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TO: City Council Members

FROM: The Honorable Brenda Priestly Jackson, Chair – Rules Committee
City Council Member, District 10

SUBJECT: Rules Committee Redistricting Amendment Process and Related Matters

DATE: February 22, 2022

Members of the Jacksonville City Council, please do not respond to this letter.

Dear members of the Rules Committee, namely CM DeFoor, CM White, CM Bowman, CM Cumber, CM Diamond and CM Dennis, Council President Newby, visiting Council Members, COJ staff including Mrs. Johnston (OGC), Mr. Killingsworth (Planning Department and Redistricting Expert), Mr. Clements and Ms. Lehman (Legislative Research), Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Carraher (Council Auditors), Ms. Hodges (ECA D-10) and neighbors, I share my gratitude for your attendance and support of the four Rules Committee Redistricting Public Hearings. We held four Rules Committee Redistricting Public Hearings over four weeks at Ed White H.S., Atlantic Coast H.S., First Coast H.S. and William M. Raines H.S. to receive public comments from our neighbors and constituents regarding the proposed redistricting legislation, Ordinance 2022-0001. The public comments from the Rules Committee Redistricting Public Hearings have been forwarded via E-mail for your review and consideration.

Now that the four Rules Committee Redistricting Public Hearings have concluded, the Rules Committee will address any proposed amendments to the legislation, Ordinance 2022-0001 at the Rules Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The process for Council Members to submit amendments for consideration to the Rules Committee is as follows:

- 1) Review the public comments from the Rules Committee Redistricting Public Hearings and other constituent's communications forwarded to your regarding Ord. 2022-0001 and determine if you want submit an amendment;
- 2) Schedule a meeting with Bill Killingsworth and Paige Johnston, Esquire, to discuss your proposed amendment. Mr. Killingsworth and Mrs. Johnston have provided the following times that they are available to meet with Council Members regarding amendments: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 24, 2022 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and,
- 3) After meeting with Mr. Killingsworth and Mrs. Johnston, draft and file your proposed amendment and submit via E-mail to BILLK@coj.net (William Killingsworth) and PJohnston@coj.net

(Paige Johnston) and copy bpjackson@coj.net (Brenda Priestly Jackson-Rules Chair), tcarraher@coj.net (Trista Carraher) and JEFFC@coj.net (Jeff Clements) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Friday, February 25, 2022.

All proposed amendments submitted by noon Friday, February 25, 2022, will be forwarded via E-mail to Rules Committee Members and copied to other Council Members on Monday, February 28, 2022.

The Rules Committee's agenda for Tuesday, March 1, 2022, will be finalized and adjusted to address the amendments to the redistricting legislation, Ord. 2022-0001, and accommodate a public hearing during the Rules Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

It is the Rules Committee members' intention to address public comments shared during the public hearings and amendments proposed by Council Members at the Rules Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. It is our fervent hope that the above-articulated process creates a transparent, open and inclusive process to both address any amendments, while complying with the Rules Committee's role in the redistricting process pursuant to the Charter.

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cc: Bill Killingsworth, Director of Planning and Development
Paige Johnston, Chief Office of General Counsel
Jeff Clements, Chief of Research
Trista Carraher, Council Auditor