



**Plan Consideration Date:** June 21, 2011

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PlanID:** wPlan24  
**Date of receipt:** June 12, 2011

**Plan Submitter:** Bill Betzen  
**Submitter District:** District 8  
**Organization:** N/A  
**Submitter Address:** 6717 Cliffwood Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75237

## REVIEW CRITERIA

**1. Population Equality:** All districts should have substantially equal population.

- Meets criteria  
 Does not meet criteria

This plan submission meets the population equality test. All districts have less than a 2% percent deviation from the optimal district size, with an average deviation of **0.71%**. The total range of deviation is **2.82%**.

**2. Minority Representation:** Voting strength of minorities should not be diluted.

- Meets criteria  
 Does not meet criteria

This plan submission meets the minority representation test. This plan includes 8 minority districts and 2 minority influenced districts. No retrogression of minority representation from the 2001 District Plan is noted.

**3. Contiguity and Compactness:** All districts should be geographically compact and contiguous.

- Meets criteria  
 Does not meet criteria

This plan meets the contiguity and compactness test. All districts are contiguous. On the following page are the compactness scores based on four measures of geographic compactness compared to the City as a whole.

## Other considerations

- 1. Incumbents:** The configuration of districts shall be neutral to incumbents.
- 2. Communities of Interest:** Where possible, communities of interest shall be maintained in a single district.

## Attachments:

1. Map and summary demographic report of proposed council districts (11x17)
2. Submission Statement



**COMPACTNESS**

District	Perimeter	Area	Reock		Convex Hull		Polsby-Popper		Schwartzberg	
	(mile)	(sq. mile)	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index
District 1	25.53	14.54	32.45	1.10	60.66	0.84	28.03	1.01	52.94	1.00
District 2	31.59	17.59	22.73	0.96	68.09	1.35	22.15	2.12	47.07	1.46
District 3	35.77	30.90	52.18	1.81	78.59	1.38	30.34	2.78	55.09	1.67
District 4	39.09	40.05	37.76	2.03	77.63	1.53	32.94	2.80	57.40	1.67
District 5	60.34	46.88	41.46	2.85	63.55	1.36	16.18	1.47	40.22	1.21
District 6	38.23	27.57	44.34	1.87	69.88	1.46	23.71	1.89	48.69	1.37
District 7	43.95	33.77	35.79	1.45	65.52	1.02	21.97	1.75	46.87	1.32
District 8	37.41	29.80	34.04	1.86	64.19	1.24	26.75	2.48	51.72	1.58
District 9	25.80	13.46	34.67	0.82	62.23	0.81	25.41	0.76	50.41	0.87
District 10	19.74	15.70	57.66	1.05	87.59	1.05	50.63	1.30	71.15	1.14
District 11	23.56	16.16	53.34	1.42	77.40	1.19	36.59	1.56	60.49	1.25
District 12	20.59	14.62	38.21	0.91	80.64	1.02	43.36	1.02	65.85	1.01
District 13	28.28	20.49	39.86	1.05	69.67	0.97	32.19	1.29	56.74	1.14
District 14	31.59	20.09	29.64	1.05	64.59	1.35	25.29	2.52	50.29	1.59
<i>Average</i>	<i>32.96</i>	<i>24.40</i>	<i>39.58</i>	<i>1.31</i>	<i>70.73</i>	<i>1.15</i>	<i>29.68</i>	<i>1.48</i>	<i>53.92</i>	<i>1.25</i>

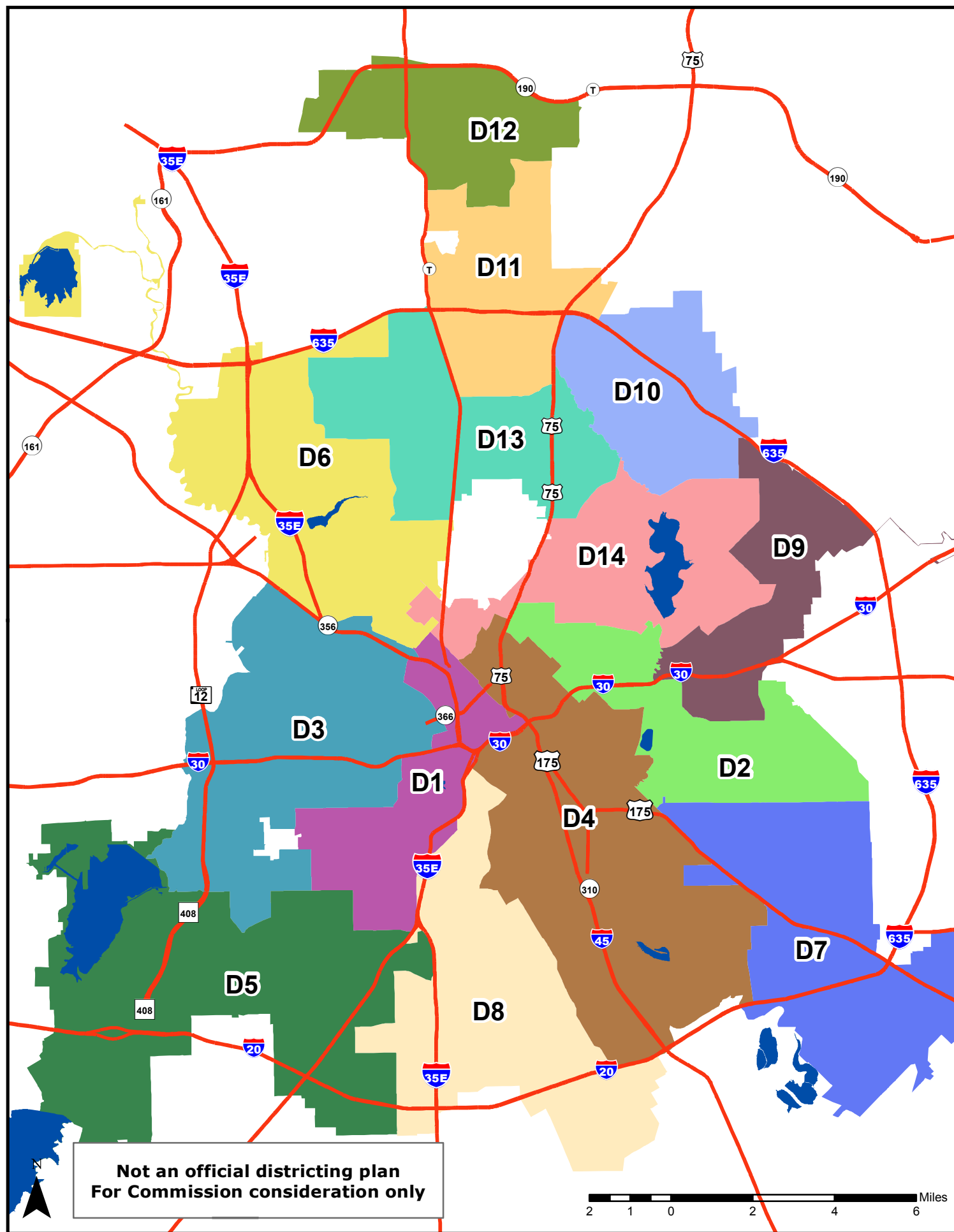


**DEMOGRAPHICS**

District	Total Population									Voting Age Population						
	Total Population	Deviation		Hispanic		Non-Hispanic				Total VAP	Hispanic		Non-Hispanic			
						Black		White					Black		White	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%	#	%
District 1 <sup>1</sup>	85,907	349	0.41	60,014	69.86	8,251	9.60	16,219	18.88	62,518	39,165	62.65	6,867	10.98	15,265	24.42
District 2 <sup>1</sup>	85,266	-292	-0.34	52,233	61.26	15,212	17.84	16,300	19.12	60,173	33,349	55.42	10,964	18.22	14,647	24.34
District 3 <sup>1</sup>	84,344	-1,214	-1.42	59,031	69.99	15,638	18.54	8,342	9.89	57,992	37,686	64.98	11,732	20.23	7,562	13.04
District 4 <sup>1</sup>	84,396	-1162	-1.36	17,776	21.06	47,424	56.19	16,724	19.82	65,308	11,548	17.68	35,376	54.17	16,231	24.85
District 5 <sup>1</sup>	85,603	45	0.05	28,645	33.46	46,612	54.45	8,433	9.85	59,269	17,347	29.27	33,053	55.77	7,439	12.55
District 6 <sup>1</sup>	85,523	-35	-0.04	59,698	69.80	6,699	7.83	16,352	19.12	61,007	38,897	63.76	5,201	8.53	14,591	23.92
District 7 <sup>1</sup>	86,469	911	1.06	58,128	67.22	16,600	19.20	11,036	12.76	55,637	34,447	61.91	11,445	20.57	9,218	16.57
District 8 <sup>1</sup>	84,414	-1,144	-1.34	25,642	30.38	55,039	65.20	2,912	3.45	60,258	15,225	25.27	41,795	69.36	2,621	4.35
District 9 <sup>2</sup>	86,225	667	0.78	43,962	50.99	21,780	25.26	17,601	20.41	60,512	27,329	45.16	15,313	25.31	15,730	25.99
District 10 <sup>2</sup>	85,484	-74	-0.09	19,275	22.55	27,768	32.48	32,552	38.08	62,988	12,215	19.39	19,599	31.12	26,647	42.30
District 11	85,252	-306	-0.36	28,835	33.82	10,579	12.41	41,155	48.27	65,879	19,061	28.93	8,058	12.23	34,902	52.98
District 12	85,938	380	0.44	14,893	17.33	14,996	17.45	46,800	54.46	69,758	10,660	15.28	11,616	16.65	39,929	57.24
District 13	86,752	1194	1.40	22,258	25.66	8,298	9.57	49,920	57.54	67,008	14,667	21.89	6,339	9.46	41,356	61.72
District 14	86,243	685	0.80	16,919	19.62	4,738	5.49	60,859	70.57	72,381	12,306	17.00	3,785	5.23	53,213	73.52
<b>City</b>	<b>1,197,816</b>	<b>2.82</b>		<b>507,309</b>	<b>42.35</b>	<b>299,634</b>	<b>25.02</b>	<b>345,205</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>880,688</b>	<b>323,902</b>	<b>36.78</b>	<b>221,143</b>	<b>25.11</b>	<b>299,351</b>	<b>33.99</b>

1 – Indicates minority districts  
2 – Indicates minority influenced districts

# SUMMARY DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT



District	Total Population						Voting Age Population		
	Total Population	Deviation		Hispanic %	Non-Hispanic		Hispanic %	Non-Hispanic	
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District 12	85,938	380	0.44	17.33	17.45	54.46	15.28	16.65	57.24
District 13	86,752	1,194	1.40	25.66	9.57	57.54	21.89	9.46	61.72
District 14	86,243	685	0.80	19.62	5.49	70.57	17.00	5.23	73.52
<b>City</b>	<b>1,197,816</b>	<b>2.82</b>		<b>42.35</b>	<b>25.02</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>36.78</b>	<b>25.11</b>	<b>33.99</b>

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## LEGEND

- Highways
- Major Lakes

### wPlan24 Council Districts

- District 1 (purple)
- District 2 (green)
- District 3 (blue)
- District 4 (brown)
- District 5 (dark green)
- District 6 (yellow)
- District 7 (light blue)
- District 8 (orange)
- District 9 (dark purple)
- District 10 (light blue)
- District 11 (orange)
- District 12 (green)
- District 13 (teal)
- District 14 (pink)

### Data Source:

Council Districts - Bill Betzen  
Streets - City of Dallas, GIS Division  
Major Lakes - City of Dallas, GIS Division

This data is believed to be correct, but its accuracy cannot be guaranteed. It is the users' responsibility to confirm the accuracy of this data. Please contact the original creators of this data for questions pertaining to its use.

Projected coordinate system name:  
NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_Texas\_North\_Central\_FIPS\_4202\_Feet  
Geographic coordinate system name: GCS\_North\_American\_1983

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Prepared by: Bill Betzen  
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Average Deviation: 0.71%  
Total Deviation: 2.82%  
Contiguous: Yes

Average Reock Index: 1.31  
Average Convex Hull Index: 1.15  
Average Polsby-Popper Index: 1.48  
Average Schwartzberg Index: 1.25  
Minority Representation: 8 (minority)  
Representation: 2 (minority influence)

June 12, 2011

Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission  
c/o Yasmin Tolliver  
Redistricting Project Office  
Dallas City Hall, L1AN – Suite A  
1500 Marilla  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

With this letter I am submitting a redistricting plan, herein called Wplan24, for the 14 Dallas City Council Districts.

The Wplan24 is my second plan submitted and was made in response to the spoken requirement by the Commissioner for District 13 to have the western boundary of District 13 moved to be Webbs Chapel Road between Forest and Walnut Hill. While that requirement significantly moves District 13 west of the the optimal population center, it has the positive effect of maximizing Hispanic representation to over 69.5% in Districts 6, 3 and 1. The price paid for this is a series of less than compact districts throughout the west and south sides of Dallas. The Commission must judge if this is a justifiable trade off.

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

Following are the ways each of the Redistricting Guidelines are followed in the plan being submitted.

1. Population Equality

None of 14 districts recommended in Wplan24 are more than 1.5 percentage points away from the 85,558 population target. The total variation is 2.78%.

2. Minority Representation

There are a total of 9 districts with Wplan24 that have a majority of residents from a single minority group. A total of six districts are majority Hispanic. Three districts are over 69.80% Hispanic and the remaining three are 67.22% Hispanic, 61.26% Hispanic and 51% Hispanic for District 9. The adult voting age percentage for District 9 is 45.18%. There are three districts that are from 54.45% Black to 65.20% Black. These 9 districts should allow minority voters to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in Dallas. It is probably not possible to design a more compact, less-gerrymandered, set of districts in Dallas that would allow for such significant minority voting opportunities than those designed with Wplan24. These compact minority districts will allow opportunities for more candidates to run for office because running for office will be more possible at less expense due to the efficiencies that come from compactness. Candidates would be less dependent on outside donations, donations too often that come from sources outside the district.

3. Contiguity and Compactness

Well over 99% of the length of the boundaries used in this plan were city limits, rivers, streams, freeways, Interstate Highways, railroad tracks, and major 6 lane streets. The use of such boundaries, and avoiding small two lane streets and lesser boundaries as much as possible, helps to keep communities together. At the same time, as compactness increases, the length of boundaries decrease, thereby dividing up fewer communities because there are simply fewer miles of boundaries.

It is my understanding that City Council Redistricting staff are developing measurements for compactness. It is certain Wplan24 will have a high mark.

Among the guidelines which "may be considered" is listed "Communities of Interest." Under that heading two specific districts in this plan deserve mention due to the traditionally recognized areas and history they will now represent with Wplan24. Districts three and one, Hispanic majority districts, both now include parts of Dallas that used to be called "Little Mexico. District 4, a majority Black district, now also includes sections of Dallas containing the former Freedman's Town and Freedman's Cemetery which had a history of less than respectful care in the distant past. Both these moves may help acknowledge the strong positive contributions and history of the ancestors of thousands of Black and Hispanic residents in Dallas.

It is an honor to present Wplan24 for your consideration. I also want to allow Wplan24 to be released to any Dallas resident who may see ways to improve it to better facilitate our democracy.

Sincerely,

Bill Betzen, LMSW, ACSW (Emeritus)  
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