

58-O-23

AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 4,
“Wards and Precincts” of the Evanston City Code**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is an Illinois municipal corporation having home rule powers under Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 a Home Rule of Government may exercise and perform concurrently with the State any power or function of a Home Rule Unit to the extent that the General Assembly by law does not specifically limit the concurrent exercise or specifically declare the State’s exercise to be exclusive; and

WHEREAS, among the powers granted to a home rule unit by Article VII, Section 6 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution is the power to exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the apportionment and redistricting of the Wards of the City of Evanston is a matter pertaining to the government and affairs of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council created a special committee, the Redistricting Committee, which held townhall sessions on July 13, 2022 (English) and July 20, 2022 (Spanish) and which met in open meetings and considered public comment on May 10, 2022, June 28, 2022, August 23, 2022, October 25, 2022, November 22, 2022, January 10, 2023, January 26, 2023, February 28, 2023, March 28, 2023, April 25, 2023, and May 23, 2023; and

WHEREAS, citizens and residents of the City have been encouraged and solicited to present redistricting maps and proposals to the Redistricting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee solicited public feedback before drafting multiple possible maps and then made revisions based on additional public feedback; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee has considered in its redistricting deliberations, Traditional Districting Concepts, including but not limited to compactness, contiguity, natural geographic boundaries, communities of interest man-made geographic boundaries, traditional Evanston neighborhoods and the minimization of voter confusion as well as the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution requires that each Legislative District (Ward) be as approximately equal in population as is practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee has determined that the appropriate population basis for an Equal Protection analysis is total population as determined by the most recent U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits the denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, or color or membership in a language minority group; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Committee has recommended to the City Council the adoption of the redistricting map as set forth in Exhibit A herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby adopt the findings and considerations of the Redistricting Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council specifically finds that in adopting a Redistricting Map, the Council has considered all the aforementioned Traditional Districting principles, as well as the requirements of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting “one person one vote” and the requirements of the Voting Rights Act prohibiting voter dilution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does find that the redistricting map as shown in Exhibit A does reflect all the aforesaid considerations and;

WHEREAS, such map is in the best interests of all the citizens and residents of the City of Evanston,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: Title 1, Section 1-13-4 of the Code of the City of Evanston, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended so that the Sections enumerated below shall hereafter read as follows:

1-13-4: **WARDS AND PRECINCTS:** The City is hereby divided into nine (9) wards. Precinct boundaries shall be those as established and revised by the Cook County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2: The City Manager or his designee is hereby directed to provide a meets and bounds or other legal or written description of the ward boundaries as set forth in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: That this ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law and shall be in full force and effect December 1, 2024.

Introduced: June 12, 2023

Approved:

Adopted: June 22, 2023

June 29, 2023

Daniel Biss

Daniel Biss, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Stephanie Mendoza

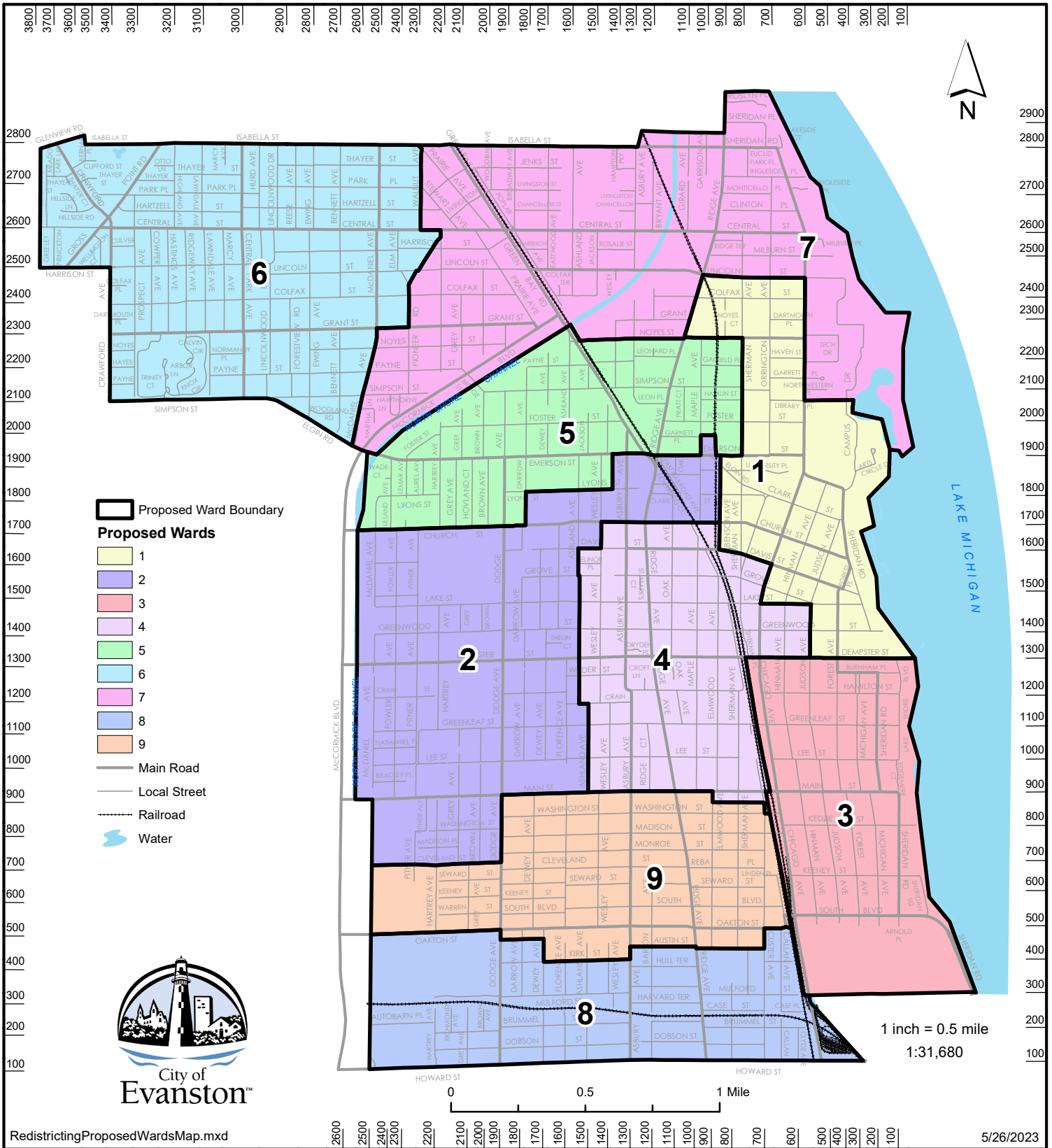
Stephanie Mendoza, City Clerk

Nicholas E. Cummings

Nicholas E. Cummings, Corporation Counsel

**EXHIBIT A
WARD MAP**

Proposed Wards



This map is provided "as is" without warranties of any kind. See www.cityofevanston.org/mapdisclaimers.html for more information.

Redistricting Demographics Comparison

Proposed Wards

Ward	Total population	+/- from avg.	as % of avg.	White alone	%	Black or African American alone	%	American Indian and Alaska Native alone	%	Asian alone	%	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	%	Some Other Race alone	%	Two or More Races	%	Hispanic or Latino*	%
1	8,573	-106	-1.2%	5,366	63%	432	5%	11	0.1%	1,940	23%	9	0.1%	227	3%	588	7%	626	7%
2	8,583	-96	-1.1%	3,631	42%	2,270	26%	110	1.3%	781	9%	2	0.0%	674	8%	1,115	13%	1,605	19%
3	8,686	7	0.1%	6,376	73%	532	6%	46	0.5%	724	8%	2	0.0%	204	2%	802	9%	660	8%
4	8,752	73	0.8%	5,888	67%	809	9%	23	0.3%	1,081	12%	8	0.1%	186	2%	757	9%	638	7%
5	8,621	-58	-0.7%	2,879	33%	3,023	35%	73	0.8%	958	11%	8	0.1%	758	9%	922	11%	1,560	18%
6	8,781	102	1.2%	7,453	85%	284	3%	11	0.1%	309	4%	2	0.0%	71	1%	651	7%	358	4%
7	8,630	-49	-0.6%	6,514	75%	379	4%	10	0.1%	859	10%	3	0.0%	123	1%	742	9%	503	6%
8	8,688	9	0.1%	2,985	34%	3,111	36%	137	1.6%	580	7%	6	0.1%	841	10%	1,028	12%	1,669	19%
9	8,796	117	1.3%	5,041	57%	1,702	19%	102	1.2%	519	6%	3	0.0%	398	5%	1,031	12%	1,159	13%
Total	78,110			46,133	59%	12,542	16%	523	0.7%	7,751	10%	43	0.1%	3,482	4%	7,636	10%	8,778	11%
Average	8,679																		
		Deviation	2.57%																

Current Wards

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1	8,088	-591	-6.8%	5,117	63%	498	6%	8	0.1%	1,701	21%	5	0.1%	210	3%	549	7%	560	7%
2	9,111	432	5.0%	3,795	42%	2,499	27%	121	1.3%	797	9%	2	0.0%	698	8%	1,199	13%	1,681	18%
3	9,691	1,012	11.7%	7,040	73%	624	6%	48	0.5%	905	9%	2	0.0%	213	2%	859	9%	713	7%
4	8,473	-206	-2.4%	5,578	66%	775	9%	27	0.3%	1,146	14%	8	0.1%	188	2%	751	9%	652	8%
5	7,974	-705	-8.1%	2,577	32%	2,900	36%	71	0.9%	802	10%	8	0.1%	740	9%	876	11%	1,520	19%
6	8,961	282	3.3%	7,605	85%	286	3%	11	0.1%	315	4%	2	0.0%	71	1%	671	7%	367	4%
7	9,047	368	4.2%	6,661	74%	423	5%	15	0.2%	1,015	11%	7	0.1%	153	2%	773	9%	578	6%
8	8,845	166	1.9%	3,057	35%	3,157	36%	139	1.6%	588	7%	6	0.1%	841	10%	1,057	12%	1,688	19%
9	7,920	-759	-8.7%	4,703	59%	1,380	17%	83	1.0%	482	6%	3	0.0%	368	5%	901	11%	1,019	13%
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		Deviation	20.41%																

* The Census Bureau classifies Hispanic or Latino an ethnicity rather than race. This means each person counted in this column are also counted under a race.