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**Attachments:** [2026.04.22 BOE active voters registrations in Gahanna.xlsx](#)  
[2026.04.22 decennial data P1.xlsx](#)

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Dear Clerk VanMeter,

During my recent presentation before the Charter Review Commission, it was requested that I follow up with data from the US Census Bureau as it relates to the population and composition of our Council wards.

As written, Section 4.02 of the Charter provides, in part, that "The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent predictable based on numbers of **registered voters** and will be established by ordinance...". I have recommended the Commission consider a change to "The geographical definition of the ward areas will be balanced to the extent predictable based on numbers of **residents** and will be established by ordinance...".

At its core, I believe this change will more equitably and accurately reflect our current population and demographics as the change would be inclusive of children, those who choose not to register to vote or have been purged from the rolls, and non-citizen residents (such as permanent resident aliens, commonly known as green card holders). Elected officials represent the entire community, not just those who vote for them.

Attached, you will find two spreadsheets. The first shows voter registration statistics as of today, 4/22/26, from the Franklin County Board of Elections. The second spreadsheet from the US Census Bureau shows population statistics from the decennial census in 2020. Precinct level data is included in both documents. In summary, however, they provide:

**Registered Voters by Ward as of 4/22/26**

- Ward 1: 5,488
- Ward 2: 5,943
- Ward 3: 5,956
- Ward 4: 5,714

**2020 Decennial Census**

- Ward 1: 9,271
- Ward 2: 8,161
- Ward 3: 9,139
- Ward 4: 8,117

Regardless of the statistical significance, I would urge the Commission to consider the change as a matter of equity and fairness and one that reflects our values.

Sincerely,

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