 people, and shall be as nearly equal as possible," according to the DC Code. However, a deviation for SMD populations of plus or minus five percent, resulting in between 1,900 and 2,100 residents, is permitted. An SMD population deviation of more than five percent is permitted if "the deviation results from the limitations of census geography or from the promotion of a rational public policy, including, but not limited to, respect for the political geography of the District, the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, or the development of compact and contiguous districts."

Whereas, the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force should ensure that several redistricting criteria are incorporated at the forefront of the Ward 4 ANC redistricting process, including geographical contiguity, geographical compactness, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and easily identifiable boundaries.

Whereas, the current borders of ANC 4D excludes large swaths of Brightwood Park (i.e., the 12 census blocks currently located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW in SMD 4B05, which totals 1,542 residents) and a gerrymandered portion of Petworth (i.e., the nine census blocks currently located north of Buchanan Street NW in SMD 4C09, which totals 994 residents), resulting in the breaking up of Brightwood Park, a lack of geographical compactness, and a non-easily identifiable boundary.

Whereas, the racial/ethnic demographics would not dramatically change between the current 13,219 population of ANC 4D and the proposed expanded population of 15,755 for the larger ANC 4D (which includes the 21 new census blocks from the current SMDs 4B05 and 4C09). The current racial/ethnic demographics of ANC 4D includes a population that identifies as: 20.9% White; 49.4% Black or African American; 1.1% American Indian and Alaska Native; 2% Asian; 0.04% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; 15.9% Some Other Race; 10.7% Two or More Races; and 26.8% Hispanic or Latino. The new racial/ethnic demographics of ANC 4D would include a population that identifies as: 20.6% White; 49.9% Black or African American; 1.2% American Indian and Alaska Native; 2% Asian; 0.04% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander; 15.8% Some Other Race; 10.5% Two or More Races; and 26.7% Hispanic or Latino.

Whereas, there are additional reasons for incorporating these 21 census blocks in Brightwood Park and Petworth into ANC 4D. On the policy front, there are several public safety-related issues that impact the Brightwood Park neighborhood around the entire Kennedy Street corridor, including the areas of SMD 4B05 north of Longfellow Street NW and south of Missouri Avenue NW. There are additional public-safety related issues which have confronted ANC 4D on and near the 400 Block of Delafield Place NW, which is currently split between ANCs 4C and 4D. By incorporating both of these geographic areas into ANC 4D, one Commission will be able to address these issues, better representing the views of the residents who are impacted.

Whereas, the current school boundaries for Truesdell Elementary extend north to Missouri Avenue and west to Georgia Avenue NW, which means that, while the majority of in-district Truesdell students and their families live within ANC 4D, there is a sizable portion of the in-district Truesdell student population and community who reside within ANC 4B. Incorporating this portion of Brightwood Park into ANC 4D would ensure that one Commission could speak on issues impacting Truesdell, including the upcoming modernization of the campus over the next several years and the temporary multi-year relocation of the school to a swing space.

Whereas, the 2020 population of Ward 4 is 84,660 (an increase of 8,887 residents [a 10.5% increase] from the 2010 population of 75,773), resulting in between three—seven additional SMDs in Ward 4 for the next decade, for a total amount of 40—44 SMDs within Ward 4 (an increase from the current total amount of 37 SMDs in Ward 4).

Whereas, there is no minimum or maximum number of SMDs that must be in an ANC and there is also no statutory requirement regarding the geographical or population size of an ANC.

Whereas, ANC 4D was comprised of 13 SMDs between 1976—1992 and 10 SMDs between 1993—2002 and has only been comprised of six SMDs since 2003.

Whereas, ANC 4D currently has the smallest number of SMDs of any ANC located within Ward 4 with only six SMDs, while ANC 4A has eight SMDs, ANC 4B has nine SMDs, ANC 4C has ten SMDs, and ANC 3/4G has seven SMDs.

Whereas, among the 40 current ANCs throughout all eight wards of the District, 16 are composed of seven SMDs (including ANC 3/4G) and seven are composed of eight SMDs (including ANC 4A), which means that 57.5 percent of all Commissions include either seven or eight SMDs. Comparatively, there

are only two Commissions in the District with six SMDs (including ANC 4D), three Commissions with nine SMDs (including ANC 4B), and four Commissions with ten SMDs (including ANC 4C).

Whereas, ANC 4D believes that the 2022 Ward 4 ANC redistricting process should result in Ward 4 ANCs that each contain between seven and eight SMDs, to ensure equity among all the Ward 4 ANCs and to ensure the ability of each Commission to properly conduct its administrative functions by regularly distributing the four Board roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) among the Commissioners serving on each Commission.

Whereas, having each of the Ward 4 ANCs be similarly sized would result in a smaller gap between the annual financial allocations each Commission receives from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC), since the annual budget of each Commission for the next decade is based on its total population size from the 2020 census results.

Whereas, ANC 4D believes its opinion should be known regarding the new boundaries of ANC 4D but not necessarily the borders of individual SMDs located within the new ANC 4D.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:

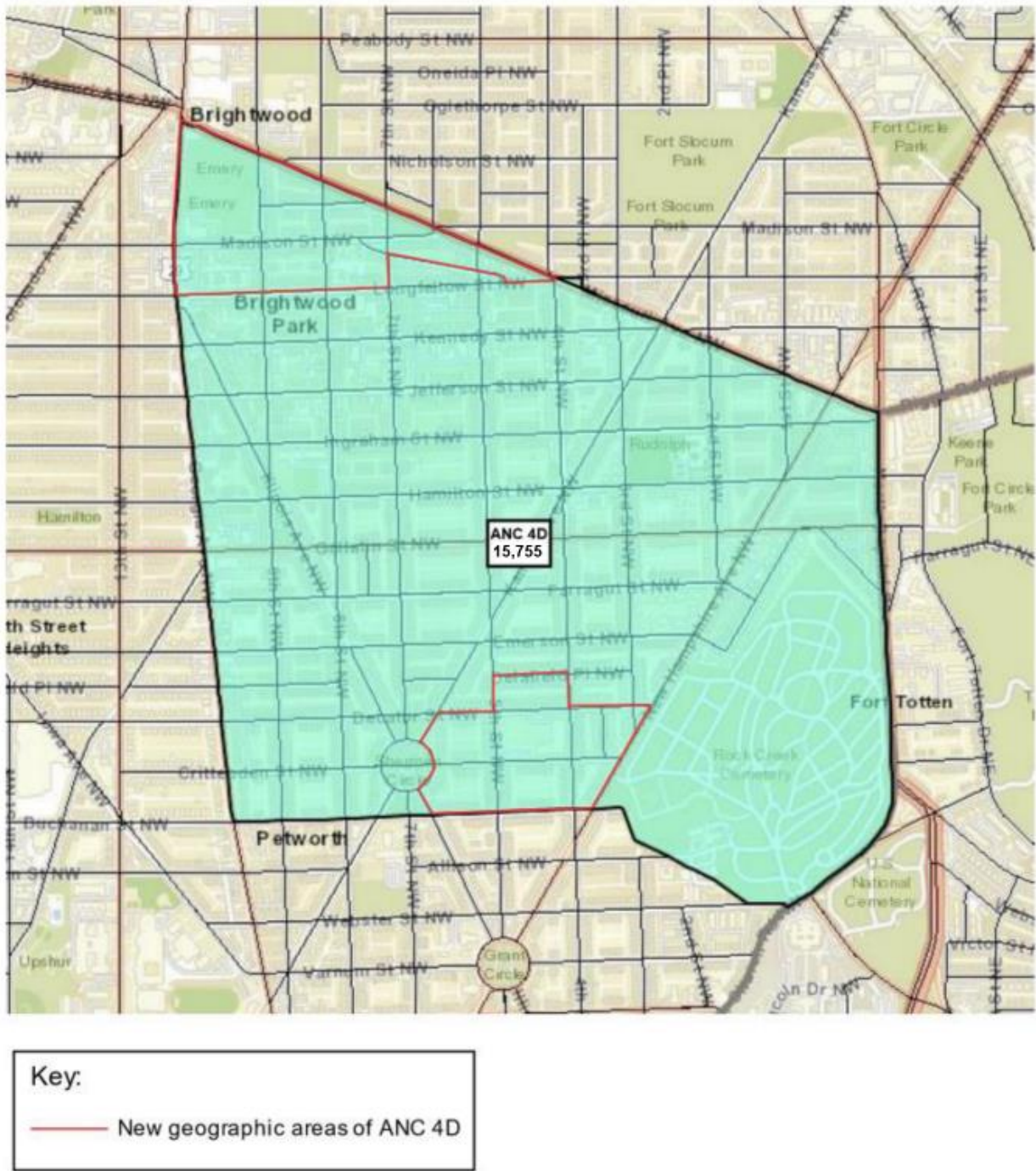
1. Calls on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, contains a total of eight SMDs in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation and, eventually, legislation passed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council.
2. Calls on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, includes all of the geographic area of the currently composed ANC 4D, in addition to the 12 census blocks located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW currently located within SMD 4B05, and the nine census blocks located north of Buchanan Street NW currently located within SMD 4C09, in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation and, eventually, legislation passed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council. This would result in a total population of 15,755 residents for ANC 4D, with an average population of 1,969.375 residents for each of the eight SMDs.
3. Calls on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that all of the newly composed ANCs located in Ward 4, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, each contain between seven and eight SMDs, to the greatest extent practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Zachary Israel is hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution.

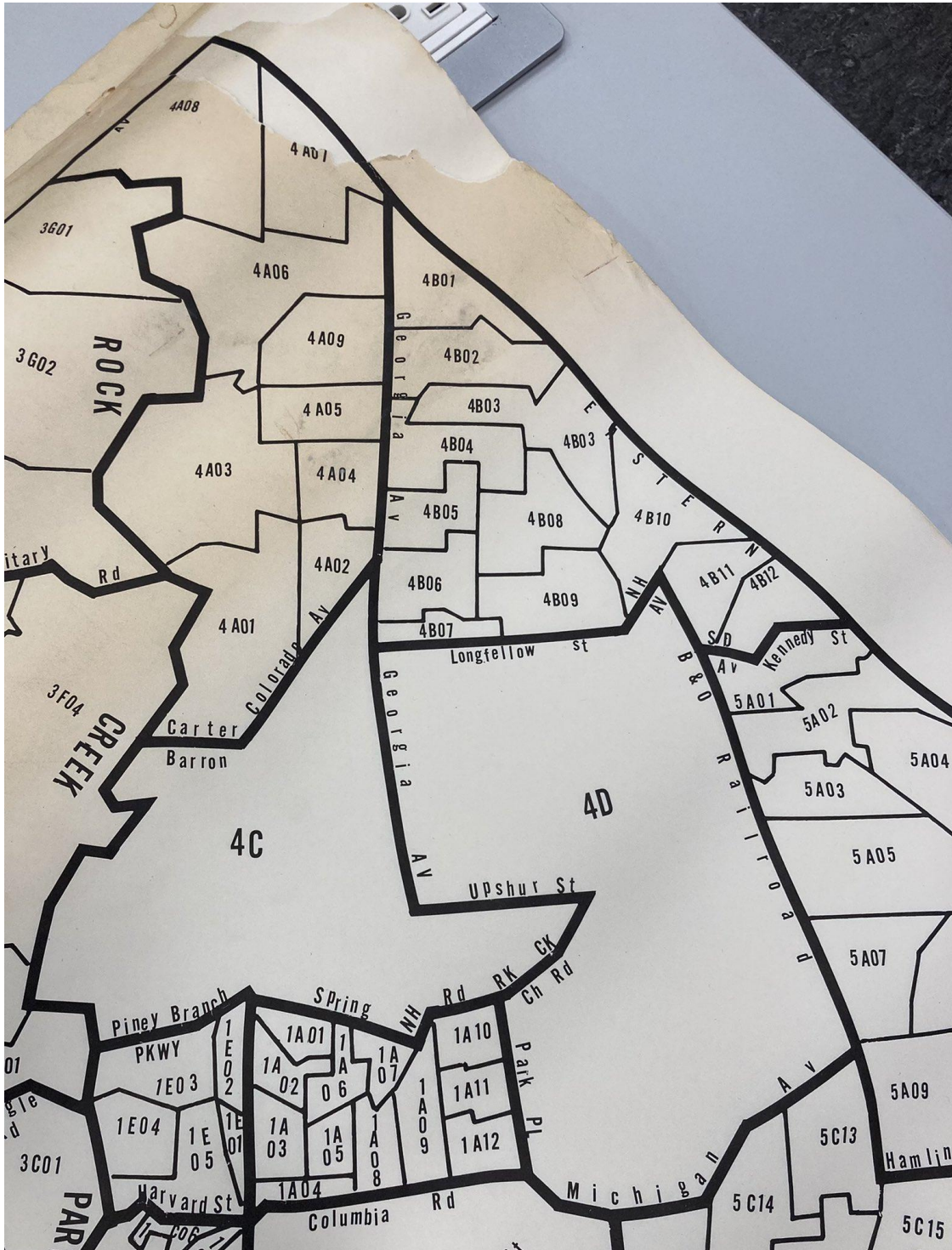
The Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Regarding ANC 4D Redistricting was considered on February 16, 2022 before Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum. The vote of the Commission was 4 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstaining. The resolution is **adopted**.

Signed by  (Renee L. Bowser), Chair of ANC 4D on February 16, 2022.

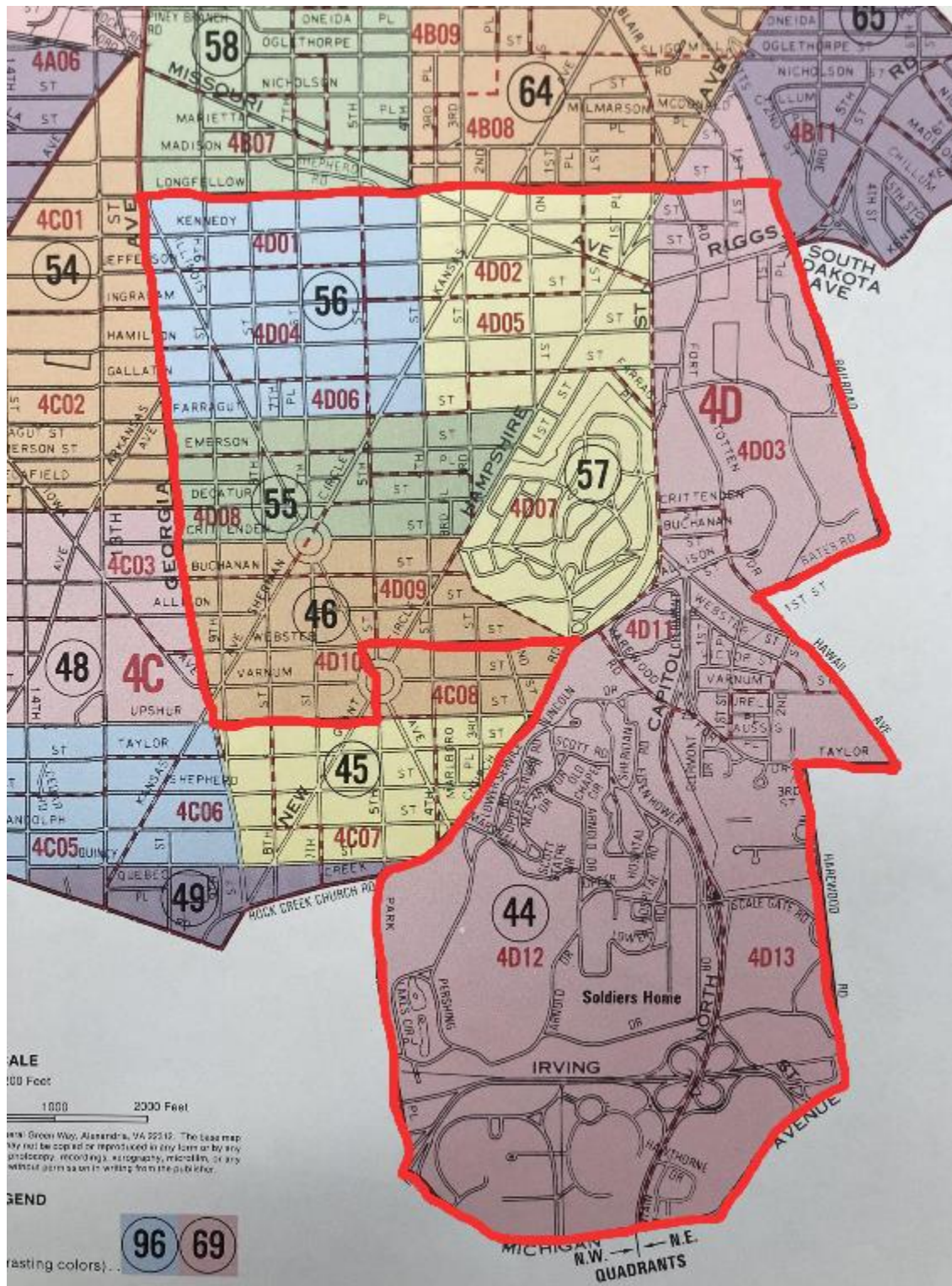
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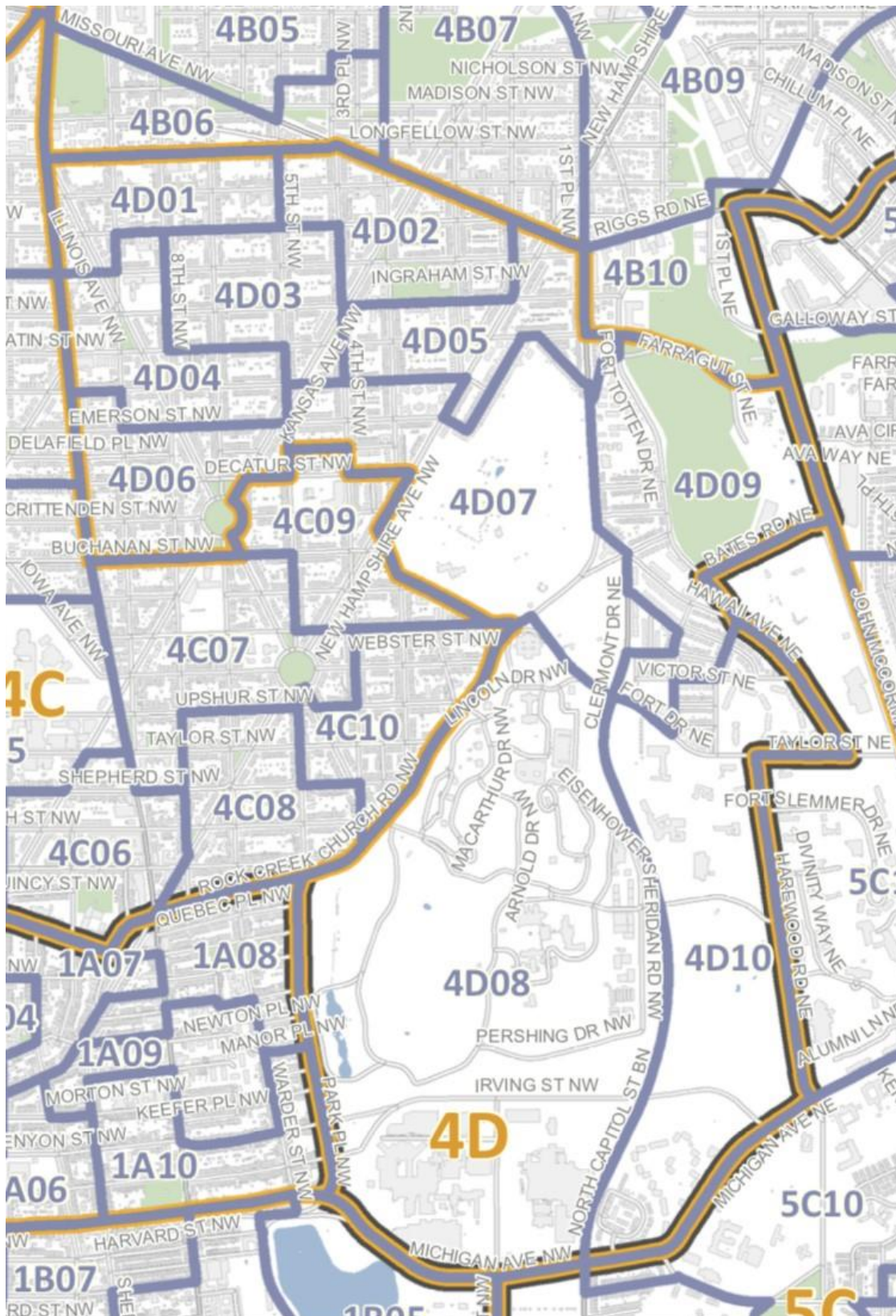
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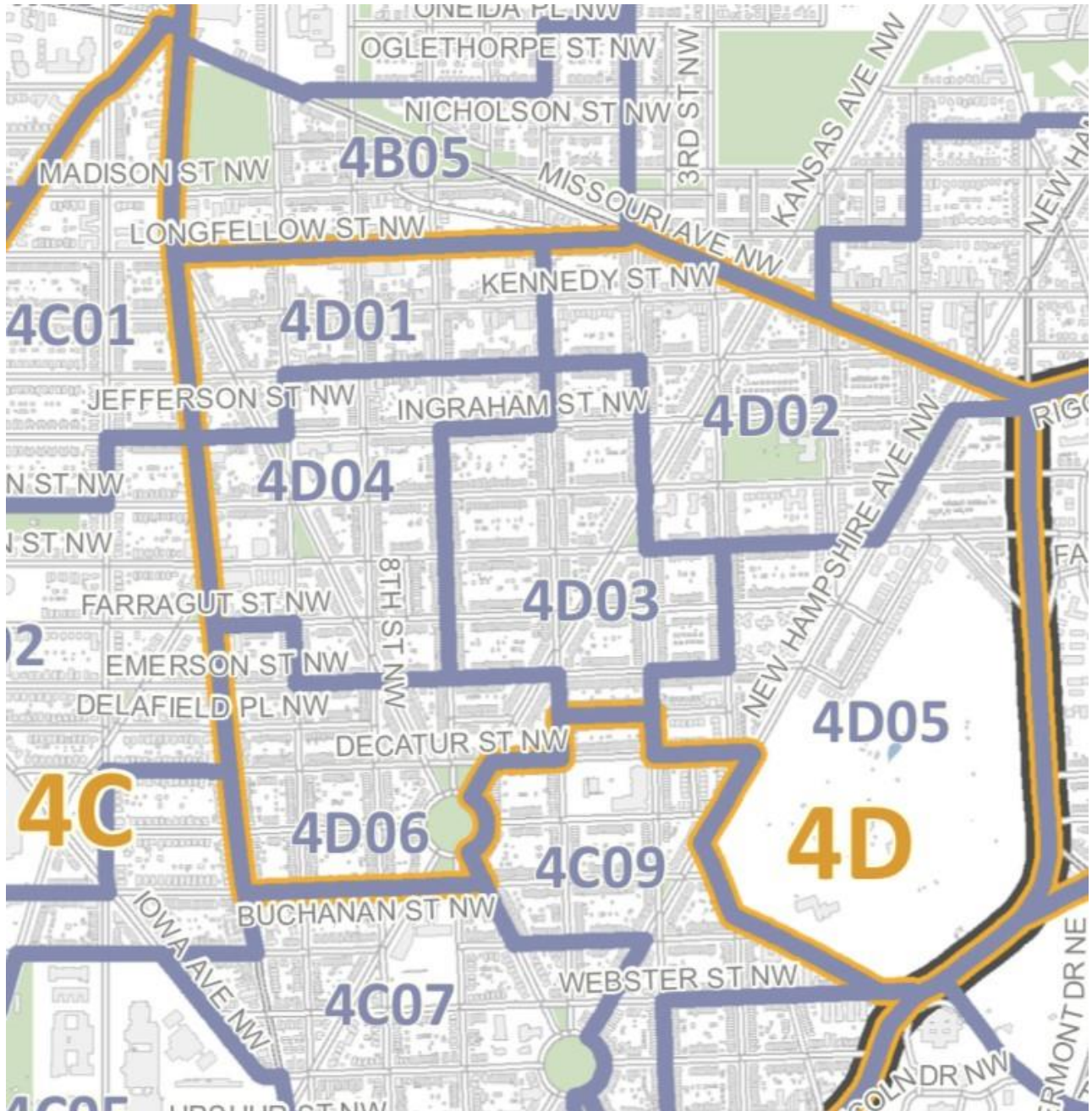
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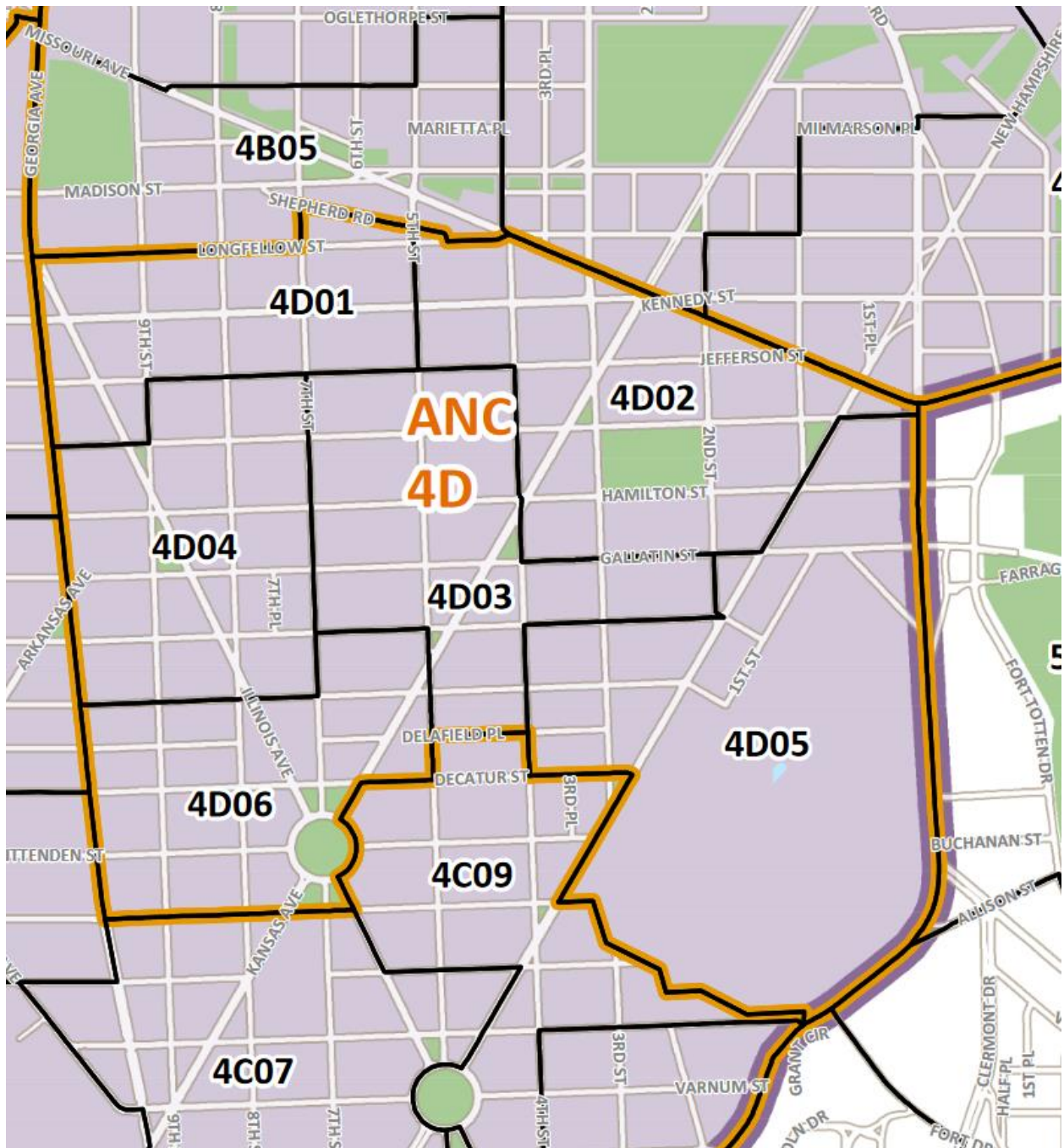


Boundaries of ANC 4D from 2003—2012:



Terrell Brown

Boundaries of ANC 4D from 2013–2022:



SENT VIA EMAIL ON April 1, 2022

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D
PO Box 60834
Washington, DC 20039

RE: Response to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4D Resolution Regarding ANC4D Redistricting

Dear ANC 4D Chair Renee Bowser and ANC 4D Commissioners:

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force acknowledges receipt of the Commission's February 16, 2022 resolution regarding ANC 4D redistricting. The Ward 4 Task Force initially focused on four (4) potential scenarios for ANC 4D single member district boundaries and notes that the Commission's resolution offered no opinion on the aforementioned proposed maps, as they were released after receipt of ANC 4D's resolution.

- In the Commission's resolution, it offered its support for a redrawn map that: Ensures that all of the newly composed ANCs located in Ward 4 contain between seven and eight SMDs, to the greatest extent possible;
- The newly composed ANC 4D contains a total of eight (8) SMDs;
- Includes all of the geographic areas of the current ANC 4D in addition to the 12 census blocks located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW currently located in ANC4B05 and the nine census blocks located north of Buchanan Street NW currently located within SMD 4C09; and
- The principles of continuity of representation and equitable workload.

Generally, the Ward 4 Task Force's final map proposal meets the legal requirements for redistricting for ANC 4D and achieves many of the Commission's recommendations:

- Ensures most of the newly composed ANCs located in Ward 4 contain between seven and eight SMDs. The newly created ANC 4E will have six SMDs and is bounded to the north by Missouri Avenue NW, bounded to the east by Georgia Avenue NW, and promotes the neighborhood cohesiveness of the growing population of Crestwood and the 16th Street Heights.
- The proposed ANC 4B maintains the majority of their current borders except that their southern border that abuts ANC 4D will now be Missouri Ave, NW; these borders promote ANC continuity and neighborhood cohesiveness and require the ANC to support 10 SMDs, a reduction from 12 SMDs that would have been required if the existing borders were unchanged. ANC 3/4G will be split between Wards 3 and 4 and the entirety of the ANC will contain 7 or 8 single member district, 4 of which represent the residents of Ward 4;
- Including the nine census blocks located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW currently located within ANC4B05 and the three census blocks located south of Buchanan Street NW;
- Creating an ANC comprised of 15,957 residents, split among 8 SMDs with an average population of 1,994.6 residents in each SMD; and
- Preserving the voting strength of minority citizens by very slightly increasing the proportion Black residents in the Ward and preserving the proportion of Latinx residents in the ANC and by rebalancing the population among single member districts thereby also resulting in an equitable workload.

The Ward 4 Task Force believes that the final map proposal balances the legal requirements of equal representation with a strong interest in promoting the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, and the development of compact and contiguous districts. The Ward 4 Task Force wishes to thank ANC 4D for their service to the District of Columbia and the residents in the Commission who participated in this process.

Sincerely,

The members of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force



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Resolution Regarding Proposed
Single Member District Boundaries
For the Ward 4 Portion of ANC 3/4G
March 10, 2022

Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G (Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne), based on discussion at a special public meeting held on March 10, 2022, offers the following resolution regarding redistricting of the Ward 4 portion of ANC 3/4G.¹

1. As our Commission Chair testified at the Task Force's February 6, 2022 meeting — with the unanimous support from all ANC 3/4G commissioners — we urge the Task Forces to preserve ANC 3/4G to include all of the Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne neighborhoods. This cross-Ward commission keeps these communities with common interests together and has worked well for 20 years. It should be preserved, as recognized in all of the Task Force's discussion maps.

¹ The Commission offers no opinion on the redistricting of any other single member districts in Ward 4, and it may separately offer its views to the Ward 3 Redistricting Task Force on single member district boundaries for the Ward 3 portion of ANC 3/4G.

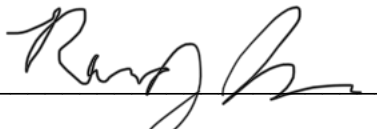
2. The Commission, having reviewed the [four discussion maps](#) proposed by the committee, supports maps 1 or 2 for the following reasons²:
 - a. Moving the small section of 3/4G03 into Ward 3 makes sense. The Commission understands and supports the desire to confine single member districts to one ward, however, we can't say that a split SMD disserves constituents. The split SMD that is in our ANC has been well served by their commissioner for over a decade.
 - b. Moving the area between McKinley Street and Morrison Street from 3/4G04 into 3/4G03 makes sense to ensure greater parity among the districts that constituent our ANC.
 - c. Maps 1 and 2 continue to allow the current commissioners to represent their existing districts. We understand that the redistricting process should not be designed to preserve the district on any particular commissioner. We support this principle. It is the view of our Commission, however, that it is important that constituents have continuity of representation when possible. The Commission sees no reason for a significant, disruptive change in the existing boundaries.
 - d. Maps 1 and 2 preserve the structure of our Commission which allows the workload of the Commissioners to be equally divided. For example, SMD 3/4G01 has the northern part of Oregon Avenue, Chestnut Street, Western Avenue, and Pinehurst Circle and tributary. SMD 3/4G02 has part of Oregon Avenue, St. John's College High School, Knollwood, and the Episcopal Center for Children. SMD 3/4G04 has Lafayette Elementary School and the Lafayette-Pointer Recreation Center and Park. SMD 3/4G03 has Ingleside, the Carnegie Institute, and Military Road.
 - e. Maps 1 and 2 preserve the Hawthorne area in one district. This area is best served by one commissioner. To the extent that issues that principally touch on Hawthorne such as the reduction of bus service, one commissioner best serves this constituency.
3. The Commission does not support Map 4. The boundaries within it make little sense in terms of commissioner workload, continuity of representation (Map 4 would gerrymander two of our seven commissioners out of their districts),

² We have been advised that map 3 is incorrectly drawn as it relates to 3/4G. We withhold comment on it until a corrected map is furnished to our Commission.

representation of geographic areas that should not be subdivided, and the overall best interests of our community.

4. For the reasons outlined above, the Commission recommends that the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force adopt either maps one or two as it relates to ANC 3/4G and that it support continuation of a combined ANC 3/4G that includes SMDs from both Ward 3 and Ward 4.

ADOPTED at ANC 3/4G's properly noticed special public meeting on March 10, 2022, by a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions (a quorum being 4).



Randy Speck, Chair

Peter Gosselin, Secretary

SENT VIA EMAIL ON April 1, 2022

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G
Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne
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Washington, DC 20015

RE: Response to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3/4G Resolution Regarding Proposed Single Member District Boundaries for the Ward 4 Portion of ANC 3/4G

Dear ANC 3/4G Chair Randy Speck and ANC 3/4G Commissioners:

The Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force acknowledges receipt of the Commission's March 10, 2022 resolution regarding the proposed single member district boundaries for the Ward 4 portion of ANC 3/4G and notes that the Commission's resolution offers no opinion on the redistricting of any other single member districts in Ward 4. The Ward 4 Task Force initially focused on four (4) potential scenarios for ANC 3/4G single member district boundaries. Although the Commission expressed support for the principle of preserving single member districts to promote continuity of representation, this principle was neither a factor nor was it a consideration in the Ward 4 Task Force's final map proposal.

In the Commission's resolution, it offered its support for Maps 1 and 2 for the following reasons:

- The movement of the small section of ANC 3/4G03 into Ward 3;
- The movement of the area between McKinley Street and Morrison Street from ANC 3/4G04 into ANC 3/4G03 to ensure greater parity among the single member districts;
- The principles of continuity of representation and equitable workload; and
- The preservation of the Hawthorne neighborhood in one district.

The Ward 4 Task Force notes that the Commission withheld comment on Map 3 and did not support Map 4.

Generally, the Ward 4 Task Force's final map proposal meets the legal requirements for redistricting for ANC 3/4G and achieves many of the Commission's recommendations by:

- Creating 4 SMDs with approximately 2,100 residents in each SMD;
- Moving the small section of the current ANC 3/4G03 district into Ward 3 and moving the area between McKinley Street and Morrison Street from 3/4G04 into 3/4G03;
- Equitably rebalancing the voting strength of all citizens by distributing the population among single member districts as follows: 3/4G01 2104; 3/4G02 2110; 3/4G03 2,046; and 3/4G04 2,094, thereby resulting in an equitable workload for commissioners and access to commissioners for voters;
- Preserving the voting strength of minority voters consistent with the strength of current 3/4 G SMDs as follows:¹ 3/4G01 27% to 29%; 3/4G02 25% to 26%; 3/4G03 23% to 26%; 3/4G04 19% to 20%; and
- Keeping the Hawthorne neighborhood in one single member district.

The Ward 4 Task Force believes that the final map proposal balances the legal requirements of equal representation with a strong interest in promoting the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, and the development of compact and contiguous districts. The Ward 4 Task Force wishes to thank ANC 3/4G for their service to the District of Columbia and the residents in the Commission who participated in this process.

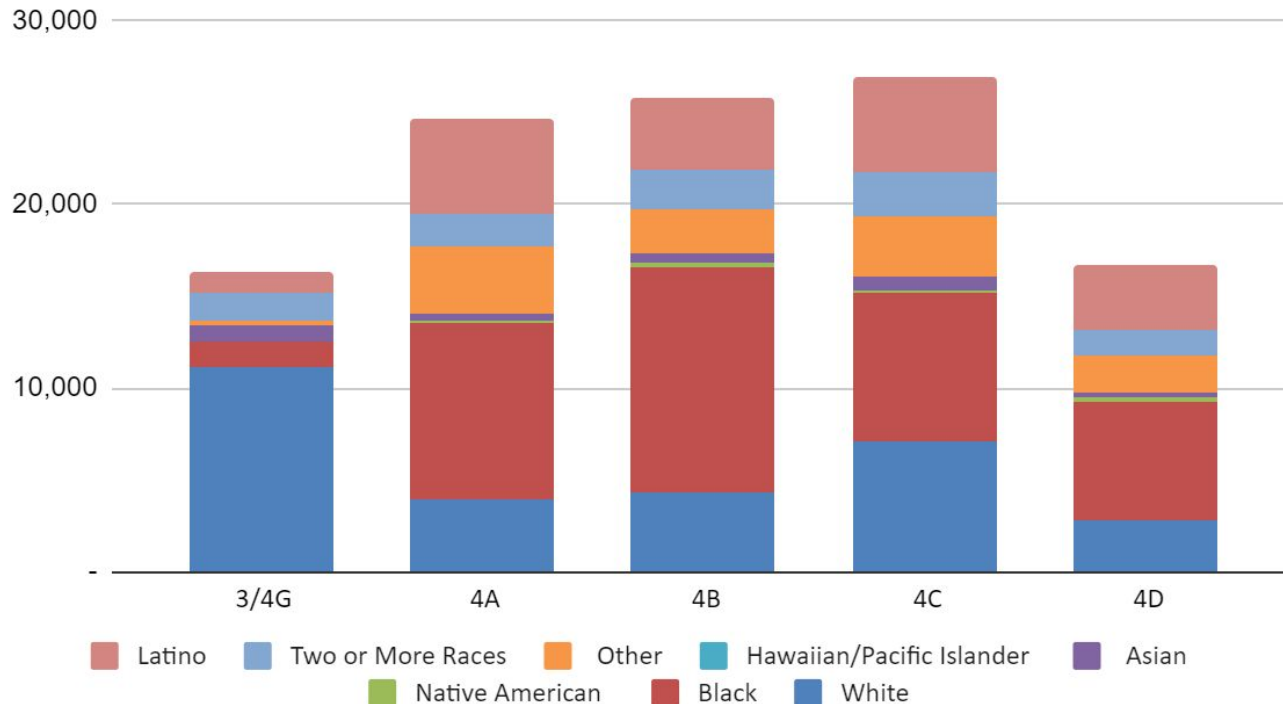
Sincerely,

The members of the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force

¹ The percentages compare the current percentage of non-White voters in an SMDs to new percentage of proposed boundaries.

Demographics of Current ANCs (borders used in 2020 Census)

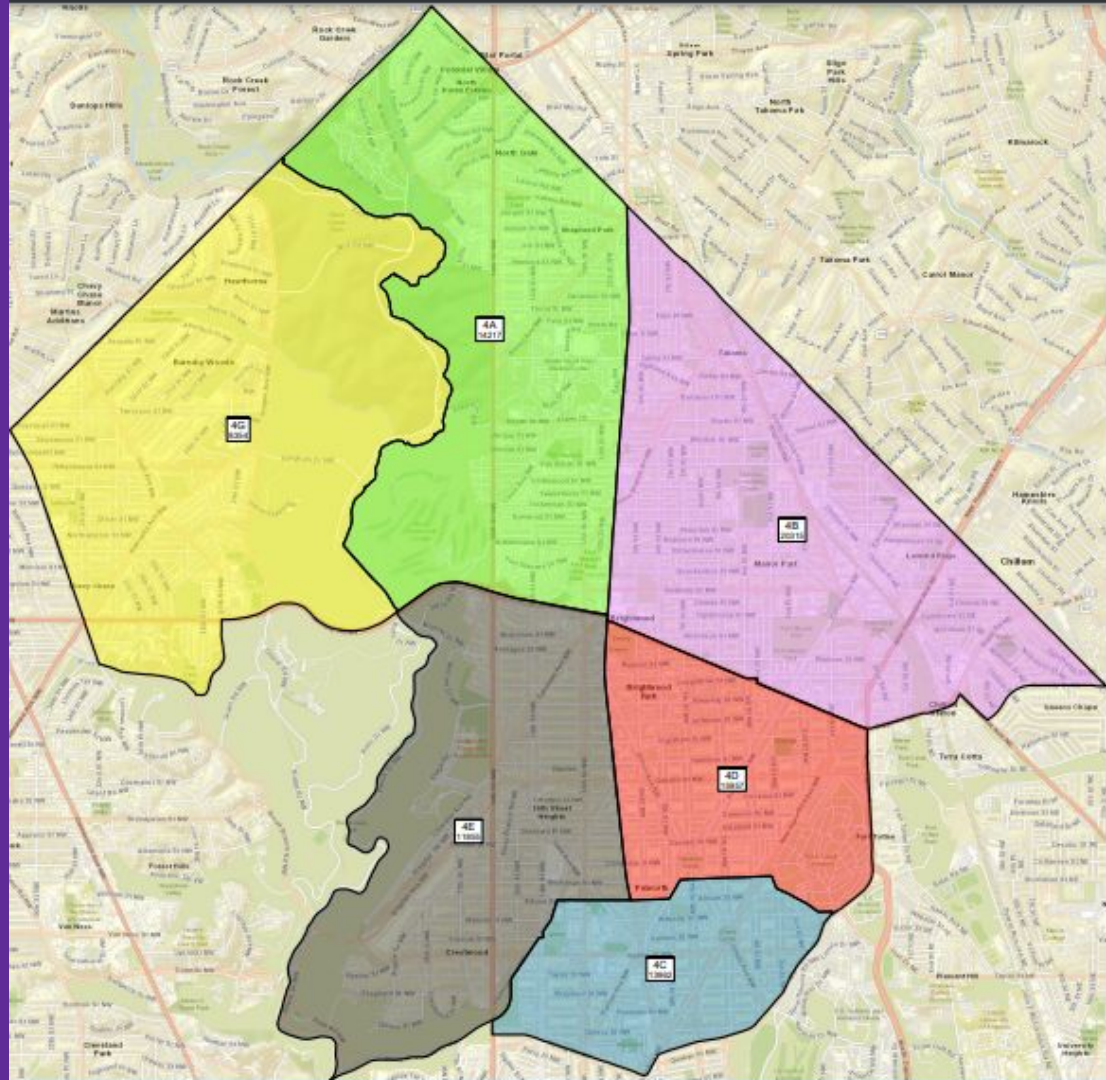
Current Racial Makeup of ANCs



ANC	Total Population (All Ages)	Race							Ethnicity
		One Race						Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino
		White alone	Black or African American alone	American Indian/ Alaska Native alone	Asian alone	Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander alone	Other Race alone		
3/4G*	15,186	11,188	1,367	35	825	-	250	1,521	1,178
4A	19,511	3,922	9,625	140	401	5	3,593	1,825	5,165
4B	21,857	4,317	12,318	151	555	16	2,447	2,053	4,007
4C	21,719	7,054	8,146	164	731	7	3,211	2,406	5,288
4D	13,219	2,764	6,529	146	258	5	2,103	1,414	3,549

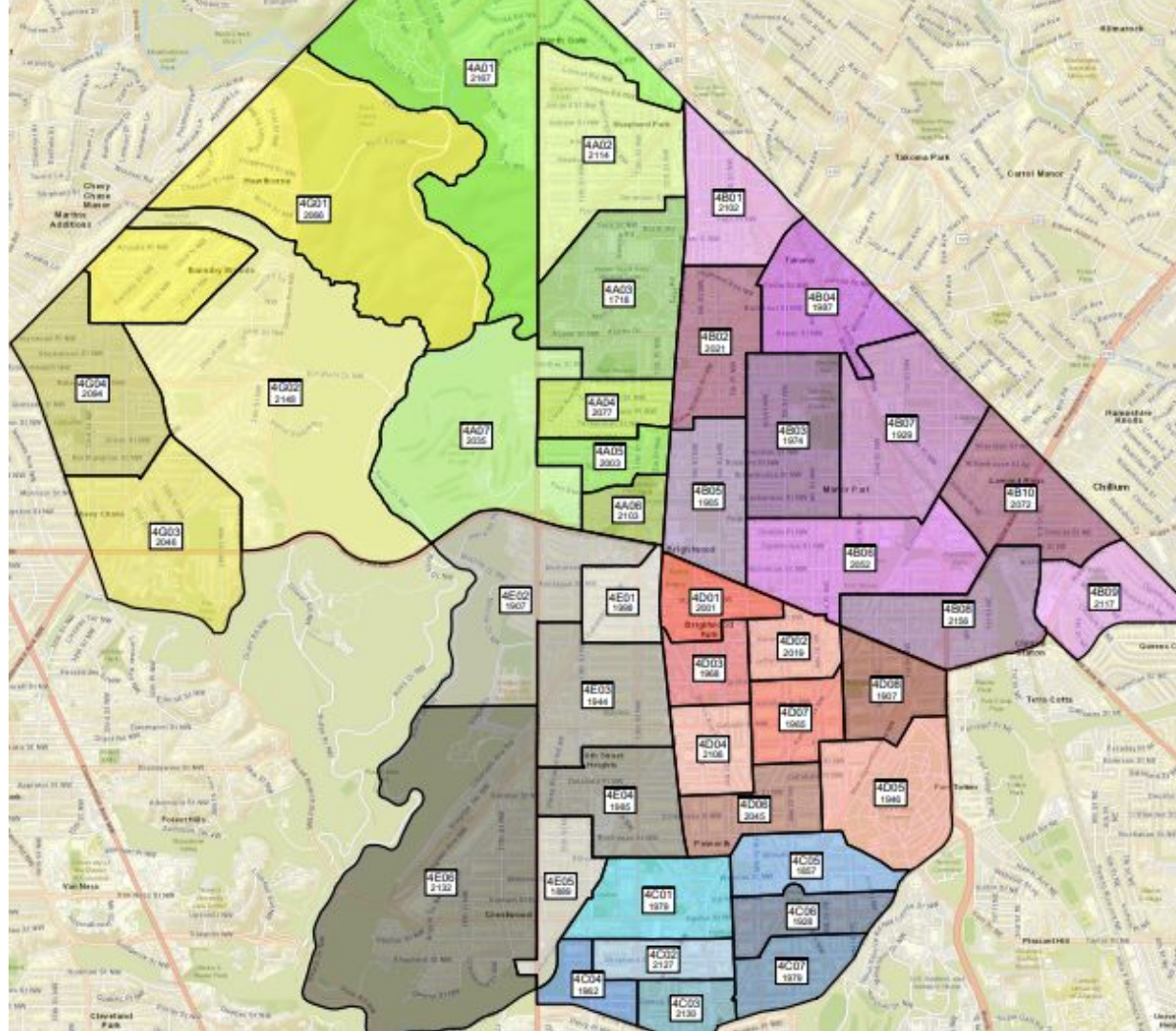
* This chart shows the population of the full ANC 3/4G, including SMDs in Ward 3

**Map of
Proposed ANCs
Boundaries
Recommended
by the 2022
Ward 4
Redistricting
Task Force**



FINAL MAP

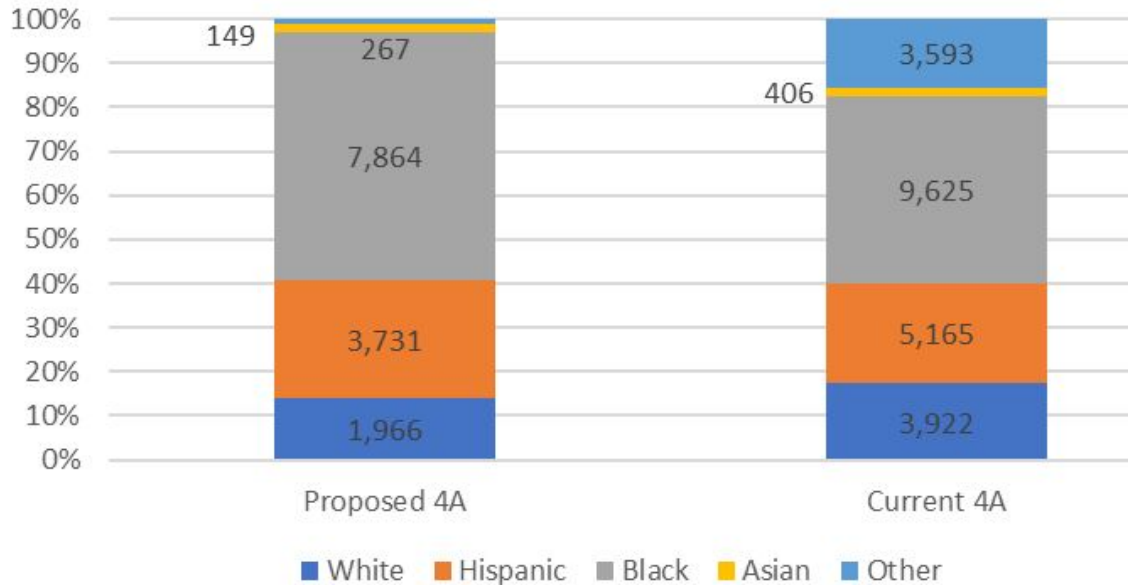
ANCs	Neighborhoods
4A 7 SMDs	Brightwood, Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, Walter Reed
4B 10 SMDs	Takoma, Lamond Riggs, Manor Park
4C 7 SMDs	Petworth, N. Columbia Heights (14th St)
4D 8 SMDs	Brightwood Park, NE Petworth
4E 6 SMDs	Crestwood, 16th Street Heights, NW Petworth
4G 4 SMDs	Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Hawthorne



Demographics of Proposed ANCs

ANC	TOTAL Population	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Other	% of People of Color in Proposed ANC
4A	14,217	1,966	3,731	7,864	267	149	86.17%
4B	20,315	3,819	3,563	11,573	705	231	81.2%
4C	13,962	4,397	3,377	4,974	784	176	68.5%
4D	15,957	2,901	4,252	7,942	438	142	81.82%
4E	11,855	3,409	3,086	4,517	478	132	71.24%
4G	8,354	6,245	637	777	455	137	25.24%

ANC 4A



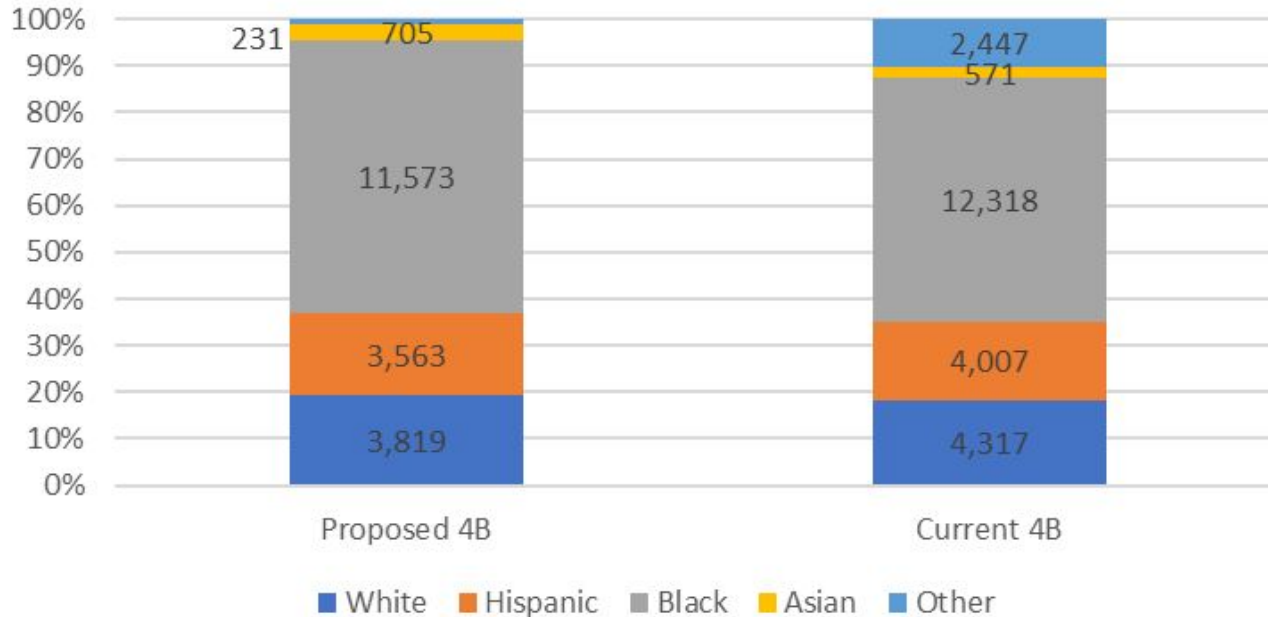
**New 4A Proposed Map
Shrinks Population by
~5,200 Residents**

Notable Shift:

- **Percentage of Black residents grows from 42% to 56%**

→ "Other" is captured differently between census data tables and ESRI reports

ANC 4B



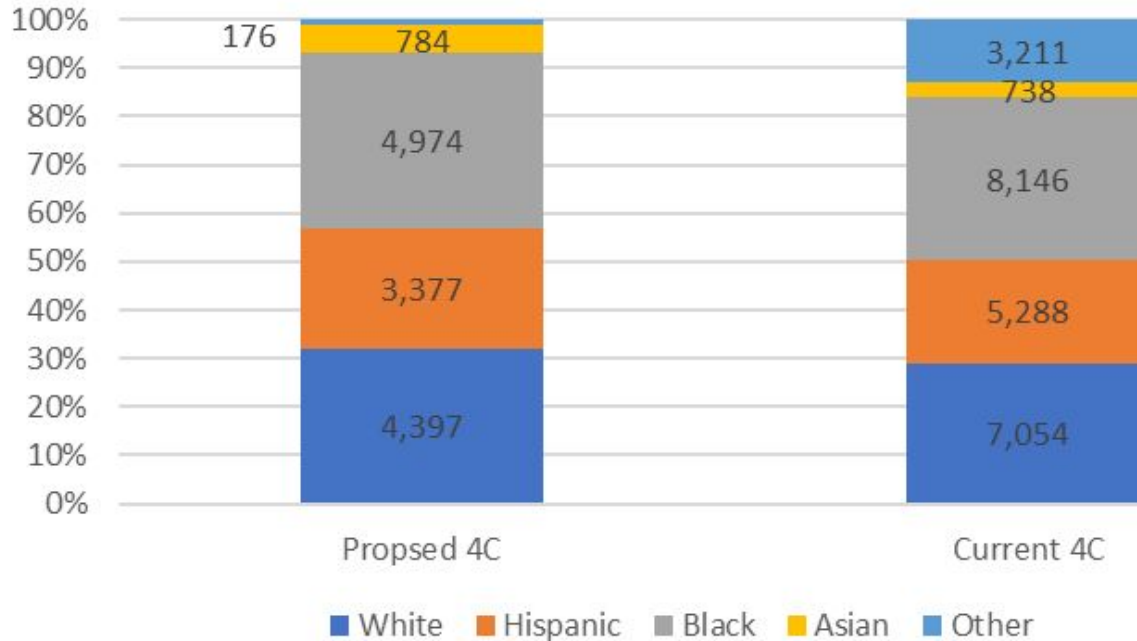
New proposed **4B** shrinks by ~1,800 residents

Notable Shift:

- **Percentage of Black residents grows from 52% to 58%**

→ "Other" is captured differently between census data tables and ESRI reports

ANC 4C



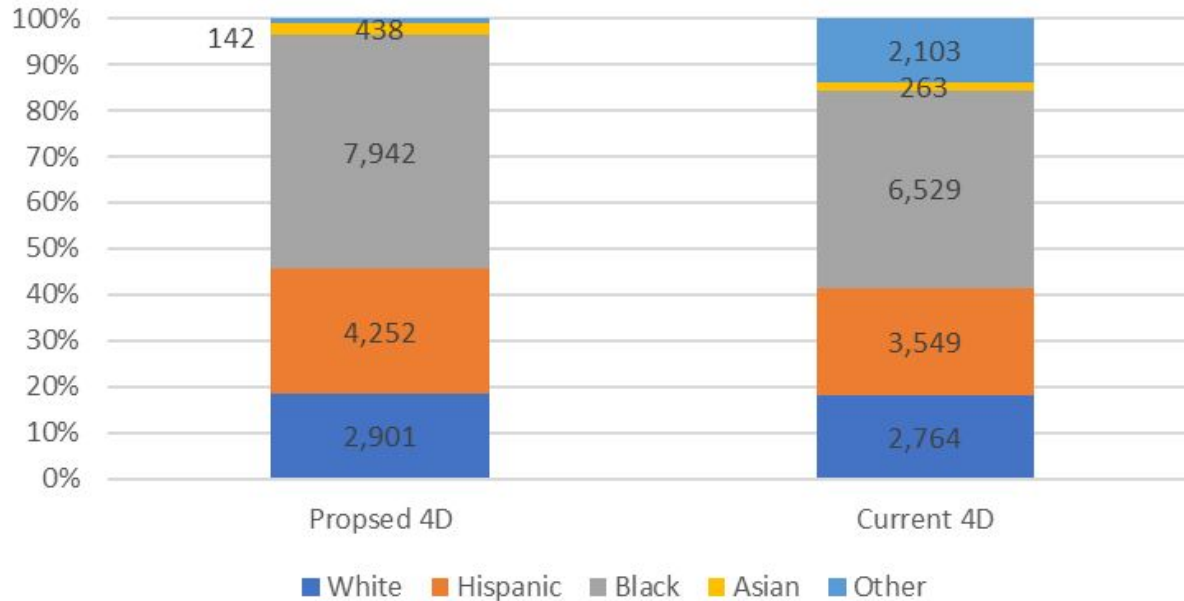
New proposed **4C** shrinks by ~7,700 residents

Notable Shifts:

- Percentage of Black, Hispanic, and White residents each grow by 3%
- 36% of ANC self identify as Black; 29% white; 25% Hispanic

"Other" is captured differently between census data tables and ESRI reports

ANC 4D



New proposed **4D** increases population by ~2,700

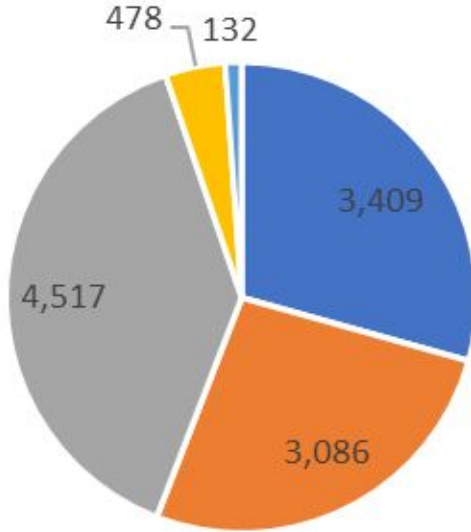
Notable Shifts:

- Percentage of Black residents grows from 43% to 51%
- Percentage of Hispanic residents grows from 23% to 27%

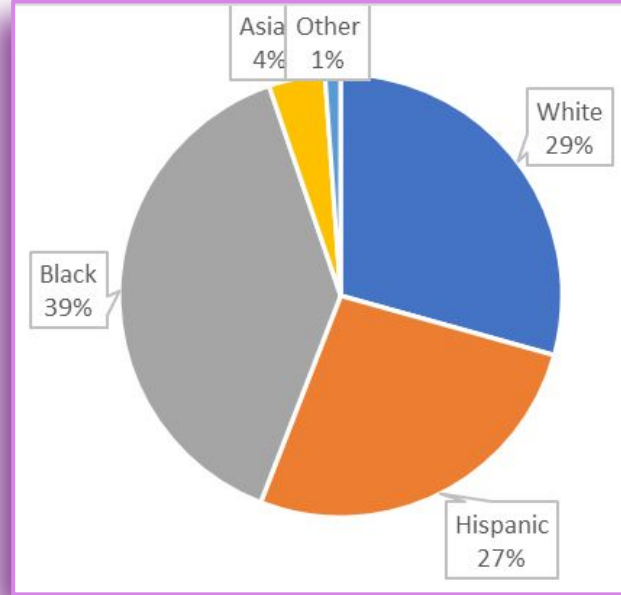
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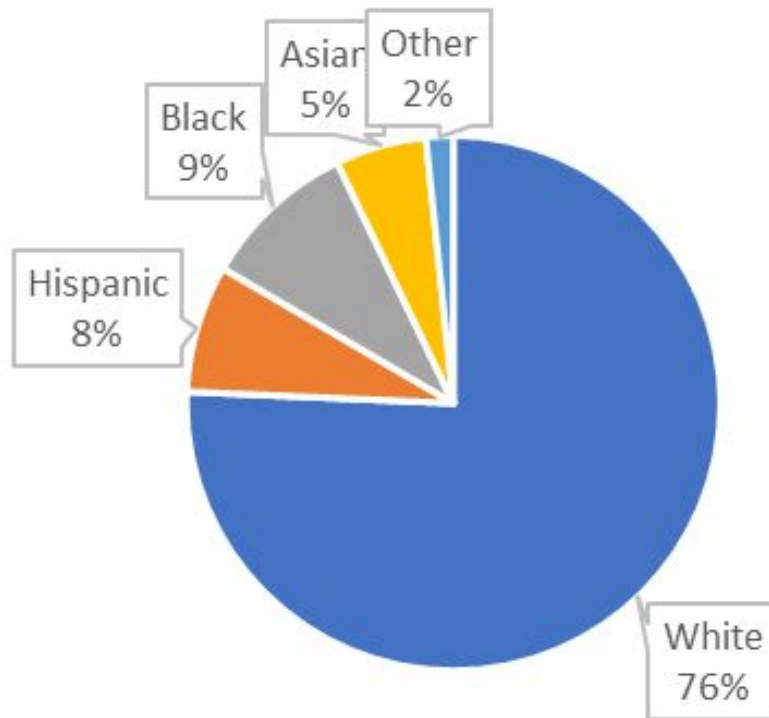
New Proposed 4E

New ANC 4E combines parts of current ANCs 4A and 4C



■ White ■ Hispanic ■ Black ■ Asian ■ Other





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ANC 3/4 G

*No change to Ward 4's
ANC borders; same
proportions for full 3/4G
population in current
bounds*

Testimony of 4D04 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Zachary Israel

Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force

Public Hearing on

Big Picture Updates to Ward 4's ANC and SMD Boundaries

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Co-Chairs Barros and Joyner and Members of the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force:

Thank you for holding this important public hearing today on big picture updates to Ward 4's Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) and Single Member District (SMD) boundaries for 2023—2032. I truly appreciate that the Task Force is allowing the public to provide feedback, which will help inform how the Task Force approaches the redrawing of our ward's ANC and SMD lines over the coming weeks.

My name is Zach Israel and I represent Single Member District 4D04, which includes parts of Petworth and Brightwood Park in Ward 4. I am testifying today in my own capacity as an individual Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and not on behalf of ANC 4D. However, I will note that ANC 4D will be considering adopting a resolution at our upcoming public meeting on February 16, 2022 that will largely mirror my comments today. My hope is that the Task Force seriously considers the resolution ANC 4D will very likely adopt, in addition to my own testimony.

The 2020 population of Ward 4 is 84,660 (an increase of 8,887 residents from the 2010 population of 75,773), resulting in between three—seven additional SMDs in Ward 4 for the next decade, for a total amount of 40—44 SMDs within Ward 4 (an increase from the current total of 37 SMDs). This range of three—seven additional SMDs is based on the fact that each individual SMD in Ward 4 will include a population between 1,900 and 2,100 residents (unless the deviation results from the limitations of census geography or from the promotion of a rational public policy, including, but not limited to, respect for the political geography of the District, the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, or the development of compact and contiguous districts).

Point #1: Ideal Total Number of Commissions Located Within Ward 4 and Number of SMDs/Commission Area:

The first major point I would like to make is that I believe the Task Force should create a new ANC 4E located entirely within Ward 4. The Task Force will be able to achieve this by ensuring that each of the five ANCs located entirely within Ward 4 (not including ANC 3/4G) contains either seven or eight SMDs each for the next decade. Assuming the Task Force is able to maintain the four SMDs in the Ward 4 portion of ANC 3/4G located west of Rock Creek Park (which it should be able to do, since each of those four SMDs can have an average of 2,088.5 people, based on the 2020 Census), each of the five ANCs located entirely within Ward 4 can all include between seven—eight SMDs since the total number of SMDs among these five ANCs will be somewhere between 36—40.

Making each of the five ANC's located entirely within Ward 4 will ultimately mean that ANC 4A would stay the same at eight SMDs or decrease to seven SMDs; ANC 4B would decrease from nine SMDs to either eight or seven SMDs; ANC 4C would decrease from ten SMDs to either eight or seven SMDs; ANC 4D would increase from six SMDs to either seven or eight SMDs; and the new ANC 4E would be either seven or eight SMDs.

Among the 40 current ANC's throughout all eight wards of the District, 16 are composed of seven SMDs and seven are composed of eight SMDs, which means that 57.5 percent of all Commissions include either seven or eight SMDs. Comparatively, there are only two Commissions in the District with six SMDs (including ANC 4D), three Commissions with nine SMDs (including ANC 4B), and four Commissions with ten SMDs (including ANC 4C).

Having each ANC located within Ward 4 be composed of between seven and eight SMDs will ensure equity among all the Ward 4 ANC's and will also help bolster the ability of each Commission to properly conduct its administrative functions by regularly distributing the four legally required Board roles (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) among the Commissioners serving on each Commission annually. At only six commissioners, ANC 4D always has two-thirds of its Commission serving in one of these four roles while ANC 4C, at ten commissioners, only has 40 percent of its Commission serving in one of the Board roles at any given time. Furthermore, having only seven or eight commissioners serving on each Commission will help ensure that the business conducted at each monthly public meeting is not unwieldy or too long, a problem that often occurs at Commission meetings with nine or more SMDs. Lastly, having each of the Ward 4 Commissions be similarly sized would result in a smaller gap between the quarterly financial allocations each Commission receives from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC)—each ANC's annual budget is based on how many SMDs are located within the ANC.

With regard to where the new ANC 4E should be located within Ward 4, I do not have any strong opinions, and I leave it to the Task Force to decide where the most logical place to locate that Commission area should be. The choice of where to locate the new ANC 4E will not be an easy one, but there are numerous options available for the Task Force to consider.

Point #2: Ideal SMD and Geographical Composition of ANC 4D:

The second major point I would like to make is that I believe ANC 4D should be increased in size from six SMDs to eight SMDs and that the newly composed ANC 4D should include all of its current geographic area, in addition to the portion of Brightwood Park currently located within SMD 4B05 (south of Missouri Avenue NW) and the portion of Petworth located within SMD 4C09 north of Buchanan Street NW. If the Task Force adopts this recommendation, the total population of ANC 4D would be 15,755, with an average SMD population of 1,969 residents (which is within the allowable 1,900—2,100 residents/SMD range) for each of the eight new SMDs.

The rationale for increasing the size of ANC 4D from six SMDs to eight SMDs is largely outlined earlier in my testimony, within Point #1. Having served as the Treasurer of ANC 4D since early 2021, I can attest to the large workload a commissioner who simultaneously serves in a Board role faces (which is often in addition to raising a family and holding a full-time job, since ANC commissioners are not paid). If ANC 4D included eight SMDs, only 50 percent of our Commission would serve in a Board role at any given time instead of 67 percent, which will help ensure that the roles are rotated more frequently from year to

year. ANC 4D would also receive a larger annual financial allocation from the OANC, which would be closer in size to the allocations received by the other Commissions located within Ward 4.

Increasing ANC 4D's size from six to eight SMDs will also ensure that several redistricting criteria are incorporated at the forefront of the Ward 4 ANC redistricting process, including geographical contiguity, geographical compactness, neighborhoods and communities of interest, and easily identifiable boundaries. Currently, the neighborhood of Brightwood Park is split between ANCs 4B and 4D (east-west along Longfellow Street NW) and the northern area of Petworth east of Sherman Circle Park is split between ANCs 4C and 4D along a gerrymandered border encompassing a combination of Sherman Circle NW, Kansas Avenue NW, Decatur Street NW, 5th Street NW, Delafield Place NW, 4th Street NW, and New Hampshire Avenue NW.

By incorporating, into the new ANC 4D, the 12 census blocks currently located within SMD 4B05 south of Missouri Avenue NW (which includes 1,542 residents) and the nine census blocks currently located within SMD 4C09 north of Buchanan Street NW (which includes 994 residents), all of Brightwood Park would be located within ANC 4D, the northern area of Petworth would have an easily identifiable border between ANCs 4C and 4D along Buchanan Street NW (which is also the border between four Census tracts located within Petworth), and ANC 4D would be more geographically compact overall.

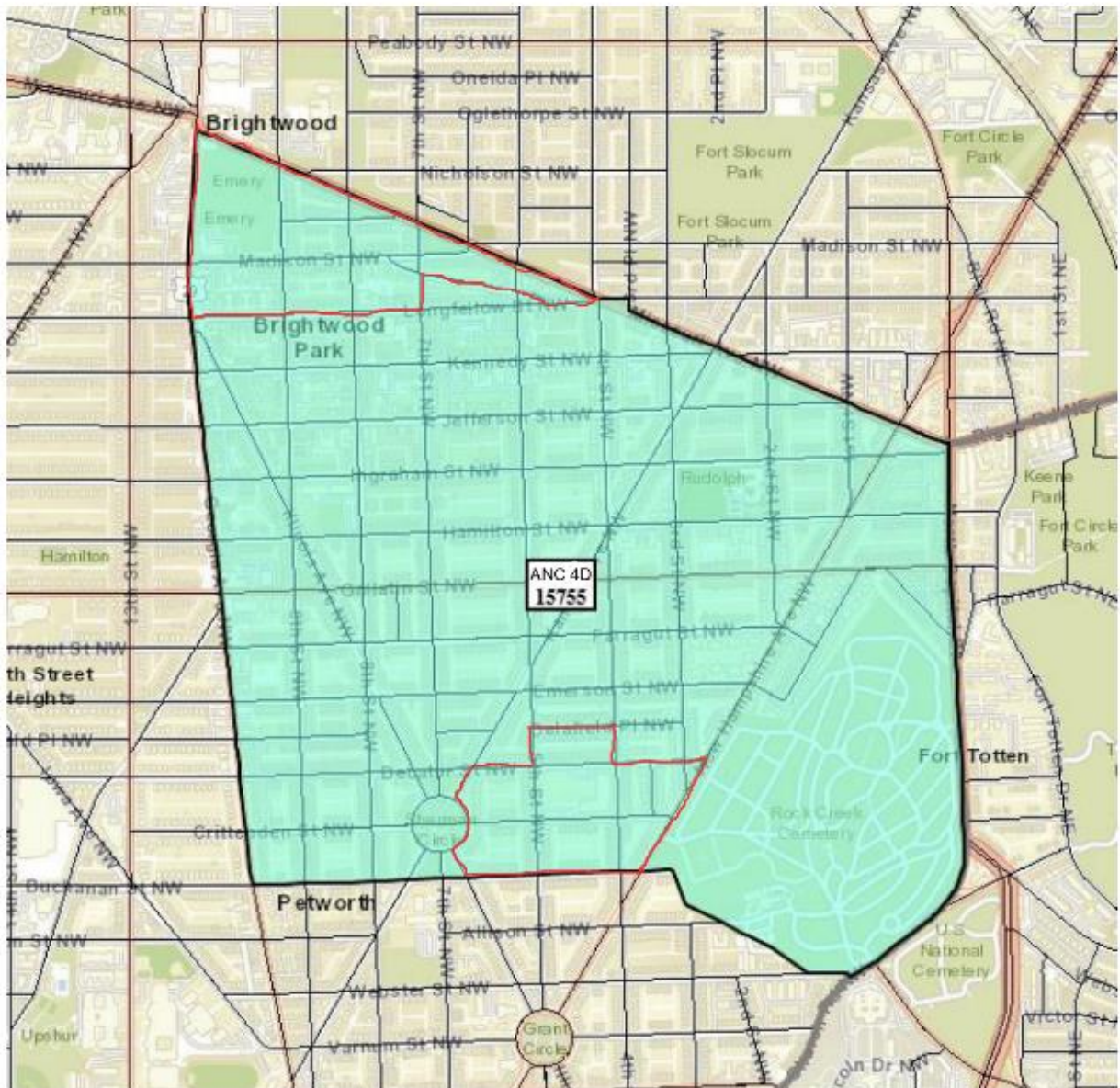
There are additional reasons for incorporating these census blocks into ANC 4D. On the policy front, there are several public safety-related issues that impact the Brightwood Park neighborhood around the entire Kennedy Street corridor, including the areas of SMD 4B05 north of Longfellow Street NW and south of Missouri Avenue NW. However, the residents who reside in this area live in ANC 4B, which stretches all the way north to Takoma. There are additional public-safety related issues which have confronted ANC 4D on and near the 400 Block of Delafield Place NW, which is currently split between ANCs 4C and 4D. By incorporating both of these geographic areas into ANC 4D, one Commission will be able to address these issues, better representing the views of the residents who are impacted.

Furthermore, the current school boundaries for Truesdell Elementary extend north to Missouri Avenue and west to Georgia Avenue NW, which means that while the majority of Truesdell students and their families live within ANC 4D, there is a sizable portion of the Truesdell student population and community who reside within ANC 4B. Incorporating this portion of Brightwood Park into ANC 4D would ensure that one Commission could speak on issues impacting Truesdell, including the upcoming modernization of the campus and the temporary multi-year relocation of the school to a swing space.

As shown below, ANC 4D had 13 SMDs and commissioners from 1976—1992; 10 SMDs and commissioners from 1993—2002; and six SMDs and commissioners from 2003—present. It is time for the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force to, once again, alter the number of SMDs and commissioners for ANC 4D, by increasing the Commission area to eight SMDs and incorporating the areas of Brightwood Park and Petworth outlined in my testimony.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

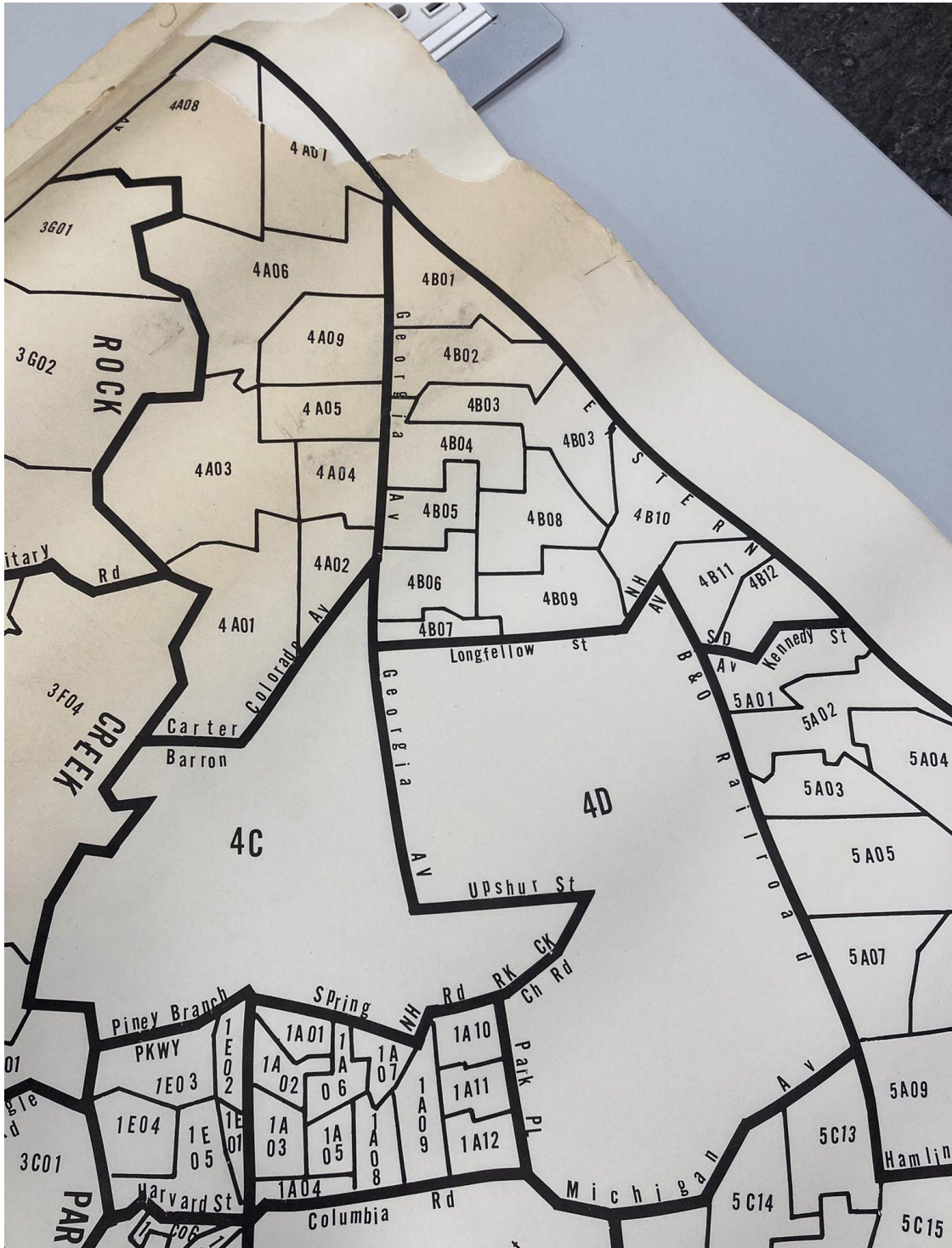
Proposed Map of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D for 2023-2032



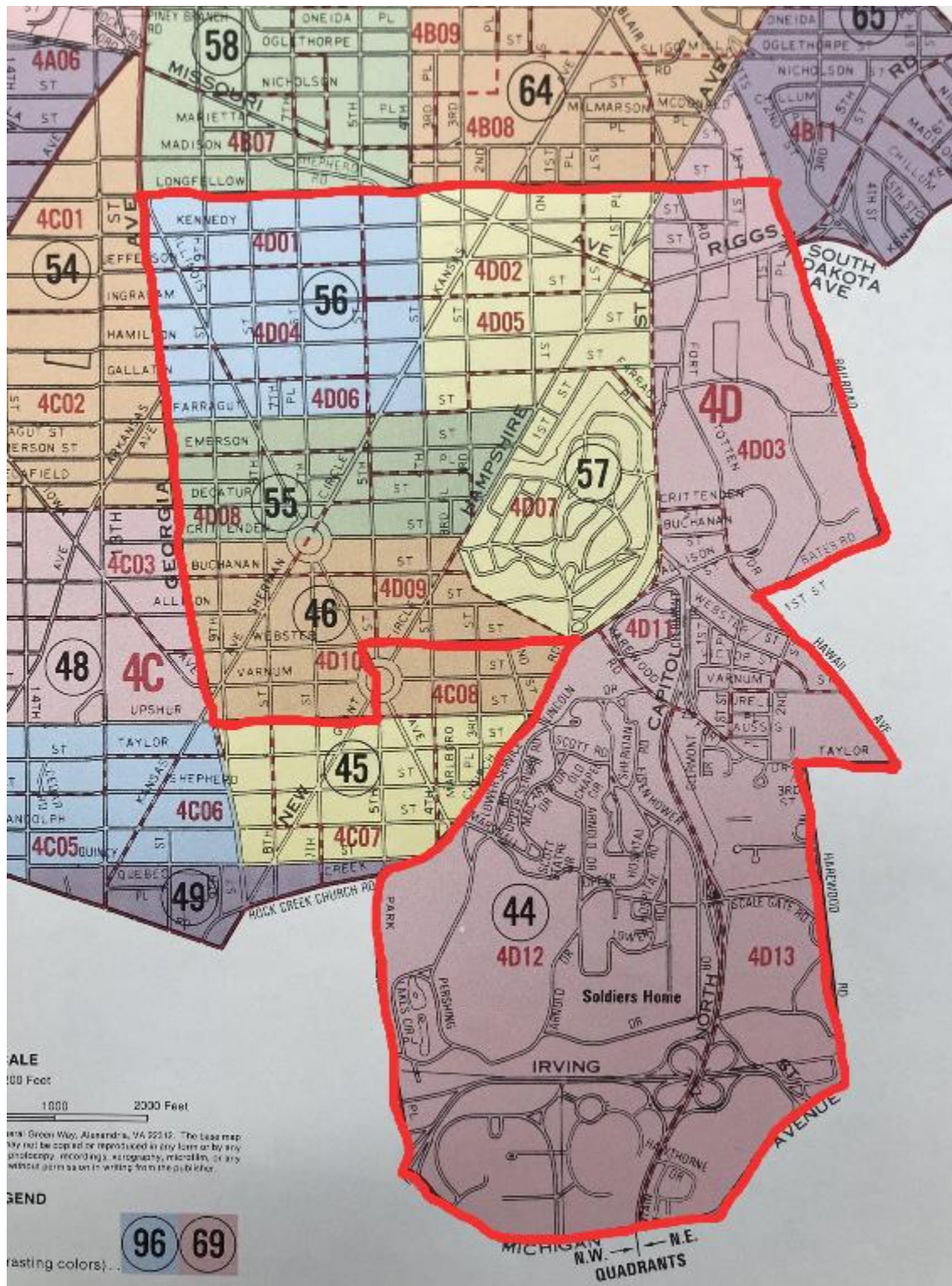
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— New geographic areas of ANC 4D

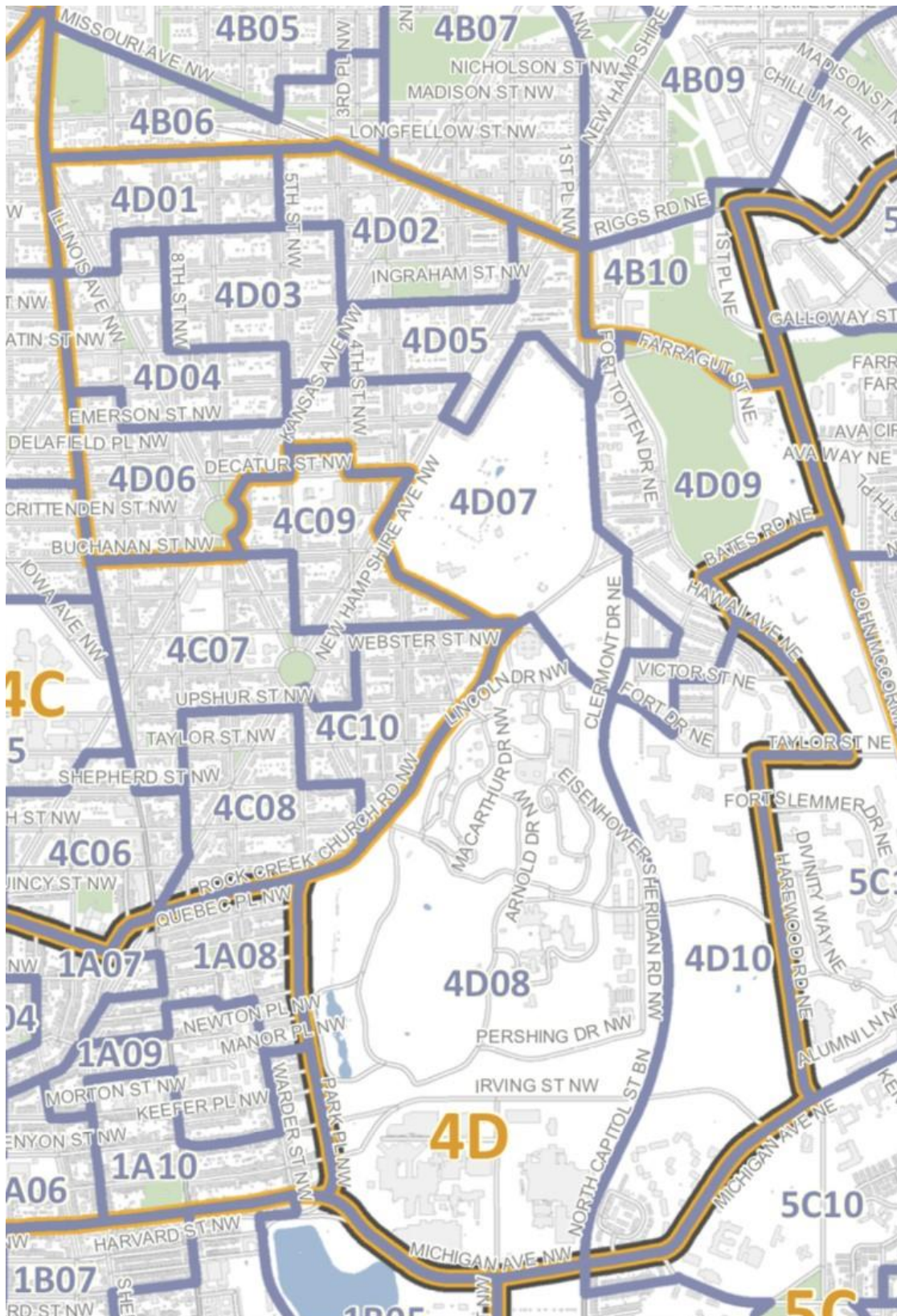
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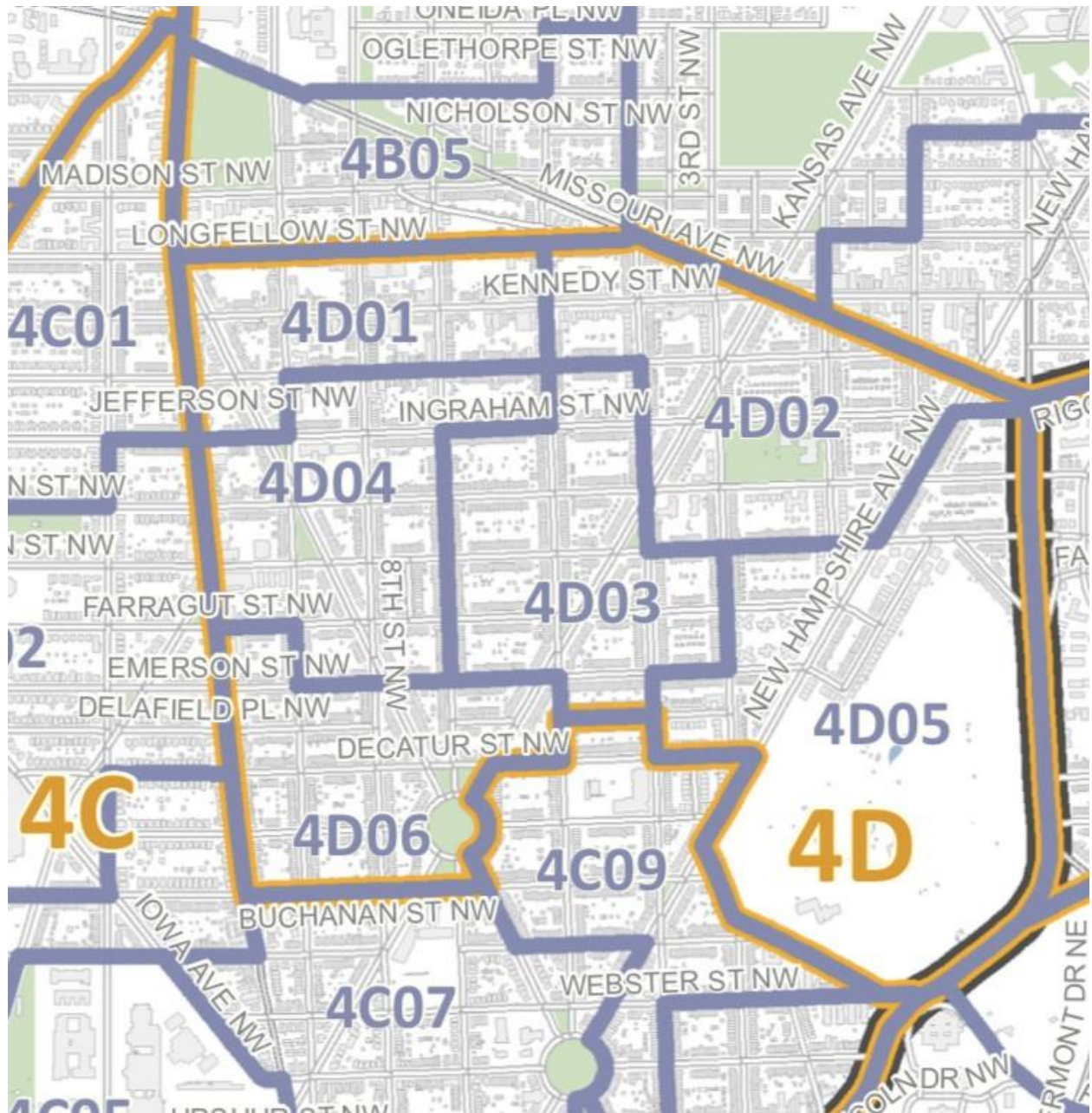
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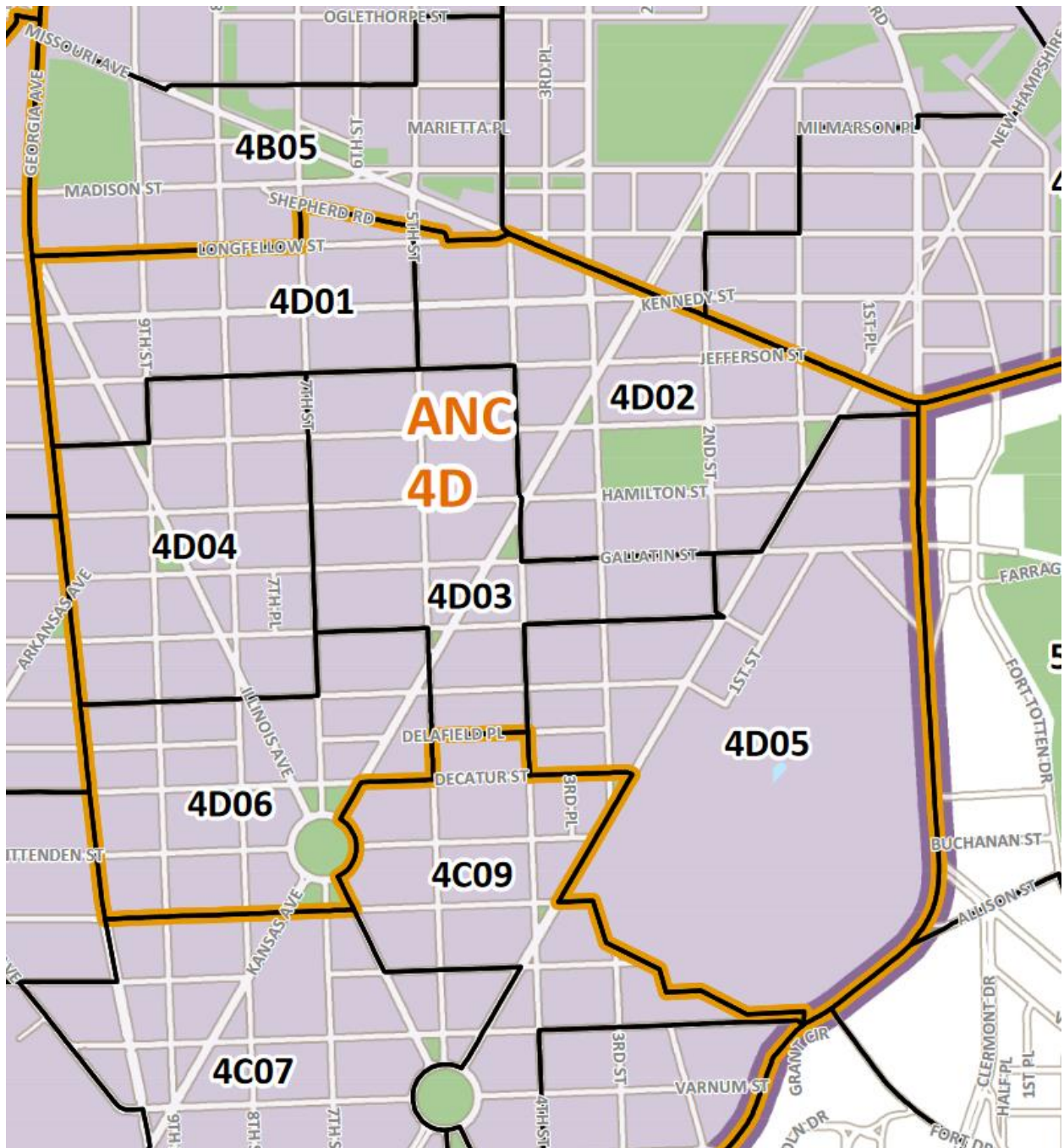
Boundaries of ANC 4D from 1993—2002:



Boundaries of ANC 4D from 2003—2012:



Boundaries of ANC 4D from 2013—2022:





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**Randy Speck Testimony before the
Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force
February 6, 2022**

Members of the Ward 4 redistricting Task Force, I am Randy Speck, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District (SMD) 3/4G03 (Chevy Chase). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the ANC and SMD redistricting process for Ward 4. I am testifying today as commissioner for my SMD, not on behalf of my commission. Nevertheless, Commissioners Lisa Gore (ANC 3/4G01), John Higgins (ANC 3/4G02), Michael Zeldin (ANC 3/4G04), Connie Chang (ANC 3/4G05), Peter Gosselin (ANC 3/4G06) and Charles Cadwell (ANC 3/4G07) have asked me to advise you that they join in my testimony.

Our Commission has invited the Task Force to make a presentation at an upcoming meeting, and I expect the Commission to consider a resolution after that presentation.

I have represented ANC 3/4G03 — which currently includes portions of both Ward 3 and Ward 4 — since January 2013 and have been chair of ANC 3/4G since January 2015. Commissioners Gore, Higgins, and Zeldin were all elected in 2020 and represent SMDs entirely in Ward 4. Commissioners Chang and Gosselin were elected in 2020 and Commissioner Cadwell was elected in 2021 in a special election. All of them represent SMDs that are entirely in Ward 3.

I was involved as a resident when the ward boundaries between Wards 3 and 4 were redrawn based on the 2000 census to include both wards within our ANC's boundaries. We are the only ANC that straddles two wards, and my SMD is the only SMD in the District that includes residents from two wards. In 2015, we renamed ourselves ANC 3/4G to reflect an almost even split between wards. I live in Ward 4.

Part of the ward redistricting in 2001 was based on the important principle that neighborhoods should remain intact, and ANCs should retain their geographic boundaries. Our ANC boundaries — both when our ANC was exclusively in Ward 3 or when divided between Wards 3 and 4, as it is now — has always included the historic neighborhoods of Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne. While we appreciate our connections with Ward 4 that have been strengthened by 20 years of interactions and cooperation with colleagues across Rock Creek Park, it is important to recognize that our neighborhood is principally centered around community-building institutions — e.g., Lafayette Elementary School, Lafayette-Pointer Park and Recreation Center, the Chevy Chase Farmers Market, the Rock Creek Park's Western Ridge Trail, Broad Branch

Market, the Chevy Chase Community Center, the Chevy Chase Neighborhood Library, Chevy Chase Circle, the Carnegie Science Earth and Planetary Laboratory, the historic Avalon Theater, and our current development of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan. Our churches and synagogues, private schools, and senior life care communities help to unify our neighborhoods as one.

The Commission plays an integral part in maintaining these connections, regardless of Ward boundaries, and ensuring the cohesion of our neighborhood. The other ANC 3/4G commissioners and I urge the Task Force to maintain the status quo for ANC 3/4G that has served the community well for 20 years.

We recognize that some boundary changes will be necessary in order to maintain SMDs within the required population range of 1900 to 2100. For example, it makes sense to modify the boundaries so that no SMD includes both Ward 3 and Ward 4. It may also make sense to increase the size of ANC 3/4G to eight SMDs to accommodate the growth in population. Our commissioners may have additional comments when your Task Force and the Ward 3 Task Force propose specific SMD boundaries. At this “big-picture” stage of the redistricting process, however, we urge the Task Forces to preserve ANC 3/4G to include all of the Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Testimony of Monica Goletiani

Resident of ANC4A03

2/6/2022

Please find below my testimony regarding Ward 4 Redistricting of ANC and SMD boundaries:

Natural boundaries for Brightwood - I would advocate for ANC4a SMDs to follow the natural boundaries for the Brightwood neighborhood as much as possible. This is Aspen St to the north, Rock Creek Park to the west, Military Road/Missouri Ave to the south and Georgia Ave to the east. Redistricting changes that would need to be made for this would be:

- Split up ANC4a03 so that Brightwood (Aspen to Van Buren/Underwood) has a Commissioner that lives in our neighborhood.

- Include the blocks west of 16th St (Van Buren to Rittenhouse) into Brightwood proper, and removing them from ANC4a07. This would also make ANC 4a better aligned with our assigned census tracks.

- Review SMDs 4a05/06/07 and if possible use Military Road as the southern border for 05 and 06. If not then I would suggest redistricting so that these SMDs are primarily above Military but go down to Nicholson St so that Brightwood Elementary School is included in a Brightwood SMD. More than half of our neighborhood is inbounds for Brightwood ES.

Vacancy in 4a05 - this has been a long standing problem, finding a Commissioner or getting a Commissioner to stay in the position. I'd very strongly advocate to reshaping this SMD to increase the potential for filling this seat.

Census tracks - Brightwood proper is made up of two census tracks, 18.03 and 18.04. Having SMD boundaries that align with these census tracks would be helpful for outreach to residents and for engaging city services. One issue for the task force to consider is that the two census tracks have disparate demographics in terms of income, housing and other factors. There are also disparate levels of participation in elections and census responses, as well as the impacts of covid, crime and other conditions. In terms of equity, I would ask the task force to identify and apply best practices to increase equity across the two census tracks.

Walter Reed campus (The Parks/State Department/Childrens Hospital) - How this campus will be treated is a significant concern. For the ANC and SMD boundaries, it may be that Walter Reed would be better served by either having its own ANC commissioner or being attached to one of the three bounding neighborhoods of Takoma, Brightwood or Shepherd Park. Per the development team, The Parks will have their own association (business/community/owners?) but bordering blocks need to have strong SMD representation in order to ensure their needs are being addressed.

Links between Takoma and Brightwood - It would be good if the task force can identify how many children from Brightwood attend Takoma ES; it is the in bounds school for the northern portion of the neighborhood. At this point in time The Parks at Walter Reed is also in bounds for Takoma. Additionally the DC government neighborhood clusters combine Brightwood, Takoma and Manor Park into Cluster 17. I personally prefer sticking to Georgia Ave as a natural eastern boundary but these connections to Takoma could be considered if 4a eastern boundary shifts are needed. being. <https://opendata.dc.gov/datasets/neighborhood-clusters/explore?location=38.970384%2C-77.021766%2C14.00>

This is my personal testimony as a 22 year resident of Brightwood, but it is also informed by the ANC and SMD issues that I have observed and tried to address as a member of the Brightwood Community Association.

Thank you.

Testimony of 4D04 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Zachary Israel

Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force

Public Hearing on

Preliminary Discussion Maps

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Co-Chairs Barros and Joyner and Members of the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force:

My name is Zach Israel and I represent Single Member District (SMD) 4D04, which includes parts of Petworth and Brightwood Park in Ward 4. The first part of my testimony is on behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D, as authorized by the [resolution](#) on redistricting that ANC 4D unanimously passed on February 16, 2022. The second part of my testimony is in my personal capacity as an individual Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and not on behalf of ANC 4D. My hope is that the Task Force seriously considers adopting the recommendations included in ANC 4D's resolution, in addition to my personal recommendations!

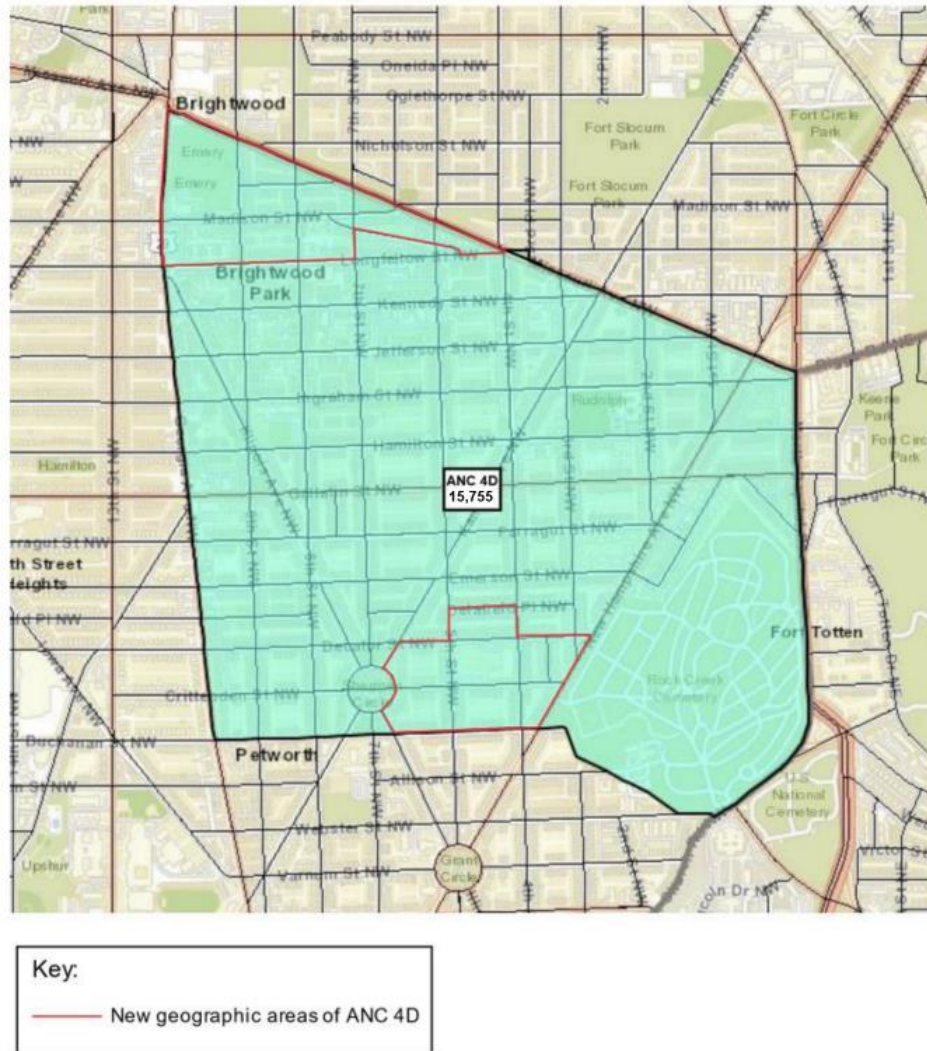
Testimony on Behalf of ANC 4D:

First off, the best preliminary discussion map released by the Task Force, by far, is [Proposed Map #1](#). It adopts the exact recommendations that ANC 4D included in our resolution passed on Feb. 16, 2022 regarding the new borders for ANC 4D from 2023-2032, including:

1. *Call[ing] on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, contains a total of eight SMDs in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation and, eventually, legislation passed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council.*
2. *Call[ing] on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the Council of the District of Columbia to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, includes all of the geographic area of the currently composed ANC 4D, in addition to the 12 census blocks located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW currently located within SMD 4B05, and the nine census blocks located north of Buchanan Street NW currently located within SMD 4C09, in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation and, eventually, legislation passed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council. This would result in a total population of 15,755 residents for ANC 4D, with an average population of 1,969.375 residents for each of the eight SMDs.*

For the reasons outlined in ANC 4D's resolution passed on February 16, ANC 4D urges the Task Force to adopt the Commission borders for ANC 4D included in Proposed Map #1!

Again, here are the proposed Commission boundaries that ANC 4D supports for the new ANC 4D:



Personal Testimony from ANC 4D04 Commissioner Zach Israel:

There are serious issues with the Task Force’s Proposed Maps #[2](#), [3](#), and [4](#):

- Proposed Map #2 expands ANC 4D from 6 SMDs to 9 SMDs, which is larger than the 8 SMDs ANC 4D wants. Additionally, it includes a new SMD 4D09 in Manor Park, which makes no sense and looks extremely gerrymandered. Furthermore, this map includes a one-block wide stretch of 16th Street Heights (between Georgia Avenue NW and 13th Street NW), from Decatur Street NW to Colorado Avenue NW, which is problematic since it cuts off a significant stretch of the 16th Street Heights neighborhood from the rest of the neighborhood. Since ANCs were first created in the mid-1970s, Georgia Avenue NW has *always* served as the major dividing line/border between ANC 4D and ANC 4C in this part of Ward 4 (i.e., between northern Petworth/Brightwood Park and 16th St. Heights), and it should remain that way. I implore the Task Force to take a look at the historic maps of ANCs 4C and 4D contained in ANC 4D’s resolution (on [pages 5—9](#)).

- Proposed Map #3 expands ANC 4D from 6 SMDs to 11 SMDs, which is far too large. As discussed in ANC 4D's resolution, it would be extremely problematic to have an ANC sized at 11 SMDs/Commissioners. By encompassing ***all of Petworth east of Georgia Avenue NW in the new ANC 4D*** (which is literally unprecedented—again, check out the historic maps of ANC 4D included in our resolution), the monthly public meetings would likely last upwards of 5-7 hours due to the amount of businesses and homes contained in this geographic area which would cause a massive amount of business for the new ANC 4D to deal with on a regular basis. Additionally, this proposed map continues to break up the neighborhood of Brightwood Park by including part of the neighborhood in SMD 4B05, which is not good,
- Proposed Map #4 expands ANC 4D from 6 SMDs to 12 SMDs, which is also far too large. As stated in ANC 4D's resolution, there are literally only two Advisory Neighborhood Commissions ***in the entire District of Columbia*** that are sized larger than 10 SMDs/Commissioners! It's not a coincidence that only 5% of the District's 40 Commissions are sized larger than 10 SMDs/Commissioners—having an area with a population that large makes the business of the Commission unwieldy, and may actually harm Ward 4 residents by not making the ANC as accessible during its monthly public meetings, since many residents would be unable to spend 5-7 hours listening or attending a meeting in its entirety. The Task Force should not create any Commissions sized above 10 SMDs/Commissioners and the majority of Commissions should be sized between 7-8 SMDs/Commissioners!

The next specific point I'd like to make is regarding the proposed SMD borders within ANC 4D in Proposed Map #1. Four of the six current ANC 4D SMDs (4D02, 4D03, 4D04, and 4D05) are currently only between 97-145 residents above the maximum SMD population-threshold of 2,100 residents/SMD. 4D02 currently has 2,245 people; 4D03 currently has 2,205 people; 4D04 currently has 2,200 people; and 4D05 currently has 2,197 people (4D01 has 2,408 people [i.e., well outside the acceptable range] and 4D06 has 1,964 people [within the acceptable range]).

Proposed Map #1 makes some bizarre restructuring of these four SMDs that are unnecessary since the Task Force only needs to move 97-145 residents out of each of these SMDs to another SMD(s). This is a very important issue since the current SMDs within ANC 4D have largely remained the same over the past 20-30 years and it makes no sense to arbitrarily restructure all of these SMDs in ANC 4D for no reason.

I urge the Task Force, as much as possible, to respect the political geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, and the development of compact and contiguous SMDs within each of the new ANCs outlined in Proposed Map #1. As much as possible, the Task Force should maintain the same geographic boundaries of the six current SMDs located within ANC 4D when creating the new SMD boundaries located within the new ANC 4D.

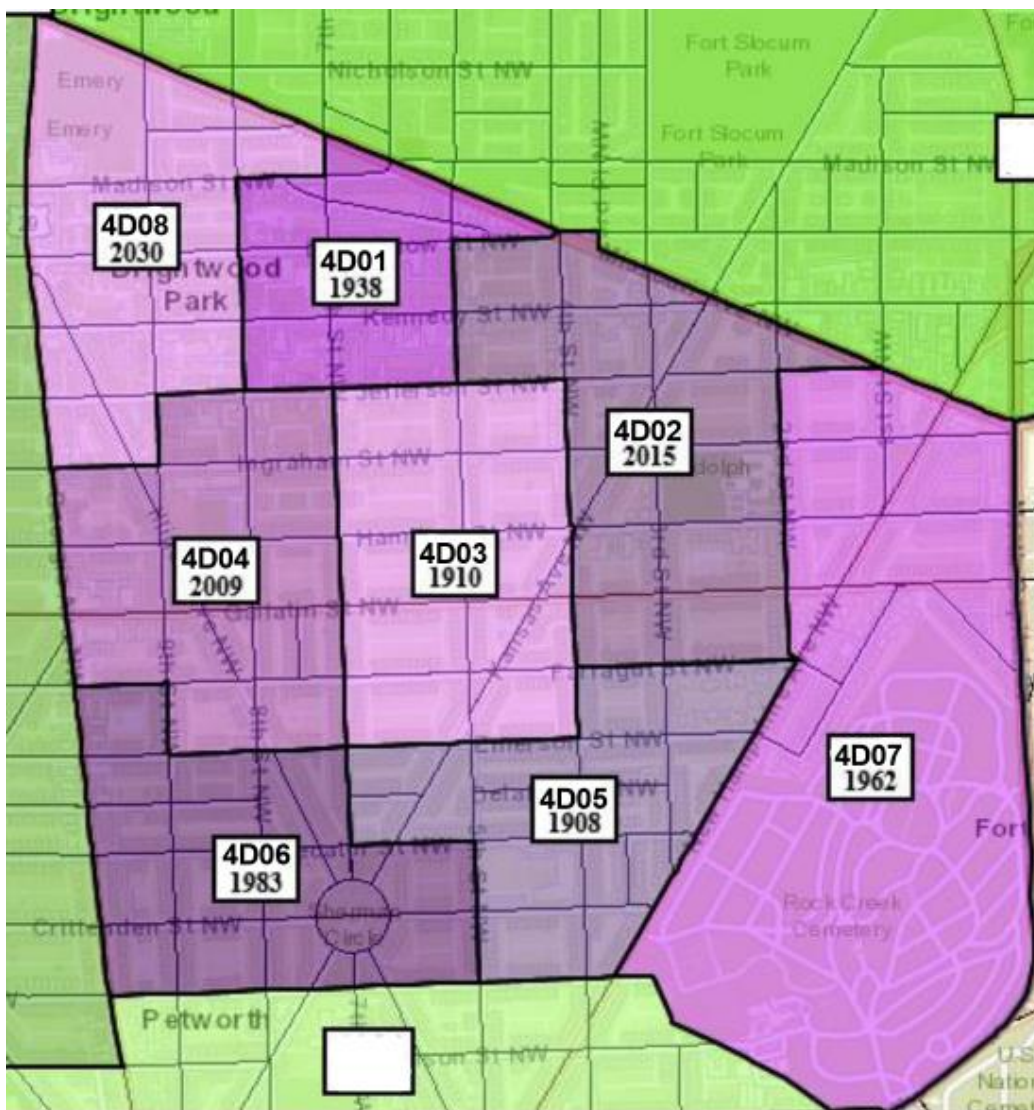
This would be to the benefit of the residents of each of these SMDs who have formed a sense of community in their specific SMDs. Additionally, current ANC commissioners who represent each of these SMDs can pass along specific institutional knowledge regarding their current SMD to their future successors. If the Task Force unnecessarily restructures these SMDs, the passing of this institutional knowledge would not be possible! ANCs already have an extremely difficult job (on a volunteer basis), so the Task Force should ensure that these SMDs remain as similar as possible within ANC 4D for the next decade.

Furthermore, the DC Code ([§ 1-1041.02](#)) states the following:

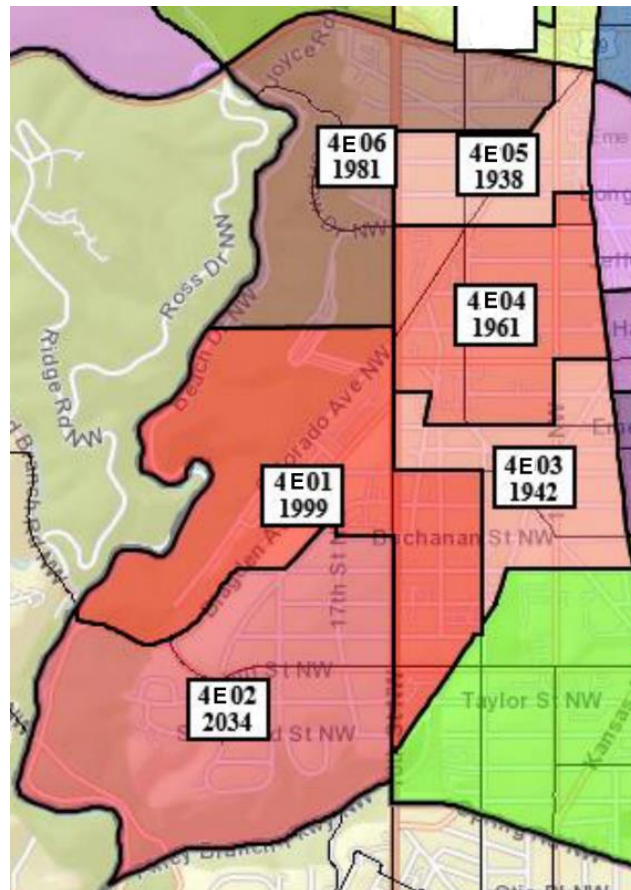
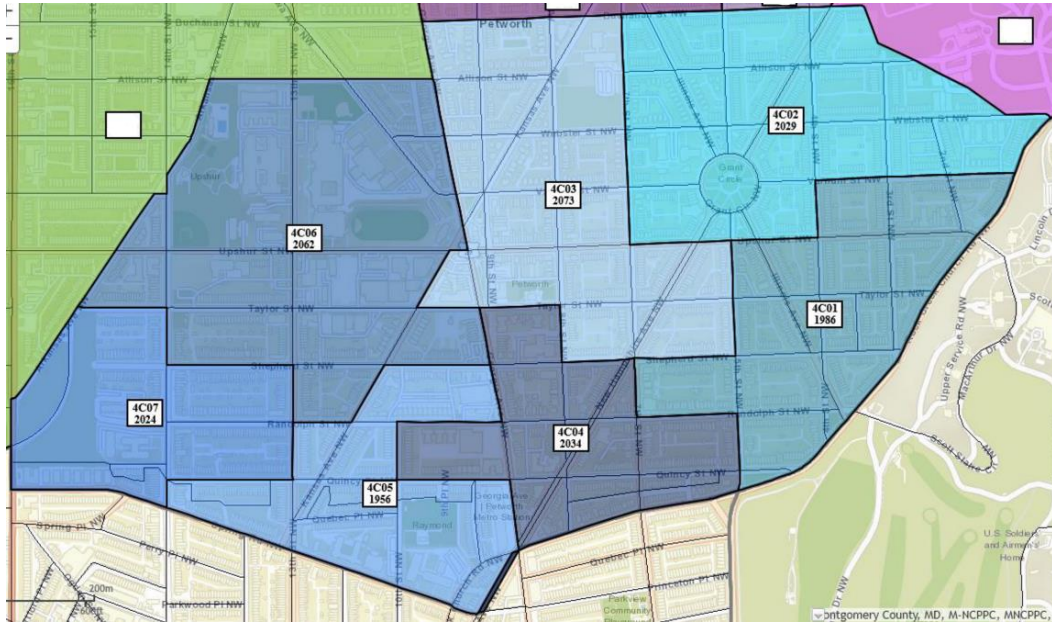
“No redistricting plan or proposed amendment to a redistricting plan shall result in district populations with a deviation range greater than 10% or a relative deviation greater than plus-or-minus 5%, unless the deviation results from the limitations of census geography or from the promotion of a rational public policy, including, but not limited to, respect for the political geography of the District, the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, or the development of compact and contiguous districts.”

While this part of the DC Code specifically applies to the Task Force in circumstances when potential SMDs’ populations are outside the acceptable 1,900-2,100 population range, I would argue that the “rational public policy” outlined, including “respect for the political geography of the District, the natural geography of the District, neighborhood cohesiveness, or the development of compact and contiguous districts” should also apply to **all SMDs within ANC 4D!**

Here’s a potential new ANC 4D that would more closely align with maintaining the current political geography of each of the current SMDs within ANC 4D (as much as possible):



Lastly, I think the border between the new ANC 4E and ANC 4C in Proposed Map #1 could be a lot better. Specifically, the Task Force should use a combination of Arkansas Avenue NW and Allison Street NW as the border between these two ANCs. Here is a potential map the Task Force could adopt for ANCs 4C and 4E that aligns with this vision:



To: Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force
From: Michael Halpern, former ANC4C Commissioner
Re: Feedback on proposed maps
Date: March 9, 2022

Thank you for seeking input into the Ward 4 redistricting process. I served as 4C04 ANC Commissioner between 2013 and 2016. This written feedback is provided to expand on my oral testimony given on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

The following written testimony is divided between neighborhood wide comments and specific, actionable comments related to the four maps.

In three sentences, I recommend adopting Map 1 with adjustments to proposed SMD 4E06 that ensure that the area between Spring, Arkansas, Taylor, and 14th is retained as part of a Petworth area ANC (possibly requiring the transfer of one SMD from 4E to 4C). If you move forward with Map 2, I recommend annexing proposed 4C03 into 4E. In both of these circumstances, the Node One 14th St commercial corridor is retained within one ANC.

Overall, neighborhood-wide comments

My overall comments touch on five areas.

Number one: Keep 14th street between Spring and Shepherd part of a Petworth ANC. Splitting the commercial corridors between 4C and 4E would create disconnection and chaos. As 4C04 commissioner, I worked closely with the 4C05 commissioner to ensure we were treating businesses equitably. We were then able to bring consolidated business before ANC4C which could look at the 14th street corridor holistically and consistent with other commercial corridors. This requires repurposing some or all of the territory covered by 4E06 on proposed maps 1 or 2.

Number two: Adding ANC4E is essential. ANCs that are larger than eight commissioners struggle to get their work done. With ten commissioners, we would regularly fail to get through our business before the library closed. Community members would wait hours and not get a chance to speak. This harms both civic engagement and equity.

Number three: Do your best to create SMDs that have similar service needs. I have heard concerns that too much commercial activity is excessively burdensome for one commissioner. But often, I found that the variety of activities was more burdensome than the amount.

Over my two terms, I attended BZA hearings, created ABRA settlement agreements, petitioned the National Park service, informed DDOT traffic calming measures, and more. Each of these activities required dozens of hours of learning about the way the city and region function—and for the first two years, every time I made mistakes because I was new to the process. When so many commissioners serve one to two terms, the learning curve is really steep, and then it starts over again.

Number four: Consider the unique burden for SMDs that include National Park Service land. The NPS Commission on Fine Arts must approve projects that can be seen from Rock Creek Park. This requires builders, businesses, schools, and homeowners to appear before the commission and learning an entirely new system, without councilmembers or mayoral representatives to assist. This does not

suggest that all park-adjacent property should be within one ANC, but that a recognition of the workload factor into the makeup of SMDs.

Number five: 4C04 represents residents in several large and small apartment buildings, yet the commissioner has usually come from a single-family home, creating additional equity concerns. The proposed 4E06 on maps 1 and 2 could address this disparity but only if the single-family homes are incorporated into other SMDs.

Specific, actionable comments

Map 1 is a great map but only if portions or all of 4E06 becomes part of 4C. Keeping 4C south of Buchanan is a solid improvement, as it includes the Georgia, 14th, and Upshur commercial corridors but loses some of the residential components that are more consistent with upper NW.

For the current 4C04, I would have been grateful to concentrate on the commercial corridor concerns that are clearly part of Petworth and give up the BZA hearings to another commissioner. What does this mean practically for proposed 4E06?

To address the equity concerns mentioned above, and to ensure consistent and holistic consideration of the Node One 14th street commercial strip, I recommend that 4E06 follow the following boundaries and become part of 4C: Spring Road to the south, Arkansas to the west, Taylor to the north, and 14th street to the east. The area north of Taylor could be incorporated into proposed 4C01 or proposed 4E05. If this creates low population for proposed 4E05, you could add Spring and Quincy between 13th and 14th, and shift proposed 4C04 northward by one block.

This also addresses neighborhood cohesion. From my experience, those who live in the southern and eastern parts of the proposed SMD 4E06 (who are my former constituents) are indeed more aligned with Petworth, and those who live north of Taylor and west of Arkansas are more likely to identify with 16th Street Heights.

If you are concerned about the number of SMDs within an ANC, I believe that proposed 4C01 would be justifiably moved into 4E if it ends at 13th Street.

Map 2 is a very good map. This essentially creates a 14th street corridor ANC4C. I think this is workable, but again only if you adjust the boundaries so that lower 14th street is not split between ANCs. This would be best served by two options:

- a. Annex proposed 4C03 into 4E.
- b. Modify proposed 4C03 in some other way to avoid the east side of 14th Street. These modifications seem possible by adjusting 4C03, 4E07, 4C01, and 4E06 by a block or two in various directions.

Map 3 is not a good map. The ANCs are way too big, and it makes no sense to split Georgia avenue in the south part of Ward 4 between two ANCs. I encourage you to abandon this option.

Map 4 has the same problems as map 3 but is even worse, with the new 4C04 going from Georgia Avenue to Beach Drive. I encourage you to abandon this option.

Testimony of Ashleigh Sanders

Resident of ANC4B08

3/8/2022

Thank you for allowing me to testify at tonight's hearing on the proposed Ward 4 ANC maps. Below are my main points for the record.

- I live on 2nd Street NW one block north of Kennedy St in the current SMD 4B08, but on the boundary with 4B06. These comments are purely my own.
- I am very happy with my current commissioner, but all of the proposed maps would move me into a brand new SMD.
- Having lived on an SMD boundary for 10 years, I can say that it is awkward to have a different commissioner than my neighbors across the street. To the extent possible, I recommend avoiding dividing SMDs directly down the middle of the street.
- Three of the proposed maps use Missouri Ave as the 4B and 4D dividing line, which could result in challenges in addressing the unique commercial, development, traffic and crime issues of Kennedy Street. I recommend using Longfellow Street as the dividing line between 4B and 4D east of its intersection with Missouri Ave to keep Kennedy Street intact. There is often a desire to treat the 300-800 blocks of Kennedy St as distinct from the 100-200 blocks of Kennedy, but we similarly have drug crimes, gun violence, commercial development, and dense populations. Treating these as separate areas would seem to ignore the value of the Main Street programs for small businesses, and the various crime prevention programs that run the length of Kennedy St.
- Maps 1, 2 and 4 would result in me and my neighbors living in a brand new SMD with more than 2000 residents. Map 1 creates 4B10 with 2203 people, the largest SMD on the map. Map 2 creates 4D09 with 2120 people, the second largest SMD on the map, and double the population of 4A03 and much larger than 4A04. Map 4 creates 4B10 with 2138 people, again amongst the largest proposed SMDs. These large populations for a brand new commissioner would seem to dilute representation for a complex area that would include commercial developments, small businesses, schools, national park land, apartments, single family homes, and heavily-used roadways.

Thank you again and please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Ashleigh

TESTIMONY OF STEPHEN A. WHATLEY
ANC 4A SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

March 8, 2022 Hearing

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to testify concerning the draft maps for ANC 4A. I have reviewed the 4 maps. I would prefer either map 1 or 2. Both maps are consistent with the current boundaries. Having the Walter Reed campus in the center is crucial to development of SMD 4A03. Residents nearby the Walter Reed campus are best served by being a part of the Walter Reed SMD.

I have been a commissioner for more than 20 years representing ANC 4A03. I know my constituents and feel that any change would have an adverse impact on the community. I also worked on the ANC redistricting based on the 2010 census. I believe the boundaries of 16th Street on the west, Alaska Avenue on the Northwest, the south part of Floral Street to the north, the west side Georgia Avenue to the up to Van Buren to the south. This is the current ANC 4A03 boundary. I would be amenable to using Floral Street and the northern border to 16th Street.

I also believe that maps 1 and 2 give the best coverage for the residents currently in SMDs 4A04, 4A05, and 4A06 are best served by maps 1 and 2.

Respectfully,

Stephen A. Whatley

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ANC 4A03

Testimony of Tracy Hart
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March 8, 2022

Dear Ward 4 Redistricting Committee:

It was great to meet you and see your faces last night. I want to share with you a summary of the verbal comments from last night which are additive to my written comments (see attached below):

- I've lived in DC since 1993 – in Georgetown, Logan Circle, U Street, Mount Pleasant and Sixteenth Street Heights (SSH);
- I live on the east side of 16th Street NW between Upshur and Varnum, in 4C03. I live on the dividing line between two ANCs, by the way;
- I am a member of both the Sixteenth Street Neighborhood Association (SSNA) and the Crestwood Citizens Association (CCA);
- I agree with most of the speakers on this call that **Maps 3 and 4 are not suitable because the ANCs are too large**. I have served on several Boards with 12-13 members. We met once per week for our 2 years of tenure. Even with that frequency, that size of decision-making body is not easy to manage. Also, I agree with several of the ANC Commissioners who spoke who noted that, with big ANCs, it is difficult to get through an agenda, and that community members are left waiting for hours for their agenda item to come up to speak. I've been there!
- Therefore, the addition of **4E is greatly appreciated**.
- In our neighborhoods, the neighborhood associations of SSNA, CCA, and Sixteenth Street Heights Civic Association (SSHCA) are the geographical grouping that residents most identify with, not ANC SMD boundaries. It would be most useful if we had ANC boundaries that can correspond with neighborhood association boundaries to the greatest extent possible.
- For your information, the SSNA boundary is Upshur and Arkansas on the south, 16th on the west, 14th on the east, and Decatur on the north;
- The SSHCA boundary is north of us – I know that Nadine Parker, President of SSHCA, joined the meeting last night and is intending to send comments from the view of SSHCA;

- **I strongly prefer Map 2 to Map 1.** The reason why is that I prefer the eastern boundary of ANC4E to be 13th Street rather than Georgia Avenue.
- With respect to the question of having Georgia as a boundary between ANCs, here is my view: when the major street is more an artery than a commercial corridor (like Military/Missouri), then it is OK to be an ANC boundary, and certainly a SMD boundary. When the street is a large commercial corridor, such as Georgia, it needs to be contained in an ANC, even if there is a SMD on the west and another on the east side. Georgia Avenue in the southern portion of Ward 4 (north of New Hampshire) is considered Petworth, and it would be good to have a SMDs in the immediate west of Georgia Avenue oriented to Petworth rather than the west.
- **Micro-comments on Map 2:** The boundary split for Map 2 for where 4E06, 4E07, and 4C03 meet is OK, but could be better if it used Arkansas as a SMD boundary up to Buchanan. I think that the point is whether Powell is in 4C or 4E. I think that more of Powell's kids come from 4C than 4E, so you might want to put Powell in 4C. In Map 2, 4E07 is fine where it is. 4E07 residents identify with Crestwood and Sixteenth Street Heights (SSH). Once you get over to where 4C03 begins, it is known as "North CoHi".
- In Map 2, I think it would work better to have one of the two of 4E02 and 4E04 run on the west and east sides of 16th Street, if at all possible. This delineation is more important than where exactly you cut the north and south borders. Again, because 16th Street is not a large commercial corridor, there are not as many issues (like Georgia Avenue) to warrant having a SMD to capture both sides of 16th Street. And I say that as someone who lives on 16th Street.
- On Map 2, I see that you have added a 4E01 north of Military in order to get the ANC boundaries to work. **I strongly prefer having the 4E01 in 4E to having 4E extend to Georgia Avenue.** The 4A Brightwood group may feel differently. That 4E01 is really considered part of Brightwood, and it makes more sense to have it in 4A. I am not sure how to the bone you need to cut population numbers.
- **Micro-comments on Map 1:** As you know, I prefer Map 2, because I don't think 4E should run all of the way to Georgia Avenue. I do think 4A07 fits better in Brightwood. If I were to redistribute this to have the eastern boundary of 4E on 13th Street. If that meant a bit of redistribution across 4E, 4D, and 4C, then I would end the eastern boundary of 4E04 at 13th and then drop it down south into 4C01. Again, the thinking is that 13th Street is residential, and so better meant as a ANC border than Georgia Avenue.
- Another big issue with Map 1 is that you have the split between 4C and 4E happening on 15th Street between Varum and Buchanan. That is splitting the heart of SSH into two ANCs. That's just not right, as my teen would say. The natural border is at Arkansas. If

you can add that NW triangle you now have at 4C01 (Buchanan at the north, 15th on the west, Varnum on the south, and Arkansas on the east, and redistribute it into 4E03, 4E04 and/or 4E06, that would work much better in capturing community affiliations.

- With respect to Map 1, I would look carefully at the population distribution of 4E03 west and east of 16th. If the population skews west, this is going to be a Crestwood North ANC. If it skews east, then Crestwood North is going to be pissed if they don't have a SMD representative. Like I said for Map 1, I would ask you to look at breaking 4E01-02-03-04 with 16th Street as SMD boundaries. 16th Street has very large tracts of stable properties (e.g. churches, embassies, RF-1 SFH) and so having 16th Street as a SMD border is not a big deal.
- Lastly, on **Map 4**, having the Crestwood Apartments with the southern end of SSH is crazy – it is barely contiguous. The argument in Crestwood has been that if maybe the Crestwood SMD does not have Crestwood Apartments in it, maybe it can stay as one SMD. This is not true – Crestwood will necessarily be split into 2 SMDs. If it is a must, then adding Crestwood Apartments to the southern of the two Crestwood SMDs is better than extending the Crestwood domain east of 16th Street into another strong community affiliation of SSH/SSNA.

Our current ANC4C has been dysfunctional for a long time. I hope that breaking it up a bit with the addition of 4E, and the shaping of new SMD boundaries, will help push the reset button for the ANC dynamics. I have not run, nor am I planning to run, for ANC Commissioner, so the above is all written with no skin in the game.

Thank you so much for the work that you are doing. Thank you Vince and Julia for representing our neck of the woods.

Testimony before Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force

March 8, 2022

Commissioner Patience Singleton, ANC SMD 4A04

Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before the Ward 4 Redistricting Task Force. My name is Patience Singleton and I am the ANC Commissioner representing SMD 4A04 -- which is a portion of the Brightwood community. I represent one of the most socioeconomically, ethnically and racially diverse SMDs in Washington, DC.

Last Tuesday, March 1st, ANC 4A voted unanimously to forward a resolution outlining principles for the Task Force to follow when redistricting ANC 4A SMDs.

Today, I am testifying to reiterate some of these principles as well as to specify concerns about the impact some of the maps proposed will have on the Brightwood community -- which is bordered on the south by Missouri Avenue, the North by Aspen Street, the West by Rock Creek Park and to the East, Georgia Avenue.

In short, a fair and equitable map would:

1. Have at least three Commissioners representing Georgia Avenue between Van Buren Street to Missouri Avenue. This portion of Georgia Avenue has a large number of commercial establishments requiring liquor license renewals, construction permits as well as criminal activity, trash, and transportation challenges. Fewer than three commissioners would place an unfair burden on certain commissioners and impact their responsiveness to other community concerns;

2. Contain SMDs that represent diverse constituencies, including immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, and residents of co-ops, condominiums, and multifamily rental housing;
3. Seek to balance population size of each SMD. Ideally to prevent population disparities, there should be no SMDs with fewer than 1,800 residents or more than 2,200 residents;
4. Consider historic vacancies in current SMDs and work to redraw the boundaries to bring in additional residents open to running for ANC. When an SMD has only had a few years of representation over a 20 year period, neighboring commissioners (who often represent different sides of the same street) must manage a double workload in order to insure that all the residents have representation at this level of government;
5. Keep identifiable neighborhoods like Brightwood intact and not between ANC Commissions. Brightwood is a historic neighborhood with its own identity that extends down to Missouri Avenue. Any redrawn SMD map should ensure that all neighborhoods north of Missouri Ave. and west of Georgia Ave. are represented by ANC 4A commissioners.

For these reasons, I believe that while not perfect, proposed Map 1 comes closest to ensuring fairness and equity for Brightwood residents and ANC 4A commissioners.

Map 2 would be my second choice. However, I do have concerns about the disparity between populations listed on the Map 2 and the proposal to divide the lower section of Brightwood between ANC 4A and proposed ANC 4E. If this map is adopted, I propose that you redesignated SMD 4E01 as SMD 4A08.

I don't recommend that the Task Force adopt any aspect of Maps 3 or 4 for Brightwood SMDs. The SMDs are not compact, irregularly shaped, do not allow for a mix of single family and multifamily rental housing in most SMDs, divide portions of Brightwood between ANC Commissions, and burden one Commissioner with representing the vast majority of the commercial businesses along the Georgia corridor.

Thank you.

WARD 4 REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

TESTIMONY – Taalib-Din Abdul-Uqdah

March 08, 2022

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My comments/testimony on the Ward 4 Redistricting Project are being made as a Native Washingtonian, entrepreneur, Ward 4 resident – 42-years – twice (former) ANC Commissioner – 4C01 – (1991-1992), where I served as Chair in 1991 and 2015-2016, where I served as Secretary in 2015. I am, and have always been, a community activist going in, and no matter what happens with our Ward 4 redistricting planning and process, I'll be a community activist going out; it's my life story. It won't stop me from advocating for what I think is best for my community; I don't need a "title" or permission to do any of that.

For decades, I have privately advocated to remove 4C01, 02, 03 and slithers of 04 and 05 – 16th St. Heights/Southern Brightwood – from ANC 4C, a 10-member ANC that's exclusively, (if not primarily), "all things Petworth." Over the last decade, fully 98%, (if not more), of ANC 4C's business has been directly associated with Petworth "proper;" everything else – and I can list them – has been 16th St. Heights/Southern Brightwood related: Farmer's Market, ABRA Licenses for Mooreland's/Gold Coast, LAMB PCS, West Education Campus, Northern Bus Garage, Heleos/Dance Loft project; that's it, save a recent surplus land disposal – Engine Co. 22 – and a long delayed housing project at Georgia and Madison.

This Ward 4 redistricting process and procedure, in particular, which our Councilwoman and her hand-selected committee volunteers need to be applauded, with a standing ovation, gives me, as a Ward 4 resident – nothing else – the opportunity to weigh-in on what I'd like for my ANC – where I live – to look like. I am only considering how the four proposed maps would affect my immediate, surrounding environment and are not being made because I may or may not consider running again as a SMD Commissioner, wherever that ends up. Again, I'm a community activist going in, I'll be the same coming

out. I'm going to always do what I believe to be best for my community and ultimately, what's best for my city.

To that end, in a perfect world, I would like to see a Commission be made up of boundaries that extend to the:

- SOUTH – Arkansas Ave. @ 16th St. to Georgia Ave.;
- EAST – Georgia Ave. (Westside) to Missouri;
- WEST – Rock Creek Park, to include all of Crestwood; and
- NORTH – Missouri Ave./Military Road.

In reality, (proposed) **Map #4** is the one that comes closest to my "imagined" boundaries, if there were no changes made to it as it's now being presented.

Lastly, I want to offer testimony on three things that caught my attention:

1. The committee should explore making a recommendation to the Office of ANC's, a change in the law, regulation, or policy, (not sure which), that states a noticed project that borders one or more SMDs, does not automatically defer to the affected SMD by address.
2. Protect the integrity of the process and procedure, by not giving "great weight" to Resolutions presented by any ANC; it has the potential of presenting a conflict of interest. Commissioners are known for "protecting their turf." This is a Ward 4 redistricting process; if your current SMD is changed and that becomes your reasoning for "as is," No! and last, but not least,
3. Coach Lou – Emery Rec Center – everything he said, I agree with and urge the committee to go back, (and if you didn't get it), listen to what he had to say, then, as a committee, act on those parts you can, to incorporate his commitment and passion somewhere in your final draft.

I don't know how you do that, but it's worth exploring. Words, in context, have meaning; taking me back to a time, we – Cornrows & Co. – contributed the balance of the money West's cheerleaders needed to compete in a National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida, or adopting Paul Jr. High School, who called on us for whatever they needed; Cease Fire Don't Smoke the Brothers and Sisters – their 1st donors – or Shepherd Elementary School, where we went every morning and read to the kindergarteners and sponsored a basketball team of students – I was their coach – who did not make the school's "varsity" team. We need to support the Coach Lou's of our city, if not, certainly our Ward 4 community.

Again, I thank you, I appreciate all of you and the opportunity this committee has provided in allowing all of us to have "an opinion" – even those I may disagree with – you gave all of us an opportunity to plead our cases, uninterrupted. Besides, where else could you go and be offered 4-minutes to give testimony, then be asked for further comment during Q&A; that's unheard of. ANC's don't allow it, neither does the Council, unless you're an organization.

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Written Testimony of Karen Abbott

March 8, 2022

(RSVPd to testify but had a timing conflict)

Good Evening.

My name is Karen Abbott, and I am an ANC 4D resident. I support Commissioner Zach Israel's Resolution passed unanimously by ANC 4D Commissioners on February 16. I urge the Task Force to consider and adopt ANC4's recommendations.

I am particularly concerned that a conscious effort to protect long-standing neighborhood cohesiveness is a priority. I believe Map #1 represents how our District should look.

Karen Abbott, CSR

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Written Testimony Submission
Anne Strauss
Received March 11, 2022

My name is Anne Strauss and I am Ward 4 resident in Petworth. I am a member of Empower DC's Ward 4 Committee which is looking at access to deeply affordable housing, displacement, and equitable development across Ward 4. It is with this lens that I am sharing my testimony on the proposed Ward 4 maps.

In considering future development in Ward 4, all major corridors, specifically Georgia Avenue, 14th Street, Kennedy Street, Takoma and Riggs Road should be considered hubs or central when it comes to ANCs and planning. Making sure that the community can easily participate, especially communities of color, in the development and access to resources in their communities is crucial. If community members want to have an impact on comprehensive anti-displacement measures and the construction and preservation of deeply affordable housing, we need to prioritize and centralize these corridors in redistricting. When major development corridors are broken into pieces and split among many ANCs, the coordination of any kind of comprehensive strategy around these issues will be extremely challenging. In addition, it will make it difficult for community members to participate in a more impactful way in the development and planning that happens in their communities. Given the current maps that are being proposed, I would recommend the following:

- Avoid splitting up **Georgia Avenue** into pieces as it is the most significant development corridor in Ward 4. This will allow for greater participation and a more comprehensive approach to development. Maps 3 and 4 do the best job of this as 4A/4B and 4C/4D all have a long stretch along one side and can work together across the street on major development projects.
- Keep **14th Corridor** intact as is in proposed Maps 3 and 4. Maps 3 and 4 would allow for greater participation in the development process as the new ANC incorporate neighbors on both sides of 14th street.
- Contain all of **Kennedy Street** corridor within one ANC. Currently Missouri Avenue slices through Kennedy and divides-up the corridor in all of the proposed maps. This would allow for neighbors to take a more comprehensive look at development on the street.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my testimony and for all of the hard and thoughtful work the Ward 4 redistricting committee has put in.

Best,

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Written Testimony Submission
Commissioner Jonah Goodman
Received March 11, 2022

Redistricting Task Force,

Thank you for your work to date on this very large undertaking. I don't have any feedback on the boundaries of SMDs and Commissions. I do want to share some ideas on the sizes of Commissions.

One way I think we can look at Commissions is with a lens of how accessible they are both for the community and Commissioners. ANC 4C is the largest of the Ward 4 Commissions with 10 SMDs. ANC 4C averaged 2 hours and 45 minutes for meetings in 2021 with the longest meeting just under 4 hours.

While this isn't a perfect proxy for all Commissions it is useful to compare some hypothetical sizes. If this Commission became a 12 SMD Commission they would have an average of 20% more business items to address and we can probably approximate that would also be about a 20% increase in meeting length. Increasing the 2021 average for ANC 4C by 20% would mean an average meeting length of 3 hours and 20 minutes and meetings on the longer end would be 4 hours and 30 minutes.

If we have large disparities in a final map recommendation like a 6 SMD Commission and a 12 SMD Commission we will have one part of Ward 4 that has meetings running twice as long. For neighbors who have business before the Commission (zoning, public space permits, ABRA) there are very real challenges with how accessible the 12 SMD Commission meetings would be compared to a neighboring 6 SMD Commission. Taking it another step a 12 SMD Commission also creates new issues for neighbors who might want to serve on their Commission but can't be available for lengthier meetings due to family, work, or other needs that won't allow them to be in meetings extremely late into the evening.

I realize that the current 3/4G Commission creates some complicated comparisons in this scenario and they potentially would need to have an exception carved out for them. All other things being equal I would consider how we can find more equal, or close to equal, Commission sizes to ensure similar opportunities to participate no matter what part of Ward 4 you reside in.

Thank you all for your time and service to Ward 4.

Jonah Goodman
4th and Upshur

Paula Y. Edwards Ward 4 Resident

Thank you for allowing me to speak this evening. I would like to thank the Task Force for all the work its members have contributed to this effort. I would like to thank Commissioner Lewis-George for ensuring that this process is as transparent as possible. I am a native Washingtonian and this is my 4th time going through this process. I am speaking in support of maps 1 and 2 for SMDs 4A01 and 4A02.

In addition to the criteria that the Task Force is statutorily required to consider when configuring ANCs and SMDs such as population, census tract, and the effect on voting strength, I would like the Task Force to consider the workload of a Commissioner representing an SMD and whether the SMD would receive adequate representation if there are too many areas requiring attention.

Our SMD of 4A02 is a great example. Not only do we who live near Eastern Avenue have the normal concerns of development, liquor sales, crime, traffic, and other issues for the District of Columbia, but our proximity to Silver Spring also often leads to our being affected by those same forces in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. For the improvements to the Blair/16th St Circle, we had to lobby DDOT, the DC Mayor's Office, the DC Council, the Montgomery County Council, the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Montgomery County Executive, Members of Congress Norton and Raskin, the National Park Service, and the Maryland Governor's Office. It took years to accomplish. There is a great deal of development planned in the next 10 years for South Silver Spring and we have been attending those meetings as well, reminding Maryland officials that we will be affected by traffic, noise, congestion, parking, and the other concerns that come with development. We attend the meetings for cross border crime as well as our own Sector 1 meetings, and Vision Zero meetings on both sides of the line.

The Commissioner for 4A02 also has to contend with development on and around Georgia Avenue including the impact of Walter Reed on new ABRA licenses, new construction projects, and traffic/parking concerns to name a few. While residents in this area are affected by Maryland policies, they are much less affected than those who live closer.

For years we were represented by a Commissioner who, I feel, was one of the best in the city, Mrs. Jourdinia Brown. Mrs. Brown attended the meetings in DC and MD, testified at Council hearings, and knew everything that was going on in the neighborhood. To be fair, the area was not undergoing the kind of change during her tenure that it is undergoing now, so she did not have as much to contend with.

I think it is unfair to any commissioners to expect them to represent areas that require so much coverage. I advocate for the maps that consolidate the section of Shepherd Park that borders Eastern Avenue from Georgia Avenue to 16th Street into ANC4A01 rather than have it remain in 4A02. In addition to fulfilling the statutory requirements, this will allow one Commissioner to concentrate on representing constituents with common concerns. The character of the neighborhoods currently included in 4A01 are similar to the Shepherd Park area near Eastern Avenue, with common housing stock, demographics, traffic, parking, crime rates, and we are all similarly affected by Maryland. There is no commercial zoning along the DC side of Eastern Avenue so the ANC4A01 Commissioner in the redrawn SMD will not have to deal with any commercial matters and the ANC4A02 Commissioner will not have to be as familiar with policies in Maryland.

In closing, I feel that the configuration of SMDs 4A01 and 4A02 as reflected in proposed maps 1 and 2 will ease the strain on our ANC Commissioners and will provide the residents with better representation. Thank you.