



REDISTRICTING IN VILLA NOVA

WE NEED VILLA NOVA RESIDENTS TO TAKE ACTION!!!

Dear Villa Nova Neighbor:

In mid-November, the Baltimore County Council proposed their redistricting map. Their map is bad news for Villa Nova. The Baltimore County Council has denied our request to unite the Villa Nova Community into District 2, Pikesville. They did this even though the County's own Bipartisan Redistricting Commission proposed that the community be united in District 2, Pikeville, rather than be divided between Randallstown District 4. To add insult to injury, the Baltimore County Council proposed to combine Towson together over 3 districts, even though this was not recommended by the County's Bipartisan Redistricting Commission.

- This division creates problems with getting county services for Villa Nova
- This division creates problems with getting attention from the police department in Villa Nova
- This map will not allow Villa Nova residents to elect school board members for our district

It is important to note that the Baltimore County Council ignored the County's Redistricting Commission proposal and included Towson in one district, but did not do the same for Villa Nova, Milford or Lochearn. WHY????? WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT????

We are requesting your support in our efforts to strengthen our Pikesville communities as we work hard to preserve, maintain, and conserve our suburban lifestyle. In addition, with these communities being moved to District 2 as we have requested, we will gain, for the first time, the ability to vote for the school board member that aligns with the schools our children attend. Our children, appropriately attend Pikesville schools, yet parents have to vote in District 4. This decision is unfair and we need this injustice to end. This realignment is long overdue and should no longer be denied to us.

READ:

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/maryland/baltimore-county/bs-md-co-new-draft-redistricting-maps-20211116-hxxmxlb5oza2fjdsusvd7j44nu-story.html>

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We need to tell the County Council members that we need Villa Nova united in District 2. In order to do this, please take the following actions:

1) EMAIL THIS LETTER: Copy the following email letter and send to the County officials listed below:

Greetings Council Member,

My name is (full Name)_____, I live at (address)_____ in the Pikesville Community of Villa Nova.

I am writing regarding the proposal to deny our specific request to reunite the Villa Nova Community. By granting the request our community would be better able to: 1) clarify the appropriate governmental service staffs, 2) eliminate confusing regarding policing jurisdictions; 3) align the elected school board member with the assigned schools; 4) maintain the historic boundaries of the Villa Nova Community which was established in 1910; 5) assist in the preservation of the older homes; and 6) and increase community engagement, diversity and cohesiveness.

We feel that this was the mission of the County's Redistricting Commission when they granted our request, (see Section IV. D. paragraph 2-page 9, Redistricting Commission Final Report). We need you to give full consideration to providing an equitable, as well as equal decision regarding Villa Nova's request because of the perpetual overlooking of this older Pikesville community. This realignment is long overdue and should no longer be denied to us. We are requesting your support in our efforts to strengthen this and other deserving yet ignored and underserved communities.

(State anything else you want)

Sincerely,

(Name)_____

Email your letter to the following seven (7) County Council members and the County Executive:

- johnnyo@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council1@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council2@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council3@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council4@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council5@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council6@baltimorecountymd.gov
- council7@baltimorecountymd.gov

2. TESTIFY AT THE COUNTY COUNCIL WORK SESSION - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th @ 4PM (REGISTER BY 3PM, DEC. 14th)

Please sign-up to testify at this Work Session. The Work Session can be joined by the public online here or by phone at +1-415-655-0001 US Toll - Event number (access code): TBD

The public is invited to provide testimony at the Work Session. Anyone wishing to testify shall register in advance using our online Speaker Registration Form (Registration Form will be available on the day of the Work Session). This will enable the Council staff to recognize and permit the person to speak during the WebEx Work Session. Speaker registration will commence on the date of the Work Session at 9:00 a.m. and registration will close at 3:00 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. In order to testify, a person must join the WebEx event with an internet-capable device (i.e., smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer). Each person testifying at the Work Session will be given three (3) minutes to speak, unless otherwise stated by the Chair.

PLEASE, Sign up to testify at the County Council meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 4PM. REGISTRATION TO TESTIFY OPENS ON THIS DAY, DECEMBER 14TH BETWEEN 9AM - 3PM; PLEASE REGISTER EARLY AS THE TESTIMONIES ARE IN ORDER OF SIGN-UP. YOU MAY READ YOUR LETTER AS YOUR TESTIMONY.

TO REGISTER, VISIT: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/virtualmeetings.html>