



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair/Council President David James (D-6)

Vice Chair Nicole George (D-21)

Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)

Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Monday, November 9, 2020

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair James called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair James introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.

Present: 7 - Chair David James (D-6), Vice Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7) and Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Connie Dearing, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

[ID 20-1470](#)

Redistricting - Dee Pregliasco, League of Women Voters

Attachments: [RedistrictingTwoPager.LWVKY.SecondMarch2020.pdf](#)
[RedistrictingKentucky.LWV.Dec2017.FINAL \(002\).pdf](#)
[KentuckySen.House.DistrictMaps.color.pdf](#)
[02.03.2020.Red.Blue.CountyPopulationChangeMap \(2\).pdf](#)
[Jefferson.LWVestimate.pdf](#)

Dee Pregliasco gave a presentation and referenced several documents attached here to.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Peden
- Chair James
- Committee Member Dorsey
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Council Member Hollander

The following was discussed:

- Redistricting is a major outreach for the League of Women Voters
- Gerrymandering is the product of bad district lines
- The new district lines need to be drawn fairly and openly with public input
- With the 2010 Census there were lawsuits due to the district lines being drawn incorrectly
- The filing deadline now for redistricting is January 7, 2021 which will need to be changed because the 2020 Census data will not be complete by that date and most likely not complete until April 2021
- Kentucky used to have 7 Congressional districts but due to loss of population there are now 6 Congressional districts
- Question about whether the 3% population growth helps get a 7th Congressional district back or just keeps it at 6 Congressional districts
- An Advisory Committee has been proposed, made up of citizens appointed by the Legislators
- Hearings would be held throughout the state to gather information from citizens to aid in redistricting and this information would be presented to the Legislators
- For Council redistricting the same things should be done to gather information
- There should always be openness and fairness
- The Advisory Committee will have a set of best practices and will focus on equity utilizing data experts, geographic experts, and technology experts as well as citizens
- The League of Women Voters was not a part of the last redistricting
- The data from the 2020 Census will not be ready for the next legislative session, and there might possibly be a special session sometime in 2021
- Metro Council will be reaching out to the League of Women Voters for redistricting, transparency, and making sure everyone is educated about redistricting

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair James adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.