



Annapolis Ward Boundaries and Redistricting Task Force

February 16, 2022

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Chairman Littmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

The following members were present on roll call: Chairman Jared Littmann, Vice Chair Mary Anne Arnett, Ms. Emma Smith, Mr. Brandon Wright, Mr. Harold “Chuckie” Lloyd, Mr. Greg Brenan, and Ms. Michael Matthews.

The following members were absent on roll call: Mr. Solon Webb, Ms. Lisa Wilson.

The following staff members were also present: Ombudsman Hilary Raftovich, GIS Coordinator Shawn Wampler, and Chief of Comprehensive Planning Eric Leshinsky

Chairman Littmann reviewed the redistricting process.

Chairman Littmann invited comment from the public.

Mr. Scott Gibson, 113 Williams Drive, spoke to the committee. Mr. Gibson spoke in opposition to splitting up the Clay Street neighborhood. Mr Gibson offered some alternative areas to move out of Ward 2.

Petition of Clay Street Residents attached.

Mr. Keanuú Smith-Brown, 1805 Schooner Court, spoke in opposition to maps A and B and in support of Map C

Reverend Ivan Vineyard, 59 Clay Street spoke in opposition to maps A and B and in support of Map C

Ms. Shirley Gordon, 55 Clay Street, spoke in in opposition to splitting up Clay Street Neighborhood

Chairman Littmann offered an overview of the schedule up to this point and the process going forward.

Ms. Maggie Rodgers, 1705 Nimitz Drive, spoke in favor of keeping the old 4th ward (Clay Street neighborhood) together.

Ms. Beryl Downs, 650 Greenbriar lane, inquired as to where the maps are posted.

Ombudsman Raftovich stated that the enlarged maps are on display at Pip Moyer, posted online on the city website

Ms. Lyn Rodgers, 2 Yevola Peters Way, stated that the city also sent out information through the email list and that Alderwoman Pindell Charles also sent out information to her email list.

Reverend Vinyard recommended placing the draft maps at the Stanton Center

Alderwoman Pindell Charles, 5 Domino Rd, spoke about the city email list.

Ms. Heidi Rothenhaus, 198 Acton Road, spoke in favor of Map B to keep Truxton Heights together but with the old 4th ward brought back together. She stated that Truxton heights has been moved

Ms. Carolyn Keene, 1350 Tyler Ave, spoke in favor of keeping Ward 6 intact.

Mr. Brooks DuBose, The Capital Gazette, stated that he has requested from his editor that the stories about the redistricting be available without cost as a public service.

Ombudsman Raftovich read testimony received by email into the record (2 of them were submitted in Spanish and translated by City Staff – Spanish original is attached)from the following individuals:

Kirsten Clark, Executive Director of the Center of Help

My name is Kirsten Clark. I am Executive Director of the Center of Help. The mission of Center of Help is to educate, empower and connect immigrant families to resources to promote self-sufficiency and to advocate for the successful integration of the immigrant community into Anne Arundel County in the surrounding areas.

On behalf of the organization and our clientele, I urge the City Council to consider the importance of proportionate representation for minority communities. The immigrant population is historically and currently underrepresented in public offices. The Hispanic/Latinx population represents approximately a quarter of the city's population, and the districts must be drawn in such a way to give a fair opportunity for a proportionate number of City Council representatives to represent the Hispanic/Latinx community.

Maria Franco

Good afternoon. My name is Maria Franco and I am originally from Venezuela. Like the Latina that I am, I celebrate that Annapolis has a Latino community that was able to be counted in the 2020 census. We as residents in this city ask that our economic contributions and cultural contributions to this city be recognized. That is why today in this opportune i would like to as that this city take advantage of Redistricting with the end goal of becoming recognized and represented in our right to choose.

Sosima Morgan

I am Sosima Morgan, I have been living in Annapolis for more than 5 years. A city that welcomed me and where I have worked and lived with my family. Like many other Latinos that contribute so much with our work and our culture to the growth of this city, today in the Redistricting, I would like to ask that it be recognized that our community is growing, as was reflected in the 2020 census. That it be recognized that annapolis now has a neighborhood (ward 3) that is now Latino in its majority and it is necessary to have Redistricting in our neighborhoods. We need Latino spaces, we need who can represent us and defend our rights.

Chairmen Littmann discussed a proposed alternative map

Vice-Chair Arnett discussed the process

Ms. Heidi Rothenhaus, expressed concerns that this map is taking Truxton Heights out of Ward 1.

Reverend Vineyard spoke on the new proposed map.

Alderwoman O'Neill, 423 Halsey Rd, spoke in favor of keeping neighborhoods intact.

Ms. Debbie Yatsuk, 418 Fox Hollow Rd, spoke about the redistricting process.

Member Michaels discussed the challenges that the task force members are facing.

The Task Force discussed the process going forward and scheduled their next meeting for March 15 at the OEM Command center to be broadcast for public viewing

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by Hilary Raftovich

Public Testimony provided to the 2021-2022 Ward Boundaries Task Force

As of 2/15/2022

Kristen Zacheis, Feb 15, 2022 at 11:51 AM, from <kristen.zacheis@gmail.com>

To the Annapolis Ward Boundaries and Redistricting Task Force,

I live on Bertina A Nick Way, just off of Clay Street and have lived here for 3 years. I just read the article in the Sunday Capital Gazette regarding the Redistricting that will split up this community. I am outraged! As I watch the people try their hardest to thrive and have a voice, I see the many outside factors that try to leave us behind. It's bad enough that so many citizens of Annapolis are against the Clay Street community!! I see it in Facebook posts, many of which are implicitly and explicitly racist! This wonderful community of people need government support in sticking together, with one voice. That will not happen if the lines are drawn to divide and conquer.

Sincerely,

Kristen McDermott

Julie Benson, Feb 13, 2022, at 10:15 PM, from oakcitygirl@gmail.com, 168 Acton Road

I feel than plan B is the best for my neighborhood as it keeps us together. Plan A splits or small neighborhood in half, plan C takes us out of ward 1. I'd like to stay in Elly Tierney's ward as she is wonderful, I trust her and I voted for her.

Robert Worden, Feb 14, 2022, at 5:01 PM, from wordenannapolis@aol.com, 30 Murray Ave.

I support Map C for Ward 1 boundary. Maps A and B break up the Clay Street neighborhood into two wards and I believe this is not a good plan.

Alderwoman Elly Tierney, Feb. 12, 2022, at 11 AM, from aldtierney@annapolis.gov,

I'd like to keep Truxton Heights intact.

Alderman Ross Arnett, Jan 21, 2022, 10:24 AM, from aldarnett@annapolis.gov

Move Eastport Terrace and or Harbor House into Ward 8 and send what is needed to Ward 7 from the Warren Drive part of Ward 8.

Alexandra Weller, January 20, 2022, 9:41 AM, from ajweller57@hotmail.com, 18 Silverwood Circle

Unfortunately all of the discussion could not be heard during the meeting. Can participants in future meetings have microphones so that all comments can be heard please?

Scott Gibson, Dec. 24, 2021, 12:03 PM, scott.t.gibson@gmail.com, 113 Williams Drive

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act mandates that no "standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision to deny or abridge the

right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color." In the context of redistricting, federal law provides that majority-minority districts can be created to prevent the dilution of minorities' voting strength in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 ("Voting Rights Act").

According to recent figures from the US Census Bureau, Annapolis's Hispanic/Latinx population has grown to be the second largest racial/ethnic group in the city. (Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/annapoliscitymaryland/PST045219>) Despite one out of 5 Annapolitans being Hispanic/Latinx, Marc Rodriguez remains the only Hispanic/Latino ever elected alderman. The underrepresentation of the Hispanic/Latinx population on the City Council suggests that there may be forces (even if unintentional) working against their full participation in local government.

In *Thornburg v. Gingles*, the Supreme Court established three criteria that must be met to prove claims of vote dilution under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act:

- The minority group must be able to demonstrate that it is sufficiently large and geographically compact to constitute a majority in a district;
- The minority group must demonstrate political cohesion; and
- "The minority must be able to demonstrate that the white majority votes sufficiently as a bloc to enable it usually to defeat the minority's preferred candidate."

As part of our efforts to build One Annapolis, I would encourage the Redistricting Task Force to evaluate – applying the criteria laid out in *Thornburg v. Gingles* - whether the City can and should create a majority Hispanic/Latinx ward to: (1) ensure that Annapolis's Hispanic/Latinx population's voting strength is not diluted by being spread across multiple wards and (2) increase the diversity of our City Council.

The drawing of ward lines will determine the distribution of political power in Annapolis for the next decade. I encourage you to view your task through the lens of equity and take up this issue. Thank you.

Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell-Charles, Dec 22, 2021, 8:01 PM, from aldpindellcharles@annapolis.gov

(Paraphrasing) Requested that no changes be made to Ward 3 boundaries

Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson, verbally to the Task Force, January 18, 2022, 5 PM

(Paraphrasing) Requested that the Bates community remain in Ward 4

Public Hearing on 12/21/2021

- Ms. Janet Katz, 143 Spa Dr, **Annapolis**, MD, inquired about who is counted in the census
- Mr. Todd Powell, 221 Pindell Ave. Annapolis, MD 21401, spoke to the committee about the ward lines
- Ms. Beryl Downs, 650 Greenbrier Lane Annapolis, MD 21401, inquired about the effect of the Newtowne 20 development rebuild
- Mr. Mike Dye, 1315 Hawkins LN Annapolis, MD 21401, inquired about the increase in the population of Ward Two.

- Alderwoman Tierney inquired about the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic on the census count.
- Ms. Ginger Deluca, 725 Coybay Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401, inquired about the Wiley Bates Legacy Center and why it was in Ward Four.
- Alderwoman Pindell-Charles discussed the demographics and sections of Ward Three.



Hilary Raftovich <hraftovich@annapolis.gov>

Redistribucion

1 message

Sosima Morga <sosima67@gmail.com>
To: hraftovich@annapolis.gov

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 6:39 PM

Soy Sosima Morgan, tengo más de 5 años viviendo en Annapolis. Una Ciudad que me dio la bienvenida y donde siempre he vivido y trabajado junto a mi familia. Como muchos otros latinos que aportamos tanto con nuestro trabajo y nuestra cultura al crecimiento de esta ciudad, hoy en la distritación quiero pedir porque se reconozca que nuestra comunidad está creciendo, como lo refleja el resultado del último Censo 2020. Que se reconozca que la ciudad de Annapolis tiene un barrio (Ward 3) que es latino en su mayoría y por eso es necesaria la redistribución de nuestros distritos. Necesitamos espacios latinos, necesitamos quienes nos representen y defiendan nuestros derechos.

Sosima Morgan.



Hilary Raftovich <hrraftovich@annapolis.gov>

(no subject)

1 message

madefrancobo@gmail.com <madefrancobo@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 16, 2022 at 7:07 PM

To: hrraftovich@annapolis.gov

Buenas tardes. Soy Maria Franco y mi país de origen es Venezuela. Cómo latina que soy, hoy celebro que Annapolis tenga una Comunidad latina que se pudo contar por el Censo 2020. Nosotros como habitantes de esta Ciudad pedimos se nos reconozca nuestro aporte económico y cultural a esta Ciudad. Por eso hoy quisiera en la oportunidad, pedir por la redistribucion de nuestra Ciudad, con el fin de que logremos ser reconocidos y representados en nuestro derecho a elegir.

Enviado desde mi iPhone

Keep Clay Street Whole

To: boards@annapolis.gov

We appreciate that city ward boundaries need to be re-drawn and that Ward 2 must be made smaller to ensure people are equally divided among Annapolis's 8 Wards. The drawing of ward boundaries will determine the distribution of political power in Annapolis for the next decade. Let's encourage the Task Force and City Council to flatly reject any and all maps that divide up the Clay Street/Old Fourth Ward Community.

Why is this important?

To be clear – dividing a community weakens its voice in elections.

Today the Clay Street/Old Fourth Ward Community benefits from being a whole unit within Ward Two. When its leaders call a meeting or host an event, it draws attention. From a tactical perspective, candidates are assured that they will be meeting a group that contains a lot of their voters.

Given that this community was already negatively impacted by local government action, we should be especially focused on making sure its voice is not weakened by local government action in the form of drawing new Ward Boundaries and Maps.

Signed by 18 people:

Name	Zip code
Scott Gibson	21401
Francesca Gargano	21401
Jane Knuth	21401
Michelle Sanner	21401
Ruth Rentch	21401
Toni Pratt	21401
Donna Wiggins	21401
Mary Ahern-Snyder	21401
Mary (Molly) smith	21401
Lynn Voss	21401
Susan Mertes	21401
Virgin Moore	21401
Bill Kardash	21401

Name	Zip code
Ashley Hillary	21401
Emily Montfort	21403
Renetra Anderson	21401
Chivar Mullin	85202
Jewel Potter	22554

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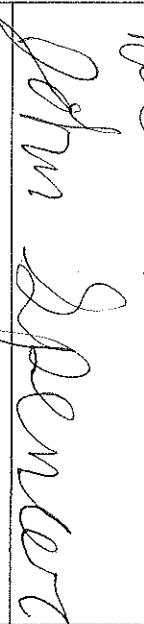
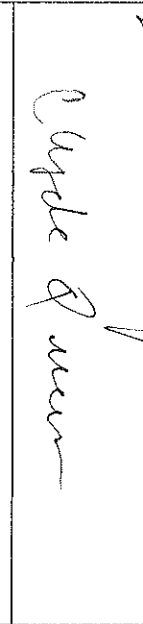
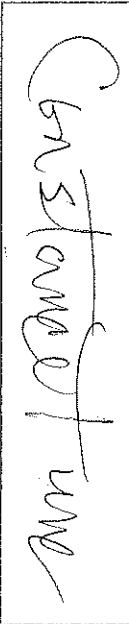
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Signature	Printed Name	Phone Number
<i>Ms. Rosa Pinder</i>	Rosa Pinder	202-440-5691
<i>Anthony Mayo</i>	Anthony Mayo	443-333-6083
<i>Ms. Sandra Reed</i>	Ms. Sandra Reed	443-858-8830
<i>Jimmy Lindsey</i>	JIMMY LINDSEY	410-863-0650
<i>James W. Reed</i>	JAMES REED	unit 304

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	Raymond Cook	443-437-0525
	Yaitina Blake	443-822-3041
	John SPENCER	443-822-8041
	Clyde Queen	410-212-6371
	Constance Turner	443-221-0443

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Godfrey Phelps	CARROLL WILKINS	443-822-7159
Godfrey Phelps	Godfrey Phelps	410 512 1242
Sandra Chapman	SANDRA CHAPMAN	443 443 336 4690
Maura Watkins	Maura Watkins	2143 221 1114
Hennetta Herbert	Hennetta Herbert	410 320 9452

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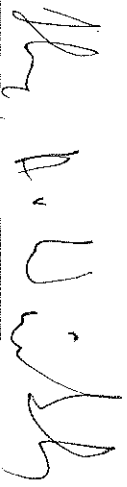
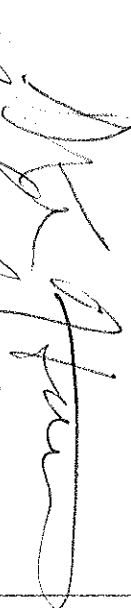

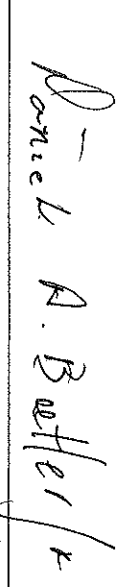
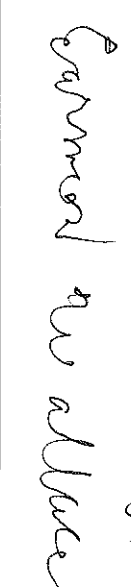
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Signature	Printed Name	Phone Number
Ella Lewis	Ella Lewis	410 831-2389
Robert Lewis	Robert Lewis	↓
Ronald Jensen	RONALD JENSEN	410-271 8206
James Reed	LAWRENCE S. JENSEN	410-272-7303
James Reed	JAMES REED	omit 304 no phone

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Signature	Printed Name	Phone Number
	Thomas A Winchuk	NONE
	Steve Hartman	NONE
	Ricky Stewart	NONE
	-Daniel A. Butler	202-455-6461
	EARNON WALLACE	NONE

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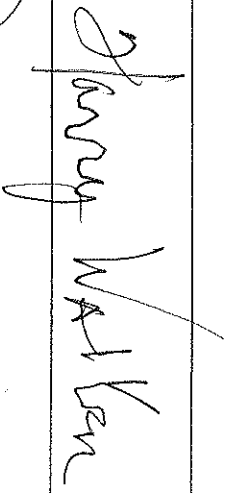
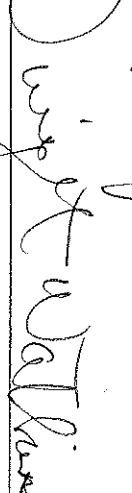
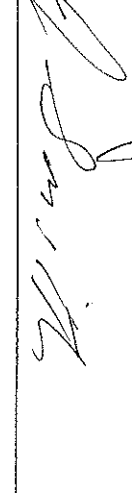
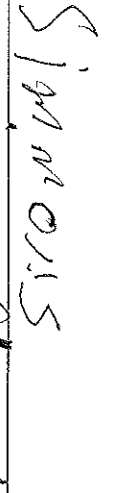
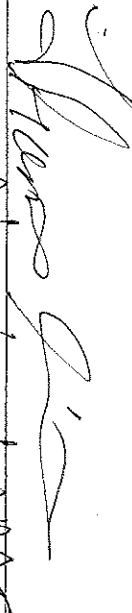
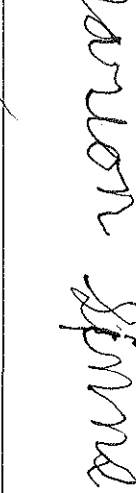
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 Pamela Corbin	Pamela Corbin	None
 Ursula Corbin	Ursula Corbin	None
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 Maurice R. Robinson	Maurice R.R.	443 221 0409
 Dorothy Kocik	DOROTHY KOCIK	None
 Ronald Ford	Ronald Ford	None

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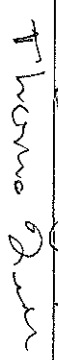


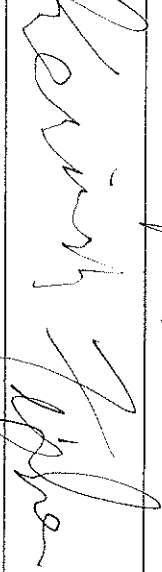
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	Harry Walker	443-519-8901
	Dwight Watkins	443-741-7582
	TOM SMITH	443-942-6239
		443 969 1722
	MARION SIMMS	NONE

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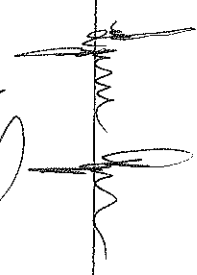


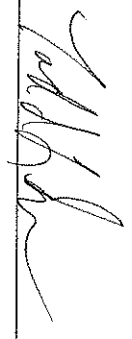
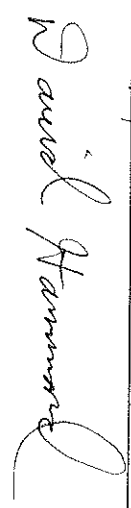
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	Delores Perry 405 815	443-254-0787
	Thomas Queen	410-2688-721
	Carlos Abney	443-915-0421
	Lindy Spriggs	443-251-1965
	Kerwin Fisher	443-822-5696

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	Lynette Cooper	(443) 682-1096
	Elvis D Hurdley Jr.	443-454-7113
	NT SHARP II	443-994-0012
	Todd Smith	410-320-0629
	DAVID	443 924-9281

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Michael Patton	Michael Patton	443-699-3949 443-
Carroll's Signature	Carroll's Stone	410-268-1723
EUGENE WALTER	EUGENE WALTER	443 822 8890
Sherry Hall	Sherry Hall	443-822-1412
Carlos Hall	Carlos Hall	443-822-1414

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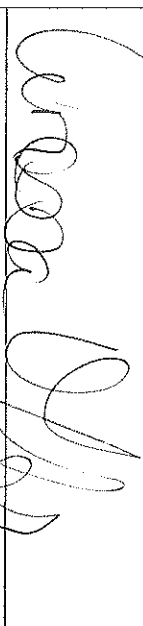

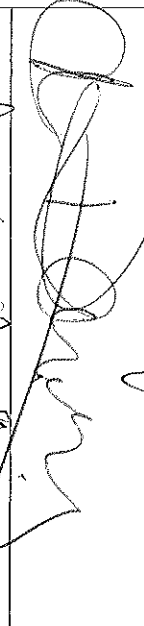
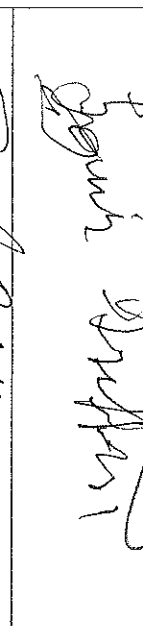

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Jennie Brown	JENNIE BROWN	410-858-6113 410-858-5988
Belinda Day	Belinda Day	301-789-3613 301-789-3613
Charles Swartz	CHARLES SWARTZ	
Sharon Taylor	Sharon Taylor Johnson	443-583-6928
William Jones	William Jones	410-349-6914

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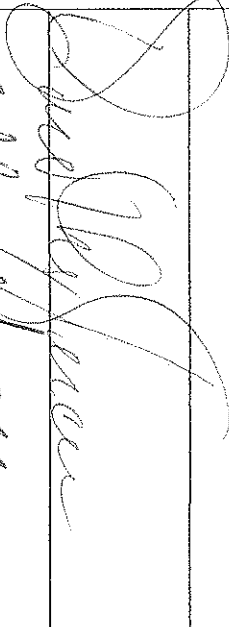

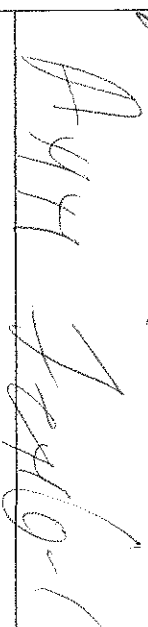
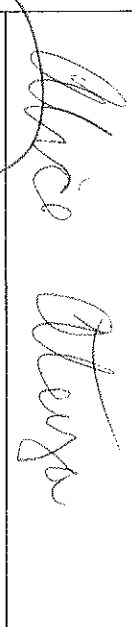
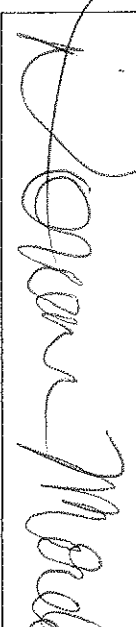
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	Sarah Smith SK	8717-347-4210
	Alex Adams	410 2684526
	Louis Griffin	NONE
	David Whit	443 922 8335

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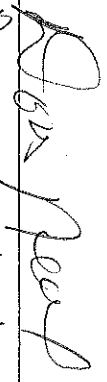
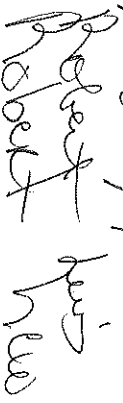

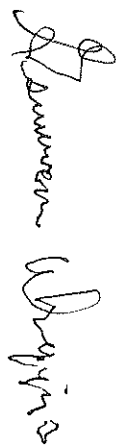
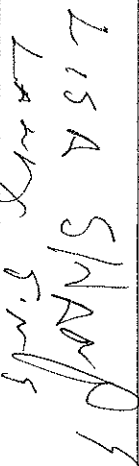

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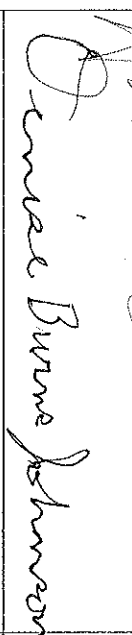


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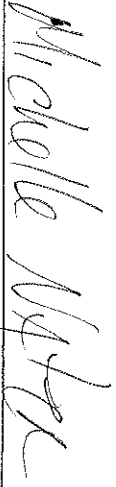

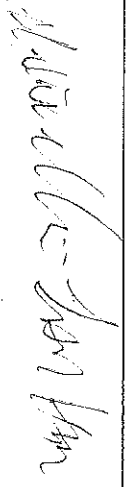
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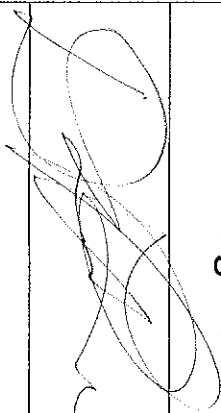
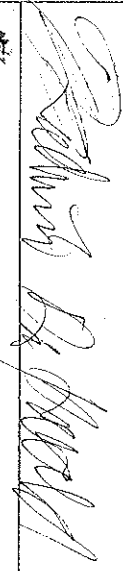
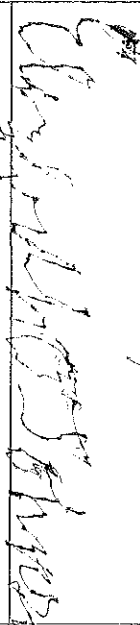
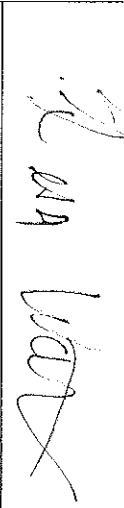
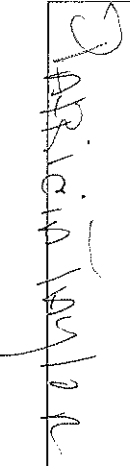
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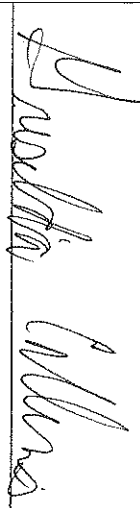

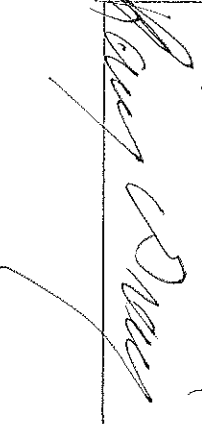
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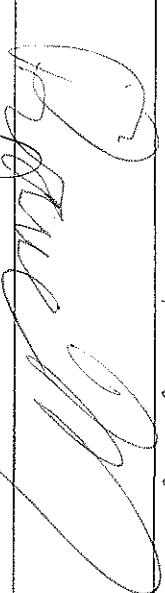
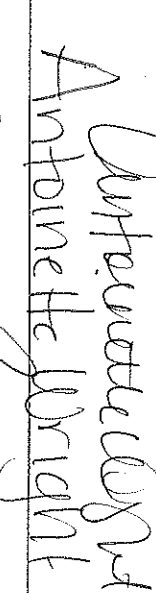


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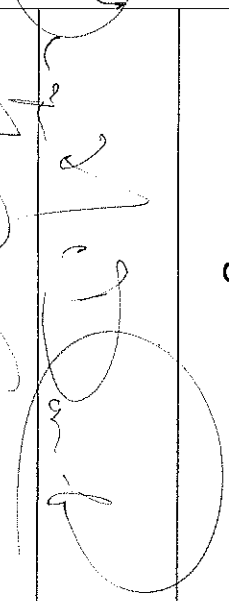

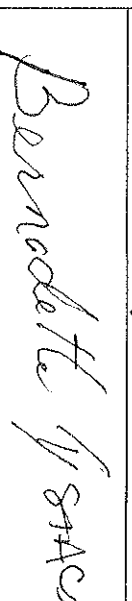
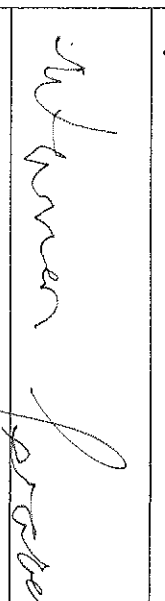

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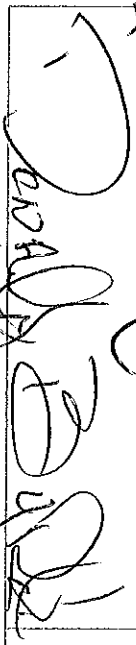
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