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Virginia Redistricting Commission to Receive Public Comment on Central Region Redistricting

August 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Senate Room A, Pocahontas Building, Richmond

The Virginia Redistricting Commission will hold an in-person public hearing on Tuesday, **August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** in **Senate Room A of the Pocahontas Building** (900 E. Main Street) in Richmond to receive public comment relating to drawing of state and congressional legislative districts in the Central region of Virginia.

Participants will register to speak upon arrival and will be heard in order of registration. Registration to speak in person will be open on-site between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Participation guidelines and additional information on accessing the hearing is available on the Commission's website at <https://www.virginiaredistricting.org>.

A total of eight public hearings are being held in summer 2021. Additional in-person public hearings were scheduled for Farmville (July 13, Southside region), Norfolk (July 20, Hampton Roads), and Fairfax (July 27, Northern region). Virtual public hearings have been scheduled for the West Central region (July 15), Eastern region (July 22), Southwest region (July 29), and Valley region (August 5).

The eight summer hearings take place prior to the Commission's receipt of census data and the drawing of proposed redistricting maps. Comments on the map drawing process and defining communities of interest are encouraged. Eight additional regional public hearings will be held in September 2021 to receive public comment after the Commission proposes redistricting maps.

All hearings will be livestreamed and archived on the Commission's website. The Commission will endeavor to accommodate requests for accessibility accommodations, including sign language interpretation, received up to 48 hours prior to the public hearing. Please submit such requests to varedist@dls.virginia.gov or (804) 698-1888.

Written public comment may be submitted at any time to varedist@dls.virginia.gov. Written comments are posted on the Commission's website in full.

The Virginia Redistricting Commission is a constitutionally created body approved by the voters of Virginia in 2020. The Commission will draw Virginia's congressional and state legislative districts in 2021. **For updates and additional information, visit the Commission's website:**

<https://www.virginiaredistricting.org>