

Speaker #1
Janie Jones
3806 Hammock Bluff Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32226

Concern:

The proposed boundary line changes in District 2 suggest racially packing and splitting of neighborhoods; specifically, the Yellow Bluff Landing neighborhood being reassigned to District 7. This neighborhood does not share the same common interests as the neighborhoods west of I-95 where the bulk of District 7 lies.

Recommendation:

Restore this section of the corridor to District 2 to comply with law and create compact, contiguous districts which reflect community shared interests.

Speaker #2
Mike Ludwick
13490 Gran Day Pkwy, APT 212
Jacksonville, FL 32258

Concern:

City Council members have conflicts of interest as elected officials in the redistricting process.

Recommendation:

Reject the proposed maps drawn for partisan gerrymandering and utilize an independent consultant to facilitate the redistricting process and start over.

Speaker #3
Daniel Henry
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Jacksonville, FL 32256

Question:

Referencing the Florida Legislature and their ability to conduct a formal functional analysis, why has the City of Jacksonville been unable perform such an analysis to determine the percentage required in certain communities of interest in order to allow voters to elect candidates of their choice?

Speaker #4
Rosemary McCoy
1418 Manotak Point Drive, Unit 105
Jacksonville, FL 32210

Concerns:

The City of Jacksonville has never conducted a functional analysis to ensure the proposed redistricting plan complies with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Referenced a letter sent to the City with a detailed report revealing consistent patterns of racially polarized voting between black and white voters.

Racial packing in Districts 7, 8, 9 & 10 and School Board Districts 4 & 5.

Recommendation:

Request the Rules Committee and City Council to analyze the data presented to them and, as necessary, redraw the currently proposed neighborhood seat plan such that Black voters are properly and lawfully represented in the final plan.

Speaker #5
Eric Parker
2720 Garrels Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32226

Concern:

Communities of shared interests, the residents that reside on New Berlin Road in District 2 have more in common with the residents east and west as opposed to the residents north and south of the St. Johns River.

Speaker #6
Lanelle Phillimon
10377 Sequoya Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Concerns:

The lack of access to the redistricting process to give comments and feedback at committee and member-to-member meetings since they were conducted during the day while most people are working.

The 2020 census data was not used to draw new maps as opposed to taking the existing district map lines and adjusting them to mathematically accommodate the goals.

Recommendation:

Listen to the comments that the concerned citizens have spoken about as elected representatives address the needs of all residents ensuring that each voter has equal representation and value in their district.

Speaker #7

Alexander Watkins

4950 Richard Street

Jacksonville, FL 32207

Concern:

Address racial packing in districts 7, 8, 9 & 10 and limiting the impact of Black voters citywide.

Recommendations:

Listen to the concerns and comments of the citizens regarding racial packing. Engage with the community to understand the intricate and delicate nature of this issue before finalizing the redistricting plan.

Ensure that every citizen of the city has equal representation to adequately vote for people that will represent them and have no majority or personal interests.

Speaker #8

Sharmin Smith

828 14th Avenue South

Jacksonville, FL 32250

Recommendations:

Reject the proposed gerrymandered districts and redraw new districts within federal guidelines.

Consider the possibility of adding redistricting as a referendum on the ballot in the next election.