



## AGENDA

### Elections Commission Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Aurora Room

15151 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
  - 4.a. 07-20-2022 Election Commission Minutes 2
  - 4.b. 07-06-2022 Amended Election Commission Minutes 3
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  - 5.a. 2023 Ward Redistricting Scenario(s) Review 5
6. Miscellaneous Matters for Consideration
7. Adjournment

**Election Commission  
City of Aurora, Colorado  
July 20th, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Aurora Room  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** City Clerk Rodriguez called roll

*Members Present:* Mike Seufert, Scott Irvin, Molly Barrett

*Staff Present:* Kadee Rodriguez, City Clerk; Daniel Krzyzanowski, Planning Supervisor; Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Scott Irvin motions to approve the 06-22-2022 minutes with an amendment to add language "but acknowledges that scenario 1 would impact more residents than scenario 2". Molly Barrett seconds the amendment. Amended minutes are approved.

**Qualifications for Elective Office (Charter Amendment):** Kadee Rodriguez provides an update from council regarding a new ballot question that will be included on the 2022 election ballot regarding the qualifications of elective offices. This amendment would bring the Aurora Charter in alignment with the Colorado Constitution. She announces that the City received the IGAs from the counties regarding the VSPCs. Scott Irvin requests that the Commission discuss each IGA at a future meeting.

**2023 Ward Redistricting Update:** The Commission begins discussion on scenario 4. They review public comments from the Ward 5 meeting and ask Kadee if there were any substantial public comments, in which Kadee confirms that there has not been. Daniel Krzyzanowski begins explaining the quantitative data that has been compiled since the Commissions last meeting where adjustments were made to the scenario 1 map. The data is broken down by all of the precinct moves, and overall impacts to the wards as well. Scott questions if a community outreach effort would be feasible in the given timeline, in which Kadee confirms it is. Daniel confirms that the city is already in contact with many of the specific communities to ensure that all discussion on rewording is transparent. The Commission begins discussing the precinct moves and reanalyzing the updated map. They propose that precinct 258 moved to ward 4 rather than Ward 5, and precinct 319 be moved to Ward 5. Scott requests that the city develop some different possibilities for the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items:** No Items

**Adjournment:** Motion by Scott Irvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Seufert. The meeting is adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Scott Irvin, Chair

**Election Commission  
City of Aurora, Colorado  
July 6th, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Aurora Room  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Scott Irvin called the meeting to order at 7:01 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; Dave Lathers, Assistant City Attorney; CM Bergan, CM Sundberg

**Approval of Agenda:** Bill McCartin motions to approve the agenda, Lori Gimelshteyn seconds. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Scott Irvin motions to approve the 06-22-2022 minutes. Lori Gimelshteyn makes an amendment to add that the precinct maps requested by the Election Commission were of all residents not just registered voters. Bill McCartin seconds the amendment. Amended minutes are approved.

**2023 Ward Redistricting Update:** Bill McCartin begins discussion on the new proposed scenario 3. He describes how some precinct populations were underestimated and would like to withdraw scenario 3 and provide an improved scenario. The commission begins analyzing all of the scenarios, and their possible impacts on the populations in each ward.

The Commission analyzed the maps and proposed which precincts should be moved. This initial discussion moves precinct 342 back to Ward 6, precincts 267,316,319 from Ward 6 to Ward 5, and precinct 316 from Ward 5 to Ward 2. Concerns regarding moving precinct 316 to ward 2 would pose a problem with the contiguity. The Commission then proposed to move not 319, but 315 to Ward 2, 319 to Ward 6, and 267, 317, 316 to Ward 5. Lori clarifies the population numbers in each ward with the various moves proposed.

CM Bergan questions Ward 5's population and Kadee clarifies that number is the target deviation. CM Bergan then expresses concern that there are too many residents in Ward 5, not leaving room for the anticipated potential growth. Scott Irvin acknowledges CM Bergan's concern. Scott Irvin states that the more people we move it backfires on the criteria, but it doesn't mean that it's not important to do so. Kadee clarifies that COD's are counted all the way up to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Commission as a whole expresses their appreciation of the feedback from CM Bergan but acknowledges that scenario 1 would impact more residents than scenario 2.

CM Sundberg asks about the odd shape on the redistricting maps, and if some precincts should be moved from Ward 1 to Ward 3 rather than Ward 2 to clear room for huge anticipated growth occurring in Ward 2. He asked about finding out the anticipated number of homes in Ward 2. Daniel Krzyzanowski displayed a table showing the anticipated growth of each Ward and explained how the Planning department came to these conclusions.

Continued discussion was had about moving various precincts. From scenario 1, a proposal is made to move precincts 316, 317, 302 and 267 to Ward 5, 342 to Ward 6, and 315 to Ward 2. Bill questions if there are significant public comments the Commission should be made aware of during the process, in which Kadee says no. Lori requests that Kadee update the calendar to include the new meeting dates added. Kadee confirmed that all changes and suggestions were tacked and that a new scenario will be developed for the Election Commission to review.

**Miscellaneous Items:** No Items

**Adjournment:** Motion by Scott Irvin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill McCartin. The meeting is adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Scott Irvin, Chair

City of Aurora

# 2023 WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

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# General Information

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## 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

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## Calendar

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>March 22, 2022</b>        | <b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> - Informal presentation                     |
| <b>March 31, 2022</b>        | Population estimate  |
| <b>April 6, 2022</b>         | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b> – Review updated information              |
| <b>April 26, 2022</b>        | <b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> – Updated presentation                      |
| <b>May 11 &amp; 17, 2022</b> | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b> – Meet with Ward Council Members          |
| <b>June 22, 2022</b>         | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b>   |
| <b>June 28, 2022</b>         | <b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> – Update on process                         |
| <b>June – August</b>         | <b>Public Comment Meetings</b>   |
| <b>July 6, 2022</b>          | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b>   |
| <b>July 20, 2022</b>         | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b>   |
| <b>August 10, 2022</b>       | <b>Election Commission Meeting</b>   |
| <b>August 17, 2022</b>       | <b>Election Commission</b> – Approves a plan to recommend to Council         |
| <b>August 23, 2022</b>       | <b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> – Initial review of approved plan           |
| <b>September 27, 2022</b>    | <b>M&amp;F Committee Meeting</b> - Final review of approved plan (if needed) |
| <b>October 17, 2022</b>      | <b>Study Session</b> - New ward boundaries are presented to Council’s        |
| <b>October 24, 2022</b>      | <b>Council Meeting</b> - First reading                                       |
| <b>November 14, 2022</b>     | <b>Council Meeting</b> – Final reading                                       |
| <b>November 2022</b>         | Counties are notified of the adopted changes to the ward boundaries          |
| <b>May 11, 2023</b>          | Deadline for new ward boundaries to be completed                             |
| <b>November 7, 2023</b>      | Regular Municipal Election   |

## Public Comment

### Public Comment Meetings

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|-----------------------|---|
| <b>June 1, 2022</b>   | Moorhead Recreation Center (Ward I) – Patio View Room |
| <b>June 15, 2022</b>  | Beck Recreation Center (Ward II) – Ponderosa Room     |
| <b>June 29, 2022</b>  | Central Library (Ward III) – Large Community Room     |
| <b>July 13, 2022</b>  | Colorado Early Colleges (Ward IV)                     |
| <b>July 27, 2022</b>  | Central Recreation Center (Ward V)                    |
| <b>August 3, 2022</b> | 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 | +/-    | %      |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>Ward I</b>   | 61,520            | 1,205       | 3,410                    | <b>64,930</b>       | -2,230 | -3.3%  |
| <b>Ward II</b>  | 65,192            | 2,268       | 6,418                    | <b>71,627</b>       | 4,467  | 6.7%   |
| <b>Ward III</b> | 64,026            | 721         | 2,040                    | <b>66,066</b>       | -1,094 | -1.6%  |
| <b>Ward IV</b>  | 65,553            | 81          | 229                      | <b>65,782</b>       | -1,378 | -2.1%  |
| <b>Ward V</b>   | 59,457            | 58          | 164                      | <b>59,621</b>       | -7,539 | -11.2% |
| <b>Ward VI</b>  | 70,571            | 1,546       | 4,375                    | <b>74,933</b>       | 7,773  | 11.6%  |
| <b>Total</b>    | 386,319           | 5,879       | 16,638                   | <b>402,961</b>      |        |        |

### Calculating the Ward Population

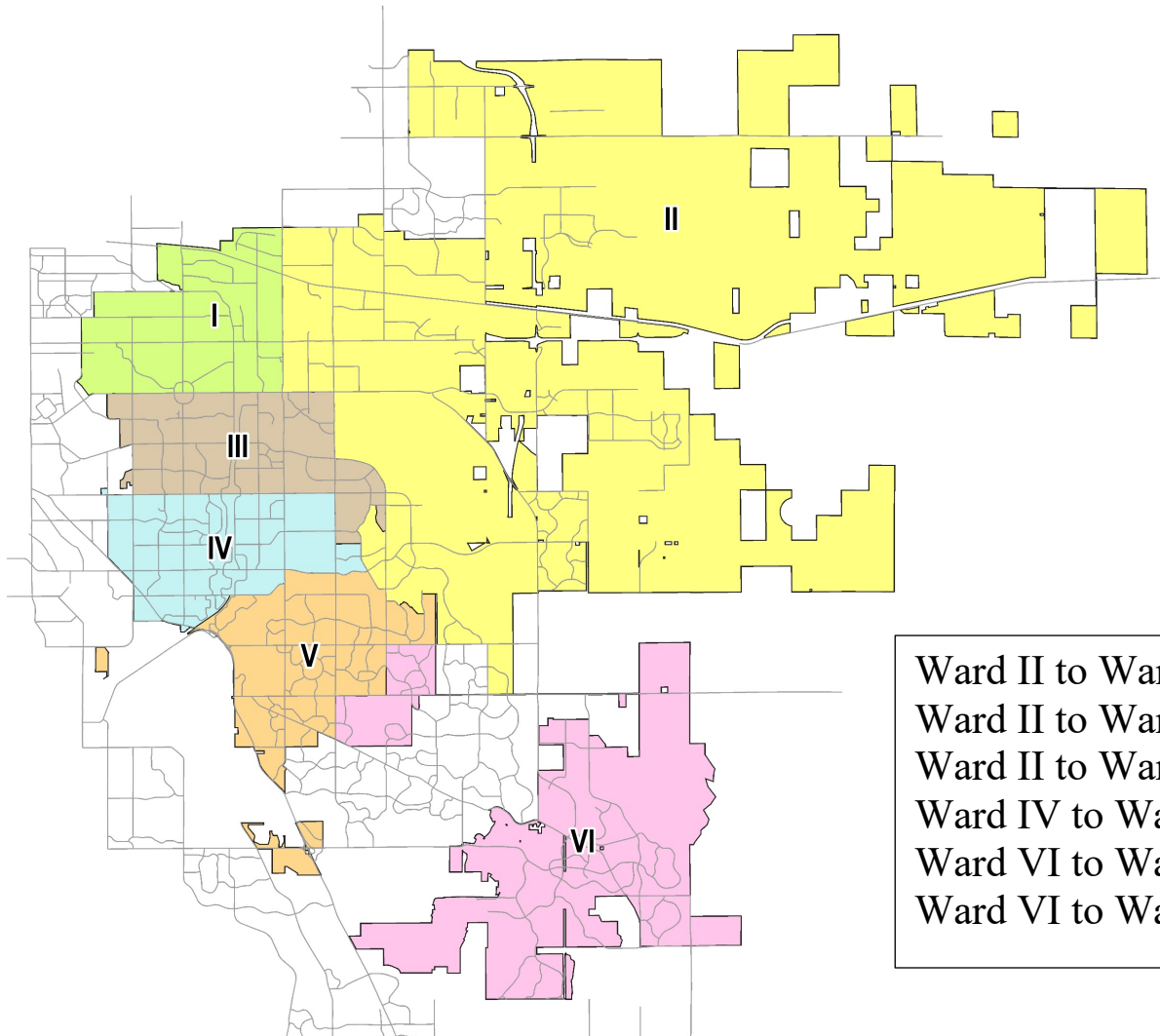
- **Census Population** - Census Bureau's Redistricting Count for Colorado, as of April 1, 2020.
- **CO'ed Units** - All of the certificates of occupancy the city issued from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.
- **Estimated New Population** - Determined by using the Census Bureau's average household size 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.

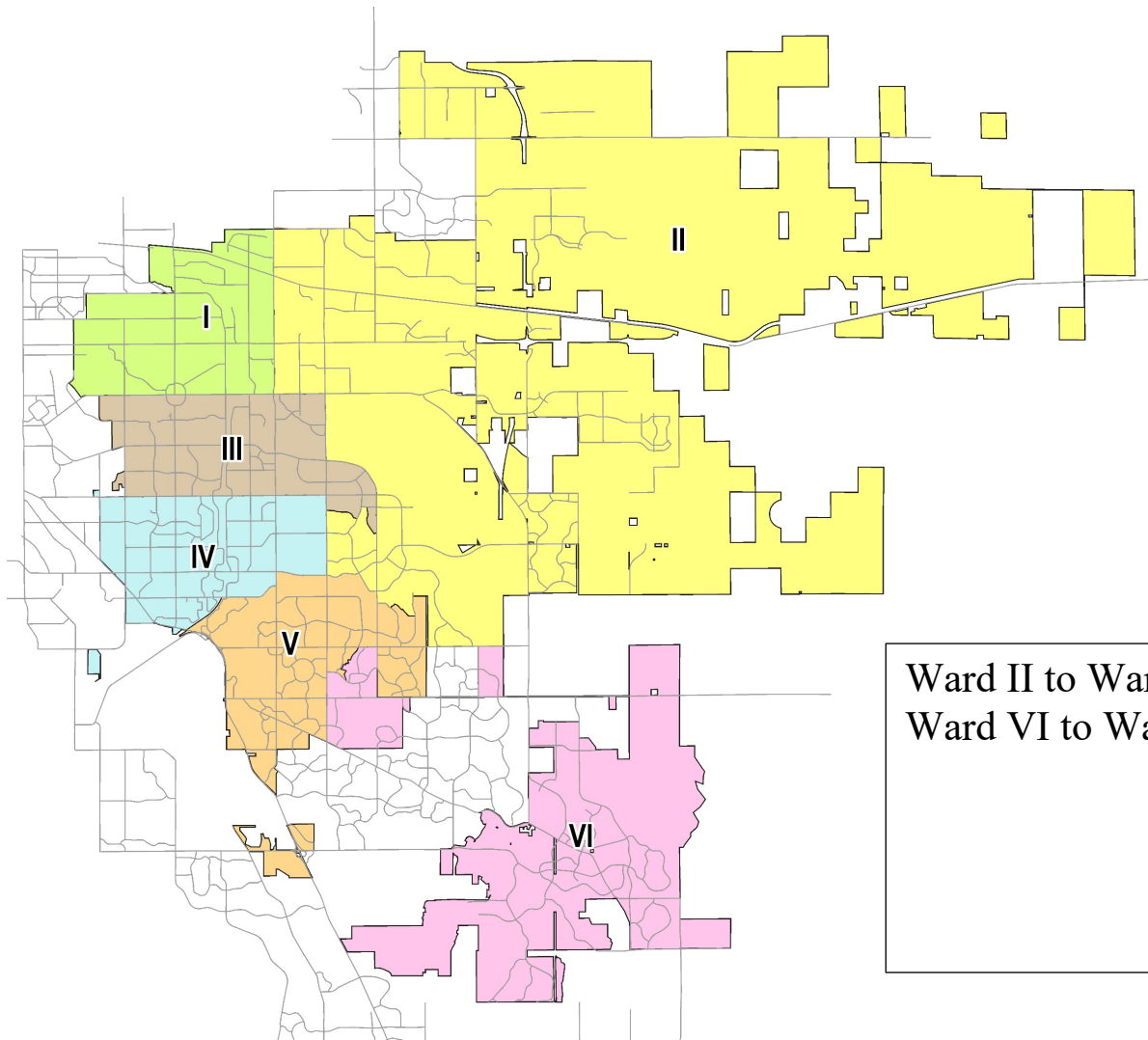
## Scenario 1

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



## Scenario 2

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