

SPC Comments To The

“Ward–Harvey Alternative Redistricting Proposal” dated August 25, 2021

The Strategic Planning Committee recognizes that there are dozens of different ways MD19 could be reorganized that are different than the proposal the Council of Governors mandated the SPC implement on June 12, 2021.

The “Ward–Harvey Alternative Redistricting Proposal” was submitted to the SPC on or about August 25, 2021. Here are the hurdles the SPC sees to the proposal:

1. Modifying the plan currently before MD19 to a 6 district plan as opposed to a 5 district plan is outside the mandate the Council of Governors sent to the SPC. The SPC does not have the authority to change the Council’s mandate. Changing to a 6 district plan requires approval of the Council.
2. Modifying the alignment of the zones or clubs from the plan the Council directed the SPC to implement requires unanimous agreement of the current districts affected by the proposal.
3. The proposal as it stands is incomplete as a plan. It states that Districts 19–A and H merge, that some of 19–H’s current clubs be moved to 19–I , some of 19–C’s clubs be moved to 19–G and some to 19–I. Although all of this could be done, in general, the devil is in the details. The proposal does not state what clubs or zones would be “jettisoned” from 19–C, for example. Without specifics the SPC can only speculate what “clubs” would need to be moved to meet the LCI requirement of 1,250 members and 35 clubs to redistrict.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the SPC offers the Ward–Harvey plan to the District merger committees for consideration of any aspects of the proposal that might help in their consideration of the current proposed plan.