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To: Members of the St. Marys City Council

Re: Proposed Apportioned Voting Districts for City of St. Marys

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

At the request of citizens, I have had the Office of Congressional and Legislative Reapportionment to create a proposed map that would apportion the city of St. Marys in to balanced and weighted voting districts. Please see the attached documents for your review.

The proposed map has been created based on the following general criteria:

1. Compliance with U.S. and Georgia Constitutions as well as the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
2. Considers common redistricting principles of compactness and contiguity and uses geographical features for boundary lines.
3. Creates 6 districts which correspond to the 6 existing Council posts and covers the various geographical areas within the city (i.e., northern area, western, central, etc.).
4. Balances district sizes to deviations of almost 0 (range of 20 people above to 15 below), meaning all districts contain nearly the exact same number of people, based on the 2010 Census.
5. Uses Census geography at its lowest level, census blocks, which are typically drawn based on geographical features, to define the boundaries of each district.

This map is a preliminary proposal that is provided to assist a growing number of citizens in the city that are concerned about equal representation. These documents should assist you all in your discussions with concerned citizens. This map is only a proposal, and I anticipate changes to occur after some input from the City Council. If you have specific questions regarding the proposal, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jason Spencer

Proposed apportioned voting districts for the city of St. Marys. (St. Marys Prop 5 Map_2014)

2014 (2018)			2016 (2020)		
DISTRICT	POST	INCUMBENT	DISTRICT	POST	INCUMBENT
3	1	Nutter*	2	1	Reilly
2	2	Stasinis*	6	4	Colville
6	3	Gant**	6	5	Williams

Notes (Red Group)

- Election of all posts were moved to even number years under HB 105 (2011).
- Posts were limited to a 3 year term due to HB 105 (2011).
- These post are concluding their 3 year terms in 2014.
- First election since passage of HB 105 to realign terms occurred in 2011.
- Posts are up for re-election, but subsequent terms are now 4 years .
- Local legislation would propose these posts serve as an “At Large” post until 2018. In 2018, these posts would align with the corresponding district proposed in the far left column, which would be districts 3, 2, 6.
- Colors coding indicates current position of incumbent and the newly proposed district. Post 2 and Post 4 share proposed district 2. Meanwhile, Posts 3, 5 & 6 all share proposed district 6.
- Proposed district voting for these posts would take effect in 2018.
- * denotes contested seat
- ** denotes incumbent is unopposed

Notes (Blue Group)

- Election of all posts were moved to even number years under HB 105 (2011).
- These posts were limited to a 3 year term due to HB 105 (2011).
- These post are concluding their 3 year terms in 2016.
- First election since passage of HB 105 to realign terms of these posts to even number years was in 2013. 3 year term ends 2016.
- 4 year term begins in 2016.
- Local legislation would propose that these posts would correspond to districts 1, 4, 5 in the map provided. These posts would represent specific districts, rather than being At-Large. Candidates would have to reside in the proposed district as a condition of eligibility.
- Colors coding indicates current position of incumbent and the newly proposed district. Post 4, 5 and 6 have been reassigned to proposed districts 1, 4 & 5. Note that current incumbents in posts 4, 5 & 6 all reside in the newly proposed district 6.
- Proposed district voting would start to take effect in 2016.

DISTRICT	POPULATION	DEVIATION	% DEVIATION	BLACK	% BLACK	BLACK COMBO	TOTAL BLACK	%TOTAL BLACK	HISP. OR LATINO	%HISP
001	2,874	20	0.70%	533	18.55%	51	584	20.32%	208	7.24%
VAP	1,991			345	17.33%	20	365	18.33%	114	5.73%
002	2,850	-4	-0.14%	451	15.82%	44	495	17.37%	148	5.19%
VAP	2,136			305	14.28%	11	316	14.79%	86	4.03%
003	2,845	-9	-0.32%	413	14.52%	43	456	16.03%	179	6.29%
VAP	1,872			257	13.73%	13	270	14.42%	93	4.97%
004	2,853	-1	-0.04%	502	17.60%	39	541	18.96%	196	6.87%
VAP	2,004			337	16.82%	9	346	17.27%	121	6.04%
005	2,839	-15	-0.53%	1,109	39.06%	100	1,209	42.59%	212	7.47%
VAP	1,991			753	37.82%	29	782	39.28%	144	7.23%
006	2,860	6	0.21%	190	6.64%	26	216	7.55%	86	3.01%
VAP	2,339			150	6.41%	6	156	6.67%	62	2.65%

Total Population: 17,121

Ideal Value: 2,854

Summary Statistics

Population Range: 2,839 to 2,874

Absolute Overall Range: 35

Relative Range: -0.53% to 0.70%

Relative Overall Range: 1.23%