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### **Anchorage Assembly Adopts New District Map and Boundaries**

**March 23, 2022**

At their March 23 meeting, the Anchorage Assembly voted to adopt a new district map and boundaries as required for the reapportionment process (AO 2022-37 (S-1) As Amended).

“I am pleased with the level of community participation and engagement we had in the reapportionment process,” said Reapportionment Committee Chair Christopher Constant. “Community Councils and members of the public really got involved and helped us come up with a final map that has broad community support. I thank everyone who participated in making this a successful process.”

The final map was narrowed down from a slate of twelve maps, several of which underwent multiple revisions. Four of the proposed maps were submitted by the Reapportionment Committee’s contractor, six were submitted by members of the public and two were submitted by Assembly Members. The adopted apportionment map was drafted by a volunteer member of the public in collaboration with an Assembly member.

The new map will go into effect for elections that take place after April 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **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. Three amendments were submitted by members and a final plan map was adopted 3/23/2022.

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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 allowed for public participation at the following meetings:
  - 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
  - February 25, 2022
  - March 18, 2022
  - March 23, 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

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- Public comments were collected through the following means:
  - Online comment portal at [www.ReapportionANC.org](http://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
    - February 5, 2022
  - Resolutions submitted through community councils and organizations
  - Each Reapportionment Committee meeting
  
- Reapportionment was initially set for two public hearings but a third public hearing was scheduled after public input. Public hearings were held at the following Assembly Meetings:
  - February 24, 2022
  - March 1, 2022
  - March 15, 2022
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- Final action was taken at a special meeting of the Anchorage Assembly on March 23, 2022.

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