Appendix A: Public Input

The following table summarizes the direct input process.

Public input that noted a specific affirmation or rejection of a Trial are attributed and tabulated for that trial.

As of 2/15/22							
	Public In Methods	Trial A		Trial B		Trial C	
On-line		yes	no	yes	no	yes	no
Ward 1	5	1	1			3	1
Ward 2	5					1	
Ward 3	9	4		4	2		
Ward 4	7	1		4			2
Ward 5	3					2	
Ward 6	10	1	2	4			7
Sub-total	**39**	**7**	**3**	**12**	**2**	**6**	**10**
Meetings							
1/19/22	12					1	
1/20/22	3						
1/24/22	10			1			
1/25/22	6					2	
Sub-total	**31**			**1**		**3**	
Letter							**1**
Total	**63**	**7**	**3**	**12**	**2**	**9**	**10**

Additionally, please find attached hand-written public input from the public information sessions held In. January as well as the responses to the on-line public input form, which also serves as documentation of the online survey form questions.

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 1	I think ward 1 would lose some diversity by removing the western portion.	Same can moment as nap A. I prefer this split for the fourth fifth and six wards. Seems less disruptive.	I like this one best. I think it is a better attempt to keep a variety of neighborhoods in each ward. Particularly in the first ward. I like thAt every ward changes some.	It might be helpful to know more demographics of each area.
Ward 1	Takes a lot of residential people out of the ward.	Same as A	I prefer this one from any of the others. At least it effects everyone	I would like to see more data on demographic information around income, race and rental/home ownership.
Ward 1	Why don't these maps include streets? These are nearly impossible to read.	Why don't these maps include streets? These are nearly impossible to read.	Why don't these maps include streets? These are nearly impossible to read.	
Ward 1			I am in favor of Trial Map C because it moves some student population out of Ward 1 and because of student voting patterns it impacts our voice in local Ward 1 issues	
Ward 1	Cannot really tell what area is changed from ward 1 to ward 2 without the streets named	same comment as #4	Same as #4	

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 2	Second Best	Best	A bit overworked.	
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Ward 2			Trial C is my choice	None
Ward 2	Absolutely opposed to the grasslands being drawn into Ward 4. This will not be good for representation across the city.			I fundamentally believe the maps need to be rethought. I understand the direct was "as few changes as possible" but I think that does a disservice to the city. Ward 1 needs to be expanded to the west, picking up that small chunk of ward 2 that isn't connected to the rest of the ward because there's a freeway in the middle. We shouldn't have to drive through ward 1 to get to the rest of ward2. Ward 1 also needs to lop off the lower portion that hangs down near the university to make up for the addition of population to the west. That would mean 2nd ward would need to expand into 3rd, and the rest would need to shift accordingly. While this would undo the thought that every ward needs to touch downtown, frankly, that really doesn't matter. We need more equity in representation and not to have our neighborhoods filled with PoC being hijacked by students. Equity and fair representation SHOULD trump the other directives.

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 3	This map would be my second choice	This is my first choice	This is my least favorite map. This proposed map appears to move residents in every ward! I believe in allowing as many residents as possible to stay in their current wards. We've been in Ward 3 for decades & hope to remain here. I love my Benton Stephens neighborhood.	Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
Ward 3			Interesting that a corner of the Benton-Stephens neighborhood would be moved to a different ward. Though, maybe the neighborhood would benefit from the potential attention of two Council Members.	Thanks for making it easy to offer input!
Ward 3	Favor	Favor	Do not favor	I favor either A or B there is less chopping of wards making it more acute. I think the minimal chopping A or B is a better idea unlike C where there is more puzzle piecing.
Ward 3		Seems like the most compact map. Top choice.		
Ward 3			I'm in favor of Trial Map C, strongly preferring it to both A and B.	
Ward 3	IMO, the most appropriate with respect to the Committee's charge.	IMO, a poor choice because it isolates the 5th Ward from the 1st Ward (as established by historical policy).	IMO. the poorest choice and the least justifiable with respect to the committee's charge.	Disclosure: I am the duly elected Ward 3 Councilman.
Ward 3	To me this one makes the most sense.	This one feels like it would be alright though the ward 6 to 4 change might be too big of a change.	This one is by far my least liked. Feels like way too many changes for areas where as the other two options do the same changes without so many smaller areas moving wards.	
Ward 3	This map helps to equalize ward populations and causes the least disruption of existing neighborhoods. It also assures that all wards include part of the central city, and thus continue to have a stake in its health.	This map would cut off Ward 5 from the central city, and I don't think that's a good idea. All wards and council representatives should share responsibility for the health of the central city.	This map seems overly complicated and does not adhere to at least two of the principles. It does not minimize changes and does not respect existing neighborhood boundaries. It would split the East Campus neighborhood between three different wards, for no apparent reason.	I recommend you provide a short narrative for each map that describes the neighborhoods that would be moved. I had to do several Google maps searches to figure out which areas the changes would affect. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!
Ward 3			Seems you end up with almost the same amout of people in each ward... so why go through all the hoops?	

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 4	This appears to be the most logical as it maintains the continuity of communities.	2nd choice. Moving Ward 6 to 4 does not seem to be as good a fit from a demographic perspective.	Too many changes compared to A & B. That could lead to frustration and confusion of the citizens.	Thank you all for your hard work, it is appreciated. Be good stewards with the money!
Ward 4				Less permanent citizens in ward 1 than any others. Students have a history of not voting.
Ward 4				These maps do not offer enough info to know how to make informed comments. Please add some major street lines/names.
Ward 4		Given the final counts, I feel that map B gives the fairest distribution.		
Ward 4				It would be nice to see major streets near ward boundary lines displayed. Current maps are very difficult to work with.
Ward 4		I like this map the best as it seems to create the most compact wards with additions to wards that have more in common with the areas being moved.		
Ward 4		Looks pretty straightforward.	This makes less sense to me.	

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 5			Map c makes the most sense to me	
Ward 5				Have you thought about making a 7th ward?
Ward 5			More wards would participate in reorganization so would be most equitable.	

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 6			I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes set out on trial map C because it would split the east campus neighborhood in two for no good reason that I can tell. We have a strong, cohesive neighborhood and I would not like to see it split up and I don't know anyone who would. Our neighborhood is special to those who live here, we are diverse but we have strong bonds, we have a historic and unique architecture and style, we represent a certain life style and way of life abutting the University, we enjoy our friends and neighbors. I am sure other neighborhoods have their own culture but I do not believe that there are any or many that have such a strong and culturally bonded history and current identity. I don't see any reason to add any of us to another neighborhood, it just would not be a fit, it would just be jamming people into another ward for some political reason but it would not be for any reason that actually helps or benefits anyone other than some one who does not live here.	Leave us alone and worry about your own neighborhood!
Ward 6			I am very opposed to separating the East campus area/East campus neighborhood association area into two separate wards. Trial C also seems unnecessarily complicated and out of line with several of the charges to the committee. I oppose Yrial C as presented as does the East Campus Neighborhood Association.	
Ward 6			I, and I believe my neighbors, are opposed to the changes in this plan as it affects Ward 6. It splits the residents of the East Campus Neighborhood Association (ECNA). The ECNA has had to be very active to represent and protect property owners from development pressures and this neighborhood probably has a much environmental and economic pressure as any in the city. We need to keep the boundaries of the ECNA intact.	Doesn't seem like option C is in keeping with the charge of the committee to try to honor existing structures of neighborhood associations.

	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 6	This map redistricting option seems counter-intuitive to me. The way the lines would be draw appear arbitrary.	This redistricting option appears to be the most intuitive and fair in my opinion.	This redistricting option appears to be convoluted and unnecessary.	With this process I believe there should also be evaluation of other facts like tax base and community investment. By examining these factors along with school neighborhood boundaries we can make more accurate determinations for each ward.
Ward 6			I oppose Map C. The approach is inconsistent with the charge to the Committee. It splits the East Campus Neighborhood, along with its Historic area so it does not serve the needs of this neighborhood. It makes changes to every Ward, which violates the principle of making the minimal changes needed to achieve population balance. This results in an extremely complex plan which will be confusing to citizens of every ward. It is hard to understand any logic that supports making so many changes, since there are two other options that achieve the redistricting goals while making just a few simple changes.	I was disappointed that, in the midst of the Omicron surge, no remote attendance capabilities to the Ward meetings was offered. It is not surprising that there was low attendance, and this should not be mistaken as a lack of interest - instead it is a lack of access.
Ward 6	This has minimal impact on my ward (6), but seems to make a convoluted Ward 5 and awkwardly spreads Ward 4.	This trial seems to create the most compact and cohesive wards of all the choices. Ward 4, in particular, seems to become a more easily identifiable unit.	This version makes massive changes in the ward system to almost an absurd point. It is overly complicated -- needlessly so. I think that this trial goes far beyond the committee's mandate to balance the populations of the wards. As a homeowner, I am concerned that Trial C divides the East Campus Neighborhood. As seen at several Council in the past year, East Campus needs and uses its political cohesion to maintain its historical integrity.	If the city wishes to totally revamp the ward system with micro changes as in Trial C, it needs a much longer and participatory process than this. I think people would need to see more justification of multiple minor changes that don't seem to just balance the population size of wards.
Ward 6	This map has the least going on in terms of shifting voters in large swaths around and does a decent job of keeping existing boundaries in place. I am conflicted about the shifts from Ward 5 to Ward 4 and think it makes too much of an effort to divide up the southwest portion of the city. The 5th Ward will look kind of mangled afterwards.	I like this map's attempt at reapportioning Wards 4 and 5 in the southwest portion of the city better than proposal A as the district boundaries look more natural here.	Don't like how much this proposal has going on, from messing with Ward 3 too much, to having the same issue of making Ward 5 look severely mangled as Proposal A. Too many changes are also going on around the center of the city as well and could lead to a lot of residents across many neighborhoods having confusion over being moved into new Wards.	I think that while the entire reapportionment process could always use more transparency and deliberation with the public to make sure their interests are met, I think that of the options available to us that Proposal B is the one that will cause the least amount of stress for the least amount of residents. It makes sensible changes and does not unfairly disadvantage any incumbent or community interests.

Ward	Comments on Trial Map A	Comments on Trial Map B	Comments on Trial Map C	Thank you for your review of trial maps for Columbia's 2020 redistricting process. If you have additional comments, please share them here.
Ward 6		This map seems to make the most sense based on the areas that are shifting. simplest changes as well.	moving in and out of ward 6 seems illogical.	my primary comment and reason for filling this survey out is that the city needs to consider adding additional wards. 6 council members is not enough to represent all the citizens of a city as large as Columbia.
Ward 6			This map is not in line with the criteria set for the committee. As oulined by the City Council in November, the four main priorities of the committee are to make the wards more equal in population, keep comparable communities together so that they can be represented on the council level, to mot to split up neighborhoods, and to keep them as compact as possible. This map splits neighborhoods unnecessarily, including the East Campus neighborhood. Further, it makes changes seemingly for the sake of including every ward. The goal should be to equalize the ward populations using the criteria set out above, but disrupt as little as possible. I strongly oppose option C.	Thank you for offering the opportunity for comment outside of public in person meetings.

Ward Reapportionment Committee

Public Information Meeting January 19, 2022

Welcome. Please sign-in (name; contact information optional)

Jack Underwood
Allie Feinberg
David Mallory dwmallo01@yahoo.com
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Karen Sichneider
Peggy Placier
Mary Gutchen
Susan Maze
Billy Polansky
Adam Saunders
Matt Wright
Barbara Jefferson jeffersonbarbara45@gmail.com

MAPC

For Ward 1 remove student area

Ward 1 unlike other wards has ~~no~~ no area to annex others. ~~other~~ Other wards has a large area to add population which will ~~more voting power~~ give more voting power. Ward 1 need to have a way to spread some land ~~annex~~ annex

~~Ward 1 losing people~~ should take from southern part of ward 1 (student residential)

Explain reasoning to place ~~africa American~~ americans from ward 1 in ward 2

Ward Reapportionment Committee

Public Information Meeting January 20, 2022

Welcome. Please sign-in (name; contact information optional)

STUART SMITH
Quinn Coffman
Christine Gardener

My comment concerns 1st ward.
I am concerned with the density
of the student pop in my Ward 1
as it impacts voting and my neighbor-
hood. So my decision on the maps
is made with that in mind.

Ward Reapportionment Committee

Public Information Meeting January ~~25~~ 24, 2022

Welcome. Please sign-in (name; contact information optional)

Rock Bridge Christian

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Matt Pitzer	
Russell Newton	573-819-0201
Martha Brenner-Duffeck	573-356-9289
Ellen DeBeers	————
Ted Farnen	573-449-8337
Sara Humm	785-418-2245
Kathy Brown	573-289-8960

Trials A & B are obviously the least disruptive and retain the same nature of the current wards. In Trial B, it makes sense to make the Grasslands from Ward 5 to Ward 4 for geographic reasons and to help even out the numbers between the wards.

I would rank the trials from best to worst:

1) B
2) A
3) C

Nice work on the interactive maps & using different geographic locations to connect with the public!!

(1) As a resident of the 4th Ward, I am very invested in maintaining it's liberal character. I therefore like Map B best for the 4th ward.

(2) As someone with concerns about the low voter turnout of the 1st ward and moving boundaries in ways that would lose voters (vs students, who tend not to vote). I therefore prefer Map C best for the first ward.

(3) Is there a way to combine Maps B for 4th ward and Map C for the 1st ward.

Thank you,

Marsha Bronder-Duffek

Ward Reapportionment Committee

Public Information Meeting January 25, 2022

Welcome. Please sign-in (name; contact information optional)

Jenna Macy

Allie Feinberg (Missourian)

Quinn Coffman (Missourian)

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Gordon Rogers

Carol Rogers

I am a first ward resident (long-time).
I prefer option C for the reapportionment. I feel the loss of the students south of Rollins will have less negative impact on our ward than the loss of the westernmost area, who have been in our ward as more permanent residents. The southeast corner of our ward is more aligned with the ward six priorities.

Map C

~~the~~ south ~~east~~ portion of Ward 1 that would be moved is students (~~for~~ folks who are NOT involved in city issues.

Same for keeping the west end of the ward. It is more permenant housing with folks who are invested in the community.

1st Ward has difficulty getting our residents to be ~~and~~ engaged, let us keep a more permant neighborhood.