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Editorial: Commissioners cheat public in rush to redistrict

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Maurine Dickey stole the show at this week's Dallas County Commissioners Court meeting. She earned worst dramatic performance dishonors for her overwrought soliloquy denouncing a redistricting map that turned the Republican commissioner's district Democratic.

Dickey huffed and puffed and pouted her way through an angry speech, punctuated with plenty of how-dare-yous and shame-on-this-courts. She ignored the county judge's requests to cede the floor and abide by the rules of decorum.

"Would you like to haul me out?" she dared County Judge Clay Jenkins. "I'm ready to go to jail."

Dickey is only the latest in a long line of local politicians behaving badly. And she unquestionably crossed the line.

But setting aside the petty politics and unnecessary theatrics, it's worth noting: Dickey was a lousy messenger who had a valid complaint.

Unveiling a redistricting map just before a vote is an extreme blindside. Forcing officials to make a snap decision on boundaries that will stand for 10 years is a less than thoughtful approach to governing.

When Dickey complained that she'd never seen the map unveiled Tuesday, fellow Commissioner John Wiley Price said no one had been privy to his handiwork before the meeting. But that didn't stop commissioners from quickly approving the district lines Price proposed.

His new version of the boundaries swapped Dickey's district with Commissioner Mike Cantrell's, giving Cantrell a Republican stronghold and a good shot at re-election.

Somehow, Dickey fancied herself as the aggrieved party in this scenario, despite the fact that she's not planning to seek another term.

But, in fact, it's the voters who were short-changed.

The public never had a chance to comment on — even see — the map that was approved Tuesday. People who took the time to attend the county's public hearings were shown the previous incarnation of the map.

Flipping the districts also trips up the election schedule, since commissioners serve on different cycles. Now, voters in the new Democratic district will go to the polls next year, instead of 2014. And some voters in Cantrell's new district, which elected Dickey in 2008, will go six years without an election.

At the least, commissioners should have taken a more deliberative approach, giving both Dallas County residents and commissioners a chance to take a closer look at what would become the map of choice.

Some other local governments have been more regimented and transparent as they've tackled the once-a-decade process of redistricting. The city of Dallas has gone to great lengths to involve the public, holding 10 hearings and even giving residents a chance to draw and submit their own maps.

Inevitably, redistricting is a political and often contentious undertaking. The Commissioners Court's Democratic majority was eager to build on its strength by drawing another blue district.

But those Democrats should have played fair by going public with their plans — or at least their map.

Alternate approaches

Dallas County commissioners approved a redistricting map Tuesday that was unveiled just before the vote. Public hearings had been held, but this map was not presented at those meetings. Other governments have tried to take a more transparent approach to redistricting.

— The Dallas City Council appointed a redistricting commission, which is spending months discussing where to draw the lines for 14 council districts. Ten public hearings have been held, and the public is invited to draw and submit maps for consideration.

Learn more at the city's redistricting website: dallascityhall.com/Redistricting

— The Texas Legislature invited the public to view and comment on proposed boundaries for congressional and legislative districts.

Redistricting information and dozens of maps are available at the Texas Redistricting website: www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.htm

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Senate

- **71-0** - Democrats are not making much of a play in the Morning Star, though quietly what some would prefer to see is a vote in a Senate Judiciary subcommittee. The 71-0 vote would be a vote on the bill, not a vote on the bill's passage. The bill is not yet in the Senate, so the bill is not yet in the Senate. The bill is not yet in the Senate.
- **51-30** - Appropriately, the bill's passage in the Senate will be a vote on the bill, not a vote on the bill's passage. The bill is not yet in the Senate, so the bill is not yet in the Senate. The bill is not yet in the Senate.
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- **41-11** - In yesterday's story, David made mention of a new ad for Democratic Governor Devin Brahan. The ad is not yet in the Senate, so the ad is not yet in the Senate. The ad is not yet in the Senate.
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- **20-0** - House has another intriguing FEC filing this time in Marin County. County supervisor Guadalupe Adams has filed with the FEC for the 2012 election. The filing is not yet in the Senate, so the filing is not yet in the Senate. The filing is not yet in the Senate.
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When City Unveils Its New Districts, It's Hoping to Avoid Mess Facing State and Dallas County

By Anna Merlan

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Ruth Morgan

In case you hadn't heard, the state and county redistricting processes have already gotten a tad ... heated, let's say, what with all the threats of lawsuits and the temper tantrums. The city of Dallas's Redistricting Commission is trying to avoid the same fate on the local level: Its members are hoping more "public involvement and transparency" will quell some of that (inevitable?) rancor before it arises, redistricting coordinator Peter Bratt tells Unfair Park. Also, the commission is giving itself a bit longer to redraw the city's districts, he says.

"With the state and the county, those processes had been happening in a lot shorter time period," he says. "This process is much more deliberate and much more open. Everything we've done has been put online and is being recorded."

The commission is hoping to wrap up its work by August 23, but its members -- among them such familiar names as Domingo Garcia, John Loza, Gary Griffith, Donna Halstead and Brooks Love -- will continue working into September if necessary, says commission chair and SMU professor emerita of political science Ruth Morgan, the expert on the subject. But she doesn't have any illusions that the process will be totally disagreement-free, she tells us this morning.

"I guess the nature of the product that needs to be produced generates considerable differences of opinion," she says with a kind of rueful little chuckle.

Morgan, who said back in early April she won't tolerate any shenanigans from the her committee, says she's "quite encouraged" so far. But optimism won't get the job done: "Realistically, one has to recognize there's a lot at stake in the way boundaries are drawn."

Dr. Morgan says there have been twice as many public hearings this time around than for the 2001

district redistricting process, largely because there was such widespread dissatisfaction with those boundaries.

"There were so many complaints" last time around, she says. "We're trying to get as much public input as we could this time, which does mean we have more to wade through. I think it's important the residents of the city feel they've had an opportunity and an investment in the process." At the most recent meeting of the commission, she says, more than 150 people testified.

And don't forget: You can submit your own plan through June 30. So far, around 25 people have told the commission they'll be submitting redistricting maps, and one over-achiever is planning on submitting three. Check the redistricting website for all the registration info.

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Brenda Marks 1 hour ago

I attended and gave testimony at a hearing last month and came away impressed with the committee members' questions and comments. And I believe Dr. Morgan is a terrific choice as chair -- independent, very smart, consensus builder and does not suffer fools gladly. They requested, and I submitted, written testimony after the fact with additional background information on my neighborhood --- Oaklawn (PD 193) -- and how it's evolved and will most likely continue to evolve in the next decade. I think that type of information from all neighborhoods -- especially those now re-developing at a fast clip -- is important to consider when drafting districts and their asking for it gave me a glimmer of hope.

I just hope that the process is something other than an incumbent protection program -- and I think Madam Chair is just the person to made that happen.



Cliff Dweller 55 minutes ago

Domingo Garcia didn't even bother to attend the public hearing for his district. Guess that "public input" thing only goes so far. . .

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Dallas mayor hopefuls meet Thursday night at Hitt Auditorium; residents can offer council redistricting plan



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Early voting in the Dallas mayoral runoff election continues through June 14 with final balloting Saturday, June 18.

Come see, hear, talk to the next mayor Thursday night at Methodist Hospital's Hitt Auditorium. Hopefuls David Kunkle and Mike Rawlings will meet for yet another candidate forum starting at 7 p.m. If you'd like to offer a question for the guys, email it to the Oak Cliff Chamber for consideration. That's memberservices@oakcliffchamber.org.

Meanwhile at City Hall, the post-census City Council redistricting work continues. You, too, can get involved in the process. If you want to submit a plan for redrawing district boundary lines, click here and follow the directions under Get Involved. Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. June 30.

Call 214-670-5735 or email reDallas11@dallascityhall.com for more information.

As for redistricting, the West Dallas Chamber of Commerce board of directors is calling for including all of West Dallas in one council district. It defines West Dallas as bounded by Interstate 30, the Trinity River and the western city limits.

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Dallas City Council divided over trash-dumping plan

By RUDOLPH BUSH

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Dallas' trash and where it should be dumped have divided the City Council along north-south lines.

City management has encouraged the council for more than a year to adopt a "flow control" ordinance, requiring that all trash collected in Dallas be dumped at the city's McCommas Bluff landfill in far southern Dallas.

The requirement, allowed under federal law, would help the city reap millions of dollars in additional dumping revenue from private trash haulers while helping advance recycling and natural gas recovery at the landfill, the city staff argues.

Trash should be viewed as a resource for the city to take advantage of, city Sanitation Director Mary Nix told the City Council on Wednesday.

As things stand, private waste haulers can dump their waste at the McCommas landfill or at dumps owned by Waste Management and Champion Waste Services in the northwest suburbs. All trash collected by the city is already dumped at McCommas Bluff.

"We could continue just as we are. We could let others capitalize on Dallas' resources," Nix said. "Or we can take control over these very valuable resources."

Southern Dallas council members, along with private landfill owners and waste-hauling companies, have opposed requiring use of the McCommas dump.

Council member Tennell Atkins, whose district includes the landfill, said he is worried about increased truck traffic and a potential negative effect on neighborhoods and development.

"Yes, it is about revenue," he said. "We need revenue, we understand that. But it is also about quality of life."

Atkins, along with council members Carolyn Davis and Delia Jasso, seemed skeptical about flow control.

Council member Vonciel Jones Hill adamantly opposes the plan.

Northern Dallas council members appeared more interested in passing the requirement.

The environmental and revenue benefits could be substantial, said council member Ron Natinsky.

"We have to be able to look outside the box and find ways to make ourselves more efficient," he said.

Nix told council members that she didn't think there would be a major increase in long-distance trips for waste-hauling trucks. Trucks that currently travel from northern Dallas construction sites to northwest Dallas landfills could dump their loads at a transfer station in the Bachman Lake area instead of traveling all the way to the landfill. City trucks would then transfer the trash to McCommas Bluff.

Representatives of several waste-hauling companies said the drawbacks outweigh the positives for the city.

"Saying flow control is green doesn't make it so," said Frank Giannattasio of Champion. "Flow control is an example of a program that does more harm than good."

The council took no action on the proposed ordinance.

The Dallas City Council on Wednesday approved an ordinance revision to make it OK to put up campaign signs at polling places during elections. May's election was the first during which officials enforced a long-standing city law that outlaws signs, including campaign signs, on city property. With no campaign signs at polling places, many people complained that citizens had little way of knowing that it was election day and where to vote.

The council unanimously tweaked city code to pave the way for gourmet food trucks that have become popular in many cities. The trucks will serve the Arts District, where foot traffic is growing but a meal in walking distance isn't readily available.

Staffers walked council members through the process by which residents can submit proposals for redrawing City Council districts. The city has provided a redistricting computer lab in City Hall, as well as library terminals and a Web-based application. The deadline for submitting plans is June 30. Details are at dallascityhall.com/redistricting.

Rudolph Bush,

Steve Thompson



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City Redistricting Office Launches Web-based Redistricting Application

DALLAS – The City of Dallas Redistricting Office has launched a user-friendly, web-based Redistricting Application which residents can use to submit proposed Redistricting plans.

To be considered by the Redistricting Commission, proposed redistricting plans must provide a citywide solution for redistricting all 14 council districts in a manner consistent with approved redistricting guidelines.

To use the web-based Redistricting software, visit www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting and click on “Redistricting Web Account Request Form” to obtain a User ID and Password. Individuals and organizations may submit redistricting plans through 5 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Plans submitted after the June 30 deadline will not be accepted.

For information or questions about redistricting guidelines call (214) 670-5735, visit www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting or email reDallas11@dallascityhall.com.

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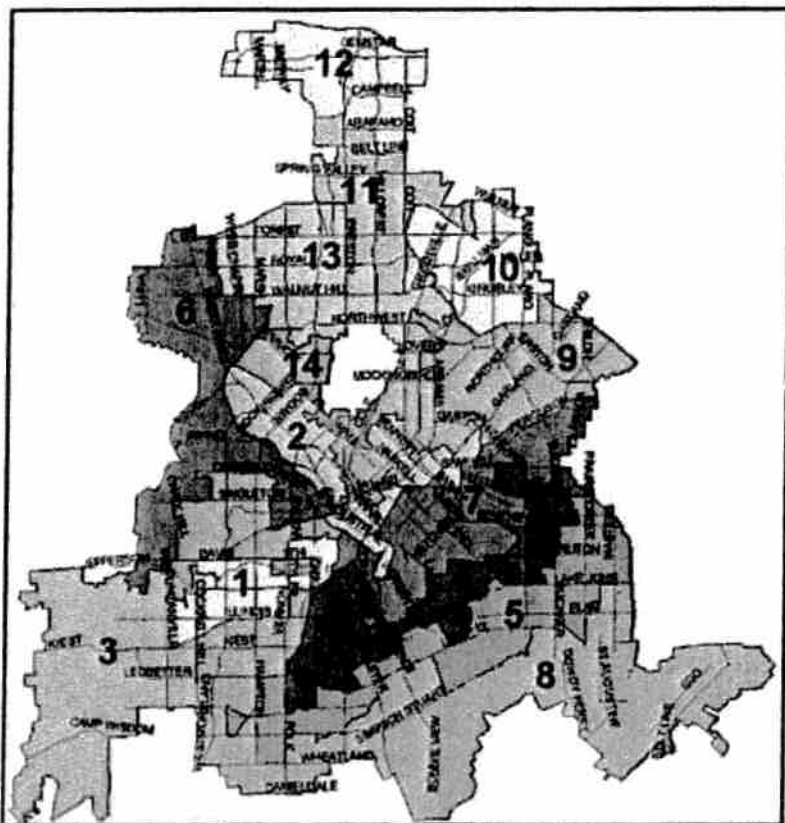
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Drawing lines somewhere

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By [Bruce Felps](#)

The 2010 U.S. Census and city charter mean new boundary lines for City Hall council districts.

Changes great or small will come to Districts 9, 10, and 14, but those changes don't necessarily have to come from politicians or socioeconomic experts. They can come from you.

The City of Dallas Redistricting Office yesterday announced it's launched an online Redistricting Application by which grassroots citizens can [sign up](#), log in, and take a pass as redrawing [district lines](#). You can't just do your own district, though, because, as the old song goes, "the district 9 bone's

connected to the 14 bone, the 14 bone's connected to the 2 bone ..." and so on around the city. Therefore submissions must include redistricting plans for all 14 City Council fief... districts.

Speaking of submissions, the deadline rolls up at 5 p.m. June 30, no exceptions.

If nothing else, follow the link and check out district-by-district locations for churches, schools, neighborhood associations — um, dear city folk, red font on a purple background does not render well; you're welcome — homeowner associations, parks, and service districts. That, alone, is pretty handy.

And remember, drawing outside the lines is encouraged.

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By Robert Wilonsky

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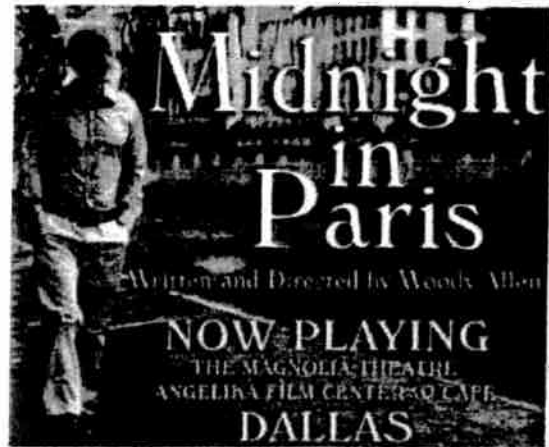
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I mentioned this in passing on Tuesday, but just got the Official Release, so here's the reminder: You can now redraw the city's council districts, and, hey, who knows -- yours might be just the puzzle the city winds up going with. The redistricting website has all the info you need to register; and for those so interested I'd go back and re-read the briefing City Manager Mary Suhm gave to the council yesterday.

Several friends of mine have actually attended a handful of redistricting meetings and said they've been spirited affairs, to say the least. Says Suhm this evening, the heated back-and-forth "is a good thing -- that's what you want. People have strong views, and there needs to be that discussion."

But now you can just DIY. It's a long way from the good (?) old days when Joe May "had these sheets and sheets and sheets of papers," Suhm says. "What the web does is facilitate a very difficult, cumbersome process, but even with the software it's very complex. It's like Jell-O -- every move you make impacts another. But the access will get a lot more people involved."

I asked Suhm how seriously the council-appointed redistricting committee will take the submissions. She says: Very. But just remember: "You can't do one district. You have to do 'em all. We'll keep it in the testimony, but it won't be considered. Once you move one, you have to do the others." Me, I'm just in it for the maps.



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Dallas Redistricting Process Now Online

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Yesterday three people requested passwords and are starting the process.

There are now three places the public can go to work on redistricting plans:

1. Dallas Redistricting Commission offices in City Hall,
2. the Central Library,
3. and any computer with an Internet connection.

The final day for the public to submit a redistricting plan is **June 30, 2011 at 5:00pm**.

If the guidelines established by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission are fully reflected in the final district boundaries established, this will be a significant step forward for Dallas. Citizens need to be vigilant and make certain these redistricting guidelines are followed.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 4:16 AM

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As things stand, private waste haulers can dump their waste at the McCommas landfill or at dumps owned by Waste Management and Champion Waste Services in the northwest suburbs. All trash collected by the city is already dumped at McCommas Bluff.

"We could continue just as we are. We could let others capitalize on Dallas' resources," Nix said. "Or we can take control over these very valuable resources."

Southern Dallas council members, along with private landfill owners and waste-hauling companies, have opposed requiring use of the McCommas dump.

Council member Tennell Atkins, whose district includes the landfill, said he is worried about increased truck traffic and a potential negative effect on neighborhoods and development.

"Yes, it is about revenue," he said. "We need revenue, we understand that. But it is also about quality of life."

Atkins, along with council members Carolyn Davis and Delia Jasso, seemed skeptical about flow control.

Council member Vonciel Jones Hill adamantly opposes the plan.

Northern Dallas council members appeared more interested in passing the requirement.

The environmental and revenue benefits could be substantial, said council member Ron Natinsky.

"We have to be able to look outside the box and find ways to make ourselves more efficient," he said.

Nix told council members that she didn't think there would be a major increase in long-distance trips for waste-hauling trucks. Trucks that currently travel from northern Dallas construction sites to northwest Dallas landfills could dump their loads at a transfer station in the Bachman Lake area instead of traveling all the way to the landfill. City trucks would then transfer the trash to McCommas Bluff.

Representatives of several waste-hauling companies said the drawbacks outweigh the positives for the city.

"Saying flow control is green doesn't make it so," said Frank Giannattasio of Champion. "Flow control is an example of a program that does more harm than good."

The council took no action on the proposed ordinance.

The Dallas City Council on Wednesday approved an ordinance revision to make it OK to put up campaign signs at polling places during elections. May's election was the first during which officials enforced a long-standing city law that outlaws signs, including campaign signs, on city property. With no campaign signs at polling places, many people complained that citizens had little way of knowing that it was election day and where to vote.

The council unanimously tweaked city code to pave the way for gourmet food trucks that have become popular in many cities. The trucks will serve the Arts District, where foot traffic is growing but a meal in walking distance isn't readily available.

Staffers walked council members through the process by which residents can submit proposals for redrawing City Council districts. The city has provided a redistricting computer lab in City Hall, as well as library terminals and a Web-based application. The deadline for submitting plans is June 30. Details are at dallascityhall.com/redistricting.

Rudolph Bush,

Steve Thompson

- northwest to Central Expressway to take in the East Dallas Hispanic Community.
- 2. The moving of the northern boundary of District 2 also brought the southern boundary of District 9 down to Fomey Road. To balance population the western boundary of District 9 was moved east, across White Rock Lake. That formed District 9 into the 6th Hispanic City Council District: 50.8% Hispanic.
- 3. The southeast boundary to District 4 was moved east across the Trinity River to be unified with the Black Community along the eastern edge of East Ledbetter Drive, before it meets with C. F. Hawn freeway. This raised the Black percentage 6 points in District 4, to 59%.
- 4. The eastern boundary of District 14 was moved across White Rock Lake, along with other modifications, leading to the above map and the statistics below:

Dallas City Council Redistricting Lplan01, 5/31/11 draft, by Bill Betzen														
Total Dallas Population from 2010 Census														
Lplan 01	Total pop.	Deviation from 85,538		Hispanic			Non-Hispanic			2010 Dallas Voting Age Population				
		#	%	%	Anglo %	Black %	Total voting age	Hispanic %	Non-Hispanic %	Anglo %	Black %	Black %		
D1	86,646	1,090	1.27	63.67	22.49	11.87	65,484	36,812	56.2%	18,290	27.9%	8,350	13.7%	
D2	84,041	-1,517	-1.77	64.18	13.88	19.88	58,207	34,251	58.8%	10,653	18.5%	11,972	20.4%	
D3	85,707	149	0.17	69.92	19.91	18.57	58,272	37,892	65.0%	8,193	14.4%	10,159	17.4%	
D4	85,441	-77	-0.09	22.72	16.75	58.38	65,569	12,279	14.7%	13,884	21.2%	17,761	57.6%	
D5	85,003	-555	-0.65	32.65	10.71	54.04	59,438	16,904	28.4%	8,024	13.5%	12,857	55.3%	
D6	85,358	-200	-0.23	67.95	14.25	5.5	60,525	37,606	62.2%	17,726	29.3%	1,577	5.9%	
D7	86,742	1,154	1.35	67.34	12.74	19.1	55,873	34,894	62.0%	9,251	16.5%	13,477	20.5%	
D8	84,024	-1,534	-1.79	34.49	2.81	62.05	58,935	17,592	29.5%	2,182	3.7%	18,952	66.1%	
D9	86,236	678	0.79	50.84	20.62	28.17	60,535	27,276	45.1%	15,868	26.2%	15,237	25.2%	
D10	87,035	1,477	1.73	23.08	38	32.11	64,201	12,740	19.8%	17,160	42.3%	19,742	30.8%	
D11	85,252	-308	-0.36	33.82	48.27	12.41	65,879	19,041	28.9%	34,902	53.0%	8,958	12.2%	
D12	85,938	340	0.44	17.33	54.46	17.45	69,758	10,660	15.3%	39,929	57.2%	11,616	16.7%	
D13	85,090	-468	-0.55	25.27	56.55	18.6	66,576	14,288	21.5%	40,497	60.8%	6,935	10.4%	
D14	85,261	-297	-0.35	19.38	70.65	5.81	71,646	12,049	16.9%	52,623	73.7%	1,850	5.4%	
total	1,197,816	Total Variation = 3,52%		62.4%	23.0%	18.8%	180,688	223,902	34.8%	739,351	34.0%	223,143	25.1%	

The above statistics are generated by the Lplan01 draft as of 05/31/11. This Lplan01 improved from the pPlan03 4.24% total deviation to achieve a total deviation of 3.52%, even more within the 10% deviation allowed. The proposed map is online at the blog site at the bottom of this page. Or you may email Bill Betzen at the address below to request a copy be emailed to you.

Call 714-670-3435, or go to the web address below, to make your own redistricting plan, or improve this Lplan01.

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

If you want a copy of Lplan01 so as to make your own improvements to it, and submit it as your own plan, email Bill Betzen at the address below and request a copy. You can improve it and it will be your own. However, if you like this Lplan01, please tell the Redistricting Committee members. If you see changes needed, please email me! Modifications are possible through August. I am not a representative of anyone other than myself, Bill Betzen.

What do you think? <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com> Bill Betzen bbetzen@aol.com

This work was done on the computers in the Dallas Central Library. If anyone wants copies of this work, the Lplan01 itself so you can improve on it, or more detailed digital copies of the maps produced, please email bbetzen@aol.com.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 8:41 PM

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⓪ Gerald Britt: A new day in Dallas council elections

Published 27 May 2011 05:11 PM

James Nowlin's challenge of City Council incumbent Angela Hunt didn't garner as much attention as a mayoral race that has generated interest but little excitement. Yet the Hunt-Nowlin contest may have been more significant.

Nowlin, an African-American, only got about 28 percent of District 14 votes, but it's significant that he ran for office outside the boundaries of the "safe seats" designated by Dallas' 14-1 council configuration. This could herald a new day in Dallas politics.

His platform was pretty standard fare: He was against raising taxes; he was for innovative economic development. He called for more transparency in city government and an end to fiscal waste. But the fact that he didn't consider the district, ably represented by Hunt, as sacrosanct sends a message to minorities that every single-member district in Dallas ought to be in play for any citizen who wants to run. To my memory, since 14-1 was implemented, this is the first time such a symbolic statement has been made by one of Dallas' citizens of color.

A 1988 lawsuit filed by Roy Williams and Marvin Crenshaw resulted in the federal court — and, eventually, Justice Department — ruling calling for 14 single-member districts, with only the mayor elected at-large. The ruling guaranteed blacks and Hispanics relatively proportionate representation in districts that were heavily populated by minorities. It also made running for a City Council seat a much more financially accessible goal.

According to Crenshaw in an interview during the 20th anniversary of 14-1's implementation, a campaign for the City Council could cost as much as \$400,000. Conventional wisdom currently puts that number at about \$50,000. Nowlin had raised about \$51,000 when he filed his campaign finance report a month before the May 14 election.

The original design of 14-1 was to ensure representation that provided for five seats for African-Americans and three seats for Hispanics. In the first council election under that system, Larry Duncan, a white Democrat, represented one of the "safe" districts for blacks. Arguably, the seat held by Dave Neumann (soon to be replaced by Scott Griggs) could be considered a Hispanic seat. In the May 14 election, Carolyn Davis' two challengers were white.

The lesson regarding challenges in these districts is clear: Seats are only "safe" if candidates run effective races and turn out their constituencies. If that is true in southern and west Dallas districts, why should it be any less true in any other district?

There are capable minorities of every conceivable political stripe in every area of Dallas. There are blacks and Hispanics in East and North Dallas who are more than capable of representing the interests of constituents in those districts. They are engaged in civic affairs in their neighborhoods, successful in their jobs, leaders in their churches and, spanning the ideological spectrum, ready with perspectives on the issues as viable as those who have recently sought or presently hold office. In fact, while the issues in their neighborhoods won't mirror those in southern Dallas, they may be more familiar with those issues than traditional candidates from those areas.

Redistricting will call for the lines of the 14-1 system to be redrawn. But minority representation shouldn't be limited to minority parts of the city. There are citizens of every color and background who want Dallas to be economically and politically healthy, culturally progressive and racially inclusive. We should make every effort to find them, encourage them to run and support them, wherever they live, whatever their color.

That's the broader message of James Nowlin's candidacy. If we can receive that message, we all win.

The Rev. Gerald Britt Jr. is vice president of public policy at CitySquare. His email address is gbritt@citysquare.org, and he blogs at changelthewind.org.

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6:55 AM on 5/31/2011

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Rev. Britt, you are wonderfully correct! There are many positive changes happening in Dallas. The apparent openness of the current Dallas City Council redistricting process indicates evidence of some of these positive changes. The published policies guiding this process are excellent! However, we will not know how authentic this evidence is until the results are seen. Hopefully it will be a significantly less gerrymandered set of Dallas City Council Districts that also encourages a more fully representative Dallas City Council.

I am now working on a second plan for redrawing Dallas City Council district lines. (See <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/>) Even though I have spent many hours on this second plan, based on the facts in your article I think the first one may be the better one. It is less gerrymandered, but only has 8 districts that are over 50% minority (5 Hispanic and 3 Black). The one I finished this weekend, on the computers available to anyone in the Dallas Central Library, "gerrymanders" in two locations. That leads to a 6th Hispanic District as well as increasing the minority representations by over 5 percentage points in three minority districts. However, gerrymandering, even as minimal as these two changes from the original plan I filed with the city, is a price that was paid. Gerrymandering encourage apathy, increases campaign costs, and lessens the potential for voter vigilance over the representative.

Based on your article I am now considering doing a third plan that is totally un-gerrymandered. Efforts to create a third Black district, District 5 in the plan, led to some gerrymandering in the first plan filed 5-16-11 on the web site at <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/> .

If there were no changes made, and Dallas continued with the terribly gerrymandered city council districts we now have, there would only be one Black majority district. If all gerrymandering were eliminated, and compactness of districts was the rule, we would most probably have 2 majority Black districts, four or five majority Hispanic Districts, and three majority Anglo Districts.

Thank you for your article. It gives the evidence that our city is slowly going beyond race. The crazy work done to create districts in any way related to race will someday fade into the history books as a reflection of a painful history.

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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

Last Public Hearing of Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission: 5-24-11

While Tuesday, May 24, 2011, was the last of the formal public hearings of the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission for the only purpose of taking testimony from the public, they will continue to accept testimony at all of their committee meetings starting again Tuesday, June 7th, 6:00 pm at City Hall. The schedule for those meetings is found from the "calendar" link on the left of the pages at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/index.html>.

If you think pPlan03 on these pages is a logical solution, please attend and testify accordingly. If you see problems with pPlan03, still testify, but also let me know as well the problems you see. I would be honored to meet with you at a computer in the Central Library or in City Hall to work on a correction to the problems you see.
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Concluyen audiencias de redistribución

12:00 AM CDT on Saturday, May 21, 2011

Por JULIÁN RESEÑDIZ/AI Día

Las audiencias públicas concluyen, y la comisión del ayuntamiento encargada de redefinir los distritos de representación en Dallas comienza el trabajo sucio.

"Vamos a chocar cabezas, a torcer brazos, pero de alguna manera llegaremos a un acuerdo", adelantó el abogado John Lozano, representante del Distrito 6 en la Comisión de Redistribución de Dallas.

Las últimas dos audiencias de la comisión son este sábado 21 en la biblioteca central de Dallas y el martes 24 en la biblioteca Forest Park. La comisión inicia deliberaciones el 6 de junio en el sexto piso de la alcaldía del 1500 Marilla St.

La ley federal requiere a entidades de gobierno ajustar su representación política cada 10 años, reflejando el crecimiento y características de la población. En los últimos 10 años, la población hispana aumentó a 42% pero los latinos solo tienen tres de los 14 lugares en el cabildo.

La ley no requiere la elección de personas de cierta etnia, pero exige que el voto de las minorías no se diluya. Otro de los principales factores en la redistribución es la voluntad del pueblo.

Lozano dijo que las audiencias públicas abrieron los ojos de los comisionados, ya que los vecinos expresaron claramente sus prioridades.

"El mensaje que escuchamos una y otra vez es quieren (distritos) más compactos, distritos con temas y problemas en común. No quieren distritos muy extensos porque piensan que no los escuchan", dijo Lozano.

El comisionado lamentó que la voz de los hispanos raramente se escuchó durante las primeras ocho audiencias.

"Es horrible, pero es una de las realidades políticas que no se pueden ignorar. No es suficiente tener los números, la gente debe participar en el sistema", dijo Lozano al final de la audiencia del jueves en Buckner Terrace al sur de la Interestatal 30.

Aún si los comisionados a un juez decidieran arbitrariamente crear distritos de supermayoría hispana, de poco servirían si los latinos no votan. El comisionado citó la reciente elección de vocales en el distrito escolar de Irving, donde dos anglos en contra de la educación bilingüe resultaron electos en distritos de mayoría latina.

"Podrías tener un distrito que es 90% hispano, pero si no participas, no vas a ser escuchado", advirtió.

Se escuchan grupos vecinales

La audiencia del jueves nuevamente fue dominada por los ciudadanos que en realidad tienen el poder en Dallas: los integrantes de las asociaciones de vecinos, comités de mejoramiento a los vecindarios y grupos de prevención del delito.

"Lo bueno de las asociaciones de vecinos es que logramos que se hagan las cosas", dijo Brian Stark, miembro de la sociedad del vecindario Piedmont-Scyene en el este de Dallas. "Nos reunimos, pedimos información y nos ponemos a trabajar juntos".

Él y otros miembros del vecindario pidieron no formar parte de un distrito donde la concejal vive a 10 millas de distancia.

Larry Duncan, presidente de la Liga de Propietarios de Vivienda de Dallas, denunció que en su afán de dar representación a ciertos grupos, los gobernantes y los juzgados dividieron su vecindario.

"Lo que se hizo hace 20 años fue una injusticia. Sacrificaron las reglas con el propósito expreso de dividir y subyugar a (los votantes) de Buckner Terrace. "No se trata de quién sale electo, se trata de no quitar a las personas que viven en un distrito el derecho de decidir qué pasa" en sus vecindarios.

Redistricting hearings conclude

12:00 AM CDT on Saturday, May 21, 2011

By JULIAN RESENDIZ / Al Día

Public hearings conclude, and the council committee responsible for redefining the districts for representation in Dallas began the dirty work.

"We're going to bump heads, to twist arms, but somehow come to an agreement," attorney John Lozano forward, representative of District 6 in the Dallas Committee on Redistricting.

The last two hearings of the commission is on Saturday 21 at the Dallas Central Library on Tuesday 24 in Forest Park Library. The committee began deliberations on June 6 on the sixth floor of City Hall 1500 Marilla St.

Federal law requires government entities to adjust their political representation in 10 years, reflecting the growth and population characteristics. In the past 10 years, the Hispanic population increased to 42% but Latinos are only three of the 14 places in the town hall.

The law does not require the choice of people of a certain ethnicity, but requires that the minority vote is not diluted. Another major factor in redistricting is the will of the people.

Lozano said that public hearings opened the eyes of the commissioners, and that residents clearly expressed their priorities.

"The message we hear over and over again is they want (districts) more compact districts with common issues and problems. They do not want very large districts because they think they do not listen," said Lozano.

The Commission regrets that the Hispanic voice rarely heard during the first eight hearings.

"It's horrible, but it is one of the political realities that can not be ignored. It is not enough to have the numbers, people should participate in the system," said Lozano at the end of Thursday's hearing in Buckner Terrace south of Interstate 30.

Even if the commissioners to a judge to decide arbitrarily create districts Hispanic supermajority of little use if Latinos do not vote. The commissioner cited the recent election of members in the Irving school district, where two Anglos against bilingual education were elected in predominantly Latino districts.

"You could have a district that is 90% Hispanic, but if you do not participate, you will not be heard," he said.

Neighborhood groups are heard

Thursday's hearing was dominated again by the people who actually have power in Dallas, members of neighborhood associations, committees, neighborhood improvements and crime prevention groups.

"The beauty of the neighborhood associations is that we get things done," said Brian Stark, a member of the society of Piedmont-Scyene neighborhood in East Dallas. "We gather, request information and get to work together."

He and other members of the neighborhood asked not to be part of a district council member lives 10 miles away.

Larry Duncan, president of the League of Homeowners of Dallas, reported that in their desire to give representation to certain groups, the rulers and the court divided the neighborhood.

"What was done 20 years ago was an injustice. They sacrificed the rules with the express purpose of divide and subjugate (the voters) in Buckner Terrace." This is not who is elected, it is not to deprive people live in a district the right to decide what happens "in their neighborhoods.



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Jewish Community Relations Council
Jewish Federation
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Weekly Update

May 13, 2011
9 Iyar 5771

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

REDISTRICTING: WHY DOES IT MATTER?

11:30am – 1:00pm
 Center for Community Cooperation
 Oak Corner Room
 2900 Live Oak, Dallas

The National Council of Jewish Women is co-sponsoring this event that will explore, in a non-partisan way, the impact of redistricting decisions that are currently being made by the Texas Legislature. The keynote speaker is **Dr. Ruth Morgan**, former Provost of SMU and author of *Governance by Decree*. She is also Chair of the City of Dallas Redistricting Commission. Other sponsors of this event include the League of Women Voters, the Women's Council of Dallas County and the Health and Human Services Commission.

Advance reservations are requested. Reservations without lunch may be made online at www.ncjwdallas.org, email to info@ncjwdallas.org, or by phone at 214.368.4405. A boxed salad lunch may be reserved with \$10 advance payment – mail checks to NCJW, 6025 Royal Lane, Suite 219-9, Dallas 75230 or online at

www.ncjwdallas.org. Order chicken or vegetarian/cheese salad box lunch by Friday, May 13.

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IN HONOR OF YOM YERUSHALAYIM
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7:30 p.m.
Congregation Anshai Torah
5501 West Parker Road
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Join Congregation Anshai Torah, the JCRC, and other co-sponsors for a **concert featuring the Kol Rina Men's Choir of Anshai Torah in honor of Yom Yerushalayim.**

Donations will be accepted and snacks will be available for purchase. For more information, call 972-473-7718.

ACTION ALERTS

HELP CURB PREDATORY LENDING

Predatory lending is a big problem across the city of Dallas. Auto title and payday lenders have opened up over 200 stores in the Dallas area, charging outrageous rates trapping many people in cycles of debt while draining community resources.

The Texas Legislature must ultimately act to regulate these institutions so that their lending practices are fair and reasonable.

However, since there is a heavy concentration of these institutions in Dallas neighborhoods that are already struggling economically, the **Anti-Poverty Coalition of Greater Dallas**, of which the JCRC is a leading member, is calling on the City of Dallas to enact a strong Zoning Ordinance to reduce their negative impact on our communities.

For more information, see this Dallas Morning News Editorial or read this Anti-Poverty Coalition fact sheet.

ACTION NEEDED:

Support this push for a strong zoning ordinance that would significantly lessen the concentration of payday and auto title lenders in our communities by signing a petition that will be submitted to the Dallas City Council at their May 25th meeting at which they are expected to vote on this issue.

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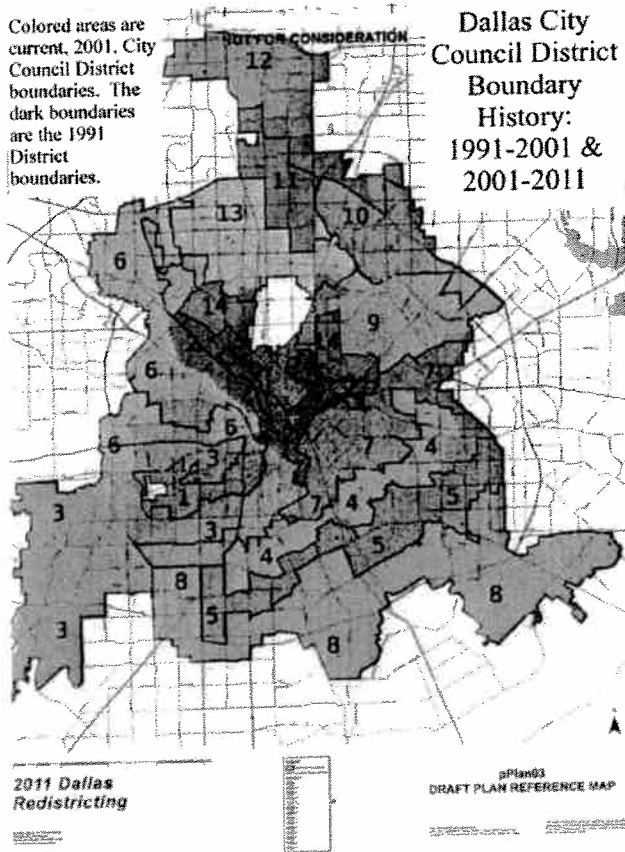
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TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

Dallas City Council Redistricting Plan03 submitted 05/16/11

Below is a map of the current Dallas City Council boundary lines as well as those boundaries from 1991 to 2001. Click on the map below to see a larger copy.



Below is pPlan03 submitted and accepted as a potential redistricting plan by the City of Dallas staff as of 5-17-11.

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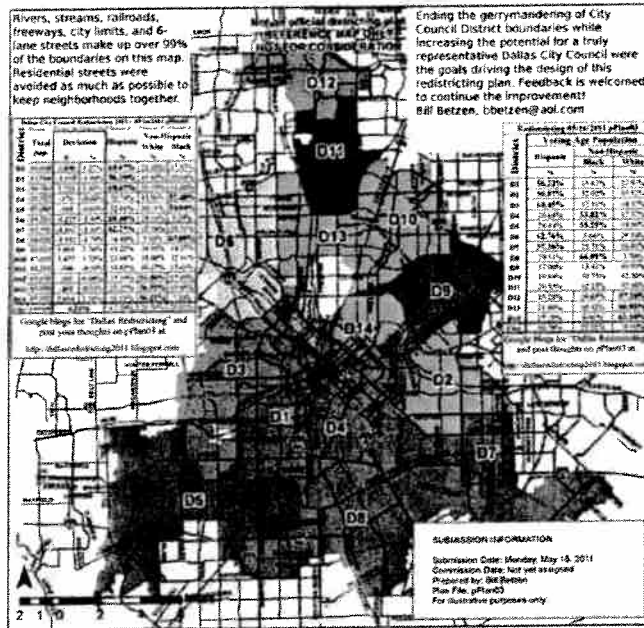
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Below are the demographic profiles generated by this pPlan03 in each of the 14 recommended districts. The main goal in designing this plan was to eliminate gerrymandering and restore compact districts to Dallas while at the same time using the most significant boundaries possible for over 99.5% of the boundaries needed, and achieving all voting rights goals in the process. It is hoped that these goals have been exceeded. Almost all district boundaries used are either rivers, creeks, freeways, city limits, railroad tracks, or major 6-lane streets.

While this pPlan03 is now on record, I am very willing to submit another plan if anyone has ideas of needed changes to it that will improve it. It is such feedback from dozens of involved citizens that has helped this plan to evolve to what is on this page. Not all feedback can be used due to the voting rights requirements, or due to compactness requirements for districts, as I understand those requirements. Some of the most dedicated and concerned citizens have generously given such feedback that could not be used. I hope they understand. We are one multicultural city that will be ever greater due to that reality. We must all work together so that more and more citizens are encouraged to be actively involved in the day to day decisions our cities evolving history requires. Apathy is the greatest danger.

If you see mistakes on this page, or in this pPlan03, please let me know.
Bill Betzen, bbetzen@aol.com.

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pPlan 03	Total pop.	Deviation from 85,558			Total voting age			2010 Dallas Voting Age Population					
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D1	86,648	1,090	1.27%	63.67%	22.49%	11.87%	65,484	36,812	56.1%	18,190	27.9%	8,950	13.7%
D2	81,966	-1,592	-1.86%	56.29%	11.65%	30.64%	56,875	28,930	50.9%	8,825	15.5%	18,113	32.0%
D3	86,784	1,226	1.43%	69.47%	11.19%	16.64%	59,163	38,133	64.5%	8,740	14.8%	10,358	17.5%
D4	85,182	-376	-0.44%	31.74%	13.91%	52.48%	64,259	17,145	26.7%	11,161	17.4%	14,581	53.8%
D5	85,003	-555	-0.65%	32.65%	10.71%	54.04%	59,428	16,904	28.4%	8,024	13.5%	12,857	55.3%
D6	84,281	-1,277	-1.49%	68.40%	24.14%	5.39%	59,634	37,425	62.8%	17,379	29.1%	3,378	5.7%
D7	84,396	-1,162	-1.36%	62.25%	12.39%	24.58%	54,313	31,156	57.4%	8,694	16.0%	13,962	25.7%
D8	84,026	-1,532	-1.79%	34.49%	2.83%	62.05%	58,937	17,393	29.5%	2,182	3.7%	18,953	66.1%
D9	86,623	1,065	1.24%	43.22%	38.92%	14.27%	63,559	23,517	37.0%	29,195	45.9%	8,522	13.4%
D10	87,035	1,477	1.73%	33.08%	38.00%	31.11%	64,201	12,740	19.8%	27,160	42.3%	19,742	30.8%
D11	85,252	-306	-0.36%	33.82%	48.27%	12.41%	65,879	19,061	28.9%	34,902	53.0%	8,058	12.2%
D12	85,938	380	0.44%	17.33%	54.46%	17.45%	69,758	10,660	15.3%	39,929	57.2%	11,616	16.7%
D13	85,090	-468	-0.55%	25.27%	56.55%	10.60%	66,576	14,286	21.5%	40,497	60.8%	6,935	10.4%
D14	87,592	2,034	2.38%	31.81%	56.22%	7.20%	72,622	19,740	27.2%	44,373	61.1%	5,018	6.9%
totals	1,197,816		4.24%	42.35%	25.02%	28.82%	680,628	323,902	36.78%	299,351	33.99%	221,143	25.11%

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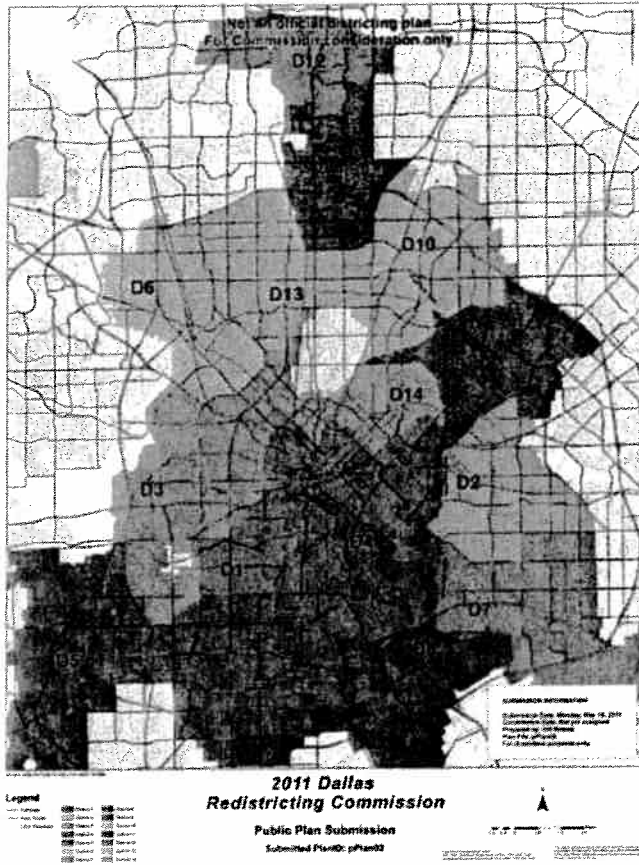
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Dallas City Council Redistricting Plan03 being submitted 05/16/11



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Dallas City Council Redistricting 2011 - 05/16/2011, pPlan03, by Bill Betzen													
District	Total pop.	Correction to 85,558	Percentage correction	Percentage Hispanic	Percentage Anglo	Percentage Black	Total Voting Age Pop.	Voting Age % Hispanic	Voting Age % Anglo	Voting Age % Black	Voting Age % Black	Voting Age % Black	
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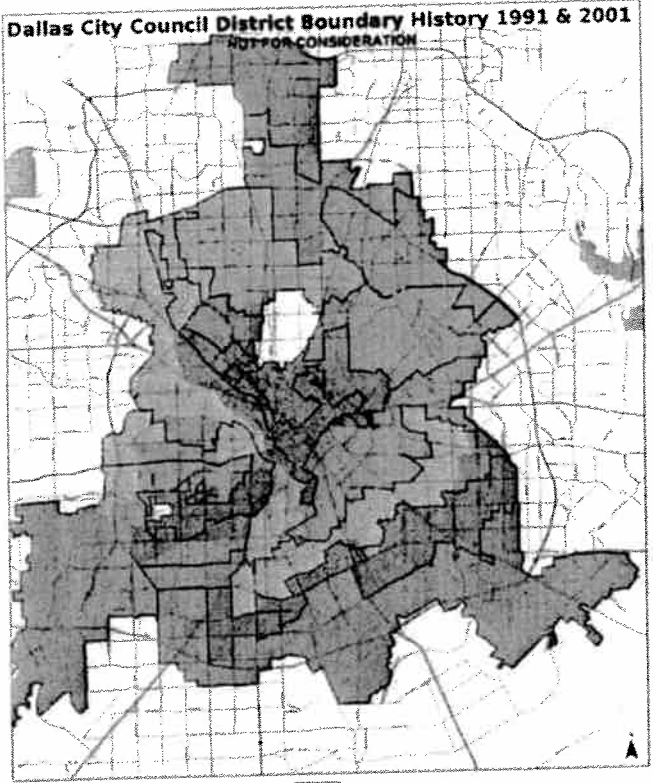
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What do you think? <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com> Bill Betzen, 214-957-9739 bbetzen@aol.com

While this plan was formally submitted 05/16/11, and is now on record, I am very willing to submit another plan if anyone has ideas of needed changes to it that will improve it. It is such feedback from dozens of involved citizens that has helped this plan to evolve to what is on this page. Not all feedback can be used due to the voting rights requirements, or due to compactness requirements for districts, as I understand those requirements. Some of the most dedicated and concerned citizens have generously given such feedback that could not be used. I hope they understand. We are one multicultural city that will be ever greater due to that reality. We must all work together so that more and more citizens are encouraged to be actively involved in the day to day decisions our cities evolving history requires. Apathy is the greatest danger Dallas faces.

If you see mistakes on this page, or in this plan, please let me know.
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DRAFT PLAN REFERENCE MAP

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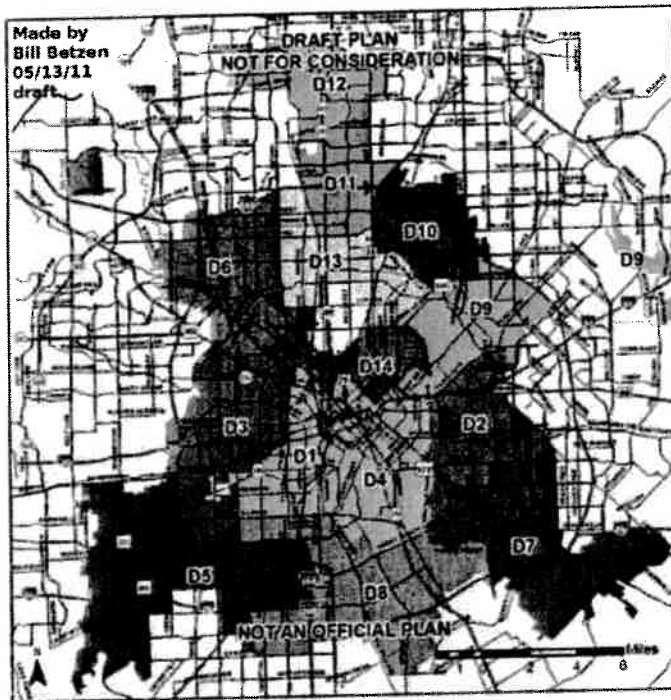
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In 2009 the School Archive Project Class made their letters for the week. They became the Graduation Class of 2009 and were members of the largest graduation class in over 10 years at both high schools over 90% attended.

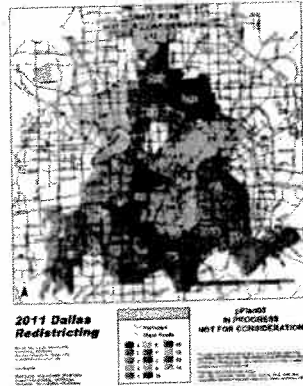
Over a 2009 10500 head count was dropped over 1%, but 11th and 12th grade enrollment went up over 1%, a 750 student increase in the 22 11900 high schools. However 50% of this increase is in only two of those 22 high schools. These two are the high schools serving all students of the School Archive Project students.



A real focus on the future helps students understand why they should stay in school.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

Dallas City Council Redistricting, 5-9-11 Map Update



In an effort to reunite Inwood Northwest Homeowners Association, modifications were made by moving the west end of the southern border to District 13 to Lovers Lane. That allowed Midway to become the western boundary to District 13, another step forward in straightening district boundaries. Click on the above map to see a much larger copy. The demographic statistics generated by the above map are copied below from the handout used at redistricting community meetings. Click on the graphic to see a larger copy.

District	Population	Area (sq. miles)	Population Density	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Male	Female	Age 18+	Age 65+	High School Grad	College Grad	Unemployed	Median Income	Median Home Value
1	100,000	100	1,000	70%	20%	10%	1%	1%	50%	50%	80%	10%	80%	10%	\$20,000	\$100,000	
2	100,000	100	1,000	70%	20%	10%	1%	1%	50%	50%	80%	10%	80%	10%	\$20,000	\$100,000	
3	100,000	100	1,000	70%	20%	10%	1%	1%	50%	50%	80%	10%	80%	10%	\$20,000	\$100,000	
4	100,000	100	1,000	70%	20%	10%	1%	1%	50%	50%	80%	10%	80%	10%	\$20,000	\$100,000	
5	100,000	100	1,000	70%	20%	10%	1%	1%	50%	50%	80%	10%	80%	10%	\$20,000	\$100,000	
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SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2011

The Dallas City Council Redistricting Map: 05/07/11 VERSION

This 05-07-11 version of the Dallas City Council Redistricting map reflects the input of many dozens of people. At the same time, gerrymandering continues to be lessened. Here is the statistics page with an explanation for where the design process on this particular map stands. Public input is still needed and critical! Click on this image to make it larger:

Here is the map with the boundary lines shown that give the above statistics for each Dallas City Council District. Again, click on it for a larger copy.



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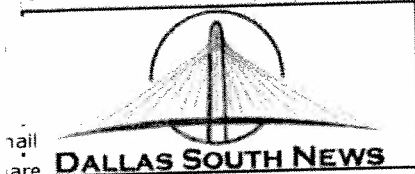
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By Michael Hubbard

Dallas South News contributor Michael Hubbard conducted an email interview with District 7 city council candidate Casie Pierce. The contents of the interview can be viewed below.

Michael Hubbard: Ms. Pierce, you have stated that unity within District 7 is essential to making progress in the district. What will you do differently from the incumbent to unify your constituents?



Casie Pierce

Casie Pierce: There are many different neighborhoods in District 7. The district encompasses a wide slice of Dallas, from East Oak Cliff and Cedar Crest, to Fair Park/South Dallas, to Parkdale and Buckner Terrace, and then all the neighborhoods along Ferguson Road north of I-30 that feed participate in the Ferguson Road Initiative, all the way northeast toward and into the Harry Stone area and east toward Mesquite and Eastfield College.

All of the neighborhoods contained in District 7 are unique. Yet we all need to realize that our needs are similar: we all want great parks, good schools, smooth roads, safe neighborhoods, great shopping amenities and good jobs. We all have that in common and I think that if we draw on those things that bring us together, we can have a better, more vibrant district.

MH: Can you elaborate on the statement you made that the key to the future of Dallas lies within District 7?

CP: District 7 is a great cross-section of Dallas. We have the spirit of Oak Cliff, the soul of South Dallas/Fair Park, the funkiness and beauty of East Dallas and all parts in between. We also have a great deal of vacant land, empty and under-used warehouse/manufacturing facilities and commercial real estate, and a ready work-force of people who can work at good paying jobs near their homes. We just need to get those jobs in the area, and then we can look forward to attracting other economic investment, as well as middle-class folks back into South Dallas.

MH: District 7 has been arguably the most neglected district in the City of Dallas when it comes to significant business development. How do you plan to reverse that trend?

CP: Jobs. District 7 has been driven away from its more prosperous history, of good, manufacturing jobs, that paid good wages, benefits, pensions and on-the-job training. Those things now lie in the outer suburbs like Garland, Richardson, Grand Prairie, Irving.

Why aren't we promoting District 7 to manufacturing businesses as a good place to locate? Why aren't we promoting the fact that we are close to downtown, near highway and railway corridors with a willing and able workforce? We have got to give businesses a reason to come here and that is the first and foremost important item I will focus on as council member for this district.

MH: District 7 has no shortage of government subsidized housing. How will you help bring quality single family housing developments to the district? What plans do you have to attract the middle class back to District 7?

CP: I am encouraged by the nonprofit sector and their willingness to come in and fill the housing void left by current and past city councils. The housing sector is the same as all business. Create a demand for housing and developers/contractors will be there to supply the housing.

Bottom line is that we must create a demand for single family housing. In order to do that we must attract those families back to our district. We can do that with a focus on job creation, promoting the great schools we have, attracting small and

mid-size businesses to the area, and committing to true investment in the infrastructure of our community.

MH: What are your thoughts on how District 7 should be handled during the redistricting process?

Pierce – Again, District 7 is a very spread-across district. It stretches from East Oak Cliff to West Mesquite. I-30 chops it in half. When looking at the geographical area and the demographics of the neighborhoods, it would make more sense to take the southeastern part of Dallas- which includes the Piedmont neighborhood, the rest of Buckner Terrance and Pleasant Grove/Kleberg- and make one single district. There are parts of District 7 north of I-30 that again, looking at a map, makes more sense if they were in District 9.

SN: Why do you believe you are the best candidate to represent District 7?

P: As a business woman, founder of a non-profit, executive director of a PID and homeowner in the Parkdale neighborhood, I believe that I represent a greater cross-section of the district. While I know what it means to manage day-to-day operations, I also know that being a city council person is more than attending committee meetings and groundbreaking ceremonies.

I believe that due to decades of neglect and injustice the future council members of the districts in the southern part of the city are going to have to work twice as hard to attract development. My professional background and life experience makes me the best candidate for this district.

MH: Why do you want to represent District 7?

CP: I am running because I have seen very little progress in my community over the past decade. We have a huge opportunity for growth in District 7, but there is a lack of ingenuity and ability to plan comprehensively. We are at a disadvantage because of decades of injustice, but we have a great deal of potential and I think it's time we stopped settling for mediocrity. The people of District 7 are ready for a new direction and I believe that I can bring in much needed change.



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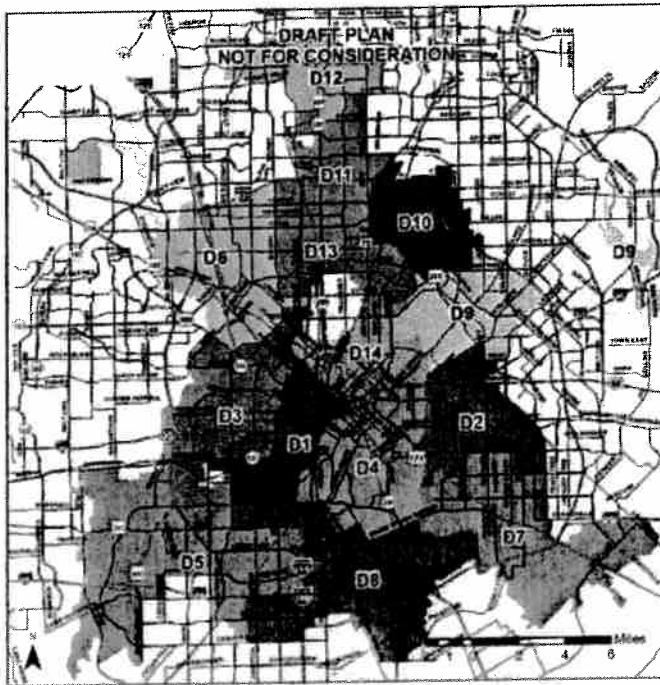
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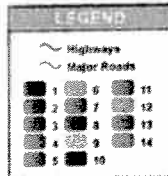
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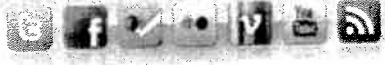
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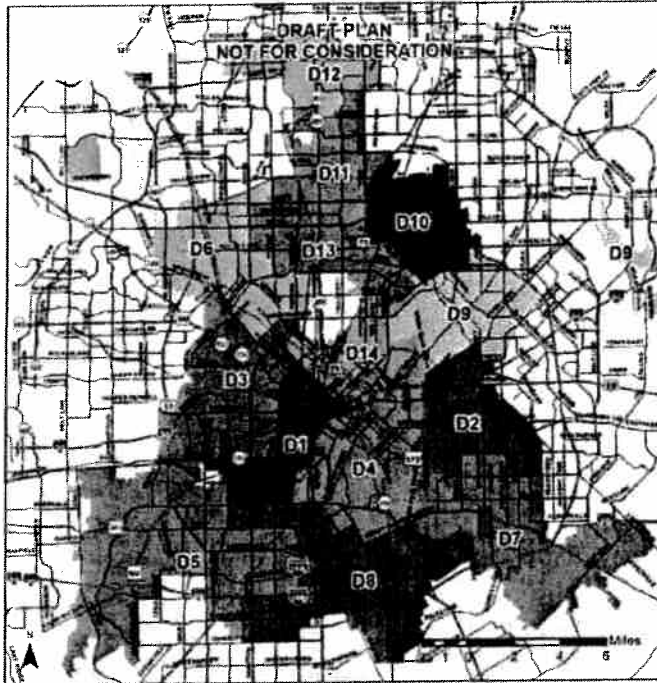
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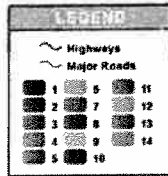
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El proceso de redistribución se ve afectado por influencia de comités de vecinos

Por **ARLEAN RESENDEZ/AL DIA**

Dar a los latinos cinco barrios en el ayuntamiento de Dallas no es cosa de otro mundo, afirma Bill Betzen. El activista y maestro de secundaria lo logró con un mapa que diseñó utilizando las computadoras de la alcaldía y que presentó esta semana en una reunión de la Comisión de Redistribución.

"Los intereses son tan grandes que no pueden evitar tener cinco distritos hispanos en Dallas a menos que seas corrupto", dijo al mostrar un borrador en el que el distrito 9 cubre 9 millas de ancho o largo.

"Son límites simples, redondos, donde las fronteras son el río, otras ciudades o carreteras de seis carriles".

Más la lógica de Betzen chocó contra una pared de intereses que muestran quienes son los ciudadanos que más influyen en la política de Dallas.

"Jesse no tomó en cuenta a los vecindarios ni a las asociaciones de vecinos", señaló la comisionada del Distrito 13 Elizabeth James.

La comisión ha recibido cuatro audiencias públicas repletas de miembros de sociedades de vecinos y comités ciudadanos de prevención al delito.

Estos grupos han dominado el debate -aún en el consejo de Oak Cliff- y su mensaje a los funcionarios encargados de redistribuir los distritos de representación popular en Dallas ha sido el mismo: no divididas ni vecindario.

David Morris, miembro de la Asociación de Vecinos de Oak Lawn Heights, afirmó que los propietarios son los que más contacto tienen con la alcaldía, pues buscan mantener la calidad de vida de sus familias y la salud de sus viviendas.

"Pare muy irritante hace 10 años descubrir que tenían a dos representantes y nadie en la alcaldía sabía a quien pasar nuestras llamadas", re-



El activista Bill Betzen hizo, según él, un mapa de distritos ajustado a la distribución demográfica.

POBLACIÓN HISPANA

Esta es la población latina de Dallas distribuida en los distritos del ayuntamiento. Se trata de la última actualización de datos del censo 2010.

Districto	Población	% de hispanos
01 (Oak Cliff)	80,101	85.0%
02 (Love Field/Oak Lawn)	70,643	61.6%
03 (Soberside)	98,943	51.3%
04 (Sur-Centro)	85,671	47.3%
05 (Sur-Suroeste)	89,760	46.3%
06 (Centro, Noroeste)	74,538	60.7%
07 (Centro, Sur, Suroeste)	74,465	44.4%
08 (Doble Alameda)	88,076	37.7%
09 (Norte, Noroeste)	73,386	30.3%
10 (Norte, Sur)	85,992	22.4%
11 (Centro, Norte)	94,064	16.6%
12 (Centro, Suroeste)	80,878	28.5%
13 (Centro hasta Loop 12)	99,743	17%

Fuente: Ayuntamiento de Dallas.

otro distrito significará empezar de cero y eso no le conviene a nadie, dijo Pauline Medina, concejal del Distrito 2, coincidiendo en que los funcionarios públicos no pueden ignorar a los comités de vecinos y otros grupos ciudadanos.

Es una relación de beneficio mutuo, ya que los políticos necesitan de estos grupos para diseminar información sobre el gobierno.

"Las noticias impresas funcionan hasta cierto punto, pero trabajar con (estas asociaciones) nos ayuda a llegar a toda su membresía", dijo Medina.

Agregó que esto no quiere decir que no habrá cambios. Una de las consignas de la comisión es proveer representación política a las minorías, y Dallas solo tiene tres concejales hispanos a pesar de que su población es 42% latina.

Mark y otros líderes de asociaciones han dicho en las juntas que no se oponen a pertenecer a otros distritos, mientras no se diluya el poder de sus vecindarios.

Jerónimo Valdez, presidente del consejo de la Cámara de Comercio Hispana del Suroeste de Dallas, dijo que otros entes no deben temer lo

MINORÍAS Cuestionan proceso de selección en Garland

Por **RAY LEZINSKY/WDIV**

Dos candidatos para representar a Garland en el consejo del DART dijeron que el proceso de selección le falló a las minorías.

El cabildo de Garland, que tiene la facultad de nombrar a su representante en la agencia de transporte de Dallas, eligió a un profesional anglo-sobredos hispanos y dos afroamericanos.

La cuestión no es si Michael Cheney, el contador y ex asesor de inversiones que ganó el puesto, está capacitado para desempeñar el cargo.

La pregunta es si Cheney está más calificado que los candidatos minoritarios, a quienes protegen las leyes de servicio público.

El segundo representante de Garland en el DART es Mark Enoch, también anglo.

"Esta era una oportunidad de oro para la ciudad", dijo B.J. Williams, segundo lugar en la votación final de esta semana. "Había cuatro aspirantes minoritarios muy capaces y altamente calificados, y fueron ignorados".

Williams recibió cuatro de nueve votos y Cheney tres al ser considerados cuatro candidatos en la primera ronda del martes.

Ya que ninguno obtuvo cinco votos, el cabildo redujo el número de nominados a dos finalistas. Cheney fue designado como representante hasta junio de 2012 por voto de 5-4.

Directivos de DART dijeron que cuando el cabildo tiene la facultad de elegir a sus representantes y que la agencia no impugnará la votación.

El concejal Rick Williams, que nomina a Cheney, fue tajante en que Cheney era la mejor opción.

"Tiene un currículo muy impresionante", dijo. "Tengo la impresión de

MÁS JUNTAS COMUNITARIAS

Las próximas dos reuniones de la Comisión de Redistribución serán en Dallas:

- Miércoles 10 de mayo, 7 p.m., Centro de Recreación Pleasant Oaks, 8701 Leaveland Ave.
- Jueves 12 de mayo, 7 p.m., Cooper Paul Quinn, 3637 Simpson Street, Rock.

calcó Morris. Queremos tener la certeza de que vamos a hacer una sola llamada (para reportar problemas) a la alcaldía y nos van a atender", agregó Brenda Marks, vicepresidente del Comité de Oak Lawn, ante la Comisión de Redistribución.

Ann Mason, representante de una asociación de vecinos de East Dallas, agregó que el crimen bajó en su vecindario debido a la relación que estableció el grupo con ciertos funcionarios de la alcaldía. Cambiar el vecindario a

creación de más distritos hispanos. "Nuestro mensaje siempre ha sido que queremos representación para nuestro vecindario, que en nuestro caso es Pleasant Grove. Eso no quiere decir que el representante automáticamente deba ser hispano", afirmó.

"La gente a veces no le da a los hispanos suficiente crédito; vamos a votar por el mejor candidato sea latino, negro o anglo. Solo pedimos la oportunidad de elegir, y ser representados", dijo Valdez, que acudió a una de las juntas recientes de la comisión.

Valdez dijo que Pleasant Grove en 10 años tiene el potencial de mejorar su economía si tiene un líder en el cabildo que abogue por el sector y sepa traer más comercio e inversión.

Agregó que, al igual que las asociaciones de vecinos que se han hecho presentes en cada reunión de la comisión, los latinos deben acudir a estas sesiones o arriesgan quedarse fuera.

"Es absolutamente importante que ayuden. Es importante que el cabildo sepa que estamos aquí y que esto es muy importante para nosotros", dijo.

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By JULIAN RESENDIZ/Al Dia

Bill Betzen says it's not that hard to procure five seats for Latinos at Dallas City Hall.

The activist and middle-school teacher did it through a map he designed using city computers and that he presented this week at a meeting of the Redistricting Commission.

"The numbers are such that, unless you're crooked, you cannot avoid having five Hispanic districts," he said, showing off a draft in which no district is longer or wider than 9 miles.

"They're simple, round lines where the boundaries are the river, other cities or six-lane highways," he said.

But Betzen's logic ran into a wall of interests that shows who are some of the most influential citizens in Dallas politics.

"So you did not take into account neighborhoods or neighborhood associations", asserted District 13 commissioner Elizabeth Jones.

The commission has held four public hearings heavily attended by members of neighborhood associations and crime prevention committees.

These groups have dominated the debate – even in the heart of Oak Cliff – and their message to officials tasked with redrawing Dallas' representation districts has been the same: Don't split my neighborhood.

David Morris, member of the Oak Lawn Heights neighborhood association, said homeowners are among those that most often call on City Hall for quality of life and property-value issues.

"It was a frustrating 10 years ago to find out we had to work with two different council members and no one seemed to know who to route our calls to," he recalled.

"We want to have the certainty that we can make one call to City Hall and get our business taken care of," said Brenda Marks, vice president of The Oak Lawn Committee.

Ann Mason, who represents a neighborhood group in East Dallas, said crime is down in her neighborhood thanks to relationships established with specific officials at City Hall. To move the neighborhood to another district would be a setback, and that's in no one's interest, she said.

City Councilwoman District 2 Pauline Medrano agrees that public officials cannot ignore neighborhood committees or any other citizen group.

It's a mutual relationship, as politicians often rely on these groups to get the word out about governmental information.

"I think print works to a certain degree, but working (with neighborhood associations) helps us get the word out to all of their members," she said.

She said that's not to say things will stay like they are. One of the mandates of the commission is to provide representation for minorities, and Dallas only has three Hispanic council members even though the population is 42% Hispanic.

Marks and other neighborhood association leaders have said they are open-minded about being switched to another district, as long as their neighborhoods are not split or diminished.

Jeronimo Valdez, president of the board of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Southeast Dallas, said other ethnic groups have nothing to fear with the creation of more Hispanic districts.

"Our message has always been that we want representation for our neighborhood, in our case, Pleasant Grove. That doesn't mean the representative automatically has to be Hispanic," he said.

"People sometimes don't give Hispanics sufficient credit. We are going to vote for the best candidate whether he's white, black or Latino. All we are asking is for the opportunity to have representation and choose (the right person)", said Valdez, who attended a recent commission meeting.

Valdez said Pleasant Grove has the potential to substantially improve its economy if it has a leader at City Hall who champions the area and can bring in more commerce and investment.

He added that, just like the neighborhood associations have come out in force to each meeting of the Redistricting Commission, Latinos have to attend these meetings or risk being left out.

"It's absolutely important that they come. It's important that the council knows we are here and that this is a very important issue for us," Valdez said.

The next two meetings of the Redistricting Commission are in Pleasant Grove and South Dallas.

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City redistricting committee to meet at Resource Center Dallas on Thursday night

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While the Texas Legislature is handling redistricting of state and federal legislative districts, a local committee will make recommendations for the City Council map.

That committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Resource Center Dallas. Openly gay former Mayor Pro Tem John Loza is a member the committee.

The main topic of discussion will be Districts 2 and 14. Loza said one proposal will split Oak Lawn from East Dallas. Each would have its own seat. The objection to that would be the loss of a Hispanic seat. District 2, currently represented by Pauline Medrano, has been a Hispanic seat since its creation when the city was divided into 14 districts for the 1993 election. Before Medrano, the seat was held by Loza and Chris Luna.

Loza said the meeting is open to the public and is a good way to learn about and have input in the city redistricting process.



John Loza

— David Taffet

3 Comments

Posted on May 4, 2011 at 5:56 pm

John Loza

Thanks David for the post – one correction, though. I am not chairman of the city's Redistricting Commission, the chair is Dr. Ruth Morgan. I am Pauline Medrano's appointee to the Commission.

I hope to see many of you at the public hearing tomorrow night!

Posted on May 4, 2011 at 7:01 pm

John Wright

Thanks, John. We have corrected this.

Posted on May 4, 2011 at 8:36 pm

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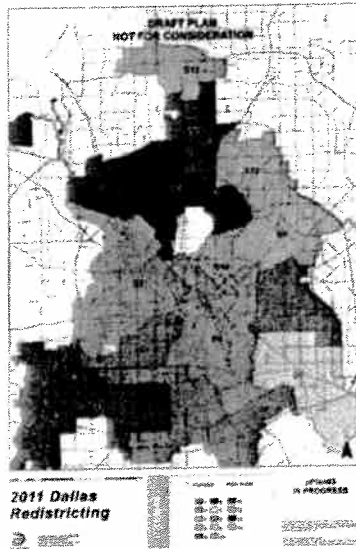
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Dallas City Council Redistricting Map, 5/3/11 draft from one person

(The plan below was updated 5-13-11 and that plan is being submitted formally to the Commission. That final plan can be seen at <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/> The plan below is left here for anyone interested in the evolution of the final plan.)



This map shows the basic lines. There will be minor changes made due to the input of the public and from the Redistricting Committee Meetings twice a week. Please send your opinions to bbetzen@aol.com, or post them here, on this blog. Here are statistics and comments that go with the above map:

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Dallas City Council Redistricting 2011 05/03/2011 draft by Bill Betzen

CD	Total population	Change from 2000	Percentage change needed	Percentage Hispanic	Percentage Anglo	Percentage Black	Total Voting Age Pop.	Young Age Population	Young Age Ratio
01	142589	1802	0.1	78.78	17.77	1.24	14805	47263	319%
02	155254	104	0.07	74.88	17.5	17.08	17839	34728	195%
03	141821	796	0.56	82.89	14.7	14.43	14520	48608	335%
04	125700	108	0.86	74.5	17.72	14.88	14628	37198	254%
05	142221	408	0.29	74.5	18.18	8.29	14874	42848	288%
06	149777	104	0.69	82.77	14.45	1.29	15008	41721	278%
07	140198	1096	0.78	81.68	14.21	17.29	14008	37721	269%
08	138117	1144	0.83	79.22	17.43	11.32	14208	37201	262%
09	137248	1467	1.07	80.28	17.88	1.98	14208	37201	262%
10	137248	1467	1.07	77.18	17.88	1.98	14208	37201	262%
11	137248	1467	1.07	77.18	17.88	1.98	14208	37201	262%
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The change in total Hispanic population in the 7th CD is the largest of any CD. The largest increase in Hispanic population is in CD 11. The largest decrease in Hispanic population is in CD 10. The largest increase in total population is in CD 11. The largest decrease in total population is in CD 10. The largest increase in total voting age population is in CD 11. The largest decrease in total voting age population is in CD 10. The largest increase in young age population is in CD 11. The largest decrease in young age population is in CD 10. The largest increase in young age ratio is in CD 11. The largest decrease in young age ratio is in CD 10.

Please go to Dallas City Council Redistricting Offices at Dallas City Hall and use their computers to make your own redistricting plans. Do note if this process should also be available online. The more input we can receive in this process the better the results will be. I strongly urge you to email me any concerns you may have so that I can see if such changes are possible on the map in this draft. My email address is below. Thank you. Bill Betzen

Percentage of Dallas pop. over	N. of 16
Age 18	16
Age 18-24	16
Age 25-34	16
Age 35-44	16
Age 45-54	16
Age 55-64	16
Age 65+	16
Total	16

We now have a first draft with statistics that only indicate need for minimal corrections. Here is the map. If you click on it a larger version will appear. Then, if you click on that copy, icons will appear that will allow you to enlarge it much more:

Posted by Bill Betzen at 8:52 PM

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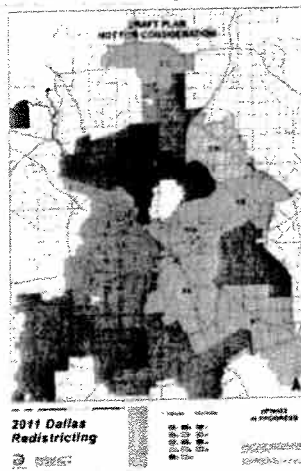
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District	Total Population	Percentage of Total	Percentage of Total (2000)	Percentage of Total (2010)	Percentage of Total (2020)	Total Area (sq. mi.)	Population Density (per sq. mi.)	Population Density (per sq. mi.) (2000)	Population Density (per sq. mi.) (2010)	Population Density (per sq. mi.) (2020)
001	108,000	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	100	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
002	108,000	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	100	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
003	108,000	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	100	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
004	108,000	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	100	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
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Distritos hispanos con escaso apoyo

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Por JULIÁN RESÉNDIZ/Al Día

En una tarde reciente, los campos del parque Kiest de Oak Cliff lucían repletos de latinos: Niños que perseguían balones sobre el pasto, padres que los animaban y madres de familia que cuidaban a los más pequeños.

Era una escena típica del crecimiento de la población hispana, que ahora constituye el 42% de una de las urbes más grandes e importantes del país.

Pero el panorama era distinto en el salón de eventos del parque, donde una comisión del ayuntamiento discutía cambios que afectarán profundamente quién gobernará Dallas durante los próximos 10 años.

De 160 personas que acudieron a la reunión de la Comisión de Redistribución en Oak Cliff, menos de 20 eran latinos. Y mientras que este pequeño grupo pedía apasionadamente más representación para los hispanos, el mensaje de la mayoría anglosajona era "no dividas mi vecindario".

Lo mismo ocurrió días antes en otra parte de la ciudad donde activistas afroamericanos como Jesse Tanner abogaron contra el cambio. "Tenemos intereses comunes sociales y culturales y un largo historial de colaboración en (nuestro vecindario). Tenemos algo especial... manténganos en nuestro actual distrito", urgió.

Sólo tres latinos acudieron a esa junta en el Centro Martin Luther King Jr., y la única que habló pertenece a una asociación de vecinos que también se opone a ser dividida.

La falta de una fuerte presencia hispana en estas audiencias de gobierno, donde la comisión ha escuchado ampliamente el punto de vista de otras etnias, podría dificultar el reacomodo de vecindarios para crear más distritos de mayoría latina. Los 14 miembros de la comisión han dicho públicamente que tomarán muy en cuenta el testimonio de los vecinos.

Solo tres de los 14 concejales de Dallas —los encargados de definir las prioridades del gobierno y gastar el dinero público— son hispanos, siendo que deberían ser seis para estar a la par con la población latina, según activistas.

Héctor Flores, expresidente nacional de Lulac, todavía no pierde la esperanza de que la comunidad alce la voz en reuniones venideras y logre una representación equitativa en el gobierno. Sin embargo, está preparado para lo peor.

"Dudo (que la comisión) establezca más distritos hispanos. Si nos guiamos por la historia, un juez va a tener que dibujar los distritos", advirtió. "Desafortunadamente, el poder no se les da a las minorías, sino que van a tener que luchar contra el sistema y exigir cuentas. Lo bueno es que tenemos cortes y leyes que nos protegen".

No hablan, pero cuentan

Flores y otros activistas admiten que ha fallado la presencia hispana en un proceso que afectará sus vidas durante la próxima década. Sin embargo, sostiene que no por eso deben excluirlos.

"Mira este parque, está lleno de hispanos. Los números no mienten y quienquiera que esté en posición de liderazgo debe ponerle atención a los cambios demográficos... hay que darle a las minorías la oportunidad de (ganar elecciones)", dijo Flores.

Jóvenes activistas como Ramiro Luna y Emmanuel Faz, presidente de los estudiantes del Mountain View College, señalan que a los latinos sí les interesa quién los gobierna y qué se hace con los recursos del pueblo.

Pero muchos no sienten confianza para acudir a las juntas, pensando que los van a hacer menos por no hablar inglés, dijo Faz. "Hubo mucha gente que me preguntó si iba a venir a esta reunión para que hablara por ellos", dijo.

Unos cuantos vecinos se han atrevido a remar contra la corriente en las juntas de la comisión.

"Me preocupa que Dallas es ahora 42% hispano y solo tiene tres representantes, y los anglos son el 28.8% y tienen siete", dijo Joe Burkleo, que vive en North Oak Cliff. "No me parece tan difícil crear otros dos distritos hispanos... es lo justo y no debemos tener miedo hacerlo".

"Entiendo que quieren mantener la unidad en los vecindarios", agregó Renato de los Santos, vecino del suroeste de Dallas. "Pero les pido que tomen la decisión difícil, la decisión valiente y le den a esta comunidad la representación que merece".

Proceso complicado

En una ocasión Barack Obama declaró a un reportero mexicano que no podía ordenar una reforma migratoria porque él no es rey, sino presidente.

En Dallas, la Comisión de Redistribución también debe guiarse por reglas y tomar en cuenta a los ciudadanos que acuden a las juntas, gente como Michael Amonett y Tim Herfel.

"El éxito de nuestros vecindarios se debe a la participación y la unidad, les pedimos que no mermen esto", dijo Amonett, presidente de la Liga de Conservación del Viejo Oak Cliff, que agrupa a 30 asociaciones de vecinos en el área de Kessler Park. "Si nos dividen tendremos que tratar no con uno, sino con dos o más concejales".

Dividir un vecindario es como separar a una pareja, agregó Herfel, que habló a nombre de nueve vecindarios del norte de Oak Cliff.

"Tenemos creencias en común, queremos urbanismo, tranvías, calles limpias y espacios para ciclismo. Hemos trabajado con ciertos concejales y funcionarios que nos han ayudado a convertir Oak Cliff en un mejor lugar", dijo Herfel, advirtiendo que "votamos, y votamos en grandes números". Aunque los latinos son el 42% de la población, solo son el 10% de los votantes activos en Dallas.

Las reglas de la comisión exigen que los nuevos distritos tengan la misma población: 85,558 habitantes. También protegen los distritos de mayoría negra (cuatro) e hispana (tres), lo cual complica las cosas en sectores donde coinciden estos dos grupos, como en Pleasant Grove.

Algunos líderes afroamericanos están listos para dialogar. "Tenemos metas y un pasado en común. Ambos hemos sufrido racismo, marginación y pobreza. No hay necesidad de confrontación, lo que debemos hacer hablar de metas comunes", dijo Kevin Felder, presidente del comité de acción política de la Asociación Nacional para el Avance de las Personas de Color (Naacp) en Dallas.

Felder dijo que organizará una reunión entre la Naacp y Lulac en las próximas semanas y dijo que si ambos grupos se unen, todos saldrán ganando.

"Los distritos hispanos deben incrementarse porque la población ha crecido. No tenemos mayor problema con eso", afirmó. Los afroamericanos "queremos nada menos de lo que ya tenemos, pero nos gustaría apoyarlos para que ustedes tengan más".

La activista afroamericana Sandra Crenshaw resumió en pocas palabras el complicado y frustrante proceso de redistribución: "Somos el único país en el Hemisferio Occidental donde dejamos que los políticos sean los que escogen a sus votantes".

La próxima reunión es a las 7 p.m. el martes en la iglesia First Assembly of God, 11000 East Northwest Highway.

LAS REGLAS DEL PODER

- Los nuevos distritos de representación política en Dallas deben tener exactamente 85,558 habitantes (la población de Dallas dividida por 14).
- La Ley Federal de Derechos del Votante prohíbe mermar la mayoría afroamericana en los distritos 4, 5, 7 y 8, o la mayoría hispana en el 1, 2 y 6.
- Ocho distritos actuales, incluyendo los tres hispanos, han perdido población y deben expandirse; los otros seis distritos han ganado población y deben ceder vecindarios.
- La Comisión de Redistribución debe recomendar cambios al cabildo el 30 de junio.
- El ayuntamiento tiene 45 días para aprobar o modificar el plan.
- El Departamento de Justicia tiene 60 días para dar el visto bueno a la redistribución.
- Los concejales que serán la voz de los nuevos distritos irán a elección en mayo del 2013.



BEN TORRES/ESPECIAL PARA AL DÍA

María Valenzuela de la asociación de vecinos del Claremont, en East Dallas, habla durante una de las reuniones públicas sobre la redistribución de la ciudad.

Bratt, Peter

Subject: FW: Al Dia Story

On a recent afternoon, the fields of Kiest Park in Oak Cliff looked full of Latinos, children chasing balls on the grass, which encouraged parents and mothers caring for children.

It was a typical scene of Hispanic population growth, which now constitutes 42% of one of the largest and most important cities of the country.

But the picture was different in the park's ballroom, where a council committee discussed changes that profoundly affect who will govern Dallas over the next 10 years.

Of 160 people who attended the meeting of the Redistricting Commission in Oak Cliff, fewer than 20 were Latino. And while this small group requested more representation passionately for Hispanics, the message of the white majority was "not divide my neighborhood."

The same occurred days before in another part of the city where African-American activists such as Jesse Tanner argued against the change. "We have common social and cultural rights and a long history of working on (our neighborhood). We have something special ... keep us in our current district," he urged.

Only three Latinos attended that meeting in the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, and the only speaking part of a neighborhood association also objects to be divided.

The lack of a strong Hispanic presence in these hearings of government, the committee heard widely in terms of other ethnic groups, may hinder the rearrangement of neighborhoods to create more Latino-majority districts. The 14 committee members have publicly said they will take into account the testimony of neighbors.

Only three of the 14 councilors of Dallas-makers define priorities for the government and spend public money, are Hispanic, being that should be six to be on par with the Latino population, according to activists.

Hector Flores, LULAC national president, still not lost hope for the community to raise your voice at upcoming meetings and equitable representation in government. However, it is prepared for the worst.

"I doubt (the commission) to establish more Hispanic districts. If we go by history, a judge will have to draw the districts," he said. "Unfortunately, power is given to minorities, but they will have to fight the system and held accountable. The good news is that we have courts and laws protect us."

Do not speak, but have

Flores and other activists admit that the Hispanic presence has failed in a process that will affect their lives over the next decade. However, argues that it therefore should be excluded.

"Look at this park, is full of Hispanics. The numbers do not lie and whoever is in leadership should pay attention to demographic changes ... you have to give minorities a chance to (win elections)," said Flores.

Young activists like Ramiro Luna and Emmanuel Faz, president of the students of Mountain View College, Latinos say they are interested in who governs them and what is done with the resources of the people.

But many do not feel confident to go to meetings, thinking they're going to do less for not speaking English, said Faz.

"There were many people who asked if I would come to this meeting to speak for them," he said.

A few neighbors have dared to swim against the current in the meetings of the committee.

"I worry that Dallas is now 42% Hispanic and only has three representatives, and Anglos are 28.8% and have seven," said Joe Burkleo, who lives in North Oak Cliff. "It seems so difficult to create two Hispanic districts ... is fair and should not be afraid to."

"I understand they want to maintain unity in the neighborhood," said Renato de los Santos, a resident of southwest Dallas. "But I ask you to make the decision difficult, courageous decision to give this community the representation it deserves."

Complicated Process

Barack Obama once told a Mexican reporter who could not order an immigration reform because he is not king, but president.

In Dallas, the Redistricting Commission must also be guided by rules and take into account citizens attending meetings, people like Michael and Tim Herfel Amonette.

"The success of our neighborhoods is due to the participation and unity, we ask that you not undermine it," said Amonette, president of the League of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation, which represents 30 neighborhood associations in the Kessler Park area. "If we fall we will have to deal not with one but with two or more council members."

Divide a neighborhood is how to separate a couple, added Herfel, who spoke on behalf of nine neighborhoods of north Oak Cliff.

"We have common beliefs, we are planning, trams, clean streets and spaces for cycling. We have worked with some councilors and officials who have helped make Oak Cliff in a better place," said Herfel, warning that "we voted, and voted large numbers". Although Latinos are 42% of the population, are only 10% of active voters in Dallas.

The commission rules require that new districts have the same population: 85,558 inhabitants. They also protect the black-majority districts (four) and Hispanics (three), which complicates matters in areas where these two groups coincide, as in Pleasant Grove.

Some black leaders are ready for dialogue. "We have goals and a common past. Both of us have experienced racism, marginalization and poverty. There is no need for confrontation, we do talk about common goals," said Kevin Felder, chairman of the political action committee of the National Association Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Dallas.

Felder said he will organize a meeting between the NAACP and LULAC in the coming weeks and said that if both groups get together, everybody wins.

"The Hispanic districts should be increased because the population has grown. We have no more problem with that," he said. African Americans "want nothing less than what we already have, but would like support for you to have more."

African-American activist Sandra Crenshaw briefly summarized the complicated and frustrating process of redistricting: "We are the only country in the Western Hemisphere where we let the politicians are those who choose their voters."

The next meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Assembly of God Church, 11000 East Northwest Highway.

RULES OF POWER

- New districts in Dallas political representation must be exactly 85,558 inhabitants (the population of Dallas divided by 14).
- Federal law prohibits Voting Rights undermine the African American majority districts 4, 5, 7 and 8, or Hispanic majority in 1, 2 and 6.
- Eight current districts, including three Hispanics, have lost population and should be expanded, the remaining six districts have gained population and must give neighborhoods.
- The Redistricting Commission should recommend changes to the council on 30 June.
- The council has 45 days to approve or modify the plan.
- The Department of Justice has 60 days to give his approval to redistricting.
- Councillors to be the voice of the new districts will go to election in May 2013.



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From our REMINDERS Desk:

- Dallas City Council redistricting will be the focus of a public hearing from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Kiest Park Rec Center, 3030 S. Hampton Road. Other hearings in Oak Cliff will be May 10 at Pleasant Oaks Rec Center, 8701 Greenmound Ave.; May 12 at Paul Quinn College, 3837 Simpson Stuart Road; May 19 at Edna Rowe Elementary, 4918 Hovenkamp Drive. All run from 7 to 9 p.m.
- Author Ben Westhoff will sign copies of his new book on southern Hip-Hop music, *Dirty South*, from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight at Cliff Notes book store, next to the Kessler Theater at 1222 W. Davis. A reception will follow at the Kessler before the theater's Camp Wisdom Concert Series fires back up. For subscribers, here's more about Westhoff and his work from the DMN's Chris Vognar.
- It will be a good time for exercise and making a difference Saturday morning at North Polk and Turner in north Oak Cliff. Work will begin on a beautification effort there in the city-owned triangle median at about 10:30 a.m. Here's more information from the Turner Winston Block folks.

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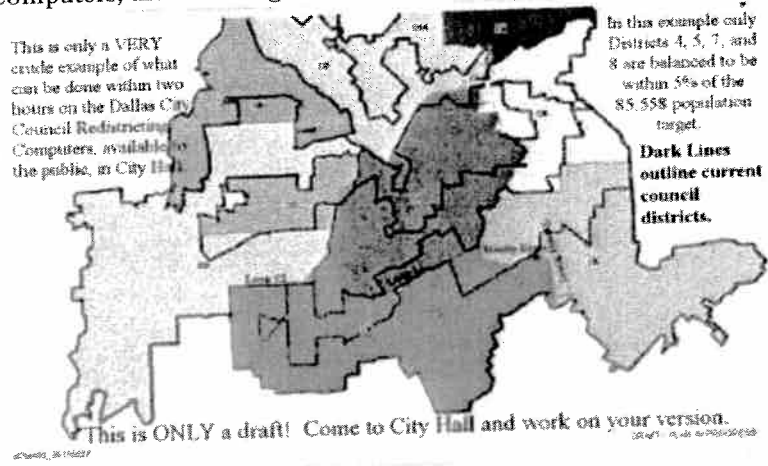
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Dallas City Council Redistricting Process Report

The first Dallas City Council Redistricting Committee meeting with the public was 04/26/2011 and went well. About 12 speakers all said basically the same thing: Do Not split my community/do not gerrymander.

Today, after two hours on the Dallas City Council Redistricting Computers, the following initial and very crude map was made:



Please just click on this image to see a larger copy. This is ONLY a draft and needs very much work.

Here is an example of the type of statistics that are produced, and change every time you move population from one district to another.

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Re: "Your redistricting voice – Now is the time to speak up on council map," Sunday Editorials.

This is what I was advocating in 1990 as a Republican precinct chair. Eventually, the idea of non-gerrymandered districts made its way into the Texas Republican platform, but not before being shot down by my state committeeman. The grass-roots population wants the games to stop.

I agree about compact districts and generally understood boundaries like highways, thoroughfares, rivers, streams, levees, etc. People want districts that are more or less round or square. They hate little fingers and pockets bulging out all over the place. Gerrymandered districts scream "corruption."

However, when The Dallas Morning News suggests that districts be drawn around communities of interest, it invites the gamesmanship that leads to gerrymandered boundaries. Instead, a system should begin with centers of population density that are randomly selected instead of being loaded with political bias.

Using race to organize legislative districts is a throwback to the pre-civil rights era. It is a way of rewarding people for cloistering based on race.

Why can't a white district be represented by a black person with good ideas and vice-versa? I'm open to choosing a candidate based on the merit of his ideas alone.

Thomas Allen, Lancaster


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TheMechanic

10:19 PM on 4/26/2011

Hey, as long as the candidate is like Rep. Alan West of Flo and isn't sagging, he might have my vote



Ken Duble

6:42 PM on 4/26/2011

Perhaps Mr. Allen is reading too much into the DMN's advocacy of "communities of interest." I may be naive, but race doesn't pop into my mind when I see the phrase.

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5:32 PM on 4/26/2011

Well stated Mr. Allen. There are, in fact, several ways districts can be drawn that ensures equal population representation in terms of density. It is a shame that our "representatives" in Austin will not implement one of these methods for fear of losing their positions of power.

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