



AGENDA

Elections Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Aurora Room

15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

Pages

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.a. 06-22-2022 Election Commission Minutes 2
5. General Business
 - 5.a. 2023 Redistricting Updates 4
6. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration
7. Adjournment

**Election Commission
City of Aurora, Colorado
June 22nd, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting**

Call to Order: Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: City Clerk Rodriguez called roll

Members Present: Mike Seufert, Lori Gimelshteyn, Bill McCartin, Scott Irvin, Molly Barrett

Staff Present: Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk; Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor; Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk

Approval of Agenda: Scott Irvin motions to approve the agenda, Molly Barrett seconds. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Scott Irvin motions to approve the 06-08-2022 minutes, Lori Gimelshteyn makes an amendment to the minutes to add that Bill McCartin requested the precinct population maps be emailed to the members of the Election Commission. Bill McCartin seconds the amendment. Amended minutes are approved and passed.

2023 Ward Redistricting Update: Bill McCartin began the discussion and presented scenario 3 which he developed. He reviews the changes between the last redistricting map in 2019 and the 2020 census. Kadee clarifies that the numbers used for the 2019 redistricting process are from 2018 not 2019. Bill reviewed scenarios 1 & 2 and goes into detail on his scenario 3 and which precincts would be moved.

Kadee Rodriguez begins relaying new information from Arapahoe County, informing that Arapahoe County allows no more than 2,000 registered voters per precinct, but can double after precinct lines are drawn. She states that the precincts will be changing next year and that all residents need representation, not just registered voters.

Daniel Krzyzanowski states he has a draft of the populations per precinct and will send it to all as soon as it is finalized. Daniel, Kadee, and Bill discuss boundary precinct populations and the differences in the process of redistricting. Daniel confirms that a map of Bill's scenario 3 can be developed in time for the next Election Commission meeting.

The Commission decides to add an additional meeting date on July 6th at 7 p.m. They recommend that handouts of the maps and a QR code with access to the public survey be provided at future public comment meetings.

Kadee Rodriguez asks for thoughts on the Engage Aurora responses. The Commission discusses the responses and match up their suggestions to the maps and various scenarios. The Commission discusses the pros and cons of each scenario and decides that more discussion will be conducted after 1) they receive the requested information from Daniel and 2) Bill's scenario 3 is reviewed.

Election Legislative Update: Cecilia Zapata discussed legislative updates pertaining to elections. HB22-1086 the Vote Without Fear Act prohibits individuals from openly carrying a firearm within 100 feet of any counting or polling locations during elections. SB22-153

Internal Election Security Measures increases security measures for the secretary of state's office, election officials, candidates for elected office and voters. Cecilia will email the link to the Colorado General Assembly so the Commission may access these and other legislative updates made in 2022.

Miscellaneous Items: No Items

Adjournment: Motion by Scott Irvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill McCartin. The meeting is adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Scott Irvin, Chair

City of Aurora

2023 WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

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Cecilia Zapata, Deputy City Clerk
Dave Lathers, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Julie Patterson, Senior Communications Strategist

Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor
Andrea Barnes, Planner II
Marisa Noble, Planner
William Keever, GIS Manager

General Information

Overview

- Wards are reviewed prior to regular municipal elections held in years ending with '3' and '9'. – *Section 54-5 City Code*
- New ward boundaries must be completed no later than 180 days prior to the next regular municipal election. – *Article III, Section 3-4 City Charter*
- Review is done by Election Commission which makes recommendation to City Council. – *Article II, Section 2-3 City Charter*
- Ward boundary changes are adopted by ordinance.
- City staff creates new ward maps.
- Changes are sent to county clerks and the residents affected.

Criteria

Wards

1. Divided into six wards containing approximately the same number of people.
2. There should be between a 5% to 10% deviation between the least and most populous wards.
3. Sitting council members are not moved outside their ward.
4. Impact as few residents as possible.

Boundaries

1. Use natural or man-made boundaries, such as ditches and streets.
2. Maintain whole county precincts where possible. The only exception would be where a county precinct contains both a municipal and non-municipal portion.
3. Whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary goes to the centerline of the street.

2023 Redistricting

Calendar

March 22, 2022	M&F Committee Meeting - Informal presentation
March 31, 2022	Population estimate
April 6, 2022	Election Commission Meeting – Review updated information and schedule meeting with Ward Council Members
April 26, 2022	M&F Committee Meeting – Updated presentation with revised schedule and new population estimates
May 11 & 17, 2022	Election Commission Meetings – Meet with Ward Council Members to discuss possible changes
June 28, 2022	M&F Committee Meeting – Update on process
June – August	Public Comment Meetings
August 17, 2022	Election Commission – Approves a plan to recommend to Council
August 23, 2022	M&F Committee Meeting – Initial review of approved plan
September 27, 2022	M&F Committee Meeting - Final review of approved plan (if needed)
October 17, 2022	Study Session - The new ward boundaries are presented for Council’s approval
October 24, 2022	Council Meeting - The new boundaries are presented for first reading
November 14, 2022	Council Meeting - The new boundaries are presented for final approval
November 2022	The Counties are notified of the adopted changes to the ward boundaries
May 11, 2023	Deadline for new ward boundaries to be completed
November 7, 2023	Regular Municipal Election

Public Comment

Public Comment Meetings

June 1, 2022	Moorhead Recreation Center (Ward I) – Patio View Room
June 15, 2022	Beck Recreation Center (Ward II) – Ponderosa Room
June 29, 2022	Central Library (Ward III) – Large Community Room
July 13, 2022	Colorado Early Colleges (Ward IV)
July 27, 2022	Central Recreation Center (Ward V)
August 3, 2022	Tallyn’s Reach Library (Ward VI) – TR Community Room

Engage Aurora

When: June 1 through Aug. 3

Where: EngageAurora.org/Redistricting from

- Information on the process and public meetings
- Details about proposed changes and interactive maps
- Public input survey

Public Outreach

- NAACP
- Golf courses and libraries
- Boards and Commissions
- Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’s network
- Housing and Community Services’ network
- Aurora Action Coalition for Community Services
- CARES Network
- Aurora legislative delegation (state and federal)
- Arapahoe and Adams county commissioners
- Aurora Mental Health
- Mile High Behavioral Health/Comitis/Day Resource Center
- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Aurora Pride organizers
- Churches: Queen of Peace Church, St. Pius X Church, Colorado Community Church
- Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
- Local AARP
- Aurora Cultural Arts District

Current Population Estimate

Total Population: 402,961

Target Ward Population: 67,160

	Census Population	CO'ed Units	Estimated New Population	Total Ward Estimate	+/-	%
Ward I	61,520	1,205	3,410	64,930	-2,230	-3.3%
Ward II	65,192	2,268	6,418	71,627	4,467	6.7%
Ward III	64,026	721	2,040	66,066	-1,094	-1.6%
Ward IV	65,553	81	229	65,782	-1,378	-2.1%
Ward V	59,457	58	164	59,621	-7,539	-11.2%
Ward VI	70,571	1,546	4,375	74,933	7,773	11.6%
Total	386,319	5,879	16,638	402,961		

Calculating the Ward Population

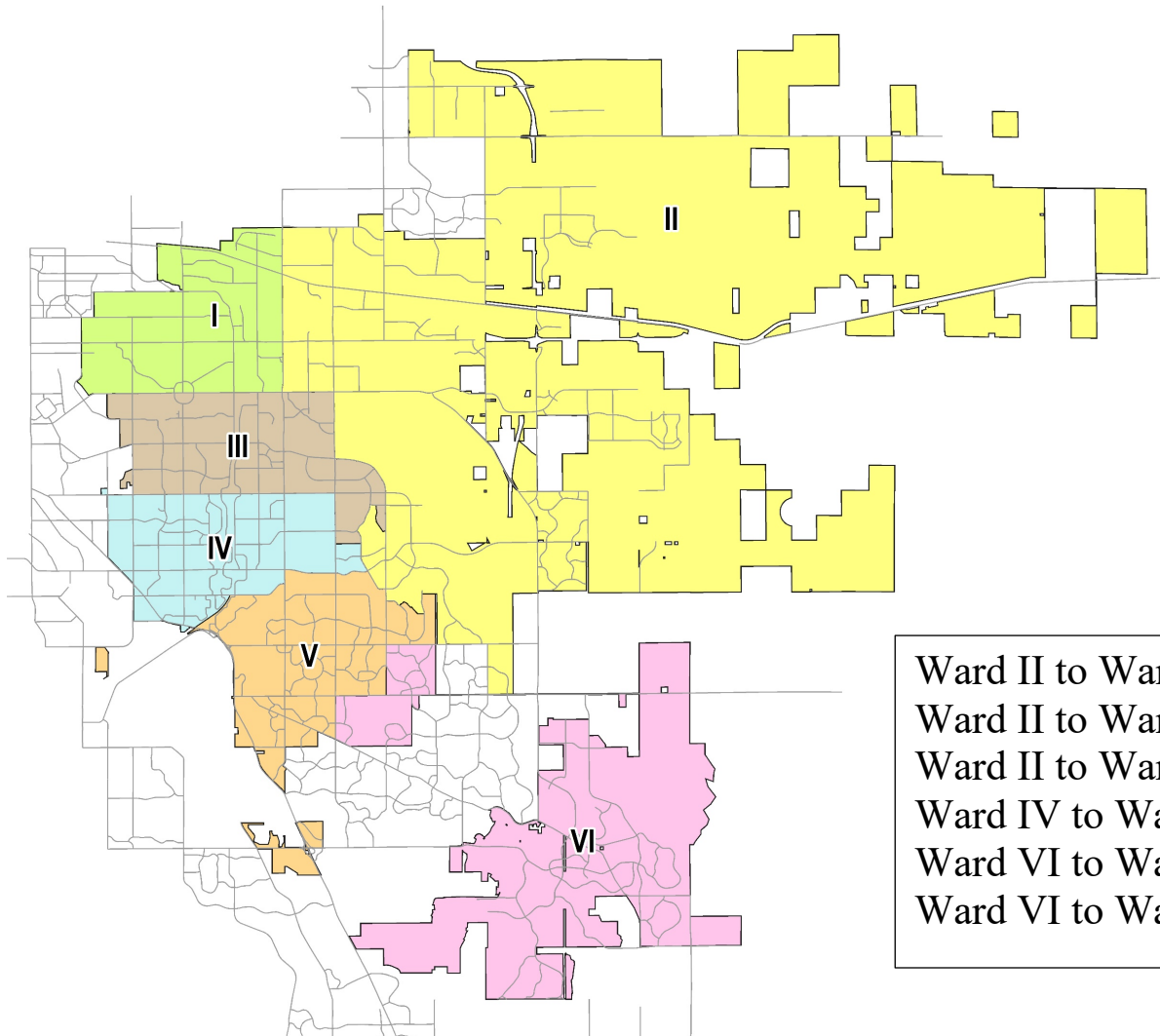
- **Census Population** - Census Bureau's Redistricting Count for Colorado, as of April 1, 2020.
- **CO'ed Units** - All of the certificates of occupancy the city issued from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.
- **Estimated New Population** - Determined by using the Census Bureau's average household size estimate (2.82) multiplied by the CO'ed units
- **Total Ward Estimate** – Determined by adding the April 1, 2020 Census Bureau's count and the estimated population increase from the CO'ed units.

Deviation from Target Population

- **Target Ward Population** - 1/6 of the Total Population.
- **+/- and %** - Deviation from the Target Ward Population.

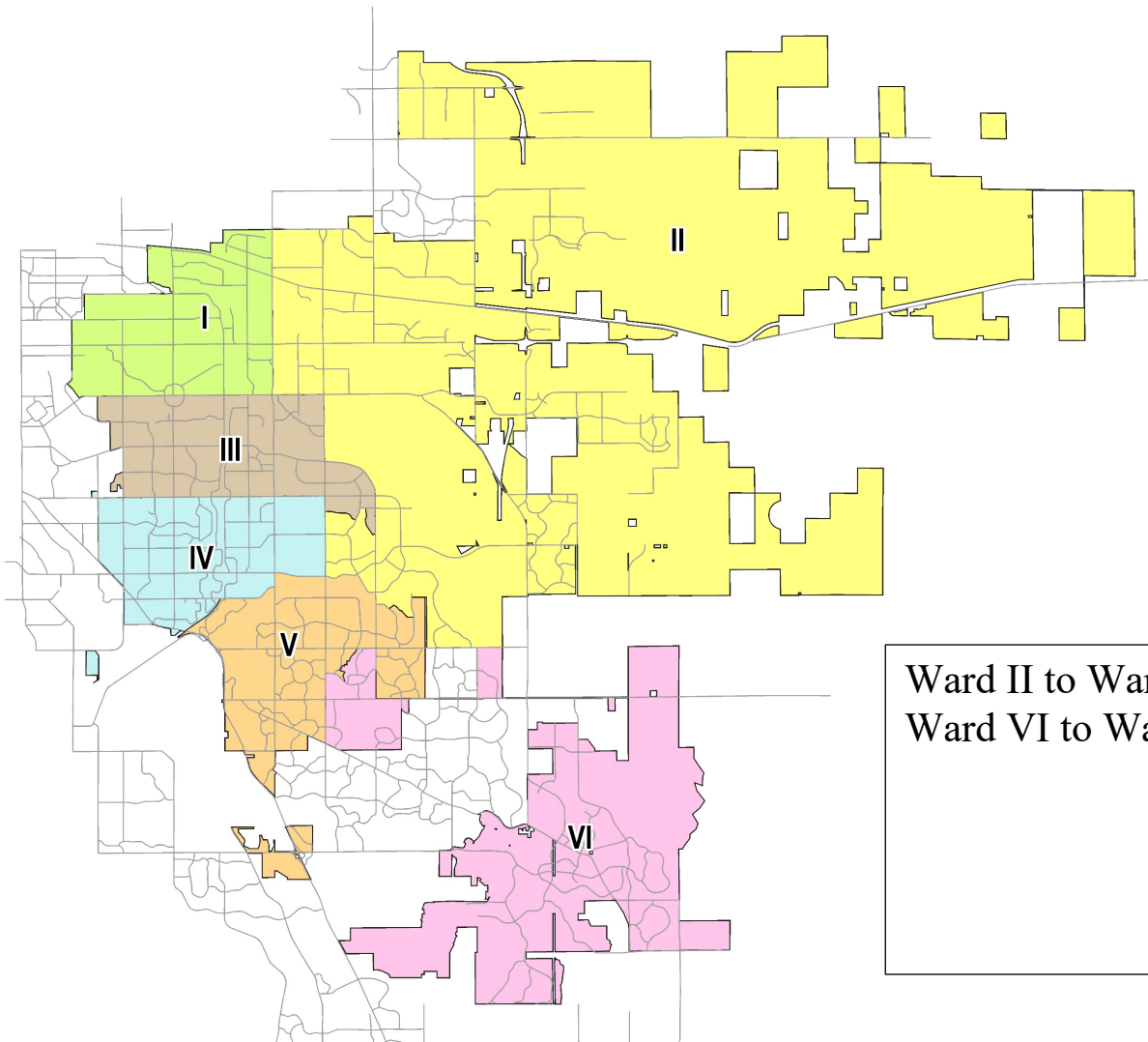
Scenario 1

	Population	+/-	%
Ward I	68,777	1,617	2.4%
Ward II	65,668	-1,492	-2.2%
Ward III	68,633	1,473	2.2%
Ward IV	66,391	-769	-1.1%
Ward V	67,471	311	0.5%
Ward VI	66,021	-1,139	-1.7%
Total	402,961		



Scenario 2

	Population	+/-	%
Ward I	68,777	1,617	2.4%
Ward II	67,781	621	0.9%
Ward III	66,066	-1,094	-1.6%
Ward IV	65,782	-1,378	-2.1%
Ward V	67,263	103	0.2%
Ward VI	67,291	131	0.2%
Total	402,961		



City Code Section 54-5

- a) The city is divided into six wards, numbered consecutively as I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The boundaries of each ward shall be depicted and set forth on the official ward map of the City, a copy of which is on file in the office of the city clerk and incorporated by reference into this chapter. In determining the boundaries established for each ward, whenever a common boundary between wards lies in any public street or right-of-way, the boundary of such wards shall be deemed to go to the centerline of the street.
- b) Ward boundaries within the city shall be reviewed for election years ending in "3" and "9" using the United States Census Data and Community Surveys which update the census data, and, if necessary, the boundaries shall be revised or altered in order to ensure that wards are contiguous, compact, and have approximately the same number of residents.
- c) In the event of significant changes to the population in years ending in numbers other than "3" and "9", the election commission may review the ward boundaries and make recommendations to city council.
- d) In addition to the revisions made to the ward boundaries pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, ward boundaries may be revised or altered as necessary to bring them into conformance with county precinct boundaries.
- e) Notwithstanding any City Code provision(s) to the contrary, an otherwise qualified individual who fails to meet the one-year registered elector and residency status applicable to ward council member elections, shall nevertheless be eligible to run for the office of ward council member when the change in ward boundaries occurs solely as a result of the City Code semi-decennial required ward boundary adjustment.

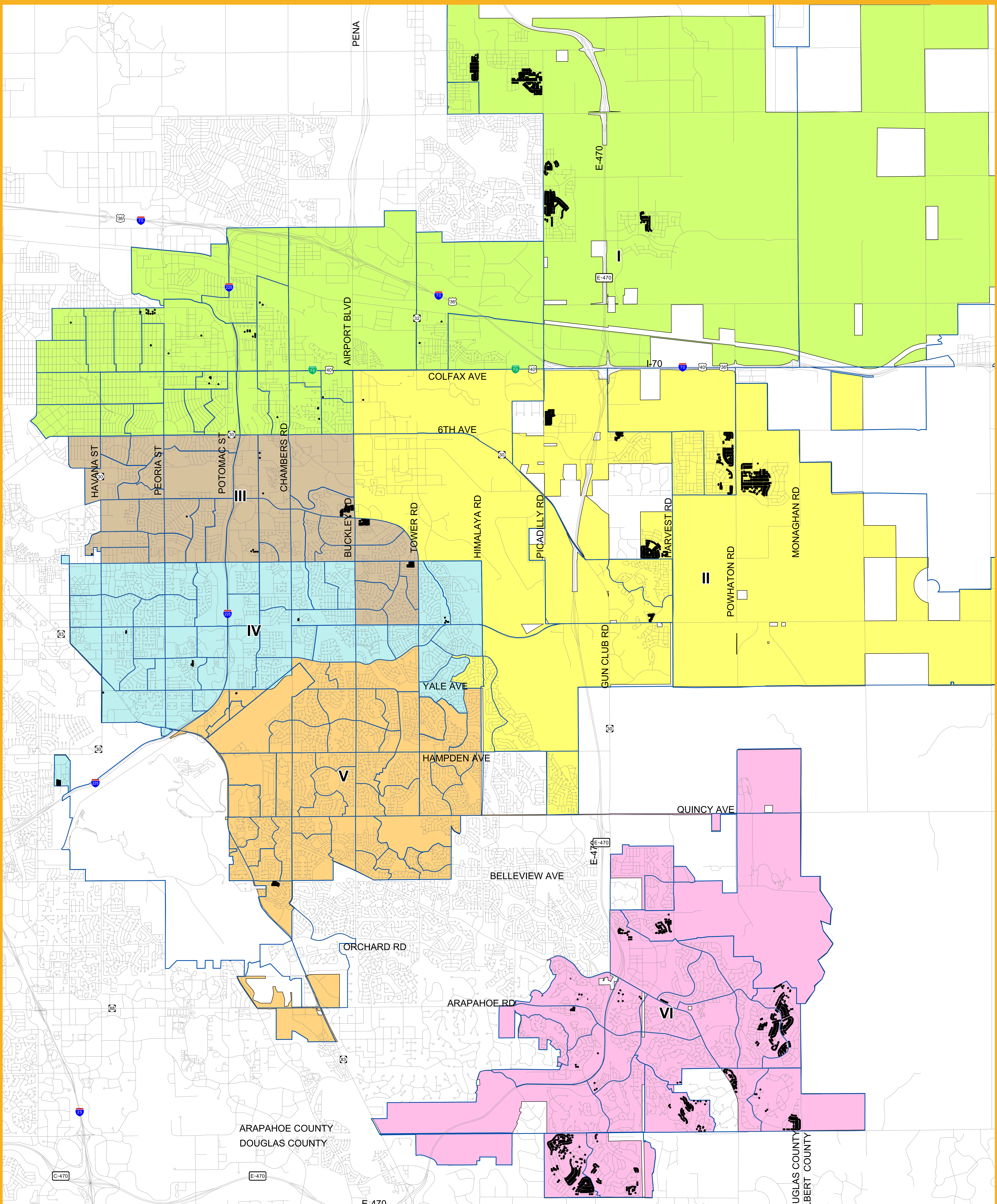
SCENARIO 3 PROPOSAL

- Move Ward 6 precincts 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 309, 316, 317, 318, 319, to Ward 5
- Move Ward 6 Precincts 342 to Ward 2
- Move Ward 2 Precincts 310, 311, 312, 472, 473, 556, 557 to Ward 4
 - (GIS: including 449; moving portion of 302 to WV)
- Move Ward 2 Precincts 555, 559, 560 to Ward 3
 - (GIS: replaced 555 with 558)
- Move Ward 2 Precincts 546, 547, 548, 549 and Adams County Precincts to Ward 1
 - (GIS: Follow up on 386 possibly joining WIV)

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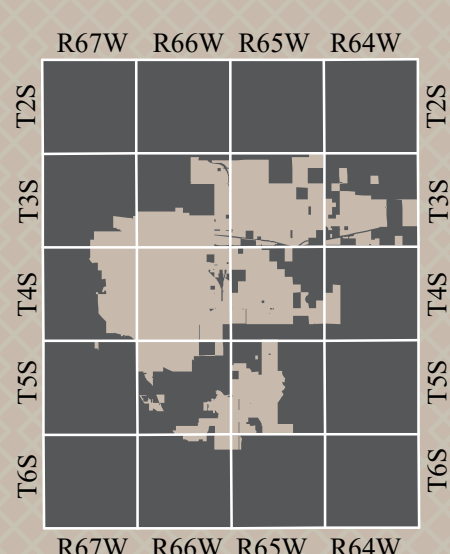
	April 1, 2020 Ward Population	CO'ed Units (4/1/20 to 03/31/22)	Estimated New Population	March 31, 2022 Ward Population Estimate	+/- Avg Ward Population	% Deviation from Avg Ward Pop
Ward I	85,508	2,233	6,319	91,827	24,667	36.7%
Ward II	22,339	1,140	3,226	25,565	-41,595	-61.9%
Ward III	68,041	721	2,040	70,081	2,921	4.3%
Ward IV	82,755	181	512	83,267	16,107	24.0%
Ward V	82,238	58	164	82,402	15,242	22.7%
Ward VI	45,442	1,546	4,375	49,817	-17,343	-25.8%
Total City	386,323	5,879	16,638	402,961		

Per Census Bureau's Redistricting Count for Colorado	386,323	Persons per Household - Average Household Size (Census 2016-2020)	2.83	Average Ward Population Estimate (1/6 of total pop.)	67,160
2020 Decennial Census Population (Aurora, city)	386,261				



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City of Aurora, Colorado

Ward Redistricting - Scenario 3

June 29, 2022

Aurora is Worth Discovering!



Legend

WARD

- I
- II
- III
- IV
- V
- VI

County Election Precinct

Ordinance #2019-12
Effective 05/04/2019

Share your opinion

Aurora City Council Ward Redistricting

Provide your comments **BY AUG. 3**

Based on the Aurora election code,
the City Council ward boundaries will be updated in 2023.

Two ways TO PARTICIPATE

1. **ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING** to ask questions or make suggestions about possible redistricting scenarios

Remaining meeting dates (attend in person or virtually):

Ward II, June 15, 6 p.m.,

Beck Recreation Center, 800 Telluride St.

Call-in phone number and access code:

408.418.9388 (2490 131 9823)

Ward III, June 29, 6 p.m.,

Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway

Call-in phone number and access code:

408.418.9388 (2498 345 7541)

Ward IV, July 13, 6 p.m.,

Colorado Early Colleges, 1400 S. Abilene St.

Call-in phone number and access code:

408.418.9388 (2485 410 3924)

Ward V, July 27, 6 p.m.,

Central Recreation Center, 18150 E. Vassar Place

Call-in phone number and access code:

408.418.9388 (2492 033 6101)

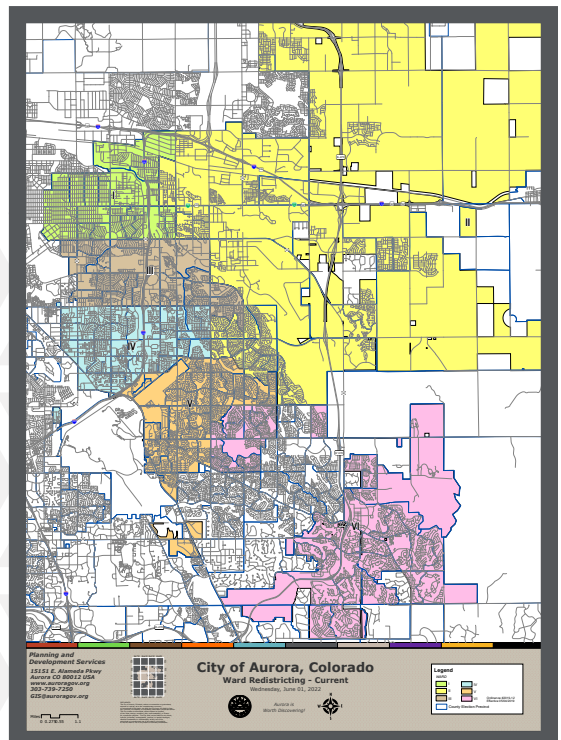
Ward VI, Aug. 3, 6 p.m.,

Tallyn's Reach Library, 23911 E. Arapahoe Road

Call-in phone number and access code:

408.418.9388 (2488 921 6043)

2. **VIEW THE MAPS AND TAKE OUR SURVEY ONLINE**
BY AUG. 3 at EngageAurora.org/Redistricting.



Meetings may be viewed on
WebEx (links available at
EngageAurora.org/Redistricting)

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