

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Phil Mendelson

From: Councilmember Elissa Silverman



Date: January 27, 2022

Subject: Request to Agendize ANC Redistricting Emergency and Temporary Measures

I request that the following measures be included on the agenda for the February 1, 2022 Regular Legislative Meeting.

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission Redistricting Deadline Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission Redistricting Deadline Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission Redistricting Deadline Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022

This legislation will grant additional time for ward task forces and the Council to redistrict Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas and single-member districts based on the 2020 Census.

Ward task forces are currently engaged in their work, which will draw recommended boundaries for each single-member district. Current law requires the task forces to submit their reports to the Council within 90 days of the Mayor's approval of ward redistricting legislation. The Mayor signed into law the Ward Redistricting Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 on December 29, 2021. By briefly extending the task forces' deadline to 95 days, this legislation will allow the task forces to deliver their reports by April 1, 2022, in accordance with a schedule that was developed before the Mayor's signature.

After receiving the task force reports, the Council will take up the bill revising the ANC and SMD boundaries. Current law requires the Council to adopt this legislation at least 180 days before an election for which the revised boundaries will be effective. Changing this deadline to 120 days will enable the Council to consider ANC redistricting on final reading in June, while leaving candidates and the Board of Elections time to prepare for the November 8, 2022 general election.

Drafts of these measures are attached. Should you have questions, please contact Will Singer, Legislative Director in my office, at wsinger@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-8199.

cc: All Councilmembers
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