



# Howard County Council

George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043-4392

Legislative Work Session  
Web-based Virtual Meeting

Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/watch-US>  
Monday, July 13, 2020 (continuation from July 8, 2020)  
2:30 p.m.

## Minutes (approved)

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Deb Jung, Chairperson; Opel Jones; Christiana Rigby; Liz Walsh, Vice-chairperson; and David Yungmann.

Staff present: Diane Schwartz Jones, Council Administrator; Theo Wimberly, Administrative Manager; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; Gary Kuc, County Solicitor; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant;

Administration staff present: Jennifer Sager and Maureen Evans Arthurs

Attendees: Guy Mickley; Yolanda Sonnier and David Marker

**Council Resolution 93-2020** – Introduced by Deb Jung - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Howard County Charter by amending Section 202 “The County Council” by altering certain dates for the Council to appoint a Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and for the Commission to prepare a plan of Councilmanic Districts and present the plan to the Council; altering a date, if by which, no ordinance re-establishing the boundaries of the Councilmanic Districts has been enacted, the plan submitted by the Commission becomes law; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

**Council Resolution 94-2020** – Introduced by David Yungmann - A RESOLUTION proposing to amend County Charter Section 202 to alter the method for appointing members of a Councilmanic Redistricting Commission; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XI-A of the Maryland Constitution.

## COUNCILMEMBERS

Deb Jung, Chairperson  
District 4

Liz Walsh, Vice Chairperson  
District 1

Opel Jones  
District 2

Christiana Rigby  
District 3

David Yungmann  
District 5

There was general discussion about lists from which appointments to a Council Redistricting Commission should be considered and a continuation of the discussion of the process for appointments.

Councilmembers were polled on preferred approach. There was a general consensus that unaffiliated voters should have representation on a Council Redistricting Commission.

Theo Wimberly described the Council Redistricting Commission staffing and work process ten years ago. Each member came up with competing plans before coming up with a plan. The Commission met monthly (approximately 6-8 times). The recommended plan was then forwarded to the Council and the Chair came up with the recommendation.

The Council discussed whether the size of the Council Redistricting Commission should be.

Gary Kuc indicated that the charter dates need to be updated to reflect changes through in the election dates.

Councilmembers generally discussed how long a ballot should be with Board of Elections Director Guy Mickley advising that questions should not be long, and it is expensive to add pages due to equipment needs. Director Mickley advised that there are 2 questions from the state and that County could managed 3-4 questions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.