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Mr. Frank A. Rainwater
South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office
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Dear Mr. Rainwater:

Thank you for presenting at the Greenville County Council redistricting workshop earlier this month.

Per your suggestion, I am sending the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Authority the preferences submitted by individual Council members regarding Council District boundaries. You will see that not all Council members opted to make submissions at this juncture. Please use the attached suggestions to generate new district population boundaries for County Council's consideration that reflect the 2020 population changes.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Greenville County Council

Attachments

cc: Kathryn Kelly, RFA
Willis Meadows, Chairman, Greenville County Council
Mark Tollison, County Attorney
Joseph Kernell, County Administrator

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Joe Dill - District 17

- At the southern border of District 17, I request the southern side of Tigerville Road (from Enoree Road all the way to Highway 25) be moved into Council District 20.
- Keep the Skyland Community intact.

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Willis Meadows - District 19

- With no changes in District 19, the district population would be in compliance.
- Minor shifts among and between Districts 19, 24, 25 and 26 could be made now or on the second round of suggestions.
- Mr. Meadows requests shifting District 27's overage counter-clockwise to create less disturbance to the current populations.

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Chris Harrison – District 21

- The heart of District 21 is the location of major employers including GE, Michelin, Synnex, Scan Source, etc. These companies are all located along the Pelham Road corridor. I believe this is the heart of District 21.
- Sugar Creek is the largest community and precinct in District 21. It is a large diverse community and represents the makeup of District 21.
- While there is some interaction in the Five Forks area, I believe a natural district boundary is Woodruff Road. It is my opinion that District 21 should stay north of Woodruff Road

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Stan Tzouvelekas – District 22

- Mr. Tzouvelekas requests the placement of the Greenville Municipal Airport into District 22.

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Xanthe Norris - District 23

- Retain Nicholtown Community
- Retain Sterling Community
- Retain Dunean Community
- Keep current precincts intact if at all possible
- Ms. Norris is open to losing New Washington Heights

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Liz Seman – District 24

What I value:

- Consolidating split districts to make neighborhoods whole (i.e. Dunean)
- Disrupting the least amount of voters overall, across all districts
- Preserving at least one majority, minority district

Suggestions:

- Move precincts Greenville 8 and Chestnut Hills into District 23 or 25
- Move precinct Ranch Creek into District 25
- If any of the Mauldin precincts need to be adjusted, Mauldin 1 and 2 should stay together and Mauldin 3 and 4 should stay together
- Preserve neighborhoods: Augusta Road, Chanticleer, Hollingsworth/Verdae, Parkins Mill/Gower, Conestee

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Ennis Fant – District 25

- In speaking with the other 3 Council members that represent the Western Corridor of Greenville County along White Horse Road, we are fine with our numbers and boundaries; recognizing that some changes will need to be made because of the large increase in District 27. We would suggest pushing numbers north and west and to adjust Districts 26, 24, 25 and 19 at the end of the process.
- I am fine with having the maximum negative population deviation legally possible.
- It is my desire to push the overall black population of District 25 to 55-58%, if possible. Since we cannot save District 23 as a majority black district, I would like to absorb the black population in District 23 that adjoins my district along Anderson Road (Hwy 81) going east towards downtown.
- I would like to take in the Freetown Community, which is at the Corner of Hwy 25 and Hwy 124 (Pendleton Street), behind Graceland West Cemetery. There is a sizeable black population that is sandwiched between those two areas as well. I have no objection to absorbing them to help make the numbers work.
- There are a few African-Americans that can be picked up along Old Grove Road off Willimon Drive and some down Fork Shoals Road, just below where District 25 currently ends.
- There was a huge outcry that some people off Jacobs Road were drawn out of District 25 and into District 24, during the last redistricting process; they want to be returned to District 25. These are located in the Pine Hill (off W. Castle) and Glendale Heights (off Knox Drive) communities.
- Finally, I know Liz Seman would rather not have the Dunean Community split. I am open to taking that community if it does not hurt my efforts to increase my black population.

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Lynn Ballard – District 26

Highway 25 Corridor Northern Section:

- Everything below the Southern Connector (I-185) - Moonville, +#2, +#3
- Everything below Bessie Road (Highway 86) - Downtown Piedmont, +#3
- Woodmont Middle School
- Everything below W. Georgia Road - Woodmont High School, SGFD Hqtrs.

Eastern Boundary of the District:

- Keep the boundary at I-385 - Simpsonville Commercial District
- Move the boundary to Fairview Road - Canebrake FD Headquarters

Western Boundary of the District:

- Everything below Bessie Road (Highway 86) - Downtown Piedmont, Piedmont FD Hqtrs.
- Everything below W. Georgia Road

Southern Section of the District:

- Everything below Bessie Road (Highway 86)
- Everything below Garrison Road - Washington Baptist Church

Other:

- Shift up District 25 from where it dips down into District 26 and shift down the portion of District 26 that goes up into District 25. This would most likely be close to an equal amount of people since the residents at Perry do not count.

Retain:

Woodville – Highway 25 & Woodville Rd
Ware Place – Intersection of Highways 418 – 8 – 247
Possum Kingdom – Highway 247 from Pearson Rd to the river
Fork Shoals – Village at Intersection of McKelvey Rd. & Berry Rd
Yum Yum Snack Shop – In downtown Fork Shoals
Cedar Falls Park – County Park on Cedar Falls Road
City Scape Winery – Event venue on Dunklin Bridge Rd near Cedar Falls Rd
Happy Cow Dairy – The only working Dairy Farm in Greenville County
Dunklin – The community south of Daventon Rd to the County line

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Butch Kirven – District 27

- Historically, District 27 covers much of the “Golden Strip” area of Simpsonville and Fountain Inn north of I-385. District 27 is the eastern most Council District extending its boundary to both Spartanburg and Laurens Counties.
- Three (3) population centers are prominent in District 27 – Simpsonville, Fountain Inn and the unincorporated Five Forks area.
- The “core area” of District 27 is defined as Simpsonville and Fountain Inn running along I-385, extending northward and including the suburban and semi-rural areas lying between the municipalities and the junction of Spartanburg, Laurens and Greenville Counties.
- District 27 is contiguous with District 26 along I-385 and to the east and northeast, District 27 is contiguous with Council Districts 21 and 28 which join together in the Woodruff Road and Five Forks area. This is the area where major growth has occurred in the past 10 years.
- After re-districting, District 27 should retain its traditional *core areas* of Simpsonville and Fountain Inn, together with as much of the suburban and semi-rural areas to the north east as possible and as far towards Five Forks and Woodruff Road as practicable.

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Dan Tripp - District 28

- Mr. Tripp requests to keep the City of Mauldin as intact as possible.