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Proposed Aldermanic District Boundary Plan Released

The Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) today released a proposed 2012-1016 aldermanic district plan for the City of Milwaukee Common Council. The staff-prepared preliminary aldermanic district boundaries are based on the voting ward plan that was adopted by the Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee on May 16, and then by the full Council on May 24.

The non-partisan LRB staff also released a separate map that shows the proposed districts overlaid on a map of the current aldermanic districts. Please go to <http://city.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting> to view the preliminary district plan and the overlay map. **The Judiciary and Legislation Committee will hold a public listening session on the plan at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011, in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, said LRB staff intends to submit the preliminary district plan to the file today (file# 110063). "This is an important step as the city is making public and readily available a proposed aldermanic district boundary plan for the public to review and scrutinize prior to the listening session on Monday," he said.

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee is overseeing the redistricting process with assistance from LRB staff trained in geographic information systems and redistricting laws and procedures.

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Preliminary District Plan/ADD ONE

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr. said the city's redistricting process is "public, open and deliberate." "We're not going to be getting any speeding tickets with our process, but that's alright with me because we want the public to have plenty of opportunities for review and input before we begin drawing up final aldermanic district boundaries," he said.

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee could vote June 27 on a proposed aldermanic district map. Alderman Hamilton has indicated that an additional public listening session could be scheduled in June if necessary.

The tentative remaining schedule of the city's redistricting process:

Monday, June 6 – Judiciary and Legislation Committee

Public hearing on proposed aldermanic district map prepared by LRB (no action)

Monday, June 27 – Judiciary and Legislation Committee

Action on proposed aldermanic district map

Tuesday, July 6 – Common Council

Adoption of aldermanic district plan

The Common Council will complete its redistricting process by the end of July, Alderman Hamilton has said.

The United States conducts a census of the entire population every 10 years. This information is used for many purposes, including the distribution of federal and state revenues and the drawing of boundaries for election districts at the federal, state and local levels.

Please go to <http://city.milwaukee.gov/Redistricting> for maps and more details about redistricting in the City of Milwaukee.