# Winston-Salem Police Department Proposed Police District 4

# Why do we need a new police district?

- Calls in the proposed District 4 area have shown an increase since 2013, except during the COVID (2020-2022) years. At its highest level in the last 10 years, District 4 had 37,379 calls for service. The average call volume over the past 10 years is 30,893 calls for service.
- A new district will provide familiarity and consistency for officers, citizens, and business owners in this area
- This district will serve a large transient and unhoused population; officers working will have closer connections with service providers such as the BEAR team, Continuum of Care team, shelters, etc. to offer resources to citizens in need





### Current Downtown Staffing

- At least one patrol officer 24/7
- Downtown Bike Patrol
- Downtown Bar Patrol Extra-Duty: since March 2023; 7 days/week from 9pm-3am; on average 48 of the available 104 positions are filled each month
- Downtown Foot Patrol Extra-Duty: since May 2022; covers shifts from 9am-3pm (4 positions) and 3pm-9pm (2 positions); on average 120 of the available 168 positions are filled each month
- Downtown Auxiliary Bike Patrol (coming soon)
- Bar Patrol, Foot Patrol, and Auxiliary Bike Patrol are paid by the city at a rate of \$55-\$45/hr depending on rank.
- There are a number of additional private extra-duty assignments at various bars, restaurants, and events downtown throughout each month



#### **District 4 Population Growth**

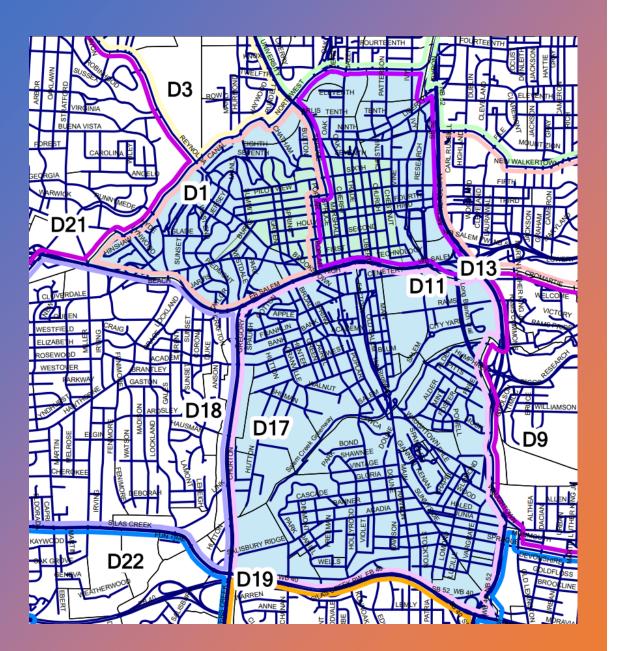


- Downtown has seen a 44% increase in population in the last 10 years, compared to roughly 10% growth city-wide
- There are 5,500 residential units in downtown alone

## **District 4**

#### Overall view of the proposed District 4 as it falls within the city as a whole





#### Highlights of Proposed District 4

- Incorporate portions of District 1 & 3
- District 4 will account for approximately 55,550 workload hours
- The West End neighborhood will now be in one police district; it is currently separated in District 1 & 3
- West End, West Salem, Happy Hill, and Washington Park are large neighborhoods and will be part of District 4
- Samaritan Ministries, Bethesda Center, Salvation Army, Rescue Mission, and Cities with Dwellings will all be part of District 4
- Downtown Bike Patrol will handle the downtown business district (in green)

### Additional Highlights

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No officers will be pulled from District 2 as none of District 2 will become part of the proposed District 4



A new police captain position will need to be created to manage the district and handle council, citizen, neighborhood groups, and business owner requests and concerns in this district



Response time should improve to all areas of the city as the addition of a new district reallocates officers to a smaller concentrated area



### Questions?