



CITY OF JERSEY CITY

WARD COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE WARD COMMISSION

In accordance with the New Jersey Municipal Ward Law, N.J.S.A. 40:44-9 et seq. and more specifically, N.J.S.A. 40:44-16, the Ward Commission of the City of Jersey City (hereinafter “the Commission”) hereby publishes the within report describing the new ward boundaries adopted at its January 22, 2022 meeting.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:44-15, a certified copy of this report and a map of Jersey City featuring the new ward boundaries has been filed in the Office of the County Clerk, the New Jersey Secretary of State and the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Jersey City.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 16, 2021, Governor Philip D. Murphy promulgated the results of the 2020 Federal census. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:44-13, the Commission met on December 15, 2021 within the statutorily mandated ninety (90) day period following the Governor’s promulgation. The Commission met in the office of the Hudson County Board of Elections to review the ward map adopted in 2012. This initial meeting was held in conformity with the Open Public Meetings Act, more commonly known as “The Sunshine Law”. The Commission concluded that the ward boundaries required adjustment because the data from the 2020 census revealed that there was a 59% population deviation between most populous ward, Ward E, and the least populous ward, Ward D, which exceeded the maximum 10% population deviation allowed by N.J.S.A. 40:44-14. Consequently, Commissioners, with the assistance of staff from the Board of Elections, scheduled working sessions to begin drafting proposals for new ward boundaries which would conform to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:44-14. This statute mandates that ward boundaries must be:

1. Compact;
2. Contiguous; and
3. The population of the most populous ward not differ from the population of the least populous ward by more than 10%.

N.J.S.A. 40:44-15 required that the Commission finalize a new ward map within thirty (30) days of its initial meeting. However, the Governor granted a one week extension to all ward commissions statewide to complete their work.

During their working sessions with staff from the Board of Elections, Commissioners utilized a proprietary mapping software which depicted the existing ward map featuring the census tracts

provided by the Federal government superimposed upon it. The Commissioners sought to craft a map that would (1) impose the least amount of demographic change to each ward while (2) lowering the deviation between the most populous ward and the least populous to the lowest possible percentage. By utilizing the proprietary mapping software, Commissioners could test various options by moving census tracts from one ward to another in an effort to re-distribute the population. The mapping software allowed the Commissioners to track, in real time, both the change in population between the wards as well as the change in demographics as these census tracts were moved. The map attached hereto as page 10 depicts what the Commission presented to the public.

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission scheduled a public hearing on January 22, 2022 to consider the ward map produced by the working sessions. The ward map was adopted at the January 22, 2022 meeting.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Members of the public were presented with a copy of the proposed ward map as well as a comparison of the demographic changes between the 2012 ward map and the ward map proposed by the Commission. That demographic data is included below:

**2012 Ward Map
Population & Demographic Breakdown - 59% Deviation**

Ward	Population	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian
A	47,198	14%	25%	33%	22%
B	44,052	20%	27%	23%	25%
C	43,203	26%	22%	7%	41%
D	40,733	25%	40%	5%	27%
E	69,524	41%	9%	4%	42%
F	48,480	15%	29%	43%	9%

**2022 Ward Commission Proposal
Population & Demographic Breakdown - 1.8% Deviation**

Ward	Population	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian
A	48,663	14%	28%	41%	19%
B	48,987	18%	26%	29%	27%
C	49,054	25%	22%	11%	42%
D	49,211	27%	36%	8%	30%
E	48,964	38%	10%	6%	45%
F	48,311	26%	21%	39%	15%

After the public hearing, the Commission concluded that the proposed new ward boundaries were both compact and contiguous and represented the least amount of changes demographically while lowering the population deviation between the most populous ward and the least populous ward to 1.8%; well below the maximum deviation allowed by N.J.S.A. 40:44-14. The Commission voted 6-0-1 to adopt the within map with Commissioners Beckelman, Castelli, Gallagher, Larwa and Minella voting in the affirmative. Commissioner Horton abstained.

DESCRIPTION OF 2022 WARD BOUNDARIES
OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY IN THE COUNTY OF HUDSON

WARD A

Ward “A”- Being known and designated as “Ward A,” on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled “Jersey City Ward Map” dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING on John F. Kennedy Boulevard at the Bayonne municipal border. Thence running:

1. Northwest along the Bayonne border to the Jersey City border within the Hackensack River; thence
2. North along the Jersey City border to Block 21901.01, Lot 9; thence
3. East to Carbon Place; thence
4. South to Kellogg Street; thence
5. South along NJ Route 440 to the Southern end of Block 26102, Lot 3; thence
6. East to West Side Avenue; thence
7. North to McAdoo Avenue; thence
8. East to Sterling Avenue; thence
9. North to Armstrong Avenue; thence
10. East to John F. Kennedy Boulevard; thence
11. South to Bergen Avenue; thence
12. North to Dwight Street; thence
13. East to Ocean Avenue; thence
14. North to Bidwell Avenue; thence
15. East to Garfield Avenue; thence
16. North to Wilkinson Avenue; thence
17. East to Block 23704, Lot 7; thence
18. North to Caven Point Avenue; thence
19. East to Pacific Avenue; thence
20. North to NJ Transit Corporation’s Hudson-Bergen Light Rail system track; thence
21. West to Block 21501, Lot 16; thence
22. North to Communipaw Avenue; thence
23. East to Woodward Street; thence
24. North to Lafayette Street; thence
25. East to Van Horne Street; thence
26. North to Johnston Avenue; thence
27. East to Halladay Street; thence
28. North to Ash Street; thence
29. East to Pacific Avenue; thence

30. North to National Secondary Rail Line (Consolidated Rail); thence
31. South to Block 15801, Lot 63; thence
32. East to the Jersey City border within the Hudson River; thence
33. South to the Bayonne border; thence
34. West along the Bayonne border to the point and place of beginning.

WARD B

Ward "B"- Being known and designated as "Ward B," on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled "Jersey City Ward Map" dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING at NJ Route 440 and Carbon Place. Thence running:

1. South to Kellogg Street; thence
2. South to Block 26102, Lot 3; thence
3. East to West Side Avenue; thence
4. North to McAdoo Avenue; thence
5. East to Sterling Avenue; thence
6. North to Armstrong Avenue; thence
7. East to John F. Kennedy Boulevard; thence
8. South to Bergen Avenue; thence
9. North to Fairview Avenue; thence
10. East to Summit Avenue; thence
11. South to Belmont Avenue; thence
12. East to Clifton Place; thence
13. North to Fairview Avenue; thence
14. East to Cornelison Avenue; thence
15. North to Montgomery Street; thence
16. West to Bergen Avenue; thence
17. North to Glenwood Avenue; thence
18. West to West Side Avenue; thence
19. South to Montgomery Street; thence
20. West along Block 11706, Lot 3 to the Jersey City border within Hackensack River; thence
21. South along Jersey City border to Block 21901.01, Lot 9; thence
22. East to Carbon Place at the point and place of beginning.

WARD C

Ward "C"- Being known and designated as "Ward C," on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled "Jersey City Ward Map" dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING at Bergen Avenue and Montgomery Street. Thence running:

1. East to Merseles Street; thence
2. North to the Port Authority Trans Hudson Corporation (PATH) railroad tracks; thence
3. West to the Conrail railroad tracks; thence
4. North to NJ State Route 139; thence
5. West to Hoboken Avenue; thence
6. North to the Northern edge of Block 6901, Lot 18.01; thence
7. West to Palisade Avenue; thence
8. North to Jefferson Avenue; thence
9. West to Webster Avenue; thence
10. North to Franklin Street; thence
11. West to Central Avenue; thence
12. South to Manhattan Avenue; thence
13. West to Summit Avenue; thence
14. South to Sanford Place; thence
15. Northwest to Beach Street; thence
16. West to John F. Kennedy Boulevard; thence
17. South to the Southern edge of Block 11706, Lot 16; thence
18. Southeast along the Southern edge of Block 11706, Lot 3; thence
19. Southeast along the Southern edge of Block 11704, Lot 1; thence
20. Southeast to Delaware Avenue; thence
21. East to West Side Avenue; thence
22. North to Glenwood Avenue; thence
23. East to Bergen Avenue; thence
24. South to Montgomery Street at the point and place of beginning.

WARD D

Ward "D"- Being known and designated as "Ward D," on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled "Jersey City Ward Map" dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING at John F. Kennedy Boulevard and Beach Street. Thence running:

1. South to New Jersey Transit Corporation railroad tracks; thence
2. West to the Jersey City border within the Hackensack River; thence
3. North along the Jersey City border to the Secaucus border; thence
4. North along the Jersey City border to the North Bergen Twp border; thence
5. East / Southeast along the Jersey City border to the Union City border; thence
6. East / Southeast along the Jersey City border to the Hoboken border; thence
7. South along the Jersey City border to Newark Avenue; thence
8. East to the Jersey City border within the Hudson River; thence
9. South to Southern edge of Block 7302, Lot 4.01; thence
10. East to Marin Boulevard; thence
11. North to 16th Street; thence
12. West to Jersey Avenue; thence
13. South to 12th Street; thence
14. West to Hoboken Avenue; thence
15. North to Northern edge of Block 6901, Lot 18.01; thence
16. West to Palisade Avenue; thence
17. North to Jefferson Avenue; thence
18. West to Baldwin Avenue; thence
19. North to Franklin Street; thence
20. West to Central Avenue; thence
21. South to Manhattan Avenue; thence
22. West to Summit Avenue; thence
23. South to Sanford Place; thence
24. Northwest to Beach Street; thence
25. West to John F. Kennedy Boulevard at the point and place of beginning.

WARD E

Ward "E"- Being known and designated as "Ward E," on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled "Jersey City Ward Map" dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING at Jersey Avenue and Christopher Columbus Drive. Thence running:

1. West to Conrail railroad tracks; thence
2. North to NJ Route 139; thence
3. East to Jersey Avenue; thence
4. North to 16th Street; thence
5. East to Marin Boulevard; thence
6. South to 13th Street; thence
7. East to the Jersey City border within the Hudson River; thence
8. South along the Jersey City border to Northern edge of Block 14502, Lot 7; thence
9. West along Grand Street to Grove Street; thence
10. North to Montgomery Street; thence
11. West to Barrow Street; thence
12. South to York Street; thence
13. West to Jersey Avenue; thence
14. North to Christopher Columbus Drive at the point and place of beginning.

WARD F

Ward "F"- Being known and designated as "Ward F," on a certified map filed in the Office of the County Clerk, entitled "Jersey City Ward Map" dated January 22, 2022, situated in the City of Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey. BEGINNING at Bergen Avenue and Fairview Avenue. Thence running:

1. East to Fairmount Avenue; thence
2. East to Summit Avenue; thence
3. South to Clifton Place; thence
4. North to Fairmount Avenue; thence
5. East to Cornelison Avenue; thence
6. North to Montgomery Street; thence
7. East to Merseles Street; thence
8. North to Christopher Columbus Drive; thence
9. East to Jersey Avenue; thence
10. South to York Street; thence
11. East to Barrow Street; thence
12. North to Montgomery Street; thence
13. East to Grove Street; thence
14. South to Grand Street; thence
15. East to Jersey City border within the Hudson River; thence
16. South along the Jersey City border to the Northern end of Block 15904, Lot 7; thence
17. West to National Secondary Rail Line (Consolidated Rail); thence
18. North to Pacific Avenue; thence
19. South to Ash Street; thence
20. West to Halladay Street; thence
21. South to Johnston Avenue; thence
22. West to Van Horne Street; thence
23. South to Lafayette Street; thence
24. West to Woodward Street; thence
25. South to Communipaw Avenue; thence
26. West to Berry Lane; thence
27. South to National Secondary Rail Line (Consolidated Rail); thence
28. East to Pacific Avenue; thence
29. South to Caven Point Avenue; thence
30. West to Block 23305, Lot 1; thence
31. South to Block 23704, Lot 7; thence
32. East to Garfield Avenue; thence
33. South to Bidwell Street; thence
34. West to Ocean Avenue; thence
35. South to Dwight Street; thence
36. West to Bergen Avenue; thence
37. North to Fairview Avenue at the point and place of beginning.



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Ward Map

Election Ward Series
City of Jersey City - 2022

Michael Harper
Clerk to the Board of Elections

Ward Boundaries Adopted
January 22, 2022

Jersey City Municipal Council

Council President
Joyce Waterman

Councilperson -at- Large
Amy DeGise

Councilperson -at- Large
Daniel Rivera

Ward A (Greenville) Councilperson
Denise Ridley

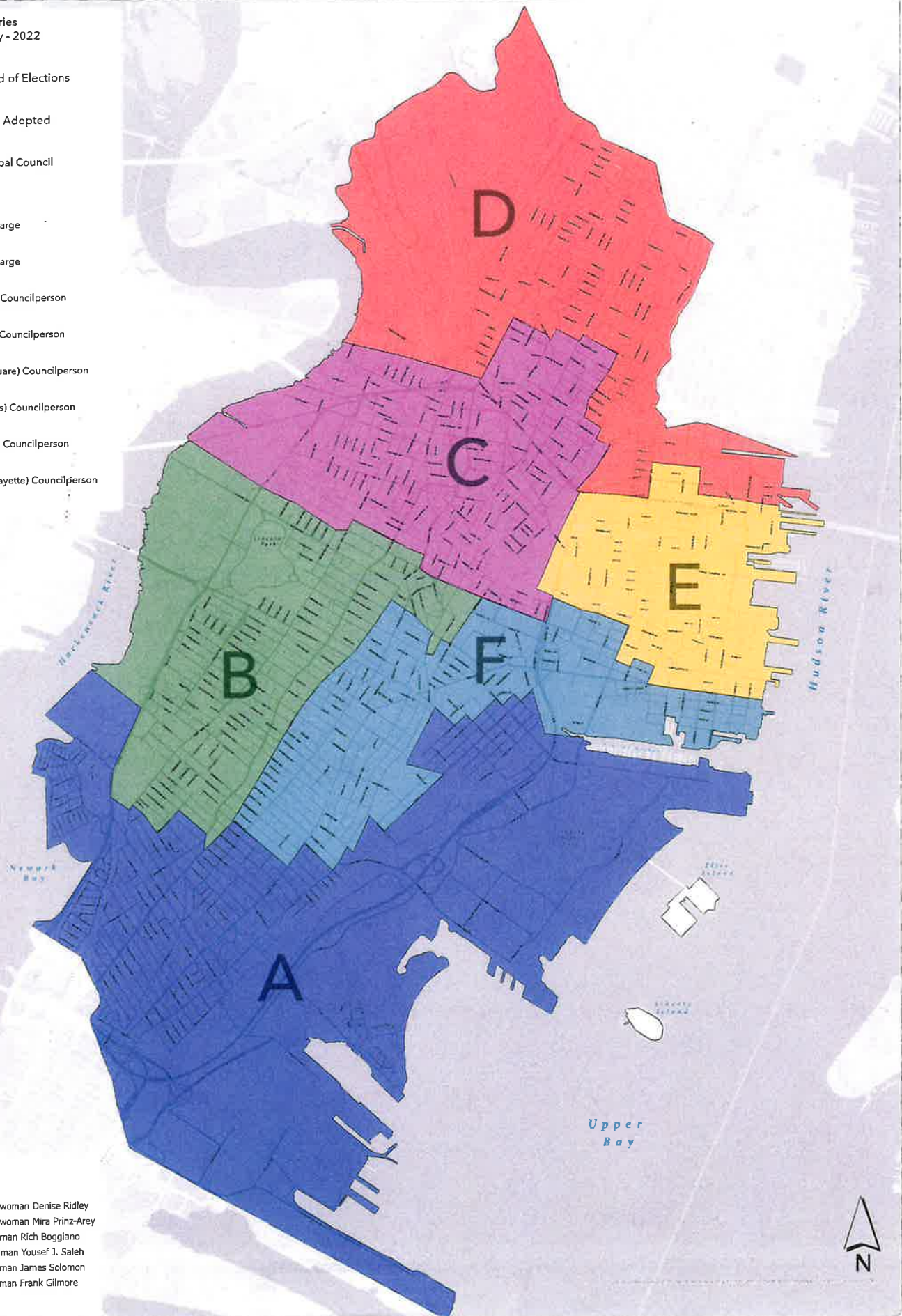
Ward B (West Side) Councilperson
Mira Prinz-Arey

Ward C (Journal Square) Councilperson
Richard Boggiano

Ward D (The Heights) Councilperson
Yousef Saleh

Ward E (Downtown) Councilperson
James Solomon

Ward F (Bergen/Lafayette) Councilperson
Frank Gilmore



Ward Map

Jersey City Wards

- Ward A - Councilwoman Denise Ridley
- Ward B - Councilwoman Mira Prinz-Arey
- Ward C - Councilman Rich Boggiano
- Ward D - Councilman Yousef J. Saleh
- Ward E - Councilman James Solomon
- Ward F - Councilman Frank Gilmore
- Ward Boundary

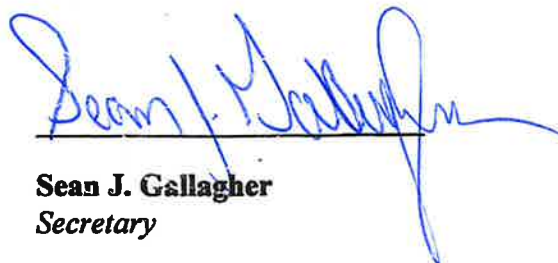
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CERTIFICATION

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:44-15, the undersigned hereby certify to the accuracy of the above report, including the description of the new ward boundaries as determined by the Commission at its January 22, 2022 meeting, as well as to the accuracy of the ward map depicting those new boundaries attached hereto.



John Minella
Chairman



Sean J. Gallagher
Secretary



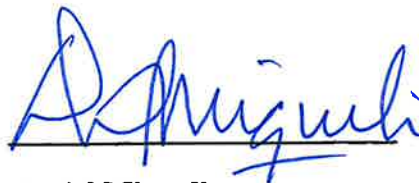
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Commissioner



Paul Castelli
Commissioner



Janet Larwa
Commissioner



Daniel Miqueli
Commissioner

WITNESS:



Michael Harper
Clerk