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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 6, 2021
To: Moses Bell, Chairman
Fairfield County Council
From: Frank Rainwater *FR*
Re: Fairfield County Redistricting - Working Draft of November 17, 2021

In reviewing the draft map of November 17th, we discovered the need to recalculate the statistics for that map and this memo serves as an update and more complete explanation of the draft map. Again, the draft map is based on the direction you provided and is intended for you to share with Council and the public for feedback.

The three key considerations in the development of the draft:

1. The requirement of "one person, one vote" under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment
2. Voting Rights Act
3. Traditional redistricting principles

Important Population Facts:

1. Total population declined by 12.56% from 2010 to 2020.
2. The county population is comprised of 11,428 black (54.55%) and 8,503 white (40.59%) persons.

Changes to the Benchmark (existing) districts include:

1. Deviation
 - The deviation range was reduced from 15.54% in the Benchmark Report to 5.08% in the draft map.
2. Voting Rights Act
 - This draft did not have a significant impact to the voting age population (VAP) or the race distribution of each district from the Benchmark Report which indicates five majority-minority districts and one minority influence district.

3. Traditional Redistricting Principals

- 15 census blocks of the 1,215 total blocks were shifted between districts
- District 4 was not changed.
- The number of split precincts increased by 4.
- Incumbents (County and School District) remain in their respective districts.

Please review and provide feedback via email redistricting@rfa.sc.gov or phone (803)734-3793.

Draft Statistics, December 2021

District	2020 Census	Goal	Over/ (Under)	% Deviation
1	3,003	2,993	10	0.33%
2	3,058	2,993	65	2.17%
3	2,906	2,993	(87)	-2.91%
4	3,010	2,993	17	0.57%
5	2,964	2,993	(29)	-0.97%
6	3,001	2,993	8	0.27%
7	3,006	2,993	13	0.43%
Lowest -2.91%				
Highest 2.17%				
Range 5.08%				

Total Population by Race *Race defined using DOJ definitions. Not Hispanic or Latino is abbreviated as NH.

District	Total	Hispanic		NH		% NH		NH DOJ		% NH		Other		% NH Other	
		VAP	%	White	%	White	Black*	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White
1	3,003	56	1.86%	1,262	42.02%	1,587	52.85%	98	3.26%						
2	3,058	43	1.41%	2,098	68.61%	824	26.95%	93	3.04%						
3	2,906	31	1.07%	972	33.45%	1,852	63.73%	51	1.75%						
4	3,010	32	1.06%	887	29.47%	2,014	66.91%	77	2.56%						
5	2,964	44	1.48%	1,042	35.16%	1,832	61.81%	46	1.55%						
6	3,001	121	4.03%	914	30.46%	1,833	61.08%	133	4.43%						
7	3,006	96	3.19%	1,328	44.18%	1,486	49.43%	96	3.19%						
Total	20,948	423	2.02%	8,503	40.59%	11,428	54.55%	594	2.84%						

Voting Age Population by Race *Race defined using DOJ definitions. Not Hispanic or Latino is abbreviated as NH.

District	Total	Hispanic		NH		% NH		NH DOJ		% NH		Other		% NH Other	
		VAP	%	White	%	White	Black*	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White	Black	White
1	2,541	50	1.97%	1,099	43.25%	1,305	51.36%	87	3.42%						
2	2,641	31	1.17%	1,869	70.77%	664	25.14%	77	2.92%						
3	2,442	23	0.94%	845	34.60%	1,535	62.86%	39	1.60%						
4	2,529	24	0.95%	803	31.75%	1,637	64.73%	65	2.57%						
5	2,344	39	1.66%	872	37.20%	1,400	59.73%	33	1.41%						
6	2,325	80	3.44%	785	33.76%	1,357	58.37%	103	4.43%						
7	2,485	69	2.78%	1,160	46.68%	1,186	47.73%	70	2.82%						
Total	17,307	316	1.83%	7,433	42.95%	9,084	52.49%	474	2.74%						

Fairfield County 2020 Redistricting Draft

