

***Board of County Commissioners***

***2025 Mid-decennial Redistricting  
Advisory Committee (MRAC)***

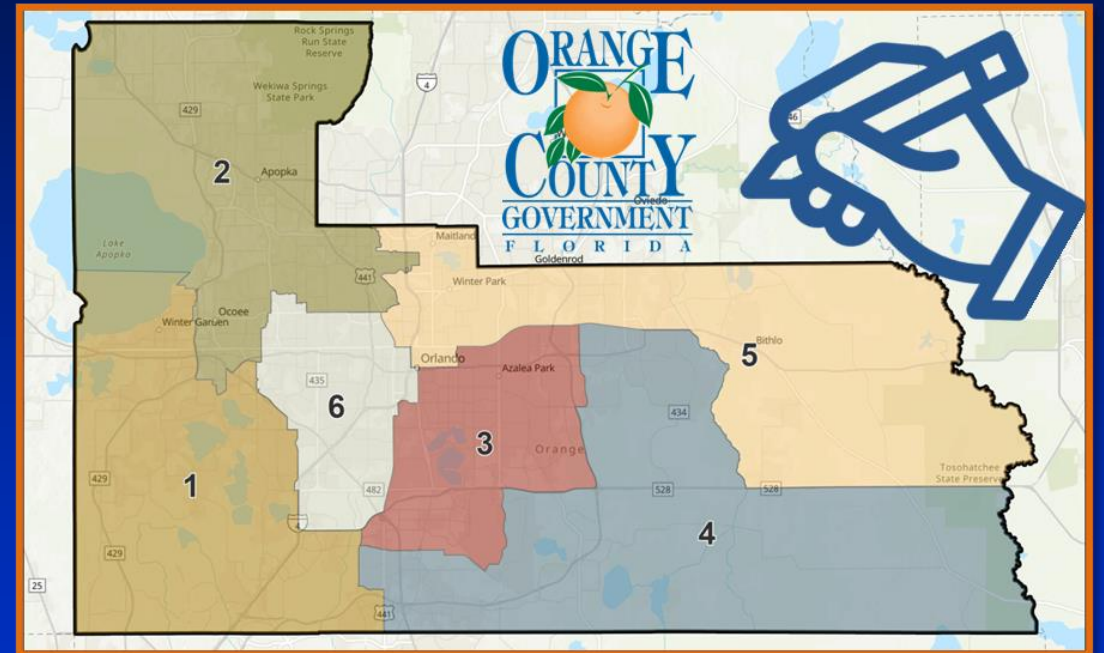
**Discussion Item**

**January 28, 2025**



# Presentation Outline

- Background
- Redistricting
- MRAC Appointees
- Action Requested



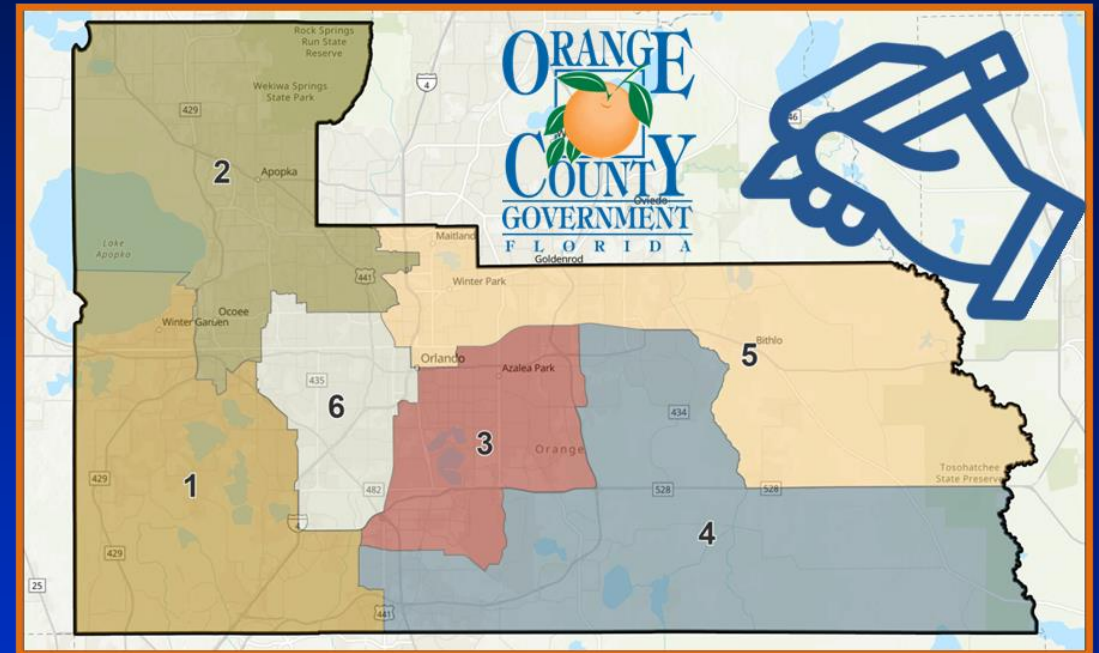
## • Charter Amendment 6

- During the November 5, 2024, general election, voters approved an increase in the number of County Commission districts in Orange County from six to eight, creating a nine-member County Commission, consisting of eight Commissioners and the County Mayor.
- Requires adoption of a revised redistricting map no later than November 1, 2025, to be effective for the 2026 general election.
- Estimated financial impact: One Time Costs - \$2.6 million; Annual Recurring Costs - \$1.3 million.



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# Redistricting | Criteria

- **Equal Population**
  - The most important of the redistricting criteria
  - One Person = One Vote
  - Districts must be divided to ensure the population is as evenly distributed as practicable.
    - Ideal Population = Total Population / 8 Districts
    - Slight deviation between district populations is permitted in order to address other legal redistricting considerations
    - The maximum deviation (between most populated district and least populated district) should be no more than 10 percent (+/- 5%)



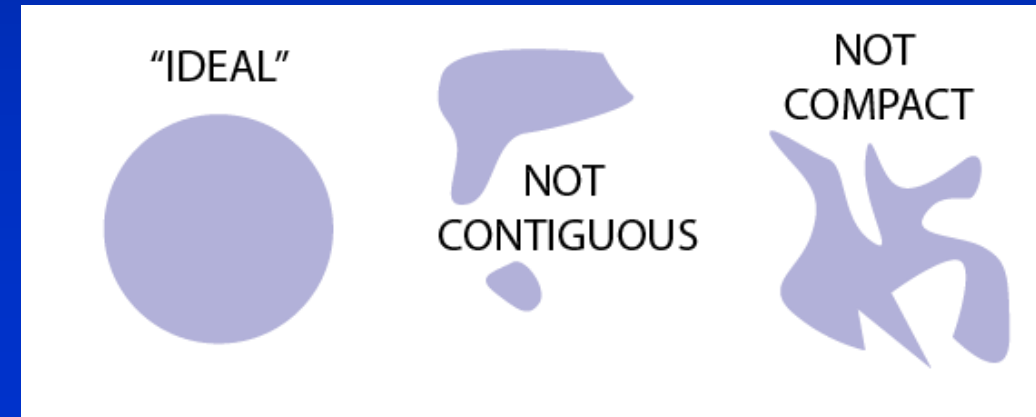
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- **Racial and Language Minorities**
  - Voting Rights Act, Section 2
    - Prohibits governments from denying or abridging any citizen's right to vote on account of race, color, or status as a member of a language minority group
  - Section 2 prohibits minority vote dilution which, in single member districts, could impermissibly be accomplished by
    - Fracturing
    - Packing
  - A violation of Section 2 has occurred if, as a result of the challenged map, the minority group in question does not have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect candidates of their choice



# Redistricting | Criteria

- **Geographic**
  - Contiguousness (required by Florida Constitution)
  - Compactness (most compact not required, but compactness must be a consideration – “eyeball test”)
- **Permitted considerations (cannot be prioritized above equal population, race and language minority considerations, compactness, or contiguousness)**
  - Preservation of political subdivisions
  - Preservation of communities of interest
  - Preservation of cores of prior districts
  - General protection of incumbents







# Redistricting | Process

- **Mid-decennial Redistricting Advisory Committee (MRAC)**
  - Created by a resolution
  - Composed of 15 members
    - Three (3) individuals nominated by the Mayor, two (2) will serve as the Co-Chairs of the Committee
    - Two (2) individuals nominated by each of the six (6) Commissioners
  - Review the 2020 Census data and updated population estimates
  - Analyze proposed maps for commission district boundaries and recommend map(s) to the BCC by September 15, 2025





# Redistricting | Process

- **MRAC Staff Assistance**
  - Planning, Environmental & Developmental Services Department
  - Community and Families Department
  - Consultant hired for mapping and technology support
  - County Attorney's Office
  - County Comptroller
  - Supervisor of Elections Office
- **Ongoing Activities**
  - Internal coordination meetings
  - Discussions with consultant regarding population data and mapping software



# Redistricting | Process

- **Community Input**
  - Public MRAC meetings
  - Broadcast meetings on Orange TV and social media
  - Public-facing tool to analyze data and create maps
- **Public Engagement**
  - Communications Division
  - Social media



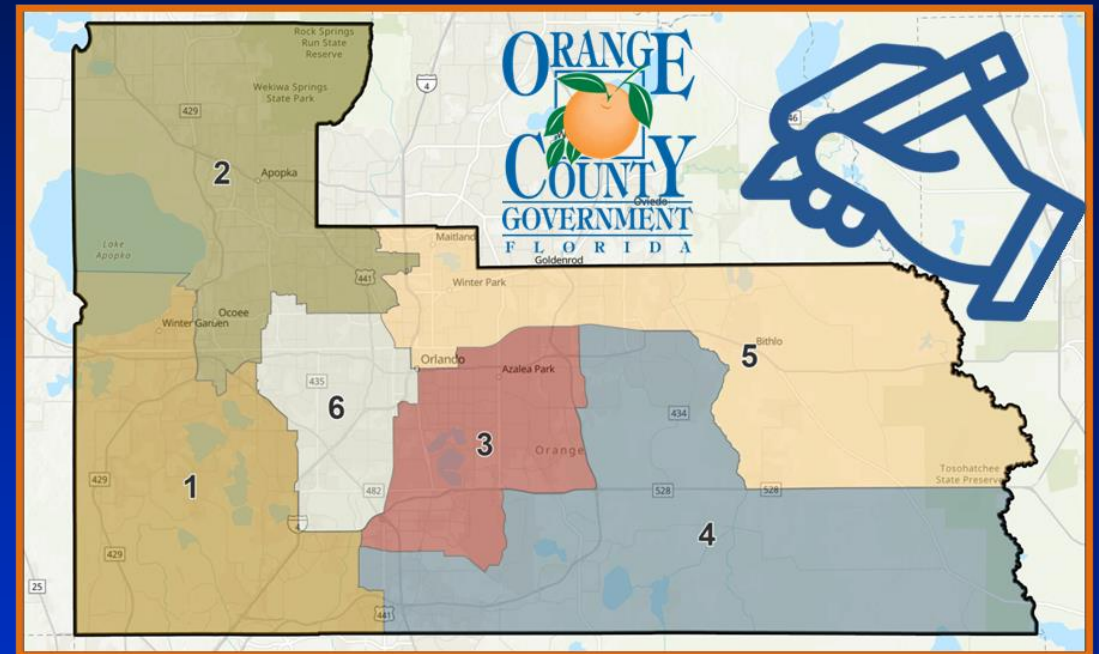
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- **MRAC Meetings**
  - Shall be noticed and open to the public
  - Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and open to inspection by the public
  - A quorum of eight (8) members must be present to conduct any meeting of the Committee
  - One meeting will be held in each Commission District (6)
  - One public hearing to adopt map to recommend to the BCC (by September 15, 2025)
- **BCC Meetings**
  - Work Session (anticipate late September/early October 2025)
  - Public Hearing to adopt the redistricting plan (must occur before November 1, 2025)



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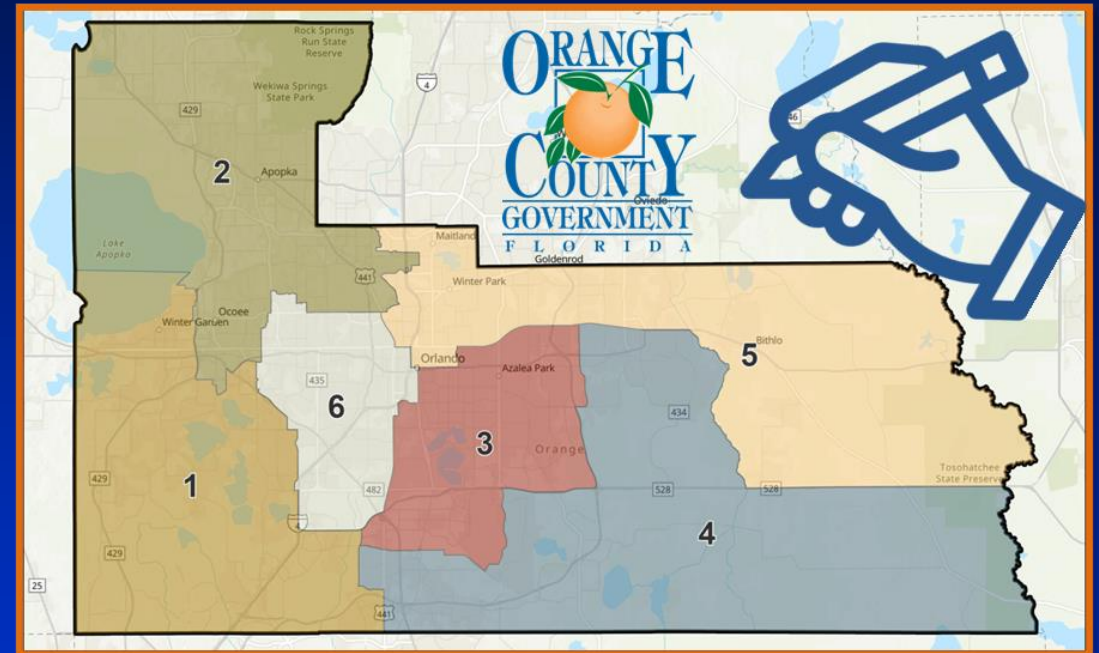
# MRAC Appointees

Orange County Mayor	1) Tico Perez, Co-chair
	2) Camille Evans, Co-chair
	3) Coy Jones
District 1 Commissioner	4) Erica Jackson
	5) Bobby Olszewski
District 2 Commissioner	6) Joe Kilsheimer
	7) Angel De La Portilla
District 3 Commissioner	8) Mark Arias
	9) Thomas Callan
District 4 Commissioner	10) Risha Bagga
	11) David Washington
District 5 Commissioner	12) Gordon Spears
	13) James Auffant
District 6 Commissioner	14) Alejandro Pezzini
	15) Jason Henry



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## **Action Requested**

**Approval and Execution of the Resolution  
establishing the Orange County Mid-decennial  
Redistricting Advisory Committee**



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