Charter Amendment Petition

Columbus City Charter, Sections 42 and 45
Ohio Revised Code, Sections 3501.38, 3503.06
Ohio Constitution Article XVIII, Sections 9 and 4

NOTICE – Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his own, or signs when not a legal voter is liable to prosecution.

To the City Clerk of the city of Columbus:

We, the undersigned, electors of the city of Columbus, Ohio respectfully request that the charter amendment proposed herein be submitted to a vote of the electors of this city for their approval or rejection forthwith as provided by the Columbus City Charter;

The following is a full and correct copy of the title and text of the proposed Charter Amendment:

To enact electoral system and related administrative changes to Columbus City Council by amending Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 41, and 46 of the Charter to create ten city council districts, establish nomination requirements for candidates from districts, provide for election of council members from districts, reduce the number of council members elected at-large to three, regulate growth in council staffing, change the process for mid-term appointments to vacant council seats, create term limits, establish contribution limits for council elections, and provide public access television for council elections

Sec. 3. Legislative powers.

The legislative power of the city, except as reserved to the people by this charter, shall be vested in a council, consisting of seven members, elected at large, <u>until the first day of January following the regular municipal election called after adoption of this amendment, where pursuant to Section 6-1-3 thereupon and afterwards the council shall consist of thirteen members, three elected at-large and ten elected by district – all serving in a part-time capacity as stewards of the interests of their fellow citizens citywide.</u>

Sec. 4. Council members.

All council members shall serve for a term of four years; except <u>as is otherwise specified pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-1-3.</u> ~~that at the first election the four candidates~~ having the highest

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~~number of votes shall serve for four years, and the three candidates having the next highest number of votes shall serve for two years.~~

Sec 5. Vacancies

Sec 5-1. – Vacancies in at-large positions

If a city council member dies, resigns, is removed from office, ceases to hold any qualification for office, or the office is otherwise vacated during the term of office, the successor shall be appointed by council to serve until the first day of January following the next regular municipal election. If such election be the time for the regular election of the council member, a council member shall then be elected to serve for a term of four years; otherwise, for the unexpired term. Vacancies in the council shall be filled by the council; provided, however, that, if the vacancies in the council are not filled by the council within thirty (30) days from the date following the occurrence of such vacancy, the mayor shall have in all future balloting a vote on the question of filling such vacancies; provided, further that any vacancy resulting from a recall election shall be filled in the manner hereinafter provided. Any member so appointed, is prohibited from being qualified as a candidate for the ballot in either an at-large or district position in the next election following such appointment.

Sec. 5–1-A. – Vacancies in District Positions

District vacancies in the council shall be appointed by the council subject to the requirement that all appointees for district positions shall have been nominated by "District Nominating Entities" as defined below, through the following nominating process:

(1) District Nominating Entities shall be designated by the council for each council district, at the time of each apportionment in the apportionment plan, or as otherwise specified herein. District Nominating Entities shall be previously-established resident-based organizations with clearly defined geographic boundaries, whose members have: 1) a cognizable interest in local civic affairs, and 2) the capacity to nominate people qualified to serve for the unexpired term for vacated seats on council for any council district which has territory within that District Nominating Entity's defined geographic boundaries.

(2) Development of Nomination Plans.   The initial District Nominating Entities are the Neighborhood Area Commissions established by Chapter 3111 of the Columbus City Code, as listed by Council District in the Apportionment Plan attached as Exhibit A. Within 90 days of enactment or within 90 days of subsequent designation, each District

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Nominating Entity shall develop a process acceptable to the city attorney, which shall be filed with the clerk and which shall remain in effect until amended by the nominating entity at a duly-noticed public meeting with such amendment subsequently filed with the clerk, by which that nominating entity will evaluate and nominate candidates seeking to fill any vacated district positions for which that entity is eligible to nominate a candidate. Such a nomination process must result in the submission of a resolution of nomination, along with a tally of the number of votes cast in favor of the nominee of resolution to the clerk.

(3) Nominations and Appointments. Subsequent to receiving formal notice of a vacancy in a council district and prior to any date noted by the clerk, each nominating entity with privilege to do so may submit a voted resolution of nomination, evidencing its nominee candidate to serve as member of council for a vacated council district. The clerk shall receive such nominations, assigning each nominee a score of one, and then multiplying each nomination (one from each nominating entity) by the Weighting Factor for each nominating entity.   The nominee with the highest sum of weighted nomination scorings shall then be appointed by the council.

(4) In the event there is a tie in weighted scoring between nominees, the clerk shall then tally the number of votes cast within each nominating entity for each nominee, and of those the nominee having the highest number of votes shall be designated the district nominee.   In the event there is a tie in the number of votes, the council may select from the two tied nominees and make an appointment.

(5) In the event a district has no nominating entities, or if no District Nominating Entity submits a resolution of nomination by the deadline noticed by the clerk, the council may make the appointment so long as the appointee meets all the qualifications for the office, with such appointee being disqualified for the ballot at the ensuing municipal election pursuant to Section 6(B).

(6) District Nominating Entity Weighting Factor Calculations. Using the most recent decennial census population figures, the council shall cause to be determined the number of people of each nominating entity who reside within the boundaries of each council district, if any.   The number of nominating entity residents within a district, divided by the total population of a district, then multiplied by one hundred, shall become the "Weighting Factor" for the purposes of making appointments to vacated council seat within any district.   In no event shall the sum of the weighting factors for a council district exceed the integer one hundred.

(7) Amendments. The initial nominating entities and Weighting Factors are as designated in the Apportionment Plan attached to this amendment. Within 180 days of enactment of this

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amendment, the council shall review, evaluate, and certify such alternate or additional non-overlapping territories of nominating entities as it deems appropriate for each council district, and simultaneously adopt by ordinance the Weighting Factors for each nominating entity for each applicable council district.   Thereafter, the council with notice and due process may subsequently by ordinance amend the list of District Nominating Entities for just cause and in the public interest.

Sec. 5-12.   Temporary inability.

If a city council member is unable to discharge the powers and duties of office, such inability being of temporary duration, the member, or the member's agent, shall transmit to the presiding officer of council a signed, written declaration setting forth the reasons for such inability and the city clerk shall be notified of the same.   Such declaration shall be in effect until such time as the declaration is rescinded in like manner, or six months have passed, or the office is vacated.   For the purpose of this section, each council member shall file with the city clerk a notarized statement, on a form prescribed by the city clerk, setting forth the name of one or more persons designated as the member's agent(s).   The filing shall be made by the second meeting of council each January and may be amended at any time.

Sec. 5-32. Permanent inability.

If a city council member has been unable to discharge the powers and duties of office for ninety consecutive days, and no written declaration of temporary inability was in effect during such ninety consecutive days, such act shall work a forfeiture of office and the presiding member of council shall request that the appropriate official commence in the appropriate court an action in quo warranto to vacate the office.   If judgment be made that the office be vacated, a successor shall be named as provided for in this charter.

Sec. 6. - Qualifications of council members.
Members of council shall be residents electors of the city and shall, at all times during the term of office, maintain residence in the city of Columbus and have the qualifications of electors therein. Council members shall not hold any other public office except that of notary public, or member of the state militia or any reserve unit of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, and except as provided in Section 64 of this charter not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for the municipality. Any member who shall cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required shall forthwith forfeit the office and the vacancy shall be

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filled as provided for herein, and any such contract in which any member is or may become interested may be declared void by the council.

(A) Members of council who are elected or appointed to districts shall be residents of that district for one year immediately preceding the deadline for filing nominating petitions or for one year prior to the date of appointment and while serving in that office. In addition to representing the unique interests of any district, members by district shall also promote the welfare of the entire city and serve and be responsive to all citizens and all areas of Columbus.

(B) Any member, whether at-large or by district, appointed to council without nomination by a District Nominating Entity pursuant to Section 5, shall not be qualified to be elected to council at the election immediately subsequent to that appointment.

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Sec. 6 - 1. – City Council Districts

There shall be ten city council districts numbered one through ten.   The map appended hereto as Exhibit A shall serve as the initial apportionment plan, unless upon the advice of the city attorney the council determines such map and plan is likely violative of federal or state law or pursuant to public comment or for some other good cause reported publicly by the council, in which case the council shall within 180 days of enactment adopt a new apportionment plan using the procedures specified in this section.

Each city council district shall be represented by one council member elected from that district. At the time of apportionment, the population of all council districts shall be as nearly equal as practicable and shall not vary from equality by more than five per cent.   Council districts shall be as compact as practical, composed of contiguous territory, and comply with applicable federal and state laws.   Waterways may divide a district and land on either side may be deemed contiguous.

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District boundaries lines shall seek to maintain intact recognized neighborhoods where practical and where not inconsistent with the above criteria. No person's residence may be a consideration during the apportionment process.

Council district boundaries shall be changed only pursuant to apportionment as provided herein, regardless of any change in wards or precincts between apportionments; except that if territory is annexed to or detached from the city prior to initial apportionment or between apportionments, such territory shall be added to, or removed from, the council district to which it is contiguous, and if such territory is contiguous to more than one council district it shall be allocated among such council districts consistent with this section.

Sec. 6-1-1 Establishment of an Independent Apportionment Board

The Apportionment Plan shall be developed by an Independent Apportionment Board. To begin a redistricting process, the city clerk shall advertise, for not less than thirty days and in a manner designed to broadly inform residents of the city, that qualified persons may submit to the city clerk an application for appointment to the apportionment board created pursuant to this section. All such applications shall be available for public inspection. Not later than sixty days thereafter, city council shall adopt an ordinance creating an apportionment board consisting of nine individuals, at least six of whom have the qualifications provided in Section 6 of this charter for council members elected at-large. Not more than three members of the apportionment board shall be electors registered to the same political party as determined by the records of the board of elections of the county in which that person resides. Members of the apportionment board shall be selected by the council from among qualified persons who submit a timely application, provided that if fewer than nine qualified persons apply for such appointment, council may make up the deficit by appointing other qualified persons to the apportionment board.

To the extent practicable, appointments to the apportionment board shall broadly reflect the population of the city demographically and geographically and take into consideration each applicant's educational background, involvement in civic affairs, time availability, and ability to conduct the apportionment process in the overall best interests of the city. City council shall have the power to fill any vacancy on the apportionment board by appointing a qualified individual who applied under this section to serve on the apportionment board.

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Members of the apportionment board shall receive no compensation, shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred, and shall have all legal immunities applicable to city boards or commissions.   City Council shall appropriate to the apportionment board funds sufficient for the apportionment process.   The city attorney shall provide legal counsel to the apportionment board.

Members of the apportionment board shall comply with all applicable laws governing public records and meetings; act by majority vote; organize themselves and select appropriate officers; establish and broadly advertise a work schedule that shall include not less than three public hearings that facilitate broad public awareness and participation in the apportionment process; invite the submission of proposed apportionment plans from any interested parties; and determine the population of proposed council districts based on data from the most recent decennial census of the city conducted by the federal government.

Sec. 6-1-2 Establishment of Apportionment Plan

The apportionment board may contract with one or more qualified experts or develop other means of generating an apportionment plan. It shall also accept plans submitted by the public for its consideration.

(a) Not later than one hundred and fifty days after the apportionment board is appointed, the apportionment board shall submit to city council in writing not more than three proposed apportionment plans that best satisfy the criteria for apportionment provided in this section, along with a list of the Nominating Entities and Weighting Factors for each council district developed in accordance with Section 5-1-A which collectively shall be termed the Apportionment Plan.   Concurrently, the apportionment board shall provide for a 45 day period of public review and comment on the three plans under consideration.   Each such plan shall be accompanied by relevant census data and an explanation and map of the plan and, if more than one plan is submitted, a preliminary ranking of the plans and the apportionment board's reasons for such ranking.

Not later than sixty days after the apportionment board submits one or more such proposed apportionment plans to city council and for public review and comment, the apportionment

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board shall then submit for adoption by the council the final apportionment plan it selects, from the up to three apportionment plans previously submitted to the council and made available for public review and comment.   The council shall by ordinance adopt the final apportionment plan submitted by the apportionment board within ten days of submission of this final apportionment plan to council, which plan shall take effect in the next regular municipal election and remain in effect until the next apportionment as provided herein.   If the apportionment board does not timely submit one or more proposed apportionment plans to city council, within sixty days council shall adopt an apportionment plan consistent with the requirements of this section.

Upon adoption of an apportionment ordinance, the apportionment board shall file its records with the city clerk, settle all accounts, and disband.   The city clerk shall permanently maintain all such records or deposit them with a records depository in which they will be maintained permanently and remain secure and open to public inspection.

(b) After each decennial census of the city conducted by the federal government, council districts shall be reapportioned as provided herein, except as follows: time periods in which city council and the apportionment board are required to take specified steps shall be counted from the first day following release of the decennial federal census. Council district boundaries consistent with those established in the immediately preceding apportionment should be followed to the extent that may be done consistent with the requirements of this section, unless substantial public input recommends otherwise.

(c) When the boundaries of any council district are changed pursuant to apportionment, any council member elected from a district whose term of office will not expire within two years of the date the applicable apportionment ordinance is adopted shall represent, for the remainder of the term for which that council member was elected, the council district that contains the largest amount of the population of the district from which that council member was initially elected or appointed.   If more than one such council member whose term will not so expire would represent the same council district by following the provisions of this section, upon filing the final plan the council shall designate which such council member shall represent that council district, designate which council district the

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other council member or members shall represent for the balance of their term or terms of office, and certify such designations by ordinance.

SEC. 6-1-3 – Initial Designation of Members and Staggering of Terms

Upon adoption of this amendment, those (three) at-large council designations and members which terms remain in effect through the ensuing municipal election shall continue through their originally-elected term, and such seats shall continue to be the at-large seats on the council. On January 1st following the regular municipal election subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, the remaining (four) at-large seats shall be terminated and shall cease to exist.

At the municipal election ensuing adoption of this amendment, there shall be elections for the 10 council districts created pursuant to Section 6-1-2. At that election, the seven members elected by district who receive the highest percentage of votes among the ten districts shall serve four year terms; the three members elected by district who receive the lowest percentages of votes shall be assigned terms of two years. Thereafter the terms of all offices and all districts shall be as described in Section 4.

The percentage of vote shall be calculated with the numerator being the number of votes for the elected candidate, and the denominator being the total number of votes cast in that district election. The percentages of votes of each district shall then be compared for purposes of determining initial terms of office and subsequent dates of election for each district.

Sec. 6 - 3. – Term Limits

Members may serve up to 12 consecutive years on council, with no distinction between at-large and district status, and thereafter are not qualified to continue as members of council without one full year's absence from council. Former members who have not served on the council in the preceding year are eligible to serve for additional terms not to exceed twelve years consecutively.

Sec. 14. - Officers and employees.

The council shall appoint such officers and employees of council as it deems necessary, except as otherwise provided herein. Council shall by ordinance determine the number of officers and

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employees in each department of the city government, except that the city council shall have an authorized size of no more than 52 full-time equivalent personnel through the year 2029, unless the council declares a "Personnel Management Emergency" in which case such cap may be lifted by ordinance.   Council shall exercise no power of appointment for officers or employees except as herein expressly provided.

Sec. 17. - Legislative procedure.

The council shall be the judge of the election and qualification of its members. Seven ~~Four~~ members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

Sec. 18. - [Action on ordinances or resolutions.]

The action of council shall be by ordinance or resolution and the affirmative vote of at least seven ~~four~~ members of council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance or resolution. The vote upon the passage of all ordinances, and upon the adoption of such resolution as the council by its rules shall prescribe, shall be taken by "yea" and "nays" and entered upon the journal.

Sec. 20. - [Reading procedure.]

No ordinance, unless it be an emergency measure, shall be passed until it has been read at two regular meetings, not less than one week apart, or the requirement of such reading has been dispensed with by an affirmative vote of at least nine ~~five~~ members of council.

Sec. 22. - Emergency measures.

All ordinances and resolutions shall be in effect from and after thirty days from the date of their passage by the council except as otherwise provided in this charter. The council may, by a vote of eleven~~six~~ of its members, pass emergency measures to take effect at the time indicated therein. An emergency measure is an ordinance or resolution for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health or safety, or providing for an emergency in the usual daily operation of a municipal department, in which the emergency is set forth and defined in a preamble thereto.

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Sec. 41-1. – Campaign Financing and Political contributions.

Nothing in this charter, directly or through incorporation of state election laws, shall prevent the city from adopting ordinances, enforcing requirements, or setting limits or disclosure requirements on campaign finances or monetary contributions relating to elections for city ballot issues or offices.

Sec. 41-1-1: Municipal Election Period

A municipal election period is the time that begins 90 days before the deadline for filing a nomination petition to the county board of elections and ends 30 days after that municipal election.

Sec 41-1-2: Candidate campaigns

A candidate may have no more than one authorized campaign to support their election to council.

Sec 41-1-3: Caps on Campaign Contributions

The following limits are placed upon cash and in-kind contributions to candidate-authorized campaigns for city council in any municipal election period:

   (a) One thousand dollars by any individual, except that no individual under age 7 may make a contribution and no contribution may be made on behalf of any individual under age 7
   (b) One thousand dollars by any corporation
   (c) One thousand dollars by any unincorporated association, political action committee, or other campaign committee
   (d) Five thousand dollars by any political party

A campaign may not knowingly accept a contribution or contributions aggregating more than the limits specified above in a municipal election period.   Amounts above such limits received by a campaign committee must be refunded to contributors or donated to a charitable cause within 60 days of receipt or knowledge of same.

An independent expenditure, as defined by Ohio law, is not a campaign contribution.

No campaign committee may maintain a balance above $25,000 outside of a municipal election period. Excess funds may be returned to contributors, provided to other council campaigns subject

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to the above limitations, or donated to a charitable cause prior to the start of every municipal election period.

The above limits may be indexed to the relevant Consumer Price Index in increments of $25.00, pursuant to ordinances adopted by the council after the year 2019.

The council may enact by ordinance further provisions to implement these, and other provisions designed to secure fair and competitive elections for the people of Columbus.

Sec. 41-1-4: Availability of Public Access Television for Council Campaigns

Prior to 2019, the council shall by ordinance require the provision of significant no-cost or low-cost access to broadcast time on the public access television station or stations under the city's control or contracted through the city of Columbus for all council candidates and their authorized campaigns, as well as to civic groups hosting candidate debates and forums. Such access shall be provided on an equal access basis to candidates throughout the day, including during peak viewing hours, to allow for no fewer than three 3-minute uninterrupted policy, platform, candidate comparison and/or other campaign messages by the campaigns of each qualified candidate, beginning on the date candidates are certified by the board of elections and extending so long as such candidates remain qualified candidates through the date of the municipal election.

Sec. 41-3. - Nomination of council members and other officers.

  (a) Candidates for the office of city council member and for mayor, city attorney, and auditor, shall be nominated by a nonpartisan primary election. The name of any elector of the city shall be printed upon the primary ballot if there is filed with the election authorities a valid nominating petition in accordance with the following provisions:

   (1) The requirements for such petition form and circulation, and for the validation of such petition and the parts thereof and signatures thereon, shall be as provided for nonpartisan nominations in general laws of the state, unless otherwise provided for by this charter or ordinance of council.
   (2) Such petition shall be signed by not less than one thousand registered electors of the city and such signatures shall be affixed thereon no more than one year prior to the date of filing, except such petition for member of city council elected by district shall be signed by not less than one hundred electors of that district.

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(3) Such petitions shall be filed with the election authorities no later than four p.m., not less than ninety days previous to the day of such primary election.

(4) Such petitions shall contain the names and addresses of five registered electors of the city of Columbus designated in advance by the candidate or candidates as a nominating committee

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this section, if no petition in accordance with the provisions of this section is filed for any of the offices to be voted on at the next regular municipal election, or if the number of persons filing such petitions does not exceed, as to any such office, the number of candidates which would be placed upon the ballot at the next regular municipal election, then no primary election should be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for such office to be voted upon at such next regular municipal election. The election officials whose duty it would have been to provide for and conduct the holding of such primary election, shall declare the results thereof and issue certificates of nomination to the persons entitled thereto if such primary election had been held, shall declare each of such persons filing petitions in accordance with the provisions of this section to be nominated and shall place their names on the ballot at the next regular municipal election in the same manner as though such primary election had been held and such persons had been nominated at such elections.

Sec. 46. - The recall.

Any elective officer provided for in this charter may be removed from office by recall petition. Such recall petition shall contain the signatures of not less than fifteen per cent of the number of electors who voted in the last preceding regular municipal election for mayor. Further, any city council member elected from a district may be removed from office by the electors of that district, by the procedure specified herein, except that the recall petition shall be signed by fifteen percent of the qualified electors of that district and only qualified electors of that district may vote on the recall.

Except as herein otherwise provided, no petition for recall shall be filed within one-hundred-eighty days after a person takes office, or within ninety days preceding a regular municipal election for such office. No more than six three elective officers may be subject to the recall at any election.

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EXHIBIT A: 2017 APPORTIONMENT MAP AND PLAN
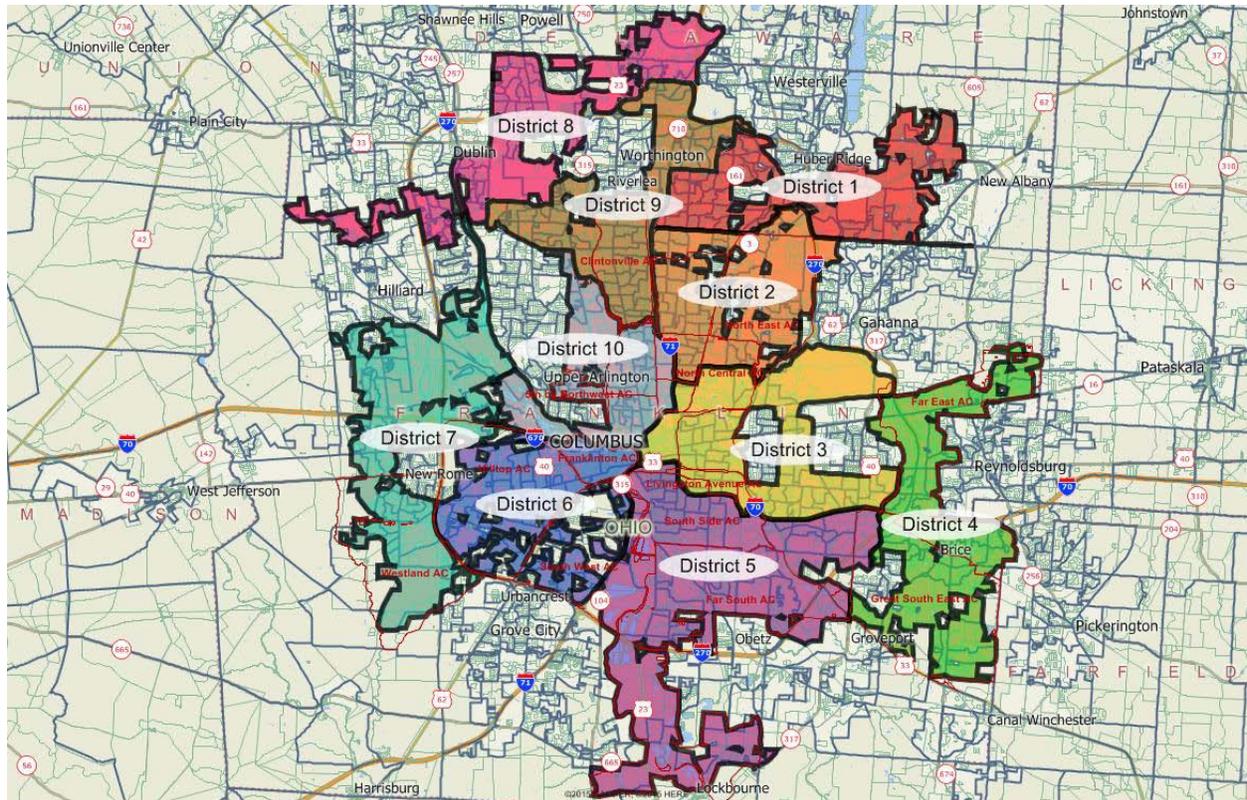
District	Area Sq.Mi.	Pop.	Equality	Deviation	Dev. %	2010 Census Population											
						White	Black	Pct. Black	AmInd	Asian	Hawaiian	Other	Hispanic	Pop. 18+	White 18+	Black 18 +	Pct. Black
District 1	18.8	78,617	78,703	-86	-0.1%	46,589	23,852	30%	204	3,127	60	2,047	4,953	59,517	38,214	16,206	27%
District 2	18.7	77,939	78,703	-764	-1.0%	27,252	44,076	57%	201	1,522	75	1,956	3,758	56,281	22,196	30,144	54%
District 3	22.6	76,638	78,703	-2065	-2.6%	21,794	48,549	63%	266	951	84	2,180	3,832	57,480	19,097	34,554	60%
District 4	23.8	80,123	78,703	1420	1.8%	40,609	32,970	41%	169	1,661	27	1,646	3,614	58,108	32,286	21,987	38%
District 5	41.5	77,214	78,703	-1489	-1.9%	43,183	28,471	37%	247	1,053	44	1,564	3,116	58,905	35,176	20,309	34%
District 6	17.8	81,225	78,703	2522	3.2%	57,571	15,142	19%	350	1,671	105	3,137	5,676	57,952	43,717	9,579	17%
District 7	26.3	78,045	78,703	-658	-0.8%	60,035	6,794	9%	192	3,615	55	4,882	7,686	56,334	44,940	4,492	8%
District 8	21.3	79,626	78,703	923	1.2%	62,633	4,587	6%	148	8,362	31	1,693	4,269	61,398	49,637	3,169	5%
District 9	18.0	79,319	78,703	616	0.8%	61,825	9,229	12%	131	3,852	11	1,973	4,250	65,149	52,717	6,553	10%
District 10	14.6	78,783	78,703	80	0.1%	62,711	6,465	8%	197	6,195	20	1,380	3,233	73,840	60,146	5,074	7%
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TABLE OF WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS				
Nominating Entities by Council District				
Area Sq. Mi.	Nominating Entity	Pop.in District	Pct. Of N.E. Pop.	Weighting Factor
District 2				
3.8	North Linden Area Commission	23,678	39%	39
8.1	North East Area Commission	21,386	36%	36
1.4	South Linden Area Commission	9,071	15%	15
1.4	North Central Area Commission	5,898	10%	10
Total of Nominating Entities		60,033	100%	
District 3				
0.5	Milo Grogan Area Commission	1,470	4%	4
2.3	North Central Area Commission	3,850	12%	12
3.4	Near East Area Commission	17,867	54%	54
0.9	Livingston Avenue Area Commission	5,802	18%	18
0.5	South Side Area Commission	4,121	12%	12
Total of Nominating Entities		33,110	100%	
District 4				
12.5	Far East Area Commission	49,789	64%	64
9.9	Great South East Area Commission	28,314	36%	36
Total of Nominating Entities		78,103	100%	
District 5				
6.4	South Side Area Commission	27,834	39%	39
24.7	Far South Area Commission	30,363	42%	42
6.4	South West Area Commission	13,979	19%	19
Total of Nominating Entities		72,176	100%	
District 6				
9.7	Hilltop Area Commission	57,271	100%	100
Total of Nominating Entities		57,271		
District 7				
9.2	Westland Area Commission	29,712	100%	100
Total of Nominating Entities		29,712		
District 9				
5.9	Clintonville Area Commission	28,557	100%	100
Total of Nominating Entities				
		28,557		
District 10				
1.0	5th by Northwest Area Commission	6,967	14%	14
2.8	University Area Commission	43,430	86%	86
Total of Nominating Entities		50,397	100%	

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We hereby designate the following petitioners as a committee to be regarded as filing this petition:

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Willis E. Brown	164 N. Monroe Avenue, Columbus OH 43203
Suzanne M. Patzer	1021 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205
Walter M. Penn	358 Linwood Avenue, Columbus, OH 43205
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I,_____ , declare under penalty of election falsification that I
   (Printed Name of Circulator)

reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition

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