



December 31, 2024

The Honorable Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer
The Honorable City Council
City of Virginia Beach

Dear Mayor Dyer and Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Virginia Beach Vision (VBV), we would like to thank you for the patience and dedication you have shown in addressing the complex matter of redistricting our city's voting system. We appreciate your efforts to thoughtfully consider the needs of our community and to facilitate an inclusive process for evaluating potential changes to ensure all citizens are properly represented.

While VBV has not endorsed any specific voting system, we recognize the importance of exploring all options thoroughly. As part of this process, we believe it would be beneficial to seek guidance from the Virginia Attorney General on the proposed 7-3-1 system before requesting an amendment to the city's charter. This review could help clarify the legal considerations surrounding this model and provide additional information to inform future decisions.

We recognize that further debate on the city's voting system will require significant financial and personnel resources from the city, so we write this letter with careful consideration. We appreciate the Council's commitment to an open dialogue, and we look forward to the continued exploration of options that best reflect the diverse needs and aspirations of Virginia Beach.

Thank you once again for your leadership and dedication to this important issue.

Respectfully,

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