

## Background:

Ahead of the 2024 election cycle, Duval County precincts were consolidated into fewer numbers by Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland. Since there is one polling location per precinct, the loss of each precinct meant a subsequent polling location loss.

In response, All Voting is Local set out to determine whether this consolidation increased the burden to vote for residents, especially in Duval's District 10, where Black and Brown voters consist of nearly 85% of the registered voters in the district. The organization's data analysis revealed that due to the drop of polling locations and an early voting site, the burden to vote increased for the district's residents.

## The Analysis:

The analysis compared the new precinct map of 2023 to the redrawn lines of 2024 while overlaying demographic information of each of the precincts.

Precinct population centerpoints were calculated by the All Voting is Local team to compare the distances between those points and their assigned polling locations, the goal being to identify any areas where the travel distance to vote significantly increased across the county.

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## Results:

District 10 saw the largest precinct consolidation in the county, resulting in the loss of seven election day polling locations shrinking from 19 in 2023 to just 12 in 2024. Additionally, the district lost a key early voting location from 2023 to 2024. Figures 3 and 4 show the change and the early voting desert that now exists in the northeast part of the district.

These losses have significantly increased the burden to vote for Black and Brown communities within the county, as fewer polling locations and early voting sites increase the distance required to travel to cast a ballot and could result in longer wait times for voters, whether early in-person or on election day. Additionally, the precinct and polling location changes likely also disproportionately affect long-time residents of the district and county overall who are used to voting in the same place every year and no longer have a close polling location as an option.

## Recommendations:

We recommend that an early voting location be added in District 10 (see Figures 1 & 2 for the outline of District 10) to replace the sites that were eliminated by former and current supervisors of elections for various reasons. Qualifying sites in District 10, or immediately adjacent to the district, include the Twin Towers on 621 W 44th St, Clanzel T. Brown Community Center, Carvill Community Center, Simonds Johnson Community Center, Dallas James Graham Library, and Police Athletic League. We also recommend that extensive voter education be done throughout the district to inform voters of their polling location changes and where their new locations are. Without this investment, we could see significant disenfranchisement of Black and Brown voters across Jacksonville in Duval County.

**Sources:** Target Smart Voter Files, Polling Locations Dataset provided by Democracy Works and Legal Defense Fund.



### 2023 Precinct/Polling Location

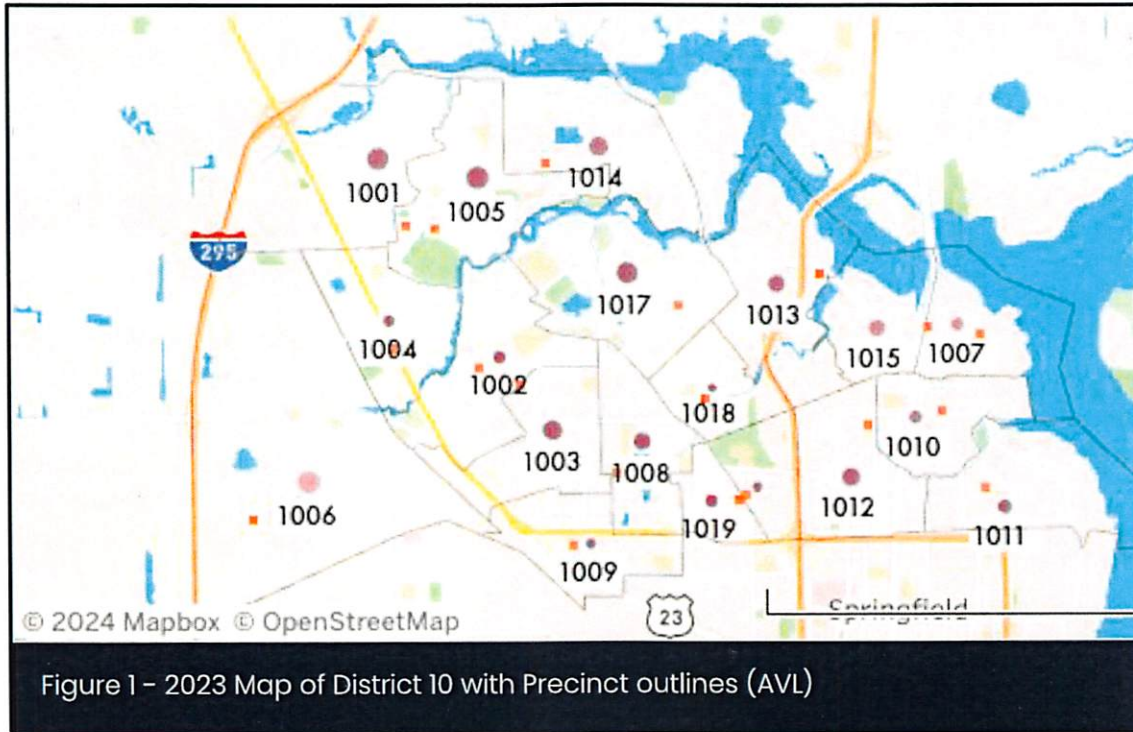


Figure 1 – 2023 Map of District 10 with Precinct outlines (AVL)

### 2024 Precinct/Polling Location

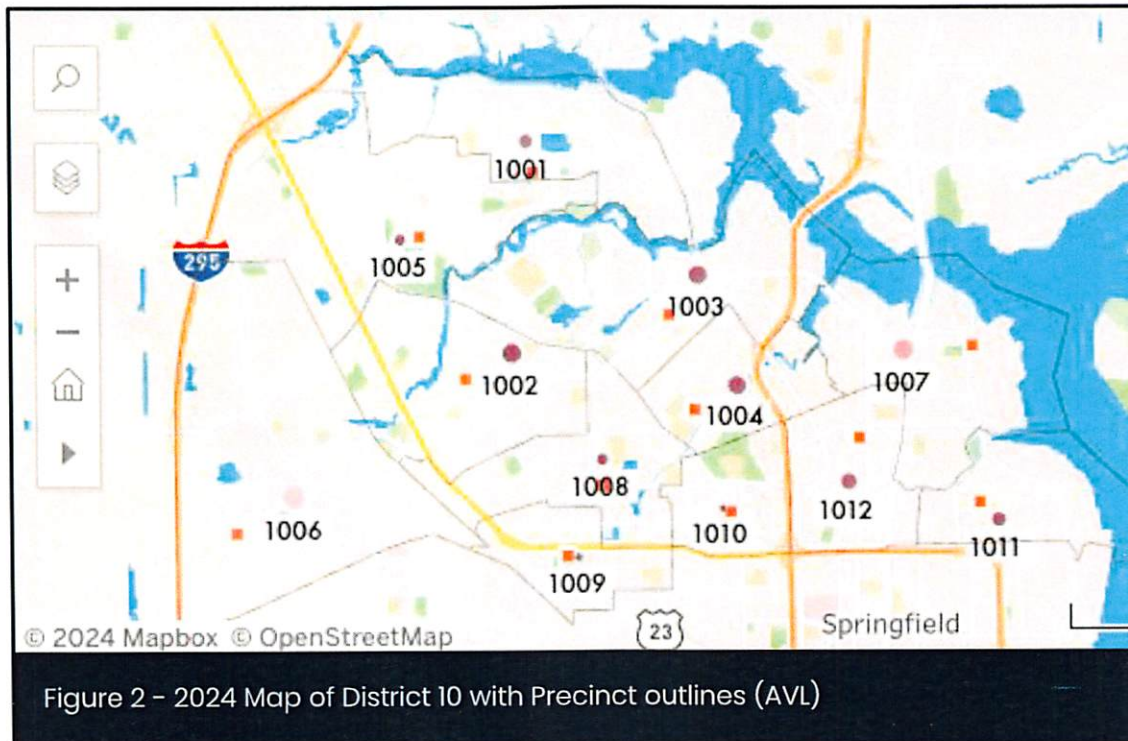


Figure 2 – 2024 Map of District 10 with Precinct outlines (AVL)



### 2024 Duval Early Voting Locations

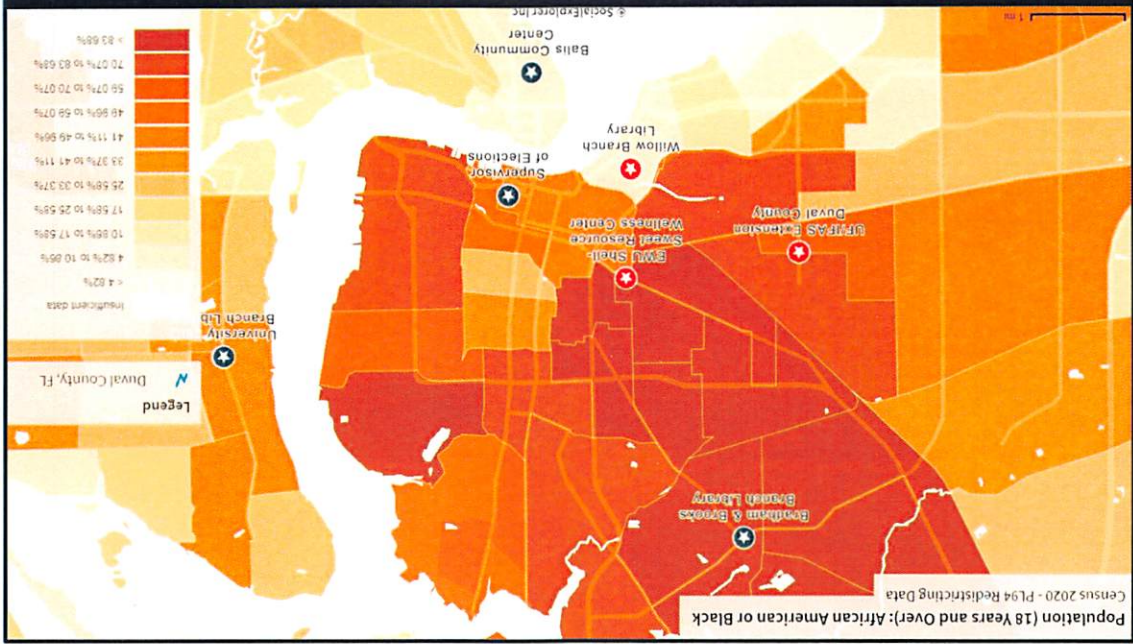


Figure 3: 2024 Early Voting Sites mapped with Black Voting Age Populations. (LDF)

### Black Voting Age Populations by Precinct

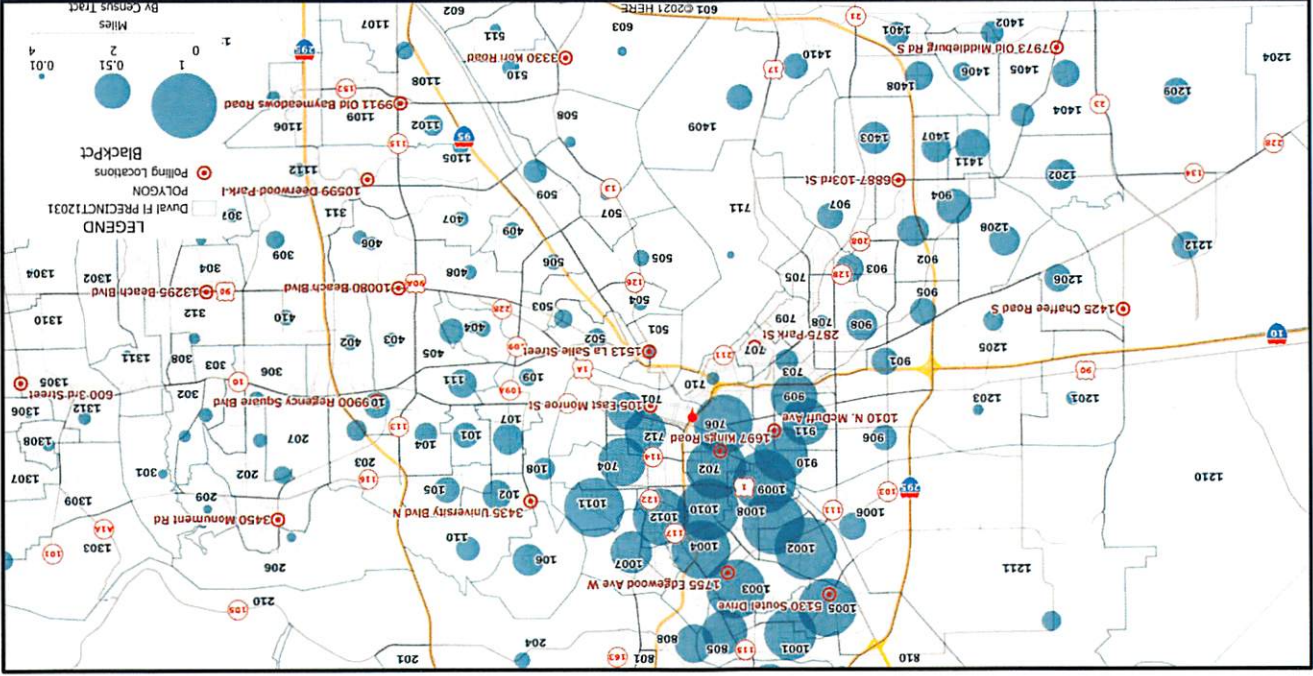


Figure 4: Black Voting Age Populations as a percentage of each voting precinct are illustrated by the relative size of each precinct's bubble. Red addresses are for Early Voting sites. (LDF)



## 2024 Duval City Council Districts

| District  | 2024 POC%    | POC Registered Voters | Total Registered Voters |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1         | 35.3%        | 44,263                | 90,962                  |
| 2         | 16.4%        | 33,114                | 104,039                 |
| 3         | 10.3%        | 29,927                | 109,726                 |
| 4         | 19.5%        | 31,787                | 86,795                  |
| 5         | 17.7%        | 27,327                | 96,602                  |
| 6         | 7.2%         | 18,586                | 105,521                 |
| 7         | 36.0%        | 42,353                | 103,921                 |
| 8         | 60.2%        | 64,817                | 99,539                  |
| 9         | 50.3%        | 47,945                | 84,165                  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>84.3%</b> | <b>82,847</b>         | <b>94,611</b>           |
| 11        | 16.2%        | 37,204                | 109,040                 |
| 12        | 30.8%        | 41,336                | 99,107                  |
| 13        | 6.4%         | 14,237                | 116,577                 |
| 14        | 38.6%        | 54,522                | 101,671                 |

Figure 5: 2024 Registered Voters of Color vs. Total Registered Voters by District in Duval County (AVLA)