



2021 Redistricting Committee - Board of Representatives

Anabel Figueroa, Co-Chair

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Committee Report

Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held in the Legislative Chambers, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT and remotely.*

The Redistricting Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Fedeli and Figueroa and Committee Member Reps. Berns (remotely), Goldberg (remotely), Miller, Tomas, and Coleman (remotely). Also present were Reps. Morson and Patterson, Redistricting Commission members Cristina Andreana, Michael Cacace, Christina Feeny (remotely), and Michael Pollard (remotely); and Steve Carr, TSI.

Co-Chair Fedeli called the meeting to order at 7:03.

The Committee held a moment of silence for former Representative Rodney Pratt.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. R31.003	PUBLIC HEARING; proposed voting districts. 04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Figueroa	Public Hearing Held

Co-Chair Fedeli opened the public hearing.

Kieran Edmondson spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

John Zelinsky spoke in opposition to the changes in the 11th District, in particular to the changes to North Stamford Road, Strawberry Hill Avenue, Prospect Street, North Street, Greyrock Place, and Cross Road.

David Kooris submitted the [attached comments](#), which were read into the record by Co-Chair Fedeli.

Melissa Gluck questioned why Douglas Avenue and Kirkham Place are being moved

There being no further speakers, Co-Chair Fedeli closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Co-Chair Fedeli explained, in response to Ms. Gluck's comments, that Douglas and Kirkham were separated due to the changes in the population growth in the south, resulting in districts moving south to take some of that additional population.

In response to Mr. Kooris' comments, Mr. Cacace noted that the train station had been reviewed very carefully by the Commission because Districts 3 and 6 had the largest population growth. He noted that in the past, the transportation center was not part of the central business district. It was in District 3 and under the current plan will be moved

to District 2. The Commission had treated I-95 as a geographical barrier and the transportation center is south of I-95. The census tract block that includes the Transportation Center would increase the population by 400 people, which is why it made sense to include it in District 2

Mr. Pollard noted that the core purpose of redistricting is about voters and the ability to ensure voters are properly positioned in a way that does not disenfranchise them not reflect an economic development perspective which is primarily what the discussion about the transportation sector would suggest be reviewed.

Mr. Carr showed Committee members the impact of moving the census blocks which include the train station, but not the old garage. The train station would be in District 6, and the 400 block would remain in District 2. Committee members discussed this proposed change, which would move 19 people. Only the infrastructure of the train station would be moved. Much of the current development. The proposed change would result in strange boundary lines. In prior discussions of the Mill River Park, the Committee had not wanted it split between two districts.

2. [R31.004](#) ORDINANCE; for publication; concerning election boundaries of voting districts. **Approved 6-0-1**
04/06/22 – Submitted by Reps. Fedeli and Figueroa

A motion to approve Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-1 (Reps. Fedeli, Figueroa, Goldberg, Miller, Tomas, and Coleman in favor; Rep. Berns abstaining).

Co-Chair Fedeli adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fedeli, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).