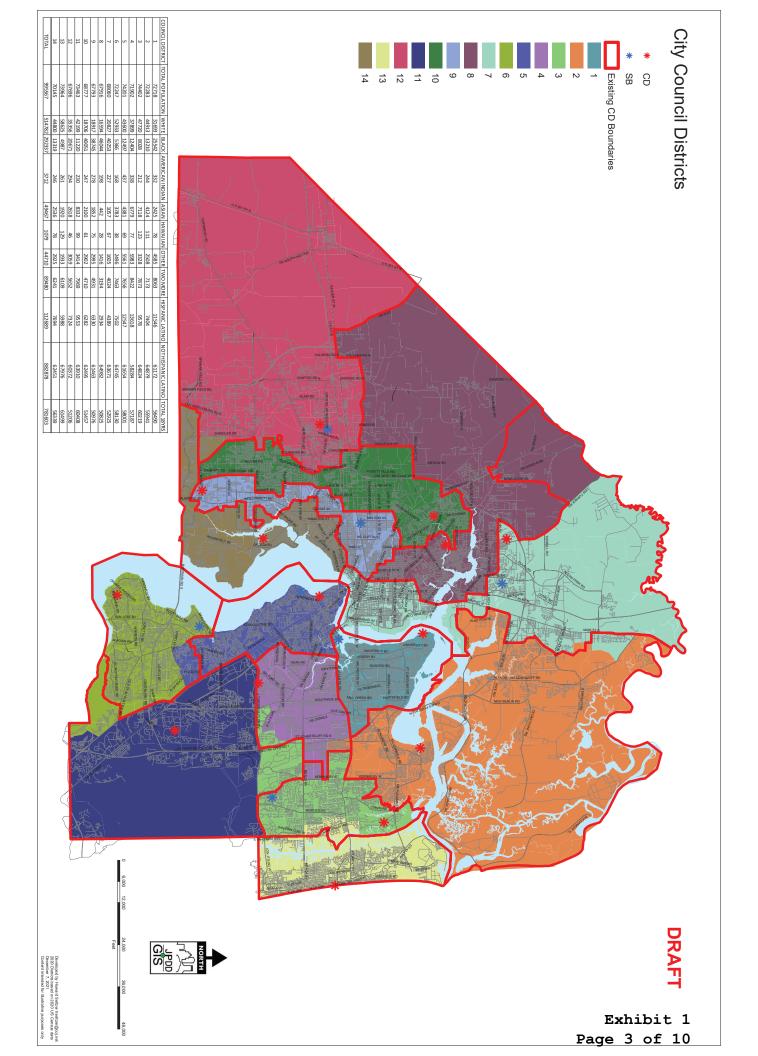
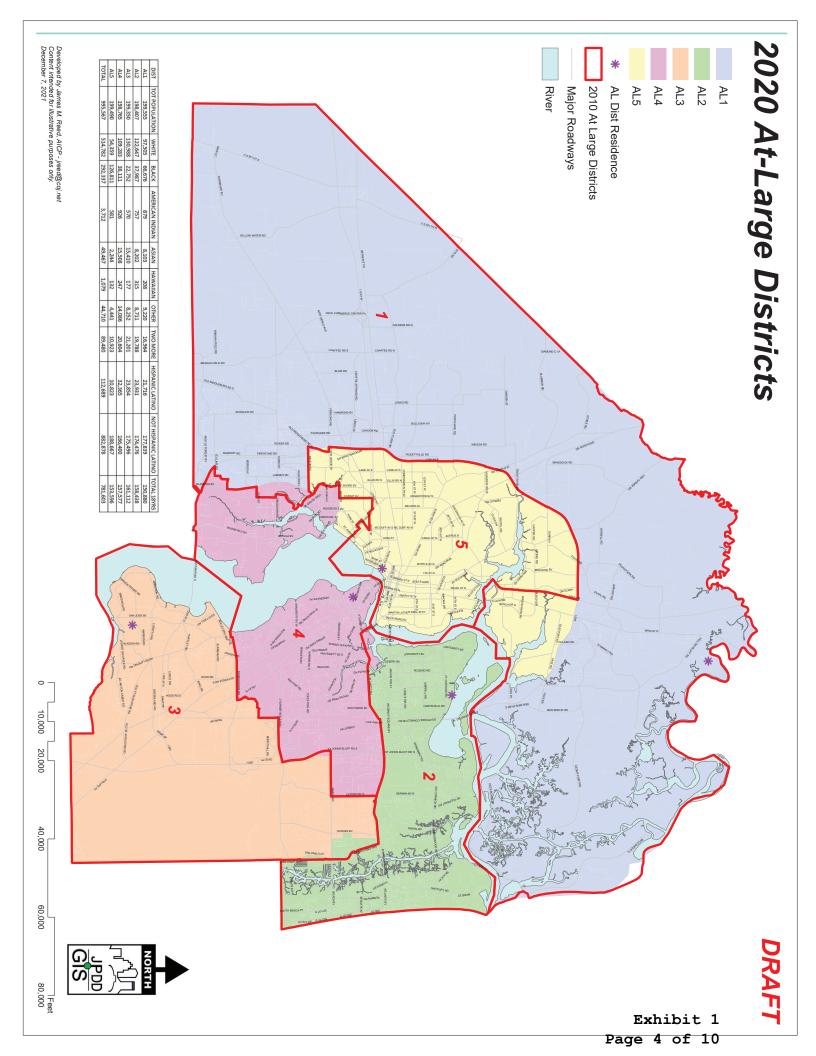
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- (i) A map of the General Services District showing both the existing District and At-Large boundaries and the proposed District and At-Large boundaries; and
- (ii) A table indicating the population of each proposed District and At-Large and the variations of each such population from the population average for all the districts, with an explanation of the variation in each district.





(iii) A statement of methodology used in arriving at the particular plan recommended by the Special Committee on Redistricting.

#### Statement of Methodology

The methodology used in arriving at the proposed Jacksonville City Council District and Group At-Large Residence Area Plans recommended by the Redistricting Committee is as follows:

The proposed districts and areas were designed to satisfy all applicable criteria as set forth in the City Charter, Ordinance Code and applicable law.

Preliminary technical analysis was performed using the U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Data provided by the City of Jacksonville's Planning and Development Department, previous redistricting records (including information from 2011), and pertinent City Ordinances from the Jacksonville City Council's Research Office. Also, extensive research of the City Charter along with related legal, political, statistical, and historical information was completed to provide a foundation for the redistricting process and to provide assistance to all of the parties involved in the redistricting.

The U.S. Census Bureau 2020 data was downloaded from the U.S. Census Bureau website and included total population, voting age population, and racial composition for Duval County. Traditional redistricting concepts of compactness, contiguity, and consideration for communities of interest as defined in the City Charter were also used to create balanced plans for review by the Redistricting Committee. In addition, a formula was used where the population of the largest council district could not exceed 110% of the population of the smallest council district.

Originally, the Planning and Development Department divided Council District 2 at the St. Johns River and began to redistrict the Council Districts using this methodology; however, several Council Members rejected the idea. Thus, Council District 2 was combined to its original 2011 boundary and the redistricting continued under this circumstance.

The City's Planning and Development Department, along with the Office of General Counsel conducted individual meetings with all of the City Council members to gather information regarding the expected changes to each of the districts. The Redistricting Committee also held several public meetings and workshops throughout the process. During those meetings input from public officials and private citizens played an integral role in the redistricting process. Most importantly, specific directions from the Redistricting Committee, along with recommendations from all of the City Council Members, advice from the City of Jacksonville Office of General Counsel, and weekly meetings with the City Planning and Development Department, were the primary factors in creating the plan recommended for the new City Council districts.

Residence requirements for incumbent School Board members were also considered during the City Council redistricting process.

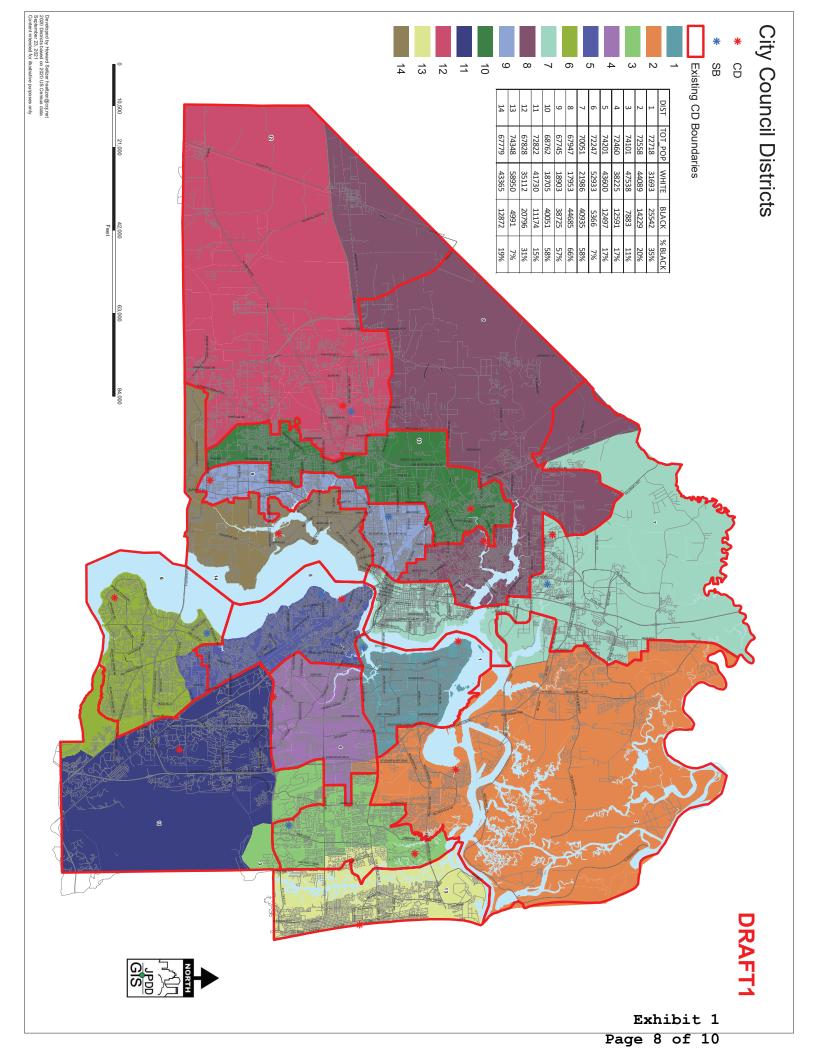
The Proposed Jacksonville City Council District and Group At-Large Residence Area Plans, as approved for submittal by the Redistricting Committee on October 28, 2021, are the culmination of numerous recommendations made by City Council Members, and testimony from the public. The City Council District map, along with a City Council Group At-Large Residence Area map were revised based on the changes requested and presented to the Redistricting Committee for their review and comments.

The geographic configuration of Duval County with the St. Johns River coursing through the heart of the City of Jacksonville, coupled with significant population growth south and east of the river, presented unique technical challenges to create a City Council District Map that adhered to the redistricting criteria as outlined in this report.

- (iv) An appendix of any other redistricting plans considered or created by the Special Committee on Redistricting in the process of creating the recommended plan, with the reasons for rejection of each such redistricting plan.
  - (a.) Countywide Proposal Version 4 Sept 27, 2021 Committee Meeting

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**Reasons of Rejection**: This map was rejected because there was disagreement on the new boundary between CD 8 and CD 12 and CD 7 and CD 2. Also, the boundaries south of the river were not agreed on.



(v) Comments and recommendations deemed necessary or advisable by the Special Committee on Redistricting to explain or illustrate the plan.

## **Comments and recommendations:**

Early in the process, the Special Committee on Redistricting ("The Committee") started with the premise of working from the current Council Districts and At-Large Residence Areas rather than start over completely. The Committee further refined its considerations and directed the Planning and Development Department to base district numbers on total population; adhere to the normal redistricting schedule timeline provided in the Ordinance Code so as not to expedite the process in an attempt to complete prior to 2022 election cycle; try to minimize river crossings to the extent possible; and to avoid drawing sitting Council Members and School Board members out of their current districts. The Committee believes that the Proposed Plan meets these considerations to the extent possible to achieve new Districts and At-Large boundaries based on the Census Data for 2020.