



City of Takoma Park  
**Redistricting 2021**

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## **Community Engagement Session #2**

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Thursday, December 2, 2021

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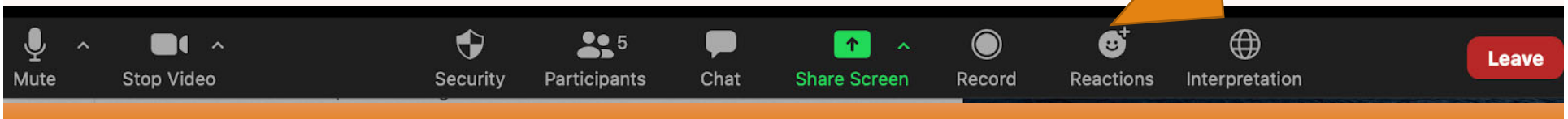
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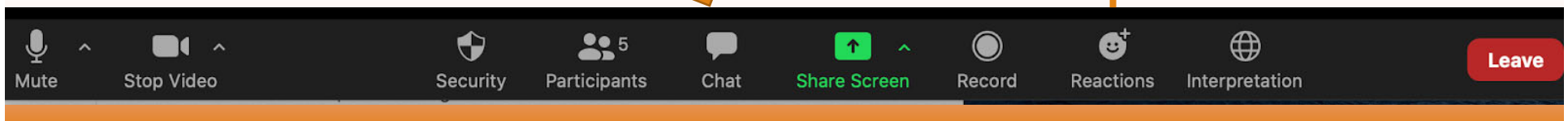
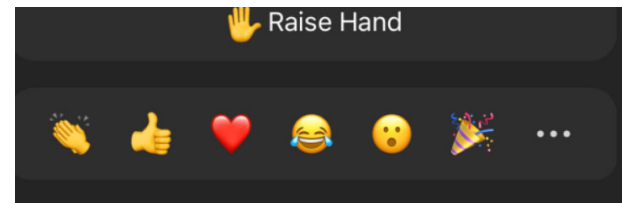
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# Welcome to the 2021 Redistricting Community Engagement Session #2!



Redistricting 2021

## Before we get started:



**Add your name and the number of your council ward** to your Zoom profile (click on the three dots in the upper right-hand corner of your video box and select “rename”).



**In the chat**, type in a brief response to the following question:  
*What are you hoping to get out of tonight's session?*

# Introductions



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# Session Goals – Participants Will:

## 1. Build Knowledge



What is the  
Takoma Park  
redistricting  
process,  
criteria and  
timeline?

## 2. Review Options



What are the  
pros and cons  
of each of the  
sample map  
options?

## 3. Share Feedback



Which of the  
maps do you  
prefer and  
why? What  
other input do  
you have?



# Norms for Session Engagement

- Respect one another, our time frames, and our shared airspace.
- Stay in a learning and solution mindset and remember that we are all in this together.
- Don't be afraid to say "Sorry, I missed that..." or "Could someone clarify what we're doing..."
- Allow for humanity (family, roommates, furry co-workers).
- Remember that this is a PROCESS: sometimes we will have more questions than answers and no decisions have yet been made.



# Agenda

Time	Topic
6:30 - 6:35	Opening and Introductions
6:35 - 6:45	Redistricting Overview: Process, Criteria and Timeline
6:45 - 7:45	Sample Map Review, Q&A and Participant Discussion
7:45 - 8:00	Closing and Important Next Steps





A map of Tacoma, Washington, showing the boundaries of six city wards. Ward 1 is in the northwest, Ward 2 is in the center, Ward 3 is in the south, Ward 4 is in the west, Ward 5 is in the north, and Ward 6 is in the east. Major roads like I-5, I-90, and various local streets are visible. The map is color-coded by ward: Ward 1 is pink, Ward 2 is light blue, Ward 3 is light green, Ward 4 is light purple, Ward 5 is light orange, and Ward 6 is light yellow. The text 'Redistricting Overview' is overlaid in a large, bold, blue font.

# Redistricting Overview

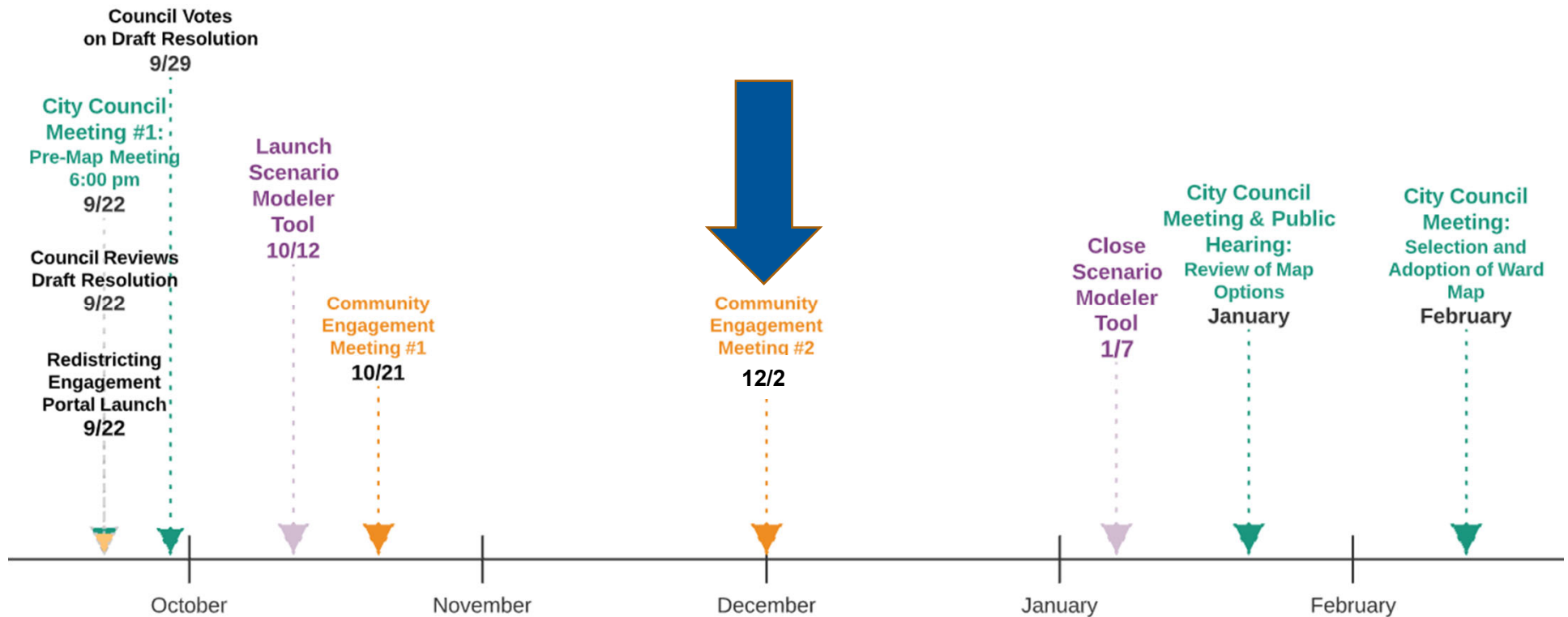
## What is it?

Every 10 years, after the U.S. Census, the City of Tacoma must re-draw the boundaries for City Council wards. These boundaries must be balanced in population in accordance with local and federal rules.

## Why Is It Important?

The location of ward boundaries determines which voters vote for which council member. Changing the lines can change the identity, allegiance, and political priorities of a ward's council member.

# Takoma Park's Redistricting Timeline



# Redistricting Guidelines

1. Districts **must** be “population balanced”
2. Districts **must** be contiguous
3. Redistricting **must** be done in compliance with all local, state, and federal laws including the federal Voting Rights Act (1965)
4. Districts should not favor or disfavor a protected class or political party
5. Districts should be as compact as possible
6. Districts should preserve the use of existing administrative and natural boundaries
7. Districts should preserve communities of interest (COIs) **if possible**



## **Additional City Council Criteria:**

- In no case shall the difference between the largest and smallest ward populations be **more than 10 percent**.
- If practicable considering other criteria, the Council has a goal of reducing the difference between the largest and smallest wards to **five percent or less**.
- **No ward shall be gerrymandered** (changed to favor one party or class) to ensure the election or defeat of any incumbent candidate or potential candidate.



# Takoma Park Resident Engagement

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Redistricting  
Survey -  
Communities  
of Interest



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## **Prior Redistricting**

During the 2013 redistricting process, Census blocks were split along neighborhoods to create the final ward boundaries.

For the 2021 redistricting process, whole Census blocks will be used to create ward boundaries.

Census data is only reported at the block level, so below that level would involve population and demographic estimates.



# Prior Redistricting

## Population Data & Maps

Check out these maps and data tables to see how population in Takoma Park has changed between Census 2010 and Census 2020:



[Data Tables](#)

[Population Change Map](#)

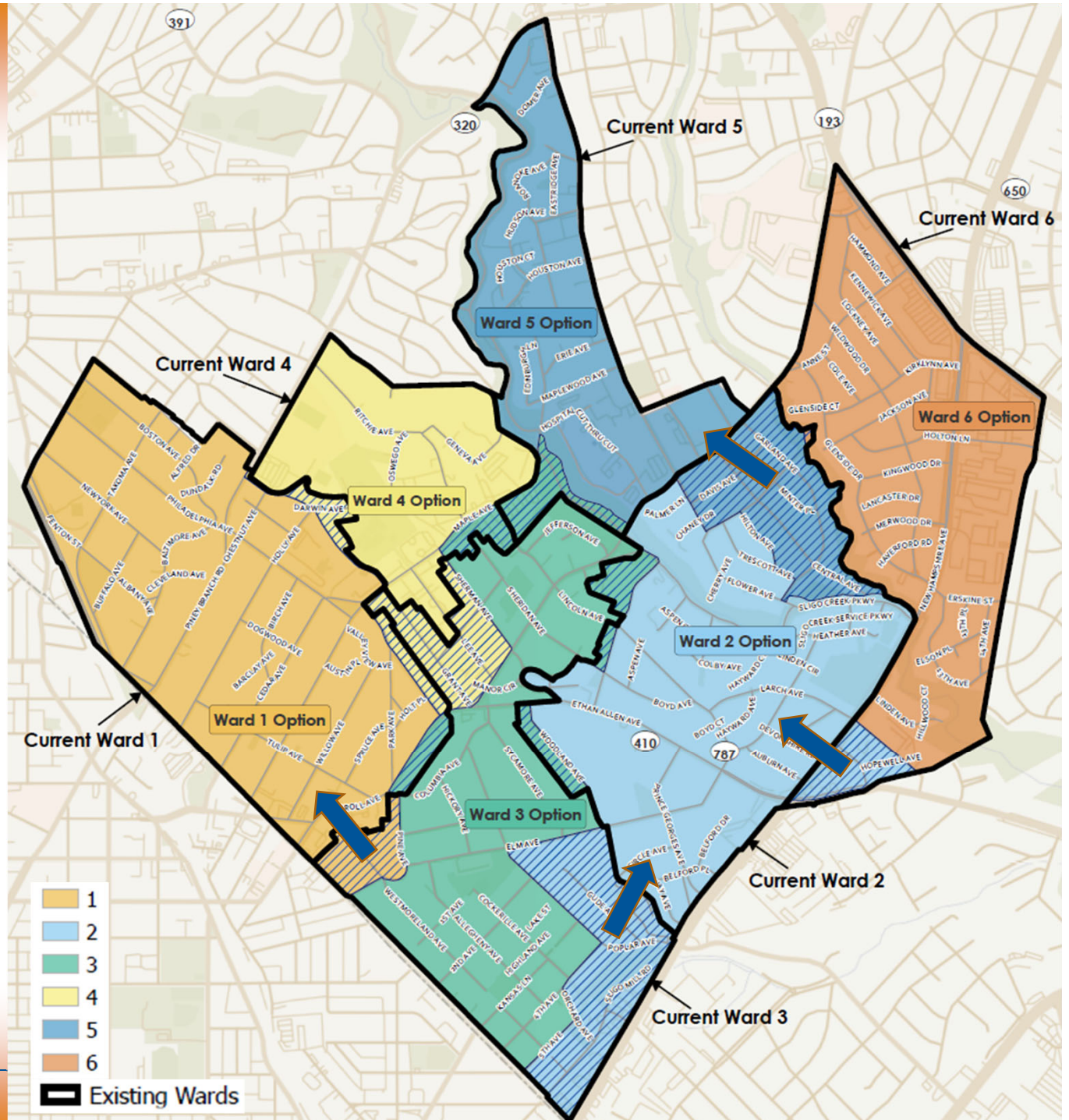
[Census 2020 Population Map](#)





# Ward Map Option 1

- Most similar to current wards while being under 10% deviation
- Deviation is 8.6% (Ward 2 is -4.8% and Ward 3 is 3.9%)



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Total Population & Deviation per Ward

Ward	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	2,975	36	1.2%
2	2,799	-140	-4.8%
3	3,053	114	3.9%
4	2,834	-105	-3.6%
5	2,948	9	0.3%
6	3,024	85	2.9%

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	65.9%	12.0%	0.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.3%	8.3%	9.9%
2	56.4%	19.6%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.7%	6.6%	13.3%
3	53.4%	27.5%	0.1%	2.8%	0.0%	0.4%	6.1%	9.7%
4	22.3%	58.0%	0.1%	4.9%	0.0%	1.0%	2.6%	11.1%
5	31.8%	32.3%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.8%	6.0%	24.5%
6	20.7%	40.0%	0.0%	8.5%	0.1%	0.5%	5.2%	25.1%



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CVAP by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	69.2%	13.7%	0.0%	2.8%	0.0%	1.7%	12.5%
2	66.4%	19.3%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	2.5%	8.7%
3	62.3%	25.6%	0.5%	3.5%	0.3%	3.2%	4.8%
4	46.7%	41.4%	0.0%	2.9%	0.3%	6.2%	2.7%
5	54.0%	32.2%	1.1%	3.8%	0.0%	1.3%	7.6%
6	33.1%	35.4%	0.0%	15.8%	0.0%	1.2%	14.4%

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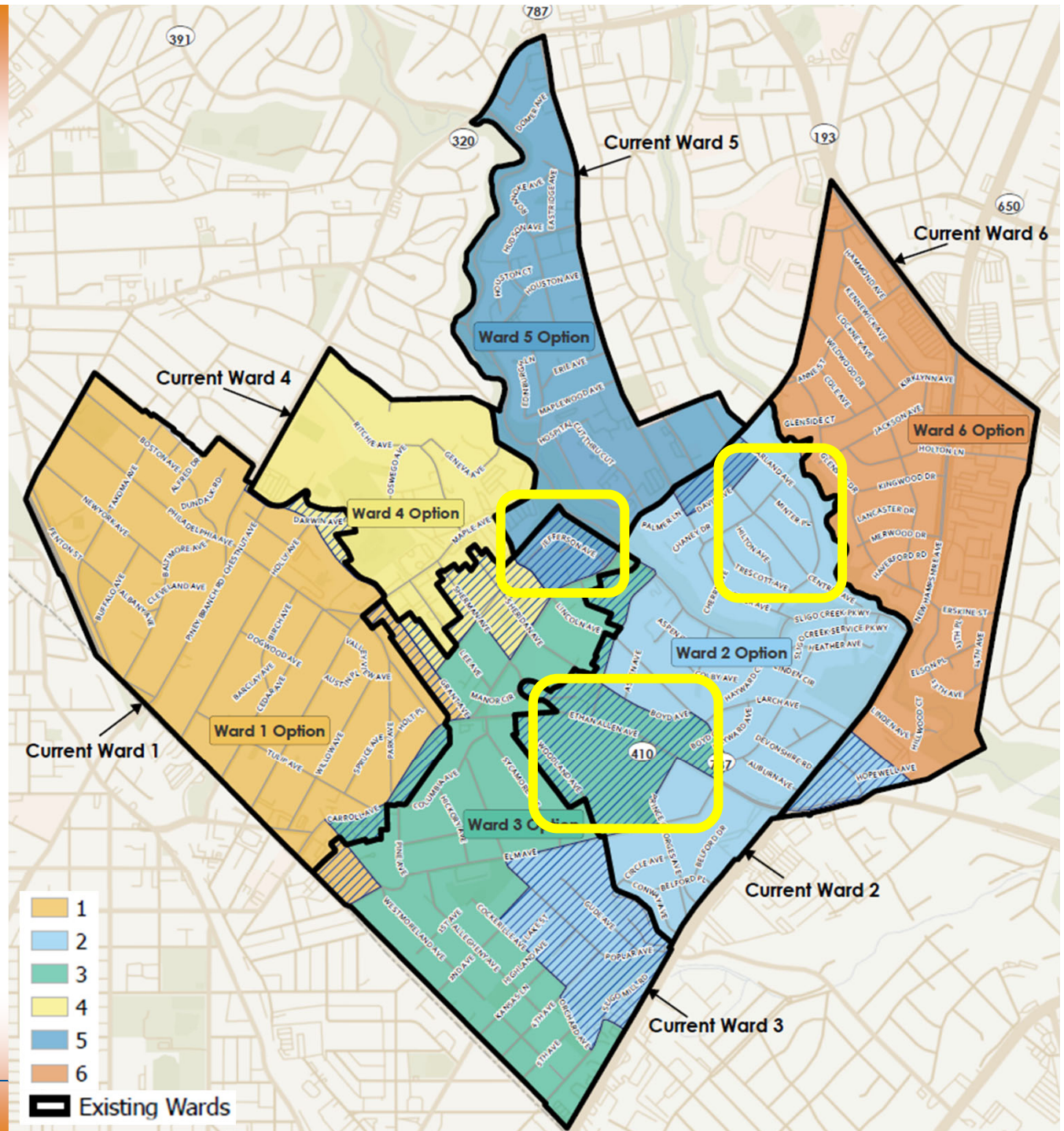
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# Ward Map Option 2

- Also similar to current wards, with some changes from Option 1
- Deviation is 7.1% (Ward 1 is -4.2% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)



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- Deviation is 7.1%  
(Ward 1 is -4.2% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

Total Population & Deviation per Ward

Ward	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	2,815	-124	-4.2%
2	2,952	13	0.4%
3	2,954	15	0.5%
4	3,011	72	2.5%
5	2,877	-62	-2.1%
6	3,024	85	2.9%

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic/ Latino
1	68.9%	8.2%	0.4%	3.3%	0.0%	0.4%	8.6%	10.3%
2	55.5%	18.7%	0.0%	3.4%	0.0%	0.5%	7.2%	14.7%
3	62.5%	18.8%	0.1%	3.2%	0.0%	0.5%	6.3%	8.6%
4	21.4%	59.1%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.9%	2.5%	11.3%
5	23.4%	42.4%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.9%	5.3%	23.8%
6	20.7%	40.0%	0.0%	8.5%	0.1%	0.5%	5.2%	25.1%



# Ward Map Option 2

- Also similar to current wards
- Deviation is 7.1%  
(Ward 1 is -4.2% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

CVAP by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	70.6%	12.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	2.4%	12.5%
2	71.2%	17.2%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	1.4%	7.3%
3	72.3%	12.6%	0.5%	3.7%	0.0%	5.2%	5.6%
4	41.0%	48.9%	0.0%	3.2%	0.4%	3.8%	2.9%
5	44.1%	41.1%	1.1%	4.3%	0.1%	1.3%	8.2%
6	33.1%	35.4%	0.0%	15.8%	0.0%	1.2%	14.4%

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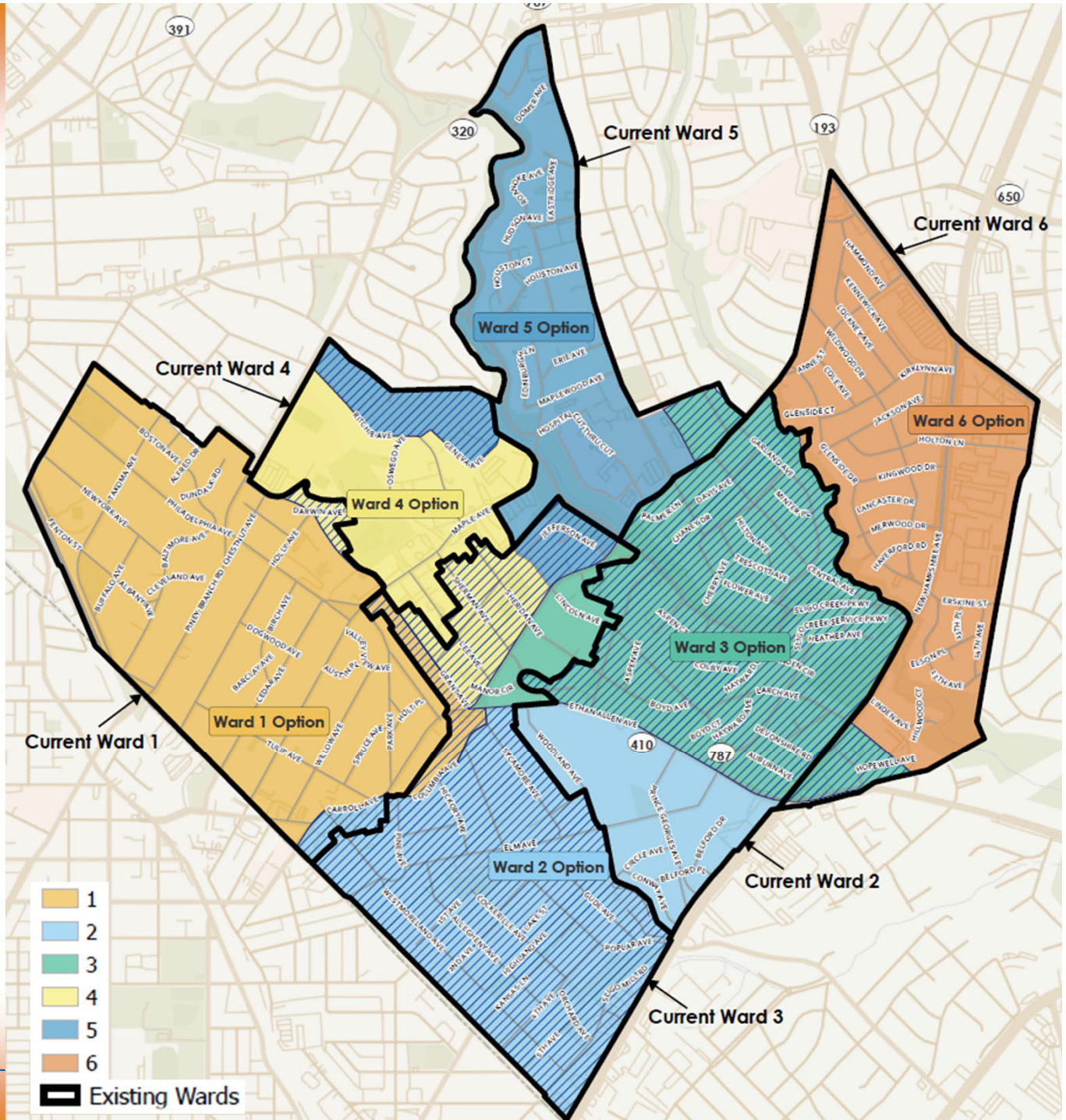
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# Ward Map Option 3

- Uses Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Follows major roads
- Deviation is 7.9% (Ward 1 is -5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)



# Ward Map Option 3

- Uses Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 7.9% (Ward 1 is -5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

Total Population & Deviation per Ward

Ward	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	2,792	-147	-5.0%
2	2,936	-3	-0.1%
3	2,993	54	1.8%
4	3,017	78	2.7%
5	2,871	-68	-2.3%
6	3,024	85	2.9%

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic/ Latino
1	69.9%	7.3%	0.4%	3.4%	0.0%	0.4%	8.6%	10.1%
2	60.9%	17.5%	0.1%	2.7%	0.0%	0.5%	6.6%	11.7%
3	57.1%	17.7%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.5%	7.3%	13.2%
4	18.8%	62.6%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.9%	2.4%	10.9%
5	25.3%	41.9%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.9%	5.0%	22.8%
6	20.7%	40.0%	0.0%	8.5%	0.1%	0.5%	5.2%	25.1%





# Ward Map Option 3

- Uses Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 7.9% (Ward 1 is -5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

CVAP by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	71.2%	11.4%	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%	2.9%	12.3%
2	67.3%	15.3%	0.5%	5.1%	0.0%	2.3%	9.3%
3	75.9%	15.2%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	3.1%	3.7%
4	43.8%	45.2%	0.0%	3.0%	0.4%	4.9%	2.9%
5	41.2%	44.2%	1.0%	4.2%	0.2%	1.3%	8.2%
6	33.1%	35.4%	0.0%	15.8%	0.0%	1.2%	14.4%

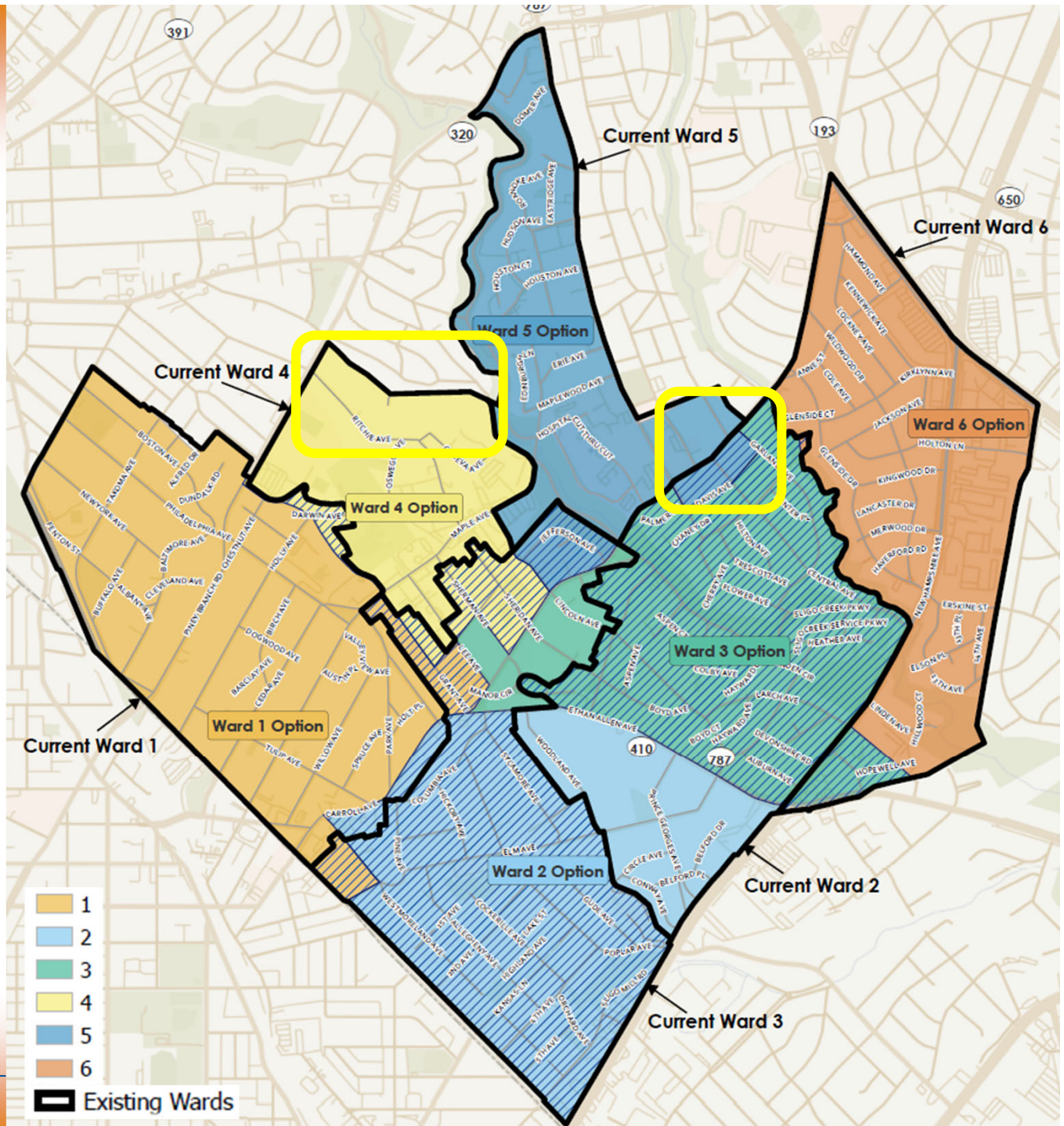
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# Ward Map Option 4

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Lower deviation
- Deviation is 6.4% (Ward 3 is -3.5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)



# Ward Map Option 4

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 6.4% (Ward 3 is -3.5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

Total Population & Deviation per Ward

Ward	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	2,971	32	1.1%
2	2,913	-26	-0.9%
3	2,837	-102	-3.5%
4	3,011	72	2.5%
5	2,877	-62	-2.1%
6	3,024	85	2.9%

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic/ Latino
1	66.3%	11.3%	0.3%	3.2%	0.0%	0.4%	8.3%	10.2%
2	61.8%	16.7%	0.1%	2.7%	0.0%	0.5%	6.6%	11.5%
3	58.3%	18.1%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.5%	7.2%	11.9%
4	21.4%	59.1%	0.0%	4.8%	0.0%	0.9%	2.5%	11.3%
5	23.4%	42.4%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.9%	5.3%	23.8%
6	20.7%	40.0%	0.0%	8.5%	0.1%	0.5%	5.2%	25.1%





# Ward Map Option 4

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 6.4% (Ward 3 is -3.5% and Ward 6 is 2.9%)

CVAP by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	70.5%	12.1%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	3.0%	12.0%
2	67.9%	14.7%	0.5%	4.9%	0.0%	2.8%	9.2%
3	76.2%	14.8%	0.0%	1.8%	0.0%	3.5%	3.6%
4	41.0%	48.9%	0.0%	3.2%	0.4%	3.8%	2.9%
5	44.1%	41.1%	1.1%	4.3%	0.1%	1.3%	8.2%
6	33.1%	35.4%	0.0%	15.8%	0.0%	1.2%	14.4%

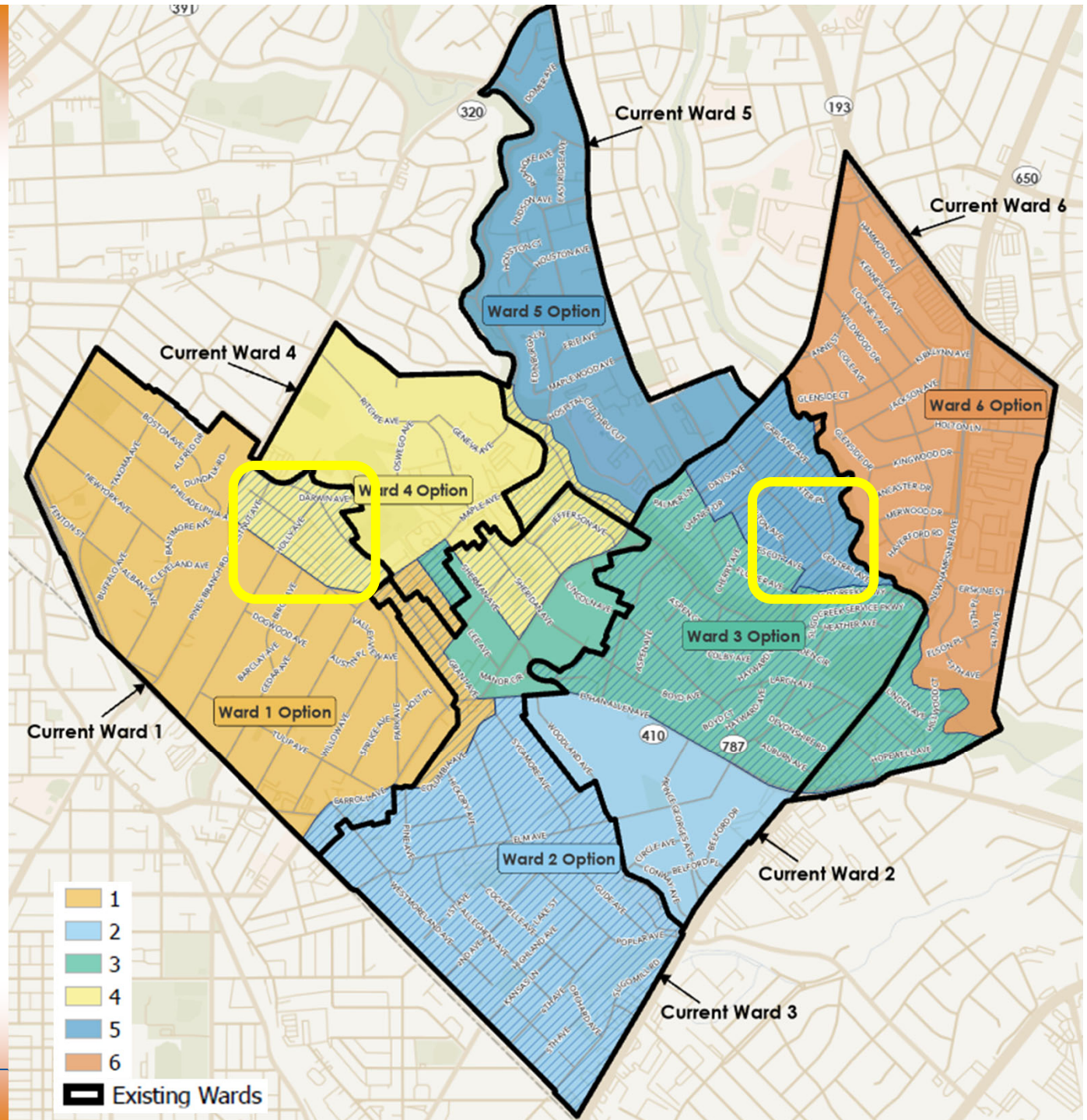
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# Ward Map Option 5

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted
- Higher majority minority in Ward 4
- Deviation is 6.0% (Ward 1 is -2.7% and Ward 6 is -3.3%)



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# Ward Map Option 5

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 6.0% (Ward 1 is 2.7% and Ward 6 is -3.3%)

Total Population & Deviation per Ward

Ward	Total Population	Over / Under Ideal	Deviation From Ideal
1	3,017	78	2.7%
2	2,936	-3	-0.1%
3	2,890	-49	-1.7%
4	2,937	-2	-0.1%
5	3,012	73	2.5%
6	2,841	-98	-3.3%

Total Population by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races	Hispanic/ Latino
1	65.2%	12.2%	0.3%	3.1%	0.0%	0.3%	8.0%	10.7%
2	60.9%	17.5%	0.1%	2.7%	0.0%	0.5%	6.6%	11.7%
3	49.4%	25.7%	0.0%	3.7%	0.0%	1.1%	6.1%	14.0%
4	20.4%	64.0%	0.0%	4.6%	0.0%	0.4%	2.9%	7.7%
5	32.5%	31.7%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.8%	6.1%	24.4%
6	21.4%	38.3%	0.0%	8.9%	0.1%	0.5%	5.2%	25.7%





# Ward Map Option 5

- Uses most Communities of Interest submitted in the online survey
- Deviation is 6.0% (Ward 1 is -2.7% and Ward 6 is -3.3%)

CVAP by Race/Ethnicity per Ward

Ward	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic/Latino
1	72.6%	9.4%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	4.4%	11.6%
2	67.3%	15.3%	0.5%	5.1%	0.0%	2.3%	9.3%
3	71.9%	16.4%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	5.7%	4.2%
4	32.7%	59.7%	0.0%	3.7%	0.6%	0.6%	3.1%
5	54.6%	31.8%	1.0%	3.7%	0.0%	1.3%	7.5%
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What  
questions  
do you  
have so far  
about the  
sample  
maps?





## Discussion

Which of the sample maps do you prefer and why?

If none of the maps meet your own criteria, what would have to change for you to support it?



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What can we help you find?



Initiatives > Project Directory > Redistricting

## REDISTRICTING

### About the Project

Go to the [redistricting engagement portal here](#), and take the [redistricting survey here](#)

With the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census, the population balance of the City's wards must be reviewed and the boundaries redrawn (if needed) to ensure that wards are close to equal in population and meet other requirements. The City has contracted

The screenshot shows the 'Redistricting 2021' page for the City of Takoma Park. The header includes the city logo and name. The main heading is 'Redistricting 2021' with a sub-header 'We need your help to draw the best ward boundaries for our city!'. Below this, a paragraph explains that every 10 years, after the U.S. Census, the city must redraw ward boundaries to be balanced in population and follow local and federal rules. A language selection button is visible. The 'How You Can Participate' section lists several ways to get involved: attending public meetings, filling out a survey, submitting comments, creating and submitting ward maps, and watching council meetings. A link to 'Draw Your Own Ward Boundary Maps' is also present.

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/initiatives/project-directory/redistricting/>

Or

Google “Takoma Park Redistricting” and select the first option



# Additional Engagement Opportunities



## Take Redistricting Survey

- Access via Takoma Park Redistricting Website
- Share your feedback on communities of interest



## Submit a Sample Map

- Access via Takoma Park Redistricting Website
- Incorporate your own redistricting criteria



## City Council Meetings

- January and February.
- The City Council will adopt a map in February



## How Was Your Experience?



Please take a moment to share your feedback about tonight's session.

We deeply value your perspective – **thank you so much for your time!**

