

# **JOINT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**August 30, 2021**

# Georgians Want and Deserve Fair Maps

## Fair maps

- **Are equitable and inclusive**
- **Allow voters of color to elect their representatives of choice**
- **Respect communities of interest**

# Creating Fair Maps

## Fair maps require

- **A transparent process**
- **Meaningful opportunities for citizens and communities to provide feedback**
- **Adhering to sound redistricting principles**

# **The Changing Face of Georgia**

**Over the last twenty years Georgia's population growth has primarily been driven by people of color.**

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- **Over the last decade Georgia has become increasingly competitive politically**
- **Over the last two cycles Republicans and Democrats have each obtained about 50% of the statewide vote**

# **We Can Do Better this Time**

## **Georgia Redistricting in 2011**

- **Cracked and packed voters of color**
- **Unnecessarily paired incumbents, particularly black incumbents**
- **Resulted in hyperpartisan and uncompetitive maps**



# **Cracking and Packing Voters of Color**

- **Cracking: splitting a racial minority community into two or more districts so that the minority community is not a significant portion of a single district**
- **Packing: concentrating a racial minority community in fewer districts to minimize their influence elsewhere**

# Redrawing CD12 in 2011

## Benchmark Plan

- **299,354 Black residents**
- **BVAP 40.98%**
- **Deviation: 554 people (0.08%)**

## Enacted Plan

- **Removed more than 60,000 Black residents**
- **Reduced BVAP to 32.77%**

**QUESTIONS?**