



via electronic mail

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Lake City

FROM: Kurt Spitzer

DATE: March 31, 2023

RE: Redistricting Council Districts

The purpose of this Memorandum is to update the City Council on the status of our work to revise the Council districts using population data from the 2020 Census.

You have previously been provided with a copy of our March 13, 2023 Memorandum which discussed redistricting criteria and attached a copy of the “Existing Districts” map and corresponding statistical information. The data indicated that the City must redistrict, as the current districts have a “spread” or discrepancy between the largest and smallest districts of over 44 percentage points. In general, the threshold for the spread between the largest and smallest districts should not be more than 10 percentage points.

Existing Districts Map

A copy of the Existing Districts Maps with 2020 data is attached, as is a table of statistical information for the existing districts. The data shows that District 12 is approximately 3.3% over the average or “ideal” district population; District 13 is 28.2% over; District 10 is 16.8% under; and District 14 is 14.8% under the ideal population.

Differences in population between one district and another are addressed by adjusting the boundaries of the districts, while following the other common redistricting criteria (e.g. preserving minority access districts and using significant boundaries) to the extent possible. Thus, District 12 may remain in its current configuration but District 13 must lose population to District 14. Any excess population gained by District 14 from District 13 may be moved into District 10.

Draft Alternative Maps

Two draft alternative plans have been prepared for discussion. Both plans keep the boundaries of District 12 unchanged, as its percent deviation from the ideal size is relatively small, and its primary boundary between Districts 13 and 14 is US Highway 90, a significant and easily recognizable roadway.

Both plans move that portion of District 14 bordered by US Highway 90 on the north, SW Baya Drive on the south and SW Main Boulevard on the east, into District 13, thus improving the shape and compactness of the districts in that area.

Both plans also move that part of District 14 beginning at SE Hernando Avenue on the west, then moving to SE Camp Street, then to SW Church Avenue, and then to SW Baya Road on the south and continuing east to the city limits, in a northerly direction into District 10.

1. **Alternative 1** - Alternative 1 moves that portion of District 13 bordered by SW Macfarlane Avenue on the east, SW Grandview Street on the north, and SW Faith Road and SW Branford Road on the west, in a southerly direction into District 14.

The spread between the largest and smallest district is 5.41 points. Alternative 1 keeps District 10 as a minority-majority district and District 12 as a minority-influence district. The African American population of Districts 13 and 14 are roughly the same as in the current districts.

2. **Alternative 2** - Alternative 2 moves the westerly portion of District 13 into District 14, beginning at the area bounded by SW Sisters Welcome Road, SW Ruby Lane and SW Grandview Street, and continuing in a westerly and clockwise direction until ending at SW Bascom Norris Drive. That portion of District 14 that includes the Southside Recreation Complex and the Lake City Southside Community Park is moved into District 13.

The spread between the largest and smallest district is 7.35 points. Alternative 2 keeps District 10 as a minority-majority district and District 12 as a minority-influence district. The African American population of District 13 is lower in Alternative 2 than the current districts plan, while the African American population of District 14 is higher in Alternative 2 than in the existing districts plan.

A table summarizing statistical information for the current districting plan and the alternative plans are attached for your convenience, as are maps illustrating each of the plans.

We look forward to talking with you further next month.

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Redistricting

Current Districts 44.95 pts.												
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,524	(508)	-16.76%	822	32.6%	1,563	61.9%	139	5.5%	119	4.7%
Voting Age Population		1,935			658	34.0%	1,170	60.5%	107	5.5%	82	4.2%
District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
Voting Age Population		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,887	855	28.19%	2,198	56.5%	1,189	30.6%	500	12.9%	388	10.0%
Voting Age Population		2,849			1,754	61.6%	726	25.5%	369	13.0%	267	9.4%
District 14	3,032.25	2,585	(447)	-14.75%	1,610	62.3%	558	21.6%	417	16.1%	352	13.6%
Voting Age Population		2,059			1,314	63.8%	403	19.6%	342	16.6%	292	14.2%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
Voting Age Population		9,171			4,913		3,188		1,070		801	

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Redistricting Options

Alternative 1 5.41 pts.												
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,990	(42)	-1.39%	1,098	36.7%	1,717	57.4%	175	5.9%	169	5.7%
Voting Age Population		2,278			883	38.8%	1,261	55.4%	134	5.9%	114	5.0%
District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
Voting Age Population		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,037	5	0.16%	1,745	57.5%	938	30.9%	354	11.7%	296	9.7%
Voting Age Population		2,253			1,422	63.1%	570	25.3%	261	11.6%	203	9.0%
District 14	3,032.25	2,969	(63)	-2.09%	1,787	60.2%	655	22.1%	527	17.8%	394	13.3%
Voting Age Population		2,312			1,421	61.5%	468	20.2%	423	18.3%	324	14.0%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
Voting Age Population		9,171			4,913		3,188		1,070		801	

Alternative 2 7.35 pts.												
DISTRICT	2020 Population IDEAL	2020 Population ACTUAL	Population Deviation	Percent Deviation	Population White	Percent White	Population Black	Percent Black	Population Other	Percent Other	Population Hispanic	Percent Hispanic
District 10	3,032.25	2,990	(42)	-1.39%	1,098	36.7%	1,717	57.4%	175	5.9%	169	5.7%
Voting Age Population		2,278			883	38.8%	1,261	55.4%	134	5.9%	114	5.0%
District 12	3,032.25	3,133	101	3.32%	1,480	47.2%	1,304	41.6%	349	11.1%	256	8.2%
Voting Age Population		2,328			1,187	51.0%	889	38.2%	252	10.8%	160	6.9%
District 13	3,032.25	3,096	64	2.10%	1,866	60.3%	807	26.1%	423	13.7%	276	8.9%
Voting Age Population		2,338			1,513	64.7%	511	21.9%	314	13.4%	212	9.1%
District 14	3,032.25	2,910	(122)	-4.03%	1,666	57.3%	786	27.0%	458	15.7%	414	14.2%
Voting Age Population		2,227			1,330	59.7%	527	23.7%	370	16.6%	315	14.1%
Totals	12,129	12,129			6,110		4,614		1,405		1,115	
Voting Age Population		9,171			4,913		3,188		1,070		801	