

PRESENTATION TO THE VICPP :: THE IMPACT OF REDISTRICTING ON VOTING IN 2023

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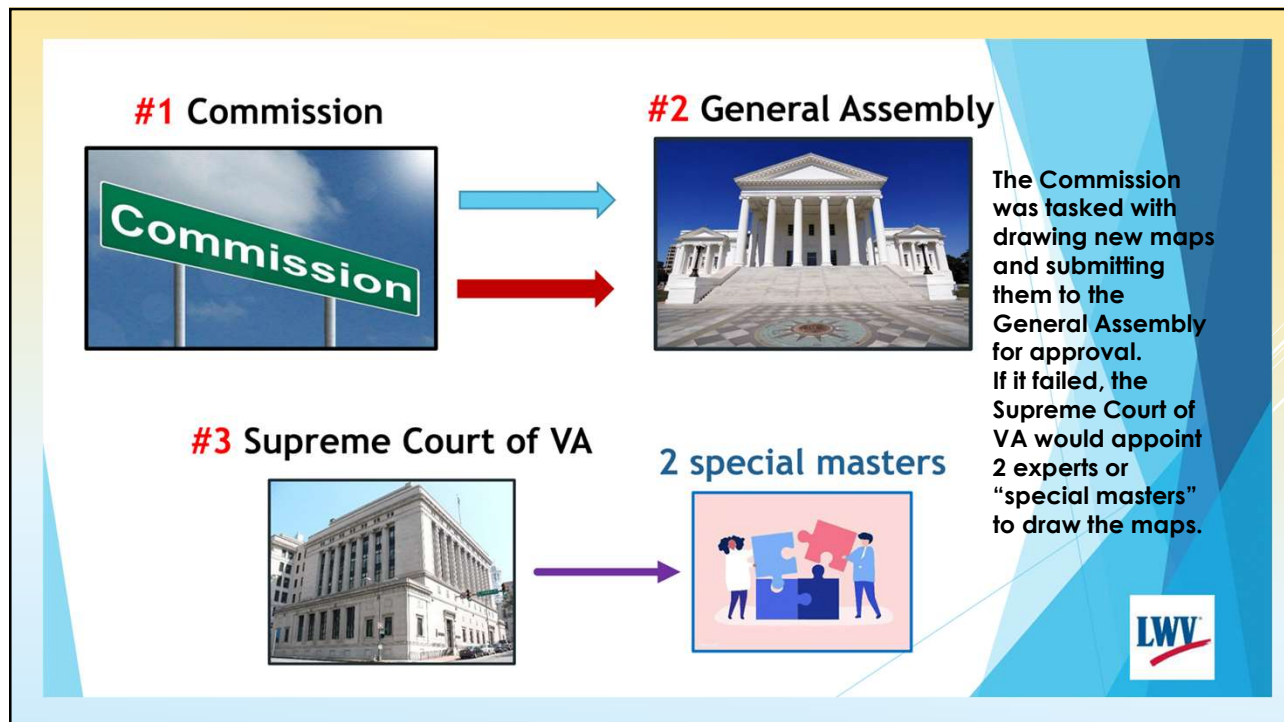
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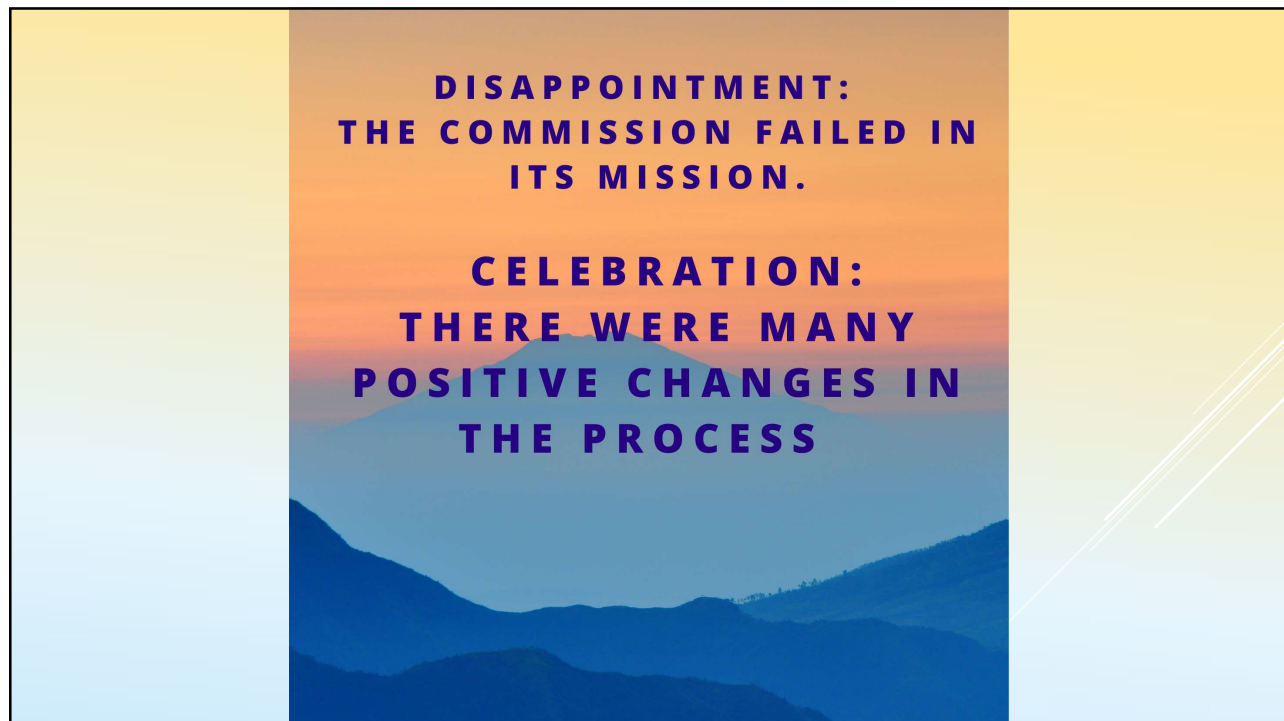
2020: Virginia Voters Approved Constitutional Amendment # 1



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*Perhaps the most important
improvement was ::
Transparency!*

**No more
closed doors**

**All meetings
were open to
the public**



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VIRGINIA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION WILL DRAW MAPS SOON!

**What do you want the Commission to know
about your community?**

**Do you think the Commission should use
current maps as a starting point for the new
maps?**

Let your voice be heard!

- [https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/
Commenting](https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/Commenting)
- [https://www.onevirginia2021foundati
on.org/](https://www.onevirginia2021foundation.org/)

**For more information go to the LWV-VA website
<https://lww-va.org/redistricting/>**



Virginians' voices were heard!



**Thousands of Virginians were able to
participate in the redistricting process. They
testified in writing, in person, and virtually.
They submitted maps and commented on other
maps.**

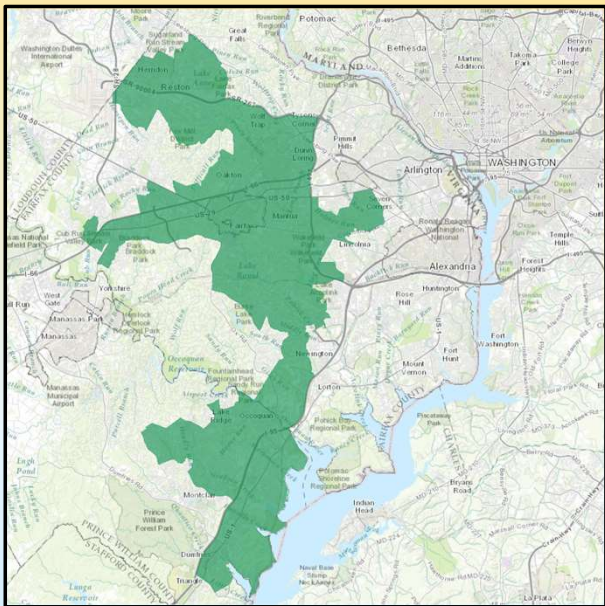
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New maps are better & fairer!



- ✓ Compact districts
- ✓ Respected jurisdictional boundaries
- ✓ Ignored incumbent addresses
- ✓ Ended prison gerrymandering

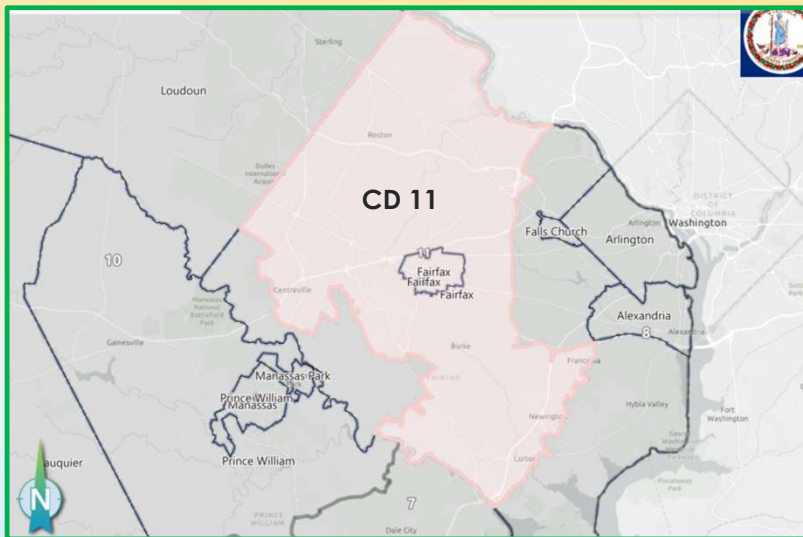
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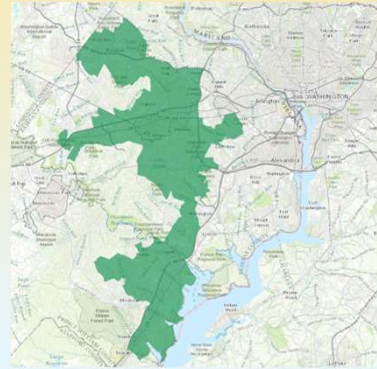
Let's look at "old" and "new" maps to see how compactness and respect for jurisdictional boundaries were incorporated. This is the CD represented by Congressman Gerald Connolly. Note its weird, elongated shape that extended beyond county boundaries.

**"Old" (2021)
Congressional District 11
Fairfax & Prince William Co**

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Here's the "new" CD 11, now wholly included within Fairfax County.



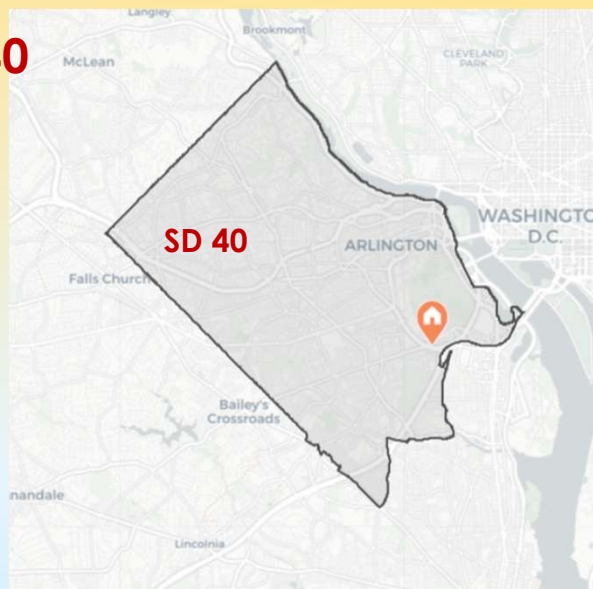
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New Senate District 40

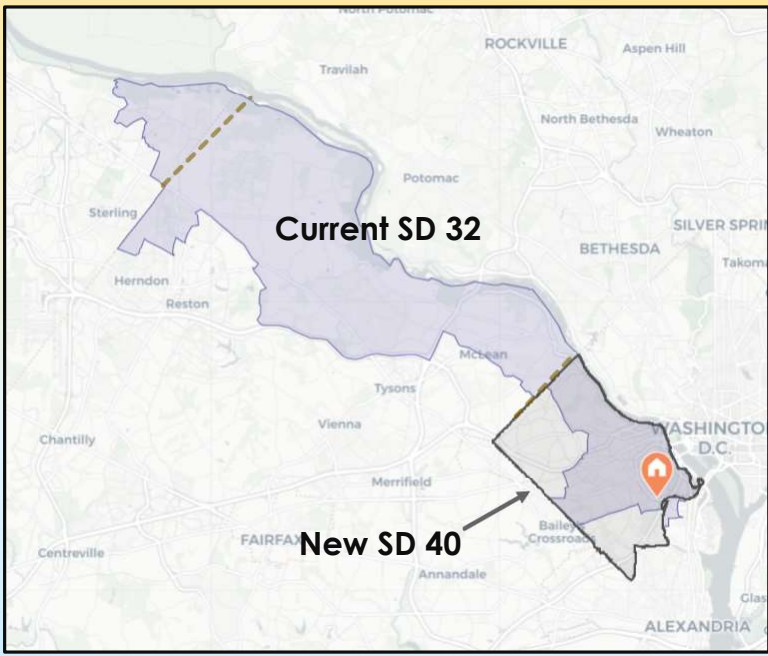
Almost all of Arlington County

Let's look at "old" and "new" State Senate maps. This is new SD 40 which incorporates almost all of Arlington County.

Senator Barbara Favola is running for re-election in this district.



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Compare:

New SD 40

Old SD 32

Senator Barbara Favola currently represents SD 32, which includes part of Arlington, extends into McLean and Fairfax County, and reaches into Loudoun Co to pick up 6 precincts there. The drive from N to S is about 25 miles in SD 32. Compare that to the 10 mile N-S distance in new SD 40.

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The Virginia LWV participated in all aspects of the multi-year redistricting process. We educated, we testified, we attended every Commission meeting and every hearing. The US League honored us with the 2022 "Powering Democracy Award".

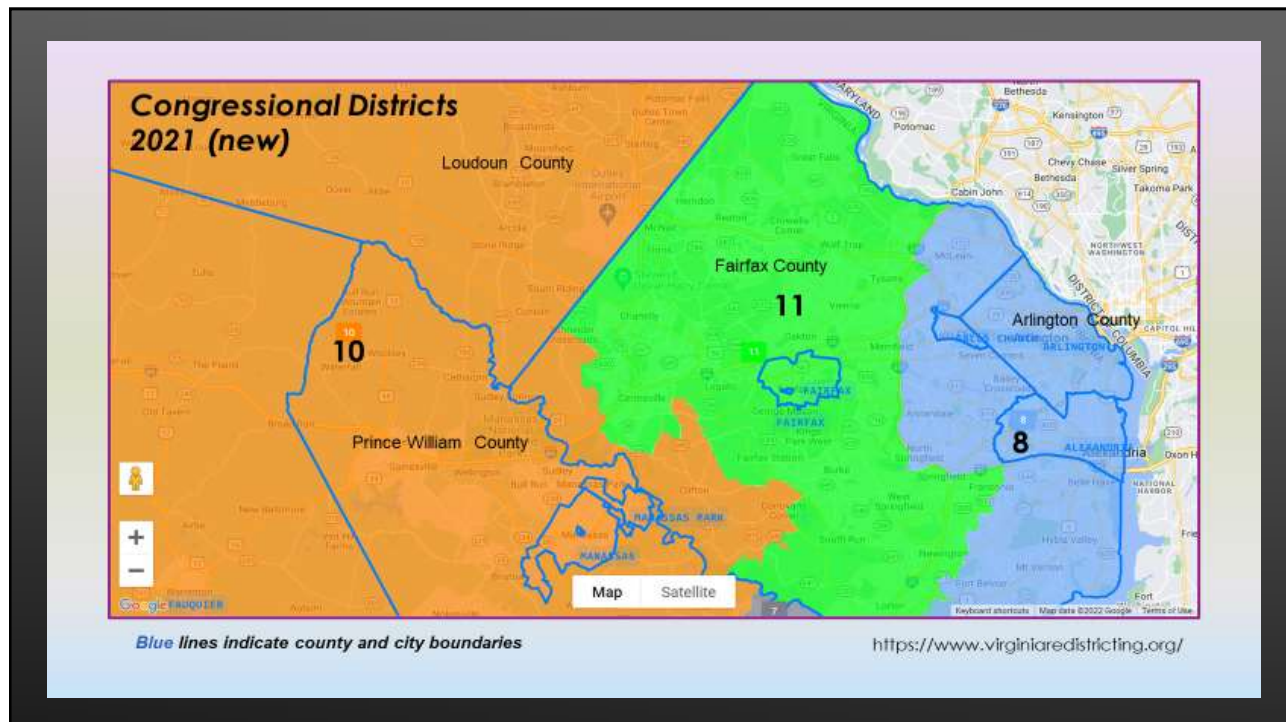
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POWERING DEMOCRACY

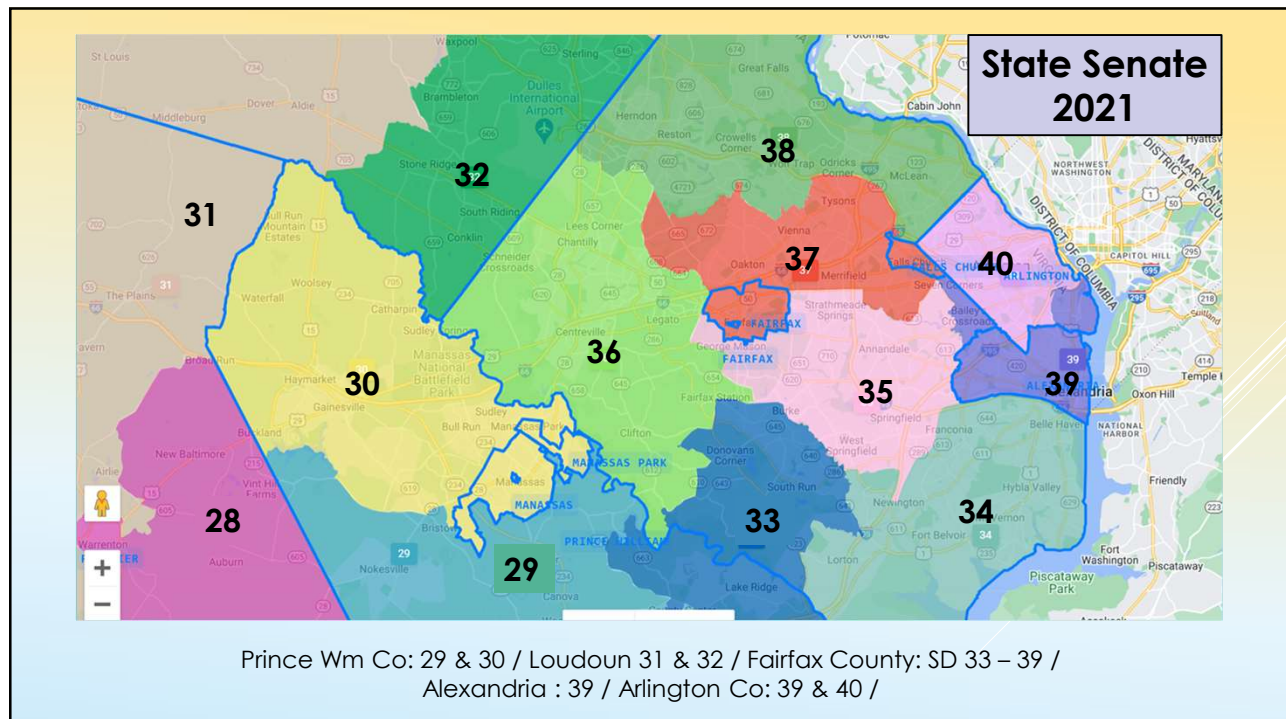
for LWV-VA's redistricting work
as part of the 50+ state
campaign to create
People Powered Fair Maps.

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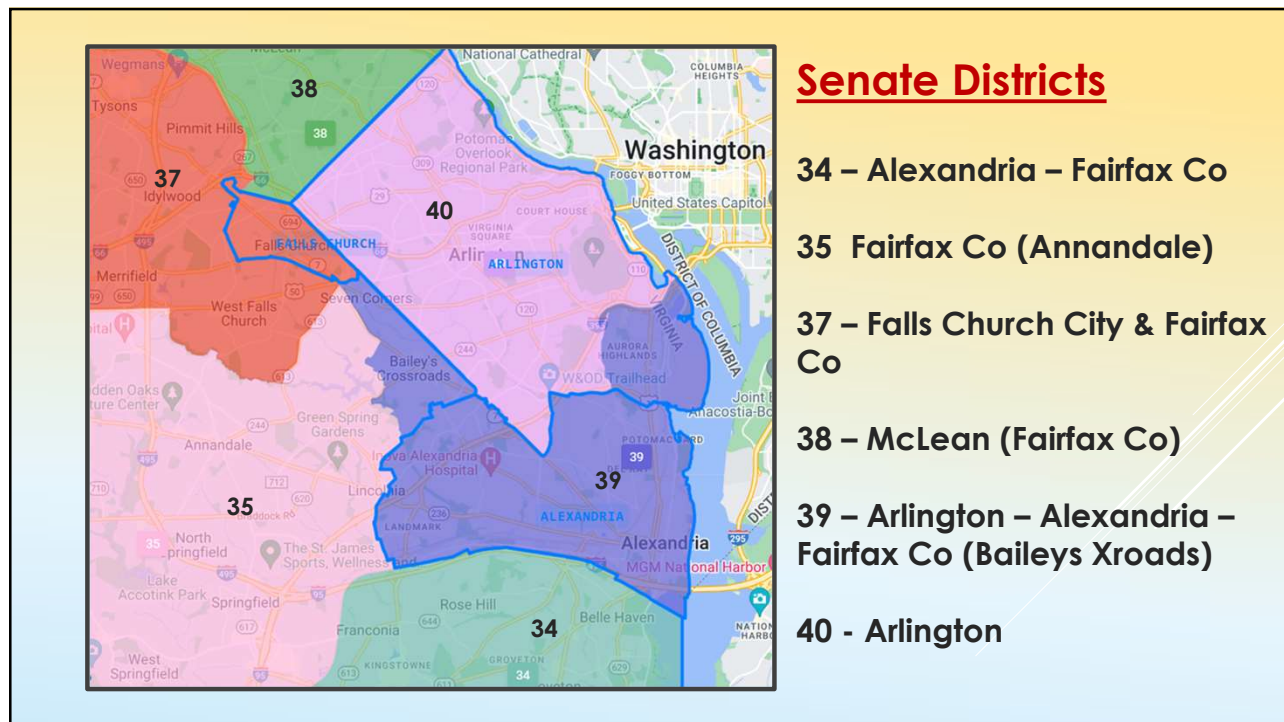
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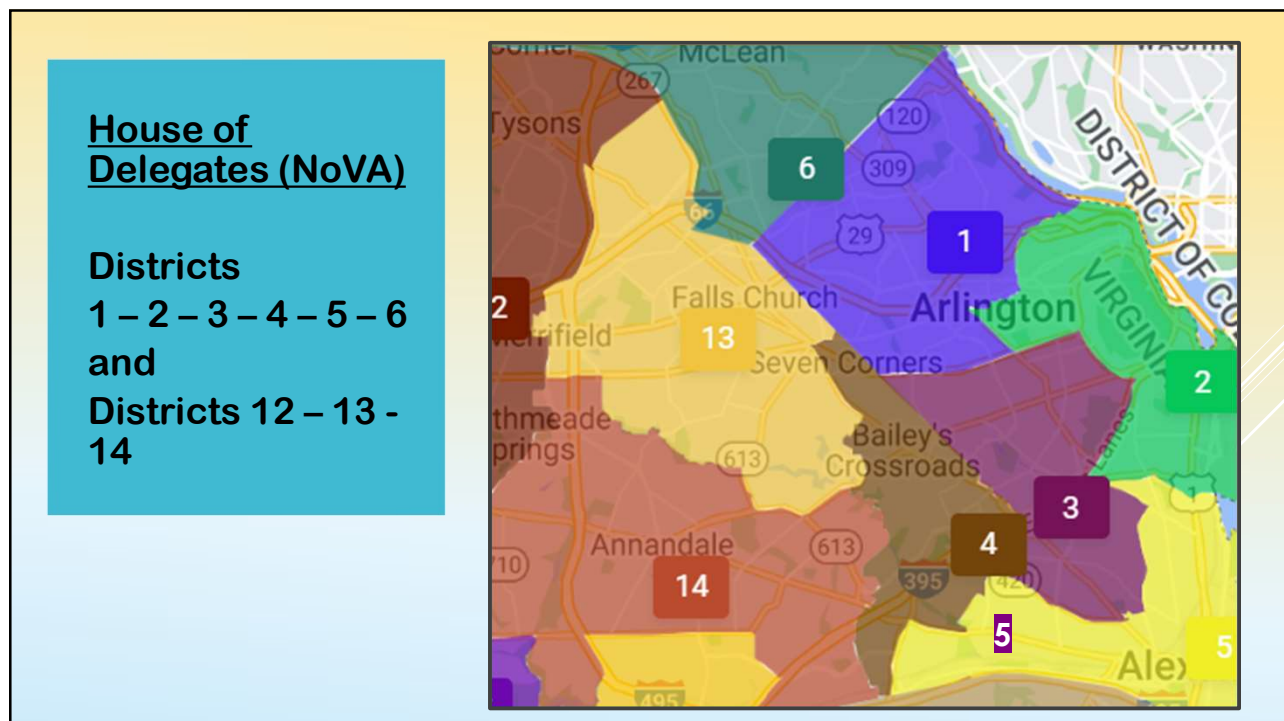
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What does this mean to me?

- ☐ New district numbers
- ☐ New district lines
- ☐ New names on your ballot
- ☐ Incumbents were paired in same districts
 - ☐ Some incumbents resigned or retired
 - ☐ Some incumbents are running for higher office
 - ☐ A few incumbents moved to another district
 - ☐ A few incumbents are challenging each other

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**Many current
Delegates are
now paired
with another
Delegate in
the newly-
drawn districts**

<https://vpap.org>
January 2023

*Note: this list has been
updated on the vpap.org
website*

House Districts with Paired Incumbents

[View interactive list](#)

HD6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen Murphy Rip Sullivan 	HD10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Helmer David Bulova ⓘ
HD13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marcus Simon Kaye Kory 	HD18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy Tran Eileen Filler-Corn
HD24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elizabeth Guzman ⓘ Luke Torian 	HD30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Weibert ⓘ Dave LaRock ⓘ
HD36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Avoli Ronnie Campbell ⓘ 	HD37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher Head ⓘ Terry Austin
HD44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Wampler Israel O'Quinn 	HD47	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wren Williams Marie March
HD49	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Edmunds Danny Marshall 	HD52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wendell Walker Kathy Byron
HD60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Wyatt Buddy Fowler ⓘ 	HD67	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Ransone Bobby Orrock ⓘ
HD78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawn Adams Jeff Bourne 	HD80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schuyler Van Valkenburg ⓘ

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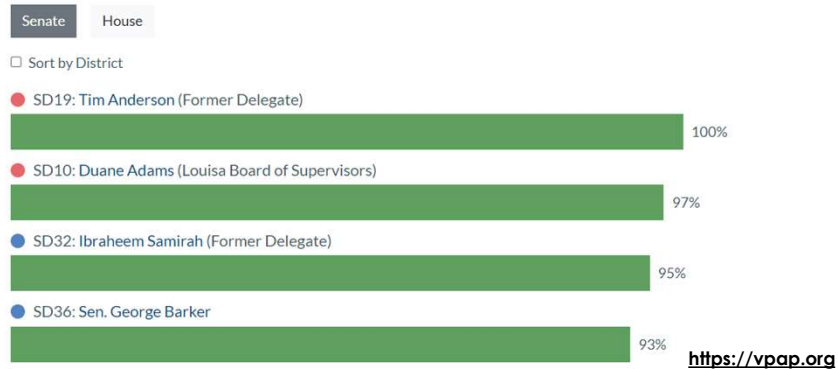
New Districts Diminish Legislators' Superpower

Historically, one reason for legislators' invulnerability at the polls is they need no introduction to voters. But some legislators this year find themselves running in unfamiliar territory, thanks to new districts drawn without an eye to protecting incumbents. The June 20 primaries will be the first test to determine if, for some, these new districts prove to be Kryptonite.

% of voters who are new to districts where elected officials* are running

(Note: The higher the number, the less overlap the new district has with current or former district)

In some districts, 90% of the voters will be "new" constituents – candidates will need to reach out to their unfamiliar constituents.



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So how do I find out if I live in a different district?



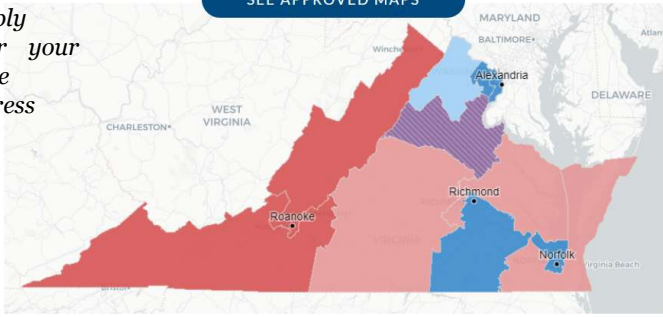
Know before you vote!

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<https://www.vpap.org/redistricting/>

Simply enter your home address

SEE APPROVED MAPS



See how the new maps will impact you.

Did your representatives change?
Did the partisan lean of your district change?

Enter your address

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ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

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Register to Vote | Verify Voter Registration | Find What's on Your Ballot

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The League's Vote411 website is an excellent resource. Enter your address to find out which districts you live in now. Then review candidate information – all candidates were sent questionnaires. All returned questionnaires have been posted.

Candidate Answers

General Information

Democratic	My Choice	Democratic	My Choice	Democratic	My Choice
					
James A. M. Herring		Jose R. Quiroz, Jr.		Wanda R. Younger	
WEBSITE www.sheriffjamesherring.com		WEBSITE joseforsheriff.us		WEBSITE www.wandaforsheriff.com	
CAMPAIGN EMAIL info@sheriffjamesherring.com		CAMPAIGN EMAIL info@joseforsheriff.us		CAMPAIGN EMAIL info@wandaforsheriff.com	
CAMPAIGN PHONE 703-829-7716		CAMPAIGN PHONE 409-412-4505		CAMPAIGN PHONE (703) 672-0411	
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www.virginiaredistricting.org

If you want to “get in the weeds”, go to the official Virginia Redistricting website. You will find all testimony, all proposed maps, as well as final maps.



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**Be
sure
you
know
before
you
vote!**

READY TO VOTE?
★★★★★
HAS YOUR DISTRICT CHANGED?

QR Code | vpap.org | Check it out

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VIRGINIA

VOTE 411 | QR Code | **KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE!**

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Arlington: We are Using Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Arlington County Elections

<https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Ranked-Choice-Voting>



UpVoteVirginia

<https://upvoteva.org/arlington>



Arlington is the 1st and only jurisdiction that is using ranked choice voting in 2023. RCV may be coming to other jurisdictions in the future. Learn more here.

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