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TO: Ande Banks, Interim City Manager
FROM: Mark Finks, General Registrar
DATE: 1/4/22
RE: Elections Update

Summary: Elections: Update on department, redistricting and most recent election

Background:

The General Registrar for the City of Harrisonburg was appointed by the Harrisonburg Electoral Board in July of 2020, this will be his first presentation to Council in this capacity.

The presentation will cover the status of the General Registrars department, details of the most recent election, and provide context for the redistricting precinct recommendation the Electoral Board will submit to council in the coming weeks.

Every ten years states are required to redraw district lines based on the most recent Census data. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the collected data was released later than anticipated, which pushed most of the states redistricting process back by months.

In the November 2020 General Election, the voters of Virginia approved Question 1. This ballot measure established a redistricting commission made up of members of the public, and Legislators from the General Assembly. This commission was unable to agree on redrawn district maps by the deadline, so the task then passed to the Virginia Supreme Court. With the help of two party nominated "Special Masters" the Supreme Court approved new maps for Virginia on December 28th 2021. With the new maps in place, we can consider changes to Harrisonburg voting precincts.

Key Issues:

- Virginia Redistricting
- The 2021 General Election

Environmental Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Prior Actions: N/A

Alternatives: N/A

Community Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: N/A

Attachments:

- (a) Current Precinct Map
- (b) Harrisonburg district maps 2022
- (c) PowerPoint presentation

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.