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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Baltimore County Council Introduces Proposed Redistricting Map**

Towson, MD – The Baltimore County Council announced today it has introduced legislation to adopt a final redistricting plan and map as required by the County Charter.

Following approval of the 2024 ballot question expanding the County Council from seven to nine districts, the 2025 Redistricting Commission was formed in December, 2024 to recommend legislation to revise the Councilmanic districts and to provide for districts that are “compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population, and in which due regard is given to current natural, geographic, and community boundaries.”

During this year’s redistricting process, the Commission held four public hearings and received over 1,000 emails with public comments. Between January 29<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Commission held 13 public meetings, released two draft maps, and a majority approved a third map as its final recommendation. The Commission submitted its final report and recommendation to the County Council on June 17, 2025.

The County Council reviewed the Commission’s recommendations and held a public hearing on July 8, 2025 to receive input from the public on the Commission’s recommended redistricting map. Councilmembers also reviewed the written submissions by the public and other organizations, and met with stakeholder groups. Creating Baltimore County’s first nine-district map has been a community-wide process. Residents throughout the County expressed their views at Council Legislative Sessions, and through emails and phone calls to their Councilmembers.

As a result of this transparent and public process, the County Council has introduced Bill 55-25, which includes a map that reflects the priorities and concerns expressed by County residents. The legislation and map result in two strong, majority-Black districts centered around the Woodlawn and Randallstown communities, respectively. The map also unifies Essex, Middle River, and the waterfront communities in one district.

“Redistricting is a difficult and complex task and I want to thank my Council colleagues for their hard work and dedication in preparing the redistricting map. It takes at least five votes to adopt a redistricting bill, and coming together on a final map means a willingness to compromise and achieve a bipartisan consensus,” said Council Chairman Mike Ertel. “The map we introduced today is a testament to that spirit of cooperation, while still adhering to legal requirements and traditional redistricting principles.”

Councilman David Marks also expressed his support for the bill and map, stating “I echo the Chairman’s comments, and I also want to thank the most important people involved in this process – our constituents. The map we introduced this evening is the product of what they told us they wanted – a map that is not gerrymandered and that keeps communities together.”

The County Council will hold two public hearings on the legislation and map where members of the public may provide additional input. The first will be at the Council's Work Session on August 26, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. and the second will be at the Council's Work Session on September 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. The public may also submit written testimony to the County Council at any time via e-mail at [countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:countycouncil@baltimorecountymd.gov). Final adoption of the County Council's redistricting plan is currently scheduled during the Legislative Session on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

To assist the public, the County Council's proposed map is also available in an interactive version. To view the interactive map, scan the QR Code on this page or visit this website.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d02f1f6ff47a4e3c9366a927fb901a73>



All information regarding the 2025 Baltimore County councilmanic redistricting process may be found at <https://countycouncil.baltimorecountymd.gov/redistricting/>. For any other information, please visit the Council's website or contact the County Council at 410-887-3196.

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