

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011**

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Ruth Morgan, Chair
Billy Ratcliff, Vice Chair
Hollis Brashear
Domingo Garcia
Gary Griffith
Donna Halstead
Mary Hasan
Mark Hord
Elizabeth Jones
Jon Brooks Love
John Loza
John Lozano
Daniel "Corky" Sherman
Stanley Mays
Tom Wood

Staff Present:

Yasmin Tolliver, Redistricting Manager
Barbara McAninch, Asst. City Attorney
Lindsay Kramer, Demographer
Peter Bratt, Redistricting Coordinator
Daisy Torres, Redistricting Coordinator
Arlicia Herron, Office Assistant

Commission Members Absent:

None

Members of the Public Present: 22
Media Present: 1

6:01 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Ruth Morgan. A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks
 - The chair reminded the Commission members and audience that no cell phones were to be used during the meeting.
2. Approval of August 11, 2011 Minutes
 - Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Minutes for August 16, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza. Commissioner Griffith corrected the spelling of Oates on page 7 of the Minutes. Commission Jones said the corrections on page 1 for the August 9, 2011 Minutes were still not correct. Corrections by Commissioner Jones will be submitted in writing to the staff.
 - o Ayes: 14
 - o Nays: 0Motion to approve the Minutes as corrected passed unanimously.
(Commissioner Hasan was not present at the vote).

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3. Staff Updates
 - a) Redistricting Work Plan Timeline Update
 - Project Manager Yasmin Tolliver noted that the Commission is on schedule, and should be able to finish its work on August 23, 2011.
 - b) Public Forum Update
 - Project Manager Yasmin Tolliver spoke regarding the public forum scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2011. The parking meters around City Hall will be hooded. The public forum starts at 2pm, and speakers may begin signing up at 1pm.
 - So far, 12 people have signed up for Public Forum.
4. Commission Review and Discussion of Plans Moved Forward and Modified at August 11, 2011 Meeting
5. Commission Discussion and Consideration to Give Directions to Staff on Modifying Plans Moved Forward

- Dr. Morgan outlined the process for the evening to expedite the Commission's work. Without objection, she combined agenda items 4 and 5, and stated that discussion by the Commission would proceed in the following manner:
 - a) The Demographer will give a brief overview of each plan, note the changes that were made by the Commission's amendments proposed on Thursday August 11, 2011, and then offer an analysis.
 - b) The commission will then proceed through each plan as listed.
 - c) Public comment will occur following the Commission's discussion.
 - d) A vote will be taken on which plans to move forward for presentation at the public forum.
 - e) The Chair noted that cPlan05a will be discussed first, followed by cPlan16a, and wPlan03b.

- ***cPlan05a***

Demographer Lindsay Kramer reviewed cPlan05a. cPlan05a replaced the cPlan05a from the previous meeting on August 11, 2011. This plan has incorporated all the changes adopted by the Commission, as listed in the Plan Listing document provided to the Commission members prior to the meeting. The biggest change was the adoption of the amendments presented by Commissioner Brashear and the configuration of Districts 10, 11, 12, and 13 as proposed by Commissioner Halstead. There was an exchange of areas between Districts 7 and 14, as well as the movement of areas west of Duncanville from District 5, the unification of West Dallas and Kessler-Stevens into one district, and a small modification between Districts 9 and 14. As directed by the Commission, staff also modified streets on this map for consistency. The resulting plan has a deviation of 13.1%, which is outside the allowable deviation range. Also, these modifications changed the configuration of minority representation from 7

minority districts and 2 minority coalition districts to 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district. The compactness scores did increase. The change in the minority representation was in District 4, which had been a coalition district and is now a majority Hispanic district.

- ***cPlan05a Option 1***

Demographer Kramer noted that cPlan05a Option 1 was created to bring the population deviation below 10%. It included all of the previous amendments made by the Commissioners, but it also took an area around Swiss Avenue up to Live Oak Avenue and down to Abrams Road and incorporated that area into District 9 to balance the population numbers between Districts 2 and 9. It brought the population deviation to 9.48% and maintained the configuration of 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district.

- ***cPlan05a Option 2***

cPlan05a Option 2 incorporated the amendments made by Commissioner Ratcliff to reconfigure Districts 4, 5, 7 and 8. Staff used the boundaries provided by Commissioner Ratcliff for District 4, and then reconfigured the remaining area by reassigning areas to make contiguous districts and to balance population. The resulting map has a population deviation of 7.67%. It has 7 minority and 2 minority coalition districts.

- Motion: Commissioner Ratcliff moved to withdraw cPlan05a Option 2 from consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brashear.

- Ayes: 14

- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously (Commissioner Hasan was not present at the vote).

- Public Comments

- F. Karl Banks resides at 1605 Meadow Valley Lane in District 5. He gave careful consideration to all of the plans, and in his opinion, plan cPlan05a represents the most equitable map he has seen so far. cPlan05a is also favorable for District 5.
- Council Member Dwaine Caraway resides at 1934 Orgal in District 4. He said that the Commission has rolled up its sleeves to keep communities together. However, it is embarrassing to him to see that on cPlan05a that areas of South Oak Cliff, such as Lancaster, Kiest, Roosevelt High School, Olive Dwindle Homes, Cedar Crest Neighborhood Association and others neighborhoods like Magna Vista are the only parts of Oak Cliff that have to cross the Trinity River into South Dallas. Everything in this map is about keeping North Oak Cliff together, and that this map destroys the African American community. The heart of the African American community is something that we

tried very hard to put together, and it is unfair for South Oak Cliff to have to be the only ones that have to cross the Trinity River, and that Council will deal with it from a different prospective. But both of these maps change District 4 from an African American community to one that is now 76% Hispanic and a Hispanic majority district.

- Beverly Mendoza resides at 520 E Fifth Street in District 5, and is pleased to see that North Oak Cliff is put together. Option 1 fits our criteria of keeping North Oak Cliff together. There is another map that also meets this criterion that Ms. Mendoza wished to speak about later.

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to replace cPlan05 with cPlan05a Option 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays.
 - Ayes: 13
 - Nays: 1The motion passed (Commissioner Garcia voted against the motion and Commissioner Hasan was not present at the vote.)

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to present cPlan05a Option 1 at the Public Forum on Saturday, August 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brashear.

Commissioner Hasan arrived during the discussion of the Motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Garcia voted No
Commissioner Loza voted Yes
Commissioner Sherman voted Yes
Commissioner Ratcliff voted No
Commissioner Brashear voted Yes
Commissioner Lozano voted Yes
Commissioner Mays voted No
Commissioner Hasan voted No
Commissioner Griffith voted Yes
Commissioner Halstead voted Yes
Commissioner Hord voted Yes
Commissioner Wood voted Yes
Commissioner Jones voted Yes
Commissioner Love voted No
Commissioner Morgan voted Yes

The motion passed 10-5

- *cPlan16a*

Demographer Lindsay Kramer reviewed cPlan16a. cPlan16a replaced the earlier version of cPlan16a due to the adoption of the amendments presented to the Commission last week. The amendments included the incorporation of all amendments presented by Commissioner Love minus the 3 amendments that impacted the configuration of Districts 10, 11, 12, and 13 that had been incorporated into cPlan16a on August 11, 2011. There were additional modifications between Districts 9 and 7 as well as Districts 9 and 14 that were proposed by Commissioner Griffith. The resulting map has a 9.23% deviation, with a configuration of 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition districts. In District 1, the Hispanic population exceeded 70% in the total voting age population.

- *cPlan16a Option 1*

Due to the packing of Hispanic residents in District 1, staff amended District 1 in cPlan16a Option 1 by shifting areas in Districts 1, 3, and 8 to reduce the packing. Option 1 has a population deviation of 9.09%, as shown on the revised table for cPlan16a and cPlan16a Option 1 given to Commissioners prior to the meeting. Its configuration remains 8 minority districts and 1 minority coalition district.

Because members of the Commission did not approve of the balancing done by the demographer to cPlan16a Option 1, Commissioner Garcia requested time to work with the demographer to create cPlan16a Option 2, therefore the chair proceeded to hear the public comments and then return to the cPlan16 options.

- Public Comment

- Marvin Crenshaw resides at 5134 Malcolm X Blvd in District 7. Mr. Crenshaw heard something very interesting as the meeting was closing last week. He heard Commissioner Hasan say we should go back to the way we were. Commissioner Mays said we can take District 7 and make it 48%. The question that is being raised is that the African American members on this Commission have to get their act together on this one. All of you are fighting amongst yourselves and people fought hard to get 4 districts. We have asked for 3 solid African American districts and 1 minority coalition or a swing district. That's what we need to get back to. You're going after District 10, and we are not going to win that seat. We're going to run into the same problem we always run into that they're going to find somebody and that 42% is going to out vote everybody. We need to stop the infighting. This is making us look totally ridiculous that were going to give up a seat because two people don't like each other, or three people don't like

- each other. We need to go back to the way we were. If necessary, we are going to go up to the Justice Department. But you need to get your act together before this thing goes before the City Council. We will also tell the council members the same thing. You have to hold yourself accountable for your actions. We cannot go along with this. You have to go back and do this thing over. Three strong African American districts and a swing district. To sum it up you have to go back to the woodshed or whatever they call it and come up with a plan that's going to satisfy us because we're taking this to the community.
- Roy Williams resides at 5881 Prestonview Blvd. in District 11. Mr. Williams stated that last time he spoke to this body he raised a question about the leadership of this body as related to a book that was brought to him. Mr. Williams still has a problem with the way the information in the book was presented to the public, and with the author being in total in opposition to the Voting Rights Act under which Hispanics and African Americans were protected in six southern states as signed into law by Lyndon Johnson. Mr. Williams thought that law has served the Hispanic and African American communities quite well. Mr. Williams asked the chair to remove herself as head of the Redistricting Commission, as it relates to the information in her book. The information in the book says you can't be impartial to this process. Mr. Williams thinks that Dr. Morgan is entitled to her opinion and he respected her scholarship and everything, but as Mr. Williams read the book he thought it was a disservice to the community to have Dr. Morgan as the chair. Mr. Williams thought that Dr. Morgan should remove herself as being the chair and another chair can get this process moving forward. Mr. Williams can't be in support of a system that is being perpetrated by someone that is in total disagreement with the law and Constitution. We need to hold this body responsible for its leadership and the action it takes. Mr. Williams will be bringing this matter before the Council and the Mayor. This is too crooked for those of us that have fought in the trenches and the civil rights movement that he, Mr. Crenshaw and others fought to get this system in place. Mr. Williams does not feel right about what's going on with this body, so he asks the chair to consider the whole population of the City of Dallas and remove herself as the chair because it's a disservice to the whole community. The proposed maps do not pass muster for the Justice Department. As Mr. Crenshaw said, we will be following it closely. We're not going to let it go. The position that's being taken here this evening is that it's not taking in the concern of the people according to Mr. Williams' perspective. In closing, Mr. Williams thought in closing that we need another chair so the body can have impartial leadership.
 - Beverly Mendoza resides at 520 E Fifth St. in District 1. cPlan16a Option 1 does not meet the criteria that the 200+ people attending the public meeting in Kiest Park sought. It divides North Oak Cliff in half

and leaves a sliver of the Wynnewood area in District 4. The residents of this currently live under this kind of breakage since the districts are drawn to protect incumbents. The residents of this neighborhood get along with Councilwoman Jasso and Councilman Griggs, and they do a fine job. These two have to work hand in hand and when they don't, as it has happened in recent years, it hurts our community. However, the overarching division means that while it is great when the council members work together and it is great to have two votes on council, but when they don't work well together the process breaks down.

- Michael King resides at 2433 E Kiest Blvd in District 7. Mr. King feels that Plan16a means that you all are done with working on this map. The part of District 7 in Oak Cliff under cPlan05a is changed so that we stay intact with District 4 in cPlan16a. Mr. King wanted to inventory all the rest of the maps and go with cPlan16a so we can all go home. Mr. King feels that we should have been done with the process along time ago, although we were here till midnight late week. On that night we had 3 maps now we end up with 11 tonight. So Mr. King supports cPlan16a, as it keeps Oak Cliff together without crossing the Trinity River. As the commission knows, most of the African American seats now are gerrymandered from Oak Cliff to Pleasant Grove all the way up to White Rock Lake. We are trying to keep those communities intact like you all are doing for north Dallas. Mr. King reiterated that Oak Cliff needs to be kept together. The new District 4 in map cPlan16a does do this.
- Rev. Ronald Wright resides at 7513 O'Luster Dr. in District 8. Rev. Wright stated that he is not interested in any particular map, but rather the whole process. This cannot be based on a power play by any particular politician, but rather be based on the spirit of the community. So when we do this, let's do it decent and in order. Let's make sure everybody is satisfied. It's not about divide and conquer, as we're all Dallasites and we all represent this City. We all want to make sure each and every community in this city is doing well. Let's think about that when we are doing this redistricting thing and not trying to gerrymander and make it a political move for politicians in the office. Rev. Wright said that the Commission should make this decision independently and he thanked the Commission for their work.
- Gwain Wooten resides at 1000 Grisbey in District 2. Ms. Wooten said that whites all are still the majority, and you're not right. She doesn't think you all are fair. She doesn't think you all are right. She thinks it's time for you all to set this city straight. Under segregation this city was more sensitive than it is now. She has heard some arrogant statements down here from some of you people. They were not nice. She didn't like them. Ms. Wooten talked about State and Thomas where she grew up. She said that the Commission said this is something else and were doing something else with it. Well you shouldn't have done that with it, you should have did it right then and it would still be right now.

There is nothing wrong with everybody living on this planet together. It's one planet. It's not a White planet, it's not a Hispanic planet, it's not a Black planet, it's not a Chinese planet, it is one planet. As far as Europeans are concerned, if you'll look back at your history and look at countries you came from you're the poorest people in the world. The most poverty stricken people in the world and you have no respect for the poor. Ms. Wooten went to Arizona last year and the first thing the Native Americans did was give us water, shelter, history and feed us. That's what they did to you all. And when they did that, the Whites shoved them into a corner and you took everything they got. The Whites robbed Africa, robbed Asia, you've robbed Australia and it's time to set the record straight. It's time to be right. It's not time to be wrong. We can all live together. I've lived with White folks and Hispanic when I was a child. Now all black folks cross the river or a freeway. Time to fix it and fix it now. It is not time to be playing around. Not a white supremacy or your supremacy. Get this stuff together. Stop this. Ms. Wooten stated she is almost 70 years old, and the Commission should be ashamed of yourselves.

- Council Member Dwaine Caraway resides at 1934 Orgal in District 4. This is a process that will soon come before the City Council. Whichever map it may be, the council is going to work to tweak it and to come to some sort of finalization. It's very important. In the North, Mr. Caraway said that we have pretty much worked out things here. All is still not well when it gets to the City Council. There will be additional tweaking. When you look at the city council map, South Dallas is the only thing that has been gerrymandered for the last 20 years. We have mix-matched neighborhoods. This is the opportunity to fix the bottom end of this city. At the end of the day, the numbers will direct how we should go. Mr. Caraway stood before this battle and gave up the biggest chunk of his district. Now, we're here today waggling over bits and pieces. I led the charge and gave up Buckner Terrace to make sure we kept Buckner Terrace, Ferguson Road Initiative, Kessler Park and North Oak Cliff together and we've done it. It is unfair for the heart of our community in District 4 specifically to all of a sudden be turned into 76% Hispanic. You cannot take Lancaster and Kiest Shopping Center away from the heart of Oak Cliff. Why is it we have to be a disjointed community and go across the river? All is not well on any of the maps and we still have an opportunity to tweak. I only suggest to keep our community together as we kept other communities together.
- Sandra Crenshaw resides at 1403 Quartet Drive in District 8. Ms. Crenshaw stated that she is a paid political consultant, and has worked in campaigns in every inch of this city. It pains her to hear minority commissioners or disadvantaged commissioners representing a disadvantaged population and the citizens to come down here and beg for 4 seats. She stated that the redistricting attorney, and at least one

other attorney on this commission, knows that the four African American districts are protected districts. And to give us any less would be retrogression. But, you sit here and ask the Asst. City Attorney what percentage do we need for a black minority district and she says 50%. She is right. 50% is the majority of anything. Ms. Crenshaw stated that she read from the Federal Registrar dated February 6, 2011 where the Justice Department stated that Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act does not rely on any predetermined demographic ratio to determine what is what they are asking for in a black district. Rather, the district they are asking for is what we have to have in order to have a district that African Americans can elect the person of their choice. That is what is going to be looked at by the Justice Department. We have already demonstrated for the last 20 years that we can elect the person of our choice. Those districts stand. They stand! It doesn't matter what the attorney says or what you all draw, we just have to take it to the Justice Department. It pains Ms. Crenshaw that we have to go through that. Ms. Crenshaw and others have presented all kinds of maps that demonstrate and show that, and Ms. Crenshaw made a suggestion in writing to you. Helen McKinney drew a perfect District 7 in her testimony, Randall Bryant and Commissioner Ratcliff drew a perfect Pleasant Grove District. This district was not necessarily a Hispanic seat, but a perfect Pleasant Grove district. Mary Hasan came down here and gave you all exactly what District 8 wanted to show how it can be done. Ms. Crenshaw handed to Commissioner Hasan a map, and stated that she could draw four African American districts, and that anything less than that would be retrogression. Ms. Crenshaw stated that Dallas bears the burden before the Justice Department to show that there was no alternative plan presented that allowed 4 African American communities. It pains Ms. Crenshaw that Mr. Betzen, who lives in District 8, to continue to deny Kleberg Riley to stay in District 8. In closing, Ms. Crenshaw said that African Americans are a protected class and do not have to take a second seat to people who cannot vote and who are not American citizens.

Commissioner Loza who is a third generation American stated for the record that he takes great objection to Ms. Crenshaw's statements casting aspersions that Hispanic people are not citizens.

- *cPlan16a Option 2*

Demographer Kramer reviewed the modifications to cPlan16a made by Commissioner Garcia that is now cPlan16a Option 2. This plan changed Districts 1, 3 and 4. District 1's population is 88,468 and the Hispanic voting age population is 70.52%. For District 3, the population is 89,170

with a Hispanic population of 52.8%. District 4 has a population of 84,680. The deviation range on this proposal is 9.86%.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved to present cPlan16a Option 2 at the Public Forum on Saturday, August 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Brashear voted No
Commissioner Garcia voted Yes
Commissioner Griffith voted Yes
Commissioner Halstead voted Yes
Commissioner Hasan voted Yes
Commissioner Hord voted Yes
Commissioner Jones voted Yes
Commissioner Love voted Yes
Commissioner Loza voted Yes
Commissioner Lozano voted Yes
Commissioner Mays voted Yes
Commissioner Morgan voted Yes
Commissioner Ratcliff voted Yes
Commissioner Sherman voted Yes
Commissioner Wood voted Yes

The motion passed 14-1.

The Chair called for a break that began at 8:01pm. The meeting was called back to order at 8:10 pm by the Chair.

- Public Comment
 - Emma Rodgers resides at 1322 Woodburn Trail in District 5. Ms. Rodgers has lived in the Singing Hills community for 40 years. She moved to Singing Hills to allow her son to grow up in a community of professionals. She wanted him to grow up around people from a diversity of occupations, a place where he would see on a daily or weekly basis teachers, principals, librarians, physicians, dentists, registered nurses, physical therapists, attorneys, and other professionals who live in the same neighborhood and adjoining neighborhoods of Glen Oaks, Wynnewood Hill, Bar Harbor, Elder Oaks, and Twin Oaks. Ms. Rodgers' children were involved in these neighborhoods in educational and public enrichment programs, in sporting activities such as YMCA soccer and basketball at neighborhood schools, churches, and recreational facilities. Our paths frequently cross with others from the neighborhood near Singing Hill.

Families from these neighborhoods, including hers, have common interests and goals for their children. Ms. Rodgers urged the Commission to support Mr. Brashear's cPlan05 Option 1. The two main economic engines for District 5 are the Veteran Center and Audubon Center, and these remain in District 5 under Mr. Brashear's map.

- Edna Pemberton resides in District 3. Ms. Pemberton lives in an area called the Woods, where 90% of the residents have lived there for over ten years. She took all the maps to her HOA meeting tonight and had the people sign the map that they felt represented the area the best. The map that obtained the most signatures was cPlan05a Option 1, and she brought it with the signatures. The Woods goes all the way up to the Potters' House. The Woods would like to keep what they have.

- ***wPlan03b***

Demographer Lindsay Kramer reviewed wPlan03b and additional options. Each option was based on wPlan03a which included the 12 amendments that were done to wPlan03 by Mr. Betzen and approved by the Commission on August 4, 2011. wPlan03b incorporates the amendment that unifies the Kessler Stevens area as proposed by Commissioner Sherman, as well as modifications to the boundaries between Districts 11 and 13 as submitted by Commissioner Jones. It also includes the modifications to the Central Business District and District 4 that were proposed by Commissioner Hord. The deviation that came out was 13.57%. The high deviation was a result of the Kessler Stevens area being moved between Districts 3 and 4, while Mr. Hord's amendments were balanced by Ms. Jones' amendment.

- ***wPlan03b Option 1***

Demographer Kramer review wPlan03b Option 1. This plan took wPlan03b and made one modification to move the Dallas County Jail into District 3 and thus changed the population deviation to 8.70%. This plan maintains 8 minority districts and 2 coalition districts.

- ***wPlan03b Option 2***

wPlan03 Option 2 incorporated Commissioner Loza's amendments to Districts 3, 6 and 14, and allowed staff to balance the population. Staff pushed District 6 up into District 13, while dropping the Village into District 14 and moving things back into District 2, while trying to keep Mr. Hord's amendments. Every district received some modifications except District 12. And the changes resulted in a population deviation of 9.26%. This option also maintained 8 minority districts and 2 coalition districts.

- ***wPlan03b Option 3***

wPlan03b Option 3 incorporated Commissioner Hasan's amendments. Staff took the boundaries she provided for District 8, as well as her directives on how to shed population into Districts 4 and 2. This map did not meet the population deviation requirement, as it had a population deviation of 51.4%.

- ***wPlan03b Option 4***

wPlan03b Option 4 is a modification of Commissioner Hasan's amendments that eliminates the population deviation violation, and now has a population deviation of 9.59%. However, minority representation shifted from 8 minority districts and 2 coalition districts to 7 minority districts and 2 coalition districts. The biggest shift was in District 2, which had been a Hispanic majority district, but fell to 49.96% voting age population making it a coalition district.

- ***wPlan03b Option 5***

wPlan03b Option 5 takes all of the amendments made by the Commission, including Commissioner Hasan, and attempts to balance them. Because the amendments made by Commissioner Loza and Commissioner Hasan could have conflicted, staff put all of them in and then corrected around the map to balance. This plan has a 9.72% deviation. It has 7 minority and 3 minority coalition districts. The minority status change occurred in District 2.

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to return wPlan03b Option 3 to inventory. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love. The motion was adopted unanimously.
- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved to present cPlan03b Option 5 at the Public Forum on Saturday, August 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasan. After discussion by the Commission, Commissioner Loza withdrew his motion with approval of Commissioner Hasan.

- Public Comment

- Bill Betzen resides at 6717 Cliffwood in District 8. He presented a document on protecting incumbency. Twenty years ago there was a report in the Dallas Morning News published in May 1991 after the redistricting. At that time, the debate was a fifth black district. If you look at the chart wPlan03a has the highest minority representation of any map put before the Commission. With almost every amendment the numbers go down for the minority districts. I sent another memo asking you to have five steps before you make an amendment. The

first one was to state publicly why you want the amendment. It's the minorities that will suffer.

- Beverly Mendoza resides at 520 E Fifth St. wPlan03b and all options meet the objectives stated at the Kiest public hearing with the exception of Wynnewood not being included. Option 5 is a really intriguing map for us. It creates a strong urban core. We are connected to the Central Business District. We're pursuing a street car that connects downtown. We eat downtown as well as in Oak Lawn. There's a strong gay population in Oak Lawn, as well as Oak Cliff. There are so many good things for District 1 in this Option 5. We would appreciate the adoption of wPlan03b Option 5.
- Sandra Crenshaw resides at 1403 Quartet in District 8. I'm a graduate of 3 national institutions on redistricting. The first thing that they tell us is that don't worry about straight lines or gerrymandering because the census tracts are not according to straight lines and people don't live in straight lines. In Option 5, it corrects district 8. Helen presented a map with the perfect 7. That would then allow for 4 African American districts. It is real interesting how we say that 70% Hispanic is packing when that is not packing because packing goes to intent. Nobody is questioning putting 65% African American in a district that is packing. That is packing when the African American community is a politically active community. When they have demonstrated for the last 2 decades, the ability to vote and elect the person of their choice. So when you take the African Americans and pack them into district 4 instead of allowing the south Dallas area to be combined with Buckner Terrace and create another district. And what was causing those problems was Kleberg Riley that we need that population. District 7 comes a little bit closer to what we should be referring to as a Pleasant Grove district. I have submitted some amendments to Ms. Hasan and Mr. Mays just to the southern sector that will make this map correct. The Department of Justice does not use predetermined percentages to determine the opportunity for disadvantaged population in any political jurisdiction the opportunity to vote. I'm very saddened that this Commission is constantly trying to pack by saying divide these lines according to percentage of the census rather that pattern to vote.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved to present cPlan03b Option 1 at the Public Forum on Saturday, August 20, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratcliff.

A roll call vote was taken:

Commissioner Garcia voted Yes
Commissioner Loza voted Yes
Commissioner Sherman voted No
Commissioner Ratcliff voted Yes
Commissioner Brashear voted No
Commissioner Lozano voted Yes
Commissioner Mays voted Yes
Commissioner Hasan voted No
Commissioner Griffith voted Yes
Commissioner Halstead voted No
Commissioner Hord voted Yes
Commissioner Wood voted Yes
Commissioner Jones voted No
Commissioner Love voted Yes
Commissioner Morgan voted No

The motion passed: 9-6

- Motion: Commissioner Griffith moved that in wPlan03b Option 1 that the Ash Creek neighborhood be moved to District 14 from District 9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza. The motion passed unanimously.
- Motion: Commissioner Sherman moved that in wPlan03b Option 1 that the Wynnewood neighborhood with the boundaries of the Dart RR line, Zang Blvd, and Illinois Avenue be put back into District 1. After discussion by the Commission, the motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Sherman to confer with a member of the public representing the neighborhood.
- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to place the area north of Interstate 635 currently in District 10 into District 11 in cPlan05a Option1 and cPlan16a Option2. This area consists of Resthaven Memorial Park and does not contain any living residents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garcia, and passed unanimously.
- Motion: Commissioner Brashear moved to move the area bounded by Camp Wisdom Road, Interstate 35, Polk Street, and Red Bird Rd back into District 5 in wPlan03b Option 1. The motion failed for the lack of a second.
- Motion: Commissioner Jones requested that staff to move the triangle at the top of Vickery Meadows with no population back to District 13 in wPlan03b Option 1. There was no objection to staff making that change.
- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved to renumber the Districts in cPlan05a Option 1 as follows: District 14 be renumbered as District 7, District 4 be

renumbered as District 1, District 7 be renumbered as District 4, and District 1 renumbered as District 14, and District 2 remain as District 2.

- Seconded: Commissioner Wood

A friendly amendment was made by Commissioner Mays and accepted by Commissioner Loza to have District 7 remain District 7 and a friendly amendment by Commissioner Ratcliff that District 4 remain as District 4, was accepted by Commissioners Loza and Wood.

○ Ayes: 11

Nays: 4

The motion passed. (Commissioners Sherman, Hord, Halstead, and Garcia voted against the motion).

cPlan16a, Option 2 numbering was not changed by consensus of the Commission.

The demographer asked to number the plans with a single number for the Public Forum, and the Commission agreed to call the Plans 3, 5 and 16 for simplicity at Forum with the tracking number in parenthesis.

- Motion: Commissioner Sherman moved to exchange the numbers of Districts 4 and 7 on wPlan03b Option 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Griffith.

Ayes: 8

Nays: 7

The motion passed (Commissioners Mays, Jones, Hasan, Halstead, Wood, Ratcliff, and Brashear voted against motion).

- Motion: Commissioner Jones moved to switch the numbers of Districts 9 and 14 in cPlan05 Option 1. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

- Motion: Commissioner Hord moved to limit future changes on the remaining maps to minor changes that could easily be balanced. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brashear.

○ Ayes: 3

Nays: 12

The motion failed. (Commissioners Garcia, Loza, Sherman, Ratcliff, Lozano, Mays, Hasan, Halstead, Wood, Jones, Love, and Morgan voted against the motion).

- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to revise the Rules for the Public Forum so that Commissioners shall not have more than 3 minutes combined to ask questions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza.

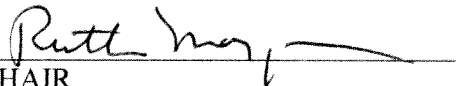
○ Ayes: 12


Nays: 3

The motion passed (Commissioners Hasan, Mays, and Love voted against motion).

The Commission agreed to hold a meeting after the Public Forum on Saturday evening to make any changes to the plans in response to the public testimony, so that a final vote on the plans can occur on Tuesday evening, August 23.

- 6. Public Speaking
 - No members of the public signed up to speak.
- 7. Additional Questions/Final Remarks
 - None
- 8. Adjournment
 - The meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.


CHAIR


COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

Note: For detailed information on meeting refer to the video tape of the meeting posted on the Redistricting website.