

Communities of Color Coalition on City Council Redistricting

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Stop The Cracking and Packing in Boston

The Coalition proposes two maps for serious consideration by the Mayor and City Council. These maps meet all the requirements for city redistricting, while also adhering to the 1965 Voting Rights Act and maximize opportunities for communities of color. At the same time the map takes into account the desire for neighborhoods to remain as whole as possible, natural alliances and avoids forcing incumbents into the same district.

Both maps are based on the 2010 census determination of 617,598 as the population of Boston, requiring 68,622 for each of the nine districts. It addresses that population grew in districts 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9 and population declined in districts 3, 4, 5 and 6. Both maps follow the rule that the population deviation can be no greater than 5% or +/- 3.421 residents.

District Raw Population	Color	Population	Deviation	White	Black	Latino	Asian	*POC
1 (East Boston and Charlestown)		68,110	-0.74%	54.7	3.6	34.6	4.5	42.7
2 (South Boston, Chinatown, Waterfront)		70,502	2.74%	64.5	7.6	10.5	15.3	33.4
3 (North Dorchester)		67,356	-1.84%	18.1	40.7	20.0	10.1	70.8
4 (Mattapan & Dorchester)		66,007	-3.81%	22.1	53.7	13.1	6.4	73.2
5 (Hyde Park and Roslindale)		66,074	-3.71%	32.7	40.1	22.1	2.0	64.2
6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury)		67,931	-1.01%	64.1	10.5	16.6	6.0	33.1
7 (Roxbury, Fenway, South End)		71,406	4.06%	29.4	37.0	22.2	6.1	65.3
8 (Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Mission Hill)		68,692	0.10%	68.9	5.8	8.7	13.8	28.3
9 (Allston and Brighton)		71,516	4.22%	66.1	4.6	10.0	15.3	29.9

Map 1 Raw Population

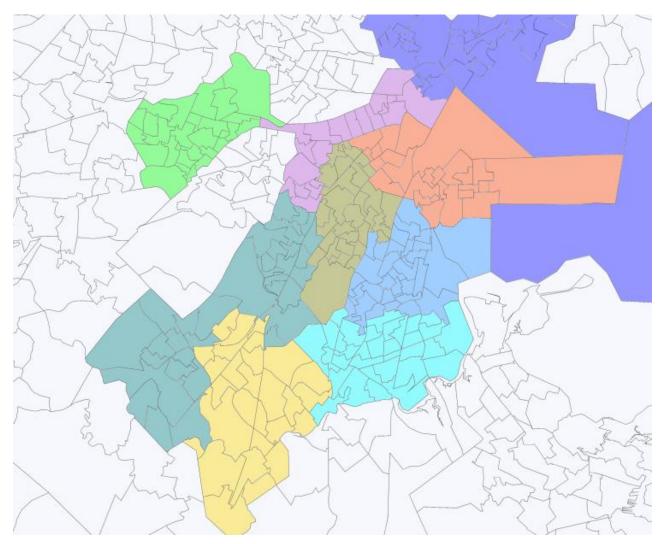
The Coalition map proposal maintains its intent when voting age population (VAP) is applied. Any map that seeks to enhance the voice of communities of color must be based on voting age population.

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Voting Age Population	Color	Population	White	Black	Latin	Asian	*POC
1 (East Boston and Charlestown)		55,903	59.8	3.2	30.1	4.4	37.7
2 (South Boston, Chinatown, Waterfront)		62,313	67.8	6.8	8.7	15.0	30.5
3 (East Dorchester)		50,118	21.7	39.3	17.8	10.6	67.7
4 (Mattapan & Dorchester)		49,590	25.1	53.2	11.2	6.3	70.7
5 (Hyde Park and Roslindale)		50,492	37.0	38.9	19.6	2.0	60.5
6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury)		56,040	67.3	10.0	14.7	6.0	30.7
7 (Roxbury, Fenway, South End)		58,359	34.9	34.4	18.7	7.1	60.2
8 (Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Mission Hill)		64,980	70.2	5.3	7.9	14.0	27.2
9 (Allston and Brighton)		66,089	68.2	4.2	8.8	15.1	28.1

Map 1 Voting Age Population



Coalition of Color Map 1



Coalition Map 1 does not deviate far from several of the proposals currently before the council. But it does differ specifically in two areas, notably District 2 and District 4.

District 2 had to lose population due to increases in the district population. Our proposal is that the Polish Triangle shift from District 2 to District 3. The Polish Triangle is part of Dorchester, and moving to District 3 follows natural boundaries. The Coalition map also includes in District 2 the maximum South End precincts possible to keep this neighborhood whole, while adhering to geographic compactness and maintaining the political link between the South End and Chinatown. The residents of Chinatown and the South End share a 30 year history of struggle to have fair representation as they share District 2 with the historically politically dominant South Boston.

District 4, which lost population, represents an excessive case of packing of people of color (POC). District 4 has historically been 90% people of color with Blacks accounting for 68% of the district. Boston is 53% people of color yet the nine districts do not reflect this reality. Only two of the nine



district councilors are of color with both being African-American. There are no Asian or Latino district councilors. This can be directly attributed to the packing of District 4. The Linehan map packs District 4 even further to the detriment of communities of color in Districts 3 and 5. The Coalition map seeks to intelligently unpack District 4. District 3 and 4 would now share an East-West border near Park Street. District 3 would be in effect North Dorchester linking Grove Hall with Upham's Corner and uniting Fields Corner East and West. The new District 4 would contain Mattapan and South Dorchester, unifying Lower Mills. District 4 would be 73.2% POC and still be 53.7% Black maintaining its protected class status. However District 3 would benefit and increase from 54% to 70.8% POC, creating a real opportunity for communities of color to have a strong voice as the Voting Rights Act intended.

The Coalition map proposal maintains four strong majority-minority districts based on VAP numbers and maintains the link between Chinatown and the South End.

MAP 1 PRECINCT LIST

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Map 2 Raw Population

District Raw Population	Color	Population	Deviation	White	Black	Latino	Asian	*POC
1 (East Boston and Charlestown)		67,575	-1.52%	54.9	3.3	34.7	4.5	42.5
2 (South Boston, Chinatown, Waterfront)		70,502	2.74%	64.5	7.6	10.5	15.3	33.4
3 (East Dorchester)		67,324	-1.89%	35.4	26.8	12.9	14.6	54.3
4 (Dorchester & Roslindale)		66,751	-2.73%	13.2	55.1	24.3	2.1	81.5
5 (Hyde Park and Mattapan)		68,514	-0.16%	24.9	51.9	18.1	1.8	71.8
6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury)		65,314	-4.82%	65.0	9.7	16.6	6.0	32.3
7 (Roxbury, Fenway, South End)		68,858	0.35%	28.3	38.1	22.6	5.7	66.4
8 (Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Mission Hill)		71,240	3.82%	68.6	6.0	8.8	13.9	28.7
9 (Allston and Brighton)		71,516	4.22%	66.1	4.6	10.0	15.3	29.9

Map 2 Voting Age Population

Voting Age Population	Color	Population	White	Black	Latin	Asian	*POC
1 (East Boston and Charlestown)		55,373	60.1	2.9	30.2	4.5	37.6
2 (South Boston, Chinatown, Waterfront)		62,313	67.8	6.8	8.7	15.0	30.5
3 (East Dorchester)		52,560	39.5	25.2	11.4	14.4	51.0
4 (Dorchester & Roslindale)		48,078	15.8	55.4	21.8	2.2	79.4
5 (Hyde Park and Mattapan)		52,018	28.4	51.0	15.9	1.9	68.8
6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury)		54,114	67.9	9.4	14.7	6.0	30.1
7 (Roxbury, Fenway, South End)		55,861	33.7	35.6	19.0	6.6	61.2
8 (Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Mission Hill)		67,478	69.8	5.4	8.0	14.1	27.5
9 (Allston and Brighton)		66,089	68.2	4.2	8.8	15.1	28.1

Coalition Map 2 also does not deviate far from several of the proposals currently before the council and adheres closely to Map 1 in the boundaries of District 2 and the location of the Polish Triangle. It differs however from Map 1 by keeping District 3 virtually untouched while changing the boundaries of Districts 4 and 5.

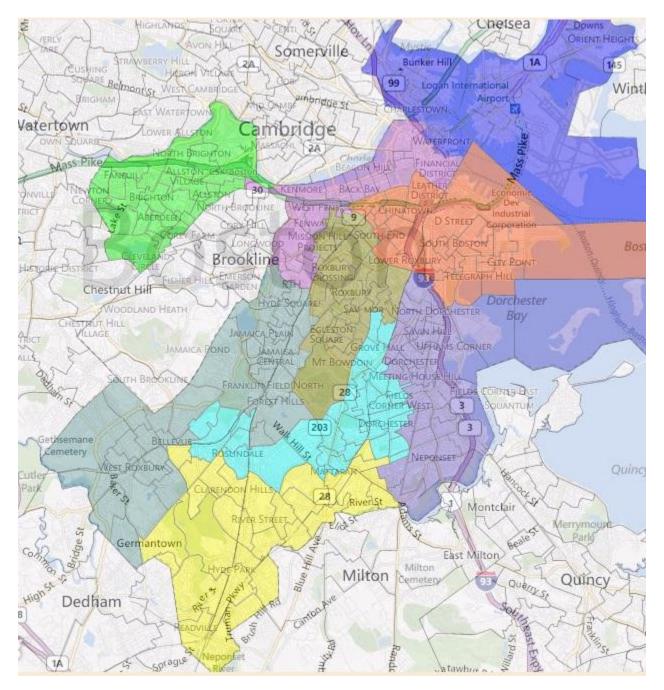
Map 2 also addresses the legally unacceptable packing in District 4 by shifting its orientation so that District 4 and 5 share a long East-West border. District 4 now connects Dorchester to Roslindale via Franklin Field and American Legion Highway. Therefore District 5 now has Mattapan linked to Hyde Park, which are natural neighbors. Map 2 allows Mattapan to be whole and meets an even higher legal standard. In Map 2, District 5 is 51% Black and 69% people of color. This is important as a demonstrated second single-race majority district in Boston compels the council to make every attempt to accomplish this goal.

While no map is perfect, the Coalition seeks to intelligently unpack District 4 as required. Both maps accomplish this goal while maintaining neighborhood integrity and protects incumbents. In addition, both maps maintain District 4's protected class status keeping it 53% or 55% Black. The Coalition of Color strongly encourages the City to adopt one of these maps with no more than minor change that



creates real opportunities for communities of color to have a strong voice as the Voting Rights Act intended.

Coalition of Color Map 2



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