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To: Board of Supervisors

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Date: February 1, 2022

Subject: Redistricting Ordinance and Maps

Background:

Every ten years, Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 24.2-304.1 require that representation on the governing body be reapportioned. The Board of Supervisors appointed a Citizen Advisory Redistricting Committee, which met six times. The Committee learned about the redistricting process, examined different scenarios, solicited citizen feedback, and adjusted their proposal for changes in the State Senate District lines in Dinwiddie.

Ultimately, the Committee made the following recommendation, which also included changes in polling places and precinct lines and can be described as follows:

The proposed ordinance would move the area bounded on the north by Hatcher's Run, on the east by Claiborne Road, on the south by the White Oak Road, and on the west by Tranquility Lane from Precinct 202 – Sutherland in District 2 to Precinct 401 – Dinwiddie in District 4. The proposal would also move the area bounded on the north by Picture Branch, on the east and south by Interstate 85, and on the west by U.S. Route 1 and Quaker Road from Precinct 201 – Rohoic in District 2 to Precinct 303 – Little Zion in District 3.

The proposed ordinance would also (1) move the polling place for Precinct 401 – Dinwiddie from the Dinwiddie County Middle School to the Dinwiddie County High School and the polling place for Precinct 402 – McKenney from Sunnyside Elementary School to the Ragsdale Community Center and (2) move the area generally bounded on the east by Boydton Plank Road, on the south by Interstate 85 and Sterling Road, and to the north and west by Cattail Run from Precinct 502 – Chesdin to Precinct 501 – Edgehill. Other technical changes to the district

descriptions would be made, including clarifying that a small area around 21150 Bain Road would be in District 3 and Precinct 303 – Little Zion.

The ordinance was been advertised for two weeks in the Richmond Times Dispatch, and is before the Board for public hearing and action at 7 PM on February 15.

The Board of Supervisors has the ordinance, a district map, and a precinct map for approval. There are also some additional maps and statistics included with this action item as an informational packet.

If the Board does approve the ordinance, the ordinance will have to be pre-cleared by the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia. That process can take up to 60 days.

Action:

If the Board desires to adopt the ordinance, the motion can read as follows:

“I move that the ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the County Code be adopted with the district and precinct maps, as presented.”