



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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**PlanID:** pPlan03  
**Date of receipt:** May 16, 2011

**Plan Submitter:** Bill Betzen  
**Submitter District:** District 8  
**Organization:** N/A  
**Submitter Address:** 6717 Cliffwood Dr.  
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## 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 3% percent deviation from the optimal district size, with an average deviation of **1.21%**. The total range of deviation is **4.24%**.

**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	22.05	15.14	37.42	1.27	69.09	0.96	39.12	1.41	62.55	1.19
District 2	22.25	18.71	56.78	2.40	80.92	1.60	47.46	4.55	68.89	2.13
District 3	40.26	31.09	30.76	1.07	76.29	1.33	24.11	2.21	49.10	1.49
District 4	29.88	29.98	54.30	2.92	81.46	1.60	42.21	3.58	64.97	1.89
District 5	56.57	46.69	41.17	2.83	63.61	1.36	18.33	1.66	42.81	1.29
District 6	28.62	27.57	57.30	2.42	81.80	1.71	42.29	3.37	65.03	1.84
District 7	46.06	37.05	38.99	1.58	65.88	1.03	21.95	1.75	46.85	1.32
District 8	46.59	38.88	33.66	1.84	63.15	1.22	22.51	2.09	47.45	1.45
District 9	27.06	19.90	37.22	0.88	67.74	0.88	34.15	1.02	58.44	1.01
District 10	21.99	17.28	59.71	1.09	82.95	1.00	44.90	1.15	67.01	1.07
District 11	22.10	15.51	51.06	1.36	78.55	1.21	39.91	1.70	63.17	1.30
District 12	20.60	14.62	38.21	0.91	80.68	1.02	43.31	1.02	65.81	1.01
District 13	27.21	18.30	36.78	0.97	70.50	0.99	31.06	1.25	55.73	1.12
District 14	19.07	10.91	38.09	1.35	74.99	1.56	37.70	3.76	61.40	1.94
<i>Average</i>	<i>30.74</i>	<i>24.40</i>	<i>43.68</i>	<i>1.44</i>	<i>74.11</i>	<i>1.20</i>	<i>34.93</i>	<i>1.74</i>	<i>58.51</i>	<i>1.35</i>

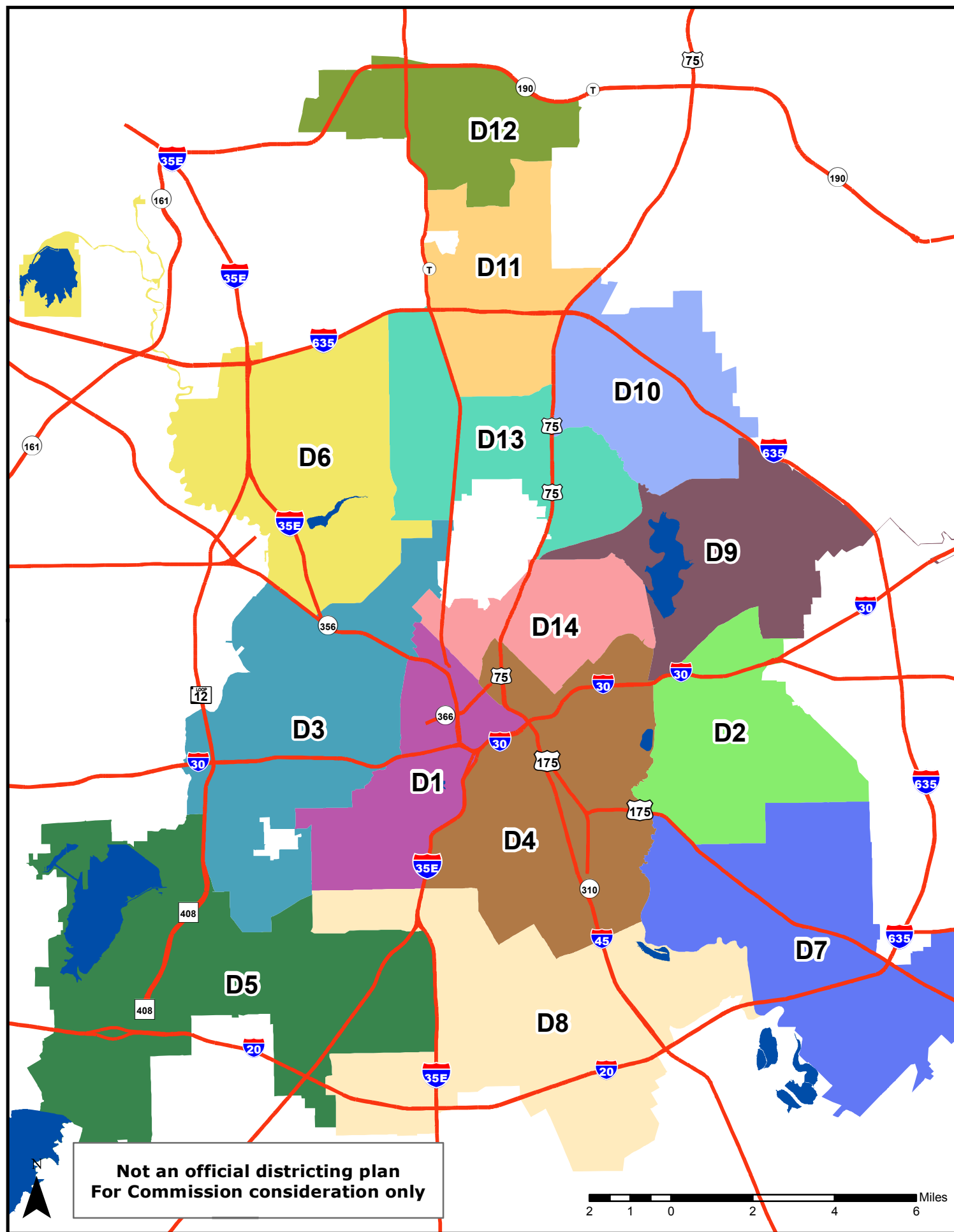


**DEMOGRAPHICS**

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>	86,648	1,090	1.27	55,173	63.67	10,286	11.87	19,487	22.49	65,484	36,812	56.22	8,950	13.67	18,290	27.93
District 2 <sup>1</sup>	83,966	-1,592	-1.86	47,262	56.29	25,724	30.64	9,786	11.65	56,875	28,930	50.87	18,213	32.02	8,825	15.52
District 3 <sup>1</sup>	86,784	1,226	1.43	60,286	69.47	14,437	16.64	9,707	11.19	59,163	38,133	64.45	10,358	17.51	8,740	14.77
District 4 <sup>1</sup>	85,182	-376	-0.44	27,037	31.74	44,707	52.48	11,850	13.91	64,259	17,145	26.68	34,581	53.82	11,161	17.37
District 5 <sup>1</sup>	85,003	-555	-0.65	27,757	32.65	45,937	54.04	9,100	10.71	59,428	16,904	28.44	32,857	55.29	8,024	13.50
District 6 <sup>1</sup>	84,281	-1,277	-1.49	57,646	68.40	4,459	5.29	20,344	24.14	59,634	37,425	62.76	3,378	5.66	17,379	29.14
District 7 <sup>1</sup>	84,396	-1,162	-1.36	52,534	62.25	20,741	24.58	10,455	12.39	54,313	31,156	57.36	13,962	25.71	8,694	16.01
District 8 <sup>1</sup>	84,026	-1,532	-1.79	28,980	34.49	52,140	62.05	2,374	2.83	58,937	17,393	29.51	38,953	66.09	2,182	3.70
District 9 <sup>2</sup>	86,623	1,065	1.24	37,441	43.22	12,359	14.27	33,718	38.92	63,559	23,517	37.00	8,522	13.41	29,195	45.93
District 10 <sup>2</sup>	87,035	1,477	1.73	20,092	23.08	27,943	32.11	33,069	38.00	64,201	12,740	19.84	19,742	30.75	27,160	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	85,090	-468	-0.55	21,506	25.27	9,021	10.60	48,118	56.55	66,576	14,286	21.46	6,935	10.42	40,497	60.83
District 14	87,592	2,034	2.38	27,867	31.81	6,305	7.20	49,242	56.22	72,622	19,740	27.18	5,018	6.91	44,373	61.10
<b>City</b>	<b>1,197,816</b>	<b>4.24</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>

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# SUMMARY DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT



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## LEGEND

- Highways
- Major Lakes
- pPlan03 Council Districts**
- District 1 (Purple)
- District 2 (Light Green)
- District 3 (Light Blue)
- District 4 (Brown)
- District 5 (Dark Green)
- District 6 (Yellow)
- District 7 (Blue)
- District 8 (Light Yellow)
- District 9 (Dark Brown)
- District 10 (Light Blue)
- District 11 (Orange)
- District 12 (Dark 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:  
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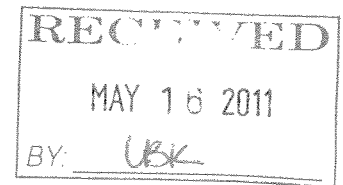
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Average Deviation: 1.21%  
Total Deviation: 4.24%  
Contiguous: Yes

Average Reock Index: 1.44  
Average Convex Hull Index: 1.20  
Average Polsby-Popper Index: 1.74  
Average Schwartzberg Index: 1.35  
Minority Representation: 8 (minority)  
Representation: 2 (minority influence)

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May 15, 2011

Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission  
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Redistricting Project Office  
Dallas City Hall, L1AN – Suite A  
1500 Marilla  
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Dear Honorable Commissioners:

With this letter I am submitting a redistricting plan, herein called pPlan03, for the 14 Dallas City Council Districts.

I have repeatedly read and consulted the approved Redistricting Guidelines both before and during my work on pPlan03. You have each seen pPlan03 evolve over the past weeks as I have attended every one of your public meetings with the newest version of this evolving pPlan03. Valuable input was received from both you and from the general public. However, as you well know, due to the requirements and goals of the redistricting process, not all input can be used.

I 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

Only one of the 14 districts recommended in pPlan03 is more than two percentage points away from the 85,558 population target. District 14 is 2.38% above the target. At the other end of the range is District 2 that is 1.86 percentage points below the target. This range of 4.24% is well within the total allowable variance of 10%.

2. Minority Representation

There are a total of 8 districts with pPlan03 that have a majority of residents from a single minority group. A total of five districts are majority Hispanic. Four districts are from 62.25% Hispanic to 69.47% Hispanic with a fifth district, District 2, being 56.29% Hispanic. The adult voting age percentage for District 2 is 50.9%. There are three districts that are from 52.48% Black to 62.05% Black. These 8 districts should allow minority voters to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in Dallas. Due to Dallas demographics it is probably not possible to design a more compact, non-gerrymandered, set of districts in Dallas that would allow for such significant minority voting opportunities than those designed with pPlan03. 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 efficiencies from compactness. Candidates would be less dependent on 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 pPlan03 were city limits, rivers, streams, freeways, Interstate Highways, railroad tracks, and major 6 lane streets. The use of such boundaries, while 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 PPlan03 will have an exceptionally high mark. pPlan03 will be shown to be a plan with very compact districts. Maps for each one of the 14 pPlan03 districts will ultimately be posted online at <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/> . Any comparison of these pPlan03 maps with the past 20 years of Dallas Council District maps will show a significant increase in compactness.

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 pPlan03:

1. In designing pPlan03 effort was taken to avoid any accusation of “packing.” Therefore the Hispanic percentage in District 1 had to be moved below 70%. In doing that, the area north of the Trinity River was used with the very positive consequence that now District 1, one of the first Hispanic Districts in Dallas, also includes the area of Dallas that used to be called “Little Mexico.” This move acknowledges a critical history and community of interest that has almost disappeared from this area of the Dallas map.
2. District 4, due to the need for population, also was moved north and now includes the area of what used to be Freedman's Town. It is where Freedman's Cemetery is located.

Is it not appropriate for this land to be in council districts wherein the potential is best for a descendent of those who lived and died on it to be elected as the representative over that same land on the Council?

I make these two observations as a DISD teacher very involved in history, and a dropout prevention system based on reconnecting students with their own history and plans for the future. It works, and costs taxpayers nothing! History must be reflected in more places in our city! We must acknowledge our history and communities of interest in every way possible so our students more easily understand what drives progress.

It is an honor to present pPlan03 for your consideration. I also want to allow pPlan03 to be released to any Dallas resident who may see ways to improve it to better facilitate our democracy. The plan will then be modified and renamed by them to be resubmitted as their own plan. It is certain pPlan03 can be improved by others, with different perspectives, who are willing to invest the time.

We must not allow gerrymandered districts to continue to hinder the development of Dallas.

Sincerely,



Bill Betzen, LMSW, ACSW (Emeritus)

The School Archive Project – a free (to taxpayers) dropout cure

[www.studentmotivation.org](http://www.studentmotivation.org)

