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### **Anchorage Assembly Kicks-Off Reapportionment**

**November 30, 2021**

Last week, the Anchorage Assembly began the reapportionment process with the passage of AR 2021-382 which declares the Assembly malapportioned.

Every ten years after the U.S. Census is complete, governments across the country update their election districts to match the new population data. In Anchorage, the process is called Reapportionment and is led by a Reapportionment Committee, which is charged with reviewing the State final redistricting plan, taking public input, and developing proposed maps for the Anchorage Assembly to consider for adoption to realign the boundaries of the six Assembly Election Districts to ensure fair and equal representation. This Reapportionment will include a new 12th Assembly seat that was approved by Municipality of Anchorage voters in 2020.

“Now that the state has completed their redistricting process, we can begin our municipal reapportionment,” said Reapportionment Committee Chair Christopher Constant. “This is an important part of our elections process and our committee is looking forward to working with the community to develop fair and equal representation in the new district maps.”

Over the next few months, preliminary plans and maps will be shared with the public for feedback. The committee plans to host two town halls in January 2022 to share plans and gather community input. The committee also issued a proposed timeline. Dates may change, so visit the Reapportionment Committee webpage for updates.

#### **Proposed Timeline – subject to change**

Nov 23	Committee Meeting: timeline and communications review
Nov 23	Assembly Meeting: declaration of Malapportionment AR/AM
Dec 9	Committee Meeting: draft plans are presented as available
Jan 6	Committee Meeting: review draft plans and prepare for Town Hall
Jan 10	Deadline for submission of third-party maps
Jan 12	Town Hall
Jan 13	Town Hall
Jan 14	Committee Meeting: review Town Hall feedback

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Jan 20	Committee Meeting: finalize plan for Assembly introduction
Jan 21	Agenda deadline to submit for introduction at Feb 1 meeting
Feb 1	Assembly Meeting: introduce final plan
Feb 11	Work session
Feb 15	Assembly Meeting: 1st public hearing
March 1	Assembly Meeting: 2nd public hearing, deliberation and adoption of plan

Due to the late completion of the U.S. Census, and therefore the State redistricting plan, the municipal reapportionment will not be completed in time for the upcoming election, so the final adopted plan will go into effect for elections occurring after April 2022.

### Learn More

- Visit the Reapportionment Committee page:  
[www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Municipality-and-Assembly-Reapportionment-Committee.aspx](http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Pages/Municipality-and-Assembly-Reapportionment-Committee.aspx)
- Reapportionment fact sheet:  
<https://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/PressReleases/Assembly%20Press%20Releases/2021-1123%20MOA%20Reapportionment%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

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