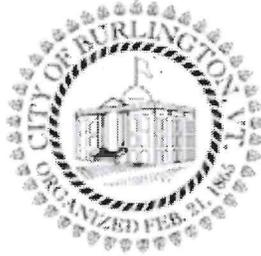


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MEMORANDUM

To: Burlington Board of Civil Authority (BCA)
From: Mayor Bob Kiss
Date: March 16, 2012
Re: Reapportionment

Members of the Burlington Board of Civil Authority:

On March 12, 2012, the Burlington BCA and Winooski BCA both approved a plan for the reapportionment of the 12 seat district including Winooski and Burlington set by the Legislature. This plan included a sharing of a minimum of 251 Burlington residents with Winooski in order to meet the deviation standards required by this process.

The plan that was approved by both BCA included what was projected by the owner of the property, Champlain Housing Trust (CHT), to be 262 residents of Salmon Run and Millview Apartments plus 25 residents of Census Tract 1002 for a total of 287 residents to meet the required Winooski match of at least 251 residents.

Unfortunately, after further investigation by CHT, at the time of the 2010 Census, only 162 residents resided at Salmon Run and Millview Apartments. This new resident count plus the 25 residents of Census Tract 1002 fails to meet the number of residents necessary to satisfy the shared number of residents required by Winooski by 64 residents.

The House Government Operations Committee has given Burlington and Winooski until Tuesday, March 20, 2012 to provide a letter that outlines a plan to meet the reapportionment requirements for the Burlington/Winooski 12 seat House District.

Burlington has set a meeting for 6:00 p.m. on Monday for its BCA to meet to vote on a plan that meets the requirements of the Legislature for reapportionment of the Burlington/Winooski District.

According to the chair of the Winooski BCA, Robert Millar, they are unable to meet and will not act on any new reapportionment proposal by the Tuesday deadline proposed by the House Government Operations Committee. Robert advised that the Winooski BCA approved all aspects of the plan already and, faced with the new information regarding Salmon Run and Millview Apartments, he would assume once the Winooski BCA meets that it would support one of the two other alternatives that had previously been discussed to meet the Winooski sharing requirements. Both of these alternatives only use established Census Tracts and are not controversial in meeting the reapportionment requirements.

With this background, I hope the Burlington BCA will approve Census Block 1002 with 25 residents, Census Block 1016 with 136 residents, and Census Block 1015 with 98 residents, for a total of 259 residents to meet the Winooski sharing requirement with the fewest number of shared Burlington residents possible.

With this action by the Burlington BCA, I'm convinced that the House Government Operations Committee will honor this plan, in full, on the assumption that all of the reapportionment requirements are met and it is reasonable for Burlington to effectively recommend the best course of action and the fewest shared residents to comply with sharing requirements.

In addition, with information supplied by UVM, it appears that we have the information necessary to document and correct the discrepancies identified in the University-related Districts as assumed in the vote last Monday.