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# Dallas City Council Redistricting Process: an exercise of the freedoms we U.S. citizens enjoy

Last week a question was sent out by the Dallas Morning News: "Who has done the most with the freedom we have been given?" My response was one of the 18 published yesterday. On this fourth of July weekend we have much to celebrate!


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**Bill Betzen of Dallas: The Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission is a demonstration of freedom of speech in action. At every one of its weekly meetings, members dedicate time to allow public comment on any aspect of the City Council redistricting process and the drawing of boundaries. They listen and ask questions. The commission's web site, [dallascityhall.com/redistricting](http://dallascityhall.com/redistricting), has ample documentation to explain the redistricting process and demonstrates the transparency that rules every action. This is democracy at its best. Dallas can be proud.**

Hopefully, the redistricting process used by the Dallas City Council will continue to be improved and become a model for all redistricting processes nationwide.

It is a very tedious and labor intensive process, as is evident in the 50 or so hours of video taped Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission meetings that are already recorded and online for the public to see. This is transparency as it should be.

Such transparency and public input are critical to restore the confidence needed to bring voters **back** to the polls. Voters need to know that their vote makes a greater difference now than at any time in our gerrymandered past!



Posted by Bill Betzen at 9:45 AM  0

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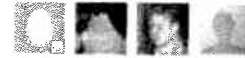
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# Dallas Redistricting 2011

## Objetan plan de mapa electoral para Dallas

08:08 AM CDT on Saturday, July 2, 2011

Por JULIÁN RESÉNDIZ/Al Día

En la política, las apariencias pesan.

Esa es la lección que recibió la Comisión de Redistribución de Dallas, que la noche del martes aceptó considerar el mapa de los nuevos distritos del cabildo que propone una de sus miembros.

El mapa de la comisionada Donna Halstead pasó a una primera ronda de consideración antes de que terminara el periodo para que el público entregara sus propuestas. Para algunos activistas y comisionados, esto da ventajas al plan de Halstead.

Cinco de los siete comisionados latinos o afroamericanos rechazaron el plan.

En la junta, algunos miembros de la comisión dijeron a un activista que constantemente presenta mapas que podría confundir al público con tanta propuesta, lo que molestó al ex alcalde Dwaine Caraway.

"No quiero que terminemos en un juzgado. Deben ser cautelosos cuando hablen", urgió Caraway, quien asistió a la reunión del martes. "No le digan a la gente que no puede presentar cierto número de mapas, no den la impresión que le dicen al público qué debe hacer, porque el público nos puede llevar a juicio".

La activista del sur de Dallas Sandra Crenshaw fue más lejos.

"Los miembros minoritarios de su propia comisión les dijeron que no aceptan ese mapa y ustedes de cualquier manera votaron por darle seguimiento", dijo.

"El plan de la comisionada Halstead precede a las propuestas públicas... no queremos acudir ante el Departamento de Justicia, pero han violentado la confianza de la gente al adelantarse", advirtió.

El mapa de Halstead crea cinco distritos hispanos en el cabildo de Dallas, pero sólo dos tienen una población latina superior al 65%, la cual es necesaria para elegir a un latino debido a su baja participación electoral, a decir de Crenshaw y del comisionado Domingo García, que votó en contra de la propuesta.

La redistribución definirá cuántos sectores hispanos tendrán su propio lugar en el cabildo durante los próximos 10 años. Actualmente tienen tres, pese a que son el 42% de la población.

Halstead dijo que su mapa es sólo un punto de partida, pero el comisionado John Loza dijo que representa ya un indicio de qué decisión se tomará.

"El votar para seguir considerándolo es aprobarlo tácitamente", dijo Loza. "Yo no voy a apoyar ningún mapa que margina a los hispanos de Oak Lawn y East Dallas y los junta con vecindarios como Uptown y Turtle Creek, con gente con la que no tienen nada en común".

La comisión también votó para considerar una de dos propuestas del activista Bill Betzen, que retiró de consideración su otro mapa ante el cuestionamiento de algunos comisionados.

La comisión recibió las propuestas del público el jueves y entró en receso hasta el 12 de julio.

Electoral map object to plan for Dallas

8:08 a.m. CDT on Saturday, July 2, 2011

By JULIAN RESENDIZ / day

In politics, appearances matter.

That is the lesson received for the Dallas Redistricting Commission, which late Tuesday agreed to consider the map of the new council districts proposed by one of its members.

Commissioner Donna Halstead's map made the first round of consideration before the end of the period for the public to submit their proposals. For some activists and commissioners, this gives an unfair advantage to Halstead's plan.

Five of the seven Latino and African-American commissioners voted against the plan.

At the meeting, some members of the commission said an activist who consistently presents different maps could confuse the public with his numerous proposals, which angered the former Mayor Dwaine Caraway.

"I do not want to end up in court. Should be cautious when we speak," urged Caraway, who attended Tuesday's meeting. "Do not tell people who cannot present a number of maps, not give the impression that tells the public what to do, because angering the public can lead to trial."

The South Dallas activist Sandra Crenshaw went further.

"The minority members of its own commission told the rest of the commission not to accept this map and you voted for it anyway," he said.

"The Commissioner Halstead plan precedes the public proposals. I do not want to go to the Department of Justice, but this process violated the trust of the people to get ahead," he said.

Halstead's map creates five Hispanic districts in Dallas, but only two have populations over 65% Latino, which is necessary to elect a Latino because of low turnout, said Crenshaw and Commissioner Domingo Garcia, who voted against the proposal.

City Council redistricting will define how many parts of the city have Hispanics in the council over the next 10 years. There are currently three Hispanic Council members, despite being 42% of the population.

Halstead said her map is only a starting point, but Commissioner John Loza said he knows what her map will bring..

"This vote to continue considering it is tacitly approving it," said Loza. "I will not support any map that alienates Hispanics and the East Dallas, Oak Lawn, and Uptown neighborhoods and

putting them with Turtle Creek, people who have nothing in common with the other parts of the city."

The commission also voted to consider two proposals by activist Bill Betzen, who withdrew from consideration his first map after questioning of some commissioners.

The commission will receive proposals from the public on Thursday June 30, 2011 and is adjourned until July 12.

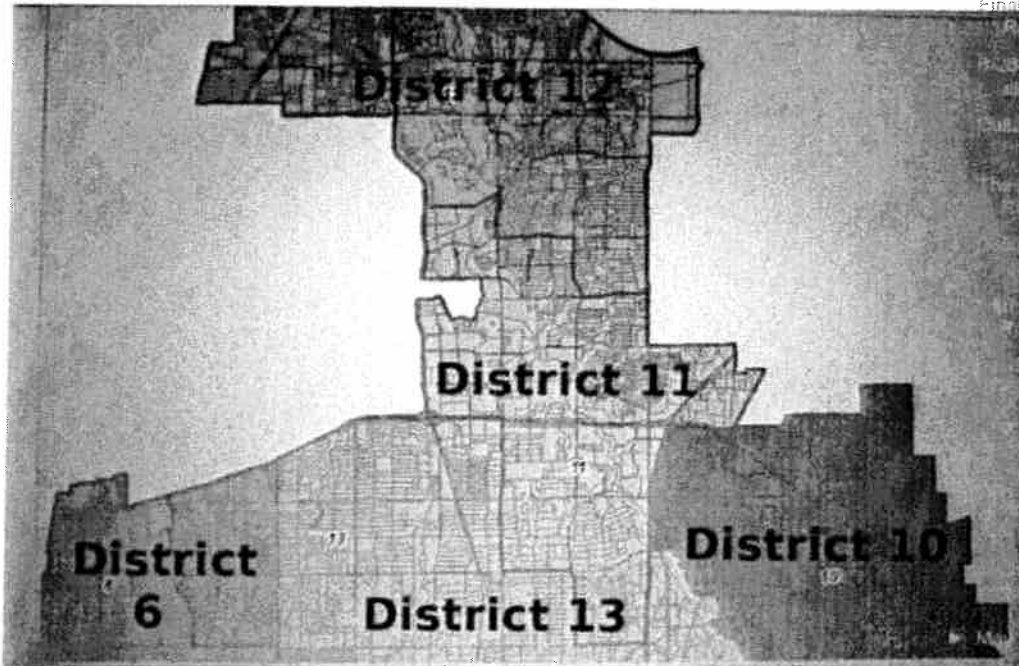
# Final Dallas City Council Redistricting Plan sent to Commission

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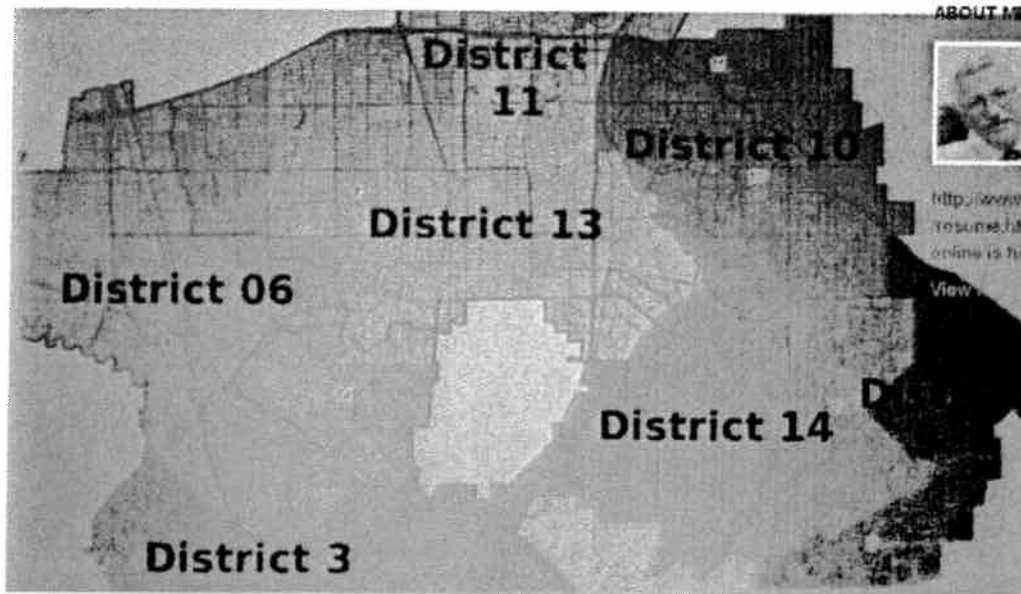
- 1) Proposed Dallas Council District map for wPlan03, in 5 photos.
- 2) Demographics produced, and
- 3) Text from letter to Redistricting Commission sent with wPlan03 explaining the goals attempted in its creation.

Part 1) Here are 5 photos which together show one proposed Dallas City Council redistricting plan that provides for the highest minority representation possible while also eliminating over 90% of the gerrymandering that has plagued Dallas City Council districts on the south side of Dallas:

Far North Dallas: (Click on photo to enlarge.)



North Dallas:



Central & South Dallas:



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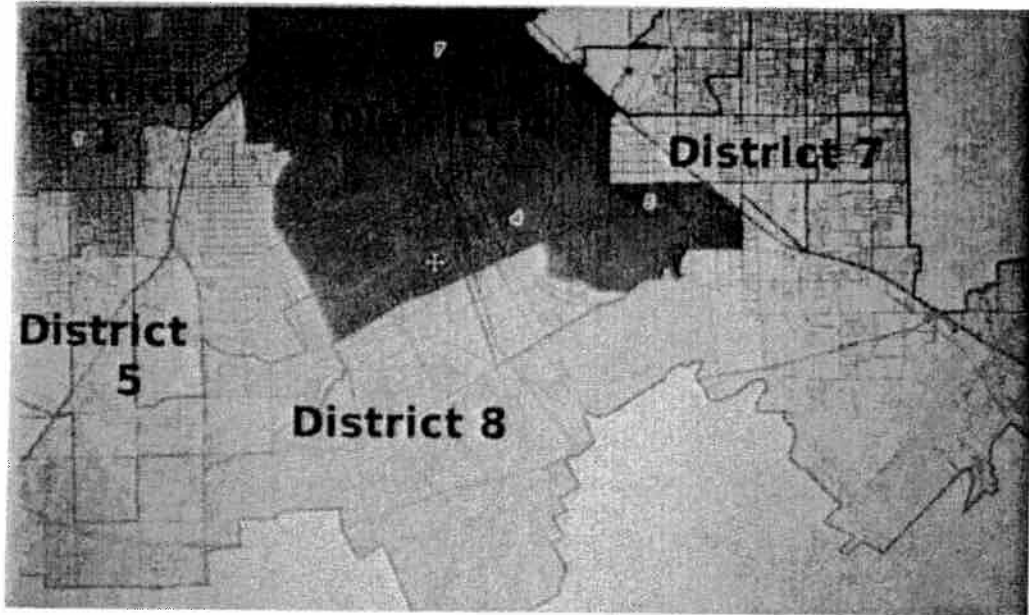
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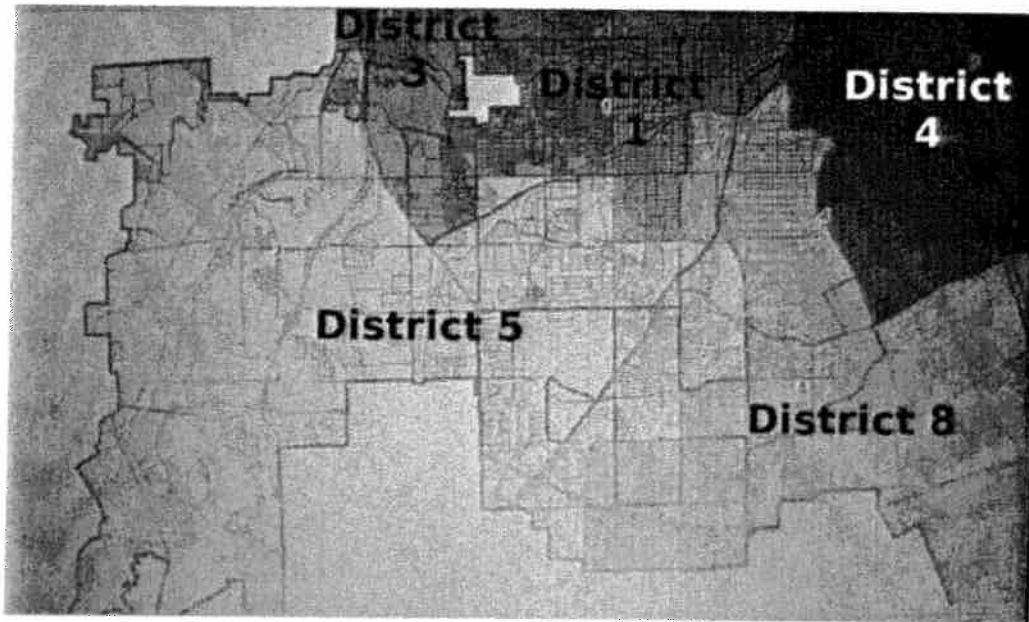


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Far Southwest Dallas:



The above 5 maps are generated by wPlan03 completed on 6-30-11 with input from hundreds of people.

Part 2) Demographic numbers produced by this plan: (Click chart to see larger copy.)

**Dallas City Council Demographics from wPlan03 submitted 6-30-11**

District	Total Population	Total Pop Deviation	% Pop Deviation	% Hispanic	% Black	% White	Voting Age Pop (VAP)	VAP Hispanic %	VAP Black%	VAP White%
1	84,828	-730	-0.85%	<b>69.91%</b>	10.32%	18.40%	62,783	<b>62.13%</b>	12.60%	21.65%
2	85,121	-437	-0.51%	<b>63.34%</b>	19.09%	15.60%	59,285	<b>57.83%</b>	19.64%	20.30%
3	86,737	1179	1.38%	<b>68.92%</b>	15.45%	12.75%	59,694	<b>64.11%</b>	15.78%	16.67%
4	85,756	198	0.23%	20.67%	<b>59.61%</b>	17.14%	66,220	17.07%	<b>58.42%</b>	21.81%
5	84,604	-954	-1.12%	32.97%	<b>54.70%</b>	10.14%	59,181	28.91%	<b>55.84%</b>	12.88%
6	85,478	-80	-0.09%	<b>69.14%</b>	7.23%	20.94%	61,034	<b>63.17%</b>	7.99%	25.69%
7	86,739	1181	1.38%	<b>67.34%</b>	19.11%	12.74%	55,870	<b>61.98%</b>	20.54%	16.32%
8	84,368	-1190	-1.39%	32.36%	<b>62.61%</b>	3.90%	59,237	27.19%	<b>66.48%</b>	4.94%
9	86,254	696	0.81%	<b>50.98%</b>	25.27%	20.41%	60,518	<b>45.16%</b>	25.31%	26.00%
10	85,484	-74	-0.09%	22.55%	32.46%	38.08%	62,988	19.39%	31.12%	42.30%
11	85,282	-506	-0.56%	33.82%	12.41%	48.27%	65,879	28.94%	12.23%	52.98%
12	85,938	380	0.44%	17.33%	17.45%	54.46%	69,758	15.28%	16.65%	57.24%
13	85,156	-302	-0.47%	26.81%	9.80%	55.92%	65,589	22.65%	9.78%	60.26%
14	86,101	543	0.63%	16.35%	5.41%	74.15%	72,652	14.14%	5.09%	76.75%
Average:	85,558	Total Deviation = 2,77%		42.32%	25.08%	38.79%	62,906	37.74%	25.53%	32.73%

Part 3: Text from letter sent Redistricting Commission with wPlan03 on 6/30/11 to explain the values that guided the creation of wPlan03:

June 30, 2011 ...

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

... This final plan took advantage of the hundreds of inputs I have continued to be blessed with over these past three months, right up to the last hour before it was submitted online today. But the design of this final plan is centered on improving the compactness measurements from wPlan24. (Plan completed and now in consideration by Commissioners) There are factors in wPlan24 that are preferred by some Commissioners that are not in this final plan. But, for the long term political health of our city, compactness, and the centering of districts closer to one of the 14 population centers in Dallas, are the highest values. Other values that drove the design of this final plan were the maximization of minority representation and working to avoid any use of residential streets as boundaries, especially with homes on both sides of the street. All such residential streets have been avoided as boundaries except in the northeastern boundaries to District 2 in East Dallas, and in two other locations. Here are some of the improvements made:

1. **Hispanic Voting Age Population averages** have improved and now average 62% in the 5 most populous Hispanic districts.
2. **Black Voting Age Population averages** also improved and now average over 60% in the three districts with the highest Black populations.
3. The locations where small two-lane streets were used as boundaries have been reduced to only three locations on the map, a very significant improvement. These lesser boundaries cover about 4 miles of the over 420 miles of boundaries that surround the 14 districts in Dallas. (If more population variation were used, well within the allowable, at least two of these spots may be eliminated.)
4. The average perimeter for each of the 14 districts is expected to be about 31 miles per district, over 12 miles less than the current average district boundary. The average index score measuring improvement in compactness will hopefully be above 1.4. Both are solid improvements over wPlan24.

Hopefully the final map chosen will equal or improve these four critical numbers, and use even fewer miles of two-lane road boundary.

I again want to congratulate the Redistricting Commission members for designing and approving this public process and the excellent set of guidelines. They reinforce the values of our democracy.

Following are the ways each of the Redistricting Guidelines are followed in wPlan03 now submitted.

1. Population Equality

85,558 population target. The total variation is 2.77%.

### 2. Minority Representation

There are a total of 9 districts with wPlan03 that have a majority of residents from a single minority group. A total of 6 districts are majority Hispanic with an average percentage of the population that is Hispanic of over 68% in the 5 most populous. The sixth Hispanic majority district is truly only an opportunity district as the Hispanic population is 51% with a Voting Age Population (VAP) of 45%. Three districts are majority Black with populations that are 54.7%, 59.6% and 62.6% Black. (Black Voting Age Populations in these same districts are 55.8%, 58.4%, and 66.5% for an average VAP over 60%.) All numbers are improvements over wPlan24. These 8 districts with a majority Voting Age Population that is one minority group, combined with two minority opportunity districts, should allow minority voters to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in Dallas.

### 3. Contiguity and Compactness

The 14 districts were each centered as much as possible around the 14 population centers in Dallas. This is required to secure the most compact district possible. This process required radical movement of current districts due to the Dallas history of gerrymandering. At the same time, as compactness increases, the length of boundaries decrease, thereby dividing up fewer communities because there are simply fewer miles of boundaries. It is anticipated that wPlan03 will have about 168 fewer miles of such boundaries than the current district boundaries in use since 2001. We will know this for certain as the compactness tests are run.

Among the guidelines which may be considered is listed "Communities of Interest." Under that heading three specific districts in this plan deserve mention due to the two historic areas of Dallas they will now represent.

Districts three and one, Hispanic majority districts, will both now include with this final plan the parts of Dallas that used to be called "Little Mexico." District 4, a majority Black district, now also will include sections of Dallas containing the former Freedman's Town and Freedman's Cemetery which had a painful history of less than respectful care under city leaders in the distant past. These redistricting changes increase the probability that these historic locations may someday be under the more watchful care of one or more city council representatives who are also descendants of ancestors who lived, worked, and may even be buried, on that land. These redistricting changes are a way for all the citizens of Dallas to acknowledge the strong positive contributions and history of the ancestors of the hundreds of thousands of Black and Hispanic Dallas residents, now working in greater numbers than ever to lead us into the next century. We must celebrate our Dallas History!

It is an honor to present wPlan03 for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Betzen, LMSW (Emeritus)  
The School Archive Project – history, a dropout cure  
[www.studentmotivation.org](http://www.studentmotivation.org)

Once you have studied the above demographics produced by wPlan03 and the cover letter that describes the values used in the design, what do you think?

**How may wPlan03 be improved?**

Please email [bbetzen@aol.com](mailto:bbetzen@aol.com), or post below to the blog.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 11:24 PM    

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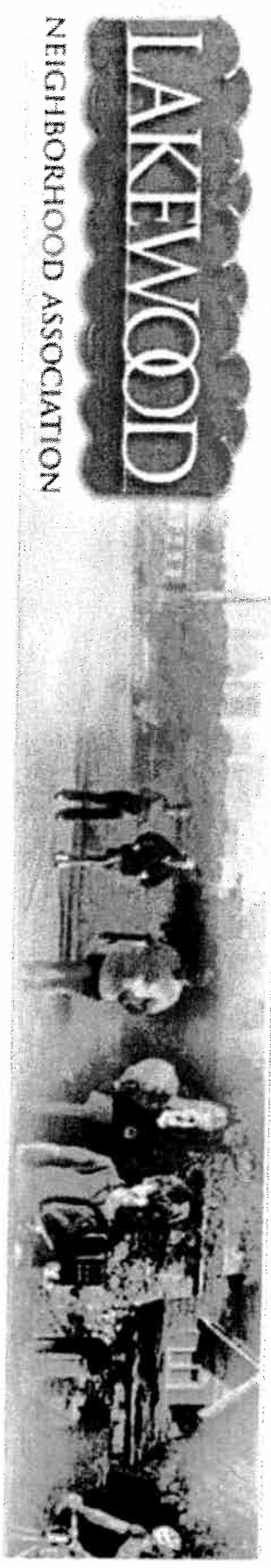
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### Notes from City Hall



As I begin my 3<sup>rd</sup> term as your council representative I look forward to many new projects in and around district 9. One of these projects is redistricting. District 9 is a wonderful place to live and according to the census numbers, a large number agree.

The City of Dallas Redistricting Commission continues to move forward on creating a new city council district map as required by the City Charter following the 2010 US Census. The Redistricting Commission began holding public meetings in February 2011 and has successfully developed Redistricting Guidelines to guide its work. The Commission hosted 10 public hearings.



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throughout the city of Dallas in April and May. Over 570 Dallas residents attended those public hearings and currently the Commission is reviewing the testimony provided.

The Redistricting Commission will accept redistricting plans until June 30, 2011 from individuals and organizations that create a citywide map which complies with the Redistricting Guidelines established by the commission. Plans may be created using the City of Dallas Redistricting Office computer lab at City Hall, the redistricting computer terminals on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, and/or a web-based mapping application that can be accessed through the City of Dallas Redistricting website at [www.dallascityhall.com/redistricting](http://www.dallascityhall.com/redistricting). Please consider attending a forthcoming Redistricting Commission meeting, which occur weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00pm at 6ES in Dallas City Hall. Any questions regarding the Redistricting Commission's work may be directed to (214) 670-5735 or via email at [redDallas1@dallascityhall.com](mailto:redDallas1@dallascityhall.com).

This is an exciting time in our city and I welcome your input. I am deeply honored to serve as your district 9 council member. Please contact my city hall office at 214-670-4069 anytime you have questions, concerns or ideas.

Sheffie Kadane

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I welcome your calls. They are improving this map!  
Bill Betzen

Posted by Bill Betzen at 3:10 PM  0

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# Dallas Redistricting 2011

# He's Mayor For Two More Hours ...

By Robert Wilonsky

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## Caraway reflects on four months as Dallas mayor

"It's been a lot of fun," Mayor Dwaine Caraway said on the eve of turning over the gavel to Mike Rawlings. "It's been something that's put a lot of naysayers to rest." [view full article](#)

At 10 this morning at the Meyerson Symphony Center, Mike Rawlings officially becomes Dallas mayor, and Dwaine Caraway goes back to being just one of 14 council members who must travel sans security detail. Shortly after that, more than likely, Pauline Medrano will ascend to the title of mayor pro tem; more than likely, Tennell Atkins will become deputy. Caraway had his chance to have his shot at becoming mayor, but said in January he decided not to run to focus on redistricting, telling Unfair Park that "one of the most pressing issues facing the city and the city's future is the redrawing of the lines that will give better representation to the southeast part of the city."

A month later, of course, he became mayor anyway. Then, a few weeks after that, he sued the city to stop the release of those police records relating to a January 2 call to his house. Jim wrote a few weeks ago he'll miss having Caraway at the center of the horseshoe: "The way Caraway has operated in office is only different from how previous mayors have behaved because the things he wants are different, and because he asked for them so loudly." Rudy writes today that, oh, he'll run for mayor one day, mark it down: "I've proven I can shoulder the responsibility, and I'm sincere and committed to service, transparency and openness to everyone."

Above is the chitchat with Caraway that aired on WFAA last night, during which he triggered the Band Name Alert: "Negative Bloggers."

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**Anonymous** 7 hours ago

Why does our mayor need a security detail? Of all the crappy ways our tax money is spent, that may be the most useless.



**Montemalone** 6 hours ago in reply to Anonymous

The security is to protect us from him.



**Downtown Resident** 5 hours ago in reply to Anonymous

Let me guess, the city is going to get a bill from the "Arthur and Archie Protection Service" right?



**Wylie H.** 7 hours ago



**Robert Wilonsky** 6 hours ago [in reply to Wylie H.](#)

Now, now, all Dallas mayors have security details.



**Wylie H.** 5 hours ago [in reply to Robert Wilonsky](#)

Why in the world do they have a security detail; seems like a real waste of money. It would be interesting to know if other cities of comparable population routinely provide a security detail for their mayors.



**cp** 4 hours ago [in reply to Wylie H.](#)

It's two cops from the special elite force unit, or whatever the hell it's called, and one of them is the driver of the car and keeper of appointments.



**Rooster** 7 hours ago

Caraway has better odds of flapping his arms and flying to the moon than winning an at-large mayoral race.



**Scruffygeist** 6 hours ago [in reply to Rooster](#)

I'd be more welcoming to Tom Hicks rebuying the Rangers than Caraway as mayor again.



**Sassy** 6 hours ago

Didn't this chump give Vic a key to the city? REALLY? A felon.....having done time for killing and abusing dogs....WTF!!!.....Caraway is and idiot and a loser..... Angela Hunt would be a better choice....at least she gave a key to one of Vic's dogs that managed to survive his incarceration of holocost.



**trannytraining** 5 hours ago [in reply to Sassy](#)

It wasn't his choice to give it to Vick. His political consultants at, ' Archie & Arthur Consulting, Inc', recommended him to do it.



**Doug** 6 hours ago

Re: "... and I'm sincere and committed to service, transparency and openness to everyone."

Isn't he the guy who blatently tried to get the "ethics" rules changed under the table to make it easier to take bribes...oops, I mean "contributions"?



**Wylie H.** 5 hours ago [in reply to Doug](#)

Yes. And he also accepted an all-expense paid trip to Nigeria (effectively "laundered" through the World Affairs Council) under extremely murky circumstances.



**trannytraining** 5 hours ago

I personally think Caraway needs to go on a vacation....for, oh, let's say... 30 years or more.



**Coleman** 5 hours ago

I saw Dwaine Caraway at the mall Saturday, the same day I saw someone walking briskly out of Macy's wearing a shit with tags still on it. Wonder if that was Arthur or Archie



**Kevin Andrew Kunreuther** 4 hours ago

He's funny, corrupt and strange and loads of entertainment but I do not care to have him run my city anymore.



Dallas - Fort Worth, Texas

## Dallas/Fort Worth

### Proponen más presencia latina

12:00 AM CDT on Saturday, June 25, 2011

Por JULIÁN RESÉNDIZ/AI Día

Fue solo un primer borrador, pero el mapa de la nueva distribución del poder político en Dallas que presenta la comisionada de redistribución Donna Halstead levantó el ánimo de activistas latinos y preocupó a afroamericanos.

El mapa propone cinco distritos de mayoría hispana en el cabildo – siendo que ahora hay tres – y otros se crean donde la población latina es más del 33%. Solo tres distritos serían de mayoría afroamericana y el resto serían controlados por anglos.

El concejo de la ciudad cuenta con 14 concejales.

El mapa de Halstead es la primera de muchas propuestas que discutirá la Comisión de Redistribución en las próximas semanas, pero deja claro algunas cosas que no van a cambiar.

"Hay una población tan grande de hispanos que es fácil dibujar distritos hispanos", dijo la comisionada. De los 1,197,816 habitantes de Dallas es hispano, según el censo del 2010.

Asimismo, Halstead afirmó que no hay suficientes vecindarios afroamericanos contiguos para garantizar lugares en el cabildo que tienen actualmente.

Y el mapa cumple la línea que estableció la comisión y enfatizaron los vecinos de no dividir vecindarios en distritos que se extienden de un lado de la ciudad a otro.

El activista Jesse Díaz, residente de Pleasant Grove, se mostró gratamente sorprendido.

"He estado involucrado en la redistribución durante 20 años y siempre han manipulado los mapas. Por lo tanto parece que eso no va a suceder", dijo Díaz. "También parece que (los latinos) vamos a ganar cuatro o cinco distritos en el cabildo, lo cual refleja el crecimiento de nuestra población".

Agregó que el mapa solo divide a Pleasant Grove en dos distritos, en vez de parcelarlo en cuatro como lo hacen actualmente.

El comisionado Domingo García dijo que el mapa de Halstead es una opción, pero que no garantiza la presencia de los hispanos al cabildo, debido a la pobre participación electoral de los latinos.

"Una cosa es que sean distritos 50% latinos, otra cosa es que sean distritos donde se puede elegir a un latino en los distritos que son 65% latinos por lo general eligen a un latino, mientras que los que tienen menos del 65% no lo hacen. Ese es el porcentaje que vamos a buscar", dijo García.

## Preocupación entre afroamericanos

El comisionado Stanley Mays reaccionó al mapa de Halstead citando el Inciso 5 de la Ley Federal de De Votante.

"La ley dice que no se puede reducir la representación de las minorías. ¿Usted afirma que no viola la (ley preguntó.

"Su mapa destruye la mayoría de los distritos en el sector Sur. Yo votaría en contra", agregó la comisionada Hassan en la reunión del martes por la noche.

La abogada asistente de la ciudad, Barbara McAninch, aclaró que la ley federal solo protege a tres de los del cabildo con un concejal afroamericano. El distrito 7 tiene una concejal afroamericana, pero ese grupo mayoría ahí.

La concejal de ese distrito, Carolyn Davis, abordó a la comisión el martes para que consideren dibujar cu afroamericanos.

Y el comisionado Hollis Brashear dijo que "no se pueden sacrificar relaciones que existen en una comunidad satisfacer otras relaciones".

Halstead dijo que aceptaba la retroalimentación.

"Quise desarrollar un mapa en el que todos podamos dejar nuestra huella", afirmó. "Esperaba que las otras quisieran cambiar este mapa y espero que eso ocurra para que el mapa sea parte de todos".

Proposed maps provide a greater Latino presence

12:00 AM CDT on Saturday, June 25, 2011

By JULIAN RESENDIZ / day

It was only a first draft, but the map of the new distribution of political power in Dallas this week that was presented Commissioner Donna Halstead lifted the spirits of Latino activists and concerned those of African-Americans.

The map proposes five Hispanic majority districts on Dallas City Council from the current three, and six other districts where the Latino population is over 33%. Only three districts would be majority African-American, while the rest would be controlled by Anglos.

The City Council has 14 council members.

Halstead's map is the first of many proposals that the Redistricting Commission will discuss in the coming weeks, but the first map makes clear some things will not change.

"There is a large population of Hispanics is easy to draw districts Hispanics," said Commissioner Halstead. 42.35% of Dallas' 1,197,816 residents are Hispanic, according to the 2010 US Census.

Also, Halstead said there are not enough contiguous African-American neighborhoods to secure the four places in the council they currently have.

And the map meets the line that established the commission and stressed the neighbors not to divide neighborhoods and not draw districts that stretch from one city to another.

Activist Jesse Diaz, a resident of Pleasant Grove, was pleasantly surprised.

"I've been involved in redistricting for 20 years and the commission has always manipulated the maps. From what I see now, it seems that's not going to happen," Diaz said. "It also seems that (Latinos) are going to win four or five seats on the council, reflecting the growth of our population."

He said on Halstead's map, Pleasant Grove is only divided into two districts, instead of being dividing into four in its current incarnation.

Commissioner Domingo Garcia said that the map of Halstead is an option, but does not guarantee the election of five Hispanics to the council, due to poor turnout by Latinos.

"One thing is that districts are 50% Latino, another thing is that they are districts where you can choose a Latino. Districts are 65% Latino usually choose a Latino, while those with less than 65% never have had. That is the percentage that we seek," Garcia said.

Concern among African Americans



Commissioner Stanley Mays reacted to the map of Halstead citing Paragraph 5 of the Federal Voting Rights.

"The law says you cannot reduce the representation of minorities. You said that does not violate the (act of voting)," he asked.

"Your map destroys most of the districts in the south. I would vote against it," said Commissioner Mary Hassan at the meeting on Tuesday night.

The Assistant City Attorney Barbara McAninch said that federal law protects only three of the four places in the town hall with a black councilman. District 7 has an African-American councilman, but that group does not have a majority there.

The council of that district, Carolyn Davis, addressed the commission on Tuesday to consider African Americans draw four districts.

And Commissioner Hollis Brashear said "the new map cannot be sacrificed relationships that exist in a community to meet other relationships."

Halstead said she accepted the feedback.

"I wanted to develop a map that we can all make our mark," he said. "I expected the 13 others would like to change this map and I hope that happens so that the final map includes contributions from all."

## 2011 Redistricting Proposed Plan Presentation Schedule

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### 2011 Redistricting Proposed Plan Submission Matrix

Plan Identifier	Plan Type	Submitter	Org	Dis	Date Initiated	Date Submitted	Plan Description	Plan Status
councilPlan01	Council	Dwaine Caraway		4	4/26/2011	6/30/2011	Council Plan 01	In review
cPlan10	Commissioner	Donna Halstead		10	4/6/2011	6/16/2011	Commissioner Plan 10	Presented 06/28/2011
cPlan12	Commissioner	Tom Wood		12	4/5/2011	6/7/2011	Commissioner Plan 12	Testimony 06/14/2011
pPlan03	Public	Bill Betzen		8	4/26/2011	5/16/2011	Public Plan 03	Withdrawn
pPlan05	Public	Sandra Crenshaw	LACPAC	8	4/28/2011	6/30/2011	Public Plan 05	In review
pPlan06	Public	Mark Shecter		14	5/20/2011	6/30/2011	Public Plan 06	In review
pPlan14	Public	Sandra Crenshaw	LACPAC	8	6/30/2011	6/30/2011	Public Plan 14	In review
wPlan01	Web-Public	Randall Bryant		5	6/1/2011	6/30/2011	Web Plan 01 Public	In review
wPlan02	Web-Public	Helene McKinney		7	6/1/2011	6/30/2011	Web Plan 02 Public	Testimony
wPlan03	Web-Public	Bill Betzen		8	6/1/2011	6/19/2011	Web Plan 03 Public	Accepted
wPlan04	Web-Public	Kyle Talkington		14	6/2/2011	6/29/2011	Web Plan 04 Public	In review
wPlan07cc	Web-Council	Carolyn Davis		7	6/1/2011	6/29/2011	Web Plan 07 Council	Testimony
wPlan12	Web-Public	Benjamin Lopez		14	6/2/2011	6/30/2011	Web Plan 12 Public	Accepted
wPlan16	Web-Public	Sam Merten		NA	6/3/2011	6/29/2011	Web Plan 16 Public	Accepted
wPlan22	Web-Public	Alexander Enriquez		9	6/3/2011	6/7/2011	Web Plan 22 Public	Accepted
wPlan24	Web-Public	Bill Betzen		8	6/6/2011	6/20/2011	Web Plan 24 Public	Presented 06/28/2011
wPlan31	Web-Public	Jon Heimbarger		1	6/8/2011	6/25/2011	Web Plan 31 Public	Testimony 06/30/2011
wPlan43	Web-Public	Keith McPhail		2	6/11/2011	6/30/2011	Web Plan 43 Public	Accepted
wPlan45	Web-Public	Shirley Stark		4	6/14/2011	6/27/2011	Web Plan 45 Public	Accepted
wPlan51	Web-Public	Maria Beikman		12	6/21/2011	6/29/2011	Web Plan 51 Public	Testimony
wPlan55	Web-Public	Keith McPhail		2	6/27/2011	6/30/2011	Web Plan 55 Public	Accepted

**Redistricting Commission  
wPlan03 Handout  
Bill Betzen  
July 12, 2011**

## Dallas City Council Redistricting Plan wPlan03 by Bill Betzen

The following plan is presented district by district with as many of the individual details as time allows. This plan works to minimize gerrymandered district lines, lessening the average district perimeter by almost 12 miles in the process. Over 27% of the current district boundary length in Dallas is eliminated! This means that **over 166 miles of unneeded boundaries between Dallas neighbors are gone!**

WPlan03 also eliminates almost all small residential streets as boundaries, using major boundaries that are more easily recognized and understood by voters. This will hopefully lead to less confusion and greater voter turnout, and districts that will only need minimal modifications in the decades to come.

With significantly more compact districts, the increased emphasis on community, and the resulting lowering of campaign costs, it is hoped that greater numbers of qualified candidates will present themselves to work and serve on the Dallas City Council, and in volunteer capacities related to city government.

The greatest danger faced by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission, and the Dallas City Council, is giving in to temporary political goals of one group or another so as to gerrymander lines from one district to another. The current district lines are filled with such imperfections and strange appendages sticking out one way or another. The reason for many of these cannot even now be identified, but 10 or 20 years ago they were important for some reason. Let us now build city council district boundaries that will withstand the test of time and still have meaning and relevance 10, 20, and even 30 years from now.

Let us design boundaries that will not require a story to go with them to be understood in 2050.

The application of the above principals, as well as the brilliant guidelines provided for this process, will be explained and demonstrated district by district in numerical order below.

The last page attached has a comparison, using the most critical variables, of all of the plans submitted to date that are continuing in consideration as of 7/12/11.

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### District 1

District 1	Population	Hispanic %	Voting Age Hispanic %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	80,101	85.89%	81.86	21.39	10.12
With wPlan03	84,828	69.91%	62.13	24.03	11.39

The major changes made in District 1 with wPlan03 involved movement to the east and across the Trinity River so as to include downtown populations, and thereby lower the Hispanic population percentages below 70%. This included taking in the 6,200+ prison population in the County and State incarceration facilities near the Crowley Court House to help lower the Hispanic percentages. The prison population is only 19% Hispanic.

Even though District 1 now includes part of the Trinity River flood plain, it remains the most compact district in Dallas. It is 20% smaller than any other district with three square miles less area.

This small area now includes the priceless historic area of "Little Mexico." It will now have the potential of being represented by a descendent of families who once lived there. The history of Little Mexico is being actively documented and preserved as part of the planning for a future Hispanic History Museum for Dallas. This redistricting change will help this area to be more visible and understood by our many students who share a heritage from this historic area. As history is embraced, our DISD dropout rates will go down.

### District 1 Boundaries

**(It is recommended that those streets in bold, w/o parenthesis, that are listed as boundaries in this version of wplan03, be removed as boundaries and erased from this list. That would extend Tyler and Colorado as the boundaries. That change would eliminate the only boundaries remaining for District 1 that are low traffic, two lane, residential streets.)**

*Northern Boundary:* City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill at N Cockrell Hill Road; N Cockrell Hill Road to W Davis Street; W Davis Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street to **W Canty Street to Van Buren to Cedar Hill Avenue turns into W Colorado Blvd**; W Colorado Blvd to N Beckley Avenue; N Beckley Avenue to I30; I30 to Trinity River; Trinity River to Railroad tracks; **(location of state prison facility which has over 6,000 inmates of whom only 19% are Hispanic)** Railroad tracks to I35; I35 to Dallas Tollway; Dallas Tollway to Harry Hines Blvd; Harry Hines Blvd to Turtle Creek; Turtle Creek to Maple Avenue

*Eastern Boundary:* Maple Avenue at Turtle Creek Blvd; Maple Avenue to McKinney Avenue; McKinney Avenue to N Pearl Street; N Pearl Street turns into Crockett Street to N Cesar Chavez Blvd; N Cesar Chavez Blvd to I30; I30 to I35 S; I35 S to Ewing Avenue; Ewing Avenue to DART Railroad tracks; follow DART Railroad tracks to S Vernon Avenue; S Vernon Avenue to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to W Keist Blvd.

*Western Boundary:* City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill at N Cockrell Hill Road to W Clarendon Road; W Clarendon Road to S Westmoreland Road; S Westmoreland Road to W Illinois Avenue.

*Southern Boundary:* S Hampton Road to Kiest then east to S Polk Street

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### District 2

<b>District 2</b>	Population	Hispanic %	Voting Age Hispanic %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	70,643	61.40%	54.71%	45.24	17
With wPlan03	85,121	63.34%	57.83%	28.7	16.5

District 2 went through major changes in wPlan03 so as to include the heavily Hispanic community in far east Dallas, north of Pleasant Grove and south of Buckner Terrace. The only area of the current District 2 that remains in District 2 is the near east Dallas Hispanic Community south of the "M" Streets. In this process District 2 became significantly more compact, reducing the perimeter by over 36%, reducing the

area by only 3%, but increasing the population by 20%! This all happened by crossing the White Rock Creek flood plain area to unify the far East Dallas and near East Dallas Hispanic Communities.

The north eastern edge of the new District 2 is the district boundary with the heaviest usage of residential streets for boundaries in all of Dallas. It has more miles of such boundaries due to the older infrastructure in East Dallas.

**District 2 Boundaries** (Two lane “residential streets” in **bold**)

*Northern Boundary:* Central Expressway at **Willis Avenue; Willis Avenue to McMillan Avenue; McMillan Avenue to Belmont Avenue; Belmont Avenue to Greenville Avenue; Greenville Avenue to Oram Street; Oram Street to Abrams Pkwy; Abrams Pkwy** turns into Abrams Road to S Beacon Street; S Beacon Street to **E Side Avenue; E Side Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue; Santa Fe Avenue to Cameron Avenue; Cameron Avenue to East Grand Avenue; East Grand Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Samuell Blvd; Samuell Blvd to Grove Hill Road; Grove Hill Road to Forney Road.**

*Eastern Boundary:* City Limits at Forney Road to Bruton Road

*Southern Boundary:* Bruton Road at 175; Bruton Road to City Limits;

*Western Boundary:* Carroll Avenue to Haskell Avenue and on to Railroad Tracks; Follow Railroad tracks to Scyene Road to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Bruton Road; Bruton Road at 175

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**District 3**

<b>District 3</b>	Population	Hispanic %	Voting Age Hispanic %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	98,943	51.32%	54.71%	76.86	51.33
With wPlan03	86,737	68.92%	64.11%	34.24	32.23

District 3, as most districts south of I-30, went through major changes in wPlan03. District 3 also had grown more than any other district in Dallas and had over 13,000 in population that had to be moved out. Due to the need to use the majority Black population west of Duncanville and south of I-20 to help unite communities of interest to create a third Black majority district, District 3 was moved north to continue to now allow all of both West Dallas and Kessler Park to be in one district, District 3. This partnership will allow the critical development decisions for the evolution of West Dallas to be most productive. It also allowed the Hispanic Percentage for District 3 to go below 70% as recommended. (I also strongly believe it will help create the district that will grow the most during the next decade.)

District 3 now also includes that part of Little Mexico that was cut away from the older section of Little Mexico by the creation of the Dallas North Tollway from 1966 through 1968. Now, with wPlan03, most of the eastern boundary for District 3 will be the Tollway combined with I-35 to the south.

**District 3 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* City Limits at 183; 183 to I-35; I-35 to Inwood Road; Inwood Road to Cedar

Springs Road; Cedar Springs Road to Cedar Plaza Lane; Cedar Plaza Lane to Lemmon Avenue; Lemmon Avenue to City Limits at Dallas Tollway

*Eastern Boundary:* Dallas Tollway at City Limits; Dallas Tollway to I-35; I-35 to Railroad tracks; Railroad Tracks to Trinity River; Trinity River to I-30; I-30 to N Beckley Avenue. N Beckley Avenue to Colorado Blvd; Colorado Blvd to Cedar Hill Avenue; Cedar Hill Avenue to VanBuren; VanBuren to W Canty Street; W Canty Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street to W Davis Street.

*Southern Boundary:* S Walton Walker Blvd at W Kiest Blvd and Rail Road Tracks; Railroad Tracks to S Cockrell Hill Road; S Cockrell Hill Road to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Westmoreland Road; S Westmoreland Road to W Clarendon Drive; Follow City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill to N Cockrell Hill Road; N Cockrell Hill Road to W Davis Street; W Davis Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street

*Western Boundary:* City Limits at 183. Follow City Limits South to W Jefferson Blvd; W Jefferson Blvd to Loop 12; Loop 12 to S Walton Walker Blvd; S Walton Walker Blvd to Rail Road Tracks

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**District 4**

<b>District 4</b>	Population	Black %	Voting Age Black %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	85671	47.36%	51.84%	48.41	21.97
With wPlan03	85,756	59.61%	58.42%	33.31	32.41

District 4 goes through major changes in wPlan03. It moves to the center and expands north to fill in most of the area now covered in District 7. It also expands some south to take in area that used to be District 5. (The District 7 number was moved to represent the Pleasant Grove Area south of Bruton Road and east of White Rock Creek and the Trinity River. District 5 was moved to the west, to unite with the Black population south of I-20 and west of Duncanville, and create a third Black majority district in Dallas. See below.)

District 4 has moved from being one of the smaller districts in area covered to being one of the largest. Only 4 districts will cover a larger land area. At the same time the perimeter for District 4 will be 31% shorter than the old District 4 perimeter. All of South Dallas, except for a far eastern corner that is now majority Hispanic, will in District 4. District 4 will be a significantly more compact district. Only one city council district in wPlan03 had a higher improvement score on progress toward a more compact district. This should hopefully bring increased numbers of volunteers and leaders forward in our communities.

A wealth of locations from early Black history are now inside District 4 with the inclusion of the area north of downtown formerly known as Freedman's Town, including the current Freedman's Cemetery Memorial. With this area in a district that may be represented by a descendent of those buried in this sacred ground, this history may be more deeply respected and more often passed on to our children.



**District 4 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* Turtle Creek Blvd from Maple Ave to Blackburn Street; Blackburn Street to Central Expressway; Central Expressway to Carroll Avenue

*Eastern Boundary:* Carroll Avenue south to Haskell Avenue; Haskell Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Follow Railroad tracks to Scyene Road; Scyene Road to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Bruton Road; Bruton Road at 175; 175 to Pemberton Hill Road; Pemberton Hill Road to Elam Road; Elam Road to 175; 175 to Murdock Road; Murdock Road to Fairport Road; Fairport Road to Elam Creek; Elam Creek to Trinity River; Trinity River to Great Trinity Forest Way

*Southern Boundary:* S Lancaster Road at E Ledbetter Drive; E Ledbetter Drive to Great Trinity Forest Way to Trinity River; Trinity River to Elam Creek

*Western Boundary:* Maple Avenue at Turtle Creek Blvd; Maple Avenue to McKinney Avenue; McKinney Avenue to N Pearl Street; N Pearl Street turns into Crockett Street to N Cesar Chavez Blvd; N Cesar Chavez Blvd to I30; I30 to I35 S; I35 S to S Ewing Avenue; S Ewing Avenue to Edgemont Avenue; Edgemont Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to Stella Avenue; Stella Avenue to Danube Drive; Danube Drive to S Corinth Street; S Corinth Street at Danube Drive; S Corinth Street to S Lancaster Road; S Lancaster Road to E Ledbetter Drive

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**District 5**

<b>District 5</b>	Population	Black %	Voting Age Black %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	89740	47.25%	50.73%	54.52	26.11
With wPlan03	84,605	54.70%	55.84%	58.05	47.04

Only the far western end of the present District 5 remains in District 5 under wPlan03. The center of District 5 moves about 5 miles to the west to include the Black majority population south of I-20 and west of Duncanville. This uniting of communities of interest is mandatory to achieve a third majority Black district in Dallas.

District 5 will now be the city council district with the most land area. It is over 22% larger than the next largest district. Even with this growth in area, District 5 will be one of the most improved districts in compactness measures. Only 5 districts have higher Index score averages.

The wealth of Black population gathered in District 8 had to be shared with District 5 so as to raise the minority percentage to an effective level.

**District 5 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* City Limits to E Jefferson Blvd to Loop 12

*Eastern Boundary:* Loop 12 to S Walton Walker Blvd; S Walton Walker Blvd to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to S Cockrell Hill Road; S Cockrell Hill Road to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Hampton Road; S Hampton Road to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to

W Pentagon Pkwy; W Pentagon Pkwy to Morningview; Morningview to Bow and Arrow Drive; Bow and Arrow Drive to Conway Street; Conway Street to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to I-35 South; I-35 South to Laureland Road; Laureland Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to Camp Wisdom Road, Camp Wisdom Road to Bainbridge Drive; Bainbridge Drive to I-20; I-20 to Kinwood Drive; Kinwood Drive to W Wheatland Road; W Wheatland Road to Old Hickory Trail; Old Hickory Trail to W Daniieldale Road at City Limits.

*Southern and Western Boundaries:* City limits

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**District 6**

<b>District 6</b>	Population	Hispanic %	Voting Age Hispanic %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	74,328	80.12%	74.79%	54.99	30.21
With wPlan03	85,478	69.14%	63.17%	30.34	27.8

District 6 in wPlan03 is slightly west of the population center it should be centered on due to being pushed west by District 13. District 6 needs 10,000 more in population. However, the effects from this westward pressure are actually an aid in maximization of minority representation with only minor costs in compactness in wPlan03. Those costs can be considered acceptable. District 6 in this plan has a perimeter that is 45% shorter than the current perimeter, 24.65 miles shorter than the current 54.99 miles long perimeter.

All of the boundaries around District 6 are either major streets or other than simple neighborhood streets between two rows of homes. This is the most powerful and simple tool we can use to avoid neighborhood fragmentation.

**District 6 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* City Limits to Marsh Lane at 635 then south on Marsh Lane to Walnut Hill; Walnut Hill east to Midway Road; Midway Road south to Blue Bonnet Road to Bluffview Blvd to W Lovers Lane. W Lovers Lane to Dallas Tollway at City Limits.

*Eastern Boundary:* Follow City Limits to Lemmon Avenue

*Southern Boundary:* City Limits at 183; 183 to I-35; I-35 to Inwood Road; Inwood Road to Cedar Springs Road; Cedar Springs Road to Cedar Plaza Lane; Cedar Plaza Lane to Lemmon Avenue; Lemmon Avenue to City Limits at Dallas Tollway

*Western Boundary:* City Limits past Royal Lane

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**District 7**

<b>District 7</b>	Population	Hispanic%	Voting Age Hispanic %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	74,666	41.37%	35.76%	48.11	23.14
With wPlan03	86,737	67.34%	61.98%	43.98	34.32

The new District 7 in wPlan03 will be the only district that does not include any of the land from the current district. It will be the district some have called the "Pleasant Grove District." A more accurate name may be the far southeast Dallas District. The city limits are the boundaries on all sides except for, generally, the Trinity River and White Rock Creek on the west and Bruton Road on the north. Such a change was necessary due to the extreme gerrymandering of the current districts. The new District 7 will mirror the values of compactness and allowing communities of interest to have their own appropriate representation.

The new District 7 includes over 11 additional square miles, almost a 50% increase, but the perimeter for the new District 7 is over 10% less than the current District 7 due to the significantly compactness improvements in the new District 7.

**District 7 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* Bruton Road from 175, east to City Limits;

*Eastern and Southern Boundary:* City Limits

*Western Boundary:* Bruton Road at 175 south to Pemberton Hill Road; Pemberton Hill Road to Elam Road; Elam Road to 175; 175 to Murdock Road; Murdock Road to Fairport Road; Fairport Road to Elam Creek; Elam Creek to Trinity River; Trinity River to Five Mile Creek; City limits

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**District 8**

<b>District 8</b>	Population	Black %	Voting Age Black %	Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
Current	96,643	52.13%	54.31%	81.18	56.48
With wPlan03	84,368	62.61%	66.48%	44.25	38.46

District 8 represents one of the most rapidly growing areas of Dallas. It has added significant population. It is now almost 11,000 over the current 85,558 population goal for districts.

The center section of the current District 8 will remain as part of District 8, but District 8 will expand to the north to take in parts of former Districts 5, 4, and 3. This movement allows the relative wealth of Black population in District 8 to be used to strengthen the other two Black Districts, 5 and 4. The far eastern section of District 8, on the other side of the Trinity River, will become part of the new District 7. The far western end of District 8 will become part of the new shape for District 5.

Only 4 other districts will improve more in their compactness Index scores than District 8. We are making progress toward more compact council districts wherein it is easier for leaders and residents to remain in contact.

**District 8 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* Railroad Tracks at S Tyler Street; Railroad Tracks to S Ewing Avenue; S Ewing Avenue to Edgemont Avenue; Edgemont Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to Stella Avenue; Stella Avenue to Danube Drive; Danube Drive to S Corinth Street; S Corinth Street at Danube Drive; S Corinth Street to S Lancaster Road; S Lancaster Road to E Ledbetter Drive; E Ledbetter Drive to Great Trinity Forest Way to Trinity River; Trinity River to Five Mile Creek

*Eastern Boundary:* Trinity River to Five Mile Creek

*Southern Boundary:* W Danieldale Road at Old Hickory Trail; Danieldale Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to City Limits; City Limits to Five Mile Creek and Trinity River.

*Western Boundary:* Railroad Tracks at S Tyler Street; S Tyler Street to S Vernon Avenue; S Vernon Avenue to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to W Pentagon Pkwy; W Pentagon Pkwy to Morningview; Morningview to Bow and Arrow Drive; Bow and Arrow Drive to Conway Street; Conway Street to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to I-35 South; I-35 South to Laureland Road; Laureland Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to Camp Wisdom Road, Camp Wisdom Road to Bainbridge Drive; Bainbridge Drive to I-20; I-20 to Kinwood Drive; Kinwood Drive to W Wheatland Road; W Wheatland Road to Old Hickory Trail; Old Hickory Trail to W Danieldale Road at City Limits

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**District 9**

<b>District 9</b>	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	89,030	32.36%	11.54%	52.39%	27.91	20.66
With wPlan03	86,254	45.16%	25.31%	26.00%	27.7	14.26

District 9 has been through many changes in this redistricting process. Factors involved are the need to lose population, pressure from the west as districts were moved out of the center of Dallas, and requests by families to remain in the district surrounding White Rock Lake. District 9 was a relatively compact district to begin with but lost in compactness scores with these changes. It now only covers residential area and is the second smallest District in land area.

District 9 now includes the Buckner Terrace area with the southern boundary for District 9 being Forney Road.

District 9 reflects the population profile of all of Dallas more than any other district. District 9 is 45% Hispanic, 25% Black, 26% Anglo, and 4% other. Dallas is 42% Hispanic, 25% Black, 29% Anglo and

4% other. While District 9 is classified as a minority opportunity district, it is more accurately a Dallas opportunity district, our future.

**District 9 Boundaries**

*Northern & Eastern Boundary:* Walnut Hill Road to W Kingsley Road at 635. Follow City Limits south to Forney Road

*Western Boundary:* Walnut Hill Lane to DISD boundary line between Rolling Rock Lane and Wickersham Road. DISD boundary line to E Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to Jupiter Road; Jupiter Road to Garland Road; Garland Road to Peavy Road; Peavy Road to Millmar Drive; Millmar Drive to Ferguson Road; Ferguson Road to St. Francis; St. Francis to Railroad Tracks; Railroad tracks to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Samuell Blvd; Samuell Blvd to Grove Hill Road; Grove Hill Road to Forney Road.

*Southern Boundary:* Grove Hill Road and Forney Road Intersection; Forney Road east to City Limits.

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**District 10**

District 10	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	79,588	19.25%	30.71%	43.61%	21.95	14.93
With wPlan03	85,484	19.39%	31.12%	42.30%	19.71	15.83

District 10 needed to gain about 6,000 in population. This was done easily with only minor changes to the north and west. The demographic profile for District 10 reflects minimal changes. District 10 improved in compactness with a slightly larger area and a perimeter that is two miles shorter in wPlan03.

**District 9 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* Follows City Limits to the east beginning where 635 and 75 intersect

*Eastern Boundary:* City limits to 635 and W Kingsley Road. W Kingsley Road to Walnut Hill Lane; Walnut Hill Lane to DISD boundary line between Rolling Rock Lane and Wickersham Road. DISD boundary line to E Northwest Highway

*Southern Boundary:* White Rock Creek at Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to DISD boundary line

*Western Boundary:* 635 and 75 intersection; 635 to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Northwest Highway

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### District 11

District 11	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	85,192	30.61%	15.12%	47.47%	28.19	14.85
With wPlan03	85,252	28.93%	12.23%	52.98%	23.32	16.18

The changes in District 11 were caused by the need for District 12 to lose 9,000 due to population growth. This added population at the northern boundary of District 11 that forced the removal of population on the south. The boundaries for District 11 were significantly simplified by making Royal Lane the southern boundary, the Tollroad the western boundary, and Central Expressway the eastern Boundary. The only exception to this was including the Texas Instruments property complex into District 11 as an effort to shorten perimeters. There is no population living in this area north of 635 and east of Central. The northern boundary to District 11 will be addressed below in the District 12 section.

District 11 showed significant improvement in compactness securing a 1.365 average index score.

### District 11 Boundaries

*Northern Boundary:* Keller Springs at City Limits to Preston Road; Preston Road to Arapaho Road; Arapaho Road to Hillcrest Road; Hillcrest Road to Campbell Road; Campbell Road to Coit Road at City limits.

*East Boundary:* City Limits to Valley View and 635. 635 to Central Expressway. Central Expressway to Royal Lane

*Southern Boundary:* Dallas North Tollway to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to Central Expressway

*Western Boundary:* City Limits to 635 and Dallas North Tollway. Dallas North Tollway to Royal Lane

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### District 12

District 12	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	94,604	14.69%	15.60%	59.43%	21.95	16.35
With wPlan03	85,938	15.28%	16.65%	57.24%	20.59	14.61

The changes in District 12 were caused by the need to lose 9,000 due to population growth. The only direction this population could go was south, to District 11. This was possible, with virtually no loss in compactness, by moving the area of District 12 that is west of Hillcrest Road and south of Campbell, into District 11.

**District 12 Boundaries**

*North, East, West Boundary:* City limits.

*Southern Boundary:* Keller Springs at City Limits to Preston Road; Preston Road to Arapaho Road; Arapaho Road to Hillcrest Road; Hillcrest Road to Campbell Road; Campbell Road to Coit Road at City limits

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**District 13**

<b>District 13</b>	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	80,878	24.34%	6.56%	63.38%	33.42	22.16
With wPlan03	85,156	22.85%	9.78%	60.26%	25.35	19.26

The changes in District 13 were caused by multiple factors, the most significant being both the pressure from the west with the expansion of the Hispanic community of interest and the movement of District 11 to the north and the need to take that area into District 13. This helped District 13 to make up the 5,000 population deficit.

While the population center indicated that District 6 should be more to the east, due to objections from District 13 the eastern boundary for District 6 was moved to Marsh Lane from Midway. Thus the western boundary would be Marsh Lane from 635 to Walnut Hill, then east to Midway on Walnut Hill and south on Midway to Lovers Lane.

All the boundaries to District 13 are major streets, and almost all are larger than two lanes, so as to minimize neighborhood fragmentation.

District 13 showed improvement in compactness securing a 1.24 average index score.

**District 13 Boundaries**

*Northern Boundary:* Marsh Lane at 635; 635 to Dallas Tollway

*Eastern Boundary:* 635 at Dallas Tollway; Dallas Tollway to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Skillman Street; Skillman Street to E Lovers Lane

*Southern Boundary:* Bluff View Blvd and W Lovers Lane Intersection; W Lovers Lane to Dallas North Tollway at City Limits; City Limits to Lovers Lane at Central Expressway; Lovers Lane to Skillman Street

*Western Boundary:* Marsh Lane at 635; Marsh Lane to Walnut Hill; Walnut Hill to Midway Road; Midway Road to Blue Bonnet Road to Bluffview Blvd to W Lovers Lane; W Lovers Lane to Dallas Tollway at City Limits

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### District 14

District 14	Population	Voting Age Population %			Perimeter (miles)	Area (square miles)
		Hispanic	Black	Anglo		
Current	98,743	14.86%	8.64%	70.33%	45.2	16.31
With wPlan03	86,101	14.14%	5.09%	76.75%	29.11	20.21

District 14 has grown almost as much as District 3. Both districts now each have over 13,000 in population to lose. They were the two most rapidly growing districts in Dallas! It is appropriate that they now share the Dallas North Tollway as their shared boundary in an area of Dallas that used to be known as "Little Mexico." The growth will continue as all sides if our city unites to make it happen!

District 14 will continue to include the Oak Lawn area east of the Tollroad as well as the entire community surrounding White Rock Lake.

All the boundaries to District 14 are major streets, almost all larger than two lanes, except that area in East Dallas with the boundaries shared with District 2.

District 14 showed significant improvement in compactness securing a 1.895 average index score, the fourth highest for any district in the city.

### District 14 Boundaries

*Northern Boundary:* Dallas City Limits at Central Expressway and Lovers Lane; Lovers Lane to Skillman Street; Skillman Street to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to Jupiter Road

*Eastern Boundary:* Jupiter Road at Northwest Highway; Jupiter Road to Garland Road; Garland Road to Peavy Road; Peavy Road to Millmar Drive; Millmar Drive to Ferguson Road

*Southern Boundary:* Dallas North Tollway at Turtle Creek; Turtle Creek to Maple Avenue; Maple Avenue to Turtle Creek Blvd; Turtle Creek Blvd to Blackburn Street; Blackburn Street to Central Expressway; Central Expressway to Willis Avenue; Willis Avenue to McMillan Avenue; McMillan Avenue to Belmont Avenue; Belmont Avenue to Greenville Avenue; Greenville Avenue to Oram Street; Oram Street to Abrams Pkwy; Abrams Pkwy turns into Abrams Road to S Beacon Street; S Beacon Street to E Side Avenue; E Side Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue; Santa Fe Avenue to Cameron Avenue; Cameron Avenue to East Grand Avenue to railroad tracks; Follow railroad tracks to St. Francis; St. Francis to Ferguson Road; Ferguson Road to Millmar Drive at Ferguson Road.

*Western Boundary:* Dallas North Tollway at Dallas City Limits at Lemmon Avenue to Harry Hines Blvd and Turtle Creek.



**Comparison of plans already presented & voted forward by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission, or on the agenda for the 7/12/11 meeting of the Commission**

Plans:			Demographics:					Compactness:		
Plan name	Plan creator (or Commission if an update)	Date of presentation to Commission, or update:	Range of Deviation away from pop. Goal	Avg of Hispanic Voting Age % among 5 highest	5 <sup>th</sup> highest Hispanic Voting Age District %	Avg of Black Voting Age % among 3 highest	3 <sup>rd</sup> highest Black Voting Age district %	Avg indexed score* of 4 compactness scores:	Average district perimeter in miles	Miles of district boundary line erased:
Best number is: →			Lower	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Lower	Higher
cPlan10	Commissioner Halstead	06/21/11	6.07%	56.52%	49.01%	55.23%	51.34%	1.29	32.98	147.56
cPlan10a	Commission	06/30/11	3.02%	57.18%	49.60%	55.69%	50.16%	1.27	33.65	138.13
wPlan24	Bill Betzen	06/21/11	2.82%	61.74%	55.42%	59.77%	54.17%	1.3	32.96	147.84
wPlan24a	Commission	06/30/11	3.94%	61.62%	55.43%	59.93%	54.21%	1.28	33.13	145.46

Above plans have been voted forward. Plans below are listed in the order they are scheduled for initial presentation at the 6:00 PM scheduled meeting on 7/12/11 of the Redistricting Commission, room 6SE of City Hall.

wPlan03	Bill Betzen	07/12/11	2.77%	61.84%	57.83%	60.25%	55.84%	1.35	31.62	166.6
wPlan12	Benjamin Lopez	07/12/11	1.91%	57.87%	46.06%	56.14%	38.47%	1.3	33.02	147
wPlan16	Sam Merten	07/12/11	0.15%	60.18%	41.80%	59.58%	52.49%	1.39	31.51	168.14
wPlan45	Shirley Stark	07/12/11	0.79%	59.67%	52.56%	54.08%	32.28%	1.33	33.34	142.52

\* "Average indexed score" averages the four measurements for compactness selected by Dallas city staff which were indexed for their level of improvement from current 2001 district boundaries. This measures progress toward more compact districts. The higher the number is above 1, the better. If below 1, that shows worse gerrymandering and a lack of progress toward a compact district.

Plans all listed on Redistricting Plan Submissions page of the City Council Redistricting Commission web site with staff analysis for each plan, including demographic & compactness data from which the above statistics were drawn. Large detailed map included. Web address is below.

<http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/planReview.html>

Blog below has details & history of the development of wPlan03 plan. Questions are welcome.

<http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com>

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Compactness & Demographic Measurements from wPlan03,

District	Perimeter	Area	Reock		Convex Hull		Polby-Poppar		Schwartzberg		Index Avg.
	(mile)	(sq. mile)	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index	
1	24.03	11.39	28.73	0.98	53.90	0.75	24.79	0.89	49.79	0.94	0.89
2	28.70	16.50	21.49	0.91	70.37	1.39	25.18	2.41	50.18	1.55	1.57
3	34.24	32.23	45.03	1.56	78.95	1.38	34.54	3.16	58.77	1.78	1.97
4	33.31	32.41	39.54	2.12	77.03	1.52	36.70	3.11	60.58	1.76	2.13
5	58.05	47.04	41.48	2.86	64.90	1.39	17.54	1.59	41.88	1.26	1.77
6	30.34	27.80	53.12	2.24	79.36	1.66	37.95	3.02	61.60	1.74	2.17
7	43.98	34.32	36.08	1.46	66.96	1.04	22.30	1.78	47.22	1.33	1.40
8	44.25	38.46	39.86	2.18	62.84	1.22	24.69	2.29	49.68	1.51	1.80
9	27.70	14.26	34.99	0.83	58.63	0.76	23.35	0.70	48.32	0.84	0.78
10	19.71	15.83	58.13	1.06	87.21	1.05	51.17	1.31	71.53	1.15	1.14
11	23.32	16.18	53.28	1.42	77.46	1.19	37.38	1.59	61.14	1.26	1.37
12	20.59	14.61	38.17	0.91	80.65	1.02	43.29	1.02	65.80	1.01	0.99
13	25.35	19.68	43.20	1.14	74.77	1.05	38.49	1.54	62.04	1.24	1.24
14	29.11	20.91	33.45	1.19	73.72	1.54	31.00	3.09	55.68	1.76	1.89
<b>Average</b>	<b>31.62</b>	<b>24.40</b>	<b>40.47</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>71.91</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>32.03</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>56.02</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>1.35</b>

District	Total Population	Total Population					Voting Age Population		
		Deviation		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	
		#	%		%	Black		White	%
1	84,828	-730	-0.85	<b>69.91</b>	10.32	18.40	<b>62.13</b>	12.60	23.65
2	85,121	-437	-0.51	<b>63.34</b>	19.09	15.60	<b>57.83</b>	19.64	20.30
3	86,737	1,179	1.38	<b>68.92</b>	15.49	12.75	<b>64.11</b>	15.78	16.87
4	85,756	198	0.23	20.67	<b>59.61</b>	17.34	17.07	<b>58.42</b>	21.81
5	84,604	-954	-1.12	32.97	<b>54.70</b>	10.14	28.91	<b>55.84</b>	12.88
6	85,478	-80	-0.09	<b>69.14</b>	7.23	20.94	<b>63.17</b>	7.99	25.69
7	86,739	1,181	1.38	<b>67.34</b>	19.11	12.74	<b>61.98</b>	20.54	16.52
8	84,368	-1,190	-1.39	32.36	<b>62.61</b>	3.90	27.39	<b>66.48</b>	4.94
9	86,254	696	0.81	50.98	25.27	20.41	45.16	25.31	26.00
10	85,484	-74	-0.09	22.55	32.48	38.08	19.39	31.12	42.30
11	85,252	-306	-0.36	33.82	12.41	48.27	28.93	12.23	52.98
12	85,938	380	0.44	17.33	17.45	54.46	15.28	16.65	57.24
13	85,156	-402	-0.47	26.81	9.89	55.92	22.85	9.78	60.26
14	86,101	543	0.63	16.35	5.41	74.15	14.14	5.09	76.75
<b>City</b>	<b>1,197,816</b>		<b>2.77%</b>	<b>42.35</b>	<b>25.02</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>36.78</b>	<b>25.11</b>	<b>33.99</b>

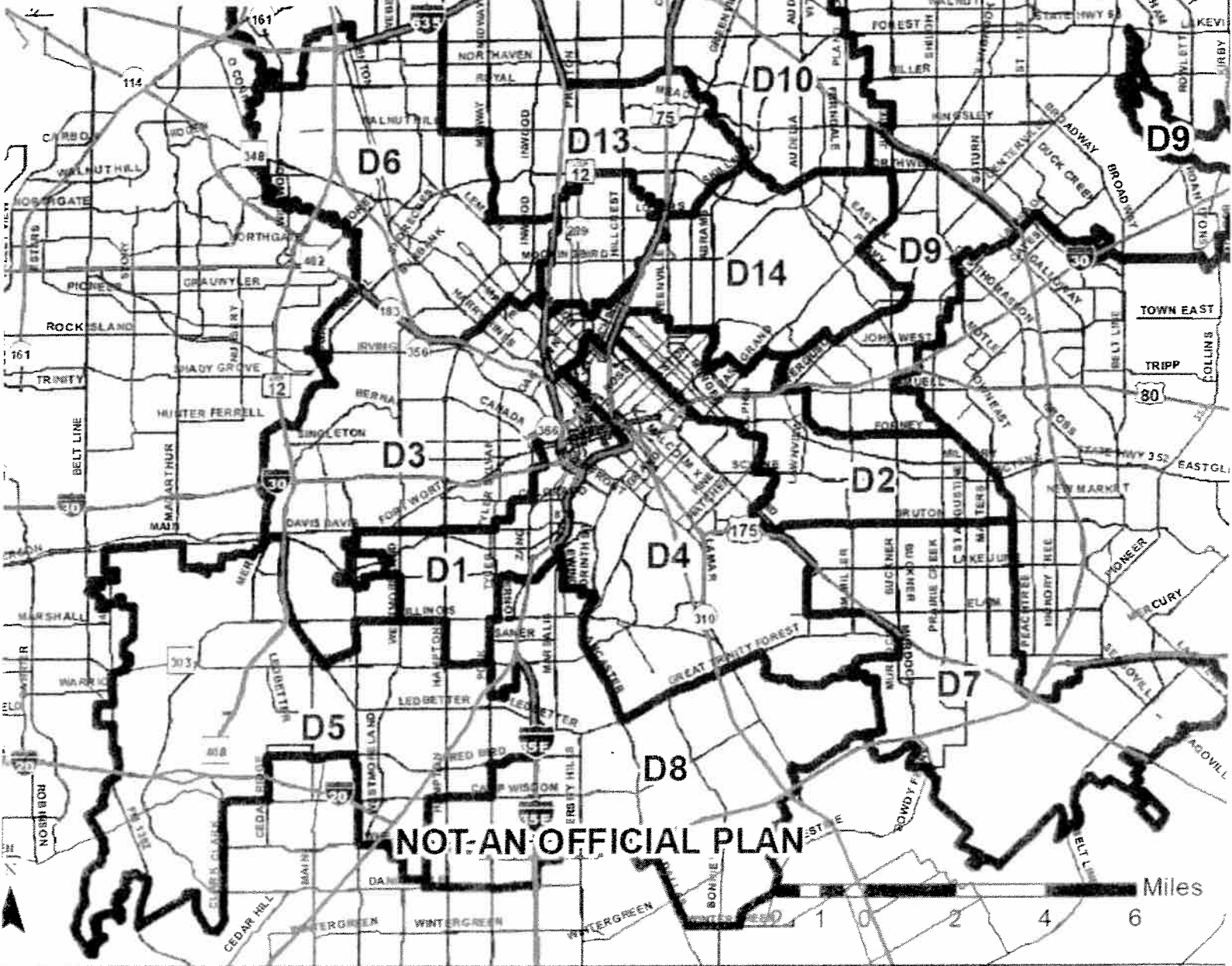
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