

# Local Redistricting Meeting

AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY

AUGUST 18, 2021

## 2020 Census Counties by Population

County Name	2020 Total Population	2010 Total Population	Pop Change 2010 to 2020
Fulton	1,066,710	920,581	146129
Gwinnett	957,062	805,321	151741
Cobb	766,149	688,078	78071
DeKalb	764,382	691,893	72489
Clayton	297,595	259,424	38171
Chatham	295,291	265,128	30163
Cherokee	266,620	214,346	52274
Forsyth	251,283	175,511	75772
Henry	240,712	203,922	36790
Muscogee	206,922	189,885	17037
Richmond	206,607	200,549	6058
Hall	203,136	179,684	23452
Paulding	168,661	142,324	26337
Houston	163,633	139,900	23733
Bibb	157,346	155,547	1799
Columbia	156,010	124,053	31957

## Richmond County Growth 2010-2020

### Statistics

Augusta-Richmond County	2010	2020	Percentage Growth
Total Population	200,549	206,607	3%
Total Voting Age Population	151,244	160,899	6.4%
Ideal District Size	25,068	25,825	3%
Registered Voters	103,505	134,749	24%

## Guiding Principles

- Critical component of the Committee's work
- Will guide the Committee's decisions and be used by the Legislative Redistricting Office and/or consultant to draw our plans
- Are based on guiding principles used in previous redistricting projects and modified to include 2021 standards such as protecting the core of each district and communities of interest, when possible

## Redistricting Website

- Sample Website
  - <https://www.augustaga.gov/1463/Redistricting-Commission-and-School-Boar>
- Sample Public Portal
  - <https://www.legis.ga.gov/joint-office/reapportionment>

## Public Hearing Format

- Staff is recommending the weeks of October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> be set aside for conducting public hearings
- Meetings may be in person or virtual or a combination of both
- In 2011, there were a total of 4 public hearings held beginning after plan development was under way and featuring the most recent plan at each meeting

## Proposed Timeline

- Wednesday, 9/22 at 6:00 PM - Tentative date for next meeting. By this time, we should be in receipt of a plan from the State Legislative Redistricting office taking into account the new Census data and based on the adopted Guiding Principles
- Week of 10/4 and 10/11 – Conduct 4 Public Hearings. All meetings at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 10/20, 11/10, and 12/1 at 6:00 PM – Subsequent Committee Meetings required to finalize the plan. Based on previous experiences, 3 meetings have been required after receiving the first plan.

## Proposed Timeline

- The goal date for the completion of the project, including the vote to adopt the plan by the respective governing authorities, should be 12/31/2021
- The vote by the local governing authorities should be immediately followed by the submission of the plan the Legislative Redistricting Office
- The Legislative Redistricting Office will review the plan for technical compliance and develop the required legislation for enactment