

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No. CR-123-2021
 Proposed by Council Members Hawkins, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Taveras, and Turner
 Introduced by Council Members Hawkins, Davis, Franklin, Harrison, Taveras and Turner
 Co-Sponsors _____
 Date of Introduction October 19, 2021

RESOLUTION

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan

3 For the purpose of enacting a plan of County Council district boundaries, as a Resolution with
 4 the force and effect of law upon notice and public hearing, in accordance with Section 305 of the
 5 County Charter.

6 WHEREAS, Section 305 of the County Charter provides that the boundaries of Council
 7 districts shall be reestablished in 1982 and every tenth year thereafter; and

8 WHEREAS, this Section further provides that a commission on redistricting be appointed
 9 to prepare, publish, and make available a plan of Council districts, together with a report
 10 explaining it, for Council consideration on or before September 1 of the year prior to the year in
 11 which redistricting is to be effective; and

12 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2021, the County Council adopted CR-6-2021 appointing
 13 members to the 2021 Redistricting Commission and reciting the commission's respective duties
 14 as prescribed by Charter; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission executed its charge remotely, via a virtual
 16 platform, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19
 17 pandemic, the hallmark of the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report has been
 18 transparency, with a focus on citizen and community participation; and

19 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission conducted a comprehensive series of
 20 public meetings and public hearings, which included electronic outreach efforts to gather public
 21 input in the preparation of its Plan; and

22 WHEREAS, to encourage public input and enhance public understanding of the

1 redistricting process and procedures, and to promote transparency, a redistricting website was
 2 created, which included but was not limited to information on the redistricting process and
 3 timelines, agenda and meeting minutes, census data, public comments, briefings, preliminary and
 4 final plan proposals; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2021 Redistricting Commission transmitted its 2021 Redistricting
 6 Commission Plan and Report to the County Council on September 1, 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, as further required by Section 305 of the County Charter, the County Council
 8 held a public hearing on the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report on September 28,
 9 2021, which included public testimony, comment, and plan proposals; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Council conducted public work sessions on October 12, 2021 and
 11 October 14, 2021, respectively, to consider the 2021 Redistricting Commission Plan and Report
 12 and to create a 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan for consideration and
 13 action; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 14, 2021, an alternative plan was presented at the County Council
 15 sitting as the Committee of the Whole and the alternative plan, known as the 2021 Prince
 16 George's County Council Redistricting Plan, was voted favorably out of the Committee of the
 17 Whole by the County Council; and

18 WHEREAS, on October 19, 2021, the County Council voted favorably to amend the
 19 alternative plan, known as the 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan, which
 20 amendments were whereupon incorporated herein; and

21 WHEREAS, the district boundaries of the 2021 Prince George's County Council
 22 Redistricting Plan are set forth in Attachments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, and
 23 Q, and attached hereto and made a part hereof as if set forth fully herein; and

24 WHEREAS, Attachment A is a depiction of Existing District Boundaries, Attachment B is
 25 a depiction of Council's Proposed Plan from October 14, 2021, Attachment C depicts a
 26 Comparison of Existing Districts and Proposed Districts, Attachment D depicts a Countywide
 27 Map of the Proposed Plan, Attachment E depicts Proposed Districts Overlaid with Existing
 28 District Boundaries, Attachment F depicts the Block Equivalency Files of the Proposed Plan,
 29 Attachment G depicts the Metes and Bounds of the Proposed Plan, Attachment H depicts
 30 Population Demographics of the Proposed Plan, Attachment I depicts Proposed District 1,
 31 Attachment J depicts Proposed District 2, Attachment K depicts Proposed District 3, Attachment

1 L depicts Proposed District 4, Attachment M depicts Proposed District 5, Attachment N depicts
 2 Proposed District 6, Attachment O depicts Proposed District 7, Attachment P depicts Proposed
 3 District 8, and Attachment Q depicts Proposed District 9; and

4 WHEREAS, the 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan, as set forth in
 5 Attachments A through Q, meets the requirements of Section 305 of the County Charter that the
 6 redistricting plan of County Council district boundaries be compact, contiguous, and equal in
 7 population; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 305 of the Charter also specifies the legislative process for approval of
 9 a County Council Redistricting Plan; and

10 WHEREAS, by way of Council Bill 55-2012, being also Chapter 23 of the 2012 Laws
 11 Prince George's County, Maryland, the County Council enacted a proposed Charter Amendment
 12 to Section 305 of the County Charter, stating that if the Council passes a law to change the
 13 redistricting proposal that was submitted by the Redistricting Commission, such law shall be
 14 adopted by Resolution of the County Council upon notice and public hearing; and

15 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1105 of the Charter, CB-55-2012 was ratified by
 16 the qualified voters of the County at the General Election held on November 6, 2012, and took
 17 effect on December 7, 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County Council to exercise its authority pursuant to
 19 Section 305 of the County Charter.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's
 21 County, Maryland, that that the 2021 Prince George's County Council Redistricting Plan, as set
 22 forth in Attachments A through Q hereto, and incorporated as if set forth fully herein, be and the
 23 same is hereby approved.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to
 25 be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence,
 26 clause, phrase, or word of this Resolution is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
 27 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
 28 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
 29 Resolution, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Resolution
 30 of any such invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph,
 31 subsection, or section.
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1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby
2 directed to transmit a certified copy of the approved 2021 Prince George’s County Council
3 Redistricting Plan to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections on the date of its adoption
4 for further administrative action.
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Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council