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Appendix A:

Weighted Probability Frequencies

Frequency tables show response distribution across the full range of response options for each question. In these tables, the “Frequency” column shows the number of survey respondents who selected the corresponding answer. The “Percent” column reflects the percentage of respondents who selected each answer category among the total number of respondents. This includes missing responses—both non-substantive answer categories that have been designated as missing (e.g., “Don’t know”, “Not sure,” “Prefer not to say”) as well as system missing (i.e., blank responses). The “Valid Percent” column reflects the percentage of respondents who selected each answer category among the total number of respondents who provided a substantive answer to the question. In other words, the valid percent calculation excludes missing cases from the denominator. Unless otherwise noted, percentages presented in the narrative report reflect the valid percentages.

The data presented in these tables are based on responses from the probability sample only. The data have been weighted with base weights and post-stratification weights.

Do you currently live in the City of Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	623	100.0	100.0	100.0

Is there more than one person age 18 or older living in this household?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	437	70.2	73.9	73.9
	No	154	24.8	26.1	100.0
	Total	592	94.9	100.0	
Missing	System	32	5.1		
Total		623	100.0		

Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in this household?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2.00	245	39.4	73.6	73.6
	3.00	68	10.9	20.3	94.0
	4.00	13	2.2	4.0	98.0
	5.00	7	1.1	2.0	100.0
	Total	333	53.5	100.0	
Missing	1.00	38	6.1		
	System	252	40.4		
	Total	290	46.5		
Total		623	100.0		

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	574	92.1	95.0	95.0
	No	30	4.9	5.0	100.0
	Total	604	96.9	100.0	
Missing	System	19	3.1		
Total		623	100.0		

Are you currently registered to vote somewhere else in the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	17	2.8	58.5	58.5
	No	12	2.0	41.5	100.0
	Total	30	4.8	100.0	
Missing	System	594	95.2		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you eventually plan to register to vote in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	14	2.3	56.0	56.0
	Not likely	8	1.3	30.8	86.8
	No	2	0.3	7.6	94.5
	Not qualified to vote	1	0.2	5.5	100.0
	Total	26	4.1	100.0	
Missing	System	598	95.9		
Total		623	100.0		

For which of the following election cycles do you typically vote?

		Responses		Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
For which of the following election cycles do you typically vote?	U.S. Presidential elections	606	27.4%	98.6%
	U.S. Congress elections	563	25.5%	91.6%
	Virginia General Assembly elections	523	23.6%	85.1%
	Local elections	510	23.1%	83.0%
	I do not typically vote	10	0.4%	1.6%
Total		2212	100.0%	359.9%

How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely interested	279	44.8	45.7	45.7
	Very interested	202	32.5	33.1	78.8
	Moderately interested	96	15.4	15.7	94.4
	Slightly interested	23	3.8	3.8	98.3
	Not interested at all	9	1.4	1.4	99.7
	Not sure	2	0.3	0.3	100.0
	Total	612	98.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.9		
Total		623	100.0		

How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely interested	230	36.8	37.5	37.5
	Very interested	214	34.3	34.9	72.4
	Moderately interested	120	19.2	19.5	91.9
	Slightly interested	38	6.1	6.2	98.1
	Not interested at all	12	1.9	1.9	100.0
	Total	613	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.7		
Total		623	100.0		

Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	563	90.3	92.7	92.7
	No	44	7.1	7.3	100.0
	Total	607	97.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	2.6		
Total		623	100.0		

How did you cast your vote?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Voted on election day, in-person	307	49.2	57.1	57.1
	Voted before election day, in-person	133	21.4	24.8	81.9
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	97	15.6	18.1	100.0
	Total	537	86.2	100.0	
Missing	System	86	13.8		
Total		623	100.0		

How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very positive	313	50.3	57.4	57.4
	Positive	182	29.1	33.2	90.6
	Neither positive nor negative	46	7.4	8.4	99.0
	Negative	5	0.9	1.0	100.0
	Total	546	87.7	100.0	
Missing	System	77	12.3		
Total		623	100.0		

Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	503	80.6	92.7	92.7
	No	39	6.3	7.3	100.0
	Total	542	87.0	100.0	
Missing	System	81	13.0		
Total		623	100.0		

How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely closely	160	25.7	27.0	27.0
	Very closely	215	34.4	36.1	63.1
	Somewhat closely	170	27.3	28.6	91.6
	Not so closely	27	4.3	4.6	96.2
	Not at all closely	23	3.6	3.8	100.0
	Total	595	95.4	100.0	
Missing	System	29	4.6		
Total		623	100.0		

Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely familiar	64	10.2	10.5	10.5
	Very familiar	119	19.1	19.5	30.0
	Moderately familiar	198	31.7	32.5	62.5
	Slightly familiar	94	15.1	15.5	78.0
	Not at all familiar	134	21.5	22.0	100.0
	Total	609	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	14	2.3		
Total		623	100.0		

Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system?

		Responses		Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system?	Local newspaper	236	18.0%	38.8%
	Local TV news	305	23.2%	50.1%
	City website	124	9.4%	20.3%
	Informational materials produced by the City	141	10.7%	23.1%
	City Council meeting	13	1.0%	2.1%
	SpeakupVB.com	11	0.8%	1.8%
	Public community meetings hosted by the Weldon Cooper Center	7	0.5%	1.1%
	Public community meetings hosted by the City of Virginia Beach	13	1.0%	2.2%
	Public community meetings hosted by other organizations/community groups	9	0.7%	1.5%
	Neighborhood or civic organizations	66	5.1%	10.9%
	Political parties and/or campaigns	105	8.0%	17.2%
	Neighbors, friends, or family members	143	10.9%	23.5%
	Somewhere else	26	2.0%	4.3%
	I have not seen or heard any information about the 10-1 election system	114	8.7%	18.7%
Total	1314	100.0%	215.7%	

Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system? Somewhere else (specify): - Text

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Council member	1	0.2	5.5	5.5
	Discord	1	0.1	3.9	9.4
	Discussion	1	0.1	3.4	12.8
	Election Official Training	0	0.1	2.2	15.1
	Facebook groups	1	0.1	3.2	18.3
	I am familiar with the system from other places I have lived.	1	0.1	3.2	21.5
	I hear about events, but none specifically referring to the 10-1 system	2	0.3	9.7	31.1
	I work closely with the council; I work for the Real Estate Assessor & helped create the new districts for our tax software	1	0.1	4.0	35.2
	mail	1	0.2	6.8	42.0
	Next door social media	1	0.2	5.0	47.0
	Radio	5	0.8	22.9	69.9
	School board meetings	1	0.2	4.4	74.2
	This survey	3	0.6	15.7	89.9
	TV Commercials	0	0.1	2.2	92.1
	V .B . City Registrar Personnel	0	0.1	2.2	94.4
	When I voted	1	0.1	3.1	97.5
	Where I used to live (in new York State) we've used this system for many years.	1	0.1	2.5	100.0
Total	22	3.5	100.0		
Missing	601	96.5			
Total	623	100.0			

Did you attend (or watch) any of the recent public community listening sessions recently held by the Weldon Cooper Center on behalf of the City? These were held in late March and early April.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	16	2.5	2.5	2.5
	No	602	96.5	97.5	100.0
	Total	617	99.0	100.0	
Missing	System	6	1.0		
Total		623	100.0		

How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly approve	39	6.3	7.3	7.3
	Approve	185	29.6	34.3	41.5
	Neither approve nor disapprove	236	37.9	43.9	85.5
	Disapprove	59	9.5	11.0	96.5
	Strongly disapprove	19	3.1	3.5	100.0
	Total	538	86.4	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	73	11.7		
	System	12	1.9		
	Total	85	13.6		
Total		623	100.0		

Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	407	65.3	66.0	66.0
	No	148	23.8	24.0	90.0
	Not sure	62	9.9	10.0	100.0
	Total	617	99.1	100.0	
Missing	System	6	0.9		
Total		623	100.0		

With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely well represented	35	5.7	6.8	6.8
	Very well represented	128	20.5	24.6	31.4
	Moderately represented	241	38.6	46.1	77.5
	Slightly represented	89	14.3	17.2	94.7
	Not at all represented	28	4.5	5.3	100.0
	Total	521	83.6	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	94	15.0		
	System	8	1.4		
	Total	102	16.4		
Total		623	100.0		

With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely well represented	35	5.7	7.0	7.0
	Very well represented	129	20.7	25.5	32.5
	Moderately represented	221	35.4	43.7	76.2
	Slightly represented	92	14.7	18.2	94.4
	Not at all represented	29	4.6	5.6	100.0
	Total	505	81.0	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	111	17.7		
	System	8	1.3		
	Total	118	19.0		
Total		623	100.0		

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very satisfied	95	15.2	21.2	21.2
	Moderately satisfied	161	25.8	36.0	57.2
	Slightly satisfied	88	14.1	19.7	76.9
	Slightly dissatisfied	46	7.4	10.4	87.3
	Moderately dissatisfied	30	4.7	6.6	93.9
	Very dissatisfied	27	4.4	6.1	100.0
	Total	446	71.6	100.0	
Missing	No opinion/Not sure	166	26.6		
	System	11	1.8		
	Total	177	28.4		
Total		623	100.0		

How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely familiar	64	10.3	10.5	10.5
	Very familiar	124	19.9	20.1	30.6
	Moderately familiar	137	22.0	22.3	52.9
	Slightly familiar	96	15.4	15.6	68.5
	Not at all familiar	194	31.1	31.5	100.0
	Total	616	98.8	100.0	
Missing	System	8	1.2		
Total		623	100.0		

With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely well represented	29	4.6	6.1	6.1
	Very well represented	87	13.9	18.4	24.6
	Moderately represented	189	30.3	40.1	64.6
	Slightly represented	113	18.1	23.9	88.5
	Not at all represented	54	8.7	11.5	100.0
	Total	472	75.7	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	143	22.9		
	System	9	1.5		
	Total	152	24.3		
Total		623	100.0		

With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely well represented	31	5.0	6.9	6.9
	Very well represented	85	13.7	18.8	25.7
	Moderately represented	180	28.8	39.7	65.3
	Slightly represented	110	17.6	24.2	89.5
	Not at all represented	47	7.6	10.5	100.0
	Total	453	72.7	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	158	25.4		
	System	12	1.9		
	Total	170	27.3		
Total		623	100.0		

How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very satisfied	70	11.2	16.1	16.1
	Moderately satisfied	130	20.9	30.2	46.3
	Slightly satisfied	89	14.3	20.7	67.0
	Slightly dissatisfied	45	7.1	10.3	77.4
	Moderately dissatisfied	44	7.0	10.1	87.5
	Very dissatisfied	54	8.6	12.5	100.0
	Total	431	69.2	100.0	
Missing	No opinion/Not sure	183	29.3		
	System	9	1.5		
	Total	192	30.8		
Total		623	100.0		

Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	The 10-1 system represents my interests better than the previous 7-3-1 system	243	39.0	43.9	43.9
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse than the previous 7-3-1 system	106	17.0	19.1	63.0
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	205	32.8	37.0	100.0
	Total	554	88.9	100.0	
Missing	System	69	11.1		
Total		623	100.0		

How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely familiar	14	2.2	2.2	2.2
	Very familiar	30	4.8	4.8	7.0
	Moderately familiar	85	13.6	13.8	20.9
	Slightly familiar	107	17.1	17.4	38.3
	Not at all familiar	379	60.7	61.7	100.0
	Total	613	98.4	100.0	
Missing	System	10	1.6		
Total		623	100.0		

How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely important	190	30.5	31.2	31.2
	Very important	267	42.8	43.8	75.0
	Moderately important	106	17.0	17.4	92.4
	Slightly important	29	4.7	4.8	97.2
	Not at all important	17	2.8	2.8	100.0
	Total	609	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	14	2.3		
Total		623	100.0		

How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely impactful	79	12.7	15.1	15.1
	Very impactful	181	29.0	34.5	49.5
	Moderately impactful	164	26.4	31.4	80.9
	Slightly impactful	75	12.0	14.3	95.2
	Not at all impactful	25	4.0	4.8	100.0
	Total	524	84.0	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	90	14.4		
	System	10	1.6		
	Total	100	16.0		
Total		623	100.0		

How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely impactful	87	13.9	16.4	16.4
	Very impactful	177	28.4	33.4	49.8
	Moderately impactful	159	25.6	30.2	80.0
	Slightly impactful	84	13.6	16.0	95.9
	Not at all impactful	21	3.4	4.1	100.0
	Total	529	84.8	100.0	
Missing	Not sure	85	13.6		
	System	10	1.6		
	Total	95	15.2		
Total		623	100.0		

How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely important	293	47.0	47.8	47.8
	Very important	251	40.3	41.0	88.8
	Moderately important	52	8.3	8.4	97.2
	Slightly important	14	2.2	2.3	99.4
	Not at all important	4	0.6	0.6	100.0
	Total	613	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.7		
Total		623	100.0		

How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely important	206	33.0	33.8	33.8
	Very important	180	28.9	29.5	63.3
	Moderately important	94	15.0	15.4	78.7
	Slightly important	47	7.6	7.7	86.4
	Not at all important	83	13.3	13.6	100.0
	Total	609	97.7	100.0	
Missing	System	14	2.3		
Total		623	100.0		

How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely important	191	30.7	31.5	31.5
	Very important	161	25.8	26.5	58.1
	Moderately important	117	18.8	19.3	77.3
	Slightly important	45	7.3	7.4	84.8
	Not at all important	92	14.8	15.2	100.0
	Total	607	97.4	100.0	
Missing	System	16	2.6		
Total		623	100.0		

How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely important	192	30.8	31.3	31.3
	Very important	229	36.7	37.4	68.7
	Moderately important	129	20.7	21.1	89.7
	Slightly important	38	6.2	6.3	96.0
	Not at all important	24	3.9	4.0	100.0
	Total	612	98.2	100.0	
Missing	System	11	1.8		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	66	10.6	10.8	10.8
	Moderately support	79	12.7	12.9	23.7
	Slightly support	78	12.6	12.8	36.6
	Slightly oppose	49	7.9	8.1	44.6
	Moderately oppose	56	8.9	9.1	53.7
	Strongly oppose	99	15.8	16.2	69.9
	No opinion	96	15.5	15.8	85.7
	Not sure	87	14.0	14.3	100.0
	Total	610	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	13	2.1		
Total		623	100.0		

What is your view on changing the number of districts? Should Virginia Beach increase, decrease, or keep the same number of districts? The most recent system has 10 districts.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Increase number of districts	96	15.3	15.7	15.7
	Decrease number of districts	30	4.8	4.9	20.5
	Keep the same number	279	44.8	45.8	66.3
	No opinion	101	16.2	16.6	82.9
	Not sure	105	16.8	17.1	100.0
	Total	610	97.9	100.0	
Missing	System	13	2.1		
Total		623	100.0		

The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	353	56.6	57.7	57.7
	Moderately support	135	21.7	22.1	79.8
	Slightly support	39	6.2	6.3	86.1
	Slightly oppose	13	2.1	2.1	88.2
	Moderately oppose	19	3.0	3.1	91.3
	Strongly oppose	18	2.9	2.9	94.2
	No opinion	17	2.7	2.7	96.9
	Not sure	19	3.0	3.1	100.0
	Total	611	98.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.9		
Total		623	100.0		

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The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	69	11.1	11.3	11.3
	Moderately support	72	11.6	11.8	23.1
	Slightly support	41	6.6	6.7	29.8
	Slightly oppose	60	9.7	9.9	39.7
	Moderately oppose	94	15.0	15.3	55.0
	Strongly oppose	237	38.1	38.7	93.7
	No opinion	16	2.6	2.7	96.4
	Not sure	22	3.5	3.6	100.0
	Total	613	98.3	100.0	
	Missing	System	11	1.7	
Total		623	100.0		

Some City Council members are elected city-wide.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	73	11.7	12.0	12.0
	Moderately support	114	18.2	18.7	30.7
	Slightly support	89	14.3	14.7	45.4
	Slightly oppose	52	8.3	8.5	53.9
	Moderately oppose	66	10.5	10.8	64.7
	Strongly oppose	134	21.5	22.0	86.7
	No opinion	35	5.6	5.7	92.4
	Not sure	46	7.4	7.6	100.0
	Total	608	97.5	100.0	
	Missing	System	15	2.5	
Total		623	100.0		

All City Council members are elected city-wide.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	69	11.1	11.4	11.4
	Moderately support	65	10.4	10.6	22.0
	Slightly support	44	7.1	7.3	29.2
	Slightly oppose	42	6.7	6.8	36.1
	Moderately oppose	81	13.0	13.3	49.3
	Strongly oppose	255	40.9	41.8	91.1
	No opinion	25	4.0	4.1	95.2
	Not sure	30	4.7	4.8	100.0
	Total	610	97.8	100.0	
Missing	System	13	2.2		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	188	30.1	31.4	31.4
	Moderately support	110	17.6	18.3	49.8
	Slightly support	71	11.4	11.9	61.7
	Slightly oppose	46	7.4	7.7	69.3
	Moderately oppose	55	8.8	9.2	78.5
	Strongly oppose	70	11.2	11.7	90.2
	No opinion	25	4.1	4.3	94.5
	Not sure	33	5.3	5.5	100.0
	Total	598	95.9	100.0	
Missing	System	25	4.1		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	208	33.4	34.9	34.9
	Moderately support	132	21.2	22.2	57.2
	Slightly support	54	8.7	9.1	66.3
	Slightly oppose	39	6.3	6.6	72.8
	Moderately oppose	43	6.9	7.2	80.0
	Strongly oppose	59	9.5	10.0	90.0
	No opinion	29	4.6	4.8	94.8
	Not sure	31	4.9	5.2	100.0
	Total	595	95.5	100.0	
Missing	System	28	4.5		
Total		623	100.0		

How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely familiar	45	7.3	7.5	7.5
	Very familiar	74	11.9	12.3	19.9
	Moderately familiar	127	20.4	21.1	41.0
	Slightly familiar	106	16.9	17.5	58.5
	Not at all familiar	249	40.0	41.5	100.0
	Total	601	96.5	100.0	
Missing	System	22	3.5		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	56	8.9	9.3	9.3
	Moderately support	49	7.8	8.1	17.5
	Slightly support	49	7.9	8.3	25.7
	Slightly oppose	42	6.7	7.0	32.7
	Moderately oppose	58	9.3	9.7	42.4
	Strongly oppose	176	28.2	29.4	71.8
	No opinion	81	12.9	13.5	85.4
	Not sure	87	14.0	14.6	100.0
	Total	597	95.7	100.0	
Missing	System	27	4.3		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	185	29.7	36.6	36.6
	Moderately support	162	26.1	32.2	68.8
	Slightly support	62	9.9	12.3	81.0
	Slightly oppose	23	3.7	4.5	85.6
	Moderately oppose	26	4.2	5.2	90.8
	Strongly oppose	47	7.5	9.2	100.0
	Total	505	81.0	100.0	
Missing	No opinion	41	6.6		
	Not sure	50	8.0		
	System	27	4.3		
	Total	118	19.0		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Strongly support	95	15.2	20.4	20.4
	Moderately support	112	18.0	24.2	44.5
	Slightly support	87	13.9	18.7	63.2
	Slightly oppose	31	5.0	6.7	69.9
	Moderately oppose	50	8.0	10.8	80.7
	Strongly oppose	90	14.4	19.3	100.0
	Total	465	74.6	100.0	
Missing	No opinion	79	12.7		
	Not sure	51	8.1		
	System	29	4.6		
	Total	158	25.4		
Total		623	100.0		

Zip Code

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	23451	64	10.2	10.7	10.7
	23452	81	13.0	13.6	24.3
	23453	40	6.4	6.7	31.0
	23454	86	13.7	14.4	45.3
	23455	72	11.5	12.1	57.4
	23456	75	12.0	12.6	70.0
	23457	2	0.3	0.4	70.4
	23462	72	11.6	12.1	82.5
	23464	104	16.7	17.5	100.0
	Total	595	95.5	100.0	
Missing	-99	28	4.5		
Total		623	100.0		

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than 40	62	9.9	10.5	10.5
	40-49	62	10.0	10.6	21.1
	50-59	97	15.6	16.6	37.8
	60-69	158	25.4	27.1	64.8
	70 and older	206	33.0	35.2	100.0
	Total	585	93.9	100.0	
Missing	-99.00	38	6.1		
Total		623	100.0		

How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than one year	10	1.6	1.6	1.6
	1-5 years	61	9.8	9.9	11.6
	6-10 years	57	9.1	9.3	20.8
	11-24 years	135	21.7	22.0	42.8
	25 years and longer	351	56.3	57.2	100.0
	Total	614	98.5	100.0	
Missing	System	9	1.5		
Total		623	100.0		

Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	547	87.7	92.0	92.0
	No	47	7.6	8.0	100.0
	Total	594	95.3	100.0	
Missing	System	29	4.7		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you own your home or rent it?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Own	517	82.9	84.5	84.5
	Rent	86	13.7	14.0	98.5
	Other (please specify):	9	1.5	1.5	100.0
	Total	611	98.1	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.9		
Total		623	100.0		

Do you own your home or rent it? - Other (please specify): - Text

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	613	98.4	98.4	98.4
CCRC	0	0.1	0.1	98.4
In a trust	1	0.2	0.2	98.6
Just purchased a new home while living in a rental.	1	0.1	0.1	98.7
Live in a retirement community	0	0.1	0.1	98.8
Live in retirement community	0	0.1	0.1	98.9
Live with family	1	0.1	0.1	99.0
Live with family	1	0.2	0.2	99.2
Own home rent lot it sits on	1	0.1	0.1	99.3
Parent's own	1	0.1	0.1	99.5
Senior living facility	1	0.2	0.2	99.6
Uni. dorm	1	0.2	0.2	99.8
Westminster Canterbury	1	0.2	0.2	100.0
Total	623	100.0	100.0	

In what year were you born?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1926	1	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1928	1	0.2	0.2	0.3
	1929	2	0.3	0.3	0.6
	1930	4	0.6	0.6	1.2
	1932	2	0.3	0.4	1.6
	1934	6	0.9	1.0	2.6
	1935	2	0.4	0.4	3.0
	1936	1	0.2	0.2	3.2
	1937	2	0.3	0.4	3.6
	1938	2	0.3	0.4	3.9
	1939	7	1.1	1.2	5.1
	1940	9	1.5	1.6	6.7
	1941	7	1.2	1.2	7.9
	1942	11	1.8	1.9	9.8
	1943	8	1.3	1.4	11.2
	1944	11	1.8	1.9	13.0
	1945	13	2.0	2.2	15.2
	1946	20	3.3	3.5	18.7
	1947	9	1.4	1.5	20.2
	1948	19	3.0	3.2	23.4
1949	11	1.7	1.9	25.3	
1950	8	1.3	1.4	26.7	
1951	19	3.0	3.2	29.9	
1952	17	2.7	2.8	32.7	
1953	14	2.3	2.5	35.2	
1954	19	3.1	3.3	38.4	

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1955	19	3.0	3.2	41.7
1956	13	2.0	2.2	43.8
1957	24	3.8	4.1	47.9
1958	19	3.1	3.3	51.2
1959	9	1.5	1.6	52.8
1960	20	3.2	3.4	56.2
1961	13	2.0	2.2	58.3
1962	15	2.4	2.5	60.9
1963	8	1.3	1.3	62.2
1964	14	2.2	2.3	64.6
1965	20	3.2	3.4	68.0
1966	5	0.9	0.9	68.9
1967	11	1.8	1.9	70.8
1968	11	1.8	2.0	72.7
1969	9	1.5	1.6	74.3
1970	8	1.2	1.3	75.6
1971	4	0.7	0.7	76.4
1972	4	0.7	0.7	77.0
1973	11	1.7	1.8	78.9
1974	11	1.7	1.8	80.7
1975	5	0.7	0.8	81.5
1976	7	1.2	1.2	82.7
1977	6	0.9	1.0	83.7
1978	7	1.2	1.2	85.0
1979	2	0.3	0.4	85.3
1980	5	0.8	0.9	86.2
1981	7	1.0	1.1	87.3
1982	7	1.2	1.3	88.6
1983	5	0.9	0.9	89.5

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	1984	3	0.5	0.5	90.0
	1985	6	1.0	1.1	91.1
	1986	6	1.0	1.0	92.1
	1987	7	1.1	1.1	93.3
	1988	6	0.9	1.0	94.3
	1989	8	1.2	1.3	95.6
	1990	1	0.2	0.3	95.8
	1991	3	0.4	0.4	96.3
	1992	7	1.1	1.2	97.4
	1993	1	0.1	0.2	97.6
	1994	2	0.3	0.3	97.9
	1995	2	0.3	0.3	98.1
	1996	2	0.3	0.3	98.5
	1997	2	0.3	0.3	98.8
	1998	2	0.3	0.3	99.1
	1999	3	0.5	0.5	99.6
	2001	1	0.2	0.2	99.8
	2002	1	0.2	0.2	100.0
	Total	585	93.9	100.0	
Missing	System	38	6.1		
Total		623	100.0		

What is your marital status?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Married	346	55.5	57.3	57.3
	Living as married	15	2.4	2.5	59.8
	Divorced	101	16.1	16.7	76.5
	Widowed	76	12.2	12.6	89.0
	Separated	9	1.5	1.5	90.6
	Single, never been married	57	9.1	9.4	100.0
	Total	604	96.9	100.0	
Missing	System	19	3.1		
Total		623	100.0		

How many children under 18 years of age do you have living at home?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	437	70.0	79.9	79.9
	1	44	7.1	8.1	88.0
	2	52	8.3	9.5	97.5
	3	11	1.8	2.1	99.5
	6	3	0.4	0.5	100.0
	Total	547	87.7	100.0	
Missing	System	77	12.3		
Total		623	100.0		

Current age range for all of your children living at home

		Responses		Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
Current age range for all of your children living at home	2 years old and younger	19	12.2%	17.9%
	3-4 years old	12	7.9%	11.5%
	5-10 years old	41	27.1%	39.6%
	11-14 years old	46	30.0%	43.8%
	15-17 years old	35	22.8%	33.3%
Total		152	100.0%	146.1%

Political Orientation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Extremely Liberal	13	2.0	2.2	2.2
	Liberal	92	14.8	15.7	17.8
	Slightly Liberal	57	9.2	9.7	27.5
	Moderate	193	31.0	32.8	60.4
	Slightly Conservative	70	11.3	12.0	72.3
	Conservative	137	22.0	23.3	95.6
	Extremely Conservative	26	4.1	4.4	100.0
	Total	588	94.4	100.0	
Missing	System	35	5.6		
Total		623	100.0		

Political Party Affiliation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Republican	173	27.8	29.2	29.2
	Democrat	205	32.9	34.6	63.8
	Independent	168	27.0	28.4	92.3
	Other	46	7.3	7.7	100.0
	Total	592	95.0	100.0	
Missing	System	31	5.0		
Total		623	100.0		

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Man	299	48.0	50.6	50.6
	Woman	292	46.9	49.4	100.0
	Total	591	94.8	100.0	
Missing	Non-binary	2	0.4		
	Prefer not to say	15	2.4		
	System	15	2.4		
	Total	32	5.2		
Total		623	100.0		

Race

		Responses		Percent of Cases
		N	Percent	
Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	6	0.9%	0.9%
	Asian/ Asian American	50	7.6%	8.2%
	Black or African American	129	19.8%	21.4%
	Hispanic/Latinx	39	6.0%	6.5%
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	2	0.3%	0.3%
	White or Caucasian	385	58.9%	63.6%
	Category not listed	3	0.4%	0.5%
	Prefer not to answer	40	6.1%	6.6%
Total		654	100.0%	108.1%

With which of the following do you identify? Select all that apply. - Category not listed (Please describe): - Text

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	621	99.6	99.6	99.6
	European	0	0.1	99.6
	Irish	0	0.1	99.7
	Irish!	1	0.1	99.8
	Lebanese Nicaraguan	0	0.1	99.9
	Mixed German Mexican	0	0.1	100.0
	Total	623	100.0	

What is your employment status? - Selected Choice

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Employed full time (35 hours/week or more)	261	41.9	43.2	43.2
	Employed part time	30	4.8	4.9	48.1
	Looking for work	8	1.3	1.3	49.4
	Stay-at-home parent/homemaker	9	1.5	1.6	51.0
	Student	6	1.0	1.0	52.0
	Retired	262	42.0	43.3	95.4
	Disabled	10	1.6	1.7	97.0
	Other (Please describe)	18	2.9	3.0	100.0
	Total	605	97.0	100.0	
Missing	System	19	3.0		
Total		623	100.0		

What is your employment status? - Other (Please describe) - Text

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	607	97.5	97.5	97.5
Business man	1	0.1	0.1	97.5
business owner	1	0.2	0.2	97.7
Caregiver for spouse	1	0.1	0.1	97.9
I work my a-- off in and out of the home, because that's what you do when you're an adult. My parents instilled that in me!	1	0.2	0.2	98.1
Not working	3	0.4	0.4	98.5
Occupational disability retirement	1	0.2	0.2	98.7
Retired - working part-time to make ends meet!	1	0.1	0.1	98.8
Retired, but consultant periodically	1	0.1	0.1	99.0
Self employed	4	0.7	0.7	99.6
Semi-retired	1	0.2	0.2	99.9
Semi-retired - work for myself for the benefit of others.	1	0.1	0.1	100.0
Total	623	100.0	100.0	

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than high school diploma	7	1.2	1.2	1.2
	High school graduate/GED	46	7.4	7.7	8.9
	Some college but no degree	96	15.3	16.1	25.0
	Associate degree (AA, AS) or certificate in career or technical education program	62	9.9	10.4	35.4
	Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)	169	27.2	28.5	63.9
	Some graduate work	42	6.7	7.1	71.0
	Master's degree (MA, MSW)	127	20.5	21.4	92.4
	Professional or Doctoral degree (MD,Phd, JD)	45	7.2	7.6	100.0
	Total	595	95.4	100.0	
	Missing	Prefer not to answer	11	1.8	
System		17	2.8		
Total		29	4.6		
Total		623	100.0		

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Which of the following categories most closely describes your total household income in 2022 before taxes, including wages and all other income?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Less than \$10,000	6	1.0	1.3	1.3
	\$10,000 - \$24,999	17	2.8	3.5	4.8
	\$25,000 - \$49,999	52	8.4	10.8	15.6
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	85	13.6	17.4	33.0
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	79	12.7	16.2	49.2
	\$100,000-\$149,999	111	17.9	22.8	72.0
	\$150,000-\$199,999	63	10.1	12.9	84.9
	\$200,000 or more	73	11.8	15.1	100.0
	Total	488	78.3	100.0	
Missing	Don't know	8	1.3		
	Prefer not to answer	103	16.5		
	System	25	4.0		
	Total	135	21.7		
Total		623	100.0		

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District		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	65	10.4	10.5	10.5
	2	61	9.7	9.7	20.2
	3	64	10.3	10.3	30.5
	4	55	8.8	8.8	39.3
	5	62	9.9	10.0	49.3
	6	65	10.4	10.4	59.7
	7	63	10.1	10.2	69.9
	8	63	10.1	10.2	80.1
	9	65	10.4	10.5	90.6
	10	59	9.4	9.4	100.0
	Total	621	99.6	100.0	
Missing	System	3	0.4		
Total		623	100.0		

Appendix B:

Weighted Probability and Nonprobability Cross-tabulations

Cross-tabulation tables count survey cases in categories defined by two variables simultaneously. These cross-tabulation tables allow the reader to compare the responses of different groups. This appendix compares all survey questions by the Sample: either probability or non-probability.

In these tables, the percentages reflect percent within each Sample that selected the corresponding answer. For example, 98.4% of respondents from the non-probability sample are registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach, compared to 95.0% of respondents from the probability sample.

The probability data presented in these tables have been weighted with base weights and post-stratification weights. The non-probability data are unweighted.

Do you currently live in the City of Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
A1 Do you currently live in the City of Virginia Beach?	1 Yes	Count	1489	623	2112
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total		Count	1489	623	2112
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Is there more than one person age 18 or older living in this household?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
A2 Is there more than one person age 18 or older living in this household?	1 Yes	Count	1245	437	1682
		% within Sample	84.5%	73.9%	81.5%
	2 No	Count	229	154	383
		% within Sample	15.5%	26.1%	18.5%
Total		Count	1474	591	2065
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in this household?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
A2a Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in this household?	2.00	Count	722	245	967
		% within Sample	75.4%	73.6%	74.9%
	3.00	Count	170	68	238
		% within Sample	17.7%	20.4%	18.4%
	4.00	Count	53	13	66
		% within Sample	5.5%	3.9%	5.1%
	5.00	Count	7	7	14
		% within Sample	0.7%	2.1%	1.1%
	6.00	Count	4	0	4
		% within Sample	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%
	7.00	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
	10.00	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Total		Count	958	333	1291
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
B1 Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	1 Yes	Count	1450	574	2024
		% within Sample	98.4%	95.0%	97.4%
	2 No	Count	23	30	53
		% within Sample	1.6%	5.0%	2.6%
Total	Count		1473	604	2077
	% within Sample		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Are you currently registered to vote somewhere else in the United States?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
B1a Are you currently registered to vote somewhere else in the United States?	1 Yes	Count	17	17	34
		% within Sample	73.9%	58.6%	65.4%
	2 No	Count	4	12	16
		% within Sample	17.4%	41.4%	30.8%
	3 Not qualified to vote	Count	2	0	2
		% within Sample	8.7%	0.0%	3.8%
Total	Count		23	29	52
	% within Sample		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you eventually plan to register to vote in Virginia Beach?

			Sample Non- probability	Probability	Total
B1b Do you eventually plan to register to vote in Virginia Beach?	1 Yes	Count	19	14	33
		% within Sample	82.6%	56.0%	68.8%
	2 Not likely	Count	1	8	9
		% within Sample	4.3%	32.0%	18.8%
	3 No	Count	3	2	5
		% within Sample	13.0%	8.0%	10.4%
	4 Not qualified to vote	Count	0	1	1
		% within Sample	0.0%	4.0%	2.1%
Total	Count	23	25	48	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

For which of the following election cycles do you typically vote?

			Sample Non- probability	Probability	Total
B2 For which of the following election cycles do you typically vote?	B2_1 U.S. Presidential elections	Count	1449	606	2055
		% within Sample	99.0%	98.6%	
	B2_2 U.S. Congress elections	Count	1426	563	1989
		% within Sample	97.5%	91.6%	
	B2_3 Virginia General Assembly elections	Count	1407	523	1930
		% within Sample	96.2%	85.1%	
	B2_4 Local elections	Count	1383	510	1893
		% within Sample	94.5%	83.0%	
	B2_5 I do not typically vote	Count	9	10	19
		% within Sample	0.6%	1.6%	
Total	Count	1463	615	2078	

How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
B3 How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	1 Extremely interested	Count	888	279	1167
		% within Sample	60.7%	45.7%	56.2%
	2 Very interested	Count	426	202	628
		% within Sample	29.1%	33.1%	30.3%
	3 Moderately interested	Count	121	96	217
		% within Sample	8.3%	15.7%	10.5%
	4 Slightly interested	Count	23	23	46
		% within Sample	1.6%	3.8%	2.2%
	5 Not interested at all	Count	3	9	12
		% within Sample	0.2%	1.5%	0.6%
	6 Not sure	Count	3	2	5
		% within Sample	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Total	Count	1464	611	2075	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?

			Sample Non- probability	Probability	Total
B4 How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	1 Extremely interested	Count	895	230	1125
		% within Sample	61.1%	37.5%	54.1%
	2 Very interested	Count	406	214	620
		% within Sample	27.7%	34.9%	29.8%
	3 Moderately interested	Count	141	120	261
		% within Sample	9.6%	19.5%	12.6%
	4 Slightly interested	Count	19	38	57
		% within Sample	1.3%	6.2%	2.7%
	5 Not interested at all	Count	1	12	13
		% within Sample	0.1%	2.0%	0.6%
	6 Not sure	Count	2	0	2
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Total	Count	1464	614	2078	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?

			Sample Non- probability	Probability	Total
B5 Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	1 Yes	Count	1396	563	1959
		% within Sample	95.9%	92.8%	95.0%
	2 No	Count	60	44	104
		% within Sample	4.1%	7.2%	5.0%
Total	Count	1456	607	2063	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How did you cast your vote?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
B5a How did you cast your vote?	1 Voted on election day, in-person	Count	681	307	988
		% within Sample	48.9%	57.2%	51.2%
	2 Voted before election day, in-person	Count	500	133	633
		% within Sample	35.9%	24.8%	32.8%
	3 Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	Count	212	97	309
		% within Sample	15.2%	18.1%	16.0%
	4 Something else (please describe):	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Total	Count	1394	537	1931	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
B5b How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	1 Very positive	Count	860	313	1173
		% within Sample	61.6%	57.3%	60.4%
	2 Positive	Count	427	182	609
		% within Sample	30.6%	33.3%	31.4%
	3 Neither positive nor negative	Count	87	46	133
		% within Sample	6.2%	8.4%	6.9%
	4 Negative	Count	13	5	18
		% within Sample	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
	5 Very negative	Count	8	0	8
		% within Sample	0.6%	0.0%	0.4%
Total	Count	1395	546	1941	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
B5c Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	1 Yes	Count	1298	503	1801
		% within Sample	93.4%	92.8%	93.2%
	2 No	Count	92	39	131
		% within Sample	6.6%	7.2%	6.8%
Total	Count	1390	542	1932	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C1 How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	1 Extremely closely	Count	698	160	858
		% within Sample	50.2%	26.9%	43.2%
	2 Very closely	Count	466	215	681
		% within Sample	33.5%	36.1%	34.3%
	3 Somewhat closely	Count	179	170	349
		% within Sample	12.9%	28.6%	17.6%
	4 Not so closely	Count	24	27	51
		% within Sample	1.7%	4.5%	2.6%
	5 Not at all closely	Count	24	23	47
		% within Sample	1.7%	3.9%	2.4%
Total	Count	1391	595	1986	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C2 Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	1 Extremely familiar	Count	409	64	473
		% within Sample	29.3%	10.5%	23.6%
	2 Very familiar	Count	423	119	542
		% within Sample	30.3%	19.5%	27.0%
	3 Moderately familiar	Count	333	198	531
		% within Sample	23.8%	32.5%	26.5%
	4 Slightly familiar	Count	105	94	199
		% within Sample	7.5%	15.4%	9.9%
	5 Not at all familiar	Count	127	134	261
		% within Sample	9.1%	22.0%	13.0%
Total	Count	1397	609	2006	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
C3 Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system?	Local newspaper	Count	672	236	908
		% within Sample	48.6%	38.8%	
	Local TV news	Count	606	305	911
		% within Sample	43.8%	50.1%	
	City website	Count	513	124	637
		% within Sample	37.1%	20.3%	
	Informational materials produced by the City	Count	424	141	565
		% within Sample	30.7%	23.1%	
	City Council meeting	Count	189	13	202
		% within Sample	13.7%	2.1%	
	SpeakupVB.com	Count	112	11	123
		% within Sample	8.1%	1.8%	
	Public community meetings hosted by the Weldon Cooper Center	Count	83	7	90
		% within Sample	6.0%	1.1%	
	Public community meetings hosted by the City of Virginia Beach	Count	67	13	80
		% within Sample	4.8%	2.2%	
	Public community meetings hosted by other organizations/ community groups	Count	142	9	151
		% within Sample	10.3%	1.5%	
	Neighborhood or civic organizations	Count	275	66	341
		% within Sample	19.9%	10.9%	
Political parties and/or campaigns	Count	308	105	413	
	% within Sample	22.3%	17.2%		
Neighbors, friends, or family members	Count	363	143	506	
	% within Sample	26.2%	23.5%		
Somewhere else	Count	93	26	119	
	% within Sample	6.7%	4.3%		
C3_14 I have not seen or heard any information about the 10-1 election system	Count	96	114	210	
	% within Sample	6.9%	18.7%		
Total	Count	1383	609	1992	

Did you attend (or watch) any of the recent public community listening sessions recently held by the Weldon Cooper Center on behalf of the City? These were held in late March and early April.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C4 Did you attend (or watch) any of the recent public community listening sessions recently held by the Weldon Cooper Center on behalf of the City? These were held in late March and early April.	1 Yes	Count	209	16	225
		% within Sample	15.0%	2.6%	11.2%
	2 No	Count	1187	602	1789
		% within Sample	85.0%	97.4%	88.8%
Total		Count	1396	618	2014
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C5 How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	1 Strongly approve	Count	290	39	329
		% within Sample	22.7%	7.2%	18.1%
	2 Approve	Count	370	185	555
		% within Sample	29.0%	34.4%	30.6%
	3 Neither approve nor disapprove	Count	311	236	547
		% within Sample	24.4%	43.9%	30.1%
	4 Disapprove	Count	172	59	231
		% within Sample	13.5%	11.0%	12.7%
	5 Strongly disapprove	Count	134	19	153
		% within Sample	10.5%	3.5%	8.4%
Total		Count	1277	538	1815
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C6 Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	1 Yes	Count	1162	407	1569
		% within Sample	85.9%	66.0%	79.6%
	2 No	Count	124	148	272
		% within Sample	9.2%	24.0%	13.8%
	3 Not sure	Count	67	62	129
		% within Sample	5.0%	10.0%	6.5%
Total	Count	1353	617	1970	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C7 With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	1 Extremely well represented	Count	222	35	257
		% within Sample	17.4%	6.7%	14.3%
	2 Very well represented	Count	333	128	461
		% within Sample	26.1%	24.6%	25.6%
	3 Moderately represented	Count	366	241	607
		% within Sample	28.6%	46.3%	33.7%
	4 Slightly represented	Count	221	89	310
		% within Sample	17.3%	17.1%	17.2%
	5 Not at all represented	Count	136	28	164
		% within Sample	10.6%	5.4%	9.1%
Total	Count	1278	521	1799	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
C8 With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	1 Extremely well represented	Count	221	35	256
		% within Sample	17.5%	6.9%	14.4%
	2 Very well represented	Count	349	129	478
		% within Sample	27.6%	25.5%	27.0%
	3 Moderately represented	Count	361	221	582
		% within Sample	28.5%	43.7%	32.8%
	4 Slightly represented	Count	219	92	311
		% within Sample	17.3%	18.2%	17.6%
	5 Not at all represented	Count	116	29	145
		% within Sample	9.2%	5.7%	8.2%
Total	Count	1266	506	1772	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
C9 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	1 Very satisfied	Count	453	95	548
		% within Sample	37.9%	21.3%	33.4%
	2 Moderately satisfied	Count	253	161	414
		% within Sample	21.2%	36.0%	25.2%
	3 Slightly satisfied	Count	121	88	209
		% within Sample	10.1%	19.7%	12.7%
	4 Slightly dissatisfied	Count	81	46	127
		% within Sample	6.8%	10.3%	7.7%
	5 Moderately dissatisfied	Count	94	30	124
		% within Sample	7.9%	6.7%	7.6%
	6 Very dissatisfied	Count	193	27	220
		% within Sample	16.2%	6.0%	13.4%
Total	Count	1195	447	1642	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
D1 How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	1 Extremely familiar	Count	467	64	531
		% within Sample	36.3%	10.4%	27.9%
	2 Very familiar	Count	354	124	478
		% within Sample	27.5%	20.2%	25.2%
	3 Moderately familiar	Count	232	137	369
		% within Sample	18.1%	22.3%	19.4%
	4 Slightly familiar	Count	89	96	185
		% within Sample	6.9%	15.6%	9.7%
	5 Not at all familiar	Count	143	194	337
		% within Sample	11.1%	31.5%	17.7%
	Total	Count	1285	615	1900
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
D2 With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	1 Extremely well represented	Count	101	29	130
		% within Sample	8.5%	6.1%	7.9%
	2 Very well represented	Count	211	87	298
		% within Sample	17.9%	18.4%	18.0%
	3 Moderately represented	Count	325	189	514
		% within Sample	27.5%	40.0%	31.1%
	4 Slightly represented	Count	321	113	434
		% within Sample	27.2%	23.9%	26.2%
	5 Not at all represented	Count	224	54	278
		% within Sample	19.0%	11.4%	16.8%
Total	Count	1182	472	1654	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
D3 With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	1 Extremely well represented	Count	85	31	116
		% within Sample	7.3%	6.8%	7.2%
	2 Very well represented	Count	213	85	298
		% within Sample	18.3%	18.8%	18.4%
	3 Moderately represented	Count	333	180	513
		% within Sample	28.5%	39.7%	31.7%
	4 Slightly represented	Count	312	110	422
		% within Sample	26.7%	24.3%	26.0%
	5 Not at all represented	Count	224	47	271
		% within Sample	19.2%	10.4%	16.7%
Total	Count	1167	453	1620	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
D4 How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	1 Very satisfied	Count	217	70	287
		% within Sample	18.9%	16.2%	18.2%
	2 Moderately satisfied	Count	222	130	352
		% within Sample	19.3%	30.1%	22.3%
	3 Slightly satisfied	Count	151	89	240
		% within Sample	13.1%	20.6%	15.2%
	4 Slightly dissatisfied	Count	115	45	160
		% within Sample	10.0%	10.4%	10.1%
	5 Moderately dissatisfied	Count	130	44	174
		% within Sample	11.3%	10.2%	11.0%
	6 Very dissatisfied	Count	314	54	368
		% within Sample	27.3%	12.5%	23.3%
Total	Count	1149	432	1581	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
D6 Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	1 The 10-1 system represents my interests better than the previous 7-3-1 system	Count	684	243	927
		% within Sample	55.7%	43.9%	52.0%
	2 The 10-1 system represents my interest worse than the previous 7-3-1 system	Count	357	106	463
		% within Sample	29.0%	19.1%	26.0%
	3 The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	Count	188	205	393
		% within Sample	15.3%	37.0%	22.0%
Total	Count	1229	554	1783	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E1 How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	1 Extremely familiar	Count	135	14	149
		% within Sample	10.6%	2.3%	7.9%
	2 Very familiar	Count	200	30	230
		% within Sample	15.7%	4.9%	12.2%
	3 Moderately familiar	Count	359	85	444
		% within Sample	28.2%	13.8%	23.5%
	4 Slightly familiar	Count	205	107	312
		% within Sample	16.1%	17.4%	16.5%
	5 Not at all familiar	Count	372	379	751
		% within Sample	29.3%	61.6%	39.8%
Total	Count	1271	615	1886	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E2 How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	1 Extremely important	Count	728	190	918
		% within Sample	57.4%	31.2%	48.9%
	2 Very important	Count	410	267	677
		% within Sample	32.3%	43.8%	36.0%
	3 Moderately important	Count	97	106	203
		% within Sample	7.6%	17.4%	10.8%
	4 Slightly important	Count	25	29	54
		% within Sample	2.0%	4.8%	2.9%
	5 Not at all important	Count	9	17	26
		% within Sample	0.7%	2.8%	1.4%
Total	Count	1269	609	1878	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E3 How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	1 Extremely impactful	Count	417	79	496
		% within Sample	34.2%	15.1%	28.4%
	2 Very impactful	Count	416	181	597
		% within Sample	34.1%	34.5%	34.2%
	3 Moderately impactful	Count	251	164	415
		% within Sample	20.6%	31.3%	23.8%
	4 Slightly impactful	Count	88	75	163
		% within Sample	7.2%	14.3%	9.3%
	5 Not at all impactful	Count	48	25	73
		% within Sample	3.9%	4.8%	4.2%
Total	Count	1220	524	1744	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

E4 How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E4 How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	1 Extremely impactful	Count	396	87	483
		% within Sample	32.6%	16.5%	27.7%
	2 Very impactful	Count	407	177	584
		% within Sample	33.5%	33.5%	33.5%
	3 Moderately impactful	Count	255	159	414
		% within Sample	21.0%	30.1%	23.8%
	4 Slightly impactful	Count	101	84	185
		% within Sample	8.3%	15.9%	10.6%
	5 Not at all impactful	Count	55	21	76
		% within Sample	4.5%	4.0%	4.4%
Total	Count	1214	528	1742	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E5 How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	1 Extremely important	Count	886	293	1179
		% within Sample	70.2%	47.7%	62.8%
	2 Very important	Count	321	251	572
		% within Sample	25.4%	40.9%	30.5%
	3 Moderately important	Count	49	52	101
		% within Sample	3.9%	8.5%	5.4%
	4 Slightly important	Count	1	14	15
		% within Sample	0.1%	2.3%	0.8%
	5 Not at all important	Count	5	4	9
		% within Sample	0.4%	0.7%	0.5%
Total	Count	1262	614	1876	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E6 How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	1 Extremely important	Count	557	206	763
		% within Sample	44.2%	33.8%	40.8%
	2 Very important	Count	276	180	456
		% within Sample	21.9%	29.5%	24.4%
	3 Moderately important	Count	206	94	300
		% within Sample	16.4%	15.4%	16.1%
	4 Slightly important	Count	89	47	136
		% within Sample	7.1%	7.7%	7.3%
	5 Not at all important	Count	131	83	214
		% within Sample	10.4%	13.6%	11.4%
Total	Count	1259	610	1869	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E7 How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	1 Extremely important	Count	542	191	733
		% within Sample	43.1%	31.5%	39.3%
	2 Very important	Count	256	161	417
		% within Sample	20.3%	26.6%	22.4%
	3 Moderately important	Count	220	117	337
		% within Sample	17.5%	19.3%	18.1%
	4 Slightly important	Count	97	45	142
		% within Sample	7.7%	7.4%	7.6%
	5 Not at all important	Count	144	92	236
		% within Sample	11.4%	15.2%	12.7%
Total	Count	1259	606	1865	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E8 How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	1 Extremely important	Count	550	192	742
		% within Sample	43.5%	31.4%	39.6%
	2 Very important	Count	399	229	628
		% within Sample	31.6%	37.4%	33.5%
	3 Moderately important	Count	212	129	341
		% within Sample	16.8%	21.1%	18.2%
	4 Slightly important	Count	49	38	87
		% within Sample	3.9%	6.2%	4.6%
	5 Not at all important	Count	53	24	77
		% within Sample	4.2%	3.9%	4.1%
Total	Count	1263	612	1875	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E9 Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	1 Strongly support	Count	125	66	191
		% within Sample	10.0%	10.8%	10.2%
	2 Moderately support	Count	153	79	232
		% within Sample	12.2%	13.0%	12.4%
	3 Slightly support	Count	125	78	203
		% within Sample	10.0%	12.8%	10.9%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	107	49	156
		% within Sample	8.5%	8.0%	8.4%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	168	56	224
		% within Sample	13.4%	9.2%	12.0%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	308	99	407
		% within Sample	24.6%	16.2%	21.8%
	7 No opinion	Count	122	96	218
		% within Sample	9.7%	15.7%	11.7%
	8 Not sure	Count	146	87	233
		% within Sample	11.6%	14.3%	12.5%
Total	Count	1254	610	1864	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

What is your view on changing the number of districts? Should Virginia Beach increase, decrease, or keep the same number of districts? The most recent system has 10 districts.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E10 What is your view on changing the number of districts? Should Virginia Beach increase, decrease, or keep the same number of districts? The most recent system has 10 districts.	1 Increase	Count	221	96	317
		% within Sample	17.6%	15.7%	17.0%
	2 Decrease	Count	105	30	135
		% within Sample	8.4%	4.9%	7.2%
	3 Keep the same number	Count	621	279	900
		% within Sample	49.5%	45.7%	48.2%
	4 No opinion	Count	127	101	228
		% within Sample	10.1%	16.5%	12.2%
	5 Not sure	Count	181	105	286
		% within Sample	14.4%	17.2%	15.3%
Total	Count	1255	611	1866	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E11 The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	1 Strongly support	Count	827	353	1180
		% within Sample	66.3%	57.6%	63.4%
	2 Moderately support	Count	153	135	288
		% within Sample	12.3%	22.0%	15.5%
	3 Slightly support	Count	53	39	92
		% within Sample	4.3%	6.4%	4.9%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	29	13	42
		% within Sample	2.3%	2.1%	2.3%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	62	19	81
		% within Sample	5.0%	3.1%	4.4%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	93	18	111
		% within Sample	7.5%	2.9%	6.0%
	7 No opinion	Count	10	17	27
		% within Sample	0.8%	2.8%	1.5%
	8 Not sure	Count	20	19	39
		% within Sample	1.6%	3.1%	2.1%
Total	Count	1247	613	1860	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E12 The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	1 Strongly support	Count	160	69	229
		% within Sample	12.9%	11.3%	12.4%
	2 Moderately support	Count	114	72	186
		% within Sample	9.2%	11.8%	10.0%
	3 Slightly support	Count	73	41	114
		% within Sample	5.9%	6.7%	6.2%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	76	60	136
		% within Sample	6.1%	9.8%	7.3%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	133	94	227
		% within Sample	10.7%	15.4%	12.3%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	650	237	887
		% within Sample	52.3%	38.8%	47.9%
	7 No opinion	Count	15	16	31
		% within Sample	1.2%	2.6%	1.7%
	8 Not sure	Count	21	22	43
		% within Sample	1.7%	3.6%	2.3%
Total	Count	1242	611	1853	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Some City Council members are elected city-wide.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E13 Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	1 Strongly support	Count	231	73	304
		% within Sample	18.6%	12.0%	16.4%
	2 Moderately support	Count	170	114	284
		% within Sample	13.7%	18.7%	15.4%
	3 Slightly support	Count	152	89	241
		% within Sample	12.2%	14.6%	13.0%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	88	52	140
		% within Sample	7.1%	8.5%	7.6%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	123	66	189
		% within Sample	9.9%	10.8%	10.2%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	413	134	547
		% within Sample	33.3%	22.0%	29.6%
	7 No opinion	Count	23	35	58
		% within Sample	1.9%	5.7%	3.1%
	8 Not sure	Count	41	46	87
		% within Sample	3.3%	7.6%	4.7%
Total	Count	1241	609	1850	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

All City Council members are elected city-wide.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E14 All City Council members are elected city-wide.	1 Strongly support	Count	171	69	240
		% within Sample	13.8%	11.3%	13.0%
	2 Moderately support	Count	89	65	154
		% within Sample	7.2%	10.6%	8.3%
	3 Slightly support	Count	72	44	116
		% within Sample	5.8%	7.2%	6.3%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	57	42	99
		% within Sample	4.6%	6.9%	5.3%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	117	81	198
		% within Sample	9.4%	13.3%	10.7%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	697	255	952
		% within Sample	56.1%	41.7%	51.4%
	7 No opinion	Count	12	25	37
		% within Sample	1.0%	4.1%	2.0%
	8 Not sure	Count	27	30	57
		% within Sample	2.2%	4.9%	3.1%
	Total	Count	1242	611	1853
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E15 Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	1 Strongly support	Count	325	188	513
		% within Sample	26.3%	31.4%	28.0%
	2 Moderately support	Count	218	110	328
		% within Sample	17.7%	18.4%	17.9%
	3 Slightly support	Count	158	71	229
		% within Sample	12.8%	11.9%	12.5%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	120	46	166
		% within Sample	9.7%	7.7%	9.1%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	131	55	186
		% within Sample	10.6%	9.2%	10.1%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	179	70	249
		% within Sample	14.5%	11.7%	13.6%
	7 No opinion	Count	41	25	66
		% within Sample	3.3%	4.2%	3.6%
	8 Not sure	Count	63	33	96
		% within Sample	5.1%	5.5%	5.2%
Total	Count	1235	598	1833	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
E16 Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	1 Strongly support	Count	370	208	578
		% within Sample	29.9%	35.0%	31.5%
	2 Moderately support	Count	283	132	415
		% within Sample	22.9%	22.2%	22.6%
	3 Slightly support	Count	135	54	189
		% within Sample	10.9%	9.1%	10.3%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	106	39	145
		% within Sample	8.6%	6.6%	7.9%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	123	43	166
		% within Sample	9.9%	7.2%	9.1%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	140	59	199
		% within Sample	11.3%	9.9%	10.9%
	7 No opinion	Count	28	29	57
		% within Sample	2.3%	4.9%	3.1%
	8 Not sure	Count	53	31	84
		% within Sample	4.3%	5.2%	4.6%
Total	Count	1238	595	1833	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E17 How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	1 Extremely familiar	Count	232	45	277
		% within Sample	18.9%	7.5%	15.2%
	2 Very familiar	Count	240	74	314
		% within Sample	19.6%	12.3%	17.2%
	3 Moderately familiar	Count	314	127	441
		% within Sample	25.6%	21.1%	24.1%
	4 Slightly familiar	Count	191	106	297
		% within Sample	15.6%	17.6%	16.3%
	5 Not at all familiar	Count	249	249	498
		% within Sample	20.3%	41.4%	27.3%
Total	Count	1226	601	1827	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E18 Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	1 Strongly support	Count	209	56	265
		% within Sample	17.0%	9.4%	14.5%
	2 Moderately support	Count	135	49	184
		% within Sample	11.0%	8.2%	10.1%
	3 Slightly support	Count	115	49	164
		% within Sample	9.4%	8.2%	9.0%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	76	42	118
		% within Sample	6.2%	7.0%	6.5%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	119	58	177
		% within Sample	9.7%	9.7%	9.7%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	391	176	567
		% within Sample	31.9%	29.4%	31.1%
	7 No opinion	Count	61	81	142
		% within Sample	5.0%	13.5%	7.8%
	8 Not sure	Count	120	87	207
		% within Sample	9.8%	14.5%	11.3%
Total	Count	1226	598	1824	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E19 Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	1 Strongly support	Count	570	185	755
		% within Sample	48.6%	36.6%	45.0%
	2 Moderately support	Count	179	162	341
		% within Sample	15.3%	32.1%	20.3%
	3 Slightly support	Count	88	62	150
		% within Sample	7.5%	12.3%	8.9%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	48	23	71
		% within Sample	4.1%	4.6%	4.2%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	85	26	111
		% within Sample	7.2%	5.1%	6.6%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	203	47	250
		% within Sample	17.3%	9.3%	14.9%
Total	Count	1173	505	1678	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
E20 Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	1 Strongly support	Count	290	95	385
		% within Sample	25.8%	20.4%	24.2%
	2 Moderately support	Count	180	112	292
		% within Sample	16.0%	24.1%	18.4%
	3 Slightly support	Count	130	87	217
		% within Sample	11.6%	18.7%	13.7%
	4 Slightly oppose	Count	71	31	102
		% within Sample	6.3%	6.7%	6.4%
	5 Moderately oppose	Count	95	50	145
		% within Sample	8.5%	10.8%	9.1%
	6 Strongly oppose	Count	357	90	447
		% within Sample	31.8%	19.4%	28.1%
Total	Count	1123	465	1588	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F2 How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	1 Less than one year	Count	18	10	28
		% within Sample	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%
	2 1-5 years	Count	101	61	162
		% within Sample	8.3%	9.9%	8.8%
	3 6-10 years	Count	105	57	162
		% within Sample	8.6%	9.3%	8.8%
	4 11-24 years	Count	254	135	389
		% within Sample	20.9%	22.0%	21.2%
	5 25 years and longer	Count	740	351	1091
		% within Sample	60.8%	57.2%	59.6%
Total	Count	1218	614	1832	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F3 Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	1 Yes	Count	1135	547	1682
		% within Sample	93.8%	92.1%	93.2%
	2 No	Count	75	47	122
		% within Sample	6.2%	7.9%	6.8%
Total	Count	1210	594	1804	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Do you own your home or rent it?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F4 Do you own your home or rent it?	1 Own	Count	1084	517	1601
		% within Sample	89.3%	84.5%	87.7%
	2 Rent	Count	116	86	202
		% within Sample	9.6%	14.1%	11.1%
	3 Other	Count	14	9	23
		% within Sample	1.2%	1.5%	1.3%
Total	Count	1214	612	1826	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

In what year were you born?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
F5 In what year were you born?	1920	Count	2	0	2
		% within Sample	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
	1926	Count	0	1	1
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	1928	Count	0	1	1
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
	1929	Count	0	2	2
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%
	1930	Count	0	4	4
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.7%	0.2%
	1932	Count	0	2	2
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%
	1934	Count	1	6	7
		% within Sample	0.1%	1.0%	0.4%
	1935	Count	1	2	3
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
	1936	Count	1	1	2
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
	1937	Count	2	2	4
		% within Sample	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
1938	Count	2	2	4	
	% within Sample	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	
1939	Count	9	7	16	
	% within Sample	0.8%	1.2%	1.0%	
1940	Count	7	9	16	

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	% within Sample	0.6%	1.5%	1.0%
1941	Count	5	7	12
	% within Sample	0.5%	1.2%	0.7%
1942	Count	10	11	21
	% within Sample	0.9%	1.9%	1.2%
1943	Count	13	8	21
	% within Sample	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%
1944	Count	16	11	27
	% within Sample	1.5%	1.9%	1.6%
1945	Count	17	13	30
	% within Sample	1.6%	2.2%	1.8%
1946	Count	23	20	43
	% within Sample	2.1%	3.4%	2.6%
1947	Count	24	9	33
	% within Sample	2.2%	1.5%	2.0%
1948	Count	41	19	60
	% within Sample	3.7%	3.2%	3.6%
1949	Count	28	11	39
	% within Sample	2.6%	1.9%	2.3%
1950	Count	25	8	33
	% within Sample	2.3%	1.4%	2.0%
1951	Count	29	19	48
	% within Sample	2.6%	3.2%	2.9%
1952	Count	39	17	56
	% within Sample	3.6%	2.9%	3.3%
1953	Count	33	14	47
	% within Sample	3.0%	2.4%	2.8%
1954	Count	31	19	50
	% within Sample	2.8%	3.2%	3.0%

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1955	Count	37	19	56
	% within Sample	3.4%	3.2%	3.3%
1956	Count	25	13	38
	% within Sample	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%
1957	Count	38	24	62
	% within Sample	3.5%	4.1%	3.7%
1958	Count	31	19	50
	% within Sample	2.8%	3.2%	3.0%
1959	Count	32	9	41
	% within Sample	2.9%	1.5%	2.4%
1960	Count	31	20	51
	% within Sample	2.8%	3.4%	3.0%
1961	Count	26	13	39
	% within Sample	2.4%	2.2%	2.3%
1962	Count	26	15	41
	% within Sample	2.4%	2.6%	2.4%
1963	Count	20	8	28
	% within Sample	1.8%	1.4%	1.7%
1964	Count	26	14	40
	% within Sample	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%
1965	Count	25	20	45
	% within Sample	2.3%	3.4%	2.7%
1966	Count	18	5	23
	% within Sample	1.6%	0.9%	1.4%
1967	Count	21	11	32
	% within Sample	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
1968	Count	27	11	38
	% within Sample	2.5%	1.9%	2.3%
1969	Count	13	9	22

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	% within Sample	1.2%	1.5%	1.3%
1970	Count	19	8	27
	% within Sample	1.7%	1.4%	1.6%
1971	Count	23	4	27
	% within Sample	2.1%	0.7%	1.6%
1972	Count	7	4	11
	% within Sample	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
1973	Count	21	11	32
	% within Sample	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%
1974	Count	6	11	17
	% within Sample	0.5%	1.9%	1.0%
1975	Count	12	5	17
	% within Sample	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%
1976	Count	16	7	23
	% within Sample	1.5%	1.2%	1.4%
1977	Count	11	6	17
	% within Sample	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
1978	Count	14	7	21
	% within Sample	1.3%	1.2%	1.2%
1979	Count	14	2	16
	% within Sample	1.3%	0.3%	1.0%
1980	Count	19	5	24
	% within Sample	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
1981	Count	13	7	20
	% within Sample	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
1982	Count	17	7	24
	% within Sample	1.6%	1.2%	1.4%
1983	Count	15	5	20
	% within Sample	1.4%	0.9%	1.2%

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1984	Count	7	3	10
	% within Sample	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%
1985	Count	17	6	23
	% within Sample	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%
1986	Count	12	6	18
	% within Sample	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
1987	Count	17	7	24
	% within Sample	1.6%	1.2%	1.4%
1988	Count	5	6	11
	% within Sample	0.5%	1.0%	0.7%
1989	Count	14	8	22
	% within Sample	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%
1990	Count	11	1	12
	% within Sample	1.0%	0.2%	0.7%
1991	Count	11	3	14
	% within Sample	1.0%	0.5%	0.8%
1992	Count	9	7	16
	% within Sample	0.8%	1.2%	1.0%
1993	Count	4	1	5
	% within Sample	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%
1994	Count	6	2	8
	% within Sample	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%
1995	Count	5	2	7
	% within Sample	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%
1996	Count	3	2	5
	% within Sample	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
1997	Count	3	2	5
	% within Sample	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
1998	Count	2	2	4

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	% within Sample	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
1999	Count	1	3	4
	% within Sample	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%
2000	Count	2	0	2
	% within Sample	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
2001	Count	0	1	1
	% within Sample	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%
2002	Count	3	1	4
	% within Sample	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
2004	Count	1	0	1
	% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
2005	Count	1	0	1
	% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Total	Count	1096	587	1683
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

What is your marital status?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
F6 What is your marital status?	1 Married	Count	832	346	1178
		% within Sample	70.9%	57.3%	66.3%
	2 Living as married	Count	35	15	50
		% within Sample	3.0%	2.5%	2.8%
	3 Divorced	Count	115	101	216
		% within Sample	9.8%	16.7%	12.1%
	4 Widowed	Count	64	76	140
		% within Sample	5.5%	12.6%	7.9%
	5 Separated	Count	12	9	21
		% within Sample	1.0%	1.5%	1.2%
	6 Single, never been married	Count	116	57	173
		% within Sample	9.9%	9.4%	9.7%
	Total	Count	1174	604	1778
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

How many children under 18 years of age do you have living at home?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F7 How many children under 18 years of age do you have living at home?	0	Count	876	437	1313
		% within Sample	79.3%	79.9%	79.5%
	1	Count	116	44	160
		% within Sample	10.5%	8.0%	9.7%
	2	Count	86	52	138
		% within Sample	7.8%	9.5%	8.4%
	3	Count	20	11	31
		% within Sample	1.8%	2.0%	1.9%
	4	Count	5	0	5
		% within Sample	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%
	5	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
	6	Count	0	3	3
		% within Sample	0.0%	0.5%	0.2%
	20	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
	Total	Count	1105	547	1652
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Current age range for all of your children living at home

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
\$F7a Current age range for all of your children living at home	F7a_1 2 years old and younger	Count	30	19	49
		% within Sample	13.9%	17.9%	
	F7a_2 3-4 years old	Count	27	12	39
		% within Sample	12.5%	11.5%	
	F7a_3 5-10 years old	Count	90	41	131
		% within Sample	41.7%	39.6%	
	F7a_4 11-14 years old	Count	90	46	136
		% within Sample	41.7%	43.8%	
	F7a_5 15-17 years old	Count	63	35	98
		% within Sample	29.2%	33.3%	
Total		Count	216	104	320

Political Orientation

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F8 Political Orientation	1 Extremely Liberal	Count	62	13	75
		% within Sample	5.3%	2.2%	4.3%
	2 Liberal	Count	247	92	339
		% within Sample	21.3%	15.6%	19.4%
	3 Slightly Liberal	Count	119	57	176
		% within Sample	10.3%	9.7%	10.1%
	4 Moderate	Count	382	193	575
		% within Sample	32.9%	32.8%	32.9%
	5 Slightly Conservative	Count	91	70	161
		% within Sample	7.8%	11.9%	9.2%
	6 Conservative	Count	224	137	361
		% within Sample	19.3%	23.3%	20.7%
	7 Extremely Conservative	Count	35	26	61
		% within Sample	3.0%	4.4%	3.5%
Total	Count	1160	588	1748	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Political Party Affiliation

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F9 Political Party Affiliation	1 Republican	Count	240	173	413
		% within Sample	20.9%	29.2%	23.7%
	2 Democrat	Count	432	205	637
		% within Sample	37.7%	34.6%	36.6%
	3 Independent	Count	410	168	578
		% within Sample	35.7%	28.4%	33.2%
	4 Other	Count	65	46	111
		% within Sample	5.7%	7.8%	6.4%
Total	Count	1147	592	1739	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Gender

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F10 Gender	1 Man	Count	545	299	844
		% within Sample	48.8%	50.6%	49.4%
	2 Woman	Count	570	292	862
		% within Sample	51.1%	49.4%	50.5%
	4 Prefer to provide my own description:	Count	1	0	1
		% within Sample	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Total	Count	1116	591	1707	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Race

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
\$F11 Race	F11_1 American Indian or Alaska Native	Count	16	6	22
		% within Sample	1.4%	0.9%	
	F11_2 Asian/Asian American	Count	25	50	75
		% within Sample	2.2%	8.2%	
	F11_3 Black or African American	Count	152	129	281
		% within Sample	13.1%	21.4%	
	F11_4 Hispanic/Latinx	Count	22	39	61
		% within Sample	1.9%	6.5%	
	F11_5 Middle Eastern or North African	Count	7	0	7
		% within Sample	0.6%	0.0%	
	F11_6 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	Count	6	2	8
		% within Sample	0.5%	0.3%	
	F11_7 White or Caucasian	Count	872	385	1257
		% within Sample	75.0%	63.6%	
	F11_8 Category not listed	Count	11	3	14
		% within Sample	0.9%	0.5%	
	F11_9 Prefer not to answer	Count	111	40	151
		% within Sample	9.6%	6.6%	
Total		Count	1162	605	1767

How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F2 How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	1 Less than one year	Count	18	10	28
		% within Sample	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%
	2 1-5 years	Count	101	61	162
		% within Sample	8.3%	9.9%	8.8%
	3 6-10 years	Count	105	57	162
		% within Sample	8.6%	9.3%	8.8%
	4 11-24 years	Count	254	135	389
		% within Sample	20.9%	22.0%	21.2%
	5 25 years and longer	Count	740	351	1091
		% within Sample	60.8%	57.2%	59.6%
	Total	Count	1218	614	1832
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

			Sample		Total
			Non-probability	Probability	
F13 What is the highest level of education you have completed?	1 Less than high school diploma	Count	2	7	9
		% within Sample	0.2%	1.2%	0.5%
	2 High school graduate/GED	Count	32	46	78
		% within Sample	2.7%	7.7%	4.4%
	3 Some college but no degree	Count	176	96	272
		% within Sample	15.1%	16.2%	15.5%
	4 Associate degree (AA, AS) or certificate in career or technical education program	Count	122	62	184
		% within Sample	10.5%	10.4%	10.5%
	5 Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)	Count	324	169	493
		% within Sample	27.8%	28.5%	28.0%
	6 Some graduate work	Count	98	42	140
		% within Sample	8.4%	7.1%	8.0%
	7 Master's degree (MA, MSW)	Count	321	127	448
		% within Sample	27.5%	21.4%	25.5%
	8 Professional or Doctoral degree (MD,Phd, JD)	Count	91	45	136
		% within Sample	7.8%	7.6%	7.7%
	Total	Count	1166	594	1760
		% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Which of the following categories most closely describes your total household income in 2022 before taxes, including wages and all other income?

		Sample		Total	
		Non-probability	Probability		
F14 Which of the following categories most closely describes your total household income in 2022 before taxes, including wages and all other income?	1 Less than \$10,000	Count	1	6	7
		% within Sample	0.1%	1.2%	0.5%
	2 \$10,000 - \$24,999	Count	12	17	29
		% within Sample	1.3%	3.5%	2.0%
	3 \$25,000 - \$49,999	Count	71	52	123
		% within Sample	7.5%	10.7%	8.6%
	4 \$50,000 - \$74,999	Count	129	85	214
		% within Sample	13.6%	17.5%	14.9%
	5 \$75,000 - \$99,999	Count	156	79	235
		% within Sample	16.5%	16.3%	16.4%
	6 \$100,000-\$149,999	Count	259	111	370
		% within Sample	27.3%	22.8%	25.8%
	7 \$150,000-\$199,999	Count	136	63	199
		% within Sample	14.3%	13.0%	13.9%
	8 \$200,000 or more	Count	184	73	257
		% within Sample	19.4%	15.0%	17.9%
Total	Count	948	486	1434	
	% within Sample	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

Appendix C:

Weighted Probability Cross-tabulations by Select Demographics

Cross-tabulation tables count survey cases in categories defined by two variables simultaneously. This appendix compares the survey questions by

In these tables, the percentages reflect percent within each demographic affiliation that selected the corresponding answer. For example, 80% of respondents who have resided in Virginia Beach for less than 5 years are registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach. In contrast, 99% of respondents who have resided in Virginia Beach for 25 years or longer are registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach. Rows formatted in bold indicate the relationship between variables is statistically significant at the 95% level of confidence.

When reading these tables, it is important to note the distinction between blank cells and cells with "0" counts. The weighted n in some cells in the table can be less than 1. When a "0" count is shown, that indicates the weighted n has been rounded down to zero. When a cell is blank, there are no cases at all in that cell. The "w%" column indicates the weighted percentage of respondents who answered a particular way, within categories displayed across the top of the table.

The data presented in these tables are based on responses from the probability sample only. The data have been weighted with base weights and post-stratification weights.

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	99%	59	92%	73	100%	36	97%	81	96%	65	98%	73	95%	68	92%	95
	No	1%	1	8%	6			3%	2	4%	2	2%	1	5%	4	8%	8
Total		100%	60	100%	79	100%	36	100%	83	100%	68	100%	74	100%	72	100%	102
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	55%	35	41%	32	34%	13	43%	37	53%	38	53%	40	48%	34	39%	41
	Very interested	26%	16	23%	18	48%	18	37%	31	25%	18	38%	29	42%	30	35%	36
	Moderately interested	14%	9	21%	17	13%	5	18%	15	19%	13	9%	6	7%	5	23%	23
	Slightly interested	6%	3	12%	9	3%	1	1%	1	2%	1			3%	2	2%	2
	Not interested at all			4%	3	3%	1	1%	1	1%	1					2%	2
Total		100%	63	100%	78	100%	37	100%	85	100%	71	100%	75	100%	71	100%	103
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	38%	24	29%	23	31%	12	41%	34	40%	29	31%	23	47%	34	37%	39
	Very interested	36%	23	27%	21	33%	12	37%	32	38%	27	43%	32	29%	21	37%	39
	Moderately interested	21%	13	25%	20	24%	9	14%	12	19%	13	22%	16	17%	12	21%	22
	Slightly interested	3%	2	14%	11	6%	2	7%	6	2%	1	4%	3	8%	5	4%	4
	Not interested at all	1%	1	7%	5	6%	2	1%	1	1%	1						
Total		100%	63	100%	80	100%	37	100%	85	100%	71	100%	75	100%	72	100%	103
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	97%	61	95%	73	98%	37	95%	81	91%	65	96%	71	92%	67	85%	86
	No	3%	2	5%	4	2%	1	5%	4	9%	6	4%	3	8%	6	15%	15

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	63	100%	77	100%	37	100%	85	100%	71	100%	74	100%	72	100%	102
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	61%	35	65%	44	47%	17	51%	41	65%	40	53%	35	42%	28	65%	52
	Voted before election day, in-person	23%	13	16%	11	34%	12	26%	21	19%	12	32%	21	27%	18	25%	19
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	16%	9	19%	13	19%	7	23%	18	16%	10	15%	10	31%	20	10%	8
Total		100%	57	100%	68	100%	36	100%	81	100%	62	100%	66	100%	66	100%	80
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	63%	37	57%	40	45%	16	63%	51	52%	33	64%	44	58%	38	50%	42
	Positive	26%	15	35%	24	47%	17	31%	25	42%	27	22%	15	25%	16	43%	36
	Neither positive nor negative	10%	6	7%	5	9%	3	6%	5	7%	4	12%	8	12%	8	7%	6
	Negative	2%	1	1%	1							1%	1	4%	3		
Total		100%	58	100%	70	100%	36	100%	81	100%	64	100%	68	100%	65	100%	84
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	94%	54	89%	60	92%	33	97%	78	93%	58	85%	58	92%	61	97%	81
	No	6%	3	11%	8	8%	3	3%	3	7%	4	15%	10	8%	5	3%	3
Total		100%	57	100%	68	100%	36	100%	81	100%	62	100%	68	100%	66	100%	84
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	34%	20	23%	18	14%	5	33%	28	23%	16	41%	30	18%	13	26%	26
	Very closely	37%	22	31%	25	42%	15	42%	35	45%	31	29%	21	35%	25	36%	36
	Somewhat closely	24%	14	37%	29	41%	15	17%	14	22%	15	24%	17	32%	22	31%	31
	Not so closely	2%	1	6%	5			7%	6	5%	3	1%	1	5%	4	6%	6
	Not at all closely	2%	1	3%	2	3%	1	1%	1	5%	4	5%	4	9%	7	2%	2

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	59	100%	79	100%	36	100%	83	100%	69	100%	73	100%	70	100%	101
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	8%	5	8%	6	14%	5	16%	13	18%	12	8%	6	4%	3	8%	8
	Very familiar	25%	15	15%	12	12%	5	21%	17	13%	9	34%	25	13%	9	22%	23
	Moderately familiar	27%	16	30%	24	30%	11	25%	21	37%	25	26%	20	44%	32	42%	43
	Slightly familiar	14%	9	27%	22	24%	9	14%	12	16%	11	11%	8	11%	8	9%	9
	Not at all familiar	26%	16	20%	16	19%	7	25%	21	17%	12	21%	16	28%	20	19%	20
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	37	100%	85	100%	70	100%	74	100%	72	100%	103
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	9%	5	5%	3	3%	1	6%	5	12%	8	10%	7	6%	3	7%	6
	Approve	37%	20	41%	28	29%	11	36%	29	33%	22	29%	20	28%	16	36%	31
	Neither approve nor disapprove	41%	22	44%	29	47%	18	45%	35	46%	30	44%	30	46%	27	43%	38
	Disapprove	8%	5	9%	6	10%	4	10%	8	8%	6	11%	8	20%	12	9%	8
	Strongly disapprove	6%	3	2%	1	11%	4	4%	3	1%	1	5%	3			4%	3
Total		100%	55	100%	67	100%	38	100%	79	100%	66	100%	68	100%	58	100%	87
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	70%	45	57%	46	82%	32	69%	59	85%	61	71%	52	47%	34	62%	64
	No	22%	14	30%	24	13%	5	23%	20	9%	7	21%	15	38%	28	26%	27
	Not sure	8%	5	13%	10	5%	2	8%	7	6%	4	8%	6	14%	10	13%	13
Total		100%	64	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	72	100%	73	100%	72	100%	104
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you	Extremely well represented	12%	6	6%	4	6%	2	2%	2	9%	5	8%	5	5%	3	10%	8
	Very well represented	33%	17	26%	17	22%	7	31%	24	20%	12	33%	22	12%	7	21%	18

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Moderately represented	35%	19	50%	33	57%	19	52%	40	54%	33	38%	25	42%	24	43%	37
	Slightly represented	16%	8	13%	8	9%	3	13%	10	17%	10	12%	8	35%	20	20%	18
	Not at all represented	4%	2	5%	3	6%	2	2%	1	1%	1	9%	6	6%	4	7%	6
Total		100%	53	100%	66	100%	34	100%	77	100%	61	100%	66	100%	57	100%	87
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	11%	6	7%	4	6%	2	2%	2	13%	8	7%	4	5%	3	7%	6
	Very well represented	25%	13	25%	15	21%	7	33%	24	21%	13	36%	23	18%	9	20%	17
	Moderately represented	43%	22	45%	27	58%	20	44%	31	43%	26	38%	25	45%	24	44%	38
	Slightly represented	12%	6	18%	11	12%	4	15%	11	20%	12	16%	10	27%	14	25%	22
	Not at all represented	8%	4	4%	3	2%	1	6%	4	3%	2	4%	3	5%	3	5%	4
Total		100%	51	100%	60	100%	35	100%	72	100%	61	100%	66	100%	53	100%	88
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	31%	15	22%	12	29%	8	17%	11	25%	13	26%	15	13%	7	16%	11
	Moderately satisfied	32%	15	43%	23	15%	4	50%	32	34%	18	43%	25	26%	13	29%	20
	Slightly satisfied	19%	9	17%	9	18%	5	14%	9	22%	12	5%	3	35%	18	32%	22
	Slightly dissatisfied	5%	2	10%	6	25%	7	4%	3	6%	3	9%	6	14%	7	9%	6
	Moderately dissatisfied	3%	1	5%	3	3%	1	9%	6	8%	4	7%	4	11%	6	6%	4
	Very dissatisfied	10%	5	3%	2	12%	3	6%	4	5%	2	10%	6			9%	6
Total		100%	48	100%	54	100%	30	100%	65	100%	52	100%	58	100%	51	100%	69
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid	Extremely familiar	9%	6	7%	6	4%	1	10%	9	15%	11	19%	14	4%	3	11%	11
	Very familiar	29%	18	11%	8	23%	9	29%	25	22%	15	15%	11	13%	10	24%	24
	Moderately familiar	25%	16	24%	19	23%	9	17%	15	24%	17	26%	19	21%	15	19%	20
	Slightly familiar	11%	7	20%	16	22%	9	15%	13	14%	10	11%	8	19%	13	16%	16

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
election system?	Not at all familiar	26%	17	38%	31	29%	12	28%	24	25%	18	29%	21	43%	31	31%	32
Total		100%	64	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	72	100%	74	100%	72	100%	103
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	10%	5	3%	2	5%	1	5%	3	11%	7	6%	3	11%	5	3%	3
	Very well represented	19%	9	12%	7	21%	7	25%	17	13%	8	23%	13	10%	5	23%	19
	Moderately represented	34%	17	46%	27	35%	11	47%	32	39%	23	39%	21	41%	20	36%	30
	Slightly represented	19%	10	28%	17	25%	8	17%	12	35%	20	13%	7	23%	11	27%	22
	Not at all represented	18%	9	11%	7	14%	4	7%	5	1%	1	20%	11	15%	7	11%	9
Total		100%	50	100%	59	100%	32	100%	69	100%	58	100%	55	100%	49	100%	82
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	8%	4	2%	1	5%	1	7%	4	15%	9	3%	2	11%	5	6%	5
	Very well represented	26%	12	12%	7	31%	9	18%	12	15%	8	18%	10	15%	7	18%	14
	Moderately represented	22%	10	48%	28	17%	5	56%	37	39%	22	41%	22	43%	20	39%	30
	Slightly represented	31%	14	26%	15	35%	11	10%	7	28%	16	27%	15	16%	8	26%	21
	Not at all represented	13%	6	12%	7	11%	3	10%	6	3%	2	11%	6	14%	7	11%	9
Total		100%	45	100%	57	100%	30	100%	66	100%	57	100%	54	100%	47	100%	78
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-	Very satisfied	12%	6	13%	7	21%	5	22%	12	14%	8	16%	9	13%	5	20%	15
	Moderately satisfied	27%	14	20%	11	25%	6	40%	22	32%	18	33%	18	26%	11	32%	24
	Slightly satisfied	22%	11	25%	14	22%	5	17%	10	28%	15	19%	10	23%	10	17%	13
	Slightly dissatisfied	14%	7	19%	11	16%	4	5%	3	7%	4	7%	4	8%	3	10%	7

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
3-1 election system?	Moderately dissatisfied	5%	2	16%	9			8%	4	9%	5	6%	3	20%	9	14%	10
	Very dissatisfied	19%	10	7%	4	17%	4	8%	4	9%	5	20%	11	12%	5	8%	6
Total		100%	49	100%	55	100%	24	100%	56	100%	55	100%	54	100%	44	100%	77
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	59%	35	44%	32	40%	15	40%	31	40%	25	48%	34	46%	26	38%	37
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	17%	10	12%	9	20%	7	20%	16	16%	10	21%	15	13%	7	28%	27
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	24%	14	44%	33	40%	15	40%	31	44%	27	31%	22	42%	23	34%	33
Total		100%	59	100%	74	100%	37	100%	78	100%	62	100%	71	100%	56	100%	97
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	3%	2	1%	1			1%	1	6%	4	2%	1	2%	1	2%	2
	Very familiar	7%	5	4%	3	2%	1	4%	3	3%	2	8%	6	4%	3	6%	6
	Moderately familiar	14%	9	15%	12	21%	8	13%	12	14%	10	9%	7	16%	11	13%	13
	Slightly familiar	23%	15	15%	12	18%	7	17%	14	25%	18	17%	12	12%	8	19%	19
	Not at all familiar	52%	33	66%	53	59%	24	66%	56	52%	37	64%	47	67%	48	61%	63
Total		100%	64	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	71	100%	74	100%	72	100%	102
How important of an issue do you consider	Extremely important	34%	22	25%	20	29%	12	26%	22	26%	19	43%	31	34%	24	31%	32
	Very important	45%	29	46%	38	47%	19	46%	38	42%	30	36%	26	52%	37	45%	46
	Moderately important	11%	7	17%	14	22%	9	17%	14	26%	19	16%	12	12%	8	18%	19

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the election system in Virginia Beach?	Slightly important	6%	4	9%	7	2%	1	6%	5	3%	2	5%	4	1%	1	3%	3
	Not at all important	3%	2	3%	3			6%	5	3%	2			2%	1	2%	2
Total		100%	63	100%	81	100%	40	100%	84	100%	72	100%	73	100%	71	100%	102
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	13%	7	14%	9	12%	4	18%	12	13%	8	17%	12	4%	2	22%	20
	Very impactful	38%	21	30%	19	45%	16	34%	23	35%	22	44%	30	38%	21	29%	27
	Moderately impactful	31%	17	33%	21	20%	7	34%	23	36%	22	26%	18	32%	18	28%	26
	Slightly impactful	13%	7	16%	10	13%	5	12%	8	13%	8	10%	7	20%	11	17%	15
	Not at all impactful	5%	3	8%	5	10%	4	2%	1	3%	2	2%	2	5%	3	4%	4
Total		100%	55	100%	64	100%	36	100%	67	100%	62	100%	68	100%	56	100%	92
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	14%	8	15%	10	12%	4	16%	10	20%	12	17%	12	8%	5	23%	21
	Very impactful	32%	18	31%	20	48%	18	39%	25	29%	19	36%	24	42%	26	27%	25
	Moderately impactful	28%	15	33%	22	10%	3	28%	18	35%	22	32%	22	35%	21	29%	27
	Slightly impactful	18%	10	15%	10	20%	7	13%	8	13%	8	11%	8	15%	9	20%	19
	Not at all impactful	7%	4	7%	4	10%	4	5%	3	3%	2	2%	2	1%	0	1%	1
Total		100%	55	100%	65	100%	36	100%	66	100%	64	100%	67	100%	61	100%	93
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who	Extremely important	49%	30	30%	24	57%	23	50%	43	40%	28	56%	42	57%	41	48%	50
	Very important	39%	24	50%	40	33%	13	39%	33	52%	37	37%	28	29%	21	47%	49
	Moderately important	12%	7	12%	10	10%	4	10%	8	6%	4	6%	4	8%	6	4%	5
	Slightly important			7%	6			1%	1	2%	2	1%	1	5%	3		
	Not at all important			1%	1									2%	1		

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reflect you and your interests?																	
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	71	100%	75	100%	72	100%	104
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	25%	16	26%	21	43%	17	26%	23	37%	26	35%	26	43%	30	40%	40
	Very important	31%	19	38%	31	31%	12	32%	27	27%	19	23%	17	30%	21	28%	28
	Moderately important	22%	13	17%	14	14%	5	15%	13	18%	13	16%	12	8%	6	12%	13
	Slightly important	9%	6	2%	1	9%	3	13%	11	6%	4	6%	5	11%	8	6%	6
	Not at all important	13%	8	17%	14	4%	2	14%	12	12%	9	18%	14	9%	6	14%	14
Total		100%	62	100%	81	100%	40	100%	86	100%	70	100%	74	100%	72	100%	101
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	29%	18	30%	24	34%	14	22%	19	33%	23	34%	26	38%	27	33%	34
	Very important	24%	15	27%	21	38%	15	32%	27	24%	17	23%	18	26%	18	24%	24
	Moderately important	24%	15	21%	17	11%	4	18%	15	25%	17	14%	11	22%	15	21%	22
	Slightly important	10%	6	6%	5	11%	4	12%	10	7%	5	6%	5	3%	2	5%	5
	Not at all important	12%	7	16%	13	6%	2	17%	14	11%	8	22%	16	11%	8	16%	17
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	85	100%	70	100%	75	100%	71	100%	101
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	30%	19	26%	21	34%	14	26%	22	24%	17	39%	29	48%	35	27%	28
	Very important	28%	18	33%	27	46%	18	40%	34	52%	37	30%	23	23%	16	51%	52
	Moderately important	21%	13	32%	26	7%	3	20%	17	18%	13	19%	14	24%	17	17%	18
	Slightly important	14%	9	2%	2	10%	4	11%	10	4%	3	8%	6	4%	3	1%	1
	Not at all important	6%	4	6%	5	2%	1	2%	2	3%	2	4%	3	2%	1	4%	4
Total		100%	63	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	71	100%	75	100%	72	100%	103
Do you support or oppose	Strongly support	3%	2	11%	9	2%	1	10%	8	10%	7	14%	10	20%	14	11%	12
	Moderately support	9%	6	17%	13	36%	14	10%	9	9%	7	9%	7	6%	4	12%	13

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increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Slightly support	10%	6	17%	13	13%	5	8%	6	19%	14	8%	6	18%	13	13%	13
	Slightly oppose	15%	9	9%	7			7%	6	8%	6	9%	7	6%	4	9%	10
	Moderately oppose	12%	8	1%	1	10%	4	17%	15	15%	11	9%	7	3%	2	7%	7
	Strongly oppose	17%	10	15%	11	14%	6	17%	15	10%	7	24%	18	7%	5	21%	22
	No opinion	17%	11	17%	13	13%	5	13%	12	20%	14	9%	7	18%	13	17%	18
	Not sure	17%	10	13%	10	12%	5	18%	16	8%	6	16%	12	23%	16	9%	9
Total		100%	62	100%	79	100%	40	100%	86	100%	72	100%	74	100%	71	100%	104
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase	6%	4	20%	16	21%	8	11%	9	20%	14	16%	12	27%	19	11%	12
	Decrease	5%	3	4%	3	8%	3	5%	4	5%	3	5%	4			9%	9
	Keep the same number	45%	28	36%	29	45%	18	51%	43	48%	35	54%	40	26%	19	53%	55
	No opinion	18%	11	26%	20	15%	6	19%	16	14%	10	13%	9	15%	11	12%	12
	Not sure	26%	17	14%	11	11%	5	14%	12	14%	10	12%	9	31%	22	16%	17
Total		100%	63	100%	79	100%	40	100%	85	100%	72	100%	74	100%	71	100%	104
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	68%	43	50%	40	52%	21	53%	45	50%	36	73%	55	57%	40	58%	60
	Moderately support	14%	9	23%	19	39%	16	29%	25	30%	21	13%	10	20%	14	17%	18
	Slightly support	8%	5	11%	9	4%	2	8%	7	5%	3	4%	3	3%	2	6%	7
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	2%	1	4%	2	1%	1	4%	3	2%	2			3%	3
	Moderately oppose	5%	3	2%	1			1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	7%	5	6%	6
	Strongly oppose	2%	1	1%	1			3%	3	2%	2	5%	4	6%	4	3%	3
	No opinion	1%	0	3%	3			2%	2	4%	3	1%	1	5%	4	3%	3
Not sure			9%	7			2%	2	3%	2			2%	1	4%	4	
Total		100%	63	100%	81	100%	40	100%	85	100%	72	100%	75	100%	70	100%	104
The City Council member	Strongly support	5%	3	5%	4	5%	2	5%	5	19%	14	12%	9	19%	13	15%	16
	Moderately support	11%	7	14%	11	20%	8	9%	7	17%	12	9%	7	8%	6	13%	13
	Slightly support	7%	5	11%	9	4%	2	8%	7	7%	5	5%	4	5%	3	7%	8

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representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Slightly oppose	14%	9	7%	6	12%	5	15%	12	5%	4	7%	5	12%	8	9%	10
	Moderately oppose	14%	9	17%	14	12%	5	19%	16	20%	15	16%	12	8%	6	11%	11
	Strongly oppose	47%	29	34%	28	47%	19	34%	29	29%	21	49%	36	44%	32	36%	38
	No opinion	1%	0	3%	3			5%	4	1%	1	2%	2	3%	2	4%	4
	Not sure	1%	1	10%	8			5%	4	2%	1			2%	1	5%	5
Total		100%	63	100%	81	100%	40	100%	84	100%	72	100%	75	100%	71	100%	104
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	12%	7	6%	5	10%	4	11%	9	19%	14	8%	6	18%	13	9%	9
	Moderately support	21%	13	16%	12	30%	12	24%	20	22%	16	17%	12	10%	7	19%	19
	Slightly support	16%	10	21%	16	19%	8	14%	12	13%	9	15%	11	5%	3	17%	18
	Slightly oppose	6%	4	6%	5	12%	5	12%	10	7%	5	5%	4	15%	11	7%	7
	Moderately oppose	12%	8	13%	10	2%	1	6%	5	12%	9	10%	7	18%	13	10%	10
	Strongly oppose	22%	14	19%	15	22%	9	22%	18	9%	7	41%	30	22%	15	22%	22
	No opinion	5%	3	8%	6	5%	2	8%	6	5%	4	3%	2	2%	1	8%	8
Not sure	7%	4	11%	9			4%	4	13%	9	1%	1	11%	7	9%	9	
Total		100%	63	100%	78	100%	40	100%	85	100%	72	100%	74	100%	71	100%	103
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	6%	4	5%	4	8%	3	6%	5	16%	11	13%	9	16%	12	17%	18
	Moderately support	10%	6	10%	8	13%	5	11%	9	14%	10	7%	5	9%	6	13%	14
	Slightly support	3%	2	13%	10	4%	2	6%	5	4%	3	5%	4	10%	7	10%	10
	Slightly oppose	9%	6	6%	5	9%	4	13%	11	4%	3	4%	3	3%	2	4%	4
	Moderately oppose	15%	9	15%	12	17%	7	14%	12	7%	5	12%	9	21%	15	11%	11
	Strongly oppose	52%	33	37%	29	44%	18	41%	35	45%	32	56%	42	34%	24	34%	36
	No opinion	5%	3	3%	3	3%	1	4%	4	4%	3	2%	1	3%	2	6%	6
Not sure			10%	8	2%	1	5%	4	7%	5	1%	1	4%	3	5%	5	
Total		100%	63	100%	78	100%	40	100%	85	100%	72	100%	74	100%	71	100%	104
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local	Strongly support	36%	22	24%	19	30%	12	31%	26	32%	22	26%	19	37%	26	35%	34
	Moderately support	11%	7	27%	21	21%	8	19%	16	18%	13	17%	12	13%	9	20%	19
	Slightly support	12%	8	15%	12	22%	9	10%	9	14%	9	14%	10	7%	5	6%	6

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elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Slightly oppose	5%	3	7%	5	5%	2	10%	8	5%	3	13%	9	9%	6	8%	8
	Moderately oppose	16%	10	5%	4	10%	4	11%	9	13%	9	6%	4	12%	9	7%	7
	Strongly oppose	10%	6	10%	8	7%	3	10%	9	6%	4	16%	12	12%	9	16%	15
	No opinion	4%	2	5%	4	5%	2	5%	5	6%	4	1%	1	3%	2	4%	4
	Not sure	6%	4	8%	6				3%	2	7%	5	7%	5	6%	4	5%
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	83	100%	69	100%	71	100%	71	100%	99
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	21%	13	29%	23	29%	12	42%	34	32%	21	36%	26	41%	28	40%	41
	Moderately support	23%	14	23%	18	31%	12	21%	18	23%	16	25%	18	18%	12	22%	22
	Slightly support	11%	7	13%	10	12%	5	4%	4	9%	6	7%	5	7%	5	10%	10
	Slightly oppose	4%	2	8%	6	9%	4	11%	9	6%	4	5%	4	1%	1	6%	6
	Moderately oppose	10%	6	9%	8	7%	3	5%	5	7%	5	9%	6	9%	6	4%	4
	Strongly oppose	23%	14	7%	6	6%	2	7%	5	11%	7	10%	7	10%	7	8%	8
	No opinion	5%	3	5%	4	6%	2	5%	4	5%	3	1%	1	5%	4	8%	8
	Not sure	3%	2	5%	4				5%	5	7%	5	7%	5	9%	6	2%
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	83	100%	68	100%	71	100%	68	100%	101
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	2%	1	4%	3	21%	8	9%	7	12%	8	4%	3	8%	6	6%	6
	Very familiar	21%	13	15%	12			7%	5	16%	11	17%	12	6%	4	12%	12
	Moderately familiar	29%	18	23%	18	8%	3	29%	23	23%	16	24%	17	21%	15	11%	12
	Slightly familiar	20%	12	15%	12	26%	10	17%	14	11%	7	14%	10	13%	9	23%	23
	Not at all familiar	28%	18	43%	34	44%	18	39%	32	38%	27	41%	29	51%	36	48%	49
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	82	100%	70	100%	72	100%	71	100%	102
Do you support or oppose the use	Strongly support	7%	4	7%	6	13%	5	11%	9	20%	14	7%	5	12%	8	2%	2
	Moderately support	10%	6	10%	8	8%	3	13%	11	9%	6	7%	5	3%	2	4%	5
	Slightly support	11%	7	13%	11	10%	4	8%	6	9%	6	6%	4	5%	3	4%	4

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Slightly oppose	7%	5	6%	4	8%	3	4%	3	3%	2	4%	3	16%	11	10%	10
	Moderately oppose	14%	9	8%	6	9%	4	12%	10	9%	7	9%	6	11%	8	9%	9
	Strongly oppose	36%	22	28%	22	36%	14	26%	21	15%	10	37%	26	29%	20	35%	36
	No opinion	4%	2	18%	14	6%	2	11%	9	18%	13	8%	6	11%	7	23%	23
	Not sure	11%	7	11%	9	9%	4	15%	12	17%	12	22%	16	14%	10	12%	12
Total		100%	62	100%	80	100%	40	100%	82	100%	70	100%	71	100%	68	100%	102
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	44%	25	31%	19	37%	13	35%	24	42%	24	47%	30	34%	19	29%	25
	Moderately support	30%	17	33%	20	29%	10	38%	26	27%	16	25%	16	30%	17	37%	33
	Slightly support	11%	6	13%	8	12%	4	7%	5	19%	11	8%	5	20%	11	10%	9
	Slightly oppose	2%	1	7%	5	8%	3	6%	4	5%	3	3%	2	3%	2	3%	3
	Moderately oppose	3%	2	9%	6			6%	4			6%	4	2%	1	10%	9
Strongly oppose	10%	5	8%	5	14%	5	7%	5	7%	4	11%	7	10%	6	11%	10	
Total		100%	57	100%	63	100%	35	100%	68	100%	58	100%	64	100%	56	100%	89
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	18%	9	25%	15	18%	6	17%	11	18%	9	20%	13	34%	17	16%	13
	Moderately support	24%	12	17%	11	7%	3	21%	13	28%	15	28%	17	23%	11	34%	27
	Slightly support	17%	8	29%	18	24%	8	19%	13	25%	13	10%	6	14%	7	13%	10
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	8%	5	11%	4	7%	4	6%	3	9%	5	3%	1	8%	7
	Moderately oppose	15%	7	9%	5	5%	2	22%	14	6%	3	15%	10			9%	7
Strongly oppose	23%	11	11%	7	35%	12	15%	10	17%	9	18%	11	27%	13	19%	15	
Total		100%	48	100%	61	100%	34	100%	65	100%	54	100%	63	100%	49	100%	80
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year	1%	1					5%	4	2%	1	3%	2			1%	1
	1-5 years	19%	12	11%	9	9%	3	8%	7	8%	6	10%	8	10%	7	8%	8
	6-10 years	7%	4	13%	10	3%	1	8%	7	9%	7	12%	9	12%	8	6%	6
	11-24 years	19%	12	28%	23	23%	9	21%	18	19%	14	27%	21	19%	14	18%	18
25 years and longer	55%	35	48%	39	66%	26	58%	49	62%	44	47%	35	59%	42	68%	71	
Total		100%	64	100%	81	100%	40	100%	86	100%	70	100%	75	100%	72	100%	104

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	95%	57	86%	67	86%	31	95%	77	97%	68	90%	67	99%	68	93%	95
	No	5%	3	14%	11	14%	5	5%	4	3%	2	10%	8	1%	1	7%	7
Total		100%	61	100%	78	100%	36	100%	81	100%	70	100%	75	100%	68	100%	102
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	87%	55	80%	65	74%	29	82%	70	88%	63	94%	70	72%	50	95%	97
	Rent	8%	5	20%	16	23%	9	18%	15	11%	8	5%	4	28%	19	3%	3
	Other	5%	3			3%	1			1%	1	1%	1			2%	2
Total		100%	64	100%	81	100%	40	100%	86	100%	72	100%	75	100%	70	100%	103
Age	Less than 40	9%	6	13%	10	17%	7	10%	8	13%	8	5%	4	8%	5	9%	9
	40-49	9%	6	9%	7	7%	3	13%	11	10%	6	14%	11	8%	5	9%	9
	50-59	11%	7	19%	15	16%	6	22%	19	17%	11	25%	18	12%	8	13%	13
	60-69	32%	20	29%	22	32%	13	23%	19	26%	17	23%	17	30%	21	30%	29
	70 and older	39%	24	30%	23	28%	11	33%	28	34%	22	32%	24	42%	29	38%	36
Total		100%	62	100%	77	100%	40	100%	85	100%	64	100%	74	100%	69	100%	96
What is your marital status?	Married	67%	42	62%	49	67%	27	56%	48	54%	37	72%	54	23%	16	60%	61
	Living as married	2%	1	1%	1			7%	6	2%	2	1%	1	5%	3	1%	1
	Divorced	15%	9	17%	14	20%	8	8%	7	14%	9	11%	8	36%	25	18%	18
	Widowed	12%	8	10%	8	5%	2	15%	13	16%	11	11%	8	17%	12	14%	14
	Separated							3%	3	3%	2			3%	2		
Total		100%	64	100%	80	100%	40	100%	86	100%	69	100%	75	100%	70	100%	100
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	80%	47	82%	65	79%	29	76%	60	77%	48	79%	53	91%	55	79%	68
	One	10%	6	4%	3	17%	6	8%	6	6%	4	8%	5	5%	3	10%	8
	Two	7%	4	12%	10	4%	1	13%	10	9%	5	10%	7	2%	1	11%	10
	Three or more	3%	2	2%	1			4%	3	8%	5	2%	1	1%	1		
Total		100%	59	100%	79	100%	37	100%	80	100%	62	100%	67	100%	60	100%	86

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal			3%	2	3%	1	2%	2	4%	3	1%	1	1%	1	3%	3
	Liberal	13%	8	22%	16	22%	9	13%	11	9%	6	14%	10	17%	11	18%	18
	Slightly Liberal	16%	10	9%	7			4%	3	12%	8	15%	10	16%	10	5%	5
	Moderate	23%	15	32%	24	42%	17	34%	28	35%	25	23%	16	47%	30	32%	33
	Slightly Conservative	15%	9	7%	5	10%	4	19%	16	13%	9	10%	7	4%	2	15%	15
	Conservative	30%	19	24%	18	22%	9	23%	19	22%	15	29%	21	14%	9	24%	24
	Extremely Conservative	3%	2	3%	3	2%	1	6%	5	4%	3	8%	6	1%	1	3%	3
Total		100%	64	100%	76	100%	40	100%	83	100%	70	100%	71	100%	65	100%	100
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	29%	17	35%	25	24%	8	41%	30	28%	18	44%	30	19%	13	30%	27
	Democrat	28%	16	37%	26	48%	17	35%	26	43%	28	29%	20	46%	30	38%	34
	Independent	43%	25	28%	20	28%	10	24%	17	30%	20	27%	19	35%	23	32%	28
Total		100%	59	100%	72	100%	35	100%	73	100%	66	100%	69	100%	66	100%	89
Gender	Man	48%	29	49%	39	66%	25	47%	40	51%	34	53%	38	33%	23	57%	55
	Woman	52%	32	51%	40	34%	13	53%	45	49%	33	47%	34	67%	47	43%	42
Total		100%	60	100%	79	100%	38	100%	85	100%	67	100%	72	100%	70	100%	97
Race	Black/African American	4%	2	17%	12	34%	13	8%	6	14%	9	10%	7	41%	28	26%	24
	Hispanic			8%	6			8%	6	1%	1	1%	1	10%	7	5%	5
	Asian			15%	11	14%	5	1%	1	5%	3	13%	9	5%	4	7%	6
	White	92%	52	57%	41	47%	18	78%	62	76%	51	69%	48	41%	28	51%	48
	Multiracial and other racial identities	4%	2	3%	2	6%	2	5%	4	4%	3	6%	4	3%	2	12%	11
Total		100%	56	100%	73	100%	39	100%	80	100%	66	100%	69	100%	69	100%	95
Employment Status	Employed full time	38%	24	49%	38	46%	18	43%	37	39%	28	43%	32	38%	26	46%	47
	Employed part time	9%	6	8%	6			7%	6	7%	5	2%	2	2%	1	2%	2
	Looking for work	1%	0					5%	4	4%	3					1%	1
	Stay-at-home	5%	3	1%	0			1%	1	1%	1	3%	2			2%	2
	Student			1%	1	6%	2					1%	1			1%	1
	Retired	42%	27	39%	31	46%	18	38%	32	46%	33	46%	34	53%	36	41%	42

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	Disabled	1%	1	2%	1			2%	1			2%	1	3%	2	3%	3
	Other	4%	3	1%	1	2%	1	5%	4	2%	2	2%	1	4%	3	4%	4
Total		100%	64	100%	78	100%	39	100%	86	100%	71	100%	74	100%	69	100%	102
Education Level	Up to high school degree	4%	2	14%	11	12%	5	9%	7	6%	4	11%	8	10%	7	6%	6
	Associates degree and/or some college	12%	8	28%	21	35%	14	33%	28	19%	13	24%	18	36%	24	25%	25
	Bachelors degree and/or some grad	43%	27	31%	24	41%	16	25%	21	41%	28	31%	23	36%	24	43%	43
	Graduate degree	41%	26	26%	20	12%	5	33%	28	34%	24	35%	26	18%	12	26%	26
Total		100%	63	100%	76	100%	40	100%	85	100%	70	100%	74	100%	66	100%	100
Household income	Less than \$50,000	2%	1	24%	15	8%	3	17%	13	15%	8	7%	5	21%	12	20%	16
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	7%	3	21%	13	24%	8	11%	8	14%	8	19%	12	33%	19	15%	12
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	11%	5	16%	10	27%	8	17%	13	15%	8	17%	11	17%	9	16%	13
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	14%	7	17%	10	28%	9	27%	21	20%	11	29%	19	20%	11	29%	23
	\$150,000 or more	66%	33	23%	14	13%	4	27%	20	37%	20	29%	19	9%	5	21%	16
Total		100%	50	100%	62	100%	32	100%	76	100%	55	100%	65	100%	56	100%	79
Local voting district	1							1%	1			10%	8	14%	10	42%	44
	2	1%	1			30%	12					49%	36				
	3			37%	30	18%	7	3%	3					18%	13	9%	10
	4			3%	3					16%	12			54%	39		
	5	17%	11	1%	1			46%	39			13%	9				
	6	58%	37					33%	28								
	7											12%	9			49%	50
	8	24%	15	37%	30			17%	14	1%	0						
	9									83%	60	1%	1	2%	2		
	10			21%	17	51%	20					14%	10	12%	9		
Total		100%	64	100%	81	100%	40	100%	85	100%	72	100%	74	100%	72	100%	103

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	98%	62	95%	56	92%	53	93%	51	98%	59	100%	64	91%	57	93%	56	94%	57	95%	55
	No	2%	1	5%	3	8%	5	7%	4	2%	1			9%	6	7%	5	6%	4	5%	3
Total		100%	63	100%	59	100%	58	100%	55	100%	60	100%	64	100%	63	100%	61	100%	61	100%	57
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	32%	21	53%	32	36%	23	48%	26	46%	28	54%	35	52%	32	40%	25	55%	34	43%	23
	Very interested	40%	26	30%	18	25%	16	37%	20	39%	24	24%	16	30%	19	44%	27	26%	16	39%	21
	Moderately interested	21%	14	16%	10	24%	15	5%	3	15%	9	16%	10	15%	9	9%	6	18%	11	15%	8
	Slightly interested	4%	3			13%	8	5%	2			4%	3	3%	2	6%	4			3%	2
	Not interested at all	3%	2			2%	1	5%	3			2%	1			2%	1	1%	1		
Total		100%	65	100%	60	100%	63	100%	53	100%	61	100%	64	100%	62	100%	62	100%	63	100%	54
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in	Extremely interested	27%	18	44%	26	26%	17	56%	30	42%	26	38%	24	48%	30	33%	21	39%	24	25%	14
	Very interested	43%	28	28%	17	26%	17	26%	14	36%	22	41%	26	33%	20	35%	22	39%	25	42%	23
	Moderately interested	25%	16	27%	16	26%	16	4%	2	17%	10	14%	9	15%	9	23%	15	21%	13	22%	13
	Slightly interested	4%	3	1%	1	17%	11	9%	5	4%	3	8%	5	2%	1	7%	4			10%	5

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Virginia Beach?	Not interested at all	1%	1			5%	4	5%	3	1%	1	1%		2%	1	2%	1	1%	1	2%	1
Total		100%	65	100%	60	100%	64	100%	53	100%	61	100%	64	100%	62	100%	62	100%	63	100%	56
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	90%	57	94%	55	92%	57	95%	51	96%	58	100%	64	87%	54	93%	57	91%	57	89%	50
	No	10%	6	6%	4	8%	5	5%	2	4%	3			13%	8	7%	4	9%	6	11%	6
Total		100%	63	100%	59	100%	62	100%	53	100%	61	100%	64	100%	62	100%	61	100%	63	100%	56
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	67%	36	52%	27	69%	36	37%	19	51%	29	58%	35	59%	29	51%	29	62%	34	63%	31
	Voted before election day, in-person	23%	12	29%	15	12%	6	26%	13	28%	16	24%	14	32%	15	27%	15	20%	11	29%	14
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	10%	5	19%	10	19%	10	37%	19	21%	12	18%	11	9%	4	22%	12	18%	10	8%	4
Total		100%	54	100%	52	100%	53	100%	51	100%	57	100%	60	100%	48	100%	56	100%	55	100%	49
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	52%	28	59%	31	54%	28	58%	30	72%	42	61%	37	52%	27	64%	36	51%	29	51%	25
	Positive	38%	20	32%	17	29%	15	22%	11	23%	14	30%	18	39%	20	31%	17	41%	23	46%	23
	Neither positive nor negative	10%	6	7%	4	16%	8	14%	7	5%	3	8%	5	9%	5	5%	3	8%	4	4%	2
	Negative			1%	1	2%	1	5%	3			2%	1								
Total		100%	54	100%	53	100%	52	100%	51	100%	58	100%	61	100%	52	100%	56	100%	56	100%	49

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	97%	52	93%	49	88%	45	85%	43	93%	53	97%	59	88%	46	95%	54	97%	53	96%	47
	No	3%	2	7%	4	12%	6	15%	8	7%	4	3%	2	12%	6	5%	3	3%	2	4%	2
Total		100%	54	100%	53	100%	52	100%	51	100%	56	100%	61	100%	52	100%	56	100%	55	100%	49
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	21%	13	34%	18	17%	11	17%	9	29%	18	46%	28	29%	18	30%	18	24%	15	22%	13
	Very closely	36%	22	37%	20	38%	23	41%	22	39%	24	31%	19	27%	17	40%	24	42%	26	31%	17
	Somewhat closely	40%	25	27%	15	35%	21	18%	10	22%	13	21%	13	29%	18	27%	16	24%	15	43%	24
	Not so closely	3%	2	1%	1	5%	3	9%	5	8%	5	2%	1	7%	4	1%	0	5%	3	3%	2
	Not at all closely			1%	1	5%	3	15%	8	1%	1			8%	5	3%	2	4%	2		
Total		100%	63	100%	54	100%	61	100%	55	100%	60	100%	61	100%	62	100%	60	100%	61	100%	56
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	11%	7	12%	7	2%	1	7%	4	16%	10	12%	8	8%	5	11%	7	20%	12	6%	3
	Very familiar	17%	11	24%	14	17%	11	14%	8	21%	13	26%	17	24%	15	22%	14	12%	7	18%	10
	Moderately familiar	41%	26	28%	17	37%	24	36%	19	23%	14	25%	16	35%	21	32%	20	34%	21	34%	19
	Slightly familiar	14%	9	20%	12	24%	16	11%	6	14%	8	12%	7	10%	6	15%	9	16%	10	18%	10
	Not at all familiar	18%	12	16%	10	20%	13	31%	17	26%	16	24%	15	22%	13	20%	12	18%	11	25%	14
Total		100%	64	100%	60	100%	64	100%	55	100%	61	100%	63	100%	60	100%	62	100%	62	100%	56

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	14%	8	6%	3	2%	1	10%	4	5%	3	9%	5	4%	2	8%	5	9%	5	6%	3
	Approve	34%	19	35%	18	33%	19	17%	7	38%	21	41%	23	34%	18	40%	23	37%	22	30%	15
	Neither approve nor disapprove	45%	25	35%	18	52%	30	46%	20	40%	22	37%	21	48%	25	41%	24	46%	27	49%	25
	Disapprove	6%	4	17%	9	11%	6	28%	12	13%	7	6%	3	9%	4	8%	5	7%	4	8%	4
	Strongly disapprove	2%	1	8%	4	2%	1			3%	2	6%	4	5%	2	2%	1	1%	1	7%	3
Total		100%	56	100%	52	100%	56	100%	44	100%	54	100%	57	100%	51	100%	58	100%	58	100%	50
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	57%	37	76%	44	57%	36	52%	28	74%	45	68%	44	60%	38	69%	43	84%	54	63%	37
	No	26%	17	17%	10	29%	18	38%	21	18%	11	22%	14	30%	19	26%	16	9%	6	24%	14
	Not sure	16%	11	7%	4	15%	9	10%	6	8%	5	9%	6	9%	6	5%	3	7%	4	13%	8
Total		100%	65	100%	58	100%	64	100%	55	100%	61	100%	65	100%	62	100%	63	100%	64	100%	59
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	6%	3	1%	1	2%	1	13%	5	7%	4	4%	2	12%	6	7%	4	5%	3	14%	7
	Very well represented	29%	15	31%	16	16%	8	3%	1	26%	15	36%	20	19%	10	35%	18	26%	15	18%	9
	Moderately represented	36%	19	36%	19	58%	30	32%	13	51%	29	41%	22	40%	21	49%	26	55%	31	59%	28
	Slightly represented	23%	12	25%	13	15%	8	43%	18	11%	6	17%	9	18%	10	6%	3	14%	8	4%	2
	Not at all represented	5%	3	6%	3	8%	4	9%	4	5%	3	3%	1	10%	6	3%	2	1%	1	4%	2

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	51	100%	52	100%	51	100%	41	100%	57	100%	55	100%	53	100%	52	100%	57	100%	48
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	4%	2	1%	1	2%	1	13%	5	6%	3	4%	2	9%	5	10%	5	10%	6	12%	6
	Very well represented	30%	15	38%	19	20%	9	7%	3	22%	12	38%	19	16%	9	37%	19	28%	16	16%	7
	Moderately represented	40%	21	36%	18	46%	22	41%	16	51%	28	37%	19	44%	23	42%	21	43%	24	55%	26
	Slightly represented	22%	11	16%	8	20%	10	36%	14	12%	7	16%	8	26%	14	9%	4	15%	9	15%	7
	Not at all represented	5%	2	9%	4	12%	6	3%	1	10%	5	5%	2	5%	3	2%	1	3%	2	2%	1
Total		100%	52	100%	51	100%	47	100%	38	100%	55	100%	51	100%	54	100%	50	100%	56	100%	47
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	26%	11	18%	8	15%	6	11%	4	14%	7	26%	13	19%	8	33%	16	23%	11	23%	10
	Moderately satisfied	37%	15	41%	19	31%	13	4%	1	46%	22	46%	22	21%	9	40%	19	42%	21	42%	19
	Slightly satisfied	18%	7	6%	3	27%	11	49%	16	23%	11	10%	5	37%	16	14%	6	18%	9	7%	3
	Slightly dissatisfied	9%	4	17%	8	12%	5	19%	6	4%	2	4%	2	12%	5	3%	2	7%	3	21%	9
	Moderately dissatisfied	8%	3	8%	4	2%	1	17%	6	7%	4	7%	3	8%	3	4%	2	5%	2	2%	1
	Very dissatisfied	2%	1	10%	5	13%	5			6%	3	7%	4	4%	2	6%	3	5%	2	5%	2
Total		100%	41	100%	46	100%	42	100%	33	100%	48	100%	49	100%	43	100%	48	100%	50	100%	44
How familiar were you with the previous 7-	Extremely familiar	10%	6	17%	10	4%	2	7%	4	12%	7	11%	7	14%	9	12%	8	15%	10	3%	2
	Very familiar	17%	11	21%	12	5%	3	16%	8	31%	19	31%	20	27%	17	19%	12	21%	13	9%	5

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
3-1 hybrid election system?	Moderately familiar	26%	17	23%	14	31%	19	19%	11	21%	13	19%	12	14%	9	26%	16	24%	16	19%	11
	Slightly familiar	17%	11	7%	4	18%	11	17%	9	9%	6	12%	8	14%	9	17%	10	15%	10	31%	18
	Not at all familiar	30%	19	32%	18	43%	27	41%	22	27%	17	28%	18	30%	18	26%	16	24%	15	38%	23
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	63	100%	55	100%	62	100%	65	100%	62	100%	63	100%	64	100%	59
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	6%	3	8%	4	2%	1	26%	9	5%	3	7%	4			4%	2	5%	3	2%	1
	Very well represented	21%	10	30%	14	5%	2	4%	1	23%	12	23%	12	22%	11	16%	8	18%	9	20%	8
	Moderately represented	35%	17	41%	18	48%	20	29%	10	45%	23	38%	20	36%	19	43%	21	45%	24	35%	14
	Slightly represented	23%	11	15%	7	32%	14	34%	12	14%	7	22%	12	23%	12	25%	12	31%	17	25%	10
	Not at all represented	16%	7	5%	2	13%	5	8%	3	13%	7	10%	5	19%	10	12%	6	2%	1	18%	7
Total		100%	47	100%	45	100%	43	100%	36	100%	52	100%	53	100%	52	100%	49	100%	53	100%	40
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on	Extremely well represented	4%	2	5%	2	2%	1	26%	9	5%	3	9%	4	6%	3	3%	2	9%	5	3%	1
	Very well represented	22%	10	36%	16	10%	4	4%	1	14%	7	25%	12	15%	8	21%	10	19%	10	21%	8
	Moderately represented	37%	17	38%	17	46%	18	40%	14	54%	28	37%	17	32%	16	41%	19	41%	21	27%	10
	Slightly represented	25%	11	16%	7	29%	12	21%	8	15%	8	21%	10	28%	14	23%	11	27%	14	40%	15
	Not at all represented	13%	6	5%	2	13%	5	10%	3	12%	6	9%	4	19%	9	12%	5	3%	2	9%	3

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the City Council?																					
Total		100%	46	100%	45	100%	40	100%	36	100%	52	100%	47	100%	50	100%	46	100%	52	100%	37
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	13%	6	20%	9	9%	3	22%	7	12%	5	21%	10	21%	11	18%	9	10%	5	16%	5
	Moderately satisfied	38%	17	46%	20	31%	11	8%	3	37%	16	31%	15	24%	13	23%	11	36%	18	16%	5
	Slightly satisfied	21%	9	17%	7	20%	7	27%	8	19%	8	16%	8	19%	10	20%	10	28%	14	20%	6
	Slightly dissatisfied	2%	1	3%	1	15%	5	2%	0	14%	6	11%	5	10%	5	19%	9	9%	5	18%	6
	Moderately dissatisfied	14%	6	3%	1	22%	8	24%	8	6%	3	6%	3	11%	6	8%	4	6%	3	7%	2
	Very dissatisfied	12%	5	12%	5	3%	1	17%	5	11%	5	15%	7	14%	7	12%	6	10%	5	23%	7
Total		100%	44	100%	44	100%	36	100%	31	100%	43	100%	49	100%	51	100%	49	100%	51	100%	31
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	40%	24	38%	21	32%	18	44%	17	50%	28	44%	25	38%	23	59%	35	43%	25	54%	27
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	24%	14	31%	17	11%	6	17%	7	15%	9	22%	13	21%	13	16%	9	14%	8	18%	9
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the	36%	21	31%	17	57%	33	40%	16	34%	19	34%	20	40%	24	25%	15	44%	25	28%	14

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	previous 7-3-1 system																				
Total		100%	58	100%	55	100%	57	100%	39	100%	56	100%	58	100%	60	100%	58	100%	58	100%	51
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	1%	1	3%	1			7%	4			3%	2	1%	1	2%	1	5%	3		
	Very familiar	8%	5	7%	4	2%	1			5%	3	6%	4	9%	5	3%	2	4%	2	5%	3
	Moderately familiar	21%	14	11%	6	13%	8	10%	5	9%	6	16%	10	5%	3	16%	10	13%	8	25%	14
	Slightly familiar	16%	10	14%	8	12%	7	11%	6	24%	15	15%	10	21%	13	20%	12	24%	15	16%	9
	Not at all familiar	54%	34	65%	38	74%	47	72%	39	62%	38	60%	39	64%	39	58%	36	54%	34	55%	32
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	63	100%	55	100%	62	100%	65	100%	61	100%	62	100%	63	100%	59
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	32%	20	43%	25	17%	11	38%	21	46%	28	23%	15	40%	25	26%	16	26%	17	24%	14
	Very important	47%	29	38%	22	47%	29	43%	24	36%	22	51%	33	34%	21	50%	31	45%	29	44%	26
	Moderately important	17%	10	15%	8	24%	15	12%	7	14%	9	13%	8	16%	10	14%	8	21%	13	27%	16
	Slightly important	4%	2	4%	2	7%	5			3%	2	8%	5	7%	4	5%	3	4%	3	5%	3
	Not at all important					3%	2	6%	3			5%	3	3%	2	6%	4	4%	3		
Total		100%	62	100%	57	100%	62	100%	55	100%	60	100%	65	100%	62	100%	62	100%	64	100%	59

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How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	16%	10	16%	9	11%	5	10%	4	22%	11	15%	9	23%	12	13%	6	10%	6	14%	7
	Very impactful	36%	21	41%	22	29%	14	34%	13	29%	15	35%	20	28%	15	36%	18	38%	22	40%	20
	Moderately impactful	28%	16	28%	15	19%	9	31%	12	32%	16	36%	20	26%	14	41%	21	37%	22	33%	17
	Slightly impactful	18%	10	13%	7	28%	14	17%	7	12%	6	10%	6	15%	8	11%	6	12%	7	8%	4
	Not at all impactful	1%	1	3%	1	14%	7	8%	3	5%	3	4%	2	8%	4			3%	2	4%	2
Total		100%	58	100%	54	100%	50	100%	38	100%	51	100%	57	100%	53	100%	52	100%	58	100%	50
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	16%	9	17%	9	13%	6	15%	6	20%	10	16%	9	24%	12	13%	7	16%	10	14%	7
	Very impactful	34%	20	34%	19	29%	14	37%	15	31%	16	34%	18	23%	12	33%	17	31%	19	51%	26
	Moderately impactful	30%	18	34%	19	19%	10	28%	12	25%	13	34%	18	25%	13	39%	20	40%	24	23%	12
	Slightly impactful	20%	12	11%	6	28%	14	19%	8	18%	9	11%	6	25%	13	12%	6	9%	6	8%	4
	Not at all impactful			4%	2	10%	5	1%	0	7%	4	6%	3	3%	2	2%	1	3%	2	4%	2
Total		100%	59	100%	55	100%	50	100%	42	100%	52	100%	54	100%	52	100%	52	100%	60	100%	51
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect	Extremely important	42%	27	55%	32	31%	20	53%	29	52%	32	51%	33	63%	39	38%	23	43%	27	52%	31
	Very important	54%	34	37%	21	45%	29	32%	17	36%	22	39%	25	36%	22	48%	29	49%	31	31%	18
	Moderately important	4%	3	7%	4	16%	10	3%	1	11%	7	11%	7	1%	1	13%	8	7%	4	13%	7
	Slightly important			2%	1	6%	4	8%	4	2%	1							1%	1	5%	3

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you and your interests?	Not at all important					2%	1	4%	2														
Total		100%	63	100%	58	100%	64	100%	55	100%	62	100%	65	100%	62	100%	60	100%	63	100%	59		
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	28%	17	32%	18	20%	12	45%	25	29%	18	27%	18	54%	33	20%	12	36%	23	50%	29		
	Very important	43%	27	24%	14	38%	24	28%	15	25%	16	29%	19	20%	12	36%	22	24%	15	28%	17		
	Moderately important	11%	7	16%	9	20%	13			19%	11	18%	12	9%	6	24%	15	21%	13	12%	7		
	Slightly important	7%	5	10%	6	3%	2	13%	7	12%	8	11%	7	6%	4	6%	4	6%	4	6%	4	1%	1
	Not at all important	11%	7	17%	10	19%	12	14%	8	15%	9	15%	10	11%	7	14%	8	12%	8	8%	8%	5	
Total		100%	63	100%	57	100%	63	100%	54	100%	62	100%	65	100%	62	100%	61	100%	62	100%	59		
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	27%	17	31%	18	22%	14	43%	23	26%	16	29%	19	46%	28	20%	12	34%	21	42%	25		
	Very important	31%	19	22%	13	28%	17	28%	15	26%	16	25%	16	20%	12	32%	19	19%	12	36%	21		
	Moderately important	26%	16	14%	8	19%	11	13%	7	23%	14	18%	12	12%	7	27%	16	29%	18	10%	6		
	Slightly important	4%	3	9%	5	9%	5	2%	1	9%	6	12%	8	7%	5	10%	6	8%	5	3%	2		
	Not at all important	12%	8	24%	14	23%	14	15%	8	16%	10	15%	10	15%	9	12%	7	11%	7	8%	5		
Total		100%	63	100%	58	100%	62	100%	55	100%	61	100%	64	100%	62	100%	60	100%	62	100%	59		
How important is it	Extremely important	23%	15	30%	17	17%	10	58%	31	29%	18	30%	20	41%	26	21%	13	22%	14	46%	27		

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to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Very important	45%	28	31%	18	44%	27	20%	11	41%	25	26%	17	43%	27	42%	25	49%	31	31%	18
	Moderately important	26%	17	27%	15	29%	18	15%	8	16%	10	24%	16	12%	7	27%	16	22%	14	13%	8
	Slightly important	3%	2	5%	3	3%	2	3%	2	9%	6	16%	10	2%	1	7%	4	4%	3	10%	6
	Not at all important	3%	2	7%	4	8%	5	4%	2	4%	3	4%	2	2%	1	4%	2	3%	2		
Total		100%	63	100%	58	100%	63	100%	55	100%	62	100%	65	100%	62	100%	61	100%	63	100%	59
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	6%	4	9%	5	8%	5	27%	15	9%	5	8%	5	19%	12	6%	3	8%	5	12%	7
	Moderately support	6%	4	17%	10	21%	13	2%	1	9%	5	7%	4	17%	11	17%	10	12%	8	21%	12
	Slightly support	18%	12	8%	4	13%	8	17%	9	12%	8	6%	4	7%	4	11%	7	17%	11	18%	11
	Slightly oppose	8%	5	9%	5	5%	3	7%	4	7%	5	14%	9	10%	6	12%	7	7%	5		
	Moderately oppose	9%	5	8%	4	3%	2			7%	5	18%	11	9%	6	10%	6	17%	11	7%	4
	Strongly oppose	18%	11	24%	14	21%	13	5%	3	14%	9	20%	13	20%	12	16%	10	11%	7	12%	7
	No opinion	23%	14	12%	7	8%	5	27%	15	18%	11	16%	10	8%	5	12%	7	18%	11	17%	10
	Not sure	12%	8	13%	8	20%	13	15%	8	24%	15	11%	7	9%	6	16%	10	9%	6	13%	8
Total		100%	63	100%	57	100%	62	100%	55	100%	62	100%	64	100%	62	100%	61	100%	64	100%	59
What is your view on	Increase	6%	4	11%	6	25%	15	34%	19	13%	8	8%	5	18%	11	7%	4	14%	9	24%	14
	Decrease	9%	5	5%	3	6%	4			3%	2	5%	3	3%	2	5%	3	5%	3	6%	3

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changing the number of districts?	Keep the same number	53%	34	63%	36	36%	22	20%	11	46%	28	51%	33	55%	34	51%	31	51%	32	29%	17
	No opinion	15%	10	9%	5	17%	10	26%	14	16%	10	18%	11	11%	7	19%	11	15%	10	21%	12
	Not sure	17%	11	12%	7	17%	10	19%	11	21%	13	18%	12	15%	9	18%	11	15%	9	20%	12
Total		100%	63	100%	57	100%	62	100%	55	100%	62	100%	64	100%	62	100%	61	100%	64	100%	59
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	60%	38	64%	37	40%	25	51%	28	59%	36	65%	42	66%	41	57%	35	54%	34	58%	34
	Moderately support	23%	14	20%	11	35%	22	15%	8	23%	14	15%	10	10%	6	28%	18	30%	19	21%	12
	Slightly support	4%	3	6%	4	12%	7			8%	5	9%	5	6%	4	5%	3	5%	3	9%	5
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	3%	2	2%	1					3%	2	1%	1	2%	1	5%	3	2%	1
	Moderately oppose	6%	4	2%	1	2%	1	8%	4	3%	2	2%	1	4%	3	2%	2	2%	1	2%	1
	Strongly oppose	4%	2	5%	3	2%	1	5%	3	1%	1	4%	3	1%	1	3%	2	3%	2	2%	1
	No opinion							9%	5	3%	2	2%	1	5%	3	2%	1	3%	2	5%	3
	Not sure					8%	5	12%	6	3%	2			7%	4	1%	1			2%	1
Total		100%	63	100%	58	100%	62	100%	55	100%	62	100%	64	100%	62	100%	62	100%	64	100%	58
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the	Strongly support	12%	8	11%	7	8%	5	29%	16	6%	4	6%	4	13%	8	8%	5	14%	9	6%	4
	Moderately support	12%	8	10%	6	14%	9	14%	8	11%	7	10%	6	11%	7	4%	3	14%	9	18%	11
	Slightly support	11%	7	8%	5	13%	8			7%	4	10%	6	3%	2	3%	2	8%	5	3%	2
	Slightly oppose	11%	7	11%	7	7%	4	5%	3	10%	6	15%	10	9%	6	16%	10	9%	6	5%	3
	Moderately oppose	8%	5	24%	14	17%	11	6%	3	17%	11	13%	8	13%	8	23%	14	20%	13	11%	6

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city (city-wide).	Strongly oppose	43%	28	32%	18	29%	18	35%	19	39%	24	43%	27	40%	25	43%	26	34%	22	49%	29
	No opinion	3%	2	3%	2	3%	2	2%	1	2%	1	3%	2	4%	2	2%	1	1%	1	5%	3
	Not sure					8%	5	9%	5	8%	5	1%	1	8%	5	1%	1			2%	1
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	63	100%	55	100%	62	100%	64	100%	62	100%	61	100%	64	100%	58
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	13%	8	14%	8	7%	5	23%	12	13%	8	10%	6	9%	6	9%	6	18%	11	5%	3
	Moderately support	19%	12	22%	13	21%	13	15%	8	25%	15	17%	11	16%	10	18%	11	18%	11	16%	9
	Slightly support	13%	8	19%	11	15%	9	2%	1	16%	10	18%	11	17%	11	10%	6	20%	13	16%	9
	Slightly oppose	9%	6	4%	2	8%	5	13%	7	3%	2	7%	4	6%	4	18%	11	9%	6	9%	5
	Moderately oppose	8%	5	7%	4	12%	7	17%	9	9%	5	12%	7	9%	6	12%	7	9%	6	11%	6
	Strongly oppose	26%	16	30%	17	18%	11	15%	8	20%	13	23%	15	26%	17	22%	13	11%	7	29%	17
	No opinion	7%	5	3%	1	5%	3	2%	1	4%	3	10%	6	6%	4	6%	4	6%	4	7%	4
	Not sure	6%	4	1%	1	13%	8	12%	6	9%	6	4%	3	9%	6	4%	3	10%	7	7%	4
Total		100%	63	100%	57	100%	63	100%	52	100%	62	100%	63	100%	62	100%	61	100%	64	100%	58
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	9%	6	14%	8	8%	5	23%	12	4%	3	9%	6	21%	13	8%	5	11%	7	5%	3
	Moderately support	20%	13	7%	4	11%	7	13%	7	12%	7	5%	3	8%	5	8%	5	11%	7	11%	7
	Slightly support	6%	4	9%	5	16%	10	8%	4	3%	2	8%	5	8%	5	5%	3	8%	5	2%	1
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	7%	4	2%	1	2%	1	13%	8	9%	6	10%	6	11%	7	5%	3	7%	4
	Moderately oppose	12%	8	11%	6	18%	11	13%	7	12%	7	11%	7	13%	8	13%	8	9%	6	21%	12

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Strongly oppose	43%	28	47%	27	28%	17	31%	16	42%	26	52%	33	28%	17	50%	31	47%	30	47%	27
	No opinion	6%	4	3%	1	3%	2	2%	1	4%	3	6%	4	5%	3	2%	1	5%	3	5%	3
	Not sure	1%	1	1%	1	13%	8	7%	4	9%	6			8%	5	2%	1	4%	3	3%	2
Total		100%	64	100%	57	100%	63	100%	52	100%	62	100%	64	100%	62	100%	62	100%	64	100%	58
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	27%	16	32%	18	31%	18	43%	23	39%	24	27%	17	34%	21	29%	18	30%	19	25%	15
	Moderately support	22%	13	17%	9	27%	16	12%	7	14%	9	17%	10	24%	15	16%	10	14%	9	22%	13
	Slightly support	6%	4	10%	6	9%	5	7%	4	10%	6	14%	9	13%	8	16%	10	15%	9	16%	9
	Slightly oppose	9%	5	8%	4	12%	7	4%	2	7%	5	8%	5	8%	5	8%	5	7%	4	5%	3
	Moderately oppose	6%	4	9%	5	7%	4	13%	7	7%	5	16%	10	3%	2	11%	7	14%	9	5%	3
	Strongly oppose	16%	10	17%	10	10%	6	9%	5	15%	9	8%	5	16%	10	10%	6	5%	3	12%	7
	No opinion	5%	3	4%	2			4%	2	3%	2	5%	3	3%	2	5%	3	7%	4	7%	4
	Not sure	9%	5	3%	2	4%	2	7%	4	4%	3	5%	3			6%	3	8%	5	9%	5
Total		100%	60	100%	56	100%	58	100%	55	100%	62	100%	62	100%	61	100%	62	100%	61	100%	59
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That	Strongly support	35%	21	38%	21	45%	26	41%	21	43%	27	28%	17	37%	22	25%	16	30%	19	30%	17
	Moderately support	23%	14	25%	13	16%	10	21%	10	21%	13	22%	14	20%	12	25%	15	20%	12	31%	18
	Slightly support	3%	2	11%	6	7%	4	8%	4	6%	4	6%	4	15%	9	11%	7	10%	6	15%	9
	Slightly oppose	8%	5	7%	4	5%	3			3%	2	9%	6	8%	5	15%	9	7%	4	3%	2
	Moderately oppose	9%	5	5%	3	11%	6	8%	4	3%	2	12%	7	4%	2	9%	6	8%	5	2%	1

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is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly oppose	10%	6	11%	6	10%	6	8%	4	10%	6	14%	9	10%	6	11%	7	12%	7	3%	2
	No opinion	9%	6	1%	1	3%	2	7%	4	4%	3	6%	4	4%	2	3%	2	6%	3	6%	3
	Not sure	4%	3	1%	1	4%	2	8%	4	9%	6	4%	2	2%	1	2%	1	8%	5	10%	6
Total		100%	61	100%	55	100%	60	100%	51	100%	62	100%	62	100%	61	100%	62	100%	61	100%	59
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	6%	3	9%	5	13%	8	7%	4	5%	3	7%	4	8%	5	6%	4	10%	6	5%	3
	Very familiar	16%	10	13%	7	9%	5	8%	4	12%	8	16%	10	13%	8	15%	9	16%	10	7%	4
	Moderately familiar	13%	8	20%	11	17%	10	22%	12	25%	15	29%	18	11%	7	34%	21	26%	16	14%	8
	Slightly familiar	19%	12	23%	13	21%	12	8%	4	20%	12	17%	10	24%	15	13%	8	13%	8	19%	11
	Not at all familiar	46%	28	36%	20	41%	24	56%	30	39%	24	31%	19	43%	26	33%	20	35%	22	55%	32
Total		100%	62	100%	56	100%	60	100%	55	100%	61	100%	62	100%	61	100%	62	100%	62	100%	59
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	4%	3	5%	3	11%	7	13%	7	8%	5	8%	5	6%	3	15%	9	17%	11	6%	4
	Moderately support	4%	3	12%	7	4%	2	5%	3	9%	6	16%	10	5%	3	9%	6	8%	5	9%	5
	Slightly support	6%	3	4%	2	12%	7	5%	2	4%	3	11%	7	8%	5	14%	9	13%	8	5%	3
	Slightly oppose	8%	5	8%	4	4%	2	12%	6	5%	3	6%	4	12%	7	7%	4	4%	3	5%	3
	Moderately oppose	9%	6	8%	4	7%	4	9%	5	12%	8	15%	9	7%	4	6%	4	11%	7	11%	7
	Strongly oppose	35%	21	34%	19	31%	18	37%	19	36%	22	24%	15	26%	16	28%	17	15%	9	29%	17

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	No opinion	15%	9	11%	6	13%	8	12%	6	10%	6	8%	5	24%	14	3%	2	16%	10	23%	14
	Not sure	19%	12	18%	10	19%	11	7%	4	15%	9	11%	7	14%	8	17%	10	16%	10	11%	6
Total		100%	62	100%	55	100%	60	100%	52	100%	61	100%	62	100%	61	100%	61	100%	62	100%	59
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	32%	17	34%	18	22%	11	35%	14	44%	21	44%	25	34%	18	41%	23	37%	19	46%	18
	Moderately support	29%	16	33%	18	34%	17	33%	13	32%	16	32%	18	38%	20	37%	20	30%	16	20%	8
	Slightly support	17%	9	10%	5	17%	9	18%	7	9%	4	9%	5	7%	4	8%	5	23%	12	5%	2
	Slightly oppose	6%	3	1%	1	10%	5	3%	1	4%	2	3%	2	3%	2	3%	2	3%	2	8%	3
	Moderately oppose	10%	5	7%	4	8%	4			6%	3	2%	1	5%	3	7%	4			7%	3
	Strongly oppose	6%	3	14%	8	8%	4	10%	4	5%	3	11%	6	13%	7	5%	3	8%	4	14%	5
Total		100%	54	100%	54	100%	51	100%	41	100%	49	100%	56	100%	52	100%	55	100%	53	100%	39
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	15%	8	22%	11	19%	8	37%	13	18%	8	19%	9	24%	11	17%	9	10%	5	29%	12
	Moderately support	38%	19	21%	10	28%	12	18%	7	26%	12	20%	10	35%	16	16%	8	26%	13	14%	6
	Slightly support	13%	7	26%	13	29%	12	17%	6	16%	7	16%	8	7%	3	24%	13	31%	15	5%	2
	Slightly oppose	7%	3	3%	1	5%	2	3%	1	4%	2	6%	3	7%	3	9%	5	6%	3	15%	7
	Moderately oppose	7%	4	9%	5	3%	1			21%	10	19%	9	12%	5	17%	9	7%	3	7%	3
	Strongly oppose	20%	10	18%	9	17%	7	25%	9	15%	7	20%	10	16%	7	17%	9	19%	9	30%	13
Total		100%	50	100%	48	100%	43	100%	37	100%	47	100%	49	100%	45	100%	52	100%	48	100%	43
Zip Code	23451			2%	1					18%	11	57%	37			26%	15				

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	23452					48%	30	5%	3	2%	1					50%	30			30%	17
	23453			25%	12	12%	7													36%	20
	23454	2%	1			5%	3			65%	39	43%	28			24%	14				
	23455							22%	12							1%	0	96%	60		
	23456	12%	8	74%	36					16%	9			15%	9			2%	1	19%	10
	23462	16%	10			20%	13	73%	39									3%	2	15%	9
	23464	70%	44			15%	10							85%	50						
Total		100%	62	100%	49	100%	63	100%	53	100%	60	100%	65	100%	59	100%	60	100%	62	100%	57
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year			1%	1			2%	1	3%	2			4%	3	6%	4				
	1-5 years	7%	4	10%	6	14%	9	8%	4	9%	6	20%	13	5%	3	8%	5	10%	7	8%	5
	6-10 years	6%	4	13%	8	7%	4	23%	12	9%	6	7%	4	8%	5	11%	7	5%	3	7%	4
	11-24 years	14%	9	32%	18	31%	19	22%	12	26%	16	15%	10	18%	11	21%	13	19%	12	25%	15
	25 years and longer	73%	47	45%	26	48%	30	45%	24	53%	33	58%	38	65%	40	55%	34	66%	42	60%	35
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	63	100%	53	100%	62	100%	65	100%	62	100%	62	100%	64	100%	59
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	94%	60	86%	50	89%	53	95%	47	94%	58	94%	57	91%	56	95%	56	92%	59	89%	48
	No	6%	4	14%	8	11%	6	5%	3	6%	4	6%	3	9%	5	5%	3	8%	5	11%	6
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	60	100%	49	100%	62	100%	61	100%	62	100%	59	100%	64	100%	53
	Own	94%	61	98%	56	75%	47	62%	32	88%	54	85%	55	91%	56	83%	52	90%	57	73%	43

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you own your home or rent it?	Rent	4%	3	1%	1	21%	13	38%	20	12%	7	13%	9	6%	4	13%	8	9%	6	27%	16
	Other	1%	1	1%	1	4%	2					2%	1	2%	1	4%	2	1%	1		
Total		100%	64	100%	58	100%	63	100%	52	100%	62	100%	65	100%	61	100%	62	100%	64	100%	59
Age	Less than 40	10%	5	6%	4	19%	12	13%	6	7%	4	7%	4	10%	6	10%	6	13%	7	12%	7
	40-49	6%	3	15%	8	7%	4	5%	2	11%	7	14%	9	11%	7	12%	8	11%	6	13%	7
	50-59	14%	8	20%	11	14%	9	19%	10	22%	14	14%	9	19%	11	14%	8	14%	8	14%	8
	60-69	27%	15	23%	13	33%	20	37%	18	34%	21	21%	14	24%	15	24%	15	27%	15	22%	12
	70 and older	43%	24	37%	21	27%	16	26%	13	26%	16	43%	28	35%	21	40%	24	35%	20	39%	22
Total		100%	56	100%	57	100%	61	100%	49	100%	62	100%	64	100%	60	100%	60	100%	58	100%	56
What is your marital status?	Married	55%	34	80%	46	54%	33	15%	8	65%	40	65%	42	61%	37	65%	40	62%	38	43%	25
	Living as married					3%	2	6%	3	4%	3	2%	1	2%	1	7%	4			1%	1
	Divorced	17%	11	8%	5	17%	10	34%	17	14%	9	9%	6	17%	10	13%	8	10%	6	32%	19
	Widowed	16%	10	10%	6	16%	10	13%	7	7%	5	13%	8	10%	6	13%	8	16%	10	12%	7
	Separated			1%	1	2%	1	5%	2	2%	1	2%	1			1%	1	4%	2		
	Single, never been married	11%	7	1%	1	9%	6	27%	13	8%	5	10%	7	11%	6	1%	0	9%	5	12%	7
Total		100%	61	100%	58	100%	61	100%	51	100%	62	100%	65	100%	60	100%	62	100%	62	100%	59
How many children under 18 years of age	None	89%	44	69%	36	81%	47	89%	40	84%	47	78%	45	68%	36	75%	45	78%	44	91%	50
	One	2%	1	10%	5	7%	4	5%	2	5%	3	11%	6	20%	11	5%	3	7%	4	7%	4
	Two	8%	4	20%	10	9%	5	6%	3	8%	5	9%	5	9%	5	17%	11	7%	4	2%	1

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
live in your home?	Three or more	2%	1	1%	1	2%	1			3%	2	2%	1	3%	1	3%	2	8%	5		
Total		100%	49	100%	52	100%	57	100%	46	100%	56	100%	58	100%	53	100%	60	100%	57	100%	56
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal	1%	1	3%	1	3%	2	3%	1	1%	1	2%	1	4%	3			3%	2	2%	1
	Liberal	17%	10	11%	6	17%	10	21%	11	7%	4	16%	10	20%	12	18%	11	13%	8	17%	10
	Slightly Liberal	5%	3	14%	8	9%	6	11%	6	6%	4	16%	10	5%	3	9%	5	14%	9	7%	4
	Moderate	38%	22	18%	10	36%	21	46%	23	37%	22	19%	12	28%	17	27%	16	29%	18	55%	31
	Slightly Conservative	9%	5	4%	2	7%	4	3%	1	23%	14	18%	11	20%	12	10%	6	16%	10	7%	4
	Conservative	26%	16	40%	22	25%	15	13%	7	23%	14	25%	15	19%	11	30%	18	23%	14	7%	4
	Extremely Conservative	4%	3	10%	6	3%	2	3%	1	1%	1	4%	2	4%	2	7%	4	3%	2	5%	3
Total		100%	59	100%	56	100%	60	100%	49	100%	60	100%	63	100%	61	100%	60	100%	62	100%	57
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	39%	22	43%	23	46%	25	10%	5	41%	22	29%	17	20%	10	38%	20	30%	18	16%	9
	Democrat	38%	21	34%	18	27%	15	63%	31	25%	13	36%	22	40%	21	27%	14	39%	23	49%	27
	Independent	23%	13	22%	12	27%	15	27%	13	34%	18	35%	21	40%	21	35%	19	31%	18	36%	20
Total		100%	55	100%	53	100%	54	100%	49	100%	53	100%	61	100%	52	100%	53	100%	58	100%	56
Gender	Man	54%	31	58%	32	60%	36	34%	18	52%	32	47%	29	59%	35	50%	30	51%	30	40%	24
	Woman	46%	27	42%	24	40%	23	66%	36	48%	30	53%	33	41%	25	50%	30	49%	29	60%	35
Total		100%	57	100%	56	100%	59	100%	55	100%	62	100%	62	100%	60	100%	61	100%	59	100%	59
Race	Black/African American	27%	16	15%	8	12%	7	52%	27	11%	6	3%	2	25%	14	2%	1	10%	6	36%	21

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	
	Hispanic	3%	2	7%	4	4%	2	12%	6	5%	3			6%	4	8%	5	2%	1	4%	2	
	Asian/Asian American	11%	6	8%	4	20%	11							12%	7	5%	3	5%	3	13%	7	
	White	55%	31	69%	38	58%	33	30%	15	81%	47	93%	54	40%	24	79%	43	82%	48	41%	23	
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	3%	2	2%	1	6%	3	7%	4	3%	2	3%	2	16%	10	5%	3	2%	1	7%	4	
Total		100%	57	100%	55	100%	56	100%	52	100%	59	100%	58	100%	58	100%	55	100%	59	100%	57	
Employment Status	Employed full time	31%	19	50%	28	47%	29	42%	22	46%	28	39%	25	55%	34	37%	23	42%	26	45%	26	
	Employed part time	1%	1	1%	1	5%	3	2%	1	4%	3	11%	7			7%	4	11%	7	6%	3	
	Looking for work	2%	1					5%	3	1%	1			1%	1	4%	3					
	Stay-at-home parent/homemaker	1%	1							1%	1	2%	1	4%	2	4%	2	1%	1	3%	2	
	Student	2%	1	1%	1	5%	3							2%	1							
	Retired	56%	35	45%	26	39%	24	46%	24	43%	27	41%	27	32%	20	45%	28	44%	28	42%	24	
	Disabled	3%	2	1%	1	2%	1				3%	2			2%	1	2%	1			4%	2
	Other	3%	2	1%	1	2%	1	5%	3	1%	1	7%	5	4%	2	2%	1	3%	2			
Total		100%	62	100%	57	100%	61	100%	52	100%	62	100%	65	100%	61	100%	62	100%	63	100%	58	
Education Level	Up to High School degree	9%	5	12%	7	13%	8	8%	4	8%	5	6%	4	6%	4	7%	5	4%	3	19%	10	

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Associates degree and/or some college	19%	12	18%	10	36%	22	38%	19	41%	25	7%	5	34%	21	22%	13	16%	10	37%	20
	Bachelors degree and/or some graduate school	36%	21	32%	18	37%	22	33%	16	23%	14	44%	29	42%	26	28%	17	48%	29	32%	17
	Graduate degree	36%	21	38%	22	15%	9	21%	11	29%	17	43%	28	18%	11	42%	26	32%	20	12%	7
Total		100%	59	100%	57	100%	60	100%	51	100%	61	100%	65	100%	61	100%	61	100%	62	100%	55
Household income	Less than \$50,000	29%	13	8%	4	24%	12	26%	10	10%	5	9%	5	12%	6	8%	4	19%	10	14%	7
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	17%	8	12%	5	21%	10	43%	17	13%	7	8%	4	22%	12	10%	5	7%	4	26%	13
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	19%	9	10%	4	19%	9	9%	4	13%	7	18%	10	12%	6	12%	6	15%	8	33%	16
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	23%	11	32%	14	10%	5	18%	7	28%	14	15%	8	33%	17	26%	13	21%	11	23%	11
	\$150,000 or more	12%	5	37%	17	26%	12	4%	2	36%	18	51%	28	21%	11	44%	21	37%	19	4%	2
Total		100%	45	100%	44	100%	48	100%	41	100%	51	100%	54	100%	52	100%	49	100%	53	100%	48

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		Length of residence in Virginia Beach							
		5 years or less		6-10 years		11-24 years		25 years or longer	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	80%	56	89%	49	97%	126	99%	336
	No	20%	14	11%	6	3%	4	1%	4
Total		100%	70	100%	55	100%	130	100%	340
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	35%	25	35%	19	38%	52	52%	179
	Very interested	24%	17	28%	16	38%	51	35%	119
	Moderately interested	33%	23	25%	14	18%	24	10%	34
	Slightly interested	7%	5	6%	3	5%	6	2%	7
	Not interested at all	1%	1	6%	3	1%	2	1%	3
Total		100%	71	100%	56	100%	135	100%	341
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	32%	23	22%	12	25%	34	45%	156
	Very interested	30%	22	36%	20	40%	55	34%	117
	Moderately interested	26%	19	18%	10	27%	36	16%	55
	Slightly interested	6%	4	15%	8	7%	9	4%	14
	Not interested at all	5%	4	10%	5	1%	1	0%	1
Total		100%	71	100%	56	100%	135	100%	344
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	74%	52	93%	51	93%	126	97%	329
	No	26%	18	7%	4	7%	9	3%	11
Total		100%	70	100%	55	100%	135	100%	340
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	61%	31	51%	25	66%	79	54%	169
	Voted before election day, in-person	30%	15	24%	12	16%	19	28%	86
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	8%	4	26%	12	19%	23	19%	58
Total		100%	50	100%	49	100%	121	100%	313
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	76%	38	61%	30	52%	63	56%	178
	Positive	20%	10	26%	13	39%	48	34%	110
	Neither positive nor negative	4%	2	13%	6	7%	8	9%	30
	Negative					3%	4	1%	2
Total		100%	50	100%	49	100%	123	100%	320
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	97%	45	93%	46	92%	113	92%	295
	No	3%	2	7%	4	8%	10	8%	24
Total		100%	47	100%	49	100%	123	100%	319
Extremely closely		27%	19	31%	17	23%	30	28%	95

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Very closely	37%	26	23%	12	41%	53	36%	121
	Somewhat closely	22%	15	31%	17	30%	38	29%	98
	Not so closely	1%	1	10%	5	3%	4	5%	16
	Not at all closely	14%	10	6%	3	2%	2	2%	6
Total		100%	71	100%	55	100%	128	100%	336
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	5%	3	8%	4	6%	8	14%	48
	Very familiar	14%	10	23%	13	16%	21	22%	74
	Moderately familiar	21%	15	16%	9	38%	51	36%	122
	Slightly familiar	12%	9	24%	13	17%	22	14%	49
	Not at all familiar	48%	34	30%	17	24%	32	14%	49
Total		100%	71	100%	56	100%	134	100%	342
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	4%	2	10%	5	9%	11	7%	22
	Approve	33%	17	26%	13	34%	40	36%	114
	Neither approve nor disapprove	48%	25	54%	27	43%	50	42%	132
	Disapprove	13%	7	8%	4	13%	15	10%	32
	Strongly disapprove	1%	1	2%	1	1%	1	5%	16
Total		100%	51	100%	49	100%	117	100%	316
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	55%	38	58%	33	61%	82	72%	253
	No	38%	27	28%	16	34%	45	16%	57
	Not sure	8%	5	13%	8	6%	8	11%	40
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	135	100%	350
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	5%	2	21%	10	6%	6	5%	17
	Very well represented	35%	16	19%	9	27%	31	23%	73
	Moderately represented	41%	18	41%	19	47%	53	47%	147
	Slightly represented	12%	6	10%	5	15%	17	20%	61
	Not at all represented	8%	4	9%	4	5%	5	5%	15
Total		100%	45	100%	46	100%	114	100%	313
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	5%	2	21%	10	7%	7	5%	16
	Very well represented	31%	12	22%	10	29%	32	24%	74
	Moderately represented	38%	15	43%	20	48%	52	43%	131
	Slightly represented	18%	7	8%	4	13%	14	22%	67
	Not at all represented	7%	3	6%	3	3%	4	6%	19
Total		100%	40	100%	47	100%	109	100%	307
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with	Very satisfied	26%	10	32%	11	21%	20	20%	54
	Moderately satisfied	31%	12	37%	12	42%	39	34%	96
	Slightly satisfied	24%	9	6%	2	15%	14	22%	62

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
the 10-1 election system?	Slightly dissatisfied	5%	2	11%	4	15%	14	9%	25
	Moderately dissatisfied	7%	3	11%	4	5%	5	7%	18
	Very dissatisfied	7%	3	3%	1	2%	2	8%	22
Total		100%	38	100%	34	100%	95	100%	278
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Extremely familiar			8%	4	8%	11	14%	49
	Very familiar	12%	8	18%	10	11%	15	26%	90
	Moderately familiar	14%	10	19%	11	27%	36	23%	79
	Slightly familiar	8%	5	16%	9	21%	29	15%	53
	Not at all familiar	67%	47	39%	22	32%	43	22%	78
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	349
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	4%	1	12%	5	5%	5	6%	18
	Very well represented	27%	8	6%	3	12%	11	22%	65
	Moderately represented	36%	11	43%	19	48%	48	37%	110
	Slightly represented	21%	6	22%	9	23%	23	25%	74
	Not at all represented	12%	4	17%	7	12%	12	10%	31
Total		100%	31	100%	43	100%	99	100%	297
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	5%	1	13%	5	3%	3	8%	22
	Very well represented	17%	4	2%	1	16%	15	22%	65
	Moderately represented	42%	11	54%	22	43%	42	36%	104
	Slightly represented	19%	5	22%	9	24%	23	25%	73
	Not at all represented	17%	4	9%	4	14%	14	9%	26
Total		100%	26	100%	41	100%	96	100%	289
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	24%	7	8%	3	4%	4	20%	56
	Moderately satisfied	30%	8	23%	8	31%	27	30%	85
	Slightly satisfied	10%	3	17%	6	22%	20	22%	61
	Slightly dissatisfied	4%	1	11%	4	12%	11	10%	29
	Moderately dissatisfied	24%	7	21%	7	16%	14	6%	16
	Very dissatisfied	9%	2	20%	7	14%	12	12%	32
Total		100%	28	100%	34	100%	88	100%	280
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	57%	34	55%	24	45%	56	40%	129
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	17%	10	2%	1	10%	13	25%	82

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system		26%	15	43%	19	44%	55	35%	114
Total		100%	59	100%	43	100%	124	100%	325
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar			5%	3	1%	2	3%	9
	Very familiar					4%	6	7%	24
	Moderately familiar	12%	8	8%	4	14%	18	16%	54
	Slightly familiar	10%	7	7%	4	13%	17	22%	78
	Not at all familiar	78%	55	81%	45	68%	91	53%	183
Total		100%	71	100%	56	100%	134	100%	348
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	30%	21	36%	21	26%	34	33%	114
	Very important	40%	28	28%	16	47%	63	46%	158
	Moderately important	17%	12	28%	16	20%	26	15%	51
	Slightly important	9%	6	6%	3	5%	6	4%	13
	Not at all important	5%	3	2%	1	3%	4	3%	9
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	344
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	13%	7	13%	7	20%	21	14%	44
	Very impactful	55%	31	26%	13	34%	36	33%	100
	Moderately impactful	24%	13	40%	21	22%	24	34%	105
	Slightly impactful	4%	2	7%	4	22%	23	15%	46
	Not at all impactful	4%	2	15%	8	3%	3	4%	12
Total		100%	56	100%	52	100%	107	100%	306
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	13%	7	20%	11	19%	21	16%	47
	Very impactful	46%	26	30%	16	35%	39	32%	96
	Moderately impactful	28%	16	31%	16	23%	25	33%	100
	Slightly impactful	8%	5	10%	5	22%	25	16%	50
	Not at all impactful	5%	3	10%	5	2%	2	4%	11
Total		100%	57	100%	53	100%	112	100%	305
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	33%	23	57%	32	41%	56	52%	182
	Very important	54%	38	27%	15	46%	62	38%	133
	Moderately important	11%	8	10%	6	6%	9	8%	29
	Slightly important	3%	2	4%	2	6%	8	1%	2
	Not at all important			2%	1	1%	1	0%	1
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	348
How important is it to you that the racial	Extremely important	33%	23	45%	26	36%	48	32%	109
	Very important	32%	23	23%	13	36%	48	27%	94

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Moderately important	18%	12	4%	3	15%	20	17%	58
	Slightly important	4%	3	6%	3	6%	9	9%	32
	Not at all important	13%	9	22%	13	7%	9	15%	51
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	134	100%	344
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	30%	21	45%	25	36%	48	28%	97
	Very important	29%	21	16%	9	30%	40	26%	89
	Moderately important	22%	16	14%	8	16%	21	21%	72
	Slightly important	4%	3	5%	3	5%	7	9%	32
	Not at all important	14%	10	20%	11	13%	18	16%	53
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	134	100%	344
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	33%	24	40%	23	32%	43	30%	103
	Very important	41%	29	27%	15	39%	53	37%	129
	Moderately important	12%	9	19%	11	23%	31	23%	79
	Slightly important	6%	4	11%	6	5%	6	6%	22
	Not at all important	7%	5	4%	2	1%	2	4%	15
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	347
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	7%	5	24%	13	11%	15	9%	32
	Moderately support	17%	12	11%	6	14%	19	12%	40
	Slightly support	3%	2	8%	5	7%	9	18%	63
	Slightly oppose	15%	10	7%	4	9%	12	6%	21
	Moderately oppose	7%	5	8%	4	12%	16	9%	31
	Strongly oppose	12%	8	13%	7	8%	10	21%	73
	No opinion	20%	14	12%	7	21%	28	13%	47
	Not sure	20%	14	17%	10	17%	23	12%	41
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	133	100%	347
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase	11%	8	23%	13	22%	29	13%	46
	Decrease	6%	4	7%	4	3%	4	5%	17
	Keep the same number	34%	24	38%	22	46%	61	49%	171
	No opinion	21%	15	24%	14	13%	17	15%	54
	Not sure	28%	20	7%	4	16%	21	17%	59
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	133	100%	347
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	56%	40	62%	35	55%	74	58%	203
	Moderately support	23%	16	13%	7	30%	41	20%	71
	Slightly support	8%	5	4%	2	6%	8	7%	23
	Slightly oppose	1%	1			2%	2	3%	10
	Moderately oppose	4%	3	5%	3	1%	2	3%	11
	Strongly oppose	1%	1			3%	3	4%	14
	No opinion			9%	5	2%	3	2%	8
	Not sure	7%	5	7%	4	1%	1	2%	8

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	348
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support	2%	1	23%	13	9%	12	12%	40
	Moderately support	12%	9	1%	1	13%	17	13%	46
	Slightly support	9%	6	2%	1	9%	12	6%	22
	Slightly oppose	12%	8	17%	10	9%	12	9%	31
	Moderately oppose	17%	12	9%	5	23%	31	13%	46
	Strongly oppose	40%	29	36%	21	33%	44	41%	144
	No opinion			4%	2	3%	3	3%	11
	Not sure	8%	6	7%	4	2%	3	3%	10
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	134	100%	348
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	10%	7	14%	8	8%	11	13%	46
	Moderately support	15%	10	14%	8	20%	26	20%	69
	Slightly support	21%	15	7%	4	20%	27	12%	43
	Slightly oppose	17%	12	14%	7	3%	4	8%	28
	Moderately oppose	8%	6	10%	5	18%	24	9%	30
	Strongly oppose	17%	12	24%	13	20%	26	24%	82
	No opinion	3%	2	10%	6	6%	8	5%	18
	Not sure	9%	6	6%	3	4%	5	9%	30
Total		100%	71	100%	54	100%	133	100%	347
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	6%	5	21%	11	6%	8	13%	44
	Moderately support	9%	7	7%	4	11%	14	11%	40
	Slightly support	10%	7	1%	1	12%	16	6%	20
	Slightly oppose	7%	5	12%	6	4%	5	7%	25
	Moderately oppose	10%	7	4%	2	18%	24	14%	48
	Strongly oppose	47%	33	44%	24	42%	56	40%	141
	No opinion	2%	2	8%	4	5%	7	3%	12
	Not sure	8%	5	3%	2	2%	3	5%	18
Total		100%	71	100%	54	100%	133	100%	349
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	31%	22	30%	17	32%	42	31%	106
	Moderately support	8%	5	23%	13	21%	27	19%	64
	Slightly support	21%	14	13%	7	11%	14	10%	35
	Slightly oppose	16%	11	3%	2	9%	11	6%	22
	Moderately oppose	7%	5	4%	2	9%	12	11%	36
	Strongly oppose	9%	6	10%	6	8%	10	14%	48
	No opinion	4%	3	4%	2	5%	7	4%	14
	Not sure	5%	3	13%	7	4%	6	5%	17
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	129	100%	341
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in	Strongly support	31%	22	44%	25	25%	31	38%	130
	Moderately support	27%	19	12%	7	23%	30	22%	77
	Slightly support	10%	7	5%	3	14%	18	8%	27

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Slightly oppose	2%	1	16%	9	6%	7	6%	21
	Moderately oppose	7%	5	3%	2	9%	11	7%	25
	Strongly oppose	10%	7	5%	3	12%	16	10%	34
	No opinion	6%	4	7%	4	6%	8	4%	12
	Not sure	6%	4	8%	4	5%	6	5%	16
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	127	100%	341
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	8%	5	11%	6	8%	10	7%	23
	Very familiar	16%	11	14%	8	9%	12	12%	43
	Moderately familiar	23%	16	19%	11	23%	30	20%	70
	Slightly familiar	10%	7	15%	8	25%	32	17%	58
	Not at all familiar	43%	30	40%	23	35%	45	44%	150
Total		100%	70	100%	56	100%	130	100%	344
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	13%	9	24%	13	9%	11	6%	21
	Moderately support	12%	8	4%	2	10%	13	7%	25
	Slightly support	9%	6	9%	5	14%	18	6%	20
	Slightly oppose	5%	3	8%	4	6%	7	8%	27
	Moderately oppose	6%	4	4%	2	11%	14	11%	37
	Strongly oppose	27%	19	22%	12	22%	27	34%	117
	No opinion	11%	7	14%	8	18%	23	12%	43
Not sure	17%	12	15%	8	10%	12	16%	54	
Total		100%	70	100%	56	100%	126	100%	343
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	25%	13	65%	27	35%	39	35%	105
	Moderately support	40%	22	11%	4	40%	44	31%	92
	Slightly support	19%	10	11%	4	11%	12	12%	36
	Slightly oppose	3%	2			6%	7	5%	15
	Moderately oppose	6%	3	2%	1	5%	5	6%	17
	Strongly oppose	6%	3	11%	5	3%	4	12%	35
Total		100%	53	100%	41	100%	110	100%	300
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	18%	10	31%	13	15%	14	21%	57
	Moderately support	31%	17	14%	6	26%	25	24%	65
	Slightly support	25%	14	21%	9	25%	24	15%	41
	Slightly oppose	3%	1	10%	4	4%	4	8%	22
	Moderately oppose	8%	5	3%	1	14%	13	11%	31
	Strongly oppose	16%	9	21%	9	16%	15	21%	57
Total		100%	55	100%	41	100%	95	100%	273
Zip Code	23451	18%	13	8%	4	9%	12	10%	35
	23452	13%	9	19%	10	18%	23	11%	39
	23453	5%	3	2%	1	7%	9	8%	26
	23454	16%	11	14%	7	14%	18	14%	49

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		Length of residence in Virginia Beach							
		5 years or less		6-10 years		11-24 years		25 years or longer	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	23455	10%	7	13%	7	11%	14	13%	44
	23456	15%	10	17%	9	16%	21	10%	35
	23462	11%	7	16%	8	11%	14	12%	42
	23464	13%	9	11%	6	14%	18	21%	71
Total		100%	69	100%	53	100%	128	100%	342
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	89%	58	86%	49	87%	114	96%	326
	No	11%	8	14%	8	13%	17	4%	15
Total		100%	66	100%	57	100%	131	100%	341
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	73%	52	72%	41	78%	103	92%	321
	Rent	25%	18	28%	16	19%	25	7%	26
	Other (please specify):	2%	2			3%	5	1%	3
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	132	100%	350
Age	Less than 40	26%	18	20%	11	15%	19	4%	13
	40-49	21%	15	24%	13	17%	22	4%	12
	50-59	11%	8	26%	15	23%	30	14%	45
	60-69	23%	16	13%	7	23%	30	32%	104
	70 and older	20%	14	18%	10	21%	27	47%	154
Total		100%	71	100%	56	100%	128	100%	329
What is your marital status?	Married	57%	40	53%	30	56%	73	59%	202
	Living as married	3%	2	4%	3	2%	3	2%	7
	Divorced	14%	10	16%	9	20%	27	16%	55
	Widowed	8%	6	2%	1	10%	13	16%	56
	Separated	1%	1			2%	2	1%	5
	Single, never married	17%	12	23%	13	10%	14	5%	18
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	131	100%	343
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	62%	37	62%	32	74%	94	89%	272
	One	19%	12	13%	7	9%	11	5%	15
	Two	11%	7	24%	12	13%	17	5%	15
	Three or more	7%	4			4%	5	1%	4
Total		100%	60	100%	51	100%	128	100%	306
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal			6%	3	2%	3	2%	6
	Liberal	21%	15	18%	10	15%	19	15%	48
	Slightly Liberal	11%	8	18%	10	10%	13	8%	27
	Moderate	37%	26	31%	16	41%	55	29%	96
	Slightly Conservative	11%	8	6%	3	9%	12	14%	48
	Conservative	17%	12	15%	8	20%	26	27%	91
	Extremely Conservative	2%	1	6%	3	3%	4	5%	16
Total		100%	70	100%	53	100%	132	100%	332

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		Length of residence in Virginia Beach							
		5 years or less		6-10 years		11-24 years		25 years or longer	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	33%	22	22%	12	33%	38	33%	102
	Democrat	37%	25	47%	25	40%	45	35%	109
	Independent	30%	20	30%	16	27%	31	32%	101
Total		100%	67	100%	52	100%	114	100%	312
Gender	Man	44%	31	51%	29	52%	67	51%	171
	Woman	56%	39	49%	27	48%	62	49%	164
Total		100%	69	100%	56	100%	129	100%	336
Race	Black/African American	9%	6	30%	16	22%	27	18%	58
	Hispanic	9%	6	7%	4	10%	13	2%	6
	Asian/Asian American	14%	9	9%	5	7%	8	6%	20
	White	63%	42	40%	21	56%	71	70%	225
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	6%	4	13%	7	6%	7	4%	13
Total		100%	67	100%	53	100%	126	100%	322
Employment Status	Employed full time	52%	37	67%	38	60%	79	31%	106
	Employed part time	10%	7	1%	0	5%	7	5%	16
	Looking for work	2%	1	5%	3	3%	4		
	Stay-at-home	3%	2			3%	3	1%	4
	Student	3%	2			2%	2	1%	2
	Retired	28%	20	19%	11	25%	33	58%	198
	Disabled	1%	1			1%	2	2%	8
	Other	1%	1	8%	5	1%	1	3%	11
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	131	100%	344
Education Level	Up to High School degree	5%	3	12%	7	9%	11	9%	30
	Associates degree and/or some college	23%	16	25%	14	23%	30	29%	97
	Bachelors degree and/or some graduate school	34%	24	25%	14	38%	49	37%	124
	Graduate degree	38%	27	38%	22	30%	39	25%	85
Total		100%	70	100%	57	100%	130	100%	336
Household income	Less than \$50,000	21%	13	16%	8	12%	14	16%	41
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	16%	10	10%	5	20%	23	18%	47
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	9%	6	9%	4	18%	21	18%	48
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	17%	11	30%	15	23%	26	23%	60
	\$150,000 or more	36%	23	35%	17	28%	32	25%	65
Total		100%	64	100%	48	100%	115	100%	261
Local voting district	1	6%	4	6%	4	7%	9	13%	47
	2	9%	6	13%	8	14%	18	7%	26
	3	13%	9	8%	4	14%	19	9%	30
	4	7%	5	22%	12	9%	12	7%	24

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		Length of residence in Virginia Beach							
		5 years or less		6-10 years		11-24 years		25 years or longer	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	5	10%	7	10%	6	12%	16	9%	33
	6	18%	13	8%	4	7%	10	11%	38
	7	8%	6	9%	5	8%	11	12%	40
	8	12%	9	12%	7	9%	13	10%	34
	9	9%	7	6%	3	9%	12	12%	42
	10	7%	5	7%	4	11%	15	10%	35
Total		100%	71	100%	57	100%	135	100%	349

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	95%	273	96%	272
	No	5%	16	4%	13
Total		100%	289	100%	284
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	49%	143	44%	126
	Very interested	32%	94	32%	92
	Moderately interested	15%	44	18%	51
	Slightly interested	4%	11	4%	10
	Not interested at all	1%	2	2%	7
Total		100%	295	100%	286
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	38%	112	37%	108
	Very interested	32%	95	36%	105
	Moderately interested	22%	66	18%	52
	Slightly interested	6%	17	6%	17
	Not interested at all	2%	5	2%	6
Total		100%	295	100%	289
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	92%	269	93%	268
	No	8%	23	7%	19
Total		100%	293	100%	287
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	62%	160	52%	133
	Voted before election day, in-person	24%	60	27%	69
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	14%	36	21%	54
Total		100%	256	100%	257
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	62%	163	55%	142
	Positive	30%	79	36%	93
	Neither positive nor negative	6%	16	9%	23
	Negative	2%	5		
Total		100%	263	100%	259
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	92%	238	94%	241
	No	8%	22	6%	16
Total		100%	260	100%	257
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	30%	87	25%	71
	Very closely	33%	96	38%	107
	Somewhat closely	27%	79	29%	82
	Not so closely	6%	17	3%	9
	Not at all closely	3%	9	4%	11

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	288	100%	280
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	13%	38	8%	24
	Very familiar	21%	63	18%	53
	Moderately familiar	34%	98	31%	90
	Slightly familiar	12%	36	17%	49
	Not at all familiar	20%	57	26%	74
Total		100%	292	100%	289
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	10%	26	5%	13
	Approve	40%	110	28%	68
	Neither approve nor disapprove	39%	106	51%	122
	Disapprove	8%	23	12%	30
	Strongly disapprove	3%	8	4%	9
Total		100%	273	100%	242
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	72%	214	60%	175
	No	22%	66	26%	75
	Not sure	6%	19	14%	41
Total		100%	298	100%	291
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	8%	22	6%	14
	Very well represented	27%	73	22%	52
	Moderately represented	43%	114	49%	115
	Slightly represented	16%	42	18%	43
	Not at all represented	5%	14	5%	12
Total		100%	264	100%	235
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	8%	21	7%	15
	Very well represented	27%	71	25%	55
	Moderately represented	43%	114	42%	93
	Slightly represented	15%	40	22%	50
	Not at all represented	7%	17	5%	10
Total		100%	263	100%	222
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	21%	48	23%	46
	Moderately satisfied	38%	86	33%	65
	Slightly satisfied	21%	47	19%	38
	Slightly dissatisfied	10%	23	9%	17
	Moderately dissatisfied	5%	12	9%	18
	Very dissatisfied	6%	13	7%	13
Total		100%	230	100%	198
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Extremely familiar	13%	38	9%	25
	Very familiar	20%	58	20%	58
	Moderately familiar	22%	65	23%	66
	Slightly familiar	17%	52	13%	37
	Not at all familiar	28%	84	36%	104

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	298	100%	290
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	6%	14	7%	14
	Very well represented	18%	45	18%	37
	Moderately represented	40%	97	40%	84
	Slightly represented	26%	62	23%	49
	Not at all represented	11%	26	13%	27
Total		100%	244	100%	210
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	7%	18	7%	14
	Very well represented	20%	49	17%	34
	Moderately represented	35%	84	43%	85
	Slightly represented	27%	63	22%	44
	Not at all represented	10%	24	11%	23
Total		100%	237	100%	199
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	12%	26	22%	42
	Moderately satisfied	33%	74	25%	47
	Slightly satisfied	22%	48	19%	37
	Slightly dissatisfied	11%	24	9%	17
	Moderately dissatisfied	10%	22	11%	21
	Very dissatisfied	13%	28	14%	26
Total		100%	222	100%	189
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	49%	135	41%	104
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	18%	50	20%	51
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	33%	91	39%	100
Total		100%	275	100%	255
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	2%	7	2%	6
	Very familiar	5%	15	5%	15
	Moderately familiar	15%	45	12%	35
	Slightly familiar	18%	54	16%	46
	Not at all familiar	59%	177	65%	186
Total		100%	298	100%	289
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	33%	98	31%	90
	Very important	43%	129	43%	121
	Moderately important	17%	50	17%	50
	Slightly important	4%	13	5%	15
	Not at all important	3%	8	3%	9
Total		100%	298	100%	285

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	15%	41	16%	36
	Very impactful	34%	93	35%	80
	Moderately impactful	31%	84	32%	74
	Slightly impactful	14%	39	13%	29
	Not at all impactful	6%	15	4%	10
Total		100%	272	100%	230
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	17%	47	16%	38
	Very impactful	33%	90	35%	82
	Moderately impactful	29%	79	30%	70
	Slightly impactful	17%	46	14%	33
	Not at all impactful	4%	11	4%	11
Total		100%	273	100%	234
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	45%	134	52%	150
	Very important	42%	126	39%	112
	Moderately important	11%	32	6%	17
	Slightly important	1%	4	3%	8
	Not at all important	0%	1	1%	2
Total		100%	297	100%	290
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	27%	79	42%	120
	Very important	28%	84	31%	88
	Moderately important	19%	56	11%	33
	Slightly important	10%	28	6%	18
	Not at all important	16%	48	10%	28
Total		100%	296	100%	287
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	23%	69	41%	117
	Very important	28%	82	25%	72
	Moderately important	20%	59	18%	51
	Slightly important	10%	30	5%	14
	Not at all important	19%	55	11%	32
Total		100%	295	100%	286
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	29%	87	34%	99
	Very important	38%	113	36%	104
	Moderately important	21%	62	21%	61
	Slightly important	8%	23	4%	13
	Not at all important	4%	13	4%	11
Total		100%	298	100%	289
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	9%	27	13%	37
	Moderately support	12%	36	13%	37
	Slightly support	13%	38	13%	37
	Slightly oppose	11%	33	5%	15
	Moderately oppose	10%	29	8%	23
	Strongly oppose	21%	63	12%	33

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		Gender				
		Man		Woman		
		w%	wN	w%	wN	
		No opinion	13%	40	19%	55
		Not sure	11%	31	18%	52
Total			100%	297	100%	288
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase number of districts		14%	42	16%	47
	Decrease number of districts		6%	18	4%	11
	Keep the same number		54%	161	38%	109
	No opinion		16%	47	18%	52
	Not sure		10%	30	24%	69
Total			100%	298	100%	288
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support		61%	180	55%	160
	Moderately support		21%	61	23%	66
	Slightly support		7%	22	5%	15
	Slightly oppose		2%	6	2%	5
	Moderately oppose		2%	4	5%	13
	Strongly oppose		3%	8	3%	10
	No opinion		2%	7	3%	10
Not sure		3%	8	4%	11	
Total			100%	297	100%	290
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support		12%	36	10%	29
	Moderately support		11%	33	13%	37
	Slightly support		6%	19	7%	19
	Slightly oppose		9%	26	11%	31
	Moderately oppose		15%	45	16%	48
	Strongly oppose		42%	126	34%	100
	No opinion		1%	3	5%	14
	Not sure		3%	9	5%	13
Total			100%	296	100%	291
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support		12%	35	12%	34
	Moderately support		21%	62	16%	46
	Slightly support		17%	51	12%	34
	Slightly oppose		8%	24	9%	27
	Moderately oppose		11%	32	10%	30
	Strongly oppose		21%	63	23%	67
	No opinion		5%	14	7%	20
	Not sure		5%	16	10%	29
Total			100%	296	100%	287
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support		12%	37	10%	28
	Moderately support		8%	24	13%	38
	Slightly support		8%	22	7%	20
	Slightly oppose		8%	24	6%	16

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
	Moderately oppose	13%	38	14%	40
	Strongly oppose	44%	130	40%	114
	No opinion	2%	7	6%	18
	Not sure	5%	14	5%	14
Total		100%	297	100%	288
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	32%	93	30%	86
	Moderately support	23%	66	14%	40
	Slightly support	15%	45	8%	22
	Slightly oppose	7%	21	9%	25
	Moderately oppose	7%	22	11%	32
	Strongly oppose	12%	34	12%	34
	No opinion	2%	5	7%	20
	Not sure	2%	7	8%	23
Total		100%	293	100%	282
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	36%	103	36%	101
	Moderately support	19%	54	27%	76
	Slightly support	11%	33	7%	19
	Slightly oppose	9%	27	4%	11
	Moderately oppose	9%	27	4%	11
	Strongly oppose	10%	28	9%	27
	No opinion	4%	10	6%	16
	Not sure	2%	6	8%	24
Total		100%	288	100%	284
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	9%	27	5%	14
	Very familiar	17%	50	9%	24
	Moderately familiar	20%	59	22%	63
	Slightly familiar	21%	60	13%	37
	Not at all familiar	33%	96	52%	147
Total		100%	293	100%	285
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	11%	32	8%	22
	Moderately support	8%	24	8%	22
	Slightly support	10%	28	6%	18
	Slightly oppose	8%	22	6%	18
	Moderately oppose	11%	31	8%	23
	Strongly oppose	31%	89	29%	82
	No opinion	12%	35	16%	46
	Not sure	10%	29	19%	53
Total		100%	289	100%	284
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	39%	102	35%	79
	Moderately support	33%	87	32%	71
	Slightly support	15%	38	8%	19
	Slightly oppose	3%	7	5%	11

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		Gender				
		Man		Woman		
		w%	wN	w%	wN	
		Moderately oppose	4%	10	7%	17
		Strongly oppose	7%	18	12%	27
Total			100%	263	100%	223
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support		18%	43	23%	48
	Moderately support		23%	55	26%	55
	Slightly support		17%	41	20%	41
	Slightly oppose		8%	19	6%	12
	Moderately oppose		13%	31	8%	16
	Strongly oppose		20%	48	18%	39
Total			100%	235	100%	212
Zip Code	23451		10%	29	11%	32
	23452		14%	39	14%	40
	23453		9%	25	5%	13
	23454		14%	40	16%	45
	23455		12%	34	11%	33
	23456		13%	38	12%	34
	23462		8%	23	16%	47
	23464		20%	55	15%	42
Total			100%	283	100%	286
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year		1%	3	3%	7
	1-5 years		9%	28	11%	31
	6-10 years		10%	29	9%	27
	11-24 years		22%	67	21%	62
	25 years and longer		57%	171	56%	164
Total			100%	298	100%	292
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes		93%	270	91%	254
	No		7%	21	9%	25
Total			100%	291	100%	279
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own		89%	265	80%	233
	Rent		9%	25	19%	56
	Other (please specify):		2%	6	1%	3
Total			100%	296	100%	292
Age	Less than 40		9%	26	12%	33
	40-49		10%	30	11%	32
	50-59		19%	55	14%	41
	60-69		30%	87	24%	69
	70 and older		31%	91	38%	108
Total			100%	288	100%	282
What is your marital status?	Married		72%	209	43%	126
	Living as married		3%	9	2%	7
	Divorced		10%	28	24%	70

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
	Widowed	6%	18	19%	54
	Separated	2%	5	2%	5
	Single, never been married	8%	24	11%	31
Total		100%	293	100%	292
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	75%	197	84%	222
	One	10%	27	6%	16
	Two	12%	31	8%	21
	Three or more	3%	8	2%	6
Total		100%	264	100%	265
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal	3%	7	2%	5
	Liberal	12%	35	19%	52
	Slightly Liberal	9%	26	11%	29
	Moderate	30%	87	37%	102
	Slightly Conservative	13%	39	10%	29
	Conservative	29%	84	18%	49
	Extremely Conservative	5%	13	4%	12
Total		100%	291	100%	278
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	36%	98	27%	71
	Democrat	30%	81	46%	122
	Independent	33%	90	27%	70
Total		100%	269	100%	263
Race	Black/African American	13%	36	24%	68
	Hispanic	6%	18	4%	11
	Asian/Asian American	9%	26	6%	16
	White	67%	187	60%	166
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	5%	15	6%	16
Total		100%	281	100%	277
Employment Status	Employed full time	49%	145	39%	113
	Employed part time	4%	11	7%	19
	Looking for work	2%	6	1%	2
	Stay-at-home parent/homemaker			3%	9
	Student	1%	2	1%	2
	Retired	39%	116	47%	136
	Disabled	1%	4	2%	5
	Other	4%	11	2%	5
Total		100%	295	100%	291
Education Level	Up to High School degree	10%	28	8%	22
	Associates degree and/or some college	26%	77	28%	78

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		Gender			
		Man		Woman	
		w%	wN	w%	wN
	Bachelors degree and/or some graduate school	35%	101	36%	103
	Graduate degree	30%	87	28%	79
Total		100%	293	100%	282
Household income	Less than \$50,000	10%	25	20%	47
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	12%	30	23%	55
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	19%	46	14%	34
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	27%	66	19%	44
	\$150,000 or more	32%	79	23%	55
Total		100%	246	100%	234
Local voting district	1	10%	31	9%	27
	2	11%	32	8%	24
	3	12%	36	8%	23
	4	6%	18	12%	36
	5	11%	32	10%	30
	6	10%	29	11%	33
	7	12%	35	9%	25
	8	10%	30	10%	30
	9	10%	30	10%	29
	10	8%	24	12%	35
Total		100%	297	100%	292

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		Race									
		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	97%	104	97%	27	68%	27	99%	339	87%	26
	No	3%	4	3%	1	32%	13	1%	5	13%	4
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	40	100%	344	100%	30
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	41%	43	44%	13	36%	14	50%	176	32%	10
	Very interested	38%	40	33%	9	13%	5	32%	114	41%	12
	Moderately interested	14%	15	19%	5	37%	15	15%	53	20%	6
	Slightly interested	2%	2			14%	6	3%	9	3%	1
	Not interested at all	4%	4	3%	1			0%	1	4%	1
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	40	100%	353	100%	30
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	46%	48	41%	12	22%	10	37%	132	32%	10
	Very interested	32%	34	36%	10	20%	9	35%	125	39%	12
	Moderately interested	15%	16	20%	6	33%	14	21%	75	14%	4
	Slightly interested	5%	5			21%	9	5%	19	7%	2
	Not interested at all	2%	3	3%	1	3%	1	1%	3	8%	2
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	30
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	96%	99	90%	25	71%	30	96%	337	84%	25
	No	4%	4	10%	3	29%	12	4%	15	16%	5
Total		100%	103	100%	28	100%	42	100%	352	100%	29
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	36%	35	67%	17	70%	20	59%	190	78%	16
	Voted before election day, in-person	37%	35	21%	5	20%	6	23%	74	17%	3
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	27%	26	12%	3	10%	3	18%	57	5%	1

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	97	100%	25	100%	29	100%	321	100%	20
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	44%	43	78%	20	66%	19	62%	202	37%	9
	Positive	40%	40	22%	6	22%	6	31%	100	55%	13
	Neither positive nor negative	14%	13			12%	3	6%	19	9%	2
	Negative	3%	3					1%	3		
Total		100%	99	100%	25	100%	29	100%	324	100%	24
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	88%	87	96%	24	82%	22	95%	306	95%	23
	No	12%	12	4%	1	18%	5	5%	17	5%	1
Total		100%	99	100%	25	100%	27	100%	323	100%	24
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	20%	21	27%	8	4%	1	33%	113	17%	5
	Very closely	25%	27	36%	10	20%	7	41%	143	31%	9
	Somewhat closely	48%	50	23%	7	44%	16	21%	72	45%	14
	Not so closely	4%	5	3%	1	15%	5	4%	12	3%	1
	Not at all closely	2%	3	11%	3	17%	6	2%	6	4%	1
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	36	100%	345	100%	30
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	7%	8	7%	2	7%	3	13%	47	2%	0
	Very familiar	16%	17	18%	5			22%	79	21%	6
	Moderately familiar	33%	35	39%	11	27%	11	33%	116	39%	12
	Slightly familiar	15%	16	15%	4	25%	10	14%	49	9%	3
	Not at all familiar	29%	30	20%	6	40%	16	18%	63	29%	9
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	39	100%	354	100%	30
How much do you approve or disapprove	Strongly approve	10%	9	6%	1			8%	26		
	Approve	21%	19	32%	7	37%	12	39%	126	26%	7

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		Race									
		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Neither approve nor disapprove	51%	47	51%	12	57%	19	39%	125	58%	16
	Disapprove	15%	14	12%	3	6%	2	11%	35	3%	1
	Strongly disapprove	3%	2					3%	10	13%	3
Total		100%	91	100%	23	100%	33	100%	322	100%	28
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	60%	64	68%	19	44%	19	71%	255	69%	21
	No	28%	30	32%	9	28%	12	21%	74	21%	7
	Not sure	12%	13			28%	12	8%	27	10%	3
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	356	100%	31
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	15%	13	5%	1	5%	1	5%	16	12%	3
	Very well represented	16%	14	27%	6	5%	1	30%	95	2%	0
	Moderately represented	35%	31	56%	12	52%	15	47%	149	60%	15
	Slightly represented	27%	24	13%	3	24%	7	14%	44	17%	4
	Not at all represented	7%	6			13%	4	4%	11	10%	2
Total		100%	88	100%	21	100%	28	100%	316	100%	26
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	19%	15	5%	1			5%	15	12%	3
	Very well represented	18%	15	27%	6	10%	3	31%	95		
	Moderately represented	39%	32	36%	8	59%	17	44%	135	44%	11
	Slightly represented	22%	18	19%	4	18%	5	15%	47	39%	10
	Not at all represented	2%	2	13%	3	12%	4	5%	15	5%	1
Total		100%	82	100%	21	100%	28	100%	308	100%	26
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you	Very satisfied	24%	16	22%	5	7%	1	22%	62	15%	3
	Moderately satisfied	31%	21	32%	7	41%	9	40%	114	5%	1

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
with the 10-1 election system?	Slightly satisfied	14%	10	28%	6	28%	6	17%	49	57%	11
	Slightly dissatisfied	20%	14	18%	4	7%	2	8%	22	6%	1
	Moderately dissatisfied	7%	5			7%	2	7%	21	4%	1
	Very dissatisfied	4%	2			9%	2	6%	16	13%	2
Total		100%	67	100%	21	100%	22	100%	285	100%	20
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Extremely familiar	7%	8	7%	2			13%	47	7%	2
	Very familiar	20%	21	16%	5	3%	1	23%	80	10%	3
	Moderately familiar	18%	19	10%	3	19%	8	25%	91	15%	4
	Slightly familiar	20%	21	35%	10	13%	5	12%	44	37%	11
	Not at all familiar	36%	38	32%	9	64%	26	26%	94	32%	10
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	41	100%	357	100%	31
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	10%	8	4%	1			6%	16	6%	1
	Very well represented	17%	13	22%	5	7%	1	19%	56	10%	2
	Moderately represented	30%	23	44%	10	56%	12	43%	127	13%	3
	Slightly represented	22%	17	11%	2	31%	7	24%	69	54%	12
	Not at all represented	20%	16	18%	4	7%	2	8%	24	17%	4
Total		100%	77	100%	22	100%	22	100%	293	100%	23
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	14%	10	18%	4			5%	15	6%	1
	Very well represented	7%	5	31%	7	19%	4	21%	59	10%	2
	Moderately represented	38%	28	18%	4	47%	9	44%	125	7%	1
	Slightly represented	26%	19	16%	4	26%	5	21%	60	71%	16
	Not at all represented	16%	12	18%	4	8%	2	8%	23	6%	1
Total		100%	73	100%	22	100%	19	100%	282	100%	23
	Very satisfied	18%	12	15%	3	7%	2	16%	42	12%	2

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Moderately satisfied	21%	14	46%	9	57%	11	31%	83	7%	1
	Slightly satisfied	22%	15			36%	7	22%	61	7%	1
	Slightly dissatisfied	7%	5	16%	3			10%	27	29%	5
	Moderately dissatisfied	4%	3	15%	3			11%	29	29%	6
	Very dissatisfied	28%	19	8%	2			11%	29	16%	3
Total		100%	67	100%	19	100%	20	100%	270	100%	19
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	44%	38	57%	16	31%	11	47%	155	32%	9
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	12%	11	21%	6	14%	5	21%	69	11%	3
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	44%	38	22%	6	55%	20	32%	105	57%	17
Total		100%	87	100%	27	100%	36	100%	329	100%	29
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	4%	4					3%	9		
	Very familiar	9%	10	14%	4			4%	15	2%	0
	Moderately familiar	20%	22	6%	2	4%	2	14%	50	8%	2
	Slightly familiar	15%	16	3%	1	16%	7	19%	68	11%	3
	Not at all familiar	52%	55	77%	21	79%	32	60%	214	79%	25
Total		100%	107	100%	27	100%	41	100%	356	100%	31
	Extremely important	45%	47	51%	14	14%	6	30%	104	13%	4

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Very important	42%	44	39%	11	29%	12	47%	165	43%	13
	Moderately important	8%	8	7%	2	37%	15	18%	62	32%	10
	Slightly important	2%	2	3%	1	20%	8	4%	14	3%	1
	Not at all important	3%	3					2%	8	9%	3
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	41	100%	354	100%	31
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	14%	13	41%	10	4%	1	16%	50	6%	1
	Very impactful	41%	37	43%	11	36%	12	34%	104	12%	3
	Moderately impactful	22%	20	8%	2	40%	14	35%	107	43%	11
	Slightly impactful	16%	14	8%	2	14%	5	12%	36	27%	7
	Not at all impactful	7%	6			5%	2	4%	11	13%	3
Total		100%	91	100%	25	100%	34	100%	308	100%	26
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	17%	16	35%	9	5%	1	18%	57	2%	0
	Very impactful	39%	36	44%	11	49%	16	30%	92	32%	8
	Moderately impactful	25%	24	15%	4	17%	6	35%	107	20%	5
	Slightly impactful	17%	16	6%	1	29%	10	13%	41	37%	10
	Not at all impactful	2%	2					4%	13	9%	2
Total		100%	93	100%	25	100%	33	100%	310	100%	27
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	63%	68	63%	18	28%	12	47%	166	39%	12
	Very important	32%	35	34%	10	49%	21	43%	153	35%	11
	Moderately important			3%	1	14%	6	9%	32	20%	6
	Slightly important	5%	5			9%	4	1%	3	5%	2
	Not at all important							1%	2		
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	355	100%	30
	Extremely important	64%	68	46%	13	30%	13	27%	95	33%	10

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Very important	25%	27	23%	6	43%	18	29%	104	41%	13
	Moderately important	2%	2	10%	3	5%	2	21%	74	12%	4
	Slightly important	7%	7			5%	2	9%	32	4%	1
	Not at all important	2%	3	21%	6	17%	7	13%	47	10%	3
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	353	100%	30
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	61%	65	48%	14	33%	14	25%	86	21%	6
	Very important	28%	30	17%	5	40%	17	24%	85	47%	14
	Moderately important	9%	9			7%	3	25%	87	16%	5
	Slightly important			4%	1	3%	1	11%	38	4%	1
	Not at all important	2%	3	31%	9	17%	7	15%	54	11%	3
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	351	100%	30
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	59%	64	57%	16	25%	11	24%	87	17%	5
	Very important	28%	30	26%	7	34%	15	42%	149	50%	15
	Moderately important	13%	14	16%	5	32%	14	23%	81	23%	7
	Slightly important					4%	2	7%	24	10%	3
	Not at all important					4%	2	4%	16		
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	356	100%	31
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	34%	37			13%	5	5%	18	3%	1
	Moderately support	15%	16	4%	1	13%	6	13%	46	22%	7
	Slightly support	12%	13	7%	2	24%	10	11%	40	24%	7
	Slightly oppose			10%	3	9%	4	9%	32	13%	4
	Moderately oppose	2%	2	10%	3	4%	2	13%	44	2%	0
	Strongly oppose	6%	7	14%	4	17%	7	19%	68	8%	2
	No opinion	18%	19	30%	8	8%	3	17%	61	8%	2
	Not sure	12%	13	25%	7	12%	5	13%	45	20%	6

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	30
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase number of districts	27%	29	14%	4	13%	5	14%	49	8%	3
	Decrease number of districts	4%	4	3%	1	7%	3	4%	15	6%	2
	Keep the same number	30%	32	54%	15	41%	17	48%	170	65%	20
	No opinion	20%	21	6%	2	26%	11	16%	57	13%	4
	Not sure	19%	20	22%	6	13%	5	18%	63	8%	2
Total		100%	106	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	31
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	50%	54	58%	17	47%	20	62%	218	63%	20
	Moderately support	27%	29	28%	8	25%	10	20%	70	22%	7
	Slightly support	4%	4	14%	4	9%	4	7%	24	4%	1
	Slightly oppose	2%	2					2%	7	3%	1
	Moderately oppose	6%	7					3%	9		
	Strongly oppose	2%	3			4%	2	3%	10	4%	1
	No opinion	4%	4			8%	3	2%	7	3%	1
Not sure	4%	4			8%	3	2%	8			
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	31
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support	19%	21			24%	10	8%	28	19%	6
	Moderately support	14%	15	17%	5	17%	7	11%	39	5%	1
	Slightly support	9%	10	3%	1	4%	2	5%	19	7%	2
	Slightly oppose	15%	16	10%	3	7%	3	10%	35	7%	2
	Moderately oppose	11%	12	28%	8	5%	2	18%	63	20%	6
	Strongly oppose	27%	29	39%	11	27%	11	42%	148	33%	10
	No opinion			3%	1	8%	3	3%	10	6%	2
	Not sure	4%	4			8%	3	3%	12	3%	1
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	31

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	21%	22			28%	12	10%	34	2%	0
	Moderately support	14%	14	33%	9	27%	11	19%	67	6%	2
	Slightly support	16%	17	11%	3	9%	4	14%	51	26%	8
	Slightly oppose	13%	14	10%	3	2%	1	8%	27	17%	5
	Moderately oppose	6%	6	25%	7	4%	2	12%	44	5%	2
	Strongly oppose	19%	20	20%	6	7%	3	23%	83	30%	9
	No opinion	4%	4			6%	2	6%	22	13%	4
	Not sure	8%	8			17%	7	8%	27		
Total		100%	105	100%	27	100%	42	100%	354	100%	30
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	16%	17	11%	3	27%	11	8%	28	17%	5
	Moderately support	14%	14	18%	5	12%	5	8%	28	15%	4
	Slightly support	15%	16	3%	1	9%	4	4%	16	18%	5
	Slightly oppose	9%	10	11%	3	7%	3	7%	24		
	Moderately oppose	20%	21	12%	3	10%	4	14%	49	2%	0
	Strongly oppose	21%	22	46%	13	18%	8	50%	177	33%	10
	No opinion	4%	4			3%	1	4%	16	10%	3
	Not sure	2%	2			13%	5	5%	17	7%	2
Total		100%	105	100%	27	100%	42	100%	355	100%	31
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	44%	47	16%	4	21%	8	29%	100	35%	11
	Moderately support	19%	20	14%	4	28%	11	18%	62	10%	3
	Slightly support	9%	10	14%	4	23%	9	11%	38	20%	6
	Slightly oppose	7%	8			4%	2	9%	33	10%	3
	Moderately oppose	4%	5	15%	4	12%	5	10%	33	3%	1
	Strongly oppose	6%	6	35%	10	7%	3	12%	43	10%	3
	No opinion	2%	2			5%	2	5%	18	3%	1
	Not sure	8%	8	5%	1			5%	19	10%	3
Total		100%	106	100%	27	100%	41	100%	346	100%	30

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		Race									
		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	46%	48	56%	15	31%	13	31%	109	46%	14
	Moderately support	22%	23	14%	4	30%	12	22%	77	17%	5
	Slightly support	2%	2	11%	3	19%	8	10%	33	21%	7
	Slightly oppose	5%	5	15%	4			7%	24	10%	3
	Moderately oppose	3%	3	3%	1	4%	2	9%	30	2%	1
	Strongly oppose	9%	10			3%	1	11%	37		
	No opinion	6%	6			8%	3	4%	15	3%	1
	Not sure	7%	7			4%	2	6%	19		
Total		100%	105	100%	27	100%	41	100%	346	100%	30
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	12%	13	4%	1	7%	3	8%	26	4%	1
	Very familiar	11%	12	4%	1	8%	3	14%	50	13%	4
	Moderately familiar	15%	16	44%	12	13%	5	20%	71	28%	8
	Slightly familiar	13%	14	24%	7	20%	8	17%	61	31%	10
	Not at all familiar	50%	54	24%	7	52%	21	40%	140	24%	7
Total		100%	107	100%	27	100%	41	100%	348	100%	30
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	12%	13	4%	1	12%	5	10%	35	9%	3
	Moderately support	9%	10	3%	1	2%	1	10%	34	7%	2
	Slightly support	2%	2	15%	4	20%	8	9%	31	3%	1
	Slightly oppose	6%	6	5%	1	7%	3	7%	26	15%	4
	Moderately oppose	11%	12	8%	2			10%	35	4%	1
	Strongly oppose	26%	27	46%	12	12%	5	30%	105	22%	7
	No opinion	27%	28	14%	4	22%	9	8%	29	24%	7
	Not sure	7%	8	5%	1	25%	10	15%	53	16%	5
Total		100%	105	100%	26	100%	41	100%	347	100%	30
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system	Strongly support	40%	35	51%	13	20%	4	36%	109	25%	6
	Moderately support	28%	25	31%	8	20%	4	36%	110	33%	8
	Slightly support	12%	10	3%	1	44%	10	10%	31	29%	7

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
used in the 2022 election?	Slightly oppose	5%	4	4%	1			4%	13	4%	1
	Moderately oppose	5%	4			9%	2	5%	16	4%	1
	Strongly oppose	10%	9	11%	3	7%	2	9%	27	6%	1
Total		100%	87	100%	26	100%	22	100%	305	100%	24
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	29%	25	25%	5	26%	6	18%	51	16%	4
	Moderately support	18%	16	21%	4	40%	10	24%	67	40%	10
	Slightly support	18%	16	19%	4	22%	5	18%	50	17%	4
	Slightly oppose	5%	4	4%	1	4%	1	7%	20	12%	3
	Moderately oppose	5%	4	16%	3	6%	1	12%	33	9%	2
	Strongly oppose	24%	21	15%	3	4%	1	20%	55	6%	1
Total		100%	85	100%	20	100%	25	100%	275	100%	25
Zip Code	23451	2%	2					15%	52	8%	2
	23452	12%	12	22%	6	28%	11	12%	41	7%	2
	23453	13%	13			13%	5	5%	18	7%	2
	23454	6%	6	24%	6	3%	1	18%	62	14%	4
	23455	9%	9	3%	1	8%	3	15%	51	8%	3
	23456	7%	7	3%	1	23%	9	14%	48	14%	4
	23462	27%	28	28%	7	9%	4	8%	28	6%	2
	23464	24%	24	18%	5	16%	6	14%	48	35%	11
Total		100%	102	100%	26	100%	40	100%	348	100%	31
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year					5%	2	2%	6	7%	2
	1-5 years	6%	6	21%	6	16%	7	10%	36	5%	2
	6-10 years	15%	16	14%	4	12%	5	6%	21	22%	7
	11-24 years	25%	27	46%	13	20%	8	20%	71	23%	7
	25 years and longer	54%	58	20%	6	47%	20	63%	225	43%	13
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	358	100%	31

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	93%	95	90%	26	94%	37	93%	325	82%	23
	No	7%	8	10%	3	6%	2	7%	23	18%	5
Total		100%	102	100%	28	100%	39	100%	348	100%	29
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	72%	75	79%	22	79%	33	88%	316	82%	26
	Rent	28%	30	21%	6	19%	8	10%	35	14%	4
	Other (please specify):					3%	1	2%	7	4%	1
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	42	100%	358	100%	31
Age	Less than 40	9%	8	15%	4	26%	11	8%	28	24%	7
	40-49	6%	6	24%	7	14%	6	9%	33	23%	7
	50-59	19%	18	15%	4	16%	7	16%	56	8%	2
	60-69	33%	32	27%	8	12%	5	26%	92	34%	10
	70 and older	33%	31	20%	6	32%	14	40%	141	11%	3
Total		100%	96	100%	28	100%	42	100%	350	100%	30
What is your marital status?	Married	34%	36	46%	13	54%	23	65%	230	52%	16
	Living as married			8%	2			2%	7	17%	5
	Divorced	40%	42	15%	4	13%	5	12%	42	11%	3
	Widowed	5%	6	14%	4	23%	10	13%	46	8%	3
	Separated	2%	2					2%	6		
	Single, never been married	19%	19	17%	5	10%	4	7%	25	12%	4
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	42	100%	354	100%	31
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	90%	82	68%	19	65%	24	83%	265	57%	16
	One	8%	7			21%	8	6%	20	18%	5
	Two			29%	8	15%	5	9%	28	21%	6

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Three or more	2%	2	3%	1			2%	7	4%	1
Total		100%	91	100%	27	100%	37	100%	320	100%	29
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal	2%	2					3%	10	4%	1
	Liberal	25%	25	28%	8	4%	2	14%	51	13%	4
	Slightly Liberal	9%	9	3%	1	18%	7	11%	37	6%	2
	Moderate	57%	57	48%	13	39%	16	25%	86	35%	11
	Slightly Conservative	6%	6	4%	1	12%	5	13%	47	14%	4
	Conservative	2%	2	7%	2	27%	11	30%	103	19%	6
	Extremely Conservative			10%	3			5%	16	10%	3
Total		100%	100	100%	27	100%	40	100%	350	100%	31
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	2%	2	27%	7	42%	17	39%	129	25%	7
	Democrat	86%	82	25%	6	23%	9	28%	93	35%	10
	Independent	12%	11	48%	12	35%	14	32%	105	39%	11
Total		100%	95	100%	25	100%	39	100%	327	100%	28
Gender	Man	34%	36	62%	18	62%	26	53%	187	47%	15
	Woman	66%	68	38%	11	38%	16	47%	166	53%	16
Total		100%	103	100%	28	100%	42	100%	353	100%	31
Employment Status	Employed full time	35%	36	78%	22	49%	21	40%	141	81%	24
	Employed part time	4%	4			4%	2	6%	21	3%	1
	Looking for work	2%	3	11%	3			1%	2		
	Stay-at-home					4%	2	2%	7		
	Student	2%	2			3%	1	0%	2		
	Retired	48%	51	11%	3	37%	16	47%	169	16%	5
	Disabled	4%	4					2%	6		
	Other	4%	5			3%	1	2%	8		
Total		100%	105	100%	28	100%	42	100%	356	100%	30

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		Black/African American		Hispanic		Asian/Asian American		White		Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Education Level	Up to High School degree	13%	13	11%	3	16%	6	7%	25	2%	0
	Associates degree and/or some college	41%	41	33%	9	19%	8	22%	77	29%	9
	Bachelors degree	26%	27	40%	11	43%	17	37%	131	41%	13
	Graduate degree	21%	21	16%	4	22%	9	34%	118	28%	9
Total		100%	102	100%	27	100%	40	100%	351	100%	31
Household income	Less than \$50,000	20%	15	10%	3	27%	10	14%	42	16%	5
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	29%	23	22%	6	18%	7	14%	42	18%	5
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	17%	13	8%	2	24%	9	17%	50	16%	4
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	22%	17	43%	12	20%	7	21%	62	25%	7
	\$150,000 or more	12%	10	17%	5	11%	4	34%	102	26%	7
Total		100%	79	100%	27	100%	38	100%	298	100%	28
Local voting district	1	15%	16	7%	2	15%	6	9%	31	6%	2
	2	8%	8	13%	4	10%	4	11%	38	3%	1
	3	6%	7	8%	2	27%	11	9%	33	11%	3
	4	25%	27	21%	6			4%	15	11%	4
	5	6%	6	11%	3			13%	47	7%	2
	6	2%	2					15%	54	6%	2
	7	13%	14	13%	4	17%	7	7%	24	31%	10
	8	1%	1	16%	5	7%	3	12%	43	9%	3
	9	5%	6	3%	1	7%	3	14%	48	3%	1
	10	19%	21	8%	2	17%	7	7%	23	13%	4
Total		100%	107	100%	28	100%	42	100%	357	100%	31

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		Education Level							
		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	88%	45	95%	147	97%	197	96%	161
	No	12%	6	5%	8	3%	5	4%	6
Total		100%	51	100%	155	100%	202	100%	167
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	34%	17	46%	71	47%	98	49%	85
	Very interested	35%	18	36%	56	33%	70	30%	51
	Moderately interested	17%	8	12%	19	17%	35	17%	30
	Slightly interested	12%	6	4%	6	2%	4	3%	6
	Not interested at all	2%	1	3%	4	1%	3	0%	1
Total		100%	50	100%	156	100%	209	100%	172
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	22%	11	46%	71	35%	73	36%	61
	Very interested	27%	14	34%	53	40%	84	34%	58
	Moderately interested	29%	14	14%	23	18%	39	24%	41
	Slightly interested	20%	10	3%	4	5%	10	6%	10
	Not interested at all	2%	1	4%	6	2%	4	1%	1
Total		100%	50	100%	157	100%	209	100%	172
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	92%	44	90%	141	96%	199	93%	159
	No	8%	4	10%	16	4%	9	7%	12
Total		100%	48	100%	157	100%	209	100%	170
How did you cast your vote?	Election day, in-person	58%	26	59%	80	60%	112	51%	77
	Before election day, in-person	22%	10	22%	29	22%	41	32%	48
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	20%	9	19%	27	18%	34	17%	26
Total		100%	44	100%	136	100%	186	100%	150
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	40%	18	58%	79	59%	114	61%	93
	Positive	46%	20	34%	47	29%	57	34%	52

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Neither positive nor negative	12%	5	7%	9	11%	22	5%	7
	Negative	2%	1	1%	1	1%	1		
Total		100%	44	100%	136	100%	193	100%	153
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	91%	38	88%	120	93%	179	97%	148
	No	9%	4	12%	16	7%	13	3%	4
Total		100%	42	100%	136	100%	192	100%	153
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	12%	6	22%	34	33%	66	32%	53
	Very closely	25%	12	39%	61	35%	69	38%	64
	Somewhat closely	43%	20	28%	44	27%	54	27%	45
	Not so closely	6%	3	5%	9	2%	4	2%	4
	Not at all closely	14%	7	5%	8	3%	6	1%	2
Total		100%	46	100%	156	100%	199	100%	169
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	5%	2	9%	14	12%	26	12%	20
	Very familiar	12%	6	20%	31	20%	41	22%	38
	Moderately familiar	19%	10	32%	49	37%	77	30%	52
	Slightly familiar	25%	13	15%	23	12%	25	15%	26
	Not at all familiar	39%	19	24%	37	19%	39	20%	34
Total		100%	50	100%	155	100%	209	100%	170
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	8%	4	5%	7	7%	12	10%	16
	Approve	29%	14	30%	41	39%	70	37%	57
	Neither approve nor disapprove	47%	23	49%	67	43%	77	37%	57
	Disapprove	7%	3	11%	15	9%	16	13%	20
	Strongly disapprove	9%	4	5%	7	2%	3	2%	4
Total		100%	49	100%	138	100%	178	100%	155

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	56%	30	63%	99	69%	145	69%	119
	No	33%	17	25%	40	22%	47	22%	37
	Not sure	11%	6	11%	18	9%	18	9%	16
Total		100%	53	100%	157	100%	211	100%	172
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	15%	6	4%	5	7%	13	7%	11
	Very well represented	16%	6	28%	37	19%	33	32%	49
	Moderately represented	52%	20	39%	53	53%	95	44%	66
	Slightly represented	12%	5	16%	22	18%	32	16%	24
	Not at all represented	5%	2	13%	18	3%	6	1%	2
Total		100%	38	100%	135	100%	179	100%	152
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	15%	5	5%	6	6%	11	9%	13
	Very well represented	23%	9	22%	29	21%	37	35%	52
	Moderately represented	48%	17	39%	50	49%	85	40%	60
	Slightly represented	9%	3	23%	31	19%	33	12%	18
	Not at all represented	5%	2	11%	14	5%	8	3%	5
Total		100%	37	100%	131	100%	174	100%	147
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	14%	5	18%	21	22%	34	27%	34
	Moderately satisfied	43%	16	32%	36	33%	51	41%	52
	Slightly satisfied	16%	6	21%	24	27%	42	10%	13
	Slightly dissatisfied	7%	3	17%	20	7%	11	8%	10
	Moderately dissatisfied	5%	2	4%	5	6%	9	10%	13
Total		100%	36	100%	115	100%	153	100%	127
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Extremely familiar	7%	4	10%	16	12%	24	12%	20
	Very familiar	15%	8	15%	23	22%	46	25%	43
	Moderately familiar	15%	8	25%	40	21%	43	24%	41

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Slightly familiar	10%	5	19%	30	16%	33	13%	23
	Not at all familiar	53%	28	30%	48	30%	63	27%	46
Total		100%	53	100%	158	100%	209	100%	172
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	9%	3	7%	9	4%	6	8%	11
	Very well represented	26%	9	20%	24	17%	28	17%	24
	Moderately represented	33%	12	45%	55	39%	61	38%	53
	Slightly represented	13%	5	19%	23	29%	46	25%	36
	Not at all represented	19%	7	9%	11	11%	18	12%	17
Total		100%	36	100%	123	100%	158	100%	141
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	10%	3	7%	9	5%	8	9%	12
	Very well represented	21%	7	18%	21	17%	26	21%	29
	Moderately represented	39%	12	47%	56	34%	53	39%	52
	Slightly represented	13%	4	19%	23	31%	48	24%	33
	Not at all represented	18%	6	10%	11	13%	19	7%	10
Total		100%	32	100%	120	100%	154	100%	135
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	18%	5	20%	22	13%	20	15%	20
	Moderately satisfied	51%	13	41%	44	23%	34	27%	37
	Slightly satisfied	6%	1	21%	23	23%	34	20%	28
	Slightly dissatisfied	12%	3	6%	7	14%	20	10%	13
	Moderately dissatisfied			5%	5	13%	19	13%	18
	Very dissatisfied	13%	3	7%	8	14%	21	15%	20
Total		100%	26	100%	108	100%	147	100%	135
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	34%	14	38%	55	43%	84	56%	89

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	25%	10	23%	33	15%	29	18%	29
	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	40%	16	38%	55	42%	82	26%	41
Total		100%	41	100%	142	100%	194	100%	159
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	1%	1	4%	6	1%	2	3%	5
	Very familiar			2%	2	6%	13	7%	12
	Moderately familiar	14%	7	18%	28	12%	26	13%	22
	Slightly familiar	16%	8	15%	23	15%	32	21%	37
	Not at all familiar	69%	36	62%	97	65%	136	56%	97
Total		100%	53	100%	157	100%	209	100%	172
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	25%	13	37%	57	31%	65	28%	49
	Very important	37%	19	44%	68	45%	93	45%	76
	Moderately important	27%	14	12%	19	15%	30	23%	39
	Slightly important	9%	5	1%	2	7%	15	3%	6
	Not at all important	2%	1	6%	9	2%	5	1%	1
Total		100%	51	100%	155	100%	209	100%	172
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	9%	4	17%	21	13%	24	18%	28
	Very impactful	34%	13	33%	42	35%	65	37%	58
	Moderately impactful	38%	15	27%	34	31%	58	33%	51
	Slightly impactful	11%	4	16%	21	17%	32	9%	15
	Not at all impactful	9%	3	7%	9	5%	10	2%	4
Total		100%	40	100%	126	100%	188	100%	156
How impactful do you think the election system is on the	Extremely impactful	18%	7	17%	22	15%	28	18%	29
	Very impactful	32%	13	27%	35	35%	65	37%	57

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Moderately impactful	32%	13	29%	37	28%	53	32%	50
	Slightly impactful	17%	7	19%	25	19%	36	10%	15
	Not at all impactful			7%	10	3%	6	4%	6
Total		100%	40	100%	127	100%	189	100%	157
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	39%	20	46%	72	51%	108	50%	87
	Very important	36%	18	43%	68	41%	86	41%	71
	Moderately important	18%	9	9%	14	7%	14	7%	12
	Slightly important	8%	4	1%	1	1%	2	1%	2
	Not at all important			1%	2				
Total		100%	51	100%	157	100%	211	100%	172
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	23%	12	36%	55	36%	76	34%	58
	Very important	39%	20	28%	44	31%	66	24%	42
	Moderately important	12%	6	14%	22	15%	31	20%	34
	Slightly important	2%	1	11%	17	5%	10	10%	16
	Not at all important	25%	13	11%	17	13%	28	13%	21
Total		100%	51	100%	155	100%	210	100%	171
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	30%	16	30%	46	34%	71	34%	58
	Very important	24%	13	30%	46	28%	59	20%	35
	Moderately important	11%	6	20%	30	16%	34	23%	40
	Slightly important	5%	3	8%	12	7%	14	10%	16
	Not at all important	30%	15	12%	19	16%	33	13%	22
Total		100%	52	100%	153	100%	210	100%	171
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	30%	16	35%	54	33%	70	26%	45
	Very important	33%	17	37%	58	38%	79	39%	66
	Moderately important	26%	14	17%	26	21%	43	24%	41
	Slightly important	4%	2	9%	13	5%	10	8%	13
	Not at all important	6%	3	3%	5	4%	8	4%	7
Total		100%	52	100%	156	100%	211	100%	172

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	15%	8	14%	21	10%	21	7%	13
	Moderately support	16%	8	16%	25	13%	26	9%	16
	Slightly support	9%	5	13%	20	13%	27	12%	21
	Slightly oppose	8%	4	7%	10	8%	17	10%	18
	Moderately oppose	9%	5	7%	11	9%	19	11%	19
	Strongly oppose	16%	8	19%	30	16%	33	15%	27
	No opinion	14%	7	11%	16	16%	34	21%	36
	Not sure	13%	7	14%	21	15%	32	13%	22
Total		100%	52	100%	155	100%	210	100%	172
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase	14%	7	13%	21	16%	33	16%	27
	Decrease	7%	4	6%	10	5%	10	4%	6
	Keep the same number	39%	20	43%	67	46%	97	51%	87
	No opinion	25%	13	17%	27	16%	34	14%	24
	Not sure	16%	8	20%	31	18%	38	15%	26
Total		100%	52	100%	156	100%	212	100%	171
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	46%	23	62%	97	57%	120	61%	105
	Moderately support	27%	14	23%	36	23%	49	19%	33
	Slightly support	6%	3	4%	7	7%	15	6%	10
	Slightly oppose	1%	1	2%	2	2%	4	3%	5
	Moderately oppose	2%	1	4%	6	2%	3	5%	8
	Strongly oppose	3%	1	2%	3	3%	7	2%	4
	No opinion	7%	4	3%	4	2%	4	2%	3
	Not sure	8%	4	1%	2	4%	8	2%	3
Total		100%	50	100%	158	100%	212	100%	171
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support	27%	14	12%	19	8%	18	8%	13
	Moderately support	15%	8	11%	17	13%	26	11%	19
	Slightly support	10%	5	5%	8	6%	12	9%	16
	Slightly oppose	9%	5	13%	20	9%	18	9%	15

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree		
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	
		Moderately oppose	7%	3	18%	29	13%	28	19%	33
		Strongly oppose	19%	10	35%	55	46%	97	41%	70
		No opinion	7%	4	3%	5	2%	3	1%	2
		Not sure	5%	3	3%	5	4%	9	2%	3
Total			100%	51	100%	158	100%	211	100%	171
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support		18%	9	13%	21	9%	19	11%	19
	Moderately support		16%	8	21%	33	18%	37	19%	32
	Slightly support		20%	10	14%	22	16%	34	13%	22
	Slightly oppose		7%	4	7%	10	7%	15	11%	19
	Moderately oppose		2%	1	11%	17	10%	22	15%	25
	Strongly oppose		21%	11	19%	30	26%	53	21%	36
	No opinion		7%	4	7%	11	5%	10	6%	9
	Not sure		8%	4	8%	12	9%	18	4%	7
Total			100%	51	100%	157	100%	208	100%	169
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support		22%	11	13%	20	8%	18	9%	15
	Moderately support		13%	7	11%	18	10%	21	10%	17
	Slightly support		11%	6	7%	12	9%	19	4%	8
	Slightly oppose		4%	2	7%	11	8%	16	7%	12
	Moderately oppose		7%	4	18%	28	11%	24	13%	22
	Strongly oppose		26%	13	35%	55	45%	93	52%	89
	No opinion		10%	5	5%	7	4%	7	2%	4
	Not sure		8%	4	4%	6	5%	11	3%	4
Total			100%	51	100%	157	100%	209	100%	171
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council	Strongly support		32%	17	38%	58	34%	68	24%	41
	Moderately support		21%	11	18%	27	16%	32	20%	34
	Slightly support		12%	6	12%	18	11%	22	13%	23
	Slightly oppose		5%	2	6%	10	9%	17	10%	17
	Moderately oppose		6%	3	8%	12	10%	21	10%	18

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly oppose	14%	8	11%	17	11%	22	13%	22
	No opinion	7%	4	3%	5	4%	9	3%	6
	Not sure	4%	2	4%	7	5%	10	6%	11
Total		100%	53	100%	153	100%	202	100%	171
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	37%	19	43%	66	34%	69	29%	49
	Moderately support	25%	13	21%	33	20%	40	26%	44
	Slightly support	5%	3	7%	12	11%	22	9%	15
	Slightly oppose	4%	2	7%	10	8%	17	6%	10
	Moderately oppose	5%	3	6%	9	7%	13	9%	15
	Strongly oppose	1%	1	8%	13	11%	21	15%	25
	No opinion	19%	9	3%	5	5%	10	3%	5
Not sure	3%	2	5%	7	5%	10	4%	7	
Total		100%	50	100%	155	100%	203	100%	171
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	7%	4	6%	9	8%	16	10%	16
	Very familiar	9%	5	8%	13	11%	23	18%	30
	Moderately familiar	15%	8	20%	30	22%	44	25%	43
	Slightly familiar	9%	5	18%	28	20%	41	17%	30
	Not at all familiar	60%	31	49%	75	39%	80	30%	51
Total		100%	53	100%	155	100%	204	100%	170
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	10%	5	7%	10	10%	21	10%	17
	Moderately support	8%	4	5%	8	7%	14	13%	22
	Slightly support	7%	3	12%	18	7%	15	8%	13
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	8%	12	8%	16	7%	12
	Moderately oppose	5%	3	11%	16	8%	16	12%	21
	Strongly oppose	21%	11	32%	49	33%	66	26%	44
	No opinion	21%	11	11%	17	13%	27	12%	20
Not sure	24%	13	15%	23	14%	29	12%	20	
Total		100%	53	100%	154	100%	203	100%	170

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	43%	16	34%	43	37%	66	38%	57
	Moderately support	23%	9	35%	45	33%	59	32%	48
	Slightly support	10%	4	10%	13	12%	22	14%	21
	Slightly oppose	1%	1	4%	6	5%	9	5%	7
	Moderately oppose	13%	5	6%	7	6%	10	2%	3
	Strongly oppose	10%	4	11%	13	8%	14	9%	14
Total		100%	38	100%	127	100%	179	100%	151
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	23%	8	17%	20	22%	35	20%	29
	Moderately support	16%	6	28%	32	24%	40	22%	32
	Slightly support	23%	8	15%	17	19%	32	19%	28
	Slightly oppose	2%	1	10%	12	5%	9	6%	9
	Moderately oppose	11%	4	10%	11	11%	17	12%	18
	Strongly oppose	24%	8	20%	23	18%	29	20%	30
Total		100%	34	100%	115	100%	162	100%	145
Zip Code	23451	5%	2	5%	8	13%	27	15%	26
	23452	22%	11	14%	21	11%	24	12%	20
	23453	9%	5	9%	14	8%	16	3%	5
	23454	15%	7	19%	28	10%	21	17%	28
	23455	8%	4	9%	13	14%	28	14%	24
	23456	16%	8	12%	18	11%	23	16%	26
	23462	13%	7	16%	24	12%	24	7%	12
	23464	12%	6	17%	25	21%	43	16%	26
Total		100%	49	100%	152	100%	206	100%	166
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year			4%	6	1%	1	1%	2
	1-5 years	6%	3	6%	10	11%	22	14%	25
	6-10 years	13%	7	9%	14	7%	14	12%	22
	11-24 years	22%	11	19%	30	23%	49	23%	39
	25 years and longer	58%	30	62%	97	59%	124	49%	85

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	52	100%	158	100%	212	100%	172
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	97%	48	88%	135	94%	193	92%	157
	No	3%	2	12%	18	6%	13	8%	13
Total		100%	49	100%	153	100%	206	100%	170
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	74%	39	79%	124	85%	180	91%	157
	Rent	26%	14	19%	30	13%	27	8%	13
	Other (please specify):			2%	3	2%	3	1%	2
Total		100%	53	100%	158	100%	211	100%	172
Age	Less than 40	3%	2	11%	17	13%	26	10%	16
	40-49	7%	4	4%	6	11%	23	17%	29
	50-59	12%	6	19%	30	15%	30	18%	29
	60-69	30%	15	31%	48	29%	58	22%	36
	70 and older	47%	24	35%	53	32%	64	33%	55
Total		100%	51	100%	153	100%	202	100%	166
What is your marital status?	Married	51%	27	50%	78	58%	123	67%	114
	Living as married	2%	1	5%	8	1%	3	2%	3
	Divorced	20%	10	23%	37	13%	27	13%	23
	Widowed	15%	8	11%	17	15%	31	9%	16
	Separated	6%	3	2%	3	0%	1	1%	2
	Single	7%	3	10%	15	13%	26	7%	12
Total		100%	52	100%	156	100%	211	100%	170
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	90%	39	88%	125	79%	151	71%	111
	One	3%	1	5%	7	12%	23	9%	13
	Two	4%	2	6%	9	7%	14	16%	25
	Three or more	3%	1	1%	1	2%	4	5%	7
Total		100%	44	100%	142	100%	192	100%	156
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal	1%	1	2%	3	3%	5	2%	4

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Liberal	14%	7	14%	21	18%	36	16%	28
	Slightly Liberal	13%	6	6%	10	8%	16	14%	24
	Moderate	43%	21	41%	63	30%	62	24%	40
	Slightly Conservative	4%	2	10%	15	12%	24	16%	26
	Conservative	18%	9	25%	38	27%	56	20%	33
	Extremely Conservative	7%	4	2%	2	3%	6	8%	14
Total		100%	49	100%	153	100%	205	100%	169
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	27%	13	33%	43	32%	64	32%	51
	Democrat	40%	19	45%	59	37%	73	33%	53
	Independent	33%	16	23%	30	31%	61	35%	56
Total		100%	48	100%	131	100%	197	100%	160
Gender	Man	56%	28	50%	77	50%	101	52%	87
	Woman	44%	22	50%	78	50%	103	48%	79
Total		100%	50	100%	155	100%	204	100%	166
Race	Black/African American	27%	13	29%	41	13%	27	13%	21
	Hispanic	6%	3	6%	9	6%	11	3%	4
	Asian/Asian American	14%	6	5%	8	9%	17	5%	9
	White	52%	25	54%	77	66%	131	73%	118
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	1%	0	6%	9	6%	13	5%	9
Total		100%	47	100%	144	100%	198	100%	161
Employment Status	Employed full time	34%	18	34%	54	48%	101	51%	87
	Employed part time			7%	11	5%	11	5%	8
	Looking for work			4%	6			1%	1
	Stay-at-home	5%	3	1%	1	2%	4	0%	1
	Student			1%	1	1%	2	1%	2
	Retired	49%	26	47%	74	39%	82	40%	69
	Disabled	7%	4	3%	5	0%	1	1%	1

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		Up to High School degree		Associates degree/ some college		Bachelor's degree/ some graduate school		Graduate degree	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Other	5%	3	3%	5	4%	8	1%	2
Total		100%	53	100%	157	100%	210	100%	171
Household income	Less than \$50,000	45%	19	26%	32	11%	18	3%	5
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	27%	11	22%	27	18%	31	10%	15
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	14%	6	18%	22	16%	27	16%	25
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	9%	4	23%	28	23%	39	27%	41
	\$150,000 or more	6%	2	12%	14	32%	54	43%	66
Total		100%	42	100%	123	100%	168	100%	151
Local voting district	1	10%	5	7%	12	10%	21	12%	21
	2	13%	7	6%	10	9%	18	13%	22
	3	14%	8	14%	22	11%	22	5%	9
	4	7%	4	12%	19	8%	16	6%	11
	5	9%	5	16%	25	7%	14	10%	17
	6	7%	4	3%	5	14%	29	16%	28
	7	7%	4	13%	21	12%	26	6%	11
	8	9%	5	9%	13	8%	17	15%	26
	9	5%	3	6%	10	14%	29	12%	20
	10	19%	10	13%	20	8%	17	4%	7
Total		100%	53	100%	157	100%	211	100%	171

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		Household Income									
		Less than \$50,000		\$50,000 - \$74,999		\$75,000 - \$99,999		\$100,000 - \$149,999		\$150,000 or more	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	84%	64	95%	76	99%	78	98%	105	98%	127
	No	16%	12	5%	4	1%	1	2%	2	2%	2
Total		100%	76	100%	81	100%	79	100%	108	100%	129
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	30%	22	40%	33	54%	43	51%	56	49%	66
	Very interested	27%	20	38%	32	30%	24	34%	38	31%	42
	Moderately interested	22%	16	20%	16	13%	10	14%	16	16%	22
	Slightly interested	12%	9	1%	1	2%	2	1%	1	4%	5
	Not interested at all	9%	6	1%	1	1%	0				
Total		100%	74	100%	83	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	26%	19	37%	31	44%	35	39%	44	31%	42
	Very interested	24%	18	37%	31	35%	28	38%	42	40%	55
	Moderately interested	32%	24	18%	15	15%	12	19%	21	21%	29
	Slightly interested	12%	9	4%	3	6%	5	3%	3	7%	9
	Not interested at all	7%	5	4%	3			0%	1	1%	1
Total		100%	75	100%	83	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	82%	60	95%	78	92%	73	95%	105	94%	126
	No	18%	13	5%	4	8%	6	5%	5	6%	8
Total		100%	73	100%	82	100%	79	100%	111	100%	134
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	54%	31	52%	41	61%	42	56%	58	57%	66
	Voted before election day, in-person	21%	12	27%	21	26%	18	24%	24	29%	34
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	25%	14	21%	16	12%	8	20%	21	14%	17
Total		100%	57	100%	77	100%	69	100%	103	100%	117
	Very positive	45%	25	58%	44	66%	47	65%	68	65%	78

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		Household Income									
		Less than \$50,000		\$50,000 - \$74,999		\$75,000 - \$99,999		\$100,000 - \$149,999		\$150,000 or more	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Positive	41%	23	32%	25	30%	21	25%	26	31%	38
	Neither positive nor negative	13%	7	10%	8	3%	2	10%	10	4%	5
	Negative	2%	1			1%	1				
Total		100%	57	100%	77	100%	71	100%	104	100%	121
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	95%	53	90%	69	95%	67	95%	98	98%	120
	No	5%	3	10%	8	5%	4	5%	5	2%	2
Total		100%	56	100%	77	100%	70	100%	103	100%	121
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	18%	13	19%	15	31%	24	33%	36	34%	44
	Very closely	33%	24	39%	32	44%	33	36%	40	34%	46
	Somewhat closely	32%	23	35%	28	21%	16	24%	26	28%	38
	Not so closely	5%	3	1%	1	3%	3	5%	5	2%	3
	Not at all closely	12%	9	6%	5			2%	3	1%	2
Total		100%	71	100%	81	100%	76	100%	111	100%	132
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	9%	7	6%	5	15%	11	13%	14	7%	10
	Very familiar	11%	9	23%	19	23%	18	22%	24	23%	31
	Moderately familiar	29%	22	30%	25	28%	21	34%	37	37%	51
	Slightly familiar	16%	12	16%	13	10%	8	17%	19	12%	16
	Not at all familiar	34%	26	26%	22	24%	18	15%	16	21%	28
Total		100%	75	100%	83	100%	77	100%	110	100%	136
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	4%	3	14%	10	8%	6	8%	8	6%	7
	Approve	37%	26	32%	22	37%	26	34%	35	38%	47
	Neither approve nor disapprove	50%	35	41%	28	45%	31	49%	50	42%	52
	Disapprove	7%	5	9%	6	10%	7	8%	8	12%	14
	Strongly disapprove	2%	1	4%	3			1%	1	3%	3

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	70	100%	67	100%	70	100%	102	100%	122
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	51%	38	65%	55	70%	55	78%	87	64%	88
	No	34%	26	27%	22	20%	16	16%	18	27%	36
	Not sure	15%	11	8%	7	10%	8	5%	6	9%	12
Total		100%	75	100%	84	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	9%	5	3%	2	11%	8	11%	11	6%	7
	Very well represented	18%	11	32%	22	24%	17	30%	30	23%	28
	Moderately represented	48%	27	41%	28	45%	32	41%	40	51%	63
	Slightly represented	19%	11	15%	10	16%	11	16%	16	18%	22
	Not at all represented	6%	3	9%	6	5%	4	1%	1	3%	4
Total		100%	58	100%	70	100%	72	100%	98	100%	123
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	10%	5	3%	2	8%	5	13%	12	6%	7
	Very well represented	17%	9	29%	19	27%	18	35%	33	25%	31
	Moderately represented	51%	28	37%	24	46%	31	39%	37	47%	58
	Slightly represented	16%	9	23%	15	17%	12	10%	10	18%	22
	Not at all represented	7%	4	9%	6	3%	2	3%	3	5%	6
Total		100%	55	100%	65	100%	69	100%	94	100%	123
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	13%	6	22%	13	28%	17	29%	25	21%	22
	Moderately satisfied	52%	25	31%	19	37%	22	28%	25	38%	39
	Slightly satisfied	19%	9	30%	19	9%	6	26%	23	18%	19
	Slightly dissatisfied	9%	4	5%	3	16%	10	6%	5	10%	11
	Moderately dissatisfied	4%	2	5%	3	5%	3	8%	7	9%	9
Total		100%	48	100%	62	100%	59	100%	87	100%	103
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Extremely familiar	8%	6	12%	11	11%	9	8%	9	12%	16
	Very familiar	6%	4	12%	10	29%	23	28%	31	22%	30
	Moderately familiar	27%	20	17%	15	19%	15	26%	29	25%	34

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	
		Slightly familiar	15%	11	18%	16	10%	8	19%	21	13%	18
		Not at all familiar	43%	32	40%	34	30%	24	19%	21	28%	38
Total			100%	73	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	13%	6	2%	1	5%	3	3%	3	6%	6	
	Very well represented	21%	10	15%	8	22%	14	18%	17	18%	20	
	Moderately represented	43%	21	35%	19	43%	28	43%	40	36%	41	
	Slightly represented	16%	8	27%	15	23%	15	24%	23	26%	29	
	Not at all represented	7%	3	21%	11	7%	5	12%	11	15%	16	
Total		100%	48	100%	54	100%	65	100%	94	100%	112	
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	12%	6	1%	0	7%	4	9%	8	4%	4	
	Very well represented	21%	11	16%	8	15%	9	17%	16	24%	27	
	Moderately represented	42%	21	38%	19	40%	24	45%	41	32%	35	
	Slightly represented	13%	7	29%	15	30%	18	21%	19	26%	29	
	Not at all represented	11%	6	16%	8	8%	5	8%	7	14%	15	
Total		100%	50	100%	51	100%	60	100%	91	100%	110	
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	19%	8	9%	4	17%	10	13%	12	15%	16	
	Moderately satisfied	34%	14	33%	16	39%	23	31%	28	28%	30	
	Slightly satisfied	20%	8	22%	10	12%	7	23%	21	15%	16	
	Slightly dissatisfied	6%	3	6%	3	8%	5	6%	5	17%	18	
	Moderately dissatisfied	7%	3	13%	6	5%	3	16%	14	12%	12	
	Very dissatisfied	14%	6	16%	8	18%	10	11%	10	14%	14	
Total		100%	41	100%	48	100%	58	100%	90	100%	107	
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of	The 10-1 system represents my interests better	37%	22	50%	40	47%	33	54%	56	48%	63	
	The 10-1 system represents my interest worse	16%	9	12%	10	19%	14	16%	17	20%	27	

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the following statements best captures your opinion?	The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	48%	29	37%	30	34%	24	30%	31	32%	42
Total		100%	61	100%	79	100%	71	100%	104	100%	131
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	5%	3	1%	1			2%	2	2%	3
	Very familiar	1%	1	7%	6	2%	2	9%	10	6%	8
	Moderately familiar	12%	9	15%	12	16%	13	7%	8	15%	21
	Slightly familiar	17%	12	17%	15	23%	18	15%	16	19%	25
	Not at all familiar	65%	47	60%	51	59%	47	68%	75	58%	79
Total		100%	72	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	21%	16	30%	25	35%	27	38%	42	25%	35
	Very important	43%	31	45%	38	34%	26	45%	50	49%	67
	Moderately important	19%	14	18%	15	22%	17	13%	14	19%	27
	Slightly important	7%	5	4%	3	6%	4	3%	3	5%	7
	Not at all important	10%	7	3%	3	4%	3	0%	0	1%	1
Total		100%	73	100%	83	100%	78	100%	109	100%	137
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	13%	7	12%	9	20%	14	19%	18	11%	14
	Very impactful	22%	12	43%	31	39%	27	35%	34	38%	48
	Moderately impactful	30%	16	33%	24	26%	18	38%	37	29%	37
	Slightly impactful	24%	13	5%	4	11%	8	8%	7	16%	20
	Not at all impactful	12%	6	7%	5	4%	3	1%	1	7%	9
Total		100%	55	100%	72	100%	70	100%	98	100%	128
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	16%	9	14%	9	22%	15	20%	19	12%	15
	Very impactful	26%	15	43%	30	33%	23	40%	38	31%	40
	Moderately impactful	25%	15	29%	20	29%	20	30%	29	31%	40
	Slightly impactful	27%	16	7%	5	16%	11	11%	11	19%	25
	Not at all impactful	5%	3	7%	5	1%	1			7%	10

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Total		100%	59	100%	69	100%	70	100%	97	100%	130
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	30%	22	50%	42	59%	47	57%	64	46%	63
	Very important	51%	38	42%	36	33%	26	35%	38	43%	58
	Moderately important	12%	9	8%	7	8%	6	7%	7	8%	11
	Slightly important	5%	4					2%	2	3%	3
	Not at all important	1%	1							1%	1
Total		100%	74	100%	84	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	20%	14	47%	40	37%	29	39%	44	31%	41
	Very important	38%	28	28%	23	34%	27	22%	24	30%	40
	Moderately important	19%	14	10%	8	13%	10	14%	15	20%	27
	Slightly important	7%	5	5%	4	8%	6	10%	12	7%	9
	Not at all important	16%	12	10%	8	9%	7	15%	16	13%	17
Total		100%	73	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	135
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	20%	14	48%	40	35%	27	37%	42	28%	38
	Very important	35%	25	21%	18	32%	25	14%	16	29%	39
	Moderately important	21%	15	15%	13	17%	13	22%	25	21%	28
	Slightly important	3%	2	7%	6	8%	6	8%	9	6%	8
	Not at all important	21%	15	9%	7	9%	7	18%	20	17%	23
Total		100%	71	100%	84	100%	79	100%	111	100%	135
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	24%	18	38%	33	30%	24	38%	42	27%	37
	Very important	39%	29	41%	34	31%	25	34%	38	43%	59
	Moderately important	27%	20	14%	12	33%	26	18%	20	18%	24
	Slightly important	4%	3	6%	5	5%	4	8%	9	7%	9
	Not at all important	6%	4	1%	1	1%	1	3%	3	5%	7
Total		100%	74	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia	Strongly support	14%	11	13%	11	15%	12	10%	11	6%	8
	Moderately support	19%	14	11%	9	15%	12	12%	14	10%	13
	Slightly support	15%	11	13%	11	13%	10	12%	13	12%	16

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Slightly oppose	3%	2	6%	5	3%	3	12%	13	11%	14
	Moderately oppose	7%	5	5%	5	11%	9	12%	13	13%	18
	Strongly oppose	12%	9	12%	10	14%	11	19%	21	17%	23
	No opinion	22%	17	26%	22	17%	14	9%	10	16%	22
	Not sure	7%	5	14%	12	10%	8	14%	16	16%	21
Total		100%	74	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	135
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase	15%	11	18%	15	27%	22	13%	15	12%	16
	Decrease	5%	4	4%	3	5%	4	3%	4	5%	7
	Keep the same number	38%	28	30%	26	48%	38	57%	64	50%	68
	No opinion	25%	18	32%	27	6%	5	9%	10	15%	20
	Not sure	17%	13	16%	13	14%	11	17%	19	18%	24
Total		100%	73	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	135
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	45%	33	58%	48	63%	49	62%	69	62%	85
	Moderately support	20%	15	28%	23	21%	17	21%	23	20%	27
	Slightly support	14%	10	1%	0	6%	5	5%	6	7%	10
	Slightly oppose			2%	2	3%	2	3%	4	1%	1
	Moderately oppose	3%	2	3%	2	1%	1	5%	5	4%	6
	Strongly oppose	2%	2	3%	2	2%	2	3%	3	2%	2
	No opinion	8%	6	3%	2					3%	4
	Not sure	8%	6	4%	3	4%	3	1%	2	1%	1
Total		100%	73	100%	84	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support	21%	15	7%	6	14%	11	9%	10	6%	8
	Moderately support	18%	13	12%	10	7%	6	13%	15	7%	10
	Slightly support	4%	3	5%	4	8%	6	3%	4	12%	16
	Slightly oppose	21%	15	4%	3	4%	3	8%	9	10%	14
	Moderately oppose	5%	3	18%	16	14%	11	18%	20	18%	25
	Strongly oppose	15%	11	43%	37	46%	36	45%	50	45%	61
	No opinion	8%	6	5%	4	1%	1			1%	1

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Not sure	8%	6	5%	4	6%	5	2%	3	1%	2
Total		100%	73	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	135
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	14%	10	6%	5	15%	11	9%	10	11%	15
	Moderately support	16%	11	17%	14	15%	12	30%	34	14%	19
	Slightly support	18%	13	8%	7	15%	12	13%	14	17%	23
	Slightly oppose	12%	9	10%	9	7%	6	7%	8	9%	12
	Moderately oppose	8%	5	13%	11	17%	13	5%	5	14%	19
	Strongly oppose	8%	5	31%	26	21%	16	31%	34	25%	33
	No opinion	10%	7	9%	8	4%	3	2%	3	5%	7
	Not sure	14%	10	6%	5	6%	5	3%	4	6%	8
Total		100%	71	100%	84	100%	77	100%	111	100%	136
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	18%	13	6%	5	15%	12	11%	13	8%	11
	Moderately support	15%	11	11%	10	8%	6	10%	11	5%	7
	Slightly support	8%	6	11%	9	9%	7	4%	5	4%	5
	Slightly oppose	2%	2	6%	5	2%	2	7%	8	11%	15
	Moderately oppose	10%	7	8%	7	14%	11	18%	20	15%	20
	Strongly oppose	25%	17	45%	38	46%	36	47%	52	52%	71
	No opinion	11%	8	9%	8			1%	1	3%	4
	Not sure	10%	7	4%	3	6%	4	2%	2	2%	3
Total		100%	71	100%	85	100%	78	100%	111	100%	136
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	39%	27	35%	29	28%	22	31%	35	21%	28
	Moderately support	19%	13	21%	18	17%	14	20%	22	19%	26
	Slightly support	7%	5	10%	8	8%	6	14%	16	14%	20
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	7%	5	10%	8	8%	9	13%	17
	Moderately oppose	6%	4	6%	5	15%	12	10%	11	10%	14
	Strongly oppose	7%	5	13%	11	9%	7	10%	11	15%	21
	No opinion	10%	7	4%	4	5%	4	1%	2	2%	3
	Not sure	9%	6	4%	3	8%	6	5%	5	5%	7

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	69	100%	84	100%	78	100%	111	100%	135
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	37%	26	33%	28	47%	36	30%	33	33%	44
	Moderately support	20%	14	26%	21	16%	12	25%	28	23%	32
	Slightly support	4%	2	10%	8	11%	8	14%	15	7%	10
	Slightly oppose	2%	1	10%	9	3%	3	6%	7	10%	14
	Moderately oppose	5%	4	3%	3	6%	5	10%	11	8%	10
	Strongly oppose	6%	4	10%	8	6%	5	10%	11	12%	17
	No opinion	20%	14	4%	3	2%	2	3%	4	2%	3
Total		7%	5	4%	4	9%	7	2%	2	5%	6
Total		100%	70	100%	84	100%	78	100%	111	100%	135
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	6%	4	7%	6	9%	7	3%	3	12%	16
	Very familiar	5%	3	12%	10	13%	10	12%	14	19%	26
	Moderately familiar	17%	12	21%	18	17%	13	27%	29	23%	31
	Slightly familiar	9%	6	16%	13	26%	20	19%	20	18%	24
	Not at all familiar	64%	45	44%	37	36%	28	39%	43	28%	38
Total		100%	71	100%	84	100%	78	100%	110	100%	135
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	8%	5	6%	5	13%	10	6%	6	16%	22
	Moderately support	8%	6	7%	6	7%	6	10%	11	12%	16
	Slightly support	14%	10	6%	5	8%	6	9%	10	9%	12
	Slightly oppose	3%	2	9%	7	12%	9	12%	13	3%	4
	Moderately oppose	5%	3	12%	10	9%	7	10%	11	13%	17
	Strongly oppose	15%	10	33%	28	21%	16	34%	38	28%	37
	No opinion	25%	17	15%	12	11%	9	9%	10	11%	15
Total		23%	17	13%	11	20%	15	10%	11	8%	11
Total		100%	71	100%	84	100%	77	100%	110	100%	135
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election	Strongly support	30%	14	34%	23	46%	31	39%	39	38%	47
	Moderately support	34%	16	41%	28	22%	15	29%	29	30%	37
	Slightly support	18%	9	8%	6	17%	12	10%	10	18%	22

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
system used in the 2022 election?	Slightly oppose	2%	1	2%	1	2%	2	5%	5	4%	5
	Moderately oppose	5%	2	10%	7	5%	3	5%	5	1%	1
	Strongly oppose	11%	5	6%	4	8%	5	12%	12	9%	11
Total		100%	48	100%	69	100%	68	100%	100	100%	124
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	21%	10	18%	10	20%	13	22%	21	16%	19
	Moderately support	22%	10	31%	18	31%	20	22%	21	24%	27
	Slightly support	21%	10	24%	14	15%	9	15%	14	19%	21
	Slightly oppose	4%	2	3%	2	11%	7	9%	8	7%	8
	Moderately oppose	7%	3	6%	4	7%	5	12%	11	14%	16
	Strongly oppose	26%	12	18%	11	16%	10	19%	18	19%	22
Total		100%	47	100%	58	100%	64	100%	94	100%	113
Zip Code	23451	1%	1	4%	3	7%	5	6%	7	25%	33
	23452	20%	15	16%	13	12%	10	9%	10	11%	14
	23453	4%	3	9%	8	11%	8	8%	9	3%	4
	23454	18%	13	10%	8	17%	13	19%	21	16%	20
	23455	11%	8	9%	8	10%	8	10%	11	15%	20
	23456	7%	5	15%	12	14%	11	17%	19	14%	19
	23462	16%	12	23%	19	12%	9	10%	11	4%	5
	23464	22%	16	15%	12	16%	13	20%	23	12%	16
Total		100%	71	100%	82	100%	78	100%	111	100%	132
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year	4%	3	2%	2	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1
	1-5 years	14%	10	10%	8	6%	5	8%	9	16%	22
	6-10 years	10%	8	5%	5	5%	4	13%	15	12%	17
	11-24 years	18%	14	27%	23	26%	21	23%	26	23%	32
	25 years and longer	54%	41	56%	47	61%	48	54%	60	47%	65
Total		100%	76	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
	Yes	84%	61	95%	80	93%	72	91%	101	93%	124

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		Household Income									
		Less than \$50,000		\$50,000 - \$74,999		\$75,000 - \$99,999		\$100,000 - \$149,999		\$150,000 or more	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	No	16%	11	5%	4	7%	6	9%	10	7%	9
Total		100%	72	100%	84	100%	78	100%	110	100%	133
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	60%	46	76%	65	85%	67	95%	105	96%	131
	Rent	37%	28	22%	18	14%	11	5%	5	4%	5
	Other (please specify):	3%	2	2%	2	1%	1	0%	0	0%	0
Total		100%	76	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
Age	Less than 40	16%	12	14%	11	6%	5	10%	11	10%	13
	40-49	3%	2	2%	2	13%	10	14%	15	23%	31
	50-59	10%	8	13%	10	9%	7	27%	30	21%	28
	60-69	29%	21	25%	20	37%	29	23%	26	27%	36
	70 and older	42%	30	46%	37	35%	27	26%	29	19%	26
Total		100%	73	100%	80	100%	79	100%	111	100%	134
What is your marital status?	Married	25%	19	35%	30	57%	45	72%	80	81%	109
	Living as married	3%	2	2%	2	3%	3	5%	5	3%	3
	Divorced	21%	16	30%	26	16%	12	13%	14	9%	12
	Widowed	22%	16	16%	13	13%	10	6%	7	4%	6
	Separated	7%	5			1%	1			1%	2
	Single, never married	21%	16	17%	14	10%	8	5%	5	3%	4
Total		100%	74	100%	85	100%	79	100%	111	100%	136
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	91%	56	87%	68	84%	61	73%	77	68%	86
	One	1%	1	10%	8	9%	7	12%	13	9%	11
	Two	5%	3	2%	1	6%	4	12%	12	19%	24
	Three or more	3%	2	2%	2	1%	1	3%	4	4%	5
Total		100%	62	100%	78	100%	73	100%	106	100%	126
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal	1%	1	5%	4	3%	3	1%	1	1%	2
	Liberal	17%	12	19%	16	12%	9	15%	17	17%	23

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		Household Income									
		Less than \$50,000		\$50,000 - \$74,999		\$75,000 - \$99,999		\$100,000 - \$149,999		\$150,000 or more	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Slightly Liberal	10%	7	10%	8	6%	5	7%	8	17%	23
	Moderate	43%	31	40%	33	36%	28	37%	41	22%	31
	Slightly Conservative	6%	4	9%	8	6%	5	14%	15	15%	21
	Conservative	18%	13	15%	12	29%	23	20%	22	23%	32
	Extremely Conservative	5%	3	1%	1	8%	6	5%	5	4%	6
Total		100%	72	100%	82	100%	78	100%	109	100%	137
Political Party Affiliation	Republican	40%	26	22%	17	38%	28	28%	29	30%	39
	Democrat	39%	26	48%	37	40%	29	36%	37	32%	41
	Independent	21%	14	30%	23	22%	16	36%	37	38%	50
Total		100%	67	100%	77	100%	73	100%	103	100%	131
Gender	Man	35%	25	35%	30	57%	46	60%	66	59%	79
	Woman	65%	47	65%	55	43%	34	40%	44	41%	55
Total		100%	72	100%	85	100%	79	100%	109	100%	134
Race	Black/African American	21%	15	28%	23	17%	13	17%	17	8%	10
	Hispanic	4%	3	7%	6	3%	2	11%	12	4%	5
	Asian/Asian American	13%	10	8%	7	12%	9	7%	7	3%	4
	White	56%	42	51%	42	64%	50	59%	62	80%	102
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	6%	5	6%	5	6%	4	7%	7	6%	7
Total		100%	75	100%	83	100%	78	100%	105	100%	128
Employment Status	Employed full time	28%	21	42%	35	37%	29	60%	67	60%	82
	Employed part time	9%	7	6%	5	9%	7	2%	3	5%	6
	Looking for work	3%	3					2%	2	0%	0
	Stay-at-home	2%	1	1%	1	2%	2	1%	1	2%	3
	Student							1%	1		
	Retired	49%	37	49%	42	50%	39	31%	34	29%	39
	Disabled	4%	3	3%	2	2%	1			0%	1
	Other	4%	3					3%	3	3%	5

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		Household Income									
		Less than \$50,000		\$50,000 - \$74,999		\$75,000 - \$99,999		\$100,000 - \$149,999		\$150,000 or more	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	76	100%	85	100%	78	100%	111	100%	136
Education Level	Up to High School degree	26%	19	14%	11	7%	6	3%	4	2%	2
	Associates degree and/or some college	43%	32	32%	27	28%	22	25%	28	11%	14
	Bachelors degree and/or some graduate school	24%	18	37%	31	34%	27	35%	39	40%	54
	Graduate degree	7%	5	17%	15	31%	25	37%	41	48%	66
Total		100%	74	100%	84	100%	79	100%	111	100%	137
Local voting district	1	17%	13	9%	8	11%	9	10%	11	4%	5
	2	5%	4	6%	5	6%	4	13%	14	12%	17
	3	15%	12	12%	10	11%	9	4%	5	9%	12
	4	14%	10	21%	17	5%	4	6%	7	1%	2
	5	7%	5	8%	7	8%	7	13%	14	14%	18
	6	6%	5	5%	4	13%	10	7%	8	20%	28
	7	8%	6	14%	12	8%	6	16%	17	8%	11
	8	5%	4	6%	5	7%	6	11%	13	16%	21
	9	13%	10	5%	4	10%	8	10%	11	14%	19
	10	9%	7	15%	13	20%	16	10%	11	1%	2
Total		100%	76	100%	85	100%	78	100%	111	100%	136

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		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?	Yes	98%	162	95%	194	93%	148
	No	2%	4	5%	10	7%	11
Total		100%	166	100%	204	100%	159
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics nationally in the United States?	Extremely interested	52%	88	46%	93	43%	71
	Very interested	27%	45	35%	70	35%	57
	Moderately interested	18%	31	15%	29	17%	28
	Slightly interested	2%	4	3%	6	5%	9
	Not interested at all	1%	2	2%	3	0%	1
Total		100%	170	100%	202	100%	165
How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics locally in Virginia Beach?	Extremely interested	39%	66	39%	78	32%	54
	Very interested	30%	51	40%	81	37%	62
	Moderately interested	24%	41	16%	31	22%	36
	Slightly interested	6%	10	4%	7	8%	13
	Not interested at all	1%	3	2%	4	2%	3
Total		100%	171	100%	202	100%	167
Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?	Yes	96%	162	93%	186	89%	147
	No	4%	7	7%	14	11%	19
Total		100%	169	100%	200	100%	165
How did you cast your vote?	Voted on election day, in-person	70%	108	41%	74	56%	76
	Voted before election day, in-person	21%	33	34%	61	21%	28
	Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot	9%	14	25%	45	23%	30
Total		100%	155	100%	179	100%	135
How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?	Very positive	64%	99	55%	102	59%	83
	Positive	29%	44	38%	70	32%	45
	Neither positive nor negative	6%	9	6%	12	10%	14
	Negative	1%	2				
Total		100%	154	100%	183	100%	141
Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?	Yes	93%	142	93%	169	94%	133
	No	7%	11	7%	14	6%	9
Total		100%	152	100%	182	100%	141
How closely does the provided description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system?	Extremely closely	27%	44	26%	52	30%	48
	Very closely	39%	65	33%	64	39%	63
	Somewhat closely	28%	45	33%	65	22%	36
	Not so closely	3%	5	3%	7	6%	9

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		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Not at all closely	4%	6	5%	9	3%	5
Total		100%	165	100%	197	100%	161
Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?	Extremely familiar	12%	20	9%	18	11%	19
	Very familiar	21%	35	19%	38	20%	32
	Moderately familiar	38%	65	35%	70	28%	46
	Slightly familiar	15%	25	12%	24	17%	27
	Not at all familiar	15%	25	25%	51	24%	40
Total		100%	170	100%	202	100%	164
How much do you approve or disapprove of the districts being drawn into these 10 districts?	Strongly approve	4%	6	11%	19	9%	13
	Approve	42%	66	28%	48	38%	56
	Neither approve nor disapprove	39%	60	51%	87	39%	57
	Disapprove	10%	16	8%	13	12%	17
	Strongly disapprove	5%	7	2%	3	2%	3
Total		100%	155	100%	170	100%	146
Before taking this survey, did you know which of these district you live in?	Yes	74%	128	64%	130	64%	106
	No	18%	32	26%	53	26%	43
	Not sure	8%	14	10%	21	11%	18
Total		100%	173	100%	205	100%	166
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	5%	8	10%	17	7%	9
	Very well represented	23%	35	26%	45	25%	34
	Moderately represented	49%	76	45%	77	49%	67
	Slightly represented	21%	32	14%	24	15%	20
	Not at all represented	2%	4	5%	9	4%	5
Total		100%	156	100%	172	100%	136
With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?	Extremely well represented	5%	7	12%	20	6%	8
	Very well represented	22%	34	30%	48	26%	35
	Moderately represented	49%	76	40%	65	46%	62
	Slightly represented	18%	29	14%	23	18%	24
	Not at all represented	6%	10	3%	6	4%	5
Total		100%	156	100%	161	100%	135
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?	Very satisfied	20%	28	26%	36	18%	21
	Moderately satisfied	37%	53	37%	51	37%	44
	Slightly satisfied	21%	31	19%	26	24%	28
	Slightly dissatisfied	8%	11	8%	11	10%	12
	Moderately dissatisfied	6%	9	6%	8	7%	8
	Very dissatisfied	8%	11	4%	5	4%	5
Total		100%	143	100%	137	100%	119
	Extremely familiar	12%	21	8%	16	12%	20

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		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 hybrid election system?	Very familiar	20%	33	18%	36	22%	37
	Moderately familiar	22%	39	25%	50	22%	36
	Slightly familiar	16%	27	15%	30	15%	25
	Not at all familiar	30%	51	35%	71	30%	50
Total		100%	172	100%	204	100%	168
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	8%	11	9%	14	2%	3
	Very well represented	18%	25	19%	29	18%	23
	Moderately represented	47%	66	35%	55	41%	52
	Slightly represented	20%	29	24%	36	26%	33
	Not at all represented	6%	9	13%	20	13%	17
Total		100%	140	100%	155	100%	127
With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood's interests were represented on the City Council?	Extremely well represented	6%	9	10%	15	5%	6
	Very well represented	23%	32	16%	24	17%	21
	Moderately represented	44%	60	40%	59	39%	46
	Slightly represented	23%	32	21%	31	27%	32
	Not at all represented	4%	5	13%	18	12%	14
Total		100%	138	100%	148	100%	119
How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?	Very satisfied	19%	25	17%	24	11%	13
	Moderately satisfied	38%	49	25%	34	28%	33
	Slightly satisfied	23%	30	19%	25	20%	24
	Slightly dissatisfied	9%	11	7%	9	17%	20
	Moderately dissatisfied	3%	4	13%	17	15%	18
	Very dissatisfied	8%	10	19%	26	9%	10
Total		100%	130	100%	136	100%	119
Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 election system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?	10-1 system represents my interests better	41%	66	47%	82	48%	74
	10-1 system represents my interest worse	26%	41	14%	24	17%	26
	10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system	33%	53	38%	66	35%	54
Total		100%	160	100%	173	100%	154
How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach's election system in 2022?	Extremely familiar	2%	4	3%	6	1%	2
	Very familiar	4%	6	5%	9	8%	13
	Moderately familiar	14%	23	16%	32	13%	21
	Slightly familiar	18%	31	16%	32	16%	27
	Not at all familiar	63%	107	61%	123	62%	104
Total		100%	172	100%	203	100%	168

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		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?	Extremely important	32%	55	35%	70	24%	41
	Very important	39%	67	44%	89	48%	80
	Moderately important	21%	35	13%	27	21%	34
	Slightly important	5%	9	5%	9	5%	8
	Not at all important	2%	4	3%	7	2%	3
Total		100%	171	100%	202	100%	167
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	14%	22	17%	30	16%	22
	Very impactful	32%	50	39%	67	33%	48
	Moderately impactful	34%	52	29%	49	35%	50
	Slightly impactful	15%	23	11%	18	13%	18
	Not at all impactful	4%	7	4%	8	4%	5
Total		100%	153	100%	172	100%	144
How impactful do you think the election system is on the City's responsiveness to your neighborhood's needs and interests?	Extremely impactful	14%	22	20%	35	18%	26
	Very impactful	36%	54	34%	60	31%	44
	Moderately impactful	30%	46	33%	58	30%	44
	Slightly impactful	17%	25	12%	21	16%	23
	Not at all impactful	3%	5	1%	3	5%	7
Total		100%	152	100%	176	100%	144
How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?	Extremely important	45%	77	55%	112	46%	77
	Very important	44%	76	38%	77	41%	69
	Moderately important	10%	17	6%	12	9%	15
	Slightly important	2%	3	2%	3	3%	5
	Not at all important					1%	1
Total		100%	173	100%	204	100%	167
How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?	Extremely important	13%	23	56%	114	31%	51
	Very important	26%	44	34%	70	29%	48
	Moderately important	26%	45	4%	8	17%	28
	Slightly important	13%	21	3%	7	7%	11
	Not at all important	22%	37	2%	4	17%	28
Total		100%	170	100%	203	100%	167
How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?	Extremely important	9%	16	57%	116	26%	44
	Very important	19%	32	31%	63	29%	48
	Moderately important	31%	52	8%	17	20%	33
	Slightly important	14%	23	1%	3	9%	15
	Not at all important	28%	46	2%	5	16%	26
Total		100%	169	100%	203	100%	167
How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?	Extremely important	15%	26	49%	100	29%	48
	Very important	38%	65	34%	70	41%	68
	Moderately important	28%	48	14%	29	22%	38
	Slightly important	12%	21	2%	3	6%	9
	Not at all important	7%	13	1%	1	3%	4
Total		100%	171	100%	204	100%	168

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		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.	Strongly support	8%	13	18%	37	5%	8
	Moderately support	7%	12	19%	38	12%	20
	Slightly support	12%	21	13%	26	14%	24
	Slightly oppose	12%	20	5%	11	10%	17
	Moderately oppose	9%	16	7%	14	12%	20
	Strongly oppose	25%	43	8%	15	18%	31
	No opinion	14%	24	18%	37	16%	26
	Not sure	13%	22	12%	25	13%	21
Total		100%	171	100%	202	100%	168
What is your view on changing the number of districts?	Increase	9%	15	20%	41	17%	28
	Decrease	5%	9	4%	9	4%	7
	Keep the same number	60%	102	37%	74	43%	73
	No opinion	15%	26	19%	39	17%	29
	Not sure	11%	19	19%	39	19%	31
Total		100%	171	100%	202	100%	168
The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.	Strongly support	55%	95	60%	121	63%	104
	Moderately support	22%	38	24%	50	19%	31
	Slightly support	8%	14	3%	7	8%	14
	Slightly oppose	3%	5	1%	3	2%	3
	Moderately oppose	3%	5	1%	3	4%	7
	Strongly oppose	4%	8	2%	4	1%	2
	No opinion	1%	1	5%	10	2%	3
	Not sure	4%	7	3%	6	2%	3
Total		100%	173	100%	203	100%	166
The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).	Strongly support	12%	21	13%	27	6%	11
	Moderately support	14%	24	12%	24	12%	20
	Slightly support	9%	15	6%	13	6%	9
	Slightly oppose	9%	16	9%	19	9%	16
	Moderately oppose	15%	26	16%	32	16%	26
	Strongly oppose	33%	57	39%	78	46%	78
	No opinion	2%	3	2%	4	3%	5
	Not sure	5%	8	3%	6	2%	3
Total		100%	172	100%	203	100%	167
Some City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	10%	18	16%	31	10%	16
	Moderately support	24%	41	15%	30	17%	29
	Slightly support	15%	27	17%	33	11%	18
	Slightly oppose	5%	9	10%	20	11%	19
	Moderately oppose	11%	18	11%	22	11%	18
	Strongly oppose	20%	35	21%	41	27%	46
	No opinion	6%	10	4%	8	7%	11
	Not sure	9%	15	7%	15	6%	10
Total		100%	173	100%	200	100%	167

APPENDIX C- DEMOGRAPHIC COMPARISONS

		Political Party Affiliation					
		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
All City Council members are elected city-wide.	Strongly support	14%	24	9%	18	11%	19
	Moderately support	13%	22	14%	29	5%	8
	Slightly support	7%	12	11%	21	5%	8
	Slightly oppose	5%	8	8%	17	8%	13
	Moderately oppose	11%	19	13%	27	13%	21
	Strongly oppose	39%	68	39%	78	51%	86
	No opinion	3%	5	4%	9	3%	5
	Not sure	8%	14	2%	3	5%	8
Total		100%	173	100%	200	100%	167
Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.	Strongly support	32%	54	32%	64	31%	51
	Moderately support	17%	29	16%	32	21%	34
	Slightly support	12%	20	14%	27	10%	16
	Slightly oppose	6%	11	7%	15	11%	17
	Moderately oppose	10%	17	9%	18	9%	14
	Strongly oppose	11%	18	11%	22	13%	21
	No opinion	4%	6	4%	7	4%	7
	Not sure	7%	13	8%	15	2%	2
Total		100%	167	100%	200	100%	163
Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.	Strongly support	34%	56	39%	78	36%	59
	Moderately support	21%	35	25%	49	18%	30
	Slightly support	9%	14	10%	19	9%	15
	Slightly oppose	8%	14	4%	8	7%	11
	Moderately oppose	8%	13	6%	11	8%	14
	Strongly oppose	10%	16	6%	11	14%	22
	No opinion	6%	10	5%	10	3%	4
	Not sure	4%	7	6%	11	5%	9
Total		100%	166	100%	199	100%	165
How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?	Extremely familiar	5%	8	6%	12	10%	16
	Very familiar	9%	15	13%	25	15%	25
	Moderately familiar	24%	40	20%	40	22%	36
	Slightly familiar	21%	35	17%	33	17%	29
	Not at all familiar	41%	69	45%	89	36%	60
Total		100%	167	100%	199	100%	165
Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	3%	5	11%	23	12%	20
	Moderately support	6%	10	13%	26	6%	10
	Slightly support	10%	16	6%	12	11%	19
	Slightly oppose	6%	11	11%	21	5%	8
	Moderately oppose	11%	18	8%	15	10%	16
	Strongly oppose	36%	60	21%	42	32%	53
	No opinion	12%	21	14%	27	14%	23
	Not sure	15%	25	17%	33	10%	17
Total		100%	167	100%	199	100%	165

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		Political Party Affiliation					
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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election?	Strongly support	35%	53	40%	66	37%	50
	Moderately support	34%	50	32%	53	30%	41
	Slightly support	11%	16	12%	20	15%	20
	Slightly oppose	5%	8	5%	8	3%	4
	Moderately oppose	6%	8	5%	8	5%	7
	Strongly oppose	10%	15	7%	12	10%	14
Total		100%	149	100%	166	100%	137
Do you support or oppose the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?	Strongly support	13%	18	26%	41	21%	27
	Moderately support	27%	35	23%	37	23%	29
	Slightly support	20%	26	18%	29	17%	23
	Slightly oppose	11%	14	6%	10	5%	7
	Moderately oppose	10%	13	9%	14	12%	16
	Strongly oppose	20%	26	18%	29	22%	28
Total		100%	132	100%	160	100%	130
Zip Code	23451	10%	17	8%	16	16%	25
	23452	15%	25	13%	26	13%	20
	23453	5%	8	9%	17	6%	10
	23454	18%	30	13%	26	11%	17
	23455	11%	18	14%	28	12%	20
	23456	18%	30	10%	20	12%	19
	23462	8%	13	15%	30	14%	23
	23464	16%	27	17%	34	17%	28
Total		100%	169	100%	198	100%	162
How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?	Less than one year	2%	3	2%	4	2%	3
	1-5 years	11%	19	10%	21	10%	18
	6-10 years	7%	12	12%	25	9%	16
	11-24 years	22%	38	22%	45	18%	31
	25 years and longer	59%	102	53%	109	60%	101
Total		100%	173	100%	203	100%	168
Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?	Yes	89%	152	92%	180	94%	153
	No	11%	18	8%	15	6%	10
Total		100%	170	100%	195	100%	163
Do you own your home or rent it?	Own	91%	158	75%	153	90%	151
	Rent	7%	11	23%	48	9%	16
	Other (please specify):	2%	4	2%	4	1%	2
Total		100%	173	100%	204	100%	168
Age	Less than 40	5%	8	11%	21	12%	20
	40-49	10%	17	8%	16	14%	23
	50-59	19%	32	18%	35	13%	21
	60-69	27%	45	32%	62	23%	37
	70 and older	38%	64	32%	62	38%	63

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		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
Total		100%	166	100%	195	100%	165
What is your marital status?	Married	70%	120	49%	99	57%	95
	Living as married	1%	2	2%	5	4%	7
	Divorced	8%	14	21%	43	21%	35
	Widowed	17%	29	10%	20	11%	18
	Separated	1%	1	2%	4	0%	1
	Single, never married	4%	7	16%	32	7%	12
Total		100%	172	100%	203	100%	167
How many children under 18 years of age live in your home?	None	82%	122	80%	148	78%	124
	One	4%	6	11%	21	8%	13
	Two	11%	17	6%	10	12%	19
	Three or more	2%	4	3%	6	1%	2
Total		100%	148	100%	186	100%	159
Political Orientation	Extremely Liberal			5%	10	0%	1
	Liberal			37%	72	9%	15
	Slightly Liberal	3%	5	13%	26	11%	19
	Moderate	15%	26	37%	73	44%	72
	Slightly Conservative	13%	22	5%	9	19%	31
	Conservative	56%	97	2%	4	17%	27
	Extremely Conservative	12%	21	1%	2		
Total		100%	172	100%	197	100%	165
Gender	Man	58%	98	40%	81	56%	90
	Woman	42%	71	60%	122	44%	70
Total		100%	169	100%	203	100%	160
Race	Black/African American	1%	2	41%	82	7%	11
	Hispanic	4%	7	3%	6	8%	12
	Asian/Asian American	10%	17	5%	9	9%	14
	White	80%	129	46%	93	69%	105
	Multiracial and other racial/ethnic identities	4%	7	5%	10	7%	11
Total		100%	162	100%	200	100%	153
Employment Status	Employed full time	42%	72	41%	84	45%	76
	Employed part time	6%	10	6%	12	5%	8
	Looking for work	2%	3	2%	3		
	Stay-at-home	2%	4	2%	3	2%	3
	Student			1%	2	1%	2
	Retired	43%	73	44%	89	44%	73
	Disabled	3%	4	3%	6		
	Other	4%	6	2%	4	3%	5
Total		100%	171	100%	204	100%	167
Education Level	Up to High School degree	8%	13	9%	19	10%	16

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		Republican		Democrat		Independent	
		w%	wN	w%	wN	w%	wN
	Associates degree and/or some college	25%	43	29%	59	18%	30
	Bachelor's degree and/or some graduate school	37%	64	36%	73	37%	61
	Graduate degree	30%	51	26%	53	34%	56
Total		100%	170	100%	204	100%	162
Household income	Less than \$50,000	19%	26	15%	26	10%	14
	\$50,000 - \$74,999	12%	17	22%	37	16%	23
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	20%	28	17%	29	11%	16
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	21%	29	21%	37	27%	37
	\$150,000 or more	28%	39	24%	41	36%	50
Total		100%	140	100%	171	100%	140
Local voting district	1	13%	22	10%	21	7%	13
	2	14%	23	9%	18	7%	12
	3	15%	25	7%	15	9%	15
	4	3%	5	15%	31	8%	13
	5	13%	22	6%	13	11%	18
	6	10%	17	11%	22	13%	21
	7	6%	10	10%	21	12%	21
	8	12%	20	7%	14	11%	19
	9	10%	18	11%	23	11%	18
	10	5%	9	13%	27	12%	20
Total		100%	171	100%	205	100%	168

Appendix D:

Open-ended Responses

The open-ended responses have had identifying information redacted to protect the privacy of respondents. Otherwise, responses have been left untouched, with the respondent's original spelling, grammar, and capitalization retained. The responses from the probability respondents are presented separately from the non-probability responses; however, both sets of responses are included in this appendix.

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C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
#1. I vote "party." #2. I didn't know what impact the three districts in which the racial minority residents make up the majority of the voting age population, have on the outcome.
9 of 10 members do not care about my district.
All districts are equally represented.
Allows one to vote on the merit of where they live.
Although district is larger in land area the population is on par with the other districts
Although I'm originally from California, my military transfer brought me to a new city and I haven't been paying much attention to the voting system here. However, participating in this survey has been enlightening and I'm glad to learn more about how voting works in VB. While district division can pose challenges due to the diverse group of officials giving it a try seems like the best course of action to take.
Appears equitable and representative of the City and Districts.
Appears to represent the area I'm most involved with.
As well as individual district representation, the city needs AT LARGE representatives to represent the city but interests as a whole.
Balanced representation across the city.
Based on the description, I believe it is a fair attempt to develop districts that are representative of the neighborhoods within VB.
Because it fosters politic opportunist to run just to make money for their own business. They do not act in best interest of those who voted for them. They refuse to hold "town hall" meetings to talk directly with the people. So it does not matter now they draw up the city. The next political party or interest will divide it up to suit their needs and ambitions.
Because VB is geographically so large, districts have different needs and interests as well as neighborhood issues.1
Before today, as a reasonably informed citizen, I had not heard of this system. I am not the only one who bears the burden of responsibility in being informed of the change in this voting system. I think a better question is why have I not heard of it? If the people enacting this new system don't exhaust the avenues to present this information then my concerns about trusting the system outweigh the matter of satisfaction in it. I mean no disrespect.
Being restricted to waiting for a district candidate rather than being able to vote for all City Council candidates limits my ability to ??? my ??? land.
Believe District #6 has a disproportionate amount of the VB oceanfront interests resting on a vote potentially diluted/waterdown by the other districts.
Better representation
Better representation by (illegible word).
Bring back John Moss !
Broad representation
Can never remember my district. Would like to vote for all City Council seats, as well as 3 at-large seats.
Can only vote for one district - in old system could vote for all districts and they affect what happens in entire city, which affects me.
Changes for District #2 were not beneficial.
City elections should be city-wide instead of fragmenting a local and common cause. The city is an (illegible word) integrity and serving increasingly divergent and selective groups and causes complicates things needlessly. Fairness and wholeness should be the goal.

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City needs to do for lower income areas, seems prestigious neighborhoods are given more care than others.
Coastal districts, especially ones with high tourism interest will have different values than other city districts. With equal voting power, residents of non-coastal districts would benefit more as tax dollars likely to be spent in favor of residents rather than tourists.
Comments illegible
Concerned about bias from one party or the other. Redistricting sends alarm that either party may want this to ensure their party is re-elected.
Council members and school board should have never been elected at large.
Dissatisfied - The current system gives 3 districts an assurance that racial/ethnic candidate will represent them. The other 7 do not have such an assurance since it is quite possible to have 2 candidates that are a minority on the ballot.
Dissatisfied due to: The location of my location on Winston Salem Avenue falls in a District that does not represent this location. We should be part of the Ocean front district 6.
Satisfied with 10-1: The City Council representative lives in my district (although the district my location is 5 which does not represent Winston Salem Avenue)
District 2 is a large and diverse area.
District 2 is too big. Should be split.
District 2 seems very large compared to others but realize population is probably more spread out closer to NC border. There will probably never be a truly fair way for voting districts.
District includes areas with different priorities within the District.
District lines determined by voter # makes more sense than by race or land size.
Districts 1 & 7 have no names (area) and 1-4 & 7 & 10 seem to be smaller districts since 3 districts are made up just for minorities then the system appears to be set up for this minority of people in that district. Thus a minority person will have a hard time being elected. These systems are set up by republicans - so they can stay in control.
Districts should be drawn to more consistently shaped
Diversity is an issue. Districts are diversified by wealth. Representation of districts; therefore is subjective to wealth and popular decision.
Divides population by number not by race
Do not need to vote for people not representing your district. City Council members need to live in the area they represent.
Doesn't matter what the districts look like, people will keep being trampled by the big (illegible word) special interest/crooked politicians. The people are never in control.
don't have faith in politics
Don't know enough to comment.
Don't understand it.
Drawing an area into districts segments a population by social class/income. Some of those areas are more expensive to live in and it doesn't make sense to segment them all together this way.
Due to the increased level of bipartisan stagnation, I feel that the creative ways that Republican gerrymander the voting districts, the representation is prevented from occurring for all people who are supposed to be represented.
Each district better represents its residents on specific issues.
Each district has concerns and interests specific to its context, demographics, etc. ad should be able to elect someone to represent those interests. I do not know the specific needs for, let's say, District 2 or District 9

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or District 6. They are very different from my district. Their input and interests should be represented not by my interests and needs, but by theirs.
Each elected official can put more of their focus into a district rather than the whole city. Each district is different from the next.
Equal representation.
Every district is unique; our interests are very different from other districts.
Every neighborhood has their own issues. It's important to have a person in that area represent that neighborhood.
Everybody has their own interest, especially politicians!
Everyone has an equal share to be represented.
Fair representation.
For a lack of a better word. It seems that it gives the appearance that we are representing by demographics not issues that are important to all VA Beach voters.
From what I understand my district was redone. I voted for Elaine Lauria and the line was changed and she did not get what she deserved and an unknown won the election an Glen Youngkin was made governor. I am not happy.
Gives at least a reasonable voice to minority representation that didn't exist before.
Had to vote outside my district. The voting poll was not close to my home as usual. Had to drive further and the names were not the same on the the ballot.
Have not lived here long enough to see how the neighborhood's interests are demonstrated. Moved to Virginia in December. Registered in early January. Briefly talked to delegate (a neighbor.) Positive reaction!
Honestly do not trust social media including news to tell truth and what is important to the residents.
Hopefully it will better represent the people in the districts within the city. I believe it remains to be seen how well the districts and overall will be represented.
Hopefully there will be enough voters that have the knowledge and interest to pick the proper candidates for the position.
I am in favor of no districts. All representation should be "at-large." That way "gerrymandering" would not be a factor. Of course, i know this will never work because there are always the greedy and selfish who are unwilling to work for the good of the group, which would allow all peoples to prosper and be happy. thank you.
I am new to the VA state, my answer might not be accurate 100%
I am not satisfied or dissatisfied with the system. I just don't trust the politician to stick to campaign promises and vote in our best interests!
I am only slightly satisfied. I think other systems would be more fair.
I am presently satisfied with the new 10-1 system so far. Since each voting district is created from roughly the same number of voting age people, the representation on the council can take the needs of each district into consideration. However, as the 10-1 system is population numbers based, I hope the population changes are carefully watched so the voting districts can be reassigned to maintain equitable representation.
I am satisfied because I feel that we have adequate representation.
I am satisfied because my Council member finally represents the voters of their districts; not all of the city. We are now more closely aligned with the same representation system we see in the US. House of Representatives, or the VA House of Delegates.

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C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
I am satisfied because the same wealthy people continue to campaign and use the good ole boy network to get each other elected. This way minorities have a better chance of representation on City Council by only being elected by their District and not the rich and powerful who don't even live or care about their District.
I am satisfied in any system where I feel my values and interests are being represented.
I am satisfied with the 10-1 election system because it at least gives each district a vote and their representation at the City Council.
I approve because it seems more equitable. Someone living in Great Neck shouldn't have a vote for a representative for the Bayside district, for example.
I believe I understand the principle behind the system and it appears reasonable and fair. Hopefully it will work out as intended, but the same time is needed before the practice confirms the theory.
I believe in a colorblind system. Racial changes are unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause. Contiguous, random, non-partisan, non-racial districts should be used for voting.
I believe it provides better representation to people of color.
I believe it's important for people to vote on issues representable by individuals who they believe will know their particular needs and who live in their district and are familiar with the needs of the district.
I believe the 10:1 to be disproportionate compared to the # of people in the district. 5, 6, 7, and 9 have large populations and very broad zone.
I believe the at-large system helps in the improvements for the entire city. A better representation for the improvements for the entire city.
I believe the city is well run in most every respect. Schools however could be much better run in terms of curriculum and standards of teacher professionalism.
I believe the representation is fairly distributed.
I cannot say whether I am satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 system due to I do not know anything about the 10-1 system
I cannot tell you anything about what I do not know.
I could offer an opinion of the map if I knew the racial makeup of each district. I do not trust that the map was drawn with the interest of representing minorities.
I didn't know the election system changed so I can't compare it to anything previous. What I can say I'm dissatisfied about is not knowing the change. Education on the public would be helpful.
I do not believe in areas broken up by race. It only creates more division within the city and state.
I do not have a strong opinion on this system. When I voted, I did not think my vote would really do anything because where i lived at the time (District 8) consisted of older adults and people who were higher socio-economic status than me. I didn't know of a better way, though, which is the reason for my answer.
I do not know the long term effects
I do not like the restriction to voting only for the VB Council member for my own district. Decisions City Council makes affect us all. I want a say in the election of all members.
I do not trust local (or other) politicians. The districts were drawn by politicians. I guess they are acceptable since the current elected officials have not tried to change it. (specially in the 3 racial minority districts)
I do strongly approve that the districts are drawn up equal in size of their voting-age population. As for City Council, I'm not sure if each District is represented by individuals that reside in that District, or , if the local VB Gov. looks at it as "OK, we have 10 seats to fill and it doesn't matter where they reside", that is why the "not sure" answer if the District is being represented.
I don't believe in addressing or designating anything based on RACE, ETHNICITY, AGE, RELIGION, or ANY OTHER any other area that could be considered as BIASED.
I don't care. You all will do what you want anyway. The Gov't is trying/going to control everything anyway.

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I don't have a better solution.
I don't know any of the candidates personally but concept of how the system is drawn seems appropriate.
I don't know much about it. I did attend a meeting a few years back but I was not impressed. Seemed they were focussed on the business needs more than the people's needs.
I don't know.
I don't think all 10 districts will have sufficient turn out at the poles.
I don't understand it. I don't know why it was designed this way.
I feel I should vote for all representatives for Council and School board.
I feel it is a fair system. Every V. B. citizen has a voice. Virginia Beach is one of the greatest cities in the U. S. A. I have lived here, after spending most of my life in Newport News.
I feel like more affluent neighbors disproportionately make up certain districts (like 6 & 8) which can affect voting turnout and (two illegible words - might be "resources during") elections. I do think each candidate should live in the district they are serving.
I feel like someone with more power than I have has manipulated a map for more power than I have.
I feel like this makes the areas less diverse.
i feel my interests will be well looked after, but i do have concerns that the districts have disparate socio-economic representation. Yes, the same number of voters may be in the borders, but does each district's representative actually have the socio-economic interests in mind for all constituents? Or will "traditional" political backing still push candidates to ballot in a similar fashion when three are "at-large" council (illegible).
I feel that I am better served by being able to elect someone that is closest to my issues and concerns that the person elected will take those issues to Council and see to it that they are addressed. I found at the Weldon Cooper Meetings that all felt the same way despite differences in age, race and gender.
I feel that I wasn't made aware of the district system. I feel gerrymandering is the most anti-democratic problem in this country. So, I would like to have known more about the districts and how the lines were drawn. Non-partisan experts should be selected in a bipartisan way to fairly draw all district lines throughout the country. Look how unfairly North Carolina is drawn, for example. The gerrymandering is obvious with a democratic governor and solidly republican congress.
I feel that the 10-1 system allows the residents of a particular district to elect their representative rather than having input from areas of the Beach whose priorities may be different.
I feel that the districts should not be changed to favor a certain political party.
I feel the 10-1 is mostly superior to the previous system. The 10-1 helps to prevent a "good old boys" block of council members who run the city.
I feel the new districts better represent the consent of the population. The old districts weren't balanced. I am interested to know how these districts project into the future and how well the boundaries hold up to future development and potential population growth and maturity.
I feel there is a good chance of equal representation with the system.
I get to know the person I am electing better if I don't have to worry about all the others. They will be accountable in a 10-1 system.
I had to do a deep dive on the internet to clarify what voting district we are in for the U. S. Congress and City Council (2022) races. The information was not easily found or presented. our district changed and I provide non-partisan info on our neighborhood Facebook page.
I have doubts that physical districts are best for representation. Perhaps a combination of physical voter self-chosen non -physical districts might be better. I don't know.
I have faith that the system is being utilized to the best interest of the people

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I have insufficient information to make any decision.
I have no comment
I have no negative feelings.
I have no problem with the physical separation of land into districts for location purposes. However, I strongly feel that my voting decision should allow me the opportunity to choose the best candidates that support my opinions, no matter what district they live in. We are one city!
I have not taken part in city issues. I am busy teaching and doing church work. I have no energy left for our fair city.
I have people in my neighborhood that are more in tune with politics and not dare to ask questions.
I just do not feel it is set up well.
I just moved here last summer and am not familiar with the 10-1 election system
I know that at least one person on the City Council has a personal interest in our district.
I know that my representative lives and represents us. He campaigned and met with us and met with me and in groups. He knows what we want because he is one of us. I didn't know the needs o another districts. Also like that more can afford to run.
I like a more equal representation by balancing district populations with these boundaries. Now If people will just get out and vote!
I like having a specific point of contact to deal with issues.
I like it because our community has more input than the other method.
I like that they represent our district and are from our district. I would hope they would have our districts best interests in mind. It's not feeling like it at the moment.
I like the idea that people in my district will elect my/our representative not someone with totally different views from another district.
I live in the city as a whole and should be able to vote for all that will effect my interest within this city.
I need more information on the 10-1 election
I never agreed that Virginia Beach resident could vote for candidate that did not represent me.
I pay my taxes to the city of Virginia Beach, and that money is used throughout the city in all districts. I should have a right to a say in what is done with it. I should also have a say in the choices and directions I want my city to go. Such the Ruddee Inlet Loop which belongs to city, not the district. The Cavalier reno belonged to the city not the district. Anything otherwise is a violation of my rights. Anyone not happy with their district has the freedom and choice to move.
I preferred the former system. The neighborhoods were better represented under this one. There must be a better way to draw boundaries than the present system has. I don't feel that the resulting areas are anywhere near equitable to the effectiveness of those elected or to those electing them.
I really don't know enough about the 10-1 elections! For the last 10 years I have pretty much tuned out politics. A lot of promises are made but once the politicians never follow through
I should be able to vote for City Council members since I live and work in the city, not just my district. I should be able to vote for representation all over my city.
I should be able to vote for the person running for a Virginia Beach seat no matter what district I'm in. They are representing all of Virginia Beach and it's interests and all the people of Virginia Beach should have their vote counted.
I strongly support the 10-1 election system. The system more closely aligns to a representative democracy. Accountability to the voter is more likely. A person does need to wealthy or have wealthy backing to run for City Council.

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C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
*Majority voting is basically a do-over due to run-off voting
*Ranked choice voting is basically strategic at large voting.
I think ignorance (throughout) Virginia Beach will significantly impact outcomes. Suspect this will need to go back to universal coverage.
I think it is confusing and not truly a representation of the population. Feel like these were changed to make some unfavorable accommodations
I think it is important to have a fair and equitable representation in the election system. It will be important to feel this up to date of population levels change over time to keep the proportions fair and balanced. The recent election brought about the most diverse City Council in history, which is so important.
I think it represents equality for all those that vote
I think it's preferable to the at large system
I think that for the most part the 10-1 election system will provide equal/fair representation for all residents in the city. However, there are still examples of the council making decisions that are only addressed a minority within a district. Please see the council's recent decision to extend the parking patrol in ? Shares. This doesn't support the rest of beach front neighborhood.
I think the racial mix is better represented now, with the changes made.
I think this system allows less well-funded candidates to compete. it allows everyone voting to have a voice. Without this, whatever voting block is in the majority will choose all the candidates.
I wish there was more education/information about the system resources. Our newspaper /media seem biased and only till now minorities maybe effect for redrawing districts.
I would be curious to see which party benefits from the make up of these districts
I would be more satisfied if the sywtem ensured the winner had at least 51% of the votes cast. I prefer ranked choice voting. The 10-1 system is a much more representative democracy than the at-large system.
I would like to vote for all members of the City Council
I would rather vote for all candidates rather than just a select few.
I, admittedly, do not feel educated enough on the differences in election systems to give an opinion on satisfaction level.
If the system provides equal distribution of voters, then is O.K.
If you do not live in the ocean front you don't matter in Virginia Beach.
I'm confused by it all.
I'm dissatisfied with the way the boundaries were drawn up. there was no announced public input. It seems that the boundaries were drawn to favor incumbent candidates (or the previous at-large incumbents) to easily gather support.
I'm not aware of issues to date that have been tied to the structure of the system.
I'm not very familiar with the new system. I just think it can be confusing because it's not always clear who's running in which district. I most depended on the local news to find out who was representing my district.
I'm satisfied 'cos it nothing wrong about that.
In a city the size of Virginia Beach, council members should be accountable to all residents and not just the residents of their specific district
In general, I support the 10-1 election system. I don't support intentionally creating 3 minority controlled districts. Rather, districts should be constructed based on compactness, natural boundaries such as waterways or major roadways, etc. If that results in minority controlled districts, fine.

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Intentionally blank/ No answer
It depends on who is elected.
It ensures that my district will be heard and not buried as it would under the old system.
It evens out the playing field
It feels more fair.
It gives the city's minorities equal access to the political election + voting process in Virginia Beach. It is more fair to all residents of the city, not favoring white affluent residents.
It is nonsensical to vote on candidates that have different agendas for their respective districts.
It is probably more fair now than it was in the past.
It is too new to know. Additionally my neighborhood, per this map, seems to be split across two districts which is odd to me.
it looks good on paper i.e. fair, but will need to see if any unintended/foreseen consequences occur.
it made for more liberal representation.
It provides more representative government for minorities.
It racially divides the city even more
It seems fair enough. Equal population divides.
It seems fair, but I haven't lived here long enough to know whether other election systems might be more fair.
It seems like an equitable way to draw the district lines.
It seems like to (sic) 10-1 system is more representative of the population in each district. Also the old ballot always had people with whom I was unfamiliar and did not feel qualified to vote on. Like throwing darts. Not a good way to select representatives that affected other districts but not mine.
It seems that each district is provided an opportunity to be represented and minority residents are also given a fair voice
It seems to work well.
It was done for political reasons to benefit a certain party (?)
It was odd how we voted at-large for all of our district representatives in the past so this new voting system seems more representative of each district.
It will take a few election cycles to test the fairness of the system. ²
It works for me
It works to represent everyone in the district. The district elects their representative.
It's all rigged to bring democrat socialism into power Free America is dying
It's been transparent to me. It has only been one year. I'm not sure what was wrong with the old system. It was never demonstrated to me that there was any inequity in the previous system. Everything I read or heard was that it was racist, but never any data to support the claim.
It's fair.
It's giving gerrymandering and racism. I can see the argument for the placements but to be honest, I can also see how this can be used to further erode minority representation and protected rights via targeted campaigning and political agendas.
It's important to have representative live where they want to represent.
It's not that the 10-1 election system is a problem for me. it is that our neighborhood in Baylake Pines is not getting the attention it warrants. These houses were built on a lake and a canal which is a big draw when selling homes and keeping property values up. As of lately, no attention has been given to the fact that the

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lake and canal are filling in - dirt, debris, etc. There used to be fish in the canal; now nothing but turtles. It is mud! The lake was great fun for boating, water skiing, and fishing. Now it tests positive for e.coli bacteria. It needs to be dredged desparately before someone gets very sick from this water. We pay a lot in taxes!!!
Its the way most elections are held in the rest of the country.
I'VE BEEN VOTING IN VA BEACH FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS. NEVER HAD A PROBLEM. 2022 WENT TO VOTE AND SAID WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THE VOTING. IT SEEMED LIKE IT WASN'T EVEN FOR MY AREA.
Just became a resident and just registered to vote after renting for a year. This is all new to me after reading this survey but it sounds good. Relocated from another state 6/22.
Keeps the candidates load within the more responsive to the concerns of the constituents
Kind of confusing. --- of all that everyone should vote for the local candidates.
Lack of minority citizens in the district.3
Leaves me unable to vote for anyone outside my district.
Like the idea that each district represents the same number of voters. Harder to determine who is in which district. Not as easy as Kempsville, Bayside, Pungo, Ocean Front, etc. Don't know what the majority of people in my district think are their most important issues or interests. Basically like that there is not an "at large" seat and that people only vote on those running in their district.
Makes more sense
Many people were very confused.
Met candidate for our district and believe he has our interests, our needs in his focus.
More fairly represents each area of the city
More representative than at-large system we had.
Moved to Virginia Beach last year and since then have changed districts. Have not had a chance to study and evaluate local voting system.
My husband and I planned to vote and saw signs all around our neighborhood and surrounding areas and we realized we couldn't vote b/c it was out of our area.
My local City Council Rep. likes to spend, spend, spend taxpayer \$\$\$\$. If someone disagrees with his expenditures, he won't listen. (Joash Schulman)
My neighborhood is mostly Republican. I am not Republican.
My opinion on decisions outside of my district (which use the tax dollars I pay) no longer hold as much weight.
My property is considered "Town Center" and should be placed in a district with other homeowners who wish to improve the area.
Need to know more in detail about 10-1 system before i provide my opinion
neither satisfied or dissatisfied.
Never heard of it so I can't say if I'm satisfied or dissatisfied with it.
New to area. Not sure what the 10-1 district serves the community. However I am pleased w/ the neighborhood.
No Conent (sic) due to our govenor (sic) not passing on info on the the (sic) proper person in the city insted (sic) they said thats someone else issue. Would have been kind if he did. Have had many issue (sic) with city. Thank you for asking.
No districts needed - 1 person, one vote. Period.
No idea it was a thing

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No matter what district you are in, all attention is to the oceanfront for tourism to increase revenue. I see nothing for our aging citizrns or the large military retirement community. I see nothing for affordable housing.
No opinion
Not educated on how these districts represent the whole population when measured by individual or collective demographics.
not enough say in overall elections
Not enough, or I don't know where local news about my particular district is available/broadcasted.
Not sure completely of the 10-1 election system - no real opinion of the 10-1 system.
Not sure how it will impact me yet
Not sure. I will have to investigate this structure. I am sure it works for VB. I do know where my voting center is located as I have voted there for many years.
Nothing to note
On the one hand, I appreciate the direct representation of the 10-1 election system with my elected official living in my district. On the other hand, I worry that this system promotes a sense of regionalism, with representatives fighting solely for the interests of their districts rather than the city as a whole.
On the surface, it seems like a fair system and I don't have any reason as of yet to believe that it isn't.
only those constituents should be allowed to vote for their particular district representative not from those individuals outside the district zone.
Politicians will do what they want. Follow the money.
Politics are corrupt to the core. The very reason these districts are being redrawn is the further continuing of corruption.
Prefer to be able to vote for more City Council reps.
Prefer voting just for a representative from my neighborhood rather than citywide.
Provides specific data on who I can vote for and position of each candidate.
Reminiscent of gerrymandering
Representation by directly applicable residents
Representative should come from where they live - not at-large.
Representatives appear to be well informed when interviewed.
Representatives should be from the district.
Satisfied because our representatives will be more likely to make decisions with one district in mind.
Satisfied with equal distribution of voters.
Satisfied with the 10-1 election system since each of the districts has a unique set of people and issues. Issues such as tourism at the ocean front and flooding and drainage in different neighborhoods. Beaches are important to the ocean front district since that is where they live and supports our hotels and tourism keeping our local taxes lower. Having lived in various places along the east coast, I/family love VA Beach, VA the best! Clean and well policed city !! We feel very fortunate living in VA Beach, VA 23452.
Satisfied! The candidate for my district will be concerned for those in my district.
Satisfied, each district can account for their own volume.
Seems fair and easy to vote and track.
Seems fair.
Seems more fair.
Seems politically driven, arbitrary change from previous system.
Seems pretty fair.

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C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
Seems to be a good way of voting for Council members.
Segregation at its finest. We will not be represented because of how the boundaries are drawn. Racist people re-wrote the boundaries w/out our input.
The 10-1 system developed for Virginia Beach makes sense and provides what looks like a solid representation of the various parts of Virginia Beach. I can support the thought pattern here.
The 10-1 system is less susceptible to influence by big money interests
The 10-1 system presents a balance of voting age residence. Balance is agreeable.
The candidates who share my values and my views did not represent my district. I did not study or follow whoever represented my district because I did not know who they were.
The city of Virginia Beach is large, diverse and mobile. Her people travel daily from one district to another and what happens in the City affects us all, not just a District. I should have a say in what happens on the Oceanfront as well as the farmland and business community in my city. The new voting system is not allowing organic leaders to come forward, who could work for the good of Virginia Beach. In some districts, candidates were put forward who should NOT have been a candidate for City Council.
The constant changing is annoying to voters. This last election showed that the change benefitted a particular party. Some people that I know were upset because they couldn't vote for who they wanted. The person wasn't on the ballot due to this change and making change isn't always good.
The current city council representative seems to adequately look out for our district's interests.
The current system is much more fair to the electorate with essentially large neighborhoods voting for a representative from their area to serve on City Council. This allows for a more representative City Council and ensures each locality has their interests heard. I am much more satisfied with this system than the old system in which every voter was able to vote for every candidate running for a city council district. I should not be able to vote for the City Council members for districts I did not live in, and other VB voters who do not live in my district should not vote for the representative of my district. The 10-1 system allows for a more diverse City Council that represents the entire City.
The district borders are drawn in a very strange way with very awkward barriers or sharp, jagged edges.
The districts are somewhat Guerrymandered. Our neighborhood is divided along a residential shared with one side in 10 and the other in 2. (Wave neck Rd). I think the districts should be along major Road, neighborhoods not residential road.
The districts seems to be drawn so that it minimizes the votes of diverse groups of people and favors conservative voters
The division of the districts seems reasonable, but I would like to better understand how the district lines are drawn. Although the population is roughly similar, do the boundaries include or exclude specific groups? How often are these redrawn? Who has final approval authority?
The old system was confusing, no one understood it, and people voted largely through name recognition. Now, representatives have to answer to specific constituents, not the entire city.
The reason I'm satisfied is because I have good people representing me.
The representative will be local to my area. Not voted at large and supported by private interest groups.
The system is too new to me to provide an educated response!
The truth of the matter is this. In Virginia Beach no money, no respect if you know what I mean.
There appears to be the opportunity for gerrymandering. Who chooses the lines.
There is no reason to have 10 districts. 8 is more than enough.
There is quite a diversity in the different sections. I don't even agree with what many of my neighbors want. It might even out.

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There still are no breaks on the spending and unnecessary development. (Wave park and light rail (has not gone away).
They should simply draw a geometric grid of lines and be done with it. Simplicity is the way.
Think we should have a vote for the whole City not just our district on who represents us.
This is a new system so I have not had enough time to form an opinion. Will likely have better opinion after 2024 election cycle.
This is the first I have heard of the 10-1 election
This seems like it was made to increase the liberal agenda in VA Beach. Liberal ideas destroy school systems and property value.3
This was not a necessary change in that Virginia Beach is one of the most integrated cities in the country.
Too bad we cannot just vote as one big district, but I understand different areas have different needs and interest.
Unfortunately, crime, homelessness, and trash in public spaces are getting out of hand and therefore I don't feel that the District 10 City Council is doing all things possible to keep our community clean and safe. Furthermore, I pay taxes on a home valued at over 500K and don't believe my money is being utilized wisely.
Unless you provide demographics before and after any changes to districts, I really can't really say whether you did right by all color of people.
Unsatisfied with how they are drawn, not necessarily the 10-1 system, unless candidates no longer need to reside in the district in which they are running.
Unsure of the implications of this system on me
VHP does not necessarily reflect historical voting patterns and can possibly show results.
voters no longer able to vote for candidates outside their district.
We are a military family and the area that we are in seems to be the correct size for the population and area what concerns military families. I also noticed that the more rural area is large, which seems fair now but should be re evaluated in the future since it is quickly developing into a more populated area.
We didn't have an opportunity to vote for City Council. I don't know who my representative is and when their term is up (also how to contact them). I always felt City Council was for the entire City and we would have a say on who was our representatives ... now it's "someone" without knowing particulars. I heard it was changed to Districts (right before the election), but not why.
We have an equal chance especially against the ocean front
We lost our councilwoman of many years, Barbara Henley.
We moved to Virginia Beach in 2020 and are still learning about the neighborhoods in our district. The City Council Representative has participated in the Chic's Beach Civic League meetings, which is impressive. I feel that he understands our issues and concerns, and can represent these at the Council meetings.
I'm not sure about how the 10-1 election system is working in other districts. I'm not sure whether those districts have civic leagues, or how the council representatives get information from those communities.
We should use technology and (illegible word, possibly "fone") numbers to elect council members. Would prefer ranked voting.
We were not given a choice what would happen with our district. Not only that, but the person elected to represent us resigned and we were not allowed to have a special election to replace them. We are currently unrepresented.

C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
While we put too too much attention to race, it's about as fair as it can get. The sooner we stop constantly dividing us by race, the better we'll become. We are all "Americans." Why is it that we have this problem and other diverse countries don't.
Who votes Who is deneighed or neglected What will happen to them.
Why change something that works?
Will not get equal opportunity to cast a vote for other city council candidates voting only for one person in a narrow portion of the City where my home actually is does not provide a fair way to participate in the election of local city council whose representatives make decisions effecting all residents !! Smacks of rigged system.
Will probably need several election cycles to mature
Will want to wait and see what happens.
With representatives loyal to only their district and NOT necessarily loyal to the best for the CITY, I'm not sure this is the best for the FUTURE of the City. Time will tell....
With the old system I did not know whom I was voting for and who I was represented. There were too many candidates on the ballot. I know who represents my district with this new 10-1 system.
You know like I know. It's not what you know but who you know. I don't know who's reading this but they know me. That's what I feel about the 10-1 election system. Feel me? Probably not.
You only vote for 1 district. Look at the demographics - not good representation.

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>“District” preferences do not always reflect what is best for total area.</p>
<p>10-1 allows for each area of the city to have an active voice. It helps keep things competitive over having a potential of 3 from one district area.</p>
<p>10-1 district system has the potential for making Councilmembers accountable to the residents of their districts. The at-large system gives residents more voice, but citywide voters can select a district member that the district residents do not favor. Super-wards are even more scary giving certain portions of the city more weight than residents in other districts. Vice-Mayor should also be selected by the voters and not by the ruling clique on City Council.</p>
<p>10-1 gives each district a representative that has ties to the area. It prevents big money candidates from being elected to every seat. Prior to this change anyone who didn’t represent the tourist industry or development didn’t stand a chance in a citywide election. I’m sure those who have spent millions of taxpayer dollars developing the oceanfront have funded this survey in an attempt to undo the improved representation.</p>
<p>10-1 is about representation. There is no reason for me to be voting for people in districts that do not represent me and, likewise, I do not want others outside of my district deciding who represents me. Virginia Beach is big. We don't have the same needs across the entire City. 10-1 allows us to elect the council members that can actually represent us, our needs, and our voices. No one else should get to control that.</p>
<p>10-1 is much better because finally districts won't end up with a representative that didn't win in the precincts that they represent. Very excited to see a city council that for the first time is starting look more representative of the city it serves. I wasn't happy with the way incumbent city council members were drawn into the districts. It made the districting process appear biased. But that part can be corrected in the future if need be.</p>
<p>10-1 makes sense. Only the people who live in a district should be voting on who represents that district. We moved here at the end of 2021. The 10-1 voting system is similar to city voting in other places we lived previously in NC and it is a logical, fair system. I was shocked when someone described the old, previous Virginia Beach city voting system to me.</p>
<p>10-1 reflects the population of the district.</p>
<p>10-1 representation works why change it? The one exception might be to make the Vice Mayor an elected position rather than appointed as that person will be elected by one district but could serve as the mayor and should be elected by everyone.</p> <p>Other than that at large positions are solution in search of a problem. If council members are so busy they now need part time aides to handle district work how busy would an at large member be that in theory represents the whole city. Since they will have no special standing why have them? The only people that will benefit from at large positions are either independently wealthy who can afford a city-wide campaign or those supported by special interests (developers etc).</p>
<p>10-1 system lessens the financial burden of running for Council.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>10-1 system or not, the way I see it is that the more positions you create and are being filled is being paid with our tax dollars which is unnecessary. Keep the system simple. Actually listen to the locals. Stop making shit up and justifying it to fill your pockets with money. Instead use it to fix the potholes and roads in VB!</p>
<p>7-3-1 is the answer with 3 at large candidates to represent cities interest.</p>
<p>10 districts does not full fill my best interest!</p>
<p>A balance was attempted and will hopefully be maintained.</p>
<p>A city council representative should have a close relationship and vested interest in the area (in this case, district) they live in and represent. Other areas of our city should not be choosing the representatives for other areas with the exception of the mayor who represents the city as a whole</p>
<p>A representative of a district is now only elected by that district's residents. This is much more fair that the old system which allowed district representatives to be elected at large.</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous that we can't vote for everyone on city council. All their votes have importance for all residents so we should be able to vote for all of them.</p>
<p>According to the US Constitution this is the RIGHT system for all VB citizens equal representation - as the JUDGE in the case said and ruled</p>
<p>Adding 2 at large, or super ward seats would expand every citizen's voice.</p>
<p>Affords voters the opportunity to well familiarize with their candidates. It seems to create a fairer "playing field" for the parties.</p>
<p>All are equally represented.</p>
<p>All I know is after the gerrymandering of the districts, Elaine Luria wasn't even living in her own district...and she lost. I believe this is directly the result of the gerrymandering. This has to stop.</p>
<p>All of Virginia Beach residents have better representation on the City Council.</p>
<p>All the city council members make decisions that affect me, I think I should have a say in determining who they are. Our old system was good. I absolutely do NOT like the new system. It is unfair.</p>
<p>Allows me to vote only for the candidate representing my district. Virginia Beach is very diverse and be represented by candidates focused on the needs of their constituents, not broad appeal across the board. Having to vote for so many seats in the past made it difficult to diligently research all candidates, my votes were sometimes random selections.</p>
<p>Allows the district voters only to choose their candidate. Less money required to contact the voters in the district rather than the whole city.</p>
<p>Although I am pleased with the diversity of the members currently serving, I would prefer a 7-4 system (7 Districts and 4 At Large (including the Mayor). In my opinion, a 7-4 system gives citizens more say in the overall direction and decisions impacting the City as a whole. I am concerned that the 10-1 system will lead to backroom deals (i.e., I'll vote for your issue if you vote for mine) and and a greater influx partisan politics at the local level.</p>

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<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Although it is not a perfect solution, it seems to strike a fair balance between the populations of the various districts and has generated a more representative council</p>
<p>An all at-large voting system encourages partisan division, corruption, and cronyism. 10-1 voting system allows for actual representation of each district and levels the playing field for independent candidates, which is how local government is supposed to operate. There is no room for partisan politics on a city council or school board.</p>
<p>As long as our district rep can collaborate with other CC members, my interests and neighborhood should be represented. Having to only deal with one rep makes it easier for community leaders who will spend less time having to lobby all the other CC members.</p>
<p>At first I thought it was a good idea so candidates could focus on and get to know the residents in their district but what is happening is now the council members are mostly focused on their district. Having forums with only their districts, excluding the rest of the cities' residents. I assume this will continue and won't serve the city as a whole.</p>
<p>At large seats represent what is best for the City as a whole rather than specific to one district.</p>
<p>At large voting for the largest city in Virginia resulted in poor representation of the different neighborhood locales within the city of VB. I want a representative who represents my little piece of the city and who intimately knows the area</p>
<p>At large, voting does not represent individual voters. At large seems to allow elected or appointed officials to make decisions for the entire population. It is not a fair process to voters that wants their voices heard.</p>
<p>based upon my assigned district, there are limited elections that I can participate in. This limits my ability to voice my opinion regarding candidates, policies and program development.</p>
<p>Be fair</p>
<p>Because it allows for better representation of the individual districts</p>
<p>Because it is ridiculous that people from other districts should have a say in the elected official that represents my needs. My representative should be chosen by people in my district. Period.</p>
<p>Because it provides an opportunity to have fresh faces on city council that's not diluted by having so many special interests vote for at large candidates</p>
<p>because it should give every voter the opportunity to have their voices heard.</p>
<p>Because of this system, could not vote in Senate election as its only a republican voting district</p>
<p>Because you can only vote in your District and has nothing to say about overall , if you live in the city you should have Right to say about entire city and not just your District , it will crest a personal interest zone and everyone will think about only their District and not city as a whole , everyone should have Right to choose their leaders</p>
<p>Before the 10-1 System it was too many Candidates on the Ballot.I believe You should only vote for who represents Your District.</p>
<p>Before the election, I emailed the three candidates in district 8 with questions that were important to me. The candidates were responsive and I felt I was more informed as a voter than I had ever been before. And I have always paid close attention to local politics.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Before we sign off on the 10-1 system we need to know why the districts were drawn up like they were. What were the priorities and how were they carried out. While all districts are contiguous not all are compact. Some look like amoebas while others look like the political cartoon from 1812 depicting a gerrymandered district. We can do better. While a 10-1 system may be preferred the way districts are drawn up needs to be investigated.</p>
<p>Better Representation</p>
<p>Better representation with the 10-1 voting districts.</p>
<p>Better system than repeatedly voting for at large candidates. Districts will be better represented</p>
<p>Building contractors do not have as much influence.</p>
<p>By giving the Council members a defined constituency, it narrows their representational focus. It allows them to have more detailed knowledge of the issues facing the segment of the city that they represent.</p>
<p>By not having any at-large positions, your district has only one person looking out for your district's interests, and any 6 representatives can vote in a way that does not agree with your own representative. You can't vote for them (council members in other districts), but they can vote for or against your district's interests.</p>
<p>Candidates do not need to raise so much money to run for council and are more likely to represent the interests of constituents</p>
<p>candidates only have to campaign in their respective districts. Someone from another district cannot affect the election of your district.</p>
<p>Citizens are actually able to vote for representatives who will address concerns in their particular area of Virginia Beach. It makes zero sense for voters in other parts of the city to vote for people who may or may not have a solid understanding of the needs of my particular area.</p>
<p>Citizens should have representation that matches the demographics of their community. With at-large voting, the majority can fill all positions with like candidates.</p>
<p>City council members should directly represent their neighbors and neighborhoods. Citywide voting for council concentrates power for the powerful at the expense of underrepresented groups. Desires to perpetuate racism and reward greed also undergrid any push to return to citywide voting for council. But, above all else, 10-1 voting is the exact definition of representative small-D democracy.</p>
<p>City council members will look out for their own district without putting city first.</p>
<p>city council representatives should represent the citizens of the geographical area they reside in NOT the particular developer who buys them out.</p>
<p>City council votes for the entire city, not individual districts. Policies implemented affect the entire city</p>
<p>Concerned that City Council will focus on their district and not Virginia Beach as a whole</p>
<p>Confusing</p>
<p>Council member will live in district and know what citizens need.</p>
<p>Council members are more likely to focus on the needs of their own constituents.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Council members more aware of & focused on the problems & needs of their individual districts</p>
<p>Council members no longer have to work together for progress, as they will only represent their district. It will be gridlock with zero consensus and political grand standing for individual districts. We've taken a functioning local govt and turned it into DC congress.</p>
<p>Council members should represent ALL of Virginia Beach and all of its citizens. Also, there should be only one Democrat and one Republican on the ballot for each race. I understand that the 10-1 system was set up for fear that some areas of the city would be neglected, but if we put up the right candidates, they will represent all the people.</p>
<p>Council members will only be vested in their voting areas</p>
<p>Council person focused on their own district and lack of accountability as it relates to how they vote regarding topics that affect districts outside their own.</p>
<p>Council rep for their district best elected by voters that know candidate they elect & can help provide better solutions & needs</p>
<p>Counsel Candidates will be reflective of the socio-economic status of the population they represent. Hopefully, the elimination of the "at large" candidate for mayor will eliminate special interest groups, political parties, etc. Financially funding Council member currently the "at large" seats could come from the same districts with a shared direction/goal/politics. Candidates will campaign in their districts rather than city wide. Plus will promote more grass roots" candidates that may be popular, however, lacking in \$.</p>
<p>Did not like the previous at-large system, prefer voting for a district so clear who my representative is without a scorecard.</p>
<p>Direct representation and accountability.</p>
<p>Dissatisfied because 10-1 in my opinion favors the wealthy & who represents them in the politics. The Governor is moving Virginia backwards instead of forward.</p>
<p>Dissatisfied because I didn't get to vote for some of the council members who were not reelected.</p>
<p>Dissatisfied. We need ranked choice voting!</p>
<p>District 1 seems mighty big compared to the others.</p>
<p>District 6 should also include the Pinewood, Shadowlawn, Rudee Heights, and Croatan neighborhoods. Or at least include the Pinewood and Shadowlawn neighborhoods at the South end of the Oceanfront. These neighborhoods are directly affected by decisions made in District 6 and best represented by District 6.</p>
<p>District only voting will result in decisions affecting the entire city population being decided too often by the district council member representing the interests of their district only. Council members will no longer feel an obligation to think and act with a city wide perspective. This exacerbates NIMBY thinking and will be detrimental to the economic viability and forward thinking necessary to the city's future stability.</p>
<p>District reps will be more accountable to residents of their district. Campaigns will also be cheaper to run.</p>

C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
District two is much too large. Sue to it's size, I don't think it accurately represents the people who live here. I'm not Republican and I will not vote for another Republican, but the only campaign signs I see are for Republican candidates. It seems as though democratic or independent candidates don't get the opportunity to campaign in district two. I know the entire district is not Republican and I think that this is a way of skewing elections.
District voting results in more equal representation across the city
Districts 1, 3, 4, 7, & 10 are clearly drawn in such a manner that do not support local communities. They should align with school districts rather than ethnic and/or socioeconomic lines. It gives the sense of political red-lining.
districts 1, 4, and 7 are warped to include or exclude certain groups of citizens. I don't support any process that separates people by race or color. It's time to get over this, and do all things color blind, not pick and choose when we apply color distinctions.
Districts appear to be gerrymandered
Districts are fine, I'd just prefer ranked choice voting.
Districts are skewed for republicans.
Districts should not be swallowed up by another district in order to nullify a certain group or race of peoples' voting power.
Districts should be redrawn to not only represent voting age but minority voters for better equity in voting
Districts were drawn randomly and with political intentions rather than adequate representation
Diversity
do not know rationale behind districting via 10-1; do not know implications; not satisfied w how city council writ large makes budget decisions
Do not yet know if this will result in a diversified city council (which would be good) or a diversified and dysfunctional city council (bad).
does it represent all people equally?
Does not well-represent the remaining agricultural regions of Virginia Beach and has serious potential for changing the face of southern Virginia Beach.
Don't really know how to answer these questions I believe I heard about it but I believe we should be able to vote for who is running in our area
Don't need to subdivide the city; the whole City should vote for Representatives
Each area has a representative that the residents have elected and who understands the needs of that area.
Each area of vb has distinct needs. One council member cannot stand up to the rest of the board
Each area should have a representative from their area. I don't believe at-large candidates share the same concerns.

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Each council seat winner should win a majority of votes. If no majority, top two vote getters should have a run off. District 2 election is a good example of someone keeping seat with a low minority of votes.</p>
<p>Each district has differing needs and interests and should be represented by the person who lives in and understands their area.</p>
<p>Each district has unique needs and desires of our city council's attention to improve the quality of life for the citizens. The 10-1 system will make sure that the needs of the district are distinctly represented by someone who will be involved in day to day circumstances.</p>
<p>Each district should be represented by a person who lives in their district. At-Large voting disproportionately favors the more affluent and influential with no regard to the overall health and welfare of Virginia Beach as a whole.</p>
<p>Each district should only vote for their own representative except Mayor and Vice Mayor for fair representation. Same for the school board.</p>
<p>Easy to understand system that seems to be a reliable way of managing the VAP distribution.</p>
<p>Effective representation with 10 districts. Member of council directly responsible to group voters. Cost of running for election in one district helps variety of citizens to run. Having an inclusive council is essential to effectively represent all VB citizens</p>
<p>Elected City Council Members now have a mandate to both represent their individual districts as well as attend to the overall good of the City of Virginia Beach. The mandate to represent a specific district's constituency is very important to me.</p>
<p>Elected officials are more representative of their constituents than with "at large" voting. Fairer representation of voters.</p>
<p>Elected officials need to represent the City of Virginia in its entirety and not just their geographic part of it. The 10-1 system will be a disaster and set us back economically and socially.</p>
<p>Elected representatives AND candidates are geographically CLOSER to the voter. Campaigns cost LESS to run in a District, compared to our entire City. Big donors have less influence on candidates when NOT running at-large. "The People" thus have more influence and contact with their candidates, than big donors. Candidates and "electeds" from the district have much more contact with the voters of the same district.</p>
<p>Encroachment into Pungo for the 5th district risks further development.</p>
<p>Equal fair</p>
<p>Equality</p>
<p>Equally populated districts. Easier for candidates to run for office since they don't have to run across the whole city. They can be more attentive to the needs of their constituents.</p>
<p>Equitable; equal and reflective of the populace.</p>
<p>Even though my neighborhood has oceanfront property, it is separate from the resort area and therefore does not share in the largess afforded that area, which is in a separate District. Alas, we're the red-headed step-child of the VAB oceanfront.</p>
<p>Every candidate should be familiar and concerned with all read of the city not just one.</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Every citizen is represented, the wealthy area will not make decisions for me
Every district has a representative who has their district's best interests at heart. It ensures equality and provides a more diverse city council, more representative of the diversity of the city.
Every district should have representation from someone who lives in the district to make sure that their interests are known and communicated well.
Every neighborhood should get equal treatment, but it doesn't
Every taxpaying citizen should be able to vote for their entire city council not just one district representative. The entire council can spend my tax dollars and those tax dollars apply to the entire city not just one area. Average citizens already have a very small voice in what happens in the city. Developers and commercial interests rule as illustrated by the number of strip shopping centers on every corner, lack of trees and constant development of car washes and 7-11s and now, apartment buildings.
Every year we get more laws, more codes, and more taxes but we get the same old stuff. Questionable city employees that can not be fired. Questionable infrastructure questionable schools. City management that focuses more on revenue and less on the quality of life of the residents that live in this city.
Fair play
Fair representation
Fair representation and stays in line with voting laws
Fair representation, whereby no single district or special interest is given greater consideration.
fairer
Feel we should all vote for all 10 districts.
Finally REAL representation for each district!
Finding information on candidates and their stances on the issues that concern me for local candidates is extremely difficult in most years. Having to try to research candidates in the past was taxing and frustrating as there were so many. Additionally, having districts mirrors state and federal elections so residents are familiar with this style of voting.
First Ive heard about it so Im not sure how well it represents my area.
First with respect to prior council members Moss (at large) and Jones (Bayside) the districts were drawn to accommodate where they currently lived. This was a poor decision and they and other members should have been able to serve those who voted them into their seats. Secondly under the current system if a Council Members decisions affect my district I have no recourse. I cite the decision to approve the Windsong Apartments Upzoning as an example. Under the old system I could have voted against the council members which voted for approval at the next election. However the rules were changed and with the exception of Mayor Dyer I was not given this opportunity. To reiterate council members can affect my area and I have no recourse. While this may be acceptable at a larger level it is not acceptable locally.

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>First, you will never keep the voting districts equal if you are doing it by age/population because people move, pass away, neighborhoods change with every generation. I rather have more than one representative looking out for the district that is why having at-large members are necessary. It keeps the balance of power in check. I do not want city council be ran like the House/Senate where you have a "whip" gathering votes for favors when needed on other voting matters.</p>
<p>For the first time since living in the city of Virginia Beach I can say I truly felt as if I was a part of the system. I now have a representative that has close ties to my residential area which makes it more likely that he or she will understand what concerns I have. Someone who lives within my district makes more sense than me voting for a citywide representative with to much of an area to cover. I want a representative that knows his area of responsibility and is involved.</p>
<p>For the longest time, I liked the at-large system. I liked the idea that I got to choose ALL of my elected officials. It wasn't until a random resident at a library told me about how at large holds back the "average joe" from running for office because they can't afford to run all over the city unless they are backed by large donors. I love the 10-1 system. I think it is the best shot for us to have someone from our own community/neighborhood hearing our needs. I also notice that Councilmembers are more responsive. The only reason I said "Moderate" on some of the questions is because my specific district rep does very little IN our district. She holds events in town center at the hive and at random small businesses in other districts. She thinks we want a Rec Center - when all I really want is more diverse and innovative businesses in our area. I'm sick of looking at vacant dated shopping centers. I'm looking forward to the next election because whomever runs has to actually DO something in my community. So far I love what I'm seeing with the new council members. They are really engaged and getting to know their residents. For those complaining that the district lines run "through" their neighborhood - that is actually great. It means you have more than one person looking out for your community! Keep up the great communication and I look forward to seeing what this next election brings. So many new and inspiring people joining our government! It's awesome.</p>
<p>Frankly the city does very little to educate the community on the mass scale. I am sure there are public meetings and forums but i would like to see resources visible in the public telling me how i can learn more about the process.</p>
<p>From my perspective it is fair for all residents</p>
<p>Generally satisfied - but do wonder whether the districts were gerrymandered in a way that advantaged one party over another. I'm absolutely not in favor of gerrymandered districts, but am in favor of making sure large population concentrations of minority voters are adequately represented.</p>
<p>Geographically unique areas are assured a representative voice.</p>
<p>Gerrymandering by any demographic is still gerrymandering</p>
<p>getting rid of the at-large positions (the white man's veto) was a great step toward fair voter representation.</p>
<p>Gives a voice to my district. Also allows diversity on city council</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Gives excessive representation to blacks, Pacific Islanders/ and Asians who comprise less than 30% of Virginia Beach's total population.</p>
<p>Glves smaller groups too much influence</p>
<p>Glad to have representation chosen by those in each district only versus city wide voting for all districts.</p>
<p>Go back to the old system. Need more at-large seats. Tired of everything being about skin color. What about veterans and seniors? How are they represented by this system? With a 10-1 system, elected officials seem to only care about their district and not the whole.</p>
<p>God is in control. Jesus died to save us from sin. God raised Jesus Christ from the dead on the first day of the week. The day before was the Sabbath. The Holy Bible</p>
<p>Greater accountability by elected servants</p>
<p>Have an equal amount of age registrar voters in each district is fair as long as each District has equal access to voting centers and absentee ballot voting.</p>
<p>Have no comments</p>
<p>Having direct access to the district representative and better representation on the city council. Less expensive to run as a candidate in the district.</p>
<p>Having not grown up in Virginia Beach I was surprised the first time I voted and the way the election system was set up. I grew up in a rural small town in Virginia and the politics there were more representative than in a major city in VA. I was disheartened and saddened to find out the way the political system was rigged to disenfranchise minorities in this area. Therefore I am extremely satisfied with the 10-1 System finally being adopted after voters supposedly didn't know what they were voting for previously and the voices of the voters being ignored previously in the general assembly in the past.</p>
<p>Having voters elect someone for just their district better represents me</p>
<p>I always thought having the council members elected at large was a bad system. I much prefer the new system so I have one council person to contact if I need something and can vote for or against them based on their performance.</p>
<p>I am concerned that race is not more evenly distributed</p>
<p>I am concerned with the management of the City as a whole, not randomly created districts whose elected representatives have no reason to prioritize the City's best interest, unless they are a rare politician who doesn't prioritize their getting re-elected above all else! This system is fashioned after the most dysfunctional of all governing bodies in the United States - The U.S. House of Representatives. Management necessitates a steady hand or hands and certainty not the constant drama and politicalization of every issue, with divisive political parties which will gain power and influence under this terrible system. Most citizens appreciate and care the most about their local government (or they should) as it has the greatest impact on their day to day lives. If the majority of the section the governing body are elected by every one you at least have a chance of not being a failed city like most - the vast majority of other cities that are run by</p>
<p>I am dissatisfied because 9/10 members represent the interests of other neighborhoods. Under the old at large system, members had to be mindful of how their decisions affected the</p>

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<p>whole city. The new system encourages members to only care about the interests of their district. For example, city staff note the district every infrastructure project will take place in. This means that if one district gets a road improvement, then all the other districts will have to get their own project. The result will be wasteful spending and higher taxes.</p>
<p>I am dissatisfied because drawing districts out creates a potential conflict of interests if some districts are drawn out to favor a particular base.</p>
<p>I think the entire city should vote as one whole and whoever receives the most votes, should win that particular election.</p>
<p>I am dissatisfied due to the single plurality voting, and would like rank choice voting. I am dissatisfied because there was no board or commission created to manage the voting system, this board would take census data and ensure the district lines are changed to ensure a equal voting population, and also to determine if more or less districts are needed.</p>
<p>I am dissatisfied with the 10-1 system for four reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The voters never had a say in something as important as how we elect Council. There should have been a referendum or at least a vote by Council. 2. Voters in some districts have much more influence than others because participation varies so much by district. District 8 had the highest participation with 20,806 votes cast for Council compared to 8,533 in District 4 which had the lowest participation rate. This means a vote cast in District 4 had twice as much influence as one cast in District 8. While District 4 only had one candidate, there were 11,391 votes cast in the contested District 10 compared to 20,806 votes cast in District 8. This is unfair to voters who pay attention to city issues and research the local candidates. 3. The 10-1 system has many irrational features. For example, why do elections continue to be staggered? In the old at large system, it may have made sense to elect half of the members one cycle and the other half another cycle. However in the new system, it is unfair to allow voters in say District 8 to influence city government every two years by voting first for Council and then Mayor two years later, while voters in say District 7 only get to vote once every four years. Also, the district lines the special master drew divide neighborhoods, e.g., split Saw Pen Point between District 8 and 9 with some neighbors in different districts. Further, this will lead to vicious political battles in 2030 over redistricting and will likely end up in court again. 4. The city emphasizes race in discussing the 10-1 system. For example, this survey says three districts were drawn on the basis of race. This is very offensive. It is long past time for governments to stop discriminating. Also, it is absurd to suggest that only racially gerrymandered districts can allow minority candidates to get elected. District 8 is 87 percent white and elected Mr. Taylor to the Council. In national polit

C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
I am fine with the 10-1 system. People in this city do not take the time to learn about all the candidates, so I prefer a system where voters only have to learn about the candidates for their district and Mayor. I just hate the way District 5 is drawn. Our General Booth suburbs should not be lumped in with any part of the Oceanfront. This city has a proven track record of favoring the resort area above all others. I want representation for the neighborhoods farther south on General Booth.
I am not fully understanding what information or data was used to determine this so called district divide, who benefits from this and how does it affect my voting privileges?
I am not involved enough in local politics to give a meaningful answer.
I am not sure how the district boundaries are selected.
I am not sure I really understand the real, underscore the word "real" implications of this system and how it will be manipulated by the political interests in VA Beach.
I am not sure. Have not heard really the pros and cons to the two different methods
I am on one of the areas that jut out. My vote will be included with a population that does not share my living "scene". I am in district 5 but all of my time is spent in district 6.
I am only voting the Mayor and City Council member in my district
I Am satisfied with the City Councilman but not satisfied With lack of other Councilmins decisions for residents. Their Focus on Tutors and Develioersand it Residents need or want. Wastewaste Our Money.
I am satisfied and comfortable with the 10-1 System.
I am satisfied as I think the District voting gives a stronger voice to citizens across the city and not just the oceanfront. Every Council person is now directly accountable to their District and must listen to the voice of their residents or be voted out. A totally at-large system they could neglect their district with no accountability.
I am satisfied as the size of the districts seem to based on the density of the population.
I am satisfied because I have a better chance of getting a representative who lives within my community. This individual would have more common interests and a stake into matters that impact my community.
I am satisfied because I want to be able to vote for someone to represent my community. I do not want to vote in other districts and do not believe it is fair for people who do not represent a community should vote for another person's representation. I do not feel that someone voting in the North End is voting for the same issues as someone in the Bayside District.
I am satisfied because it offers all residents a better opportunity to: 1. Run for office, 2. Elect the Candidate of choice, 3. It reduces the cost of running for local office, 4. It allows residents to know their local representative verses avoid Candidates who are out of touch with their district and the needs of the constituents in their district.
I am satisfied because voters in other districts no longer have the unfair advantage of voting for my representative. I am satisfied because the 10-1 system is good policy.
I am satisfied for the following reasons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Candidate selection better represents the make-up and the interests specific to the district. 2. During the last council election, there were more opportunities to get to know the

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<p>candidates vying for the district seat.</p>
<p>3. The results of the 10-1 council election gave me more optimism with respect to the value of my vote.</p>
<p>I am satisfied that this system is most representative of the citizens.</p>
<p>I am satisfied with the 10-1 election system, but I feel there should be additional at-large representation to help insure that the best overall interests of the city are preserved.</p>
<p>I am satisfied with the 10-1 system, however I am not satisfied with the election itself. Four out of seven districts elected candidates with less than 50% of the vote because there were more than two candidates up for election. Wanted to go to Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) which would ensure a candidate is elected with more than 50% of the vote.</p>
<p>I am satisfied with the system because city council candidates need to reach out to specific residents and concentrate on the concerns of that area. Of course there will always need to be compromises and trade offs, but each local population has more impact in this system, rather than who can wield influence over the biggest swatch of candidates.</p>
<p>I am still familiarizing myself with the system. My hope is that racial minorities are treated with equity.</p>
<p>I am unable to vote based on issues in other candidates who might be more focused on real estate than the people's needs or requests.</p>
<p>I am very dissatisfied because the system takes away 9 votes I used to have. The old at large system meant all Council members were accountable to all voters. The new system greatly diminishes accountability.</p>
<p>I am very dissatisfied because we do not get the vote for the person we want to vote for we gotta pick someone from a different place instead of within an hour right who we want to vote for this is not fair at all.</p>
<p>I am very happy that we have a representative that live and represent my district..</p>
<p>I am very happy to have gotten away from the "at large" election system.</p>
<p>I appreciate having a council member who is responsive to my neighborhood's issues and represents us at council meetings. I do not want the entire city determining who represents me.</p>
<p>I appreciate the three previous "at-large" seats being removed as they were only created to balance out minority districts from electing populist candidates that could significantly alter the course of the city.</p>
<p>I believe it is a more equitable way to vote for representation in our City. Candidates selected by district reflect that district's interests. I am moderately satisfied because I have yet to see how those elected are meeting those interests.</p>
<p>I believe it is a very fair system. I strongly feel that there should not be the opportunity to vote for any "At Large" candidate. I should only be able to vote for candidates that live in and will represent my district.</p>
<p>I believe my dissatisfaction with the new system was how it was forced upon the City without proper input from the citizens. This was a political action taken via the courts and not the electorate.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I believe our interests should be represented by a leader that lives in our neighborhood.</p>
<p>I believe that each council member represent the city equally and not focus on a specific district</p>
<p>I believe that the city should be represented by folks who live in the different areas of VB for sure. However, I do not think that creating unnatural boundaries for voting purposes creates a fair representation of the electorate as a whole. There isn't a natural division in which all minorities live in Virginia Beach, so this isn't fair representation. If you divide the area by High School districts, you would have a pretty fair and natural division of residents.</p>
<p>I believe the 10-1 system represents the residents of VB more fairly. Smaller voting districts assures fairer representation and more minority participation. I also believe that the city council is egregiously spending taxpayers money to fight the new election system.</p>
<p>I believe the only thing missing is at least 2 'At large' positions for all residents to vote on (like the mayor).</p>
<p>I believe the redistricting was politically motivated.</p>
<p>I believe the representatives of the district should be the voted on my those who live in that district. I've been voting in Va Beach since 1972 and never understood how the whole city gets to vote for reps for each district.</p>
<p>I believe the residents of a specific area should only be able to vote for one representative; therefore, I support the 10-1 election system. My satisfaction is not directly related the system but how city council members including the mayor represent the community as a whole.</p>
<p>I believe there is a better alternative to the current 10-1 system as well as the old system.</p>
<p>I believe this is a fairer system than what was previously in place. However, I feel some City Council members do not represent my views. Banning books is NOT my idea of protecting our children or the society.</p>
<p>I believe unless the council looks to the city as a whole and not just their district we will absolutely descend into a fragmented city. Just like we are a fragmented state and nation. Our quality of life will be reduced. To those who run, you are asking for this responsibility. I hope your up to great challenge.</p>
<p>I believe we need district representatives along with city wide representatives. Currently the system leans to each district rep will be concerned about only items in their district and could also lead to horse trading votes to support each others district needs. It would help to have 2-3 city wide representatives accountable to all city voters.</p>
<p>I believe we should have 7 Districts with a representative elected like the 10-1 system and 3 At-Large seats who would have a city-wide view when making decisions.</p>
<p>I can only vote for the Mayor and my own District Representative and to pass any action requires six votes. Under the previous election system, I felt a majority of Council cared about the entire City but now I feel that each Council Member only cares about their own District and I do not feel that I have access to all the Council Members like I did before because now a Council Member is not going to listen and instead refer me to my own District Council Member who may or may not advocate for me.</p>

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<p>I can't tell how much the lines are gerrymandered. I don't trust politicians.</p>
<p>I didn't like it. I like at large voting</p>
<p>I didn't think anything was wrong with the old system.</p>
<p>I disapprove of districts being drawn based on race/minorities. You said in your intro that "In three of those districts, racial minority residents make up the majority of the voting-age population." If you are drawing districts (or gerrymandering) simply to get districts that are made up of racial minority, rather than a mix of citizens, then why not have districts that are mostly catholic, or mostly female, or mostly LBGT, or other disenfranchised groups so THEY get a special voice? They may not be RACIAL minorities, but they sure are minorities!!! Quit kowtowing to the racial voices and draw the districts using straight lines!</p>
<p>I do not agree with a professor from California deliberately drawing the districts to force three districts to be majority minority. Our district was redrawn so that people I am neighbors with are now in a different district. It seemed arbitrary. This is another attempt by outside forces to turn what used to be a red city in to a liberal city. The system before was fine. A Soros-funded minority community member filed the initial complaint, and now our entire system is redrawn?</p>
<p>I do not believe that the majority of residents will be represented as intended.</p>
<p>I do not feel we have used the 10-1 system long enough to determine how efficiently and fairly it works in handling city matters, financial allocations for each district, and problem solving situations. I think time will tell if our council representatives can work for the good of all districts, collectively, while adequately representing their own district. I am hoping the theory can prove effective for all citizens.</p>
<p>I do not have enough info to answer</p>
<p>I do not like how the district lines can seemingly be redrawn at will.</p>
<p>I do not like not being able to vote for all the persons who represent me. The old system was better because you had more say to who was elected into office.</p>
<p>I do not like purposely creating minority majority districts.</p>
<p>I do not think it accomplished what the law suit against the city wanted to accomplish for the School Board districts or candidates. Too many district representatives were placed in the same districts.</p>
<p>I do think that some of the districts were cut in an odd way and it will Make It hard for representatives to benefit the entire district</p>
<p>I don't agree with district gerrymandering. No district should be drawn solely to represent a racial minority. If that's OK, why not have districts that represent religious minorities or sexual minorities? Those would be totally wrong too.</p>
<p>I don't feel like I should only be able to vote for my district representative. I live in the City of Virginia Beach and take part in activities and do business in all of the districts of the City. My address is not "District 2," it's "Virginia Beach, VA." You should have a say-so for the entire City. If we only have a say-so for District 2, then I would like for my tax money to only benefit District 2.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I don't like the Number system. I wish we had borough names but with the same lines. I don't identify with my district numbers I identify with my region within the city.</p>
<p>I don't really understand how the district boundaries are decided (beyond voter #s) to tell if the representation is fair. Also not sure I like only being able to vote for members of my district for certain local offices. Last election there were two candidates I really wanted on the school board but they were not in my district and none of my district's candidates really matched my views. For some things, I'm not sure it's worth losing a good local candidate just because they live in the wrong district.</p>
<p>I don't think the councilmen will be as willing to work together for the good of the entire city. There is the possibility of working along party lines instead for sitting down and acting on what is best for the city and it's residents.</p>
<p>I don't believe it's a true reflection of how residents feel. Since all elected personnel control what happens in VB, all voters should be able to vote for all districts, not just where we live. For example, school board members make policy for ALL VB schools, but I couldn't vote for a single school board member in my district. It's bullshit.</p>
<p>I don't feel like my council member really represents me. Regardless of who wins, if the district only has one representative about half the people will not be represented. I'd like to see more multi-winner elections utilizing Ranked Choice. That would give voice not only to the majority, but also the largest minorities.</p>
<p>Also, I feel as though the districts are not very compact particularly in the west side of the city.</p>
<p>I don't feel like my interests will be represented because the district where I live is more conservative than I am.</p>
<p>I don't have any more business voting for people in other districts as I do voting for districts in Richmond. I feel that the old system may have been developed to keep minorities down.</p>
<p>I don't like how district two was drawn, it appears to favor Republican voters.</p>
<p>I don't think it really matters in the end. It's all corrupt</p>
<p>I don't think they're fair or representative, even though they claim to be</p>
<p>I don't think this 10-1 truly represents minority interest. It favors republicans interest more. We should not be limited to selecting one person to represent our interest. We should be allowed to select representatives city wide. Minority interest are under represented through this method.</p>
<p>I don't want anyone outside of my district selecting who represents me and my district.</p>
<p>I expect all councilmembers to care about the whole city, not just their district. This system doesn't lend to the electeds caring about any area outside of his or her voter constituency</p>
<p>I feel as a taxpayer for the entire area, and not just my district, I should have a say in what is happening in other districts/neighborhoods. Especially in a tourist area, my tax dollars might be funding things I might not be on board with, and I should be able to support council members who represent my interests. I may not live at the oceanfront, but I go there and not go there based on time of year, etc. I should have a say on development there if my taxes are raised to support other districts' projects.</p>

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<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I feel at large candidates give citizens more control over election of members of council that share their views</p>
<p>I feel better aligned to my own rep, and I feel other communities are also more accurately represented.</p>
<p>I feel democrats lost due to having districts changed</p>
<p>I feel each council member controls the spending of the tax dollars I pay. I like voting for all council members because I can personally hold each member accountable. I believe over time with the 10-1 system, every voter will have less and less influence on how the council votes to spend our tax dollars. Within the 10-1 system council members only have to answer to complaints from their district. If a voter/ VB citizen lives outside of the district of a council member, that citizen will not have any ability to hold that council member accountable.</p>
<p>I feel it is an improvement over the old at large system</p>
<p>I feel it is more about the person representing a district than the lines drawn. A good representative is the most important!</p>
<p>I feel it provides a greater level of representation in city government</p>
<p>I feel like there should be a number of at large seats that the entire city votes on so that there are people to represent the "bigger picture". Our city has so many competing priorities when broken down in to districts - rural, agriculture, tourism, coastal, etc. that there should be representatives looking out for the ENTIRE city</p>
<p>I feel lines are drawn to the advantage of one and the disadvantage of another political party. Gerrymandering!!!</p>
<p>I feel my city council is more accountable to our district. I also feel we have the most diverse we have ever had in this city due the 10-1 — more women, more people of color, more diverse points of view.</p>
<p>I feel my City Council Rep is available to and listens to the needs of our District. Before the 10-1, we didn't have that personal way to have our opinions/suggestions heard. He lives in our District and knows what's happening here.</p>
<p>I feel my neighborhood's interests will be better represented. I have felt the concentration of interests has been at the oceanfront rather than in the other areas of the city.</p>
<p>I feel my person and my vote counted.</p>
<p>I feel that all 11 City Council members should represent all of the citizens in the city and therefore the citizens should have the opportunity to vote for all 11 members, not just the Mayor's seat and their district. As far as the SB goes, each of the 11 SB members are responsible for all of the schools and school division operations therefore all citizens should have the opportunity to vote for all 11 of the SB members. The ways the districts were drawn up there was no consideration as to the present SB members representing districts. more then half of the SB members were redistricted in same districts,</p>
<p>I feel that I shouldn't have a say in who represents another district/school board. I feel that switching to the 10 districts was/is a good idea and I hope it remains. I feel that each district will receive better representation.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I feel that in this system my needs and concerns and the needs and concerns of my family and neighborhood will be represented. I also feel like it ensures broader and better representation across the city and across socioeconomic, ethnic and racial groups.</p>
<p>I feel that my neighborhood is strongly affected by what happens throughout the City and that having a Chicago-like ward system will mean mediocrity, selfishness and "pork-barrel" trade-offs. Council should govern the City as a whole and not have their primary focus on the voters from their ward,</p>
<p>I feel that my representatives are more accountable to me as a voter under the 10-1 system. I also like that the 10-1 system makes it easier for candidates to interact with residents in their district as opposed to when candidates ran city wide.</p>
<p>I feel that that this system limits positive interaction between Council members as each individual Councilperson will only be concerned with their own district and not the City of Virginia Beach as a whole. The previous method of election gave every citizen a say who is on the Council and it gave the citizen the impression that they were free to give input to all Council members, and those Council members would be accountable to all citizens, not just those in their district.</p>
<p>I feel that the political parties have too much ability to manipulate the system in their favor each time the districts are redrawn.</p>
<p>I feel that this election process allows individuals to focus on the candidates who in their District.</p>
<p>I feel that this system it has a better chance of representing my neighbors</p>
<p>I feel that this will provide every citizen the opportunity to have their views represented.</p>
<p>I feel the 10-1 election system better represents the needs of the citizens in the community served, versus a city-wide voting system. Prior to this, I did not feel that city council made decisions that fairly represented the voices of all communities.</p>
<p>I feel the 10-1 is a more fairly representative system for all citizens of Virginia Beach because of the way the districts are drawn. I am satisfied.</p>
<p>I FEEL THE BALLOT SHOULD HAVE ALL CANDIDATES ON IT. EVERY VOTER SHOULD BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHO CAN REPRESENT OUR CITY. DEMOCRATIC OR REPUBLICAN. LET US MAKE THAT DECISION ON THE BALLOT. THANK YOU. A CONCERNED LIFETIME CITIZEN AND VOTER OF VIRGINIA BEACH</p>
<p>I feel the districts have been drawn so as to minimize the impact of minorities.</p>
<p>I feel the divisions are not representative of my views on issues.</p>
<p>I feel the maps appropriately represent the citizens that live in each district, though given the population of Virginia Beach, I feel like there should be more districts.</p>
<p>i feel the need to know how everyone on city council and school board feel about issues that they are voting on not just our representative. Everyone who is voting are affecting what goes on in the entire city.</p>

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<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I feel the new election system provides a better opportunity for our elected officials to represent each area of VA Beach and its constituents appropriately.</p>
<p>I feel the old system was a Jim Crow holdover to dilute the black vote.</p>
<p>I feel we need a few at large members.</p>
<p>I feel we need to break down the area into smaller districts</p>
<p>I feel with the 10-1 system our council member will represent us and not people in Pungo or Landstown areas. The old system did not encourage new people to run for office, instead electing the same people over and over.</p>
<p>I feel with the 10-1 system the districts will be better represented in council and have a larger voice in our government</p>
<p>I feel with the new redistricting lines that my district has moved to a more liberal to democratic district which does not represent my current political values.</p>
<p>I felt comfortable with the old district and shared the views of the people there. I think the new one carved out certain areas and some neighbors are no longer together. Due to the confusion it has brought, I think there should be a requirement of I.D.</p>
<p>I felt the old At-Large system was unfair and allowed certain members on the council to be elected by outside influencers/wealthy members of the community as a whole. The focus of the city seemed to have been more so on tourism and serving the wealthy. Neighborhoods in Kempsville, Green Run and Bayside seem to be underserved and I am hopeful the 10-1 system can help change that.</p>
<p>I finally feel like my local elected officials will represent my community issues.</p>
<p>I fundamentally believe in a model of governance that weights being a representative of the entire City as opposed to representative of individual wards or neighborhoods. I want CIP decisions made on what's needed in the City, not a fight for each area to have their own share of everything, or compel each member to fight for more and more at the expense of others and good governance overall.</p>
<p>I generally do not favor districting along racial or minority lines, although I understand there is a need for some accommodation until such time as there is economic parity.</p>
<p>I grew up in a city with wards or districts. I believe that we should be represented by someone who understands the community's needs.</p>
<p>I have a City Council person living 8 houses from me that I cannot for or against- this system is creating resentment and is disillusioning residents.</p>
<p>I have always felt that each district should vote for it's own representative to City Council because the concerns and problems within that district should be the focus of my representative. I would add that I would expect my representative to work with those of other districts for the benefit of not only their district but also the benefit of the City of Virginia Beach. If everyone can vote for my representative, then that person does not necessarily focus on the needs of my district. Thank you.</p>
<p>I have attended both First Colonial and Salem high schools. The night and day difference between the schools opened my eyes to how much the city Council favors the ocean front and Princess Anne county(Pungo) areas of the city over others. Moreover, the recent</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>“improvements” to the Indian River Road and Kempsville Road intersections that favored travel times from Pricess Ann to 64 over the needs of the locals in that area, the geographical expansion of the fourth precinct without adding additional officers, and lastly, the construction of the housing assistance center, which I’ve heard people describe as a method to move homeless people away from the ocean front districts to areas of the city closer to Norfolk, has shown me the only way for any of these other areas of the city to get any representation on city Council is the force it through by breaking up the monopoly of representation by the ocean front districts with the 10/1 system.</p>
<p>I have been moved from district 6 to 8. I live on the line. I feel my interest are best represented by 6.</p>
<p>I have interests in more than one district in the city so I really have no input on those concerns. As a citizen of the city I should have input on representation for the entire city and not just one district.</p>
<p>I have never even driven past parts of the district I’m in. (8 north side) my concerns are not the same as the south part of the district. Meanwhile the most signs I see are for District 9, even bleeding over to my district.</p>
<p>The southwest section of the city is badly gerrymandered and doesn’t make logical sense.</p> <p>Ranked choice voting for the entire city would be my preferred system. The city is compact enough where one district’s location impacts all the others. Particularly the oceanfront and town center.</p>
<p>I have no influence on election of council members in other districts than the one where I am resident.</p>
<p>I have the chose in who represents my views.</p>
<p>I have voting here over 45 years.. as a citizen of this great City .. I believe all citizens should vote for all candidates as we have a vested interest in the entire City</p>
<p>I have worked as a community volunteer leader to build a sense of community in my Fairfield neighborhood. The new voting district line runs right down Lord Dunmore Drive and divides my neighborhood. We have a compelling traffic safety problem along Lord Dunmore Drive. Now we have two city council representatives to work with to make our neighborhood safer. The boundary should be Kempsville Road, the main arterial road through Kempsville. Plus, Kempsville was divided. I worked on the Historic Kempsville District which is now divided.</p>
<p>I haven’t heard enough about it to really have an opinion either way.</p>
<p>I hope the interests of our neighborhood will not be overlooked or diluted as in the previous system.</p>
<p>I know it includes voting population, but does it include an equal amount of likely voters?</p>
<p>I know my representative. My representative knows my community and our local community needs. We have a seat at the table.</p>
<p>I know that this is not directly related to the 10-1 election system, but the issue of STR's, how the lines are drawn and the neighborhood's are now shredded by these STR's and our</p>

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personal space and enjoyment. I'm tired of us as taxpayers always paying for Bruce Thompson's projects which is directly related to the 10-1 election system..the old boys club. the taking of our public streets, the residents paying higher taxes because the council pushed through these developers projects even when we residents are against some of these things...ie the Cavalier diabolical by tripling the available spaces without increasing the square footage to accommodate the increase, what happened to the public park that was promised, and the don't get me started on the cross walk issues that they insisted on moving. I want to continue to live in my home, but my Real Estate Taxes have more than tripled and are quickly exceeding my cash flow as a soon to be retiree living on a never increasing budget.. We are all being taxes out of our homes and retirement.
I know you guys said it is equal. Some districts seem very large.
I like neighborhoods having unique reps. I at least have a chance of getting a rep that is not only interested in sandbridge. Town center. Or oceanfront
I like that each district has representation, but I tend to be more moderate than the rest of my area so I don't know that my views are always in agreement with our representative.
I like that folks outside of our voting area can't vote for my representation.
I like that residents can only vote for the people running for City Council in their district and not for people in other districts. I think there is an advantage to having an independent entity not affiliated or even familiar with political parties or groups drawing the districts. However, I can see the benefit of have at-large council members who consider issues facing the city as a whole. The 7-3-1 configuration gave too much power to the Oceanfront, but an 8-2-1 configuration would disperse the power to the non-Oceanfront districts. One aspect of the 10-1 election system that is not discussed the the creation of three majority minority districts. Virginia Beach is the second most diverse city in the United States and we pretty much work, play, and shop together regardless of race or ethnicity. That is why the Special Master had to group disparate minority groups together to achieve the court mandate. Although there is value to majority minority districts, I believe the demographics of the city should determine the number and size of these districts and not some arbitrary mandate by a court.
I like that the council member will probably feel more accountable to his or her region of the City.
I like that the system allows for more compact campaigns and doesn't require a lot of money to campaign citywide. However, I don't like that terms of single member districts are staggered so that some people in the city have no local elections on the ballot at all every four years (the off-cycle election year such as 2022).
I like the 10-1 System better, It gives each candidate an equal or same opportunity of winning their races. The old system allowed candidates to get votes from residents who did not live in their districts, along with the voters residing in their districts,
I like the district system but would like to include ranked-choice voting.
I like the idea of voting for someone that represents my district only so they can advocate for issues that affect my district. I always found it odd and confusing that we could vote for people in other districts.

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I like the idea that my rep is focus on my district as well as supporting the goals of VB as a whole</p>
<p>I like the option of selecting my own representative and not having people from other districts weigh in. I also want to know how much longer is city council going to prolong this and just accept the new system? Court cases, public listening sessions, surveys- they all tell you the same thing. This is the system the people of VB want.</p>
<p>I liked being able to vote for all districts.</p>
<p>I liked being able to vote for ALL elected offices in VB, not just my district representative. The 10-1 system fragments and weakens my vote. I feel disenfranchised by the 10-1 system. My interested in VB extends beyond my district limits! I am VERY unhappy with the 10-1 system. If the system is going to change to the 10-1, there should be a city wide vote on the issue. It (the 10-1 system) should not be dictated by an unelected judge!</p>
<p>I liked having at large members to be voted for along with larger districts.</p>
<p>I liked the old system better. I thought it made all council members invested in the entire city, not just a small portion of it.</p>
<p>I liked the previous system. The new districts is gerrymandering and I disapprove.</p>
<p>I live in a populated area, but the majority of my district is rural and the needs of the rural area are very different than the populated area. I also vehemently disapprove of my current council me,bee, she only truly looks out for her own interests.</p>
<p>I live in a suburban area. The issues I face in my neighborhood vary drastically from my fellow citizens. I do not understand the issues facing residents in the resort area or city centers. Therefore, I should not choose their representative.</p>
<p>I live in Kempsville the biggest section of Virginia Beach. The community only gets to vote for one Council member and the Mayor.</p>
<p>I live in one district and work in another. My family members live in other districts</p>
<p>I love that we have a diverse City Council body at this time. I do, however, have concerns that not all members will represent the WHOLE City well because of focus on specific districts. When all were voted on by all citizens of the City, I believed they would all work for the best for ALL residents - not just some. I also think there is more bickering among the Council members when they are "divided" in this way.</p>
<p>I need more information on the 10-1 election system. I have not heard a little y about it.</p>
<p>I need time to evaluate the system as it is new</p>
<p>I no longer have 11 representatives. I only have 1 plus the mayor. I've lost influence</p>
<p>I now know I have a representative that is there to represent and speak up for us and our community.</p>
<p>I oppose the 10-1 system because however each representative votes, it not only impacts that representative's district, but it impacts all the districts. Therefore all the district's representatives should be voted upon by all the citizens in all the districts.</p>
<p>I personally have no previous experiences with the 10-1 system. I am aware that there is a disagreement between the 10-1 system and another election system. I am aware that the</p>

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<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>changing of the district map can be abused to allow a specific party to be in charge. As long as the 10-1 system disallows this abuse of power, I am satisfied.</p>
<p>I prefer an election system where voters are allowed to vote for ALL 10 district representatives, not just one representative for one district.</p>
<p>I prefer at large because the policies enacted by city council affect the entire city, not just individual districts.</p>
<p>I prefer city-wide candidates. It is one city, not 10.</p>
<p>I prefer not voting for "at large" positions as they are not known to everyone who may be voting.</p>
<p>I prefer representation by geography, but not taking into account color or race.</p>
<p>I prefer that council people have the City's interest at heart rather than the parochial interest of each district.</p>
<p>I prefer the old system. I like the opportunity to elect individuals, who will not necessarily in my district, have an interest in my district.</p>
<p>I prefer the previous way because I don't trust the maps to be fair or representative of the population</p>
<p>I prefer voting for all members of city council as their votes affect my neighborhood and really my life.</p>
<p>I remain unconvinced that this system represents the citizens of Virginia Beach in a fair and impartial manner. Creating Districts for the purpose of making them represent a certain group of people is the definition of gerrymandering, which we have done in 3 of the Distrctits.</p>
<p>I should be able to vote for every City Council member in the city. I don't think it is fair to only allow me to vote for one council member when all of them will be making decisions about governance of the entire city.</p>
<p>I should have the opportunity to vote for all city of Virginia Beach candidates.</p>
<p>I strongly believe only a district can truely elect a candidate that has the districts interests first. I never understood why the entire city could elect representatives from every district. I never really cared who was elected to those seats.</p>
<p>I support the 10-1 elections system 100%</p>
<p>I think all areas of the city should be represented in the city council and elected by the residents of that area or district. It makes campaigning more affordable and manageable for the candidates.</p>
<p>I think all voters should be permitted to Vote on all topics in each district</p>
<p>I think generally the 10-1 system is good. I am fully supportive of 10 voting districts drawn in a way to help the makeup of City Council more accurately reflect the overall demographics of the city. I am FULLY AGAINST gerrymandered districts that are drawn specifically to benefit one group (ex. political party, race, socioeconomic class, etc.).</p>
<p>I think holding your representatives accountable are better, this way because we are voting for people living in our own district.</p>
<p>I think it gives all groups equity in our political process, and it will allow for different voices to be heard.</p>

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<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I think it gives the communities better representation than we had in the prior system</p>
<p>I think it is a better representation of Virginia Beach</p>
<p>I think it is more equitable and a better representation of each district's community.</p>
<p>I think it is the best idea for residents to be represented by an elected official from their district who can speak to the issues and specifics of their district. I do not, however, think the lines were drawn well.</p>
<p>I think it's extremely important for the people in each district to be able to chose their representation. Every community is different, no matter how large the city is. Each district has their own unique problems. We chose pur school board members this way, why would we elect our city council members this way as well? Also, I'd like to point out that by having the 10-1 system in place, it keeps those people that seek to run altogether as friends or neighbors etc, from running the whole city and disregarding each districts needs.</p>
<p>I think it's the best system and allows more people to be able to run for office, because they don't have to campaign citywide.</p>
<p>I think it's important that a Councilman represent & be accountable to his local constituents. This will lead to more fair & equitable distribution of city funding.</p>
<p>I think lines should be drawn but to arbitrarily assign a minority to 3 vague districts is not good. I have some questions. What districts are going to have minority candidates? Why not have candidates who are capable of representing the district be assigned instead of arbitrarily assigning candidates because they meet a quota. Isn't that discrimination in itself? To think that a candidate has to be red lined because of their skin tone or racial background instead of their qualifications sends the wrong message. I don't care who is put up for elections as long as that person has the proper qualification, knows the scope of the job and how to effectively carry out the job. In districts that favor one race over another will another race be assigned? The reverse of what is being proposed now. How is any of this fair. To me this is racism at its worst.</p>
<p>I think that change is needed for the districting in the city so I'm hopeful this helps</p>
<p>I think that our council person is not focused on all of the issues she should be.</p>
<p>I think the 10-1 system is a big improvement from the previous system. It didn't make sense to me that all the candidates were selected "at large" but were assigned a district that they were supposed to represent. I feel that in this new system the City Council representatives will be more accountable to their district's constituents.</p>
<p>I think the 10-1 system provides better representation because my council member will actually be from my district instead of front the whole city</p>
<p>I think the areas at the oceanfront should be inclusive all the way to the aquarium and not divided by Norfolk ave</p>
<p>I think the districts should be broken up because every area is not looking for the same things. Therefore, most people will not be satisfied with their representation making the best decisions.</p>
<p>I think the geographical distribution based on equal division of the population makes the most sense regardless of majority/minority of voters.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I think the lines were drawn in a partisan way to minimize traditional values influencing our local politics.</p>
<p>I think the representatives elected to council should have responsibility to the constituents that vote them onto the council. Having the district vote for the member that represents their unique interests is very important. The City of Virginia Beach is a VERY diverse city with unique issues for different areas of the city. For instance, living in the Newtown Road area, I do not have the same issues (access to affordable housing, transportation, etc) as a person who lives in Sandbridge dealing with flooding etc.</p>
<p>I think the system is fair, but the districts are drawn along party lines.</p>
<p>I think the system is fairer than the previous system that had all council members voted for by all residents. The only thing I do not like is that party affiliation is now a part of the local level elections. Party affiliation should not be a part of local politics.</p>
<p>I think the use of the 10-1 system drastically showed the gerrymandering that was occurring before 2022 and in 2022 under the 10-1 system a more fair system allowed for a better, more representative democratic election to take place.</p>
<p>I think this is a good system. However, I do not agree with the way you drew the districts. I feel like there were shenanigans going on with that drawing because it really doesn't make sense the way some of the lines are. I also think that it is possible with the right city Council member our district will be appropriately represented, but I'm not sure the city Council member always has the best interest of the district at heart. I think there are other lofty agenda items, primarily money related, that are involved in decisions this particular city Council makes. I don't think our city Council is very fiscally responsible at all. I also do not like some of the cronyism that appears to be going on regarding construction and new projects at the oceanfront. I also strongly dislike the fact that an arm of the mayors office, the developmental growth group, can make deals with big businesses and not allow for a vote on city Council. I'm talking about the wind farm project off of Sandbridge. I would really have liked to of seen how city council would vote regarding this project. It's a lose situation for the people of Sandbridge. OK, that's my two cents worth.</p>
<p>I think voters should be able to vote for all council candidates. Having a choice to vote for candidates in each district allows me to have my values represented throughout the city. I feel I would be better represented as opposed to voting only for a candidate in the district where I live.</p>
<p>I think we should keep the 10-1. In the past, the developers controlled Virginia Beach and as a result there is overdevelopment.</p>
<p>I tried to vote in the 2022 election. I couldn't find anything that said I had to go somewhere different and no one was at the normal school. Therefore, they need to put out a lot more information on the GOVT site and make it more user friendly. The site is impossible to find information on. I am assuming that the new split had something to do with it. We usually get something in the mail for a different location.</p>

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I understand the benefit of each district electing one representative from their district but those elected will be voting on issues for the entire City, not just their district, so they must be informed on how the issues affect all of the districts.</p>
<p>I want a choice to vote for everyone representing and working for my city. NOT just where I live. I deserve to be able to have a voice for all candidates as they make decisions for my quality of life in Virginia Beach. This system is terrible and too territorial.</p>
<p>I want a vote for ALL city council members. If they are all representing me & my city, I should have a say in 100% of the group, not just 10% of the group.</p>
<p>I want my city council representative to have to answer to the people they represent, not the entire city.</p>
<p>I want my council member to represent me and my Neighborhood</p>
<p>I want representatives that I feel like I can call on to represent my area of the city and it's challenges.</p>
<p>I want the residents in a district to elect the district's representative instead of our of district interests.</p>
<p>I want a district's representative to speak for and render votes that represent their district's interests.</p>
<p>I want to be able to vote for all of our city representatives.</p>
<p>I want to be able to vote for the entire city counsel.</p>
<p>I want to hold ALL council members accountable for the good of the entire city, and I believe citizens deserve the right to vote for every council member. I do not believe the 10-1 system is in the best long term interest of our city or the region.</p>
<p>I want to vote for all not just one council member</p>
<p>I want to vote for every member of my city council</p>
<p>I want to vote for the council member who lives in my district and represent me. I do not need to vote for members of the council that aren't my district.</p>
<p>I was at my voting office and a helper told me that we wouldn't know who the president would be for a while. This was the 2020 presidential race. How would they know that would be the case. Don't have a great deal of trust in the system now</p>
<p>I was extremely satisfied with my district before you move norfolk out and replaced it with Chesapeake. The newly redrawn district no longer is an accurate example of our political views or population. I prefer the old district before the 2020 election having Norfolk as apart of my va beach district was more accurate and represented it much more fairly.</p>
<p>I was never comfortable choosing candidates from all over the city, more comfortable following/ choosing people from my own district.</p>
<p>I was not able to vote for my candidate at the last election to my suprize.</p>
<p>I will be able to elect people in my district rather than all over VB</p>

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<p>I wish each district had a name. For instance, in our local paper rezoning issues are addressed by numerals. I know I am in zone 9 but I want to know where these other districts are without having to hunt down a voting district map.</p>
<p>I wish the mayor was selected from within the council..making 11 districts, and eliminating at-large.</p>
<p>The school board does that and it seems to work for them.</p>
<p>I wonder how the district lines were drawn/decided. I agree with 10-1 in theory. Will have to see how it works out</p>
<p>I worked at the polls for the 2022 election. After the redistricting, many voters, I'd say hundreds, showed up at the wrong polling place. The notices sent out by the City were not adequate!</p>
<p>I would be more in favor of the redistributing into 8 districts with 2 additional "at large" candidates. On Election Day voters would be able to vote for at least one candidate if the at large candidates term ran for 4 year, each expiring on alternating 2 year cycles. Currently if my district candidate or mayor is not "up" for reelection then I have no voice in municipal government for 4 years. That's unacceptable.</p>
<p>I would hope that issues that affect all Virginia Beach citizens will cause each city council member to listen to all the residents and not just those in their district.</p>
<p>I would like all 11 council members to have a vested interest in my neighborhood.</p>
<p>I would like to go back to having at large candidates</p>
<p>I would like to see 2 more council members that represent the whole city. The oceanfront council member should be held responsible to more than that district given the amount of tax payer money spent there. So there would be 3 at large members including the mayor on the council in addition to council members that are elected only by people living in that district. So it ends up being a hybrid of past and current systems.</p>
<p>I would like to see a Word system similar to Norfolk, where you have a local rep, and a ward rep. If you were individual districts and two or three bigger districts.</p>
<p>I would like to see not only a council member per district elected by the district voters, but also a number of at-large members added to the council. At large members elected by all voters - as is the mayor.</p>
<p>I would like to vote for all who are running. No matter what district.</p>
<p>I would prefer the city wide voting system. All Va Beach residents vote for all the candidates. We had a city council seat in 2022 where there was no opposition. A person shouldn't get elected just because they run and face no opponent.</p>
<p>I would prefer to elect at least 1 or 2 at large members in addition to the Mayor. My interests as a citizen should be represented by more than only 1 member; of course I have more interests in my direct district, but I also have interests in the entire City and items across the City impact my life no matter which district is involved. Citizens live, work & travel throughout the entire City, not just one district. I do agree that not having all members have to run City-</p>

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<p>wide does allow more individuals the opportunity to run since it lowers their costs to do so and thereby may allow for more diversity. I do not think the fact that our most recent Council is the most diverse Council may be solely related to the election system change. I believe the broader national impact of more involvement and education of citizens also played a factor.</p>
<p>I would prefer to vote for all city council positions.</p>
<p>I would still like some form of at-large representation.</p>
<p>i,m not happy with the council person within my district.</p>
<p>I'm new to Virginia Beach, so my opinions on the 10-1 system aren't well formed. It is also difficult to form a solid opinion about an election system that's only been run one time. That being said, the western districts do look weirdly different from the eastern ones.</p>
<p>I'm not sure how well this will work for the city as a whole.</p>
<p>I'm not sure where to place the blame at but I know that I don't feel as if the city is working in the best interest of the citizenry any longer. If that means we need to change the election system then so be it</p>
<p>I'm not. I am dissatisfied with the map of the districts. Since republicans are anti-democracy, I am certain they have gerrymandered Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>I'm satisfied because it is must less costly to run for office and it call for more accountability</p>
<p>I'm satisfied because under the 10-1 system each district will have their individual concerns represented by someone from that area that has a vested interest in resolving those issues.</p>
<p>I'm satisfied with the 10-1 system because it is more representative of my district. I've always thought the system the City used previously was dumb and racist. Here I was naively thinking, "finally, it's been fixed!" Yet, with this survey and the "public input" the City purports to be seeking, it feels as if a wrong that had been made right is in danger of being unraveled once more by certain people in power. It is unsurprisingly reflective of what we see in broader national politics today and the efforts to dismantle years of progress in combating discriminatory practices are clearly partisan. Florida comes to mind. If you'd left the decision about ending Jim Crow and segregation up to the majority, we all know it wouldn't have been struck down as early as it was - same thing with interracial marriage and marriage equality. Sometimes the right thing isn't the popular thing. And, the right thing shouldn't necessarily be left up to a popular vote. Quite frankly, even asking these questions further erodes the tenuous trust I had in local leadership. Under the old system, a council member could easily win a seat in a particular district EVEN IF they did not receive the majority of votes from the residents of that district. That is insane and spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in an attempt to relitigate this reeks of a good 'ol boy system desperately trying to retain it's imbalance of power.</p>
<p>I'm very satisfied that we are moving to the 10-1 election system. Neighbors have often mentioned how we feel ignored by the city. The change to this system revealed that our district (7) had no representation on the current council. I was extremely bothered that we were not allowed to fix that issue in the last election. We need representation here.</p>
<p>I'm very satisfied with the new 10-1 system because residents have the capability of choosing candidates whom voters feel would represent their personal views within their OWN district.</p>

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<p>Under the previous system in Virginia Beach prior to the 2022 election, it disenfranchised and diluted Black, Latino and Asian voting citizens from electing candidates of their choice. In December 2021 the court ordered use of the 10-1 system redrew the voting maps, allowing equal voting power for all voting citizens - including Black, Latino and Asian voters. This 10-1 voting system rectifies an illegal de facto election voting system in Virginia Beach which was in place for more than fifty (50) years which disenfranchised many Black, Latino and Asian voting citizens of their equal rights to vote in this city. I like that the 10-1 system continues to allow at large voting for the mayor. Let's move Virginia Beach forward and fairly.</p>
<p>I'm confused as to what the controversy is</p>
<p>I'm not sure it matters. Several people I know did not get their votes counted in the last presidential election, even though they voted in person. So does it really matter how the districts are divided? The people in charge of elections are the people who determine the results.</p>
<p>I'm satisfied because having one person represent an area gives us a representative to respond to our requests. Having the previous system, the reps were mostly answerable to the monied interests and didn't have to campaign in a specific district.</p>
<p>I'm satisfied because I think that people who live in each district should choose who will look out for their needs within the group mostly affected by the representative. Each district has their own issues that may not be the same for all districts.</p>
<p>I'm very satisfied with the 10-1 system because it makes sense to vote for the candidate that will represent my district in City Council!! The old way DID NOT make sense-why have people outside of a district vote for who gets to represent the other district the person does not live in!!!</p>
<p>I'm very satisfied, because now each area truly has someone representing them and their concerns. Also, people will be more likely to run for a local office now (which I think is good), because they can concentrate their energies and campaigns in a smaller district. I think the city has had too much of a patronage system, and this makes it more likely that we will continue to get some new blood, new energy, and multiple perspectives.</p>
<p>If eleven people on City Council have the ability to spend "my money" that you collect in taxes, I want a say so as to who those 11 people are. I certainly don't think the CC person that was elected to my district has the interest of the people at heart and it seems to be what others think also. Don't like how that person votes</p>
<p>If the new voting system makes it fair for the people in all of the beach to be heard, than that's what we need to be using not a plan where your vote does not carry any weight because it's been watered down from being spread all over the city. keep the new system it works for me. Mr Ed. over 30yrs in the beach.</p>
<p>If the ratios of 10-1 are legitimate and equal, then I am satisfied</p>
<p>If you live in one district, but your business is in another district, you have no say in the elected leader where your business is located. We need more "at-large" candidates to ensure the entire city is being cared for, not just one person's district. Which is already happening as</p>

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<p>some new Council members do not care about the entire city, only their district. Having no "at-large" seats is detrimental to our City.</p>
<p>Inability to vote for all Council members , and inability for Council members to understand and make decisions that affect the entire City. Many decisions of great importance come before Council members, and they need to be responsible to all of the City's citizens, not just those living in their district. Th 10-1 seems to divide people, rather that encourage us all to work together to address issues and solve problems.</p>
<p>Virginia is a GREAT city, and has been since its formation. Its the citizens deserve better.</p>
<p>Important to have a voice/connection/access to representative from the district I live in</p>
<p>In my opinion, all elected officials in the city should be accountable to all residents, not only the residents in their district. When an elected official is only elected by the people in their district, they do not need to listen to residents outside their district and they don't need to understand issues in other areas throughout the city. I think it sets up a system of division where they only need to care about what's best for their district vs. the city as a whole.</p>
<p>In the 10-1 system council members are only accountable to the voters their district. Under the old system more council members were held accountable by the whole city. Now under the 10-1 system I'm only voting for one member therefore I have less representation. Before I could vote for more people = more members to voice to and they can be held to account my the citizens of city.</p> <p>Old system better, members came from district so their focus can be on the district but still had to answer to all the city since the whole of the city voted for them.</p> <p>For the people that whine they weren't represented under old system you don't get it and they are ways to make your voice heard in the democratic process without trying to redefine equality and trying to set a system up to try to benefit the majority.</p> <p>The problem is not the system it's the unintelligent, ignorant or otherwise, people/voters</p>
<p>In the last council election, there was no one in our district represented.</p>
<p>In the previous system, I had the ability to vote for ALL of the City Council members positions, because ALL of them have the ability to vote on issues that affect me. Now, they still ALL have the same ability to vote on issues that affect me, but now my ability to choose the members them has been stripped away, except for a single member! My voting rights have been stolen!</p>
<p>Instead of big money (developers!) influencing every election and determining what happens in all districts, citizens will have representation for their district.</p>
<p>it appears lines were drawn differently to influence voting results.</p>
<p>it appears to be fair</p>
<p>It changed who represents my area.</p>
<p>It discriminates against the poor and people of color. It's designed to allow Republicans to get the majority of votes.</p>
<p>It doesn't allow everyone to be represented or to vote.</p>
<p>It doesn't really seem to matter what we as citizens vote on, Council decides what we get, need and want.</p>
<p>It feels more fair than the previous city wide free for all.</p>

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It gives a balanced voice to the entire City population; not dominated by the "money" districts.
It gives a voice to people who have not had one in our community.
It gives better control to district voters. It focuses candidates on the district.
It gives each area a say in who represents them.
It gives minority groups representation
It gives the underserved a voice.
It hadn't been in place long enough to judge the full effects of it. However, I have not seen my local council person making an extra effort to let my district know who he is and what he's doing for us yet
It hasn't been too long, so I'm not really sure yet how this council is doing. Ask me again once they pass their first budget and are faced with some more controversial decisions.
It is a better representation of our city, allows for more discussion of issues that are affecting people in different areas of our community and decreases the ability for a vocal minority to decide the outcomes on city issues.
It is a much fairer system with each district electing their own representative.
It is an improvement over the previous system because each locality can elect someone to represent them and not have their choice over-ridden by votes from other localities. I also think that candidates should live in the district they are running in - I am not sure if that is a current rule.
It is better than the at large system we used to have.
It is easier for more individuals to run for city council or school board.
It is fair.
It is so much better than the recent prior system that elected representation county wide.
It is the fairest system to have voters vote for candidates within their voting district plus citywide for mayor.
It is the most democratic of the processes with a strong connection to the principle of one person one vote
It is the only fair way to elect representatives that have the best interest of the residents driving their actions.
it just makes more sense
It leaves me with no ability to influence the majority (90%) of the council members who are making critical decisions about my assets, lifestyle and interests.
It levels the playing field between government and public. It helps take money out of getting elected. Elections are more equitable to those running—special interest reduced. People have stronger say in who represents them and can hold those politicians accountable. All voices are equal on voting ballot.
It make more sense than the old system and seems fairer to me.
It makes more sense than the old system.
It makes more sense to have someone elected that represents my neighborhood area than one who has not idea.

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
It makes sense.
It makes sense. Having seven at large candidates made it nearly impossible to be familiar with all of the candidates. Now I am able to be familiar with the candidates for my district only.
It means that people in other districts cannot vote for someone to represent my district that would benefit their district or interests.
It negates the leverage afforded to incumbents by well funded private entities in city-wide elections, which diminish the impact of the citizens of each district
It never made sense that I voted for council members that did not represent my area. I think this is a vast improvement and that my council members will actually listen to locals input.
It never made sense to me that I could vote for a city council member that did not represent my district. This model holds the members accountable to their constituents.
It provides a better connection with my Council member, which the former system did not offer.
It puts the entire city on a equal basis - not just favoring the Oceanfront.
It seems as though the districts have been drawn to purposely dilute the political influence of those living on the north and eastern portions of Virginia Beach.
It seems fair and it's working
It seems fairly drawn.
It seems that it will be more fair for people to vote for the person to represent their own district. The representative will be accountable and will vote for the constituents ' best interests.
It seems the boundaries drawn for districts has very little to do with the actual neighborhood residents. It seems they were creatively drawn to minimize lower income and working class families, often over representing the higher income majority within a district. I would prefer to vote my entire city council, not just who runs in my specific district
It seems to be driven by income. I understand location determines income, but should include variety in each district.
it seems to work
It was fine the way it was, there was no need to go changing it.
It will create a more divided City and nothing meaningful will get accomplished! It creates fiefdoms and we will become a regressive city with much colloquial bickering.
It works for city council but not for school board
It's a CITY not a neighborhood.
It's a new system - no longer having at-large city council members. I really haven't seen much difference as yet to form an opinion.
It's already become too divided and parochial. No team or citywide vision or big picture perspectives.
It's common sense that we elect a council person from our district and in the old way I was voting for people on other districts knowing very little about them
It's fair as far as it goes. If proposals before the council are influenced by special interest groups, then those groups have more influence.

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>It's fair for each district</p>
<p>It's is a fair process and provides for true representation through a council member in my district. This is the standard for American Democracy in action.</p>
<p>It's less discriminatory than the at large system. General assembly did away with at large Fair electoral system Elect someone from the community where you live instead of hand picked by developers etc Allowed more people of color and more women to join council (would have never happened in at large system) It's in the best interest of the citizens Fair and equitable Leave it alone. You can't go back to the at large system anyways. You'll face another lawsuit and waste more of our time and money</p>
<p>It's more fair that only the residents of the district vote for that district's representative.</p>
<p>It's much more fair to all residents.</p>
<p>It's the best way to represent the citizens of a large and diverse electorate. At-large systems are for small towns so it's past time for Virginia Beach to switch to a district system. I do not believe that a hybrid at-large and district system is a good idea. It's a solution in search of a problem. I can find zero evidence anywhere that district systems result in tribalism or failure by city governments to act in the best interest of a city. However, it seems obvious that a hybrid system will disenfranchise citizens and makes it easier for special interests to exercise malign influence on city council functions</p>
<p>It's the proper and legal voting process that replaced an outdated and unfair voting system</p>
<p>It's clearly designed in a racist fashion to over-represent racial minorities.</p>
<p>It's more fair than the previous system. The previous method allowed for anyone in the city for vote for people whom live, in some cases, almksttan hour away. Pungo and Bayside are polar opposites. So why should someone living in 23457 decide what happens for 23455? This system makes more sense and is a better representation of the people, ie more representative democratic.</p>
<p>It's ok, the shape of the districts look awkward and I'm not sure why the shapes are this way, but it's ok provided everyone gets one and only one vote:</p>
<p>It's too early to tell, but I worry that my voice has lost importance because of making city council members accountable only to their district.</p>
<p>Just from lack of information. I wonder why the map districts look the way they do. Is there a way to get context on how they were drawn? Was there gerrymandering done in order to have districts skew specific ways?</p>
<p>Also how am I to know that my district is going to be made of people who feel similarly to me on local issues. I'd prefer direct involvement rather than elect one person to cover us all. Bring issues to all the people to decide rather than just one person representing us all.</p>
<p>Keep the 10-1 system at all costs</p>

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Keeps big money from stacking the board.
Keeps factions from adversely affecting democracy. Direct representation means my voice will be heard rather than drowned out by at-large city wide representation.
Lack of attention to Shore Drive infrastructure.
Lack of visibility.
Last time I went to vote in the Aaron Rouse for state senate election. Got to the voting place and was told I am not in the district that could vote or not vote for him. I got my information from the local news so I am thinking I missed the specifics of who could vote or not vote. It was confusing
Leaves no room for congruence. Each district will only be concerned about issues within its own district, not the city as a whole.
Let's keep local politics in our own communities, makes sense doing so and will bring our city council a diversity that represents the beautiful diversity that defines Virginia Beach! Let's embrace and celebrate our community.
Local concerns are better addressed
Local representation matters. Having the voice of our community is important. I'm frustrated that district 5 didn't have an election immediately for school board and city council. We have to wait until 2024 and that's not fair. But I like the 10-1 system.
Look at the diversity corn currently on the council. This is enough to show that the 10-1 system helps to show the diversity of our city.
Love the 10-1 system! The old system I didn't like at all!
Makes knowing my candidate better , I don't have to look at 9 or 10 people to decide who is the best person to vote for . A much easier process !!
Map incomplete. Fractional representation
More democratic. I vote for the representative in my district. He/she is not elected by monied interests across the entire city.
More dissatisfied in city council.
More diversity representation on City of Virginia Beach City Council established ...age, race, economic, etc. and should continue to be diversified for the City of Virginia Beach
More likely to become a cat fight pitting disricte vs discribe
More public processing was needed for assessing implications of the shift to the system and the most appropriate way to identify the Districts.
More representative of my district's needs. The previous system made as much sense as if we voted for every political position across the country.
MOST EQUAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM FOR ALL VOTERS
Much better representation than all voters having a vote for each member of the Council.
Much fairer and better system for candidate funding than previous city wide system. In the old system, business interests and special interests could fund any candidate they wanted to better represent their interests rather than the needs and interests of the district. The new system ends the "best city council money can buy" that we had previously, (as in campaign

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<p>funding buying elections). I am better represented by new council man. My new council man better understands and represents the needs and interests of my district.</p>
<p>My civic league does not permit or encouraged democrats to speak at our civic league meetings. It has been that way for a long time. I was surprised when a democrat won. Did not allow Elaine Laura to speak. delegate and city council etc.</p>
<p>My councilman knows that if he doesn't advocate for my district, he won't be reelected.</p>
<p>my councilmember does not have the rest of the district in their best interest, only the affluent and oceanfront/croatan area</p>
<p>My district appears to have divergent constituencies. Ocean front and those surrounding a military base. Not really the same needs concerns.</p>
<p>My district has been gerrymandered based on the 10-1 system. Because of this my political party did not run a candidate at all. I voted congressionally but I refuse to vote for a candidate of a party that will not represent my interests at the local level. I feel I have no say based off the current district lines.</p>
<p>My district is partly down at the oceanfront and i believe my councilmember only has oceanfront in mind when making decisions. I have never seen my council member in other areas and even makes mention that they live at the oceanfront.</p>
<p>My District's interests are better represented. I know and expect to communicate with my Council person and expect responsiveness. I now have greatly increased voting power in electing my Council person.</p>
<p>My friend told me about the case and I agree with the judges ruling in this case so that elections can be fair for everyone in Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>My issue is not with the 10-1 district ward system...it offers the best representation for citizens and residents of VB. BUT the districts were applied by under court order and drawn to ensure incumbents had safe districts. It was essentially gerrymandering for incumbents to reside within their district.. What is worse is that nearly all Council Members were no longer running at the time of the election (Tower did not run, Jones passed away, Woods and Abott resigned. Granted this may only affect small portions of each district but they need to be redrawn for contiguous alignment. Makes no sense to have slivers of neighborhoods in different wards/districts.</p>
<p>My issues in the North End are very different from those in the Kempsville area. It shouldn't be about who has the most billboards and funding. I want someone I can reach out to who understands and represents MY issues.</p>
<p>My local neighborhood, Fairfield, was split into 2 different voting zones. Rather than have the district boundary line on a major road (Kempsville Rd), the boundary line (Lord Dunmore Rd) is a road within the Fairfield community. A neighborhood such as Fairfield, should not be split into 2 different voting districts.</p>
<p>My neighborhood is literally cut in half and doesn't make any sense on why it is cut in half. I can literally through a baseball off my deck and hit my neighbors house who is in a separate district while i understand lines have to be drawn somewhere, the idea of how and why they</p>

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are the way they are do not make sense. It seems the design is purposefully made to split certain voters in to smaller populations of the district they live in.
My neighborhood of Great Neck Meadows is currently split between two different districts. This should be corrected and avoided even if it creates a slight district imbalance.
My only complaint with the 10-1 system as it currently exists is that the 10 districts were drawn in a way that took the sitting Council members at that time into consideration. The 10 districts should be drawn without respect to any current or former Council members' addresses.
My only issue with the 10-1 is split subdivisions. My neighborhood Kempsville Heights is split down the middle with half in D1 and half in D4.
My rep lives in the district that represent me. Please no more at large reps. If the rep moves out the district, hold a special election.
My representative is far away from my neighborhood. I must rely on other elected officials to get anything done.
My representative will be more in touch with our district and the issues. It will require the rep. to engage with citizens in the district and provide more direct input from citizens.
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Never understood the concept of at large representatives.
No one can vote people to represent me that don't live in my area
Non contiguous areas tend to group people disproportionately including gerrymandered areas designed to force diversity
Not familiar
Not giving the western side of the city a voice on council is a violation of law. The 10-1 keeps us in th3 framework of representative democracy. Super Wards can be for some other city that doesn't have racial issues unresolved from Jim Crow and redlining.
not in effect long enough to make an analysis
Not sure
Not sure about the district I live in and who's representing my district.
Not sure if it's working yet
Not sure looking as your map didn't see Irene I are & Va each Blvd. Or Norfolk Ave. So not sure we're my District # is. If we do not know the head count how are we to answer your questions about what ethnic groups are represented in our neighborhood.make it know by a graft. Show all demographics.
Not sure my council member really cares about my community
Not sure why we are still litigating this after the General Assembly made it the law. Guess we can throw money away. I am not satisfied, not because the person who won our District isn't who I voted for, but because they ignore our neighborhood, our concerns, our requests for meetings, etc. At least we had an at-large councilperson who was responsive. Turns out the developers do run our City. If you want a good survey, see how many Va Bch residents know what the Dillon rule is and how it affects taxes, development, etc.

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<p>Not sure yet, it's only been a year since we had the first 10-1 election system. It makes sense on its face, at least.</p>
<p>Not too happy with the breakdown of districts.. District 2 is quite large I guess do to a less populated area.</p>
<p>Not too familiar with this election system</p>
<p>Not too happy that my rep was initially appointed by city council because of a vacancy for a seat that he had lost and then subsequently ran for the seat. I'm not happy that he was appointed to fill the vacant seat.It seemed to me like he lost in a fair election (was rejected by the voters) and then was appointed to that same position. Additionally, he works as a sheriff and holds a seat on the city council. How's that allowed?</p>
<p>On issues of importance to my district, there is little I can do to hold other council members accountable. The likelihood they will be interested in issues that are important to me is diminished. In the moments I feel most strongly about an issue impacting my district, I feel very limited in my ability to secure the attention of more council members. The Avangrid project is a prime example of this feeling of despair over council's interest in my issues.</p>
<p>One at-large rep seems like too few while any more than two would be too manu.</p>
<p>One council person is elected only by one district voters. Other council people no longer care or engage with issues that are not in their district or will not get them re elected.</p>
<p>One person one vote. Old system gave populous areas too much influence.</p>
<p>Only being able to vote for 1 council member plus mayor does not allow me enough of an opportunity to choose the council that represents my City. I would like to be able to have a say in more than just 1 council member, resulting in a more holistic City Council.</p>
<p>only need to vote for local district rep, just like state delegates and Congressman etc.</p>
<p>Only the voters who live in a particular zone can elect that representative. Under the old system a representative could be elected by voters in other zones.</p>
<p>Originally, I was in favor of the new system. I have come to believe that the council members are really only focused on their district and not the city as a whole. I like the idea of having individuals elected by district, but I think we need a few more at large. Much like the city of Norfolk has in place.</p>
<p>Our City Council Member is more responsive to neighborhood issues. Before 10-1 it seemed as if our member was only interested in citywide issues.</p>
<p>Our council Person can now concentrate on the issues in our district and represent them more fully</p>
<p>Our council member lives in our community and is accountable to us, rather than representing the entire city.</p>
<p>Our neighborhood (Pembroke Meadows) is split by District 8 & District 9. Our neighborhood is a "closed" neighborhood and should be ONE district, not decided arbitrarily.</p>
<p>Our representatives can focus on the voices of the voters in their district.</p>
<p>Our representatives should live in the district they represent. I am tired of the cronyism of the last few years. The move to change the new and improved system is another example of the disconnect between the will of the people of VB and the CC.</p>

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<p>People are always wanting to change the district for an advantage to gain votes (race seems to play a factor-too many of these and not enough of those) . Need term limits in some of these races!!!</p>
<p>People should be able to vote for someone that represents their specific area. There should be no influence from other areas regarding where I live the old system allowed a dilution of minority votes, as well as people who had no interest in my district being voted on by people within my district.</p>
<p>People should be able to vote for the actual representatives- it means they will be more responsive to those in their district.</p>
<p>People who do not live in my district should not have say over what happens to my district. I feel the 4 at large seats provide these people with oversized influence with less accountability and makes it harder for non wealthy people to compete.</p>
<p>People who don't live in your Voting district have no right to choose who represents you. The previous system was rotten to the core, and now the city is trying to backtrack so that their personal interests are maintained over what's best for the residents.</p>
<p>People within need to have the power to elect a person to represent and advocate for the needs of that specific community. To do it any other way is not democratic.</p>
<p>Person elected knows the neighborhood and its area's residents and can concentrate on their needs</p>
<p>Politicians are self serving, bribed, financially vested, and not in it for citizens best interests</p>
<p>Porque presta una voz más enfocada a las necesidades de los residentes de cada distrito y el Concejal del distrito tiene una relación más allegada a sus constituyentes y las necesidades de los residentes de su distrito.</p>
<p>Prefer to elect the who will represent the entire City.</p>
<p>Prefer to have say in electing all candidates governing city and setting policy not just my little corner since entire city council actions and decisions affects entire city.</p>
<p>Pretending to be fair while actively splitting the community for personal interest.</p>
<p>Previously I could vote for all candidates for city council. I felt like I had a say on how each city council voted. Now I am limited to one city council member in district 2.</p>
<p>Prior to the 10-1 system the interest of the community/neighborhood in which I reside represented by the City Council representative was very poor. Under the 10-1 there has been a significant increase in the representation of the interest of the community/neighborhood in which I reside represented by the City Council representative. I fully support the 10-1 election system and do not want an alternative system implented.</p>
<p>Prior to this new system, I was the constuient of ALL 11 members of Council. Now, I am the constuient of just 2.</p>
<p>Pungo needs don't match Kempsville needs, don't match Oceanfront needs, don't match Town Center needs, don't match Bayside needs.... You get my point</p>
<p>This SHOULD force council members to WORK and COMPROMISE to find the best solutions for ALL districts, without favorites getting all of the props.</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

C10: Please share why you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Recent election results show that it is more fair than the previous system.
Redistricting resulted in a popular city councilman moving to a new district where he lost due to a new voting population.
Redrawing the boundaries of the districts makes it harder for minorities to be represented fairly on city council and school board because they are more likely to only have minority candidates in 3 of the districts.
Representation by someone who lives in and is accountable to my district
Representation is more personal with 10-1 system.
Representation of the interests of more rural area residents is greatly diminished by the 10-1 election system.
Representative should be from their community and elected by his or her constituents.
Representatives are accountable to constituents in their districts.
Represents more citizens and less special interest and developers
Rosemary Wilson represents just the interest of real estate developers and persons wanting AB&B's and not the residents of this district.
Rosemary Wilson, was not up for reelection in the 2022 election. She doesn't adequately represent her new district as she wasn't elected for the district. District 5 is is not all about the ocean front. The Nimmo / Princess Ann area's interest are typically not the same as the ocean front.
Rural Virginia Beach is relegated into one district. The 10-1 does not offer enough representation to the northern and southern most portions of local district 2. The number of district should be raised to allow, so the target population can decrease and provide better representation to these separate sections of rural Virginia Beach. A 15-1 system would better future proof the election system and give the resident overall better access to their elected representatives.
Satisfied based on the result providing a more diverse City Council.
Satisfied because each district truly has a representative as opposed to the earlier election system.
Satisfied because it is reasonable to expect people to vote for elected officials only within their own district, and for people in that district to be represented by whom they voted for, not others from outside their district.
Satisfied because, with exception of mayor, voters should have only one elected representative on City Council.
Satisfied but haven't had an opportunity to see our new council person in action yet. This new system is more fair as it is much closer to home. (in the past our councilman lived to far to even know how to find our civic league meeting).
Satisfied due to equality in age of district residents.
Satisfied that council members are elected by only residents of their district.
Satisfied with the smaller district in the city which enables individuals to run and fully represent their district and it is less costly for the person to run. In the past candidates have had to run city-wide and costs were extremely high to contact all the 270,000 voters by using

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the district candidates can run in the district and meet candidates door to door and process communications easier than prior to the whole city. I recommend that we get and maintain the current District 10-1 election process.
Satisfied. The 10-1 system appears more fair as it allows all voices, a diverse group of people, to be in OUR city council.
Seems fair from a "numbers" standpoint.
Seems fair. Easy to understand. Don't change it again unless ordered to do so!
seems good equal representation. my councilman not available. VB local gov is distant and not representative
Seems like gerrymandering to me. My vote doesn't have a chance in my district.
Seems like the urban areas of Virginia Beach has more representation than the farmers in pungo and southern areas of the city.
Seems reasonable to me that myself and my neighbors would be represented together, when dealing with City issues.
Should be able to vote for all council members regardless of district,
Should be able to vote on all council members.
Similar population numbers of eligible voters does not necessarily mean equal participation, for varied reasons.
Since I can only vote for Mayor and Council/School Board memebtrs for only my district, Council memebtrs in other districts will not be able to be held accountable if they vote to approved something that detrimental to those in my district.
Since much of the military is transitory, not sure how that plays into the calculation for my district, 5. I also see you changed the wording, no longer with the candidate 'residing in' the district, now saying 'from' the district. Not sure whether that ensures the candidates are actually living here.
Some districts seem to have majority in support of 1 candidate. If you are in the minority, it almost seems worthless to vote.
Stop wasting our tax dollars fighting this.
Strongly feel voters should only be voting in their respective district, not the entire city; otherwise, candidates who have the most financial backing are more likely to win outside of their District. We all know that many voters, if they are not familiar with candidates positions, will vote for the person who's name they recognize, and that would be reflective of the signage for each candidate, in addition to local TV time. Additionally, I will call it signage pollution, but we are over run with excessive signage on every corner...and I still occasionally see them out in May!
System does not allow anything to get done in a timely manner
System ensures one party is stronger than the other.
System should make representatives more responsive to their constituents
System still in infancy - satisfaction remains to be seen.
Ten districts were very artificially created to include each of the non-mayor incumbents i a district. Districts do not represent cohesive identifiable portions of the city. Seven districts

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<p>drawn along more historical community lines would be better with either 3 at-large members or reducing the number of council positions. three at large would provide at least a minimal whole city view of municipal issues.</p>
<p>Ten separate silos of council members who only care about getting re-elected. No city wide vision</p>
<p>That no one outside of my district will have a say in my district.</p>
<p>The "10-1" system is representative of the people who reside within the districts and the candidates, as a result, mostly reflect the views of those people.</p>
<p>The 10-1 District system produced the youngest and most diverse City Council in our history. People can actually talk to their Council Member and know who they are.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system assures minorities will be represented on city council. The previous system assured the strength of the white dominated "good ol boy" network on city council.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system best serves the citizens of Virginia Beach as a form of representative Democracy.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system has produced the most diverse city council that this city has ever had. Previously council was stacked with white men good old boys and too heavily skewed to the needs of the ocean front while less affluent areas of the city were and still are fighting serious flooding and access issues.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system is more fair to include diverse mix of groups which should be represented in our city.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system seems fair.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system seems to be the most fair way to have an election in Virginia Beach - especially for minority groups in our City. At the very least, 10-1 election system is certainly more fair than the previous system</p>
<p>the 10-1 election system ultimately reduces the cohesion in the areas to drive innovative projects for the region.</p>
<p>The 10-1 is more representative of each neighborhood and it lessens the influence of money in deciding who will be elected.</p>
<p>The 10-1 Seems the most fair form of representative government. The old system allowed an advantage to those areas that had stronger turnout. I think that rank choice will push us to single party results,</p>
<p>The 10-1 system allows a much better representation than the old system. For the first time in the history of our city, we have a much more diverse group of council members, this includes age, ethnicity, experience, and background. The former system allowed the focal point of the city to be the "beach." Now, council members will bring concerns of the people that live in the area they represent. In addition, this system's elections are not based on the enormous amount of money candidates need to raise in order to compete but on personal contact with their constituents.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system allows for a more accurate voter representation.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system allows for local representation of all neighborhoods and communities. The old at large system not only allowed people from other areas and districts to negate our</p>

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<p>district’s vote, rejecting the City Council member we chose, it also permitted the concentration of power among a rich, white elite. For example, we had two City Council members who lived within a block of each other in the Bayside area, Louis Jones (now deceased) and John Moss (lost the 2022 election). We had four (FOUR!) School Board members, also from the Bayside area, who lived within a mile of each other. We had an excellent African-American City Councilwoman, Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, from Kempsville who we the voters of Kempsville voted to re-elect. However, Dr. Ross-Hammond did not get re-elected, because white people from other more racist areas of the City voted against her. We need to be able to elect our own local representatives, without interference from other areas, and include the voices and votes of people from Districts 4, 7, and 10 who were previously excluded from any representation at all.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system allows for residents of a specific district to elect someone who is familiar with their area and can properly advocate for their needs. Let’s keep the 10-1 system to ensure equal representation for VB residents.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system does not address the overarching financial, safety, and growth needs of the city. The 10-1 system creates and council that would react in a competitive manner between council members thereby impact the stability of the city for basic services. Additionally the 10-1 system boundaries are not aligned with the those of individual schools.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system ensures that my representative most closely understands the very local issues within our district/community</p>
<p>The 10-1 system has only been in effect for a short time. How well I think my interest, or I think my neighbor's interest will be represented depends entirely on what the topic is and who is representing me/us. These are very broad questions with no specific answers. Also, having 3 minority districts doesn't quite seem fair.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system insures that all residents are represented and that no one area is more powerful than any other. It also makes our elected officials more responsive to their district.</p>
<p>The 10-1 System is fair and reasonable.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system is more fair for every VB citizen than the previous system</p>
<p>The 10-1 system is much fairer than the previous, at-large system. I live near Ocean Lakes; I should only be voting for the councilmember who represents my part of town. I shouldn't have any say in who represents the interests of people in Kempsville or Bayside.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system is too confusing and somewhat illogical. The whole purpose is to get blacks elected to City Council. I have do not have a problem with that; however, just appoint them and forget the charade. Do not tell us that they are trying to have better representations for the people. The elected Council Members vote on what is good for the city and not necessarily for one particular region of the city.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system is too new to really know. Only positive feature I know of was no longer allowing people to vote for Council Members NOT in their district and this should have been un-allowable from day one. It also removed at large members which made no sense anyways. EVERY Va. Beach resident should have been provided the information, in stead of select</p>

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<p>residents, of the listenings? that occurred previously in March and April, 2023. For voting, we need Paper Ballots and all Hand Counting of the votes. No More Machines !</p>
<p>The 10-1 system most accurately reflects the views and needs of the citizens. Changing to a system more closely in line with the previous model would dilute the power of the citizens in favor of special interests groups who have maintained power in the past.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system provides a better guarantee of "one person, one vote" for our representatives. I am strongly opposed to the "at large" system - it is very un-democratic and allows for disenfranchisement of voters.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system provides a level of accountability not available in the previous system where all VB voters voted for all city council candidates.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system removed decades-old racially-motivated gerrymandering and balanced the field. The 10-1 system elected a much more broad selection of council members who can represent their districts fairly and focus on the issues that impact their district. This prevents the continued strong armed robbery of council's focus and the city budget to certain districts by allowing council members to be elected to represent 1 district of VB only. Each area of VB has different needs. We are not all Sandbridge or the resort. Let the 10-1 stay so we can have a council member who is focused on representing issues for our respective districts.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system seems like the best opportunity for residents to actually get to know a city council member and to be able to advocate for their specific neighborhood.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system weakens the council to act regionally within the City and almost kills the ability for it to act outside the City when regionalism and economic growth is one of our biggest issues.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system will polarize each community along federal political lines. The City system does not need this as most city-level issues cannot be forced to follow political ideologies. Pot-holes and public water system problems are not meant to be solved by Cable News.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system will result in parochial council persons. The City's problems transcend the narrow interests of individual districts. Flood control, roadways, general assembly issues, and many more require some council persons (more than just the Mayor) to have a big picture point of view.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system will/does cause each council member to represent what is only good for their district so that they can be re-elected. It will cause more political disunity with VB. We need a council that will represent what is best for all of VB and not just each district. The council voting that VB had prior to 2022 for many years is better suited to achieve what is better for the entire City.</p>
<p>The 10-1 voting system matches the district voting for state elections. It gives the candidate the opportunity to meet the people in his/her district, hold appropriate town hall meetings, and allows citizens to feel they have a voice. While it is the job of city council to work together, it allows each member to bring their knowledge of their community to the table. The old system was confusing for citizens and led to the appearance of professional politicians. Please allow this city to move forward...it's time.</p>

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<p>The area is not very diverse, I feel as though the drawing of boundaries for my district lumped me into a group that was dominated by not like-minded people mostly because of my location, being more oceanfront, and other areas that may not be as keen on the oceanfront problems. Also, I don't like not being able to vote for City Council members that may not have my interests in mind, as the previous "at large" candidates may have</p>
<p>The citizens choose their representation.</p>
<p>The city can not be controlled by tourism business interests all the time, while these are important, it seems in the past their interests are tantamount to the rest of residents. Recent storm events have cast the spotlight on this where some areas of VB have not had protective measures taken until after the fact. Many many of my neighbors suffered flooded homes b/c the city chose to neglect cleaning up it's waterways in my area in a timely manner years ago</p>
<p>The city council may have a district but they really just care about the OCEANFRONT</p>
<p>The city council representative for my district geographically has a much smaller area of responsibility in terms infrastructure and people to be accountable to.</p>
<p>The city of Virginia Beach is not 10 separate entities. How can the whole of Virginia Beach be represented by the political separation?</p>
<p>The courts have mandated this system, which I support.</p>
<p>The current system allows for representative candidates</p>
<p>The district lines on the West side of the city look gerrymandered. Reminds me of how old Virginia Congressional Districts 3 and 4 were draw before the last redistricting.</p>
<p>The district map drawn by population is fair, cannot imagine a better alternative.</p>
<p>The district map has irregularities that make it very hard to know which neighborhood are in which district. Even as a long time resident, I can't find rhyme or reason for the districts. I understand that they are intended to be equal in voting size but the borders don't seem to line up with any particular cultural areas or business hubs.</p>
<p>the districts are drawn to intentional benefit one group over another.</p>
<p>The districts as drawn, while representative of population density and demographics to a lesser extent, do not take into account the very different needs and concerns of specific and different geographic areas of the city nor their economic differences. This plan places potentiql representatives on city council in a difficult position balancing what at times may be contrasting perspectives on various issues.</p>
<p>The districts do not make sense. While there are stats and other data, it shouldn't break up a neighborhood. It makes it difficult for me to help my neighbors all car pool to the poll</p>
<p>The districts seem to be cutting into each other, which looks a lot like gerrymandering. I wish the districts were more evenly distributed, which can be seen as district two is huge compared to the others</p>
<p>The elected officials seem to care only about their district. I feel they should care about the entire city when casting a vote. I also don't like the way the districts were drawn. They were drawn to make sure the existing council members had a district so in essence they were gerrymandered to meet the existing council member's surrounding areas. I didn't think that was a fair way to draw a district. In some cases they even drew a small indentation to include</p>

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<p>a council members house. They cut neighborhoods in half to draw a district creating a problem for existing polling precincts and therefore new polling precincts had to be made. The gerrymandering is very evident when you look at the shape of the districts.</p>
<p>The elected officials will affect us even though we cannot vote for them, they impact the entire city. There are no neighborhood issues, they are city issues.</p>
<p>The election system is designed to meet the needs of local special interest groups who are able to supply the monetary funding to support their ideal candidate. These groups are local money people who reap the benefits of the financial windfall from constant construction projects, mostly at the ocean front. The current members do not represent the sentiments of VB residents but serve to line their pockets and those of their cronies.</p>
<p>The geographical districts don't seem to make much sense.</p>
<p>The lines appear drawn to allow people who were on Council at the time to still live in a district & not have to compete with another incumbent. Not all stayed on & some of these lines don't make sense. My concern with 10-1 is that members will not work to the benefit of the city as a whole & instead have a "my district first" mentality. I love that the big money folks only get one vote - adds to equity! However, if a council member doesn't play nice with others, will the people of their district ever get anything? (I am looking at the Centerville Rec Center as a prime example. I do not live in that district, but those people deserve a rec center.)</p>
<p>THE LINES ARE NOT FAIRLY DRAWN</p>
<p>The lines aren't drawn fairly. They are still "jerrymandered" to obtain the outcome you want. For example my house has 4 votes over the age of 18. Why, because my kids can't afford to live in this city on their income. Meanwhile OTHER districts with higher incomes cover more area to have " the same number of voters" which means to me the more money you have the more voting influence you also have.</p>
<p>The local election system that Virginia Beach has implemented leads to the same gerrymandering that exists elsewhere in the United States. The city needs more representation from the majority of all types of residents, not just high-income areas cut into their own voting block.</p> <p>This is the entire reason why the Tide was killed off. The city left it to a referendum because most of the council members will never approve of anything involving public transit.</p> <p>VB needs to approve the construction of the first phase of the Tide, and let HRT do whatever it wants with public transit elsewhere.</p> <p>I am utterly disappointed with this city, the city council is perfectly fine doing absolutely nothing for the entire city and not approving an ounce of mixed-use development, and letting gigantic developers own the entire oceanfront.</p>
<p>The map should be reviewed and re-drawn if necessary to ensure equal representation and no group's vote is diluted. An independent committee should be given this task - not city council cronies.</p>

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The Minority voice has long been repressed in VB - the old system was enacted right after the voting rights act in 1965, to do just that. and it can be seen in how majority minority areas were underserved and under-represented. Now, the power brokers want to upset the apple cart again and move the goal posts - this is not equity. Im well acquainted with how it has worked over the years. So, I am SATISFIED with the 10-1 system. we are all taxed, we are all entitled to an equal vote and voice, It is not fair to be able to rally a vote from southern Pungo for someone representing Burton Station. Likewise, Burton Station voters should not be voting on someone representing Pungo issues. People want equity and equal representation and are entitled to elect a representative that represents THEIR district. Also, running a citywide campaign is far more expensive than a District wide campaign, meaning candidates need to attract donors and this is also not equitable. So, again the 10-1 system is more equitable and SATISFACTORY than the old voting system.
The new election system has resulted in the most diverse city council Virginia Beach has ever had. That is a very good thing for a city that wants to grow and be a home to new businesses.
The new election system will make the district council members more accountability to the voters they represent. It also eliminates the problem of voters outside the district notifying the wishes of the district's voters stated representation.
The new system takes away voters ability to vote for other council members, thereby effectively reducing the voters rights.
The new system will cut my neighborhood (Fairfield) into two parts
The old system didn't seemed fair.
The old system had representatives who considered the interests of the entire city. The 10-1 election system loses the overall focus and causes its reps to only worry about their individual districts which in the long run will be detrimental to the city and to all of its residents.
The only problem I have with it is the lines were drawn to keep certain CC members in their districts and I don't get to remove mine till next election
The only way we can hold the city leaders accountable, at the ballot box.
The other 9 that do not represent my district don't seem to care about the issues in our district. They're concerned with their own. Berlucci said as much as that when I spoke with him. He's an ass.
The people of the district are better represented by the 10-1 system because they are being represented by someone from their district, put in place by people from their district.
The perceived needs of each district, and the priorities of each will differ. This may or may not reflect my needs or the needs of the districts. And while each district may have the same or similar number of voters, those voters will tend to be "pocketed" in their interests this being a very diverse city geopolitically that is.
The person elected actually lives in a and represents that community.
The person representing me will serve constituents in my area and not all over the city. Also the Black vote won't be diluted.
The previous system of everyone voting for all candidates was far better than this new system. This new system just divides us into local tribes instead of a unified city.

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<p>The prior At-Large voting system was deemed against the law by a Federal Judge. It disenfranchised minority voters. The current 10-1 system resulted for the first time in Virginia Beach, more than one minority on City Council. I believe this is fair and reasonable.</p>
<p>The result is the most diverse city council ever - it's about time! Fantastic! Also, candidates don't need to spend time and money canvassing the entire city. This by default narrowed the field to candidates with deep pockets rather than deep compassion or experience. Moreover, the city should not spend any more \$\$ on redesigning a voting system when this one works better than any other in the city's history. Even considering a hybrid system would mean diluting votes in the districts with majority residents of color - not good!</p>
<p>the size of district two waters down my vote,</p>
<p>The survey questions do not ask questions like</p> <p>Do you feel the 10-1 system reduces the cost of running for elected office</p> <p>Do you feel the 10-1 system increases the diversity of of who is elected to City Council?</p> <p>Do you judge that the 10-1 system decreases the influence of special interests on who gets elected to city council?</p> <p>Do you judge the 10-1 system increases the probability that the needs of neighborhood will be addressed by City?</p> <p>Do you know the legal history of the 10-1 system?</p> <p>Do you think spending almost half a million dollars to secure your opinion and that of fellow residents on the 10-1 system was a worthwhile investment.</p> <p>Do you want to retain the 10-1 system?</p> <p>Do you want to retain the 10-1 system at least through the November 2024 City Council election?</p> <p>You did not pose an open ended question to ensnare other comments</p> <p>This is a self-selection and while providing anecdotal insights the inputs are not statistically significant and the shortcomings of this data collection instrument should always be disclosed when data is used from this collection instrument.</p>
<p>The system believes that all minority voters cast their ballots exactly the same way. This in and of itself is False. Completely removing all at-large candidates is detrimental to fair government.</p> <p>During the in-person meetings, no information was brought forward to explain that there are</p>

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<p>other options to the voting system other than 10-1. As a voter in one of the minority/majority districts, I do not feel that my voice, concerns, and issues will be given the attention that they should be given. Only one Council member will be responsive to a resident’s concerns.</p>
<p>The system creates silos where the City Council representatives are only beholden to their district and not the best interests of the City at large.</p>
<p>The system does not ensure a number of representatives care about the entire City. Too much focus on only their district. Have to have the bigger picture in mind as well.</p>
<p>The system is confusing. There is no way of knowing whether a person is being adequately re</p>
<p>The system keeps changing. Pick one and stick with it!</p>
<p>The system matches the congressional elections whereby we vote for candidates from our specific district. I am very pleased that the 2022 city elections mirror the national election system. Congressman, state reps, senators are all specific to a geographic location, they represent those specific residential needs and priorities, and they are subject to specific residential and other requirements to represent that area. The city council district reps finally spent time in our neighborhoods getting to know us and our priorities. This was the first time anyone bothered to reach out because in a general election its about the priorities of businesses, the mayor, and the state. All residents are not adequately represented in the city elections prior to 2022.</p>
<p>The system sounds fair; it's just a matter of making sure the district lines are divided fairly.</p>
<p>The system still allows for a candidate with only a plurality rather than a majority to win, which can cause vote splitting and thus improper representation of the voters within a district. I would much prefer a system of ranked choice voting in which an instant runoff is conducted until a candidate reaches a majority of the votes. This would increase accurate representation of voters' views.</p>
<p>The system tries to equalize voting</p>
<p>The time for this system is way overdue. How can a Board member (elected at large) appeal to voters city-wide, yet still follow the wishes and needs of a single district? Each board members must be committed to their home district and the citizens of that district have a right to expect their member to appeal to them and only them. Each district needs to have a strong voice for them in the Council. Those members who advocate returning to the previous at large system for all are only interested in retaining power, not serving their districts. It was a bloody shame and waste of taxpayers' money to use the courts and drag this change out. Shame on you!</p>
<p>The town hall meetings are very effective in the individual districts</p>
<p>The way the map is drawn, while I live at the Oceanfront, I am represented by a council person who’s main area is not part of the oceanfront.</p>
<p>The whole council affects me not just my representative</p>
<p>There are 11 people who can raise my taxes and I used to be able to vote for all of them. And land use issues are a BIG DEAL! Really bad developments will get passed because council members can vote for them and not face any risk on election day If your council member</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>doesn't get along with other members on council, your neighborhood loses. Don't turn VB into Norfolk!</p>
<p>There are some city council members that I believe remain in their seats because of the familiarity of their name rather than their actions. My hope is that the 10-1 system would allow localities to choose their own representation.</p>
<p>There has been a historical significant lack of diversity in VB Council; the use of the 10-1 system in 2022 resulted in a council that more accurately reflects the community it serves.</p>
<p>There is a lack of equity in the decision making process for the benefit of all citizens. It pits the different sections of the city against each other. Only one council person will have any concern for my neighborhood and the council will be tainted by cronyism and special interests.</p>
<p>There is more accountability with the current 10/1 system. There can be more dedicated attention to different district issues.</p>
<p>There is no easy way to do the districts, it feels a little arbitrary. Aligning to General Assembly seems like too few. I do feel there should be more at large members. Like 10 districts, 4 at large everyone votes for, and then the mayor.</p>
<p>There is no economic equality. There seems to be some madness to the ways the lines are drawn and it appears to be politically driven and not for the needs of the residents of VB</p>
<p>There is not enough minority representation in the City of VB. Until this is done minorities will never feel represented in the city. Be above board with all decisions. The underhanded practices and the good old boy network has to go!</p>
<p>There is not supposed to be any discrimination based upon "race, color, creed, or national origin" in our government or our electoral processes, per the XVI Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Deliberate gerrymandering to create districts to specifically create "majorities" based upon race, color, creed, or national origin is unConstitutional. Districts should be based upon some completely "color-blind" basis such as postal zip codes or telephone exchanges; districts should be as regular and consistent in "shape" geographically as possible.</p>
<p>There is too much cronyism in this city.</p>
<p>There should be at least two at-large seats.</p>
<p>There were options and or individuals I wanted to voice on and not able, and or allowed</p>
<p>There's not always sufficient information available about the candidates to know which will be the best representative.</p>
<p>These council members are only interested in getting re-elected. They have no overall vision for the citty</p>
<p>They should make 6 districts and 4 at large districts plus the mayor!</p>
<p>Things move too slowly and people are not, not held accountable for poor or bad representation. Feelings are not important.</p>
<p>This 10-1 gives representation to all! Keep it!</p>
<p>This 10-1 system is divisive in that it turns our city into 10 mini cities that will all compete for what is best for their respective district instead of doing what is best for the city as a whole.</p>

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<p>Additionally, the 10-1 system is not business-friendly at all in that the initiatives in each district will be decided by the citizens that live in that district vs. those who do business, work, and invest in the districts. Initiatives and visions that are best for the city as a whole will die under the 10-1 system.</p>
<p>This city doesn't really lend itself to districts</p>
<p>This creates special interest groups per se with each district now voting only in their own interests and not in the City as a whole interests. Division.....instead of community</p>
<p>This is a fair system which provides for council members to be more accountable to the people actually in their district</p>
<p>This is a fair system, please stop wasting tax payer money trying to go back to the old system. I allows us all to have an equal voice.</p>
<p>This is more representative oo its constituents.</p>
<p>This is the first time in 60 years of residing in Virginia Beach that my vote counted. The 10-1 has allowed diversities/culture to vote for candidates to serve our areas and we are able to contact them when there is a problems and they listen to what the people in that district needs.</p>
<p>This system allows for winners and losers to be selected by government and not by demand.</p>
<p>this system breeds insular council people who only look out for a small area, not what is necessarily best for the whole city. We need some, if not all, at large.</p>
<p>This system elected a young and diverse group who truly looks and represents our city on cot council. I am not as happy that it didn't consider school board members in this however.</p>
<p>This system ensures equitable practices and representatives.</p>
<p>This system has caused the council to become far more shortsighted and territorial in nature already. It was also forced by a state level decision and does not reflect the plans this city had made and worked with for years for its consituents.</p>
<p>This system is fair and equitable, allowing candidates to directly represent their neighbors and run with a limited budget. This reduces cronyism and dependence on those with big pockets to fund a campaign. I believe it will also increase diversity among our representatives. Hyperlocal direct representation is fully democratic and I strongly support it!</p>
<p>This system is MUCH better than the previous system where all districts were at large. The old system was completely undemocratic and allowed for moneyed interests to sway the entire council and made it so the members did not have to be responsive to their communities.</p>
<p>The one thing I would change with the current system is the plurality wins method of selecting members. Another form of voting such as tanked choice would make it difficult for spoiler candidates to dilute the votes from viable candidates</p>
<p>This system is the best for keeping cronyism from manopolizing the decisions made by the city and for allowing respresentation of all residents, not just being controlled by those who can afford to buy influence city wide.</p>
<p>This system is too simplistic. we need at least 3 at large to represent the interest of the whole city, not just each district.</p>

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<p>This system provides me with the same system as our members of the VA House and Senate; I can only vote for my District House and Senate seats. Same for US Senate and Congress. It also dilutes the power of special interest groups. In addition, it make running a campaign for only one district makes it much affordable.</p>
<p>this system stinks! need to go back to the old system that worked fine for all the years before. put to a vote the way it should be so the voters can decide, not the courts</p>
<p>This system was only instituted because of a lawsuit by a small number of voters. it should have been voted on by the voters, not a judge !</p>
<p>this way I know my neighborhood itself has a voice and not just who happens to show up to vote in the whole city. I know who my rep is, I can contact them with concerns, and I know they will know what I am taking about, because they live here too. It allows for more personal and direct engagement with local government.</p>
<p>Too easy for your one vote to be overcome by council members NOT in your district.</p>
<p>Too many districts which means too many council members will look out for their district rather than the city as a whole. Need at least two at large.</p>
<p>Under the 10-1 system each registered voter can only vote for two City Council members--the Mayor and their District Representative. We have been disenfranchised in the sense that all major decisions at the Council level require at least six votes. These include adoption of the comprehensive plan, the budget, CIP, rezonings, etc. The single member district system can focus inordinate attention on micro issues in each district as opposed to the overall vision and best interest of the entire city.</p>
<p>Under this new system, Virginia Beach residents are now represented by someone that actually lives within their district. Before, anyone could vote someone living in my district as I could for theirs. This new voting system also makes it easier to study or understand the candidates that are running for your district. Under the old system, you might have to study-up on upwards of 20 candidates.</p>
<p>Unsure</p>
<p>Unsure if does anything good or bad for everyone in the community.</p>
<p>Vast improvement over the old system. I have never heard anyone say they want to go back to the old at large free for all system. One vote for one rep is the way to go.</p>
<p>Very disappointed that I could not vote for JohnMoss. He lost, but he was a great asset when he was on council.</p>
<p>Very happy with the way the election process went. Very user friendly and simple to use.</p>
<p>Very satisfied as our city council rep can focus just on our district making it easier to hold town hall meetings and being engaged.</p>
<p>Very satisfied- I feel the 10-1 election system allows greater opportunity for lesser known and less funded individuals to compete.</p>
<p>Virginia Beach changed to the 10-1 system in 2022, but not all districts were allowed to vote for representatives under the new system in the most recent election. I live in District 3, we were assigned a council member who was voted in under the old system as an at large member. The representative who is supposed to have been voted in by only members of</p>

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<p>District 3 was actually voted in by all of Virginia Beach. Therefore my District does not truly have a representative under the new system, while other districts got to vote for their newly elected representatives as well as the hold overs in other districts, so they get more representation than they are suppose to under the 10-1 system.</p>
<p>Virginia Beach is a large, diverse city and that diversity should be reflected on/by our City council representatives. The 10-1 system resulted in the most diverse city council in history = success! Prior to this system, the City Council tended to represent mainly wealthy, white constituents in the North End (where I live) and council tended to be very favorable to certain local developers' wishes for the city. We are more than just the Oceanfront.</p>
<p>Virginia Beach is a very diverse city and decisions made by city council span the interest of the entire city. We need representation that reflects not only their constituents but are also those attitudes from across the boroughs to make sound choices for Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>Virginia beach is so large and diverse that having district based elections allows a more accurate representation of the population, even if that does not meet my personal views</p>
<p>Voters and representatives have better opportunity to understand the issues within their district as well as citywide - the previous system left you feeling that district issues were watered down for the good of the city as a whole and that more often than not the oceanfront was the primary district to receive the most attention.</p>
<p>Voters from outside my district don't get to select my representative.</p>
<p>Voting for people these offices "at large" was complete nonsense. I should not be voting for offices that impact other localities within the city. By assigning districts to specific offices, the interest of those living in those districts would be better represented. The older system made it easier to win office by catering to a population that may not be the same as the one that the voter lives in.</p>
<p>The old system was as ridiculous as the idea of getting rid of the Electoral College as some have proposed. Going strict popular vote allows the most densely populated areas to dictate overall policy, to include where resources are allocated, for all the voters. Imagine if the EC was abolished, the most populated cities would be catered to, just enough of these cities to get the majority, would be catered to and the rest of the country would be "sucking wind." We risked this event at the local level.</p>
<p>Now, with specific offices assigned to specific districts, we know who to turn to for local matters just as we know who to turn to for state or federal matters.</p>
<p>voting for the one person representing your district only is the best way to vote and not having other people voting for your representative.</p>
<p>Ward/District voting is critical in a city the size of VB. Communities and neighborhoods with shared interests should be represented on council. Those who live in Pungo/OF have very different experiences than those in Bayside. It is important to have proper representation on council and school board. Prior to this election 4 school board members lived within 2 miles of one another in the largest city in the Commonwealth, leaving huge parts of the city without</p>

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representation. The 2022 election resulted in the most diverse council in VBs history. I believe the maps themselves could be modified slightly but the system should remain in place.
We are a uniquely diverse city, and I don't think we want only one member of council interested in the rural votes, another interested in the oceanfront votes, bayfront, Kempsville, and so on. I also liked the former system where all 11 council members were held accountable for earning my vote. I don't think it's fair to presume that only a minority candidate can represent the interests of a minority voting district, nor that all the voters in a minority district can be equally represented by any candidate.
We are concerned about the dilution of African-American majority districts which historically lead to a loss of influence in the governing of the neighborhoods in those districts.
We elect our own representative without outside interference or special interests
We had representation with whom we knew. Now that the ones have been drawn we have lost the person who really represented us.
We have a representative that has our interest in mind, less influenced by special interest groups outside my district and my representative remains in office on the merits of them working for people in our district.
We need representation
We need to have input (votes) on all candidates running for council city wide.
We only get to vote for one representative whereas the City Council votes on all the issues. Makes no sense
We only get to vote for our district but decisions are made as a whole for VB; there needs to be at-large seats as well
We should be able to vote for ALL representatives.
We should be able to vote for every person running for city council.
We should be voting for each council and school board member because they vote on how much our taxes and fees will increase.
We should elect our council based on where they live and where we live.
We the people are well represented by the 10-1 process. Keep up the good work.
We use to have a vote for all our elected officials, now we only have a say for 2. Disenfranchised for sure. My business is in a different district than where I live and vote... so I have no say over my business. City ward systems lends itself to cronyism and corruption. These elected officials get to vote on all issues, but are only accountable to small electorate. Their votes are easy to be bought by developers. Because of the small geography of city, ward systems lead to officials only caring about their little ward, not the city as a whole.
We were not consulted.
We're not beholding to a citizen's' interests from another district.
When all voters vote for all city council members and school board members, the majority wins. Minority voters or those running have to fight the money, the funding that the majority input into all elections as to control the city councils AND school board members

<p>C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>The underserved stay underserved, with no voice. The privileged rule on. Moving to a 10-1 election system helps. Next step is the eliminate city council/school board making any appointments when a seat is vacant.</p>
<p>When I first moved to Virginia Beach, I had misgivings about the at-large system. I did not see how it represented the best interest of all neighborhoods involved. The 10-1 system represents a system where each neighborhood will have the opportunity to actually have someone at the table who knows them and their issues.</p>
<p>When you could vote for anyone, people voted for their buddies not someone in their community that would have that neighborhood's interest at heart. If there was a vacancy that had to be filled on a temporary bases again it is a buddy system that is used. (example: how did rocky Holcolm get on the city council and Rose-mary Wilson get to be vice mayor.) Even though members of the city council are not listed by party they do vote according to their party. They follow their parity's agenda (national) in every vote.If you do not do your research about party affiliations you will be voting against your party because the person listed sounds real good to you but will not vote following your political ideals in the long run. Check out the activities of our current mayor and vice mayor in 2009 in regards to the ACA. They were part of a clandestine meeting in Chesapeake with rep Cosgrove, to spread false information about the ACA to follow what their party was saying nationally. Then we have to get to the conflict of interest. this has been wide spread in the Vb city council for years. The majority of members have been either connected with real estate, banking or construction. I would say that every bill has a component from one of these categories.When I confronted a member of the city council about conflict of interest within the council I was told that if there was any that person would not vote. if this was really the case no votes would ever be cast. The new system has the potential of being fairer and bringing in new ideas/ new blood. Creating a more rounded city council not a buddy system. I can remember when the people said no to a specific idea that the council had. The council went ahead a spent money on this idea with out telling the people. When the citizen found out the project had to be canceled and the city was out the money it had already spent.</p>
<p>While a district system is common in state and national politics, city lawmakers tend to have the greatest impact on a citizen's day to day life. The ENTIRE City Council votes on every issue raised before it, not just the member from my district. As such EVERY council member's vote matters to me and it is my preference that all of them be elected by all citizens in an at large styled system such as the one in use prior to 2022.</p>
<p>While I do like the idea of the 10-1 voting system I do not have enough information to understand that the lines were drawn fairly and all people, including minorities, are fairly represented by these new districts.</p>
<p>While I understand the basics, I do not have enough indepth knowledge and history to comment.</p>
<p>While it is a good thing to have some representatives that vote and act based on the needs of their specific district and constituents, to be successful we also need leaders that are able to look at the "bigger picture" with respect to the needs of the city overall to ensure that</p>

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<p>decisions aren't made based on individual "silos" where every district is voting based on their own needs to the detriment of the city as a whole. As a result, a few more at-large seats would help ensure that there are representatives on council that are looking at that bigger picture.</p>
<p>While there are some issues that are universal to all districts, different districts have at least some issues that are either different from those in other districts or have a significantly different level of importance than similar issues in other districts. To the extent that citizens who do vote actively care about local issues, they are much more likely to be informed and care about issues in the districts in which they reside and the positions of candidates seeking to represent them. The 10-1 system is better suited than the previous system.</p>
<p>Why should I be able to vote for someone outside of my district? That makes no sense in my book. If I vote for someone in another district, what guarantee do I have that they will represent me....NONE!</p>
<p>Therefore, being able to support the 10-1 election system makes sense</p>
<p>Why should there be only one representative. I realize there is not a lot of diversity in Virginia Beach city government. So..How does having one representative for my district help to include all of the residents. <input type="checkbox"/> I feel frustrated in the lack of my well-being not being considered in what happens in my district..thank you for letting me voice my opinion.</p>
<p>Will lead to greater fragmentation of the city and a decline in representation with a focus on the needs of the city as a whole.</p>
<p>Will take time to determine</p>
<p>With a 10-1 election system I feel that my vote matters more. No more developers buying votes straight across VBCC. WE get to choose who represents us.</p>
<p>With no at-large council members (aside from the mayor), parochialisms spawn. Having a few at-large members would provide opportunities for coalition-building and compromise.</p>
<p>With the 10-1 election system ONLY residents of my district vote to elect the council representative from my district.</p>
<p>With the 10-1 election system, our diverse population has a better chance of having their voices heard for causes that are close to home and will directly impact their communities</p>
<p>With the 10-1 system if the elected candidate does not represent your views, you have no option to vote for anyone else. With the old system, almost anyone could vote for candidates they like or agree with, and chances were better that someone with similar views might be elected to City Council. Similarly, the At Large Candidates could represent the whole city.</p>
<p>With the current system in this city-which is great-Parents could have children in multiple districts. My two sons go to 2 different gifted schools-neither are in my district. The new system means I vote for a rep who doesn't represent my kids schools.</p>
<p>Within the old system I could vote for many council members and therefore, they could represent my concerns, with 10-1 system I have one council member and the mayor only.</p>

C10: Please share why you are satisfied <i>or</i> dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Without knowing how the Districts were drawn up it is difficult to pass judgement on whether the districts represent the best interests of the citizens of Virginia Beach. The 10-1 system appears to be more divisive than unifying.
Worried there will be a lack of collaboration on council now.
Would like to go back to the old system
Would prefer 2-3 per district
Would prefer the return of more At Large members

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D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
"politics" play in all of this no matter what. But with the 10-1 system too many conservatives ran, and therefore the liberal won. I think the 7-3-1 system better represented VA Beach as a "whole".
(Illegible word)
(Respondent circled word "dissatisfied.") Same reason. Elections don't matter when politicians are bought and paid for.
7-3-1 provided "majority" representation.
7-3-1 system might no represent the population living in the same district with similar interest.
Able to choose more City Council members.
Again depends on who is elected.
Again, confusing
Again, I feel every citizen vote should have the right to who they vote for from all candidates.
Again, I should not be choosing representatives from Bayside or Pungo or North Beach. Let the residents of those areas choose their representatives.
Again, I was not necessarily assured that at least one member of the City Council took a personal interest in my district. Also, the large number of candidates for at-large seats required me, the voter, to have to do a lot more guess work on candidates who I knew almost nothing about. It is not as though the candidates are all well know in the community.
Again, strange to have voters outside a district selecting one's representative(s).
All neighborhoods should be equal with money spent on improvements.
All votes counted for the entire city.
Answer is the same as C 10
Its not that I am satisfied or dissatisfied. I am just not sure. Since 2011, I have, I have been very busy with my job as a Federal Employee. The majority of that time I've traveled a lot CONUS and OCANUS and did not have the time to stay informed as local issues. Now that I am retired I am slowly becoming more interested in local community issues.
Any local concerns were easily shelved and ignored under this system.
As long as the concerns of my community are met, I'm good with whatever system the city decides to use.
As stated previously, I have a stake in all city council decisions. Therefore, I want to at least vote for all - even if historically council decisions only moderately represented my interests.
At large elected officials are not a voice for my district
At large members not from my area gave same areas/locations "2" votes of opinions to my 1
At large voters did not have a regions concern in mind.
Based on this system, it seems like there could end up being an unfair advantage or unequal representation depending on the elections. As well, depending on who was running and where they lived, there could be unequal representation of voters.
Better access to voters' interests

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Better cross --- of views
Better representation for the city.
Better than the 10-1 system Sick of city leaders not representing the people but consider bus/corp partnerships and citizens getting taxed unfairly with those deals.
Bring back John Moss !
Candidates could be from city-wide and hopefully they were the "best" for the city as a whole. Less sectarianism.
Candidates should live in their district.
Cannot say if I am satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system again due to unfamiliar with the system
city Council not paying attention to the residents (illegible) request for stop light or stop signs at Bow Creek and S. Clubhouse Road, Va. Beach, VA 23452. finally after many fatal accidents we got a 4-way stop around intersection.
City Council seats (illegible) members should reside in the area they represent.
Council members although loyal to their district were ALSO elected by ALL of the citizens of VB. More caring about issues for the City overall and NOT just the district.
Depends on quality of candidates.
Developers controlled the mayor players through donations. The bastards got everything they wanted with little support for existing neighborhoods (flooding, Asheville Park)
Did not equally represent city
Did not feel all voices were equally heard.
Did not have a clear understanding of the system and didn't know who to talk with about it. Very unclear
Did not live here then. 10-1 does seem like a better way to achieve representation.
Did not necessarily feel represented
Didn't know about it. I don't know about or any familiarity with 7-3-1 or 10-1
Diluted minority vote.
Disproportionate representation for my area (3 at-large).
Dissatisfied that the City Council member was not required to live in my district.
Dissatisfied, higher volume can cause errors.
dissatisfied. As with any legislator, having voters with interest geographically and demographically different than my local interest does not serve my interest - it serves theirs. Duh!
Does not seem to be representative of the areas/districts.
Doesn't make sense.
Don't know much about the system. I'd like to know more in detail before i give my opinion.
Each District is not represented by people who live in the District - how can they be aware and care about the issues?
Equal representation. Our voices were heard and actions were taken. Need to go back to this way!
Every council need to understand the needs of the entire city.

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Everyone who chose to vote had equal say
Felt better represented by this model
Generalized, at-large voting systems are race neutral and non-partisan. It was a better system.
Had large representatives had the entire cities interests in mind.
Had the opportunity to have better representation because of greater choice.
Have only voted in Virginia for about two years. Before that I was a resident of Florida.
I am neither satisfied or dissatisfied with the system. I am not trustful of the politician and they will stick with their promises and not what is good for themselves!
I am newer to voting due to my age.
I am satisfied in any system where I feel my values and interests are being represented.
I appreciated being able to vote for each of the City Council reps.
I believe it fostered coalition grabs for political trade offs in kind treatment between
I could vote for a person not in my district who shared the same opinion on a topic. IE: light rail being stopped before wasting my tax dollars and causing traffic problems.
I did not feel like people should be able to vote for members outside their district.
I did not know about the 7-3-1 system till I just read about it.
I did not know of the system.
I did not like having a specific point of contact to deal with issues.
I did not like voting for individuals from other districts who I knew little or nothing about.
I did not live here at that time and am not sure.
I didn't care, but I can see why 3 seats voted on at large doesn't make a lot of sense
I didn't give a lot of thought to the previous system, but I didn't have any obvious issues with it.
I didn't know all the candidates because there were too many.
I didn't know the representatives and would vote but not know how they stood on issues important to me.
I didn't like that someone living in a different district could vote for a candidate in my district and vice versa
I didn't live in Virginia Beach during that time
I don't understand.
I expect my representative to live in the district they represent. Anything other than that doesn't make sense
I feel as a voter, we should be represented by a person who resides in our area and this 7-3-1 system did that. I can't see someone living clear by First Colonia representing me and I reside in Kempsville. Help me make sense of the new system...10-1
I feel district representatives should be elected by voters in their district. The 7-3-1 system didn't reflect this
I feel each official elected should represent a given district excepting of course the Mayor. Any officials not representing a specific district are a waste of resources and an unnecessary to governance.

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I feel it's important to have the "at-large" who are not beholdng (sic) to any one group or area. they could be objective to the good of ALL the city - not just one area. Good counter-point.
I feel like making decisions about the area you live in gives you a stake in the outcome
I feel that the population as a whole made the voting decisions - not select individuals.
I felt my votes led a larger effort as the overall composition of the council
I felt that the 7-3-1 system kept our City Council "on its' toes"! It provided a sensible cross section of citizens for our representation!
I felt that the elected officials did a good job representing the residents of Virginia Beach
I felt there were a lot more shenanigans going on with some of the politicians. There were --- about whether people were actually residing where they claimed. A more fair and balanced approach is preferable.
I felt we were well represented.
I get to vote for more candidates.
I had more of a voice
I have no opinion. I am neural on this.
I haven't lived or voted here but once since I moved here 9/16/2022.
I heard no complaints
I like that all voters can elect the entire Council.
I like that the City Council member had to reside in the district they represented. I gave them a vested interest in their community.
I like the idea of all voters voting for all city council members.
I live in a rather well to do district, and I think our district is generally well considered by the city council
I prefer each district to elect their own member VB is a large city with diverse interests. Representation of everyone is best obtained by minimizing at large or city-wide voting.
I preferred this system as I was allowed to vote for all members who represent my city. I might live in one district, work in another district, and do hobbies in another. I should have a vote for all areas.
I read about all the candidates and heard what they said pro & con I decided who I wanted and voted.
I researched, as did my friends and neighbors each candidate whether winning for school board, city council, state, federal positions - always!
I strongly oppose the 7-3-1 election system. This system more closely aligns to oligarchy/plutocracy. It is accountabe not to the voters but to wealthy donors.
I think 7-1-3 is fairer.
I think all areas (districts) in the city should have their opinions heard.
I think it was reflective of the city as a whole.
I think the council members should reside in the district they represent.
I thought for the most part the city was run well. Only the flooding situation in come of the poorer areas that never seemed to get the needed attention bothered me.

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)</p>
<p>I vote, but don't tell others how to vote, I look at who is running for office and decide who to vote for.</p>
<p>I was dissatisfied because I felt that it made elections too costly and ultimately certain developers and the ocean front benefitted. I felt it encouraged Chrony Capitalism</p>
<p>I was dissatisfied because while there are districts, because these members were voted only by all voters, there was no interest on the member's behalf to speak only for their district. The members represented the majority of the city voters and their individual districts.</p>
<p>I was dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system, because we live in the largest city in the state, and I found it was very difficult to follow 11 candidates running for the positions. The 3 At Large seats felt like wildcards and the districts with the most number of voters seemed to have an advantage with those At Large seats. Voting for just our district representative and our mayor gives the voters of each district more direct control over who represents our district interests.</p>
<p>I was more aware of the political candidates, and actually went to political events.</p>
<p>I was not as involved in local politics until c. 2021, so I don't have aq strong opinion about 7-3-1.</p>
<p>I was satisfied because it was the system in place when I moved back to Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>I was satisfied to know the representative was in my area and knew our local concerns.</p>
<p>I was satisfied with my previous city council member; however, this may not always be the case in a citywide voter system.</p>
<p>I wasn't necessarily satisfied or dissatisfied. I grew up here, so it's what I was used to. I didn't learn of it's falling a foul of the voting rights act until recently.</p>
<p>I'm dissatisfied because I wasn't aware of the change.</p>
<p>In reading the two definitions provided for 10-1 VS 7-3-1 election systems, I support the strategy of having officials elected by all voters in the city as opposed to only votes in their districts.</p>
<p>In Va. Beach, Kempsville, where I grew up, essentially elected City Council candidates because of its large population election to the rest of the city under 7-3-1</p>
<p>Individual areas of the city have unique needs and concerns. New system has better opportunity to address those.</p>
<p>It seems to work. No serious problems surfaced. I didn't notice any serious infighting except Bruce Smith and construction favorite (illegible) Bruce Thomoson.</p>
<p>It creates smaller districts and eliminates the "at-large" Council positions. It's better for the people of the district to have their needs represented by someone who truly understands and experiences their positions because they, too, live in the district they represent.</p>
<p>It didn't make sense to vote for someone not in your community area (place of residence.)</p>
<p>It favors deeply entrenched politicians.</p>
<p>It felt like a more democratic representative system.</p>
<p>It is difficult to represent an area that you don't live in or know much about.</p>
<p>It made sense. Everyone in the city had "buy in" and voted for City Council.</p>

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D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
It makes sense that you could have a Council member serve in a different district. If you have an underprivileged area, and you have to be from that area to serve, with the new system, you may not have someone who has the time for politics because they are working class.
It provided local representation while the "at-large" seats ensured representation for the city at large.
It seemed to be a better representation.
It seemed to work fine, depending who, the "at large" contact were on the council.
It served my interests well.
It took a lot of time to research the candidates.
It was a fair/honest way to vote
It was in place for a long time and I feel that it was changed for the good of the people
It was not as (next 2 words not legible) to divide people and neighborhoods. You had a say all (word not legible)should have a say everywhere. (we are not NV)
It was slanted towards white, affluent residents.
It was the established system. It appeared to work. I see no issue in having at large representatives.
It was the system in place during the majority of the time we voted.
It was unfair - each district should choose its representatives. I strongly believe that. Is 10-1 better - I think so but I haven't studied it enough to know for sure.
It wasn't great but at least there was representation for each local area. Honestly, though, it sounds like you changed 1-2 things and resubmitted it (the 10-1 system) @ 11:59 PM before it was due.
It wasn't representative of my voting wishes relative to my neighborhood. No council member was held accountable.
It worked
It worked.
It's all confusing. Government officials should feel free to do their jobs for us in the way they feel is best.
It's not fair system
It's one city. All areas should be represented and have representatives who look out for their Districts and the city as a whole.
Just more corrupt version of 10-1 system but at least you had a chance to meet any board member/Council member.
Lack of information.
Learning now what the differences are, I believe I would have been satisfied with the 7-3-1 system
Let all the people of Virginia Beach vote. In all matter that involved the people of the city.
Like that all districts could vote for all Council members.
Like the 10-1 better
Liked most reps had to live in district.
Local topics were reviewed

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Minority rights might not be protected in that system.
More comprehensive accountability for council members
Most people do not vote for local elections
My district #8 was better represented before the 10-1 system. But that was not necessarily good for all VA Beach residents.
My district was represented moderately well and I understand that as a whole we depend on tourist dollars so I'm OK that sometimes concessions have to be made and money spent outside my district.
My feelings had a little more reflection (potentially) with the larger group because of the at large representation, which gave some moderation to the overall feelings of the electorate. In reality, it could go either for or against my feelings.
N/A moved to area in 2021
Neighborhood issues seem to be secondary. The city leaders do what they want - agricultural areas in Va. Beach have been destroyed. Views of waterways destroyed due to oversized apartment buildings - residents were not considered.
Never heard of it, didn't know it existed, so can't comment.
Never quite sure how it worked and who represented me.
No (illegible word) accountability by elected officers.
No Districts required. One person - one vote
No opinion
No voter should be allowed to vote for candidates outside their district.
Not aware of this new system but don't understand why 7 have to reside and 3 don't reside in the district that they live. All should reside in the district that they are representing.
Not equitable and not representative
Not fair for all.
Not familiar enough to answer
Not familiar enough with the process.
Not familiar with election system to provide positive feedback.
Not sure how this would compare to the 10-1 system in terms of allowing for diverse voices to be heard in local government.
Not sure!
Not sure.
Nothing wrong.
Now all districts have a representative that understands their needs and can fight for it. Hopefully it will be more fair.
On occasion, the person who received the most votes in my district got most of those votes from outside the district, i.e. the person who was favored by district voters lost because of votes from outside the district.
Only moved to VB in 2020.
Our local district seemed underrepresented.

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D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
Our representative was very communicative to our district and represented our interests satisfactorily. Additionally, the At-Large council people were engaged in our interests as well.
People that lives in the area can see the problems and opportunities other neighborhood.
Personally this system seems more complicated. However, I do think that my representative should live in my district.
Politicians change laws for their benefit not the benefit of those who elect them.
Power tended to be concentrated by those with support from developers and resort interests
Prefer candidates represent their neighborhood and not be elected by possible better advertising + access to money/name recognition by citywide voters.
Prior model somewhat confusing.
Pros and cons of both systems
Provided necessary info on who I could vote for.
Rarely do I remember Council members coming to each division to campaign or listen to our problems.
Representatives should be anchored to a district.
Retired military, voted in PA until 2021. 2022 was first year voting in VA.
Same as C10
Politicians will do what they want. Follow the money.
Same regions as the 10-1; District #6 has the oceanfront and tourist engine.
Satisfied - Able to vote for all Council members
Satisfied through disinterest
Seemed more open to serve areas.
Seems better I could run for City Council if 7-3-1 rule was in place.
Should represent YOUR neighborhood.
Some districts could become overly represented.
Some districts could have no representation.
Special interest groups could control the city,
System needed term limits to prevent "voting blocks" on Council
T me, the out of sight, out of mind concept was (word illegible) People tend to take care of their won first. Anything left was up for grabs
Taxes always go up no matter the system. Same for unnecessary road paving.
The "3" portion of the above system allowed representation of communities where the Council member's objectives could "lean-to" or be bias to ones personal views/goals.
The 7-3-1 election system is designed to ensure that more diverse or economically challenged areas of the city do not have equal representation on City Council as it rewards special interests with the deepest pockets. Its not fair that all voters regardless of location would be able to vote for City Council members representing a specific district. That right should be afforded to the voters of that district alone.

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system appears to be more reasonable than the 10-1 system. This is because the clear geographical boundaries of 10-1 may cause long term problems; such as the need to periodically adjust the district boundaries to avoid unequal numbers of voters. Additionally, under the 7-3-1 system, with no restrictions on residence, it is possible for three candidates to propose more comprehensive proposals tailored to the overall development of the city.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system seems to promote a more united representation. However, allowing 3 members to reside anywhere in the city could result in disproportionate representation of some districts (wealthier, racial majority) over others (racial minority).</p>
<p>The at large votes ----- for local interests</p>
<p>The candidate were not aware of or concerned about issues that were outside of their areas</p>
<p>The city grew too big too fast! I have been here 60 years and the tax paying public is not listened to. Everyone caters to the big developers - And we don't need "Something in the Water". It draws too many people who can't care about our city. Trash, violence, etc.</p>
<p>The council member voted on for my district was less likely to represent the needs of the actual voters within that district when elected by all voters.</p>
<p>The district rep was only interested in keeping their position - not the needs of those in their district.</p>
<p>The elected official did not care about my area and had big money supporting them.</p>
<p>The government ran well enough, but I think the new system is better.</p>
<p>The line was changed to allow more republicans in my district and Elaine Lauria was affected by it and I was not happy by that.</p>
<p>The new system is better 7-3-1 is too busy trying to keep power while getting nothing done.</p>
<p>The people best-funded by the major donors had the edge in all contests. The majority block in the city picked all the winners.</p>
<p>The representative living in my district was frequently more interested in what could get them re-elected citywide than representing the district.</p>
<p>The seats on council were purchased by those who could get deep pocket donors.</p>
<p>The system didn't allow representation from our diverse city.</p>
<p>The system has been in place for many years and wasn't broken. Why fix what worked well?</p>
<p>The voters could decide who is best qualified</p>
<p>There was a heavy weighting with oceanfront and developers interests. Previous mayor being a ---- didn't help with that perception.</p>
<p>There were times when the Council appeared to be controlled by one set of interests under the 7-3-1 system. Need to see how the new one works out.</p>
<p>This system might have the potential to create more holistic policies if a proportion of council members are selected "at large". This would be similar to the U.S. House and Senate voting.</p>
<p>Those who represent us should live in the neighborhoods they represent. It is very easy to be unaffected by crime, trash, and poor infrastructure if those in power are not faced to experience what the residents experience daily.</p>
<p>Time of election voting.</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Probability Responses)
Too difficult to REALLY know and understand all the candidates - just not practical. Constituents need to have a local (neighbor) represent their interests.
Too much bias and the "good old boys" club.
Very uneven representation and also confusing.
Voting for a representative outside the district was dissatisfying to me.
Voting for districts for which I had no knowledge
Was dissatisfied because all areas did not have an equal voice. Was heavily prone to cronyism!
Was not aware the system changed in structure. I assumed it was only over the 10-1 system
Was not sure that who I voted for would represent me, too many choices.
Was represented but like the new system.
Was the same ---- left.
We have an equal chance against the ocean front.
We must remember that time makes people accustomed to any situation to the point where they think "that is the way it always been" but no system will represent me w/o fault.
We were too new to the area to have an understanding of the 7-3-1 election system and how it worked, so I am unable to offer an opinion on the previous system.
When you look at the demographics that typically vote, and the small turnout for local elections, it's more likely to favor certain communities over others.
Who changed the law in VA from 7-3-1 to 10-1. I assume this was done at the state level . If so who was the majority party?
Whole city was represented by who whole city voted for.
With 3 seats, a member could reside anywhere I feel that gave a chance to have member work to compromise.
With the previous electoral system, the voters had two advocates to assist with any issues that arose with the city government.
You should have to live where you represent.
You should not have a life long seat on City Council, there needs to be term limits. Staleness and lack of progress often occur with entrenched politicians. If Minority candidate want to be City Council Members they should nominate them. The content of their character is what people will vote for. You cannot solve this problem by forcing minority candidates.
You should only vote for the representative in your district.
You were able to vote for all of the city as each district is just as important even when you don't live in it.

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>1- it allowed for council members from the same area who could collude to impose their own self-interests.</p>
<p>2- It allowed the city as a whole to decide who would represent a district, removing the ability to chose a representative. Nowhere else in government is such a thing done when there are district.</p>
<p>A more equitable way to vote</p>
<p>A new resident. Not enough background and experience.</p>
<p>A was slightly more satisfied with this system then I am with the new system because voters got to choose a candidate from more than one district. I felt it made the elected member more accountable/beholding to the entire city not just their district.</p>
<p>Again, did not like at-large system, unable to decide who to vote for</p>
<p>Again, I felt like all council members were responsive to citizens at large and not just within their district.</p>
<p>Again, I think our Councilwoman could be more effective and focused on more community needs.</p>
<p>Again, satisfied or not depends on who is elected and what topic is of concern. All the change has brought about a lot of distrust and uncertainty. The question below is too soon to ask.</p>
<p>Again, voting out of your district skews the election</p>
<p>All 11 Council members would listen and represent EVERYONE in the City, not just their respective districts.</p>
<p>All about candidates with the most funding instead of candidates closest to my issues.</p>
<p>All areas and citizens should have representation on the city council.</p>
<p>All areas of va beach effect my quality of life</p>
<p>All council members had to reach out and declare their intent to all VB citizens</p>
<p>All council members represented the city's best interests.</p>
<p>All members of the council are held accountable for their actions.</p>
<p>All the citizens had a vote vs the gerrymandered districts</p>
<p>All voters voting for all members of council would seem to increase the responsibility of each council member. However I have had problems with the system in which a staffer for an at large member ignored my call because the council member was not a representative of my district. Maybe staffers, under whatever system, need to be aware not only of the responsibility of city counsel but also how to deal with the public in general!</p>
<p>Allowed election of candidates to govern city without restrictions</p>
<p>Allowed for everybody to have a word on issues.</p>
<p>Allowed the board to be bought</p>
<p>Allowed the members to represent both their districts and the broader city interests. The Holloway ruling is foolish and inaccurate representation of a functioning city govt with limited politics. The 2022 was the most political election ever in VB</p>
<p>Allowing candidates to be elected by residents from any area of the ensured that it was unlikely for many candidates of color or with more progressive views to be elected to City</p>

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Council. It was extremely difficult for citizens to change the direction of City Council due to the strong foothold existing candidates had as a result of the existing system.</p>
<p>Allowing the citizens to vote in districts for which they were not citizens amounted to stuffing the court. The election of any particular candidate could easily be manipulated. The at-large candidates make sense to balance the council. I wish the country could adapt a number of at large senators to balance the Senate. The mayor should be voted at large.</p>
<p>Allowing voters to determine representation in districts in which they do not live takes the power away from individuals and gives it to parties which spend exterior funds to ensure "their team" wins and locks up any progress in decision making due to partisan grandstanding.</p>
<p>Always felt like the "powers that be" put the council members in place. Monied interests ruled the day.</p>
<p>Anyone at large not living in my area was making decisions for what happened in my community.</p>
<p>Areas of concern with this system: Voters did not educate themselves on all city council candidates and were often surprised that they had to vote city wide. Some council members appeared to have more influence, a greater say, than others in city matters which causes disparity. Minority voices might have been drowned out by a larger majority presence in the district.</p>
<p>As a Kempsville/Salem resident, I felt too many City Council members focused on the resort area and neglected building community in our area.</p>
<p>As an African American I felt not fairly represented.</p>
<p>As I stated I need a more hands on representative familiar with my area, my needs and the previous 7-3-1 system just fell short of all the people being important and noticed. This system wasn't fair at all</p>
<p>As noted above, I think Council should focus not just on one neighborhood but all the City as a whole. A ward system places the focus on one ward and leads to a silo attitude. Great cities are not governed long term by wards</p>
<p>As previously stated I felt like I had a say in how all city council members performed.</p>
<p>As previously stated, the main flaw to the 7-3-1 election system was the ability of people in one district to vote for candidates in other districts.</p>
<p>As stated above community interests should be represented by those who live within the community.</p>
<p>As stated before, I do t believe this system represents my area or myself</p>
<p>As stated earlier, I believed that each member would work well to represent all citizens.</p>
<p>As stated earlier, I think all Council members need to have a broader view of the needs of the city instead of just a small district. We are a strong tourist destination which brings a lot of revenue into the city, and we need all members of council to ensure that visitors have a positive and safe visit to our city.</p>
<p>As stated previously, I prefer the votes in City Council to be able to represent all of us, not just by neighborhoods</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>As the JUDGE in the case said, the 7-3-1 system is Constitutionally not equally representative of Virginia Beach residents. No to 7-3-1</p>
<p>As the Judge said in the case, Constitutionally all citizens should have equal representation and the 10-1 system is right the 7-3-1 was not Constitutional.</p>
<p>At Large candidates were less likely to make A-political decisions.</p>
<p>At large does not represent everyone! Do away with it!</p>
<p>At large members had to deal with all of Virginia Beach</p>
<p>At large seats are too easily corrupted by large donors.</p>
<p>At least you had a choice to vote for everyone whose vote could change something in your district.</p>
<p>Bayside is finally getting a new high school. I want our neighborhood to receive more of the resources since we pay taxes too.</p>
<p>Because the people who vote in the wealthier districts are not voting for the representation that the poorer districts need when we can vote for all district representatives.</p>
<p>Because all councilmembers were vested in what happened throughout the entire City, not just their district. Promotes more working together to make the City a better place for everyone.</p>
<p>Because all elected officials had to be elected citywide their primary focus was consistent with the only focus of the City Manager - what was best for the city is well being now and into the future. Not what was best for the city is well being now and into the future. Not what was best for [illegible] of the city. See answer to C10.</p>
<p>Because all the councilmen were accountable to all the voters.</p>
<p>Because I felt I could contact all city council members and be listened to. Now only feel I can contact bayside representative</p>
<p>because I had a say in electing all of my city officials.</p>
<p>Because our elected officials were beholden to real estate developers and special interests.</p>
<p>because people from another district could affect the outcome of my district, therefore taking away my representation.</p>
<p>Because people from higher income districts having a day in the representation of lower income districts is classist and egregious. The only needs represented were those of the wealthy.</p>
<p>Because people who didn't live in my district voted for who would represent me. Voters were so confused because it's so different from how Congressional elections are structured.</p>
<p>because people who didn't live in my district who didn't know my struggles</p>
<p>Because there was more accountability being able to vote for all candidates.</p>
<p>Because votes were counted city wide under this illegal voting system, poorer neighborhoods were not treated the same as the more affluent neighborhoods in the city.</p>
<p>Because we could vote for ALL representatives. If they vote for issues affecting us, we should be able to vote for them. ALL of them.</p>
<p>Better able to express issues to a candidate outside the district to support issues in other districts.</p>

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D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Better representation
Better say in Virginia Beach government.
Better than the current system but still not optimal. All citizens should be allowed to vote for any council member and not restricted by district or subdivision of the city
Big money always supported the candidates they can control. It always comes down to the Oceanfront being over-represented and greatly favored in city services.
Big money bought our representative away from us. Not at all democratic
Big money from special interest groups presented an uneven playing field because of the special interest candidate could more easily get their message out than a grass roots candidate working with the interest of all citizens in general.
Can retain the current redrawn districts BUT want to vote for all council not just the one in my district.
Candidates have to campaign all over the city. I also had to vote for candidates in other districts.
Citizens should have a say in all candidates for city council.
Citizens voted for all Council members. We could educate ourselves about them, observe their actions in Council Meetings, contact them if we wished. The at-large candidates served us all. The overall effort could bring us together, regardless of our differences (race, economics, demographics, whatever) There was no district set aside for one reason or another. I just worked!
City Council doesn't seem to represent city residents, rather, it seems that city council members all have an agenda that involves their industry. Decisions don't seem to be made with residents in mind, they seem to be made with business interests in mind.
City Council doesn't have its citizens at Heart. Our Money is being spent on various projects. We are unwillingly funding Business ventures. The role of Government is to fund itself. Not finance wish lists. Especially when there is no benefit to taxpayers.
City council is not very good about keeping promised plans for the city. Don't know if it was the election system or politicians can't live up to campaign promises
City Council looked out for the good of the entire city, not just their districts.
City Council not focused on needs of whole city, hyper focused on oceanfront.
City was on the upswing
City wide elections are unfair and leaves many unable to participate in running for office. An entire city should not be able to vote for everyone running. This leaves too much room for money and power buying seats.
Confusing system. Don't add confusion to voting, it discourages participation.
Could not yet vote
Council members answered to all citizens, not just the ~45,000 or so that live in their district.
Council members had no reason to represent their district when running city wide

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D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Council members had too much power and were not accountable to the districts in which they resided. Or the districts would like their council rep, but would be overruled by the whole city electorate.
Council members not attuned to local neighborhood concerns
council members thought much more holistically about issues, and invested the time to get to know other areas of the city.
Council members were less focused on their own constituents.
Council members were not answerable to constituents.
Council members were not familiar with problems of individual communities. Individual communities were poorly represented
Council members were not silos
Council members weren't attentive to constituents' needs since they could still win by appealing to enough people across the city. It enabled some of the more contentious candidates to prevail without having to be accountable to their specific constituents.
Council members worked together for what was best for the city, not just their district
Created districts too large to compete in if you weren't well connected. Like a developer. Once the War on Terror expanded DoD budget, these fat cat developers bankrolled their friends to pave out their money makers and leave the citizens to deal with the consequences of sprawl development, resort industry dominance, and overreliance on a defense contractor economy.
Decisions did not accurately reflect the needs of everyone in communities being served, minorities in particular.
Developers were able to influence city council members, because they could contribute to many of them in exchange for favors. The city's taxpayers is sick and tired of the pandering to developers. And the city is FAR MORE than the Oceanfront -- too many of the citizens are being ignored because of all the money being thrown at developers by the City.
DID NOT CENTER ON CITIZEN INTERESTS
did not know that much about it
Did not see much difference as the same Councilmember represents my neighborhood or in the results of the votes taken by Council. The disadvantage is that citywide voters can select a Councilmember that the majority of the district did not vote for. And there could be a watering down of minority interests, if those interests differ from the rest of the residents. Regardless of the election system in use, as long as partisan politics infiltrates and impacts Council's deliberations and resulting votes, the outcome of the decisions won't change much from zoning/conditional use permit issues to big new development approvals to Budget/CIP adoption and tax rate setting.
Did not vote in an election under that system
Didn't live here then but absolutely support this system more than current.
Didn't agree with the "at large" voting as I didn't feel properly represented.
Didn't like the 3 at large spots

D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Discrimatory General assembly did away with at large UnFair electoral system 90% of candidates hand picked by developers etc Council full of old white men Not in best interest of the citizens, best for their personal interests Not fair and equitable You can't go back to the old at large system anyways. You'll face another lawsuit and waste more of our time and money
Dissatisfied because better funded candidates had an advantage due to v=ciy-wide voting for district seats.
Dissatisfaction with what beliefs I have politics in general.
Dissatisfied as we were not represented, we were too physically distant from our council person. We felt like the bad step-children.
Dissatisfied because groups that had no interest in how a certain issue might affect me where I live and my neighbors could vote on who represents us.
Dissatisfied because it allowed council members representing a certain district to receive less votes from their true constituents, but still win because of votes they received elsewhere.
Dissatisfied because not all voices were proportionality represented.
Dissatisfied due to the city government being controlled by developers.
Dissatisfied with the actual board mostly...
Dissatisfied. It was obvious by the council's priorities that many areas of the city were under represented. For example Centerville/Kempsville vs Oceanfront/First Colonial
District representatives should be elected only by residents of a particular district. If district representatives are elected at large, then they are not truly district representatives and should not falsely represent themselves as such.
Districts were based on votes and race did not play as big of a role in elections
Do not believe voters in other areas should have a say in who represents my district and my interests.
Do not know 7-3-1
Do not need any "super" council members...Mayor for entire city is enough..each district has own representative..& that person should be able convince 5 other council members to agree on issue & vote
Don't think it serves my interest if everyone in the city votes for my district.
Don't want to go back to this system want to keep the 10-1 district system,
Due to the military, voters who are residents, but domiciled in other states, take advantage of state income/sales tax loopholes, and significantly affect state law. The at-large council members could offset votes and disenfranchise whole communities.
Each district should be electing their own representative period.
Elected officials should indeed be required to live in the district they represent.
equally fair

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Equivalent to gerrymandering to the detriment of the citizens and for the benefit of special interest groups.
Even though I have no experience with the 7-3-1 system, I am concerned about the previous system. Three members being from any district allows four members of city council representing the same district. When compared to the 10-1 system, the 7-3-1 system provides a less equal representation of the people within Virginia Beach.
Even though I was satisfied, I feel the 10-1 makes more sense.
Every citizen was not fairly represented in this system
Every council member had to pay attention to issues city wide. If you live in Kempsville, you can hold council members from Pungo and Shore Drive accountable for their votes that impact your neighborhood.
Every Council member was accountable to every citizen.
Everybody can spend tax dollars, everybody should have input in choosing those representatives who spend those dollars.
Everyone got to vote an all candidates.
Everyone got to vote for everyone regardless of whether they lived in the district
EVERYONE in the City was allowed to vote for all those who made decisions on the local level. Very fair!
Everyone needs to know what is going on in each of the districts, and it was harder to 'gang up' against the wishes of any particular district and its representative.
Everyone on council (and not just district rep. and mayor) had to stay familiar with the issues all over the city. They needed everyone's vote.
Everyone who was elected was backed by big money. Actual residents who have concerns beyond attracting tourists or building housing were not represented. It is my understanding that this format was deemed unconstitutional, as it should have been.
Everything was about the city. No one had responsibility to an area of their constituency. And some had no constituency except the entire city of VB.
Extremely dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system! Our elected Kempsville City Council member, Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond, could not gain re-election even though we the voters of Kempsville all voted for her. Under the 7-3-1 system, our votes were ruled out by racist white voters from other areas. From 1966 to 2018, a period of fifty-two years, only five Blacks were elected to the eleven member City Council. That's about one per decade. Moreover, NONE of these Black members were re-elected. Two of these Black Council members, Louisa Strayhorn and Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond were in my Kempsville district. In the last year since the implementation of the Court's 10-1 system, we have had FIVE Black City Council members, the same number in one year as we achieved in five decades under the 7-3-1 system: Delceno Miles (appointed in August 2022), Christopher Taylor, Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond (finally re-elected under the new 10-1 system), Jennifer Rouse, and Sabrina Wooten.
Familiar
Feel it is a better representation for the city as a whole
Feel we should be able to vote for all 10 districts.

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Felt election was fair
Felt it gave power to long time council members
Felt like I had more of a say on who got elected.
felt like more individuals could collect to push changes or issues at the present.
Felt that the interests of the wealthier communities as well as the needs of the Oceanfront always took precedence over our community. We didn't feel like our concerns were heard.
Felt under represented
Few people have the money to campaign City wide. It skews the 3 free seats to those with money vs those without.
Also, make the Vice Mayor seat an elected position opposed to appointed.
For all the opposite reasons to my satisfaction with the new system.
For my district I don't think the changes compared to 10-1 made any difference.
For reasons previously stated.
For the same reasons I wrote in the section above. I have the ability to hold each council member accountable.
Found moderate potential for less representation in the at-large elected members
Get to vote for or against people who agree with me or disagree with me
Got more of a collaborative body with citywide interests not just their own backyard.
Great example is the failure in the Rose Hall district. A city council and a school board ran for that district and was found to not even live in that district. Dissatisfied as no possible way could either of those members get our attention or support for our challenges in that district.
Greater opportunity for representation that reflects a majoritarian breadth of the City's population.
Had the opportunity to vote for more candidates to better represent my interests.
Had to be aware of the positions of several representatives to make an intelligent choice. This system disenfranchises me
Having our Rep live in our neighborhood allows him/her to know our needs.
having the whole city vote on a candidate who is only representing a small area is very expensive and only the richest people could run for office
Honestly, it doesn't matter about the system but the people of the system. Overall, not impressed. VB is literally going into the shitter right now with poor choices...like letting ferret Williams come in and destroy the city with his BS. All of the money allotted to him could be going elsewhere for the locals. Also, lower the taxes!
Like I've said, doesn't matter what system is used. If you have shit people representing the locals then we are going to continue to get shit results.
I agree with the criticisms of Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach.
I always felt I had no business voting for reps in other districts, so never did. There was too much overall interest and too many reps for the city as a whole which gave far too much

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power to local politicians who cared about THE CITY and not enough about me and my district and its problems..
I am an election official and when conducting the election most people were not aware of the candidates platform.
I am not involved enough in local politics to answer this question
I am not sure about this.
I am/was dissatisfied because it is stupid, racist and does not accurately reflect the will of residents.
I as an African American was not represented
I believe my interests should be heard and represented by someone living in my neighborhood.
I believe that council members listened to all residents who reached out to them.
I believe the previous system did allow for more members to be responsive to more citizens across the City, however I also believe that is no longer feasible and does limit the pool of candidates to those that can afford to spend more campaigning across the City versus in one district. It also may have hindered voter participation or contributed to more voters just selecting names they recognized from signs rather than making informed decisions as it takes more time to familiarize themselves with 6-8 candidates versus 1-3, for council and school board.
I could vote for at large reps
I could vote for more candidates who would be making decisions for our area.
I could vote for people whose values aligned with mine. I had more influence on the City Council in the previous system. Now I feel my vote doesn't mean anything.
I did not feel like I had a representative on city council or the school board. Even though we had residency districts, anyone in the city could vote in those races which defeats the purpose. I also didn't like the at large seats since they lead to certain areas of Virginia Beach having a surplus of representation and others having little to none (we had 4 school board members all within 5 minutes from each other and 3 of them were elected at large).
I did not feel our neighborhood interests were being represented.
I did not fully understand the impact 7-3-1 had on minorities
I did not know anything about the candidates. Most time I did not vote for anyone.
I did not like that everyone in the City was voting for a candidate representing my district.
I did not like the someone could be elected for my district who did not receive a majority of votes from within the district.
I did not live here at that this election system was in place
I did not live in this area at that time.
I did not live in VA beach before the 10-1 system
I did wonder why we voted for people across town however, it does affect all of us overall since Council as a whole vote on issues. But I think with good policies and GOOD members can work together for the good of the entire city!

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<p>I didn't feel like I was being as well represented and heard and the possibility of all the representatives being of similar mind or background was much higher.</p>
<p>I didn't feel like the at large council members represented my interests or the interests of my district. They frequently voted to benefit the oceanfront only.</p>
<p>I didn't live in the area at the time so I couldn't give an opinion on the local politics. But it sounds preferable and could be improved with ranked choice voting as well.</p>
<p>I didn't think the 3 City wide districts were fair.</p>
<p>Specific district reps are fair</p>
<p>I didn't understand why residents voted for candidates beyond our own neighborhood areas. Council was not very diverse.</p>
<p>I didn't vote in Virginia Beach prior to the 2022 elections so I can't compare the two systems fairly.</p>
<p>I disliked the 7-3-1 system because everyone in Virginia Beach should be voting only for the mayor and for the councilmember who represents their district. The mayor should be the only representative elected at-large by the entire city.</p>
<p>I do like the idea of having 2-3 at large seats that we can vote on to have individuals that are elected to represent all of Virginia Beach and are not focused on just representing their district citizens.</p>
<p>I do not believe that representatives should be able to live anywhere. I believe mine should live within my neighborhood.</p>
<p>I do not believe the city council was aware of what people's opinions were under the 7-3-1 system. I very rarely heard anything from any of the city council members, and I still do not hear anything from city council members under the 10-1 system</p>
<p>I do not think the council member who resided in this region was sufficiently concerned with this region.</p>
<p>I don't live at the oceanfront, and feel like the 7-3-1 system catered to the oceanfront.</p>
<p>I don't make the rules-all I do is vote!</p>
<p>I don't think it's fair that people outside my district have a say in who represents me</p>
<p>I don't think residents in other districts should have the ability to select the representatives in my district.</p>
<p>I don't want someone who is not living in my district to determine who represents my neighborhood's interests</p>
<p>I don't believe with the diversity of Virginia Beach that this system allowed for representation of all neighborhoods.</p>
<p>I don't know who my representative was under this system. Never met them, never heard of them and know I was not being represented verywellnifcat all.</p>
<p>I don't like being represented by someone who does not live in my city. They could be unaware of the issues we face, like infrastructure, schools, crime, etc. I also think it's important to have more diversity represented in the decision making process.</p>

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I don't need to vote for everyone. I'm happy to vote for just my district person, 3 at large and the mayor.
I don't think it represented Virginia Beach because the people were not represented
I don't think that people in other districts should be able to vote for all of City Council, only your district's rep
I feel all citizens had a voice in what happened in the entire city.
I feel all elected officials should reside in the locality that they represent, so that consequences, intended or unintended, can be known to affect their daily lives as it does the residents.
I feel all of the city council members should be representing each district equally and by being voted on by all citizens I feel this makes the council members feel more obligated to do this.
I feel individual districts in the old system weren't fairly represented.
I feel it represented the citizens' interests more than the 10-1 system.
I feel it was a predominately racist system of voting - a vestige of the Jim Crow era. Additionally, I feel when I have reached out to the majority of council members before 10-1 they were dismissive of me. Did not care at all.
I feel like I had a say so in running my city
I feel like it will keep honest people honest. City Council is supposed to represent the people of Virginia Beach not just their district.
I feel like the people who were elected represented the majority of the residents.
I feel my voice is not heard regardless to either election system being used.
Virginia Beach is VERY conservative and not open to many new ideas that many other cities thrive on.
I feel some areas were underrepresented.
I feel that representation will be better with a representative chosen by the affected community.
I feel the ability to vote for any candidate running is better served.
I feel the city collects more taxes and is building more housing so in effect more taxes but we are getting less in return than in years past. The roads are crumbling. They used to be better maintained but now they are awful. The current city council and mayor are not representing us well at all. They are only advancing their personal agendas and lining their pockets with our money. There really isn't a lot of transparency on how our tax dollars are spent. Land that was previously set aside for wildlife is now being decimated with housing. There are no watershed practices. There is now more flooding than ever because there are no natural barriers in place. It is all being torn down for the almighty dollar. Why not use abandoned buildings, empty storefronts, and dilapidated housing instead of expanding where we should not be expanding.
I feel the district's had a better mix of minorities and non-minority residents.
I feel, I am somewhat considered with the 7-3-1 election system.

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I fell with the old system the city's interest as a whole was better served.
I felt comfortable with the old system.
I felt mine, my neighbors, and my family's interests were reasonably represented.
I felt more issues were addressed fairly.
I felt my vote did not matter and my neighborhood was not as represented
I felt our district had better representation.
I felt that certain majority interests could constantly override the voices of too many citizens of Virginia Beach.
I felt that my area's interests were well and fairly represented. If a well-informed, diligent person were elected, it seems that both the city's interests and those of individual communities were considered in the governing of the city.
I felt that the interests of wealthier residents were given preference.
I felt that the previous system offered a very skewed and imbalanced representation of the citizens of Virginia Beach, with decisions decidedly tilted toward well-to-do white constituencies.
I felt the at large helped to balance out all voters in the city.
I felt the elections were diluted by so many candidates having to be considered. There were too many candidates to research properly. I never saw the purpose in the "at large positions", not seeing the usefulness of those races any differently than the others.
I felt the residents needs and concerns were being ignored
I felt the system was fine, that it wasn't broken and didn't need fixed.
I felt very old fashion! And unrepresented!
I found I was not to be included in my congresswoman woman's election
I got to vote for more Council members with varying viewpoints
I had more input. I could vote on more council members.
I had more of a choice
I had the ability to vote for everyone who made decisions. I knew that all members of council were accountable to me
I hadn't looked at it from the perspective of minority residents. Having attended the public hearing, I now understand better their perspective.
I have a big problem with the three (3) portion of this election system. It allows the more populated zones to "double-dip".
I have always felt the system was skewed to not represent lower socio economic areas and primarily non-white areas.
I have interests in areas throughout the city so restricting my input on a single district representative is concerning.
I have made it a point to get to know City Council members personally. That is, I put effort into making the system work for me. Even so, I would say I only knew about half of them well enough to make a request.
I have no inclination to vote for a council member who is not representing/living in my neighborhood.

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<p>I have no opinion based on previous experience but the 7-3-1 is not based on voter turn out in a respective district but voter turn out across the city. This system potentially makes the district the respective city council member represents elected by voters with concerns and interests other than those of the district they are voting for.</p>
<p>I have only lived here for 4 years so a lot that has happened I am unfamiliar with.</p>
<p>I just accepted the system without much deliberation.</p>
<p>I just was</p>
<p>I knew where to vote. Information seemed to get passed along to citizens better. I didn't feel left out. I am not even sure if there was anything for me to vote on in 2022 since nothing was really mentioned.</p>
<p>I like being able to vote for all of the council members who will be governing me</p>
<p>I like voting for candidates that support the Shore Drive corridor. I feel we should be able to vote for all candidates that will vote in our interests. All councilmembers get a vote on what happens in my community so I feel that I should be able to vote for each council member.</p>
<p>I liked being able to vote for all city council members as most of the issues I am concerned about related to all residents. However, as I had a representative for my district, I felt there was someone more concerned for my district when I did have a district problem. I live in Kempsville.</p>
<p>I liked having a vote on several members of City Council, not just one</p>
<p>I liked having an opportunity to vote for all members of council. It made every election and every member take into account citywide issues.</p>
<p>I liked having more candidates overall, i.e., more districts.</p>
<p>I liked that all council representatives had to earn the votes of the entire City, and all 11 had to at least act like they were accountable to me and my vote.</p>
<p>I liked that system better then the 10-1 but think we should come up with an option that's a combination of the two.</p>
<p>I liked that there were representatives that represented the whole city to balance our rep that will look out more for my district</p>
<p>I liked the at large seats as well as some by region. I do not support purposely creating minority majority districts.</p>
<p>I live in a high density neighborhood so more votes help get council attention and focus from all at large council members</p>
<p>I never lived in Virginia Beach during the 7-3-1 system. I don't really have any strong opinions on it</p>
<p>I prefer city-wide candidates since decisions made by city council impact all citizens, not a subsection of them. Therefore I want an opportunity to vote for every seat.</p>
<p>I prefer the 7-3-1 election system</p>
<p>I prefer to vote for all city council positions</p>
<p>I prefer to vote for all city council reps, not merely mayor and a single district</p>
<p>I quickly learned that district representatives danced for their political pay-masters and assumed political parties rather than dance for their residents interests.</p>

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I suggest a modified 7-3-1 system in which the city is defined by 7 voting districts each with a rep council member and the 3 council members and mayor are voted by all citizens. The need for either 1 or 2 minority districts that would be voting districts would address the concern for a minority voice.
I think having a district representative that is elected only by that district allows a voters the opportunity to voice that area's concerns and needs.
I think the 7-3-1 system would have been better if the 7 districts were specific elections to those districts like the 10-1 system.
I think this system gave an advantage to areas of the city that had stronger turnout and you didn't have one person to complain to when you didn't like the outcome of a council vote.
I thought that many voices that should have been represented were not.
I thought the best candidates were representing all of the citizens of VB. There was no forced representation onto the city council as the current '10-1' system does.
I want my representatives to focus on my area of the city which is very different than issues at the oceanfront.
I want only those in a council member's district to vote for that individual. This way the "good old boy" system is reduced and my representative can't be elected by outside the district voters.
I wanted more local rep
I was dissatisfied because the representative for my district didn't represent nor understand my issues. I also felt that Dotty didn't care to know what my district needed, desired, wanted to improve our lives in that district.
I was dissatisfied by the 7-3-1 system due to the lack of representation, or direct representation and that I could be 'skipped' by candidates because there were groups already block voting around me.
I was dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system because I am not fan of the at-large voting system. My interests may be unique to someone living outside of my districts. It doesn't make sense to have a local representative living outside of my district.
I was dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system because I didn't think my local area was adequately represented.
I was dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system because my representative was elected by everyone in Virginia Beach, not just my district.
I was dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system due to its' inequity. Some candidates could only get votes from district residents, while others could votes from residents outside of their districts, along with the residential votes.
I was dissatisfied with the system because it allowed a small group of people to Control every seat on Council. It disrespected the Will of the Voters. It was prohibitive, for persons who did not have a lot of money to run for office. It also made the Elected Officials beholding to the people who had the money to give generously to their campaigns. Elections felt more like a Mafia backed system than a Democratic form of government. We the citizens did not feel respected, nor did we feel that we actually had someone representing our concerns, interests

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<p>or needs. We felt neglected and all/most of our tax dollars were being sent to communities who already had a substantial amount of resources, leaving food deserts throughout the city, less resources increased crime in areas where people were community oriented. Overall, the City did not work to ensure that we have a well run government but in fact we the people felt that it was to the point that we had a government that was in a state of Ruin due to fact that Candidates could be bought and paid for leaving the residents without representation. We were unable to hold our council members accountable because someone else paid for them to be elected to office.</p>
<p>I was extremely satisfied with my district before you move norfolk out and replaced it with Chesapeake. The newly redrawn district no longer is an accurate example of our political views or population. I prefer the old district before the 2020 election having Norfolk as apart of my va beach district was more accurate and represented it much more fairly.</p>
<p>I was not familiar enough with all of the districts to select the best representative for each one.</p>
<p>I was not sure of the election system so Im not aware of how well it represented me.</p>
<p>I was satisfied because councilmembers had to appeal to the entire city and I got the opportunity to vote up or down on any given councilmember. This is a far cry from the current system where because my district, #5, did not even have a councilmember up for election. Nor did I get to vote for any school board members. I feel like under the 7-3-1 system I had a voice. Now I do not.</p>
<p>I was satisfied because I knew all the reps elected where held accountable for representing ALL residents of VB.</p>
<p>I was satisfied by the 7-3-1 system because it did not create districts based on "race" or "ethnicity." It also promoted the city being a unity, not a collection of separate districts competing for a finite pool of resources.</p>
<p>I was satisfied with the prior system of 7-3-1. I believe if my taxes are raised and spent throughout the area, I should be able to vote for those who share my interests; support my views. We do not live in a silo. I could have dealings/experiences an all areas of the City/County and am part of entire area, through work, relaxation, every day living.</p>
<p>I was totally dissatisfied because it failed to represent me.</p>
<p>I was very dissatisfied because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When I first move here, the system was confusing, and I did not feel I voted as an informed citizen. 2. Often, I did not vote for a candidate in each of the districts. 3. Outcomes seemed biased toward special interest groups.
<p>I was very satisfied with the 7-3-1 system because I was able to vote for a representative in all the districts, not just my own. As I stated previously, how an individual representative votes, impacts all of the city, not only his/her own district.</p>
<p>I was very satisfied with the old system because all Council members were accountable to all voters. Further, the old system ensured there was geographic representation across the city by requiring 7 members to live in specific districts, while ensuring those members stayed</p>

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<p>mindful of the interests of the full city through an at large election system. Also, it is a false assertion to say that minority candidates couldn't get elected under the old system. Aaron Rouse was.</p>
<p>I wasn't satisfied because I was not very well represented</p>
<p>I'm new to the area</p>
<p>I'm very dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 system because it DID NOT make sense to have people outside of a district be able to vote for a candidate to represent another district that the person doesn't live in.</p>
<p>I'd like the city to move away from whatever it is they started to do that has moved us toward this obsession with equity and stakeholders. I have a feeling the change in the election system is tied to that</p>
<p>If a candidate needs to appeal to voters city-wide in order to get elected, the voters in their assigned districts are not receiving 100% representation. There are bound to be conflicts of interest.</p>
<p>If individual council members are always acting in the interest of the people they represent, either system works.</p>
<p>In 7-3-1, the 3 specifically allows unequal representation to occur, with some districts receiving two or more representatives. Virginia Beach is big, and unbalanced representation means that issues will be unfairly addressed. Those areas with less representation will remain a smaller voice while those with 2+ will be louder and get their way more often, to the detriment of the rest of Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>In my opinion, City Council members don't often vote for what their constituents want. They vote the way they want to vote</p>
<p>In my opinion, this system was a popularity contest of who's who in the Beach. Don't bring this back.</p>
<p>In the 10-1 system council members are only accountable to the voters their district. Under the old system more council members were held accountable by the whole city. Now under the 10-1 system I'm only voting for one member therefore I have less representation. Before I could vote for more people = more members to voice to and they can be held to account my the citizens of city. Old system better, members came from district so their focus can be on the district but still had to answer to all the city since the whole of the city voted for them. For the people that whine they weren't represented under old system you don't get it and they are ways to make your voice heard in the democratic process without trying to redefine equality and trying to set a system up to try to benefit the majority. The problem is not the system it's the unintelligent, ignorant or otherwise, people/voters</p>
<p>In the 7-3-1 system, there were more at large seats, so the council had to be more in tune with a broader group of citizens. We were voters to them. Not people in other parts of the city to whom they have no accountability.</p>
<p>Incumbents and monied interests had an unfair advantage</p>

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Indifference was often felt when our representatives had to cover a wider area than a smaller district as found in 10-1.
Individual boroughs were better represented in 7-3-1 system than in 10-1 system.
It allowed a lot of “developer friendly” council members
It allowed politicians to gain votes that they were not entitled to from other districts that they did not represent. It was simply a power grab.
It allowed VB to focus on initiatives as a community and not get bogged down to the locality.
It allows for certain interest groups to buy Council members votes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
It balanced representation of a specific district with the needs of the entire City since the Council Members were accountable to the entire City.
it did not allow minority representation
It did not seem right that I could vote for representatives of a district I did not live in.
It didn't equally represent the voices in our city
It didn't represent where I live, and more biased people were voting for local officials to represent me. Even with the School Board, local officials were being influenced by state and national interests (hello, Vicki Manning), but not by our interests.
It diluted the minority vote.
It diluted the voting power of neighborhoods, individuals, and minorities.
It encompassed more variety, at least in my neighborhood
It felt like a very generalized system of government without any neighborhood based representation.
It felt strange to be able to select some else's community representation. I remnants being confused by the ballot I received in the mail.
It gave the voters of certain districts with high turnouts,including mine, a disproportioned influence over the outcome of the elections in other districts The new system is fairer..
It gave too much power to city council members backed by special interest money...especially the oceanfront.
It gave voice to those with money and bred cronyism.
It gives a broader look at city politics. 10 districts is too many.
It gives me a chance to vote for or against any council member, and I feel that is an important part of my voice as a voter.
It had worked just fine for many years.
It is clearly obvious that the 7-3-1 system was created to keep everything white and to NOT have equal representation and that's why it was declared UNCONSTITUTIONAL
It is completely unsatisfactory that someone from Great Neck could vote on who should represent the interests of those residing in Bayside. Only the people of Bayside should have that opportunity
It is much fairer for voters.
It is not representative of the people impacted in the districts/areas that they live in. Additionally, it was too subjective with at-large candidates available that did not reflect the citizenry of specific districts/areas in the city.

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<p>It is not the system its the crummy candidates.</p>
<p>It is un-democratic and disenfranchises voters.</p>
<p>It is very important for all members of City Council to represent ALL citizens and neighborhoods, not just their own.</p>
<p>It just kept electing the same people regardless of what their district needed bc of name recognition and campaign war chests</p>
<p>It just makes sense to be able to vote on all Council seats because they ALL vote on issues that affect me.</p>
<p>It just seemed that we were heard</p>
<p>It never made sense to me why a councilperson would be said to represent a specific district yet be elected by residents throughout the whole city. The only allegiance that candidate would have to any subset of our large population would be possibly to their very narrow interests of their own street. Otherwise, they would be inclined to most actively represent whoever contacts them with the most influence/loudest voice.</p>
<p>It provided all registered voters the opportunity to vote for all Council Members--decisions made by a majority of City Council members impact the entire city and every voter should have a right to vote for each representative. The 7-3-1 system had an advantage of assuring geographic dispersion of seven representatives. Considering the history of Virginia Beach/Princess Anne County, this was important. The 10-1 system would also create greater geographic dispersion and be better for representing the vision and best long term interests of the entire city if each voter could vote for all 11 members of City Council. The State law should be changed.</p>
<p>It provided me input on all of the council members making decisions concerning my well being.</p>
<p>It removed accountability to the actual residents in the district and so the council members did bot necessarily represent their district</p>
<p>It seemed as if representatives did not have to support issues effecting constituents from their districts.</p>
<p>It seemed less segmented and we could vote for multiple good candidates. The council felt more representative of city at large, like One VB vs 10 separate with only one representative. The other candidates had to appeal to wider voting population to get elected vs current system.</p>
<p>It seemed like the same type of people, people with similar mindsets, were elected over and over. No diversity of ideas.</p>
<p>It seemed to be fair</p>
<p>It seems much the same because my state senator hasn't changed.</p>
<p>It seems ridiculous to have people who live outside of the district get to vote on the districts representative. It is also much harder for locals to run for election in a system where they need enough time and money to campaign across the one of the largest cities in the state rather than just focus their campaigning in their district.</p>

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>It seemwd that the more money a candidate had, the more votes they would receive across the city which left, and they focused on the desires of higher income areas leaving no a smaller voice for the working class or lower paid citizens.</p>
<p>It takes a lot of money to run city wide (compared to a smaller district.) People may be turned off from running due to the expense of running a city wide race.</p>
<p>It tended to reinforce a demographic gerrymandering--and clearly was biased toward certain areas of the city</p>
<p>It took care of the district and then the city as a whole, not pigeon holing into districts.</p>
<p>It unified the city. This new system will divide us into local tribes. Not at all good for the city.</p>
<p>It was a better system</p>
<p>It was a gerrymandered system that prevented a proper democratic election system, repressed minority voters, ignored issues that affected poorer districts in the city, confused voters, and only served to keep in power those that the city leadership historically has deemed "acceptable". New council members weren't able to get elected because it oppressed all but the elite few. It was not a representative system.</p>
<p>It was a system that special monied developer and oceanfront interest dominated who got ejected due to the capital and time requirements to run city-wide elections,</p>
<p>It was all about who could raise the most money and who was the the most well funded.</p>
<p>It was always the same people on city council and the same things getting passed. Money going to the Oceanfront or Amphitheater area of the city and they rest of the us were left to twist in the wind.</p>
<p>It was and still is confusing. It was nearly impossible to know the all of the candidates so it was blindly voting for people.</p>
<p>It was antiquated and based on the 'good ol boys' formula. Only certain interests were represented and people with the most money had the most input and benefit from proposals and outcomes.</p>
<p>It was based on neighbors being able to work together without bias.</p>
<p>It was confusing. And I think each district needs its own representation.</p>
<p>It was familiar so I delt</p>
<p>it was inequitable - this isn't just about me and my neighbors. to be a good neighbor it means the other parts of the city as well. not just mine. but, also - Someone representing the Beach District should not be able to garner votes from Pungo to get elected, as that person isn't familiar with those issues and in reality doesn't really care. I've watched Council votes for years and this has borne out.</p>
<p>It was just like with national elections, where seventeen states get to choose who will lead the country over the wishes of the remaining thirty three. Big money rules, builders, bankers, prominent people (sport & entertainment icons) thanks to the Supreme Court, so why should the "little folks" even think their vote counts?</p>
<p>It was more fair</p>
<p>It was needlessly complex and required considerable research in order to cast an informed vote.</p>

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>It was not a democratic representation of the population by their place of residence or contact with local representative. Not a fair and equitable form of political representation. If it had been a good process I would ask why does the State and Federal governments not use it?</p>
<p>It was not a fair representative system. City Council was comprised of name recognition only.</p>
<p>It was racially-motivated gerrymandering.</p>
<p>It was the only one that I had known. I don't trust the state government to redo maps fairly.</p>
<p>It was unfair and illegal for over fifty (50) years in the city of Virginia Beach. I believe my vote and many voters like me were disenfranchised and not fairly represented in choosing city council, school board members and the like.</p>
<p>it was unfair to minorities and to those who lived outside of Kempsville</p>
<p>It was working fine but I think was still too territorial. A 6-4-1 system would be stronger overall. Any representatives that cannot see the bigger picture of the city as a whole outside of their district should be marginalized in local politics. If council members can't find a win-win solution rather than a zero sum game they are not up to serving.</p>
<p>It wasn't fair that people in other districts could decide who represents mine. Period.</p>
<p>It wasn't reasonable for voters to become familiar with and make informed decisions about all candidates for city council and school board. I've seen this before. I works better in smaller locales. with only a few council seats. Plus this system limited the number of candidates who had the time and resources to campaign city wide</p>
<p>It will be the same as the old. All CC members care about is how much can we do for Oceanfront</p>
<p>It worked well and was changed because an individual complained and felt it was not fair to minorities. Of course, she wanted to get elected and she just happened to be a minority.</p>
<p>It worked----I got to vote for all that made decisions for me and my quality of life in this city.</p>
<p>It's not fair</p>
<p>It's not fair!</p>
<p>It's what existed when we moved here, and it seemed to work OK</p>
<p>Just moved back to Virginia Beach after being away for more than a decade. I will need to get reacquainted with local politics and the election system.</p>
<p>Just moved here in Fall 2021</p>
<p>Large voting blocks could control elections all over the City. There was no representation.</p>
<p>Led to rule by faction.. my voice was drowned out by city wide representation.</p>
<p>Less direct representation of citizens' interests.</p>
<p>less fair and equitable representation with "at large" district seats.</p>
<p>Less reflective of the needs of each district</p>
<p>Like all politics today, money drove the system then (and now). Only good thing about the 7-3-1 system is that there were at-large councilpersons who would respond and fight for our interests.</p>
<p>Lived in the state of Virginia. Left for a few years and then moved back in the last few years.</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Living in Bayside, I don't have any idea what the problems in Sandbridge or any other district are.</p>
<p>Local officials seemed to be heavily on the govt's side, not mainly IN a govt position that was created FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE! There should be a 'hand on the Bible' moment where officials are required to be held to the standard that govt is there to help and SERVE the constituents</p>
<p>Local representation matters!</p>
<p>Many of the council members could speak for my neighborhood versus just one.</p>
<p>Members on council were up to speed on various areas of the city</p>
<p>Minority voices were not heard</p>
<p>Money and popularity/name recognition determine the winners rather than understanding and representation of neighborhood issues.</p>
<p>money won elections</p>
<p>Money, influence and power had too much of an impact in the 7-3-1 system.</p>
<p>More about VB needs in general</p>
<p>More all-city representation existed. Didntcse race-based and was more "citizen" based regardless of skin color.</p>
<p>More attention was definitely given to other areas of the district and city.</p>
<p>More choices</p>
<p>More familiar with needs of entire city.</p>
<p>More people around the city had more input, not just in their area.</p>
<p>Most of the City Council members came from a limited number of areas in Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>Most people weren't informed well enough to vote for that many candidates and they candidates really represented the whole city not boroughs.</p>
<p>My area has always been represented, overwhelmingly, because I live at the northend/oceanfront - many members were from here and always represented the business interests (to their best ability/profit-ability). In having this system, VB has had a narrow vision for what our oceanfront could be (light rail ring a bell?)</p>
<p>My community needs were not addressed only oceanfront issues and big funding projects were allocated to oceanfront communities. Virginia Beach council only cared about concerns for oceanfront communities.</p>
<p>My council member did not live in my district and I did not feel represented by them.</p>
<p>my councilmember only has oceanfront residents in mind when making decisions, same with councilmember who represents the county. They seem to focus on where the money and the businesses are</p>
<p>My district was not well representated.</p>
<p>My interests were well represented. I believe the system could have been retained if those representatives in the 7 numbered districts were to be elected only by residents of those districts. Those districts might have needed to be redrawn.</p>
<p>My neighborhood was not well represented and did not have a direct person looking out for our interests or with our voice.</p>

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My representative was hardly ever seen representing the interests of the neighborhoods in this borough. Minority interests were shut out by developers, who seemed able to steamroll City Council
My voice and my neighbors voices were not truly represented and our council member did not engage with us or show any kind of representation that reflected our values and concerns for our district.
My vote was diluted; it also was very difficult to run a campaign. I was a former member of the VB City Council.
Never felt the representatives listened to their constituents. Voted based on their own personal opinions!
Never had a problem reaching my representative.
Never heard of it before now
Never understood how the whole city could select reps from each district. Voters from the district should be voting only for their reps.
Not representative
No control over who ran and for what district the candidates were representing.
No personal representation.
No representation for areas everything was (and still is) Ocean front Ocean front Ocean front
No sabia que ese método de elecciones no cumplía con las leyes federales e interesantemente, con la cantidad de personas que se mudan al área constantemente, imagino que tampoco lo sabían. El no estar al tanto de eso es lo que encuentro interesante - el no saber limitaba nuestras opciones y permitía que cierta cantidad de la población más antigua tenía un mayor control sobre los resultados de las elecciones locales. <i>(I didn't know that this method of voting didn't comply with federal law and interestingly, with the number of people constantly moving to the area, I guess they didn't know either. Not being aware of that is what I find interesting - not knowing limited our options and allowed a certain amount of the older population more control over the results of local elections.)</i>
No taxation without representation
Not a good representation of who lived in the beach.at all very poor
Not a good system. I am pleased that there is a new process on the table. The 10-1 system is fair, and equitable in my humble opinion.
Not at all equal representation
Not enough equity—minority voices (i.e. non-white) voices were not a part of the conversation. I want someone from my zone who is going to listen to my concerns and who is beholden to the voices in the district.
Not fair
Not familiar with it the next question should have a na selection
Not knowing candidates from across the city, I felt I was just "guessing" who would be appropriate for the position.
Not representative

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Not representative, so not a democratic political voting model. I don't even consider it constitutional.
Not sure what it is
not the fairest representation
Nothing has really changed from the old system to the next. Government involvement is at all time high and should be aggressively nullified.
Oceanfront and large donors were the only concern previously.
Oceanfront interests took priority over other neighborhoods.
Often I voted for candidates for which I had minimal information. Only source (which was not very good) was the local newspaper. During this last 10-1 election, the candidates in my district attended civic league meetings and I felt I knew the candidates extremely well.
On one hand our district was more homogeneous in concerns needs. On the other I feel 7-3-1 is less representative as a methodology.
once again, do not know pros and cons to the different ways
one group can control large section of City Council
Only a small portion of VB residents' needs were being voiced. The city council became a political party representation and the residents were not being listened to. They were the Mayor's cronies. And i strongly believe that the council member should live in their district which was not the case previously.
Only vote for local councilmember
Other council members were interested in your input to all areas and not just their one district.
Others could vote for your representative.
Our city council of the past did not seem to fairly represent or care about interests and priorities of all its citizens - it seemed like they did the developers' bidding or favored businesses of family and friends. Development, policing, culture and commercial development have not been progressive/innovative under past city councils/mayors.
Our city is a very good place to live. This happened with the former 100% at large system.
Overall, I'm very dissatisfied with the whole election system and the disparities, inequalities and the lack of inclusivity it has. The election system needs to be changed asap!
People are less well represented.
People could pick my respective that didn't live in my area.
People from outside the district can vote for my council member.
People in Bayside don't care about what happens in Princess Anne and vice versa. We shouldn't be voting for their representation
People in each district need to have someone who lives in their district. They come to the table with a full awareness of the issues and concerns of that district and how they impact the citizens of that community.
People in the urban areas of our city were represented by people elected by a majority of white voters. It was unfair and I think several ideas that would have benefited these citizens were nixed by wealthier citizens.

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People outside of my district chose who represented my district
People outside of my district/neighborhood shouldn't be able to vote en masse for a representative who won't represent me
People should live in the district they represent.
People who live inside a district know what it needs and they are the ones that can best evaluate candidates for their district. Someone living at the oceanfront is simply not going to be informed enough to pick a candidate for Kempsville or Bayside.
Please see what was written in the comment section in the previous section: the previous system left you feeling that district issues were watered down for the good of the city as a whole and that more often than not the oceanfront was the primary district to receive the most attention.
Power people in VB had too much influence over city council because they had a greater influence over who was elected city wide.
Prior 7-3-1 could be djusted to include district voting for the 7.
Regardless of the residency of council members, I don't think that the entire city should be voting for all council members.
Representation and transparency
Representation not there
Representation unequal.
Representation was ok but could have been better
Representatives should live in the districts they represent and only people that live in their districts should be able to vote for them. At large voting erodes the voting power of minority groups who are disenfranchised.
Representatives should serve all citizens need regardless of their residence.
Representatives were voted in from all around the city instead of from their own districts.
Represented me better
Representives for a district should live in and be voted in by members in that district, not the entire city.
Required Council members to be knowledgeable about all areas of the City. Most times they deferred to the Council Member representing the district.
Rigged for developers
Same old same old
Satisfied because I felt represented by multiple council members
See my comments to the previous section. I have voted in Virginia Beach elections for 42 years.
See my previous comment. It's a solution in search of problem.
seems like budget and policy outcomes better reflected neighborhood concerns
Seems like seats would go to "popular" figures and not necessarily people from within your own district who would share your concerns about certain parts of the city. What happens at the oceanfront probably doesn't concern folks who live bordering Chesapeake or Norfolk.

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Some elected are to old age with old ways. No vision for the future generations to come. Spent to much of tax payers money on developers and oceanfront while neglecting other neighborhoods. Representation of services unbalanced.</p>
<p>Sometimes it just boils down to not fully understanding the reason for councilperson’s vote. If I called my councilperson, with the exception of one over 50 years, has responded and at least made an effort to explain their vote. Better than several past congress members from both parties.</p>
<p>Special interest groups have more control over the 7-3-1 system and this causes inequality to all residents of Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>Special interest groups held unequal power.</p>
<p>Still gerrymandered to favor incumbents</p>
<p>System provided a means to vote for entire city council, rather than just one member. I felt more aware of all the council members under the 7-3-1 system - now I don’t even know all their names, as the majority of council members don’t show their presence or campaign in my neighborhood</p>
<p>System was not equitable in representing all citizens</p>
<p>Taxation without representation! The 7-3-1 system favors the wealthy and well connected in the city of Virginia Beach.</p>
<p>That sounds like a system where a simple majority rule would suddenly be capable of choosing 100% of the representatives, which seems more imbalanced than the 10-1 system.</p>
<p>That voting system encourages the good ol boy mentality where a few from the same area make the decisions for the whole area based on their personal interests, not the best interest of the city.</p>
<p>The "old" 7-3-1 system allowed us to vote for every seat on City Council. Even with the change to Virginia law we would still be able to vote for 5 out of the 11 City Council seats. I feel this makes for a more united city instead of dividing us.</p>
<p>The “at large” candidates terms should have been limited to a maximum of 2 terms. Thus, a term limit on the at large candidates of 2 terms and a limit of 4 terms of all positions including mayor. An at large candidate can serve 2 terms in a district and 2 terms as an at large for a maximum of 4 terms.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 allowed for a much better chance for city-wide initiatives that were beneficial to the city as a whole to be passed. This system allowed each council member to not only represent the best interests of their district, but also look at the big picture without fear that they would not be reelected just because they voted one way or another.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 election system allow every resident to have a stake in Virginia Beach's governance. North Beach residents no longer care what happens in Pungo or Creed, etc.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 election system allowed individuals from certain areas to gain more influence on City Council creating development and programs that suited a smaller population; a more powerful group.</p>

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<p>The 7-3-1 election system caters to special interests, not the will of the people. I've seen City Council repeatedly approve local development projects despite overwhelmingly strong opposition from the local affected residents.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 election system did not foster representation that represented the city adequately, and enabled long serving city council members to remain on council too long. It discouraged new candidates from getting involved.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system allowed citizens to have a direct say (i.e., via their vote) in selecting members of City Council and the direction and leadership of the City. It also allowed citizens to hold each Councilmember accountable for their performance.</p>
<p>The 731 system diluted representation away from non-oceanfront aligned regions of the city, the 10 one system removes the monopoly on representation by the princess ann county club mafia. That's why you hate it and it's why you're trying to get rid of it.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system dilutes everyone's vote.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system dilutes neighborhood votes. I should not be voting for a representative in a completely different section of the city. Some one in Aragona should not voting for a member that will represent Pungo and vis versa.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system helped developers and the resort area well but did not represent my district or the overall city well. My previous city council man was well funded by business groups and special interests. It is nice with the new system not seeing campaign posters for my city council man displayed all over the city, some 10 miles from my district!</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system is much better because it represents everybody, not just a particular district. The members are more likely to make decisions that are based on what is best for the entire City, rather than what will get them re-elected in their district, as would happen in the 10-1 election system.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system provided greater accountability of all Council members to all residents. This led to a far less NIMBY (Not In My Backyard) approach to determining what would be most beneficial to the City as a whole. Although I fully understand that they-3-1 system is a hybrid that can no longer be used, a variation is possible. Seven districts could be drawn where only voters living in the district would elect a councilperson for that district. Three council persons would be elected at-large, and the mayor would also be elected at-large. At-large council members would ensure that the needs and concerns of the entire City are being considered fairly.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system resulted in unequal representation, particularly of minorities in the city because the entire city voted for all seats. An candidate could lose the district in which they reside but still win their election because the entire city voted. That makes no sense, how are you representing your district if your own neighbors don't support you?</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system struck a good balance of ensuring that all Council members were responsive to all voters by having at large elections while also ensuring that there was geographic diversity by requiring 7 members to live in their districts. Another advantage is that half of the seats could be elected every two years.</p>

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<p>the 7-3-1 system was designed to keep certain parties in power. there is absolutely no reason someone who lives by the ocean should be allowed to vote in a district 30 minutes away.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system was seemingly dominated by a racially white segment of the community. The council had very few ethnic minority members. The Bayside district in particular was not represented by members reflective of the district's make up. It appeared that the oceanfront district was getting the bulk of Council's attention in infrastructure and amenities.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system was suppose to be a hybrid system, but was more an at large system. All Virginia Beach residents were allowed to vote for all Council members, even if the council member was suppose to represent a specific district. Therefore just because a Council member lived in a district and was suppose to represent that district they could win their seat without really winning the votes within their district.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 voting system denied representation to all Virginia Beach residents.</p>
<p>The appearance of fairness in this system was deceptive; all of the positions were voted upon city-wide so were not beholden to their "district". An extremely common perception is that the city council was catering to builders, and specific builders at that, in lieu of the actual residents of the city.</p>
<p>The area is not represented well.</p>
<p>The at large candidates were more likely to be interested in the wealthier areas of the city and business interests especially at the oceanfront.</p>
<p>The at large group should have had to come from 2 largest combined areas with 1 rep, next 2 with one rep and last 3 with one. Not city wide entirely for at large</p>
<p>The at large positions leveled out extreme positions</p>
<p>The at large representatives were open to all citizen concerns.</p>
<p>The at- large seats seemed to be easily swayed by one or two other districts. Creating a feeling of unfairness</p>
<p>The at-large positions always seemed superfluous and unnecessary. The dedicated positions were filled at the whim of voters that had no interests in the Councilmembers area and thus were essentially random choices.</p>
<p>The at-large seats gave greater weight to special interests. Sometimes they aligned with voter preferences, but sometimes they did not.</p>
<p>The city council members and candidates all came to my civic league and cared about our local issues. It was seen as non-partisan. Now the elections are not based on ideas, but political tribes. The city was well run and there has been consensus on supporting the Green Line.</p>
<p>The city council priorities did not reflect any needs or shortfalls specific to our community. We had to use our church to invite city council reps so that we could even discuss our issues. The old system represented the priorities of businesses, the mayor, and the state level priorities. There was no incentive to reach out to neighborhoods where voter turnout was low. This created a chicken and egg effect. Folks did not vote since they felt city council was not interested or responsive. City council made decisions were based on limited input. Since</p>

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<p>we all pay the taxes which provide the budget for priority projects city council should b aware of the issues in all neighborhoods, not just a few. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>The city has always favored the Oceanfront and there is too much emphasis on this part of the city. The "open delegates" seemed to always be pro Oceanfront business types.</p>
<p>The city population was not represented on the City Council</p>
<p>The Council and School Board had to live in a district, but all of Virginia Beach got to vote for them. Therefore, when casting vote, the elected official had to think about how their vote would affect the entire city and not just their district. Of course they thought about their district, but that wasn't the entire reason they voted for an issue.</p>
<p>The council members were from our city and fought to be heard and represented.</p>
<p>The elected should understand the needs of the population they're representing</p>
<p>The entire voting population has an opportunity to vote and direct city policies and codes. It was a much better system!</p>
<p>The issue I had with this system was that everyone could vote for all of the members. It didn't allow for localized interests to be expressed and of course was more costly to run a larger campaign.</p>
<p>The local representatives need to represent the entire City of Virginia Beach and not just their local area. The At- large seats with all residents voting for Council member is a must for the entire City to prosper.</p>
<p>The more politically connected you were around the city the more likely you would get voted in. This new system keeps you focused on your own district</p>
<p>The nice thing about being able to vote in every election was I could support candidates with my vote whom I felt better represented me then "my" district candidate. Now I would need to make monetary or time donations to support such candidates.</p>
<p>Even if I know my voice was more diluted then 10-1, I felt like I had more of a say because I could cast more votes.</p>
<p>That being said, I understand why people wanted a different system. I don't think we should go back to how it was even if we could.</p>
<p>The old election system was confusing. Until I read the structure of the old 7-3-1 system, I did not know that I could vote for members in other districts. Why would anyone create a system so confusing is beyond explanation. Unless there were some altera motive.</p>
<p>the old system allowed for too much money showing up from outside the district. thereby out spending the preferred candidate.</p>
<p>The old system allowed voters to favor moderate candidates. Each district was still represented by a local neighbor, and could still vote in favor of district concerns, but extraneous national politics and extreme positions were not rewarded.</p>
<p>The old system did not address the concerns in the district that I live in and there was a good chance that the individual running in my district may not be elected.</p>

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The old system gave voters a larger say who made decisions for our city as a whole not a subsection.
The old system meant all Council members were accountable to all voters. This helped prevent development of ward based politics which have contributed to corruption and poor governance in cities such as Chicago. Also, it reduced the incentive for gerrymandering because all voters could vote. I also liked having 3 members serve at large and therefore accountable to all voters.
the old system seemed not completely fair, and not well designed.
The old system was extremely undemocratic and did not allow for representation from all areas of the city.
The opposite of my comments previously. Elections treated the community as a whole
The previous system did not represent the interests of each district. Their decisions allowed money and power to override what was best for ALL our residents.
The previous system required candidates to run city wide, which was very expensive. It discouraged all but the wealthy or beholden to special interests, to run for office. Plus, the City is very large and issues in the rural areas are different from those in the densely populated area. I prefer the concept of the new system, but the execution was not good for my neighborhood, Fairfield.
The previous system was deemed unconstitutional and therefore had to be discontinued. It disenfranchised minorities in the City.
The previous system was designed to oppress the minority vote and voice. Having the entire city elect representatives from one community is not a fair system.
The representatives were not engaged at the district level. They were focused more on getting elected than specific issues important to citizens.
The residency requirement help ensure neighborhood representation across the city while the at-large voting held council members accountable to all voters.
The system worked and didn't need to be changed
The three at-large seats on city council were almost like electing additional mayors. These 3 could have easily represented some special interest groups.
The voters of Va Beach had a greater say in their selections
The voting results were not fair.
The whole city needs were taken into consideration
There is no evidence the 10-1 system serves the underrepresented any better than the 7-3-1 system, and in the 7-3-1 system, there was a much bigger choice of candidates, which could represent all residents of the City of Virginia Beach
There is nothing wrong with at large seats! Only cry babies who couldnt get elected or had an axe to grind with the city did not like it!
There was a better chance for minority representation on the council
There was a biggest chance that candidates skilled in large-scale management, budget processes, and holistic views would be elected to Council under this system than under the

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>10-1 system, which favors mirco-focused neighborhood issues more than the betterment of VAB as a whole.</p>
<p>There was little focus on constituents and their concerns.</p>
<p>There was little to no accountability. Those in power and those who bought elections ruled to the detriment of the taxpaying citizenry. Unfair and sometimes criminal behavior on part of electeds/system. Inequality ruled. No response to questions, pleas for community improvements.</p>
<p>THERE WAS NO DIVERSITY AND VA BEACH IS VERY DIVERSE</p>
<p>There was no partiality for one area.</p>
<p>There's no benefit to 3 city wide elected officials. Representing one's home district is the most fair processes . City wide candidates are too beholden to big money interests that encroach on our neighborhoods. They ignore vast swaths of the city. On Shore Dr, they care far more about the owners of Westminster lining their pockets than their thousands of loc constituents who are opposed to a monstrosity of a building in our community.</p>
<p>There's not always sufficient information available about the candidates to know which will be the best representative.</p>
<p>they had to represent the entire city and therefore hinders their effectiveness.</p>
<p>They weren't truly 7 district reps. They were all at large. So regardless of where you lived ... you really needed to get the money from the developers and resort area to even have a shot at running in vb. Forget if you had a different political party than the large donors. Largest donors usually resulted in most votes by nature.</p>
<p>This allowed for even more cronyism and gerrymandering in our city.</p>
<p>This allowed for local representation and the opportunity to vote for 3 at-large seats which have similar views and could ally with your representative. The 10-1 system only gives you one voice.</p>
<p>This did not give the black community voice or representation</p>
<p>This does not seem like an effective way at representation.</p>
<p>This gives me as a citizen more say to the people representing our City.</p>
<p>This is an unfair system - designed to champion candidates with the most campaign funds (and their most generous donors) and to suppress the votes (and voices) of minorities in our communities.</p>
<p>This is preferred system and allows decisions to get made after proper open and public debate.</p>
<p>This method dilutes the will of the represented district. It allows district representatives to collect votes out of district reducing accountability to the represented district. This system is weighted toward monied interests because Virginia Beach is largest city by population and den and largest by area. This makes voter outreach very difficult. This is blocking middle class leaders from running.</p>
<p>This old system has allowed for people on CC to be elected in districts in which they do not live. The cronyism and political machinations of candidates to stay in power is very disturbing. Our new council members are a breath of fresh air.</p>

D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
This process greatly disturbed me when I moved here. The at large process caused unbalanced representation and the districts were too diverse.
This survey really doesn't make clear what this system was like or how it may have benefited me as a resident. Doesn't seem to be a difference however I don't think I lived here when this 7 3 1 system was in place.
This system allowed cronyism to make many of the decisions for council regarding construction and other issues and have a lot of power to a few groups of people
This system clearly did not adhere to the Voting Rights Act. It also defied new state laws intended to move our city away from this system.
This system did not allow residents outside of the oceanfront to be heard. There was no way to hold people accountable because special interest could buy votes. Under this system it was difficult for the everyday citizen to run an at large campaign due to costs.
This system dilutes the interest of my neighbors
This system has a better checks and balance system
This system is better because it tends to yield results better for all of VB.
This system is not as representative
This system made possible to ignore some citizens while cantering to others.
This system meant that developers and others with big pockets could buy their way into undue influence and kept minority and other individual needs secondary.
This system provided a checks and balance if our district rep wasn't listening to and addressing our issues. We could appeal to other CC members since we also voted for them.
This system provided the opportunity to vote for representatives who shared one's views for area as whole.
This system was implemented to preserve the white based power structure that this city was built on. I am glad it is eliminated.
This system works better in that it forces council members to engage with all of Virginia Beach rather than just special interests in their district. My current city council member has to make zero effort to court me as a voter now because it's so gerrymandered. Meanwhile all of their views are opposite of mine.
This voting system did not allow us to chose who to represent US. If i live in district 5, why are people in district 2 voting for who should represent me?
This was a terrible election system that diluted the interest of the regular citizen in favor of well connected individuals/businesses that could fund a candidates election campaign and in return receive preferential treatment involving matters governed by the city representatives and bureaucracy.
this was fair and gave you a say what happens in ALL of Va Beach. I don't just pay taxes for the area I live in. I pay for all of the city and should have a say in all of the city
Those running in the same districts would put voice those running from the smaller districts. It was not a fair representation of our diverse city
Too broad a scope. My representative could be elected by voters no where near my district
too easy to influence elections with big money

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)
Too expensive to run city-wide.
Too many candidates to keep track of and be adequately informed about in order to make intelligent voting decisions about all of them.
Too many candidates.
Too many on the SB and CC were from the same geographical area and that didn't make it fair for those who lived in areas with no representation.
Too many people running to try to figure out the candidate that best would represent me .
Too many representatives that fell in line with "favorite" districts, giving some areas a two-to-one vote advantage even before discussions began.
Too many seats to vote for, very time consuming to adequately research candidates. If the candidate I wanted for my district lost, I couldn't be sure if it was my immediate neighbors who felt differently or people across town.
Too much being spent by candidates, who seem to buy their district with bites from other districts. I believe we need term limits so no 15-20-25 year candidates.
Too much focus on the resort area and town center
Too much money required for candidates.
Too much of the good old boy network and the people with who had the most name recognition due to their business dealings continued to run our city.
Too much out of area rhetoric that doesn't pertain to my area..I like that those who represent us, are knowledgeable as to what is needed in our district
Too much sway by one particular party using high activism across districts.
Unaware there was a choice
Under old system, everyone had some skin in the game. 10-1 system only 1.5 (mayor is only 1 voice)
Under the 7-3-1 system, I was able to cast my vote for ALL of the city Council Members, because they, in turn, are ALL able to vote on issues that affect me.
Under the old system all members of council were beholden to the entire city's voters. If this system was in place under current rules at least the 4 members of council would be beholden to the entire city and not just their district.
Under this system our neighborhood was lumped in with the Pungo area. Councilwoman Henley always voted for resort area and rural area issues. That is why the General Booth corridor is overrun with gas stations and storage places no one wanted.
Unequal representation of varying areas of the city—
Unfair to have people outside of the district voting for the representative.
Unless financially well off - or unless the candidate did not have the financial backing of special interest groups or political parties. Campaigning city wide was cost prohibited to qualified candidates. City developed ensured pro development Council members were elected.
Unrepresentative of the constituents in their districts
Very happy with the way the election process went. Very user friendly and simple to use.

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<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Very hard to research and keep track of all the candidates. It felt like certain parts of the city were getting more attention and resources</p>
<p>Virginia beach has ever had a system free of gerrymandering</p>
<p>Virginia Beach is too large to have such an unfocused system. There sre many distinctive areas with differing needs.</p>
<p>Voters could select the council members who would decided issues for their city.</p>
<p>Voters had a voice in electing all members of council. Council members had to consider the citywide impacts of their decisions.</p>
<p>voters should be able to vote for all candidates/districts.</p>
<p>Watered down representation for the average voter and zero accountability for the three at large reps. It appeared they often were working for special interests first and voters second. Do not ever bring this back or back door it in by a referendum.</p>
<p>We all had a voice in who represented us collectively, which is good, but minority communities were underrepresented in that collective. Meaning the interests of their areas were not being represented in the way they wanted.</p>
<p>We all voted for all of the candidates, and that doesn't really make sense. People in a district should vote for their representatives and then everyone should vote for at large and mayor</p>
<p>We as citizen of Virginia Beach was not represent as a color of people. We were always last to receive anything if at all.</p>
<p>we did not have a diverse city council. Neighborhoods of color were not properly represented.</p>
<p>We ended up with council or school board members who were not tied to our area and it revealed the lack of representation was not just a feeling. It was reality.</p>
<p>We greatly appreciated the city-wide focus of the Council under this system.</p>
<p>We had a councilman who lost the vote in our district, but won the seat through votes in kempsville</p>
<p>We had the oppportunity for at-large positions to represent the whole</p>
<p>We need to represented better</p>
<p>We should be able to vote across the board for every candidate in every district.</p>
<p>we were able to combine our concerns with other districts to provide more diverse and stronger position.</p>
<p>We were stuck with a councilman who ignored our needs but could continue to get re-elected because other people across the city could vote for him. It was horrible and I hope we never go back to that system!!</p>
<p>We weren't very well represented.</p>
<p>We would at least meet who was running.</p>
<p>We would need a more comprehensive results report. Who voted how.</p>
<p>Well monied Cronies of incumbent council members assured their re-election and support of private interests and profits over the needs of average citizens.</p>

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>When citizens who did not live in my district could vote for who would represent my district. That Council member was not accountable to members of my district. This was and is very wrong.</p>
<p>When we had a neighborhood issue, it seemed that all elected officials were more willing to listen and understand the issue because they knew they were accountable to us even if they weren't our district representative.</p>
<p>When we moved here 27 years ago, I was shocked by this system! Basically, every race was an at-large race, and that defeated the purpose of having districts and "representatives." Honestly, with so many districts and candidates to vote for, it was hard to learn enough about them all to decide who to vote for in each race. It seemed to me that after a while too many people just got elected because of name recognition. Plus, as I eventually learned, it diluted the minority vote, making it harder to have proportional minority representation.</p>
<p>While district rep was good, think we should only vote for your own rep or rank choice</p>
<p>While I felt that my particular district's representation was well handled in the previous system, it was clear that there were areas of the city that were prone to being represented by individuals who were not necessarily in tune with their constituents' needs and experiences. And the 3 at large seats were typically over representative of the more affluent districts of the city.</p>
<p>While it is a good thing to have some representatives that vote and act based on the needs of their specific district and constituents, to be successful we also need leaders that are able to look at the "bigger picture" with respect to the needs of the city overall to ensure that decisions aren't made based on individual "silos" where every district is voting based on their own needs to the detriment of the city as a whole. The additional at-large seats in the 7-3-1 system helped to ensure that there were representatives on council that were looking at that bigger picture.</p>
<p>Why have districts if everyone is voting for everyone. Every candidate was at large.</p>
<p>WHY is it called 7-3-1 ?? Never heard this terminology. Our votes didn't matter or count. The outcome has always been pre-determined. We must go the Paper Ballots and Hand Counting. NO MORE MACHINES...PERIOD !</p>
<p>Why should I vote for another district's representative? Not fair!</p>
<p>Why should someone in a neighboring district care about my district? If they care about the entire COVB, then I am happy.</p>
<p>Why should the people in Great Neck vote for the representative of Green Run? These area have widely different concerns and priorities. Also the historically marginalized vote becomes diluted and drowned out. Not good! This isn't 1940.</p>
<p>Why would I vote for someone who lives at the Oceanfront. They do not represent my interests.</p>
<p>Why you couldn't have left the 7-3-1 election system in place and just mandated that only those living within the 7 districts could vote for candidates representing that district, and then leave the 3 at-large candidates who could be voted on by everybody? Would the changes to the election laws in Virginia have prevented that?</p>

<p>D5: Please share why you were satisfied or dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>With 10 districts each council member only votes for items that work for their respective district and no the city as a Whole. Need At Large votes to have enough global oversight to enact change.</p>
<p>With the 3 at large council members I felt like there was someone else to support my neighborhood. Now I only have one, and if he or she isn't willing to listen where do I turn?</p>
<p>With the 731 election system, I felt it was a greater opportunity for representation of my district.</p>
<p>With the 7-3-1 system I felt as if my personal interest were poorly represented. With 4 At-Large votes, an district had a smaller voice.</p>
<p>With the 7-3-1 system the districts were drawn in a fashion that didn't make the city look like a jigsaw puzzle. The districts just made sense under the 7-3-1 system.</p>
<p>Worked. Felt I had more "say" in outcomes.</p>
<p>Worse than elect everyone, but better than all district.</p>
<p>You felt you knew who you were voting for in your area</p>
<p>You got to vote for everyone who will vote on items concerning you.</p>
<p>You need members elected they focus on the people they represent, meaning they most know their voters. 10-1 better achieves this.</p>
<p>You probably did not know the representatives.</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
*Have only one day to vote. *Only use paper ballots. *No early voting. *Absentee ballots for military.
10-1 election system is perfect. Please stop wasting taxpayers dollars with expensive surveys.
10-1 Is most appropriate.
10-1 system
10-1 system means why bother to vote.
20-1 would be best.
7-3-1 worked but with 10 districts it would need to be 10-? (maybe 2) - 1 so every citizen continues to be represented "locally"+ at large.
A real issue is getting people to the voting location. Another is to educate voters on the issues before they arrive to vote.
A referendum is a waste of time and money. It fools people into thinking the city will follow the result and allows council to hide behind it.
A system where ALL council members are accountable to ALL residents...
Again too new living in Virginia Beach to judge election voting system.
All elections need to be in person ballot casting. With proof of identification. No matter the size of districts, numbers, or however many spaces are available.
ANP Changes now would only create confusion and allow the party in power to engineer a long standing power grab.
Any system that forces winners to better represent their constituents would be beneficial.
Appreciate the effort to hear the voices of VB voters!
As the 10-1 voting system is still very new to Virginia Beach residents, some experience with it is required to ascertain the pros and cons based on the city governing result. I feel it is too soon to tell if other systems would be more effective at guaranteeing the best representation.
Because Virginia Beach is so large, I support having districts and district representatives. However, I feel that all City Council members must be representatives of all VB First and their district second. They should be required to go to all civic league meetings and listen to all districts. Our City Council members are a team that represents VB, and not just a voice for their individual district. This survey should not have mentioned anything about racial minority populations. This survey should have mentioned the different election systems in the beginning, to clear up any confusion about them. You probably would have gotten better results.
Because we are a RESORT area, without (except for the military) great diversity in our work force, it is very easy for certain interest groups that do not have the greater good in mind to "over support" candidates. The election of enough of those very people could create a bloc on the council that would virtually undermine the efforts of family oriented interests and cause taxes to be raised, schools and other necessary infrastructure to be neglected, etc. We have already had to live through this, creating a "modern" beach front that allows no viewing of our coastal waters from a car, and has allowed the FIRST Landing point of the English to be a totally lost historical fact! Shame on us if we continue down this path.

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
Believe the City of Virginia Beach should get this right. We are a strong - very large city that can balance multiple interests with a diverse and engage (sic) populace.
Best election system for Virginia Beach would be 10-1 election system. People in their community would have a chance to let their representative take it to the City Council.
Best qualified candidate chosen by the voters.
By rearranging the chairs the outcome is more desirable??? Form rather than substance is an obsession in today's culture. Tearing apart social and cultural fabric will end in chaos and will not ultimately serve the "special interests"!
Cast vote for all council members all districts including mayor.
City council members should be less political and more development minded; i.e. how to grow the city a place people want to live and business flourish. Tackling social issues should reside at the state level.
Council member must live in district to be eligible for election in that district.
Council members like (persons' names given) should live in their district. The person (word not legible) the next rules (word illegible)become the (word not legible)
Current in person voting is SO outdated. You have to TELL the worker what party you ??? look it up in books. No where else in the country you have to tell some worker your political party in order for them to look up your name! Illegal.
Did not know "at-large" meant city-wide. Was surprised when I voted last November; only one race was on the ballot and it was for U. S. House of Representatives.
Divide in a grid system or some non-arbitrary divider such as water - well, nothing is unbiased, but study the least controllable, most practical for the area + population and adopt that system. ????? is obvious to any high - school educated constituents.
Do away with this survey and ask me for a common sense solution, and that is keep the 10-1 like it is.
Don't make it more complex. Everyone should elect City Council because they represent the entire city.
E20- We need a few election cycle to test the 0-1 election system before exploring other election systems for Virginia Beach
Each district elects their representative with same seats total city vote. The way the officials drew districts, they determine which "views" political group has more seats.
I do not care about a person's race - I care about their values, character experience. I have voted for candidates who do not look like me -but have great values and experience They were the best choice rather than the one who looks like me.
Elected officials should be chosen by the people they directly represent. Any system can be abused if the district lines are drawn in a way that breaks up neighborhoods or communities. If VB can balance how it divides its districts, then the city residents will have more say on who represents them and how their voice is heard and actioned.
Electronic verification of voter registration at the polls.

<p>E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Equal representation for all of our citizens is my priority. I support any system that fairly provides that representation. There is enormous wealth and privilege in our city that could be used to contest decision that affect us all. I would want a system that, as much as it can, decreases that possibility.</p>
<p>Everyone should have an ID card. No mail-in votes except for elderly shut-in who no longer drive. Must be legal citizen of USA.</p>
<p>Exploring increasing the number of districts would be a reasonable plan/project in order to better represent the needs city-wide.</p>
<p>Fair and honesty is a practice.</p>
<p>Give 10-1 at least 3 election cycles before reviewing potential changes</p>
<p>Given the size of the city and different population centers, I would be in favor of a system which recognizes ? with more distinct districts.</p>
<p>Have candidates (word not legible) bad mouthing their opponents</p>
<p>Have Monday and Tuesday for in person voting. Tamper proof voting machines that would be observed by security cameras until the voting proceedings are declared over. Voting machine breakage occurs, voters will fill out a mail in ballot to be placed in a US Postal Bag. Mail bag will be secured with security band and the name/signature of the postal worker will be required for accountability. Once mail bag is received and verified, the bag(s) will be added to all the other security sealed bags of mail in ballots. Mail in ballots will only be utilized by those with special cases/needs and will be verified. Another Census needs to be taken by each state to verify that only eligible US Citizens (living) may partake in the voting proceedings. TMI? Lol</p>
<p>Having a voting system where all votes are counted and represent what and who voters want as there representatives. Winning with the popular vote.</p>
<p>Honestly, election systems aren't my wheel house. I just want them to remain fair and it seems the 10 - 1 system achieves that. I am 100% open to research and considering other options.</p>
<p>I am interested in the City exploring ranked choice and majority voting and the costs associated with them.</p>
<p>I am not pleased with the 2022 changes. However, I am more concerned that we would change to ranked choice voting as this creates opportunities for activities that I would considered to be fraudulent.</p>
<p>I am not qualified to make such a judgment. I vote Republican because i believe in most of the things the party is supposed to stand for. I would need to study the various forms of voting to make a decision as to which system Virginia Beach should use. Although you have done a good job of explaining the various systems, I still do not feel I am a competent person to suggest which of these systems Virginia ?Beach should use. I would need to delve deeper, have conversations with knowledgeable people, etc. Sorry I cannot be more helpful.</p>
<p>I believe rank choice voting should be explored for Virginia Beach. I also feel that we should explore the idea of keepig the 10-1 system, but adding 1-5 members that are elected city wide.</p>

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
I believe we need to give this system a chance. One election without all council people elected this way will not be proof that it works or doesn't. The change ----- these who want to "run" the city.
I do not have enough knowledge about the local voting system to express my point of view on the majority questions in this survey. My answers to question C.10 and D.5 apply.
I do not like when there is special election you have to say your name and hand ID and then be questioned your address and (illegible) for them to announce whether you want Republican or Democratic vote. My vote is private. No one else's business. I do not like that!
I do not support city council members that have been in the same position since the '60's, 70's, etc. There should be a limit with how long a member can stay in office. to my understanding, there's one council member that's been there since the late 60's! That is ridiculous!
I don't like the district system. The majority of people in the City may not feel like a person in a certain district is just representative his district and not looking out for anyone else. Thus that person can keep getting re-elected and representing his party
I feel the current system works!!
I feel the number of districts should be increased.
I have no thoughts about types of voting systems. I appreciate the fact that this survey introduced to me the information.
I have too little information to fill out this form.
I like the current system.
I like the current system.
I like using the system where you have multiple candidates and rank them in the order you want. I feel like we should adopt that as our system in the US as a whole.
I prefer to see voting limited to 3 days at most. Mail in ballot time frames no longer than two weeks. The more time we give to vote, the more prone to errors.
I think --- choice voting is smart. Other states have stated to this. It also happen in Ireland. I think it is better than "first past the post" voting, because it tends to --- collaboration, bipartisanship and this is a Virginia value I wish to promote.
I think BV needs to give the new 10-1 system a chance. Stop spending time and money now to question it or consider change. Start working with what you have for a few years to see if it makes a difference.
I think every district should be represented. Perhaps we need more districts determined by population, with the council member living in district, not based on race. The majority will always tule. You don't change the rule to accommodate the minority. If you do based on race, that is racism. We have a choice to live in whatever neighborhood we want for whatever reasons are important to ourselves. The same is true for moving out of a neighborhood, state or country! Period.
I think it was fine the way it was.
I think the 7/3/1 system was good.

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
I think the one now in use, with each district responsible for voting for their own representative, makes the most sense.
I think the recent change happened for a reason and unless there is an imperical (illegible) reason, it should be given time to be tested.
I think the way the 10-1 election system fairly represents districts in VB.
I think there should be more opportunity for more representatives that actually represent all of the Virginia Beach community and it doesn't feel that way. I would like to see more black and brown people in city council that can bring forward concerns that represent all of the Virginia Beach community, not just a certain demographic.
I think we all are aware the old hybrid system was in place to keep minority representation out of city government. It is 2023. Time for VB to let go of it's racist ways and move forward with a more inclusive and representative city government.
I think we need to try the 10-1 system for a while before looking at whether we need to change.
I think you should have to live in district you are running for, and only those in district should vote for you. As far as diversity... I believe color doesn't matter... the best person for the job wins for each district. Nothing should be quota based
I want to vote for everyone.
I would an election system that provides the best chance that the City Council will reflect the racial, political, gender, and class diversity of the City.
I would like a better understanding of what other options would be considered and why. The impact of the Holloway court case should have been included within the survey.
I would like to see more representation on City Council ??? adults and diverse, racial backgrounds. I am unsure if the 10-1 or 7-3-1 systems would better achieve that goal.
I would want an election system that would represent everyone in a fair and equal way.
I'm all for options!
I'm open for options for hate for it to get more confusing. I just hope people turn out to vote!
If a majority of a City is one race and the minority is one race, you cannot force representation to equal that split. Of the minority there may be terrific leaders who would be disenfranchised by being limited to person per district and the City of BA Bch would be denied true leadership. Allow natural, organic passionate leaders to lead our City. Enforce term limits to allow new leaders to lead. Go back to the 7-3-1 system and have pleuracity. People don't often vote in other than national elections. Leaders of color are well respected and loved. Here are a few examples: Martin Luther King, Jr. Frederick Douglas, Oprah Winfrey, Jackie Robinson, Booker T. Washington, Morgan Freeman, Denzel Washington, Dr. Ben Carson, General Colin Powell, Condaleeza Rice, Victor Glover, Alice Boler Davis, Midshipman Sydney Barber (21) Jason Wright, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn. The list is very ??? - not legible.

<p>E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)</p>
<p>If rank choice voting is an option, there needs to be more information given to the public on the candidates. Very little information is available at the present. Many people just randomly vote in candidates.</p>
<p>If the 2022 election was successful, why not use it for several years. If it's proven unsuccessful, change at that time, or look at other ways just like we're doing right now. If we continue to research, we will never get anything done.</p>
<p>If the 7-3-1 wasn't broken....why the change. Voting shouldn't be this hard or complicated especially for older voters.</p>
<p>If the districts are not gerrymandered, then I would be in favor of keeping the new system as is. More information on how the 10 new districts were drawn would be helpful.</p>
<p>If the system is designed to improve racial diversity than why is it overrepresented by one racial group and completely unrepresented by other groups? Where are the AAPI members?</p>
<p>If there is a referendum on the 2023 ballot, it would have to be explicit enough for all to understand. Some referendums have been very vague enough for people to interpret than to say what they want to hear.</p>
<p>In my opinion, racial diversity is irrelevant to me, as long as we are given (as voters) the opportunity to elect individuals that have the ability to fulfill their duties, and individuals that are held responsible for performing their jobs. I have this city, but I've witnessed its decay year after year. (Drugs, crime, trash, poor infrastructure, a degraded police force) to the point where I am contemplating moving away. Bring law and order back! This city use to be the hallmark of how a city in America should look like, now it smells like weed everywhere.</p>
<p>In person or absentee ballots only. No mail-in voting.</p>
<p>In regards to the future voting..... I believe there should be Paper Ballots I believe proper ID should be mandatory I believe there should not be Random Ballot Boxes. Citizenship must be mandatory. I believe "Results" should be confirmed within 24 HRS. I would like to see a Representative of each voting party at the polls.</p>
<p>In Virginia Beach, it will not matter what system is used. Outside business/people will pump money and ads to support who they want. The people opinions or wishes do not matter. Virginia Beach is run by money for money. the citizen does not matter. I have lived in Virginia Beach its entire existence and nothing I have seen will indicate Virginia Beach City Council cares about its people unless they get in the way of their vision or greed.</p>
<p>Keep it simple and real</p>
<p>When I vote I want to see who is funning - It's up to me to determine if they will make a good candidate. The more changes the more confused.</p>
<p>Keep it simple! Most people don't even know what district they are in or who they are voting for.</p>
<p>Keep it the way it is</p>

APPENDIX D- OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
Keep the 10-1 section system.
Keep the current system. Focus on issues: schools, flooding, light rail.
Keep the representative as closely ---- to their constituents as possible --- for the most responsive elected officials.
Keeping the more direct 10-1 is less confusing and more clearly resolved.
Leave it as is!
Let all the people decide, not just a select few who get a survey invite. Even if I was one of the select few.
Let the 10-1 system stand and document how well it works.
Let's wait and see if our 10-1 system satisfies most of us. It is too soon to render a judgement.
Lets just try this new system a littlelongere before we muddy the waters.
Local elections should be the starting point for politicians. Having districts restricted to just voting for a person in that district ensures smaller finances needed to be elected
Love the mail in option.
Majority should always win in any election
Make City Council and school board positions non-partisan. Citizens blindly vote down party lines, not researching candidates beforehand. National politics should not feed into our local campaigns.
My thoughts and feelings are all based on fairness. Hold the election and whomever gets the most votes wins. It can or cannot be the person I voted for. Whoever wins, wins and then we all support the winner for the time they are in office. That's the DEMOCRATIC way in America.
Need to get this right - quickly!
No sure.
No thoughts on the different systems. They all are a bunch of B. S. anyway.
Not sure
On Questions E15 and E16, I believe that is there are only 2 people running then a plurality vote is good. Otherwise, 3 or more someone must get more than 50%
Right now on council & school board, there are members that have a minority if votes due to pluralistic ration.
One of the positives for the ranked choice system is that the population will provide a stronger opinion to everyone about where they stand on the issues in terms of relative importance. This seems much better than the bickering that is rampant throughout the country based on non-factual announcements.
One person - One vote No pluralities No Districts Majority of votes winner Top winner of votes = Mayor

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One which includes representatives that would work for all the city and not just one area. The 7-3-1 system has made this a very successful and desirable area. The new 10-1 system is new - will it work? We had a serious road condition problem in our area. I just happened to mention it to a Councilman who was outside our polling lace. He was not our rep but said he'd take a ride down the very bumpy (think washboard) and see. He did and contacted our rep and it was FIXED!
Only 1 at large is a possibility if term limits were to imply.
Please stop playing around with barely relevant minutiae. We need active leadership from people who are actually concerned about their communities. We heed a viable industry, workable environmental solutions, a functional public transit system that plays nicely with the other 6 cities, and affordable housing. When you get that on the dockets, let a resident know. Thanks.
Plurality voting system means all votes count which is how it should be.
Questions E9-E14 are counter and need to be viewed together. Having each district represented and elected by only that district is (illegible: "preferred" or "practical") so more districts more people on Council. But more people on Council less will get done.
Ranked choice by (illegible word.)
Ranked choice is my preferred (illegible word).
Ranked choice voting is the smartest option because it reflects how popular a candidate truly is.
Ranked choice voting seems to be a fair way of electing representatives.
Ranked choice voting support would depend on system chosen
Ranked voting will slow the process and cause lines voting in person and early voting. It is too complicated.
Raubed choice (instant runoff voting) is practical, more representative, and the most understandable modern system.
Represent the hard-working tax payers and stop padding the pockets of the corrupt politicians who have ruined this city. It used to be so safe and almost quaint, a place with sand everywhere and bare feet welcome. Now it is a raging metropolis with the roads congested (and not only at rush hour), no parking for locals, and no green spaces to let children run and play. Also, a big "no" to short-term rentals except at the oceanfront - we do not need to become an Airbnb mecca - it brings in the wrong type of people and activity to our neighborhoods. And I am against low-income housing - it only brings crime, not usually contributing members of society. And quit building on our Bay - it is not necessary to shade our sun with high rise condominiums!
Residential area voting. Residential leader voting. Other than the Presidential election voting.
Spend more time fixing issues & less time on these bureaucratic formalities
Get roads fixed, get things done!

<p>E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Stop changing it! They keep making it more and more confusing. Why keep referring to race. How about just vote for the person with the best qualifications and/or experience. I think this survey is a waste of time. the city will continue to do what they want and to make changes to fit their plans.</p>
<p>Stop changing the voting system if it impacts voters based on the color of their skin. This is supposed to be America.</p>
<p>Stop making race an issue, it only causes division.</p>
<p>Stop spending tax dollars by running studies! This is a display of poor leadership and weakness!</p>
<p>System is too new. We need to use it before deciding if it needs to change. Maybe 3 or more cycles.</p>
<p>System where elected officials are accountable and are not concurrently boarded director members of a bank. If elected officials do their jobs and represent their constituents, the system works . If they run for election to get rich at the expense of the quality of life in our city, it doesn't work. It's more about honest candidates than the "system" of election.</p>
<p>Thank you for asking us citizens. I didn't feel part of the election process because I couldn't vote (due to my district), therefore I had no voice. This helps!</p>
<p>the 10-1 works fine. i'd rather not waste money looking at other options.</p>
<p>The 10-1 election system appears to be the fairest voting system available considering the size and population of VA Beach, VA. Not sure of a better voting system for VA Beach, VA.</p>
<p>The 10-1 option is an improvement and I see little need to change that. Ranked choice voting would be an improvement. I would support that locally, state-wide, and nationally.</p>
<p>The 10-1 system makes sense to me, given that the districts are fairly drawn. I think it also makes sense for the members of each district elect their representative.</p>
<p>I support the exploration of other voting systems, in the instance that the current system is not working for some districts. I think it is important that the voices of the people in each district are heard and fairly represented at the City Council.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system has generated a disparate allocation of community assets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Fire/EMS stations - 1 station located in 3 districts (1,7,10) vs 4 to 5 stations in 3 districts (2,8,9) *Library - 0 Libraries in 3 districts (1,4,7) vs 2 libraries in 3 districts (2,3,8) *Recreation Centers - 0 rec centers in 4 districts (1,2,7,10) vs 2 rec centers in 1 district (3) *City Parks - 1 or 2 city parks in 3 districts (4,7,10) vs 4 or 5 city parks in 2 districts (2,6) *Neighborhood Parks - between 10 & 13 NPs in 5 districts (4,6,7,9,11) vs between 23 & 27

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<p>NPs in 3 districts (2,5,8)</p>
<p>Source: Virginiabeach.gov date ? - not legible 8/2022</p>
<p>The best election system for Virginia Beach is the one in which districts vote for a City Council member only from their district. This ensures the City Council member works for the district in which they were elected, and not any special interest groups able to inject cash into the race and win at an at-large vote. I strongly oppose any "at-large" City Council elections.</p>
<p>The best election system for Virginia Beach would be based on a fair map of districts that equally represented minorities according to the racial makeup of the city. Each district should have an elected representative with no at-large members. I have little faith in the current political climate that this will happen.</p>
<p>The best election system is the one that represents the demographics of the city. Each district should elect its representative, knowing that minority populations may be smaller and therefore having fewer or less representation. Allowing one council member to be elected citywide would create an opportunity for better representation.</p>
<p>The candidate who gets the most votes wins.</p>
<p>The election system should ensure representation across the City and resist control by a few insiders. Business interests and certain interest groups make real efforts to control and dictate the City Council elections. I have "been in the room where it happens" and witnessed it.</p>
<p>The majority ruling party of the council have a tendency to look for a way to hold onto their power. That's why I believe it needs to be a national, fairly decided rule of law across all election bodies. Ranked choice; with many parameters for districting computer drawn on a fair and equitable level and no opportunity to "adjust" the law to self serve. I feel Virginia is better than many places, but it's hard to know exactly what is fair without personally studying in depth.</p>
<p>The more they mess with things, the worse it gets for honest elections.</p>
<p>The new system has the potential to represent each district more effectively by having only those in the District able to vote for their council member.</p>
<p>The ones who are elected need to be more in touch with the people in each district.</p>
<p>The present system works. Changes cost taxpayers money and lead to unforeseen consequences. Usually negative.</p>
<p>There are pros and cons to all election systems. The most important thing is getting a collaborative council that works for the city's best interest.</p>
<p>There are pros and cons to both options. Virginia Beach needs accurate representation. This should cross race, gender and income. Many districts include a variety of income households and they all deserve representation.</p>
<p>Think I lean to the vote for all candidates Same for school board</p>

E21: Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Probability Responses)
This is my first encounter with an electoral system, and I find the 7-3-1 election system to be preferable. As more election methods emerge in the future, I believe we should be open to exploring and trying them out.
This is new to me but it sounds workable at 10-1. It's good to see the various neighborhoods represented. Ocean Front and Chix Beach have different needs than Salem or Kempsville.
This survey gave good definitions of the possible voting systems, but I answered "not sure" or "no opinion" because I have no idea what the possible pros/cons are for each voting system, so it's hard for me to determine what I support or oppose. I do like the idea of ranked choice (without knowing the cons of course).
This system seems to be fair at the moment. We shouldn't be wasting resources constantly changing the voting system as this has a negative impact on voters. Select a system that aligns with the law and get good at executing it.
Unless there is some overwhelming data that says law isn't working, then if it isn't working, don't fix it.
Until all the money and resources given to the oceanfront developers by City Council, the city will NEVER have an election fair to all citizens. Developers have most of the City Council in their back pocket. There is so much "hush money" that no one will ever prove it.
Up & down vote! Most votes wins
Voters need to be familiar with the candidate that will represent them - not just a name. I think voting has become name recognition. Therefore, if you can only vote in your district you only need to research the candidates in your district. With how busy folks are today, researching your 3-4 candidates would make a more informed vote. (Illegible word) researching 20-30 other candidates in other districts. Keep the 10-1 format.
voting in person - no mail-in ballots. ID checking at polling places. I resent having a D or R next to my name in prime places - I vote who I think is best. I don't identify with either party.
Voting should be in person, with mail-in ballots or assisted ballots limited unique circumstances such as military deployments or physical limitations.
We just instituted this new system 10-1. It is already much better than the previous system. While I appreciate the idea of exploring other options, I feel we should allow some time to see how the current 10-1 system works. To do otherwise makes the City Council take "butt hurt" that the previous system was forced to change.
We should improve if it can be improved. However, if the efficiency of the current system is good, why spend the money to explore other options.
What the experts decide. Do you think your average citizen knows best.
Whatever system is chosen needs to include oversight for increased voters in various areas due to building of new homes and apartments.
Why didn't you leave it alone? Stop changing our country.
Why do we need a referendum to explore other election systems. Just have a referendum for the decision. They are already investing in this survey. That should be enough. The endless study is ridiculous.

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With the heavy military presence in some of the districts, I believe there should be more districts.

Would be open to plurality voting (versus majority voting).

Would strongly suspect open primaries, top 4 or 5 from open primaries going to general election in any election in which political parties are represented. This would help us independent who are dissatisfied with both major political parties, and allow more independents to run - or encourage more broadly appealing moderates to run.

E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)
1. no ranked choice 2. referendum which clearly, concisely and with local examples of both positive and negative outcomes—let informed voters decide 3. city council must listen to and hear from locals...not just developers and wealthy outsiders
10-1
10-1 does not work. It must change for fair and equitable representation.
10-1 is a better system. Is it the best ...? If a different system will ensure fair/even/equable representation, it should be proposed and evaluated. No to all city wide voting.
10-1 is fine. Putting things up for a referendum is just going to let the olds that are upset about the previous system going away to clutch their pearls about how VB is falling apart. It is time to embrace the future and let city government shake off the remnants of Princess Anne County and actually reflect what the city as a whole looks like.
10-1 is ok so long as we get quality candidates that put the people ahead of politics like jones making money selling a property to build a royal farms we didn't need and further assaulting the green line
10-1 is the most democratic and representative form of elections. The old system gave advantages to areas of the city. Ranked Choice is a terrible option and will lead to one party government and could elect someone that nobody is happy with that actually could have less initial votes that someone who didn't get to 50%. It also delays the vote count on election day and opens additional avenues for potential fraud.
10-1 is the only fair system
10-1 seems to be very popular according to what I've heard shared with many.
10-1 seems to be working.
10-1 system is fair to all.
10-1 system with majority vote OR 10-1 system with ranked voting
10-1 with majority/plurality seems to be working. Let it run for a while.
10-1 with possible consideration for grouping of districts such that there are three major districts for the election of one at large member for those larger districts.
10-1 with ranked choice voting provides the best representation for citizens.
10-1 worked very well. No system is perfect, but this system better embraces democratic action and is more transparent. Ranked Choice Voting allows for more voter influence on the final result. in a district.
13 reapportioned districts with representatives elected by district residents, 0 at-large and no separate mayoral election. Council-elect to meet before being installed to elect one of them as mayor.
7 districts and 3 at large members and the mayor
7-3-1 district w/supermajority minority districts only vote for candidates in your district

E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)
7-3-1 is the answer Change it back to at large representation
8-2-1 would be a better system with term limits.
A 7-3-1 system with 7 districts elected by district voters, 3 elected at large or super-wards, and the Mayor elected at large would make sense. The seven districts could be drawn to include minority districts, as could the super-wards.
A combination of district representation elected by the district voters and appropriate at-large representation elected city wide.
A form of Ranked Choice Voting is absolutely the best electoral system for the city.
A referendum further politicizes this issue. The Holloway ruling has hijacked VB politics for the worse. We should revert to the process that is within our charter and worked well for years.
A referendum is an effort to find consensus for returning to the old system.
A referendum is unnecessary and designed to confuse voters on an issue already decided by the courts. It is a waste of money when the city has other pressing needs.
a referendum on the 2023 ballot to increase the districts, yes. to return to the 7-3-1 system no.
A referendum would allow special interests to purchase the votes required with ads and other propaganda, and the current city council would use that as an excuse to reduce the city's ability to exercise the democratic process through direct representation
A strong "HELL NO" to plurality and ranked choice. Look at what happened in Alaska, the majority of the voters wanted a candidate from one party, but got stuck with a candidate from another party. This is what plurality risks here. California has ranked choice, and look at what it has done for them.
I'm strongly opposed to any proposal that would make it easier to commit election fraud to favor a specific candidate through loopholes and technicalities. We're not a third world locality. The current system we moved to, with the 10 districts and only those in those districts vote for a specific office for those districts, should be continued. We should stick with the majority vote gets the seat concept, and completely reject the plurality and ranked choice systems.
Additionally, voter ID should be required to vote. I'm a member of a minority group, and I have a retired military ID card, a Veteran ID Card from the VA, a Veteran ID Card from the state, as well as a driver's license. I also have an outdated recreation card. As folks could see, I have no problem getting ID cards. The majority of the population has no problems getting an ID.
Also, people should not show a form that is not a strong form of identification for the purposes of voting in an election. Heck, someone could show a form claiming that they are someone else when in fact they aren't... Just to have that voter come in and be told that

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<p>he/she already voted.</p>
<p>Again, we're not third world locality and should not run our elections as if we are a third world locality.</p>
<p>A system of equal representation that does not result in separate fiefdoms, all competing against one another rather than working together. Also, the Vice Mayor seat should be elected citywide too.</p>
<p>Regardless of what election system we use, Councilmembers have become more combative with each other probably due to partisan politics or maybe generational divides impacting Council deliberations and actions resulting in a lot of 6-to-5 votes. It is obvious watching Council meetings for a while now how dysfunctional and combative the body has become mainly, it seems due to partisan politics, which I think most voters abhor. Communications behind the scenes that exclude certain members of Councilmembers of the opposite political party should be prohibited. Certain voting cliques are in place in Council (conservative old guard and progressive new guard) with certain "attack" dogs on Council going after other Councilmembers of the opposite political party. It is disheartening, embarrassing and stressful to watch these meetings with the high probability that a cat-fight will erupt getting in the way of Council delving deeper into issues and trying to reach the best decisions they can through either consensus or compromise.</p>
<p>A system that utilizes 10 districts (nearly equal in population and not gerrymandered boundaries) is preferred if registered voters can vote for the Mayor and each district race, Such a system assures geographic dispersion and discourages short term pandering to micro district interests rather than the needs of the entire community.</p>
<p>Add ranked choice voting to all elections.</p>
<p>Advocates of the 10-7-1 system claim that the at-large seats are for the "good of the city", to give weight to certain initiatives. This system left some areas in the city without district representation. If any initiative is so important for the "good of the city", representatives in a 10-1 system should support it. If not, then perhaps it's only a special interest.</p>
<p>After all these years make districts-stick to them-cast your vote-the person with the most votes WINS. How hard is that!</p>
<p>Again, as long as each member can vote to spend tax dollars equally, then I feel each citizen should be able to vote for each city council member. We are not some major metropolis where one could argue one area of residents is unfamiliar with another area. We have enough special interest groups already vying for money in our city and most of us travel all over the city and so decisions - and development, especially over development, affect all of us. We should all have a vote for those who have the authority to spend our money regardless of where we live.</p>
<p>Again, I would strongly support a 10-2 system with the lines changed a little for several districts, Obviously those drawing the lines didn't understand "community" areas and split several right down the middle - illogically.</p>

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<p>Again, non-domiciled residents have the ability to forever change state law when they'll only be here for less than three years.</p>
<p>All authority is ordained by God. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. What fellowship has light with darkness? Jesus is LORD.</p>
<p>All comes down to money</p>
<p>All voters need to be able to vote for all of their representatives on City Council!</p>
<p>All voters should be able to vote for all candidates since these candidates will enact policies that affect all VB residents.</p>
<p>An honest voting system is the one I want. There is such insanity going on that I am not always sure I am getting correct and honest information on which to base on opinion.</p>
<p>Any future system should clearly identify districts represented by council members only selected by those district voters. The addition of up to three council seats elected city-wide (including the Mayor), would afford some discussion and representation on city-wide issues, but the total number of council seats should be 'odd' and not be more than 13</p>
<p>Any referendum that is put up for a vote must be explained and broken down so everyone can understand what they are voting for NOT SOME COMPLICATED STATEMENTS THAT WE ALWAYS GET. NO TRICKS.BE REAL.</p>
<p>As a 30 year resident of Virginia Beach, I have witnessed an egregious amount of taxpayer money going to subsidize large projects. I strongly oppose this. We have a publicly funded town center, a publicly funded oceanfront area (that residents can't even access due to limited parking), but we have neighborhoods all over the city that flood when it rains hard. For these reasons I support increasing the number of districts and the actual representation of the city's residents.</p>
<p>As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I don't care as much about racially diverse Council as I do a culturally diverse Council.</p>
<p>As described in my earlier text....we should have districts based on HS and vote for those candidates by people in the district. Then have at large voted by everyone and mayor voted by everyone.</p>
<p>As I said, I thought I liked the old system until I researched why district voting matters. The Holloway lady is bonkers. I mean. Just bananas. BUT at the root of her cause is clarity and inclusion and a way to help all of our voices be heard. I come from privilege as a white woman who makes good money and has voted independently for candidates who best suit my vibe. It was easy for me to sit back and go with the flow ticking off my at large voting boxes like I had a choice. After seeing how the 10-1 system shifted our City Council, I am a FIRM believer that 10-1 with only the Mayor At Large is the only option for a progressive and inclusive future. I may not be as "woke" as others, but I can see now that there were voices that were just not being heard. There were people who wanted choice and there were people - EXCITING people - willing to run. I'm energized by what the 2022 election has done with our City Council. Don't get me wrong - I loved Jones and Wood and Abbott and Branch and all these really great people who came before us in the old system. But Schulman, Rouse, Taylor, Remick, Holcomb, and two timer ARH are all awesome AND they were elected</p>

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<p>by their own peers. I hope Schulman will shift to see how critical this 10-1 is ... because HOLY MOLY ... Have you ever seen Rocky so pumped about his district! This is awesome. Keep up that good energy ya'll. 10-1 has made me a believer in VB and I'm so excited to see where we are going.</p>
<p>As previously stated I believe that being able to vote for ALL districts increases my influence on the composition of city government.</p>
<p>As stated before, would like to see the 10 districts kept but 2 additional 'at large' seats for a city wide vote (much like the mayor).</p>
<p>As the JUGDE in the case said the 10-1 system give Virginia Beach residents equal representation and the old 7-3-1 system was UN-Constitutional. NO 7-3-1 YES to 10-1</p>
<p>Because vb is dominated by republicans we would have an all republican city council if we go to a system where everyone votes for all council members.</p>
<p>Best election system is one where I can vote for all on the ballot</p>
<p>By not having at least two at-large positions you miss a lot of talented people who are willing to serve.</p>
<p>Citizens need to be able to vote for ALL the representatives who will be voting on issues that affect them, especially taxes and fees and the budget.</p>
<p>Citizens should vote for any candidate regardless of where they reside. Any vote/issue before City Council impacts all citizens. We are all taxpayers!</p>
<p>Citizens/ taxpayers of VB should be able to vote for ALL representatives. Also, I vote for the most qualified candidate, not based in their color.</p>
<p>City Council needs to focus on the current issues and stop spending money to study other ways to get elected or advance their own agendas. I remain very disappointed with the lack of attention city council devotes to important issues. The court decided - accept the decision and move on instead of spending our money to relitigate the issue.</p>
<p>City Council needs to stop trying to rig the vote in their favor and in favor of developers. This is such a ridiculous small town, old boys network type of council.</p>
<p>City didided into 7 Districts with representatives elected only by residents of their District, plus 3 At-Large representatives and Mayor elected by the entire city.</p>
<p>City wide elections, like Chesapeake.</p>
<p>Citywide votes</p>
<p>Continuously changing the election system will be confusing to voters. Even putting it on the ballot as a referendum will create confusion. The system in 2022 worked well and seemed to be well liked by the voters and most of the candidates. Let's just stick with that.</p>
<p>Council should change the voting system to a 6-4-1 or 5-5-1 or similar to allow for at-large districts and keep at least 2 districts majority of minority voters.</p>
<p>Cuando las personas están confundidas y no entienden claramente las opciones, tal vez decidan no participar porque les puede dar pena admitir que no entienden. Eso no es bueno. La ciudad necesita asegurarse de que todos los votantes elegibles estén preparados para participar en el proceso.</p>

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Current system is untenable.
Districts are good, candidates from the districts voted by the district is good. Plurality voting is bad. First Past the Post voting is bad. RANK CHOICE voting is VERY GOOD. Ensure a board or commission is formed that maintains the boundaries of the districts in the future, and evaluates how many districts are needed. Prevent gerrymandering, prevent too many voters to to each representative.
Districts should not be drawn with racial bias. And we KNOW that has occurred in Virginia Beach. I just want districts to be equally drawn by number of people as this poll mentioned in the beginning, not by racial category. Congresswoman Kiggins was elected because the districts were redrawn to EXCLUDE certain racially majority districts. I did NOT appreciate that. Everything should have been left alone and let the appropriate person win without redistricting.
Diversity is finally evident on our CC. KEEP IT THAT WAY.
Each candidate run for there area and Mayor run for all areas vote
Election systems should be fair and representative of all the city's major geographical areas and interests.
Emphasis should be directed to maximizing engagement of all eligible registered voters. Voter ID should be required.
Enough already. this is the system we the people want stop trying to make it seem like we don't know what we want.
Enough money has been expended on exploring the current election system changes. More exploration of various election systems is going to cost tax payers even more than the \$349,958.00 spent so far.
equal representation for all geographical subdivisions in VB
Establishing districts on racial majorities is wrong; just as it would be to establish districts based on religious or sexual preference majorities. Stop district gerrymandering to appease minorities of any kind, and simply let the best candidates step forward and be elected to office.
Every resident should be able to select from all the candidates to pick the best ones to represent their interests. City budget/taxe are city wide and not by district (except special assessment districts).
Fair representation of all citizen groups is important in building a strong, trusting community. I am a white female, relatively well off financially. I personally could benefit more by the old system, but it would be a step back for our city.
Feel all voters should be able to vote for candidate in each district.
fewer district seats and no gerrymandering.
Free, fair, count every vote. Vote only on voting day!!!
Give each district a name and I'll be happy.

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Give it time to work. This city needs to let things work themselves out
Go with the 10-1 decision. Stop wasting taxpayers' money by trying to go back to the old way, which is unfair to the citizens of Virginia Beach.
Guiding principles around democracy and fairness should be at the forefront. No crazy gerrymander to advantage one party or another, but explicit steps to ensure minority representation in the process should be a part of the system that will positively influence fairness.
Have city wide elections: forget the rest. If you want more minorities , appoint them. I believe if a council candidate is good, they will get elected regardless of race.
Honestly, I don't believe a referendum would be a great idea. Previous city referenda have been filled with misinformation and one on the election methods would run into the same problems. Likely, moneyed interests would push for whatever method would give them the most influence and not what is the most democratic. I hope the council will implement an election system that is democratic, responsive to the community, reduces partisan rancor, and serves the interests of the citizens and not the council.
How will you have a referendum that provides multiple choices to people on how an election should be conducted? Unless you have only two options, this could be a fiasco. This is different than electing a candidate by plurality vote. There might be a referendum on whether or not we want one of two choices. I don't think our current council has the ability to figure that out.
I think we should accept what the courts have said, keep the 10-1 system, and move on.
I agree with the Judges ruling and this issue is settled as far as I am concerned and more importantly it is constitutional - right and fair for all citizens of Virginia Beach.
I am a new resident to VA beach with moderate to high income and have ran for local office prior to moving here. I believe that city council needs to be politically diverse. I am an ideological liberal who believes strongly in social values of the progressive party, I also believe in common sense government (i.e. not portland). I chose to move here because this city seemed to be moderate. As someone working in tech and worked in a state with workforce development adding several million in labor value to our state through tech training, I got fed up with how discriminatory our state was towards racialized minorities and LGBTQ folks. There are many folks like me in this bucket who are looking for a destination where there are great schools, a purple city, and stuff to do. Majority of us techies are liberal with > 6 digit income and va beach has a lot to offer. If you go the route of desantis you will not attract higher income earners. you are at a pivotal place as a city where you can encourage growth of new residents but if you role the ship of florida we out yall.
I am frustrated with the members of the Council who appear to be undermining the 10-1 system.
I am glad the City is looking at different options, and asking for the public's input. Although it is disappointing this change didn't take place until a court case was brought.

E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)
I am in favor of the 10-1 election system!
I am in favor of the best of all worlds. Districts however many (I'm fine with 10, not thrilled by the racial gerrymandering- albeit slight). Plurality voting only by the members of that district. Stack ranked 4 at-large members. Maybe a runoff if there are too many applicants. If the district boundaries change on the member in their district, they have 8 years to be grandfathered into their old district. After that they have to be at large or run in the defined district of their primary residence.
I am in support of a system in which the candidate represents the district he or she resides in, and is elected by the voters of that district only.
I am just going to speak my truth..I live in a predominantly republic party area..I feel the issues that affect my family need are not currently included in their party interests. So as an resident I feel invisible ☐. I am hopeful of inclusiveness in the va beach election process.
I am looking for a voting system to vote for what is best for VB vs just what I want. That would lead to open voting for all seats but that decreases minority interests due to fact that people vote based on their ideals vs the candidate. therefore I am torn on how to get the best of both situations. For me, it might be a hybrid which I am not sure if legal where you have a 7/3/1 model, but the seven are by set districts, not where they are from. If these are well represented from a minority lens, this will allow for district representation, and broader representation. I know the downside is some districts then get two votes due to where they are from. However, with rank order voting, it might enhance minority focus.
I am not involved enough in local politics to answer this question
I ask that city council give 10-1 a chance. We have only elected half of the seats using 10-1. We should go through all 11 seats before changing it again. Also- by putting a referendum on the ballot you are inviting special interests to pour money into PACs in an attempt to influence the outcome. Listen to the residents who came out to the listening sessions and who are filling out this survey. We don't need a referendum.
I believe a ranked choice voting system with 21 members would make sense. 2 representatives from each of the 10 current districts, plus the mayor.
I believe that all City Council members should represent ALL the residents in VB, not just one district.
I believe the current 10-1 system is fair and should remain.
I believe we need to return to the previous system of voting for school board and city council
I can't express enough how much I believe that ranked choice voting should be the norm.
I do not support any system where one political party wants and can get all the power. That is a dictatorship. It seems now that is exactly what is happening, where one party wants everyone to follow their way of thinking and living with no freedom of choice about anything.
I do not think race should be a major determinant on the council makeup. It does not matter what race a candidate is. All citizens should have a voice in the election of all city council candidates.

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<p>I don't feel like my council member really represents me. Regardless of who wins, if the district only has one representative about half the people will not be represented. I'd like to see more multi-winner elections utilizing Ranked Choice. That would give voice not only to the majority, but also the largest minorities.</p>
<p>Even in the event we keep single seat races, we should still move to Ranked Choice voting. Too often I have observed the spoiler effect torpedo local elections.</p>
<p>I don't know what it is but I do know the machines need to be calibrated and record votes correctly! It was very helpful the year the machines didn't work that paper ballots were available.</p>
<p>I don't like that there is this sudden rush to change a system that was just barely instituted. why? that's a red flag. for the first time there is equity, and minority voices. and now the City is looking for change and spending a lot of precious tax dollars to first fight to keep the old system and now to "research" what the people want. I think if the majority of people didn't like the 10-1 system they would sure let the city know - they are not shy. when there is a pattern of that type of behavior I pay attention.</p>
<p>I dont recall very many times I have noted where the council members voted for their home districts interest over voting what was ideal for Virginia Beach. The 10-1 keeps the representation more even than the prior plan that favored special interests with deeper pockets allowing them the financial resources to be able to campaign countywide, at a disadvantage to a regular candidate who can contribute to VB but does not have the financial resources to compete.</p>
<p>I don't want to return to the old system which was not representative or fair to ALL the people in Virginia Beach! Why would I want a system whereby the voters in my district elect our representatives by our vote, but loses because of votes outside of my district. If this sounds confusing then you are seeing the nightmare that we've been living with all these years.</p>
<p>I each district should have a group of citizens and a UVA group rep presenting a non partisan overview of the various election format possibilities.</p>
<p>I fear that a referendum would be politicized and not given with full information to citizens. I do favor Ranked Choice Voting and would like to see City wide forums on the subject to inform voters of its value.</p>
<p>I feel that the City Council should vote to restore the previous system. A compromise would be 7 direct districts, 3 at-large and one city-wide mayor. At least in that system, I would have 5 representatives to whom I could vote.</p>
<p>I feel the 10-1 is the right way for each district to get the individualized representation they deserve. Incumbents or candidates with name recognition won't necessarily recieve votes just because with so many seats to vote for you just do it to get it over with. Most importantly, voters outside the district shouldn't have influence over that district. I am not opposed having some at large seats, but having at large voting for a district seat allows outside influence.</p>

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<p>I feel the best system would be a totally at-large system. Everyone gets to vote for all City Council members. There would be no Gerrymandering, no group(s) given an advantage over any other group(s). This system would promote unification and consensus building.</p>
<p>The 7-3-1 system would be my second choice and the 10-1 system would be my last choice.</p>
<p>I feel the VB election system used for choosing CC members should be voted on by the citizens and be included as a referendum item on the 2023 ballot.</p>
<p>I firmly support a 7-4 (or 7-3-1) system that provides a mix of direct and at large representation.</p>
<p>I generally liked the previous 7-3-1 system. As an alternative, to compromise with the 10-1 system, maybe use a Five districts system where only voters in that district can vote for that district council member, and have 5 at large city wide council members and the Mayor. Thanks Ray C</p>
<p>I have faithfully observed City Council meetings throughout the years. Recently the demeanor of the some council members has become almost combative. This is definitely not the manner in which the City should be governed. Individual Council Members are openly attacked verbally and unprofessionally. The behavior of Council members poorly reflects on how our City has changed since the new 10-1 system was instituted. Shoul theis be permitted to prevail, what will our City look like in the future?</p>
<p>I have not heard a good reason for going back to the 7-3-1 system except that is the way it use to be. What did not work in the last election? I will tell you special interest power was reduced.</p>
<p>I honestly have not given it that much thought. Since the new system just took effect last year, it seems too soon to say one way or the other that it is working or not.</p>
<p>I just want a voting system that is fair and representative for ALL people who live in the city!</p>
<p>I know something about this! I'm hugely in favor of moving away from First Past the Post systems, and Ranked choice voting (or Instant run-off) is a good candidate for this switch. However, I would favor range systems like Approval or Score voting instead. Preferential voting systems like Ranked Choice have an inherent level of complexity and can produce non-obvious results opening the door to baseless claims of fraud, especially in a close or controversial election. The 2009 Burlington Vermont Mayoral election is a real world example worth examining. The system doesn't tend to allow for diverse voices at the table either, all the while incurring costs to switch to the system in the first place. Approval voting could be a simpler, cheaper alternative to IRV and a fairer, less divisive alternative to FPTP. Thank you for coming to my TED talk. (I'd still take Ranked choice over plurality though)</p>
<p>I know the 7-3-1 plan was tossed out, but I prefer a mix of district and at-large representation in this city</p>
<p>I like ranked choice voting system, but it would have to work within the 10-1 system.</p>

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<p>I like the current system. I am a new resident and this system is fair in my opinion.</p>
<p>I like the idea of ranked choice as a system because I think that it will help moderate voices get elected. I don't like the way that developers have an oversized influence on the election outcomes due to their expenditures supporting candidates.</p>
<p>I like the new 10-1 system.</p>
<p>I might support a system where we select council members for the entire city, not just on a district by district basis. I would definitely support ranked choice voting.</p>
<p>I need more education on the topic.</p>
<p>I only support Ranked Choice Voting in the city if it is accompanied with Districts. I do NOT support city-wide at-large with exception of Mayor.</p>
<p>I prefer a system where there are some at large and some district representatives. That way someone other than the mayor is looking at the city as a whole. I'm not sure if the current system will best serve all residents.</p>
<p>I prefer that if we are going to have 10 districts, each council member for that district should be elected by voters in that district. Having some elected city-wide is not a good solution. If one is elected city-wide, that person should represent all in the city, as the mayor does.</p>
<p>I preferred the previous "At Large" members as well as neighborhood districts</p>
<p>I recognize the disparity of demands (needs?) of a diverse populous. Many in VAB are socio-economically disadvantaged and need a voice on Council. Failing to represent them would be a mistake that could have long-term negative consequences.</p>
<p>I repeat, I do not think we have enough information to determine whether this 10-1 system better represents the VB citizens. It has only been a year!</p>
<p>I still think there should be more At-Large candidates. The candidates representing their district could still be voted on by only voters in their district, but if we had at least four at-large candidates it would give more of a balance to the Council and the School Board. We could have 7 districts as we did before but still have 4 At-Large seats.</p>
<p>I strongly oppose including a referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election systems for Virginia Beach. The current system is too new and too popular to consider changes at this time. Hybrid systems with a few (small number!) of city wide seats may provide better overall regulations and laws for the city, but any hybrid system requires much more study and information sharing with voters.</p>
<p>I strongly support a referendum because the voters never had a say on the 10-1 system. On something as important as how representatives are elected, voters ought to have a say. Council members ought to commit before the referendum to honoring the results and seeking change of the city charter to reflect what the voters want.</p>
<p>I said not sure on the questions about increasing the number of members and seats because more context is needed. What would be the objective of doing that? Also, there are cost implications of spending more on the Council. Further, does it make the Council unwieldy to have more members? While I am willing to consider these options, staff need to provide more context.</p>

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On the ranked choice question, I strongly oppose because elections in New York City, Alaska, and elsewhere using ranked choice have confused voters and led to a decrease in participation. Also, it often takes weeks for election officials to sort through the ballots and do the complex calculations. In one case in California, the system was so complex that election officials made a mistake and seated the wrong candidate for local office. Keep ranked choice out of Virginia Beach!

While staff generally did a good job designing this survey, the survey does not mention the fact that Virginia Beach has no election system for 2024. There is a misperception that the 10-1 system is the status quo, but the city attorney made clear to Council that the city charter must be changed between now and 2024. Further, that will require General Assembly approval. Had this context been provided, more voters would support a referendum to decide where to go next.

I strongly support a referendum because the voters ought to have a say on a system which could be used for decades.

While I am willing to consider ideas such as increasing the number of seats, I believe as many seats as possible should be elected by all voters in the city.

Ranked choice voting is a terrible idea because the system has confused voters in Alaska, Maine, and New York City. Further, it makes no sense to say that the voters who voted for the candidate with the least support get to choose the winner. For example, suppose in a City Council election 45 percent vote for A, 42 percent for B, and 13 percent for C then the voters for C get to choose the winner. That is unfair to the vast majority who preferred A or B. Instead, a better system would be a run off between A and B.

I strongly support a with rank choice voting. Whatever system is chosen needs to be implemented fresh and not keep representatives that were elected under a different system.

I Strongly Support the 10-1 District System, it should not be changed at this time. We can review the system over the next 2 election cycles. We can also review the district and make tweaks to the system as necessary. We are all familiar with the fact that no process is Perfect when first implemented and sometimes changes must be done, but now is not the time to make those changes. I disapprove of a referendum on the ballot as we have done that before, the people voted and the Legislators changed the will of the people in favor of what the legislators wanted.

I strongly support the 10-1 voting system because it gives citizens more of a voice and requires the candidate to reside in the district that they represent which rams they are more familiar with the daily needs and concerns of their district s. The share a common experience with their constituents.

I do support having one at-large city council member and school board member. They would

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<p>serve the entire city and would step in if a district representative had to vacate their seat before the general election.</p>
<p>I support a hybrid system similar to our old system where the majority of Council members are voted in by District, but also where some members are voted on City Wide. I favor a 60-40 split for 10 council members and keeping the Mayoral race separate and city wide.</p>
<p>I support all democratic elections to be runoff down to a majority vote. Plurality voting encourages extremes. I also am open to considering ranked choice voting</p>
<p>I support ranked choice voting where every district votes for their own representative. I am also open to additional representatives that are city wide elections. I believe the district based system more accurately reflects the makeup of the city, with representatives more closely tied to and better able to represent their individual district within the city as a whole</p>
<p>I support the City including referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach. However, if you do this make sure that people are given the correct information on exactly what the systems are and can or can't do for the area.</p>
<p>I think a hybrid of the 7-3-1 system where the 7 districts are elected only by the district and 3 at-large is a good balance between the previous system and the current system.</p>
<p>I think changing the voting system year to year will cast increasing doubt on the value and validity of voting as a whole. I think we should maintain the 10-1 system for some time. I don't think it is reasonable to say that something failed or succeeded after only one attempt. That cannot accurately reflect the usefulness of the system because it is new to us and some people are still coming to understand and participate in this new format.</p>
<p>I think having a Council that is well educated, honest and dedicated to serving is much more important than diversity. I agree having diversity is beneficial but should include all aspects of diversity - not just race and ethnic background. The 10-1 system did not create a racially diverse Council, there are still only two races represented.</p>
<p>I think it is beneficial for the city to explore election options.</p>
<p>I think it is important to be able to vote for all districts because there circumstances where I may be effected in the near future. For example, planning to move or simply just having a say so city wide is part of natural freedom.</p>
<p>I think it is telling that the leadership in power on VB is so against the 10-1. So much city money has been used to fight the decision and powerful figures have poured so much money into candidates who would not support 10-1. You have to ask why. This town has been run by the same people and the same view points for way to long. It's time for a change. I like that my council and school board member lives in my district and we vote for him/her. I firmly believe my city reps can attend to the needs of my district and care for the needs of our city as a whole - at the same time.</p>
<p>I think it's a good system and seems like a waste of time to explore other options while we could be actually getting work done for the city.</p>
<p>I think rank choice voting deters the individual voter. No longer will it be your one vote can truly make the difference.</p>

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<p>I think that having a representative from each district elected by that district is best.</p> <p>for Mayor and at-large, they should be elected by every registered voter.</p> <p>ID required.</p>
<p>I think the 10-1 is fine.</p>
<p>I think the 10-1 voting system with ranked choice voting is by far the best system. I think it would give almost all voters in the city a stake in the government and would foster a willingness to compromise rather than the more extreme positions so often taken in these politically contentious times.</p>
<p>I think the 50% winner standard for elections is the best. The others I think can allow a less qualified candidate to the forefront of the election.</p>
<p>I think the system needs to be reformed as well as how candidates are chosen. I do not think that council members should have interests in real estate development or tourism. Council members should have diverse backgrounds, to include education, health care, transportation, IT, government, etc., so that there is a balance to what laws get enacted. Currently, it seems as though the only type of business venture that's allowed to go forward in Virginia Beach is construction or tourism. That does not create a strong foundation from which to build a solid infrastructure that will provide sustainable growth.</p>
<p>I think there should be a council election on the ballot in every district every cycle, whether it's a citywide race or superward type of system. I also strongly support majority voting/ranked choice because in nonpartisan elections like in Virginia Beach, there are frequently more than two candidates in a council/school board race, and requiring a majority of ranked choice votes would help make sure that the views of the district/city are represented.</p>
<p>I think there should be term limits so that the same members can't be on council for eternity or can't run again after so many terms.</p>
<p>I think VB should return back to the pre-2022 system. If this is put out as a referendum, I'm concerned that opposing the 10-1 system will be cast as racist. We need a system that will be more unifying for all of the citizens of VB. Is there a way to return to the previous system without a referendum?</p>
<p>I think we should vote for our boroughs but also have a few at large members.</p>
<p>I value my right to vote and feel there should be I.D. for proof of citizenship and who you are. There should be signature verification so the proper person votes.</p>
<p>I want my views represented by my representative and I only feel like this happens in 10-1 plan.</p>
<p>I watched a few council meetings and it appeared to me that the only councilmembers who are questioning the 10-1 system are those who benefited from the at large system and they voted to spend even more money on this survey. We have wasted enough tax dollars to garner the same results, the 10-1 is equitable</p>

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<p>I would be interested in a ranked voting proposal. I am strongly opposed to the numerous times local officials recuse themselves from particular voting issues thereby allowing development projects to be passes with a small number of yes votes. All elected officials should have to vote on every issue.</p>
<p>I would like to know how much the city has spent on this. Because the majority of the council did like the outcome of the lawsuit, it basically would take away their power. Exactly why we need to have a 10-1 voting system. Appeal cost, PR cost, mailings, commercials. Even this survey so the council will go ahead put it on the ballot and my guess is to the wording will be manipulated to the outcome the majority wants. I would wish that the council, all the council will speak for those who can't. Will represent all va beach residents.</p>
<p>I would like to see a hybrid system of the 10-1 with the addition of 2 council members that are elected overall.</p>
<p>I would like to see a requirement added to city council members, and especially the mayor they must receive over 51% of the votes to win the election</p>
<p>I would like to see how the 10-1 system works before we go through the expense of looking at other options</p>
<p>I would love for ranked voting to be used in VB!</p>
<p>I would need more information. This is an important thing and you've not giving a lot of context or info in just this survey for me to be able to make an informed decision either way.</p>
<p>I would need to understand more of VB history to make a more informed decision.</p>
<p>I would welcome a ranked choice election system. I oppose the referendum because we have not given the 10-1 system an opportunity to succeed or fail.</p>
<p>I'm afraid political interests are trying to interfere to regain control of the city's election system after reading this survey. It's very disturbing.</p>
<p>I'd keep the 10 - 1 system as opposed to old 7-3 system but I think ranked choice is the fairest option.</p>
<p>if it's not broke, don't fix it! and currently it's not broke! let's not spend time, money, and effort looking at changing the system just because a few of the privileged class/gender aren't happy with what the Supreme Court ordered. Leave it alone and let's move on to real issues.</p>
<p>If Plurality or Ranked Choice Voting are options for the referendum, I highly encourage it. However, Ranked choice voting is open to manipulation and fraud if there are not more than two candidates and "None of the above" is an option.</p>
<p>If there is a better system that we may try I am not opposed to us trying that .</p>
<p>If VB were to get rid of the 10-1 system without giving it a real chance, then VB is not the innovative city it claims to be.</p>
<p>The Old Guard (certain CC members) do not like the idea of losing their power. They have retained that power because the powerful donors in VB have kept them there. In exchange for the election money, these powerful donors have been allowed to run roughshod over the residents, all in the self-interest of enriching their own coffers. The city knows what is going</p>

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on -- THAT is why keeping the 10-1 election system is supported on both sides of the political aisle.
If we end up having to keep the 10-1, then we should add at-large seats. Also, I feel like this survey is a waste of time. Clearly there are forces at work trying to change Virginia Beach into a liberal utopia. Why bother voting, apparently the city belongs to Pharrel.
If you live in the city f Virginia Beach you should have a say on all elected city council members.
If you plan to pursue a minority based district process please include all minorities in the decision process. An example is that a majority asian district could had been created. You also need to define what is the definition of "minority".
If you put a referendum to change the number of districts I think the proposed boundaries and number of districts should be shown to the public ahead of time.
I'm not thrilled about my council representative.
I'm strongly for ranked-choice and any voting system over the current "first-past-the-post" system, and believe that having elections split between districts prevents one group from having an overpowering opinion on the makeup of City Council.
IMHO some districts will have little input with out the 10-1 system
It appears to me that some current or past council members are not interested in equality for all.
It is always about the North End and tourism
It is clear that political activists are negatively affecting political change in the region.
It is premature to be considering changing from the 10-1 system since we've only had one election experience with it. I recommend that we go through at least two more election cycles before giving any consideration to assessment.
It is very important for each district to only vote for their own representative so the voters can have a stronger voice in the needs of that particular district. I don't object to one or two representatives that are elected by city-wide voters, but that would mean increasing the number on city council or decreasing the number of districts.
It really seems suspicious and revealing that after the lost legal battles and expenditures to maintain the old system, council is now seeking the constituency input.
It seemed that under the old system there were less diversity and more of a 'good ol boy' club that took care of pet projects the wealthy and large businesses.
It seems extremely difficult to engineer a referendum question with the potential possible new voting systems. I would rather keep the 7-3-1 system instead of the 10-1 but I know that's not possible.
It seems that the City is intent on keeping incumbents in power so I do not trust them proposing changes to facilitate their grip on power.
It sounds very confusing about all these different systems. Keep it simple stupid.

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It worked in 2022, council is made up of members who live in the district and it more fairly represents the population. Wasting time and money to attempt to go back to some manner of previous system is dumb and will likely end up in court. Stop doing dumb things.
It would be best to allow the voters decide all of the issues
It would be nice if when the city refers to racial diversity and racial Equity that they meant it in a way that was not rooted in radical left-wing ideology. We need more color blindness and Merit based systems. May the best man or woman win no matter what they look like. I'm tired of the lies of ESG, sustainability, equity, and diversity and inclusion. Keep your religion to yourself and out of governing our city.
It's my understanding that the city council was supposed to be a non-partisan body, but in reality it's very partisan. And until the 10-1 election, not representative of the black population.
It's not about race, it's about people. City council should be made up of educated professionals with a high standard of values and morals to maintain the high standards this city expects. A range of political viewpoints only leads to division in the council and the city, and too many council seats lead to the same. Newcomers to the city bring their radical ways but we must stand firm and not stray from our high values and morals. Everything is so new it's hard to make a quick decisive decision. I do except at our poles we require addresses and licenses for proof of residency.
It's time to give the 10-1 system a chance to see how well it works. I would oppose any further changes for at least 5 years. It has been clearly shown that the at large voting method promotes racism, so we should not revert back to the old system.
It's time to shift to ranked choice voting. Any system that dampens the effects of the toxic national political climate on Virginia Beach is in this city's best interest.
It's too confusing to continue to change the voting system, people will get frustrated/tired and won't vote at all
Just because the Mayor or Some on City Council didn't like the past elections is no reason to scrap the whole thing & do what they want. The Council needs to keep the people of the area in mind.
Just like the light rail referendum, let the voters decide what type of electoral system to be used within the law guidelines.
Keep 10-1 for a few election cycles to see how it goes. It should become obvious to the voters how this system is working. It would be a waste of tax dollars to initiate another voting system change.
Keep districts we have may add two at large
Keep it as is.
KEEP IT THE SAME 10-1!!!!
Keep it the way it was
Keep local elections nonpartisan
Keep only vote for your own district candidate and everyone vote for Mayor

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Number of districts should remain the same for now.
Possibly add 2 "At-Large" Seats
Keep the 10 district system. Consider adding council members by using population numbers, i.e., districts with more population would have more than 1 representative elected to Council. Also, city wide voting for mayor seems equitable for a city of our size.
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Keep the 10-1 system , have the mayor be elected by all the citizens .
Keep the 10-1 system! It produced the most diverse council in the city's history. It reduced the influence of money in our elections and produced a council that is more responsive and accountable to their district constituents. District voting works for congress, the general assembly and it works for the city of Virginia Beach.
Keep the 10-1 system, but get rid of the party affiliation. Rank choice is too controversial for the current voting environment, so runoffs will have to be done for the top two candidates if no one receives 50% of the vote.
Keep the 10-1 system, but implement ranked choice voting
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Keep the 10-1 System.All citizens vote for Mayor.It's a lot to process how all Candidates can benefit our interests.
Keep the 10-1 voting system in place!
Keep the 10-1i District voting plan which offers district voters the right to vote for the person who lives in their district and the representative can effectively represent the issues of their constituents.
Keep the current 10-1 system!
Keep the current 10-1 voting system - it makes sense and seems to work. Do not spend city taxpayer money on switching systems again. DO NOT go back to a system that disenfranchises groups of voters and is racially discriminatory.
Keep the current system. The only reason the Appeals court overturned the decision was because of legislation recently passed. The courts have said our previous system was illegal. We should not have city wide voting in a city with half a million people.
Keep the new 10-1 system in place in the city of Virginia Beach.
Keeping the present 10-1 voting system allows candidates to campaign using finances that are more closely commensurate to their district by not having to compete against big money special interests from outside their district.
Knowing past use of referendums continually till you get the result the wealthier residents wants (e.g. The Tide) I think we should continue with the 10-1 system. This seems to give as many areas of the city direct representation instead of risking one subset of voters ultimately deciding everything for the whole city since they vote at higher rates. Plus military members often think they can't vote here because their home state isn't Virginia (usually

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florida to avoid paying state taxes). Areas where there are higher numbers of military may have less voters and repeated elections to get a majority may result in only the most committed voters deciding elections. My husband refused to register to vote while he was active duty and we know a lot of people in Hampton Roads who also didn't register to vote for the same belief.
Leave 10-1 in place, this is the best way to elect council members and keeps down any heavy voting from across the city to elect my representative. It is time Virginia Beach provides its citizens with a fair voting system.
Leave the 10/1; best represents citizens. We do NOT need another referendum. CC heard us the first 2 referendums. Please stop treating us like ignorant peasants and trying to bend our votes to your favored interests.
Leave the 10-1 in place and move this city FORWARD!
Leave the 10-1 system! I want to vote for some he represents me in my district!!!!
Let the voters decide. But NO outside influence as with Light Rail. Get the information out there. Use similar mailings and social media posts to provide education, as when 10-1 was announced, with accurate information and NO political affiliations.
Let us have actual representative govt.
Let's get back to the Election system we had before 2022
Let's give the current process in place an opportunity to prove its value and effectiveness in supporting effective governance. Perhaps come back in another 3 to 4 years and run the survey again for public input.
Let's see how well the current 10-1 system works in representing voters' preferences and responsibly meeting the needs of VB citizens before tinkering with it.
Listen to the residents voices. There voices. Their tax dollars
Majority rules. Stop gerrymander
Majority voting system would not work well in Virginia Beach. When you have 6 people running for mayor it is difficult for anyone to achieve over 50%. If there were only two candidates that would be acceptable but that is never the case for mayoral elections.
Majority wins. I don't think local elections need an electoral college,
Make the website more user friendly. Keep people up to date about where to vote if they need to go somewhere new. Mail is best for that but post it in as many places as possible. Make referendums easy to understand.
Many of the points made earlier were addressed in questions not yet available to review at that stage of the survey.
Shifting to a strong mayor - council member form of government with 11 or 13 districts with top-two runoff provision in 2030.
Slight changes/very slight in the boundaries of the existing districts for 2026 that were driven by separating then incumbents at the time of the judicial remedy.
More districts with more council members makes for mire democracy.

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More people of diversity needed on the City Council. Encourage younger people to be involved. Term Limits. Term Limits
Most voters are too uninformed to make an educated choice.
My concern is people who can afford the most ads win when it is city-wide. My concern is departments will spend all their time catering to individual Council members' concerns "what are you doing for my district?" That can take strategic planning out the window, and if every district gets a little something the City won't have resources to do any of the big somethings.
My opposition to placing an election system overhaul on the ballot as a referendum is that this is too complicated an issue to expect the average voter to comprehend and make a reasoned choice on election day. Too many people hear about referendums for the first time as they are reading their ballot.
My preference of Bloc voting is to keep radical political views out of local politics. Holloway v. VB indicates that Bloc voting also may be racially tainted. So, get rid of the Council and let the legal residents vote online. We currently have a 95% digital connectivity and it is perfectly feasible.
Need to at least add at-large members to city council.
Nine of scenarios are given to make it plain and clear on choosing from what type of ballots do you want to propose to the citizens of Virginia Beach, Virginia, who have a large population of military people living here and people living out of the state all together. So drop some of the scenarios are a lot clearer in the next survey using those types of numbers, the graphs approve advantage, and disadvantage of each one of these scenarios you giving us to look at, we're not privy to all the information.
No referendum needed!
Not sure if the process
Not sure or no opinion on most answers. In the city of VB, the voting system is rigged for no minority to hold office, if so one term. Look at the history of the city as it relate to minorities what is done for their neighborhoods verses the most affluent ones in the city. No diversity, no matter what voting system you use it will never be fair for minorities.
Not sure, I felt the 10-1 system is working well; but now that you presented these other options, I not sure which is best for the City. I do want a system that is fair and equal for all the residents of Virginia Beach; regardless of your socio-economic status, race, education, age, gender, sexual orientation and etc.
Nothing further
Old 7-3-1 system unified the city. Much, much better than this new mess!
One council member represents about half the city's land mass. By trying to have the same number of citizens in each district, this seems reasonable at first look. However, that person can look out for farmers for example (and farming is a large and important industry in VB), but council members who weren't elected by those mostly rural citizens can determine their fate in a variety of issues- like building below the green line.
One that allows all citizens to vote vs gerrymandered district voting.

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One voice, one vote...regardless of color.
Our city must leave voting alone. Stop making things more difficult. It suggest corruption.
Our voting rights were stolen from us when we changed to the 10-1 system. We no longer are able to vote for the positions in our city government! ALL 10 City Council members can vote on issues that affect us, but now I only get input into the election of ONE of them! In the 7-3-1 system, I was able to vote for ALL of the positions! The 10-1 system was designed to let Latasha Holloway and Georgia Allen influence the elections of City Council. It did NOT make the system more fair; rather it took voting rights away from EVERYONE ELSE!!!
please consider following how Norfolk does their districts and wards. I think the system works very well. You end up having two people who represent your interest on council.
Please don't keep changing the process and rules,
Please provide an informational guide (online is fine) about platform/stance for all local candidates running for any office. Even just having the candidate provide an open essay "please describe what you want to do in office in 2 pages or less" kind of thing, to reduce potential partisanship/bias in the crafting of the questions. Sometimes I'm forced to vote with no more information than "eenie meenie miney mo", which isn't great.
Prefer 7 districts with voters in that district voting only. 3 at large where anyone can vote, and Mayor where anyone can vote.
Put the choices to a vote. 1. Retain the 10-1 system 2. elect all offices by city wide majority vote. 3. elect CC members by the top 10 candidates by total votes received by each candidate.
quit screwing around on your political futures and focus on getting some actual work done for the residents.
Rank choice voting is what the city should move to
Ranked choice
Ranked choice is a terrible option that our city should avoid at all costs.
Ranked choice voting allows for greater political flexibility because voters don't feel like they have to remain on a party line. They can "vote across the aisle" which allows for more nuance in the people representing us.
Ranked choice voting could work well for us.
Ranked choice voting is fantastic and should replace all election systems in the state.
Ranked choice voting is the best way to represent the needs of a large group, and pushes candidates toward the center as opposed to becoming radicalized in either direction.
Ranked choice voting makes the most logical sense, which of course means the elected government would be opposed to it.
Ranked choice voting would be extremely beneficial.
We don't need at large seats for council members. It skews the government towards those who have money.
Ranked voting is the best way to avoid the costs of a run-off election.

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<p>Rather than just holding hearing sessions, a public dialogue should have been used. Many of these questions weren't covered in the 6 minute video at the beginning of the hearings. More education and discussion should take place before citizens are asked to make decisions on referendum and ranked voting, etc. I understood the referendum would be to go back to the 7-3-1, but your question leads me to believe it would just be to allow continued research and conversations? Very confusing.</p>
<p>Re-drawing of districts is a concern, strongly opposed if found to be political party initiated/favored.</p>
<p>Referendums are rarely worded in a way the public understands. Most people are seeing the referendums for the first time and vote on something they have little knowledge of. Off cycle elections are poorly attended a referendum would be seen/voted on by a very small percentage of the people.</p>
<p>A mail out may be a better response.</p>
<p>Republicans don't represent our beliefs. Their election denials show they don't believe in our democracy. Dems need to have a greater voice or they will rule the world.</p>
<p>Return to at-large voting, which also produced a diverse Council as the electorate changed (2018 for example), yet accept that minorities and Democrats can and will be elected, rather than believing that the Council should only be made of Republicans and trying to throw Dems off Council, using whatever excuse is needed. (for ref, the David Nygaard saga)</p>
<p>Seems like council members don't care about an issue if it doesn't affect their district.</p>
<p>SHOULD BE ON THE BALLOT LET THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS DECIDED WHAT ELECTION SYSTEM THEY FEEL WOULD BE BEST</p>
<p>Simply put I believe residents that live within the city should vote for the entire council, and should have a voice & vote in who serves in the city council. It doesn't matter which district people live in as we have interests all thruout the city (our interests do not stop at some district boundary line). For example I want a say in who serves from the pungo area as well as the oceanfront area - and I don't live in either of those areas but they are important to me</p>
<p>Some larger districts and some "at large" elected city wide like the similar to the mayor. No purposely creating minority majority districts. Four of the 10 districts are held by blacks. Virginia Beach is not 40% black.</p>
<p>Stop Gerrymandering our districts and dividing red and blue. It's about people and their voice being heard on who they want to represent them not ones that want to stay in power.</p>
<p>Stop having referendums. Council was elected to lead. Every one of you ran to lead this city in the right direction and a referendum is just a easy way out. Lead and make the right/tough decisions.</p>
<p>Stop spending money trying to get the result you want City Council. You already spent millions on the court case and this survey. People want 10-1 accept that fact and move on.</p>
<p>Stop trying to reimpose citywide voting for Virginia Beach Council Stop it. We see your undemocratic plys, and we resent them. Be better. Do better.</p>
<p>Stop wasting tax dollars on this.</p>

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Stop wasting taxpayers money on going back to a white supremacy Bases system
Stop wasting time and money trying to keep preferred folks in office, it is up to the citizens and it's time you start listening to us!
STOP WASTING TIME ON THIS ISSUE. We have bigger issues that need to be addressed. Leave it alone!
Tax dollars ought not be spent on election system changes until the current system proves itself one way or another. Whats the rush? Waste of tax dollars.
TERM LIMITS OF NO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS ..INCLUDING MAYOR
Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide our feedback. I like the idea of having a run off election when it comes down to 2 candidates that do not meet the 50% mark because of multiple candidates running for office.
Thank you for offering the survey. I hope the city receives many responses. Perhaps it could be better publicized.
Thank you for this opportunity to provide input. This survey is an important exercise for promoting engagement and fostering an informed and involved citizenry.
Thanks for the survey.
That depends on how the city is broken up as to population
That leaves an open door to the vocal, well monied minority to influence voters decisions.
The "10-1" system has shown itself as being effective. Opposition wants to change it because of that effectiveness. We now live in a society that doesn't believe in equality and fairness. Evil people are not interested in such things. Please remember the 'white flight' that brought Virginia Beach into existence. Your responses to this survey, I'm sure, will reflect some of the beliefs that made some people flee to this city in the first place. The districts also reflect these beliefs. These people continue to suppress voting and they keep our city, state, and nation from being our best.
The 10 & 1 system has already been approved. It is a waste of taxpayer money to continue to do surveys and referendums just because the approved choice is not one that was wanted. Leave it be!
The 10-1 is more in line with nondiscrimitory elections.
The 10-1 election system is brand new to the city. There have not been sufficient opportunities to use this system and observe its impact - I would prefer the city focusing its efforts elsewhere at this time.
The 10-1 election system is good but we need to change it so we have more districts and the representatives need to live in the district they represent.
The 10-1 is the most representative of the election systems. People who have been in power via the 7-3-1 system will oppose because hold autocratic views and want a council with a "European" bent.
the 10-1 system already been tested and opinions are known. If a further change is desired, such as 11 districts or going to rank order voting, then a referendum and the costs of that would be justified.

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The 10-1 system can encourage more folks to run for candidates as it would not require large funds. The more funds needed for a local race can lead to more obligations to their donors and not to the people in the district.
The 10-1 System has my support.
The 10-1 system has proven to produce the most diverse city council , it works. Stop trying to change something that works as well as spending thousands of tax payers dollars that could be used to mitigate flooding in the city. City council needs to be more responsive to the residents and listen to the people.
The 10-1 system is fair and appropriate. Don't waste money on a referendum.
The 10-1 system is the best system and should have always been the way Council is elected. The Mayor should be a City Wide format. All should be based on the most votes received, (Pularity), and NOT a percentage system, (Majority).
the 10-1 system is very much an improvement over the previous system. If you are going to change it, or change the number of seats on the council, or the voting to include 2nd choices - any of these things should be well studied and then presented to the public with generous education and explanations as to what the benefits are and how it will work. We will be a stronger, healthier and safer community if ALL voices are heard, ALL neighborhoods represented. I could support adding 2 seats on council of people elected from the city at large. Together with the current 10-1 system that would give council representatives from each district plus 2 who are looking out for the entire city as a whole.. Hopefully when all voices are heard, all opinions taken into consideration and the health of the entire city is examined, the best decisions will be made.
The 10-1 system most fairly represents the voters
The 10-1 system should have a chance to see results for the new system at least for the next 20 years of election cycles in the City of Virginia Beach, VA. We need a change from the old ways of City Council and Planning Department elections and operations.
The 10-1 system used in 2022 needs to remain in place. Any referendum to change that system needs to be dead on arrival. It is a waste of time!
The 10-1 system was developed under judicial supervision after the outdated 7-3-1 system was deemed illegal, unethical, and racially motivated. The citizens of VB would greatly appreciate if the city could accept that the city erred in the 7-3-1 system and that the 10-1 is an accurate, democratic representation of the city rather than continue to spend millions trying to force us to use another oppressive voting system.
The best election system for Virginia Beach is one in which the elected official understands that he/she is there to make decisions that will be in the best interests of the ENTIRE City, not just a particular district, or a particular voting block. We have enough subversion of our federal elected officials through the legalized process of bribery and corruption known as "lobbyists", not to mention our broken federal political system where representatives only care about their state, district or party and not about making the hard decisions to do what is best for the country as a whole. I don't want our election system in Virginia Beach to make

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<p>any elected official more beholden to a particular district or block if it can be regulated through the voting system. I want elected officials to not CARE what part of Virginia Beach they come from, because it shouldn't matter. If they make decisions that are best for the City, then the decisions will be best for them and their neighbors.</p>
<p>The best election system for Virginia Beach is the one that leads to diversity on city council in terms of where within the city the council people live and work, as well as their racial and socioeconomic status.</p>
<p>The best election system is one that produces a diverse council with varying opinions that is most representative of our greater population</p>
<p>the best election system that is fair and representative is the 10 district system. please leave it alone. Do what is fair and right.</p>
<p>The best system help educate voters and then creates a dynamic where they all vote.</p>
<p>The best system would involve a 7-3-1 setup so a change to the City charter is not required. I am in different on the election format for the 7 (district vs city-wide), but having 10 district only voting districts ruins the opportunity for candidates and council members to take a "City or Regional" view to issues.</p>
<p>The city council is wasting tax payer dollars by continuing to challenge the 10-1 system. They seem to be against the basic fairness the 10-1 system brings. Historically, the city brings topics to a referendum until they get the vote they want. Instead they should do the work of the people and remember that VB is more than developers, oceanfront business owners, and retirees. Keep the 10-1 system, fund our schools, keep our roads safe, and stop over development!</p>
<p>The City of Virginia Beach needs its elected officials to reflect a UNIFIED city prioritizing issues and making necessary decisions and compromises to resolve those issues on the basis of what is good for the entire city, not just one district. Also, it is unConstitutional and fundamentally unAmerican for an electoral process to intentionally create districts based upon "race, color, creed, or national origin." ALL people in the city have a common interest in the protection of their lives and property and the promotion of their liberty and opportunities to prosper and become successful citizens.</p>
<p>The council members need to represent the needs and future of the city not individual communities</p>
<p>The current 10-1 district system is Virginia Beach is fairer than the previous system where everyone voted for the mayor and all districts and voters in some districts had a disproportioned influence on the outcome.in other districts because they voter in greater numbers.</p> <p>Early voting should be kept. It allows those who would be absentee voters, vote in person at a secure voting place.</p> <p>I like the winner having to get 50% of the vote to win, even though it might cause more runoff elections.</p>

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<p>I am cautious about Ranked Choice Voting because I do not know how well it has worked in other jurisdictions that have tried it. Is strong enough to not be subject to manipulation? Would it be fairer than the current system?</p>
<p>The current 10-1 system made it fiscally possible for candidates to run within their District. The system delivered the most diverse Council ever. The Council is responsive to their District which they have not been in the past. Please keep the 10-1 system and do not go back to an At-Large system.</p>
<p>The current system does not represent my interests as a citizen very well. Need more diversity on Council. Where are the Filipino or Asian representatives? Being black is not the only diversity qualification. I am Caucasian.</p>
<p>The current system has only been used once. Some districts, like mine, due to candidates' terms, have not yet had the experience of vetting a candidate unique to their one district. This system needs to be given a chance before we again change it. Also, the fact that some are interested in making a change this soon suggests to me that an effort to garner some political power is at play. It creates suspicion of motives other than public service.</p>
<p>The current system hasn't been in place long enough to justify the costs associated with studies and changing it. Let the current system run long enough to collect enough data and evidence that there is something that reflects that it needs to be changed again. There is no reason that personal opinions should drive the city to change something that hasn't had a chance to work.</p>
<p>The current system needs more time to be evaluated before we think about another system</p>
<p>The current system represents the districts associated with the city of Virginia Beach. The referendum is designed by the politicians for the politicians to garner and keep power politicians don't want fair elections they want to keep their seat.</p>
<p>The current voting system is a correction of the past voting system. The current voting system is better than the past voting system. The current voting system is not broken so why are you attempting to 'fix' it? This smells like developer money attempting to change the rules.</p>
<p>The districts should be based on areas/boundaries and not by electoral constituencies or racial make-up aka gerrymandering.</p>
<p>The districts should not be Drawn to include an equal amount of voters that's jerrmandering. To ACCURATELY represent who lives here and their NEEDS the districts should be drawn to represent the people!</p>
<p>The drop box system is inherently corrupt and can easily be used to swing elections. Seeing a van advertising collecting votes sitting RIGHT IN FRONT of the Dropbox at the walk in voting govt office and sitting there the entire time we walked in, voted, and walked out was extremely discouraging. It delegitimizes the election system and makes my voting worthless, since many votes in many states' dropboxes were accepted without verifying them.</p>

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<p>the earlier system served us well for years. Once declared illegal by a Judge, it became necessary to adopt another system This seemed to be out of the hands of Virginia Beach and its citizenry. No meetings, referendums, etc. Very little information through media Seemed as though we were handed a done deed. Did not seem fair to Virginia Beach and its leaders OR citizens.</p>
<p>The election system I would strongly like to add is Ranked Choice Voting for all elections.</p>
<p>The idea of changing the election system, especially with regards to ranked choice or 50% elections sounds to me like a group or political party trying to play bully & force themselves into office thus taking control of city politics.</p>
<p>The idea of the referendum is laughable. The previous system was deemed illegal and the 10-1 system allows residents to vote for their districts. The idea someone from the North End has a say about who represents someone in Kempsville is absurd. Stop the nonsense you guys have actual important things to be doing.</p>
<p>The implementation of a ranked choice voting system would be one of the best moves to making sure that Virginia Beach voters get the representation that they want.</p>
<p>The long term incumbents don't want this direct election change (10-1 system) maybe to protect their status quo. It's a waste of taxpayer money to fight it for their self serving interests</p>
<p>The majority of Council should be elected city wide If not legally possible, the largest possible # of seats should be elected city wide The number of districts that are elected by District Representatives should be reduced and possibly the number of seats on Council should be reduced Larger Districts and/or super wards which diminishes the power of special interests and widens the focus of politicians whose focus is too easily and solely on getting re-elected or moving on to higher office in one political party, or the others, sphere of influence is far from perfect but marginally better than this doomed to fail 10-1 ward system where citizens lose out by only having a voice in the election of 18% of City Council members</p>
<p>The move to go back to the old system is being pursued by those who can't handle the equity given to racial minorities and economically stressed citizens by the 10-1 system. The new system threatens their "good old boy" network power.</p>
<p>The new system allows for more equity in representation. Trying to undo this is an attempt to grab back power.</p>
<p>The new system reflects fair representation and a way to measure the success achieved by our council member. After all we are all looking for equitable and effective representation. Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>the old system work fine. gave me a say in all my city, not just one little part. go back to the old system</p>
<p>The old system worked well. Our city is safe, we have great schools, comparatively lower taxes and great amenities. Now I have a rookie council member representing me who clearly has a lot of learning to do, so I suffer because he is my only voice on council. This is extremely unfair. Plus I really worry about land use - look at STRs for example. People in my</p>

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neighborhood fought against them and the council agreed. Under the new system, would a council member from another part of the city care? No - because they risk nothing when they vote against my neighborhood's interests
The only purpose of city-wide voting is to influence areas you do not live. This leaves people unrepresented. Every area needs a member of Council that has a real interest in the area - not an interest in supporting strong voting groups.
The people need to be heard, and too often members of CC pretend to listen and then do what they want. Some things need to be voted by referendum
The people who vote should make the decisions for our city.
The point of local elections is to be represented by those "closer to home". A district cannot be adequately represented by people outside of their district. The further away the politician, the more they represent solely themself.
The referendum explanation of 10-1 vs 7-3-1 systems would require a 10 page dissertation to contrast the two election systems. It seems the diversity the Council needed was achieved via the 10-1 system.
PS. Our Mayor Dyer said he would get vindicated when the 10-1 system was overturned/replaced Strange choice of words when someone has a council diversity problem! District population chosen does not sail Special Interest!
The referendum question is so vague results from this survey shouldn't be used. Being so open ended it's impossible to support giving CC the authority to pursue any form of election system they dream up.
The survey has made me aware that I need to be more informed on the variety of voting models. I have been voting for many, many and maybe one more many years. I think the 7-3-1 system is the only one in which I have participated.
The system that best promotes the ability for the City to function as a whole.
The system was put in place for a reason. Wasting tax payers funds that could be used for schools/road-drainage improvements and local businesses is not in the best interest for the city. The idea that the election system should change again is a waste of resources. With the 10-1 each district has a fair and equal voice in decisions.
The system we have now is the best. It should not be changed.
The voters should get to decide how local elections are ran. Let's see what everyone prefers.
The way it was designed when Princess Anne County merged with the town of Virginia Beach in 1963. They understood the needs and functioning of the entire new city much better than the current politicians.
There are plenty of other issues that the council should focus on instead. Keep the system and re evaluate years down the road
There has been one election under the 10-1 system. It needs to be given time. Just because certain power brokers in VB do not like it, does not mean that there needs to be an attempt to change the system right away. It is so obvious what is going on. The City does not need to waste money questioning what has happened (the Weldon Cooper contract and the

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<p>communications wasting \$300,000+). to attempt to force a referendum (which will inevitably be poorly-worded) to change the system back so that powerful developers can control the City.</p>
<p>There is not enough thought about the future when plans are made. Going down Great Neck is a nightmare anymore with all the homes that were built around the Lesner bridge. So many entertainment facilities could enhance the tourist beach area but you don't plan for helping the homeless in a way they can live away from the tourism industry. When you drive through Town Center from the beach and continue towards Norfolk on 58, it goes from nice to what the hell did I drive into another state. Why are there so many mistakes being made with tax payer dollars. If you dress up these neighborhoods people will want better and strive for better things. The current political system doesn't even try to address the needs of the city or we would be voting on changes.</p>
<p>There is simply no basis for a referendum. If the City adopts any version of an at large system that once again dilutes the minority vote, then federal Judge Raymond Jackson will once again rule that the City is in violation of the Voting Rights Act. Increasing the number of Council seats is an attempted sleight of hand that will not avoid this legal problem, or a concomitant violation of the Virginia Voting Rights Act. More fundamentally, there is no reason to change from the new 10-1 system to appease a bunch of racist old white rich guys who quite simply feel that their vote should continue to overrule those of others in all of our Virginia Beach communities. We don't need to do backflips to come up with a different system - the 10-1 voting system works! Everybody gets one vote for one City Council member in their own district, and one vote at large for Mayor. What is unfair about that? This is the way the rest of America elects its City Council or other local government board members. Why should Virginia Beach be any different? Why risk losing a multi-million dollar lawsuit (again), and squandering MORE millions of our tax dollars, all because a bunch of losers cannot accept that they lost the Voting Rights Act case because they are wrong? It is time for our City to move on. Eventually, these losers will move into the 21st century, like it or not.</p>
<p>There needs to be more council seats so that each one is less powerful and more leaders are able to serve the city. I would double it to 20-1. Cut each district in half and have 20 council members.</p>
<p>There were three candidates in my district. I wished at the time that I could rank them since there were two of the three I felt good about. It wouldn't have changed the outcome but I would have felt more a part of the outcome.</p> <p>I really like the results of the 10-1 election. To my mind, we now have the City Council we deserve. I like that candidates don't have to sell out to get the funds to campaign city-wide. believe the election demonstrated that at-large voting had been suppressing minority voices.</p>
<p>Think there should be more than 1 person elected city wide.</p>
<p>This current system represents everyone in the city</p>
<p>This entire thing is a waste of time and taxpayer money. The people have spoken yet the city is determined to undermine the will of the people. The city council is meant to serve the</p>

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<p>citizens of Virginia Beach, not their own self-interests, yet that is what appears to constantly happen. Some on council are afraid of the 10-1 system since they stand a greater chance of losing their seat. Stop wasting taxpayer money on something you already KNOW they want. 10-1 is the best system, and the voters already know that. It is disheartening that a minority on council feel the need to spend money that could be used elsewhere.</p>
<p>This is to the Republican Council Members: Stop beating a dead horse. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.</p>
<p>This issue has already been decided and voted into law in order to protect and offer equal representation to people in each district. This is what democracy looks like.</p>
<p>This issue has been resolved by state legislation and a federal court case. Sending a charter change to the general assembly is the simplest way to resolve this matter. Instead, the City Council has voted to study this issue further and waste taxpayer funds in the process. Shame on them.</p>
<p>This last election demonstrated that the public can be served. People on both sides of the political spectrum feel heard for the first time in the history of VB. The next local election MUST be in the same format, otherwise it will be a huge tell on just how crooked this city government can be. Keep the 10-1 or keep paying for lawsuits—WASTING taxpayers money</p>
<p>This last question is very confusing and I don't understand it. What are you saying?</p> <p>Here's what I want. I want small precincts, no machines for checking in or tallying votes, hand counting ballots by election officers assigned to the precinct where checks and balances always occur, one voting day that is a holiday AND clean voter rolls and strict voter ID rules. I wish that our legislature would put these rules into affect and force implementation. The city should ensure laws are followed. Right now we just have a very far left leaning voting system..Dirty voter rolls is one of the biggest problems of all. Fix it.</p>
<p>This poll seems like a fishing expedition to get around the findings of the courts. This is a waste of resources.</p>
<p>This process has been drawn out to long so we need to leave it as it is.</p>
<p>This was won in the court Holloway v City of Virginia Beach. The courts failed to approve your way and now you are trying to find another to change the law by this survey. Once again you failed to be fair to everyone in your city.</p>
<p>This will not be solved by a referendum; the issue is too complex.</p>
<p>This would depend upon whether or not all systems are included on the referendum. If left to the politicians to decide which systems get represented on th referendum, then I think we would need a different approach.</p>
<p>Too much change! Stick with the 10-1 system recently implemented.</p>
<p>Virginia Beach finally switched to an election system that better represents its people. We shouldn't go backward.</p>
<p>Virginia Beach needs to realize it is no longer a sleepy resort city and find a way to represent everyone. More Districts will help by allowing representation, truly local representation, so that items of concern for any segment of the population will have focused local</p>

E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)
representation.
On another topic, until military homeowners (paying taxes in Va Bch) are allowed to vote in local- Va Bch only- elections, the interests of every taxpaying person in the city will not be represented. Maybe that should be the next lawsuit to force the city to do what's right.
We don't need tanked choice voting
We don't need a referendum to explore other election "system" options. We simply need Paper Ballots and Hand Counting. Reduce the district sizes by adding more and also add more Council Members to better represent their constituents with smaller districts. This way Hand Counting of the Paper Ballots will also be easier.
We finally have a system that's fair and represents me where I am
We had a great system - like voting for all city council members - why change something that worked for years if allowed to keep it?
We have an election system that finally supports the constituents of the community. I feel the change would leave the marginalized and disenfranchised by a change in the system.
We have only used the 10-1 election once. I feel that too much change too soon will turn off voters. WE need to give the new system a chance and give the voters a chance to participate and see if this is the correct system for the city.
We need at least 3 at large plus the Mayor to provide the opportunity to take a City wide approach to problems without "pork-barrel" tradeoffs.
We need Council members who are knowledgeable about ALL issues facing Virginia Beach and are able to vote on all issues, representing all of our citizens regardless of where they live or their race or ethnicity.
We need ranked choice voting
We need Ranked Choice Voting!
We need to make sure we don't have a nepotistic type of council...which the 10-1 system suggests.
We need to move forward not back. Stick with a 10-1 or 12-1 system where you only vote for your district. Rank Choice voting would be a nice direction to move, but I am not opposed to keeping who ever has the most votes wins.
The only at large vote should be for Mayor in 10-1. If we go to 12-1 then it should only be at large for Mayor and Vice Mayor.
We should be able to vote for who goes to city council and school board in every district. Put all candidates' names on the ballot!
We should have representatives from the area we live in and it should not be diluted by other residents
We should stick with the 10-1.
We were getting along well and did not need to change very much, but now that we have changed, we should not reject all of the changes made. It was not broke two years ago. I do not think we should throw all of it out now that it was changed.

<p>E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>We will need to educate the general public before holding the referendum, but there is time and need to do so. Otherwise we will be stuck with the negative consequences of one district against another and under the table deals that often result from such government instead of all council members pulling for what is best for our city in the long term.</p>
<p>What are the goals of the election system in VB? Is there an option that would allow all residents to vote for elected officials in all districts so they are accountable to all voters but also allow for a council or school board that is representative of the residents of VB?</p>
<p>What I do not understand with Virginia Beach Councils, If Holloway v City of VB in 2022 and the courts changed it to a law, why are we still trying to change it back to the old way through a survey? Therefore, you failed to get your way and you are now trying to find another way of getting what you want. How is that fair to all Virginia Resident.</p>
<p>What was disregarded in 10-1 system was historical communities. Kempsville has a center and it was cut into pieces. Fairfield as a neighborhood has a proud history of civic engagement and it was cut into two unequal pieces. I have worked hard for over 26 years to make Kempsville and Fairfield areas we can be proud of. The new system had no appreciation for the communities. In the pursuit of demographic equal representation, two historic areas were disregarded. Over time, demographics will change. My neighborhood is 50 years old and has turned over several times. Will the lines be redrawn again as the numbers change?</p>
<p>What we have now is not working</p>
<p>Whatever system is put in place in needs to be fair and just for all citizens</p>
<p>When you have to have a candidate get 50% of the votes you have the mess that has been seen in other states. it takes months before you have an end to the election cycle. Months before you have a person to represent you. The majority wins not 50 % better and faster results.</p>
<p>While I typically support this, I have that city council does not follow referendums and if they disagree, they assume voters were "confused"</p>
<p>While voting last mid term at the Obermyer Library, a vote watcher was extremely rude to me as my husband and I were voting next to each other. I said something casual to him and this woman ran over to us and barked, "no talking while voting!" Hostile and aggressive, I knew instantly I was dealing with A MAGA-IQ person. The expression on my face let her know to back off. Please train these watchers on how to do the job respectfully.</p>
<p>Why are we wasting taxpayer money on this survey, the city has not even given the 10-1 system a chance to work before trying to change it, I suspect there is an ulterior motive. I see city council never cared before to ask the citizens for their input before the courts forced them to change the system. Now they we have a diversified council representing all types of backgrounds. What type of representation does the city council really want?</p>
<p>Why are we wasting taxpayers money on this crap!!! The system works get over it and move on.</p>
<p>Why don't we just let the 10-1 system have a chance to play out before we spend a lot of energy and money switching things up again.</p>

<p>E21- Please share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach. (Non-Probability Responses)</p>
<p>Why is the city trying so hard to change the election system? This is very concerning.</p>
<p>Worry that fair elections could be in danger Since democracy is targeted by republicans since 2020</p>
<p>Would want to see a debate to ensure I have an informed opinion</p>
<p>You didn't really provide helpful information to decide on: per capita per seat. I have no idea how many voters each district represents or if they are roughly equal or how the seats are drawn demographically. No idea if there is "packing and cracking" going on when it comes to drawing district lines.</p>
<p>There is information on the legal standard for drawing such lines.</p>
<p>Your meetings were biased in that the same group of speakers moved from meeting to meeting promoting the same rhetoric, which was NOT representative of the citizens of this City. In short, a small group of people attended all of your meetings in an attempt to sway the narrative. That is a poor way to conduct this study.</p>

Appendix E:
Survey Methodology

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The City of Virginia Beach contracted with the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service to conduct the "Virginia Beach Community Input Election Survey" as part of a larger community engagement and legal review initiative during the spring of 2023. The purpose of this work is to inform the City as they consider the future of their local election system. The survey, in particular, was designed to assess Virginia Beach residents' perceptions of the local election system, including their preferences going forward. The Weldon Cooper Center's Center for Survey Research (CSR) oversaw the survey portion of this project.

The survey employed a mixed-mode and mixed-probability design. The probability address-based sample (ABS) was based on all households in Virginia Beach, and ABS sample members were contacted via postal mail following a mail-forward design with a delayed invitation to complete online. The probability sample provides the survey's basis for statistical inference to the Virginia Beach population. To ensure all Virginia Beach residents could voice their perspectives and participate in the survey, an open-source online version of the questionnaire was posted to the SpeakupVB website (and community engagement site hosted by the City of Virginia Beach) and available for any individual to complete; additionally paper questionnaires were available on request. Responses collected through the open-source survey are considered non-probability completions and are not included in analyses testing for statistical significance.

The sections below provide a discussion of the methodology used to carry out the survey, including details on how the questionnaire and sampling design were developed, the survey was administered, and the data were prepared, weighted, and analyzed.

QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGN

Following discussions with the City of Virginia Beach and a review of other election feedback measures, the CSR team drafted the initial conceptual outline of the survey. Following this, CSR drafted the full survey questionnaire, which was then reviewed separately by each the UVA legal consultants and the City. This review was iterative with multiple versions shared and revised before reaching the final questionnaire, which is presented at the end of this appendix.

The final questionnaire consisted of five major sections, which asked about respondents' recent voting experiences, their views on the most recent 10-1 election system in Virginia Beach, their views on the prior 7-3-1 election system, their election system and voting preferences, and their demographic characteristics. The final questionnaire was formatted for paper and programmed online in Qualtrics. The questionnaire was translated into Spanish and Tagalog by Research Support Services Inc., a translation vendor specializing in survey design.

SAMPLING DESIGN

As noted, the survey employed both probability and non-probability recruitment methods. The population of interest for the survey was Virginia Beach residents. The non-probability version of the survey was available to any Virginia Beach resident over 18 years old who was interested in

sharing their feedback with the City. The probability sampling method is described in detail below.

Probability Sample

To reach the population of interest, CSR purchased an address-based sample of residential addresses from Dynata, Inc. (formerly known as SSI or Survey Sampling International), a nationally recognized vendor for scientific survey samples. The sample is based on the address lists compiled and maintained by the U.S. Postal Service. The sample excluded addresses identified by the post office as businesses, vacant or seasonal homes, and P.O. Box addresses. The sampling vendor appended names of household occupants to the addresses where those were known, using data from white pages telephone directories and other sources.

In an effort to maximize the number of completes from all areas of Virginia Beach and improve representativeness of responses, the sample was stratified based on the Census Bureau's Low Response Score (LRS) of Census tracts. The sample was drawn based on three stratum: Low response propensity, high response propensity, and middle or average response propensity. Households in the high response propensity stratum, which accounted for 20.5% of all Virginia Beach households, were sampled at a slightly lower rate (relative sample proportion of .888) since a high response is expected from households in that stratum. Households in the low response propensity stratum, which accounted for 20.1% of all Virginia Beach households, were sampled at a higher rate (1.156) in an attempt to increase representation in the survey data from historically undercounted households. Households in the middle response stratum were sampled at a rate of 1.00; this stratum accounted for 59.3% of all Virginia Beach households. A final random stratified sample of 4,500 households was drawn.

SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

The survey launched on April 4th, 2023 with the mailing of an advance letter to the probability sample of 4,500 households; data collection for the probability sample closed on June 2nd, 2023. The open-source web survey launched on April 19th, 2023 and closed on May 31st, 2023. The probability data collection followed a confidential protocol to facilitate targeted follow-up to non-respondents and ability to track completions. The non-probability data collection followed an anonymous protocol. Greater detail across each mode of data collection is provided below.

Probability Data Collection

The probability sample was contacted following a mail-forward design in which residents were first invited to complete the survey by paper and were later presented with a web option for participation. Table 1 presents the details of our mail-forward recruitment design, including the dates on which each communication was made.

Table 1. *Mail-Forward Design Used for the Probability Sample.*

Timeline	Contact Method	Details
April 4	Advance letter	A personalized advance letter describing the survey, addressed from the City of Virginia Beach.
April 7	Survey packet #1	Personalized cover letter, paper version of the questionnaire, and postage-paid return envelope for completed questionnaire booklets.
April 17	Reminder postcard	Thanked those who had already completed the survey and reminded non-responders about the initial survey invitation and requested their participation. Included referral to an online version of the survey.
May 5	Survey packet #2	Personalized cover letter, paper version of the questionnaire, and postage-paid return envelope for completed questionnaire booklets. Included referral to an online version of the survey. Sent to non-respondents only.
May 12	Closeout postcard	Final contact, reminded residents to complete the survey before it closed. Included referral to an online version of the survey.

CSR assigned a unique survey ID to each household in the sample. This ID was marked on each mailing (including the survey packets) and could be connected to respondents' names, mailing addresses, and responses. The survey IDs were retained so CSR could keep track of survey participation, remove duplicate responses, and tailor follow-up contacts to households who had not yet completed the survey.

CSR managed the tracking of responses and performed data entry for all paper completions. Data entry validation was performed on approximately 15% of submitted questionnaires.

Non-Probability Sample

The City of Virginia Beach managed promotion of the non-probability, publicly available survey. Participants could access the public link to complete the questionnaire on the SpeakupVB website, hosted by the City. While the link was made available through the City, CSR hosted the online survey via their Qualtrics account and had exclusive privileges in viewing online responses. The City also provided paper versions of the questionnaire upon request. The City would then share a scanned copy of the completed paper questionnaire, which CSR entered alongside the other open source web responses. Any adult resident of Virginia Beach who was not included in the ABS sample was welcome to take the survey at their convenience.

The non-probability online survey was anonymous, meaning that no identifying information was collected from respondents. Respondents *were* asked to provide their zip codes.

SURVEY RESPONSE

In total 2,112 survey responses were collected. This count includes probability and non-probability cases across both modes of data collection. The specific breakdowns by sample and mode are presented in Table 2 below. Probability responses were de-duplicated across the two modes of data collection to ensure only a single response per household was recorded. In instances when a household completed the questionnaire more than once, the first, most complete submission was accepted and subsequent entries dropped from the data file.

Table 2. *Summary of Results by Survey Sample Types and Modes.*

Sample Type	Mode of Data Collection		
	Paper	Web	Total
Probability	541	82	623
Non-probability	7	1,482	1,489
Total	548	1564	2112

Response Rate

Among the probability sample, 623 respondents submitted a usable questionnaire.¹ Following the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) disposition codes and response rate calculations,² this number of completes yields an estimated response rate (RR4) of 13.4%. Table 3 presents the counts of final dispositions of all households from the probability sample using AAPOR disposition codes.

In addition to the 623 completions, seven individuals communicated with CSR that they were opting out of the survey. Fifteen additional, non-duplicate questionnaires were returned to CSR but received after the data collection window had closed. These 15 questionnaires are neither included in the final data file/analysis nor the response rate calculation. Three hundred sixty-seven households in the sample had bad mailing addresses and could not be reached. The mail sent to these 367 households was returned to CSR by the postal service and marked as undeliverable. Two households were tracked as not having an eligible respondent because they did not reside in Virginia Beach (the sampled address was a part-time vacation home).

¹ A response rate cannot be calculated for the non-probability completions as there is not a starting target sample from which to calculate response. In other words, it is unknown the number of individuals who were aware of the opportunity to participate in the open-source survey yet chose to not submit a questionnaire.

² American Association for Public Opinion Research. Standard Rates and Definitions: Final dispositions of case codes and outcome rates for surveys. Response Rate Calculator 4.1, 2023. Available at: <https://aapor.org/publications-resources/education-resources/response-rates/>

Table 3. *AAPOR Final Dispositions for the Probability Sample.*

AAPOR Code	AAPOR Disposition	Counts	Percent
1.1	Complete	623	13.7%
2.1	Refusal	7	0.2%
2.27	Completed questionnaire, not returned during field period	15	0.3%
3.19	Non-interview – Nothing returned	3,524	77.7%
3.25	Bad mailing address	367	8.1%
4.1	No eligible respondent	2	0.0%
Total		4,538	100.0%

DATA PREPARATION

CSR carried out the data preparation for analysis, which required the labeling, cleaning, and merging of paper and online data across both sample types. While the probability and non-probability data were aggregated, the data were analyzed separately. A comparison of the two sample across all survey questions can be reviewed in Appendix B. All data preparation and analysis was carried out using SPSS Statistics.

Weighting

As noted, the probability sampling design for the study included stratification across three strata as a means to increase representativeness across Virginia Beach. The stratum with the lowest response propensity was sampled at a higher rate while the high response propensity stratum was sampled at a lower rate. To produce accurate survey estimates of Virginia Beach as a whole, the probability data were weighted so that each household receives a weight inverse to its probability of selection under the specified sampling design. This weighted adjustment to accommodate the effects of the sampling design is known as base weighting, and was applied to the probability sample.

Once the base-weights were applied, an additional step known as post-stratification weighting was performed on the probability data. When surveying the general population, the demographic profile of the survey respondents rarely matches the profile of the population under study. To address this, post-stratification weighting adjusts the survey data to match the population on selected demographics. By doing so, representativeness of the sample data is improved. Further, to the extent that answers to survey questions are related to the demographic variables included in the weighting, these post-stratification adjustments also reduce biases in survey estimates.

For this study, CSR weighted the probability data on race, Hispanic/Latinx ethnicity, and local voting district. A statistical method called ‘rim weighting’ or ‘raking’ was used to adjust the sample proportions on this variable to closely approximate the population proportions on this

same demographic. A comparison of samples and the population across these weight variables are presented in Table 4 below.

Table 4. *Sample and population distributions across race, Hispanic ethnicity, and local voting district.*

	Non-probability Sample	Probability Sample Unweighted	Probability Sample Weighted	Virginia Beach Population
Census Racial Identity				
White alone	81.16%	79.33%	66.00%	66.0%
African American/Black alone	13.16%	9.01%	18.87%	18.8%
Asian alone	1.33%	4.78%	7.40%	7.4%
Another Race	2.37%	3.20%	2.65%	2.5%
Multiracial	1.20%	3.71%	4.94%	5.4%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>
Census Hispanic Ethnicity				
Hispanic	2.10%	4.10%	6.90%	8.0%
Not Hispanic/Latinx	97.90%	95.93%	93.10%	92.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>
Local Voting District				
1	--	9.84%	10.50%	10.4%
2	--	11.29%	9.82%	9.7%
3	--	8.49%	10.31%	10.2%
4	--	4.84%	8.86%	9.3%
5	--	10.16%	9.98%	9.9%
6	--	10.32%	10.50%	10.3%
7	--	9.35%	10.14%	10.1%
8	--	17.10%	10.14%	10.1%
9	--	11.77%	10.50%	10.4%
10	--	6.77%	9.50%	9.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

The Virginia Beach population figures used in weighting and shown in these tables are from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year Estimates (2017-2021).

Demographic Overview

As seen in Table 5, gender fell in close alignment with the population of Virginia Beach across sample types. The age distribution indicates that around 35% of the respondents in the weighted probability sample were 70 years or older, with an additional 27% falling in the 60-69 age range. Approximately 17% of the respondents were in the 50-59 age group, while the

remaining ~20% were under the age of 50. These findings suggest that both the probability and non-probability samples exhibited a skew towards older age groups, a deviation from the overall population demographics.

Regarding household income, the weighted probability sample shows that approximately 16% of the respondents had a household income less than \$50,000, while about 17% fell in the \$50,000 to \$99,999 range. Approximately 23% had a household income between \$100,000 and \$149,999, and around 28% reported a household income of \$150,000 or more. These percentages diverge from the provided census data, suggesting overrepresentation of respondents with higher household incomes.

Table 5. *Sample and population distributions across gender, age, household income, education, and homeownership status.*

	Non-probability Sample	Probability Sample Unweighted	Probability Sample Weighted	Virginia Beach
Gender				
Man	48.84%	51.61%	50.60%	48.84%
Woman	51.08%	48.40%	49.41%	51.16%
Own description	0.09%	--	--	--
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Age				
39 and younger	12.23%	9.37%	10.60%	41.66%
40-49	12.50%	10.40%	10.60%	15.87%
50-59	18.25%	16.70%	16.58%	16.31%
60-69	27.10%	26.41%	27.00%	14.22%
70 and older	29.93%	37.14%	35.21%	11.94%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>
Household income				
Less than \$50,000	8.86%	14.52%	15.57%	26.94%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	13.61%	15.54%	17.42%	33.40%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	27.32%	22.50%	22.75%	20.86%
\$150,000 or more	33.80%	31.50%	28.07%	18.80%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100.00%</i>
Education				
Less than a high school diploma	0.17%	0.67%	1.18%	5.55%
High school graduate/GED	2.74%	7.37%	7.73%	20.77%

Some college, no degree	15.09%	14.74%	16.13%	24.08%
Associate degree/trade	10.46%	9.90%	10.42%	10.98%
Bachelor's degree	27.79%	29.31%	28.40%	24.27%
Some graduate work	8.40%	6.20%	7.06%	--
Master's, Professional or Doctoral degree	35.33%	31.83%	28.91%	14.35%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>
Rent/Own				
Rent	9.56%	11.11%	14.08%	35.05%
Own	89.30%	86.93%	84.62%	64.95%
Other	1.15%	1.96%	1.47%	--
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>

¹ Comparable categories are not available in the American Community Survey

In terms of education, the weighted probability sample showcases approximately 1% of the respondents with less than a high school diploma, 7% as high school graduates or with a GED, 16% with some college education but no degree, 10% with an associate degree or trade, 28% with a bachelor's degree, and 29% with a master's, professional, or doctoral degree. These figures reveal variations in educational attainment among the respondents with overrepresentation of respondents with higher educational attainments..

Concerning housing, the weighted probability sample indicates that approximately 14% of the respondents were renters, while around 85% were homeowners. These proportions deviate from the census data, suggesting overrepresentation of homeowners in the analysis.

For complete frequencies of the probability sample, see Appendix A. For additional comparison between the probability and non-probability samples, see Appendix B.

Margin of Error

The margin of error for the *probability sample*³ is approximately +/- 4.3 percent at the 95 percent level of confidence. This means that if the survey was repeated with 100 different random samples, the results of the survey would be within 4.3 percentage points of the population mean in 95 out of those 100 iterations of the survey.

The margin of error is affected by the weighting of the probability data. The estimate of +/- 4.3 percent takes that design effect (1.19) from weighting into account. Note, that every question on the survey has its own margin of error. The overall calculation presented here is for a question

³ The margin of error cannot be calculated for the non-probability sample, for the same reasons that response rates cannot be calculated.

answered by all respondents with a 50-50 response distribution. Margins of error would be larger for questions answered by fewer respondents or for subgroups in the data. On the other hand, questions with a lopsided response pattern (e.g. an 80-20 response pattern) and answered by all respondents will have a smaller margin of error.

ANALYSIS

CSR completed all of the analyses using SPSS. The analyses included frequency tables, which demonstrate the valid (i.e., excluding missing responses) and total percentages of survey respondents who chose each answer option for each question. Cross-tabulations were conducted to reveal whether respondents' answers to some questions statistically differed from one another dependent on their responses to other questions (including demographics).

As with all surveys, this one was limited in its ability to draw definitive conclusions about the population under study. Although we conducted careful sampling and weighting to provide a high-quality estimate of Virginia Beach residents' perspectives, surveys will always include a degree of unmeasured error, so the results should be interpreted with that in mind. For questions about the report or survey methodology, contact the Center for Survey Research at 434-243-5232 or surveys@virginia.edu.



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Virginia Beach Community Input Election Survey Questionnaire

The Center for Survey Research (CSR) is sending you this survey on behalf of the City of Virginia Beach, who is seeking community feedback on the local election system. The results of this initiative will help to inform the City Council's decision on what election system best serves the City going forward. **Your opinions are very important, and we appreciate your time.**

The survey's purpose: We want to understand the perspectives and preferences of Virginia Beach residents regarding the local election system, including prior voting experiences and your thoughts about what election systems best represent the residents of Virginia Beach.

Your responses will be confidential

- Your name or contact information will not be linked to your survey responses and will only be used to contact you for this survey.
- Your responses are completely confidential and will never be identified with you individually.

General instructions

- Circle the number of your response to the question or check the boxes that apply.
- You can decline to take part in the survey or skip any questions you do not wish to answer.
- When you finish answering the questions, put your survey in the envelope provided and drop it in any mailbox. **No postage is required.**

Who can participate?

- A resident of Virginia Beach who is at least 18 years old.
- If there is more than one adult in the household, we request that the survey be completed by the adult with the next birthday. This helps to ensure a random sample.

How long will it take?

- The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

How will my data be used after this study?

- Paper surveys will be entered into a secure, password-protected database and hard copies will be destroyed after one year.
- Electronic copies of the data will remain in a secure, password-protected server maintained by the University of Virginia.

What if I want to withdraw?

- Send a message to CSR with your name and unique survey access code, and we will remove your responses from the data.

Who can I contact for more information?

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Your participation in this survey is voluntary. There are no known risks or direct benefits associated with your participation. You will not be paid for completing the questionnaire. However, your individual cooperation is very important to the success of this study and we thank you for your time.

This survey has been approved by the University of Virginia’s Institutional Review Board for the Social and Behavioral Sciences (Project #5720). To obtain more information about the study, ask questions about the research procedures, express concerns about your participation, please contact:

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A. Qualify and choose who will respond to this survey

A1. Do you currently live in the City of Virginia Beach?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

→ A1a. (If No) We appreciate your interest in the survey, but because you do not live in Virginia Beach, the questionnaire will not apply to your experience. Please stop here and return the survey in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your time.

A2. Is there more than one person age 18 or older living in this household?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → (Go on to Section B)

→ A2a. (If Yes) Including yourself, how many people age 18 or older live in this household?

A2b. We ask that **the adult with the next birthday** complete this questionnaire. This way, response is randomized among household members.

B. Recent Voting Experiences

B1. Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Virginia Beach?

- 1 Yes → (Go on to B2)
- 2 No

→ B1a. (If No) Are you currently registered to vote somewhere else in the United States?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not qualified to vote

B1b. Do you eventually plan to register to vote in Virginia Beach?

1. Yes
2. Not likely
3. No
4. Not qualified to vote

B2. For which of the following election cycles do you typically vote? Select all that apply.

- U.S. Presidential elections
- U.S. Congress elections (U.S. Senate and House of Representative)
- Virginia General Assembly elections (Senate and House of Delegates)
- Local elections (City Council, School Board)
- I do not typically vote

B3. How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics *nationally* in the United States?

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Moderately interested
- 4 Slightly interested
- 5 Not interested at all
- 6 Not sure

B4. How interested are you in what's going on in government and politics *locally* in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Extremely interested
- 2 Very interested
- 3 Moderately interested
- 4 Slightly interested
- 5 Not interested at all
- 6 Not sure

B5. Did you vote in the 2022 election in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No → (Go on to Section C, page 5)



B5a. (If Yes) How did you cast your vote?

1. Voted on election day, in-person
2. Voted before election day, in-person
3. Absentee ballot/mail-in ballot
4. Something else (*please describe*): _____

B5b. How would you rate your 2022 voting experience?

1. Very positive
2. Positive
3. Neither positive nor negative
4. Negative
5. Very negative

B5c. Did the ballot match your expectations of which local races and candidates you could vote for?

1. Yes
2. No

C. Views on the 10-1 Election System in Virginia Beach

The following questions ask about your familiarity with and opinions on the most recent local election system used in Virginia Beach. By “election system,” we are referring to the ways in which the City’s electoral districts are drawn and how the City Council and School Board representatives are elected.

Description of 10-1 Election System in Virginia Beach:

Under the most recent election system, which has been in effect since early 2022, Virginia Beach is drawn into 10 districts, each with approximately the same number of voting-age residents. In three of those districts, racial minority residents make up the majority of the voting-age population (VAP).

Under this system, also referred to as the 10-1 election system, voters within each district elect a single candidate from their district to serve as a City Council member. The City Council is made up of the 10 district representatives as well as the mayor. The mayor is elected city-wide (or “at large”) by all voters in the city.

C1. How closely does this description match your understanding of the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach for the 2022 election?

- 1 *Extremely closely*
- 2 *Very closely*
- 3 Somewhat closely
- 4 Not so closely
- 5 *Not at all* closely

C2. Before beginning this survey, how familiar were you with the 10-1 election system used in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Extremely familiar
- 2 Very familiar
- 3 Moderately familiar
- 4 Slightly familiar
- 5 Not at all familiar

C3. Where have you gotten information about the 10-1 election system? *Select all that apply.*

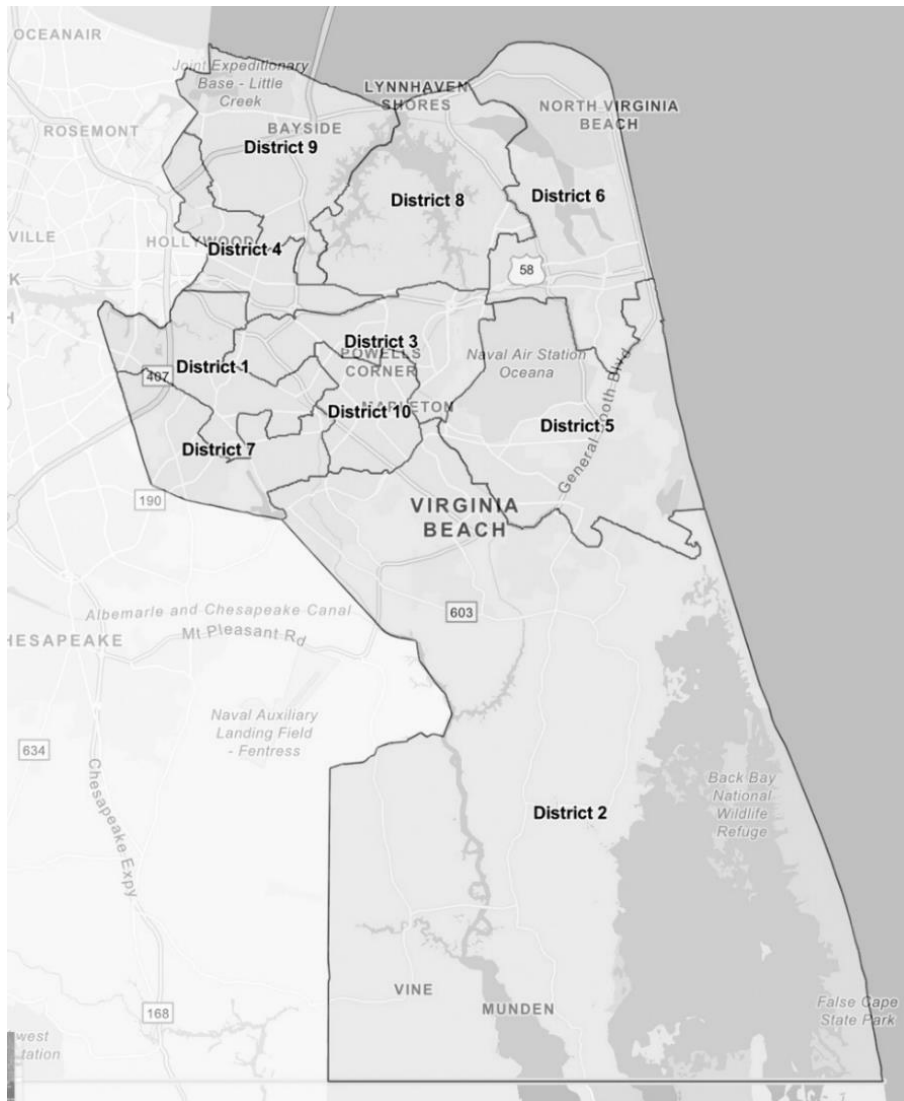
- Local newspapers (print or online)
- Local TV news
- City website (www.vbgov.com; www.virginiabeach.gov)
- Informational materials produced by the City of Virginia Beach, including on social media
- City Council meeting(s)
- City community input website (www.SpeakupVB.com)
- Public community meetings hosted by the Weldon Cooper Center
- Public community meetings hosted by the City of Virginia Beach
- Public community meetings hosted by other organizations/community groups
- Neighborhood or civic organization(s)
- Political parties and/or political campaigns
- Neighbors, friends, or family members
- Somewhere else (specify: _____)
- I have not seen or heard any information about the 10-1 election system

C4. Did you attend (or watch) any of the public community listening sessions recently held by the Weldon Cooper Center on behalf of the City? These were held in late March and early April.

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

C5. The following map presents the 10 Virginia Beach districts under the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 election. All the districts shown in this map are approximately equal in size of their voting-age population. How much do you approve or disapprove of the city being drawn into these ten districts?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Approve
- 3 Neither approve nor disapprove
- 4 Disapprove
- 5 Strongly disapprove
- 6 Not sure



C6. Before taking this survey, did you know which of these districts you live in?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Not sure

C7. With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your personal interests will be represented on the City Council?

- 1 Extremely well represented
- 2 Very well represented
- 3 Moderately represented
- 4 Slightly represented
- 5 Not at all represented
- 6 Not sure

C8. With the 10-1 election system, how well do you feel your neighborhood's interests will be represented on City Council?

- 1 Extremely well represented
- 2 Very well represented
- 3 Moderately represented
- 4 Slightly represented
- 5 Not at all represented
- 6 Not sure

C9. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the 10-1 election system?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Moderately satisfied
- 3 Slightly satisfied
- 4 Slightly dissatisfied
- 5 Moderately dissatisfied
- 6 Very dissatisfied
- 7 No opinion/Not sure

C10. In the space below, please share why you are satisfied *or* dissatisfied with the 10-1 election system.

D. Views on the 7-3-1 Election System in Virginia Beach

Description of 7-3-1 Election System in Virginia Beach:

Prior to the 10-1 system used in the 2022 election, Virginia Beach was drawn into 7 districts and followed a 7-3-1 hybrid system, with an 11-member City Council. Under this system, *all* City Council members and the mayor were elected by all voters in the city. For 7 of the City Council seats, the elected City Council member had to reside in the district they represented. For 3 of the City Council seats, the City Council member could reside anywhere in the city. The mayor could reside anywhere in the city.

A system with residence-based district seats elected city-wide (“at-large”), like the 7-3-1 system described above, is no longer legally allowed due to changes in Virginia law.

D1. Before beginning the survey, how familiar were you with the previous 7-3-1 ‘hybrid’ election system?

- 1 Extremely familiar
- 2 Very familiar
- 3 Moderately familiar
- 4 Slightly familiar
- 5 Not at all familiar

D2. With the previous election system, how well did you feel your personal interests were represented on the City Council?

- 1 Extremely well represented
- 2 Very well represented
- 3 Moderately represented
- 4 Slightly represented
- 5 Not at all represented
- 6 Not sure

D3. With the previous election system, how well did you feel your neighborhood’s interests were represented on the City Council?

- 1 Extremely well represented
- 2 Very well represented
- 3 Moderately represented
- 4 Slightly represented
- 5 Not at all represented
- 6 Not sure

D4. How satisfied were you with the previous 7-3-1 election system?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Moderately satisfied
- 3 Slightly satisfied
- 4 Slightly dissatisfied
- 5 Moderately dissatisfied
- 6 Very dissatisfied
- 7 No opinion/Not sure

D5. Please share why you were satisfied *or* dissatisfied with the 7-3-1 election system.

D6. Comparing the 10-1 election system used in 2022 to the previous 7-3-1 system, which of the following statements best captures your opinion?

- 1 The 10-1 system represents my interests better than the previous 7-3-1 system
- 2 The 10-1 system represents my interests worse than the previous 7-3-1 system
- 3 The 10-1 system represents my interests about the same as the previous 7-3-1 system

E. Election System and Voting Preferences

E1. How familiar are you with the legal case (Holloway v. City of Virginia Beach) and court ruling that changed Virginia Beach’s election system in 2022?

- 1 Extremely familiar
- 2 Very familiar
- 3 Moderately familiar
- 4 Slightly familiar
- 5 Not at all familiar

E2. How important of an issue do you consider the election system in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not at all important

E3. How impactful do you think the election system is on the City’s responsiveness to your needs and interests?

- 1 Extremely impactful
- 2 Very impactful
- 3 Moderately impactful
- 4 Slightly impactful
- 5 Not at all impactful
- 6 Not sure

E4. How impactful do you think the election system is on the City’s responsiveness to your neighborhood’s needs and interests?

- 1 Extremely impactful
- 2 Very impactful
- 3 Moderately impactful
- 4 Slightly impactful
- 5 Not at all impactful
- 6 Not sure

E5. How important is it to you that there are people on City Council who reflect you and your interests?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not at all important

E6. How important is it to you that the racial composition of City Council reflects Virginia Beach residents?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not at all important

E7. How important is it to you that the City Council is racially diverse?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not at all important

E8. How important is it to you that the City Council includes a range of political viewpoints?

- 1 Extremely important
- 2 Very important
- 3 Moderately important
- 4 Slightly important
- 5 Not at all important

Following a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling in July 2022, the City of Virginia Beach is now considering all possible local election systems that follow federal and state laws and maintain nondiscriminatory voting practices. Below are descriptions of some parts and types of election systems.

E9. Do you support or oppose increasing the number of council seats in Virginia Beach? There are currently 11 council seats, including the mayor.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E10. What is your view on changing the number of districts? Should Virginia Beach *increase, decrease, or keep the same* number of districts? The most recent system has 10 districts.

- 1 Virginia Beach should increase the number of districts
- 2 Virginia Beach should decrease number of districts
- 3 Virginia Beach should keep the same number of districts
- 4 No opinion
- 5 Not sure

The next set of items describe possible election system scenarios. For each statement below, please indicate your level of support or opposition to the scenario.

E11. The City Council member representing your district is elected only by voters who also live in your district.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E12. The City Council member representing your district is elected by all voters in the city (city-wide).

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E13. Some City Council members are elected city-wide.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E14. All City Council members are elected city-wide?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

One way election systems vary is how many votes are needed to win. In **majority voting** systems, a candidate has to receive over 50% of votes to be elected. In **plurality voting** systems, the candidate who wins the most votes is elected, even if they didn't win more than half of the votes. Please indicate your level of support or opposition to these types of vote counting.

E15. Do you support or oppose majority voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, a City Council candidate must win over 50% of votes to be elected.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E16. Do you support or oppose plurality voting for local elections in Virginia Beach? That is, the City Council candidate who gets the most votes will win the seat.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

Another type of election system is **ranked choice voting**. Under this system, the voter ranks their preference of candidates on the ballot by picking a first choice candidate, a second choice, etc. There are different types of ranked choice voting systems, including the ways that ranked-choice votes are counted. This system can be used in both single-winner races and multi-winner races.

E17. How familiar are you with ranked choice voting?

- 1 Extremely familiar
- 2 Very familiar
- 3 Moderately familiar
- 4 Slightly familiar
- 5 Not at all familiar

E18. Do you support or oppose the use of a ranked choice voting system in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E19. Do you support or oppose keeping the 10-1 election system used in the 2022 Virginia Beach election? In this system, 10 City Council members are elected by single-member districts and the mayor is elected by voters city-wide.

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E20. Do you support or oppose the City including a referendum on the 2023 ballot to explore other election system options for Virginia Beach?

- 1 Strongly support
- 2 Moderately support
- 3 Slightly support
- 4 Slightly oppose
- 5 Moderately oppose
- 6 Strongly oppose
- 7 No opinion
- 8 Not sure

E21. Please use the space below to share any additional thoughts you have on the best election system for Virginia Beach.

F. Personal Characteristics

We have just a few final questions about you. As a reminder, all of your responses are completely confidential. These data are collected for statistical analysis purposes only.

F1. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____

F2. How long have you lived in Virginia Beach?

- 1 Less than one year
- 2 1-5 years
- 3 6-10 years
- 4 11-24 years
- 5 25 years and longer

F3. Would you like to be living in Virginia Beach five years from now?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

F4. Do you own your home or rent it?

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 3 Other (please specify): _____

F5. In what year were you born?

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F6. What is your marital status?

- 1 Married
- 2 Living as married
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed
- 5 Separated
- 6 Single, never been married

F7. How many children under 18 years of age do you have living at home? _____

F7a. **(If there are children under 18 in the home)** Please select the current age range(s) for all of the children living at home.

- 2 years old and younger
- 3 – 4 years old
- 5 – 10 years old
- 11 – 14 years old
- 15 – 17 years old

F8. Where would you place yourself on this scale of political views?

- 1 Extremely Liberal
- 2 Liberal
- 3 Slightly Liberal
- 4 Moderate
- 5 Slightly Conservative
- 6 Conservative
- 7 Extremely Conservative

F9. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or Other?

- 1 Republican
- 2 Democrat
- 3 Independent
- 4 Other

F10. How do you describe yourself?

- 1 Man
- 2 Woman
- 3 Non-binary
- 4 Prefer to provide my own description: _____
- 5 Prefer not to say

F11. With which of the following do you identify? *Select all that apply.*

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/ Latinx
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Category not listed (*Please describe*): _____
- Prefer not to answer

F12. What is your employment status?

- 1 Employed full time (35 hours/week or more)
- 2 Employed part time
- 3 Looking for work
- 4 Stay-at-home parent/homemaker
- 5 Student
- 6 Retired
- 7 Disabled
- 8 Other (*Please describe*): _____

F13. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1 Less than high school diploma
- 2 High school graduate/GED
- 3 Some college but no degree
- 4 Associate degree (AA, AS) or certificate in career or technical education program
- 5 Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)
- 6 Some graduate work
- 7 Master's degree (MA, MSW)
- 8 Professional or Doctoral degree (MD, PhD, JD)
- 9 Prefer not to answer

F14. Which of the following categories describes your total household income in 2022 before taxes, including wages and all other income?

- 1 Less than \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000 - \$24,999
- 3 \$25,000 - \$49,999
- 4 \$50,000 - \$74,999
- 5 \$75,000 - \$99,999
- 6 \$100,000-\$149,999
- 7 \$150,000-\$199,999
- 8 \$200,000 or more
- 9 Don't know
- 10 Prefer not to answer

Thank you for your help and taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

No postage is required to mail back this questionnaire.

Please use the envelope provided.

Lost your envelope?

Please return the questionnaire to us at:

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Charlottesville, VA 22904-4767

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Appendix F:

Community Listening Sessions

In these tables, data from twelve community input sessions is summarized in a tabulation of recurrent comments and themes. The summary includes session locations, dates, and times.

APPENDIX F- COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

Community Session Dates and Locations:

DATE	LOCATION	START TIME
March 25	Bayside Recreation Center	5:00P
March 26	Virtual	3:30P
March 27	Fairfield Elementary School	6:30P
March 28	Ocean Lakes High School	6:30P
March 29	MEO Central Library	10:30A
March 29	Kellam High School	6:30P
March 30	College Park Elementary School	6:30P
March 31	William Farm Recreation Center	5:30P
April 1	ATC	4:30P
April 2	Bow Creek Recreation Center	3:00P
April 3	Virtual	1:00P
April 3	First Colonial High School	6:30P

Community Session Comment Tabulations:

COMMENTS	TOTAL
Supports 10-1 electoral district configuration	168
Supports the old system/council members should serve the entire city	6
Supports a hybrid system with some at-large seats/look at options	10
Need more info / didn't share a position/take a city wide vote	9
10-1 Promotes diversity/ we now have minority representation	29
10-1 Allows for accountability	20
10-1 Provides a less expensive way to run for office/easier campaigning	36
10-1 means my Councilor knows my neighborhood/I can go to them	26
10-1 allows my voice/my neighborhood to be heard	3
10-1 means special interests/developers have less say over the city	29
10-1 may be more divisive/councilors need to learn to compromise	5
Virginia Beach has been suppressing minority voting rights for years	4
Don't hold a referendum – wastes money/ litigation will be/has been costly	13
This process is a waste of money/ funds could have been better used	11
Oppose attempt to go back in time and suppress minority votes	14
Video misses key history in the 1990s/We were bamboozled in the '90s	10
Ballots & forums- long, confusing /didn't know candidates/ '22 was good	10
Under old system, minority neighborhood resources were diverted	6

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Appreciate process, money well spent/thank you Weldon Cooper Center	19
Survey concerns: about fairness/sample size/submitting twice/counting	6
Legal option concerns: who is doing this?	1
Same faces on council for many terms. More new faces now	4
Before I didn't feel welcome at City Council meetings	2

IN ADDITION TO THOUGHTS ABOUT THE VOTING DISTRICT DECISION THE FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT TO THE ELECTION SYSTEM IN GENERAL:

COMMENTS REGARDING ELECTION SYSTEM RECOMENDATIONS	TOTAL
The city should allow city employees to bargain collectively	2
Supports term limits	1
City can do a better job educating our people about City business	7
Don't rely exclusively on educating through websites/doesn't work for all	2
City election cycle should line up with federal cycle	1
Local elections shouldn't be along party lines	1
Virginia Beach should explore rank choice voting	8
Require voter IDs to vote	1
Build in sunset dates for city policies incl. election format	1
Gerrymandering is a concern – please fix some of the lines	12
Concerned about safety of our election system/hacking/cheating	3
Elections are safe/ functioning well	2
Expand early voting sites/ make sure they are handicap accessible	3
Any changes in election format or places should be well advertised	1
Population is growing city needs more than 10 districts regardless	1
Add a polling place in Kempsville @ a school or recreation center	2
Opposed to Council appointing people to fill vacancies	2