

Basher Community Council

The Basher Community Council supports maps 6 and/or 11, per the attached resolution. We appreciate your consideration of the community's position. FYI about 70 people in the community were surveyed and the vote was overwhelming that the Stuckagain Heights area served by the Basher Community Council remain within Anchorage proper.

RESOLUTION 2022-1

BASHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Anchorage, Alaska

A Resolution Supporting Proposed Reapportionment Maps 6 or 11

Whereas in accordance with the U.S. and Alaska Constitutions and the Anchorage Municipal Charter, the Assembly has reviewed 2020 Census data and on November 23, 2021 declared itself malapportioned;

Whereas the Reapportionment Committee of the Anchorage Assembly is charged with creating recommendations for revised district boundaries to ensure fair representation;

Whereas members of the Assembly, members of the public, and other interested parties were invited to submit maps for consideration by January 20, 2022;

Whereas the Reapportionment Committee held Town Hall meetings in Anchorage on January 26 and 27 and on February 3 in Eagle River to get community feedback;

Whereas the Reapportionment Committee narrowed the number of maps from twelve to three, and will continue to receive input on and incorporate adjustments to those three remaining maps;

Whereas on the Reapportionment website, Maps 6, 7, and 11 are listed as currently under review, while the other nine proposed maps are listed as “archived”;

Whereas the Assembly scheduled formal public testimony at the February 24 and March 1 Assembly meetings;

Whereas District 5 Assembly members Petersen and Dunbar discussed Maps 6, 7, and 11 at the February 24, 2022 Basher Community Council meeting;

Whereas Map 6 and 11 will continue to include Basher (Stuckagain Heights) in District 5 and Map 7 will place Basher/Stuckagain Heights in District 2 (Eagle River);

Whereas on Tuesday March 1, 2022, the Assembly Meeting agenda is scheduled to allow final public testimony, hear and discuss the Reapportionment Committee’s final recommendation, and potentially vote to approve one of the maps;

Whereas the Basher Community Council wishes to remain in an Assembly district that is part of Anchorage proper;

Whereas the Basher Community Council desires strong local representation on issues that pertain directly to us and our adjacent East Anchorage and Hillside neighborhoods such as traffic and roads, fire and safety, parks and recreation, and land use management;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Basher Community Council asks the Reapportionment Committee to approve either Map 11 or Map 6, either of which retains Basher (Stuckagain Heights) within District 5, and not approve Map 7 which places Basher (Stuckagain Heights) with District 2 (Eagle River).

ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2022.

President: 
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Donald Crafts

Date: 3/1/2022