



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
City of St. Petersburg

**FROM:** Kurt Spitzer

**DATE:** August 25, 2022

**RE:** Alternative Redistricting Plans

Attached please find maps and spreadsheets relating to two redistricting alternatives for your consideration. Both alternatives have their origins in Alternative 2B-1 and are based on the discussions that the Citizens Redistricting Commission (RDC) had concerning that plan (and possible revisions thereto) earlier this week.

Both plans maintain the policy goals of under populating District 6 as much as possible, maintaining District 7 as a minority majority district, and roughly maintaining the same percentage of African Americans residing in Districts 5 and 6 as are in the current districts. Detailed spreadsheets of Voting Age Population are including in this email packet.

### **1. Alternative 2B-1.a**

Alternative 2B-1.a makes only one change to Alternative 2B-1, which is to move the balance of the Historic Uptown neighborhood into District 4 from District 6. The population of that area (bordered by 5th Avenue N, 4th Street S, 9th Avenue N, and Dr. Martin Luther King Street N) was not sufficient to maintain the correct balance between Districts 4 and 6, so eight census blocks to the east of 4th Street North were also moved from District 6 to District 4.

### **2. Alternative 2B-2**

Alternative 2B-2 is a more substantial change to 2B-1. First, it moves the balance of the Historic Old Northeast Neighborhood Association from District 6 to District 4. That change in population necessitated separately moving approximately 140 people from District 4 back into District 6, which was accomplished by moving two census blocks from District 4 to 6. The census blocks that were moved to District 6 are bounded by 9th Ave N, MLK St N, 7th Ave N, and Jackson St N.

Two census blocks (one which includes the Mangrove Bay Golf Course) are moved from District 2 to District 3, so as to make the shapes of those districts more compact. Only 20 people are moved to District 3 in that change.

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Several changes were made to the boundaries between Districts 1, 7 and 8. First, to straighten district boundary lines, the primary boundary between Districts 7 and 8 between 58th Street and 34th Street, becomes 5th Avenue North. Likewise, the primary boundary between Districts 7 and 8 between 34th Street and District 6, becomes 1st Avenue North.

To make further population adjustments, changes were made in the western area of District 8 to move some of the Tyrone Landing Neighborhood Association into District 1. Population adjustments were also made by moving about half of the area encompassing Voter Precinct 213 (including some of the Pasadena Bear Creek Estates neighborhood) back into District 7.

Note that the changes contained in Alternative 2B-2 between Districts 4 and 6 could be adopted with or without accepting the changes to Districts 1, 7 and 8, and vice versa.

We look forward to speaking with the RDC next week.