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## Public Comment Period on Charleston County Council Redistricting Maps

Charleston County Council has released three map options for redistricting following the release of 2020 Census data. The new map options are available on the County’s website at [www.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.charlestoncounty.org) and digitally at all Charleston County Public Library branches. Public comments are encouraged and can be emailed to [redistricting@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:redistricting@charlestoncounty.org).

The primary goal of redistricting is to abide by the Constitutional principle of “one person, one vote,” and equalize the total population in each district as much as possible and in accordance with state and federal law. Demographic data is included on a table on each map option.

The following table shows the “Benchmark” data which is the 2020 Census data applied to currently drawn districts:

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2010 POP</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2020 POP</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
1	38,419	12,937	51,356	45,359	5,997
2	38,467	7,401	45,868	45,359	509
3	39,740	5,105	44,845	45,359	-514
4	38,766	-1,547	37,219	45,359	-8,140
5	38,459	-1,501	36,958	45,359	-8,401
6	39,114	17,331	56,445	45,359	11,086
7	38,933	1,485	40,418	45,359	-4,941
8	38,697	12,312	51,009	45,359	5,650
9	39,614	4,503	44,117	45,359	-1,242
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>350,209</u></b>	<b><u>58,026</u></b>	<b><u>408,235</u></b>		

Charleston County’s total population increased by 58,026 from 2010 to 2020, but the number of Black residents significantly declined. The populations identified by the Census as White or Hispanic both increased significantly.

Council is scheduled to hold first reading of the redistricting ordinance on January 13, with a public hearing and second reading scheduled for January 18. Third reading is scheduled for February 1.

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