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Dear CARMA Members,

I want to follow-up with my presentation yesterday to CARMA regarding 2021 Virginia Redistricting.

It was pointed out that my reference to Virginia Public Access Project's website should be <https://www.vpap.org> and not ".com". That is correct and appears at the bottom of the first page of my handout. Could you point out this correction in your Chairman's summary of yesterday's meeting.

Also, some of the members wanted to know more details about the impact on each district. The question would be whether or not the redistricting favored the Republicans or the Democrats. One of the criteria for redistricting was that it should not favor one political party over the other. Much has been written about political impact on the new districts, but this discussion is in some way open-ended because the outcome is conditional.

Here are some sources for additional analysis and commentary:

1. <https://www.redistricting@vacourts.gov>. Reference the Special Master's memorandum.
2. <https://www.onevirginia2021foundation.org>. OneVirginia2021 founded in 2014 is a non-profit advocate for non-partisan redistricting in Virginia. This organization is one of the main organizations that campaigned for this change in Virginia's redistricting procedures.  
Here they have instructions how you can make your own map.
3. <https://fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting>  
Look for the title "What Redistricting Looks Like In Every State".

Sincerely,

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