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I have great respect for people who devote part of their lives to public service, including each Board of Supervisor. We have been fortunate, to date, to have a moderate Board of Supervisors who have managed to listen to each other, work through differences of opinion, and compromise. Many folks at the Dec. 1 Public Hearing expressed thanks to the board for previously working well together and listening to the public.

Regarding redistricting, I am one of the people who supports five districts. The only, almost single statement that I have heard from Ms. Eager and Mr. Weaver is that six districts would enable "better representation"– but with no further explanation about what you mean by that statement. I'm guessing that means that you would be representing fewer people than previously. With Map 5-2, each BOS would represent between 5,000 and 5,500 citizens. With Map 6, each BOS would represent between 4200 and 4500 folks. I looked at how many people are currently represented by their board members in some surrounding counties. Albemarle County Board of Supervisors each represent 17,000 to 21,000 citizenshttps://censusreporter.org/profiles/06000US5100396359-white-hall-district-albemarle-county-va/ . In Lousia County, the Green Springs BOS represents 7,500 citizens. I cannot logically justify paying an additional $70,000 plus or minus $20,000 to increase the costs for an additional BOS, School Board member, etc. given the relatively small population served by each BOS. I think we can be creative in finding ways for each BOS to represent their district more effectively. Perhaps that could be a project for the Fluvanna Leadership Alumni Group, a non-partisan group.

My support for five districts is because there would be minimal disruption to our Board of Supervisors and School Board members, including those newly elected officials and incumbents. Six districts and seven districts potentially could lead to chaos. With so much turmoil in our country right now, with the pandemic, probable lawsuits regarding state redistricting and sizeable economic divides, I am strongly in favor of keeping things calm locally. Let's get back to focusing on local issues: promoting quality education for EVERY child in the Fluvanna public school system; smart growth in our Community Planning Areas with preservation of our rural preservation areas; recruitment of business with the right fit for Fluvanna; and bridging the rural and suburban divide in Fluvanna.

Respectfully,
Kathy Swenson Miller

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