



## **OFFICE OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

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**Darlene A. Kloepfel, County Executive**

### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** County Board Members  
**FROM:** Darlene Kloepfel, County Executive  
**DATE:** January 4, 2021  
**RE:** Redistricting for County Board Seats

The IL Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/2-3002) requires reapportionment of the districts to represent county board seats by July 2021, following the reporting of the decennial Census 2020 data. The County Executive is to develop and present to the County Board by the third Wednesday in May an apportionment plan in accordance with these provisions for districts:

1. Districts of equal population
2. Districts of contiguous territory
3. Districts that divide boundaries of townships/municipalities only to meet the population requirement
4. Districts that do not divide precincts more than twice

I have formed an advisory group representing county residents to assist me with these tasks in order to be able to present a plan for consideration to the Board (see attached memo sent previously). Advisory group meetings are being recorded and posted for viewing by the public for transparency, and public hearings are being scheduled for public input into plan development.

The tentative schedule of activities:

- January 14 – Orientation of the advisory group
- February/March – Advisory group discussion; board decisions made regarding number of districts & board members; Census 2020 data released
- April/May – Advisory group discussion; public hearings; analyze draft maps
- May 11 – Present plan to County Board COW
- June – Required public hearing on plan; Board approval of plan

### **BOARD ACTION NEEDED:**

So that apportionment maps can be drawn, the County Board is charged with the task of determining:

- the number of districts
- the number of county board members
- whether voters shall have cumulative voting rights in multi-member districts

While it is possible these dates may change due to a later release of census data, I am requesting that the Board make its foundational decisions by the end of March so that the necessary deadlines can be met in this short timeframe to accomplish this important task.