



**The Fairfax County Democratic Committee
Calls for a 2022 Virginia House of Delegates Special Election In Compliance with
the Redistricting Maps Decreed Final by the Virginia Supreme Court To Protect the
Constitutional Rights of All Virginians to Equal Representation**

Whereas,

The Virginia Supreme Court on December 28, 2021 decreed a final, immediately effective order establishing voting districts for the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates of Virginia and Virginia's Representatives to the United State House of Representatives based on the approved final redistricting maps prepared by the Special Masters, and defined the use of the previous voting districts as prohibited.

Former Democratic Party Chair Paul Goldman filed a now pending lawsuit in the Eastern District of Virginia arguing that House members elected in 2021 must run again in 2022 under new maps that properly align legislative districts with population shifts and that the failure to hold new elections this year would violate the "one man, one vote" principle outlined by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Virginia State Conference of the NAACP released a February 16, 2022 statement calling for new elections based upon the approved redistricting maps, "This is not about politics, but rather this is about upholding the fundamental rights inherent to our democratic form of government. We hope and trust that the courts will uphold these rights by ordering new elections to be held this year under the new General Assembly maps, so as to ensure that Virginia complies with the Constitution's mandate of equal representation throughout the remainder of the current General Assembly term. Justice delayed in this matter is justice denied to all Virginians."

On February 23, 2022, the Virginia League of Women Voters urged the court to find that we should elect Virginia House of Delegates this year based on the new redistricted maps, "Fair maps are the key to representative democracy."

In the organization's March 4, 2022 statement, The ACLU of Virginia called for a 2022 special election for Virginia's House of Delegates, "Now that we have fair, non-partisan maps, we should have an election where legislators run for election in those new, more representative districts. Allowing delegates to continue to operate from politically gerrymandered maps undermines the most deeply held principles of our democracy...We have said it again and again, and we won't stop saying it: Let Virginia's voters decide. It's time for Virginia voters to select their Delegates in a fair race."

Therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Democratic Committee calls for a 2022 Virginia House of Delegates special election in compliance with the voting districts established by the redistricting maps decreed final by the Virginia Supreme Court to protect the Constitutional rights of all Virginians to equal representation.

PASSED and APPROVED on this 22nd day of March 2022.