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### **Board Prepares for New Election Districts, Adopts New District Name**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors concluded its May 11, 2022, public hearing on a proposed local election district plan, titled the <u>LT-Revised 1 Plan</u>, without making additional changes to the plan. The plan will now be considered for adoption during the Board's regular meeting on June 7, 2022. The Board also selected a new name for election district 7.

#### **New District Name**

The Board voted to name one of the newly redrawn districts, district 7, as the Little River District. The names of the county's seven other election districts will remain the same. District 7 is located in the southwest area of the county. The Blue Ridge District name will be retired.

#### About the Plan

The county's election districts were redrawn following the 2020 census to adjust election districts based on population changes over the past decade, as required by law. The population of each proposed redrawn district currently ranges between 50,468 and 54,880 residents.

• View the proposed election districts.

The proposed election districts adhere to the ten guidelines established by the Board for the county's local redistricting process:

- All districts shall have equal representation.
- The plan shall comply with the Voting Rights Act.
- All districts must be compact and contiguous.
- The census shall be the source of data.
- Preserve communities of interest.
- Create districts with similar interests among communities.
- Consider voter convenience and effective election administration.
- Use geographical or physical features, especially arterial roadways, for district and precinct boundaries.
- Consider all alternative plans presented by interested groups and individuals.
- When possible, do not split incorporated towns.

#### **Next Steps**

The <u>Board of Supervisors</u> is scheduled to vote on the adoption of the LT-Revised 1 Plan during its regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudoun County Government Center. To view meeting documents and watch the live stream of the meeting, visit

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<u>loudoun.gov/meetings</u>. The meeting can also be viewed on Comcast cable channel 23 and Verizon FiOS channel 40.

If adopted, the plan will be sent to the Commonwealth of Virginia for approval. If approved by the state, the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration will adjust precincts as necessary and establish updated polling places in accordance with the adopted election district plan. All Loudoun County registered voters will receive information by mail from the Office of Elections and Voter Registration to notify voters of any changes in their precincts, precinct numbers or election districts.

The newly drawn districts will become official following the state's approval of Loudoun's election district plan. The previously scheduled special election in November 2022 to fill two vacant Loudoun County School Board seats will be held under the current existing election districts. The newly drawn districts will be implemented for voting purposes following the November 2022 election.

#### **More Information**

More information about redistricting in Loudoun County is posted at loudoun.gov/redistricting.

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