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Four Draft Reapportionment Maps Move Forward for Public Hearings

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Four draft Reapportionment maps have been introduced before the Anchorage Assembly for public review. The maps can be found at www.ReapportionANC.org. Public hearings on the maps will be held at a Special Assembly Meeting on Thursday, February 24 and the Regular Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, March 1. Both meetings take place at 6pm in the Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library. Additionally, written comments can be submitted at www.ReapportionANC.org.

The Reapportionment Committee reviewed twelve maps overall and after deliberation on February 14, 2022, voted to submit 3 proposed maps for the full Assembly's consideration. The maps known as *Map 6 v2 by Anchorage Action*, *Map 7 v2 by Robert Hockema* and *Map 11 v2 by John Weddleton* were introduced at the February 15, 2021 Assembly Meeting. At that meeting, a fourth map was put forward by Assembly Member Jamie Allard.

In addition to the Public Hearings, there will be an Assembly Worksession on Reapportionment on February 25, 2022 at 12:30pm in Suite 155 at City Hall that the public is invited to attend. At that worksession, the Assembly may make changes to the proposed maps or bring forward additional maps. The remaining schedule and process for selecting a final map will also be discussed.

Background on Map Versions

After launching Reapportionment in November 2021, the Reapportionment Committee's contractor released five draft maps in December 2021, including one public submission by Matt Greene (map 1) and four by the Contractor Resource Data (maps 2-5). In January, five additional maps were submitted by members of the public: Anchorage Action (map 6), Robert Hockema (map 7), Alaskans for Fair Redistricting (map 8), and Denny Wells (maps 9 and 10). After the public Reapportionment Town Halls, several mapmakers revised their maps based on public feedback, leading to Map 6 v2, Map 7 v2 and Map 9 v2. In February, several Assembly Members introduced their own maps Weddleton (map 11) and Allard and Bronson (map 12). Before submission to the Assembly on February 15, the Weddleton Map 11 underwent a revision and became map 11 v2.

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Timeline and Public Outreach Process

- The Reapportionment Committee was formed on September 9, 2021 and Assembly members were informed that work was being done on Anchorage Reapportionment.

- The Reapportionment Committee held public meetings on:
 - October 12, 2021
 - October 27, 2021
 - November 10, 2021
 - November 23, 2021
 - December 9, 2021
 - January 6, 2022
 - January 28, 2022
 - February 9, 2022
 - February 14, 2022

- Community stakeholders were engaged through the following presentations, displays, constituent meetings and town halls:
 - Nov 28, 2021: Alaska Black Caucus Community Conversation
 - Dec 15, 2021: Federation of Community Councils
 - Jan 5, 2022: Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce
 - Jan 10, 2022: Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
 - Jan 25, 2022: Anchorage Assembly Regular Meeting
 - Jan 26, 2022: Virtual Town Hall
 - Jan 27, 2022: In-Person Town Hall, Loussac Library
 - Feb 3, 2022: In-Person Town Hall, Chugiak-Eagle River
 - Feb 5, 2022: Virtual Constituent Meeting on Reapportionment – District 6, South Anchorage
 - Dec 2021- Feb 2022: various community councils by individual Assembly Members
 - Jan 2022: full-sized map displays were featured at all five locations of Anchorage Public Library and City Hall

- Public comments were collected through the following means:
 - Online comment portal at www.ReapportionANC.org
 - Questions and comments submitted through the Q&A at the public virtual town hall on January 26, 2022
 - Written comments and a Q&A at public town halls on:
 - January 27, 2022
 - February 3, 2022

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- February 5, 2022
 - Resolutions submitted through community councils and organizations
- Two public hearings have been assigned to the Anchorage Ordinance reapportioning Anchorage and adopting a new map of Assembly Election Districts, to be held at Assembly Meetings on February 24, 2022, and March 1, 2022.

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