

## ATTACHMENT 1

### DRAFT Values and Criteria

#### 2021 Redistricting Process

##### Values

- *Lead with racial equity:* Metro actively engages communities of color in redistricting and considers impacts of redistricting on communities of color, both within districts and regionwide.
- *Transparent and accessible:* Residents feel welcome and find ample opportunities to share their thoughts about redistricting with Metro Council and staff.
- *Accountable:* Metro Council districts are of equal population and reflect the region's changing demographics. Every effort is made to ensure communities of interest are kept intact.

##### Criteria

*Based on past redistricting processes, with changes highlighted*

- The apportionment shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws pertinent to voting rights of electors.
- No council district shall vary in population more than five percent (5.0%) from the average population of the district. "Average population" shall be that amount equal to one-sixth of the total Metro area population based on the data compiled by the 2020 U.S. Census. The maximum variance of five percent shall be construed to mean that no district may be more than five percent larger or more than five percent smaller in population than the average population.
- While observing the maximum five percent population variance based on the 2020 census data, the Council shall make every effort to create districts with population variances of zero percent (0.0%) based on the census data.
- In developing the reapportionment plan, the Council shall give consideration to existing precincts and, to the maximum extent possible after meeting all other applicable criteria, shall maintain communities of interest. Such communities of interest are represented in:
  - Cities under 15,000 in population
  - Transit districts within the Metro boundary
  - School districts
  - Regional centers, town centers, and investment areas identified in the 2040 Growth Plan
  - Corridors identified in the 2040 Growth Plan or corridors of regional significance in the Regional Transportation Plan
  - Established neighborhood associations, neighborhood planning organizations, community planning and participation organizations
  - Compact minority communities
  - Other similar groups as specifically defined by the Metro Council