

Geographical Distribution of Boulder City Council Members

This information was prepared for League of Women Voters of Boulder unit discussion groups on districting, May 19, 20, and 21, 1981.

This analysis of the geographical distribution of the residences of city council members is made in the framework of the proposed 1973 districting plan (map attached). The proposal was defeated on September 11, 1973 by the slim margin of 29 votes, Only 21.5% of those registered to vote actually voted.

The plan would have divided Boulder into three districts — north of Canyon/Arapahoe, central, and south of Baseline — with three council members elected at large each year within each district. The election results since 1971 make it apparent that widely differing political philosophies have been represented on council and that these differences seem to bear little or no relationship to the place of residence.

It is interesting to note that the election of 1973 (the year the plan was defeated) produced for the only time a council with three members residing in each of the three proposed districts.

Opponents of the plan claimed that the population of the central district was 25% greater than that of the north district. 'The disparity would be even greater today, when figures show that more than half the city's population lives south of Baseline Road. It is important to remember, however, that no specific proposal for districting has yet been offered in 1981.

1971

NORTH	Ken Wright	High St.
CENTRAL	Tim Fuller Chuck Haertling Dwayne Nuzum Karen Paget Pen Tate	10th St. Circle Dr. Aurora Ave. 11th St. 5th St.
SOUTH	John Buechner Dick McLean Dick Geesaman	Mohawk Dr. Dartmouth Ave. Mariposa Ave.

(In this election four incumbents were defeated, two of whom lived in the north (Tom Waugh, Jim Bowers), one in the central (Harvey Platts), and one in the south (Homer Ball).

1973

NORTH	Frank Buchanan Walter Slack [<50%] Ken Wright	Meadow Ave. Juniper Ave. High St.
CENTRAL	Tim Fuller Karen Paget Pen Tate	10th St. 11th St. (later 16th St.) 9th St.
SOUTH	Ruth Correll Janet Roberts Bob Trenka	20th & King Bluebell Ave. Julliard St.

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1975

NORTH	Frank Buchanan Bob White [<50%]	Meadow Ave. Hawthorn Ave.
CENTRAL	Paul Danish [<50% (2-yr term)] Greg Lefferdink [<50%]	Pleasant St. Harrison Ave.
SOUTH	George Boland Ruth Correll Wayne Hutchens Janet Roberts Bob Trenka	

1977

NORTH	Gwen Dooley [<50%] Bob White	
CENTRAL	Paul Danish Linda Jourgensen Greg Lefferdink	Pleasant St. Flagstaff Rd. Harrison Ave.
SOUTH	George Boland Ruth Correll Wayne Hutchens Bob Trenka [<50% (2-yr term)]	Dartmouth Ave. 20th & King Ave. Oneida St. Juilliard St.

1979 [no one received < 50% of vote]

NORTH	Gwen Dooley	Spruce St
CENTRAL	Paul Danish Linda Jourgensen Greg Lefferdink	Pleasant St. Flagstaff Rd. Harrison Ave.
SOUTH	Annette Anderson George Boland Ruth Correll Dick Meckley Bev Sears	Chippewa Dr. Dartmouth Ave. 20th & King Ave. Columbine Ave. Wildwood Rd.

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Geographical distribution of all candidates for council in 1977 and 1979:

1977

NORTH	Truman Anderson Leo DeFer Gwen Dooley Nona Kahn Alf Pedersen	Bluff St. 6th St. (3100's) Pearl St. Concord Ave. 8th St. (3000's)
CENTRAL	Walter Sampson Paul Danish Rich Humpal Linda Jourgensen Marshall Sclarow	6th St. (1100's) Pleasant St. Evans Dr. Flagstaff Rd. E. Euclid
SOUTH	Ruth Correll Pauline Friend Duane Fry Rosemary McBride John Reich Alfred Schock Bob Trenka	20th & King Ave. Regis Ave 22nd St. (500's) Chase Ct. Bluebell Ave. Brookfield Dr. Juilliard St.

1979

NORTH	B. J. Miller John Pacetta Alfred Schock	Walnut St. Morrison Alley O'Neal Cir.
CENTRAL	John Boyd Greg Lefferdink	E. College Harrison Ave.
SOUTH	Annette Anderson George Boland Michael Clarken Dick Meckley Bev Sears	Chippewa Dr. Dartmouth Ave. S. 34th St. Columbine Ave. Wildwood Rd.