

# REDISTRICTING:

## What Is It and How You Can Help



### What is Redistricting?

Redistricting is the process to draw new electoral boundaries. It makes sure election districts have roughly an equal number of people. Redistricting is required by law, and it takes place every 10 years after the Census.

### What districts are affected?

The county will draw new electoral districts that will apply to both the:



- Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- Fairfax County School Board

Learn about the legal and policy requirements for redistricting at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/2021-redistricting-policies-and-legal-criteria](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/2021-redistricting-policies-and-legal-criteria)

**Redistricting does NOT change school boundaries.** The county also will **NOT draw new election districts for lawmakers in the Virginia General Assembly and U.S. Congress.** The state's Virginia Redistricting Commission is currently redrawing these electoral maps.



### Why is redistricting important?

Redistricting is based on the idea of "one person, one vote." By making sure districts have nearly the same number of people, **it is the way to ensure you have fair and equal representation** on the Board of Supervisors and School Board. It also **affects who you vote for and where you vote** based on how the electoral boundaries are drawn.



### How will new lines be drawn?

The county appointed a community advisory group to draw proposed new districts with input from the public. The group will send its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Then, the board will hold a public hearing this year on the proposed new district boundaries and ultimately vote on the new electoral maps to be adopted.

### How can I participate?

Your input is critical! There are four ways to be part of the process:



1. **Draw your own proposed election boundaries using Fairfax County's online mapping tool.**
2. Comment on proposed district maps created by the committee or the public.
3. Tell the Redistricting Advisory Committee what you think, including where lines should be drawn, how many districts there should be and what's important to your community.
4. Testify at the public hearing the Board of Supervisors will hold this fall on the proposed new districts.

Don't have internet access or a computer? Visit your local public library to use one or call 703-787-4962, TTY 711, to find other locations.

**Learn more, offer input or draw maps at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting)**



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