

# **Redistricting Process Advisory Committee**

Preliminary Report Presentation  
City Council Work Session, 8/8/2016

# Introduction

- 2012: Change from 4 districts to 6 districts
- Following the 2012 process, City Code §5.1.402 was approved in order to create a Districting Process Advisory Committee and encourage public awareness
- The City Clerk maintains direct responsibility and authority over the districting map

# The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee oversees the public process, educates the public, assists the City Clerk and advises City Council on the redistricting process.

The Committee consists of one member from each of the six council districts and one member at-large.

District 1 - Mary Washington

District 2 - Paul Seeling

District 3 - Sarah Brittain Jack

District 4 - Mike Ham

District 5 - Dave Munger

District 6 - Randall Kouba

At-Large - Courtney Stone

# The Advisory Committee Process

- The Committee conducted eleven public meetings
  - Seven were specifically focused on describing the districting process and encouraging public comment--one in each of the six council districts and one at-large meeting
  - Four were work sessions to consider and finalize recommendations to the City Clerk.
- Reference materials, presentations, maps and information provided to the Committee were made available to the public on the City's website at [coloradosprings.gov/elections](https://coloradosprings.gov/elections)

## City Charter and Code Require:

§5.1.403A

- Contiguous districts
- Substantially equal populations
- Do not divide election precincts

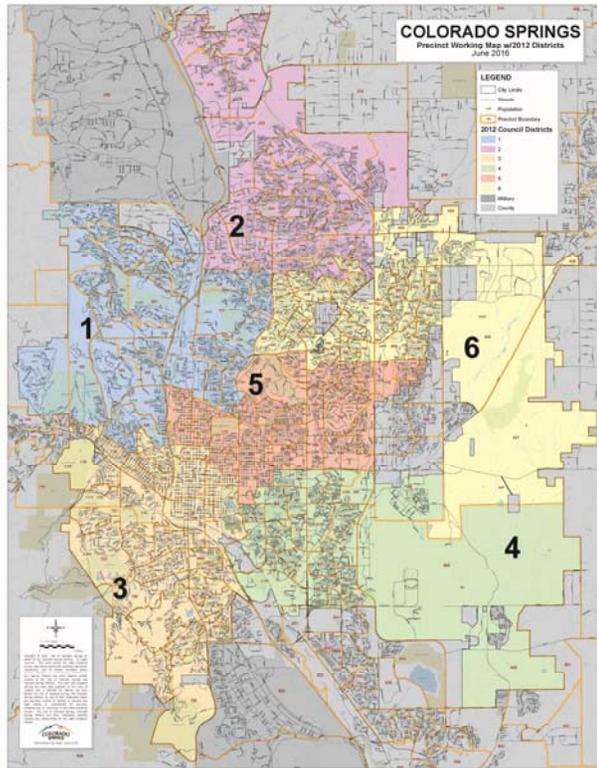
§ 5.1.403B

- Comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and to the extent possible:
  - Follow obvious geographic boundaries
  - Do not divide recognized neighborhoods
  - Do not divide identified communities of interest

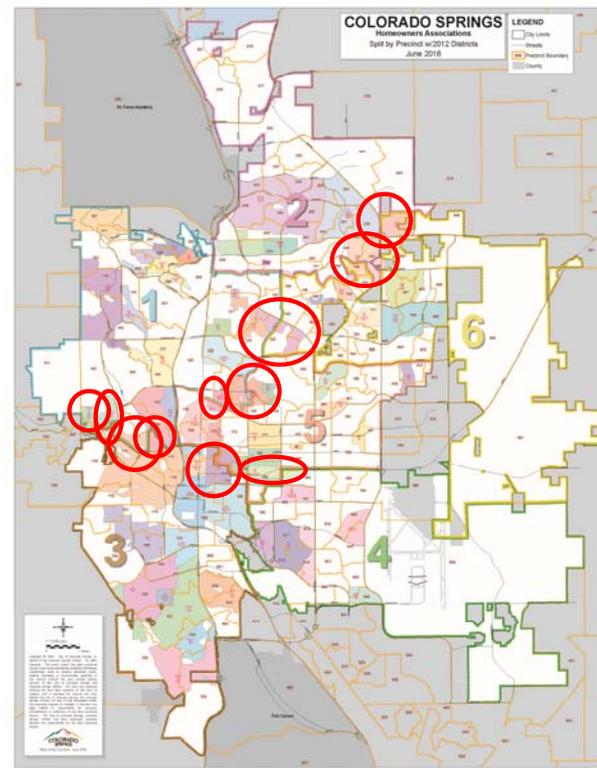
# Summary of Discussion

- Public provided broad recommendations
  - Would prefer to review a proposed map in order to respond to suggested changes.
  - Few comments regarding specific precincts to be moved.
- Communities of Interest:
  - Are not defined in City Charter Code
    - Article 5 Section 46 of the State Constitution was used as guideline.
    - Identifies ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors as communities of interest.
  - Most significant are areas with low-to-moderate income status, and areas with significant populations of ethnic minorities.
  - Public comments: communities of interest are best served when they have one representative protecting their interests and a consolidated voice.
- Small changes suggested to consolidate communities of interest to the extent possible.

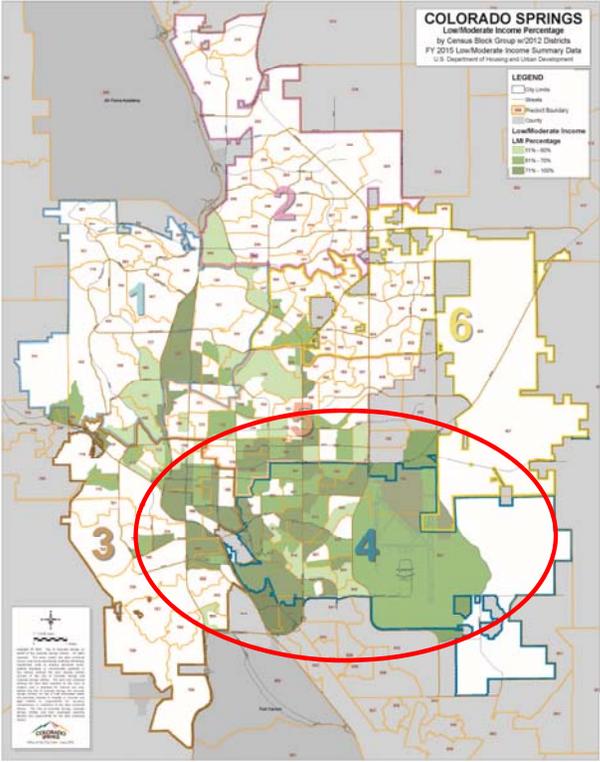
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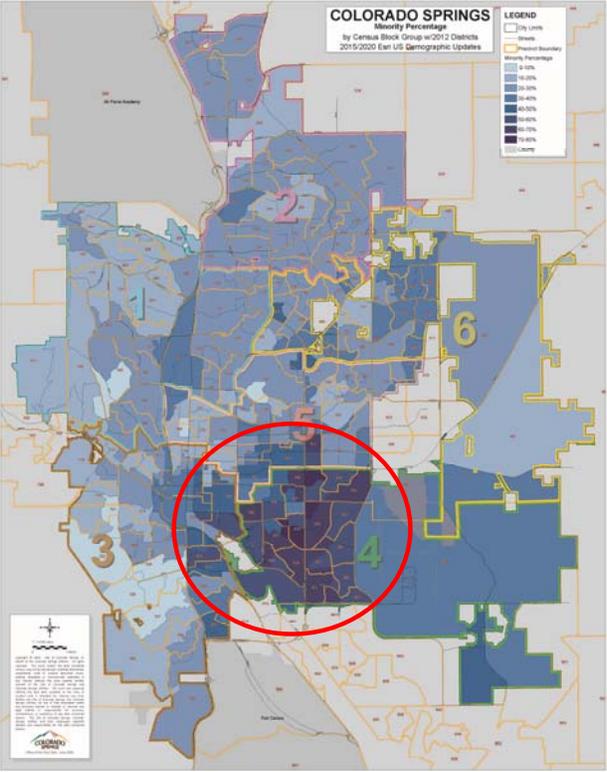
## Neighborhoods Currently Split



# Low-Moderate Income Distribution

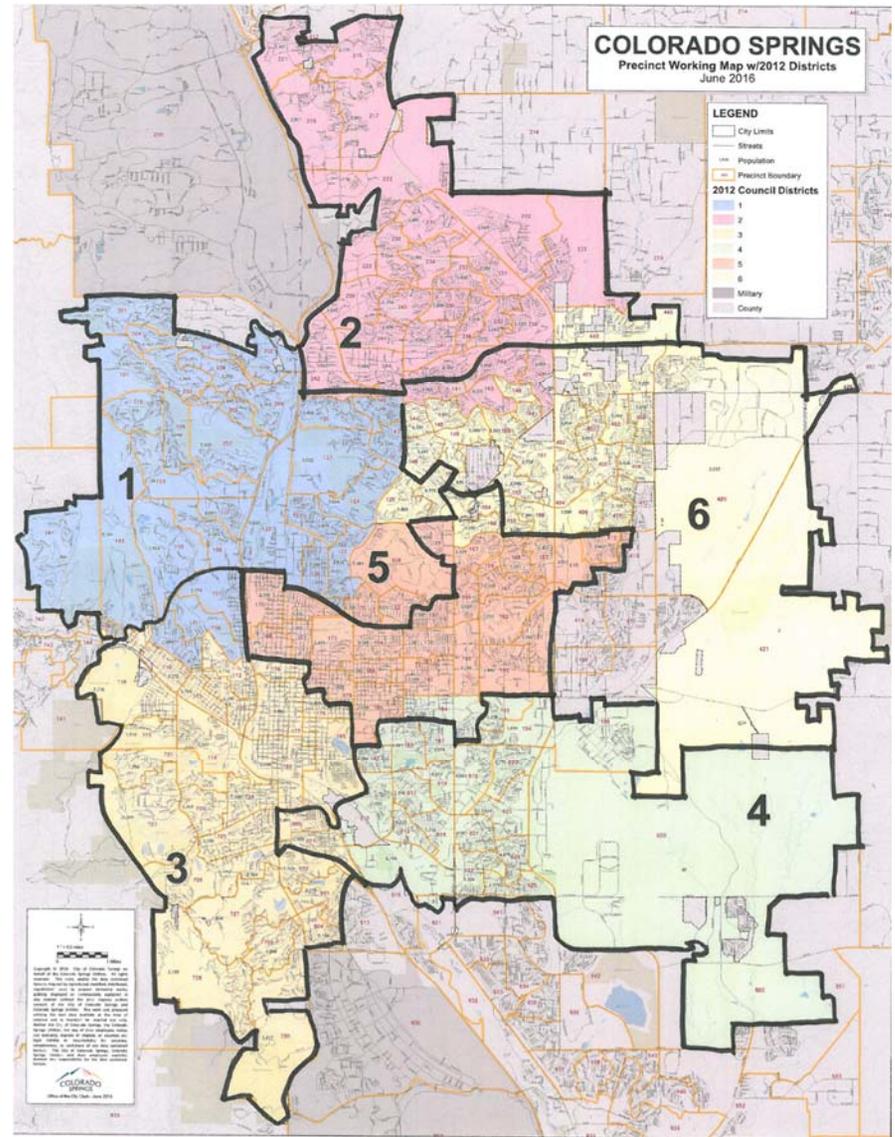


# Minority Distribution



# Recommendations

District	Estimated Population	Deviation from equal	% Deviation
1	76,045	2,761	3.77%
2	71,412	-1,872	-2.55%
3	73,229	-55	-.08%
4	71,374	-1,910	-2.61%
5	77,316	4,032	5.5%
6	70,330	-2,945	-4.02%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>439,706</b>		
District size if all are equal:	73,284		



**Thank You**

Questions?