



## 2016 City Council Redistricting Process Preliminary District Report

The City of Colorado Springs has a Council-Mayor form of government. The nine member City Council acts as the City's legislative body and the members are elected by the people to serve a four-year term of office. The nine members include three at-large members and six district members. The Mayor, a fulltime position, acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the City and is elected by the people to serve a four-year term of office.

### City Clerk Redistricting Process & Requirements

- City Charter requires the City Clerk to redraw the six City Council district boundaries every four years.
- Only complete El Paso County voting precincts will be moved from one district to another.
- The preliminary district report will be released on September 28, 2016
- A public hearing to received feedback on that report will be held on October 18, 2016.
- The final district report, setting the district boundaries for the next four years, is tentatively set for release on November 14, 2016.
- There is no approval of any plan by the City Council or Mayor.
- Districts must be substantially equal in population, contiguous, and comply with the Voting Rights Act, City Charter and City Code.

### Districing Process Advisory Committee

- The Advisory Committee, appointed by City Council on May 24, 2016, was charged to oversee the public process, educate the public, assist the City Clerk and advise City Council on the redistricting process.
- The Committee conducted seven meetings to solicit input from the public.
- The Committee prepared a preliminary Advisory Committee report which they submitted to the City Clerk and City Council at the August 8, 2016, City Council Work Session.
- The Committee will prepare a final Advisory Committee report which they will submit to City Council in November or December.

### Colorado Springs Population Data

Estimated population data was purchased from ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute). The data shows population at the census block level as of July 1, 2015. Redistricting requires City population to be reported for each county precinct. A process to reapportion population, based on County Assessor housing units, distributes the population identified at the census block level to a county precinct level while also accounting for areas of unincorporated El Paso County.

To ensure the most recent population figures are used in the redistricting process, additional population growth is calculated based on building permits issued by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department. Both processes use metrics, gathered by the State Demography Office of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, concerning average number of people per housing unit, local vacancy rate and typical lag time from building permit issuance to the creation of units ready for occupancy. This allows estimation of City population to October 1, 2016.

## Preliminary District Report

This document as well as supporting maps and information can be downloaded from the Colorado Springs Redistricting web page at <http://coloradosprings.gov/redistricting>.

### 12 precincts proposed to change districts

Precinct	2012 District	2016 District
107	1	3
108	1	3
111	1	3
163	2	6

Precinct	2012 District	2016 District
178	3	5
601	3	4
196	4	6
453	4	6

Precinct	2012 District	2016 District
650	4	6
125	6	1
148	6	1
152	6	1

### Pros & Cons of the proposed changes (with associated precincts)

Pros:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brings together Org. of Westside Neighbors (111)</li> <li>• Brings together Mesa Neigh. Assn. (112/108/107)</li> <li>• Keeps together Mesa Springs Comm. Assn. (107/108)</li> <li>• Brings together most of Bridle Pass HOA (142/143/146/163/164/401/402)</li> <li>• Brings together adjacent neighborhoods (163)</li> <li>• Brings together NE Garden Ranch HOA (121/124/125/152)</li> <li>• Brings together area south of Hwy 24 (421)</li> <li>• Brings together more than half of Mid Shooks Run Neigh. Assoc. (173/176/177/178/179)</li> <li>• Keeps airport and Peterson Air Force Base together (196/650/421)</li> <li>• Keeps Banning Lewis Ranch together (420/421/650)</li> </ul>
Cons:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Splits Friends of Quail Lake (601)</li> <li>• Neighborhood dwellings separated from district boundary by commercial area (601)</li> <li>• Mid Shooks Run Neigh. Assoc. still split (173/176/177/178/179)</li> </ul>

### Colorado Springs Population by City Council District

	2012	Deviation from 2012 Ideal Population		2016 <sup>1</sup>	Deviation from 2016 Ideal Population	
District 1	69,629	-183	-0.3%	72,701	-583	-0.8%
District 2	70,015	203	0.3%	73,209	-75	-0.1%
District 3	69,653	-159	-0.2%	73,931	647	0.9%
District 4	68,569	-1,243	-1.8%	73,958	674	0.9%
District 5	70,654	842	1.2%	73,467	183	0.2%
District 6	70,350	538	0.8%	72,440	-844	-1.2%
City	418,870	(spread <sup>2</sup> )	(3.0%)	439,706	(spread <sup>2</sup> )	(2.1%)
Ideal	69,812	(6-district population)		73,284	(6-district population)	

<sup>1</sup> This table shows 2016 population as distributed by the preliminary district report.

<sup>2</sup> Deviation spread is the total percentage from minimum to maximum.

### Ways to Comment and/or Protest the Preliminary District Report

#### Electronic

By web: <http://coloradosprings.gov/redistricting-comments>

By Email: [election@springsgov.com](mailto:election@springsgov.com)

SpeakUp! COS: <http://coloradosprings.granicusideas.com/discussions/2016-districting>

#### Other Alternatives

By mail or in person: City Clerk's Office, 30 South Nevada Ave, Suite 101, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

By phone: (719) 385-5901, option 4

By fax: (719) 385-5114