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## Virtual Workshop on Local Redistricting Tool Slated for November 18

Members of the public are invited to take part in an online workshop to learn how to use the online mapping tool developed for Loudoun County's local redistricting process.

The workshop, scheduled for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 18, 2021, will provide a general overview of Loudoun's redistricting project, an introduction to online resources on local redistricting, and a demonstration of the online redistricting tool. Staff members of the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information will also answer technical questions regarding the online tool.

Through November 30, 2021, the public can use the online tool to develop and submit their own redistricting plans for consideration. The tool, which is available on the <u>Redistricting Hub</u>, includes examples of local redistricting plans as well as a blank plan for the public to use as a starting point.

Login information for the November 18 workshop is posted at loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation.

A series of instructional videos, available on the county's YouTube channel, is available for members of the public to learn how to use the tool. Through these videos, individuals can learn how to create their own plans and submit them for consideration by the county. Watch the videos here.

The local redistricting process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing members to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and School Board. By making sure districts have approximately the same number of people, redistricting can help to ensure residents have equal representation on the Board of Supervisors and School Board. It also affects for whom residents vote and where they vote, based on how the local electoral boundaries are drawn.

To submit general comments about the redistricting process, residents are encouraged to <u>use</u> this comment form.

For more information about local redistricting in Loudoun County, visit <a href="loudoun.gov/redistricting">loudoun.gov/redistricting</a>.