

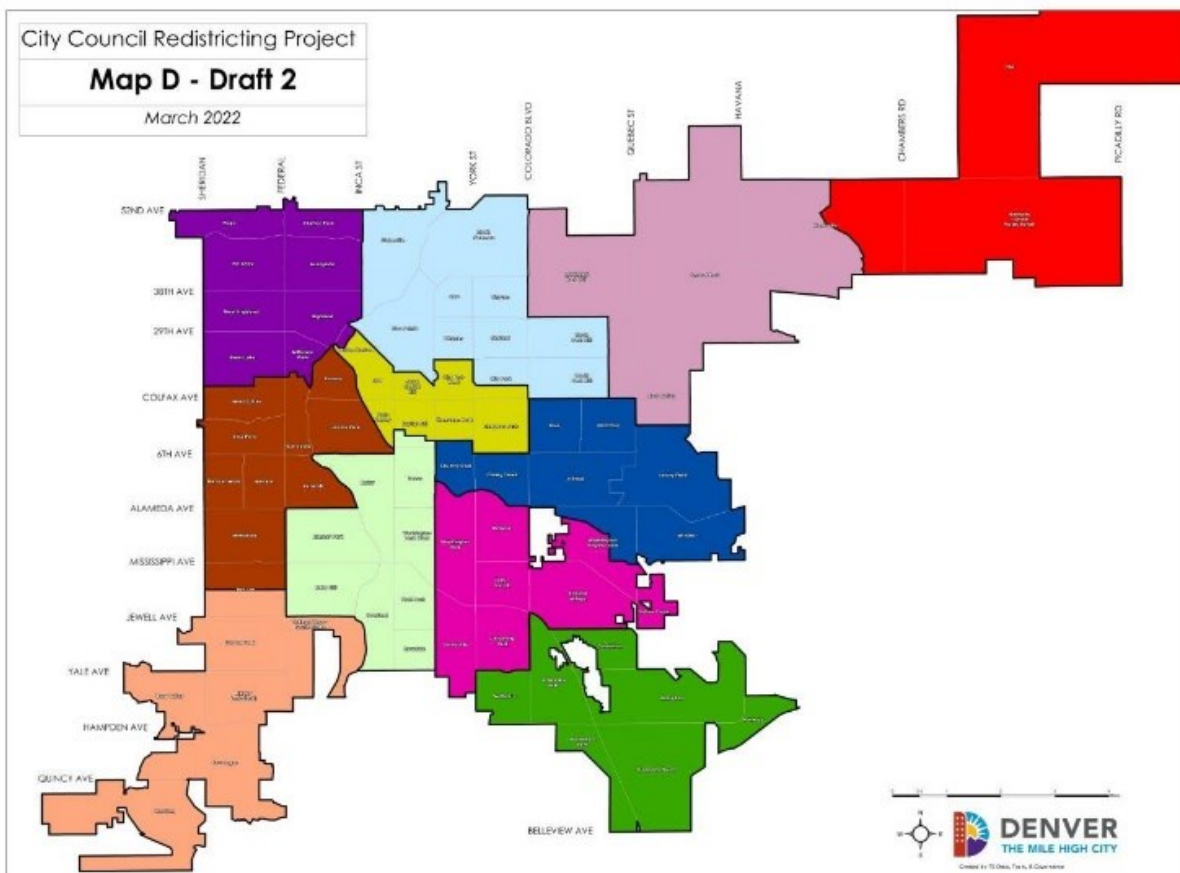
Redistricting Final Update

In March 2022, Denver City Council approved a new map for Denver's 11 City Council districts which will take effect for the April 2023 election.

During the redistricting process, District 5 had the most participation of any Council district in the City! Here are two of the biggest issues we heard from you at Winston Downs:

- **The Winston Downs neighborhood requested that their neighborhood be reunited** under a single Council District; this neighborhood has been split between two Council districts for the last decade.
- **District 5's Orthodox Jewish community**, specifically residents living south of Alameda in South Hilltop and Winston Downs, **wanted to remain together in a single Council district** instead of being split between two Council districts.

A huge thank you to all the residents who shared their thoughts and opinions on how District 5 should look in the future. **This new map incorporating changed district boundaries will be in effect for the 2023 municipal election but will not change the Councilmember representation under the current map.** For example, residents of Cherry Creek and Country Club will vote for the District 5 Councilmember in April 2023 but will be represented by Councilman Hinds until July 2023 when the new Mayor and City Council class are inaugurated. Similarly, Councilwoman Sawyer will continue to represent the residents of southern East Colfax until July 2023, although they will vote for the Council District 8 Councilmember in April of 2023.





The long awaited stoplight at Newport and Alameda is nearing construction!

The construction contract was approved by City Council on Dec. 6. Weather depending, work will begin sometime in the next few months.

At the Council Office's request, this stoplight will include automatic walk signals so that our Orthodox Jewish residents do not have to push a button on Shabbat in order to safely cross Alameda Ave.

Stay tuned to our newsletter and social media for more updates as they happen!



Big thanks to everyone who attended the virtual workshops and helped kick off the next phase of community engagement for the Near Southeast Area Plan. If you couldn't attend you can offer feedback on neighborhood topics that are important you through a series of online surveys now available or join one of their pop up events. **Visit the plan website at bit.ly/NSEAP or use the QR code above** for more info and to take the surveys!

- **Tuesday, April 26: 4-6 p.m.**
Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale Ave.
- **Saturday, May 7: 9 a.m.-noon** Cook Park Soccer Fields, 7100 Cherry Creek Drive South
- **Saturday, May 14: 10 a.m.-noon** Bible Park Playground, 6802 E. Yale Ave.

Spring Parks Clean Up Day - May 15

Parks and open spaces in D5 are true treasures, providing spaces for exercise, socializing, reflection and much more. Join us to spruce up half of the D5 City-managed parks this spring. Sign up to volunteer at: bit.ly/SpringParksCleanUp22 or follow the QR code below!



Our Gun Buy Back Program is underway and has been successful already, Our first two events brought in more than 300 firearms!

Residents can anonymously turn in firearms for destruction at these voluntary events. Trained volunteers then destroy recovered firearms to ATF standards and convert them into garden tools and jewelry.

While we know that individuals participating in criminal activity will not typically turn in their firearms at a buyback event, working to reduce the number of available guns in our communities is part of an overall strategy to address gun violence.

Please email us at DenverCouncil5@denvergov.org if you'd like to participate.

