

King County Districting Committee

Meeting Materials

November 16, 2021

Draft Minutes from November 9, 2021

Links to Draft Maps D and E and the comparison map

Summary of Legal Criteria



King County
Meeting Minutes
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Tuesday, November 9, 2021
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves, and Cheryl Jackson-Williams

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

King County GIS: Dennis Higgins

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from November 4, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from November 4, 2021. Member Jackson-Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6 and the Districting Master MOU

Member Graves disclosed that King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn sent a letter to the Washington State Redistricting Commission regarding the 11th Legislative District. The Districting Master noted that he sent King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove a congratulatory text message after the general election.

4. Public comment

The following individuals provided public comment: Linda Newing and Mark Johnston.

5. Discussion of the draft maps

Dennis Higgins presented Draft Map E and a comparison between Draft Maps E and D. In addition to the special meetings previously scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m., the committee decided to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. Draft Maps E and D will be posted on the King County Districting Committee website.

6. Districting Master updates

No updates.

7. Staff updates

Staff shared that they are working on advertising and outreach for the final public hearing.

8. Chair updates

No updates.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 8:27 p.m.

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Compromise Working Draft Maps

Maps D and E were presented at the November 4 and November 9 meetings of the committee and represent the committee's current thinking as they work toward a single final draft map.

Draft Plan D

[Draft Map D](#) | [Plan Profile](#)

Draft Plan E

[Draft Map E](#) | [Plan Profile](#)

Comparison of Draft Plans D and E

[Comparison Map](#)

Redistricting legal criteria

State law (RCW 29A.76) and the King County Charter (KCC Section 650) prescribe committee criteria for developing the new district boundaries:

Nearly Equal Population

- Districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each other

Compact and Contiguous

- Districts are to be compact and comprised of contiguous territory

Existing Natural Boundaries

- To the extent feasible, district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and be composed of economic and geographic units

Communities of Interest

- To the extent feasible, districts boundaries shall preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest

Census Tracts + Municipalities

- As nearly as practical, district boundaries shall correspond with the boundaries of municipalities and census tracts

Not favor or disfavor a group

- Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party