Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 8:26:07 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 8:25am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category

- General Comment / Suggestion
- Concern

Message To County Administration

Name Steve Smith

Email

Comments

IN SIMPLE TERMS PLEASE EXPLAIN AT THE MEETING TONITE:

The SPECIFIC advantages and disadvantages of any change to our existing County Districts.

WHY, with only a 6% increase in population and our REDUCTION IN DISTRICTS (from 6 to 5) it makes any sense to INCREASE OUR DISTRICTS (from 5 to 6 or 7).

HOW MUCH IT WILL COST US, over the next 10 years, to change to 6 or 7 Districts.

IF THESE QUESTIONS CAN'T BE ANSWERED CLEARLY, TO THE SATISFACTION OF EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY, THEN STOP EVERYTHING UNTIL THEY CAN.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 12:38:47 PM

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Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Sharon I Campbell

Email

Comments I request the board adopt 5 Districts - Scenario 2.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:05:45 AM

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Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 4:05am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern
Message To Board of Supervisors
Name Dave Frieder

Email

Comments

I strongly urge the BoS to not implement an even numbered redisticting plan. My first recommendation is to retain a five district plan. I strongly oppose a six district structure.

The BoS has not presented evidence as to why any change from the current five district structure is necessary, nor why the current five district plan does not meet the fair representation objectives for all Fluvanna County citizens.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 3:34:44 PM

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Submitted on Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 3:34pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Carter S Harris

Email

Comments

I ask the Board of Supervisors to adopt five districts-scenario 2. Staying with 5 districts is easier to administer. Tax-payer dollars will be saved and there is not enough population growth to warrant adding districts and increasing costs.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:40:03 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 10:39pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Phyllis Wilson

Email

Comments

I am referring to the Redistricting Map Selection. Please DO NOT pick the map with 6 districts. My first choice is the 7-1 districts map. My second choice is the 5-1 district map. I think everyone should be represented and the maps should not be drawn so there can be the deadlock of a tie vote which you would have with the 6 district map.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 8:50:06 PM

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 8:49pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Marilyn Payne

Email

Comments

I do not support the six district plan for our county. I prefer that the current districts be adjusted to reflect population changes.

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 8:39pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Neal Sundberg

Email

Comments

With regards to the proposed redistricting. Please stick with a 5 district solution. My reason for this request is my interest in keeping the size of our government as small as possible. I do not wish for Fluvanna County to increase the size of it's bureaucracy, which will no doubt increase costs to the taxpayers of our county.

In summary, I am opposed to a six or seven district solution. Please go with one of the five district solutions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Neal Sundberg

343 Kestrel LN, Palmyra (currently in the Columbia District)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 8:07:34 AM

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Submitted on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 8:07am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name <u>Kathleen Swenson Miller</u>

Email

Comments

I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt Redistricting Map 5-2. Why? Map 5-2 offers each of the BOS an opportunity to bridge the division between the rural and suburban communities in their districts. As Ms. Booker said in the Nov. 3rd BOS meeting, with Map 5-2, she would represent some folks right outside Lake Monticello who live in more suburban communities as well as those living in more rural Fork Union. In Cunningham, Mr. Fairchild could bridge that divide as well as Ms. Eager in the Palmyra district. Mr. Sheridan would represent the village of Palmyra and adjoining communities as well as the rural portions of Columbia. From a non-partisan perspective, we need to encourage communication between these two segments of our county. Currently, there is limited understanding and distrust between these two segments of our citizenry. I know these bridges can be accomplished and I'm willing to help organize listening posts in the district in which I would be voting so my BOS and School Board representative hear the voices of all the district's citizens, not just those that are comfortably familiar. Of course, there are multiple reasons to not adopt maps with 6 or 7 districts, which I know other folks are addressing. Six or seven districts would create absolute chaos in the county at a time when we need some stability.

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Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Dori Sundberg

Email

Comments

I strongly disagree with the redistricting. We do not need a 6th district to add to our government bureaucracy. Just move the line to add or subtract - bigger GOVERNMENT is not what we need. It adds taxes and inflation has already hit the roof and going higher - have you noticed gas and food prices lately!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 8:34:46 AM

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Submitted on Monday, November 15, 2021 - 8:34am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion

Message To Board of Supervisors Name Marion "Lou" Lamb

Email

Comments

Regarding the potential redistricting, I support a 5-Distirict map strongly because:

- 1. It keeps the districts as close to what they are now as possible
- 2. It provides a nice mix of the rural and suburban parts of the county to each district moving forward
- 3. It does not call into question the results of the recent election
- 4. Recommendation is for Map 5-2.

Redistricting to 6 districts would be a HUGE MISTAKE! Thank you for your consideration.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:31:37 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 7:31pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Michelle Kershner

Email

Comments

Concerning drawing new lines and creating new districts. Were you unable to redraw lines evenly dividing the population while still keeping 5 districts? Since creating a new district would split Lake Monticello anyway, I think keeping 5 and splitting LM among 2 or 3 surrounding districts would have been doable.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 6:46:23 PM

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 6:46pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern
Message To Board of Supervisors
Name Jacqueline M Bland

Email

Comments

I am writing about the redistricting. I've served on a lot of boards and our bylaws always called for an uneven number of members so that there was always a majority in voting situations. I am deeply concerned that changing from the now 5 districts to 6 would create gridlock when the Board of Supervisors votes on important issues ahead for our county. If it's felt that the five districts need to be revamped, then do so with your proposed 5-2 plan, but 6 supervisors just isn't a wise move by the county. I also understand that although you're supposed to have this resolved by the end of the year, that neighboring counties have requested additional time to further evaluate the needs of the county in order to make the right decision. Why the rush when there is a provision to get additional time?

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Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 7:43:59 PM

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Submitted on Friday, November 12, 2021 - 7:43pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Valerie Palamouountain Email

Comments

The BOS decision of a 6-District map as the proposed map for the public hearing makes no sense.

Six Districts will lead to gridlock in the county for the next 10 years. Don Weaver's claim that the BOS got things done the last time we had six Districts is far from accurate. The BOS merely delayed decisions until we went to five Districts. These delays cost us taxpayers more - More for the high school and more to bring water lines into Fluvanna.

Five Districts is the only solution that makes sense. It is the least disruptive to the current districting. It is also the least expensive. I hope that the BOS will live up to its commitment to be fiscally responsible and vote for five Districts.

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Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:17:32 PM

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 5:17pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Tracey Tucker

Email

Comments

Going to six districts is not necessary and more, most importantly an extreme inefficient use of tax dollars! Keep it five and adjust the boundaries. Common sense please! Be mindful of all that is going on in the country and world today and consider every actions consequence on the citizens. Less government.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 12:36:46 PM

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 12:36pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category

- General Comment / Suggestion
- Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Deborah Winslow

Email

Comments

I am requesting you adopt an ordinance that provides for 5 voting districts, using scenario 2. Continuing with 5 districts will be easier to administer, more cost effective, and less likely to dilute minority votes.

Thank you for listening to a constituent's concerns.

Deborah Winslow 883 Addridge Ln. (Cunningham District)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents

Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:27:08 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 11:26am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Mike Feazel

Email

Comments

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Enacting a six-seat board of supervisors and school board is simply a wrong decision for several reasons: (1) It will inevitably lead to tied votes which will stall Fluvanna's progress and cost taxpayers money for a decade. (2) It will increase election and board member salary costs. (3) It will cause difficulties with transitioning the five currently-elected supervisors and school board members to a six-seat system. (4) It will have no material effect on representing the residents.

In fact, it seems that the only intent in switching to a six-seat system would be to stall county actions. A split vote on the board of supervisors on the James River Water Authority has already cost Fluvanna hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars. Such a split vote only happens with a rare recusal on a five-member board, but would become a regular occurrence with six members. Any board member who wants to see this county get better should oppose even-number boards.

Except for the likelihood of tied votes, seven-member boards have many of the same problems as six-member: (1) Increased election and board member salary costs. (2) Difficulties transitioning from five-member to seven-member boards. (3) No significant improvement in resident representation.

And, for either six-member or seven-member boards, we would be stuck with those problems for the next 10 years. And neither should be enacted without meaningful input from county residents (other, of course, from just writing to board members, like this), such as town halls, public hearings, and opportunity for testimony.

The alternative is clear: Stick to five-member boards. Since the county population has grown only 6% in the past 10 years, there's little need for additional representatives to adequately meet the needs of the residents. If there's significant growth in the next 10 years, that will be time enough to consider larger boards – fully taking into account the wishes of the residents and the location of any growth.

There's little real difference between the two five-seat scenarios, but 5-version-two probably assures that the most Lake Monticello residents will have at least one supervisor that truly represents them, instead of being a minority of a minority of a non-Lake district.

We sincerely hope the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors will re-consider its tentative decision to go to six-member boards destined to stall the county for a decade, and stick with

the current five-member system. Sincerely, Mike Feazel 25 Vine Ridge Dr., Palmyra

Judy Fish 9 Vine Ridge Dr., Palmyra

Alan & Shirley Stewart, 47 Marwood Drive, Palmyra

Larry and Lynn Henson, 26 Piedmont Lane, Palmyra

Peggy Shanklin 865 Jefferson Dr., Palmyra

Jay and Jan Hinkle 23 Vine Ridge, Palmyra

Maureen and Steve Smith 6 Sunset Ct, Palmyra

Gary Sellick 8 Deer Path Road, Palmyra

Jackie and Jeff Bland 51 Plum Ct., Palmyra

Fred and Betsy Gunnels 42 Maplevale Dr, Palmyra

Su Wolff 7 Dover Ct., Palmyra

Elizabeth and Larry Fawkes 2 Landslide Court Palmyra

Bing Spitler 50 Wildwood, Palmyra

Mark Vyrros 10 Wedge Terrace Palmyra

Page Gifford 16 Mulligan Dr., Palmyra James Wolfe 5 Briarwood, Palmyra

Jeff and Adrienne Dayton

27 Vine Ridge Dr, Palmyra

James Schoenster 843 Jefferson Dr., Palmyra

Lynn Stayton-Eurell 255 Jefferson Dr. Palmyra

Myles and Randi Mendelsohn 13 Vine Ridge, Palmyra

Nancy Parsons 4 Deepwater Pt., Palmyra

Diane and Paul Schmidt 13 Leisure Ct. Palmyra

Anne and Benjamin Stoppe 12 Deerwood Lane, Palmyra

Gabe Anderson 10 Colonial Rd, Palmyra

Jim and Karen Kabat 15 Vine Ridge, Palmyra

Anita Boles & George Suranyi 16 Barefoot Lane, Palmyra

Valerie Palamountain 17 Fleetwood Drive, Palmyra

James Robert Booth and Jean Sutherland Booth 59 Forest Dr., Palmyra

Cliff Altschull 5 Bogie Rd., Palmyra

Wayne Murphy 296 Jefferson, Palmyra

Flo Marks 39 Ponderosa, Palmyra

Susan Beattie 1 Mesquite Place, Palmyra

Pam Bevins 12 Seminole Tr, Palmyra Frank Pilk 185 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra

Bob Dorsey 6 Dover Court, Palmyra

Paula and Al Kincel 5 Landslide Ct, Palmyra

Lori and Randy Click 16 Landing Ct. Palmyra

Aimee & Craig Hardenbergh B4 Marina Point, Palmyra

George W McIvor 9 Chestnut Ct, Palmyra

Susan Orr 25 Vine Ridge, Palmyra

Debi & Rick Sorber 4 Quail Court, Palmyra

Dave Frieder and Maria Carter 19 Ashlawn, Palmyra

Dennis & Chris Dunne 17 Bolling Circle, Palmyra

Yvonne Arcement 35 Stonewall Rd, Palmyra

Bill and Joyce Sykes 1461 Rivanna Woods Drive, Fork Union

Scott Murdoch 3 Sunset Ct, Palmyra

John Herrick 652 Jefferson Dr., Palmyra

Whitney Johnson and Daniel Taliaferro 1646 Cloverdale Rd, Bremo Bluff

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Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:49:18 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 10:49am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Marilyn Austin

Email

Comments

I support staying with the 5 districts that we currently have. I think the change to 6 or 7 would be too costly and that money could be spent more wisely within our county. Even a change to 6 districts would bring costs would include additional Registrar responsibilities, new election equipment, increased cost for the 'salary' for a BOS and a School Board member plus increased costs administratively to support them. 7 districts would be even worse. I support Map 5-2 since it keeps everything similar to what we have now. It will provide a more cohesive community and won't call into question any recent election results. Thank you.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:07:12 AM

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Submitted on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 9:06am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Marie Deverneil

Email

Comments

Hello

On redistricting

The 6-districts decision will lead to gridlock and expenses/bureaucracy we do not need. The 7 districts will also lead to more expenses, bureaucracy, etc.

Keeping 5 districts has the advantage of having to take a more holistic approach to our development challenges and help control the expenses.

I recommend map 5-2

Thanks

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 2:11:16 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Monday, November 15, 2021 - 2:11pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Bill Davis

Email

Comments

I am a Fluvanna County resident and a 72-year Virginia resident. I have observed county governments in Fairfax, Albemarle, Madison, Nelson as well as the City of Charlottesville. I believe 5-member governing councils seem to work very well at the local level. I am in favor of keeping this number for Fluvanna's Board of Supervisors.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:20:31 PM

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Submitted on Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 7:20pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Gladys Albright

Email

Comments

I hope you will reconsider going to a six district redistricting map. It seems that an uneven number would make more sense so you could get a majority on a vote. If you have an even number you could have many 3 to 3 votes and then nothing would get done. That would be typical beauocracy. We can do better in Fluvanna. I would definately like to see one of the 7 districts.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Monday, November 29, 2021 9:57:15 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Monday, November 29, 2021 - 9:57am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Marion Lamb

Email

Comments

As a resident of Fluvanna County, I am deeply concerned about the proposed redistricting from our current five-district to a six or seven district. We have just held a free and fair election for 2 new members of our school board and redistricting could potentially push school board members out of their seats. Please consider what impact redistricting from five districts could also do to the forward progress of our county. Democracy calls for our elected leaders to listen to the people and the majority of my fellow Fluvanna residents are NOT in favor of redistricting to 6 or 7 districts. Please vote to keep 5 districts! Thank you.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:45:52 AM

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Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 10:45am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Richard Gilbert Payne Email

Comments

The 6 district plan is not a desirable option.

- --It enhances the likelihood for deadlock on multiple budgetary and operational priorities thereby stalling the County's progress. It makes it too easy for Supervisors to deadlock on issues thereby avoiding action and deferring to the status quo by default.
- --It also does not give appropriate consideration to the current population and near term growth expected in and within a two mile radius of Lake Monticello. The 6 district plan skillfully carves up this County's largest population concentration into 2 majority Lake area districts and at least 3 non-majority districts based on today's population count, thereby limiting the citizens comprising over 50% of the County's population to likely representation by just 2 of 6 Supervisors. Pending/planned development also indicates that this will be the County's largest population growth area over the next few years, meaning those citizens will be even more significantly under represented during the latter half of the new plan's 10 year life.

You can do better.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Submitted on Sunday, November 14, 2021 - 10:43am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name <u>Allen Witherington</u>

Email

Comments

Please adopt 5 Districts-Scenario 2!

Thank you,

Allen Witherington

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 10:48:36 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 10:47pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Sharon C Harris

Email

Comments

For the best interest of Fluvanna County, please adopt five districts -scenario 2. This scenario provides the most effective, efficient, and equitable government for Fluvanna County based on the population and demographics of the community.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 4:32:01 PM

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Submitted on Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 4:31pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Joshua Harris

Email

Comments

Please adopt five districts - scenario 2. Five districts will mean a better, fairer, more representative government for all citizens of Fluvanna!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Submitted on Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 4:13pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern
Message To Board of Supervisors
Name Robert and Annette Minnis
Email

Comments

We recommend that the current number of districts remain at five. There should always be an odd number thus eliminating a tie. Why change when the current method is working? There's too much political discourse now, and six would only make it worse.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 12:37:38 PM

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Submitted on Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 12:37pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Nancy Sanders

Email

Comments

I am very concerned that the idea of redistricting has become simplified and made to imply there is no difference between 5, 6, or 7 districts when there is clearly a difference of an even number of supervisors and an odd number to prevent gridlock in decision making. 5 or 7 therefore would be better than 6.

Also the COST of increasing the number of districts is important to the folks who are sending in their tax dollars to support pay for it. What are the dollar amounts to change from the current 5 to 7 districts?

Since population is the main reason we do this every ten years, just showing us the current ideas for maps means nothing to citizens who are trying to give input to the process, with no real data to back up one idea over another. Pick one with no basis to judge whether it is being unfairly drawn (ie. good mix of diverse population or not)? How can we judge what map is the best without knowing data used to draw them?

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Submitted on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 2:24pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Millie Fife

Email

Comments

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing about the proposed plans for redistricting to ask that you abandon the Six-Districts Scenario and select the Five-Districts proposal - Scenario #2 instead. There seems not enough of a net population gain to prompt adding a district. Adding a district, or districts, will undeniably involve costs to the taxpayer. Expenses enumerated to date include: pay for BOS and School Board members, administrative costs, and adding one or more polling districts. There is a greater likelihood of the county facing (and the citizens paying for) litigation if you change the current number. There was not enough time to delve into potential unintended costs or consequences so it's unclear what these might be. Common sense dictates that an even number of decision makers provides greater opportunity for gridlock. I understand from Ms. Booker's comments at the November 3 BOS meeting that when Fluvanna had six districts this did happen several times so there is recent, local precedent. If you look at nearby counties, you'll find more represented by five districts (Greene, Madison and Nelson have five; Louisa and Buckingham have seven. Only Albemarle with more than four times our population has six). The two Virginia counties most closely approximating our population (Dinwiddie and King George) have five districts.

I have heard from many friends who likewise oppose the Six-Districts Scenario and their intention was to contact the BOS about the matter; I believe many have done so. At the November 3 meeting the specific number of people who had attended the gatherings to review maps was reported (twelve and three) and it was noted that few emails had been received so far. Mr. Dahl mentioned that during the gatherings some people favored five and some seven districts with no identifiable consensus. I am interested in knowing what feedback you have received on this issue to date and specifically, the numbers of citizens favoring which proposals.

Millie Fife 889 Jefferson Drive, Palmyra

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 10:59:53 AM

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Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 10:59am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Charles White

Email

Comments

First, I join others in asking why it's necessary to complete Fluvanna redistricting by December 31. Given the lack of a decision on state redistricting, it seems reasonable to postpone our own decision rather than risk having to repeat the process. Fluvanna would not be the only county taking this position. Regardless of a decision on delaying action, I agree with all the points made by others in support of a five district plan and an opposition to a six district plan. I have read the public comments in the package prepared for the December 1 meeting. I see overwhelming opposition to the six district plan and strong support for a five district plan. If this is the totality of public comment, it cannot be ignored. I evaluate the redistricting proposals in terms of their potential to create political polarization. At the federal level and in many states, extreme polarization has become a drag on democracy, if not an outright threat to our system of government. It's an obstacle to the legislative process. With Fluvanna's mix of suburban and rural communities and their sometimes competing interests, we're not immune to such polarization here. Drawing district boundaries that separate suburban and rural communities sets the stage for such polarization. I support creating districts that include mixes of both constituencies, with high proportions of each. I would like our supervisors and members of the board of education to have reason to study and understand both perspectives, and not just focus on one or the other. I believe a five district plan best meets this criterion and I urge you to choose 5B.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, November 24, 2021 4:37:36 PM

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Submitted on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 - 4:37pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name <u>Deborah Murdock</u>

Email

Comments Please go for the five-district plan.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Friday, November 12, 2021 6:41:59 PM

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Submitted on Friday, November 12, 2021 - 6:41pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Elizabeth Spadaro

Email

Comments

It seems only reasonable, economical, responsible, wise - to go with an uneven number when considering the issue of re- districting. There is too much a potential of deadlock votes if you vote for an even number. Will we have to struggle for the next ten years to ever come to any agreements? Please be considerate and make the decision for the common good of all in this county. Please go with map 5-2.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 1:49:04 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 - 1:48pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Marc Monfalcone

Email

Comments

The six district redistricting plan has some serious flaws. We need the Board to take action to solve local problems, and not risk a 3-3 deadlock. I support staying with five districts or moving up to seven.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:35:19 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Saturday, November 6, 2021 - 10:34am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Adrienne Stronge

Email

Comments

I am concerned about the recently adopted 6 district map for the county. I much preferred either of the 7 district models for two reasons.

- 1. A tied vote could be a hinderance for progress in the community. A 7 member board would avoid the 3-3 split that could be possible with the 6 member board.
- 2. The 5 and 6 district models both leave a portion of the lake in the Cunningham district. I happen to live in this portion of the lake, near The Acres. The adoption of early voting, and the addition of the registrar's office off of Turkeysag have made life a lot easier, but before this, driving to Antioch baptist to vote was difficult to do with a full time job in Charlottesville, where most of the lake community works. Aside from the difficulties voting, though, I feel there is a large disconnect between the residents of the lake and the rest of this district. Just judging by political signs I see posted in both locations, and based on the way nearly all of the recent elections have gone, there is a large cluster of individuals whose shared interests more closely align with the current Rivanna or Palmyra districts. Because such a large portion of the county population lives at the lake, I feel that the 7 district plans give the residents of the lake a better voice in our county interests. Based on the amount of development planned around the lake, it appears the 7 district models better account for the increase of population in these areas, too.

I would appreciate the board reconsidering their adoption of the 6 district model. I don't feel that this properly accounts for the current state of the county, much less the county's future, and the risk of tied votes could make progress in the county difficult.

Thank you! Adrienne Stronge

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From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Friday, November 5, 2021 11:53:10 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Friday, November 5, 2021 - 11:52am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Tad Miller

Email

Comments

I am against the proposed 6 district plan for redistricting the County Supervisor and County School Board districts. Elected boards like these offices must be comprised of odd numbered districts to prevent tie votes and inaction. This is just common sense dating back to the dawn of American democracy. There must always be a winner on a vote and the citizens deserve action from these governing bodies - even if it means their side loses. Likewise, despite the history of usually having consensus on these boards, it just asking for trouble to enable a tie vote possibility, especially with circumstances that you can not foresee over the next decade.

I do favor expansion of both of these boards and one of the 7 district proposals needs to be the system used for the next decade. I believe that the "7 District Scenario #1" proposal would be the most fair proposal to both Lake Monticello residents and the remainder of the County. It creates the most distance between the rural areas and the Lake and would prevent a situation where all the seats on the boards would all be from the immediate Lake Monticello area.

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From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Monday, November 15, 2021 12:36:48 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Monday, November 15, 2021 - 12:36pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Larry and Gail Bruce

Email

Comments

We both request that the BOS keep the five districts in Fluvanna as they currently are.

Larry and Gail Bruce

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:03:57 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 11:03am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category

- General Comment / Suggestion
- Concern
- Website Feedback (ex: report a broken link)

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Joseph Creasy

Email

Comments

Dear Fluvanna County BOS:

I write to urge you to continue with the five districts for the county and the choice of Scenario 2 as proposed. This choice for our redistricting purposes is essential given the fact that there unfortunately is not enough time available for the public citizenry to give due diligence to a thorough analysis of the choices at hand and that the BOS has not provided enough information to fully support individual choices to date. This information is owed to each citizen represented and is duly expected. Please respectfully do your duty as elected for a fair, equitable and responsible representative.

Joseph Creasy 38 Jennings Drive Palmyra, VA 22963 703 424-8760 jlcreasy125@hotmail.com

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:33:54 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 10:33am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Jessica Harris

Email

Comments

I ask that the Board of Supervisors adopt five districts using scenario 2 as that will provide the most efficient, effective, and equitable government for Fluvanna County.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 20, 2021 12:56:55 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Saturday, November 20, 2021 - 12:56pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Karol Forsberg

Email

Comments

I'm recommending Fluvanna County continue with 5 districts (maps 5-2) for the following reasons:

- 1. It provides a nice mix of the rural and suburban parts of the county to each district moving forward
- a. This imposes a requirement for sitting elected officials to take into account the needs and wants of both suburban and rural constituents
- b. It provides us with an opportunity for all elected officials to work towards bringing both parts of their constituencies into alignment. This is a challenge for each BOS to have conversations with ALL the citizens in their district.
- c. Gives us the opportunity to build a more cohesive community
- 2. It does not call into question the results of the recent election
- 3. It will cost less because changes to the current districts are minor and BOS votes will more often be decisive (an even number of district Supervisors allows for no decision due to a 3-3 split)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: <u>clerk@fluvannacounty.org</u>
To: <u>Kelly Belanger Harris</u>

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 4:32:52 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 4:32pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name Karen Mann

Email

Comments

I am writing about the redistricting plan. The plan to have 6 districts is very short sighted. While the BOS may not have many close votes, the school board does. In fact, they have had many contentious votes lately that split 3-2. Having an even number of districts would negatively impact the work of the school board and at times stall their work altogether. Please vote for a plan that creates an odd number of districts.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Wednesday, November 17, 2021 3:00:55 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 3:00pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Eric Anderson

Email

Comments

I wish to voice a strong objection to the idea of creating 6-member boards for our County. Having an even number of members makes tied votes all too likely. We cannot afford the kind of paralysis that would result from that.

Any of the other four maps is preferable to the 6-district map favored by the Supervisors at the last meeting.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 12:46:18 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 12:46pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category

- General Comment / Suggestion
- Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Nancy Sanders

Email

Comments

I have been studying the maps both at the library and the Fluvanna Review and feel that the 5 (scenario #2) district map is the best for our mix of suburban and rural. I do not like the idea that the BOS has voted at their last meeting ahead of public input on the 6 district map... this seems to preclude the official vote on the final decision and appears like you have already decided. Public input does matter and bias has no part in these political debates. A display of ALL the maps with the current map FIRST would be more equitable and fair. The 6 district map with an even number of Decision makers makes NO sense...why do we have 9 supreme court justices? For practical and decisive votes, rather than a tie.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Saturday, November 13, 2021 12:16:44 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Saturday, November 13, 2021 - 12:16pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category General Comment / Suggestion Message To Board of Supervisors Name R. John Lye

Email

Comments

While it sounds as if you have already decided to move forward with the six district plan, I am not sure that is wise, since it will lead to the potential for a lot of tie votes and a deadlocked County Board of Supervisors. It is hard enough to get things done as it is, and I am afraid that too many tie votes will result in even more inaction on the part of the Board. Therefore, I would be in favor of a seven district plan instead, to avoid deadlocking the Board.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:11:45 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 11:11am

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern Message To Board of Supervisors Name Sara J Corrice

Email

Comments

I am writing to express my feedback and serious concerns regarding the current redistricting proposal. I am absolutely opposed to the 6 district plan for a number of reasons. First, the only "advantage" to the 6 district plan is political positioning and gerrymandering. Gerrymandering is, of course, unconstitutional, and violates "free and equal" elections. One might argue that the 6 district proposal is a direct response to the recent election and an attempt to undo results that certain BOS members do not favor. That would be unethical and unacceptable, if true. Secondly, a 6 member Board (of Supervisors, School Board, etc.) ensures the possibility of gridlock with no tie-breaking vote on issues for the next 10 years. An even-number Board is never an effective management strategy and we have seen where delays in making important decisions leads to increased costs. Finally, the 6 district plan (as well as a 7 district plan) is fiscally irresponsible as it will cost the county a great deal more money - money for new Board members on the School Board, BOS and other committees, additional voting locations and machines, and administrative costs. This Board has an obligation to be fiscally responsible. I am strongly in favor of keeping a 5 district plan. The 5 District map provides an opportunity for a good balance of both suburban and rural constituents and a more cohesive community; it does not call into question any results of recent elections and therefore would not require any new special elections; and it does not substantially increase cost. Please support the 5 District plan!

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Kelly Belanger Harris

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:25:20 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Thursday, November 4, 2021 - 7:25pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern
Message To Board of Supervisors
Name Kenneth H. Quantock
Email

Comments

With regard to the new redistricting, I firmly believe that the continued split of Lake Monticello into two districts TS is gerrymandering at its finest. I live in an area that has no relationship to the part of the county not within Lake Monticello.

Don't continue this situation and make LM one district.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Nicola M. Laing
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: 5 districts please

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 6:35:41 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Hello,

I would like to express my support for the 5-district plan.

I fear the 6 will create ties and thus gridlock.

Thanks,

Nicola M. Laing

Palmyra

 From:
 Fred Lang

 To:
 Clerk to the Board

 Cc:
 Fred Lang

Subject: A comment for the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:36:29 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

I am asking you, as the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, to forward this message to the entire Board.

This message is respectfully submitted to you as the governing Board of Fluvanna County. It is my understanding that you want to add another seat on the Board to represent the new 6th District that will be formed. This action is logical, but I would suggest that that you consider an additional action. 6 seats on the Board will result in a lot of wasted time in considering the important actions that you must make since you will encounter many tie votes. Tie votes could magnify partisan divisions on issues and waste your valuable time. I ask you to consider also adding an at large position to bring the seats to 7. The at large position will reduce the number of ties while bringing on board someone whose job it is to represent a wider perspective on issues.

I served as an Assistant to the City Manager for a large City (Stockton) in California 40 years ago and I also served as their Director of Community Development. It was this experience that gives me this perspective. By the way, I have absolutely no interest in sitting on the Board of Supervisors. You are all doing a good job.

Please give some thought to this suggestion.

Dr. Fred M. Lang 542 Country Creek Way Palmyra, VA 22963 (434) 589-2725 (home office) (703) 585-5228 (cell) From: Barbara Cary
To: Caitlin Solis
Cc: Mozell Booker

Subject: Adopt Five Districts – Scenario 2

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 10:42:13 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

I will not be able to attend the meeting. Who do I contact to have this read tonight? Thank you!

Board of Supervisors:

Adopt Five Districts – Scenario 2

This is the best option to give us fair and effective representation. I want our voices and vote to be heard, not ignored! This scenario should be adopted since it is easier and less costly to administer and less likely to encounter legal challenges.

We request the board to put aside their political interests and do what is best for the people of Fluvanna County.

Vote to Adopt Five Districts – Scenario 2

Michael and Barbara Cary 268 New Fork Church Ln Palmyra, VA 22963

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: <u>deborah murdock</u>
To: <u>Fluvanna Area News</u>

Subject: Districts

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 10:34:52 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

The five district plan has worked in the past. Six would be disastrous.

Deborah Murdock

From: <u>Deegans</u>

To: <u>Mike Sheridan; Tony O"Brien; Mozell Booker; Patricia Eager; Donald Weaver</u>

Cc:Clerk to the Board; Eric DahlSubject:Fluvanna County Redistricting - 2Date:Monday, November 29, 2021 10:08:03 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Just to clarify a point for you: I urge you to adopt the 5.2 plan posted for review and consideration. Thank you.

John Deegan

----Original Message-----

From: Deegans

dweaver@fluvannacounty.org <dweaver@fluvannacounty.org>

Cc: clerk@fluvannacounty.org <clerk@fluvannacounty.org>; edahl@fluvannacounty.org

<edahl@fluvannacounty.org> Sent: Mon, Nov 29, 2021 9:56 pm Subject: Fluvanna County Redistricting

All -

My name is John Deegan. I'm a resident of Palmyra here in Fluvanna County. I understand a special hearing is planned for this coming Wednesday on the redistricting proposals currently under consideration. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend, but will try to listen in virtually on 12/1. Either way, my apologies for the late interest in the resolution of this issue.

Assuming I'm correct, it appears the Board is poised to approve a six-district proposal. However, I've been unable to find any documentation, local news or BOS minutes that articulate the reasons for your support of this option. I'm hoping you can direct me to the appropriate sources that provide such insights, and/or offer a response at this time that explains your position.

Having said that, I personally urge you to re-think your choice and in the end, throw your support behind a five-district plan for the following reasons:

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- I'm assuming that the addition of a sixth district will also mean recurring incremental

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A further aside on the six-district model you favor: I'm at a loss as to why the lines are drawn in the manner noted on maps posted for citizen review. For example, at first glance, it seems to deny Lake Monticello residents the opportunity to speak with one voice on key county-wide issues, particularly those that may impact their community the most. Unfair to say the least for a segment of our population that likely accounts for a significant share of Fluvanna's tax base. Regrettably, it suggests a conscious attempt at gerrymandering, where partisan games and interests are prioritized over efficiency and fiscal responsibility. This is totally unacceptable and is a sure recipe for divisiveness and polarization if pursued.

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One more indulgence if I may. I'd appreciate it if you would include my comments in the public discussion, as well as the official record of the 12/1 meeting.

Respectfully,

John Deegan Palmyra From: <u>Deegans</u>

To: Mike Sheridan; Tony O"Brien; Mozell Booker; Patricia Eager; Donald Weaver

Cc: Clerk to the Board; Eric Dahl

Subject: Fluvanna County Redistricting - Addendum Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 10:02:16 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Ladies and Gentlemen -

This is to let you know that I am in total agreement with the comments noted by my husband. Pursuing a six-district scheme defies logic and common sense. Do the right thing for our county and approve the 5-district plan.

Regards,

Linda Deegan Palmyra

----Original Message-----

From: Deegans

To: mikesheridan@fluvannacounty.org <mikesheridan@fluvannacounty.org>; tobrien@fluvannacounty.org <tobrien@fluvannacounty.org>; mbooker@fluvannacounty.org <mbooker@fluvannacounty.org>; peager@fluvannacounty.org <peager@fluvannacounty.org>;

dweaver@fluvannacounty.org <dweaver@fluvannacounty.org>

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To: <u>Mike Sheridan; Tony O"Brien; Mozell Booker; Patricia Eager; Donald Weaver</u>

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John Deegan Palmyra

(434) 591-5152

From: clerk@fluvannacounty.org
To: Clerk to the Board

Subject: Form submission from: My Two Cents **Date:** Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:31:31 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Submitted on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 7:31pm

Submitted by user: Visitor

Submitted values are:

Category Concern

Message To Board of Supervisors

Name Michelle Kershner

Email

Comments

Concerning drawing new lines and creating new districts. Were you unable to redraw lines evenly dividing the population while still keeping 5 districts? Since creating a new district would split Lake Monticello anyway, I think keeping 5 and splitting LM among 2 or 3 surrounding districts would have been doable.

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

From: Kellie O"Connor
To: Caitlin Solis

Cc: Kevin O"Connor (Den 3 Leader); Tony O"Brien; Mike Sheridan

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 11:30:05 AM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Good Morning Ms. Solis,

I am writing to you as well as Mr. Sheridan and Mr. O'Brien concerning the Redistricting Proposals. I wanted to provide my feedback after reviewing the maps on the website.

My husband and I live in the Rivanna district and have for 14+ years. Our address is 594 Jefferson Drive which is in the Tufton section of the Lake a mile from the Monish gate. We would be directly impacted by 3 of the 5 options and would be located in a new district if we change to 6 or 7 districts. While I am not concerned about being in a new district I do have some concerns.

I have read that the Board of Supervisors is considering the 6 district map plan. Before I printed and reviewed the maps this made NO sense to me at all. 6 being an even number could potentially bring votes at any level from Board of Supervisors to School Board to other groups like Planning Commission to a deadlocked tie. In reading I have been more confused by comments made Mr. O'Brien where in one article he wasn't concerned since he "didn't see that as a major concern because county board votes are rarely that closely divided."

(Quoted from Lake Monticello News Facebook page 11/4/2021) The next day on 11/5/2021 another article was posted on that same page where he was quoted "a little flabbergasted" when the Fluvanna county board voted 3-2 to focus on six seats, rather than five, for the county board and school board. And he thinks it could result in 3-3 votes that delay important initiatives and end up costing Fluvanna "a lot of money," So I am very unclear where he stands.

While I understand that the Board of Supervisors may not often have close votes I have watched too many School Board meetings have votes go 3-2 and this could become 3-3 thus causing more problems that that Board already has. So I am really asking to be educated here on why 6 makes any sense. I was discussing this with my 17 year old FCHS Senior and without hesitation he said "that makes no sense". So I would say that Mr. Mitchell Pace is making a good impact on him currently in AP Government class.

I have reviewed the maps and am in favor of either the 5 District Scenario 1 or the 7 District Scenario 1 map. I think those are both as balance on the population numbers as they can be and in the case of the 5 District option leave things relatively the same way they are now. If we go to 7 I think the Scenario 1 map allows for the Lake to not be so isolated thus creating the Lake vs. County concerns. There are pros and cons on both of these including 5 districts doesn't cost much to change and going to 7 will. I think the expense is worth it especially as the growth continues as it appears it will. In the end I would prefer to see 7 Districts as I think there is something to be said for having things split that way.

I hope that you will carefully consider all the options and keep it an odd number of districts. Thank you for your time and serving the County.

Kellie and Kevin O'Connor

594 Jefferson Drive Palmyra, VA 22963 From: Tracey T
To: Caitlin Solis

Subject: Redistricting comments

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:21:14 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] USE CAUTION.

Hi Caitlin,

I won't be able to voice my concerns at the public meeting so I'll share them via email. Going to six districts is not necessary and more, most importantly an extreme inefficient use of tax dollars! Keep it five and adjust the boundaries. Common sense please! Be mindful of all that is going on in the country and world today and consider every actions consequence on the citizens. Less government, PLEASE!
Signed, a county citizen since 1991,

Tracey Tucker

From: NAACP Communications

To: <u>Caitlin Solis</u>

Subject: Redistricting in Fluvanna

Date: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:55:05 PM

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November 11, 2021

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors P.O. Box 540 Palmyra, VA. 22963

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Members of the Fluvanna Branch NAACP urge members of the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors to vote to adopt an ordinance that authorizes five voting districts using scenario two.

While we are very concerned that the Board of Supervisors chose to select and propose a plan for establishing a sixth district before the scheduled public hearing, without allowing sufficient time for public comment, and potentially sending the message that there is no room for further consideration, we ask that as elected officials you consider and weigh public comment before making your final determination.

For the best interest of Fluvanna County, our members urge you to maintain five voting districts, using scenario two. This scenario provides the most effective, efficient, and equitable government for Fluvanna County based on the population and demographics of the community.

As has been asserted by Mr. Fred Payne, Fluvanna County Attorney, the five district scenario is easier and less costly to administer. Adding a sixth district will require a special election which will necessitate additional expenses. Likewise, there will be added costs to pay salaries for the additional Supervisor and School Board member, additional administrative and insurance costs, as well as costs associated with adding a polling place. A possible expansion to the planning commission will also result in added costs. For a board that has routinely expressed concern over sound financial stewardship of taxpayer dollars, these costs bear consideration.

Furthermore, as Mr. Payne suggests, maintaining five districts is less likely to face legal challenges. Under Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act, the practice of drawing maps that unfairly dilute the voting strength of protected classes is illegal. While there may be no intent to discriminate on the basis of race in determining the best scenario for the community, we ask that Board members consider the practical implications and potential for

discriminatory effects of increasing the number of voting districts and diluting the vote of a protected class of voters.

Thus, we call on the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance that establishes five voting districts using map two.

We thank you for your service to our community.

Members of the Fluvanna County NAACP Branch

From: jessica jackson
To: Caitlin Solis

Subject: Redistricting maps - Letter to the supervisors **Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021 7:38:30 AM

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November 16, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am concerned and disappointed that the majority of you voted for redistricting map 6.

I have spoken with several county officials and my understanding of the consequences of Map 6 are as follows:

2 elected school board members, Gequetta Key and Dr. Kelly <u>may</u> lose their elected positions. The Virginia laws are unclear as to whether they will be allowed to keep those positions due to Map 6's redistricting plan.

Thus, School Board members, Andrew Pullen (Sheridan - your cousin), Charles Rittenhouse and Perry Johnson will keep their seats. Rittenhouse and Pullen vote the same on almost every school board vote. If Key and Kelly are not allowed to keep their seats on the school board, Pullen and Rittenhouse may be in power to appoint 2 additional school board members until there is a special election. This could create a republican majority on the school board without a fair election. Sheridan, Weaver and Eager is that what you are trying to do?

Why did those of you who voted for Map 6 not state the potential consequences of Map 6.

Why didn't you 3 tell the public how choosing Map 6 could affect the Nov. 2 election? Why didn't you 3 say why you liked Map 6.

Supervisor O'Brian suggested map 5B be selected. Mr. O'Brian stated why he preferred 5. O'Brian said in light of all the changes, we have experienced lately, it would be better to maintain some continuity. I agree with Mr. O'Brian. Also, a redistricting committee member said Maps 5A and 5B would be less costly and least likely to be challenged.

My understanding is that Maps 5-1 or 5-2 will allow all those who were elected to keep their positions. Maps 7A or 7B might also mean that Ms. Key and perhaps a Board of Supervisor might lose

their elected seats.

Please state plainly the election changes that might occur for each map at the next BOS meetings on Nov. 17 and Dec. 1.

All over our country, republicans are trying to pass or have passed laws to limit the access to voting for African-Americans. These actions occurred only because Donald Trump lost the presidential election. Thus, they are trying to create a unjust republican majority in elections. Are you those of you who voted for Map 6 trying to do the same thing?

Jessica Jackson

Fluvanna Citizen

From: RONALD WILSON
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: Redistricting Maps

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:47:37 PM

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I DO NOT want the 6 district map. My first choice is the 7-1 map. My second choice is the 5-1 map. The 6 district map is not a good idea because tie votes would result in deadlock. Ron and Phyllis Wilson 7 Kanawha Court Palmyra, VA

From: Lou Lamb
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: Redistricting

Date: Monday, November 29, 2021 9:55:09 AM

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Hi Caitlin,

Please share my comment below with the Board of Supervisors before the public hearing on December 1st, thank you.

As a resident of Fluvanna County, I am deeply concerned about the proposed redistricting from our current five-district to a six or seven district. We have just held a free and fair election for 2 new members of our school board and redistricting could potentially push school board members out of their seats. Please consider what impact redistricting from five districts could also do to the forward progress of our county. Democracy calls for our elected leaders to *listen to the people* and the majority of my fellow Fluvanna residents are NOT in favor of redistricting to 6 or 7 districts. Please vote to keep 5 districts!

Thank you, Marion Lamb 75 Wildwood Dr Palmyra, VA 22963 From: Susie Abramson
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: Redistricting

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 11:48:16 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to give comments on the redistricting ideas prior to the meeting on Wednesday. I think the 6 district map that the Board of Supervisors voted for is the absolute worst option, and I was very surprised that they voted for it, especially before all public comment opportunities we finished. An even number of districts begs for stalemate and inability to get things done. I urge them to re-vote, and to stay with the current 5 district plan instead. I recognize that sometimes change is necessary, but this does not seem to be one of those times. There may be some arguments for changing the districts, and maybe the current districts aren't perfect, but given the delayed timing of this process due to Covid, and the complications around the redistricting process with the entire state, it seems the best option this time is to keep things as they are.

In addition, and perhaps most importantly, it seems unacceptable to have the possibility that our recently elected school board members would lose their seats. At best, the optics of this look clumsy. At worst, it appears that the Board of Supervisors is actively trying to reverse the outcome of the recent school board elections. While this may not be the case, it is easy to see it that way, and this would substantially increase the feeling of divisiveness in our local politics.

Lastly, it seems that the overwhelming feedback the Board has received is to keep the 5 district plan. I hope the elected officials on the Board take their responsibility to listen to their constituents like me seriously and do the right thing.

Sincerely, Susan Abramson 67 Wildwood Dr Palmyra, VA 22963 From: Gladys Albright
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: Redistricting

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 7:16:25 PM

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Dear Ms. Solis:

I am writing to encourage the Board of Supervisors to **NOT** choose the 6 district plan. To me that would lead to possible tie decisions which means nothing would ever get done. Although I would prefer one of the 7 districts that would give better representation for Lake Monticello. Since we represent almost 50 percent of the population of the County it would make sense to me that we should have closer 50% of the Supervisors. However, I do understand that this would be more expensive, but really how expensive? Expensive enough to mean we should not do what is right?

Bottom line please encourage them to do anything but 6 districts.

Gladys Albright
16 Fleetwood Drive
Palmyra (Lake Monticello)
Currently in the Cunningham District

From: HIH2O1
To: Caitlin Solis
Subject: Redistricting

Date: Friday, November 26, 2021 7:03:33 PM

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I am writing in opposition to 6 districts. The glaring reason is that it could result in tie votes pertaining to government matters. Another more important reason is that it may remove newly elected people from positions. Any new maps should be representative of all members of the county sharing in a democratic process that isn't skewed towards any one group: provide equal representation that offers diversity in regards to age, race, sex, SES, and political persuasions. In the U.S. we are already seeing examples of many states that have used gerrymandering to create permanent strongholds for specific political parties. We don't need to be a part of that process.

If I chose a map, it would be 5-2.

Barb Rohr 961 Jefferson Drive Palmyra

From: Chris Dunne
To: Caitlin Solis

Subject: The six district Solution to redistricting **Date:** Friday, November 5, 2021 3:38:18 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

When I was looking at three proposed redistricting maps in the Fluvanna Review, there were two 5 district and one 7 district proposals. In any governing body it seems that an odd number of supervisors (representing each district) would make for clearer decisions and keep the work of the government from stalling or failing to move anything forward. I urge the board to revisit this 6-district proposal again. I believe it will hinder our board from moving things forward and probably bog things down. Since there is no protocol for a tie vote except to have the plan die, it is wise to create an odd number of districts. My personal preference is for 5 districts because our population is so small that representation should be pretty true to the district residents. Please make this part of the discussion and reconsider at the next meeting.

Chris Dunne 17 Bolling Cir. Palmyra, VA From: Sandra Collins
To: Clerk to the Board

Subject: Tried to submit comments on line & it would not submit.

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:52:18 PM

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I live in the Villages of Nahor & find it ridiculous that while I live 7 minutes away from a voting poll by Dogwood, I am forced to drive to Scottsville to vote. Snap out of this map with some common sense!!

Regards, Sandy Collins 52 Spruce Dr., Palmyra, VA 22963 From: <u>Caitlin Solis</u>

To: <u>Kelly Belanger Harris</u>

Subject: FW: Redistricting - Public Comment

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 12:02:16 PM

From:

Sent: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 11:59 AM **To:** Caitlin Solis <csolis@fluvannacounty.org> **Subject:** Redistricting - Public Comment

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Caitlin Solis, Clerk Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors

RE: Redistricting – Public Comment

We are writing to submit Public Comments in support of Redistricting Map 5-2.

Given that the county's population change was minimal over the past 10 years, we firmly believe that redistricting adjustments/changes need to be minimal. It is NOT necessary to incur significant expenses, revisions in voting precincts, changes in county representatives ... all of which would result if the districts were changed to 6 or 7. An additional concern is the high probability of "gridlock" when the Board consists of an even number of commissioners. For these reasons, we do **NOT** support any of the 6 or 7 district maps.

In closing we want to thank you for this opportunity to comment and restate our support for Map 5-2. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Margaret F. Burns 15 Ashlawn Blvd, Palmyra, VA 22963

Roger A. Burns 15 Ashlawn Blvd, Palmyra, VA 22962

From: Caitlin Solis
To: Kelly Belanger Harris
Subject: FW: District plan

Date: Wednesday, December 1, 2021 4:44:57 PM

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From: Marcia Luniewski

Sent: Monday, November 22, 2021 7:06 PM To: Caitlin Solis csolis@fluvannacounty.org

Subject: District plan

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I support the six district plan. Given the dense population of Lake Monticello, I support having them better represented within the county.

Marcia Luniewski