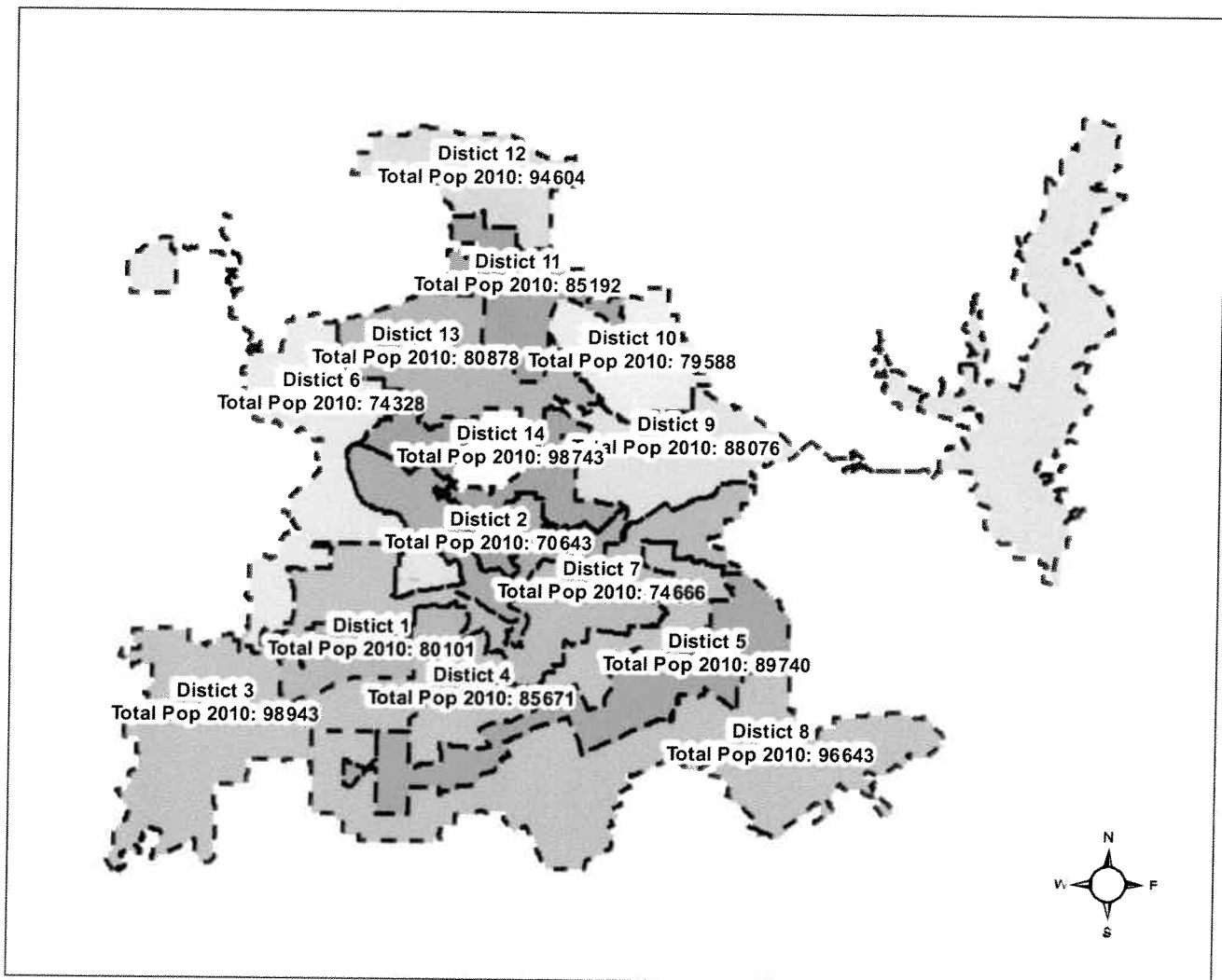


**Redistricting Commission
Packet
March 1, 2011**

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City of Dallas 2001 Approved Council Districts 2010 US Census Population Counts PL 94-171

2010 Population Reported by US Census Bureau: 1,197,816
2010 Census Population Divided by 14: 85,558

Data sources:
Population counts from US Census Bureau PL 94-171 2010 Data Release
Council District boundaries from Enterprise GIS database

Questions about the Redistricting process and data should be referred to the Redistricting Team. This data is believed to be correct but cannot be guaranteed. This data is not to be used as data created or approved by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Texas.

Preliminary 2010 Census Data

District	2001	2010 Census		2011	Current Deviation
	Approved Districting Plan	Count	Results	Redistricting Ideal Council District Population	
			Loss/Gain		
1	86,379	80,101	-6,278	85,558	-5,457
2	80,825	70,643	-10,182	85,558	-14,915
3	81,016	98,943	17,927	85,558	13,385
4	82,086	85,671	3,585	85,558	113
5	84,257	89,740	5,483	85,558	4,182
6	82,946	74,328	-8,618	85,558	-11,230
7	80,949	74,666	-6,283	85,558	-10,892
8	81,821	96,643	14,822	85,558	11,085
9	89,030	88,076	-954	85,558	2,518
10	88,902	79,588	-9,314	85,558	-5,970
11	86,621	85,192	-1,429	85,558	-366
12	88,977	94,604	5,627	85,558	9,046
13	88,444	80,878	-7,566	85,558	-4,680
14	86,327	98,743	12,416	85,558	13,185
Total	1,188,580	1,197,816	9,236		

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Good Afternoon Redistricting Commission Members. You're next meeting will be held at City Hall (1500 Marilla) in the City Council Briefing Room (6ES) at 6:00pm on Tuesday March 1, 2011. We will serve a light dinner and beverages so we ask that you arrive a few minutes early to serve yourself. The meeting will be called to order by Dr. Ruth Morgan, Redistricting Commission Chair, **promptly at 6p.**

Attached you will find the following resources:

- ✓ Redistricting Commission Meeting Agenda (posted public meeting notice: <http://www.ci.dallas.tx.us/cso/pdf/meetings/Redist-03-01.pdf>)
- ✓ February 22, 2011 Redistricting Commission Meeting Minutes (for review and approval)
- ✓ Updated **DRAFT** Redistricting Guidelines (Red-Lined)
- ✓ Updated **DRAFT** Redistricting Guidelines

IMPORTANT REQUEST: Each commissioner is asked to complete the survey found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RJVJ29V> in preparation for your retreat on Saturday March 5. Please complete the survey no later than Monday February 28th. Thank you.

PARKING: Enter the City Hall underground parking garage (entrance at the corner Field St and Young St). You may park in spaces on rows R and S, these rows are specifically for board and commission members.

- Pull into the garage and, if there is no parking attendant, press the callbox button. You may be required to show your decal (hold it up toward the camera) but someone will likely just ask "can they help you" and you will let them know you are here for a commission meeting.
- Directions to 6ES: From parking garage enter the green doors, take the green elevators to the 6th floor, and look for signage
- Important Note: Once you have received your parking decal please make sure you place it in your vehicle, as directed, every time you visit City Hall. You **WILL NOT** be permitted entry into the parking garage without it.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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COMMISSION DRAFT
RED-LINED WITH CHANGES REQUESTED BY COMMISSION MEMBERS
Redistricting Guidelines 2011

The Redistricting Commission intends to apply the following guidelines as consistently as possible and to the greatest extent possible, in the drawing of city council district boundaries. The Redistricting Commission acknowledges, however, that on some occasions these redistricting guidelines may conflict with one another. The following guidelines will be applied ~~in the order listed~~ unless to do so will violate federal or state law.

[Attorney Note: The bolded statements below are legally essential redistricting principles and should be approved and used by the Commission so that any plan drawn by the Commission will be defensible upon review by the US Department of Justice and in potential litigation. The items that are not bolded are subject to change or exclusion by the Commission, but were included for explanation to assist both the Commissioners and the public in understanding how to apply the principles when drawing maps.]

1. Population Equality.

The districts should be drawn so that they are substantially equal in population according to the total count as presented in the 2010 census data. The total deviation between the largest and the smallest district must be as small as possible, but in all cases must be less than ten percent. Minor population deviations of less than ten percent may be allowed if they are necessary to achieve a good faith, legitimate objective, such as:

- preserving the voting strength of minority populations in compliance with the Voting Rights Act;
- making the districts compact;
- maintaining communities of interest in a single district and avoiding splitting neighborhoods;
- using school attendance zones to assist in defining neighborhoods;
- preserving the cores of existing districts;
- following easily identifiable geographic boundaries and other unique geographical configurations; or
- preserving constituency council relationship, facilitating responsiveness of elected representatives to their constituents.

2. Minority Representation.

- **As required by the Voting Rights Act, the voting strength of racial, ethnic, and language minorities in the districts should not be diluted or packed. Race, ethnicity, and language minority consideration however, cannot be the predominant factor to which other districting principles are subordinated.**
- A majority minority district may be created to provide fair representation to the members of racial, ethnic, and language

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minority populations where compelling justification requires such a district as determined by the following factors:

- a. a reasonably compact district can be drawn in compliance with the other redistricting guidelines in which voters of the minority group constitute a majority of the electorate and will increase the probability that members of the minority will be elected;
- b. the minority community is politically cohesive and usually votes together, and
- c. other voters in the area generally vote as a bloc to successfully defeat the minority community's preferred candidates.

3. Contiguity and Compactness.

The districts should be geographically compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness and contiguity involve both a functional and a geographic aspect. Functional compactness and contiguity include factors such as:

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- the availability of transportation and communication;
- the existence of common social, cultural, community, and economic interests;
- the ability of constituents of a council district to relate to each other;
- the existence of shared interests, including a history and tradition of working together;
- the use of school attendance zones to assist in defining neighborhoods; and
- the ability of drawing of district boundaries that facilitate communications between constituents and their elected representatives.

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4. Incumbents.

The configuration of districts should be neutral as to incumbents. The districts must not be configured for the purpose of either protecting or defeating an incumbent.

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5. Communities of Interest.

Communities of interest shall be maintained in a single district, where possible; and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods. For purposes of this guideline, "communities of interest" include geographic areas where there are people who share clearly recognizable similarities of social, political, cultural, ethnic, religious or economic interests.

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6. Cores of Existing Districts.

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