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Re: Re-establishment Proposal for the 31st Judicial District (Lehigh County)

Dear Mr. Mittleman:

This letter with attachments is submitted pursuant to the request for re-establishment of Magisterial District Court ("District Court") boundaries as is statutorily required as a result of the 2020 census.

According to Pennsylvania Supreme Court and AOPC instructions, the primary goal of this plan is to achieve workload equity among the District Courts within the 31st Judicial District (Lehigh County) while considering and planning for foreseeable future changes to the existing structure of Lehigh County as it may impact case filings and workload.

The primary considerations in developing this plan include existing average caseloads per District Court, crime statistics within the City of Allentown, population according to the 2020 Census, revitalization projects planned within the City of Allentown, and the increased enforcement activities by the Allentown Parking Authority.

Currently, the City of Allentown is in the midst of an on-going revitalization project. In the last two years, three (3) apartment buildings comprising 268 residential units with street level retail space were added within the boundaries of District Court 31-2-01. In the next two (2) years, two (2) additional apartment buildings comprising 300+ residential units will be built within the boundaries of this District. Within the boundaries of District Court 31-1-03, two (2) apartment buildings comprising 286 residential units with street level retail space were built. Two (2) more residential apartments are planned for this District adding 196 more residential units. In addition, the close of 2022 will bring a 16-floor (296,000 square feet) office building

with street level retail space. Lastly, a 170-unit residential apartment building is planned within the boundaries of District Court 31-1-04.

Beyond the revitalization projects planned in Allentown's Center City, a Waterfront Project is planned for Wards 1 and 6, which includes a new highway connecting the waterfront area to Route 22. The waterfront is expected to be developed with hotels, retail space, office space, residential apartments, restaurants, and recreational trails along the Lehigh River.

Overall, Lehigh County has seen an 8% population increase since 2010, and average case filings decreased by 11% since 2014. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the population of this increase is within the City of Allentown. While the population was increasing countywide between 2014–2019, case filings were decreasing. Lehigh County had a 9% decrease in case filings during this time. While the District Courts surrounding Allentown maintained a lower caseload in 2021, with an additional 18% drop in filings, Allentown's case filings increased by 40% in 2021. This is a result of the increased enforcement efforts by the Allentown Parking Authority. In the last five (5) years, filings for parking violations increased 64% in the District Courts within the City of Allentown. This increased parking enforcement is expected to continue in the long term.

In consideration of the revitalization plans, inner city population increases, and increased parking enforcement, Lehigh County will be better served with opening an additional District Court within the City of Allentown. In order to achieve workload equity, we propose to eliminate District Court 31-2-03 and open a new District Court to serve Allentown City Wards 6 and 10.

The average workload for District Court 31-2-03 is 38% below the average for Lehigh County. We propose that, upon elimination of this District Court, the boundaries for District Court 31-3-03 be redrawn to include Emmaus and Macungie Boroughs. (Lower Macungie would move to DC 31-3-02.) The workload for District Court 31-3-03 is 51% below the average workload for Lehigh County. Combining these District Courts would result in a District Court with an average workload within 15% of the average for Lehigh County.

The average workload for District Court 31-1-01 is 33% above the average for Lehigh County. With the influx of new filings for parking violations, the workload average is 45% higher than the Lehigh County average. The average case filings are 75% higher than the average for a 3rd Class County. The average workload for District Court 31-2-01 is 26% above the average for Lehigh County. With the influx of new filings for parking violations, the workload average is 37% above the workload average for Lehigh County. Realigning the 6th Ward from District Court 31-2-01 and the 10th Ward from District Court 31-1-01 to create a new District Court will assist in achieving workload equity for District Court 31-1-01, District Court 31-2-01, and the proposed new District Court.

In the interest of public convenience, we recommend that the boundaries of District Court 31-1-04 be re-aligned to move Allentown's 2nd Ward to District Court 31-2-01. The workload impact to either of these District Courts is minimal. However, the impact on the public doing business in person with the District Court will be significantly improved. The 2nd Ward is within walking distance to District Court 31-2-01 while District Court 31-1-04 is a 2.5 mile commute.

Lehigh County's "Annual Average Filings per Court" is 16% higher than the average for a Class 3 County, which is the highest per-court caseload in comparison to other Class 3 Counties. Implementing the proposed plan will bring Lehigh County closer to achieving countywide workload equity.

Respectfully yours,

J. Brian Johnson, President Judge

Attachments:

- Reestablishment Worksheets
- "Annual Average Filings per Court" for all Pennsylvania Class 3 Counties
- Average Case Filings Per Magisterial District Court 2014-2020
- Population variances per Township/Ward between 2010-2020
- 2021 Case Filings per District Court
- Statistical: Parking Citations Filed 2017 – 2021 (Estimated Breakdown by Ward)
- Crime Statistics by Ward 2020
- 2020 Census Bureau Population and City of Allentown Crime Statistics Correlation
- Average Criminal Activity by Ward/Estimated Filings by Ward
- Magisterial District Maps

Average Case Filings per Magisterial District (2014 - 2020)							
Docket Type	31-1-01	31-1-02	31-1-03	31-1-04	31-1-05	31-1-06	31-1-07
	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload
Civil	203	207	182	487	487	228	353
Landlord/Tenant	869	759	498	1067	529	265	356
Non-Traffic	964	842	773	596	978	423	528
Private Summary	10	7	21	3	6	3	68
Traffic	6009	5085	3963	2191	4525	4742	3059
Criminal	705	536	268	413	612	513	609
Private Criminal	4	1	0	15	6	1	13
Misc. Docket	183	168	169	88	98	58	67
TOTAL ALL	8945	7606	5874	4860	7241	6234	5053
Docket Type	31-1-08	31-2-01	31-2-02	31-2-03	31-3-01	31-3-02	31-3-03
	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload	Caseload
Civil	182	157	340	208	200	359	184
Landlord/Tenant	154	554	118	182	101	270	79
Non-Traffic	311	930	930	429	526	532	183
Private Summary	1	37	89	9	24	4	2
Traffic	3785	4396	4396	2250	1794	7028	2646
Criminal	269	661	622	200	271	659	237
Private Criminal	1	1	1	2	2	3	2
Misc. Docket	212	282	82	201	70		68
TOTAL ALL	4915	7017	6577	3482	2988	8856	3402

Average Annual Workload per MDC/County = Total Workload/# of years (6, 3 for MD)/# of commissioned MDJs									Workload Range		
County/MDC	Criminal	Non-Traffic	Private Criminal	Private Summary	Traffic	Civil	Landlord/Tenant	Misc. Docket	15% Below	Total Workload	15% Above
Lehigh	17983	6916	44	246	9158	3123	6369	4244	40870	48082	55294
31-0-01	6	0	0	0	0				5	6	7
31-1-01	27467	11112	43	113	11724	2305	13539	5961	61423	72263	83102
31-1-02	20679	9886	11	86	10213	2386	11517	5462	51203	60239	69274
31-1-03	10202	9163	2	215	8848	2083	7612	5504	37084	43629	50173
31-1-04	16071	6913	183	38	4699	5779	16500	2878	45101	53060	61019
31-1-05	23292	11395	70	75	10206	5563	8056	3182	52563	61839	71114
31-1-06	19156	4674	16	40	11244	2641	4098	1889	37193	43757	50321
31-1-07	23410	6082	166	850	6992	4051	5500	2194	41858	49245	56632
31-1-08	10080	3514	16	7	9974	2074	2387	6905	29713	34957	40200
31-2-01	25147	10737	9	449	9133	1732	8401	9186	55074	64793	74512
31-2-02	23972	4604	7	1110	11634	4048	1800	2682	42378	49857	57335
31-2-03	7436	4837	14	106	5568	2484	2877	6536	25378	29857	34335
31-3-01	10540	6037	22	283	4338	2286	1511	2290	23210	27306	31402
31-3-02	25001	5800	34	52	17053	4106	4165	2519	49920	58730	67539
31-3-03	9297	2066	18	20	6593	2188	1207	2225	20072	23614	27156

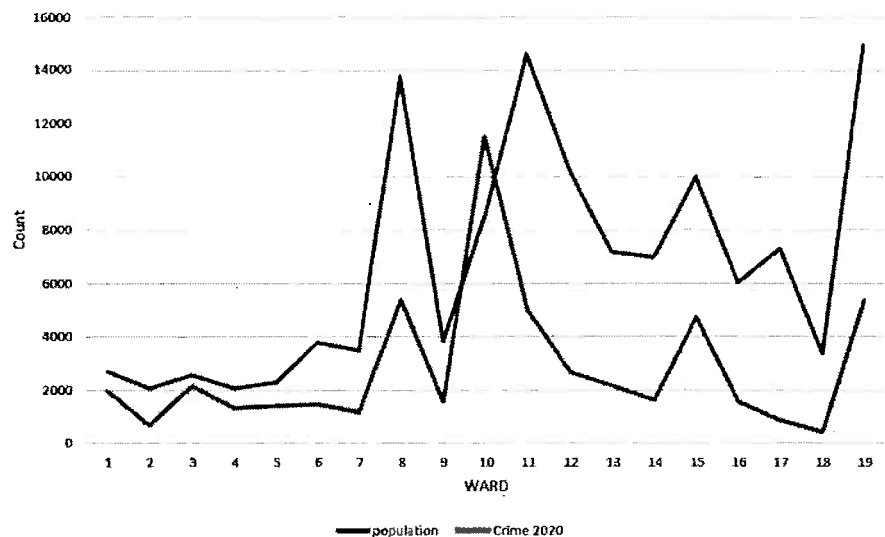
2021 CASE FILINGS						
DISTRICT COURT	CRIMINAL YTD	TRAFFIC YTD	NON- TRAFFIC YTD	CIVIL YTD	LT YTD	TOTAL YTD
DC 31-1-01-Vega-Sirop	585	15,744	515	188	719	17,751
DC 31-1-02-Santiago	350	11,667	259	201	655	13,132
DC 31-1-03-Manescu	208	6,137	245	215	364	7,169
DC 31-1-04-Howells	314	3,520	204	405	896	5,339
DC 31-1-05-D'Amore	566	4,786	508	388	422	6,670
DC 31-1-06-Zanelli	417	3,660	249	281	158	4,765
DC 31-1-07-Heffelfinger	458	4,942	336	373	255	6,364
DC 31-1-08-Pochron	190	2,967	181	173	84	3,595
DC 31-2-01-Devine	495	9,788	315	128	593	11,319
DC 31-2-02-Hammond	426	3,604	316	336	108	4,790
DC 31-2-03-Vacant	121	1,598	584	210	100	2,613
DC 31-3-01-Creighton	152	1,397	393	215	84	2,241
DC 31-3-02-Faulkner	432	5,240	443	385	193	6,693
DC 31-3-03-Trexler	156	1,490	122	140	68	1,880
TOTAL	4,870	76,540	4,670	3,638	4,699	94,321

	Allentown Parking Authority Filings						Estimated Parking Filings by Ward	
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017-2021 Variance	Ward	Estimated Parking by Ward
31-1-01	4843	4162	3883	10581	14721	67%	8	908
							10	5637
31-1-02	3489	3480	3450	8337	10907	68%	4	1121
							7	1889
							11	7896
31-1-03	3248	3201	3079	5884	5785	44%	3	725
							13	2036
							18	955
							17	2069
31-1-04	862	861	1115	3388	2786	69%	2	211
							12	1050
							19	1525
31-1-05	647	625	647	2475	1879	66%	14	773
							15	1106
31-1-08	175	291	230	636	599	71%	16	599
31-2-01	3074	2820	3084	6296	9048	66%	1	1942
							5	1642
							6	2717
							9	2747

WARD	Average Criminal Activity per Allentown City Ward					Estimated Criminal Filings (Per District Court/Per Allentown City Ward)						
	2018	2019	2020	AVERAGE		31-1-01	31-1-02	31-1-03	31-1-04	31-1-05	31-1-08	31-2-01
Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	%								
1st (31-2-01)	2050	1914	1974	2028	4%							198
2nd (31-1-04)	767	768	681	820	2%				50			
3rd (31-1-03)	2446	2037	2153	2547	5%			112				
4th (31-1-02)	1384	1372	1328	1391	3%		114					
5th (31-2-01)	1728	1538	1411	1605	3%							152
6th (31-2-01)	1818	1562	1470	1740	3%							152
7th (31-1-02)	1205	1115	1175	1249	2%		77					
8th (31-1-01)	6406	5704	5397	6598	13%	303						
9th (31-2-01)	1565	1520	1557	1623	3%							152
10th (31-1-01)	8101	9102	11517	8811	17%	395						
11th (31-1-02)	4812	4720	5008	4901	9%		345					
12th (31-1-04)	2801	2560	2678	2826	5%				132			
13th (31-1-03)	1951	1944	2163	2081	4%			90				
14th (31-1-05)	1503	1453	1634	1760	3%					104		
15th (31-1-05)	4439	4363	4743	4538	9%					312		
16th (31-1-08)	1378	1314	1565	1462	3%						104	
17th (31-1-03)	857	773	862	928	2%			44				
18th (31-1-03)	456	452	429	476	1%			22				
19th (31-1-04)	4664	4523	5339	4697	9%				231			
Total	50331	48734	53084	52080	100%	698	536	268	413	416	104	654

Ward	Population - 2020 Census	Crime - 2020
1	2709	1974
2	2066	681
3	2561	2153
4	2075	1328
5	2290	1411
6	3790	1470
7	3496	1175
8	13769	5397
9	3832	1557
10	8544	11517
11	14610	5008
12	10281	2678
13	7190	2163
14	6990	1634
15	10001	4743
16	6032	1565
17	7307	862
18	3374	429
19	14928	5339

2020 Census Bureau Population and City of Allentown Crime for Year 2020



POPULATION

Township/Ward	2010	2020	Variance
Alburtis	2,361	2,596	10.0%
Allentown/Ward 1	2,646	2,709	2.4%
Allentown/Ward 2	1,853	2,066	11.5%
Allentown/Ward 3	2,509	2,561	2.1%
Allentown/Ward 4	1,838	2,075	12.9%
Allentown/Ward 5	1,742	2,290	31.5%
Allentown/Ward 6	3,548	3,790	6.8%
Allentown/Ward 7	3,276	3,496	6.7%
Allentown/Ward 8	13,539	13,769	1.7%
Allentown/Ward 9	4,104	3,832	-6.6%
Allentown/Ward 10	8,139	8,544	5.0%
Allentown/Ward 11	13,692	14,610	6.7%
Allentown/Ward 12	9,369	10,281	9.7%
Allentown/Ward 13	6,824	7,190	5.4%
Allentown/Ward 14	5,998	6,990	16.5%
Allentown/Ward 15	9,157	10,001	9.2%
Allentown/Ward 16	6,066	6,032	-0.6%
Allentown/Ward 17	7,155	7,307	2.1%
Allentown/Ward 18	3,163	3,374	6.7%
Allentown/Ward 19	13,414	14,928	11.3%
Bethlehem/Ward 10	1,663	1,537	-7.6%
Bethlehem/Ward 11	1,217	1,207	-0.8%
Bethlehem/Ward 12	2,281	2,414	5.8%
Bethlehem/Ward 13	14,182	14,614	3.0%
Catasauqua	6,436	6,518	1.3%
Coopersburg	2,386	2,447	2.6%
Coplay	3,192	3,348	4.9%
Emmaus	11,211	11,652	3.9%
Fountain Hill	4,597	4,832	5.1%
Hanover Twnship	1,571	1,689	7.5%
Heidelberg Twnship	3,416	3,324	-2.7%
Lower Macungie TWP	30,633	32,426	5.9%
Lower Milford TWP	3,775	3,861	2.3%
Lowhill TWP	2,173	2,292	5.5%
Lynn TWP	4,229	4,232	0.1%
Macungie	3,074	3,257	6.0%
North Whitehall	15,703	15,655	-0.3%
Salisbury/Ward 1	2,706	2,580	-4.7%
Salisbury/Ward 2	2,793	2,839	1.6%
Salisbury/Ward 3	2,682	2,686	0.1%
Salisbury/Ward 4	2,608	2,653	1.7%
Salisbury/Ward 5	2,716	2,863	5.4%
Slatington	4,232	4,283	1.2%
South Whitehall	19,180	21,080	9.9%
Upper Macungie	16,391	26,377	60.9%
Upper Milford	7,292	7,777	6.7%
Upper Saucon	14,808	16,973	14.6%
Washington TWP	6,624	6,551	-1.1%
Weisenberg TWP	4,923	4,976	1.1%
Whitehall TWP	26,738	29,173	9.1%
TOTAL	345,825	374,557	8.3%

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-01	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 8,945	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i> <i>Total</i>
		2920	1st out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		4026	43 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. <div style="text-align: center;">N/A</div>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 72,263	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	24,181	33 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Linda D. Vega Sirop	1/3/28	12/31/53	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1201 Sumner Avenue, Allentown, PA 18102			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			Yes
Revitalization plan for Allentown Center City may increase traffic from on Rt 145 for those traveling to Center City from Rt 22.			
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rt 145			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
City of Allentown Wards 8, 10			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			No
If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
City of Allentown Ward 8 (Propose splitting this District. This District Court would remain in Ward 8 with a new District Court opening in Ward 10.)			
20. Additional Comments:			
<p>The average case filings reported per case filings provided by AOPC are based on filings from 2014 - 2020. This does not accurately reflect current case filings for this office. In 2020, the Allentown parking authority significantly increased staffing of enforcement officers and the hours of enforcement. In 2021 case filings for this office totaled 18,453 and increased the workload to 87,219, which is 45% over the average workload for the judicial district. It is reported that this trend will continue.</p> <p>Per local crime statics, 30% of all criminal activity in Allentown occurs in Wards 8 & 10. (Ward 8=13% and Ward 10=17%)</p>			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-02	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 7,606	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		1581	3rd out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		2687	35 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 60,239	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	12,157	20 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>The MDJ lives in the Ward from which the bulk of filings are generated. The District Court location is at the opposite end of the District. Moving any of the remaining wards would result in noncontiguous boundaries. Additionally, moving any of the remaining wards currently existing within this district to a surrounding district would increase the surrounding workload above the 15% threshold. Note that 50% of Court Criminal cases filed in this District are held in Central Court.</p>			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Rashid Santiago	1/5/26	12/31/59	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1101 Hamilton Street, Suite 150, Allentown, PA 18102. Moving to 503 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101, which will change the response to Question #12			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			Yes
The Da Vinci Science Center is moving to this District from Cedar Crest College, which will increase tourism in this district. Multiple residential apartment complexes and office buildings have been built and additional are planned in adjacent districts, which will increase commuter traffic through this district.			
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
None			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
City of Allentown Wards 4, 7, 11			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			Yes
20. Additional Comments:			
Currently, District Court 31-1-02 is located within the Magisterial District boundaries. In February, 2021, the Supreme Court issued an order permitting this District Court to be located outside the boundaries of the magisterial district upon completion of the renovations of the "Old Courthouse." The new address will be 503 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA. It is anticipated that renovations will be complete in the last quarter of 2022.			

Magisterial District Summary Worksheet - Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-03	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 5,874	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-151	8th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		955	16 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 43,629	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	-4,453	-9 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Ronald Manescu	1/3/28	12/31/29	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1428 Hamilton Street, Allentown, PA 18102			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			Yes
<p>The Center City revitalization plan recently brought two apartment buildings to this District totally 286 apartments. Two additional residential apartments are planned for this District adding 196 more residential units. In addition, Fall 2022 will bring a 16 Floor (296,000 Square feet) of office space and retail space.</p>			
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rt 145, Rt 222, Rt 29			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
City of Allentown Wards 3, 13, 17, 18			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			Yes
If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-04	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 4,860	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-1165	11 out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-59	-1 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 53,060	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	4,978	5 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
David M. Howells, Jr.	1/3/28	12/31/33	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1501 Lehigh Street, Suite 104, Allentown, PA 18103			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			Yes
Apartment building planned for this District to bring 170 additional residential units. Two additional apartment buildings with residential units totaling 129 is planned for Ward 2. This proposal includes moving Ward 2 to DC 31-2-01.			
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rt 145, Rt 309, I-78			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
City of Allentown Wards 2, 12, 19			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above? If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			No
City of Allentown Wards 12, 19			
20. Additional Comments:			
An apartment complex is planned to be constructed in this district, which may increase Landlord/Tenant case filings in this District. Propose moving Ward 2 to DC 31-2-01. Ward 2 has minimal filings/criminal activity. However, this District is already overwhelmed with Landlord/Tenant filings. In addition, moving this ward to District Court 31-2-01 will be more convenient for the public. It should be noted that realignment for 31-2-01 is planned that will move Ward 6 to the proposed new District Court.			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-05	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	Avg for Magisterial District A. 7,241	Avg for Judicial District B. 6,025	Avg for Class of County C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	Difference (3A - 3B) 1216		Ranking 4th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	Difference (3A - 3C) 2322		% Above/Below 32 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	Avg for Magisterial District A. 61,839		Avg for Judicial District B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	Difference (7A - 7B) 13,757		% Above/Below 22 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. On average, 50% of the filed court criminal cases are moved to Central Court. The workload for these cases would approximate 11,000. Actual total workload is within +/- 15%.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Michael D. D'Amore	1/1/24	12/31/44	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
1007 Union Blvd, Allentown, PA 18103			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Allentown Police Department, Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, Catasauqua Borough, Lehigh Valley Airport Police, State Police-Bethlehem			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rt 22, Rt 978			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
City of Allentown Wards 14, 15, Catasauqua Borough, Hanover township (Lehigh County)			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			Yes
If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-06	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 6,234	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		209	7th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		1315	21 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 43,757		B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-4,325	-9 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
N/A			

Magisterial District Information**10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:**

Amy L. Zanelli

1/3/28

12/31/56

*Magisterial District Judge Name**Birthdate**Term Expiration Date**Mandatory Retirement Date***11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:**

623 W. Union Blvd, Suites 4 & 5, Bethlehem, PA 18109

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police-Bethlehem, Fountain Hill

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rt 378, Rt 22

18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Bethlehem Wards 10, 11, 12, 13; Borough of Fountain Hill

**19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).**

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-07	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 5,053	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-972	9th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		134	2 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 49,245	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	1,163		2 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Todd P. Heffelfinger	1/5/26	12/31/38	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
3678 Crescent Court East, Suite A, Whitehall, PA 18052			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES , please summarize your response below.			Yes
New highway connecting Allentown Ward 6 (Area of the Riverfront project) to Rt 22. This will run through a portion of Whitehall within the boundaries of DC 31-1-07. This will increase traffic and likely increase case filings.			
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police-Bethlehem, Whitehall Township, Coplay Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rt 22, Rt 145			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Whitehall Township, Coplay Borough			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			Yes
If NO , please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
20. Additional Comments:			
The riverfront project will increase tourism in Allentown Wards 1 & 6. The primary northern route to this location will run through Whitehall Township from Route 22, which will increase traffic and likely increase case filings.			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-1-08	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 4,915	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-1110	10 out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-4	0 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. Although no changes to boundaries for this district are proposed, a local court order will be in place to move all 178 state police summary traffic violations, between mile marker 49 to mile marker 60, to this district. This temporary assignment of this case type will likely approximate an increase in traffic filings for this district by 1200 case filings.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 34,957		B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-13,125	-27 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. Although no changes to boundaries for this district are proposed, a local court order will be in place to move all 178 state police summary traffic violations, between mile marker 49 to mile marker 60, to this district. This temporary assignment of this case type will likely approximate an increase in traffic filings for this district by 1200 case filings.			

Magisterial District Information**10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:****Michael J. Pochron****1/1/24****12/31/30***Magisterial District Judge Name**Birthdate**Term Expiration Date**Mandatory Retirement Date***11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:**

3000 S. Pike Avenue, Allentown, PA 18101*

Effective March 1, 2022 the new address will be 2851 S. Pike Avenue, Suite A, Allentown, PA 18101

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?**Yes****13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?****Yes****14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?****No****15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.****Yes**

Revitalization projects planned for adjacent wards in Allentown including Center City Allentown and the River front may increase traffic through this District.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police, Salisbury Township, City of Allentown

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rt 309, I-78, Rt 145

18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown 16th Ward and Salisbury Township

19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?**Yes**If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).**20. Additional Comments:**

The riverfront project will increase tourism in Allentown Wards 1 & 6. The primary Southern route to this location from Rt 309 would be Rt 145, which may increase traffic traveling through this district.

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-2-01	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 7,017	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		992	5th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		2098	30 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. <div style="text-align: center;">N/A</div>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 64,793		B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		16,711	26 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information**10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:**

Karen C Devine

1/3/28

12/31/34

*Magisterial District Judge Name**Birthdate**Term Expiration Date**Mandatory Retirement Date***11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:**

14 N. 6th , Allentown, PA 18101*

Effective Fall 2022 the new address will be 501 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18101

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

Yes

Revitalization projects in Center City and the waterfront (Allentown Wards 6 and 1) will include multiple resident apartments, hotels, retail and industrial space, and a new roadway connecting the river front to Route 22.

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, City of Allentown

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

N/A

18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

City of Allentown Wards 1,5,6,9

19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?

No

If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

City of Allentown Wards 1, 2, 5, 9

20. Additional Comments:

It's proposed to open a new District Court to include City of Allentown Wards 6 and 10. Additionally, Ward 2 would move from DC 31-1-04 to this District Court. Allentown Ward 6 has a higher Criminal and parking caseload than Ward 2. It is anticipated that filings in Wards 6 and 1 will increase with the planned Riverfront project. In addition, a 250 unit residential apartment complex with street level retail space is planned for Ward 5. With the various building plans for this District, realignment of Ward 6 to a proposed new District Court will provide opportunities for workload equity in this District.

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-2-02	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 6,577	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		552	6th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		1658	25 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 49,857	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	1,775	4 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Jacob E Hammond	1/5/26	12/31/43	
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
3900 Hamilton Blvd, Suite 101, Allentown, PA 18103			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, South Whitehall Police, State Police Fogelsville			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Rts 22, 309, 145, 329, 222, I-78, I-476			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
South Whitehall Township, North Whitehall Township			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			Yes
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-2-03	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Eliminate		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,482	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-2543	12 out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1437	-29 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 29,857		B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-18,225	-38 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Vacant

*Magisterial District Judge Name**Birthdate**Term Expiration Date**Mandatory Retirement Date*

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

106 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police Fogelsville, Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rts 100, 29, PA Turnpike (I-476)

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Borough of Emmaus, Borough of Macungie, Lower Macungie Voting Districts 130103, 130108, 130109,

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

No

None-Propose Eliminate

20. Additional Comments:

Two bordering District Courts are below the 15% threshold for workload equity. Eliminating this office will assist in accomplishing county wide workload equity to those Districts. The judicial district will be better served by closing this location and opening a new District Court in Center City Allentown.

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-3-01	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 2,988	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-3037	14 out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1931	-39 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. This District Court is located in a rural area close to the northern border of the judicial district. Any attempt to realign existing boundaries to include additional municipalities would be a disservice to the public and police considering the commute to conduct business in person.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 27,306	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	-20,776	-43 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. This District Court is located in a rural area close to the northern border of the judicial district. Any attempt to realign existing boundaries to include additional municipalities would be a disservice to the public and police considering the commute to conduct business in person.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Tom Creighton		1/1/24	12/31/43
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
106 S. Walnut Street, Slatington, PA 18080			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's office, State Police Fogelsville and Bethlehem, Slatington Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Routes 309, 873 and I-476			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Lowhill Township, Lynn Township, Heidelberg Township, Slatington Borough, Washington Township, Weisenberg Township			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			Yes
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
20. Additional Comments:			

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Magisterial District Court Number: 31-3-02		County: Lehigh	
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 8,856	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		2831	2nd out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		3937	44 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. <div style="text-align: center;">N/A</div>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 58,730	B. 48,082	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	10,648	18 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. On average, 42% of all criminal cases filed in this magisterial district are held in Central Court. In addition, to equalize the workload, it is planned to reassign a portion of I-78 traffic citations to DC 31-1-08.			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Michael Faulkner		1/1/24	12/31/43
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
5925 Tilghman Street, Suite 500, Allentown, PA 18104			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's Office, State Police Fogelsville and Bethlehem, Berks County Regional, Alburtis Borough			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Routes 22, 100, 309, 222, I-78			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Alburtis Borough, Lower Macungie Voting Districts 130101, 130102, 130104, 130105, 130106, 130107, 130110, Upper Macungie Township			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			No
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
Alburtis Borough, Lower Macungie (All voting districts), Upper Macungie Township			
20. Additional Comments:			
Propose realign boundaries to include all of Lower Macungie, which will move approximately 560 cases to this District with an increase in workload by 4,474. Considering, on average, 42% of all court criminal cases are held at Central Court, this District will remain within the 15% threshold for judicial district case equity.			

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Magisterial District Court Number:	31-3-03	County:	Lehigh
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Realign		2. Effective date: 1/1/2024	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,402	B. 6,025	C. 4,919
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-2623	13th out of 14
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-1517	-31 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity. N/A			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 23,614		B. 48,082
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-24,468	51 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges. N/A			

Magisterial District Information			
10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:			
Daniel C Trexler		1/5/26	12/31/43
<i>Magisterial District Judge Name</i>	<i>Birthdate</i>	<i>Term Expiration Date</i>	<i>Mandatory Retirement Date</i>
11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:			
21 N. Main Street, Coopersburg, PA 18036			
12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?			Yes
14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?			Yes
15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If YES, please summarize your response below.			No/Not Sure
16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.			
Lehigh County Detectives, Attorney General's Office, State Police-Fogelsville, Coopersburg Borough, Lower Milford Township, Upper Saucon Township, DeSales University Police			
17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.			
Routes 309, 378, 145, I-78, I-476			
18. List the current municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click HERE for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.			
Coopersburg Borough, Lower Milford Township, Upper Milford Township, Upper Saucon Township.			
19. Are the proposed municipalities the same as above?			No
If NO, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).			
Coopersburg Borough, Emmaus Borough, Lower Milford Township, Macungie Borough, Upper Milford Township, Upper Saucon Township			
20. Additional Comments:			
Propose realigning the boundaries of this district to include Emmaus Borough and Macungie Borough. Both are currently within the boundaries of DC 31-2-03, which is proposed to be eliminated with this report. The additional filings for this district will approximate 1,982 with an approximate workload of 18,696. This will bring this District Court within the 15% threshold to provide workload equity within the judicial district.			