

# **Redistricting Committee**

## **February 28, 2023**



# Process Overview

(see July town hall presentations for more detail)

The screenshot shows the City of Evanston website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Residents', 'Business', 'Visitors', 'Government', 'About Evanston', and 'How To...'. The 'Government' link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Redistricting Committee'. A sub-header reads: 'According to the 2020 Census, Evanston saw an increase in population of 3,624 residents. The Rules Committee created the Redistricting Committee to address imbalances in ward populations.' Below this, it says 'Directs to: Rules Committee'. There are two expandable sections: 'Purpose' and 'How You Can Participate'. The 'How You Can Participate' section is expanded and contains the following text: 'Attend a townhall meeting. For an overview of the current redistricting process, community members are invited to participate online in virtual townhall sessions are scheduled for July 13 (English) and July 20 (Spanish) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm each evening.' Below this, there are two lines of text: 'July 13 (English) View recording [here](#) and presentation [here](#)' and 'July 20 (Spanish) View recording [here](#) and presentation [here](#)'. A red arrow points from the top navigation bar to the 'How You Can Participate' section, and a red circle highlights the meeting dates and links.

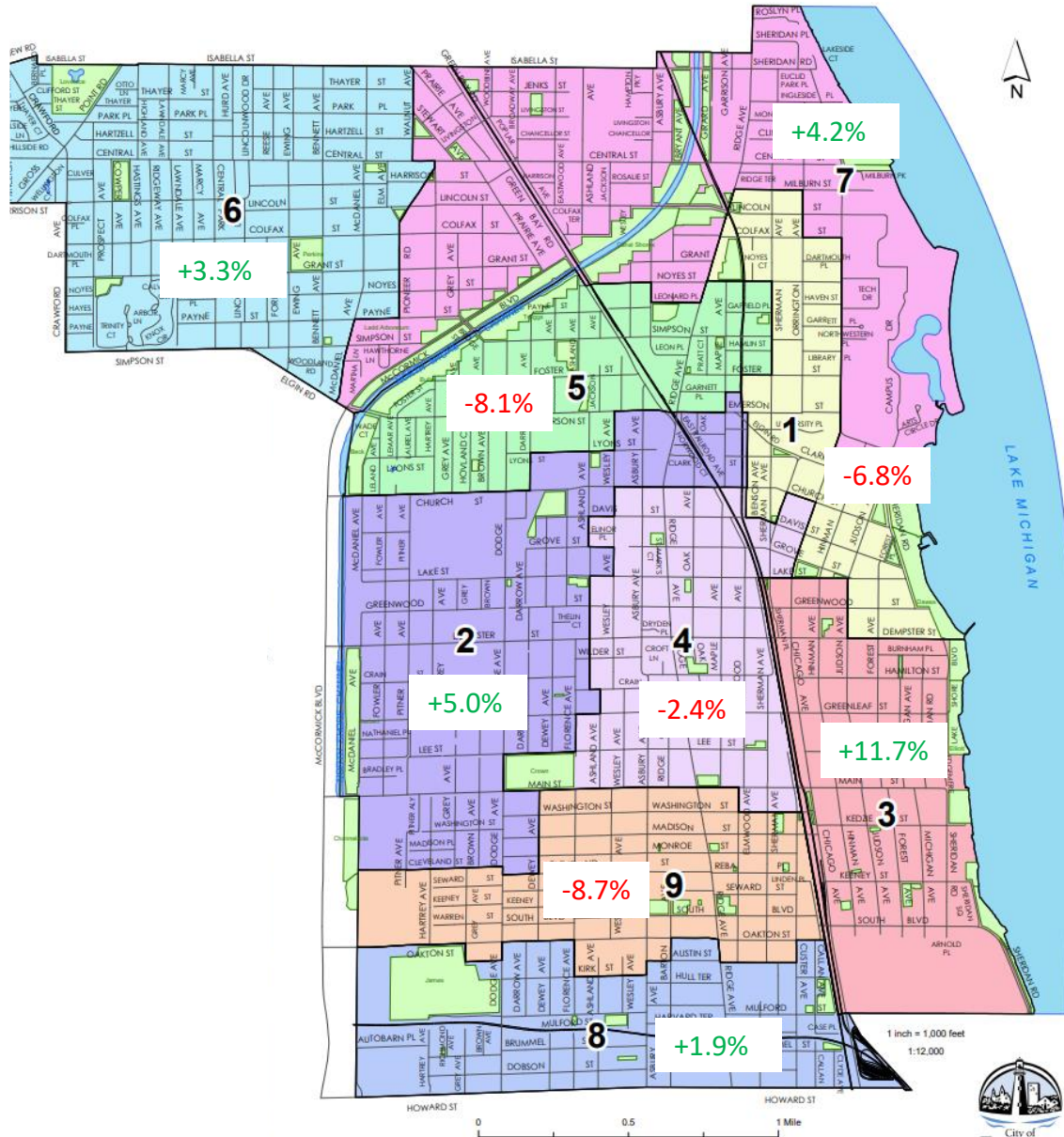
# Process to date

1. Kickoff Town Halls July 2022
  
2. Coordinated public engagement at committee meetings August 2022 through Jan/Feb 2023
  - 8/23/2022 2 and 4
  - 10/25/2022 6 and 7
  - 11/22/2022 8 and 9
  - 1/10/2023 1 and 3
  - 1/26/2023 5
  - 2/11/2023 2 (Special Ward Meeting)
  
3. Committee drafts several maps February 2023
  
4. Committee discusses proposed maps tonight (February 28, 2023)

# Proposed process moving forward

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Committee releases finalist map(s)           | tonight (February 28, 2023) |
| 2. Public comment on proposed map(s)            | February to April 2023      |
| 3. Status report to Council; Council discussion | March 13, 2023 (Monday)     |
| 4. Committee meeting—public feedback            | March 28, 2023 (Tuesday)    |
| 5. Final committee meeting: recommend new map   | April 25, 2023 (Tuesday)    |
| 6. Council approval                             | May 2023                    |

# The Starting Point



## 2020 Census Data

| Ward                        | Population     | ---Deviation--- |              |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                             |                | +/- from avg.   | as % of avg. |
| 1                           | 8,088          | -591            | -6.8%        |
| 2                           | 9,111          | 432             | 5.0%         |
| 3                           | 9,691          | 1,012           | 11.7%        |
| 4                           | 8,473          | -206            | -2.4%        |
| 5                           | 7,974          | -705            | -8.1%        |
| 6                           | 8,961          | 282             | 3.3%         |
| 7                           | 9,047          | 368             | 4.2%         |
| 8                           | 8,845          | 166             | 1.9%         |
| 9                           | 7,920          | -759            | -8.7%        |
| Total                       | 78,110         |                 |              |
| Average                     | 8,679 per ward |                 |              |
| Total Population Deviation: |                |                 | 20.4%        |

8.7 + 11.7 = 20.4

Must be less than 10%

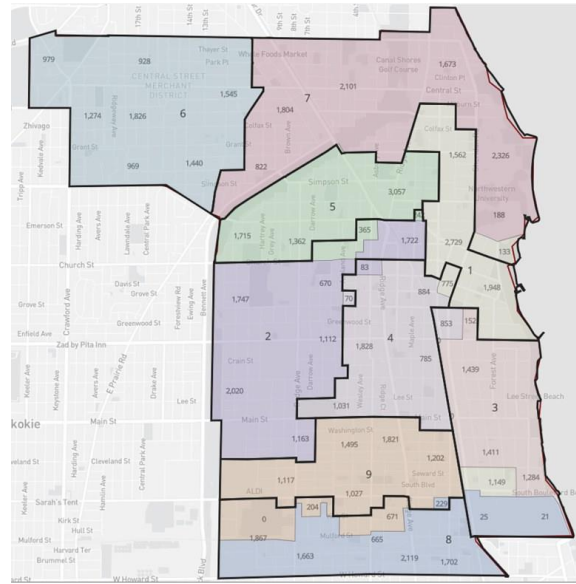
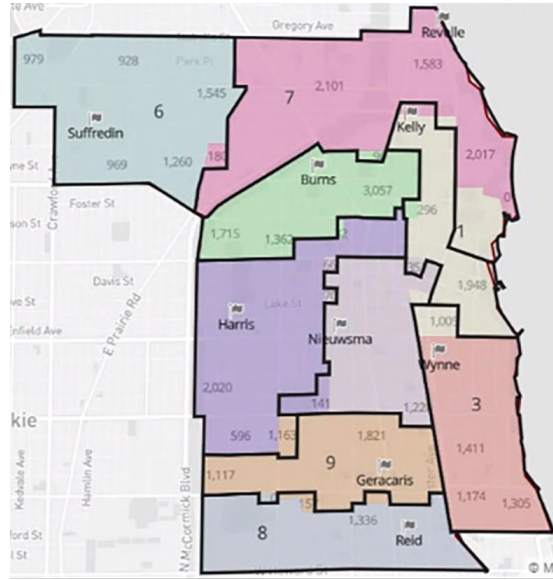
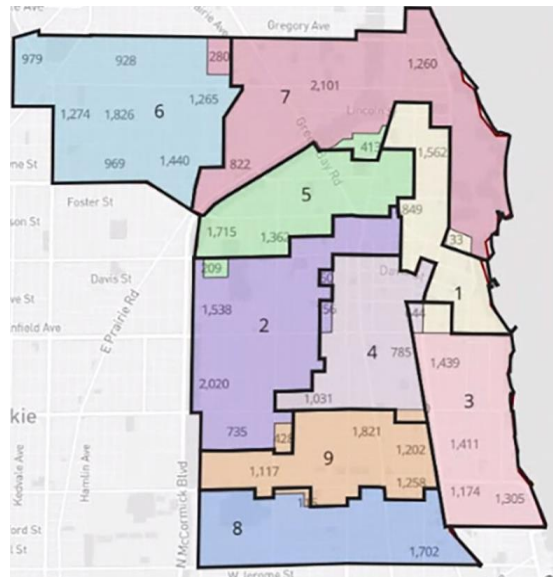
- Confirmed intent to redistrict
- Confirmed importance of having at least three majority non-white wards
- Confirmed intent to have downtown Evanston represented by multiple councilmembers
- Decided to pursue an incremental approach



# Discussion of Potential Maps

For the first time....

# Ready to Consider?



# Work in progress

