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The City of Cambridge **Ward Realignment Committee** meeting will be held **on Thursday, September 28st at 6:00 pm at the City Hall Conference Room, 410 Academy Street, Cambridge, Maryland 21613.** These are the following items scheduled:

AGENDA

1. Approve meeting minutes from Sept 21, 2023.
2. Discuss presentation given on Monday, Sept. 25th to City Council
3. Discuss next steps

*** Please note the agenda is subject to change, the final agenda will be approved by the Committee at the Meeting.**



Ward Realignment Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room, 410 Academy Street, Cambridge

Committee Members Present: Jim Sicks (chair), Greg Meekins (vice chair), Lou Hyman, Barbara Knepp, Talibah Chikwendu, Carlos Estin

Committee Members Absent: Tabria Cornish

Staff present: Cheryl Hannan, Scott Shores

Chairman Sicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum present of himself, Mr. Meekins, Mr. Hyman, Ms. Knepp, Ms. Chikwendu, and Mr. Estin.

Mr. Meekins made a motion to approve the minutes from last week's meeting. Ms. Knepp seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried, 6-0.

The committee reviewed the realignment options discussed to date and whether there was a need to make additional adjustments to meet the committee's goal. Agreement to move 2 small census blocks to add more population to Ward 3 and reduce Ward 1 and 5 slightly.

Discussed whether it was possible to have more racial diversity in all 5 wards. Ward 1 is heavily white, and Ward 2 is heavily non-white. Wards 3 and 4 have a majority non-white and Ward 5 is almost equal between white and non-white. The majority of the committee members believed the latest iteration of the map under discussion met the need of having compact, contiguous wards which collectively provide the City's non-white majority the opportunity to elect representation proportionate to the racial ratios of the city. Sixty percent (60%) of the City's total population is non-white. Under this proposal three (3) Wards, which is equal to 60% of the wards, have non-white majorities ranging from 66%-84%. In addition, a fourth ward is 49% non-white. Ward 1 remains with a majority white population, but it has decreased by 10.5% from the 2010 census to be 62% white and 38% non-white.

Mr. Hyman made a motion to present the current iteration to City Council on Monday, September 25. Mr. Meekins seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-1-1.

The committee agreed to meet next Thursday night at City Hall to review feedback from City Council and discuss next steps.

A motion for adjournment was made and approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Ward Sizes

Comparing 2010 data/boundaries to 2020 data with the 2010 boundaries (i.e, the initial boundaries) (2020-I) and the 2020 data in the recommended 2020 boundaries (2020-R)

TOTAL POPULATION	1	2	3	4	5	Total
2010	2,472	2,389	2,506	2,399	2,583	12,349
2020 - Initial	2,750	2,674	2,547	2,666	2,459	13,096
Difference 2010 vs. 2020-I	278	285	41	267	(124)	747
2020 - Recommended	2,631	2,607	2,589	2,623	2,646	13,096
Difference:2010 vs. 2020-R	159	218	83	224	63	747

	2010	2020	
Total	12,349	13,096	
Divided by 5	2,470	2,619	
+5%	2,593	2,750	Allowable tolerance threshold
-5%	2,346	2,488	of variance per election law.

Ward population compared to "ideal" population (outside +/-5% are BOLDED)				
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	
"Ideal" or equal ward sizes:	2,470	2,619	2,619	In the 2020-I scenario, two wards, 1&5, are outside of tolerance and need to be adjusted. Since these two wards are not contiguous, minor adjustments were made to bring all wards within tolerance and closer to equal in size (2.2% or abt. 57 people is the difference between the largest and smallest ward).
1	100.1%	105.0%	100.5%	
2	96.7%	102.1%	99.5%	
3	101.5%	97.2%	98.8%	
4	97.1%	101.8%	100.1%	
5	104.6%	93.9%	101.0%	

Changes Proposed for Redistricting For Review: 09-26-23

Legend

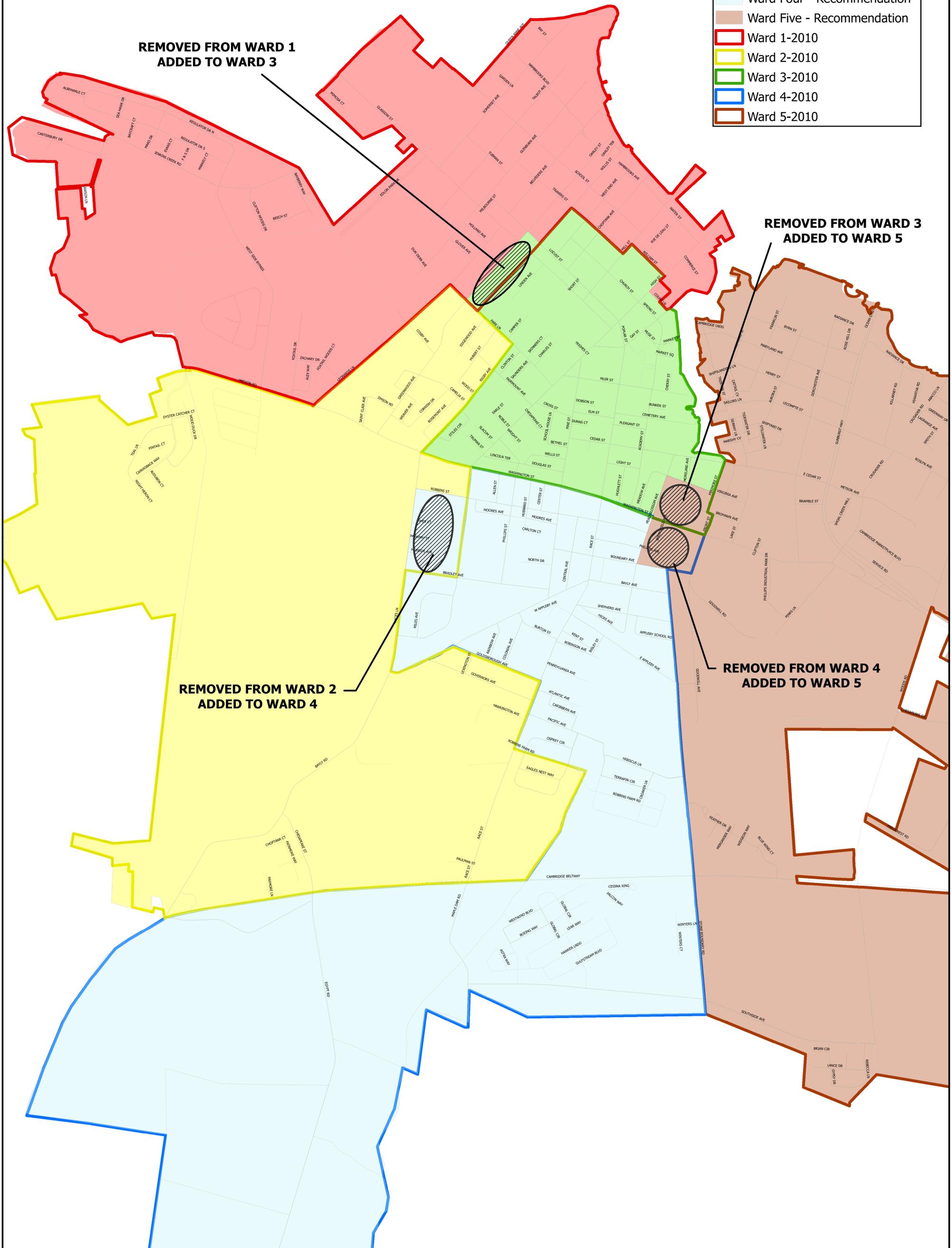
- Ward One - Recommendation
- Ward Two - Recommendation
- Ward Three - Recommendation
- Ward Four - Recommendation
- Ward Five - Recommendation
- Ward 1-2010
- Ward 2-2010
- Ward 3-2010
- Ward 4-2010
- Ward 5-2010

**REMOVED FROM WARD 1
ADDED TO WARD 3**

**REMOVED FROM WARD 3
ADDED TO WARD 5**

**REMOVED FROM WARD 2
ADDED TO WARD 4**

**REMOVED FROM WARD 4
ADDED TO WARD 5**



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RACIAL COMPOSITION

Comparing 2010 data/boundaries to 2020 data with the 2010 boundaries (i.e, the initial boundaries) (2020-I) and the 2020 data in the recommended 2020 boundaries (2020-R)

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TOTAL										
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20 Diff	2010	2020				'10 vs '20
Black	5,941	6,294	6,294	353	48.2%	48.1%				-0.1%
White	5,611	5,129	5,129	(482)	45.5%	39.2%				-6.3%
Other	777	1,673	1,673	896	6.3%	12.8%				6.5%
Total	12,329	13,096	13,096	767	100%	100%				

WARD 1									
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20R Diff	2010	2020-I	'10 vs '20I	2020-R	'10 vs '20R
Black	572	738	673	101	23%	27%	3.7%	26%	2.4%
White	1,785	1,662	1,624	(161)	72%	60%	-11.8%	62%	-10.5%
Other	115	350	334	219	5%	13%	8.1%	13%	8.0%
Total	2,472	2,750	2,631	159	100%	100%		100%	

WARD 2									
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20R Diff	2010	2020-I	'10 vs '20I	2020-R	'10 vs '20R
Black	1,874	1,967	1,909	35	78%	74%	-4.9%	73%	-5.2%
White	401	418	416	15	17%	16%	-1.2%	16%	-0.8%
Other	114	289	282	168	5%	11%	6.0%	11%	6.0%
Total	2,389	2,674	2,607	218	100%	100%		100%	

WARD 3									
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20R Diff	2010	2020-I	'10 vs '20I	2020-R	'10 vs '20R
Black	1,501	1,346	1,379	(122)	60%	53%	-7.0%	53%	-6.6%
White	819	886	884	65	33%	35%	2.1%	34%	1.5%
Other	186	315	326	140	7%	12%	4.9%	13%	5.2%
Total	2,506	2,547	2,589	83	100%	100%		100%	

WARD 4									
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20R Diff	2010	2020-I	'10 vs '20I	2020-R	'10 vs '20R
Black	1,192	1,354	1,387	195	50%	51%	1.1%	53%	3.2%
White	1,053	892	848	(205)	44%	33%	-10.4%	32%	-11.6%
Other	154	420	388	234	6%	16%	9.3%	15%	8.4%
Total	2,399	2,666	2,623	224	100%	100%		100%	

WARD 5									
	2010	2020-I	2020-R	'10-'20R Diff	2010	2020-I	'10 vs '20I	2020-R	'10 vs '20R
Black	802	889	946	144	31%	36%	4.9%	36%	4.5%
White	1,553	1,271	1,357	(196)	61%	52%	-8.9%	51%	-9.3%
Other	208	299	343	135	8%	12%	4.0%	13%	4.8%
Total	2,563	2,459	2,646	83	100%	100%		100%	