

RESOLUTION NO. 22-XXX

It was moved by Commissioner ___ and duly seconded by Commissioner ___ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306, boundaries for county commissioner districts must be established, revised, or altered after each federal census of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau completed the 2020 decennial census and the redistricting population data has been prepared by the staff of the Colorado Legislative Council and Colorado Office of Legislative Legal Services; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2021, the Colorado Legislature passed HB 21-1047 concerning the drawing of voting districts by county governments, which set forth a new process for conducting county commissioner redistricting and requires that the redistricting process be completed by September 30 of the second odd-numbered year following the federal census; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306.1, the board of county commissioners in each county that has any number of its county commissioners not elected by the voters of the whole county must designate a county commissioner district redistricting commission in order to adopt a plan to divide the county into as many districts as there are county commissioners elected by voters of their district; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. 30-10-306(6)(b), a county commissioner redistricting commission can be made up solely of the members of a county's board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306(6)(a), the board of county commissioners may delegate any function of the redistricting commission, except the final adoption of a redistricting plan, to an advisory committee that is composed of an equal number of members who are affiliated with the state's largest political party, affiliated with the state's second largest political party, and not affiliated with any political party; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306.2(1), the board of county commissioners shall appoint staff as needed to assist the redistricting commission and advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306.4(1), the board of county commissioners shall establish deadlines to ensure that the redrawing of county commissioner districts is accomplished by no later than September 30 of the redistricting year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-10-306.4(1)(d), the board of county commissioners as the redistricting commission may provide direction for the development of plans for county commissioner districts through the adoption of standards, guidelines, or methodologies to which staff and the advisory committee shall adhere; and

WHEREAS, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners desires to adopt this resolution for purposes of establishing the Arapahoe County Redistricting Commission, to establish and appoint a 9-member Arapahoe County Redistricting Advisory Committee, to designate the nonpartisan county staff who are appointed to assist the Redistricting Commission and Advisory Committee, and to satisfy all other statutory duties and responsibilities to ensure timely completion of the county commissioner redistricting process for Arapahoe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County that the Arapahoe County Redistricting Commission (“Redistricting Commission”) is hereby created and established, which is to be made up of the members of the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Arapahoe County Redistricting Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) is hereby established, which shall consist of the following nine members with a limited term to expire on or before September 30, 2023:

1. Karen Fisher, Republican
2. William McCartin, Republican
3. Stephanie Piko, Republican
4. Carolyn Boller, Democrat
5. Michael E. Dell’orfano, Democrat
6. Diana Holland, Democrat
7. Carson Green, Unaffiliated
8. Debra Johnson, Unaffiliated
9. David Kerber, Unaffiliated

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are selected as alternate members to the Advisory Committee, whose participation will be contingent on if a regular member of the Advisory Committee who shares the same party affiliation is unable to fulfill their commitment:

1. Caroline Penaloza, Republican Alternate
2. Mary Vobejda, Democrat Alternate
3. Freda Miklin, Unaffiliated Alternate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints the following staff to assist the Redistricting Commission and Advisory Committee:

- Clerk & Recorder’s Office
 - Director of Elections (employee to be hired in 2023)
 - Bill Mast, Voter Services Manager
 - Alex Floeckher, Election Mapping Coordinator
 - Corene Henage, Election Service Manager
 - Karl Herrmann, Chief Deputy

- Commissioners' Office
 - Kendra Davis, Management Analyst II
 - Chris Henning, Communications Manager
 - Tom Skelley, Communications Business Partner
 - Michelle Halstead, Director
- County Attorney's Office
 - Monica Kovaci, Senior Assistant County Attorney
 - John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney
 - Ron Carl, County Attorney
- Information Technology
 - Dominick Cisson, Senior GIS Administrator
- Public Works and Development
 - Larry Mugler, Planner/Project Specialist

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee shall conduct its work to ensure that it holds separate public hearings in each commissioner district, that its drafting of proposed plans use the current county commissioner boundaries as a starting point, and that the Advisory Committee complies with any other standards, guidelines, or methodologies to be issued by the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners as the Redistricting Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee shall attempt to reach consensus on all matters, especially the selection of the three plans to be proposed to the Redistricting Commission, and if consensus cannot be reached then decisions are to be by majority vote;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee shall conduct its work to ensure that it completes the following items by no later than the deadlines established by the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the timely completion of the county commissioner redistricting process and the adoption of a final plan.

- **Completed** – the creation of a website and a method for County residents to present testimony.
- **April 28, 2023** – last date for the public to submit proposed plans through the County's website.
- **June 16, 2023** – deadline for the Advisory Committee to have held at least five public hearings (one in each commissioner district) to receive public feedback, and to have created, presented and published online three plans for consideration by the Redistricting Commission.
- **July 21, 2023** – deadline for any member of the Redistricting Commission (as a group or individually) to request additional plans or amendments to proposed plans.
- **August 3, 2023** – last date for the public to submit written comments through the County's website.
- **August 8, 2023** – deadline for the adoption of a final plan by the Redistricting Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners wishes this process to be conducted in a respectful manner to all parties involved and is grateful for the active participation of the Arapahoe County community in the redistricting process.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, _; Commissioner Holen, _; Commissioner Jackson, _; Commissioner Sharpe, _; and Commissioner Warren-Gully, _.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.