

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
William Bouie, At-Large
Lisa Sales, At-Large
Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District (*arr. 6:05 p.m.*)
James Bierman, Dranesville District
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Gerald “Gerry” Hyland, Mount Vernon District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Paul Liberty, Springfield District
Samuel Walker, Sully District
Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative (*arr. 6:02 p.m.*)
Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative
Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative
Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative (*arr. 6:06 p.m.*)
Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative
Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative (*arr. 6:05 p.m.*)
George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative

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Chairman Paul Berry called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in Computer Labs 366.8 and 368.7 of Suite 364 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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The following Representatives attended the meeting in-person, in Computer Labs 366.8 and 368.7 of Suite 364 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

- Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
- Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
- William Bouie, At-Large
- Lisa Sales, At-Large
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Chairman Berry presented the meeting's agenda.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING'S AGENDA.

Representative Chew seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 16-0. Representatives Rajan, Rahman, Castillo, and Price were not present during the vote.

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Chairman Berry announced that no Committee members decided to participate remotely.

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Chairman Berry announced the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes from the Redistricting Advisory Committee's tenth meeting, held on September 21, 2021, and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Bierman MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Sales seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 16-0. Representatives Rajan, Rahman, Castillo, and Price were not present during the vote.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor for public comment.

Chris Ambrose, a resident of the Lorton area of the Mount Vernon District, shared with the Committee his thoughts on an additional district in the Lorton area.

David Hechtman, from the Holmes Run Acres community, shared with the Committee information on his community's location and ongoing projects nearby and his thoughts on the importance of continuity of representations for his community.

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Chairman Berry then explained and walked through the Committee's meeting agenda. He shared that the Committee would be doing a preference canvass, which would work through rank choice voting online, for their two preferred Committee-submitted 9 District and 10 District maps. Following the rank choice voting, he would then be putting a motion on the table for a majority vote on the two preferred maps, as selected through the rank choice voting, to be recommended to the Board of Supervisors. He further shared there was only one 11 District map submitted, which would, by default, be a preferred map.

Representative Sales shared that she attempted to submit a map for inclusion in the preferred voting, however, there were unresolved technical issues that didn't allow for the map to be accessed by the Committee.

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Karla Bruce, Chief Equity Officer, Office of the County Executive, then shared with the Committee background and information on the Vulnerability Index and how the Committee could consider the data in their works.

Vice-Chair Campblin asked Ms. Bruce if she could provide the Committee with a refresher on the definition of equity. Ms. Bruce highlighted for the Committee the difference between equity and equality.

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Chairman Berry announced that the Committee would then start its evaluation and voting process for the Committee-submitted preferred maps, and after asking the Committee on their preference to begin on either the 9 or 10 District maps, decided upon evaluating the 10 District maps first.

Chairman Berry then projected each Committee-submitted 10 District map, and allowed the Committee to comment or ask questions, if necessary.

The Committee evaluated 10-10 District maps, designated as:

1. RAC_10_0925_0545
2. RAC_10_0925_0553
3. RAC_10_0920_1152
4. RAC_10_0923_1246
5. RAC_10_0922_1956
6. RAC_10_0924_1842
7. RAC_10_0925_1410
8. RAC_10_0925_1604
9. RAC_10_0927_0156
10. RAC_10_0927_0306

Following the presentation of Map #4 (RAC_10_0923_1246), Representative Thompson asked how voting would proceed if a Committee member liked a map, but not the proposed district name changes

on the map. Chairman Berry shared that Committee members should vote for the map and not on the proposed names.

Once all 10 District maps were presented, Chairman Berry then sent the Committee a link to a ranked choice vote webpage, on which, all 10 District maps were listed, and asked the Committee to rank their preferred maps, in order.

The results from this preference canvass and the 9-district maps preference canvass are available upon request from Chairman Berry

Following six rounds of ranked choice voting, the maps designated as RAC_10_0927_0156 and RAC_10_0922_1956 were the top two maps chosen, with an even number of votes.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_10_0927_0156 and RAC_10_0922_1956 BE SUBMITTED AS THE TWO RAC RECOMMENDED MAPS FOR THE 10 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

Representative Garner seconded the motion.

Representative Rahman SUGGESTED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE VOTE ON EACH INDIVIDUAL MAP FOR THE RECORD. Chairman Berry did not accept this as a friendly amendment and shared that he believed that voting on each map would defeat the purpose of the ranked choice vote.

Representative Thompson requested clarification on if the Committee would rank the two maps for the first and second preference. Chairman Berry shared that the Committee would not be.

Vice-Chair Campblin asked how a score card would be included for each preferred map. Chairman Berry shared that the seven bullet points, presented and considered at the September 21, 2021, meeting, that highlighted factors of consideration used by the Committee, would be added to the Chairman's Letter of the Report since there wasn't enough time to prepare a formal scorecard.

The motion was called to question and carried by a vote of 20-0.

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Chairman Berry then projected each Committee-submitted 9 District map, and allowed the Committee to comment or ask questions, if necessary.

The Committee evaluated 10-9 District maps, designated as:

1. RAC_9_0920_1148
2. RAC_9_0920_1156
3. RAC_9_0921_1708
4. RAC_9_0922_2001
5. RAC_9_0924_1309

6. RAC_9_0924_1643
7. RAC_9_0924_1644
8. RAC_9_0925_1101
9. RAC_9_0925_1201
10. RAC_9_0925_1353

During map presentations, Chairman Berry reminded the Committee that they still had until 11:59 p.m. on September 28, 2021, to submit non-preferred maps for inclusion in the final Report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Once all of the 9 District maps were presented, Chairman Berry then sent the Committee a link to a ranked choice vote webpage, on which, all 9 District maps were listed, and asked the Committee to rank their preferred maps, in order. Following an issue with the first round of voting for the 9 district votes, Chairman Berry reset the vote and asked the Committee to vote again.

Following five rounds of ranked choice voting, the maps designated as RAC_9_0924_1309 and RAC_9_0920_1148 were the top two maps chosen.

Chairman Berry MOVED THAT THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 AND RAC_9_0920_1148 BE SUBMITTED AS THE TWO RAC RECOMMENDED MAPS FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion.

Representative Castillo shared that the map, designated as RAC_9_0920_1148, drew the residence of the only Latina Supervisor, Supervisor Dalia Palchik, out of the district she represents, the Providence District.

The motion was called to question and failed by a vote of 10-10. Representatives Berry, Kanter, Garner, Bouie, Bierman, Patton, Price, Rajan, Smyth, and Walker voted for the motion. Representatives Chew, Campblin, Liberty, Sales, Hyland, Wang, Becerra, Rahman, Thompson, and Castillo voted in opposition.

Discussion then ensued.

Representative Chew then MOVED THAT THE MAP DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 BE SUBMITTED AS THE ONLY RAC RECOMMENDED MAP FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

The motion failed for a lack of second.

Representative Chew then MOVED THAT THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 AND RAC_9_0920_1148 BE SUBMITTED AS THE TWO RAC RECOMMENDED MAPS FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

Representative Price seconded the motion. Representative Hyland shared that since the motion was the same as the previous motion, it could not be entertained.

Representative Chew withdrew the motion.

Representative Bierman MOVED THAT COMMITTEE REVOTE, VIA RANK CHOICE VOTE, ON THE 9 DISTRICT MAPS.

Vice-Chair Campblin seconded the motion.

Representative Thompson MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR SO THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD FIRST VOTE ONLY ON THE INCLUSION OF THE MAP DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0920_1148 AS A PREFERRED 9 DISTRICT MAP AND THEN A SECOND RANK CHOICE VOTE ON THE REMAINDER OF THE 9 DISTRICT MAPS WOULD OCCUR FOR THE SECOND PREFERRED MAP.

Representative Thompson's motion failed for a lack of a second.

Representative Hyland shared with the Committee his thoughts on the significance of the first preference poll and the impacts that redoing the poll could have.

Representative Wang asked if the Committee could just state in the Report that the Committee voted on the two preferred nine district maps, the vote tied, and there were two finalists.

Representative Bierman withdrew the motion.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE ORIGINAL MOTION THAT THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 AND RAC_9_0920_1148 BE SUBMITTED AS THE TWO RAC RECOMMENDED MAPS FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

Representative Chew seconded the motion.

Discussion then ensued on Robert's Rules of Order and which party, those from the opposition or for the motion, could put a motion on the table. Following discussion, Chairman Berry shared that a member from those who prevailed during the original motion, which would be the opposition, would have to put a motion on the table.

Representative Bouie withdrew the motion.

Representative Chew MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion.

The motion was called to question and carried by a vote of 13-7. Representatives Price, Rajan, Bouie, Chew, Bierman, Campblin, Berry, Garner, Kanter, Wang, Smyth, Walker, and Castillo voted for the motion. Representatives Hyland, Sales, Rahman, Becerra, Thompson, Liberty, and Patton voted against the motion.

The original motion, moved by Chairman Berry, read as THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 and RAC_9_0920_1148 BE SUBMITTED AS THE TWO RAC RECOMMENDED MAPS FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY, was then brought forward to the floor for discussion.

Discussion then ensued on the Committee's voting system.

The motion was called to question and failed by a vote of 10-10. Representatives Price, Bierman, Rajan, Bouie, Chew, Garner, Kanter, Berry, Smyth, and Walker voted for the motion. Representatives Patton, Liberty, Campblin, Wang, Hyland, Sales, Becerra, Castillo, Thompson, and Rahman voted in opposition of the motion.

Representative Rahman then MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE MAPS DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1309 and RAC_9_0920_1148 AS THE COMMITTEE'S PREFERRED MAPS FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY INTO THE REPORT, WITH A STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS NO MAJORITY CONSENSUS, AS THERE WAS A 10-10 VOTE ON THE MAPS TWICE.

Representative Hyland seconded the motion.

Representative Thompson MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO STATE THAT THE STATEMENT WILL SAY THAT A CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR THE TOP TWO 9 DISTRICT MAPS, AND THAT THE RANK CHOICE VOTE RESULTS BE INCLUDED UNDER THE VOTE.

Representative Thompson's motion failed for a lack of a second.

Representative Castillo shared that she could not support placing the map designated as RAC_9_0920_1148 in the top two preferred maps at all.

The motion was called to question and failed by a vote of 8-11-1. Representatives Patton, Kanter, Wang, Sales, Hyland, Rahman, Walker, and Thompson voted for the motion. Representatives Price, Rajan, Bierman, Campblin, Liberty, Bouie, Chew, Garner, Berry, Smyth, and Castillo voted in opposition. Representative Becerra abstained from the vote.

Representative Bierman MOVED TO INCLUDE RAC_9_0924_1309 AS ONE OF THE PREFERRED 9 DISTRICT MAPS.

Representative Kanter seconded the motion.

Representative Bierman shared that he put the motion on the floor to see which map was causing the original motion to fail.

Representative Rahman shared that he placed a motion on the table to vote on each map individually prior to the initial vote. Chairman Berry shared that he didn't entertain the motion originally because he did not believe that the Committee had exhausted their options at that point.

Representative Hyland shared that the Committee supported initial rules to get to two preferred maps per each district category and shared his thoughts on what may happen if the Committee should change their rules.

Chairman Berry shared that the Committee was constrained by their motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors two preferred maps per each district category (9, 10, or 11 districts).

Representative Smyth shared that the Committee may need to reevaluate the motion to recommend two preferred maps per each district category.

Representative Chew proposed a SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO RISCIND THE COMMITTEE'S ORIGINAL MOTION ON RECOMMENDING TWO PREFERRED MAPS PER EACH DISTRICT CATEGORY (9, 10, OR 11 DISTRICTS).

Representative Bierman did not accept the substitute motion.

The original motion was called to question and carried by a vote of 10-8-2. Representatives Bierman, Liberty, Kanter, Chew, Wang, Smyth, Campblin, Berry, Walker, and Castillo voted for the motion. Representatives Bouie, Rajan, Hyland, Sales, Patton, Becerra, Rahman, and Thompson voted in opposition. Representatives Price and Garner abstained from the vote.

Representative Chew MOVED TO INCLUDE RAC_9_0920_1148 AS ONE OF THE PREFERRED 9 DISTRICT MAPS.

Representative Rahman seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 6-14. Representatives Price, Bouie, Berry, Rahman, Walker, and Garner voted for the motion. Representatives Liberty, Campblin, Bierman, Patton, Rajan, Chew, Kanter, Wang, Sales, Hyland, Smyth, Becerra, Castillo, and Thompson voted in opposition.

Representative Bierman shared that the map designated as RAC_9_0924_1643 came in third place in the rank choice voting and then MOVED THAT THE MAP DESIGNATED AS RAC_9_0924_1643 BE SUBMITTED AS THE SECOND RAC RECOMMENDED MAP FOR THE 9 DISTRICT CATEGORY.

Representative Chew seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 5-15. Representatives Berry, Chew, Bierman, Kanter, and Smyth voted for the motion. Representatives Bouie, Patton, Rajan, Price, Campblin, Liberty, Garner, Wang, Hyland, Sales, Rahman, Becerra, Walker, Thompson, and Castillo voted in opposition.

Representative Liberty MOVED TO RELEASE THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS MOTION TO RECOMMEND TWO PREFERRED MAPS PER EACH DISTRICT CATEGORY (9, 10, OR 11 DISTRICTS) TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ONE PREFERRED NINE DISTRICT MAP, TWO PREFERRED TEN DISTRICT MAPS, AND ONE PREFERRED ELEVEN DISTRICT MAP.

Representative Becerra seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 18-0-2. Representatives Thompson and Rahman abstained from the vote.

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Chairman Berry shared that, if the Committee was interested, he would like to hold a meeting the week of October 4, 2021, to discuss the Chairman's Letter for the Committee's final report.

He further shared that as the Committee's Bylaws were written, if that meeting were to be held, it would be considered the final meeting and as per the Bylaws, would require at least 11 Committee members to attend. After discussion with Martin Desjardins, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, on the procedure for amending the Committee's Bylaws, Chairman Berry **MOVED TO AMEND THE COMMITTEE'S BYLAWS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM REQUIREMENT TO FOUR MEMBERS.**

Representative Becerra seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 20-0.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Berry asked for a member to move to adjourn the meeting.

Representative Bouie **MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 9:12 P.M.**

Representative Sales seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 20-0.