Redistricting Committee Objectives and Timelines

(August 19, 2022)

Board of County Commissioners' Office

Objectives

- o Achieve equal population number by district, about 60,000 per district
- Maintain current Commissioners in their elected districts
- Follow Precinct lines, avoiding splitting precincts
- Compact and contiguous as possible
- o Maintain Communities of mutual interest
- No Gerrymandering

Timelines

- August 12th through September 29th County staff from the Informational Technology Department and Elections Division, and the Redistricting Committee shall develop a proposal to create five districts for the election of commissioners.
- September 30th The Redistricting Committee shall submit the final draft redistricting plan of the proposed five districts to the County and the Port.
- Weeks of October 10th and October 17th Redistricting Committee shall schedule joint work sessions between the parties to review the final draft of the proposed five districts.
- November 4th Final draft agreement of the boundaries is approved by the respective Legislative Authorities.
- November 15th The Parties shall set a separate public hearing to take place on November 29 to take comment on the final approved draft of the five new districts.
- November 21st Publish the proposed district boundaries map for public review leading to the public hearing.
- o **November 29**th The parties will hold separate Public Hearings on the final draft.
- December 2nd Redistricting Committee meets to consider public comments if no modifications then move to approval.
- o **December 12**th Port Commission Approval of the final new 5-member districts.
- o **December 13**th BoCC Approval of the final new 5-member districts.
- o **December 20**th Parties submit approved boundaries to County Auditor.

OR IF MODIFICATIONS ARE MADE TO THE DRAFT PLAN

- December 2nd Redistricting Committee meets to consider public comments if modifications are proposed then.
- o **December 9**th Revised final plan is submitted to the County and the Port Commissions.
- o **December 13**th Joint Work Session to review revised draft.
- December 15th Port Commission and BOCC Approval of the final new 5 member districts – Separate Special Meetings.
- o **December 19**th Parties submit approved boundaries to County Auditor.