



Elections Committee Report
Thurs., March 7, 2012

2011 Election Activity Report
Harmonizing Precincts

2011 Election Activity Report

- Assessment of City's Elections Function
 - Determined no duplication of services between Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis
 - County = Voter Registration
 - City = Election Administration
- City Council voted to retain existing operational model

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- Special Elections
 - Senate District 61; House District 61B; and Senate District 59
 - \$325,000 in contingency funds authorized; approx. 50% used
- “Lessons Learned” – streamline processes for 2012 Presidential Election
- City Employees as Election Judges
 - Clarify legal provisions and implement new procedures for 2012 Presidential Election

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- New lease agreement for warehouse
 - Approx. \$4,675 annual savings
- New professional services agreement with Special School District No. 1 for elections
 - Elections Division fulfills duties of “district clerk” with respect to elections
 - Proposed 40% increase = \$233,924

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- Improved Polling Place Accessibility
 - Improvements to total of 14 polling places
 - \$56,000 in EAID Grant Funding Awarded (2007-2012)
- New Voting Equipment
 - Last purchase in 2000
 - Hennepin County workgroup
 - Potential fiscal impact = approx. \$645,000 - CIP
 - Collaborate on RCV workable solutions

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- Redistricting
 - Federal and State Boundaries established by Supreme Court's special redistricting panel
 - Wards & Precincts must be redrawn no later than 19 weeks before primary = April 3, 2012
 - [Minn. Stat. 204B.135, subd. 1 and 204B.14, subd. 3(d)]

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- Assistant City Clerk
 - Responsible for:
 - Elections Administration
 - Records & Information Management
 - Document Solutions Center
 - Member of department management team
 - To be confirmed by City Council

Harmonizing Precincts

- Responsibilities for Wards & Precincts
 - Charter Commission draws new wards
 - [City Charter, Chap. 1, §3]
 - City Council draws new precincts
 - [City Charter, Chap. 2, §7]
- New boundaries must be adopted no less than 19 weeks before August primary
 - [Minnesota Statutes, 204B.135, subd. 1, and 204B.14, subd.3(d)]

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- Budgetary Impact
 - Reduction from 131 to 117 precincts approved in 2012 City Budget
 - Projected savings of approx. \$30,000 annually
 - Precincts should be drawn to serve between 1,750-2,250 voters (acceptable range)
 - Harmonizing precincts across 13 Wards results in an average of approx. 9 precincts per Ward

Harmonizing Precincts

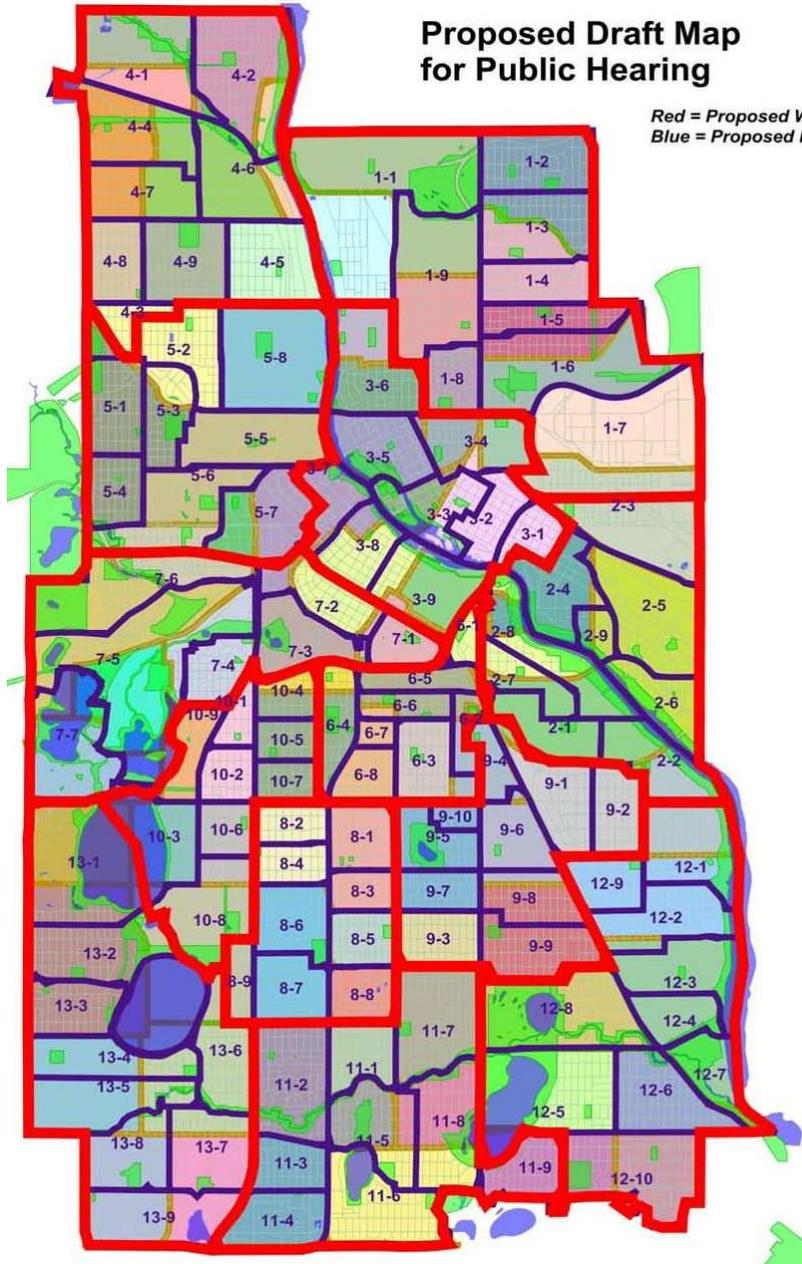
- Administrative Criteria – Part 1
 - Recognize neighborhoods as starting point for establishing proposed precincts (87);
 - Realign precinct boundaries based on three levels of voter data:
 - Realign to reflect number of qualified and registered voters (18+ years);
 - Further realign/adjust to reflect voter turnout;
 - Based on 2008 Presidential and 2010 Gubernatorial
 - Further realign/adjust to reflect Election Day registrations.

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- Administrative Criteria – Part 2
 - Divide city into quadrants to adjust proposed precinct boundaries between wards; and
 - As possible, adjust proposed precinct lines to reflect potential (and preferred) polling places that meet all legal and administrative requirements.

Proposed Draft Map for Public Hearing

Red = Proposed Wards
Blue = Proposed Precincts



**DRAFT CITY WARDS
& PRECINCTS
FOR DISCUSSION
PURPOSES ONLY**

Harmonizing Precincts

- Timeline = Final adoption required by April 3

ISSUE/ACTIVITY	DATES	RESPONSIBLE
Introduce draft precinct plan	March 7	City Clerk
Review/refine precincts in each ward	Mar. 7 – Mar. 26	Council Members
New city wards established	March 26	Charter Commission
Final draft precinct boundaries	Mar. 27-28	City Clerk
Final precinct plan approved	March 29	Elections Committee
New precinct plan adopted	March 30	City Council





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