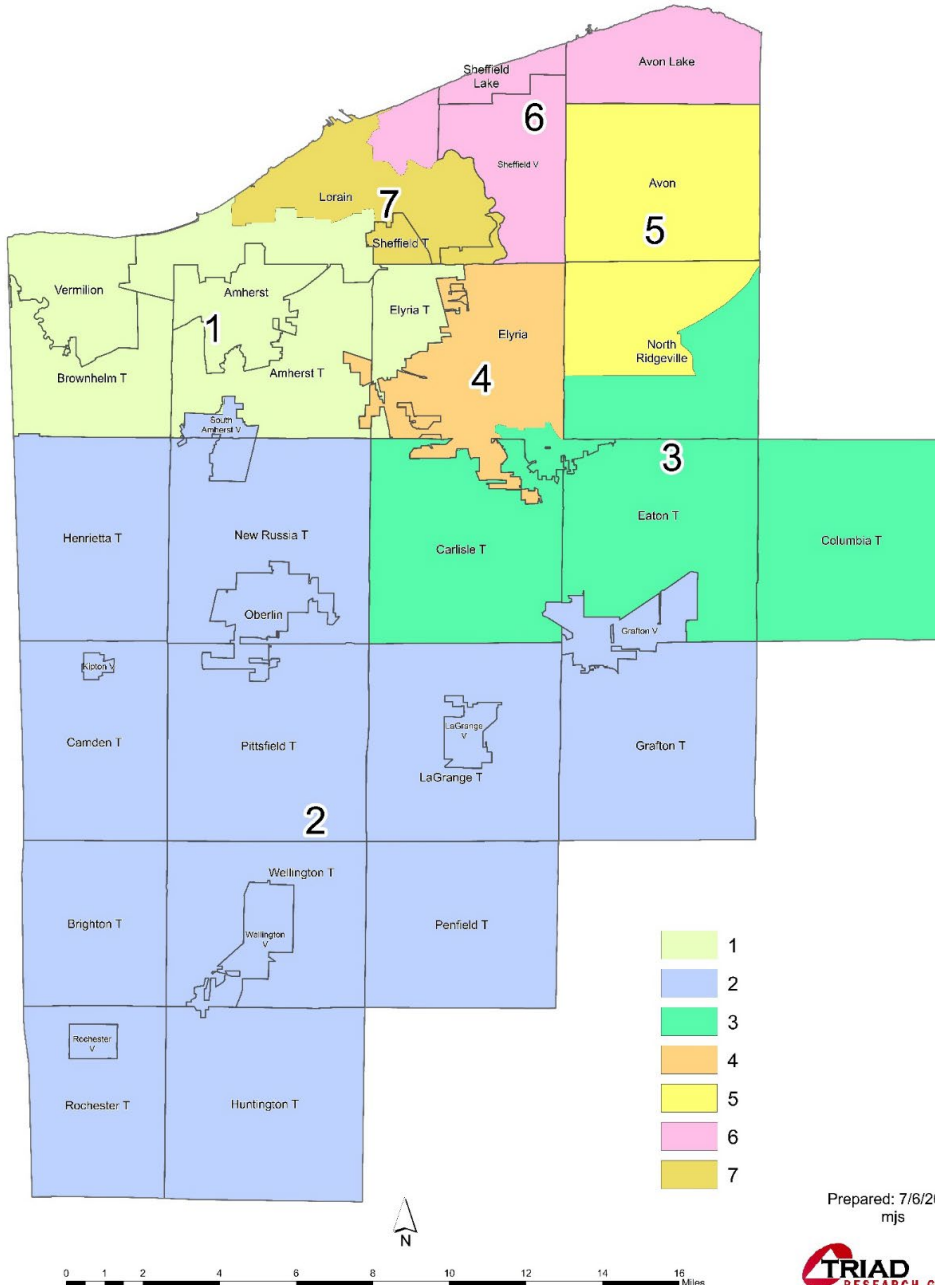


VOTE YES ON ISSUE 20

7 DISTRICTS FOR EQUAL REPRESENTATION



DESCRIPTION OF 7 DISTRICTS

District 1 – All of Amherst City, Ward 4 and Ward 8 of Lorain City, all of Brownhelm Township including Vermilion City lying in Lorain County, all of Amherst Township excluding that portion contained within South Amherst Village, all of Elyria Township excepting that portion not contiguous and entirely surrounded by Elyria City.

District 2 – All of Oberlin City, Wellington City, South Amherst Village, Kipton Village, Rochester Village, Lagrange Village, Grafton Village, Henrietta Township, New Russia Township, Camden Township, Pittsfield Township, Lagrange Township, Grafton Township, Brighton Township, Wellington Township, Penfield Township, Rochester Township and Huntington Township.

District 3 – All of Ward 3 of Elyria City, Ward 3 and Precincts 4A, 4B, 4C, 4F and 4G of North Ridgeville City, Carlisle Township excluding Ward 5 extension of Elyria City, Eaton Township excluding any portion of Grafton Village, and Columbia Township

District 4 -- All of Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Elyria City and that portion of Elyria Township entirely contained within and surrounded by Elyria City.

District 5 – All of Avon City and Wards 1 and 2 and Precincts 4D and 4E of North Ridgeville City

District 6 – All of Avon Lake City, Sheffield Lake City, Sheffield Village, and Ward 1 of Lorain City.

District 7 – All of Wards 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 of Lorain City and all of Sheffield Township.

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7 DISTRICTS FOR **EQUAL REPRESENTATION**

- 7 Commissioners by District of 45,000 vs. 3 At-Large of 300,000 residents
- Why 7?
 - 3 too few and we see the issues with 2 votes approving things
 - 5 didn't create Minority-Majority District
 - 7 worked well
 - 9 too many cities and wards split up
- Map done by Dr. Mark Salling (a professor at CSU) and Bob Dykes (Triad Consulting)
 - A lot of experience at making non-gerrymandered Districts and did so for Cuyahoga and Summit Counties
 - Only thing we gave them as guidelines was to try to create a minority-majority district and split as few city wards as possible
- Give each District a guaranteed representative
 - It ensures every area of the county will have a vote in every decision: policy, spending, appointments
 - Greater chance for those in unrepresented areas of the county to have a representative and not feel alienated
 - Better chance of residents knowing their commissioner and having more interaction
- More opportunity for committee-work to get things accomplished without violating the Sunshine laws
 - Committees will work on subjects and projects then report back to the Board for action
 - Currently all 3 Commissioners have to do a deep dive into every subject
 - 7 Commissioners will likely provide a broader skillset than 3
- Will attract more candidates since run amongst peers in own area vs. county-wide
 - Much less costly for candidates to run a campaign
 - Estimated expense for a newcomer to run in his/her District is \$25,000
 - Countywide expense to run has been around \$100,000
 - At roughly \$56,000 salary plus benefits is very competitive for this “less-than-fulltime-job”
- Less chance for “back-room deals” that erode public trust
 - It will take 4 votes (1 per each District) to get things passed vs. 2 now
 - Fight for control between the parties has cost millions of dollars in frivolous lawsuits and poor decisions that help a particular party but cost the County (and tax payers) a lot of money
 - The savings from better decisions will save the County more than the additional positions will cost