

The City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, met in special session on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 5:30 PM in the Public Safety Conference Room of the Auburn Public Safety Building at 141 North Ross Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Anders.

Mayor Anders called the meeting to order.

2. **ROLL CALL.**

The following Councilpersons were present: Tommy Dawson, Steven Dixon, Kelley Griswold, Jay Hovey, Bob Parsons, Brett Smith, Connie Taylor, Beth Witten and Mayor Ron Anders, Jr. Absent: None. Also present was City Manager Crouch.

3. **2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN.** Federal decennial census. Reapportion Council districts. Postponed from January 18, 2022.

City Manager Crouch stated that the ordinance under consideration is the 2021 Redistricting Plan that reapportions city council districts following the federal decennial census as required by Alabama state statute 11-43a-33. This item received a motion and second at the December 21 meeting and was then postponed to January 4. This item was also postponed at both the January 4 and January 18 meetings. Public hearings were held at the December 21 and January 18 meetings. The public hearing was closed on January 18.

Mayor Anders stated that public hearings were held on December 21 and January 18, as well as public comments made at the January 4 City Council meeting and asked the council's thoughts on opening another public hearing.

After discussion, the Council had no objection to holding a new public hearing.

The rest of the Council had no objection to holding another public hearing.

Mayor Anders opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the NAACP's proposed redistricting map:

- Bernard Simelton (15376 Pepper Creek Road, Harvest, AL)
- Billy Allen (930 Redan Trace, Stone Mountain, GA)
- Bill Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)
- Tabitha Isner (4349 White Acres Road, Montgomery, AL)
- Dr. Kelli Thompson (806 Floral Street, Opelika, AL)
- Herbert Walter Denmark, Jr. (412 Opelika Road, Apt. 112)
- Kim White (228 Conrey Drive)
- Warren Tidwell (1654 Piedmont Drive)
- Elizabeth Hill (274 Bragg Avenue)
- Harriett Huggins (631 S. Dean Road)
- Laticia Khalif (2262 Heritage Ridge Lane)
- Linda Lee (1652 St. Andrews Lane)
- Elizabeth DeVore (502 Perry Street, Apt. 743)
- Joshua Lewis (806 Stage Road)
- Jason Pratt (810 Tullahoma Drive)
- Leah Billye Welburn (112 N. Debardeleben Street, Apt. 5)

David Massey (334 Watercrest Court) spoke in opposition to the NAACP's map.

Councilperson Taylor asked for a 5 minute recess at 6:45 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:50 PM.

3. **2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN (cont).**

Mayor Anders asked for discussion on ending the public hearing.

Mayor Anders continued the public hearing to allow one additional speaker.

Bernard Simelton (15376 Pepper Creek Road, Harvest, AL) spoke in response to the previous speaker.

Mayor Anders closed the public hearing and asked for Council discussion.

Councilperson Dixon moved to substitute the map proposed by the City of Auburn with the alternative map proposed by the NAACP (a copy of the map is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A).

Councilperson Taylor seconded the motion.

Councilperson Dixon moved to amend the alternative map to move census blocks A and B 010810404031005 and 10810404031011 from ward 6 to ward 5 (a copy of the map is attached to these minutes as Exhibit B).

Councilperson Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders asked if there was any discussion on Councilperson Dixon's secondary amendment. The Council discussed the amendment.

Mayor Anders reminded the Council that the motion on the table being discussed was the amendment to the amendment.

The Council continued discussion.

Mayor Anders called for a vote on the secondary amendment.

Upon the vote for the secondary amendment, the following Council members voted aye: Dixon and Taylor. Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Witten and Mayor Anders.

Mayor Anders declared the secondary amendment failed.

Mayor Anders reminded the Council that the motion now on the table was Councilperson Dixon's primary amendment to substitute the proposed map by the City of Auburn with the proposed alternative map proposed by the NAACP asked if there was any discussion.

The Council discussed the amendment.

Mayor Anders called for a vote.

Upon the vote for the primary amendment, the following Council members voted aye: Dixon and Taylor. Voting no: Dawson, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Witten and Mayor Anders. Mayor Anders declared the primary amendment failed.

Councilperson Parsons moved to amend the 2021 Redistricting Plan Map to move census blocks on the east side of North Gay Street, south side of East Glenn Avenue, west side of North Debardeleben and North side of East Magnolia from Ward 5 to Ward 4; and to move census blocks on the south side of East Glenn Avenue, west side of East University Drive, North side of Old Mill Road and east side of North Dean Road from Ward 4 to Ward 5 as shown on the attached map (a copy of the maps are attached to these minutes as Exhibits C and D).

Councilperson Griswold seconded the motion.

3. **2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN (cont).**

Mayor Anders asked if there was any discussion on Councilperson Parsons amendment. The Council discussed the amendment and Mayor Anders called for a vote.

Upon the vote for the amendment, the following Councilmembers voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Dixon and Taylor. Abstaining: Witten. Mayor Anders declared the amendment passed.

Councilperson Griswold moved to amend the proposed redistricting map to move several small census blocks located on the south side of Bragg Avenue, east and north sides of Warrior Court, west side of North College Street and south side of Mitcham Avenue from Ward 5 to Ward 2 as shown on the attached map (a copy of the map is attached to these minutes as Exhibit E).

Councilperson Parsons seconded the motion.

Mayor Anders asked if there was any discussion on Councilperson Griswold's amendment. The Council discussed the amendment and Mayor Anders called for a vote

Upon the vote for the amendment, the following Councilmembers voted aye: Dawson, Dixon, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Taylor. Mayor Anders declared the amendment passed.

Mayor Anders asked if there was discussion on the main motion.

Upon roll call vote, the following Council members voted aye: Dawson, Griswold, Hovey, Parsons, Smith, Witten and Mayor Anders. Voting no: Dixon and Taylor. Councilperson Dawson declared the ordinance adopted.

Ordinance No. 3357

4. **ADJOURNMENT.**

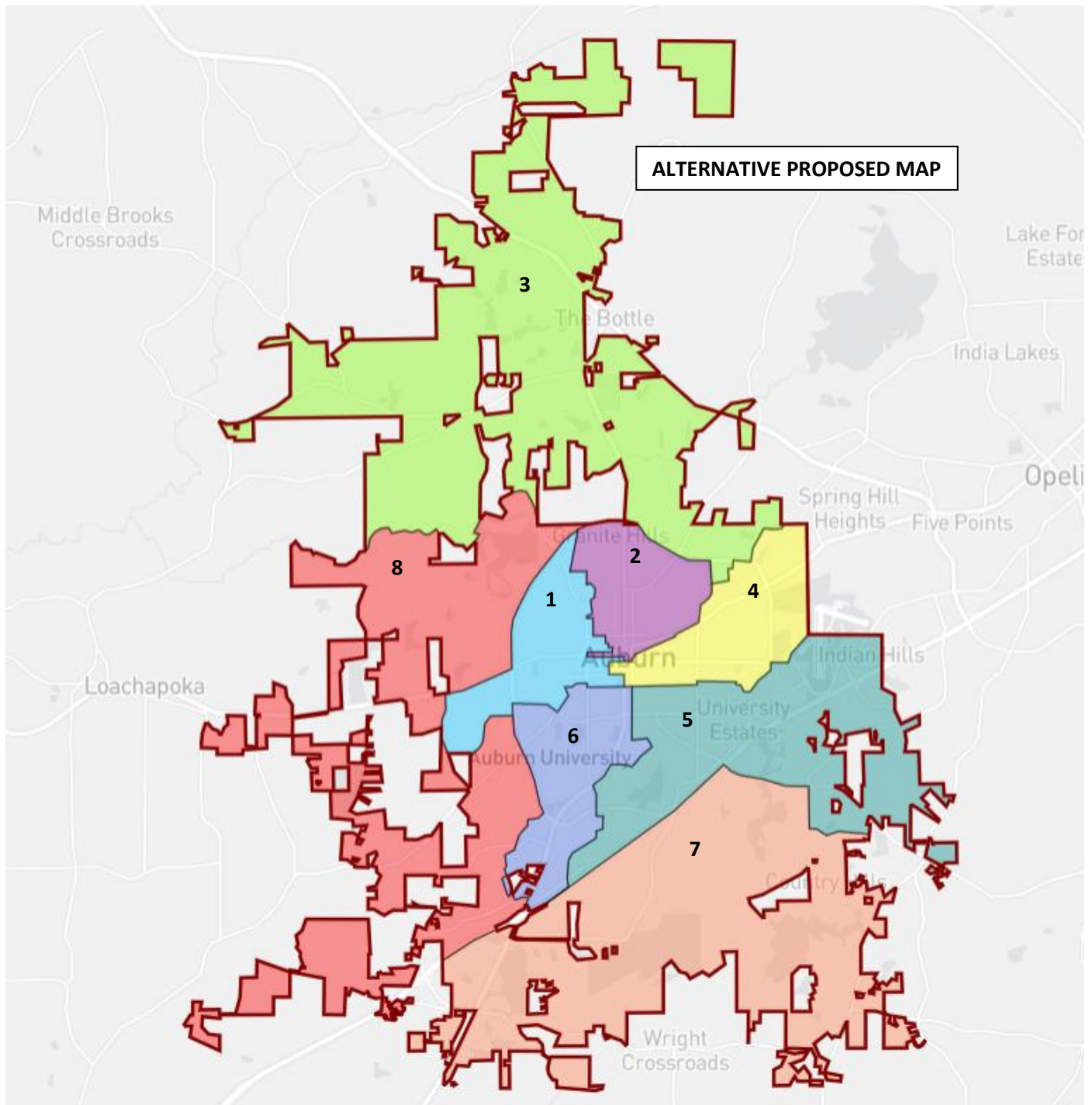
Councilperson Witten moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilperson Smith seconded the motion, and all members voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

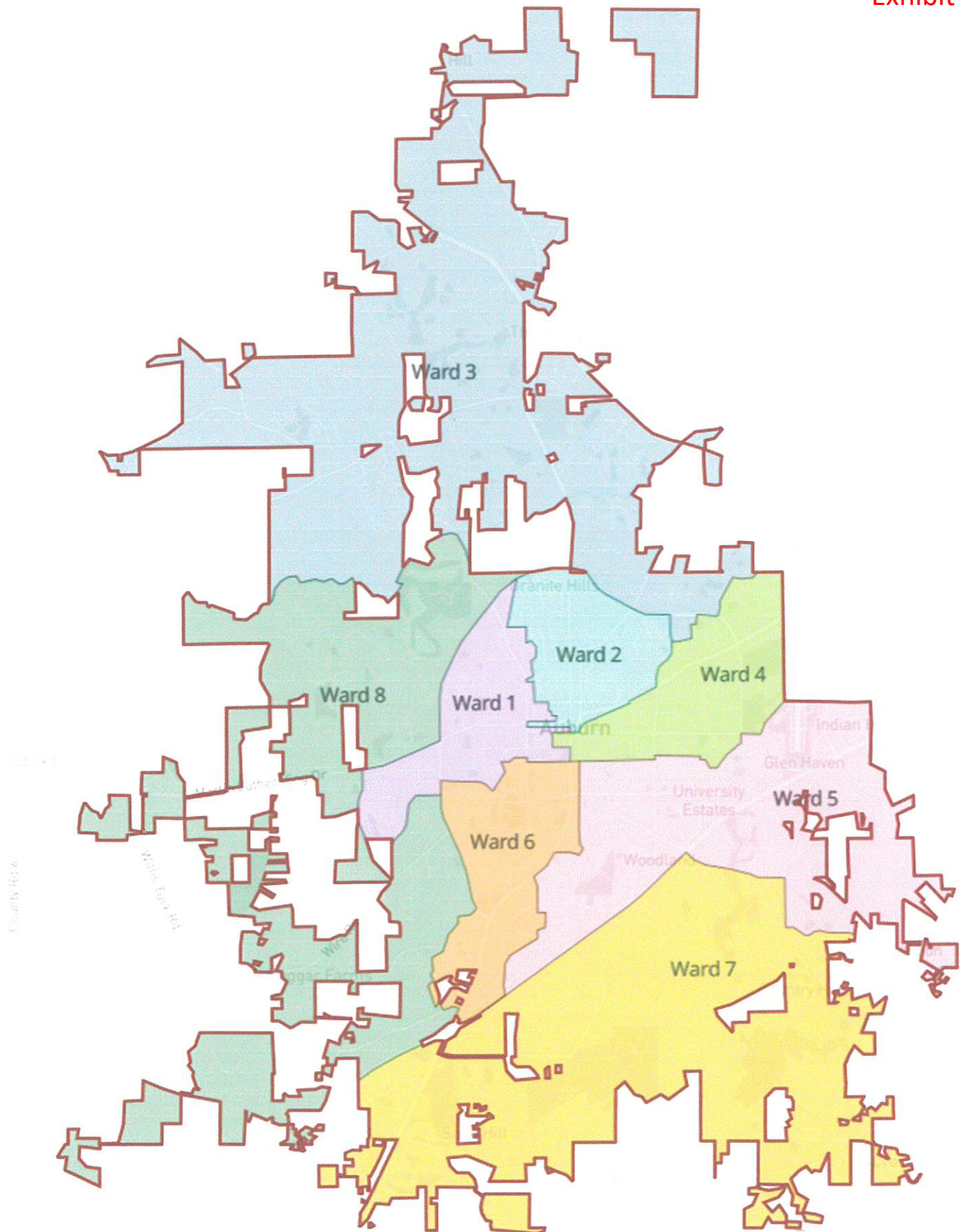
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager

SECTION 1: Alternative Map





Amendment proposed by Steve Dixon.

Propose Block 010810404031005 (Population 79) move to District 5.

Propose Block 010810404031011 (Population 40) move to District 5.



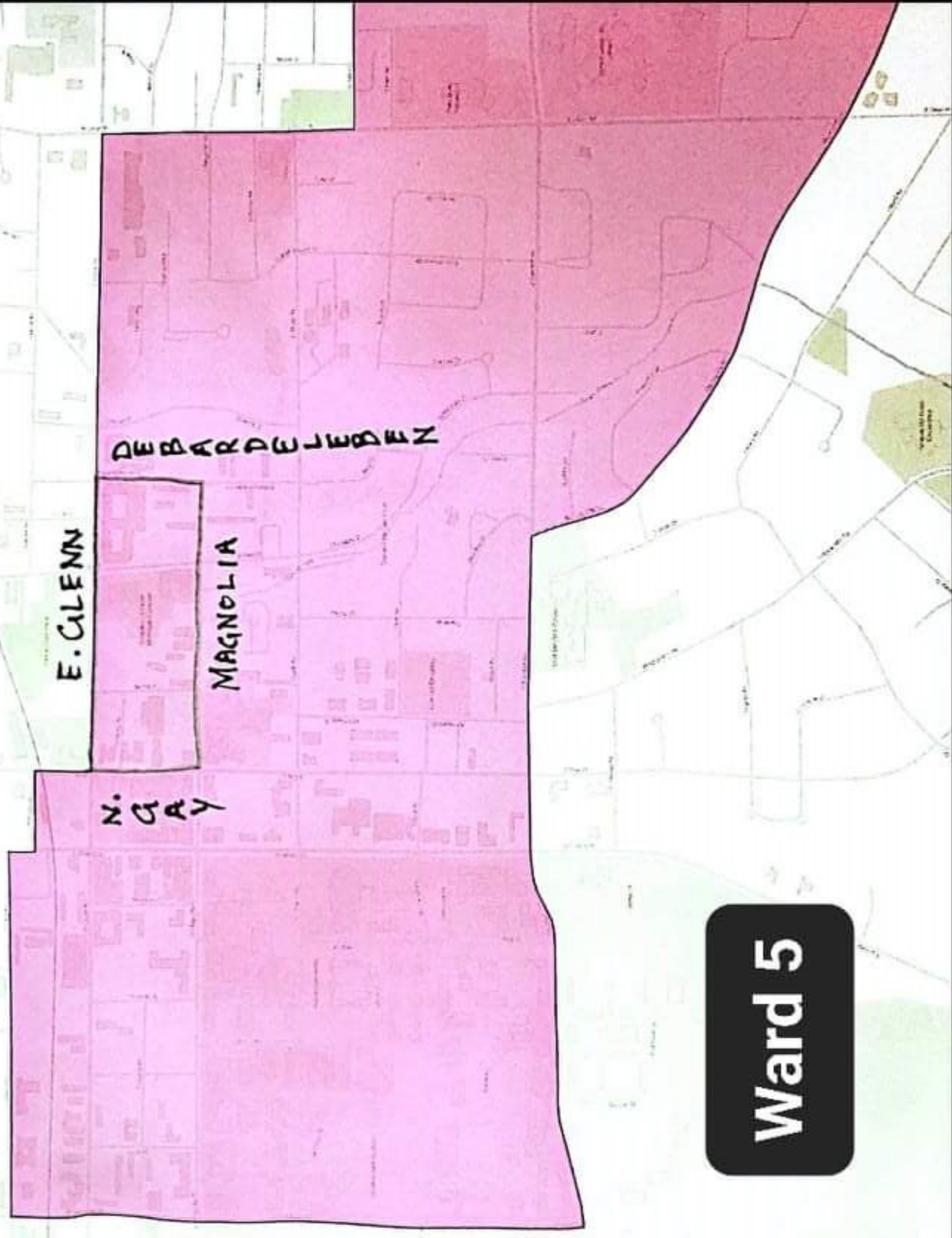
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