

**MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
June 25, 2022

## In Attendance

| <b>Commissioners</b>              | <b>Intern</b>     | <b>Vendors</b>                 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Campbell, Marie Allen,<br>Chair-P | Ramdani, Nassim-P | Mathur, Priti<br>(ARCBridge)-P |
| Bulluck, Dona S.-P                |                   | Mathur, Sam<br>(ARCBridge)-P   |
| Graves, Constance -P              |                   | Wice, Prof. Jeffrey-P          |
| Kissee, Adrienne-P                |                   | Zanfardino, Marissa-A          |
| Mauldin, Larry-P                  |                   |                                |
| Mazza, Dominic-E                  |                   |                                |
| Owens-Cody, Keshana-<br>P         |                   |                                |
|                                   |                   |                                |
|                                   |                   |                                |

## Agenda Items

### **I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by Chair Campbell at 9:02am, followed by Roll Call.

### **II. Approve Meeting Minutes**

- Commissioner Bulluck moved the adoption of the June 18, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens-Cody. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Legal Discussion/Update

- The bulk of the meeting was devoted to Dr. Lisa Handley's "Effectiveness Analysis" of the MMDs that have been drawn. In looking at the predictive effectiveness of the individual districts (meaning the likelihood of the preferred minority candidate being elected). To conduct the analysis, looked only at election results. Specifically, predicted election results in the MMDs that have been drawn. Dr. Handley did not consider any other redistricting principles like compactness, communities of interests, or demographics; only consideration was how the minority preferred candidate would do in the districts under consideration.
- Normally you would look at recently compiled election to see if the minority preferred candidate prevailed against the white preferred candidate. However, it was not easy to do in this situation because there were no countywide elections that included minority candidates. Therefore, Dr. Handley had to look at statewide elections. The statewide elections reviewed were the 2018 Democratic primary elections for Attorney General and Lt. Governor. The minority candidates did not carry the elections in the current districts which we know are effective. Dr. Handley prepared a chart to summarize the effectiveness of these newly drawn districts (see attached).
- In reviewing the chart, Dr. Handley cautioned that an average score is not a predictor of winning. The two primary elections and a different number of candidates seeking office and voter turnout in each current district was varied. Instead, she created two predictors based upon the data she had to work with. If (1) the minority candidate won and received an average of 0.398 or, if (2) the minority preferred candidate did not win but received an average score of 0.413 or higher the preferred minority candidate would likely win in the newly created districts. Dr. Handley utilized these two indicators to assess the four maps that the MMD Subcommittee presented to her for review.
- While both Plan B and Plan C provide for seven MMDs, Plan D has one district that is "very likely" to produce the election of the preferred minority candidate and three "likely possible" districts for a total of four. Plan C provided for seven MMDs with five "likely possible" districts electing the preferred minority candidate and two districts that will "possibly" elect the preferred minority candidate. The current districts have one "very likely" and four "likely" districts for a total of five. Dr. Handley believes that Plan C is the strongest plan.

#### **IV. Mapping Discussion/Update**

- The Functional Analysis has been completed by ARCBridge.
- The elections used were the 2018 Democratic Primary for Attorney General and Lieutenant Governor were utilized for the bell weather test. This along with the Functional Analysis results will be discussed during next Saturday's meeting. A question was asked why the County Legislator elections were not used. Jeff will discuss with Dr. Handley for response at the next meeting.

#### **V. Public Hearings and Community Engagement Forums**

- The next joint Public Hearing for the ACRC and the MMD will be held on June 30, 2022, at 5:00pm.
- The Joint Public Meeting is being advertised in the Times Union, the Spotlight newspapers, and the Altamont Enterprise. The banner will scroll on the Times Union website for twenty-four hours.
- Commissioners Campbell and Owens-Cody presented the maps at the South End Night Market on June 16, 2022.
- It was suggested that our Community Survey be posted on our Facebook page. Mr. Ramdani is exploring this option for the MMD.
- The Community Survey has been sent to the churches and community organizations with a link to the survey. A follow-up email was also sent to churches and community organizations. Chair Campbell has asked that the survey be moved to the main page of the website.

#### **VI. Open Action Items**

- Discussion relating to the Final Report led to it being amended once again.
- Commissioner Graves moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kisse. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am.