



# DISTRICT 5 NEWS

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Dear Neighbors,

Tonight Denver City Council approved a new map for Denver's 11 City Council districts, concluding our nine-month-long redistricting process. **Map D will take effect for the April 2023 election.**



During [the redistricting process](#), we heard from Denver residents how important it was that we keep identified communities of interest together, and, as much as possible, to keep neighborhoods whole. Trying to balance these critical considerations while also following the Charter requirements for compactness and relatively equal district populations was no easy challenge. But I believe that Map D does an excellent job of balancing all of these different interests.

During the redistricting process, **District 5 had the most participation of any Council district in the City!** We heard feedback from a number of residents, including:

- **The East Colfax neighborhood advocated to be moved into the same Council district as residents of Northeast Park Hill and Montbello**, because those neighborhoods are facing similar issues of gentrification and displacement.
- **The Winston Downs neighborhood requested that their neighborhood be reunited** under a single Council District; this neighborhood has been split between two Council districts for the last decade.
- **District 5's Orthodox Jewish community**, specifically residents living south of Alameda in South Hilltop and Winston Downs, **wanted to remain together in a single Council district** instead of being split between two Council districts.
- **Lowry residents gave feedback that they wanted to remain in Council District 5**, instead of being moved into a different Council district.
- Residents of the **Hale neighborhood requested that their neighborhood remain whole**, instead of being split between two Council districts.

**I supported Map D because it achieved the desired outcomes of all of these District**

5 neighborhoods across the city, and fulfilled all the Charter and resolution requirements. A huge thank you to all the residents who shared their thoughts and opinions on how District 5 should look in the future.

Again, this new map incorporating changed district boundaries will be in effect for the 2023 municipal election **but will not change the Councilmember representation under the current map**. For example, residents of Cherry Creek and Country Club will vote for the District 5 Councilmember in April 2023, but will be represented by Councilman Hinds until July 2023 when the new Mayor and City Council class are inaugurated. Similarly, I will continue to represent the residents of southern East Colfax until July 2023, although they will vote for the Council District 8 Councilmember in April of 2023.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions or if there is anything we can do to support you.

Gratefully,  
Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer



