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## Virginia Redistricting Referendum

In 2025, Republican-led states across the country initiated mid-cycle redistricting of their congressional maps. For example, last summer, Texas Governor Greg Abbott agreed to include redistricting on his special session agenda after discussing the matter with the president on a phone call, reported The Texas Tribune. These actions were probably to make it easier for Republicans to maintain control of the House in the upcoming midterm elections.

In response, some Democratic-led states took the initiative to try to level the playing field by redistricting their states. Markedly, these

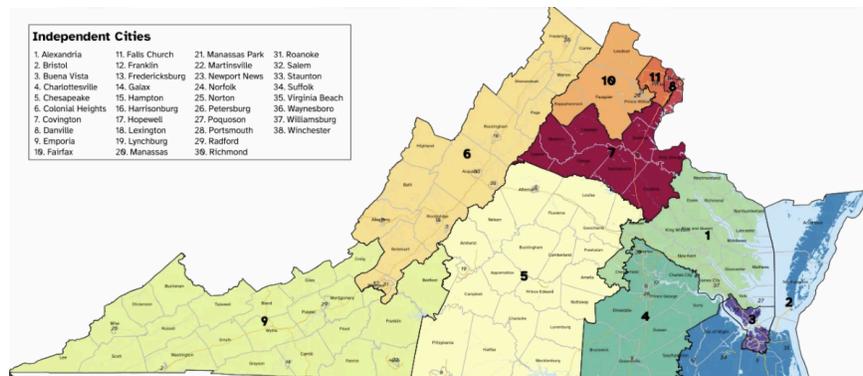
Democratic measures were taken with the approval of voters—like California's Proposition 50.

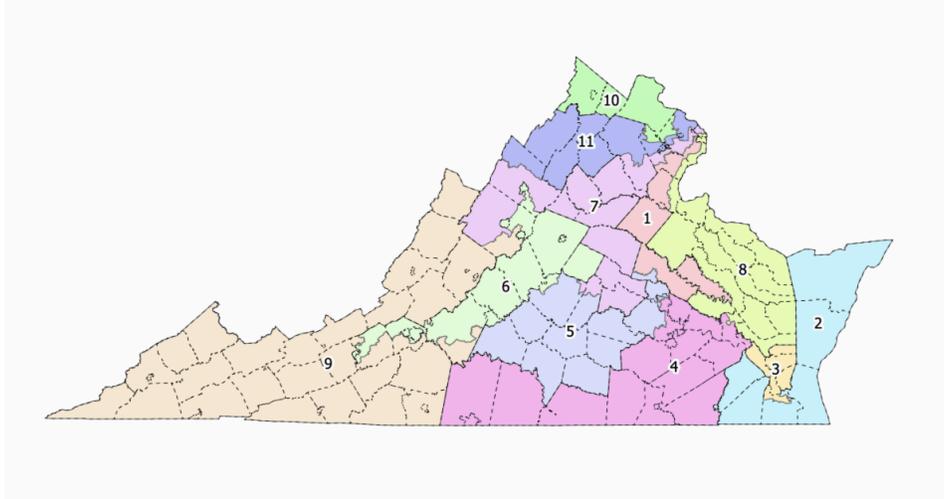
On February 5, 2026, Democratic leaders in the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate announced their intent to join the fight to maintain the fairness of elections. They revealed new maps that would temporarily shift Virginia's congressional delegation from 7 Democratic seats, 3 Republican seats, and 1 competitive seat, to 10 Democratic seats and 1 Republican seat (map below).

To enact these changes, Virginia voters must approve the map alteration for the rest of the decade. In 2030, when redistricting is *meant* to happen due to the census, Virginia's independent commission will once again draw the lines. Such a change of the rules is simply to respond to the anti-democratic legislation passed by other states.

Voting for the redistricting referendum is set for April 21, 2026, despite legal cases that aim to prevent the vote from moving forward. If the proposed changes are passed, Charlottesville would **move from the 5th Congressional District to the 6th Congressional District**, stretching from northern Albemarle County to Blacksburg.

Governor Spanberger won this district by a whopping 11.6 percent, meaning that our area would move out of some solidly Republican boundaries to more solidly Democratic ones. With this change, the primary and general election dynamics would change, and Cville Dems are ready to adapt!





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## Early Voting - Vote "YES" for Fair Elections

While Election Day for the redistricting referendum is over a month away, early voting begins Friday, March 6. It is always better to cast your ballot early, so please vote "yes" as soon as possible! Below is early voting information:

### Election Information

NEXT ELECTION	April 21, Special Election (on Redistricting)
EARLY VOTING BEGINS	March 6, 2026
CLOSE OF BOOKS	April 14, 2026
LAST DATE TO APPLY FOR MAIL BALLOT	April 10, 2026

*From the Charlottesville Board of Elections:*

"In-Person Early Voting will be available at the following location for the April 21, Special Election:

Office of Voter Registration and Elections  
City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142

Voting will begin Friday, March 6, at the office and will continue, Monday through Friday, until Friday, April 17, from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

The office will also be open on Saturdays, April 11 and April 18, from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

The City of Charlottesville Ballot Drop Box is available 24/7, beginning on Friday, March 6, 2026. It is located directly outside of our office and

## Cville Dems Referendum Action

Given how important this upcoming election is, Cville Dems is excited to announce our weekly events to urge voters to vote 'YES.' These are open to all who want to get involved, and we highly encourage anyone to attend and make a difference!

1. Wednesday - Postcard Writing. Every Wednesday morning, from 10 AM until 12 PM, we will meet at Cville Coffee, 1301 Harris Street, to write postcards to voters targeted by the Rural GroundGame. These postcards will be sent to voters that the Democratic Party doesn't often prioritize, i.e. rural voters. Until we complete our supply of postcards, we will continue meeting at Cville Coffee.
2. Thursday - Phone and Text Banking. Every Thursday evening, from 6 PM to 8 PM, we will meet inside Brazo Tacos at Ix Park, 925 2nd Street SE, to text and call voters targeted by Rural GroundGame and Virginians for Fair Elections. This is a great chance to have real conversations to convince fellow voters of what is at stake.

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## No Kings Rally

On March 28, 2026, the 3rd No Kings Rally will take place nationally. As the Trump administration *continues* to overstep its authority and infringe on our rights, it is imperative we make our voices heard! That is why Indivisible and partner organizations are planning this upcoming day of action.



**The Charlottesville rally will be held 1 to 2:30PM on both sides of 29, from Hydraulic Road North to Greenbrier Drive.**

Make some signs, make your voices heard, and show up!

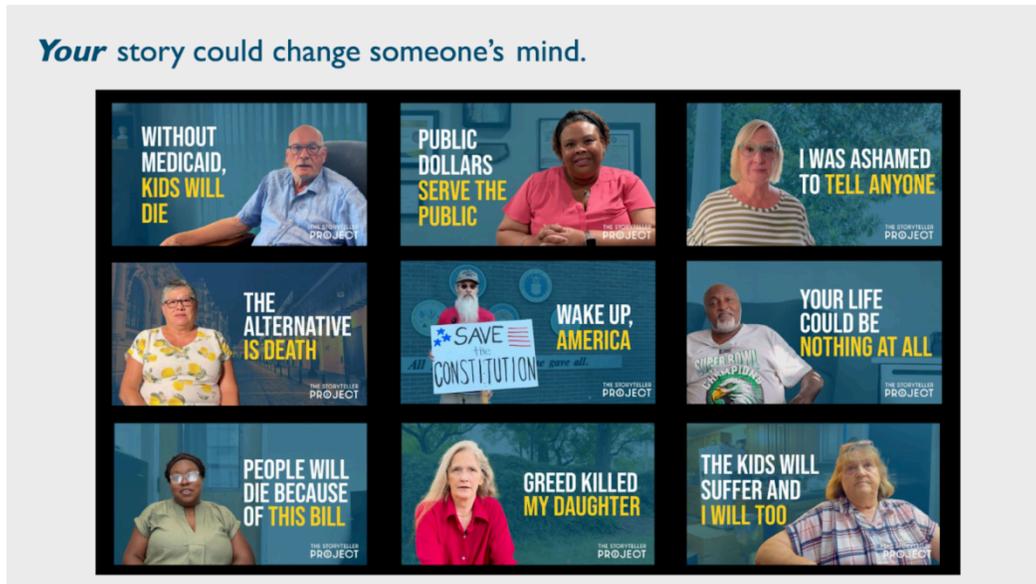
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## Storytelling: A Great Way to Encourage People to Vote "YES" on Redistricting

Over the past year, our Rural GroundGame's Storyteller Project has recorded stories from teachers, amputees, immigrants, elders, and so

many others about how policies under the Trump Administration have had devastating effects on themselves and their families. These stories are deeply personal and deeply powerful.

**Will you do us the honor of sharing a story with us to help fight back against tyranny and injustice?** It can be about anything this administration is doing to harm or concern you or members of your family or community.



We film the stories on our phones, edit them for time, and upload them as ads that can potentially be seen in thousands of households across the Commonwealth.

If you or any of your friends or colleagues are like our past Storytellers and have a personal story to share, one that you believe **might influence voters to vote YES on the redistricting referendum by April 21st**, we want to hear from you!

It's imperative that we reach as many voters as possible to WIN this election so we can protect vulnerable communities from the Trump administration, and fighting back through the power of storytelling is a critically important tool in our kit.

The process is super simple. If you're located in the Shenandoah Valley/Charlottesville area, a member of our team can come and interview you. We just need you, your story, and a signed media release form. If location is a hindrance, or if you'd prefer to record on your own, that's an option too! We just ask that you film in landscape mode with a quiet background; we can give more tips over Zoom or a phone call if you'd like!

[This is the sign-up link; please share this with anyone you think may be interested.](#)

If anyone is ready to go, we have availability to film on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday this week!

Thank you for the work you do!

The Storyteller Project, Rural GroundGame

PS - we'll have 4'x4' Yote YES! signs soon, and one could be yours if you're willing to share your story!

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## Goochland Townhall

Democrats are committed to engaging with communities across Virginia as we fight to block the worst of what is coming down from the federal administration and protect our neighbors.

Please join us at a town hall in nearby Goochland this Sunday, March 8, from 1-3 PM. Del. Sam Rasoul and Del. Debra Gardner will join us.

This is an opportunity to hear more about how Virginia Democrats are fighting for you and ask questions as we gear up for a critical redistricting vote this April and the midterm election this November. [Sign up here](#). A recording will be available for attendees and those who request it.

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## Full Committee Meeting (March 23, 2026)

While we just had our biennial meeting, it's time to set our sights on the next Full Committee Meeting! On March 23, 2026, party officers and members will gather to discuss the current state of the party and the vision for the next few months.

This is a great opportunity for anyone to come meet the faces of Cville Dems and get more involved with electing Democrats up and down the ballot!

More information will be released closer to the date, but mark your calendars for now!

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## Upcoming Events

- **March 6, 2026** - Early Voting Begins for the Special Election in Redistricting
- **March 8, 2026** - Goochland Townhall (see above)
- **March 23, 2026** - Full Committee Meeting (see above)
- **March 28, 2026** - No Kings Rally, 1 to 2:30 PM, Route 29 at Hydraulic Road and heading north from there

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## Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#), [Albemarle Dems](#), [Greene County Dems](#), [Nelson County Dems](#), and the [Charlottesville Area Young Democrats](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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