

Public Hearing to Review Proposed Apportionment Plan on Census-Based Adjustments to the Board's Residence Districts

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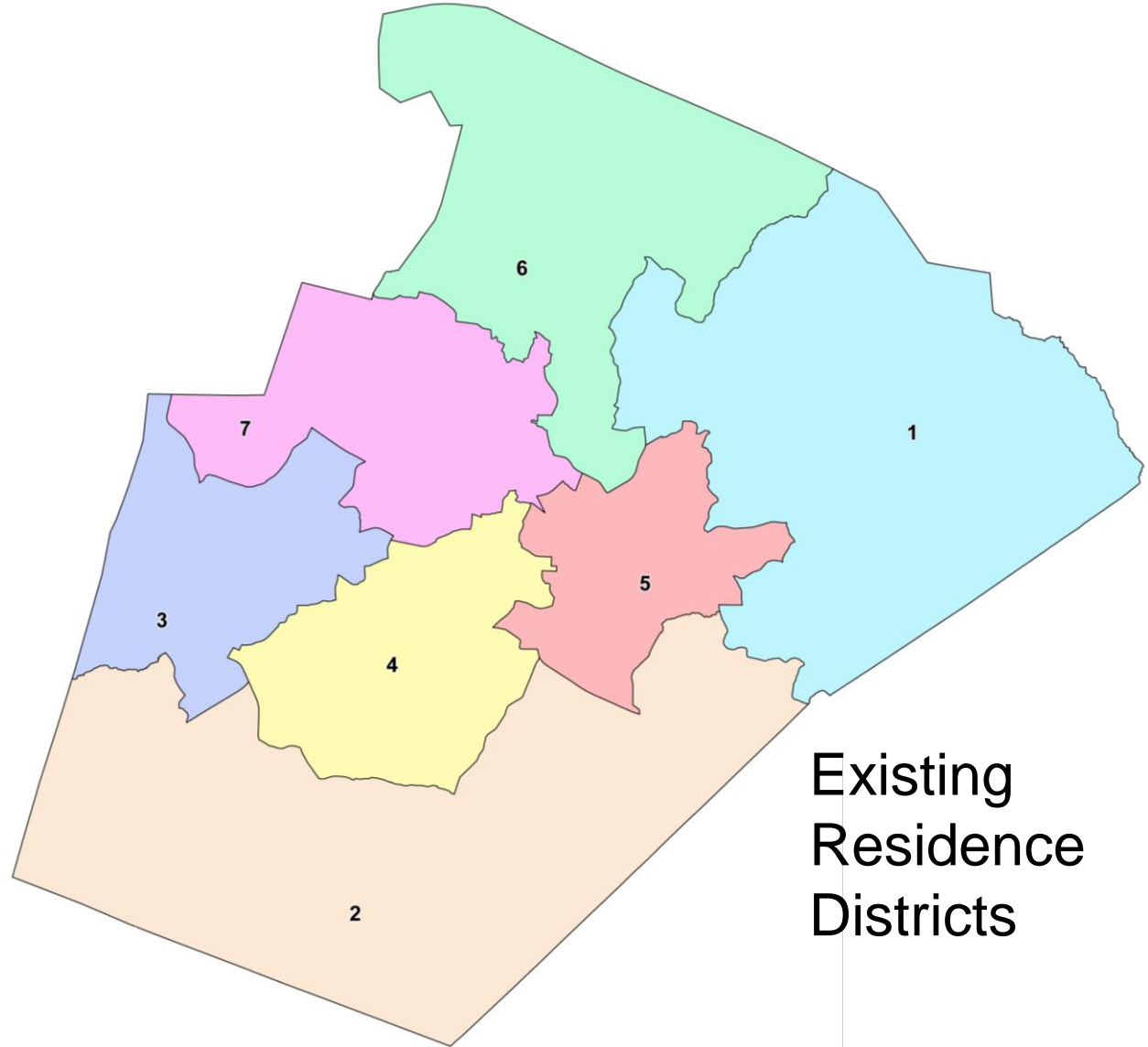
Purpose

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and reviews staff's recommendation on census-based apportionment adjustments to the residence districts of the Wake County Board of Commissioners; and,
2. Instructs staff to make the proposed apportionment plan available for public review and comment, and to include a second public hearing on the proposed apportionment plan during the November 1, 2021 regular meeting.

Residence Districts

There are seven residence districts for the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner resides in a separate district and is elected by the entire county and represents the entire County.



Background

- Wake County recently received the 2020 census data with updated population figures.
- In accordance with state law, the Board may use this data to adjust the geographies of the Board's districts to achieve population balance among the districts.
- The districts were last adjusted in 2011 after the 2010 census.
- Staff is advising the districts be adjusted again given the current population disparity.

Criteria to Guide Process

1. Districts will be adjusted so the population is approximately equal, with no greater than a 5% difference between the largest and the smallest districts.
2. Existing board members will remain in the districts where they were elected.
3. Districts will be a contiguous area, not disjointed.
4. District boundaries will follow existing Wake County Board of Election precincts as much as possible.

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5. Districts will not discriminate based on any demographic data.
6. Districts will not be guided by political considerations.
7. Districts will be as compact as possible.
8. Districts may preserve communities of interest, such as neighborhoods, where residents have a common social or cultural connection.

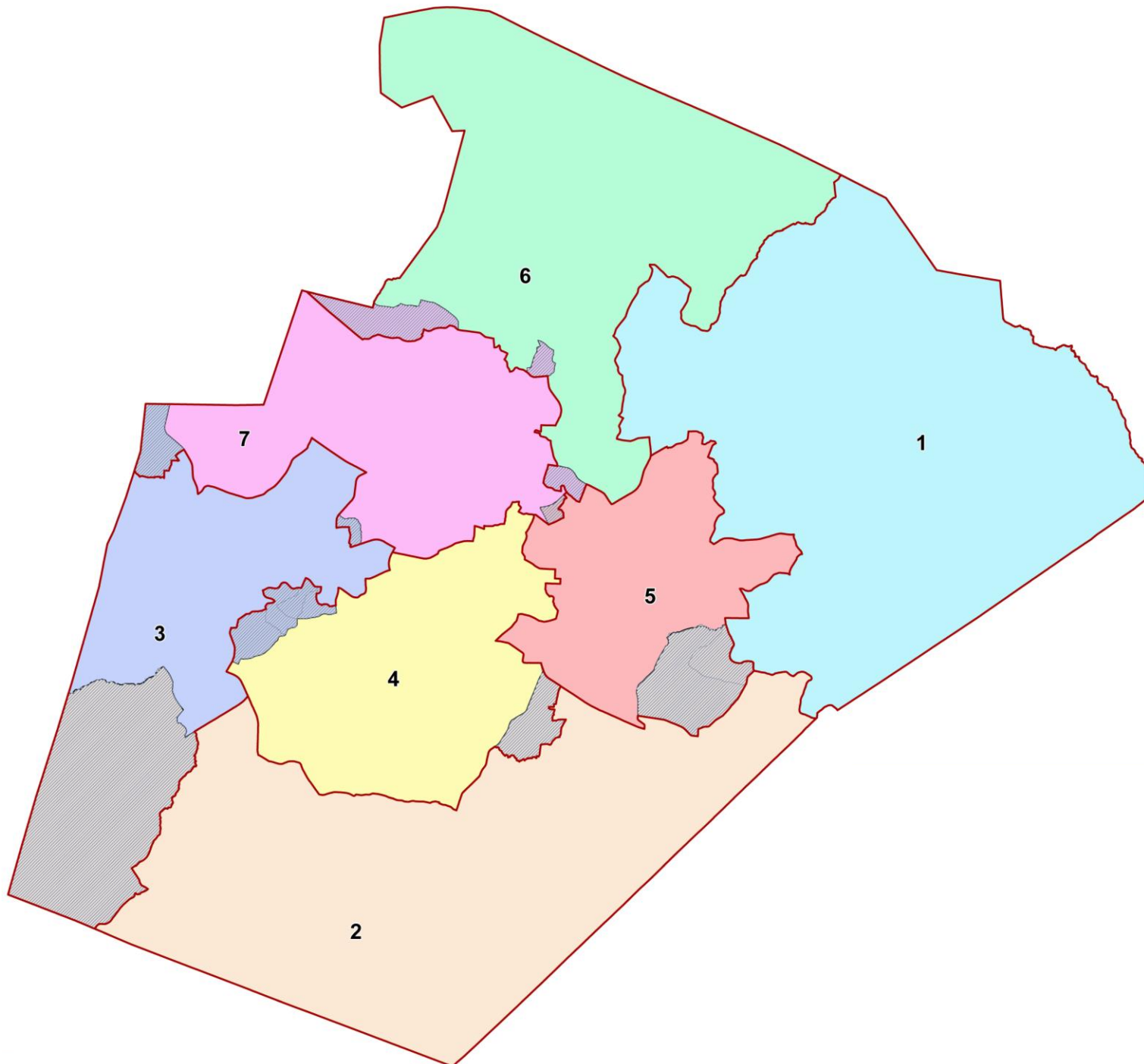
How Districts Are Adjusted

- Use existing district boundaries as the starting point for making changes to new district boundaries.
- Reassign the Census Bureau's Voter Tabulation Districts (VTD) from one district to another to rebalance the population.
- Make reasonable efforts to consider the eight criteria.
- Produce several iterations that lead to staff's recommendation.

Current & Proposed District Population

District	Current Population Totals	Proposed Population Totals
1	165,197	165,197
2	191,299	161,978
3	180,872	162,166
4	149,772	160,728
5	141,297	162,097
6	142,650	158,260
7	158,323	158,984

Proposed Apportionment Plan



Legend

-  Updated District Boundary
-  Area Reassigned (VTD)

Existing District		Commissioner
	1	Sig Hutchinson
	2	Matt Calabria
	3	Maria Cervania
	4	Susan Evans
	5	James West
	6	Shinica Thomas
	7	Vickie Adamson

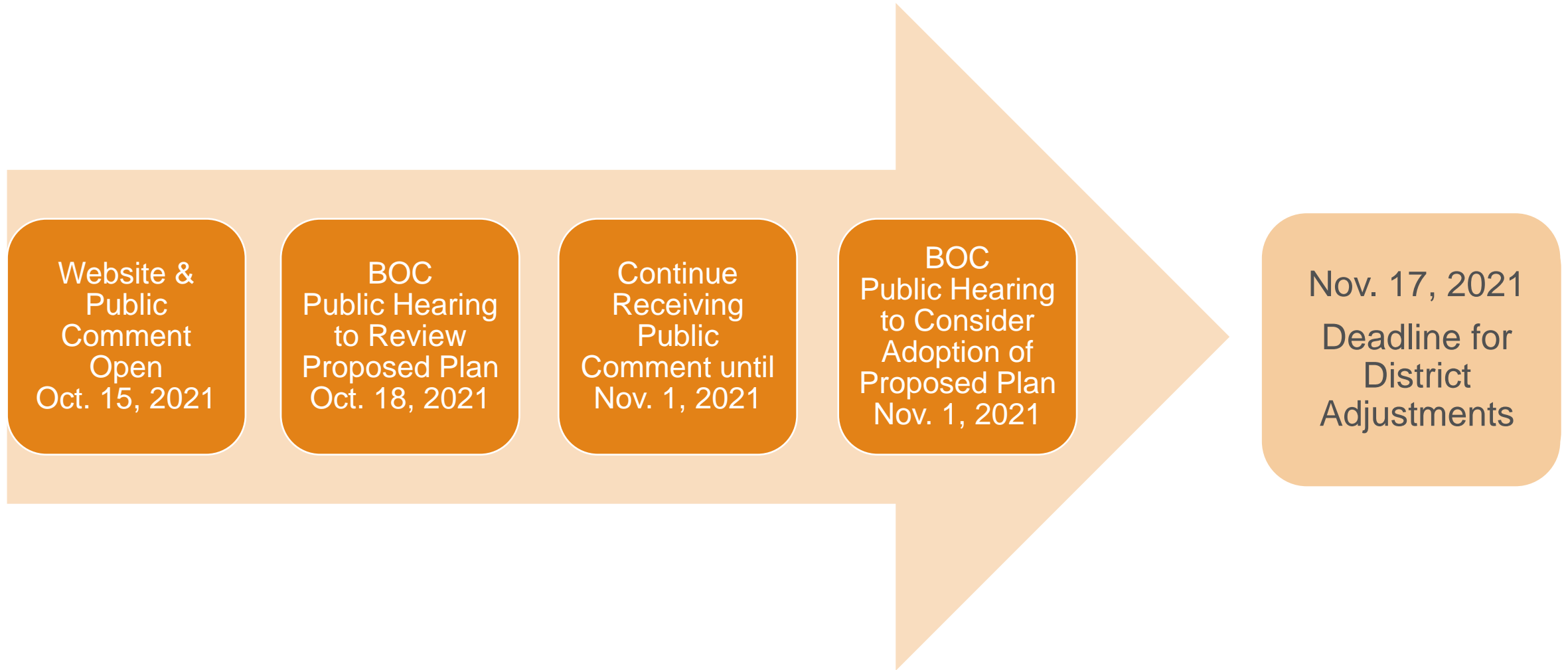
Public Comment / Information

Website to view the proposed plan and submit public comments is live

wakegov.com/districtmapping

- Information about redistricting
- Criteria for redistricting
- Maps showing current and proposed districts
- An interactive feature allowing people to look up their districts
- Timeline
- Available in multiple languages

Next Steps



Discussion



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