

**Redistricting Commission  
Packet  
August 9, 2011**

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
RULES FOR PUBLIC FORUM  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011**

The Redistricting Commission is anxious to hear from as many Dallas residents as possible to learn about concerns and issues with the existing City Council districts and with the proposed final plans remaining in consideration by the Commission for redrawing the districts. To insure fairness to all interested residents and to conduct an orderly public forum, the Commission has adopted the following rules, as well as the rules of courtesy based upon the Dallas City Council Rules of Courtesy and the Code of Conduct. These procedures provide:

- That no one shall delay or interrupt the proceedings, or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.
- All persons should refrain from private conversation in the Meeting Room while the Commission is in session.
- Posters and placards must remain outside the Meeting Room.
- Cellular phones or audible beepers must be turned to vibrate or turned off while the Commission is in session.
- **Rules for Speakers:**
  1. For each plan under final consideration by the Redistricting Commission, those speaking for the adoption of the plan will be allotted a total of 30 minutes and those speaking against the adoption of the plan will be allotted a total of 30 minutes. The speakers should coordinate with others for or against a plan to work out how the time period will be utilized to address all of the concerns and attributes of the plan. If the speakers fail to do so, the Chair will divide the 30 minutes by the number of speakers signed up, divide the time and allot the same time to each speaker who has signed up to speak. There will also be a general discussion session of no more than 30 minutes at the end of the Public Forum where those speakers who did not wish to address a specific plan can make their concerns or accolades known. That time will be handled among speakers in the same way as the specific item speakers, except that no speaker may speak for longer than 3 minutes.
  2. All persons wishing to speak for or against a specific plan may sign up in person with the Redistricting Staff on the appropriate sheet at the entrance to the meeting room by no later than 1:50 pm on the date of the Forum. Speakers may also sign up for the public speaker list by contacting the Redistricting office via telephone at (214) 670-5735, fax at (214) 659-7097, or email at [reDallas11@dallascityhall.com](mailto:reDallas11@dallascityhall.com) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, August 19, 2011, specifying the plan on which the speaker wishes to speak and whether the speaker wishes to speak for or against the plan.. Each speaker must provide the requested sign-in information prior to the meeting. No person can speak more than one time during the Forum.

3. Each speaker must address the Chair, provide his/her name and address for the record, and state the district in which he/she lives or works.
4. The chair will notify speakers when there are five minutes for the group and one minute left of the allotted speaking time in favor or against a proposed plan. The speaker will also be notified when there is 30 seconds left in the speaking time and must close his/her comments within the time period. Since the purpose of this Public Forum is solely to listen to members of the public, members of the Redistricting Commission will not ask questions of any speaker, nor will they answer questions asked by any speaker.
5. Each speaker must keep his/her comments on the topic of redistricting or will be ruled out of order by the Chair.
6. Speakers shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to members of the Commission. Any speaker making personal, impertinent, profane, or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission will be removed from the room, if the security officer is so directed by the Chair. If the Chair fails to act, any member of the Commission may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission shall require the Chair to act.

**Redistricting Commission  
Documents Submitted by  
Public Speakers  
August 9, 2011**

**Redistricting Commission  
Documents Received from  
Donna Halstead  
August 9, 2011**



To: Dallas City Council Members  
From: Hamilton Park Civic League HOA  
Date: August 9, 2011  
Subject: Redistricting

For the past 58 years the Hamilton Park community has established a proud history of innovation, leadership and excellence. We worked, prayed and fought hard to make Hamilton Park one of the most respected communities in Dallas.

It has been brought to our attention that well meaning people are proposing to separate us, via redistricting, from our brothers and sisters in the Lake Highlands community. As President of the Hamilton Park Civic League and therefore speaking on behalf of the citizens of Hamilton Park we want to make it perfectly clear that we adamantly oppose this unwanted intrusion. The Hamilton Park community is joined at the hip with the Lake Highlands Community and will fight along side our brothers and sisters to see that this does not happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Jefferson".

Thomas Jefferson

President

**Redistricting Commission  
Documents Received from  
Bill Betzen  
August 9, 2011**

**Dallas City Council  
Redistricting map  
wPlan03 with 8/4/11  
amendments. This is  
the most compact  
map with the  
highest minority  
representation.**

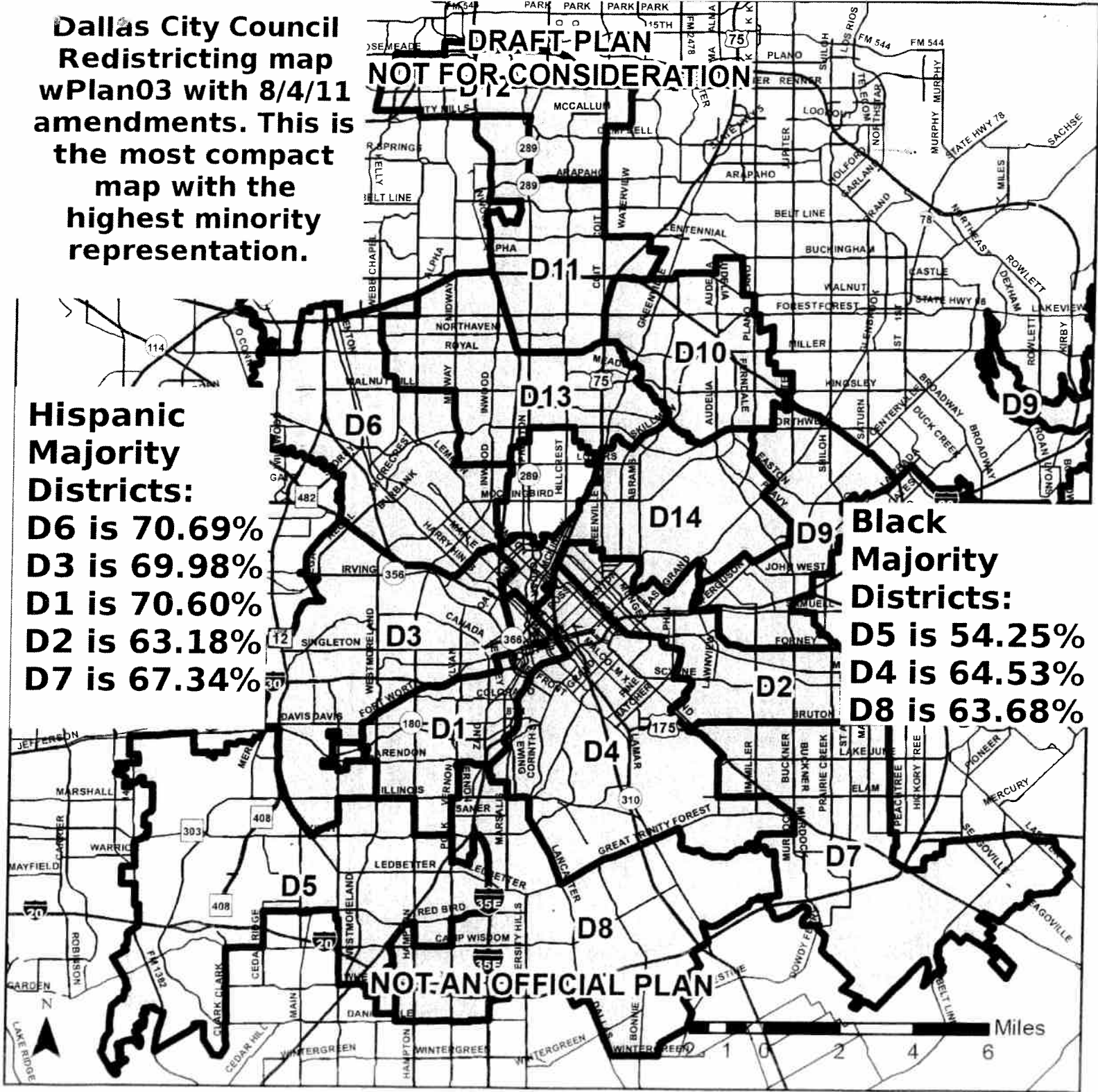
**DRAFT PLAN  
NOT FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Hispanic  
Majority  
Districts:**

- D6 is 70.69%**
- D3 is 69.98%**
- D1 is 70.60%**
- D2 is 63.18%**
- D7 is 67.34%**

**Black  
Majority  
Districts:**

- D5 is 54.25%**
- D4 is 64.53%**
- D8 is 63.68%**



**NOT AN OFFICIAL PLAN**


**2011 Dallas  
Redistricting**

Friday, August 5, 2011 01:31 PM  
Prepared by: Bill Betzen bbetzen@aol.com  
Plan File: wPlan03\_20110805  
For illustrative purposes only.

Data Source:  
Streets - City of Dallas, GIS Division  
Council Districts - Bill Betzen

~ Highways ~ Major Roads

wPlan3 Council Districts

 Council Districts

**Over for demographic details  
produced by this wPlan03 map. For  
additional data go to blog at  
dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com**

**wPlan3  
IN PROGRESS  
NOT FOR CONSIDERATION**

More details on city web site:  
<http://www.dallascityhall.com/redistricting/>

*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



# Dallas City Council Demographics from wPlan03 updated 8-04-11 (This will require Commission actions to approve 12 changes to wPlan03.)

District	Total Population	Total Pop Deviation	% Pop Deviation	% Hispanic	% Black	% White	Voting Age Pop (VAP)	VAP % Hispanic	VAP % Black	VAP % White	
1	85,617	59	0.07%	70.60%	7.20%	20.64%	62,374	<b>63.42%</b>	8.41%	26.32%	
2	86,828	1,270	1.48%	63.18%	19.16%	15.68%	60,577	<b>57.63%</b>	19.74%	20.39%	
3	83,127	-2,431	-2.84%	69.68%	18.84%	9.11%	57,440	<b>64.49%</b>	20.44%	12.41%	
4	81,891	-3,667	-4.29%	23.13%	64.53%	10.53%	61,354	19.23%	<b>65.25%</b>	13.49%	
5	82,976	-2,582	-3.02%	33.27%	54.25%	10.25%	58,040	29.16%	<b>55.40%</b>	13.03%	
6	85,099	-459	-0.54%	70.69%	7.70%	18.63%	61,282	<b>64.46%</b>	8.65%	23.37%	
7	86,739	1,181	1.38%	67.34%	19.11%	12.74%	55,870	<b>61.98%</b>	20.54%	16.52%	
8	81,880	-3,678	-4.30%	31.38%	63.68%	3.80%	57,420	26.59%	<b>67.42%</b>	4.81%	
9	88,469	2,911	3.40%	48.45%	24.12%	24.02%	62,761	42.51%	23.83%	30.09%	
10	89,138	3,580	4.18%	24.46%	32.01%	36.88%	65,458	21.10%	30.80%	41.14%	
11	82,561	-2,997	-3.50%	34.52%	12.65%	47.27%	64,194	29.38%	12.44%	52.29%	
12	88,629	3,071	3.59%	17.18%	17.07%	55.21%	71,443	15.20%	16.36%	57.76%	
13	86,423	865	1.01%	27.14%	9.41%	57.04%	65,778	23.06%	9.26%	61.65%	
14	88,439	2,881	3.37%	12.91%	5.06%	76.70%	76,697	11.58%	4.75%	78.36%	
Average:	85,558	Total Deviation = 8.48%	42.42%	25.34%	28.46%	62,906	37.84%	25.95%	32.26%		
<b>Average for Hispanic Voting Age Population % in 5 highest districts =</b>							<b>62.40%</b>				
<b>Average for Black Voting Age Population % in 3 highest districts =</b>							<b>62.69%</b>				

Please note that the average compactness index score remains low at 1.34 with an average district perimeter of 31.96 miles. **If you like wPlan03, please tell the commission.** Their email address is below or you may attend a Commission meeting and testify. Their web site is below also. Your questions or comments are welcome. Bill Betzen

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## REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES 2011

Approved by the Redistricting Commission: March 1, 2011 with Final Edits March 8, 2011,  
**To Be Submitted to City Council for Final Adoption: April 13, 2011**

The Redistricting Commission intends to apply the following guidelines as consistently as possible and to the greatest extent possible, in the drawing of city council district boundaries that are in the best interests of the residents and the City of Dallas. The Redistricting Commission acknowledges, however, that on some occasions these redistricting guidelines may conflict with one another.

A. The following guidelines regarding Population Equality, Minority Representation and Contiguity and Compactness shall be applied as required by the U.S. Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, and other federal and state laws.

### 1. Population Equality.

The districts should be drawn so that they are substantially equal in population according to the total count as presented in the 2010 census data. The total deviation between the largest and the smallest district must be as small as possible, but in all cases must be less than ten percent.

Minor population deviations of less than ten percent may be allowed if they are necessary to achieve a good faith, legitimate objective, such as:

- preserving the voting strength of minority populations in compliance with the Voting Rights Act;
- making the districts compact;
- maintaining communities of interest in a single district and avoiding splitting neighborhoods;
- using public school attendance boundaries as defined by the independent school districts in the City of Dallas to assist in defining neighborhoods;
- preserving the cores of existing districts as permitted by case law, meaning to recognize the traditional geographic, economic, cultural or social center of an existing district as supported by public testimony;
- following easily identifiable geographic boundaries and other unique geographical configurations; or
- facilitating responsiveness of elected representatives to their constituents.

### 2. Minority Representation.

As required by the Voting Rights Act, the voting strength of racial, ethnic, and language minorities in the districts should not be diluted by depriving minority voters of an equal opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice, such as by packing or fracturing districts. Race, ethnicity, and language minority consideration, however cannot be the predominant factor to which other districting legal principles are subordinated.

A majority minority district may be created to provide fair representation to the members of racial, ethnic, and language minority populations where compelling justification requires such a district as determined by the following factors:

- a reasonably compact district can be drawn in compliance with the other redistricting guidelines in which voters of the minority group constitute a majority of the electorate and will increase the probability that members of the minority will be elected;
- the minority community is politically cohesive and usually votes together; and
- other voters in the area generally vote as a bloc to successfully defeat the minority community's preferred candidates.

### 3. Contiguity and Compactness.

The districts should be geographically compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness and contiguity involve both a functional and a geographic aspect. Functional compactness and contiguity include factors such as:

- the availability of transportation and communication;
- the existence of common social, cultural, community, and economic interests;
- the ability of constituents of a council district to relate to each other;
- the existence of shared interests, including a history and tradition of working together;
- the use of public school attendance boundaries as defined by the independent school districts in the City of Dallas to assist in defining neighborhoods; and
- the drawing of district boundaries that facilitate communications between constituents and their elected representatives.

B. Other guidelines which may be considered include:

#### 1. Incumbents.

The configuration of districts shall be neutral as to incumbents. The districts must not be configured for the purpose of either protecting or defeating an incumbent.

#### 2. Communities of Interest.

Communities of interest shall be maintained in a single district, where possible; and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods. For purposes of this guideline, "communities of interest" include geographic areas where there are people who share clearly recognizable similarities of social, political, cultural, ethnic, religious or economic interests. Factors to be considered in defining "neighborhoods" include homeowner associations, neighborhood associations, crime watch groups, public testimony, census tract information and traditionally recognized areas of Dallas.

# Statistics from the 15 plans listed for consideration on 8/9/11 Commission Agenda

Dallas Redistricting Plans:		Demographics: (VAP = Voting Age Population)					Compactness:		
Plan name	Plan creator (or Commission if a Dallas Commission update)	Range of Deviation	Avg of Hispanic VAP % among 5 highest	Lowest Hispanic VAP % of these 5	Avg of Black VAP % among 3 highest	Lowest Black VAP % of these 3	Average indexed score	Average district perimeter in miles	Miles of district boundary line erased:
	Best number is →	Lower	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Lower	Higher
wPlan01	Randall Bryant	8.74%	58.72%	39.48%*	59.27%	50.49%	1.3	33.19	144.6
wPlan03	Bill Betzen	2.77%	61.84%	57.83%	60.25%	55.84%	1.35	31.62	166.6
	wPlan03 after 12 amendments	8.48%	62.40%	57.63%	62.69%	55.40%	1.34	31.96	161.8
wPlan04	Kyle Talkington	1.77%	60.49%	50.86%	58.50%	53.21%	1.14	37.52	84.0
wPlan12	Benjamin Lopez	1.91%	57.87%	46.06%*	56.14%	38.47%*	1.3	33.02	147.0
wPlan16	Sam Merten	0.15%	60.18%	41.8%*	59.58%	52.49%	1.39	31.51	168.1
wPlan22	Alexander Enriquez	0.03%	57.75%	46.61%*	57.96%	38.52%*	1.57	29.14	201.3
wPlan24a	Commission	3.94%	61.62%	55.43%	59.93%	54.21%	1.28	33.13	145.5
wPlan24b	Commission	5.58%	61.72%	55.43%	59.93%	54.21%	1.29	33.1	145.9
wPlan45	Shirley Stark	0.79%	59.67%	52.56%	54.08%	32.28%*	1.33	33.34	142.5
wPlan55a	Commission	5.38%	62.54%	60.08%	60.38%	53.29%	1.24	36.26	101.6
pPlan05	Sandra Crenshaw	9.91%	60.46%	40.32%*	59.62%	49.16%*	1.4	30.88	177.0
pPlan14	Sandra Crenshaw	9.84%	60.69%	40.32%*	60.63%	55.69%	1.42	30.65	180.2
cPlan04	Commissioner Ratcliff	9.28%	57.44%	47.71%*	57.29%	50.02%	1.23	35.71	109.3
cPlan05	Commissioner Brashear	9.33%	56.05%	44.18%*	51.55%	50.05%	1.31	33.38	142.0
cPlan16	Commissioners Garcia, Love & Ratcliff	7.90%	61.05%	50.25%	58.04%	48.21%*	1.18	35.87	107.1

\* Percentages less than 50% mean that 5 Hispanic majority Dallas City Council Districts are **not achieved**, and/or that 3 Black majority Dallas City Council Districts are **not achieved**.

**Redistricting Commission  
Documents Received from  
Jada Wooten  
August 9, 2011**

Hello Hi, Commissioners

My name is Jada  
Wooten I live at 4724 Coleston  
District 2. I been there a year.  
I lived in District 14 for  
the last past 5 years. And  
now I love District 14 on  
one end I lived in a Promonte  
Neighborhood ~~and I want to~~  
~~live in the~~ homes  
200 - 700 thousand dollars  
condo's 65,000 and up. The  
police waved and spoke. Only  
one ~~of~~ out of 5 years <sup>one</sup> followed  
me and said I looked lost  
and I had been in the ~~neighborhood~~  
neighborhood 5 years. I say  
he was profiling. ~~But~~ But  
at the same time when I  
go to the Poor neighborhood  
in District 14 police circle  
you every 5 min. Well I.D.  
you and say that if you  
don't live around here you  
in violation. And I'm here

to say that We as African  
Americans in District 14  
have no Representation as  
far as Housing, NO Economic  
Development and I see  
housing being built all around  
Freedman's Town. And slowing  
caving in. Over the last  
past 25-30 years I've watch  
this. Where is the Census  
money My people have been  
there since Freedom From  
slavery. Where is the Census  
money. We have no representation  
We would love to come back  
to our Old Community and  
live but all of our Housing  
was torn Down I believe so  
we couldn't live there the  
housing on the at side of Haskell/  
~~are~~ Are just as old as the ones  
that were ~~are~~ around Freedmans  
I here Everyone speaking  
about they community what  
happen to mine. And who  
will look out for it now.  
Freedman Town, Caddo, munger

Carroll, Griggs Park lord  
please, Griggs Park need  
to be represented by  
someone who care about  
all History not just their  
History because my History  
is the most important  
fact to the whole puzzle  
and Grigg Park is a conver-  
sation Piece for All African  
Americans in this City espically  
Dallas Natives. a I fell  
it should be made Historic  
or keep as a conversation Piece  
Robert E Lee. Has a proposal  
to be made Historic, Little  
Mexico Park is ~~Historic~~ Historic  
Who will make Griggs Park  
Historic, who will bring  
Housing, for African American  
in District 14, I said that  
to say this if I wanted  
to run for a seat in District  
14 I would have no win because  
we have @ 2% A/A I'll give  
it 10% Grigg Park, & Freedman's  
need out of District 14



If you all can put Fair Park in District 14 you can take out Griggs Park + Freedman  
Look ~~up~~ up the crime rate in District 14 ~~is~~ ~~not~~ very low

Yahoo Gercher Rev. A.R. Grigg  
he has done plenty to be kept as is  
I need Freedman + Griggs Park out District 14  
Simply because my voice don't count.

has made up town  
of people  
des park  
97  
98  
99

not account  
to the  
people  
up town

I herd some speak speak  
that neighborhood disappearing  
mines did just that.

John slate  
670-5270

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80  
90

Blair Haggins

2000  
2010

Veleta lee  
Gingela Hunt

Mendrono

Most of these people  
come out of oak cliff  
so may connect it  
with 14. I feel that  
District 14 + 2 Need people  
of color build housing for us

Don Higgs  
Reodo monedron  
Joe Hagger  
Rolan Tucker  
Lee Simpson  
Fred Blair  
Steve Bar Kety

The People and Council  
Representative of District 14  
rather see dog and fake  
children at Griegs Park than  
see ~~the~~ children of Roseland Homes

Let's make all of  
Dallas Drivers

# State-Thomas

*Dmv-4/6/80-Parkas-~~State~~ Thomas*  
Revitalized area needs a pocket park

**B**y any measure, the State-Thomas district just north of downtown Dallas has been a major economic success story. In less than a dozen years, the area has evolved from a simple neighborhood with a couple of hundred homes to a bustling urban venue with restaurants, shops and 2,500 apartment units.

Construction crews have built shiny dwelling places there at a fast pace — particularly during the financial boom that swept through Dallas during the closing years of the '90s. Developers gobbled up land so rapidly that there is now a real concern that urban dwellers considering State-Thomas will turn away because of the lack of open space.

On Friday, the tax increment financing board, which was created to finance public improvements in State-Thomas, will be asked to authorize a small pocket park in the district. The request is fraught with controversy. Tax increment financing districts were created in Texas for the express purpose of bringing economic development to communities. Creation of a half-acre park within a district that already is economically successful has raised serious questions.

Real estate investor Tom Lardner, one of the first developers to see State-Thomas' potential, believes

the costly park belongs in the city budget rather than the bond issue. Mr. Lardner probably is right.

But the simple truth is that city officials are going to move quickly enough to preserve the amount of open space still available in the area.

The tax increment financing board has a responsibility to ensure the future economic health of the State-Thomas area. That's why the board should approve this proposition. If tenants become uncomfortable with the densely populated district, they may decide to move elsewhere within the city.

That said, the board's approval of a pocket park for State-Thomas should not relieve the city of its responsibilities to this important area. Griggs Park, which sits in the residential district, has been allowed to badly deteriorate. The city should improve the park property and encourage greater use of its recreational facilities.

Excitement exists amidst the urban landscape of State-Thomas. Developers have given the area the texture and ambience of downtown neighborhoods in Chicago or New York. But even new developments like Battery Park City in lower Manhattan have ensured enough greenery and vistas for residents. An appropriate amount of open space should likewise balance State-Thomas' walk-to-wall concrete.

Dallas Express  
African American  
Newspaper  
1919-1930

## CHAPTER 4

### **"WE RETURN. WE RETURN FROM FIGHTING. WE RETURN FIGHTING." POST-WORLD WAR I FREEDMAN'S TOWN/NORTH DALLAS, 1919-1930**

by  
Terry Anne Schulte and Marsha Prior

*Since slavery the Colored people of this country have made rapid strides. However, the real awakening is dawning on them: since the World War and "something" has really touched them. Racial consciousness, race pride, race cooperation are all on the upgrade and their opportunity and powers are being recognized by the race. . . . The day for the Uncle Tom is gone. Carry yourself like one who is conscious that he has a splendid mission, a grand aim in life. Radiate a hopeful, cheerful, atmosphere. The Race is measured by the individual. You are responsible to the race for your actions. Uphold it at any cost.*  
—"Race Pride," *Dallas Express*

As America's troops began returning from overseas at the close of World War I, northern and southern African American soldiers carried with them a redefined concept of what was acceptable. After fighting for freedom abroad and supporting the war effort at home, soldiers and other African Americans shared in their expectation for an increased freedom in their own country. African Americans participated in the war with a fervor equal to that of European Americans. Both were soldiers, worked in munitions factories, purchased war bonds, and created organizations to lend support to families with loved ones overseas. Thus, African Americans who invested themselves emotionally and financially in

the nation's war effort felt entitled to equal treatment within the country they supported. However, equal treatment was far from what they were afforded. Statements issued in 1919 by W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the NAACP's *Crisis*, reflected Blacks' postwar sentiments:

We return from the slavery of uniform which the world's madness demanded us to don to freedom of civil garb. We stand to look America squarely in the face and call a spade a spade. We sing: This country of ours, despite all its better should have done and dreamed, is yet a shameful land. It lynches . . . It disfranchises its own citizens . . . It insults us . . . We return. We return from fighting. We return fighting [Franklin 1994:347; Reich 1996].

For African Americans nationwide, the end of World War I stimulated competition for housing and employment with others in southern and northern urban centers. Frustrations were particularly charged in northern cities as the mass influx of African Americans out of the South prior to and during the war years drastically swelled northern urban populations, rendering their presence highly threatening and their urgency for housing and employment ominous.<sup>61</sup> As thousands of soldiers returned to the United States during the early months

<sup>61</sup> While many African American men and women fled Dallas for northern cities during and previous to the war years, the Dallas African American population nonetheless increased by 33 percent from 1910 to 1920.



population, the board began to search for a park site. The commissioners studied and rejected several locations including acreage in the Trinity River bottoms subject to frequent inundation and tracts not easily accessible by all the Negro population. Finally, in January of 1915, the board found a solution. Two Negro parks were to be provided, one on each side of the Trinity River.

The first Negro park established became Oak Cliff Negro Park near the Trinity River on Sabine and Cliff streets. A payment price of \$8178.30 gave the city four and one-half acres as a playground, although in 1928 the city reduced the park to half its size while following Kessler's suggestion to build levees along the Trinity River to control flooding. The remaining two and one-half acres received considerable improvements during the era of the second world war, and the park became known as simply Oak Cliff Park.<sup>40</sup>

The second Negro park developed in old North Dallas on Hall Street where it crossed the Texas Central rail lines.<sup>41</sup> This park, known as Hall Street Negro Park, became an important center for Negro social life as a field house was built there in 1921, and although it reputedly had most of the facilities provided in other community centers, including free showers and free summer movies, it was of inferior construction. In 1922 a swimming pool increased the recreational capabilities of the park. Negro recreation leaders provided activities for the children, and their park teams competed in tournaments with teams from the other Negro parks. Much later, this park was enlarged and renamed Grigg Park upon the recommendation of E. T. Atwell of the National Recreation Association in his planning report to the park board in the 1940s.<sup>42</sup>

is a place for gathering football can cheerleading baseball soccer barbecues etc. games we don't have that in district 14 and this park was designed for just that ever-

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Washington D.C.

170 Penns/VANZ

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Why must we petition again -  
for a park given to African Americans

the week annual exposition. At  
and they apparently did. At  
spawned this separate fair, the Negro fair did offer the blacks a  
to participate, whereas they found themselves increasingly ex-  
cluded from the State Fair events. This happened not so much because  
were absolutely refused permission to participate, as because so  
Negroes entered the events that a separate division for them could  
be justified, and black competition against whites would have been  
highly unacceptable.

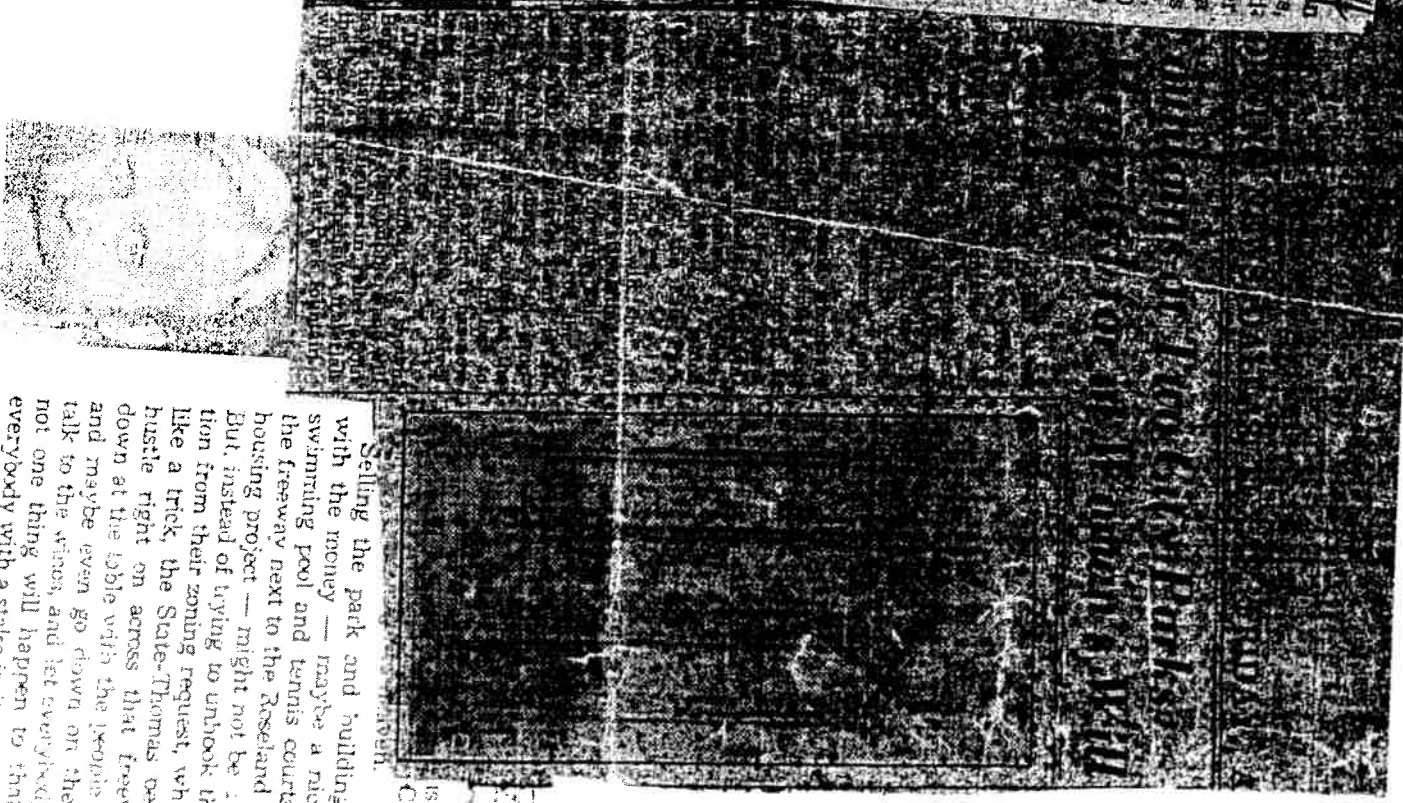
As the park system began to expand under the direction of the  
created park board, suggestions arose from time to time that a  
separate park for Negroes should be established somewhere in Dallas.  
In order to further separate the races by such a move appeared until  
when the reality of social exclusion of twenty percent of the  
population forced the board to find a solution. The black com-  
mission, itself, supported the idea of a park for blacks and petitioned  
the board for such. With pressure from both the white and black

# Parks for Negroes

While Dallas ranks high among American cities in park acreage per thousand inhabitants, the park space available for Negroes here is pitifully low. The 1940 census showed that 17 percent of Dallas people were Negroes. This was a gain of 2 per cent in the previous decade. Yet, as the Dallas Bilingual Committee has pointed out, the city provides only sixty acres for its 80,000 Negroes, compared with 5,000 acres for 350,000 white residents. In addition, the equipment of the parks for whites is markedly superior.

Negroes here are not objecting a segregation in the parks, but this segregation can be justified only by giving the colored people their fair share of park space and park equipment. They share more neighborhood playgrounds with facilities for softball, tennis and other outdoor games. In particular, they need more places where they can go swimming in warm weather. The city is not playing fair with its Negro citizens as long as these recreational facilities are denied.

Aside from fairness, better means for Negro recreation are needed as a means for checking vice and crime. The Bilingual Committee reported that of eighty murders in Dallas last year, fifty-nine were of Negroes killed by Negroes. Only forty of the latter cases were prosecuted. This situation calls not only for more effective law enforcement but for preventive measures such as recreational facilities in public parks. The local committee has made specific suggestions for expanding and improving the Negro park system, and these suggestions should have prompt attention by the Dallas Park Board.



Selling the park and building other parks with the racoon — maybe a nice one with a swimming pool and tennis courts right across the freeway next to the Roseland Homes public housing project — might not be a terrible idea. But, instead of trying to unhook the park question from their zoning request, which just looks like a trick, the State-Thomas people need to bustle right on across that freeway and sit down at the table with the people in Roseland, and maybe even go down on the corner and talk to the stores, and let everybody know that not one thing will happen to that park until everybody with a stake in it agrees on a plan.

Let us many residents as anybody





City of Dallas

February 03, 2010

Reference: Griggs Park Funding Information

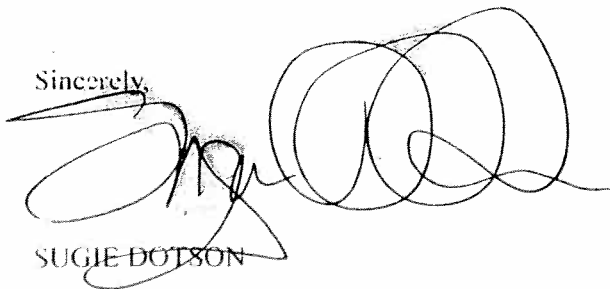
Mrs. Gwan Wooten  
1000 Grigsby #105,  
Dallas, TX 75214

Dear Mrs. Wooten:

**GRIGGS PARK CITY OF DALLAS FUNDING INFORMATION:**

- 1998 Bond Sale \$80,000 for Public Art was earmarked for Griggs playground: Status on hold until site development with Uptown PID site Development begins
- 2003 Bond Sales \$4,857.41 for Park Sign: Status sign installed and complete
- 2006 Bond Sale \$300,000 for Site Development/matching Funds delayed until March 2011. Status on hold until Uptown PID finishes design for interior of park and gets approval from Park Board and City Council

Sincerely,



SUGIE DOTSON

SR. PARK PLANNER/LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT  
WK 214-670-4282/ FAX 214-670-4286

Attachment: Griggs Park Approved Master Plan and Project Summary

# GRIGGS PARK PROJECT SUMMARY

## Design

- Uptown Public Improvement District (UPID) funded the master plan
- Design team includes Carter & Burgess landscape architects and Freedman's Memorial sculptor David Newton
- UPID hosted a series of neighborhood meetings within 1/2 mile radius of service, east and west of Central Expressway, in accordance with approved Park Board procedures, plus special meetings with Black Dallas Remembered and the Freedman's Foundation
- Three conceptual plans produced and reviewed in a second round of neighborhood meetings
- Park Board review deferred until completion of the city-wide park review, by the same Carter & Burgess team used by UPID for Griggs

## Park History & Context

- Originally Hall Street Negro Park
- Renamed in late 1920s for Rev. Henry Griggs, formerly enslaved in Georgia
- Long time center of community life in Freedman's Town, hosting Dallas' first (mobile) library and first swimming pool open to African-Americans
- Proximity to Freedman's Memorial invites thematic programming - Rosekind Homes
- Amphitheater, pavilion or open space provide nearby celebration and event site (Trees) Swimming Pool
- Complementing the quiet solemnity of Freedman's Memorial Swimming Pool Pool
- Historical displays in Griggs will tell stories of life in Freedman's town, building on the Memorial's concentration on the burial ground and the African roots of black Americans We can't and it's the give through our history
- Markers will be part of Freedman's Town tour on Uptown Trails, linking the Memorial with the State-Thomas Historic District, and including the proposed neighborhood link for to Rosekind
- Invites links east of Central Expressway to original B. F. Darrell school and perhaps link for parking to the park
- Historical elements include markers, a historically-themed children's playground and call Black church, Mungo - Pilgrimage, Black & Clark, Pilgrimage we need to include it
- Restoration of the 1928 drinking fountain The memory is included but the living in Rosekind Homes are not

## Public Input on Uses

- Neighborhood forums gathered input throughout half-mile radius of service for the park, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Notre Dame School, Thomas Avenue Beverage Company and people's living rooms
- Final concept reflects the overwhelming consensus among respondents for an "urban oasis" of largely passive uses

Emerge Pocket Park - Save our History

Rosekind Park

Google - ~~Griggs~~ Griggs Park (Dora Park)

- Strong public endorsement of historical displays reflecting park's centrality in Freedman's Town
- Historical markers will tie into African-American history tour in Uptown Trails system, including other Freedman's Town sites, and connect with the Freedman's Memorial
- Only active recreational uses mentioned consistently by area residents were a running path and a children's playground
- Observation and interviews showed frequent use of the existing basketball court by people from within the radius of service, leading to the decision subsequent to the neighborhood meetings to retain a basketball court in the master plan
- Strong endorsement of a water element of some sort, especially if it includes the sound of moving water
- "Neighborhood park" designation does not invite regional uses such as ball fields
- With the exception of one resident, support for ball fields came only from interests outside the intended radius of service
- Stakeholders unanimously agreed that no portion of the park acreage should be devoted to vehicle parking, other than the recently acquired lot across Clark Street

### **Construction**

- Construction costs are estimated at \$3.3 million
- Elements could be built in phases
- Sequencing could allow league-play ballfield to continue in operation while substantial construction proceeds on the north side, around the perimeter and on the parking lot across Clark
- No land acquisition is needed

### **Maintenance**

- UPID's landscape maintenance contractor, ValleyCrest, estimates landscape maintenance would cost approximately \$2,500 per month (\$30,000 annually). UPID would expect to manage that maintenance with an endowment created as part of the fund raising plan.
- Chemical treatment and other maintenance of water element estimated at \$1,500 annually

### **Funding Issues and Sources**

- UPID will spearhead fund raising for construction and maintenance endowment
- State-Thomas Tax Increment Finance District
- No new City of Dallas bond funds (approximately \$86,000 from Parks and \$25,000 from Cultural Affairs public art funds already committed from earlier bond programs)
- Private donations (\$15,000 pledged to date, before any campaign underway)
- Local and state private foundations supporting parks
- Local and national foundations supporting historic projects
- State parks and transportation grants

# Robert E. Lee Park

Job Number  
PK03K253

Site improvements - renovate WPA era picnic tables, landscape

Project Status In-Service

## General Information

Enviro Review Completed		BID Opening Date		Project data file ID	
Notice to Proceed Issued	4/11/2006	Work Order Issued	4/11/2006	1611	
Plans and Specs Approved		Estimated Completion	6/30/2008	Project Manager:	
Final Payment to Consultant		In-Service Date	6/30/2007	Ritz	
TDLR Review	Review/Inspection Approved	Beneficial Occupancy		Council District	
		Actual Completion		14	
		Final Payment to Contractor	10/30/2007	Constr in Dist	
		Warranty Date		14	

Design **Lee Park & Arlington Hall**

Authorized by: Award (Private)

Devel Agreeme **Lee Park & Arlington Hall**

Authorized by:	Award	Description	Total
06-0787	Drainage, renovation of picnic areas, landscaping, irrigation and trail		\$198,028.70
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,028.70</b>
		<b>Report Total</b>	<b>\$198,028.70</b>

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\$0.00

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Award  
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\$198,028.70

**Total \$198,028.70**

**Report Total \$198,028.70**

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# Arlington Hall in Robert E. Lee Park

Job Number  
PK95L881

Expansion and renovation of the existing facility

Project Status Project Complete

## General Information

Enviro Review Completed		BID Opening Date	11/9/2000	Project data file ID	
Notice to Proceed Issued	2/28/2000	Work Order Issued	11/30/2000		18
Plans and Specs Approved	8/17/2000	Estimated Completion	1/30/2007	Project Manager:	
Final Payment to Consultant		In-Service Date	11/30/2002	Burns	
TDLR Review		Beneficial Occupancy		Council District	14
		Actual Completion	8/2/2007	Constr in Dist	14
		Final Payment to Contractor			
		Warranty Date			

### Construction Lee Park & Arlington Hall

Arlington Hall Restoration & Improvements (Lee Park)

Authorized by: 01-0504	Award			
Description	Electrical work			\$302,568.00
Description	C01	03-0719		\$11,592.00
Description	C02	03-2021		\$6,805.29
	closeout change order			
Authorized by: 01-0505	Award			
Description	Masonry work			\$89,727.00
Description	C02	03-0451		\$10,703.00
	via conservancy			
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$421,395.29</b>

### Design Burson & Williams Architects

Authorized by: 00-3399	Award			
Description				\$0.00

### PG American Environmental Specialties

Total \$0.00

Arlington Hall Restoration & Improvements Lee Park

Authorized by:	ACM Removal			
Description	asbestos			\$2,220.00

### PG Eddie Taw Inc E T I Environmental Services

Arlington House (Lee Park) - Asbestos Abatement

Authorized by:	Asbestos			
Description	Asbestos removal			\$3,384.60

### PG The Dallas Morning News

Arlington Hall Restoration & Improvements Lee Park

Authorized by:	Advertising			
Description				\$216.24

### PG Thomas Reprographics

Arlington Hall Restoration & Improvements Lee Park

Authorized by:	Reprographics			
Description				\$623.72

**Total \$6,444.56**

# Arlington Hall In Robert E. Lee Park

Job Number  
PK98B719

Gutter improvements

**Project Status** Project Complete

## General Information

Enviro Review Completed  
Notice to Proceed Issued  
Plans and Specs Approved  
Final Payment to Consultant  
TDLR Review

6/19/2003

BID Opening Date 4/22/2004  
Work Order Issued 2/23/2005  
Estimated Completion 5/30/2005  
In-Service Date 4/7/2005  
Beneficial Occupancy  
Actual Completion 9/15/2005  
Final Payment to Contractor 8/1/2005  
Warranty Date

Project data file ID  
1924  
Project Manager:  
Ritz  
Council District  
14  
Constr in Dist  
14

Construction **C Green Scaping, LP.**

Arlington Hall in Robert E. Lee Park -  
Gutters Improvements (Bid Package  
"B")

Authorized by: 04-1633	Award		
<i>Description</i>	Gutters and related work		\$15,780.00
<i>Description</i>	C01	05-1386	(\$2,706.75)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$13,073.25</b>
<b>Report Total</b>			<b>\$13,073.25</b>

# Arlington Hall In Robert E. Lee Park

Job Number  
PK98N719

Paving improvements

Project Status Project Complete

## General Information

Enviro Review Completed		BID Opening Date	4/22/2004	Project data file ID	
Notice to Proceed Issued		Work Order Issued	11/3/2004	1542	
Plans and Specs Approved	6/19/2003	Estimated Completion	2/28/2007	Project Manager:	Ritz
Final Payment to Consultant		In-Service Date	3/15/2005	Council District	14
TDLR Review		Beneficial Occupancy		Actual Completion	8/2/2007
		Final Payment to Contractor	1/20/2006	Constr in Dist	14
		Warranty Date			

Construction **Henneberger Construction, Inc.**

Robert E. Lee Park - Paving  
Improvements (Bid Package A)

Authorized by: 04-2036	Award			
<i>Description</i>	Paving			\$55,495.00
	C01	05-3163		
<i>Description</i>				(\$2,308.00)
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$53,187.00</b>

PG **Henley-Johnston and Assoc**

Robert E. Lee Park - Paving  
Improvements (Bid Package A)

Authorized by:	Testing			
<i>Description</i>				\$216.68

PG **The Dallas Morning News**

Robert E. Lee Park - Paving  
Improvements (Bid Package A)

Authorized by:	Advertising			
<i>Description</i>				\$300.00

PG **Thomas Reprographics**

Robert E. Lee Park - Paving  
Improvements (Bid Package A)

Authorized by:	Reprographics			
<i>Description</i>				\$300.00

**Total** **\$816.68**

**Report Total** **\$54,003.68**



# Griggs

New signage

Job Number  
PK03L797

Project Status Project Complete

## General Information

Enviro Review Completed  
Notice to Proceed Issued  
Plans and Specs Approved: 12/18/2003  
Final Payment to Consultant  
TDLR Review

BID Opening Date 2/19/2004  
Work Order Issued 6/24/2004  
Estimated Completion 9/30/2006  
In-Service Date 4/30/2005  
Beneficial Occupancy  
Actual Completion 8/17/2006  
Final Payment to Contractor 6/9/2006  
Warranty Date:

Project data file ID  
1994  
Project Manager:  
Reynolds  
Council District  
**14**  
Constr in Dist

Construction **Artografx, Inc.**

Authorized by: 04-1409

Award

Description

Park Identification Signs (Group II)

\$4,857.41

Total

\$4,857.41

Report Total

\$4,857.41

*Housing &  
subsidies  
Grant money  
Historic landmark*

Save: Freedman Town & Briggs Park  
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Yenora Summons

Earl Cockerham 214-282-8483

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Mike Powell 972-296-6849

Mia Spalmer 972-329-4547

Doris Valentine 469-882-5653

Amber Montgomery 469-867-8651

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Angela Vicks 972 971 0866

Chandra White ~~214~~ 214-909-0002

Tony Vicks 214-762-8399

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Miss Dewickson 214) ~~489~~ 5184

Karen Davidson 214. 462. 2742

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Betty Wilson 214-564-8826

Tom Johnson 214 801 2000

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Constance Wmalo 214-863-9878

Nita N OMAK 469 324-2766

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William Anderson	214 600 6012
Shanta Lowe	214-660-8339
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America Dent	214-940-8851
Dereille Pye	214-335-7037
Danusha Benjamin	214-875-0627
Jellaha Jackson	214-371-6483
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Richard Smith	{ 214-928-9196
Carolyn Smith	{ 214-498-7911
Beth Kyles	972 329-7420
Z. F. Smith	214 629 7428
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Sarah Sue	214 791-0894
Travis De Jesus	464-652-3448
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Joe Dames	214 710-9733

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Reemenda Morrow 214 283-2155  
Joyce Fields (214)-664-3251  
Angela Rubles 214 40986-5454  
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Anita Bennett 214 738 2617 (Grandma)  
Therese Roberts 214 619 5914  
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Jan Wong 214 1791-4466  
James Reese 214 298 4281  
Wanda McKen 214-597-5977  
Bobby Douglas 469-2779-1978  
Leslie Newman 469 274-5196  
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Carolyn Womack 214 861-7852  
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Alan Leonard " " " "  
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Doxi Craig - 214 845-0319  
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- Atwell H. West Sr 214-557-5542
- Michael Martin 214-772-2021
- ANUEVA Berry 469-254-6320
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- Betty Sullivan 972-225-2042
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- Ms. Jammie R. Lee 214-749-8294
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Jean Taylor	214-677-5788
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Rahel Teron	Di. 723-0301
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Ashley Johnson	214) 815-2985
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Tracy Williams	(214) 515-2417
JACK ROSS	214-995-9570
Willie Leonard	2) 429-8616
DONALD LEONARD	912 228 6097
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Kequice Spencer	469-853-6300
Janita Thomas	469-643-8006
Andrew Samuel	(912) 330-9035
Frenchie Potts	214 2462-9731

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Darren Blamp

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Sabrina Foster

972-288-0093

Yasha Westbrook

409-693-4064

Nicole Johnson

214-826-3399

Tara Stanley

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Thouda (Becker)

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214-828-9882

Tracy Smith

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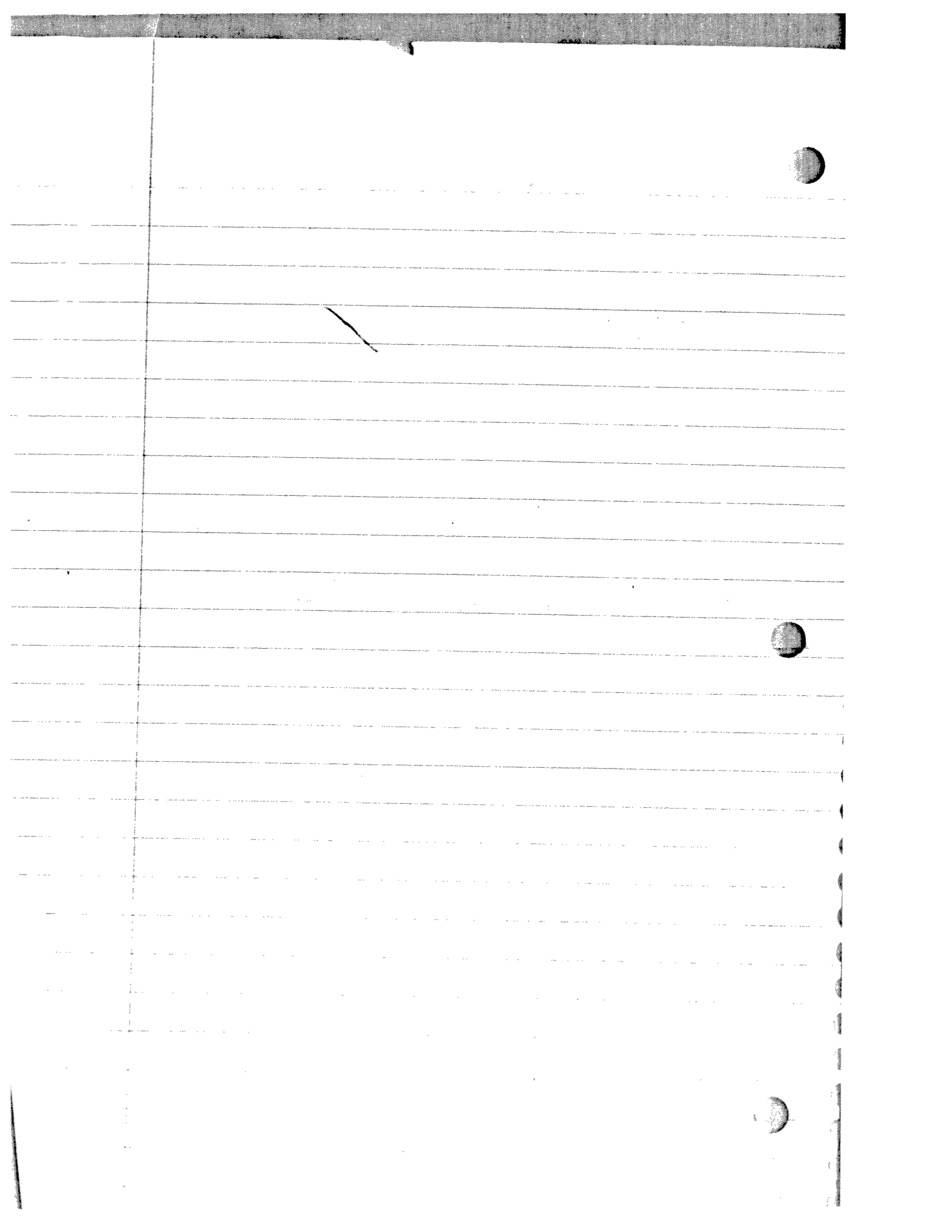
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Haren Burns

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Petition :

# Save Black History Grigg Park + Freeman Town

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Dwaine Caraway

Allen McQueen

Shelby Allen

Billy Ray Smith

Al B Brown

Geophas Beal

Kommu Smith

Donnie Jones

Alicia Jones

Aresa Brown

Dorothy Wilkerson

Roosevelt WILKERSON

James Weddington

Bunny King

Louise King

MARY A. King

Jada Wood

John Ward + Family

Alma Ward

Kahlil Ward

Tiffany Ward

Diabe Ward

April Ward

Les Crumpler

Henry Allen

Danny Madge

N. Kasper /  
Oliver Shartel / Paul

Jay Williams

Jackie Evans

Charles Thomas

Mary E. Horn

Barbara Mosley

Shannon Mosley

William

Cecil Scott

Sheila Roberts

Rebecca Reese

Lillie Wright

Arthur Kelly

Patrick Bruce Roseman

Spencer Roseman Jones

Robert Roseman

Kathy Nelson

Don Roseman


Renee Ransom

Clayton

Bob Edges

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Hilda ~~James~~ 

Lafenia ~~Adams~~  
John ~~Adams~~  
Craw ~~Adams~~

Carol ~~Wilson~~  
A. ~~Wilson~~

Reginald ~~Wilson~~  
Charles ~~Wilson~~

J. E. ~~York~~  
Edward ~~York~~

Marion ~~York~~  
Arthur ~~York~~

Willie ~~Thomas~~  
John M. ~~Thomas~~

Paul ~~Thomas~~  
Myron ~~Thomas~~

Stephanie ~~Thomas~~  
Sabrina ~~Thomas~~

Ricky ~~Thomas~~  
Maurice ~~Thomas~~

Jane ~~Thomas~~  
Craig A. ~~Thomas~~

Robert ~~Thomas~~  
Rick ~~Thomas~~

12) 8) 26-213

Rev. Bobby Steward  
Billie Mitchell  
Wesley Crawford  
SHARON Brown

Max Miller

Pete Crawford

Wesley Crawford

Anneida Crawford

Myron Williams

James C. Cortright

Robin Williams

Louis Leonard

Jaw B. Roseman

Margi Freeman

E. D. Carter

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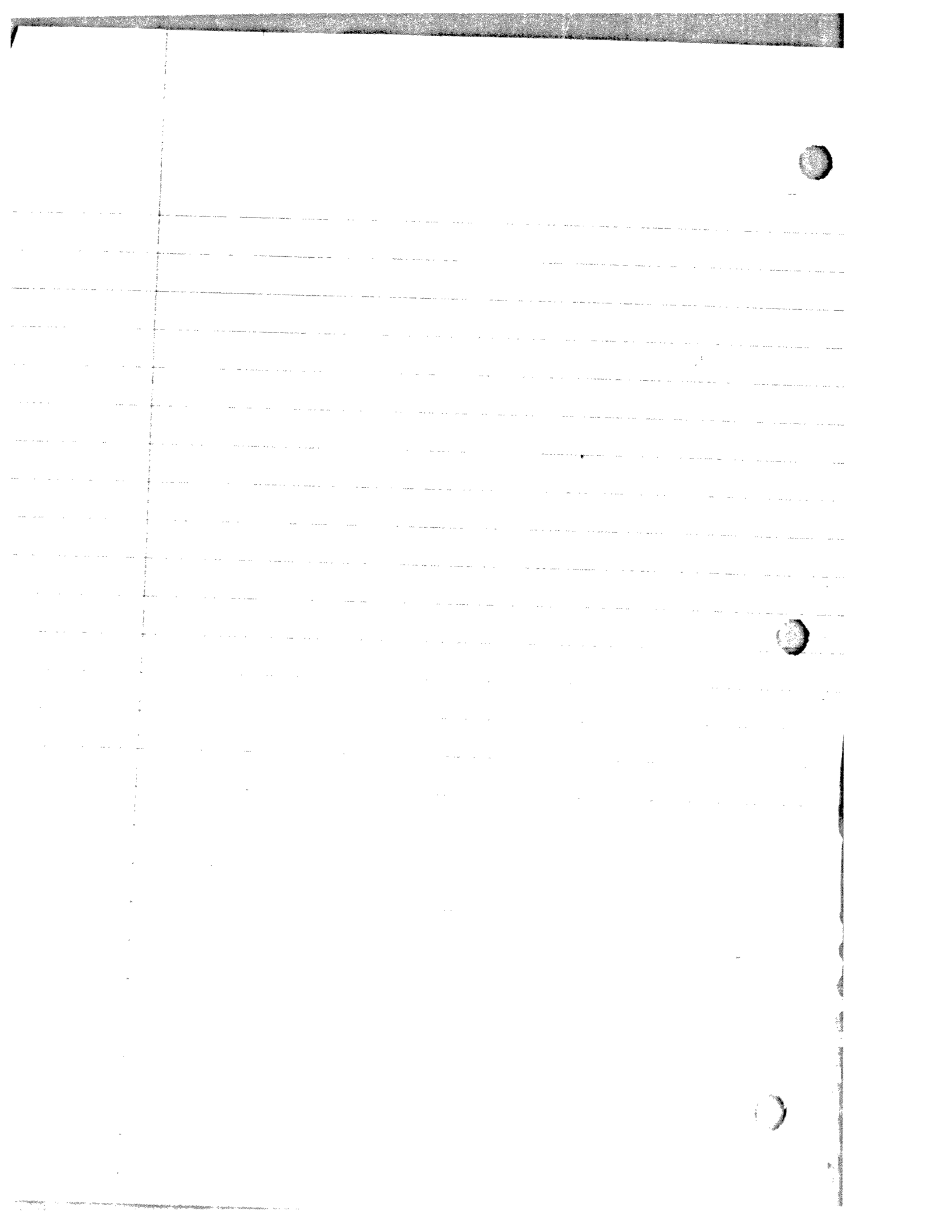
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Freedman's Town

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- Anthony Baker
- Gene Gandy
- Thomas G Taylor
- Bud ~~W~~ Ross
- ~~Ernest~~
- Pam Curlee
- Juni Edwards
- Toni Edwards
- Andrea Fortson
- Eunice Edwards
- Charles Martin
- Charley Craven
- P. News
- B. Vester
- Sherman Hunt
- Amanda Thomas
- Little Robert
- W. V. Hill
- Constance & Fred
- William Johnson
- Adott
- Jessie ~~Johnson~~
- Darwin Johnson



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Griggs Park Black History Freedom  
Historic Landmark 6-18-11

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Michelle Washington	469-358-7495
Jaren Smith	214-631-5507
Roy Dunn	214-254-5684
Kenneth Seymore	214-324-9686
JOHN O'NEAL	214-289-5484
CARLTON NELSON	972-693-2832
JERRY STEWARD	214-631-003
Jelicia Stinnette	214-391-7255
Daryl Smith	214-779-8776
Patricia Ward	214- <del>258-99</del> 214-880-4065
Inabini Walker	214-324-1891
JENN WARD & Yandy	214-370-8853
Quwana Harris	469-258-0300
Arques	214-64-1617
Latonia Harris	214-757-6913
Michael Manning	972-261-7549
Natoya Johnson	214-229-6473
Melvin Johnson	214-431-3649
Melvin Wall	



Jackie Evans 409 Perfect  
 Anthony Ford ~~214-214-3937~~  
 Kenneth Williams 214 3913351  
 Jean W. Nixon 214-644-~~43~~-8693  
 William Nixon (Daddy) 214-463-0469  
 Alvin Fannin 214 371-3891  
 Jim Scott 214 723-0270  
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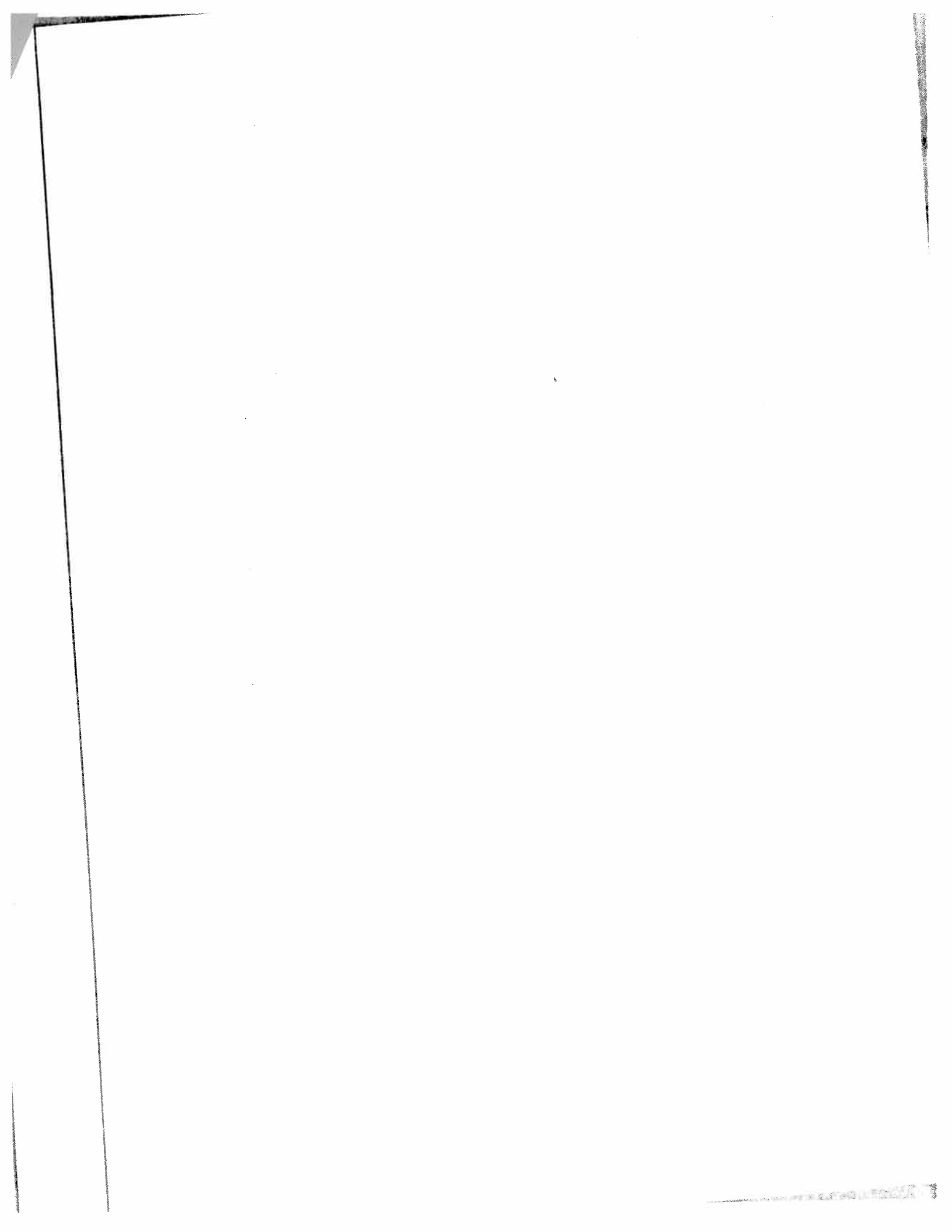
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## Dwaine Caraway Speaks at Longest Redistricting Commission Meeting Ever & Other Highlights

By Anna Merlan

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The end is near ... sort of. The city's Redistricting Commission is inching towards putting together a city map it can forward on to the city council, and everyone -- the public and commissioners alike -- is trying to get in a parting shot before then. Last night's meeting was a marathon of speeches, metaphors (map shapes were variously compared to a sphinx's head, George Washington and, uh, puppies), accusations, hurt feelings, reconciliations and cameo appearances by a certain former mayor.

After reviewing partial plan testimony from commissioner Domingo Garcia and looking at commissioner Hollis Brashear's proposed map on Tuesday, the Redistricting Commission was supposed to meet last night, hear the last batch of submissions from commissioners, review all 15 plans still on the table, then discuss which ones to modify and move forward. That didn't happen, despite nearly four hours up in room 6ES. (Four! Hours! During which I used up an entire notepad and a rather large package of peanut butter crackers. Redistricting is hell on your dinner plans. Anyway.)

After the jump, we've got a few highlights from a very long night.

**Billy Ratcliff Finally Presented His Dwaine Caraway-Backed Plan.** The commission heard first from commissioner Billy Ratcliff, who presented cPlan04, the controversial (according to Sandra Crenshaw) map he's submitting on behalf of former Mayor Dwaine Caraway. The plan keeps Buckner

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Terrace intact in District 5 (a point of concern throughout the redistricting process), and has seven total minority districts, four Hispanic and three African-American.

The commission on the whole didn't seem very happy with the plan: Commissioner Daniel "Corky" Sherman criticized the changes Ratcliff had made to Oak Cliff in order to preserve Pleasant Grove, and commissioner Elizabeth Jones told him, "A lot our key neighborhoods have been chopped off" in District 13. Even chair Ruth Morgan chimed in, describing the shape of District 14 as "a noose." "What's the rationale for having that kind of a configuration?" she asked.

**The Phrase "Unity Map" Made Its Appearance, Just Like We Predicted.** Morgan got a little stern with the next group of presenters -- commissioners Domingo Garcia, Brooks Love and Ratcliff, who presented cPlan16, or what they're referring to as a "Unity Map." "This plan is cPlan16," she said firmly. "It should not be referred to by a nickname."

"Commissioner Garcia prefers to call it the Unity Plan," replied commissioner Garcia. He went on to explain that the plan, whatever you want to call it, has five majority Latino, two African-American and two "coalition" districts.

Commissioner Hollis Brashear wasn't pleased that African-American communities would lose a district. "I maintain there is regression here," he said, adding, "I'm just disappointed."

There was more displeasure from the other commissioners: Jones wasn't happy with the changes made to District 13, and commissioner Donna Halstead was upset that Garcia hadn't solicited her input. "It's a shame you didn't both to respond to my requests to talk to you," she said. That set off a brief, highly awkward bout of bickering between the two during which Halstead accused Garcia of basing his districts "primarily on race," a charge Garcia angrily denied. "Don't put words in my mouth," he told her.

**Chair Morgan Had To Tell Everybody To Behave Themselves. Again.** The audience wasn't much better behaved than the commissioners. For much of the evening, the room was unusually packed and extremely chatty. There was a lot of debating, commiserating, hand-shaking, brow-furrowing and chair-hopping, to the point where there was practically a parallel meeting going on. Morgan called the audience to order twice during the "Unity Plan" presentation, and at one point threatened to remove everyone who was being "distracting" from the room.

**Randall Bryant Lectured the Commission On Being "Biased, Slanderous."** Former plan presenter Randall Bryant came back to speak in support of cPlan16. If you don't recall, he's the college student (and, as an Unfair Park commenter pointed out, Kathy Nealy's grandson) who Jones grilled on his educational background and political ties, offending commissioner Mary Hasan, who maintained no other submitter had been made to answer those types of questions.

Last night, Bryant called the commission's questions to him "dogmatic, biased, slanderous, and falsified," adding, "I am not, nor have I ever been, a political consultant. Who would hire a 24-year-old to consult?" He noted that cPlan16 is one of just two plans that would allow African-American council members to retain four seats. "The commission shouldn't consider anything less," he said, before taking his seat to laughter and applause from some commissioners and much of the audience.

**Dwaine Caraway Finally Speaks!** The former mayor, resplendent in a bright red T-shirt with a big yellow school bus on it, also spoke on cPlan16 (and a whole bunch of other things). As you see in the video above, he first thanked all of the commissioners for their time and service. "You're doing a great job," he told them, adding that when a proposal reaches the council level, "we'll be doing the same thing" all over again. Can't wait.

But he also wanted to lecture the commission on the virtues of compromise and ceding ground. "I took a pretty tough step three years ago," he said, by giving up the Lake Highlands area to represent Buckner Terrace. "I do a great job," he said. "They vote for me." He told the commission that everyone would have

to "collectively come together" to avoid stalemate.

Caraway also reiterated the importance of creating better districts in the south. "We in the southern sector for the last 10 to 20 years have endured neighborhoods broken up, communities of interest not kept together," he said, "while North Dallas was always contiguous, fits like a glove." He criticized cPlan16's District 5, saying, "We know this is not a fair representation."

Caraway told the commission that his doors were always open. "We want to make it right," he said, adding, "But frankly, we might lose a few friends. But I'd rather lose a few friends and keep a community together." When he finished speaking, the room emptied almost completely.



**The Return of Sandra Crenshaw:** After her promise a week ago to shun the commission's meetings, and City Hall entirely, until her demands for justice were met, former council member Sandra Crenshaw was back at the mic. She accused the commission, again, of not using appropriate map-drawing criteria. She said that "the burden would be on the Department of Justice" to prove there was no "discriminatory or criminal intent" behind the commission's various plans. "This is not gonna fly at the Justice Department," she said.

"You've been very good and faithful in your attendance," Morgan replied with what appeared to be total sincerity.

With that, the night was abruptly over, and the commission and the five or so remaining audience members stumbled blearily towards the elevator. Next time: some kind of resolution? Maybe?

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### Editorial: How the "Unity Map" is anything but unifying

Aug 05 2011 by Steve Clary



Unity Map trio present cPlan16

As reported earlier this week, the Lake Highlands community is squarely in the sights of a select few on the City of Dallas Redistricting Commission.

It would have been nice to sit through Thursday night's Redistricting Commission meeting and walk away knowing cPlan16, aka the "Unity Map," was dead on arrival, but that's simply not the case.

I had high hopes early in the meeting when right out of the gate a big stack of papers, at least four inches thick, was plopped down on the table in front of the commissioners.

Explaining what kind of response she had received from the public, Redistricting Project Manager, Yazmin Tolliver, made the commissioners aware that the stack of papers she was holding were emails she had received over the past couple of days – nearly all from District 10.

Needless to say, the commissioners took notice. It was an impressive visual.

As proud as I was of the Lake Highlands community at that moment, it didn't take long to realize our work is not finished. A few emails isn't going to get the job done.

cPlan16 co-creator, Domingo Garcia, has his own agenda and it's 100% racial – getting as many Hispanic districts on the map as possible is, without question, his main goal.

Garcia's "Unity Map" was presented last night alongside Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love. Perhaps Garcia felt it important to put together a micro-melting pot for his presentation in order to support his persistent "unity" theme.

Everyone living in harmony, I suppose.

While that might seem to be the case, most curious is the fact that Mr. Love is the Chief of Staff for Garcia's wife – Dallas County Commissioner, Dr. Elba Garcia.

Guess you can't blame Mr. Love. Job security is important these days.

Regardless, I'd like to know how the city attorney came to the conclusion there is no conflict of interest with Mr. Love serving on the commission, let alone co-creating a plan with Mr. Garcia.

Politics.

What Lake Highlands needs to know is one simple fact: our community is in for a fight over the next few weeks.

We live in a "community of interest" in every sense of the definition, and I for one am strongly opposed to any plan that will divide the Lake Highlands voice at City Hall.

We celebrate our diversity across the board, and anyone who disputes this fact is blind to the many civic organizations that work tirelessly to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of our community.

Frankly, Mr. Garcia's attack on Lake Highlands is insulting and based entirely on race.

He is divider, not a unifier. A political animal who has absolutely no appreciation for what this community is all about.

Residents interested in keeping Lake Highlands unified at City Hall need to remain vigilant and speak against any plan that breaks up District 10.

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There are several plans still up for consideration, with many options that leave District 10 intact.

However, to date, there is only one plan that decimates Lake Highlands, and it's the "Unity Map." [cPlan16]

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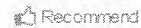

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

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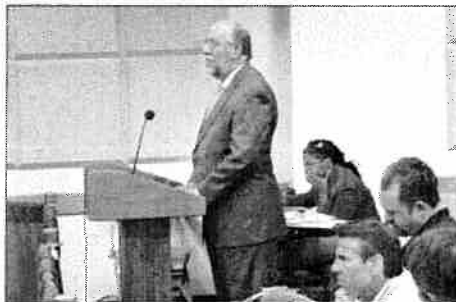
The public hearing is set for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20th at City Hall in council chambers.

Ultimately the commission's plan will be sent to the City Council for a final vote.

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## Redistricting: Unity Map splits District 10, Lake Highlands

But if Lake Highlands residents let the redistricting committee know that's not OK, the "radical" proposal could be dropped before it gets too far, say those in the know.

Every ten years or so, following the U.S. Census, municipalities all around undergo redistricting. Census results reveal fluctuation in population over the last ten years, and the main point of redistricting is to ensure that there are about the same amount of residents in each of the city's voting districts. Dallas' criteria also demands minority representation.

Several weeks ago we held a roundtable discussion here at the *Advocate* about Lake Highlands past, present and future. One of our guests was former District 10 councilman Alan Walne, who explained to us that District 10 is roughly drawn around the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone.

It makes sense, he says, because the high school (and Richardson ISD schools, for that matter) is a common interest within District 10 that bonds the community. He also points out that District 10, as it is, is a minority-majority district. About 60% minority population, he believes.

Anyone can propose a district map, and about 30 have been submitted, but Walne is concerned about one map in particular, submitted by commissioners Domingo Garcia, Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love, which proposes drastically splitting up the Lake Highlands area.

According to a CBS story, Garcia "wants to realign sections of Lake Highlands. He said his plan imagines the bigger picture, one that would (also) redefine Pleasant Grove and bring the fractured West Dallas together."

Because it is the work of three commissioners, the map in question (dubbed the Unity Map) could hold some weight, Walne says. Breaking up Lake Highlands would be a "travesty," he says, a claim he explains thoroughly in a note to the redistricting committee, which I have included in full after the jump.

Basically, what the LH community needs to do, he says is let the committee know that this is unacceptable.

"The commission seeks public input," he says. "If they don't hear from us, they will assume its OK and it might be seriously considered." He notes that several public meetings will be held during the process (one tonight); during this stage, it is probably enough to send an e-letter, as he did, to redallas11@dallascityhall.com, or send a letter by fax at 214.670.5798.

Walne was on the council during the last redistricting and he says that traditionally, changes are minor tweaks, not major changes, as proposed in the Unity Map.

"The silly thing about this is the radical nature of it. There has never been anything like it." View Walne's letter to the



commission members after the jump.

*Dear Commission Members'*

*In reviewing the submissions of redistricting maps I have become increasingly alarmed that District 10 is being carved up with no considerations for community of interest or "home town feel". Lake Highlands-virtually all of District 10- is a unique entity within a very large city. We have been able to develop and maintain a hometown feel by bringing the District together in a very complicated but not so complicated way. Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city and we make it work because we work together for all in the neighborhood. Audelia Creek and Thurgood Marshall Elementary Schools were created through partnership with the City of Dallas and the Richardson School District achieved by the District 10 council members because of the common interest of the voters of the District.*



*The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands high School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children-because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work.*

*To carve up Lake Highlands would be a travesty and something that would do irreparable harm. Please keep the Lake Highlands attendance zone in one City Council District.*

*Respectfully*

*Alan Walne, former District 10 Councilmember*

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Thank you Bill. This is helpful.

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The "Unity Map" is called cPlan16 on the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission web site at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/planReview.html>. From that page you can link either the staff analysis of the plan or the map of the plan itself. As is quickly visible on that page, cPlan16 is one of 21 full plans listed for consideration on the Commission web site. The plan chosen will probably be one of these plans, possibly with amendments made to that plan. A comparison of these 21 plans using 5 demographic statistics and three compactness statistics can be found at <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/>. I welcome any questions anyone may have

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# Dallas City Council Redistricting plan wPlan03: the most compact redistricting plan with the highest minority representation

The comparison of the 21 plans being considered by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission clearly shows that only 7 of these 21 plans have both 3 majority Black districts and 5 majority Hispanic districts. These 7 plans are the original work of only three people. Three of the 7 plans represent commission updates to the original plans. Here is a statistical comparison of these 7 plans, with an 8th plan added. The 8th plan was generated by 12 amendments to wPlan03 following recommendations from many separate sources, including the public and commissioners.

Comparison statistics of plans with 8 minority districts listed on Dallas City Council Redistricting Plan Submissions web page as of 7/28/11 (8 partial plans not included.)													
Plans:		Demographics:						Compactness:					
Plan name	Plan creator (or Commission if no signature)	Date of presentation to Commission or update	VAP = Voting Age Population				Avg of Black VAP % among 5 Districts	Lowest Black VAP % of these 5 Districts	Avg of Black VAP % among 5 Districts	Lowest Black VAP % of these 5 Districts	Avg indexed score*	Average district perimeter in miles	Miles of district boundary line removed
			Range of Districts away from population goal	Avg of Hispanic VAP % among 5 highest	Lowest Hispanic VAP % of these 5 Districts	Higher							
Best number is -->													
wPlan24	Bill Betzen	06-21-11	2.32%	61.74%	55.21%	59.77%	54.17%	1.1	32.96	147.84			
wPlan24a	Commission	06-26-11	3.94%	61.62%	55.47%	59.93%	54.21%	1.28	33.13	148.46			
wPlan33a	Commission	06-28-11	3.88%	61.72%	55.67%	59.91%	54.21%	1.29	33.1	148.88			
wPlan03	Bill Betzen	07-12-11	3.77%	61.84%	57.81%	60.16%	55.81%	1.35	31.62	166.6			
wPlan03b	Keith McPhail	07-14-11	3.18%	62.56%	60.16%	60.18%	53.29%	1.23	36.64	96.32			
wPlan03c	Commission	07-26-11	5.18%	62.54%	60.08%	60.18%	53.29%	1.24	36.26	101.64			
wPlan04	WSP Redistricting	07-28-11	1.77%	60.49%	56.86%	58.50%	53.21%	1.14	37.52	84			
The original wPlan03, above on page 1 and presented on 7-12-11, can be amended to achieve the following:													
wPlan03	Bill Betzen - Nonpartisan redistricting office's amendment		3.48%	62.39%	57.67%	62.69%	55.46%	1.35?	31.62?	166.6?			

Seven Best Dallas City Council Redistricting Plans Compared

Click on the above chart to enlarge it.

When the plans are compared relative to compactness, only one plan stands out with both an average district perimeter below 32 miles and an average of the four indexed compactness scores that is above 1.3. This is wPlan03 with an average district perimeter of 31.62 miles and an average index score of 1.35. The next closest of these plans by a different author, relative to compactness, has an average district perimeter that is over 10% longer, over 3.5 miles longer, of 36.26 miles, and an average index score of 1.24.

Once wPlan03 is amended with the 12 changes reflected in the maps below, the minority representation rises significantly. Here are the demographics produced:

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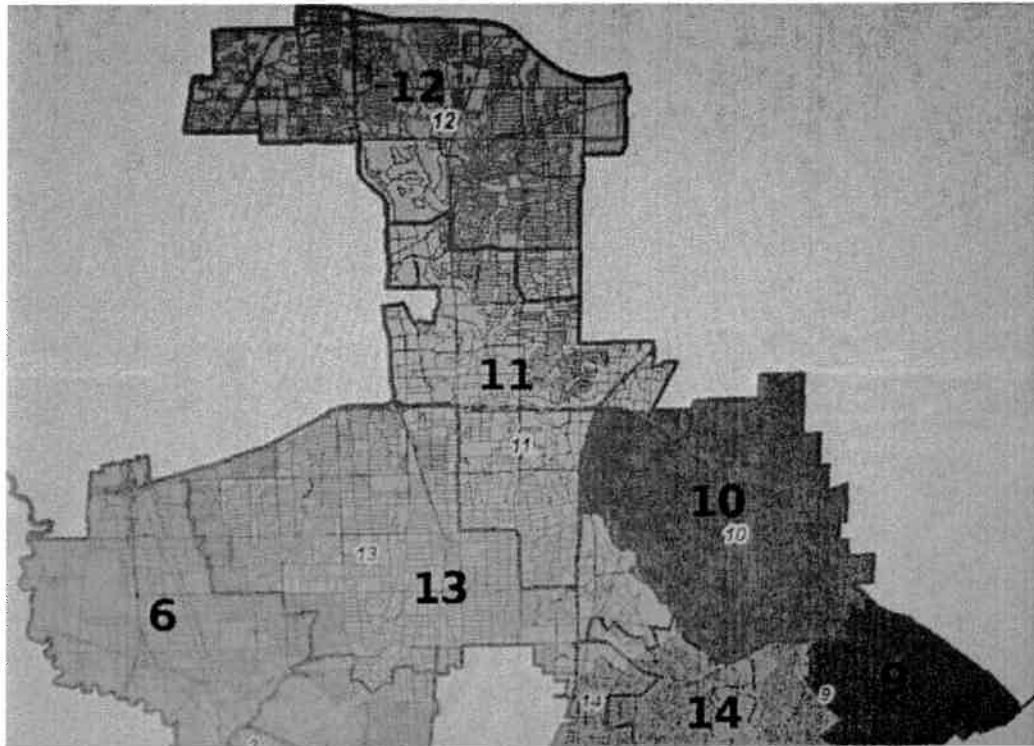
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Dallas City Council Demographics from wPlan03 updated 8-02-11 (This will require Commission actions to approve 12 changes to wPlan03.)										
District	Total Population	Total Pop Deviation	% Pop Deviation	% Hispanic	% Black	% White	Voting Age Pop (VAP)	VAP % Hispanic	VAP % Black	VAP % White
1	82,725	-2833	-3.31%	69.95%	7.41%	21.06%	60,459	62.72%	8.64%	26.77%
2	86,828	1270	1.48%	63.18%	19.16%	15.68%	60,577	57.63%	19.74%	20.39%
3	86,019	-461	0.54%	70.33%	18.24%	9.10%	59,355	65.17%	19.92%	12.40%
4	81,891	-3687	-4.29%	23.13%	64.53%	10.53%	61,354	19.23%	65.25%	13.49%
5	82,976	-2582	-3.02%	33.27%	54.25%	10.25%	58,040	29.16%	55.40%	13.03%
6	85,099	-459	-0.54%	70.69%	7.70%	18.63%	61,282	64.46%	8.65%	23.37%
7	86,739	1181	1.38%	67.34%	19.11%	12.74%	55,870	61.98%	20.54%	16.52%
8	81,880	-3678	-4.30%	31.38%	63.68%	3.80%	57,420	28.59%	67.42%	4.81%
9	88,469	2911	3.40%	48.45%	24.12%	24.02%	62,761	42.51%	23.83%	30.09%
10	89,138	3580	4.18%	24.46%	32.01%	36.88%	65,458	21.10%	30.80%	41.14%
11	82,561	-2997	-3.50%	34.52%	12.65%	47.27%	64,194	29.39%	12.44%	52.29%
12	88,629	3071	3.59%	17.18%	17.07%	55.21%	71,443	15.20%	16.36%	57.76%
13	86,423	865	1.01%	27.14%	9.41%	57.04%	65,778	23.06%	9.26%	61.65%
14	88,439	2881	3.37%	12.91%	5.06%	76.70%	76,697	11.58%	4.75%	78.36%
Average:	85,558	Total Deviation = 8.48%		42.42%	25.31%	28.49%	62,908	37.84%	25.92%	32.29%
Average for Hispanic Voting Age Population % in 5 highest districts =								62.39%		
Average for Black Voting Age Population % in 3 highest districts =								62.69%		
These improvements from the version of wPlan03 presented to the Redistricting Commission on 7/14/11 will require improvements to be approved on the version of wPlan03 that is now before the commission. All improvements must be approved by the commission to achieve these demographics. Compactness index score average should remain near 1.34 with an average district perimeter of less than 32 miles. Any variation of these, and other changes, are certainly possible. If you like this plan, please tell the commission. Their email address is below or you may attend a Commission meeting and testify. Their web site is below also. Your questions or comments are welcome.										
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Web address for Redistricting Commission: <a href="http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/index.html">http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/index.html</a>										
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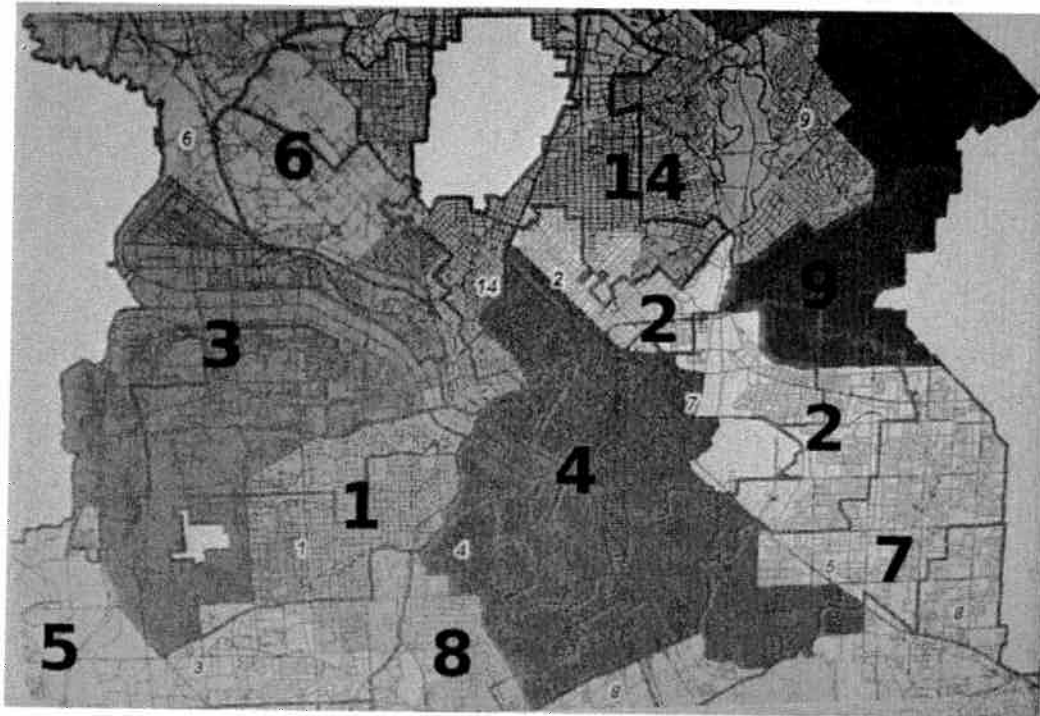
Demographics produced by most compact Dallas City Council Redistricting plan that also has 8 minority districts

Click on the above chart to enlarge it.

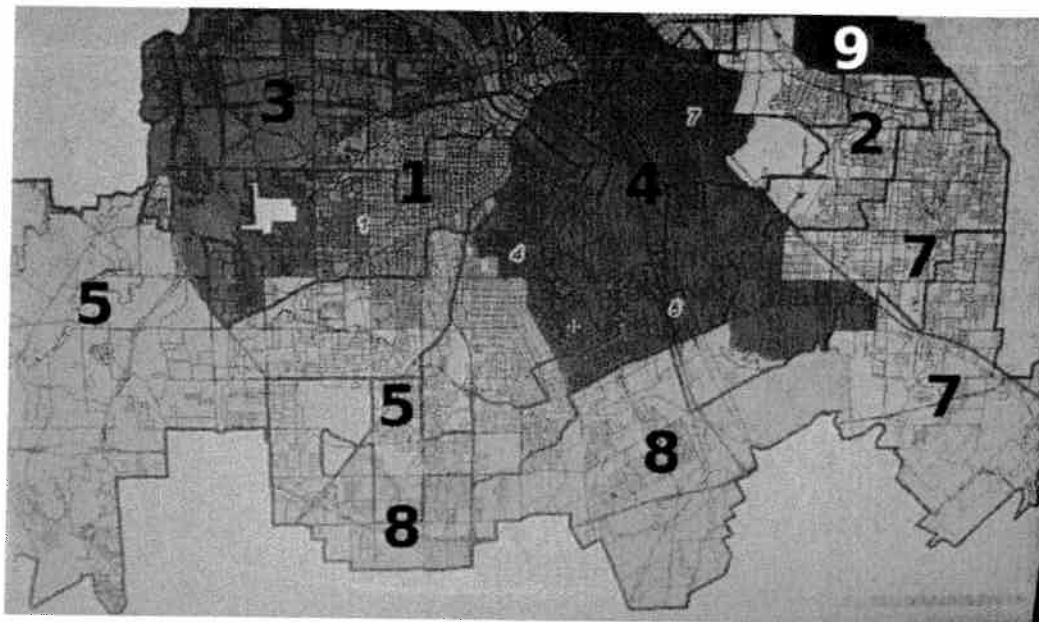
Here are the wPlan03 maps that produce the above demographics. Click on them to enlarge:



North Dallas City Council Districts from wPlan03 with 12 amendments



Downtown Dallas and surrounding City Council Districts produced by wPlan03 with 12 amendments



South Dallas City Council Districts produced by wPlan03 with 12 amendments.

The 12 changes in wPlan03 started with attempts to re-unify the uptown area by the movement of the northern end of District 4 south from Turtle Creek to the State/Thomas area. This moved 8,000 people from District 4 and into District 14. That required a ripple of no fewer than 5 additional changes to accommodate this move of 8,000 residents. One result was that the black voting age population for District 4 went up over 6 percentage points. The western boundaries of District 9 had to be moved west to take up some of that population and the southeast corner of District 10 reached into the apartments on the northern end of District 9 to take in some of that population. The western boundary of District 4 had to be moved to take in some of District 8 to make up some of this population loss for District 4.

The other major change was to move the western boundary of District 13 to Webbs Chapel Road from Forest to Walnut Hill. This led to changes to the southern borders of District 6 which was moved to Medical Center Drive. Other changes were made to the District 11/12 boundary to accommodate an agreed resolution achieved by the Commissioners in that area. Also, three sets of changes were made in District 8 to accommodate population balance with Districts 4 and 5 as well as the wishes of some residents.

Between District 1 and three the boundaries were moved to place Kessler Park and Stevens Park into District 1. The western boundary of District 1 was moved to Westmoreland Road and the northern boundary was moved to Fort Worth Avenue.

Detailed amendments will be submitted to the Commissioners to achieve these needed amendments to produce the above maps.

The best news is **there is no need to gerrymander to have strong minority representation on the Dallas City Council!** We must demand compact City Council Districts. These amendments, reflected above, should result in a more compact set of City Council Districts. Compact districts help maximize voter turnout! They make it less expensive to campaign for office! They make it easier for citizens to know their representative. It is easier for a council person to know the people they represent in a compact district.

Please tell the Commissioners you support wPlan03. It is the plan designed and amended so as to help the Dallas City Council best reflect the makeup of the City of Dallas, while also having compact districts.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 2:23 PM



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# Dallas Redistricting 2011



**DALLAS (CBSDFW.COM)** – The city’s redistricting committee will review a map Thursday that proposes moving a large swath of the Lake Highlands neighborhood south into District 9 from District 10.

The Dallas City Charter requires a redistricting commission form once every 10 years and submit a new plan based around the changes in Dallas’s demographics.

Map 16, designed by the city’s redistricting commissioner Domingo Garcia, would affect nearly every district in the city: Garcia calls it the Unity Map, and some in District 10 – sometimes referred to as the Lake Highlands district – are split on the proposed boundaries.

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“There are going to be places like Lake Highlands where districts change considerably because there have been demographic changes in Northeast Dallas where Latinos and African-Americans are now a majority,” Garcia said.

Residents in Lake Highlands say they enjoy the neighborhood’s diversity, saying it’s representative of the city as a whole. But it’s a collection of neighborhoods built and bolstered by its name.

There’s Lake Highlands North and Lake Highlands South. There’s even Old Lake Highlands. The Lake Highlands High School is in the Richardson Independent School District. Yet the Lake Highlands Parks and Recreation Center falls under the city of Dallas’s responsibility.

But does this collage of communities constitute a distinctive Dallas City Council district? Residents like Alan Walne say yes.

“This is a fairly radical change,” said Walne, who opposes Garcia’s plan. “It is a community. Why tear apart a community? Yes, we consider, in a lot of ways, ourselves as Lake Highlands, Texas. We look at ourselves as a unique community.”

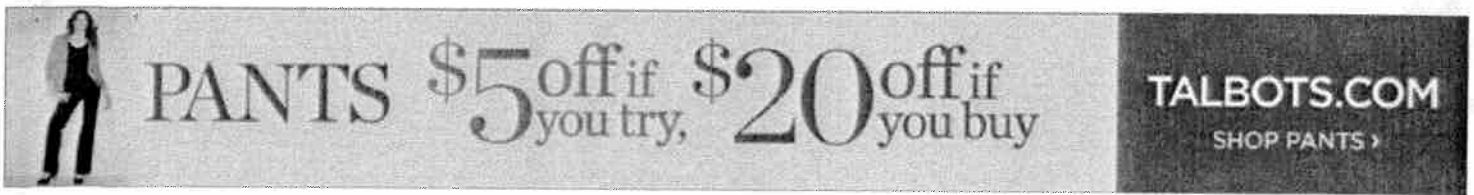
Garcia, a Dallas attorney by day, wants to realign sections of Lake Highlands. He said his plan imagines the bigger picture, one that would redefine Pleasant Grove and bring the fractured West Dallas together.

“This is a unity map that unites the city,” he said.

But Lake Highlands advocates say they are a community of consistency and similar interests, and should stay put. Urban policy analysts see it as an area of seismic demographic shift.

“If we’re sticking with the racial, ethnic lens, the areas of the city that have seen the most shift in the last ten years with Latino and African American population, those would be the most boundary shifts,” said Tim Bray, an Urban Policy Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Alan Walne, who called Lake Highlands a “minority majority district,” said those changes are part of the fabric of the community right now, and there’s no need to realign the community politically.



# Let's Watch Domingo Garcia, Redistricting Commission Discuss the Future of Dallas

By Robert Wilonsky

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Redistricting Commissioners Elizabeth Jones and Domingo Garcia, who have tough and thankless jobs for which they aren't paid a penny, are displeased with me at the moment for nay-saying their incomplete maps. Garcia chided me in the comments, writing that it appears I've graduated from "the Rupert Murdock school of journalism." He insists that his submission was merely "a demonstration map to show that 5 Hispanic opportunity districts could be drawn [and that] there was no attempt to draw other districts since the plan is for demonstrative purposes only."

Meanwhile, Jones has sent me two emails in which she writes, among other things, that her maps are intended to show only that it's possible to keep intact communities threatened by other submissions -- among them, she points out, my beloved District 13, which several proposals threaten to dismantle. "Going back to the earliest Commission meetings, I have been outspoken on the issue of preserving neighborhoods," she writes this morning. "I continue to see that as a most important consideration whether you live in the north or south. We all value community."

Anna went to last night's meeting; I told her not to worry about covering this one, most of which I watched last night. She can recap both Tuesday and Thursday's meetings on Friday. Besides, I just discovered: The city now makes it possible to embed City Hall hearings -- and not only that, but allows you to jump straight to a scene, which will come in handy during Dwaine Caraway's impassioned city council monologues. So let's look at Garcia's explanation above, along with accompanying commentary by his fellow commissioners -- and, yes, this is *riveting*, better than any network's summer series. Then, on the other side, let's say hi to Sandra Crenshaw, who's also unhappy with me (see the comments).



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**Phelps** 22 hours ago

So if I understand Domingo's comments, he's saying that his proposal was never intended to be a workable plan, but was instead just a gesture towards some racial demagoguery.

Actually, I think that's right.



**rubbercow** 22 hours ago

Ok Domingo, why don't we just change the name of Dallas to "Latino" (but we will have to insist that everyone pronounce it like a native Spanish speaker just to drive the point home). It amazes me what a racist this guy is and that he pretty easily gets away with it. His snide remark about Winnetka Heights, Kessler and Stevens is really telling. I also wonder when the AA community is going to start to push back on this railroading by folks who are Latino Supremacists....



**Guest1** 22 hours ago

Commissioner Garcia's plan that was presented last night (cPlan01) was merely testimony, not an acceptable plan for the Redistricting Commission to consider. Garcia's cPlan16, which will be presented on Thursday night, is the plan that he's actually going to be considered by the Redistricting Commission.



**Titus Groan** 21 hours ago [in reply to Guest1](#)

But then why do the first map at all? Just to waste other people's time?



**rubbercow** 21 hours ago [in reply to Titus Groan](#)

To let us know how horribly mistreated and oppressed Latinos are - duh. As Domingo says, this map only demonstrates how easily proper Latino representation could be achieved. The implied argument is that Latinos could be treated fairly, but won't be because they will continue to be discriminated against. Get it?



**White People in Dallas 1920** 20 hours ago

It would be great if we could have City Council districts drawn solely because of the skin color of the people living in those districts. That sounds like a great plan that will ensure that the majority skin color rules over all subjects in the City.

- KKK Dallas Chapter, 1920.



**LaceyB** 18 hours ago

Feel free to go here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R...>

But...any comparison to Rupert Murdoch (spelling it correctly!) is actually not bad at all. Sure, a little sensational, but, Forbes's 13th most powerful person in the world is a big step up from Yahoo's #10.

Especially from a guy who wastes his time drawing useless maps that solely favor his race. Loser.



**Thelisma Partridge** 18 hours ago

Garcia only "chided" you? Consider yourself lucky. Most people who disagree with him end up much worse off...



**Oak Cliff Res** 16 hours ago

I think Elizabeth Jones' plan needs a little more coverage here. And since she was so constructive with everyone including telling a map submitter to put an area back where it belongs let me comment on her partial map.

Her map clearly has no regard for District 6.

To minimally be within the 5% deviation both District 6 and District 13 must acquire population. District 13 a minimum of 403 and District 6 a minimum of 6,593. If you look at all full maps presented all take a significant portion of the Western Boundary of 13 and gives to 6. But in the interest of neighborhood preservations as Jones puts it (But if you move over to Webb Chapel that keeps all NA's together) she has now put District 6 down by 20,000 people.

O well, I guess District 6 can take all of West Dallas and go past 30 into Kessler Park... Because the 250K homes of Kessler Park are neighborhoods of interests with the projects of West Dallas...

Thank You Commissioner Jones..



**Bill Betzen** 15 hours ago

Anyone who studies Dallas demographics and redistricting maps for more than just a few hours will quickly see that 5 majority Hispanic Districts and three majority Black districts are the minimum that should be in any new redistricting plan. The question that remains is how high those voting age population percentages (not total population but voting age population) should be made to go while also maintaining compact districts.

According to the comparison of the 21 plans that are now before the Redistricting Commission, online at <http://dallasredistricting2011...>, there are only three of the 13 people, and one group, who have submitted plans in which there are 5 Hispanic majority districts and three Black Majority districts combined in the same plan. It seems logical that both these goals for minority representation, with a total of 8 minority districts at a minimum, should be met. Here is the plan, now being considered by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commissioners, that achieves all these goals, with the most compact plan, and the highest minority representation demographics. It is wplan03 with 12 amendments made to the maps. See the maps at <http://dallasredistricting2011...>



**rubbercow** 15 hours ago [in reply to Bill Betzen](#)

I understand that the law is what it is, but why is there no consideration given to the difference between people who are of voting age and those who are of voting age and are actually eligible to vote?



**Bill Betzen** 13 hours ago

There is a supreme court case that mandates that everyone living in the area counted by the census be counted in all redistricting, no matter their age or citizenship status. The city of Dallas did not make available to those of us working on maps anything other than total population demographics and voting age demographics. Since everyone must be counted, I presume this was a legal requirement.



**Diane Birdwell** 9 hours ago

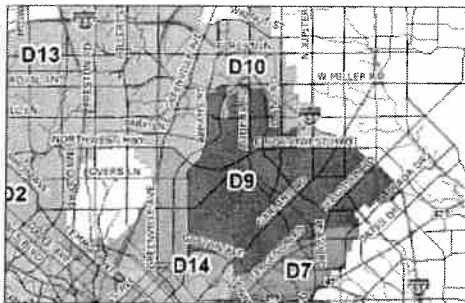
1. Why do I have to install Microsoft to watch this? 2. If Domingo has a mustache, then it must be an election coming up!



## LH news

### Redistricting 2011: LH on the chopping block

Aug 02 2011 by Steve Clary



New lines in the definition of Lake Highlands

Since 1991 the community of Lake Highlands has been represented on the Dallas City Council by a sole councilmember.

That councilmember is responsible for working together with the city manager, city attorney, citizen boards, commissions and fellow council representatives on behalf of LH constituents.

Every 10 years, following the national census, the City of Dallas Charter mandates a Redistricting Commission be formed.

Since early February, the Redistricting Commission has held meetings most every Tuesday and Thursday for the purpose of

presenting redistricting plans and maps to members of the commission.

What could this 2011 redistricting process mean to Lake Highlands?

Commissioner Donna Halstead, former District 10 Councilmember, pulls no punches in describing the impact on the Lake Highlands community.

"People have assumed that just because the district [10] is in the northern sector and that we are at or near the optimal size, we are somehow protected from gerrymandering. Nothing could be further from the truth."

"Our neighborhood and its integrity are at risk, and we need to be heard in this process."

In large part, all the maps presented to the Redistricting Commission leave Lake Highlands and District 10 intact.

However, if cPlan16, created by Commissioners Domingo Garcia, Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love, is adopted the Lake Highlands community will be divided and possibly marginalized at City Hall.

This plan, which Garcia has refers to as the "Unity Map," calls for splitting Lake Highlands into three separate districts.

According to documents available on the City of Dallas website, city staff has noted that this plan meets each of the three review criteria – Population Equality, Minority Representation and Contiguity and Impactness.

However, also taken into consideration is "Communities of Interest" with city documentation making note, "Where possible, communities of interest shall be maintained in a single district."


As for Commissioner Garcia, with respect to District 10, "Communities of Interest" appears to be loosely defined.

When questioned about the boundaries of Lake Highlands, and whether those boundaries constitute a community of interest, Garcia offered the following statement:

"I played football for Berkner and played at Wildcat Ram Stadium. I know the area well. We tried to minimize the impact with this plan. If I remember correctly, we kept similar socio-economic neighborhoods together."

While Lake Highlands is already considered a Minority Opportunity District, achieving a "strong Minority Opportunity District" is the pronounced goal of Garcia's plan for the current District 10 area.


"Northeast Dallas and the entire city has gone through a very dramatic demographic change over the past decade – especially the dramatic growth of the African-American and Latino populations," Garcia said.



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"We thought we could make all the districts more reflective of the diversity of that part of the city with this plan. We want to get the district up to 50% minority voting age population."

"No minority has been elected from District 10 since 14-1 was passed in 1991," Garcia continued.

"This plan will give a minority candidate the opportunity to win as an incumbent by forming coalitions across all these neighborhoods."

When asked how many minorities have actually run for the District 10 council seat since 14-1 passed, Garcia responded by saying, "Probably none. The Anglo voting majority wins every time. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy."

For Commissioner Halstead, Lake Highlands has always been clearly defined and meets every conceivable definition of a Community of Interest.

"We are a united community, based upon our commitment to our public schools. Whether black, brown or white, our schools are what draw people to Lake Highlands and also what draw the people of Lake Highlands together."

"The map put forward by Commissioner Garcia draws boundaries based solely on race and ethnicity and completely ignores the foundation of a strong public education school system which brings us all together," Halstead continued.

"As the commission was informed by the city attorney office, courts have struck down districts being proposed based solely on race as Mr. Garcia's plan clearly is."

New district maps will ultimately be voted on by the Dallas City Council this fall and adopted in 2013.

Residents can voice opinions on the matter by contacting each member of the Redistricting Commission via email, fax or in person at City Hall.

The first opportunity offer opinions in person is Thursday, August 4th, at City Hall where the "Unity Map" is being presented to the Redistricting Commission.

The meeting is set to begin at 6:00 p.m. in Room 6SE.

Residents are encouraged to arrive early enough (no later than 5:55 p.m.) in order to sign-in.

If you can't make it in person, you can email the commissioners at [redallas11@dallascityhall.com](mailto:redallas11@dallascityhall.com) or send a letter by fax at 214.670.5798.

Constituents can view the complete list of commissioners by clicking [here](#).

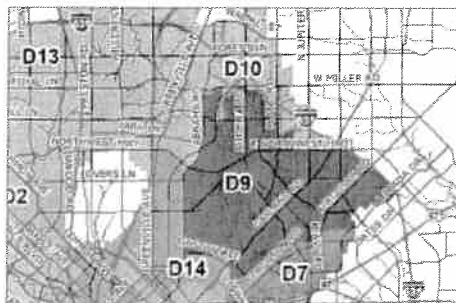
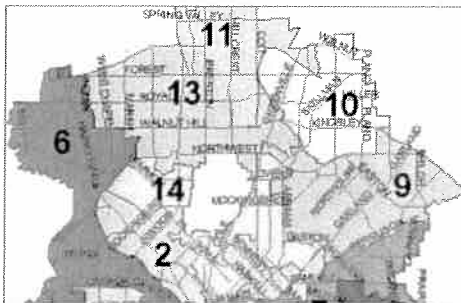
The final opportunity to speak in person at City Hall will be at public forums which are tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 15th and Tuesday, August 16th.

Watch the homepage for details concerning final dates and times.

Maps below show District 10 current boundaries (LEFT) as compared to proposed cPlan16 boundaries (RIGHT) which divides Lake Highlands into Districts 9, 10 & 13.

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## Proposed redistricting maps could increase Latino representation on the Dallas City Council

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Latinos will probably have a greater chance of increasing their representation at Dallas City Hall after the city's redistricting process has run its course.

But even if officials do increase the number of Latino-majority City Council districts, it could be mid-decade before the opportunity becomes reality.

As the city's redistricting commission begins to hold its final public hearings on new redistricting maps, advocates have introduced maps that would expand the number of Latino-majority City Council districts from three to five.

They say the increase is needed to adequately reflect the growth of the city's Latino population, which stands at more than 40 percent of the total. Only three of the 14 single-member district seats are held by Latinos.

Dallas lawyer **Domingo Garcia**, who sits on the redistricting commission, recently introduced a map with five Latino-majority districts, one black-majority district, and one coalition district where ethnic and racial minority groups are the majority.

"Our map reflects the diversity of Dallas more adequately and shows the willingness of our community to be part of the decision-making process for Dallas," Garcia said.

Garcia has been involved in redistricting issues since 1991, when the city increased the number of single-member districts to 14. He has been a consistent advocate for more Latino political representation.

He believes Latinos are entitled to six districts today, based on their percentage of the population. But age and citizenship, as always, are major factors in preventing greater representation.

Latinos tend to be younger than average, and a certain percentage are immigrants and ineligible to vote.

Oak Cliff resident **Bill Betzen** took these factors into consideration when he drew his map, which also has five Latino-majority districts.

In the Latino-majority districts he drew, an average of 62.4 percent of the voting-age population is Latino. Betzen, a former social worker and now a retired Dallas teacher, said his motivation for drawing the districts was basic: "Dallas needs to be governed by the people who live here."

He wants to see smaller, more compact districts that would make boundaries easier for voters to locate on a map.

A smaller district also would be easier for a candidate to campaign in. Betzen said he lives in District 8, which is 52 miles long and takes in too many disparate neighborhoods.

Compare that to City Council member **Pauline Medrano's** District 2, which is only about 15 miles long.

Medrano applauded the efforts of Betzen and Garcia to increase the numbers of Latinos on the City Council.

"There's no doubt that we're everywhere, and that we'll potentially have an impact on every City Council district," Medrano said.

"But we may not fulfill our goal of more Latino City Council members for another four years."

Educating an electorate that traditionally doesn't have a strong turnout at the polls will be the key, she said.

And with jobs and school cutbacks a main concern for Latinos, she said, "the stakes could not be higher for us today."

**bbetzen**

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Jesse Diaz, if you study map wPlan03, on the City of Dallas web site page with all the maps at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/planReview.html>, you will see that the southeast corner of Dallas actually has two districts that are Hispanic majority. One is south of Bruton Road and east of the Trinity River and White Rock Creek. The other is north of Bruton Road, South of Forney Road, and also takes in the Hispanic Community in East Dallas. Which side of Bruton Road are you on?

We still have a lot of work to do before the new council boundaries are decided on and become law. We MUST get rid of the gerrymandered lines that have handicapped voter turnout on our South side of Dallas for 20+ years. See the current rating I have done of the 21 plans that have been submitted to date for new City Council District Boundaries. For the ratings go to: <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/2011/07/comparisons-of-21-dallas-city-council.html> Go to the presentations on 7-12-11 for wPlan03.

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I can't wait for Pleasant Grove to be a Hispanic District. I am ready to run look for me to have a press conference as soon as they vote for the new Pleasant Grove District.

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## Crenshaw Manages to Bedevil Redistricting Commission Without Even Showing Up

By Anna Merlan

published: Fri., Jul. 29 2011 @ 2:47PM



Sounds like it's time for another episode of *Community Affairs* with Schutze and Sandra

We told you it was getting weird in there: At last night's meeting of the city's Redistricting Commission, the most important person in the room wasn't even in the room. That would be Sandra Crenshaw, cactus juice addict, Schutze co-star and, increasingly, the commission's biggest headache.

Crenshaw was scheduled to appear before the commission last night to present her two proposed redistricting maps. But in a move reminiscent of that time Marlon Brando sent that Native American lady to pick up his Oscar, she emailed a three-sentence statement instead, which the project demographer read into the record. And they were *long* sentences.

"This is to serve notice to the City of Dallas," the statement began, "that I will not make any personal appearances before this commission until my redistricting attorney on Voting Rights Act issues has the opportunity to review all of the public and confidential notices and efforts that I have submitted to ..." followed by a list of city officials that included the city attorney, the acting secretary, two city managers and several city council members.

Crenshaw accused commission members of directing the public to draw maps in a way that protects incumbents, of "berating" public submitters and of various other corruption- and manners-related forms of unpleasantness. She ended by saying, "Until my personal attorney and I can be assured that somebody other than me bring objections to those concerns I cannot appear before this body in the audience or at the mike and probably not at City Hall period."

This wasn't exactly a surprise: Crenshaw has repeatedly expressed her displeasure that Dwaine Caraway has been allowed to submit a map through Billy Ratcliff, his appointed commissioner.

"The whole purpose and intent of appointing people to draw the lines is so it will be independent of the council people," she told Unfair Park in a lengthy phone call last week. "So you don't try to gerrymander to

. keep the current incumbents."

But when we talked to Redistricting Chair Ruth Morgan yesterday, she reiterated that it's legal and above-board for city council members to submit maps. "There really is no issue there," she said. "Anyone can submit a map. No one is confined from submitting one. Anyone can ask a commissioner to do the map, as long as it's perfectly transparent. This was done last time, there's no change there. The commission shouldn't get in the business of saying, 'You can't submit one or you can't do it this way.'"

That still left the issue of Sandra Crenshaw's own maps last night, which the commission didn't quite know how to handle. John Loza proposed indefinitely postponing both of them, which several commissioners immediately said they disagreed with, pointing out that it wasn't the first time a map had been submitted without its creator being present to answer questions. Loza argued that this time was a little different, saying that when a submitter "has deliberately insulted the commission by adamantly choosing not to appear before it, I would say we don't have to give much consideration to those maps." At that, an older African-American woman in the audience laughed unhappily.

Morgan went into a brief huddle with staff attorneys, and the commission ultimately decided to leave Crenshaw's maps in the mix. Crenshaw was also signed up to speak during the public comment period. She didn't show up for that one either, resulting in what was probably the shortest Redistricting Commission meeting ever. By 8 o'clock, Unfair Park was back out on the sidewalk, wondering what the hell to do with the evening. And what, for that matter, are we going to do when the redistricting is over completely? This is way better than TV.

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**Addicus Finch** 2 days ago in reply to jfpo

She's no different than a whole lot of lawyers I know.

Like Reply



**Oak Cliff Townie** 2 days ago

Dear Black Woman Of Color

Your time of relevance in city of Dallas Politics is on the coming to an end .

Adios !

Like Reply



**cp** 2 days ago in reply to Oak Cliff Townie

Dear Oak Cliff Townie:

So are about half of the members on the redistricting commission.

2 people liked this. Like Reply



**Oak Cliff Townie** 2 days ago in reply to cp

Dear Black Woman Of Color And half the others on the commission.

Your time of relevance in city of Dallas Politics is on the coming to an end .

Adios !

Fixed it for ya !

Like Reply



**sandra crenshaw** 1 day ago in reply to Oak Cliff Townie

until the day i die

Like Reply



**Oak Cliff Townie** 1 day ago in reply to sandra crenshaw

Not what I would wish and You don't need to die you need to look at the Factual change in the ETHNIC Equation .  
More Latinos .Dwindling numbers of Angelo's and Blacks within our city .

Like Reply



**Joyce Foreman** 18 hours ago in reply to Oak Cliff Townie

With your obvious sense of not being inclusive, we have already experience white flight and now African Americans are leaving the city of Dallas in large numbers. Where will Dallas go from here?

Like Reply



**sandra crenshaw** 16 hours ago in reply to Oak Cliff Townie

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.?????????????????????What in my testimony and notice of intent to seek an injunction to restrain the city from a process with discriminatory intent, do you conclude that EYE need to look at factual change in the ethnic equation. I hold myself out as a professional with this being my third decade involved with public redistricting submissions to the Justice department and drawing court maps for citizens through out the state of Texas.

Joyce is right , she and I live in the area with largest concentration of blacks with above average education and socioeconomic levels, the largest socioeconomic generators in the City of Dallas south of the trinity all that are at risk with competition with the new Dallas South who compete with Dallas citizens for those jobs, use our public transportation systems hospitals, colleges, libraries and parks but keep their property and sale taxes in their home cities and rent their Dallas homes to Section 8 or violate code enforcement with multiple families living in single family homes. So goes our neighborhoods so goes Dallas. (on down the road in all directions north, est, west, and south)

Sorry tamsterbath, I don't shortchange the community' educational needs on race relations with soundbites.

Like Reply



sandra crenshaw 1 day ago in reply to Oak Cliff Townie

YOU WISH

Like Reply



Tamsterbath 1 day ago in reply to sandra crenshaw

Good job on shortening up your sentences.

Like Reply



Hannibal Lecter 2 days ago

Someone should tell her that the U.S. Supreme Court has stated that protecting incumbents is a valid objective in redistricting. It sucks, but if that's the basis of her complaint she isn't going to get anywhere.

Like Reply



sandra crenshaw 1 day ago in reply to Hannibal Lecter

This is a nonpartisan submission- cite your argument

Like Reply



sandra crenshaw 16 hours ago in reply to Hannibal Lecter

Question: How was John Wiley the Price able to thwart Inland Port?  
Answer: Because the whites play ward politics. The port was in John's district so he called the shots and because he packed all of the majority blacks in his district, it is hard for the neighborhood in that area to hold him accountable by themselves.

14-1 is about creating smaller districts in order to hold John's kin from doing the same in the City of Dallas in quid pro quos with the establishment

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RossDressForLess 2 days ago

Is this the same personal attorney she always uses?

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sandra crenshaw 1 day ago in reply to RossDressForLess

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No, I will use the US Attorneys office in these complaints

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sandra crenshaw 16 hours ago

Here's one for the Observer, I complain to the DOJ of disparity in the City of Dallas redistricting process, Observer reduces my concerns to being cactus juice addict. Addiction is defined as a physical and psychological dependence on psychoactive substances which cross the blood-brain barrier once ingested, temporarily altering the chemical milieu of the brain. This portrayal is discriminatory and libelous. A political junkie may have been more accurate, except that I hold myself out as a professional in electoral politics if not at least an experienced civil rights activist. The most insane action on my part is participating in the Dallas Observer's smut. But I promised that Redistricting Commission and those council members who are my kin but not my kind that I would exercise every forum and venue available to me to hold their a's accountable.

Further, the editor chose to use a 10 year old unflattering picture of me in the headliner when a more current one is used in the text of the article. The picture of the offender Chairman Ruth Morgan is graced with a younger more flattering picture as is Maurine Dickey in articles about her temper tantrum.

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**From:** Debbie Horres [debbiehorres@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:09 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake highlands redistricting

Dear Redistricting Committee,

My husband, Stratton, and I live in Lake Highlands and have a Junior at Lake Highlands High School. We've recently become aware of a proposal to split up the Lake Highlands district and strongly oppose this action. Below are some of the reasons why.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration;
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition;
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years;
  - The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10;
  - The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost; and
  - LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Please consider our request and make the decision NOT to change the Lake Highlands District 10.

Very truly yours,  
Debbie Horres

Sent from my iPad  
Sent from my iPad

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Darlene Anderson [darlene\_anderso@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:11 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Splitting District 10

Please do not split Lake Highlands District 10

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** White, Dick [jrwhite@winstead.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

As a long time Lake Highlands resident, I would implore you to ***maintain the Lake Highlands area*** in a single member district.

This area works hard to maintain and improve the quality of life in the area---this is good for the community **and for the City**. If you change the representation of this area you will make it more difficult to keep the cohesion and integrity of the area and will destroy all the good that has been accomplished over the last few years.

I have personal stories about what splitting the area would do to local programs. If you are interested in the details, give me a call or email me.

**J. Richard White**

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**From:** Tiffany Walker [tiffanybrooke\_2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:34 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Jay Walker  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 As Is!

To our City of Dallas Leadership,

I am writing to you to request Lake Highlands remain intact in District 10! Please keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration. Our District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition. District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League, The Lake Highlands Early Childhood PTA and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost. LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

I have lived in this neighborhood for the past 9 years and have voted in every election. I would be deeply disappointed if the Lake Highlands attendance zone is divided among three districts - that would be a major disservice to our slice of life in Dallas that we love to call Lake Highlands!!

Deeply concerned,  
Tiffany Walker  
214-348-7144

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Nancyt526@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

# "Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

## **Key Points:**

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**From:** Joe Thompson [thmp@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:57 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Lake Highlands

I am writing to protest the proposal to divide Lake Highlands into three separate districts. We desire to keep LH in District 10 as it has been for many years. Lake Highlands High School attendance zone should be the primary consideration for our community. Several organizations have poured money into the parks in District 10. We have worked hard to preserve the small town feeling of our neighborhood and do not want that disturbed.

Thank you for hearing our wishes in this matter.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Thompson



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Evelyn Green [esg5240@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:24 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. We are already a diverse district and do not want to lose the feel of a small town or lose the strides we have made in redevelopment in our district.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jenny Chalfant [jenny.chalfant@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:25 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Hello,

I live in Lake Highlands and I've just learned about a proposal to split Lake Highlands into three different districts. Please do not do this for the following reasons:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
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Thank you,

**Jenny Chalfant**  
214.503.9574 office

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Douglas Potts [doug@dpottsconsulting.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:33 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Please don't split district 10!!!

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Doug

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**From:** Carrie Satterfield [carrie.satterfield@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** keep District 10 intact

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Please keep the Lake Highlands District 10 area intact. We love our community and view our area as a jewel in the city. To spilt it up into different districts would destroy the unity that we have worked so hard to build. Our area is diverse so there should be no reason to need to change it.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Satterfield

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Betty Evans [bjewebe@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10

I am writing to urge you NOT to redistrict District 10. This area encompasses the Lake Highlands schools and so many organizations that cooperate in community projects to give back to our neighborhoods. To change boundaries would be completely disruptive to those efforts. We are already diverse and it works beautifully for us. Don't divide what we have worked so hard to achieve!

Betty J. Evans  
9473 Dartridge Drive  
Dallas, TX. 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Don Pearce [donpearce68@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:42 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Lake Highlands----DO NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!

Please do not 're-district' the Lake Highlands area. This would be a case of 'fixing something that is not broken' and would be a travesty to our community! Here are some specifics that I encourage you to keep in mind in these considerations:

- **the LHHS attendance zone is a "community" as is and any changes will fragment this "community"**
- **District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the "not gerrymandered" definition**
- **District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years**
- **The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10**
- **The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment and this 'small town community' would be endangered. We may not have a town center....yet...but the Lake Highlands High School is essentially our "Town Center" and this community served by LHHS needs to be a unified one!**
- **LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!**

**Don Pearce**  
**9309 Timberhollow**  
**Dallas, Tx 75231**  
**214-801-5011**

9131 Brady Drive

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Kevin Tooker [kevin.tooker@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern-

I was recently made aware of the city's proposal to split the Lake Highlands area into three separate districts. As a homeowner and taxpayer, I am extremely disappointed in the city's willingness to ignore the interest of its communities in support of the political views of the Commissioner. This proposal would not benefit the Lake Highlands community, as its interest would be split and severely marginalized. The integrity of the Lake Highlands community will be significantly damaged if this proposal is passed.

If passed, this proposal would join my neighborhood community with communities on the west side of Central Expressway, thus alienating us from decisions that most affect our own area. Future representatives of this new district may be forced to pick sides between two separate communities on redevelopment projects, funding for services, and other important city management decisions.

Media reports have listed Commissioner Garcia's "pronounced goal" of achieving a "strong Minority Opportunity District" for the current District 10. This stated goal seems a bit odd to me considering the fact that Lake Highlands is already consider a "Minority Opportunity District". I strongly question the intentions of the Commissioner, who appears more occupied with race rather than the interest of the community.

I echo the sentiment that has been passed among the neighborhood organizations through Lake Highlands:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the "not gerrymandered" definition
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Separating the Lake Highlands community through redistricting makes no logical sense. Please consider the opinions provided by the individuals (taxpayers) who will be most affected by this ill-conceived proposal by revisiting the redistricting proposal to leave District 10 as it currently exists.

Thanks,

Kevin Tooker



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Eric and Shoni [shonieric@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:07 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands - District 10

Keep Lake Highlands in the same district, do not destroy a good thing.

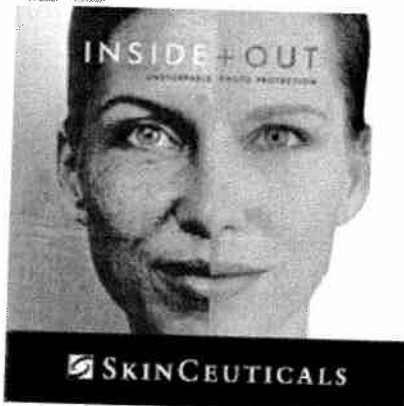
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**From:** GARCIA Kristen [kgarcia@skinceuticals.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

Keep Lake Highlands District 10 intact. I vote in all local elections, not just national venues. Kristen Garcia/7923 Forest Trail/ Dallas 75238

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**From:** Joan Quiett [jsquiett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:14 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

The area known as Lake Highlands is a unique areas -- guess what is called a "Community of Interest." This area works together as a small town or community for the betterment of the area. That is not to say that everything that is proposed gets a "rubber stamp" but this area does have a great feeling of community.

This area has produced many civic leaders thru the years in part because of the support of the community. It would be a shame and real detriment to the city as a whole for areas such as this -- or "Communities of Interest" -- were divided into different council districts.

I urge the adoption of a map that would keep the Lake Highlands area together in one Council district.

Joan Quiett

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** mary nortier [mnortier@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:15 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** keep LH all in one district PLEEEZE!

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank You,

Mary Ellen Nortier

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Val Cox [vcox63@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:23 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please keep District 10 intact

To: Redistricting Committee

Dear Committee members,

I want to voice my opinion against any decision to divide Lake Highlands, District 10, into several districts. Lake Highlands has worked together as a neighborhood for the good of all the diverse groups within it for years now, and has established a positive sense of pride and community, making it a place that could be set forth as an example of how neighborhoods ought to be operated. The Exchange clubs and various Women's Leagues have a long history of working together with the city to establish and maintain parks and common areas, donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to this effort over the years. There is no good reason for dividing Lake Highlands. Diversity already exists, and much effort has been expended to make it a place where kids who have grown up here, return to set up their own families.

Please give due consideration to keeping District 10 intact. Thanks you for your careful consideration in this matter.

Val B. Cox  
10151 Estate Lane

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** William Miller [billrmiller@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** district 10

My name is Jill Miller and my family and I live in Lake Highlands. I am asking you to keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration when thinking about redistricting our neighborhoods. District 10 is already a diverse district, meets the "not gerrymandered" definition and is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years. We have some of the best parks and recreation centers. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10.

The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines Lake Highlands and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost if our neighborhoods are redistricted. Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that! Thank you - Jill Miller

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Vikki McBrierty [vmcbrierty@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 intact

As a 38-year resident of Lake Highlands I am concerned about possible redistricting that would break up our current District 10--primarily Lake Highlands. We are a diverse district with common interests. All in our Lake Highlands community have worked together for like-minded goals, and we want to keep that community spirit intact within District 10. We are defined by Lake Highlands High School and our well-honed "neighborhood feel" that we have nurtured over the last several decades as District 10. It is important to most throughout the district that we maintain that.

Vikki McBrierty  
District 10 resident

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gary C Smith [gcscpa@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:44 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistrict

Commissioners:

I am very distressed to learn that cPlan16 wants to breakup our community. I have lived in LH for over 20 years. People come to LH because we are a community that helps all people regardless of race or social group. Minorities benefit from scholarships to students from LH Women's League and The Exchange Club in addition to the hundreds of thousands dollars donated to parks in district 10. You are going to breakup a family that has worked hard to provide better parks and bring the "small town" feeling to the big city. The area that Lake Highlands High School draws students from should be the PRIMARY CONSIDERATION as it is currently diverse and meets the requirements so it does not have to be gerrymandered. LH has a long history of showing how diversity works....don't destroy what has worked so well for so many years.

Gary Smith

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Suite 404  
Dallas Texas 75243-6712  
972-620-7150



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Allan Richard [alarichard@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:45 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep district 10 intact!

I am writing to implore you to keep district 10 intact.

We have lived in this neighborhood for years, and chose it because of it's diversity and the small town feel this area offers. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have put so much into our community and changes in the district would undermine all of our hard work.

To consider ANY redistricting based on racial lines is shameful.

The makeup of our district was sought by the many who have moved into this district, and any attempt to change the districts would be seen as a blantant attempt to interfere with a high-functioning section of Dallas and would further send solid citizens (and high-bracket tax-payers) running for the suburbs.

Please, keep the districts as they are and show that Dallas fosters success, and doesn't tear successful communities down.

Thank you,  
Allan C. Richard III

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jim & Betty Siber [jbrebis@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:52 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Zane Steadman  
**Subject:** Don't destroy Lake Highlands

We are opposed to redistricting District 10. We have lived in the Woodbridge neighborhood for over 20 years and have voted in every city council election (not always agreeing with the results, but working for our neighborhood!). We believe

- We are diverse with a mix of ethnicity, neighborhoods, ministries, etc. don't destroy that!
- We have worked hard to encourage and support economic development.
- We have worked with police (VIP) and code enforcement to ensure compliance with Dallas ordinances and create safe neighborhoods.
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition.
- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration; it supports our children as well as economic growth and housing stability.
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost which means taxes to the city would be lost!!!

Please confirm that you are hearing our voices!

Jim and Betty Siber,  
Lake Highland residents

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Elizabeth Blanton [eubtexas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:57 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please do not change District 10 into 3 different districts. Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+years. The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported candidates, and redevelopment would be lost.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry and Beth Blanton, long time residence of this neighborhood

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Richardson, Jim [jrichardson@dallas-academy.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:44 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

I am extremely concerned about the possible redrawing of lines for the Lake Highlands area. I urge you to keep the lines as they are. Lake Highlands is a vital, energetic, and thriving community. For the city of Dallas to tear this cohesive unit apart is just ludicrous. Please don't destroy the small town feeling that we enjoy here. Keep the district as it is.

Sincerely,

Jim Richardson

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Barbara Baker [barbbake@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:47 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

I understand there is a plan to possibly split the Lake Highlands community into sections being represented by different city council members. The Lake Highlands community, which is usually defined by the attendance area of Lake Highlands High School, is a "small town within a city" community of interest. The "small town feel" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost by dividing the community.

Several community groups, including Lake Highlands Women's League, Lake Highlands Junior Women's League and the Lake Highlands Exchange Club have worked closely with the City on programs and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to City Parks in District 10.

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; please don't destroy that!

**Barbara Baker**  
**8912 Gunnison Drive**  
**Dallas, TX 75231**

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jimmy Smith [jlsmithx@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:54 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

We want District 10 to remain as is!!! The Lake Highlands community is a unique area within the city of Dallas and has always had excellent representation on the city council. There is no need for change!

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Smith  
9235 Cliffmere Dr.  
Dallas 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Sai Gunturi [saigunturi@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** [WFOA] Redistricting District 10

My wife and I live in the Woodbridge neighborhood and are opposed to redistricting District 10.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
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Sai and Triveni K. Gunturi

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Chad Crain [ccrain@highpointtravel.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Dear Committee,

I was raised in Lake Highlands and attended White Rock Elementary, Lake Highlands Junior High, and Lake Highlands High School. I graduated in 1989, attended college and some seminary, and then moved back to Lake Highlands from Lakewood in 2004. I have lived there ever since. My parents still reside in Lake Highlands and my brother resides in Lake Highlands. I am proud to be a resident of Lake Highlands and District 10. Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides. My experience in living in this area of Dallas for most of my 44 years has been to always experience a sense of community. I have even recruited friends from church to buy in to Lake Highlands instead of Richardson or Plano because of the community. This sense is felt by all residents regardless of race or socio-economic status.

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close-knit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district, as well as the community.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and offer support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for considering my comments. I would request that you not damage or perhaps destroy an area that works so very well.

Chad Crain  
10130 Faircrest Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Theresa Lilly [theresalilly@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:09 PM  
**To:** reDallas11

Please leave District 10 as it is. District 10 is already a diverse district. This community has managed to come together and support each other to create a small town, close community in the heart of this large city. Please don't split up our community affecting the educational opportunities and stability of our children. I took my kids out of private school to attend public here in Lake Highlands. Splitting up the district could completely disrupt our lives!

Sent from my iPhone

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gladys [epickett@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 5:18 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have lived in our home since 1968 and are proud to be called 'Lake Highlanders'! Although Lake Highlands is a small part of the great city of Dallas, it has its own community feel and spirit. But those aren't the only things that make Lake Highlands great – one is being part of a great district within Dallas – District 10!!!

We've heard there's a possibility District 10 might be split to 'more equally align the districts with the races'. That is gerrymandering! Race is not supposed to be one of the requirements considered in mapping out districts. I believe, first of all, you need to keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration – an area that is already a diverse district. LHHS meets all the requirements, including not gerrymandering!

Our 'community' and many of its organizations have worked hand in hand over the years to assist with parks, etc. in District 10. If the district is split, the 'small town feel within the heart of the city' which defines LH would be lost.

Lake Highlands is a neighborhood where diversity already works – and has for a long time! Please don't destroy that!

Gladys M. Pickett  
10160 Caribou Trail  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Healey, Bill [Bill.Healey@mcgladrey.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:57 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

Dear Sir or Madam ,

As a 30+ year resident of Lake Highlands from Gatetrail Drive, I want to make my strong opposition heard to any proposals being considered to split Lake Highlands into two or more different districts.

WE (District 10) are one community with significant existing diversity that already meets the nongerrymandered definition. From that standpopint, we clearly work and work well, we are not "broke", and we do not need to be "fixed".

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's league have worked closely with the City on programs and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10 – we are financially invested.

Most people think of lake Highlands an s one neighborhood and that sense on oneness would be lost if we are splintered as proposed.

I appreciate your listening and sincerely hope these sentiments and those similar and strongly held sentiments of my lake Highlands neighbors are heard on this point

Thank you,

Bill Healey

**Bill Healey**  
Tax Director

**RSM McGladrey, Inc.**  
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**From:** Deanna Bond [deannajbond@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:02 PM  
**To:** Shirley.Dixon; reDallas11  
**Cc:** al\_ranyak@rdg-inc.com; jjackson@raytheon.com; Cal Taylor; joypnguyen@yahoo.com; dctyson@sbcglobal.net; dbujold@glownetworks.com; dkaiser@attorneysforbusiness.com; drdopkins@sbcglobal.net; ellenc615@yahoo.com; mightcan@gmail.com; janshaw10009@yahoo.com; jbrebis@sbcglobal.net; john.barbara.arms@gmail.com; jsalvans@sbcglobal.net; joy.starks@brinker.com; kvela@vela-law.com; maria\_gonzales@prodigy.net; mydogbarny@aol.com; marshall@hays.net; Norma Newman; p.o.reichelt@gmail.com; paul\_mart@usa.net; rharrington@brlaw.com; sandy@kruppbrothersestates.com; steve-jeri-wake@earthlink.net; terricorbello@yahoo.com; Zane Steadman  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting District 10--sent mine in also  
**Importance:** High

Just a note to let everyone know that I sent my opposition to the redistricting in, also.

Deanna Bond

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**From:** shirley@tescoinc.com  
**To:** redallas11@dallascityhall.com  
**CC:** al\_ranyak@rdg-inc.com; jjackson@raytheon.com; calcaylor@gmail.com; joypnguyen@yahoo.com; dctyson@sbcglobal.net; dbujold@glownetworks.com; deannajbond@hotmail.com; dkaiser@AttorneysForBusiness.com; drdopkins@sbcglobal.net; ellenc615@yahoo.com; mightcan@gmail.com; janshaw10009@yahoo.com; jbrebis@sbcglobal.net; john.barbara.arms@gmail.com; jsalvans@sbcglobal.net; Joy.Starks@brinker.com; kvela@vela-law.com; maria\_gonzales@prodigy.net; mydogbarny@aol.com; marshall@hays.net; norma.newman@risd.org; p.o.reichelt@gmail.com; paul\_mart@usa.net; rharrington@brlaw.com; Sandy@kruppbrothersestates.com; Steve-jeri-wake@earthlink.net; terricorbello@yahoo.com; z\_jr@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10  
**Date:** Wed, 3 Aug 2011 14:10:59 -0500

I oppose redistricting District 10 for the following reasons as outlined by our Homeowners Association:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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Shirley J. and Ross W. Dixon

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Bob Trecartin [btrecartin@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:05 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Gerrymander District 10

Dear Commissioners of the Redistricting Committee,

I understand that 3 of your members are proposing that the Lake Highlands community in District 10 be divided among 3 city council districts. I am totally opposed to this!

Lake Highlands has natural boundaries which follow the lines of the Richardson Independent School District in Northeast Dallas. We have a dozen elementary schools and 2 junior high schools which feed into the Lake Highlands High School campus. Community activities revolve around the schools. We already have a very diverse population (23% Hispanic, 32% Black, 38% White, 7% Other), and we make things work out! Our total population is 7.1% (one-fourteenth) of the total city population, which fits exactly with the 14-1 council system. The media recognize Lake Highlands as a community of interest, as evidenced by the Lake Highlands Advocate magazine and the Dallas Morning News neighborhood sections. There is no acceptable reason to gerrymander this neighborhood that already works!

I will appreciate your consideration for keeping Lake Highlands neighborhoods intact with respect to the existing boundaries of RISD and LHHS in whatever redistricting plan you adopt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Trecartin, President  
Oak Tree Village Homeowners Association  
9615 Robin Song  
Dallas, TX 75243  
Tel: 214.676.0203  
Email: [btrecartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:btrecartin@sbcglobal.net)

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**From:** RPATRICK1@cs.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** ScottWynnepresident@lhaia.org; Allen, Jerry  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands.

*We moved from Ohio to Dallas in 1979 and were encouraged to find a home in Lake Highlands for our two high school children, proximity to my office and overall quality of this progressive area. It was a wonderful choice and we have lived in our home for 32 years now well into my retirement. It has grown to become a model area in the city of Dallas with great civic involvement, diversity and overall quality of life. We hope and trust your committee will carefully weigh these attributes and refuse to split up something that is working very well for political, or other reasons. Respectfully,*  
*Ronald L. & Barbara J. Patrick*  
*10002 Dahman Circle*

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Judy Coffman [judycoff@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 1:57 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dallas redistricting

Date: August 3, 2011

Redistricting Commission  
City of Dallas  
1500 Marilla St. L1AN  
Dallas, TX 75201

As a resident of Eastwood Hills, I currently reside in District 7, South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include my neighborhood with other East Dallas/White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road.

I urge you to oppose any plan based on the old District 7 plan which does not reflect today's requirements for compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

I have loved living in my Eastwood Hills neighborhood for over 12 years but I have never felt adequately represented at City Hall. I have felt a kinship with East Dallas, not South Dallas. Thank you for your consideration of changing our District.

Sincerely,

Judy Coffman  
8925 Forest Cliff  
Dallas, TX 75228  
District 7  
214-324-2280  
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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Carol Wells [wells.cb@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** RE: REDISTRICTING

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The current District 10 - Lake Highlands Area is great the way it is. We are all very community service oriented and keeping the RISD school areas together is very important. Splitting the school area into more than one District will put a strain on the Education system - District 10 may feel differently than District 9 and it will end up hurting our community and students.

Ladies and Gentlemen, if it is not broken, don't try to fix it. You have much more important things to worry about: Budgets for one, that you don't need to be wasting precious time on something that works.

Thank you.  
Carol Wells  
9615 Orchard Hill  
Dallas, Texas 75243

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** T. Simmone Malone [tsmalone@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:32 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Leave Lake Highlands as 1 District

I understand that there are many reasons for redistricting, but I believe that Lake Highlands would be best served to remain an intact district for representation.

Thank you,

T. Simmone Malone  
9214 Westwind Ct.  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** ASCrane1116@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Sirs:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact as a district, specifically the area covered by Lake Highlands High School attendance. It is a diverse district that already works well together. The area has contributed much to the city of Dallas. Lake Highlands is much like a small town. It does not need to be divided or gerrymandered.

Lake Highlands has already been singled out more than almost any other area for Section 10 housing and overlooked for many projects. Please do not do any more disservice to our area.

Ann Crane

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Kira Hartgrove [txkira@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

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  5. LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!
- My husband and I moved to the Lake Highlands because of the "small town feel" of the community and for the schools. It is one of the last places inside the loop that remains affordable and you can send your child to the schools for a quality education. The other factor we love about Lake Highlands is that the schools and community are diverse with different income levels and different races. When you go to a neighborhood park or any of the schools you can witness that first hand. Another reason we love the Lake Highlands is the members of the community fight so hard to keep this area improving. For just a few examples - many of the neighborhoods use their own money to hire extra police patrols to keep crime to a minimum, we gathered over 6000 signatures to help the town center try to secure an anchor retailer like Trader Joe's, and Junior Women's League has raised money to redo some of the parks and rec centers. We absolutely love this community and will fight to keep us together. If we can get over 6000 signatures to get a grocery store to come to the Lake Highlands you better believe we will create quite an uprising if you try to split the Lake Highlands into different districts. I believe Lake Highlands if one of the most diverse areas where races and different income levels interact very well together. It should be an example to city hall of a goal to make other communities similar. Please don't mess with Lake Highlands! It is one of the great communities in the city and please don't destroy that!

Kira and Todd Hartgrove

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**From:** Linda Ham [nbdk8v1@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:44 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting of Lake Highlands

We have been residents of LH for over thirty years. We want to let the committee know that we are AGAINST any split of LH into multiple districts.

Among the key points are:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
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Thank you for your attention.

Oliver T. and Linda Ham

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**From:** Nancy Windrow-Pearce [nwp@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:34 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed redistricting of Lake Highlands

PLEASE DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE LAKE HIGHLANDS! I am a long time resident and oppose this action:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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Sincerely,

Nancy Windrow-Pearce  
[nwp@swbell.net](mailto:nwp@swbell.net)  
214-221-5432

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**From:** Kristal Scott [kristalmscott@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:28 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Please keep District 10 in place! We don't want the district lines to change.

Thank you,

Kristal Scott



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# FAX

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August 3, 2011

Redistricting Commission  
City of Dallas  
1500 Marilla St. L1AN  
Dallas, TX 75201

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Eastwood Hills, I currently reside in District 7, South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include my neighborhood with other East Dallas/White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road.

I urge you to oppose any plan based on the old District 7 plan which does not reflect today's requirements for compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me with the information provided below.

Kindest regards,



Melissa J. Bellan

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District 7

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**From:** Stan Jones [stjmwj@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** reDallas1  
**Subject:** Concerning Redistricting of the City of Dallas

We are hearing reports that our current district 10 boundaries are being challenged. Our citizens' living within this district have been pleased with the efforts and results that we have received from the volunteers who have worked diligently with the City of Dallas to improve the safety of our streets and Parks within District 10. The thought of cutting this district into three separate districts is not good. Lake Highlands has a long history of being a shining neighborhood just north of White Rock Lake. Don't destroy that!!!!

Stan and Mary Jones  
9909 Tanglevine Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

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**From:** David A Fisher [dfisher@davidafisher.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:20 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** don't change district 10

Please don't change District 10.

Thank you,  
david a. fisher  
[dfisher@davidafisher.com](mailto:dfisher@davidafisher.com)  
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**From:** EILEEN SMITH [ej81551@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands proposed redistricting is DESTRUCTIVE

My family and I have lived in Lake Highlands since 1980 and raised 3 children here-one of whom has returned to raise her family here. We have worked hard in the community and contributed funds to our local schools, elementary through Lake Highlands High School, because this community means something!! I have worked hard in local community organizations to raise money we have contributed to our parks. This is an area of Dallas that has worked hard on its sense of identity and pride. It should be an example of how neighborhoods are built not destroyed. It is diverse as well as cohesive. Please don't mess with Lake Highlands!

EILEEN SMITH  
[ej81551@mac.com](mailto:ej81551@mac.com)

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**From:** Kelly Belknap [kellybel@microsoft.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:01 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

**Importance:** High

It worries me deeply that there is a proposal to change the districting of the city of Dallas, especially as it impacts Lake Highlands and District 10. Even as the real estate values in the city of Dallas have decreased, this is one area that has stayed relatively flat or grown in some cases. Please consider the following points as you consider the plans for District 10.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Sincerely,

### Kelly Belknap

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**From:** Lisa Hamilton [lisahamilton1120@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:00 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting concern

My name is Lisa Hamilton and I live in Lake Highlands. I am very concerned about Garcia's plan which removes my neighborhood from the RISD. The reason my family moved to this neighborhood was so that my children could attend RISD schools. I taught for the RISD for 5 years, and I know the caliber of teachers that work there. My sons will be attending Wallace Elementary, which is a very ethnically and socio-economically diverse school. Redrawing the district lines is not going to automatically encourage ethnic diversity on the City Council. You can't vote for someone who's not on a ballot, and no candidate of diverse ethnicity has run in my district. I want to keep my neighborhood in Lake Highlands and in District 10! We can encourage diversity on the council in ways other than redistricting my neighborhood. Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Lisa Hamilton  
10835 Lubbock Drive  
Dallas - 75238

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**From:** dc [dcbott@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:52 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep all of Lake Highlands in District 10

Lake Highlands must be kept together in District 10! We are all in the LHHS attendance zone and it does not make sense to have us in different districts attending the same school. We are a diverse district already and we have many great community groups who serve our whole area (The Exchange Club, LH Women's League, and the fairly new LH Junior Women's League) which have raised thousands of dollars to help our community including the parks in district 10. I do not want to lose the small town feel that is Lake Highlands. We are united right now on supporting the council and in having areas redeveloped as well as embracing and encouraging diversity in our schools. That unity and diversification would be lost if we were split into different districts. We have a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity works. You will destroy that diversity and encourage pockets of exclusivity if you split us into different districts. Please keep Lake Highlands the unified, diverse, and involved community it has grown to be!



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**From:** Martinez, Tricia [Tricia.Martinez@greyhound.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:52 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Aiken, Michael  
**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting Maps

As a current resident of Lake Highlands—and one who would like to stay there—we ask that you keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10! Otherwise, you are going to start driving residents out.

Here are some key points:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Paula Beasley [paula.beasley@solidcounsel.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Keith Beasley  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee,

My husband, Keith, and I live in Lake Highlands and have a Junior at Lake Highlands High School and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Forest Meadow. We've recently become aware of a proposal to split up the Lake Highlands district and strongly oppose this action. Below are some of the reasons why.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration;
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition;
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years;
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  - The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost; and
  - LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Please consider our request and make the decision NOT to change the Lake Highlands District 10.

Very truly yours,  
Paula L. Beasley



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**From:** Martha Rogers [martha@jdcarreker.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:47 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Possible Rezoning of District 10

I have a child that attends LHHS. It appears as though the rezoning of District 10 will affect our family in an adverse way. Therefore, I would like to be counted among the many, many citizens of the Lake Highlands family who are against this change.

- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition. We are very good on diversity, we really don't need any more.
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Thank you.

*Martha Rogers*  
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**From:** Jason Amick [jason.amick@cii-holdings.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:26 PM  
**To:** reDallas11

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**From:** Lyndi Bidne [lbidne@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

City of Dallas,

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Thanks for listening to us!!

Lyndi Bidne  
214.349.0469

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**From:** Jorge Salvans [jsalvans@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:15 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Opposed

I oppose redistricting District 10 for the following reasons as outlined by our Homeowners Association:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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August 3, 2011

Redistricting Committee

PLEASE DO NOT REDISTRIBUTE LAKE HIGHLANDS AND DISTRICT 10

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Very truly yours,

MERLE R. FLAGG

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**From:** Christy Tobey [jctobey@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:13 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** City Council Re-districting plan

Dear Committee,

I was born and raised in Lake Highlands and attended Northlake Elementary, Lake Highlands Junior High, and Lake Highlands High School. I graduated in 1987, attended college, got married, and then moved back to Lake Highlands in 1996. I have lived there ever since. My sister and her family live in Lake Highlands as well as my mother-in-law, who moved here specifically to be part of this community. I am proud to be a resident of Lake Highlands and District 10. Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides.

My husband and I are parents of two girls who will attend Lake Highlands High School and Forest Meadow Junior High this Fall (a sophomore and a 7th grader) My experience in living in this area of Dallas for most of my 42 years has been to always experience a sense of community. This sense is felt by all residents regardless of race or socio-economic status. We moved here specifically because of the diversity. We had the option of moving out to the more suburban areas 7 years ago, but chose to stay here because of the "real world" community.

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close-knit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district, as well as the community.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and offer support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. I am a part of the Lake Highlands Women's League and am proud of the work we do for our community, schools, and the city. We support and embrace every school in this district and the children that attend them. We provide college scholarships each year to many graduating seniors and I would encourage you to look at the broad diversity of those students.



Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts. We are an asset to the city of Dallas and to all who choose to live here as a whole district.

Thank you for considering my comments. I would request that you not tear apart an area that works so very well.

Christy Tobey  
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Dallas, Texas 75243

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**From:** Shirley Dixon [shirley@tescoinc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:11 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Al Ranyak; Alvin & Jacquelyn Jackson; Cal Caylor - WHOA; Chris & Nancy Nguyen-WHOA; 'D C Tyson-WHOA'; Daniel Bujold & Paul Harrington-WHOA; Deanna Bond; Don Kaiser-WHOA; Douglas & Rochelle Dopkins; Ellen Caldwell-WHOA; James White; 'Jan shaw-WHOA'; Jim & Betty Siber; John & Barbara Arms-WHOA; Jorge Salvans; Joy Starks-WHOA; kvela@vela-law.com; Maria Gonzales-WHOA; Mark And Bob; Marshall Hays-WHOA; Norma Newman-WHOA; Pål Øyvind Reichelt-WHOA; paul martinez-WHOA; Ruth Harrington; Sandy Huffine; Steve & Jeri Wakefield; Terri & Darryl Corbello; Zane & Rene Steadman  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10  
**Importance:** High

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Shirley J. and Ross W. Dixon  
10130 Woodlake Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243

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**From:** Carla Thomas [cjwthomas@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** reDallas11

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This comes with an earnest plea. Please consider keeping the district of Lake Highlands contained....as one District...District 10. I grew up in Dallas in the mid 70's. I've seen a lot of change over the years. Lake Highlands, as a community, have engaged the changes over the years, coped and developed well. Our children and our community spirit is strong, but will be splintered with the thought of splitting our district. We need to hold on to our strong spirit...we need each other. We cherish our community.

As you prepare for the future of Dallas (Lake Highlands included), I ask you carefully to consider this part of our city and the residents' desires and needs.

As always, I would like to say "the time you give to our City is so appreciated. Thank you beyond measure. "

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** chris5889@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Good afternoon,

My name is Christopher George. I have lived in Lake Highlands my entire life. I have loved growing up in Lake Highlands. I believe that splitting into 3 separate districts would really hurt Lake Highlands. Please do not do this.

In closing, please keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration. Keep us intact in District 10.

Sincerely,  
Christopher George  
8518 Clover Meadow  
Dallas, TX 75243

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jennifer Taylor [jbehltaylor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

City Council Members,

I was greatly concerned to learn of the possible redistricting of District 10. I chose Lake Highlands as the community in which to raise my family for its good schools, involved parents and sense of community. I would bet that most families in the area agree that these three attributes are what keeps us in Dallas instead of moving to the suburbs.

A possible redistricting of District 10 will threaten these key attributes and cause young families like myself to consider a move outside of Dallas. Please note the following additional points in your evaluation of this proposal.

- District 10 is already a diverse district
- Several community organizations have donated hundred of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The LHHS attendance zone must remain a primary consideration
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines Lake Highlands and has supported council candidates and redevelopment would be lost
- The Lake Highlands neighborhood has a long history of diversity that works and redistricting would destroy that

I appreciate your consideration of these points.

Thank you, Jennifer Taylor

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Yvonne Work [ywork33@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 1:58 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Attention: Redistricting Committee

Please do not allow them to split Lake Highlands into 3 different districts! I have been a resident of LH for over 56 years. It is unique and doesn't need to be split up.

Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration. District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition. District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost. LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that, please!

We are depending on you to keep LH the unique neighborhood it has been for so many years!

Thank you,  
Yvonne Work  
9604 Glenacre  
Dallas, TX 75243  
214-348-7641

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Steadman Zane [z\_jr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 1:50 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** whoa  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10

We who live in the Woodbridge neighborhood are opposed to redistricting District 10.

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Zane Steadman  
President  
Woodbridge Home Owners Association



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**From:** Jenni Purser [jenni.k.purser@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** reDallas11

To whom it may concern:

Please keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration. Please consider the following:

1. District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
2. District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
3. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
4. The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
5. LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

My husband and I moved to the Lake Highlands because of the "small town feel" of the community and for the schools. It is one of the last places inside the loop that remains affordable and you can send your child to the schools for a quality education. The other factor we love about Lake Highlands is that the schools and community are diverse with different income levels and different races. When you go to a neighborhood park or any of the schools you can witness that first hand. Another reason we love the Lake Highlands is the members of the community fight so hard to keep this area improving. For just a few examples - many of the neighborhoods use their own money to hire extra police patrols to keep crime to a minimum, we gathered over 6000 signatures to help the town center try to secure an anchor retailer like Trader Joe's, and Junior Women's League has raised money to redo some of the parks and rec centers. We absolutely love this community and will fight to keep us together. If we can get over 6000 signatures to get a grocery store to come to the Lake Highlands you better believe we will create quite an uprising if you try to split the Lake Highlands into different districts. I believe Lake Highlands is one of the most diverse areas where races and different income levels interact very well together. I taught at Lake Highlands Elementary from 2006-2010 and witnessed that first-hand. It should be an example to city hall of a goal to make other communities similar. Don't mess with Lake Highlands!!! It is one of the great communities in the city and please don't destroy that!

Jenni Purser  
9015 Longmont Drive  
Dallas, TX  
75238

Sent from my iPad



**Redistricting Commission  
Public Testimony Received  
Via Fax, Email, and Mail  
from 2:01PM August 3, 2011  
to 11:00AM August 5, 2011  
Part II**

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christy Kercheville [christy@kercheville.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting -Keep Lake Highlands in tact

To Whom It May Concern:

One of the reasons we moved to Lake Highlands is so our kids would go to Lake Highlands Junior High and High School. Please keep our District in tact. Many families dedicated to our community would be impacted.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy it

Sincerely,  
Christy Kercheville

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gretchen & Paul Lewis [gretchenandpaul@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:56 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Reasons to keep LH intact in District 10:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Sincerely,

Paul and Gretchen Lewis  
9755 Gatecrest Dr  
Dallas, TX  
75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** James Wilson [wilson\_j\_s@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:59 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

To whom it may concern,

With regards to the current City Council redistricting, please don't split up the current District 10.

There really is no reason to split our diverse neighborhood into multiple districts, and many reasons to keep it in one district:

The Lake Highlands High School attendance zone should be in one district, not split up; District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the "not gerrymandered" definition; District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years; The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10;

The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and supported redevelopment like the Lake Highlands Town Center, would be lost

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; please don't destroy that

Sincerely yours,  
James Wilson  
214-503-7419

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Julia Shelton [juliabshelton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:59 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Allen, Jerry; president@lhaia.org  
**Subject:** District 10

I am aware there are several proposed redistricting plans being discussed within city hall that effect my neighborhood. As a resident of Lake Highlands, I oppose any redistricting plan that would alter District 10 from including the entire Lake Highlands High School attendance zone. The Lake Highlands Area Improvement Association has sent an email out to residents with bullet point reasons as to why District 10 should be left in tact. I agree with them in total and have included them below for your consideration.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
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Our family loves living in Lake Highlands because of it's vibrant community and welcoming small town feel within the City of Dallas. We believe LH deserves to be represented as such. There is currently a lot of positive momentum within the community and we fear that it would be lost with out a strong unified voice at city hall. I have copied Councilman Jerry Allen and the LHAIA on this email as well. Thanks for you consideration.

Julia B. Shelton

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Elie Pace [mailto:madelie@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:01 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Lake Highlands

This is a travesty to our closely knit neighborhood. We have a hard enough time trying to get businesses in here without you making it even harder. **KEEP LAKE HIGHLANDS WHOLE.**

Elinor Pace  
9544 Covemeadow Drive  
214-341-8188

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Diana Birmingham [dianabirmingham@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:03 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

Hello,

as residents of Lake Highlands we urge you to keep our great neighborhood intact in District 10 for the following reasons:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; **don't destroy that!**

Thank you,  
Diana and Michael Birmingham

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Stacie Bon [stacie\_dtx@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:17 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** stacie\_dtx@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 in tact

To whom it may concern:

We would greatly appreciate you consider keeping District 10 in tact as one district. We love our neighborhood, the schools, the diversity and the small businesses. It is the best of both worlds. We have access to all the fabulous things a city has to offer and at the same time a close knit community.

Some key points to consider:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; please don't destroy that.

Thank you and have a great day!

Best Regards,  
Stacie Bon



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Robyn Young [rky@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:19 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake highlands redistricting - opposed!

I am opposed to splitting lake highlands into up to 3 districts.  
It is in this communities best interest to remain as 1 district with 1 City representative.

Sincerely,

Robyn young  
8026 nimrod trail  
Dallas Texas. 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Lewis, Gale [Gale.Lewis@pegs.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:39 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dividing Lake Highlands

Dear Sir or Madam,

Under the category of “if it ain’t broken, don’t fix it” – I’m at a loss as to why anyone would consider dividing the Lake Highlands neighborhood through redistricting. Based on all the information I’ve been able to find, which admittedly might not be complete due to the short notice given the residents of these plans, it appears District 10 is considered a racial diverse, non-gerrymandered district. I understand that in order to make other districts meet these guidelines, some minor modifications to our district might be necessary. However, the radical plan of splitting our community into three districts appears to be nothing short of an intentional plan to destroy our community. Is it really necessary to break apart our community through this process?

Thank you for your time and consideration. I can’t begin to imagine the time, effort and stress involved with a redistricting project. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated!

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**Gale Lewis**  
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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** June Marie London [june\_marie\_london@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:41 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Lake Highlands.

Currently, a commission has been tasked with redistricting our city council districts to more accurately reflect the 2010 census.

Some of the proposals would split Lake Highlands into 3 different districts.

Please, "Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

June Marie London  
8627 Grenadier Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Debbie Snider [debbie@snider.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:42 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

to whom it may concern,

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
  - District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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    - The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
    - LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

PLEASE do not mistake my copying these points of concern as disinterest in this issue. the words are to the point and exactly how i and the rest of my lake highlands family feel.

please do not ruin our wonderful community by changing what we have. if all neighborhoods of dallas could be as wonderful as lake highlands then dallas would be an even better place to live for all.

thank you...debbie snider

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Stacey Hatton [tystacey@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:20 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Ty Hatton  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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Sent from my iPhone

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Tom Crain [skylark96@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:03 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Kristina Crain; Gwen Crain  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 As Is

Council Members and Commissioners,

I have lived in district 10 for the past 33 years and have enjoyed watching the district prosper. We are a diverse district and there is no need to divide it up. Please keep the district intact and DO NOT split it up.

Regards,

Tom and Kristina Crain  
9850 Queenswood  
Dallas, TX 75238

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**From:** Amy Jodie [amy-lane@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:05 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 proposed rezoning

I am a resident of Lake highlands and am imploring you to not to change the zoning of district 10. What we have here as a neighborhood is wonderful and we as a community want to remain a cohesive unit in district 10. The following points illustrate excellent reasons why we should not be subjected to changes in the current zoning of district 10:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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Thank you so much for supporting lake highlands in this matter !

Sincerely,

Amy Jodie

Sent from my iPhone

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Sharon Ellis [sharonellis@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:07 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting and District 10

Dear Redistricting Committee members:

It is my understanding that some redistricting proposals would divide the Lake Highlands community into 3 different districts. I think that would be counterproductive for several reasons:

- \* District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- \* Lake Highlands is a unique "city within a city" with a city council district corresponding to the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone (part of the Richardson School District, yet located within the city limits of Dallas!)
- \* District 10 is possibly the most geographically logical city council district in Dallas
- \* Lake Highlands has supported and encouraged redevelopment
- \* The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hard & cooperated with the city on programs & raised much money for parks in District 10
- \* It is in the best interest of the city of Dallas to preserve vibrant communities that are working
- \* Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity works; please don't destroy that

Thank you for your consideration of keeping District 10 as it stands.

Kind regards,  
Sharon Ellis  
9649 Viewside Drive  
Dallas, TX 75231  
[sharonellis@swbell.net](mailto:sharonellis@swbell.net)



## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Nicholson, Todd [tnicholson@hksinc.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:12 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Please see the key points below as to why Lake Highlands should stay intact in District 10:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

You will see a mass exodus from Lake Highlands if it is split up. The community feel is why people live here.

But I'll be honest, this city makes poor decision after poor decision, and splitting Lake Highlands up into separate districts would just be another in a long line.

Sorry to be so apathetic. Help me change my mind by making a positive decision for Lake Highlands and the city of Dallas.

Sincerely,

TODD NICHOLSON, P.E.  
ASSOCIATE

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**From:** Julie Koellner [jewels27@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Hello~

It was brought to my attention that the redistricting committee was considering redistricting Lake Highlands. Please don't let that happen!!

I have several thoughts:

District 10 is already an extremely diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition.

District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years.

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10.

LH has "small town feel within the heart of the city. " This defines LH and has supported council candidates, with redevelopment this would be lost!

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; please don't destroy that!

Please keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration.

Regards~

Julie Koellner  
8106 Windy Terrace Circle  
Dallas, TX 75231  
214.497.0700

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Fulmer, Amy [afulmer@mail.smu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:21 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Reasons to keep LH intact in District 10:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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Sincerely,  
Amy Fulmer

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Amy Fulmer, M.Ed., LDT, CALT  
*Educational Diagnostician*  
SMU Diagnostic Center for Dyslexia & Related Disorders  
Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education & Human Development  
214-SMU-READ

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Charlotte Somers [charlotte@somerscommunications.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:32 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep LH Intact in District 10!

To whom it may concern:

Not only am I a 1992 graduate of Lake Highlands HS, but also two years ago I moved my family from Arizona back to Lake Highlands specifically to raise our family in this tight knit and unique community. What you are proposing would destroy this community!

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
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Charlotte Somers

8053 Eagle Trail

Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** David Patton [DPatton@smpsfa.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:34 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting of District 10

I would submit to those involved that City Council District 10 has a very diverse population make-up and needs to be kept intact in its present configuration. Keep our neighborhood together and intact please do not make this about a political power grab. Do what is right for the neighborhood and the residents of District 10.

*David Patton*

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gwen Sanchez [gwensanchez716@tx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:38 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

It has come to our attention that some of your redistricting proposals would split Lake Highlands into three different districts.

We are asking you to please keep the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as a primary consideration. District 10 is already a very diverse district, and meets the definition of not gerrymandered.

District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that for well over the past thirty years.

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to parks in District 10.

If the district were divided up we would lose the small town feel within the the heart of the city that defines Lake Highlands and has supported council candidates. Also, redevelopment would be lost.

We here in Lake Highlands have a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works. We are asking you respectfully to please not destroy that!

Sincerely,

Roberto and Gwen Sanchez  
9505 Shady Valley Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Roy Underwood [runderwood@buyultimate.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:16 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** LH Redistricting

I have lived in Lake Highlands for 32 years.  
5 kids graduated from Lake Highlands High School.  
One lives down the street with a large family.  
One still considers us home. We keep a room for her.  
Another family leasing in Bluffview will probably move back after education is completed.  
Our current City Council district and representation is just fine.  
We have great continuity and council member rapport.  
If you want to destroy a functioning cohesive neighborhood with an unusual inner city identity then proceed with carving us up.  
Over the next years you will regret any change.  
We have strong local neighbor organizations – great 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – great “nights out”.  
Carve us and you kill it.

Roy Underwood  
11118 Ferndale Road  
Dallas, Texas 75238  
214-341-3657

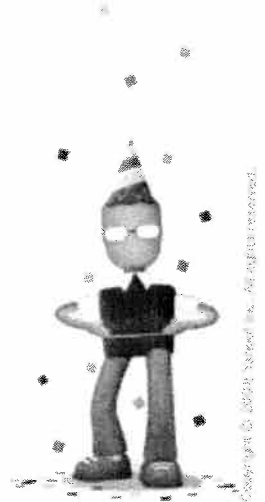
**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Darrell Grosskopf [dcg9614@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Keep the current Lake Highlands district 10 in tact!!!!

DG





**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Leslie Clark [clark.leslie@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:22 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

I am writing to ask you keep Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as primary consideration and the Lake Highlands community not be split.

We are already a diverse community and supported by many groups and organizations that support the entire community that is wholly represented in Dallas.

Our community has a small town feel and splitting the district will fracture the community and redevelopment that is planned.

Les Clark  
9219 Royalpine  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Karen Clear [ksclear@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:31 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 Redistricting

As a resident of the Woodbridge neighborhood I am strongly opposed to redistricting District 10 for the following reasons.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Karen Clear

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Meghan Richardson [meghemily@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:51 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

As a concerned resident of Lake Highlands, I am urging you to keep the entire community of Lake Highlands in one council district. This is a system that has worked well for years, and there is no reason to change it. Dallas needs its neighborhoods to be vibrant partners in the city's growth, and Lake Highlands constantly serves this city well through monetary contributions and volunteer hours. There is a special spirit in Lake Highlands that needs to continue. It is good for Lake Highlands, and it is good for Dallas!

Best,

Meghan Riney

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** William Martin [bljnmartin@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:22 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 Change

Please do not change District 10 in any way. This is our community and we like it as it is!

Bill Martin  
9603 Greensprint  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Donna Sands [dsands3096@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:56 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands in District 10

It is with great disappooint that I read that there was a move to separate Lake ?Highlands into three separate districts. Our family bought in this neighborhood specifically because of the "small town" feel of this neighborhood. Much money has been raised and donated to District 10 for parks and maintenance by the women's groups in our neighborhood!

DO NOT REDISTRRICT US!!!! We are a community---do not destroy that by redistricting.

Sincerely,

Donna Sands

Sent from my iPad

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** DORIS JEAN JOHNSON [dgene@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

I would not like to see Lake Highlands redistricted. The area has a small town feel which I would like to preserve. I understand that it presently meets requirements which would not make redistricting necessary. Lake Highlands is already a diverse area. I strongly oppose anything which would change the present status.

Doris Jean Johnson  
10122 Ivygate Circle

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Carole Rylander [carole@rylanderassociates.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:57 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee:

As a resident of Lake Highlands since 1965 when I attended White Rock Elementary School, I am writing to ask that you keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

In addition:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you! Carole

rylander associates

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**From:** Rose Boos [roseaboos@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:58 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 Lake Highlands - keep intact

Dear Redistricting Commission Members:

I have read an article about the proposed redistricting of District 10 - Lake Highlands.

I am writing to voice my opinion that Lake Highlands, District 10, be kept intact.

Our community is very much identified by the Lake Highlands High school boundaries and all the maps presented, except for cPlan16, created by Commissioners Domingo Garcia, Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love, leave Lake Highlands and District 10 intact.

cPlan 16 would divide our community and could prevent this community from continuing to be a cohesive unit, working to redevelop the property in this area, such as the Town Centre project.

Currently, District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the "not gerrymandered" definition.

District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past +30 years.

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and Junior Women's League and other community groups have worked with the City and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10.

We have a small town feel that makes Lake Highlands a cohesive unit, with community members working to better the schools for ALL students. We have supported council candidates and redevelopment that will revitalize "dying" areas of our community.

Lake Highlands has a LONG history of being a neighborhood where diversity already exists and WORKS; let's NOT lose that.

MY particular street would NO LONGER be in District 10 and this is VERY disturbing to me, since I identify with Lake Highlands as MY COMMUNITY much more than I would identify with people who live at Forest and Midway!!!

KEEP THE LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration and KEEP Lake Highlands, District 10 intact for the good of our community and all of its inhabitants.

Sincerely,  
Rose Boos  
9116 Webb Kay Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75243  
214 236 3620



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Bonnie Tollefson [bonnietollefson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:00 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please keep Lake Highlands together

Dear All,

We have lived in Lake Highlands for 20 years, since moving here from New Orleans. We chose this area because the neighborhood had such a strong sense of community, yet was diverse. Our city council representatives have always understood our community, and it breaks my heart to think this could be destroyed through random redistricting. Help keep us united as a neighborhood within a large city! Thank you for listening.

Sincere regards,

Bonnie Tollefson  
7509 Hundley Blvd. 75231

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** DSmith9320@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:02 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** DISTRICT 10 REDISTRICTING

Lake Highlands is a cohesive community, with civic organizations that span all races and all interests. We have ben a huge asset to the City of Dallas. As a taxpayer and voter I earnestly request that you DO NOT MESS WITH LAKE HIGHLANDS.

Donald C. Smith  
9320 Locarno Dr.  
Dallas, Texas, 75243

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** trudysanders@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:08 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands in District 10

I have been made aware of the city council's consideration to split Lake Highlands into 3 separate districts with the rezoning proposal.

Please put Lake Highlands back into one combined District-as it is now. Lake Highlands is an old established community and we do NOT want division. We have worked well as a unified community/district, so don't fix what is NOT broken.

I have lived in Dallas for over 50 years, and there is nothing that compares with this community. Do not ruin Lake Highlands and turn it into a divided disjointed triad!!

-Trudy Sanders,  
resident of Lake Highlands, native Dallasite

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** H.A. Lofman [lofman5@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:14 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Leave Lake Highlands intact and in District 10.

H.A. Lofman  
9538 Brentgate Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238  
214-348-8134

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** suzharned@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:01 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

We wish to protest the splitting up of the Lake Highlands community in this redistricting proposal! Though very diverse, we need to be left as a single district. We need a single representative to best speak for our area, and to address those issues that concern us.

Jim & Suzanne Harned  
10752 Lanett Cir.  
Dallas, TX 75238  
214.348.1694

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Eric Fancher [e.fanch@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:17 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

This is to let you know I believe District 10 should be kept intact. Specifically, the community of Lake Highlands should not be split between districts. I ask you to consider the following:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Fancher  
Kenton Dr  
Dallas

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christy Broyles [christy.broyles@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:25 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

I am writing to urge you to not split the Lake Highlands community currently in District 10 into several different districts. Please keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration as that is what defines our community. District 10 is already a diverse district in regards to racial and economic populations.

District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10

The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost if we were split into numerous districts.

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you,

Christy Broyles

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Billy and Sarah Dorsey [goredorsey@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:28 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** KEEP LAKE HIGHLANDS INTACT IN DISTRICT 10!

Do not destroy what the citizens of Lake Highlands have worked hard to build. Personally, my family has donated thousands of our personal money and raised even more through the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League (of which I am a member) and The Lake Highlands Women's League as well as the Lake Highlands Exchange Club to build, beautify and enhance our parks in District 10! This is a personal investment we made for our community and for the lives of our 3 children, our family and for the neighborhood of Lake Highlands as a whole.

I stand along with the thousands of residents here asking the same thing they do... Do not destroy the long history Lake Highlands has of being a neighborhood where DIVERSITY ALREADY WORKS! Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration.

Thank you,  
SARAH Dorsey



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Beverly Marr [beverlymarr@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:39 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** KEEP LAKE HIGHLANDS DISTRICT 10 INTACT!!!!

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

I understand that a so called Unity Plan will be presented tomorrow that will divide a very unified community of Lake Highlands into 3 districts. I encourage you to REJECT cPLAN16 proposed by Domingo Garcia.

His argument that no African Americans or Hispanics have held a City Council office for District 10 is ridiculous since NONE have ever run for the City Council. Case in point...there is an African American who ran & won as TX State Representative in the Lake Highlands area....Stephanie Carter.

I have been a Lake Highlands resident all my 55 years, my children have all attended Lake Highlands and now my grandchildren. Lake Highlands is a very diverse, but unified community to live in. I have hosted minority girls in my home providing dinner, Bible Study & fellowship on a weekly basis. We are already a community that reaches out to all of it's members.

Please do not divide Lake Highlands into 3 districts & keep it intact. Let us continue to be represented by 1 City Council member. The high school attendance area is the heart of our community & all organizations work towards supporting the high school, as well as the schools that feed into it.

Thank you for service to the city of Dallas and listening to my concerns.

Beverly Marr

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Beverly Marr  
214-334-1107

Save my new email address: [BeverlyMarr@gmail.com](mailto:BeverlyMarr@gmail.com)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Judy Thornton [jt@longhorns.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:41 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** LakeHighlands redistricting

To Whom It May Concern on The Redistricting Committee:

My husband and I have lived in Lake Highlands since 1973. We have raised our family in Lake Highlands, we own our home in Lake Highlands and we value our diverse neighborhood in Lake Highlands. It has now been brought to our attention that there is a movement afoot to split Lake Highlands into THREE different districts. I would ask you the question of WHY? If something is not broken why is it that you feel the need to FIX it? Please consider the reasons below as to why there is NOT A NEED TO SPLIT THE LAKE HIGHLANDS, DISTRICT 10, INTO MULTIPLE DISTRICTS!!!! I would ask you to respectfully consider the reasons listed below to allow District 10 to encompass the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as a primary consideration when looking at this matter. Please consider additional reasons listed below to allow the district and neighborhood to remain intact:

**District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition**

**District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years**

**The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10**

**The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost**

**LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!**

**Judy and Bob Thornton  
8765 Aldwick Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238**

Judy Thornton  
Executive Director, TLSC  
office phone: 972-480-9340  
office fax: 972-480-0424

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Raul Rodriguez [rpr.connect@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:47 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** rpr.connect@gmail.com  
**Subject:** DO NOT BREAK UP LAKE HIGHLANDS !!!

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee and City Hall:

I am voicing my very strong opposition to any redistricting proposals that would divide Lake Highlands in any way. I have lived in Lake Highlands almost continuously since 1990. In fact, when I retired from military active duty (USAF, Major, Ret.), I chose to return to civilian life in Dallas, in large part, because of the "small town" feel within the heart of the city that is characteristic of this ethnically and socially diverse community.

In fact, I lived 3 houses down our street from former Council Member, Dean Vanderbilt, with whom I had many conversations about the uniqueness of Lake Highlands and District 10, not just in Dallas, but for any large major city. Dallas has regrettably had a history of neglecting or destroying our historical treasures-- whether they are buildings, neighborhoods, or communities. Leave Lake Highlands as it is, and stop this pathetic, mindless trend!

The Lake Highlands High School attendance zone should remain as it is. LHHS is a rare high school that is strong academically, strong in sports and extracurricular activities, while at the same time being culturally and ethnically diverse. You will not find that in Plano West, in Highland Park, or in west Dallas or Oak Cliff.

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. The residents enthusiastically support projects that better the community. This is a community that works!

**DO NOT BREAK UP LAKE HIGHLANDS !!!**

Sincerely,  
Raul P. Rodriguez, M.D.  
Cosmetic Surgeon

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Patrica Nobles [pnobles@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 6:53 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. Lake Highlands is like a small town in the middle of Dallas. Splitting Lake Highlands would cause it to lose that small town character that we love.

Pat Nobles  
7310 Lizshire Avenue  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Carol Piper [capiper@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:02 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Re: Lake Highlands

Keep Lake Highland intact in District 10. We do not want or need dividing.

Carol Piper  
9410 Shoreview  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christine & Jimmy Putnam [jcp~~u~~t~~u~~nam@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:10 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Lake Highlands

Dear City Leaders,

It is my understanding that you will be evaluating redistricting soon and that the current map of Lake Highlands in Northeast Dallas could change. I grew up in Lake Highlands, and now like the many other people that grew up here, I have chosen to raise my family in this community. We are a true community. We support our local schools and businesses with the dedication and passion of a small town. Everyone knows you in Lake Highlands. The people that live around me are a wonderful mix of the original owners of their homes and new families that continue to help our community grow. Lake Highlands is already diverse and doesn't need the City to remap the area to divide a community that has such great schools and such a strong support system.

I have read that "communities of interest" will largely remain intact. In my opinion, Lake Highlands could not fit a better definition of a "community of interest". I have also read about cPlan16, proposed by Domingo Garcia, Bill Ratcliff, and Brooke Love. After reviewing this plan, I cannot think of anything that would divide Lake Highlands more and make it less diverse than it is today. It would segregate a community that is trying to build for the future. Domingo Garcia will tell you that we haven't had a minority as a City Council representative and that redistricting will allow for a more equal voice. This implies that our current representative, Jerry Allen, is not equally representing those in his district today. I would argue that Jerry Allen represents everyone of Lake Highlands equally. In fact, his goal to improve and not tear down low income housing is a prime example of this. By improving these low income areas, we will empower those members of our community to establish a voice with their representative with the city.

I believe that you met tonight...but I felt it was important to give you one more community voice.

Thanks for your consideration.

~ Christine Putnam  
[jcp~~u~~t~~u~~nam@swbell.net](mailto:jcp<del>u</del>t<del>u</del>nam@swbell.net)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Judy Beller [judy.beller@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 7:11 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Ann Hanson [annboerne@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Lake Highlands

Please do not change our neighborhood. It reflects many different kinds of nationalities and we work well together. If you do this, it splits the cohesiveness that has taken years to develop in the schools and with our neighbors. Thank you

Ann Hanson  
9909 Caribou Trail  
Dallas, TX 75238  
210.843.6881



## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Elaine Glasscock [ejglasscock@tx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed Split of Lake Highlands District 10

To the City of Dallas Redistricting Committee,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed cPlan16 redistricting map created by Commissioners Domingo Garcia, Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love. My husband and I moved to Lake Highlands 12 years ago, because we had heard that is was a great place to live in Dallas, with wonderful schools. Since then, I have come to love the Lake Highlands community with its "small town" feel and I understand why so many people I know who grew up in Lake Highlands have moved back as adults, to raise their families.

We live in a section of the city, which if cPlan16 were to go through, would be redistricted to District 9. While I love the District 9 area, it is not the area I chose to move to 12 years ago, and I feel that our small area, on the northern fringe of the new District 9 would not be well represented by the District 9 Council member, no disrespect intended, but we would be a small outpost in a completely different part of town. Lake Highlands' representation within the Dallas City Council would be negatively impacted by chopping the area up into 3 different districts!

We have been excited by the recent and ongoing attempts to revitalize the area with new retail, restaurants and businesses in the area and this proposed redistricting would also negatively impact the progress that has been made.

We urge you to:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- Consider that District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- Consider that District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- Remember that the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- Know that the "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines Lake Highlands has supported council candidates, and redevelopment of the area would be lost
- Know that Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Glasscock

Elaine Glasscock  
[ejglasscock@tx.rr.com](mailto:ejglasscock@tx.rr.com)  
214-553-1663-h  
214-403-4805-c

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Tom McWhorter [tcadad@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Dear Folks.

Please keep Lake Highlands as it is in District 10. Thank you,

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** j | dedman [shen42@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:59 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands, District 10

To Whom It May Concern:

It is quite alarming that the wonderful area of Lake Highlands, from Northwest Hwy to I635 and Central to Jupiter Road, is being considered to be re-districted. Lake Highlands is a unique and special area of Dallas, with a strong community spirit, ethnically and socioeconomically diverse, a long-held strong tradition of bonding together to support actions, causes, and community projects.

I urge you to keep this district one unified district, District 10.

Sheila Henderson  
10036 Milltrail Drive

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** D C Tyson [dctyson@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:37 AM  
**To:** Shirley Dixon; reDallas11  
**Cc:** Al Ranyak; Alvin & Jacquelyn Jackson; Cal Caylor - WHOA; Chris & Nancy Nguyen-WHOA; Daniel Bujold & Paul Harrington-WHOA; Deanna Bond; Don Kaiser-WHOA; Douglas & Rochelle Dopkins; Ellen Caldwell-WHOA; James White; jan shaw-WHOA; Jim & Betty Siber; John & Barbara Arms-WHOA; Jorge Salvans; Joy Starks-WHOA; kvela@vela-law.com; Maria Gonzales-WHOA; Mark And Bob; Marshall Hays-WHOA; Norma Newman-WHOA; Pål Øyvind Reichelt-WHOA; paul martinez-WHOA; Ruth Harrington; Sandy Huffine; Steve & Jeri Wakefield; Terri & Darryl Corbello; Zane & Rene Steadman  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting District 10

FYI

The LHHS attendance zone has nothing to do with redistricting. It was decided in 2003 by the RISD School Board with the opening of ACE to change our area to Berkner. Woodbridge was grandfathered in since there were a number of youth already in JH. I suggest contacting Dr. Kay Waggoner [-kay.waggoner@risd.org](mailto:-kay.waggoner@risd.org);- and Luke Davis LH area Board Member on this matter.

David Tyson, Jr.  
Former RISD Board Member

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**From:** Shirley Dixon <shirley@tescoinc.com>  
**To:** redallas11@dallascityhall.com  
**Cc:** Al Ranyak <al\_ranyak@rdg-inc.com>; Alvin & Jacquelyn Jackson <jjackson@raytheon.com>; Cal Caylor - WHOA <calcaylor@gmail.com>; Chris & Nancy Nguyen-WHOA <joypnguyen@yahoo.com>; D C Tyson-WHOA <dctyson@sbcglobal.net>; Daniel Bujold & Paul Harrington-WHOA <dbujold@glownetworks.com>; Deanna Bond <deannajbond@hotmail.com>; Don Kaiser-WHOA <dkaiser@AttorneysForBusiness.com>; Douglas & Rochelle Dopkins <drdopkins@sbcglobal.net>; Ellen Caldwell-WHOA <ellenc615@yahoo.com>; James White <mightcan@gmail.com>; jan shaw-WHOA <janshaw10009@yahoo.com>; Jim & Betty Siber <jbrebis@sbcglobal.net>; John & Barbara Arms-WHOA <john.barbara.arms@gmail.com>; Jorge Salvans <jsalvans@sbcglobal.net>; Joy Starks-WHOA <Joy.Starks@brinker.com>; kvela@vela-law.com; Maria Gonzales-WHOA <maria\_gonzales@prodigy.net>; Mark And Bob <mydogbarny@aol.com>; Marshall Hays-WHOA <marshall@hays.net>; Norma Newman-WHOA <norma.newman@risd.org>; Pål Øyvind Reichelt-WHOA <p.o.reichelt@gmail.com>; paul martinez-WHOA <paul\_mart@usa.net>; Ruth Harrington <rharrington@brlaw.com>; Sandy Huffine <Sandy@kruppbrothersestates.com>; Steve & Jeri Wakefield <Steve-jeri-wake@earthlink.net>; Terri & Darryl Corbello <terrincorbello@yahoo.com>; Zane & Rene Steadman <z\_jr@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wed, August 3, 2011 2:10:59 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10

I oppose redistricting District 10 for the following reasons as outlined by our Homeowners Association:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** John Guerra [johnguerra@apodigm.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:26 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** johnguerra@apodigm.com; Allen, Jerry  
**Subject:** Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I'm writing today to express my sincere desire that District 10 remain largely intact through your redistricting efforts.

My wife and I moved to Lake Highlands in 2006 after careful and diligent consideration. We were looking for a neighborhood with a strong sense of community, healthy economic conditions, great schools, and local Catholic communities. You see, at the time we were starting our family. We knew we wanted to raise our family in a welcoming atmosphere where we could set long-term roots in Dallas. We were very pleased to find Lake Highlands. This area lives up to all our criteria and more. Since that time, we have really learned a lot about Lake Highlands and its sense of community pride.

I believe that Lake Highlands has built this great community based on the diversity and history associated with District 10. This is a family-friendly area with relatively low crime, diverse community, strong economic outlook, and active community organizations. More importantly, this "small town feeling" within the bigger picture of Dallas is exactly the reason that Lake Highlands is attractive to so many people.

It would be a travesty to divide the district as suggested in some of your redistricting plans. Rather than destroy the Lake Highlands connectedness, Dallas should promote this type of community.

I urge you to make every effort to maintain District 10 aligned with Lake Highlands H.S. attendance zone.

Thank you,  
John Guerra  
9811 Lakemere Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238  
214-498-5999

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Charles Briner [c.db@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:09 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** council redistricting maps, district 10

To Commission Members:

I am particularly concerned about redistricting of District 10. Some of the proposed maps break up the existing district 10. I believe this would be very bad for community. This district should be based on the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone. It is a neighborhood that works and should be preserved. It meets the requirements for diversity, etc.

One of the reasons I moved into the district in 1968 was because it was truly a great neighborhood in all senses of the word. I worked for this district serving on City boards and commissions for almost a decade. As you make your decisions please let us preserve it.

Sincerely,

Charles Briner

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** jolady@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 6:17 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please do not change the Lake Highland district. Jo Laing

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Bobby Debenport [bobbydebenport@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:00 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** district 10

Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. Keep L.H. High school attendance zone the primary consideration.  
We are a community !!!

Bobby Debenport  
9515 spring branch dr  
dallas,tx 75238



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Sallie Buntenbah [salliesjb@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:40 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands District 10

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As a Lake Highland residence with a granddaughter at LHE this of great concern to me. Lake Highlands is small town within a large city and we want to keep it that way.

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Martha Ryan [pmryan92@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 7:50 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

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Thanks,  
Martha Ryan

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**From:** courtney.s.watson@wellsfargoadvisors.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:07 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** martha judkins [martha.judkins@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:32 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10

To whom it may concern:

I would like to register my strong desire to keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10 and keep the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as a primary definition. District 10 is already a diverse district and has been for many years. This is a very unique neighborhood and I ask that it not be redistricted or changed.

Martha Judkins  
7216 Winedale Drive  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hilliard, Lynette [lhiliar@mail.smu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I have lived in this area since 1972 and it is such a special area, like a small town. It has a mix of people and a strong sense of community that is SO important these days – a small town feeling within a big city. Kids grow up here and want to come back. We are a diverse area as it is so I see no purpose is changing what already works. Communities have enough struggles without messing up what we have.

Thanks for your consideration!

Lynette Hilliard  
9423 Buxhill Drive  
Dallas TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Fuerst, Thomas M (Thomas) [thomas.fuerst@alcatel-lucent.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:39 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 Intact

Hello,

I am emailing you to express my concerns that District 10 might get changed as part of the redistricting effort.

Myself and my wife are firmly against anything that will change the structure of the district. We believe that the LHHS attendance zone should be the primary consideration in deciding the shape of the district. It is already a diverse district and has a strong community of interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. Lake Highlands has a "small town feel" within the greater Dallas and any redistricting would destroy that.

In short, Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works. Please don't destroy that!!!

Thanks,

Tom & Katie Fuerst  
9406 Overwood Rd

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jason Kipness [jkipness@kiplawfirm.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:40 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

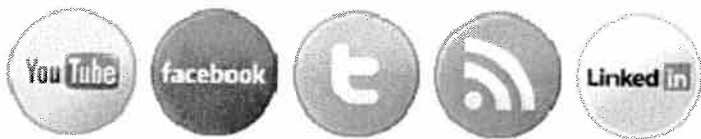
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**From:** S. D. [sasnd8@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dallas Redistricting - District 10

When I look at the map, it makes sense if it's based on race/income level.

From a Lake Highlands community standpoint, it destroys what so many groups have worked to achieve. I think it might be the end of LH Town Center. Instead of having one councilman pushing the project, it would take two since half the population would be in District 13 and the other half the current District 9.

And I think the division would pertain to other projects - schools, roads, etc. within Lake Highlands so that we would no longer be represented. Plus I think these new districts will spread the council representatives from Districts 13 and 9 too thin. I think you are making their districts too diverse.

As a community, District 10 has 1/3 of the city's Section 8 housing and we have as many apartment units as single family homes. We've worked together and been good neighbors. So if you are looking for "unity", we've got it.

~ Sharon Dorsey

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Bob Runyon [msc@materialsolutionscorp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** "Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

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Bob Runyon  
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Dallas, TX 75231  
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[msc@materialsolutionscorp.com](mailto:msc@materialsolutionscorp.com)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Kristi Brown [bluellano@me.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 as is!

To Whom It May Concern -

I understand that the Redistricting Committee is considering altering the current boundaries of District 10. As a resident of this district I urge the committee to leave the existing District 10 boundaries intact and a part of the Lake Highlands community. Please consider the following in your decision to keep District 10 as is:

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Thank you -  
Kristi Brown

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Betty Thomas [bettyjthomas@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:45 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Reredistricting in Lake Highlands

Keep Lake Highlands in District 10.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Becky Riggins [beckyriggins@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Lake Highlands is an old established neighborhood and there is no reason other than someone's political agenda that would cause district ten to be split up. LEAVE LAKE HIGHLANDS ALONE!

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Nick Schwabe [nschwabe@wycliffdouglas.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:02 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands District 10 - Leave it Alone

To whom it may concern,

Please do not divide Lake Highlands and please leave this in District 10. We are starting a campaign to prevent any changes to the district.

Best regards,  
--Nick Schwabe

Wycliff at Douglas LLC  
Nikolaus Z. Schwabe

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**From:** Nancy Burroughs [naburroughs@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:02 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Nancy Burroughs  
**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I are residents of Lake Highlands.

It has come to our attention that Lake Highlands is an area that is being considered for redistricting.

We would like it to be known that we want to **KEEP LAKE HIGHLANDS INTACT IN DISTRICT 10.**

Please consider the following:

1. The LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration;
2. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10;
3. The "small town" feel of LH had supported council candidates and redevelopment would be lost;
4. LH has a history of being a neighborhood where diversity **ALREADY WORKS!**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Mark and Nancy Burroughs

9814 Cross Creek Ct.

Dallas 7243

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** ginny chambliss [ginny.chambliss@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:02 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands and district 10

I have lived in Lake Highlands for 36 years. I taught at Lake Highland's High School for 29 years. Virtually my whole adult life has been invested in this community. Students I taught are now back buying homes to raise their families in this very special place. They are all around me. I cannot imagine why you would be taking the actions that you are to try to split this district and change one of the best neighborhoods in Dallas.

I implore you NOT to change district 10. Let us keep this little section of the city that offers so much and is loved by so many.

Sincerely,  
Ginny Chambliss  
9749 Maplehill Dr  
Dallas, TX 75238



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Finkecj@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10--District 10 is already a diverse district and doesn't need gerrymandering to "fix" diversification. LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already exists.

Don't destroy the "small town feel within the heart of Dallas". Our Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League have worked with the City on programs and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and in contributions to the parks departments in District 10.

Nathan & June Finke  
Lake Highlands Residents

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jerry Tonn [jtonn@haymanco.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to voice my concern over the potential redistricting impact on the Lake Highlands neighborhood. The proposed split of the district to provide minorities a likelihood of winning a council seat is against common sense. Our neighborhood has worked together to support and improve conditions for all Lake Highlands residents. Splitting the district will destroy our community unity and create an us against them mentality, damaging the long term viability of the neighborhood.

Please leave our District boundaries as they are!

Jerry Tonn  
Senior Vice President  
The Hayman Company  
7019 Claybrook Drive  
Dallas, TX 75231  
214-549-6048 direct  
[jtonn@haymanco.com](mailto:jtonn@haymanco.com)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jane D. Howell [rosetrellis@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:49 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Allen, Jerry; 'Donna D. Halstead'  
**Subject:** District 10: Lake Highlands stay intact

*Jane D. Howell*  
*9336 Shoreview Road*  
*Dallas, Texas 75238*  
*(H) 214-341-0417*  
*rosetrellis@sbcglobal.net*  
*August 4, 2011*

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Again, please keep the community of Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. and Jane D. Howell

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jeff.Laceky@regions.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** NO REDISTRICTING PLEASE!

To Whom It May Concern:

Having been a life-long East Dallas resident and having lived directly in Lake Highlands for the past seven years, I can say with certainty that to split this district up will hurt what has been so carefully nurtured in LH for a long time. It's truly a community unto itself, and there's a lot of synergy within the community - the schools, the Exchange Club, the Women's Jr. League and more - that builds a great sense of self-identity which leads to individuals and businesses being motivated to be a part of this piece of Dallas.

In large part the community and its businesses have embraced the diversity that was originally part of this area and which was further increased through the Section 8 mandate. East Dallas residents understand this and usually realize that it enriches the culture and is an overall benefit to the community. I hope you will do everything in your power to help us maintain our current position. It is a critical issue.

Thank you.

Jeff and Jeanne Laceky  
Lake Highlands, Texas

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** jimhearne@att.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** My vote is NO regarding LH redistricting

Not good...

**Bratt, Peter**

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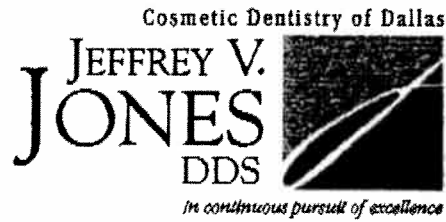
**From:** Cassandra Laviolette [cassandra\_75238@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:10 AM  
**To:** reDallas11

I have heard of a possible proposal to divide #10 up. It is fine just the way it is. I like the sense of community. Don't jermander it!

Sincerely, Cassandra Laviolette

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fax: 214.821.4034  
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info@perfectgrin.com

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Dallas, TX 75246



Dear Redistricting Committee,

As a resident of Lake Highlands  
for the past 26 years and a  
business owner in the Lake Highlands  
area it is of utmost importance to  
leave district 10 alone. LH has a  
long history of being a great example of  
how diversity already works. Please  
don't destroy this.

Thank you,

*Jeff Jones*

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10:15 AM  
8-3-11

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# Redistricting Committee

“Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10”

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Jason Amick

9446 Brentgate

Dallas, 75238

# FAX

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August 3, 2011

Redistricting Commission  
City of Dallas  
1500 Marilla St. L1AN  
Dallas, TX 75201


To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Eastwood Hills, I currently reside in District 7, South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include my neighborhood with other East Dallas/White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road.

I urge you to oppose any plan based on the old District 7 plan which does not reflect today's requirements for compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

I thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me with the information provided below.

Kindest regards,



Melissa J. Bellan

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Dallas, TX 75228  
District 7  
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Again, please keep the community of Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom & Jane Howell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas J. and Jane D. Howell

August 4, 2011

City Council Redistricting Commission

We live in district 10 and would like to voice our concern about splitting this district into 3 separate districts. With the following points in mind please reconsider the change:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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Please help us keep our community alive!

Sincerely,

Steve and Tricia Hicks

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Dallas, TX

# Fax Cover Sheet



From: **Christa Licht**

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**214 670-5798**

**To the redistricting Committee.**

**Please keep the district the way it is right now.**

**Thank you very much. I'm very concerned for Lake Highlands. I've been a Lake Highlands resident for 36 years.**

**NO REDISTRICTING – KEEP DISTRICT 10 THE WAY IT IS.**

Perhaps one of the greatest threats to our neighborhood and our representation at city hall is deserves your prompt attention and action. As you know, every 10 years a census is taken and all elected districts are up for reconsideration. Currently, a commission has been tasked with redistricting our city council districts to more accurately reflect the 2010 census. Possible Redistricting Maps can be viewed with this hyperlink.

Some of the proposals would split Lake Highlands into 3 different districts.

We need you to make your voice heard, "Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

**Please email the Redistricting Committee or fax your comments to 214.670.5798.**

Key points to include are:

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## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Tassopoulos, Kerry [Kerry.Tassopoulos@mkcorp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:15 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** 'president@lhaia.org'  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands - District 10

Hello –

I am a resident of District 10 and live in the Lake Highlands area at 7132 Blackwood Drive.

I oppose any redistricting proposal that would divide the Lake Highlands area and weaken the strength of District 10 at the City Council.

I have lived in Dallas in the Lake Highlands area for over 25 years. The main reason I've chosen to live here and raise my family here is because of the stability found in this neighborhood. While there have been changes in residents, housing, and businesses through the years – one thing has not changed, and that is the sense of community and support for this part of Dallas.

As you consider different proposals for redistricting I strongly encourage you to maintain District 10 in its current configuration, taking into consideration the following:

- The value of the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as a primary consideration
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For Dallas to continue being a world class city we need neighborhoods that work, that support economic growth and that are stable. Lake Highlands is that type of neighborhood now, and needs to stay that way in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kerry Tassopoulos

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Virginia Ross [vmross@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:07 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

As a longtime resident of Lake Highlands I respectfully request that your committee keep our Lake Highlands district intact. Below is a list of reasons why.

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- Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Have a Great Day!  
Virginia Ross  
10801 Wallbrook Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Laura Krauss [krauss8880@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:08 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Laura Krauss

August 4, 2011

City Council Redistricting Commission

We live in district 10 and would like to voice our concern about splitting this district into 3 separate districts. With the following points in mind please reconsider the change:

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Please help us keep our community alive!

Sincerely,

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Mike Biddler [mbiddler@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:11 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10 (Lake Highlands area)

I have been a resident in the Lake Highlands area for 40 years. Please leave the Lake Highlands area as is. It is a diverse area now and a wonderful area to live in. Please do not destroy the neighbor hood that has developed as Lake Highlands.

Thank you,

Mike Biddler

Sent from my iPad

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Tom and Julie Goodale [goodale@me.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:10 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

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Sincerely,  
Julie Goodale

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** marylucile@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:12 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please do not divide Lake Highlands. It is a diverse, caring area where there is pride in our schools and our neighborhoods. So many have given so much to make this a town within the city. Please do not divide District 10. It should be an example for other areas of Dallas. Mary L. McKellar, resident since 1961.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** TEXASJULES@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:13 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee:

Please consider the following:

Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration

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Thank you,  
Julie Lowry  
Lake Highlands resident, Lake Ridge Estates



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christine Gordon [cgccc1@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

As a homeowner for the last 30 years in Lake Highlands, I have seen many changes. My parents moved to the area in 1957 and my brother and I attended the Lake Highlands schools. When I became an adult I bought my own home in Lake Highlands and my children attended and were graduates of the Lake Highlands neighborhood schools. My older son bought his own home in Lake Highlands and his children attended the Lake Highlands neighborhood schools until his job forced him to relocate out of the city.

PLEASE don't try to fix anything unless it's broken. Lake Highlands has maintained it's reputation as a most desired place to live, raise a family and continues to be an outstanding community. Kindly leave Lake Highlands alone!

Christine Gordon  
8510 Thunderbird Lane  
Dallas, TX 75238

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** randy.huntress@nokia.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:24 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 - keep LH intact

I am not in favor of re-mapping District 10. Lake Highlands is a "community of interest" and we are working hard to improve the overall community. Any redistricting that would divide the community would compound our problems. Please keep Lake Highlands intact.

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Randy Huntress | Nokia | 214.718.5555 mobile  
6021 Connection Drive, Irving TX 75039

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**From:** David Dunson [davidsdunson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:37 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cPlan 16 - Against

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to cPlan 16 for splitting up District 10 of Lake Highlands. Normally I wouldn't take the time to write letters such as this one; however, when I saw this was the plan from Domingo Garcia and he's calling it the "Unity Plan," I felt compelled to write you. After putting up with the likes of Mr. Garcia, John Wiley Price, Diane Ragsdel and Al Lipscomb for the past several years and hearing them complain about segregation, racism, etc., it's time we stand up to these type of bullies and say enough is enough. Mr. Garcia saying District 10 needs to be split up because a minority cannot win in District 10 is a very racist statement and is offensive to me. We in District 10 do not judge people base on the color of their skin but rather their character and where they stand on the issues that are important to us. Tell Mr. Garcia that District 10 has moved beyond racism by voting down his cPlan 16 and adopting a plan that keeps District 10 intact as it is. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Dunson  
6967 Blackwood Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75231

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Darlene Wolf Moore [dar.wolf@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:45 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake highlands

I am very concerned with the proposed redistricting plan set forth for Lake Highlands. As a former elementary and junior high teacher, current volunteer and long time resident, I know we have a diversified and unique community. A community that has and continues to contribute to many social, scholastic and city causes. Breaking up this "small town" area of the city would not only permanently damage Lake Highlands, but would negatively impact the city of Dallas as well. Strong, close knit communities, like Lake Highlands, keep residents within the city limits and that is important to all Dallas residents.

Darlene Wolf Moore

Sent from my iPhone

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Lara Hollowell [lara.hollowell@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

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**From:** Lauren Solomon [laurenbsolomon@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:44 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,  
Lauren Solomon

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**From:** Ty Hatton [thhatton@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:32 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Stacey and Ty Hatton  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To whom it may concern,

I have included the points you have seen from many of my neighbors below but I would like to say that a huge disservice to the community will occur to Dallas if this breakup goes through. Any attempts to create leadership positions by the division at the expense of the tax paying citizens is not in the best interest of the community as a whole but instead a way for power brokers to increase their leverage on the body politic.

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Amy Moseley [amymoe@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:34 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands Intact in District 10

The thought of breaking up the Lake Highlands community greatly saddens me. I am a lifelong resident of Lake Highlands – was born and raised here and am now raising my children here.

Lake Highlands is like no other community...we here it all the time. The 'small town feel' is hard to find these days but it is alive and well in Lake Highlands! People come here for our wonderful schools and all our community has to offer.

Lake Highlands' schools are top-notch! Splitting up Lake Highlands threatens the cohesiveness we have spent decades building.

I am a former member of the LH Junior Women's League and a current member of the LH Women's League. Both groups work very hard raising thousands of dollars annually to give back to the Lake Highlands community. If Lake Highlands is split, the philanthropic efforts of these organizations and others like them will be less effective.

Lake Highlands has come together as a community time and time again – there is strength in numbers!!!

Thanks for your careful consideration of keeping Lake Highlands Intact in District 10.

Amy Moseley  
Lifelong LH Resident



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Kevin.McIlroy@thomsonreuters.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:40 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

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**From:** Renatta Rasmussen [renattar@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:42 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Don't Divide Lake Highlands!!!

Dear Commissioners, As a relatively new resident to Lake Highlands (moved here Dec. 2007) I have become very aware of the wonderful diversity here, but also the pride that brings all Lake Highland residents together. Most all newcomers have moved here because of the great schools and the committment to excellence our leadership believes in. We have a great love for the community, whether you are black, white, hispanic or asian. Please **DO NOT DIVIDE** us!! Many people over many years have worked to keep Lake Highlands a "progressively-forward-moving" community and it would be a shame to disrupt that momentum. Please keep us **ALL** in District 10!!

Thank you!--Renatta L. Rasmussen

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Paul French [pfrench4@pfrench.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:44 AM  
**To:** reDallas11

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**From:** Caroline Hanes [Caroline.Hanes@wnco.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:44 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!  
Caroline Hanes

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**From:** Jim Adams [jim@innisfreeinvestments.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Comments on Redistricting proposals

I am writing to strongly encourage you to keep the District 10 boundaries drawn in such a way as to continue to encompass the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone boundaries. Existing District 10 is very much a community—you can even buy hats that say “Lake Highlands, Texas.”

And it is a community that is extremely diverse both economically and ethnically—a community that works. Lake Highlands has strong social and support organizations that work hard to provide opportunity and advantages for all our citizens. We have been strong supports of things like the Parks Department through these community organizations.

District 10 has been a single community and a single district dating back a long time. Cutting up a single community that works would be a terrible injustice and would not achieve any goals to improve city services or representation of citizens. PLEASE do not destroy District 10 and gerrymander us out of existence. We are a community. We deserve a single district.

Thank you.

Jim Adams  
9927 Capridge Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238

214-368-0828

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Badger, Tanna [Tanna.Badger@richardson.k12.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:55 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Our family has been in the Lake Highlands community since 1975. Our children all graduated from LHHS. Over this time I have seen the community embrace all people and give tremendous support to everyone. I challenge you to find a community spirit and support in any area of Dallas area greater than ours with the exception of High;and Park and you have no control over them. The LH Exchange Club, the LH Women's League and the Junior Women's League have contributed thousands in support of parks, libraries and beautification in our area-all benefiting the city of Dallas, not to mention the thousands given to deserving graduates of LHHS-mainly minority students of all races who need and deserve a head start. Now we also have the LH Military Moms who support all our men and women in uniform. This is truly a community based on caring for everyone who resides here. With no disrespect for the council member from the Berkne rarea-I know that area and also know the community feel is not the same there. You are trying to ruin the small time feel of a wonderful neighborhood! If anyone, regardless of race wants to run from this area-let them. If they are deserving-they have just as much chance as anyone. LEAVE our area alone!

Respectfully,  
Tanna Badger  
9512 Trailhill Drive  
Dallas, TX. 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** ccarson301@netscape.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:50 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Don't Split Up District 10

Dear Committee,

I was shocked to learn there is a proposal to split up District 10. Lake Highlands is already a very diverse part of the city and splitting it up would lose a lot of what makes LH a nice city within a city. The things that work in District 10 work because the groups within the district have found ways to work together for the benefit of the city.

Please don't split it into 3 pieces. That's ridiculous.

Caryn Carson  
6926 Colfax Drive, Dallas

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Rylander, Dale [drylander@cincom.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee:

As a resident of Lake Highlands, I am writing to ask that you keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

In addition:

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**Dale Rylander**

Senior Solution Consultant

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**From:** Leigh Ann Feagan [leighannfeagan@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:56 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 all Lake Highlands!!

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Todd Hanes [todd@cashmaster-us.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:00 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

To whom it may concern:

As a current resident of Lake Highlands I do not feel redistricting is in our neighborhoods best interest. We have a very diverse neighborhood that functions great. In addition we do not want to see LHHS attendance zone change in any way.

Best Regards,

Todd Hanes  
Cash Solutions  
[todd@cashmaster-us.com](mailto:todd@cashmaster-us.com)  
214-747-1984 ext 3

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Worthing, Mike [mike.worthing@Cisco-Eagle.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:58 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Leave district 10 alone, no redistricting.

*Mike Worthing  
Warehouse Manager  
Cisco-Eagle Inc.  
972-331-3052  
[mike.worthing@cisco-eagle.com](mailto:mike.worthing@cisco-eagle.com)*

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Railsback Craig [craig\_railsback@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:02 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** LAKE HIGHLANDS

Dear sirs,

I recently moved my family back to Texas and specifically into the Lake Highlands area for the local small town feel. Having grown up in Plano in the 80s I've seen that style of development and personally don't care to raise my small family in that type of environment. I see there are some plans for possible redistricting Lake Highlands and splitting it into 3 separate areas.

While that might serve some political goals for shifting political power to other parts of the city I don't see how it would serve the local population here in the White Rock area.

On my block alone we have quite the melting pot of America right here. Asian, Africa, Hispanic, multiple religions, same sex couples, single moms and classic caucasian small families are living and working together right here in White Rock Villas neighborhood.

We are all here for the same thing, lifestyle.

Please don't mess with our area for the sake of city politics.

If the city is going to do anything work on projects that will help boost the local economy not divide it up as a political pie.

Sincerely,

Craig Railsback  
9028 Clearhurst Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238  
214-924-7572

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jason Sands [sands367@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

My name is Jason Sands and I am a registered voter in district 10. I reside in lake highlands and would urge you to keep lake highlands in intact within district 10. Therefore I oppose e proposed redistricting and urge you to as well.

Thank you,  
Jason sands

Sent from my iPad

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Matt Krauss [matt.krauss@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:05 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highland intact in District 10!

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Sincerely,

Matt Krauss

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** June Marie London [june\_marie\_london@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:42 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Lake Highlands.

Here is why Lake Highlands need to stay in District 10

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June Marie London  
8627 Grenadier Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

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**From:** June Marie London <june\_marie\_london@yahoo.com>  
**To:** redallas11@dallascityhall.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 4, 2011 8:40 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Lake Highlands.

Currently, a commission has been tasked with redistricting our city council districts to more accurately reflect the 2010 census.

Some of the proposals would split Lake Highlands into 3 different districts.

Please, "Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!"

June Marie London  
8627 Grenadier Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Tracy Schrader [tschrader@tscounsel.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:43 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Dallas Redistricting Committee:

District 10 should stay "as is". Your considerations should include the following:

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Respectfully,  
Tracy Schrader  
Long-time District 10 resident

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**From:** Bethany Grubb [bethanygrubb@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:49 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Mack Grubb  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands in District 10

Subject:  
Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Reasons to keep LH intact in District 10:

- \* Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- \* District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
  
- \* District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
  
- \* The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
  
- \* The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
  
- \* LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Sincerely,

Bethany Grubb, MPAS, PA-C

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gregory Goin [gcgoin2@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:55 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 - Lake Highlands

To whom it may concern,

I understand that District 10 maybe be split up into 3 different territories? Please let me know why this is being considered. Lake Highlands is one of the last suburban feel communities left in the city of Dallas. We are already fighting to save our community from the crime and urban blight that currently surrounds us. We seem to be clinging to the edge already. Don't push us over the cliff.

If I am wrong, tell me why, as a homeowner who pays a large amount of property tax, this would benefit my family?

Gregory Goin  
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Dallas, TX 75231  
214-558-9541

**Redistricting Commission  
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Via Fax, Email, and Mail  
from 2:01PM August 3, 2011  
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Part IV**

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**From:** Marian Gavson [gavsonhome@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 6:54 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee,

My husband, Kevin, and I live in Lake Highlands and have a Junior at Lake Highlands High School. We've recently become aware of a proposal to split up the Lake Highlands district and strongly oppose this action. Below are some of the reasons why.

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration;
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition;
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years;
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10;
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost; and
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Please consider our request and make the decision NOT to change the Lake Highlands District 10.

Very truly yours,  
Marian Gavson  
Kevin Gavson  
9302 Bill Browne Ln  
Dallas, TX 75243  
214-349-9367

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Rita [ritalambert37@att.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 6:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10

PLEASE KEEP DISTRICT 10 INTACT!

Rita Lambert  
Property Owner for 28 years.

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Donna Haster [bdhaster@tx.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 6:47 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

I was very surprised to hear about the possibility of the District 10 area being divided up between three different representatives. I felt that after 30 years of great representation, a growing diverse population base, a wonderful record of philanthropy and getting things accomplished that we would be held up as a model of what can be accomplished by working together as a community.

However, it seems that there is a proposal made by three commissioners to split the District and destroy the unity the area has enjoyed. The Lake Highlands Area has worked too hard over these many years to allow commissioners, either knowingly or unknowingly, ruin the unity and sense of community that exists in District 10.

Please make sure that cPlan16 is thrown on the scrapheap and taken to the nearest incinerator for disposal. Keep District 10 the warm, down home, special place it currently is, represented by one council person for the better of the entire area, not three council people who will not have the betterment of the area at heart.

Bob Haster

9334 Clearhurst Dr.

Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Beth Northcut [bsnorthcut@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 5:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting map

In looking at the proposed redistricting of city council zones, I feel that North Oak cliff, which has a cohesive community, is being divided into random partitions, such as the placement of Lake Cliff with the district to the East of I-35. I am currently in District 1, but my block has no proposed district on your map. I feel my neighborhood includes the part of District 3 North of me to I-30 and the Oak Cliff Gateway which you have lumped into District 4. Please do not approve this map.

Sincerely,  
Beth Northcut

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** JHuff69047@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 5:23 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** jhuff69047@aol.com  
**Subject:** Redistricting and District 10

I am very concerned that you will damage a great neighborhood that really works as a neighborhood if you divide the Lake Highlands area into different city council districts. Please keep the Lake Highlands High School Attendance area intact as a primary consideration in any redistricting. Please note the following points:

- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's tenure on the city council and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates and redevelopment would be lost if the Lake Highlands area were divided into separate city council districts
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Sincerely,  
Joseph H. Huffman  
9427 Lanshire Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238  
214-341-3513



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christian Daniel [cgdaniel@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Distric 10

Dallas City Redistricting Commissioners,

As a resident of Lake Highlands, Council District 10, I am not in favor of any redistricting plans that will affect the current boundary of district 10. Lake Highlands is in itself a strong and vibrant community. This district is quite diverse in its social-economic make up as well as its racial diversity. Past council members have worked over the years to help define Lake Highlands as a Community of Interest and it should remain so in its current boundaries. Many in Lake Highlands have donated their time and financial resources to assure that Lake Highlands keeps its small town feel within the large metropolitan city of Dallas. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. Historically, the district has used Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as the core consideration of boundaries. The boundaries should remain as the currently are in order to maintain the continuity of the redevelopment in this district.

Respectfully,

Chris Daniel  
9634 Dartridge Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Robert Nieporte [nieporte.robert@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:53 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** No to Plan cPlan16

To the 2011 Redistricting Committee:

I've had the opportunity to review some of the proposed redistricting options set forth by your committee and to be brief, I am very concerned at what is proposed by cPlan16 as it essentially undercuts the voice and composition of the Lake Highlands community as we've grown to know from the formulation of District 10 since 1961.

I find it rather disconcerting that this plan splits two of the more stable areas of Lake Highlands; placing one in District 13 and the other in District 9. If anything, these two areas should remain together as most public school students in this area will eventually end up going to high school together at Lake Highlands High School. Additionally both neighborhoods share common areas, facilities and activities from the YMCA, Flag Pole Hill Park, Moss Field, Lake Highlands Community Center – the list goes on.

I strongly question the logic used in redefining District 10. As well, I am sure that residents of the current Districts 9 and 13 will strongly oppose having their interests diluted by the influx of our communities' interests. We pay our taxes, we follow the laws – the effort shown in the formulation of cPlan16 is a slap in the face of not just us in District 10, but similar citizens in Districts 9 and 13 as well.

Robert Nieporte, Jr.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jack Keene [whatknot@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cplan 16 map

in reviewing the cPLAN 16 map it seems more logical to include the lake cliff area in district 1 with 35 being the east boundary of dist 1

jack keene

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Sent from AT&T's Wireless network using Mobile Email

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Cliff Forte [cforte@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** New re-districting

Do not change the present Lake Highlands boundaries as I like them as they are!

Cora J. Forte

Clifton Forte  
[cforte@att.net](mailto:cforte@att.net)  
8717 Fenchurch Rd  
75238  
214-342-21669

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hank Hammett [dietham@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** New District map

Dear Members of the Commission:

I have lived in the Lake Cliff Historic Neighborhood for two years and have found it to be one of the most stimulating and enjoyable areas in all of Dallas.

I was very surprised and alarmed this afternoon when I received an email notifying me that our beautiful neighborhood is proposed to be grouped with the neighborhoods east of I-35 in District 4. Lake Cliff is a vital part of North Oak Cliff, not East Dallas. We have abundantly more in common with our neighbors in Kessler Park, Stevens Park, the Bishop Arts District and Winnetka Heights than we do with the neighborhoods east of the highway.

All of North Oak Cliff should and needs to be put into a single district, seeking common and definable goals in line with important community projects like the Oak Cliff Gateway. Lake Cliff neighborhood is the very first that people encounter when crossing the Trinity from downtown. In addition, our neighborhood is extremely involved in various gentrification projects in the Bishop Arts District and other community projects in North Oak Cliff. Furthermore, Lake Cliff park is a vital resource and recreational venue for all residents of North Oak Cliff.

I passionately urge you to reconsider the proposed district map as it stands as of today. Our neighborhood has worked extremely hard to help open up the beauties and uniqueness of North Oak Cliff to the Dallas public at large and we want to continue to do so with the support of the council and others in positions of leadership in our city. Please don't undermine this great effort to rightly include us in North Oak Cliff.

Thank you very much for this consideration. I sincerely expect you to do the right thing for Lake Cliff Park residents and for North Oak Cliff at large.

Respectfully yours,  
Hank Hammett  
616 Blaylock Drive  
Dallas, TX 75203-1338

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**From:** Arms Family [john.barbara.arms@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Fwd: Redistricting District 10--sent mine in also

For the record, John and Barbara Arms (9924 Wood Forrest Dr. 75243) oppose the redistricting of District 10. The following reasons apply:

- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
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- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** C.C. Kaplan [kapmac@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting District 10  
**Attachments:** woodbridge logo icon.jpg

I am opposed to redistricting District 10 for the following reasons:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Catherine Kaplan  
Lake Highlands resident for 50 years

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Dale Dietert [dietham@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Map

Commission Members:

I am a new resident of the Lake Cliff Neighborhood. I was very distressed when I received notification today that our neighborhood was to be grouped with neighborhoods east of I-35 in District 4. Lake Cliff Neighborhood has much more in common with Kessler Park, Stevens Park and Winnetka Heights than it does with neighborhoods in District 4. North Oak Cliff needs to be put together into a single district since it has common goals. In addition, our neighborhood association has been much involved with the Oak Cliff Gateway discussions and it's geographic location positions it as the first neighborhood one encounters after crossing the Houston Street viaduct from downtown.

Please reconsider the proposal to move Lake Cliff neighborhood to District 4 and instead, group us with the rest of North Oak Cliff. I believe that it would be very detrimental to everything that our association has worked so hard to accomplish if we are placed in District 4.

Thank you,  
Dale Dietert



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jack Hood Jr [jehoodjr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:15 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Dear Committee,

As a Lake Highlands resident for over 35 years, I urge you to keep the current District 10 in tact on behalf of the Lake Highlands community. It's a vibrant, wonderful, diverse community that is unified by our wonderful high school, no matter how young or old, or what color skin, or political persuasion. After a long drought, we are finally on the verge of experiencing much needed redevelopment due in large part to unified efforts by the community as a whole. I urge you not to divide and destroy this sense of community by splitting our district. District 10 works and is a very positive contributor to the City of Dallas.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Hood  
9537 Crestedge Cir  
Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Brad Miller [bmiller10@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 4:05 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dont' mess with District 10!!!

To the City of Dallas Redistricting Committee,

My name is Brad Miller, and I'm a Dallas resident living in Lake Highlands, a very passionate, close-knit community. On behalf of my neighbors, I urge you to leave the District 10 boundaries intact as they are today. District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition. The community feel that we have, despite being part of a major metro area, would be lost as a victim of redistricting.

So I urge you, please, to leave our District 10 borders intact as they are today. Thank you.

-Brad Miller

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** David Blassingame [david.blassingame@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Dist. 10

I live in Lake Highlands and have for some time.

I oppose any attempt to divide or re apportion district 10.

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Kindest regards,

David Blassingame, CVLE  
Managing Partner

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Michael Lander [mike.lander@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To Whom it May Concern,

I have recently learned that there is a proposal to split Lake Highlands up into parts of 3 separate districts. Please do not do this. Lake Highlands is a diverse population that has a strong sense of community. It has been served well by being a single district for nearly 20 years.

Please keep it intact so that our strong sense of community and personal involvement will continue.

Sincerely,

Mike Lander  
9823 Windy Terrace Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75231  
(Lake Highlands resident since 1996)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** JAMES GRAHAM, JR [jlgraham@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:38 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

Sir:  
This is to request that DROP any consideration of splitting Lake Highlands into separate districts. Primary of concern is to keep the LHHS (Lake Highlands High School) attendance zone as a primary consideration. District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the NOT gerrymandered definition. The is already a Community of Interest dating back over the past 30+ years. The area has a "small town community feel" with the residents taking great pride in the development and community atmosphere of the neighborhood. There is little of this type "community pride" remaining in Dallas and is something we should strive to maintain. This is attributed the single district of the area, District 10. The civic clubs in the area, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and the Junior Women's League among others, have worked closely with the City on programs having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10. This could all be lost if the area is split into more than one district. I urge you to keep the area of District 10 intact!!  
James L. Graham Jr.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** michele morgan [shellymicheletexas@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:46 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please keep all North Oak Cliff together--

It has come to my attention that the new redistricting plans can potentially split North Oak cliff. I urge you to keep our neighborhoods together, including Lake Cliff, which should stay in either District 1 or 3. I also ask to KEEP Wynnewood North in D3.

Regards,  
Michele Morgan

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Gloria Gibeau [gloriagibeau@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:51 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** district 10

PLEASE CONSIDER THE MANY BENEFITS OF KEEPING LAKE HIGHLANDS ALL TOGETHER IN DIST # 10.  
THANK YOU GLORIA GIBEAU 9608 SUMMERHILL LANE 75238  
[gloriagibeau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gloriagibeau@sbcglobal.net)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Bryan Ponce [kolfax@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Lake Highlands

Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!!!

This district is already very diversified and it meets the non-gerrymandered definition.

Lake Highlands has a long history of being an area where diversity already works. Dont desrtoy 30 years of history for political reasons.

Look what politics have done to our nation's capital this year. We are about to implode in Washington thanks to the political bullcrap. Dont follow their lead and ruin a great community.

Bryan Ponce  
White Rock.Valley North  
Lake Highlands, TX

Sent from my Samsung Epic™ 4G Mobile Device.



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Carrie Song [carrieyson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands District

To Whom It May Concern:

In an attempt to split the Lake Highlands district into three, I urge you to consider the following:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Song

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Garza, Brenda [bgarza@maharam.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Cliff in District 1

**Importance:** High

Hello Commissioner Price!

Help keep Lake Cliff in district 1....thank you so much!!

It makes the most logical sense for Lake Cliff!!

Thank you!  
Brenda and Robert Garza

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christa Licht [[lichtchr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lichtchr@sbcglobal.net)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:17 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

**Subject:** Please Do Not Gerrymander District 10

Dear Commissioners of the Redistricting Committee,

I understand that 3 of your members are proposing that the Lake Highlands community in District 10 be divided among 3 city council districts. I am totally opposed to this!

Lake Highlands has natural boundaries which follow the lines of the Richardson Independent School District in Northeast Dallas. We have a dozen elementary schools and 2 junior high schools which feed into the Lake Highlands High School campus. Community activities revolve around the schools. We already have a very diverse population (23% Hispanic, 32% Black, 38% White, 7% Other), and we make things work out! Our total population is 7.1% (one-fourteenth) of the total city population, which fits exactly with the 14-1 council system. The media recognize Lake Highlands as a community of interest, as evidenced by the Lake Highlands Advocate magazine and the Dallas Morning News neighborhood sections. There is no acceptable reason to gerrymander this neighborhood that already works!

I will appreciate your consideration for keeping Lake Highlands neighborhoods intact with respect to the existing boundaries of RISD and LHHS in whatever redistricting plan you adopt.

Christa Licht  
mail to: [lichtchr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lichtchr@sbcglobal.net)  
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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Frances Hendrickson [fahendrickson@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:24 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To the Redistricting Committee:

I am writing to say that I am against the proposed redistricting maps and want to see Lake Highlands kept intact in District 10. We moved to Lake Highlands 3 years ago for the diverse neighborhood and great school system that it provides. Redistricting Lake Highlands would destroy our "small town feel" that so many leaders and programs in our community have worked so hard to accomplish. Lake Highlands is clearly a "community of interest," and therefore, should be left intact from that standpoint alone.

I know I am not alone in my plea to keep the Lake Highlands community intact in District 10. Please listen to the citizens of this community and represent us accordingly.

Thank you for your service in making Dallas a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Frances Hendrickson  
9205 Westpark Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75231  
214-341-9064

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Paula Hughes [paula.hughes@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 - Leave Lake Highlands community lines in tact

We have lived in Lake Highlands 25 years and do NOT want the lines gerrymandered. Our LH community should NOT be cut up into three different districts as Lake Highlands has always been a strong, diverse community and will continue to thrive within the current District 10 boundaries.

Paula and Ken Hughes

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Will Hendrickson [whendrickson@GraniteProp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:53 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

Dear Committee-

I have been a Lake Highlands resident for 4 years and plan to raise my family and remain in this community permanently. What attracted me to Lake Highlands is the strong sense of family and community as well as the diversity the neighborhood offers. Lake Highlands is truly one of Dallas' gems and demonstrates a success story for family, community, and diversity. In order to preserve the truly unique characteristics that this neighborhood offers it is imperative to keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. This will ensure continuity and a strong and unified voice for the community that will allow it to continue to prosper and represent Dallas well as a vibrant community.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Will Hendrickson**

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Aaron Bidne [abidne@GraniteProp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:08 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cPlan 16 Opposition

I am writing to voice my opposition to redistricting cPlan 16. Breaking up the city council representation for Lake Highlands is a horrible idea. I live at 9616 Trailview Drive in the heart of Lake Highlands. I love our community spirit and I appreciate the diversity our neighborhood offers. We have a wonderful school system with active parental participation. It would be a shame to divide this historically cohesive community into three council districts.

cPlan 16 seems to be splitting up current District 10 based on nothing but racial lines. Tensions between members of the minority community and white community are not a problem in District 10 to my observation. Even if there were conflicts, it will be more beneficial to our community as a whole to resolve those issues at the neighborhood level rather than escalate the ridiculous fighting we see on display at city council meetings with more race based districting.

Please keep Lake Highlands intact as you consider the redistricting plans being presented to you.

Thank you,

**Aaron Bidne, LEED AP**  
Granite Properties | Development Manager

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**From:** Carol Hooten [cshooten@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:07 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** No Redistricting for Lake Highlands and District 10

## **NO REDISTRICTING FOR LAKE HIGHLANDS AND DISTRICT 10**

We built our home at 9336 Forestridge Dr., Dallas, TX 75238-3305 in 1963. Both of our children attended White Rock Elementary, Lake Highlands Jr. High, and Lake Highlands High School. My husband Owen and I coordinated the White Rock Valley Neighborhood Association Volunteers in Patrol for five years and continue to patrol each month. Lake Highlands and District 10 need to remain in tact for the future. It is a wonderful community of people, businesses, churches, schools, recreation, healthcare, police and fire agencies, etc. Neighbors care about each other and participate in numerous activities together throughout the entire District - parades, National Night Out, Lake Highlands High School.

We agree with the following statements:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** miriam osborne [osbornemiriam@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands Intact!

Please accept this email as my request to keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. As a Lake Highlands resident, parent of children attending District 10 schools and a teacher working within this district, I am vehemently against dividing it. Lake Highlands does not need its attendance zone changed. In addition, District 10 is already a diverse district that meets the not gerrymandered definition. There is no positive benefit to our community, schools or businesses. Lake Highlands and District 10 need to be left as is.

Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Billy and Sarah Dorsey [goredorsey@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands Intact in District 10!

Please do not destroy what the citizens of Lake Highlands have worked hard to build. Personally, my family has donated **thousands of our personal money** and raised even more through the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League (of which I am a member) and The Lake Highlands Women's League as well as the Lake Highlands Exchange Club to build, beautify and enhance our parks in District 10! This is a personal investment we made for our community and for the lives of our 3 children, our family and for the neighborhood of Lake Highlands as a whole.

I stand along with the thousands of residents here asking the same thing they do... Do not destroy the long history Lake Highlands has of being a neighborhood where DIVERSITY ALREADY WORKS! Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration.

Thank you,  
William D. Dorsey

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Frances Hendrickson [fahendrickson@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:24 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

To the Redistricting Committee:

I am writing to say that I am against the proposed redistricting maps and want to see Lake Highlands kept intact in District 10. We moved to Lake Highlands 3 years ago for the diverse neighborhood and great school system that it provides. Redistricting Lake Highlands would destroy our "small town feel" that so many leaders and programs in our community have worked so hard to accomplish. Lake Highlands is clearly a "community of interest," and therefore, should be left intact from that standpoint alone.

I know I am not alone in my plea to keep the Lake Highlands community intact in District 10. Please listen to the citizens of this community and represent us accordingly.

Thank you for your service in making Dallas a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

Frances Hendrickson  
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Dallas, TX 75231  
214-341-9064

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Paula Hughes [paula.hughes@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 - Leave Lake Highlands community lines in tact

We have lived in Lake Highlands 25 years and do NOT want the lines gerrymandered. Our LH community should NOT be cut up into three different districts as Lake Highlands has always been a strong, diverse community and will continue to thrive within the current District 10 boundaries.  
Paula and Ken Hughes

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Harold Busch [h.busch@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:13 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10--Stop the nonsense

Domingo Garcia and others on the commission:

Please do not change District 10, for the following reasons, among many others:

The LHHS attendance zone should be retained as a primary consideration

It is irrefutable that District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition

It is irrefutable that District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years

Our various civic organizations, including the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on numerous programs, and have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10--don't betray that relationship

LH has a "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you,  
Harold Busch

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Christy Alfertig [calfertig@swiftproperty.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:25 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

Please consider keeping Lake Highland together as one district (10). We are a cohesive community and like to think of ourselves as a city within a city. We take care of our problems and issues with a close network of services and organizations. Breaking us into separate districts will greatly inhibit our efforts to improve our area (and thus some of Dallas' most important problems.)

**Please allow us to keep our Lake Highlands District 10 intact!!!**

Christy Alfertig  
Swift Property Company

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Luke Davis [oldavis3@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:26 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting and Lake Highlands (District 10)

Commissioners,

I submit this e-mail as (i) a Lake Highlands resident, (ii) a member of the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees since May, 2000, and (iii) a member of the Skillman TIF Board.

I strongly urge that Lake Highlands NOT be divided into two or more city council districts. Such action would be detrimental to not only Lake Highlands, but to the City of Dallas and Richardson ISD.

My wife and I are 28-year residents of Lake Highlands. Our children attended RISD schools in Lake Highlands from kindergarten through high school. I echo the comments of other Lake Highlands residents concerned about dividing Lake Highlands among several council districts. I, too, point to the “cohesive community” of Lake Highlands, the long-standing investments by Lake Highlands civic organizations in City of Dallas projects, the value of turning to a single city council member who lives in Lake Highlands, and the commitment of Lake Highlands residents to embrace diversity in neighborhoods and schools. There is no question that Lake Highlands is a “small town” with Lake Highlands High School as its epicenter. I often say to people that “unfortunately” Lake Highlands is a “unique” community – the point is that the City of Dallas would benefit from MORE communities like Lake Highlands.

I believe that my 11+ years of service on the Richardson ISD Board of Trustees provides a unique perspective to this discussion. The RISD trustees are each elected “at-large” and the RISD boundaries encompass 38-square miles within the cities of Dallas, Garland, and Richardson. I know the numerous communities within RISD and assure you that Lake Highlands is a “community of interest” under any definition. In fact, I believe it is the most distinct “community of interest” among the 4 high school attendance zones in RISD.

Proposed redistricting plans that divide Lake Highlands into 2 or more council districts would also divide schools, neighborhoods, neighbors, and communities. At least one plan I have reviewed would divide certain school attendance zones (elementary, junior high schools, and Lake Highlands HS) such that families within a single school would be represented by different city council members – that is not only confusing for residents and council members, it is not in the best interest of the City of Dallas. Moreover, there are already 3 Dallas city council members who live in and represent RISD areas. Increasing that number to 5 Dallas council members within the RISD boundaries would undermine and dilute the long-standing effective communication and productive partnerships between RISD and the City of Dallas.

I have not heard a credible argument for dividing Lake Highlands into multiple council districts – how would fragmenting Lake Highlands benefit the residents of Lake Highlands, the outstanding schools in Lake Highlands, or the City of Dallas? Put another way, “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” Lake Highlands is not broken and dividing our community is not a “fix.” Lake Highlands is a vibrant community that exhibits the best of Dallas and the best for Dallas. I encourage you to focus on respecting and maintaining communities during the redistricting process. Lake Highlands is a community that deserves representation by a single council member.

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Amanda [mandy127@ymail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 2:29 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

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thank you

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**From:** Bryan Fish [bfishsw@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:31 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

Please consider keeping Lake Highlands intact in District 10. LH is a tight community - separating us in representation will weaken the one of the keys that enables us to come together to build a better community.

Thanks.

Cheers,  
Bryan Fish

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Tom Buechel [tbuechel@associaonline.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:41 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Redistricting

**Importance:** High

Greetings,

My name is Tom Buechel. I am a resident of Lake Highlands and have resided in Lake Highlands since 1969. I attended grade school in Lake Highlands and moved back to Lake Highlands after college and ended up purchasing the home in which I grew up. So I have seen first-hand the uniqueness and special character of this great area of Dallas.

I urge you to NOT redraw the districts maps in any way which divides Lake Highlands into smaller districts!! The individuals that are proposing such actions are doing so purely out of political motivations. Such an action would be harmful for such a great community as Lake Highlands. The proposals to divide Lake Highlands are not made for the betterment of Lake Highlands but simply to advance personal agendas. One only needs to read the newspapers recently to know where all the personal agendas of our politicians have left our city government – dysfunctional at best!

Some key points to remember:

- Keeping the LHHS attendance zone intact is a primary consideration. The fact that LHHS is an RISD school makes Lake Highlands special. Any redistricting which will cause any students to fall out of the LHHS attendance zone into a DISD attendance zone is nothing short of criminal. DISD is a mess and it is not fair to any student to jeopardize their ability to attend LHHS.
- District 10 is already a diverse district. While enhancing diversity is a worthy goal to be pursued, and by no means has Dallas reached racial harmony, I can tell you from having lived in Lake Highlands my whole life, our community is NOT one which is rife with racial divisiveness. Again, the proposals to divide Lake Highlands are merely efforts to advance political agendas.
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10.
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost. I have heard countless times Lake Highlands referred to in the media as the Town of Lake Highlands. I would always chuckle at that because I know Lake Highlands is not a separate town. But that depiction typifies the way the residents of Lake Highlands
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Do the right thing and keep Lake Highlands intact!!

Thank you for your service to Dallas.

Tom Buechel

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** dina busch [dina.busch@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:45 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** My community

Please don't re-define the boundaries of Lake Highlands. I've lived in LH for 15 years and love the small town, warm community feel within the large city of Dallas. Diversity works here and the saying is "if it works, don't break it". Residents of LH aren't screaming to have our community divided so please don't. Remember the many organizations who have donated thousands of dollars to the parks in District 10. It is a strong district the way it is. District 10 is a strong community of interest for the last 30 years.

Sincerely,  
Dina Busch

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** bdhaster@tx.rr.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 Redistricting

I am strongly opposed to redistricting cPlan16, which splits the Lake Highlands community into three sections.

The residence of this community have made it what it is today with the Lake Highland Exchange Club, Women's League and Junior Women's League working together with the City of Dallas for area improvements, specifically thousands of dollars to the Parks in the existing District 10. We have done so as an entire community and breaking that community up is just not acceptable.

I wish I had time in my work day to highlight all the many reasons this plan is not good but please reference below the highlights!

Thank you!

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This is one of the most critical junctures we have faced as a community and I employ you to make your voice heard, pass this email on to your friends, neighbors and email lists.

Donna Haster  
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Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Kevin Logan [klogan@cashmaster-us.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 Intact

To Whom it May Concern.

As a citizen and taxpayer of Lake Highlands (Dallas) and district 10, we as a group strongly request that the city keep district 10 intact. There are a multitude of reasons:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Please take all of these reasons into consideration. We love our city and especially to keep Lake Highlands and district 10 as one voice.

Thank you!

Kevin Logan  
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Dallas, TX 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Tom Moore [moore@omniprobe.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Darlene Cell  
**Subject:** Proposed Redistricting of Lake Highlands and District 10

To whom it may concern,

I recommend the proposed redistricting plan cPlan16 not be adopted. I believe that, if adopted, this plan would intensify racial segregation in Lake Highlands, and overturn decades of successful cultural integration in the Lake Highlands Community. Lake Highlands is already, and has been for many years, a united Community of Interest, and dividing it would represent an unwarranted, artificial and counterproductive maneuver.

I believe it is perceived by some that adopting cPlan16 would be a path to electing a minority to a council seat. I suggest that geographic racial segregation, as would result from a redistricting plan like cPlan16 for example, is never a good idea, and would lead to fragmentation of representation rather than consensus. Lake Highlands would, in fact, move backwards in time in terms of civil equality if cPlan16 were adopted. The correct way to place any candidate on the council is to propose a candidate with a productive message and then get the vote. Limiting the district geographically so that it contains over 50% minority residence is not the democratic solution, and does not provide a sufficient or compelling reason for the cPlan16 proposed redistricting.

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**From:** Karen Hadley [kjh1@airmail.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:58 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands redistricting

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10. Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works. Please don't destroy that.

Karen Hadley  
7934 Fair Oaks Ave



## FAX COVER SHEET

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FAX NUMBER 12146705798 \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM Nathan Barrett \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE 2011-08-04 16:58:16 GMT \_\_\_\_\_

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RE Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10! \_\_\_\_\_

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### COVER MESSAGE

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Hello,

I am a residential home owner in Lake Highlands and I am voicing my concern over the proposal to split LH into three different districts. I am adamantly opposed to this proposal and anyone who votes for this proposal will NOT get my vote.

Nathan Barrett

9303 Locarno Dr

Dallas, TX 75243

August 4, 2011

To: Redistricting Committee  
Fax: 214-670-5798

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration.

District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition.

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The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10.

The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost.

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that.

Thank you,  
Camille and Ron Chalk (Lake Highlands area)  
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Dallas, Texas 75238

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**From:** JACKIE BRUMMEL [ljbrummel@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:22 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Dear Ms/Sir:

Please do not split our Lake Highlands district 10. We do many activities together and we enjoy our diversified neighborhood. We have many organizations which work together for our neighborhood. We greet our new neighbors and welcome them to our area.

I thank you for not changing our district

Sincerely,  
Lee and Jackie Brummel

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** jerryjaneclement@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redisricting in Lake Highlands

As residents since 1967 we are opposed to any change in the District lines in Lake Highlands.  
We are a diverse community and no changes are needed.

Jerry and Jane Clement

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Doug Emes [d.b.emes@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 12:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** d.b.emes@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands and District 10

Redistricting Committee,

Please keep Lake Highlands intact within District 10. Key points for your consideration as follows:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration.
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition.
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Sincerely,

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**From:** R&M Huntress [huntress@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

To Whom it May Concern - Please keep our beloved Lake Highland intact in District 10! Please do not allow any changes to be made in regard to this. There are numerous reasons why that I am sure you are most aware of. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Mary Huntress 9614  
Meadowhill Dr. LAKE HIGHLANDS, Dallas, TX

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jennifer [jenncraigslis@yaho.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 1:10 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I moved my family to Lake Highlands specifically because of the great schools (Wallace and Lake Highlands HS) as well as the wonderful community outreach and family atmosphere. Several of my philanthropic dollars have been spent to invest in the Lake Highlands parks, schools, and resources.

This is our neighborhood and we have a diverse wealth of residents who love our boundaries just the way they are. Things should not be gerrymandered on the basis of racial profiling. Aren't we above that?

Proud to be in Lake Highlands!

Jennifer Knickerbocker  
10829 Lubbock Drive  
Dallas 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Levreault, Todd [TLevreault@generalcable.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:41 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10, say No to cPlan16

To the redistricting committee

I wanted share my thoughts on the redistricting of Lake Highlands, specifically cPlan16. I believe the Lake Highlands community is great and there is no need to alter what has worked for many years. During a time when so many things need to be fixed, there is no need to alter a community based on someone's social agenda. We do not need a Unity map, our District is already considered a Minority Opportunity District. It seems that Commissioners Domingo Garcia, Billy Ratcliff and Brooks Love are pushing a social agenda instead of focusing on the true issues in our communities. It is sad to see that these elected officials have not learned from the issues we see in Washington but they will when their jobs are up for re-election.

Lake Highlands is a community that has a long history of being diverse and there is no need to alter a community to fill certain racial/social/economical quotas. Instead of trying to create a problem, it seems that the city should focus on fixing the problems we already have in Dallas. If you look at LHHS, there is already a great snapshot of our community and there is no need to change the attendance zone. There may be other communities that have issues but introducing those issues to LHHS is unnecessary; redistricting Lake Highlands High School is not going to fix the issues.

I believe Commissioner Garcia definitely has a social agenda with his plan. He said in the Lake Highlands Today: "This plan will give a minority candidate the opportunity to win as an incumbent by forming coalitions across all these neighborhoods." When asked how many minorities have actually run for the District 10 council seat since 14-1 passed, Garcia responded by saying, "Probably none. The Anglo voting majority wins every time. It's a self-fulfilling prophecy."  
([http://www.lakehighlandstoday.com/index.php/news/article/redistricting\\_2011\\_lh\\_on\\_the\\_chopping\\_block/](http://www.lakehighlandstoday.com/index.php/news/article/redistricting_2011_lh_on_the_chopping_block/))  
From my point of view, it sounds like Commission Garcia wants every city council member to look like he does instead of embracing the diversity our Dallas.

I cannot believe that Commissioner Garcia would say something like "Anglo voting majority" considering this segment of the population helped in electing President Barack Obama. Our community does not see someone based on the color of their skin and it is unfortunate Commissioner Garcia views people in that light. If there is a good male/female, Anglo/Non-Anglo candidate, then District 10 would elect them. There is no need to change the community because "minority" candidates have not run in our district. Race is not an issue in our community but it seems that Commissioner Garcia wants to make it an issue. The reason people move to Lake Highlands is based on our affordable housing, diversity, safety, location and a focus on a strong public education system.

Please do not change something that has worked for over 20 years. Please focus your energy on fixing the problems other districts have in hopes of making our city better.

Sincerely

Todd Levreault

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Ginny Vietti [ginnyvietti@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2011 11:31 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Kepp District 10 in Tact!

To whom it may concern:

We would greatly appreciate you consider keeping District 10 in tact as one district. We love our neighborhood, the schools, the diversity and the small businesses. It is the best of both worlds. We have access to all the fabulous things a city has to offer and at the same time a close knit community.

Some key points to consider:

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Thank you and have a great day!

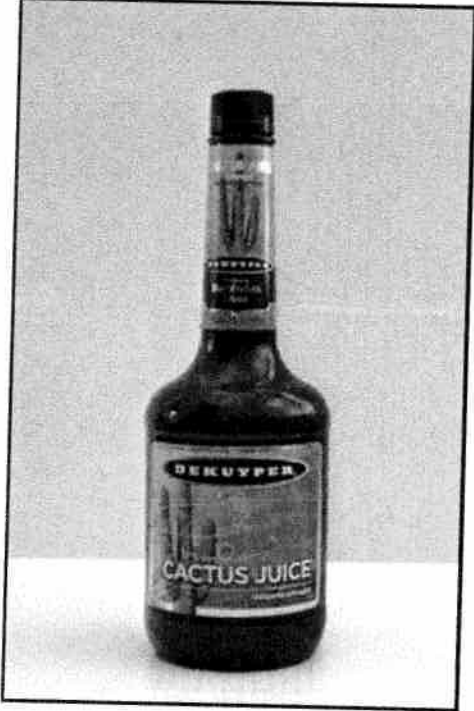
Best Regards,  
Ginny Vietti

**Redistricting Commission  
Media Packet  
July 22, 2011 to July 28, 2011**

# Redistricting Commission Chair Ruth Morgan Says, Look, She Has It All Under Control

By Anna Merlan

published: Thu., Jul. 28 2011 @ 3:08PM



You may want to bring a bottle of this tonight.

It must be Christmas in July or Unfair Park's birthday or something, because there are *two* Redistricting Commission meetings this week. The second one is tonight, and the main event will probably be Sandra Crenshaw's presentation of her two proposed maps. We suspect she may follow that up by expanding upon the promises she made Tuesday night to lodge formal complaints with both the Department of Justice and the city's Ethics Commission over Dwaine Caraway's being allowed to submit a map through his appointed commissioner.

In advance of that particular bit of legislative excitement, this morning we called Redistricting Commission chair Ruth Morgan -- author of *Governance by Decree: The Impact of the Voting Rights Act in Dallas* -- to see how she thinks the process is going so far. Things got a little shouty between members of the public and the commissioners on Tuesday night. So is this what she envisioned when the commission asked ordinary citizens to get involved in the redistricting process?

"This is not unexpected. It happens in these things," Morgan tells Unfair Park. "There's a lot at stake and a lot of passionate feelings about what is right." She adds, with a dry little laugh, "One might wish that the commissioners would be a little less passionate in their questioning, because at times I think it could be misinterpreted as an attack. When I talked to the commissioners later, though, that was not their intention."

Morgan reminds us that the commission has been meeting for almost six months without compensation. "They are very conscientious," she said. "When something goes on from February the 8th to the hot summer days of August, it's quite demanding on their time and energies and work. I think they should be credited with what they've been doing. They've been exceedingly responsive to the public and exceedingly responsive to trying to fulfill the guidelines as they were adopted at the beginning."

So far, there have been 22 maps presented in total, about 14 of them from the public. Was Morgan expecting more proposals? "Drawing a citywide map is very complicated and time-consuming," she said. "Trying to keep in the guidelines that have been developed, it's a complicated process."

One member of the public at Tuesday's meeting described redistricting as being "like trying to nail jello to a tree," which is about the best summation of the process we've heard so far. Tonight's meeting is at 6 p.m. in Room 6ES at City Hall. It'll also be streamed over [the city's website](#), for those not holding *Project Runway* premiere watch parties. Come for the shouting, stay because it's going to affect all of our lives for the next decade.

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So far, there have been 22 maps presented in total, about 14 of them from the public. Was Morgan expecting more proposals? "Drawing a citywide map is very complicated and time-consuming," she said. "Trying to keep in the guidelines that have been developed, it's a complicated process."

One member of the public at Tuesday's meeting described redistricting as being "like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree," which is about the best summation of the process we've heard so far. Tonight's meeting is at 6 in Room 6ES at City Hall. It'll also be streamed over the city's website, for those not holding *Project Runway* premiere watch parties. Come for the shouting, stay because it's going to affect all of our lives for the next decade.

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Yes, there is a baseline requirement of common sense and logic- per the US DOJ, districts must be compact and must have the same population within a 10% or less deviation.

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I actually like it. She basically put all of the entertainment districts into one. Any plan that doesn't put the Cedar's in with the rest of south dallas is a good map to me.

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bbetzen 9 hours ago

Dr. Morgan is absolutely correct. The Dallas Redistricting meetings are going very well. The conflicts we are seeing are what happens when you make this process transparent, when you make it public. As the public begins to slowly understand the true power of redistricting, and how that power has been manipulated by politicians to select their own voters and create "impossible to lose" seats of power, the anger will spread.

Gerrymandering made possible in the "normal" redistricting process behind closed doors has created the impasse we now have in Washington. Too many politicians in Washington know there is no danger they will ever be voted out no matter how much they do not do in D.C. or how bad their decisions. They have either been able to gerrymander their own districts, selecting their voters, or, if they are not from "the party" in power, they have allowed the "other party" to use their district as the dumping ground as the other party "packs" their district as part of the gerrymandering strategy. Thus the large majority of current politicians are "safe," no matter the party. They are NOT motivated to keep the voters back at home happy.

Do you really want redistricting to go back behind closed doors? It must be done in the open so that the public sees what is happening and understands better and better the manipulation that is possible in redistricting. Dr. Morgan is happy to see that happening and the truth being more visible. It is working as long as people are honestly stating what they believe is the truth. All the Dallas Redistricting Commission meetings are recorded and the videotapes are posted at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/>... usually within a few days of the meeting.

Yes, it is messy. That is democracy! Let's celebrate it! Then lets try to find some logical pattern about the data that is being collected on each of the 21 different full Dallas City Council redistricting plans that have been submitted so far. See the comparison chart made for all 21 of these full plans tracking 8 objective measurements for each plan. See <http://dallasredistricting2011...>

What do you think of the comparisons? What numbers are missing? What numbers have no meaning? Remember the 8 partial plans submitted so far are not included in this listing as they usually either had fatal errors or only covered a small section of Dallas.

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Last night's meeting had some tense moments, but the following demographics, produced by the map below the chart, appeared to have been generally well received. (Click on chart to enlarge.)

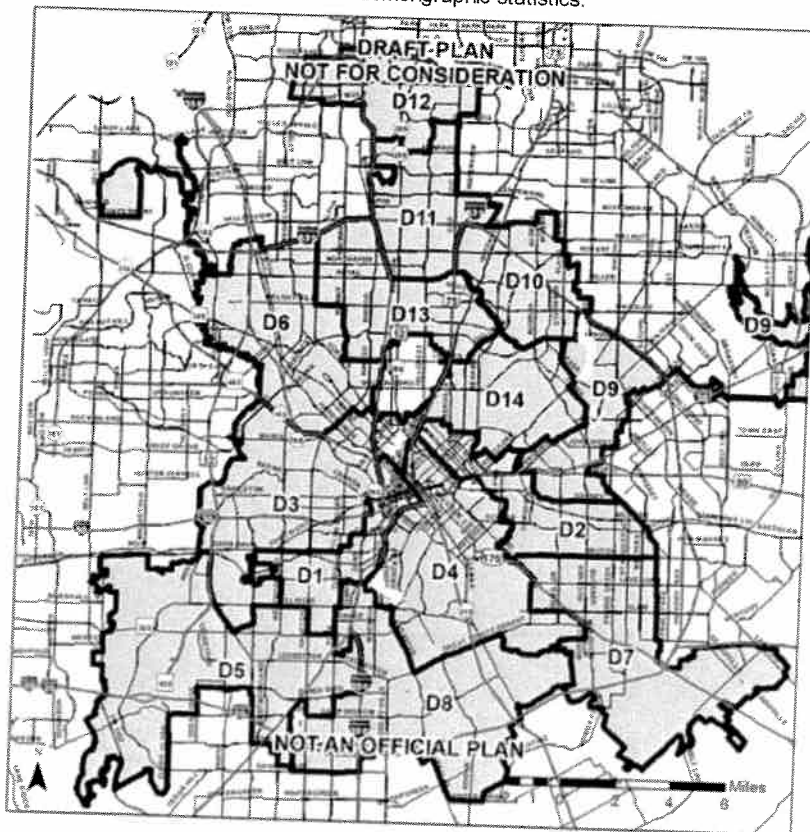
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2	88108	-492	-0.56%	63.34%	16.08%	18.58%	82274	57.85%	18.82%	23.30%
3	84179	-1103	-1.32%	69.75%	16.34%	11.72%	77420	65.18%	16.11%	18.62%
4	81302	-6106	-7.51%	22.62%	64.71%	10.67%	80918	18.10%	65.35%	13.52%
5	82029	-2106	-2.58%	23.08%	54.30%	12.28%	80234	16.16%	55.45%	13.02%
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9	88883	3243	3.65%	46.08%	20.27%	23.74%	82027	42.88%	14.10%	20.74%
10	89804	5144	5.73%	24.22%	31.89%	37.22%	82227	20.88%	10.64%	41.61%
11	85352	336	0.39%	33.26%	12.41%	48.22%	79919	13.76%	12.82%	23.38%
12	85156	349	0.41%	17.46%	17.05%	54.49%	77750	13.76%	10.82%	23.38%
13	85156	349	0.41%	17.46%	17.05%	54.49%	77750	13.76%	10.82%	23.38%
14	84179	-1103	-1.32%	20.81%	4.88%	18.82%	77420	10.82%	1.72%	20.52%
Average	88,108	Total Population = 7.9%	42.91%	26.50%	20.20%	37.30%	82,200	20.88%	4.80%	17.50%

Average for Hispanic Voting Age Population % in 5 highest districts = 61.87%  
 Average for Black Voting Age Population % in 3 highest districts = 62.70%

These improvements from the version of wPlan03 presented to the Redistricting Commission on 7/14/11 will require 6 improvements to be approved on wPlan03 that is now before the commission. All improvements must be approved by the commission. While the Hispanic voting age percentage improved only a little from the 61.83% achieved with the 7/14/11 version of wPlan03, the Black voting age percentage improved from 60.25% to 62.70%, a very significant improvement. If you like this plan, please let the Commission. Their email address is below or you may attend a Commission meeting and testify. Their web site is below also. Your questions or comments are welcome. Bill Betzen betzen@tcc.com

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There are 6 places in the map below where you will find that lines have been erased with white-out and new lines have been inserted. (Click on the map to see this more clearly.) These are the 6 areas where modifications are needed to wPlan03 to achieve the above demographic statistics.



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This map reflects a redistricting of 6 areas that were modified on the original 6/30/11 version of wPlan03. These changes are reflected in the demographic improvements on the back of this map.

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To see the 6/30/11 version of wPlan03 go to [www.dallascityhall.com/redistricting/planreview.html](http://www.dallascityhall.com/redistricting/planreview.html) if you have questions please call Bill Betzen at 314-953-9239

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Please note that the above map had changes made in 6 locations to produce the significantly improved percentages, up 7 percentage points, for Black voting age

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population in District 4 when compared with the version of wPlan03 presented to the Commission. This was achieved by following the requests of residents of Uptown Dallas to reunify their area of Dallas. The northern boundary of District 4 was moved south from Turtle Creek to Thomas Avenue with the result that almost 8,000 in mostly Anglo population was moved from District 4 into District 14. This necessitated 5 of the 6 corrections that were made to the original wPlan03. That original wPlan03 is in the **data base of maps being considered by the Redistricting Commission.**

This change, plus one other minor change to District 8, moved the average Black voting age population (VAP) percentage for the three majority Black districts from 60.25% to 62.70%.

Additional changes were done this morning to the western edge of District 13 in response to concerns by the District 13 Commissioner. By moving the western boundary of District 13 from Marsh to Webb Chapel the Hispanic VAP has now risen a total of 3.66 percentage points in District 6 to 66.05%. This led to a rise of half a percentage point, to 62.43%, as the average for the percentages of Hispanic VAP in the 5 majority Hispanic districts in the modified wPlan03.

No other map being considered by the Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission is even close to the level of minority representation possible with these modifications to wPlan03: **62.70% Black VAP average in 3 districts** and **62.43% Hispanic VAP average in 5 districts.** Wplan03 also continues to be **the most compact map** being considered of all the maps that also have 8 minority districts.

Eight minority districts should be the **minimum** number of minority districts in any Dallas City Council map considered, and they should be strong districts, with VAP averages above 60%, unless someone manipulates the maps to make them weak.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 9:43 AM

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# Dallas Redistricting 2011

# This Whole Commission's Out of Order: City of Dallas's Redistricting Fun *Really* Begins

By Anna Merlan

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Wonder if Ruth Morgan's having fun right about now

OK, no one has actually studied the effects of redistricting on the human body, but after last night it seems safe to say that the longer a redistricting process goes on, the grouchier everybody gets. At the county level, we have Maurine Dickey's temper tantrum as evidence. And last night's meeting of the city's Redistricting Commission featured some yelling from the audience, some yelling from the commissioners and a few stern words from Ruth Morgan, the chair whose no-backroom-shenanigans and keep-it-civil policies are well documented.

But, first, a guest star: Mayor Mike Rawlings showed up for a redistricting meeting for the first time last night, sitting quietly at the staff table and munching on a boxed lunch. When Morgan asked if he'd like to say anything, he replied, "No, I'm just learning and listening. ... Thank you to all of you for your time."

But Mayor Mike disappeared pretty soon after it became clear that what was to be the main event of the evening, the presentation of Dwaine Caraway's not exactly street-legal map by commissioner Billy Ratcliff, was not going to happen after all. Ratcliff announced that he wouldn't be presenting the plan, as it is still "in evolution." "It has evolved from this to the plan that I'll be presenting on August 4th."

This was not thrilling news for former city council person Sandra Crenshaw. "We signed up to speak on this plan as scheduled," she said, referring to herself and Marvin Crenshaw. Morgan allowed them both time to air their grievances about Caraway's proposed map, at which point, Crenshaw said she believes it is "a violation of the code of ethics for [Ratcliff] to be advancing a map by a council member."

"This will be articulated at every public forum," she promised, and "through other means," including, she said, complaints to the Department of Justice and the city's own Ethics Commission.

The next bout of uncomfortableness came minutes later, when 24-year-old college student Randall Bryant presented his redistricting map. Donna Halstead, a commissioner fresh from her own proposed map being tabled amidst accusations from other commissioners of deliberate minority disenfranchisement, told Bryant, who is African-American, that his map was, in fact, kinda racist. Specifically, she criticized him for drawing District 10 in such a way that, according to her, "an Anglo would definitely be re-elected." But she also told him, "To look at this only in terms of the color of skin of the individuals is to be very shortsighted."

During the public comment period, former Unfair Park-er Sam Merten got up to talk about some changes he's made to his own proposal. ("Why is he speaking if he lives in Frisco?" a lady whispered agitatedly behind me. "I think he works in town," whispered her companion.) Specifically, he's moved Buckner Terrace into District 2, put all of Vickery Meadow in District 13, and all of Oak Lawn into District 14.

"The Village should be in District 13," said a slightly testy commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "People keep trying to chew my western boundary of my district." She added that Merten's map "makes a lot of radical changes that need not be made." Domingo Garcia also asked Merten, again, why his proposal significantly alters District 2, Pauline Medrano's district.

"I didn't make this map to protect incumbents," Merten said, very, very politely. He was equally calm with commissioner John Loza, who thanked him for coming and then said, "Now I'm gonna come after you." Loza demanded to know what the Hispanic neighborhoods along Maple -- "One of which I live in" -- have in common with Turtle Creek and Uptown. Merten replied that several districts are quite diverse, pointing to District 14 as an example.

"It doesn't sound like you have an answer for me, so I'm gonna just move on," Loza said.

"I've tried to answer your questions," Merten replied.

The low point of the meeting came during Bill Betzen's presentation: He's narrowed down his three maps to just one, and told the commission, "I really do enjoy working on these maps. ...I'm getting better all the time."

But Jones became visibly annoyed with him, telling him, "You have altered the north considerably," adding that he'd made a lot of changes to District 13. "I've told you again and again," she said, at a volume that could fairly be described as shouting, "take the Village out and put it back where it belongs!"

From the audience, Crenshaw shouted back, "The public doesn't take directives from the commission! The commission takes directives from the public."

"You're out of order," Morgan told her.

"You never call your commissioners out of order," Crenshaw replied. Morgan told her that she'd be asked to leave if she didn't abide by the rules of conduct. "*That's* in order," Crenshaw replied, and was quiet for the remainder of the meeting.

Jones turned back to Betzen and said, in a normal tone of voice, that she hoped he would "allow [himself] to embrace" the changes she's recommended.

Just a suggestion, but maybe the commission and the regulars in the audience might want to embrace some deep breathing exercises instead? A stress ball, perhaps? Because this thing ain't over yet by a long shot.

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**MattL1** 20 hours ago

Wow, these meetings actually sound fairly entertaining. Maybe they should sell tickets to the next one.

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**cp** 20 hours ago

WTF? Why the hell should the Village be in district 13??? What does an apartment complex east of Central have in common with Preston Hollow?

And, WAY TO GO Sandra!!!



**Elizabeth Bair** and 2 more liked this

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**Alan** 20 hours ago in reply to cp

The Village is a big chunk of population density made up of renters, who don't vote. That leaves a whole council district fully controlled by Preston Hollow homeowners of vast--but low density--estates.

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**KP** 19 hours ago in reply to Alan

Some Villagers vote, including me. We have more in common with areas south of us than northwest of us. Heck, I don't even go north of Northwest Highway most days of the week.

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**cp** 18 hours ago in reply to Alan

What does that have to do with the price of tea in China? Or redistricting for that matter?

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**Bill Betzen** 20 hours ago

In spite of the fireworks, last night was a rather productive meeting. I've just posted to my blog, <http://dallasredistricting2011...> the handout I copied and gave to all the Commissioners as I spoke that led to the interaction described above. This map certainly needs more work and as you can see by my post, I have already responded to some of the District 13 Commissioners concerns regarding the western edge of District 13. I presume that will be acceptable.

However, the Villiage (between NW Hwy, Lovers Lane, Skillman and Central) has 10,205 people! Weeks ago it was demanded that it be put together. Now it must be out of District 13. What happened to the idea

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After more than an hour of focusing on this issue only the alternative has been to break it up again and only be able to move some of it into District 14. It simply will not fit without terribly distorting population numbers in other districts. I welcome others to tackle it.

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cp 18 hours ago in reply to Bill Betzen

Why does D13 need 10k people from east of Central when there are plenty of dense population areas southwest of Preston Hollow in current D6?

Like Reply



Bill Betzen 14 hours ago in reply to cp

Look at the map at <http://dallasredistricting2011...> and remember that compactness is a goal for the redistricting process. The first step is to find each of the 14 population centers in Dallas that represent 85,558 people. There are only 14 spots on the map for the 2010 census. It is a mathematical/geographic calculation. Then you center each council district around that spot as closely as possible while also meeting Voting Rights Act criteria. This moves District 13 to take in the Village.

Like Reply



Sd214 19 hours ago

Yall realize that Randall Bryant is Kathy Nealy's grandson and works for her right? So where did that plan come from again?



Mountain Creek and 3 more liked this Like Reply



Bill Betzen 18 hours ago in reply to Sd214

It was rather obvious that Randall Bryant had designed the map he presented. It was a good job that showed hours of work. It was at least as good as most of the maps presented, if not better. He was a rather impressive young man who will go places in Dallas if he continues the work ethic and discipline he showed last night.

2 people liked this. Like Reply



PlanoDave 16 hours ago in reply to Bill Betzen

Especially if he continues to demonstrate that he has the ability to ensure that certain white politicians get re-elected....

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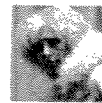
Lacpac2011 12 hours ago in reply to Sd214

Alright folks, peoples children are off limits. Mr. Bryant is married with two children and has his own business. He and his grandmother's family are long time residents of Dallas, specifically Hamilton Park to West Dallas to his home in Redbird. He mentioned at the hearing that I grilled him pretty good in private to see if the map was his creation. At least 6 commissioners equally put him to the test and he defended himself better than anything we have sitting on that council that looks like him. I still have a splitting headache trying to hold my temper as Mrs. Jones interrogated the young man like some criminal prosecutor, demanding to know "how do you make your living" and if he was a political consultant. "Isn't it true that you get paid to work in campaigns" she yelled at him. I had promised to exercise all venues to hold reign on this renegade commission process and I was about to throw my shoe at her when I am sure the disapproval from the blacks in the audience got louder. Blacks fought to get representation and not one of the black male commissioners Ratcliff the vice chair, called Jones out of order, especially when they are unlike most boards and commissions are not required to file financial disclosures. That's right. Since Jones is so nasty to everybody, I asked the city secretary what does she do for a living whose agenda is she carrying? No public records and yet she wanted Mr. Randall to disclose his business affiliation. Seriously, I want to know how many government contracts tied to city government do Brashear and Ratcliff have and how many are tied to Willis Johnson, the former go to person for minority business opportunity, now subject of FBI investigation. Halstead was condensing and told him that the ethnic minorities get charitable

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services in District 10 and he should come to Lake Highlands sometime. Wow, didn't she hear he has ties to Hamilton Park. The sole black commissioner response came from Mary Hasan to Halstead. I hope that the good white folks in District 10 don't stop giving if the neighborhood goes black. ( not Quite like this, but the message was clear. Morgan lends no leadership to this commission (See my submission to the DOJ. This process goes back to the days when blacks had to count the number of bubbles in a bar of soap to vote. Ratcliff had it right this whole process has been evolving and we want to know why?

1 person liked this.

 **Mike** 18 hours ago


Why did the Mayor eat a box lunch? Did everybody get one? Are they really that busy that they have to work through lunch and we pay for it? Or is that a mayoral perk - free lunch?

1 person liked this.


 **alfredo** 18 hours ago


The final plan will be drawn by Federal District Court highly unlikely that any plan will be approved without a law suit

2 people liked this.

 **Bill Betzen** 14 hours ago in reply to alfredo

While that was easy to see as happening for the Texas State redistricting plans approved, I think there is an excellent chance that we will avoid such a resolution for the Dallas City Council. I challenge you to find any redistricting process anywhere in the nation that is more transparent, more actively accepting input, or providing more resources to the public to use in the design the redistricting maps they want to submit. Dallas is far out in front in doing redistricting right. Will there be problems? Certainly! Could a map be chosen by the Dallas City Council against which a lawsuit is filed? Absolutely! But the chances of a successful lawsuit are going down as the quality of the maps the Commissioners have to choose from improves. Public input is critical! Study the maps and go down to the Commission meetings and let them know your opinions. The next meeting starts in 24 hours, at 6 PM tomorrow in room 6SE of Dallas City Hall. If you want to speak call 214-670-5735 tomorrow, 7-28-11, to have your name placed on the list of speakers. If you cannot call before 5 PM, then be at room 6SE before 5:55 PM to sign up to speak. Or, if you just want free airconditioned entertainment for a few hours, come on down!

 El Rey liked this

 **BCulbreath** 14 hours ago

What is wrong with these Commissioners, they forget we have term limitations in Dallas City Offices. How can you give a District a current Council Members name? How does Ms. Jones think she has authority to tell a citizen how to draw their map. Are all people taking on that Tea Party mentality, angry and mad if people disagree with them? My goodness what is happening to all people. God help us, Please people get a life love somebody.

2 people liked this.

 **bbetzen** 11 hours ago

At tomorrow's Dallas City Council Redistricting meeting I will have copies for anyone interested of a comparison of the 22 full plans listed on the Dallas Redistricting web site and either already presented or scheduled for presentation. The information on each plan that I use in making the comparison is linked from the web page at: <http://www.dallascityhall.com/> . This updated comparison will continue the pattern of providing 8 measurements with which to compare the plans. The 7/14/11 version of this list, comparing the first 12 plans submitted, can be found online at <http://dallasredistricting2011...> . Please let me know if you find any of the measurements confusing. I will also post the updated list to my blog at <http://dallasredistricting2011...> as soon as it is completed tomorrow.

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# Domingo, As a Member of the Redistricting Commission, You Should Really Know Better

By Robert Wilonsky

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Click to embiggen Domingo Garcia's submitted map.

Like I said Friday, when we looked at Dwaine Caraway and Carolyn Davis's messed-up maps, Anna's heading to that Redistricting Commission meeting this evening at City Hall -- *sooooo* lucky. (Tell Sandra Crenshaw that Schutze sends his warmest regards.) In advance of that wingding, I went to the commission's site this afternoon to see if anyone submitted a map since last we looked -- and sure enough, moments ago some commission members' maps went live, complete with staff analysis. Which brings us to Domingo Garcia's submission -- one of two, actually, the other a Domingo-Brooks Love-Billy Ratcliff joint with which staff has some minor quibbles.

But Garcia's solo project ain't gonna fly: Like Caraway's, Garcia's submission -- which has five Hispanic-majority districts and two African-American-majority districts -- doesn't meet a single one of the three major criteria. As in: His districts aren't compact or contiguous and actually manages to leave pieces of the city out of one of the 14 districts -- amazing. And when it comes to issues of minority representation, says the staff analysis: "While this plan includes 7 minority districts and 2 minority coalition districts, many of the districts exceed the population deviation for population equality. Because all areas of the city were not assigned to a district, additional evaluation of the plan cannot be completed."

Still, at least his submission is better than fellow commissioner Elizabeth Jones's. She could only be bothered to redraw four districts' boundaries: 10 through 14. It doesn't work like that. Not like she should know. Oh, wait. Add Donna Halstead's nixed proposal to the scrap heap, and the commission's batting a bit 0-fer at the moment.

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Domingo writes his own criteria. They never manage to coincide with, you know, the law.

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 Tomas 17 hours ago


Domingo's gerrymandering of the North Oak Cliff neighborhoods, splitting up the Kesslers and Winnetka heights, is disgusting. I am a Mexican American resident of Oak Cliff and this is embarrassing. I hope this plan goes straight to the garbage can.

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 MattL1 16 hours ago


How does someone on the damn Redistricting Commission submit a redistricting proposal that is so bad that it doesn't even include the whole city? How does one even get that gig?

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Tell Jim Hello, I can't take my eye off the city redistricting to ensure that UNT and Inland Port are not put in the hands of well you know who or anyone one else who has interfered with bringing jobs to my neighborhood or who blatantly attempts to silence Pct Chair and Election Judge of my precinct #3549 that includes UNT..

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Why should Domingo know any better? He's responsible for bringing us our current mess in the first place!

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When negotiations failed with the City Attorney and the Commission under the threat of judicial action, to restrain councilmembers from directing staff and the commissions at this stage I pledged to exercise every public forum to ensure independent, impartial, transparent process without incumbement protection, cherrying and cutting out opponents that you see going on now with Dirty Dwayne, Dictator Donna and Gangasta Garcia being all over the map. To this end I am asking the ethics advisory committee to investigate Commissioners Donna, Halstead, Billy Ratcliff, and Hollis Brasher where there is evidence of violations of their code ethics and responsibility to the citizens and not the citizens council and council members. Please join me Thursday at city hall to let the commission know that we have drawn the line to stop corrupt gerrymandering to advance ward politics

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**jfpo** 15 hours ago in reply to [sandra crenshaw](#)

I love a post that I have to read three times before I understand it due to run-on sentences and made up words ("cherrying" ???). Betty Culbreath would be proud. Well played.

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**Mike** 13 hours ago

How does this software work? It must be incredibly easy to use, but probably hard to do it right. None of these people impress me as an individual that spends much time hunched over a keyboard. That Garcia map looks like a lot of work even it was really off the mark.

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**Fatty Arbuckle's Tub Stopper** 11 hours ago

This looks like the homework I did in the parking lot right before class.

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**The Derelict** 10 hours ago

carolyn davis can't even draw a map back to her house from city hall.

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**Diane Birdwell** 10 hours ago

Well, they are getting closer. They are listening to us in the East who want to get the hell away from South Dallas in voting. No offense, S.D., but our issues, our concerns, our neighborhoods are not similar. We in the far east pay taxes and have been completely ignored, divided in two, whatever, to dilute our voice. So, at least in the proposed D 7, you have part of East Dallas together, although we are still stuck to Fair Park, but that almost makes sense ...

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# First Dallas ISD Redistricting Meetings started 7/25/11

This evening the first Dallas ISD redistricting meetings happened. I attended the one at Bryan Adams High School. There were 14 people in attendance. I heard afterward that nobody showed up at the other meeting on the other side of Dallas at Medrano Middle School. Testimony this evening by a very articulate recent college graduate, from the New Tejas Project, about the need for both printed and online redistricting materials in Spanish as well as English may help explain the lack of attendance at Medrano Middle School. It is located in a Dallas City Council District that is almost 70% Hispanic.

These meetings are managed by staff from Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta LLP who are on contract with DISD to manage the redistricting process. A court reporter attempted to record all testimony. Most of it appeared to center around questions relating to the redistricting process and differences between the four maps, and who made them. In summary the following most critical points emerged:

1. Need for more print and online materials in both Spanish and English explaining the redistricting process, as applied within DISD, was obvious.
2. There must be public access to both online and/or computer workstation software and databases to allow redistricting maps to be drawn by the public for submission. (If a political entity like DISD does not provide such public access then only firms or individuals with the significant resources needed for such data bases and software can effectively provide usable input for map design. Demographic data from 2010 census is critical.)
3. Information on compactness of each district is very important if we are seeking to create the most efficient districts possible. No information on the compactness of the current DISD district map, or the four proposed, was available, not even district perimeter or area. It is much easier for a trustee to represent a more compact area than some of the gerrymandered districts within DISD.
4. There needs to be a public record of every meeting placed online and available. (A videotape of the meeting may also be helpful but the expense may prohibit this.)
5. The need for maps with high school attendance zones to help in redistricting process, and in generating public interest, was mentioned by several present.

This is a new process for board members as well. Two local members were present this evening, Ms. Nutall and Mr. Perrott. They were obviously working hard to facilitate the process.

As the power behind redistricting becomes better understood the redistricting process will attract increased public interest. DISD would do well to consult with the Dallas City Council redistricting staff who appear to be far ahead in the process. But how can DISD do it all for about 38% of the \$650,000 the City of Dallas has budgeted for this process? A new map of more compact trustee districts, that will both preserve and produce a dedicated board to accurately reflect Dallas, is well worth the investment.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 7:36 PM

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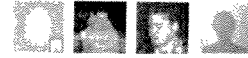
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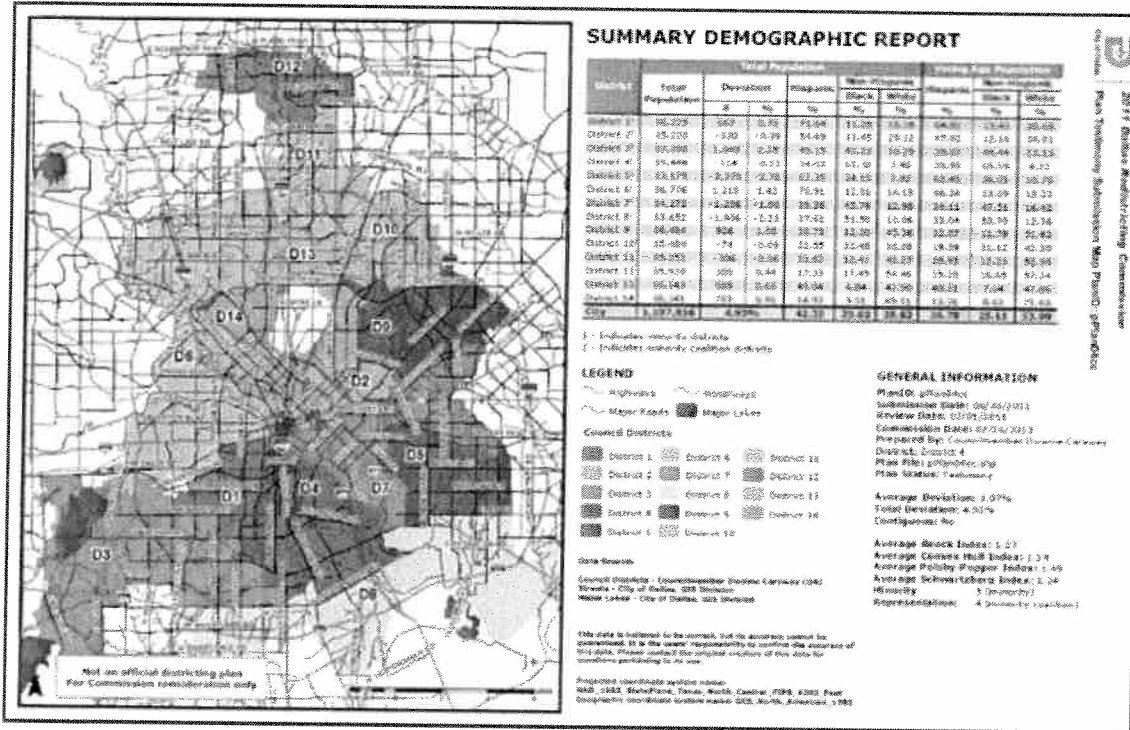
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# More Fun With Redistricting As We Look at Caraway and Davis's Unusable Submissions

By Robert Wilonsky

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Click to embiggen Dwaine Caraway's proposed map, or just look at it [here](#).

The next meeting of the Redistricting Commission is Tuesday -- I know, I know, settle down. At which point, the commission will discuss yet another round of submissions, among them one from none other than council member Dwaine Caraway. Only, don't expect the presentation -- which will be made by commissioner Billy Ratcliff, poor guy -- to go very far, since Caraway's proposed map fails on almost every level.

How so? Well, let's turn to the staff analysis, which says, right off the bat, that Caraway's hodgepodge of a proposal doesn't meet one of the main criteria, Minority Representation. Says staff, "This plan submission does not meet the minority representation test. This plan includes 5 minority districts and 4 minority coalition districts. This constitutes retrogression of minority representation from the 2001 District Plan," which has six minority districts. Also, for some reason the former mayor has managed to come up with only two districts (4 and 8) that are majority African-American -- as opposed to the three found in most submissions, including Sam's. Caraway's one other big problem: "The districts are not contiguous and as such boundaries could not be written."

So, fail. But not nearly as big a fail as Carolyn Davis receives for her presentation ... if that's what one chooses to call her "partial plan submission," which is being generous. Davis, you see, is only concerned with District 7, her district, not the entirety of the city. Which may work around the horseshoe, but not

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Oh, I'll be there on Tuesday all right. With my special redistricting party hat on.

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Davis is concerned with her voter "base". For some reason those Ferguson Road Initiative idiots have gotten behind her and the only reason she ever wins elections. That area north of I-30 needs to be cut out of District 7 altogether. I was at a redistricting meeting where some neighbors and I heard her scold Bill Betzen saying, "Oh your plan will never work, because it draws me out of here!" Davis's brains aren't big enough to give a shit about the whole city...

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In all fairness, Davis has a big target painted on her and everyone knows it. So she's trying to find a way to wiggle away from it. Can you blame her? Not that it's going to work, but she's gotta try.

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**From:** Joseph G Hernandez [jgh3@ntrs.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 10:54 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Maps

Good Morning Commissioners,

I would like to take an opportunity to thank you for your service, hard work and commitment to the redistricting process and the City of Dallas. There are so many maps to review and so many factors to consider that after studying all the maps available online, there are just a couple i want to point out.

I firmly believe that the following maps depict best dispersion of demographics that include family, race, ethnicity, income level, neighborhood cohesion and economic opportunity:

CPlan01.shp - by Domingo Garcia

wPlan22 - by Alex Enriquez

pPlan04cc - by Dwaine Caraway

pPlan06 - by Mark Shecter

wplan55a.shp - by Keith McPhail

Please consider keeping Wynnewood North as a part of the greater fabric that make up Oak Cliff's Steven's Park, Kessler Park, Winnetka Heights and Elmwood neighborhoods.

Thank you.

Joseph Hernandez  
President, Wynnewood North NA

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**From:** Gina Blanton [activmom@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 8:12 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District Maps

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*Dear Commission Members'*

*In reviewing the submissions of redistricting maps I have become increasingly alarmed that District 10 is being carved up with no considerations for community of interest or "home town feel". Lake Highlands-virtually all of District 10- is a unique entity within a very large city. We have been able to develop and maintain a hometown feel by bringing the District together in a very complicated but not so complicated way. Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city and we make it work because we work together for all in the neighborhood. Audelia Creek and Thurgood Marshall Elementary Schools were created through partnership with the City of Dallas and the Richardson School District achieved by the District 10 council members because of the common interest of the voters of the District.*

*The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands high School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children-because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work.*

*To carve up Lake Highlands would be a travesty and something that would do irreparable harm. Please keep the Lake Highlands attendance zone in one City Council District.*

Gina Blanton  
Phil. 4:13

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** BJhn406@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 7:56 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** City of Dallas Re-Districting Effort

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To whom it may concern:

Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades. Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level. The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas. Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City. The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

I respectfully request that the Redistricting Commission withdraw this redistricting map from consideration. Thank you.

Barry Johnson  
8827 Arborside Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75243

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Temple, Randy [Randy.Temple@insight.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 10:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Oppose cPlan 16

I have lived in Lake Highlands for a number of years. It has a long history and reputation of being a strong supported community that makes it a great area to raise kids and live in. I am very much in favor of keeping Lake Highlands/District 10 intact and strongly oppose cPlan16 because it would split Lake Highlands and the lifestyle we experience today.

**Randy Temple** / Corporate Credit Manager / Insight

**Tel** (469) 443-3598 **Cell** (972) 971-3689 **Fax** (480) 760-6255 [randy.temple@insight.com](mailto:randy.temple@insight.com)

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Re: Redistricting.

As a Dallas resident, I would like to encourage Board Members of the redistricting commission to keep Lake Highlands in a single District. I think the community benefits by being represented as part of one cohesive block and that the City of Dallas benefits from strong communities such as Lake Highlands. The area is already diverse in population & housing options.

Sincerely

Trishe Tacka  
6919 Wakefield St.  
Dallas TX 75231

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**From:** Dawn Gray [adgray1@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 10:36 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Andy Gray  
**Subject:** cPlan16

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to let you know that my family vehemently opposes the proposition being pushed forward by Domingo Garcia.

It is frightening to think that such a plan would even be seriously considered since is it so blatantly racially motivated.

Lake Highlands (District 10) is a community which, in my opinion, should be a model for others to follow. No community is without it's imperfections, but we are proud to say that our community is made up of every color, race, creed, socio-economic level and that all of our children are afforded the same opportunities to succeed because of the excellence of our schools and efforts of community leaders and organizations.

My husband and I are tax-paying, voting, 20+ year members of the Lake Highlands Community (District 10). I will tell you honestly that the idea of an outsider - Mr. Garcia - coming into "our home" and breaking up "our family" for self serving purposes is outlandish.

Please consider the whole picture and see this for what it really is. Please leave our family in tact.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Dawn Gray



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Janna Hopkins [schmoo897@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 10:19 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** CPlan16

I am a resident of lake highlands. We pay our taxes, our children attend the schools, we shop here & fully support the local businesses. I do not want to see my community split apart. I firmly oppose any plan to redistrict our district.

Oh yeah, we vote too. Please do not use cplan16. Thank you.

Janna Hopkins

Sent from my iPad

and the need to keep area communities together.

Thank you for your consideration.

John W. Anderson Jr.

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July 29, 2011

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I currently reside in District 7 in a neighborhood South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include my neighborhoods with other White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Rd. I

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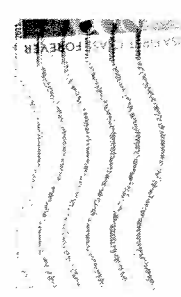
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Thank you for your consideration.

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August 3, 2011

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As a resident of Eastwood Hills, I currently reside in District 7, South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include my neighborhood with other East Dallas/White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road.

I urge you to oppose any plan based on the old District 7 plan which does not reflect today's requirements for compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

Thank you for your consideration.



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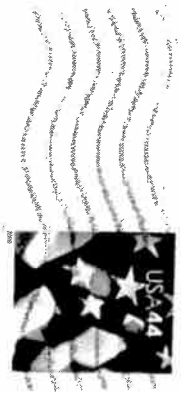
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**From:** Hachtman, Rosemary [rhachtma@mail.smu.edu]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 5:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed redistricting of District 10

As a resident of Lake Highlands, I am compelled to respond to the proposed redistricting plan, "cplan16", of this district. Lake Highlands is a diverse, caring community of ethnic diversity. We support our schools, our neighbors and their children. We improve properties, community parks, schools, and playgrounds as volunteers. We have built this community into one that should be commended as a prime example of how cooperation in one area works to everyone's benefit in a large city. Do not tear this community apart. It works - don't try to fix it. We love it just the way it is. A jewel in the crown of the city of Dallas.



## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** william evans [williamevans@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 8:22 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands Community

To the Dallas City Council,

Having lived in the Lake Highlands area since 1964, my husband, Bill Evans, and I have enjoyed being part of this community. When we considered moving to a larger home in 1984, we chose to stay in the Lake Highlands area. We have participated in many organizations including the LH Pre-school PTA with our grandson, having our daughter honored as an outstanding student by the Lake Highland Exchange Club and scholarship recipient from the LHWL, inviting friends from other areas to the Home Tour sponsored by the Lake Highlands Women League, serving as a representative on a Mosshaven Elem. parent and teacher committee as well as working with students at Mosshaven and White Rock Elem., having children and grandchildren participate in the July 4 parade. In so many ways the Lake Highlands community has been an integral part of our lives and the lives of our family members. Although I have always felt that all of Dallas belongs to me and that I am part of this city, Lake Highlands, from LBJ to Northwest Highway wedged between Garland and Dallas proper, has been an area where our family has roots, friends and dreams. Together, as part of this citizenry, we strive to grow and improve this area of Dallas.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Evans

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** William Godfrey [drwag@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 8:44 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting Lake highlands district 10

Dear Commission,

We are writing to express our position on one of the proposals to redistrict Lake Highlands District 10. Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level.

The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas.

Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City.

The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Thank you for your consideration to keep Lake Highlands District 10 as it is.

Respectfully,

Aubrey & Mary Godfrey

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Mark Robinson [markrobicecile@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:03 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Dallas district 10..

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I've read with interest your plans on redistricting in Dallas, principally the district I live in, #10. I can tell you that I feel there is no need for splitting this district up into several; we have our hands full with management of just one. Other important considerations include:

- District 10 is already a diverse district and not in need of any gerrymandered definition;
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years;
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10;
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost; and,
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works!

Please consider the above in your deliberations and preserve the status quo in my district - it already works!

Sincerely,  
MARK  
Mark Robinson  
7900 Goforth Rd.  
Dallas, TX USA

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## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Roger & Patsy Camp [rpcamp@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 12:20 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands city council district

To the Re-districting Commission:

I have lived in the same home for 36 years and am proud to live in the city of Dallas and the area we know as Lake Highlands. We have enjoyed the sense of community in the area and are proud to have sent our children to the public schools in the area. I think it is important to retain our sense of community as part of the greater Dallas area. We have produced some great leaders for the city and maintained very stable neighborhoods for the past 40 years. The community has ground up around the high school and I would hate to break up the solidarity of the neighborhood. Please allow us to keep our Lake Highlands identity. Thank you very much.  
Roger C. Camp, M.D.

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** dnbower@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** domingo garcia redistricting map

Dear Sirs:

The proposal by Domingo Garcia to carve up Lake Highlands is a significant threat to the quality of life of many who consider this both a community and a valuable treasure of Dallas. Apparently Mr Garcia has spent very little time here. This redistricting would be devastating to our community and would be a massive setback to this wonderful area. I have been a proud resident of this community for 25 years. I have two children through LHHS with one remaining. When I chose to move in 2001, I considered all the metroplex and ultimately chose to stay right here in Lake Highlands because of the school system and the community. Both of which would be dealt a serious setback with respect to this proposal. Speaking for my family, we ask that you do not consider this proposal.

David & Beverly Bower

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Betty and Larry Mendolia [lmendol@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands/District 10 Unchanged

I ask the redistricting Commission to reject any plans that would split the Lake Highlands area into several districts.

**I specifically urge the Commission to reject the "cPlan16" proposal, which would split Lake Highlands/District 10.**

It appears that cPlan16 was created solely to promote one ethnicity of people over another -- an idea and approach we desperately need to get away from in this day and time.

Lake Highlands/District 10 has always operated in a spirit of unity and cohesiveness, and has strived to be a model for others to emulate. Splitting up that area solely to promote one ethnicity over another would destroy that community spirit, and lessen what makes Dallas great.

Larry Mendolia  
10323 Mosscrest Drive  
Dallas, TX 75238

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Nelson, Richard [rnelson@mail.smu.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands district intergrity

Please do not break up our neighborhood into separate council districts. Lake Highlands is an economically and ethnically diverse area with a long-standing history of neighborhood self-identification and a natural common interest centered around Richardson ISD. Over the years, numerous civic groups have found their common interest in Lake Highlands as a natural, organic home space and worked hard to improve our lift together here.

Richard D. Nelson  
8272 Club Meadows Dr, Dallas 75243

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** palladin2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 1:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

To each of you who represent those of us who reside in Dallas, Texas.....

It is my understanding that you are considering the "slicing & diceing" of the wonderful community that is known statewide as Lake Highlands. Some thirty years ago we moved from a lovely and very nurturing neighborhood in Ohio to the much larger and somewhat forbidding city of Dallas, Tx. We literally searched the entire city before we happened upon a most special community which appeared to be a most satisfactory replacement for that which we had left.

Lake Highlands is more than just a neighborhood...it is a community. Peopled by a tremendous diversity of ethnicity, skintone, and financial resources, it truly is a gathering of humankind ... all coming together for the betterment of each. In other words.....Lake Highlands is a true representation of our world. We can boast of an A+ educational system which is known literally around the entire country. When others discuss a move to Dallas, one of the first lessons they hear is..."check out Lake Highlands". Community wide we have come together to "fix" whatever problems occur as a result of our diversity, and we have done so for the sole reason to better the lives of each of us. The "we/they" labels I hear from other parts of the city simply are not a part of our discourse. We are neighbors...we share...we look to our future together.

I have absolutely no idea where the notion of "slice & dice" came from, but I implore each of you to not "fix" what is not broken. While we're not our own city/town such as a Highland Park, we pride ourselves on being one of the best communities in the greater metropolis of Dallas, Tx. To break us apart is to tear us apart. What possible good could ever come from that. I think NOTHING GOOD. So please, I implore each of you, vote for the continuation of one of the best and most livable neighborhoods anywhere. VOTE FOR LAKE HIGHLANDS.

Thank you for your consideration,

John and Linda Drake  
Moss Farms HO member



**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Dan Wilder [wilder6@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 3:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** DO NOT re-district Lake Highlands !

To Whom It May Concern -

As residents of Lake Highlands for the past 15 years and Dallas Natives, our family has treasured the dynamic and culturally diverse community. We strongly oppose breaking-up the strong community as we have invested our time and resources to insure a strong future.

Sincerely,

Dan & Laurie Wilder

7501 Hundley Blvd.

Alexander's Village

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** john morrow [john\_w\_morrow@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 4:03 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed break-up of District 10 - Lake Highlands

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am startled at hearing of a redistricting plan that would split up what is now District 10, a District that basically represents the neighborhoods known as Lake Highlands.

It is really beyond belief that after a City wide election for Mayor of Dallas that emphasized the fostering of and growth of our City's neighborhoods by all the candidates, that there now comes an apparent political move to do just the opposite, to politically destroy the voice of an important neighborhood of Dallas by splitting up District 10.

The community of Lake Highlands has worked and is working hard through our City representative of District 10 and neighborhood organizations to improve a sense of community, property values ( think increased tax revenues to the City of Dallas through: increased housing AV in addition to future increased valuations associated with the creation of the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, Lake Highlands Property Improvement District and Town Center ) in addition to a focus on education and reduction of crime. All this, including the economic developments mentioned above would be in jeopardy through a diluted voice at City Hall.

I see no real reason to redraw District 10 other than to meet someones personal political agenda. If someone needs to redraw District 10 at the risk of destroying or for the purpose of destroying the political voice of and important neighborhood that continues to work hard to provide increased economic growth, living standards and improved education in the northeastern sector of the City of Dallas then we as a community called the City of Dallas are truly in great peril.

I implore you to leave District 10 intact and allow the neighborhood community known as Lake Highlands to continue to have a united voice through District 10's representative.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Morrow

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** deborah Johnson [debbiejohnson51@me.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 4:01 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of Lake Highlands

I am writing to encourage the redistricting committee to please consider leaving District 10 as it is right now. I have lived in the Lake Highlands area for 23 years and love this community. There is a sense of community here that is like a small town within the big city. We have several neighborhood groups that support the Lake Highlands area with our money, volunteer hours and and a very close knit community. It is made up of people that work together, go to church together, raise their children together, and continue to be friends long after the children have grown up. Our children are now moving back to this area to start their families because of the life they had in Lake Highlands. I would appreciate your consideration in this matter. Thank you.  
Jim and Debbie Johnson

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** tmorgan9330@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 5:36 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting - Especially As It Might Impact the Lake Highlands Neighborhood

I am a 30+ year resident of the Lake Highlands area and understand that there is some discussion in the redistricting process about dividing up what is generally known as the Lake Highlands area. I don't know why redistricting needs to address a neighborhood as distinct and cohesive as Lake Highlands

My kids grew up in this area and the Lake Highlands schools have drawn the community together for many years. We have a wonderful sense of community largely through the schools but also through many other community and civic groups including the YMCA, Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a large number of other groups, homeowners' associations and other neighborhood groups that have worked tirelessly to improve the Lake Highlands area.

My understanding is that there is a proposal to split up District 10, which would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

I would encourage those overseeing the redistricting process to take whatever steps necessary to leave the Lake Highlands area intact in terms of its representation in Dallas city government. This has been a wonderful neighborhood to live and raise our kids and I would hate to see anything done to separate the various neighborhoods with our Lake Highlands community. I don't think it's broken, so there should be nothing to fix.

For what it's worth, I am part of the Moss Haven Alliance Against Crime.

Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Tim L. Morgan  
9330 Raeford Drive  
Dallas, TX 75243-7224  
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214-693-7965 (cell)  
[Tmorgan9330@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tmorgan9330@sbcglobal.net) (home)  
[Tim.Morgan@RepublicGroup.com](mailto:Tim.Morgan@RepublicGroup.com) (work)

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Tom Lainson [tboone@ix.netcom.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 5:48 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands in Dist 10

Please quit the political maneuvering and keep our community whole, with one voice.

Keep Lake Highlands in District 10.

Stop posturing for your sake and do the right thing-keep us intact as the community we have been for so long.

The voters are already agitated, suspicious and fed up with political structuring with little regard for the peasants. Are you going to add to that atmosphere?

Tom Lainson  
214-348-8396  
214-862-3555 cell  
[Redvette@ix.netcom.com](mailto:Redvette@ix.netcom.com)

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** BJhn406@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 7:56 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** City of Dallas Re-Districting Effort

To whom it may concern:

Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades. Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level. The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas. Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City. The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

I respectfully request that the Redistricting Commission withdraw this redistricting map from consideration. Thank you.

Barry Johnson  
8827 Arborside Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75243

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Joan Poole [Joan.Poole@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 8:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands is one district

I love living in Lake Highlands, We are a clearly defined community with a unified spirit that has embraced diversity, family values, and schools that have enabled our young people to succeed and want to move back to Lake Highlands. We love our community and don't want redistricting to fracture the unified representation that has allowed Lake Highlands to be a desirable place to live, proud of its diversity. You have a difficult job ahead, but please abandon cPlan 16 that would divide Lake Highlands, and adopt a plan that keeps our "similar socia-economic neighborhood" together.

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** LLOYD KEYSER [lloydkeyser@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 8:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Re-districting of District 10

District 10 is a long-standing cohesive community of multiracial people bound by a common cause in our schools and community at every level. Redistricting will affect many organizations throughout the area, including the Lake highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA and many others benefiting the City of Dallas. We take pride in our community embracing the diversity that already exists and works throughout the area. Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City. I respectfully request that District 10 remain as is.

Sincerely  
Lloyd A. Keyser  
7409 Craigshire Ave



**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Katherine Westfall [k.s.westfall@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 8:45 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Please keep Lake Highlands/District 10 intact. I strongly oppose cPlan16 because it would split Lake Highlands. We are a family community with a real feeling of togetherness which should not be changed by redistricting.

Thank you,  
Kathy Westfall

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Harold Poole [hpband@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 8:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

When a community works tirelessly for the good of its citizens it is undeniably a "Community of Interest" and is a vital part of the entire Dallas community. Lake Highlands has demonstrated that it represents a diverse group of people, and maintains organizations like the Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League that devote 100% of their efforts to encourage the youth of Lake Highlands to succeed -- and they do. We should not be re-districted into separate districts that change how we will be represented at City Hall. I am requesting that you reject proposed plan cPlan16, and choose a plan that retains unified recognition and representation for the Lake Highlands community.

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** avilla1@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 9:06 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** keep District 10 intact

I am writing in strong opposition to breaking up District 10 and the Lake Highlands community. Lake Highlands is a strong diverse community in Dallas. The citizens of District 10 work tirelessly with our elected officials to make Lake Highlands a wonderful community for all of it's citizens. The Unity Map that is being pushed by Councilman Domingo Garcia is especially counter productive to LH. Please listen to the citizens of the communities this gerrymandering will affect and keep Lake Highlands and District 10 intact.

Thank you so much,  
Ann and Art Villasana

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** bjhn731@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 9:07 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

To whom it may concern:

**Lake Highlands is a Wonderful and Very Diverse community** that has been a strong and vital part of the city of Dallas for decades.

The community is a tightly-knit community with a deep, long-standing sense of tradition that is bound together by Lake Highlands High School.

The residents have a strong commitment and love for our community as evidenced by the many great organizations that benefit many of the neighborhood.

There are many great organizations: LH Women's League, LH Exchange Club, LH Junior Women's League, LH Early Childhood PTA, and many others.

Thank you for your work to benefit the great city of Dallas. Please help Lake Highlands to retain our wonderful heritage and therefore, benefit not only our residents,

but also the city of Dallas.

Thank you very much, Barbara Johnson

8827 Arborside, Dallas, Texas 75243

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Win Evans [webe@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 9:09 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep the Lake Highlands Community Intact

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Lake Highlands North Homeowners Association to urge your support of a redistricting map that keeps the Lake Highlands community intact within a single Council district and to reject the cPlan16 that divides this community among three council districts.

Our homeowners association lies in the heart of Lake Highlands with our east boundary, Audelia Road; south boundary, Walnut Hill Lane; west boundary, White Rock Trail; and north boundary, Church Road. Lake Highlands High School is located across Church Road directly north of the neighborhood; and the Northlake Elementary School, the Audelia Road Library and Lake Highlands North Recreation Center are located within our association boundaries. Our neighborhood contains 505 homes and the homeowners<sup>1</sup> association boasts over 80% household voluntary participation.

Our Board strongly believes that keeping the Lake Highlands community intact in any redistricting plan is critical to the long-term viability of this community and for the City of Dallas for the following reasons:

·Lake Highlands has been <sup>3</sup>a community of interest<sup>2</sup> for decades and therefore should be maintained in a single district.

·Lake Highlands is <sup>3</sup>a close in, close knit and caring community<sup>2</sup> that feels and acts like a small town, informally known as <sup>3</sup>Lake Highlands, Texas<sup>2</sup> This quality draws newcomers to live in Dallas (i.e. Lake Highlands) rather than the suburbs and provides an economic benefit to the City of Dallas, as well as, revitalization to neighborhoods inside the 635 Loop.

·Lake Highlands is already a diverse community as reflected in its schools, neighborhoods and community organizations.

·Lake Highlands has a community spirit unmatched in other areas as evidenced by the many volunteer organizations such as the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Junior Women's League and many others that work toward creating a better, stronger Lake Highlands and in turn, the City of Dallas.

In summary, we urge you to support a redistricting map that keeps the Lake Highlands community intact.

Thank you for your service to the City of Dallas and our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Win Evans, President  
Lake Highlands North Homeowners Association

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Ann Marie Warrick [warricks01@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 9:26 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting considerations

Attention Redistricting Committee:

As President of the Rolling Trails Homeowners Association

- Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades
- Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level
- The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas
- Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists **and works** in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City
- The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Ann Marie Warrick  
RTHOA President

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** AL Still [lemdas@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:02 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** NO REDISTRICTING OF DISTRICT 10!!!

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Dallas City Council:

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy a community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close nit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands high School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity. I remember quite well when Woodrow Wilson was integrated. It didn't need students to be bussed from other areas, because the school was already naturally integrated because of our neighborhoods. That school continues to work to this day.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Regards,  
A.L. Still

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** jannagardner@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 12:55 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Do not Split us up!

*Dear Commission Members'*

*In reviewing the submissions of redistricting maps I have become increasingly alarmed that District 10 is being carved up with no considerations for community of interest or "home town feel". Lake Highlands-virtually all of District 10- is a unique entity within a very large city. We have been able to develop and maintain a hometown feel by bringing the District together in a very complicated but not so complicated way. Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city and we make it work because we work together for all in the neighborhood. Audelia Creek and Thurgood Marshall Elementary Schools were created through partnership with the City of Dallas and the Richardson School District achieved by the District 10 council members because of the common interest of the voters of the District. The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands high School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children-because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work. To carve up Lake Highlands would be a travesty and something that would do irreparable harm. Please keep the Lake Highlands attendance zone in one City Council District.*

*Respectfully,*

*Janna Gardner, Executive Director  
Healing Hands Ministries Charity Medical & Dental Clinic  
Serving near 2800 uninsured in Lake Highlands*



## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** William Warrick [marybillkateelle@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:39 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting: keep Lake Highlands together!

I want to express my concern about the possibility of Lake Highlands being split into two or more zone in the redistricting plan that has been proposed.

Lake Highlands is a community bound together by tradition and by Lake Highlands High School where so many kids attend.

The Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA -- and a host of others -- are a vital part of our Lake Highlands community fabric. These groups are actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas.

Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City.

The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Please reconsider. Please redraw the map so that Lake Highlands can remain intact, as District 10.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Fisher-Warrick  
12139 Larchgate Drive, in the Woodbridge Development

**Redistricting Commission  
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Via Email, Fax, and Mail  
from 11:00AM August 5, 2011  
to 11:00AM August 8, 2011  
Part II**

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Bob & Helen Beasley [mamby@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 5:20 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Please consider the following items as you consider changes to the current plan:

1. Keep the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone as a primary consideration.
2. District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the current regulatory requirements.
3. District 10 is currently a Community of Interest and has been for many years.
4. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League, and others have worked with the City of Dallas on programs and have contributed many resources to Parks in District 10.
5. We moved to Lake Highlands years ago from the Denver area because of the "small town feel" within the heart of Dallas. This "small town feel" defines how Lake Highlands has supported city council candidates and redevelopment. This would be lost if redistricting occurred.
6. Lake Highlands has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity works.
7. District 10 is currently a diverse area - don't break it.

Robert and Helen Beasley  
9922 Church Road  
Dallas TX 75238

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** txking1@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 5:17 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Please do not split up Dist. 10, do not fragment those elements that have made Lake

Highlands a vital part of the city!

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Sandra Northington [sjnorthington@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 5:15 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

I can only image how difficult it is to draw up a district map, but can only assume there was not enough investigation before the latest map was drawn. The Lake Highlands community embarrasses its diversity. It would be a mistake to separate such a strong community. The needs of Lake Highlands and Lakewood are very different. Keep communities in Dallas intact, so Dallas can be a strong united city. Thank you

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**From:** Tami Cannizzaro [tami.cannizzaro@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 4:39 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Dear Dallas City Council:

Through different sources I've heard that there's discussion about breaking up Lake Highlands into several different areas/districts (not sure what exactly). Please hear me out.

My family moved here in 1964, when Lake Highlands was just getting started. Much of it was still farm land. We and the other families grew up here, and I'd like to think we helped create the small-town, family feel that envelopes Lake Highlands.

As an adult, my husband and I searched the city for the "perfect" neighborhood. After more than a year of looking, we realized that **Lake Highlands is still THE BEST place in Dallas!** We are a strong, vital part of Dallas, yet feel like our very own small town. We love it this way, and breaking it up may take away all that we've worked for over the past 40+ years.

People move to Lake Highlands specifically for the 'community feel'. **Just ask our new neighbors that moved in last year.** They had been waiting for a house to open so they could live here (we are in the Moss Farm Alliance homeowner's association).

LH traditions are legendary - have you ever been to a Wildcat football game? The tight bond among all residents can be felt every time the Cats take the field.

LH residents pour their time and money back into the community through a variety of organizations, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, to name a few. All organizations actively work for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas.

LH is considered a Minority Opportunity District by the City, and we embrace the diversity that exists and works well in our schools and communities.

It's my understanding that the map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

**I - we - implore you to not break up Lake Highlands.** We have worked hard ever since I was a little girl to make Lake Highlands the community that it is today. **We do not want our district to be divided.**

Thank you,  
Tami Cannizzaro, Proud Lake Highlands resident and Wildcat alumni  
9206 Whitehurst Dr.  
Dallas, Texas 75243

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**From:** Peggy Hock [pjhock@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 4:26 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 Unchanged

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- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Thank you.

Peggy, Jon, Alex Hock  
Dallas 75231

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**From:** Catherine FOUST [katefoust@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** reDallas11

Please leave Lake Highlands District as is, I raised three children in this community and still call it home. It is very diverse with age and race. Our neighborhoods are sseeing young people coming in at a growing rate which keeps the neighborhoods young and vibrate as they have always been. I appreciate your hard work and hopefully you will see the wisdom of leaving LH as it is.

Catherine Foust



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**From:** Melvin R Traylor [melbevtraylor@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 4:18 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cPlan16 Redistricting

Redistricting Committee :

In regard to the idea of splitting up Lake Highlands from District 10 , we feel someone is misinformed on the diversity of our community . All residents that are qualified to vote , can express their views and vote for whom they choose .

Lake Highlands is a proud and unified community , and satisfied with our total balance and want to stay as District 10 , as we have in the past .

It seems to me the only reason for splitting up District 10 as it is now , is for certain election results . In the past we have been fairly equal in our voting , so why change ?

We strongly oppose cPlan16 because it would split up Lake Highlands.

It would compare to putting West Dallas into East Ft Worth , for no reason at all .

Melvin R. Traylor Sr  
10011 Faircrest Dr  
Dallas , Texas 75238  
Tel 214 348-0814

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**From:** Marian [marian.landis@att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 3:33 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Please do not redistrict District 10, Lake Highlands. We are trying to create a strong neighborhood atmosphere, and would like to keep our boundaries as they are currently reflected.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marian Landis

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**From:** WILLIAM SIMPSON [bsimp@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 2:02 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Caroline Simpson; Bruce Bowles  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands District 10

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- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Regards,

William D. Simpson

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**From:** DON JAMES [donejames@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 1:36 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands redistricting proposal

My name is Don James and I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposal to redistrict the Lake Highlands area. I have lived in Lake Highlands for 25 years and am currently President of the Alexander's Village Homeowners' Association. As I'm sure you have been made aware, Lake Highlands is a unique, family-oriented area of Dallas. Our community is quite diverse, and it has been shown to be important to be able to address community issues as an integrated whole. To split the representation of the community would be a huge setback in accomplishing the goals that the community has begun. Our HOA represents over 110 families, and I'm confident you will hear from many of them in opposition to the current proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this extremely important matter.

Don James

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**From:** Roger & Patsy Camp [rpcamp@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 12:35 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

I sincerely hope that you will not propose the break-up of Lake Highlands into 3 districts. I have lived in Lake Highlands for over 35 years and am very proud to be a part of this area of Dallas. My 3 children have all attended the area schools and 2 have returned to live in the Lake Highlands area. I believe that the whole district encompasses the community of Lake Highlands and breaking it into parts would damage the sense of community. I believe the district has been a strong support for the city of Dallas, providing many great leaders.

Please keep Lake Highlands intact! Thank you.

Patsy Camp  
Past president, Moss Haven PTA  
Past preseident Lake Highlands PTA

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**From:** Brandy Meierhofer [brandymeierhofer@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 12:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed District 10 changes

To whom it may concern:

I am a 8 year resident of the lovely Lake Highlands area of Dallas. As I'm sure you're well aware, it is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades. Lake Highlands has a "small town" feel in our tightly-knit community with a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level.

The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club (my husband is a 6 year member of this group), the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA (I am a 6 year member of this group), and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas

Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City

The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on!

Please do not go through with the proposed redistricting as it will throw off course much of the work that has been done in Lake Highlands and will surely thwart future progress in our community.

Sincerely,  
BrandyLee Meierhofer  
8810 Sanshire Ave  
Dallas, TX 75231

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**From:** Joachim Faltiss [jjfaltiss@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 12:20 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** c Plan 16

We moved to Lake Highlands in 1970. Please keep the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone . Together we can get there. A split up district will cause backwards steps. We ask you to consider this request on the redistricting issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joachim and Judy Faltiss

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**From:** Lauren Stewart [lauren\_b\_stewart@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 12:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express that I am in favor of keeping Lake Highlands/District 10 intact, as it has been for decades, and that I strongly oppose cPlan16 because it would split Lake Highlands. I grew up in Lake Highlands and have returned to raise my family and I don't wish to see it split up. Thank you for your time.

Lauren Stewart  
10328 Chesterton Drive  
Dallas, Tx 75238



*"The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you."*



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**From:** Mary Lu Rhoads [mlrhoads@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 12:19 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Splitting Lake Highlands

Please DO NOT split Lake Highlands. This community has worked for so many years, why mess with a good thing? Because our children have gone through the school system here, and have kept in touch with one-another through the years, we feel like a big family.

Please keep Lake Highlands intact.

Mrs. Mary Lu Rhoads

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**From:** Frank McClain [frank-mc@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands' redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing to you in regards to the proposed redistricting plans, which would greatly impact the Lake Highlands area. We most respectfully ask that Lake Highlands NOT be divided up, for the following reasons:

- Lake Highlands has a long history and tradition as an expanded community, with deep roots into some very wonderful schools, perhaps most centrally Lake Highlands High School.
- The Lake Highlands community has many great organizations that will be negatively impacted by redistricting, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas.
- Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City.
- The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief missive, and for taking our plea into consideration.

Respectfully,

Frank and Tami McClain  
9130 Moss Farm Ln  
Dallas, TX 75243  
Members, Moss Farm Alliance Against Crime

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**From:** Angela Ponce [bryanandangela@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

I am writing you this email to voice my love and concern for this fabulous place my family and I live in, called Lake Highlands. I grew up in Dallas, attended Trinity Christian Academy, and heard of Lake Highlands through friends. After graduating with a Masters in Education, I was hired to teach 4th grade at White Rock Elementary in 1997. At the time my classes were roughly 60% minority, 40% home owners. What I experienced in this neighborhood is what made my husband and I determined to move to this neighborhood, it was the diversity! The homeowners treated the children from the apartments just like they treated their own children. The outreach and inclusion I witness was nothing like I have ever seen.

I have lived all over Dallas as Judas was a developer, we even lived in McKinney for a short time in the late 70's, where I experienced that small hometown feeling. Lake Highlands is the only other place I have felt that same "hometown" feeling. This is a community where you actually know your neighbors. I can drive all over LH and I promise that my arm is tired at times from waving. Not too long ago my husband was unemployed, and we would find gift cards for groceries left anonymously in our mailbox. I see people pull funds together to take care of a family for Christmas. Another family got a child a scholarship to go to Pine Cove for a week with their child. And yes, these families they are helping are minority. My point is this community takes care of each other no matter race, religion, or economic status. I am a member of the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League (Just one of several organizations whose mission is to help the WHOLE community), and we have raised thousands of dollars to better our parks and recreation facilities for the use of all that live in our area.

Lastly I feel like I should just simply state that I whole heartily do not want our community split! My husband and I chose Lake Highlands to raise our three children because we saw an incredible opportunity for our children to attend school from K-12 with child both like and unlike themselves and how those differences should bring us together NOT divide us!

Sincerely, Angela and Bryan Ponce  
9518 Highedge Drive

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Karen McBride [ksmcbride97@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 11:03 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cPlan16

*Dear Commission Members,*

*I would like to voice my strong opposition to the cPlan16 that would apparently break up District 10. Myself and my family have lived in Lake Highlands for 13 years and chose this area largely based on the diversity of the neighborhood, the strong sense of community, and the home-town feel. We enjoy a unique neighborhood mix and we make it work. Not only do we make it work, it is what draws others to live in Lake Highlands. Please don't try to fix what isn't broken!*

*Respectfully yours,*

*Karen McBride*

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**From:** Gary Berning [garysberning@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 11:01 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands - District 10 - Please Leave Intact

Redistricting Commission,

Please keep Lake Highlands/District 10 intact. I strongly oppose cPlan16 because it would split Lake Highlands. My wife and I moved to Lake Highlands from Allen last summer because of the community feel that it offers as well as the schools. The history and the reputation of the Lake Highlands neighborhood is what drew us to live in Dallas. Had it not been for this area we never would have moved to Dallas. Please do not split up District 10 and leave the community as is. It's one large neighborhood and it keeps from getting lost within Dallas because we are all able to stick together and have formed a community. I appreciate your time and I hope you reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,  
Gary Berning

214-394-6620

9935 Milltrail Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75238

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**From:** Ann Stockert [annstock@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** re-districting Lake Highlands

One of the plans you are considering would divide our Lake Highlands district into 3 separate districts. I have lived 34 years in this district arriving in Dallas, Texas in 1977, my children attended Lake Highlands schools, one is employed in this area, I shop in the area and serve on the board of my homeowners association. I have no plans to leave the area.

Below are strong reasons I believe you should consider leaving Lake Highlands as one district.

- \* Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades
- \* Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level
- \* The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas
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- \* The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Thank you for your attention to a very difficult challenge placed before you and hope the committee will vote favorably not to split up District 10.

Martha Ann Stockert

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**From:** Bob & Betty Skelton [bbskelton@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** proposed division of District 10

I reside at 8422 Stable Glen Dr. Dallas, Texas. I am opposed to the redistricting proposal.

R. V. Skelton

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**From:** Jerry Knippa [jerryknippa@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:32 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please keep Lake Highlands as a single council district

It is my understanding that your Commission is considering a re-districting proposal that would break Lake Highlands into as many as three separate Council districts.

As a thirty year plus residents of the Lake Highlands community, my wife and I strongly oppose any redistricting plan that would destroy the community affinity among Lake Highlands residents that has grown over the years. This affinity has been developed and maintained in spite of the city allowing the encroachment of a large number of low and subsidized rent apartment complexes. If the purpose of redistricting is to provide for more diversity among races and economic status of citizens, it is difficult to see how one community could have more diversity than currently exists in Lake Highlands! In spite of these challenges, it is truly amazing that Lake Highlands has been able to maintain its consistently strong community identity.

In addition, as we are sure that you are aware, the Lake Highlands community is, at long last, seeing positive results from years of efforts to improve the economic base of our community as evidenced by such developments as Town Center on Skillman. This development has been facilitated by the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District and the Lake Highlands Public Improvement District. It seems to us that breaking up Lake Highlands into multiple districts at this point, considering the economic development progress and community affinity that has been achieved over the years, would be a disservice to both Lake Highlands and the city as a whole!

We understand that you as a Commission have been given a difficult task. We hope that this input will help you make a sound decision regarding Lake Highlands that will allow Lake Highlands to retain its strong community identity.

Jerry & Barbara Knippa  
8010 Fair Oaks Avenue



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**From:** oubrownie@sbcglobal.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:25 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Ashley Brown  
**Subject:** Opposed to the Redistricting of Lake Highlands

Lake Highlands is such a strong, vital community and continues to strive and thrive as such. The efforts our neighborhoods put forth on a daily basis is so positive and heartfelt that a redistricting of Lake Highlands would be devastating.

Please do NOT break up Lake Highlands!

Brian Brown  
11802 Woodbridge Dr  
Dallas TX 75243

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

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**From:** Robyn Young [rky@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 7:05 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Can you give me an update on district 10?  
What is the plan # for the proposed change in this district?

Thank you,

Robyn young  
8026 nimrod trail  
Dallas, Texas 75238

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**From:** Donna Lane [lane.db@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** LAKE HIGHLANDS

CITY HALL -- INTERESTED PARTIES

Please consider NOT CHANGING the status of our boundaries. We are a strong, close knit group of neighbors and need to remain as such for the well-being of our families and future residents.

Thanks so much for considering our pleas.

Regards,  
Donna Lane

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**From:** Welty43@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:59 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Re-districting

We have lived in the Lake Highlands area for 46 years and have watched the community mature into the vibrant community it is today. Please leave District 10 untouched so it may continue its vital role benefiting the City of Dallas.

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**From:** Ron and Donna Hamby [rdlh@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:56 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Changing district boundaries for district 10

Dear Commissioners,

We are currently in district 10 which includes Lake Highlands. Our community has always come together to support all our constituents in our area. The proposed change would make a huge difference in the boundaries and split the community. We ask that you strongly consider keeping our district unified as it presently is.

Thank you for your consideration of this concern,

Ron and Donna Hamby

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**From:** Newt Pinkerton [newt@pinkertonsales.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please do not break up Lake Highlands.

Thanks

Newt Pinkerton

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**Newt Pinkerton**

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**From:** Carrie Stolte [cstolte@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Don't change district 10

Keep District 10 (Lake Highlands) unchanged for the following reasons:

Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration

District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition

District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years

The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10

The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost

LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Regards,

Carrie Stolte  
9402 Spring Hollow Dr  
75243

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**From:** Julie Koustoubardis [koustoubardis@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Dear Commissioners,

I have lived in Lake Highlands for 35 years and have always enjoyed its amenities and home town feel. Please keep District 10 in tact and do not split up LH. We love our neighborhood just ad it is. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Julie Koustoubardis

Sent from my iPhone



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**From:** Annette Liscio [aliscio@flash.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 9:06 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistrict of Lake Highlands and District 10

My husband and I are opposed to the redistricting of Lake Highlands. We have lived in our home for over 42 years and find that it is a wonderful area to live. Through the years we have seen parks and area's maintained so that all people can play and enjoy the facilities . These things were done by the residents of Lake Highlands, not the city. We are a community that cares about each other and do not see the need to break us apart. There is a saying we all grew up with " If it's not broke, don't fix it". Leave Lake Highlands alone and please concentrate on area's that need help and does not have everyone working together to improve their community and taking care of their needs. We have become a diversified community and becoming more diversified because families want to be a part of a community that cares about each other and will work to improve their community.

Thank you

Annette and Tony Liscio

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**From:** Lenox Carruth [geotherm@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 8:56 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Commission

To the Redistricting Commission:

The Lake Highlands area of Dallas is a unified community like no other in Dallas. The children and grandchildren of long-time Lake Highlands residents are moving back to the community in which they grew up. To choose this time to divide Lake Highlands is clearly wrong.

cPlan16 would divide Lake Highlands for the sole purpose of creating more Hispanic districts. This is pure racism and would divide a community that has been united for decades.

Kill cPlan16 and keep Lake Highlands in one district.

Expecting your support,

Dr. Lenox Carruth  
10135 Ferndale Road  
Dallas, TX 75238-1613  
[geotherm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geotherm@sbcglobal.net)

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**From:** Bill Pry [billpry@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 8:37 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Re: Lake Highlands Redistricting

while I appreciate the problems you face with redistricting because of population, I strongly urge you to leave the boundaries of District 10 out of your considerations for change.

Please keep in mind that "change" does not infer "improvement." And that destroying community unity is not a Good Thing.

I would like to make the following points  
Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level.

Examples of our unity include our turnout at the Mayoral Debates and the rally to bring Trader Joe's to the Town Center and our annual 4th of July parade that rivals any other observance in Dallas. The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas. Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City

**Regards,**

**William F. Pry**  
**9304 Whitehurst**  
**Dallas TX 75243**

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**From:** Pat Barton [mink30@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 7:57 AM  
**To:** reDallas11

As a homeowner since 1964 I resent the fact that the Dallas Redistricting Board is considering changing the look of Lake Highlands. We have enjoyed our diversity, welcomed all newcomers to our area, and have quietly added to Dallas and the area by many means over the years. We have given and given without expecting nor receiving any acknowledgment or kudos from the Board in the past, and now you think it is your right to encroach your beliefs on us. Now because we have caused no problems, minded our business and taken care of our area and have provided and donated to many causes for years you now see fit to change us. That is uncalled for and does not depict the true meaning that encompasses our area. I believe that the Board could find many other items benefiting Dallas homeowners than this. This redistricting is not called for nor acceptable.

Patsy Lou Barton  
10210 Mapleridge Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

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**From:** Molloy, Martin [mmolloy@halff.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 7:10 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Maintain the Integrity of District 10 , Lake Highlands

I am writing to oppose any attempt to break up the Lake Highlands District (10) in the current redistricting process. Reasons follow. Thank you for your service to the city.

Martin Molloy  
8921 Arborside Drive  
Dallas TX 75243  
(Resident of Lake Highlands since 1982)

- Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades
- Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level
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Sent from my iPad

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Ron Chitwood [ron.chitwood@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 6:52 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Please do not redistrict this area. There is all ready diversity and a sense of community all ready exists that would be harmed politically and morally unless it remains the same.

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*"If we would destroy the christian religion, we must first of all destroy man's belief in the Bible."*  
Voltaire

Ron Chitwood

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** mary natho [mnat@att.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 11:30 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dist 10, Lake Highlands

Respectfully submitted by a Lake Highlands resident of 40 years...

Please, please don't start messing with the Lake Highlands we have carefully built upon all these years! Tearing LH up and making the tax payers out here is not a good idea. We respect our schools and teachers.

We do things for the fire and police. We have tolerated all the dig ups of our streets. We love our area of Dallas.

I give my postman a tip when he delivers in this heat! We plant flowers on city corners where we do not have to.

We are happy citizens out here who will continue to be an asset to the city of Dallas and give back to our city....but if you want a fight which will make headline news and do none of us any good...you can expect a fight. M.L. Natho 1o225 Chesterton

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** sue cobb [suecobb217@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 11:22 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Against Redistricting District 10

I am against breaking up District 10. As a Lake Highlands resident, we've worked very hard as a successful community to stay together and work together to make our area a good place for people to live, work and go to school. We don't need **any parts, we need the whole.....the whole District 10.**

Thank you. Sue Cobb



**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Craig Wheeler [craig@webwheeler.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 10:15 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Please leave Lake Highlands just the way it is.

Craig Wheeler

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Pat Ryan [pmryan92@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 9:21 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting district 10

Dear Commission Members,

As a resident of the Lake Highlands area of Dallas I am opposed to the possibility of carving up District 10. There are many good things that have taken place with the leadership of our past Council members and do not wish to have our area represented by someone from outside of Lake Highlands.

The Lake Highlands area and District 10 are tied together and to carve up the district would change this great community.

Pat Ryan

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Becky Fenn [becky@thefennfamily.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 8:58 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Cc:** Brett Fenn  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

To Whom It May Concern:

I realize that this might be too late for consideration but wanted to make my thoughts known if not. My husband and I just moved to Lake Highlands a few months back and absolutely love it. One of the reasons we decided to move here instead of Park Cities or Richardson was that it was a diverse neighborhood but still had the small town feel within Dallas. Breaking up Lake Highlands into multiple districts makes no sense to us and feel that it would hurt part of the city of Dallas instead of help.

Thank you for your service to the city and hearing us out on this issue.  
Becky and Brett Fenn

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**From:** Susan Gorischek [gorischek@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 8:43 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** cPlan16

We are not supportive of this redistricting plan. Lake Highlands boundary lines need to be maintained in order to continue to be the diverse strong educational system that we currently are.

Susan Gorischek  
9502 Bill Browne Lane  
Dallas, TX 75243

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** D'Lynn Irby [dpirby@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 7:14 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10

I am a longtime member of District 10 growing up in Lake Highlands, graduating from High School here and have raised my own family here. My children have gone to Lake Highlands Elementary, Lake Highlands Junior High and Lake Highlands High Schools. We have enjoyed and embraced the diversity. Redistricting the Lake Highlands attendance zone makes no sense. We do not need a new district to diversify this area, we already are diverse and it is one of the things that makes our area unique. We have been blessed with good schools being in RISD and the sense of community that results from such. I am proud to have raised my family in such a diverse and close nit community.

Please do not redistrict our area. As the saying goes, if it's not broke, don't "fix" it.

Thank you for your consideration,

D'Lynn Irby  
10030 Lakemere  
Dallas, 75238

Sent from my iPhone

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Rosemary Howard [rchoward49@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 6:39 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** LAKEHIGHLANDS

MY HUSBAND AND i WERE ONE OF THE FIRST WHO BUILT OUR HOUSE IN LAKE  
HIGHLANDS.OUR CHILDREN FINISHED SCHOOL AT LAKE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL. .DO  
NOT MAKE ANY CHANGES.  
PLEASE STAY IN THE RICHARDSON sCHOOL DISTRICT ADDING NO MORE. .ROSEMARY  
HOWARD

**Redistricting Commission  
Public Testimony Received  
Via Email, Fax, and Mail  
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Part III**

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Barnette, Cathleen [Cathleen.Barnette@richardson.k12.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 5:37 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting of district 10

I am a longtime resident of Lake Highlands and District 10. Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides. I am also one of the many folks who grew up in Lake Highlands and have chosen to return to raise my family in Lake Highlands. Being a lifelong Dallasite, I have always been fortunate enough to always experience a sense of community. I too have had the privilege to teach in RISD for the past 20 years.

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close knit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands high School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am so very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

Cathleen Barnette  
2nd grade teacher  
Merriman Park Elem. RISD



## **Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Joan Quiett [jsquiett@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 5:10 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands -- 1 district only !

*I think former Councilman Alan Walne's letter below says it all.*

*The feedback that I am getting from my neighborhood is that it would be a real disservice to the Lake Highlands area for it to be split up into 2 or 3 districts. This is an area that works well as it is. Why mess with a good thing?*

*Joan Quiett, President*

*Lake Ridge Estates North Neighborhood Association*

*Dear Commission Members*

*In reviewing the submissions of redistricting maps I have become increasingly alarmed that District 10 is being carved up with no considerations for community of interest or "home town feel". Lake Highlands-virtually all of District 10- is a unique entity within a very large city. We have been able to develop and maintain a hometown feel by bringing the District together in a very complicated but not so complicated way. Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city and we make it work because we work together for all in the neighborhood. Audelia Creek and Thurgood Marshall Elementary Schools were created through partnership with the City of Dallas and the Richardson School District achieved by the District 10 council members because of the common interest of the voters of the District.*

*The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands high School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children- because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work.*

*To carve up Lake Highlands would be a travesty and something that would do irreparable harm. Please keep the Lake Highlands attendance zone in one City Council District.*

*Respectfully*

*Alan Walne, former District 10 Councilmember*

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Nicole Montgomery [nicolegmontgomery@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 10:27 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep District 10 in tact!

Please do not break up District 10. Lake Highlands is a diverse community that embraces its diversity. It is an important part of Dallas as the voting bloc that it is.

Thank you,

Nicole Montgomery

Concerned Lake Highlands resident

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** Donald McElfresh [donmcfresh@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 10:52 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Proposed redistricting of District 10 - Lake Highlands

Sir/Madam:

We have been advised that there are plans to break up District 10 (Lake Highlands) into three separate districts. We hope that you do not proceed with this plan. I have lived in five major cities (Chicago, Green Bay, Cincinnati, Houston, Dallas) and never enjoyed the neighborhood I lived in as much as I have Lake Highlands. I moved into the area 31 years ago and my wife and I have owned a residence here for 28 of those years. There is a little bit of everything and everyone in our district. The schools are good, the marketing is excellent, the churches and hospitals are near, and above all, those that live in Lake Highlands take pride in the maintenance of not only their personal properties, but those around them. Please allow us to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood.

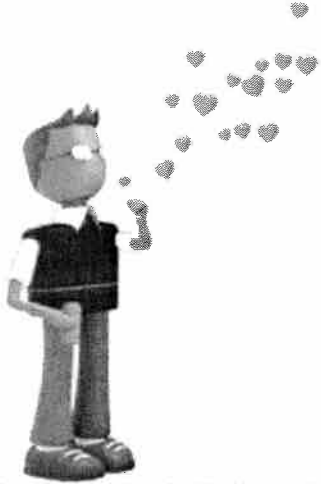
Sincerely,

Don & Becky McElfresh  
9121 Summer Glen Lane, Dallas, TX 75243  
Tel: (214) 343-8337

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Lynda Bauer [liltootsboobaloo@att.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 12:07 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting of Lake Highlands cplan 16  
**Attachments:** --static--liam\_heartbubbles\_bottomleft.jpg



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**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Kathryn Williams [kayw22@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 1:23 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** City of Dallas Re-districting

To whom it may concern:

We were shocked and greatly concerned to hear recently that the Re-districting Commission is considering a plan that would break up the Lake Highlands area into different districts. We moved to the Lake Highlands area in 1973 because of what a tight knit community it was. It was like a small town within a big city even 38 years ago as it is now.

We have watched our area grow and thrive. Our children attended public schools all the way through graduation from Lake Highlands High School. I know that as many of their friends have graduated from college and married they have moved back to this area because of its wonderful qualities. Not only do we live in the area, but we shop and dine here. We are delighted with the new DART station and know that as the economy improves the area will grow with it.

We have always had strong representatives to the City Commission that well represent the desires of it residents. We hope and pray that you will keep our district as one unit and not break it up.

Respectfully,

Richard K Williams  
Kathryn W Williams

## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** peter.j.callan@accenture.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 7:18 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Dallas Re-Districting Effort: Please Maintain Lake Highlands District 10 As Is

To Whom It May Concern,

I understand that an effort is currently underway to review and update the Dallas District map. As a current and proud resident of Lake Highlands, I would ask that you leave Lake Highlands District 10 borders unchanged for the following reasons:

- Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades
- Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level
- The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas
- Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City
- The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on

I can appreciate the challenging task that you have before you, and I thank you for your hard work on behalf of Lake Highlands and all Dallas city residents. Please do all that you can to maintain Lake Highlands District 10 as is. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Peter Callan

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**From:** Kyle Libby [kyle@medcorerealtygroup.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 7:54 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10!  
**Attachments:** image001.png

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10.

Reasons to keep LH intact in District 10:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works; don't destroy that!

Sincerely,

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**Kyle A. Libby**

*Principal*

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**From:** D'Lane Maselunas [dlane@gitravel.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 7:55 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Keep District 10 (Lake Highlands) unchanged for the following reasons:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
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Thank you.

D'Lane Maselunas  
8916 Gunnison DR.  
Dallas, Texas 75231



## Kramer, Lindsay

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**From:** lora byrd [lorabbyrd@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 8:23 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

We are a members of Moss Farm Alliance. We are totally against redistricting the Lake Highlands area! We have continued living at this location for the excellent schools and because it has been our home for many years. We have continued to update our property and feel this change would be a detriment for its value! Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byrd

**Kramer, Lindsay**

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**From:** Bettye Rice [bettyeannrice@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 8:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10

*To whom it may concern:*

*I would like my opinion known on the possible redistricting of District 10 in the Lake Highlands area. I am not in favor of being split...this is a community that beats with one heart. As a 40 year resident, I can speak with experience and request that you listen to the residents.*

*Sincerely,  
Bettye Rice*

*Bettye Rice*

## Torres, Daisy

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**To:** Tolliver, Yasmin  
**Subject:** RE: Redistricting

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**From:** Sally wolfish [<mailto:sallybeth55@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 07, 2011 2:07 PM  
**To:** Tolliver, Yasmin  
**Cc:** [tomwood@tnspartners.com](mailto:tomwood@tnspartners.com); Sandy greyson  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Dear Ms. Tolliver,

I understand that you are the staff coordinator for the redistricting commission. I would appreciate your sharing this email with the commission.

I appreciate how difficult it must be to draw a redistricting map that is satisfactory to all segments of this wide and disparate city. As a member of the City Plan Commission representing District 12 for almost five years, I also appreciate the long hours and dedication it takes to be a civic volunteer, and I thank you for your service. When I heard that the commission was considering a map in which the Prestonwood neighborhood, where I have lived since 1992, would no longer be a part of District 12, I wanted to write you and give you some additional information.

Within in months of moving into Prestonwood, I became active in the Concerned Cotton Belt Coalition, a group of neighbors who worked closely with our past council members Max Wells, Sandy Greyson, and Ron Natinsky to ensure that concerns of the neighbors would be heard as development of the Cotton Belt rail line proceeded. For those of you unfamiliar with the Cotton Belt, it is a 26 mile long rail corridor owned by DART, extending from DFW airport to North Central Expressway, that cuts through the heart of Far North Dallas, crossing 8 intersections in our neighborhoods, with homes backing up to both sides of the tracks. The line is part of the DART system's 2030 plan, but plans are underway to create a public/private partnership to help finance the line so that construction can begin much sooner. The Coalition sent representatives to Austin to lobby, has met with Congressman Pete Sessions, and is well known at DART. The Prestonwood neighborhood, with 1027 homes, is the largest neighborhood in the Coalition, with the most homes impacted by the Cotton Belt rail line. The Coalition has been successful in keeping our concerns at the forefront because all of the affected neighborhoods are in the same council district. If the affected neighborhoods were to be split between council districts, the impact of our citizens on our council member is diluted. We are at a very critical juncture right now; in fact on Monday night there will be a DART meeting concerning the Environmental Impact Study that has been proceeding along the Cotton Belt. It is imperative that all Dallas neighborhoods affected by the Cotton Belt be in the same district. Ensuring that the Cotton Belt is implemented in accordance with the Natinsky Plan (the compromise plan for responsible development along the corridor adopted by the Dallas City Council after 14 years of negotiations) is the major development issue affecting District 12 for the foreseeable future. Splitting our Coalition between council districts could severely weaken our strength at a time when we must be united.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sally B. Wolfish

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Susan Thomas [sdthomas815@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:32 AM  
**To:** reDallas11

TO:Redistricting Commission  
RE:Lake Highlands proposed change  
FROM:Susan Thomas

As the old saying goes "If it ain't broke don't fix it". I have lived in the Lake Highlands area since 1993. My husband grew up in Lake Highlands. It is an excellent example of an community existing within a large city. I have been a member of the LHENA for many years and have watched the board members work countless hours on continuing efforts to meet the needs of all persons in District 10. They welcome anyone to attend meetings and provide input for making our neighborhood a better place to live. They keep us updated on crime, business development and continuing improvements provided by the many organizations within district 10. From what I read in the Advocate and other publications all of the homeowners associations work in this same manner. Another old saying "Strength in numbers". If District 10 is broken up you will have smaller fractured areas with fewer resources. Please be thoughtful and diligent when considering this change.

Susan Thomas

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Beth Hanks [bethhanks@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:42 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10 / Lake Highlands

We have lived in Lake Highlands for 25 years and chose to live here because of the real world diversity it had then and has kept all these years. We think it is vitally important that Lake Highlands remain in one District and NOT BE SPLIT UP!!!!

Please do not approve any plan that tears up Lake Highlands!!!!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Beth and Ken Hanks  
[bethhanks@mac.com](mailto:bethhanks@mac.com)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hughes, Sheneice on behalf of Atkins, Tennell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:46 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** FW: Districting

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**From:** Dawn Miller [mailto:dlynmill@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 8:27 AM  
**To:** Atkins, Tennell  
**Subject:** Districting

Yes I would like to stay in District 8

***DAWN MILLER, MBA***  
*Doctoral Learner*  
*Founder/Lead Facilitator*  
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*"Saying what you mean and meaning what you say"*

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hughes, Sheneice on behalf of Atkins, Tennell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** FW:

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**From:** Dione Jackson [mailto:dee375@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 06, 2011 1:10 AM  
**To:** Atkins, Tennell  
**Subject:**

We want to stay in District 8

U r responsible 4 your life

U r responsible 4 the energy u create 4 yourself & others-Oprah

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hughes, Sheneice on behalf of Atkins, Tennell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting

**From:** BARBARA MUSE [mailto:clmuse@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 10:47 PM  
**To:** Atkins, Tennell  
**Subject:** Redistricting

Yes, it is our desire to remain in district 8.

Clarence & Barbara Muse  
2617 Blackstone Dr.  
Dallas, Texas 75237



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Hughes, Sheneice on behalf of Atkins, Tennell  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** FW: Redistricting - District 8

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**From:** FLO J COLEMAN [mailto:coleman\_f@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 3:11 PM  
**To:** Atkins, Tennell  
**Subject:** Redistricting - District 8

I would like to stay in District 8.  
Thanks,  
Flo Coleman

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Cathy Muller [cmuller@camozzi-usa.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 9:48 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistrict Proposals for Distict 10

**Importance:** High

I am opposed to splitting up the current District 10 that encompasses the attendance zone of Lake Highlands High School(LHHS). I have lived in Lake Highlands(LH) most of my life, attended LHHS and both of my daughters attended LHHS. What has kept me in LH is the sense of community unlike any other area in Dallas and the suburbs. Our community has a long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by LHHS. This is what has kept me and most of the residents of LH from the flight to the suburbs.

The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas.

LH embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City.

The cPlan 16 map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on.

Please allow us to keep our little town intact!

Cathy Muller  
Town Creek Homeowner

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** David Gray [oaksonthebend@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 3:26 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting Committee

Attention: Redistricting Committee

My name is James David Gray and I am the President of the Oaks on the Bend Homeowners Association. We are a condominium complex that consists of 250 units and we are located at 7340 Skillman Street.

Our board and homeowners have received news of the possibility of the redistricting committee splitting Lake Highlands and have viewed some of the proposals that would split Lake Highlands into 3 different districts. Oaks on the Bend would like our voice heard as a strong opposition to any of these options.

Being as Oaks on the Bend is located right on Skillman street, our organization as well as the community has spent years working to support the Skillman Corridor Tax Incentive Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Lake Highlands Town Center, in which splitting Lake Highlands would in our opinion have a negative impact.

Lake Highlands is already one of the most diverse districts in the greater Dallas area and deserves to remain united as one community. That old saying "If it aint broke don't fix it".

Lake Highlands is also bound together by Lake Highlands High School and the proposed new Lake Highlands Town Center. This two very strong landmarks should be considered as the epicenter of the district not divided or even cast to the outskirts of one district or another.

We understand that the commission is comprised of a large group of people who are charged with the very difficult task of taking this 10 year census information and working to layout new district boundaries that work for the greater good for all. We at Oaks on the Bend would just like our opinions and concerns recognized and considered before any decisions are made.

Thanks again for all you do.  
Sincerely;

James David Gray  
President - Oaks on the Bend Homeowners Association.

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Ball, Diana [dball@nsai-petro.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

Splitting up District 10 would be a travesty for our Lake Highlands community. We are a multi-cultural area with our residents representing a wide range of socioeconomic status. One of the positive components of living and raising a family in Lake Highlands is the diversity that 'is' our community. In Lake Highlands, we feel that our children are growing up outside the 'bubble' in our little slice of real life.

Please do not modify the boundaries of District 10.

**Diana W. Ball**

**Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc.**  
**1601 Elm Street**  
**Suite 4500**  
**Dallas, Texas 75201**

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**From:** Rob Klarer [rklarer@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 3:50 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Keep Lake Highlands intact in District 10

We enjoy in Lake Highlands and District 10 a very strong sense of community. The primary reason I live in this area is for the excellent schools as part of RISD as I have 3 children in school. Two at White Rock Elementary and one at Lake Highlands HS. I am Dallas native and feel very fortunate to have found this area of the city and want my children to continue to experience the strong sense of community that Lake Highlands offers.

In Lake Highlands we do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close nit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. It is unnecessary for the Council District to be changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community. We welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands also has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and offer support to the schools, parks, and people of Lake Highlands. Please take note of the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

Sincerely,

Rob Klarer  
9005 Lanshire Dr  
Dallas, Texas 75238

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**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jeanne Laurie [jeanne@tcii.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 5:50 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please leave Lake Highlands alone – as is. We who live here like it like it is and do not want it re-districted. Please re-district elsewhere.

Jeanne Laurie

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Linda Zachry [apmayaug@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 4:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Redistricting

I respectfully submit my opinion that I would not want the Lake Highland District divided into thirds via redistricting . My husband and I have lived here for over 30 years and have raised three children in Lake Highlands schools. This community is united by Lake Highlands High School. Although we have great diversity of differing people, we are united in our love for Lake Highlands. It behooves us to continue to be in one district, NOT DIVIDED.

Thank you,

Linda S. Zachry

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** CohenRSC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 2:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Re-districting commission - letter request

Dear Re-districting Commission:

I would like to please take a few moments to make my opposition to this potentially very harmful proposal. I live in the Woodbridge neighborhood, and I oppose the redistricting of District 10 because of the following:

- Lake Highlands is a Community of Interest and has been a strong, vital part of the city of Dallas for decades
- Our tightly-knit community has a deep, long-standing sense of tradition and is bound together by Lake Highlands High School and all of our great schools at every level
- The love and affection that our residents have for the community is evidenced in part by the many great organizations throughout our area, including the Lake Highlands Women's League, the Lake Highlands Exchange Club, the Lake Highlands Junior Women's League, the Lake Highlands Area Early Childhood PTA, and a host of others all actively working for the betterment of our community, and by extension the City of Dallas
- Lake Highlands embraces the diversity that already exists and works in our schools and throughout our community, and Lake Highlands is already considered to be a Minority Opportunity District by the City
- The map under consideration that proposes to split up District 10 would also break up the Skillman Corridor Tax Increment Financing District, The Lake Highlands Public Improvement District, and the Town Center, all of which the community has spent years working on
- Also, please note which HOA or neighborhood group you lead, and how many residents/homeowners are represented by such

Thanking you for your consideration,  
Rick Cohen.



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Shawn Summey [sdsummey@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 1:51 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Important - possible redistricting of District 10 (Lake Highlands)  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides. In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close nit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands high School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity. I remember quite well when Woodrow Wilson was integrated. It didn't need students to be bussed from other areas, because the school was already naturally integrated because of our neighborhoods. That school continues to work to this day.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am so very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

Shawn D. Summey  
7920 Goforth  
Dallas, Texas 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Michael P. Duray, Esq. [mpduray@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 1:49 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** possible redistricting of District 10 (Lake Highlands)

To City Council,

My wife and I have been residents and home owners in Lake Highlands for over 25 years. Both our children graduated through the RISD school system and Lake Highlands High School. We would like to echo the sentiments of our neighbor Don Hurst, below. Please do not separate the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone into two Council Districts.

Mike and Billi Duray  
6820 Blackwood Dr.  
Dallas, TX 75231  
214-341-8026

**From:** Don Hurst  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 02, 2011 4:21 PM  
**To:** 'redallas11@dallascityhall.com'  
**Subject:** Redistricting of District 10

I am a longtime resident of Lake Highlands and District 10. Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides. I am also a native of Dallas having grown up in Lakewood attending Lipscomb Elementary, Long Junior High and Woodrow Wilson High schools in that area. My life in Dallas has been fortunate enough to always experience a sense of community.

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close nit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands high School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity. I remember quite well when Woodrow Wilson was integrated. It didn't need students to be bussed from other areas, because the school was already naturally integrated because of our neighborhoods. That school continues to work to this day.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have

a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am so very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

R. Don Hurst

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Chris Burge [trimom@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 1:30 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands District rezoning proposition

I am a longtime resident of Lake Highlands and District 10 (my family moved to LH in 1979 and I am a proud LH alumni! Go Cats!). Our community has been blessed with excellent schools as part of RISD and being within the City of Dallas and all that provides. My life in Dallas has been fortunate enough to always experience a sense of community.

In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close knit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical NOT to separate the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and **can only do harm to the children of the district**.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am so very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

Sincerely,  
Christine Burge  
8624 Bacardi Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

## Bratt, Peter

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**From:** Crysta Jones [cpjones1@swbell.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 1:01 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** redistricting

Dear Commission Members,

My husband, Jeff, and I live in Lake Highlands and have raised four children in its public schools. Our youngest son, Nick, is currently enrolled as a junior at Lake Highlands High School. I am concerned that some of the redistricting proposals will redefine District 10 with no consideration for the special community or "home town feel" that is present in Lake Highlands. I strongly oppose such redistricting. Lake Highlands (which is basically all of District 10) is a unique community which has a small town feel within the heart of a large city. Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city (with a majority minority), and we make it work because we are a community, and we work together for the good of all in the neighborhood.

The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands High School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children-because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work.

To carve up Lake Highlands would be a huge mistake. Please consider our request and make the decision NOT to change the Lake Highlands District 10.

Sincerely,

Crysta Jones

Posted by: [Christina Hughes Babb](#) on August 5th, 2011 in [All Blog Posts](#), [City Hall](#), [Politics](#)  
[\(2\) Comments](#)

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Rekha Nair [rekha.nair@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 12:58 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** No redistricting District 10

Dear Sir/Madam.

I have been a resident of Lake Highlands and District 10 for the last 10 years and my family and I specifically chose this area to establish our residence because of its excellent schools, its diverse community, and the fact that it is located in the City of Dallas. In Lake Highlands we continue to enjoy that community feeling. We do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas, but we know the wonderful experience of having a close knit community pulled together by a strong school system.

I believe that it is critical not to separate the Lake Highlands high School attendance zone into two Council Districts. That makes absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district. I say this as a Lake Highlands High School parent and a Richardson Independent School District teacher.

District 10 is a diverse community and has been so for many years. I can say this with confidence because I am an immigrant from India who chose to live in this are because of its diversity 10 years ago. We do not need the Council District being changed to create diversity, because it already exists in our community and we welcome and feel blessed by that diversity.

Lake Highlands has numerous Civic Organizations that are committed to serving the community and are offering support to the schools, parks and people of Lake Highlands. Please look at the scholarships provided last year by the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong feeling of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that already works. Please do not destroy that community by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request and I am so very hopeful that you will not damage an area that works so very well.

Sincerely,  
Rekha Nair

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Scott Burge [Scott@btcair.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 12:51 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Lake Highlands

Please please please do not split District 10. We moved back to this area from outside of Dallas just to be in the Lake Highlands community. It's a true community and splitting it would not benefit anyone.

Please keep our LH community in tact!!

Thank you,

Scott Burge  
8624 Bacardi Drive  
Dallas, TX

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Steadman Zane [z\_jr@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 12:40 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** The redistricting of District 10  
**Attachments:** woodbridge logo icon.jpg; ATT5297060.txt

We of the Woodbridge community consisting of some 230 homes wish for District 10 remain as it is currently. My wife grew up in Lake Highlands and we moved here 7 years ago due to the beauty and community of this area. We have struggled to keep this district as a community and to work with the diversity that is Lake Highlands. So far no one has expressed how it will be a plus to be broken up into smaller pieces. Until that is explained we wish to continue to be a growing area of neighbors.

Keep Lake Highlands as a family.  
Keep District 10 as is.

Zane Steadman  
President  
Woodbridge Home Owners Association (WFOA)



**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jackie Stephens [jackiestephens10@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 12:35 PM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Fw: Lake Highlands Re-Districting Proposal - PLEASE ... only 1 high school in Lake Highlands!

The current District 10 alignment has worked well for many, many years, mainly because of the common bond shared throughout the district - Lake Highlands High School. Our district is blended culturally and ethnically, in main part because we are a single high school district. That translates in a small town feel throughout, without turf disputes or fighting over which high school is better.

As a council you are charged with making the best possible decisions for our neighborhood communities, and dividing up the Lake Highlands High School into more than one attendance zone should run counter to your charge.

PLEASE ... only 1 high school in Lake Highlands!

Jackie Stephens  
214-521-0042

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Jeri Johnston [jerijohnston@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Fw: Redistricting - Lake Highlands Area

From: Jeri Johnston [jerijohnston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jerijohnston@sbcglobal.net)  
Date: Friday, August 5, 2011, 10:42 AM

The area of Dallas known as "Lake Highlands" is a community in its own right and should be recognized as a "Community of Interest" by the 2011 Redistricting Commission.

This Community, the current District 10, has experienced significant demographic and economic changes that have improved the sense of Community within "Lake Highlands". It has become more diverse, in terms of economic measures, ethnicity and age, yet all its members are encouraged to feel that they have their place and voice in the activities that are available within this wonderful community.

I urge you to put forth a redistricting plan that maintains the area of Lake Highlands as represented by a single city council member, rather than any plan that splits our community among several districts and several representatives. We especially ask that you **NOT support cPlan16** because this plan, rather than Unifying, fragments a community that has heretofore remained, and promises to continue to remain, one with a very strong sense of COMMUNITY.

Jeri Johnston  
9828 Windledge Drive  
Dallas, Texas 75238

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** philip nirchi [penirch@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 11:07 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** Oakcliff Gateway/ Lakecliff

WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY?

WHY do we hold meetings on this project and then low and behold a change like this?  
WHY would we cut the area in half when Lakecliff is at the forefront of the project?  
WHY is it about QUANTITY and not about QUALITY of life?  
WHY can't everybody sit down and agree to disagree and then work out a suitable  
outcome to this project which has been in the works now for HOW MANY YEARS????  
WHY make our lives anymore miserable then they have to be ie.. The debt ceiling  
debacle, the increase of our city taxes, the city scandels of late, DISD, need i continue??????

I await your answers with baited breath!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Bratt, Peter**

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**From:** Douglas E Rabe [rabadad@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** reDallas11  
**Subject:** District 10

To the Redistricting Committee:

I am sending this email to support retaining the current boundaries for District 10. I oppose any attempt to break up the Lake Highlands community into different council districts.

My family has resided in Lake Highlands (District 10) for 21 years. When we moved from California in 1990, we looked at houses all over the northside of the Dallas area (Coppell, Plano, Richardson, North Dallas, and Lake Highlands) before we finally settled on a home in Lake Highlands. We were initially attracted to Lake Highlands and have remained in Lake Highlands for the following reasons:

1. Strong schools: I am a big believer in public schools, and the academic reputation of the Lake Highlands schools and RISD was a key consideration in our decision to move here. And, it has been a key consideration in our decision to stay and raise our sons in LH.
2. Strong sense of community: Lake Highlands is like a city within a city. It is a unified group of neighborhoods, and the glue that holds those neighborhoods together are the schools that feed into Lake Highlands High School. Even the private schools in Lake Highlands contribute to that "glue" because their graduates frequently go on to attend LHHS. The civic groups within Lake Highlands, such as the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and the Lake Highlands Women's League, serve to reinforce that sense of community. Community leaders in Lake Highlands have rallied local support to make substantial improvements to our community as evidenced by the development of the Lake Highlands Town Center within the Skillman TIF and by the local marketing campaign to bring Trader Joe's to the Lake Highland's Town Center.

Breaking up representation of Lake Highlands and District 10 within the Dallas City Council is ill advised. Please keep the unified representation of the Lake Highlands community on the Dallas City Council.

Doug Rabe  
9923 Capridge Drive

Dear Commission Members'

In reviewing the submissions of redistricting maps I am outraged that District 10 is being carved up with no considerations for community of interest or "home town feel". Lake Highlands-virtually all of District 10- is a unique entity within a very large city. We have been able to develop and maintain a hometown feel by bringing the District together in a very complicated but not so complicated way.

Lake Highlands High School services almost all residents of District 10. The District is among the most diverse in the city and we make it work because we work together for all in the neighborhood. Audelia Creek and Thurgood Marshall Elementary Schools were created through partnership with the City of Dallas and the Richardson School District achieved by the District 10 council members because of the common interest of the voters of the District.

The Lake Highlands Jr. Women's League, I which I'm a former member, has worked with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department to install a pavilion and spray ground with hundreds of thousands of dollars donated privately through the efforts of the council members and voters of the district. The Lake Highlands Exchange Club and Lake Highlands Women's League are two very worthy organizations that have awarded over a hundred thousand dollars in scholarships a year for many years now to deserving students from Lake Highlands high School of all backgrounds but predominately at risk children-because there is a strong feel of community and union. We make diversity work here in Lake Highlands.

To carve up Lake Highlands would be a travesty and something that would do irreparable harm. Please keep the Lake Highlands attendance zone in one City Council District.

Respectfully,



Ellen Bryant

President

Town Creek Homeowners Association

Redistricting Committee -

Please leave Lake Highlands alone.

Change for change sake is a waste of time.

1. We are diversified -
2. We have worked together to keep the area productive for the city.
3. Our schools are close by + supported by the area.
4. We don't complain to the city regarding problems - We work out solutions.

The less interference from those outside the area (who don't understand the problem) the better.

\* We don't want to be political (Pawas for this committee on the City Council.

Larry + Dorothy Ferguson  
45 year residents + taxpayers

Fax ; (214) 670-5798

## Redistricting Committee:

- Keep the LHHS attendance zone as a primary consideration
- District 10 is already a diverse district and meets the not gerrymandered definition
- District 10 is a Community of Interest going back to Dean Vanderbilt's council tenure and has been refined to reflect that over the past 30+ years
- The Lake Highlands Exchange Club, Lake Highlands Women's League and Junior Women's League and others have worked hand in hand with the City on programs, having donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Parks in District 10
- The "small town feel within the heart of the city" that defines LH and has supported council candidates, and redevelopment would be lost
- LH has a long history of being a neighborhood where diversity already works.

Please don't destroy that!

**Craig and Kay Wheeler, 10110 Ivygate Circle, 75238**

**Redistricting Commission  
Public Testimony Received  
From Bill Betzen and Randall  
Bryant**



**Redistricting Commission  
Documents Received from  
Randall Bryant  
August 4, 2011**

August 4, 2011

Dr. Ruth Morgan – Chair  
City of Dallas  
Redistricting Commission  
1500 Marilla Street  
Dallas, TX 75201

Madam Chair Morgan:

I would like the record to reflect the following comments made by Commissioner Elizabeth Jones of District 13 on August 2, 2011:

1. Under Commissioner Jones' own testament, she stated, "I have asked and quite frankly it's only been of young people, people typically under the age of 30 if not 25 education just as a matter of reference, and also because we had testimony from people from Eastland College that they were working with the GIS program and as you know UT Dallas also has GIS programs, so my curiosity when I see someone drawing maps or taking a proactive interest in our process it's always to ask whether they are doing that in concert with our Universities. So realistically I was not trying to in anyway challenge our young man capabilities, in fact I was very impressed, with what Mr. Bryant presented to us."

This however is false, I have notated in Exhibit A all questions asked by Commissioner Jones to each map presenter that has appeared before this commission and not one has been asked that question.

2. Under Commissioner Jones' own testament, she state, "My raising of the issue of Mr. Bryant's political background came from two things. Number one in his own testimony he pointed out that he had learned about the city through active political grassroots and other related work. He was very clear in stating that. The second is that he did not reveal to us even though I asked him if he was a paid political worker the nature of that work and differentiating that all of us would have the opportunity to do it as a matter of our personal right a democracy versus somebody who is a paid political advocate that was my point.

After reviewing my quite hostile dialogue with Commissioner Jones' I did in fact state that I have ran Phone Banks and Walk Programs and that I have been paid to do so, however I have never been paid as a Political Consultant. For her to continue to insinuate that I did not reveal the nature of my work is a complete lie.


3. ...Mr. Bryant is related to Kathy Nealy and I don't want to, I mean there is an investigation going on I don't, we don't and none of us know what's going on really. But as a matter of public record that is a material fact. And that is something that needs to

be disclosed. So I did not want to be the one raise something that I didn't have an answer to. I did not know his relationship, he never revealed it to us, but it is a matter of public record.

For the past year I've had the pleasure of sitting on a City of Dallas Board, the South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund Board and I am registered with the company I work for as a Lobbyist with the City of Dallas. In those capacities yes my professional and personal information is a matter of public record. However, as a citizen of the City of Dallas, in the capacity of authoring and presenting a map for my vision of our great city, my education, professional and personal information is not a matter of public record for material fact, and should not be disclosed.

Although I have been quite disappointed in the actions taken by some Commission members, rest assured that I have not been discouraged.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bryant', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Randall Bryant  
District 5 Resident

## EXHIBIT A

June 14, 2011

Tom Wood – District 12 pPlan12

No Question's asked

June 21, 2011

Donna Halstead – cPlan10

No Question's asked

Bill Betzen – pPlan03 & Bill Betzen – wPlan24

02:06:41 - 02:10:20 – 3 minutes 39 seconds

1. So you define Preston Rd. 289 and say it should be joined together?
2. His response was that he thought Preston Rd. was a 4 or 8 lane road is it not?

*Her response... You tell me.*

3. Did you take Neighborhood Association's into consideration?

02:16:20 - 02:18:00 – 1 minute 40 seconds

4. Three Dimensional view to the map that you want us to consider.
5. Did you piss off someone in the Northwest Improvement District too because you cut that up too?

June 30, 2011

Bill Betzen – wPlan24a / wPlan24b

01:11:04 – 01:12:19 – 1 minute 15 seconds

1. You know have District 13 looking like a Scottie or some type of dog now
2. Why do you keep taking this triangle out of 13  
His response... Did you mention to me that you wanted it back in.
3. Her response... I never wanted it out.

01:13:20 – 01:14:15 – 1 minute 55 seconds

I would beg to differ (In response to Domingo Gracia statement that Marsh is the dividing line between Hispanics and Anglo's in District 6 and District 13

John Heimburger – wPlan31

No Question's Asked

Shirley Stark – wPlan45

No Question's Asked

July 12, 2011

Bill Betzen – wplan03

00:42:39 – 00:47:24 – 4 minutes 45 seconds

4. Do you want us to consider this map over your previous map?
5. Did you take into account the 150 testimonies or Neighborhood Associations when drawing this map?
6. Is breaking up and reallocating neighborhoods a normal process for you?
7. What evidence do you have of keeping neighborhoods together?
8. Do you think the current map should be radically changed?

**Benjamin Lopez – wplan12\*\*\*\* A Young Man\*\*\*\***

**01:31:16 – 01:33:04 – 1 minute 48 seconds**

1. What did you use to define the Northwest improvement District?
2. Unlike Mr. Betzen you tried to keep PD193 in tack.

**Sam Merten – wplan16**

**01:42:54 – 01:44:56 – 2 minute 2 seconds**

1. Did some of your coverage of Dallas influence your map?
2. How did you look at Vickery Meadow, because OUR goal is to make it whole?
3. What would it take for you to move back to Dallas?

**Shirley Stark – wplan45**

No Question's Asked

**July 14, 2011**

**Keith McPhail – wPlan43 / Keith McPhail – wPlan55**

**00:32:45 – 00:34:55 – 2 minutes 10 seconds**

1. Can you explain your logic on how you developed District 6 between both plans?
2. Did neighborhoods enter into your analysis?
3. You didn't look at school zones or feeder patterns either in your logic?

**Helene McKinney – wPlan02**

No Question's Asked

**July 26, 2011**

**Carolyn Davis – wPlan07cc**

No Question's Asked

**Randall Bryant – wPlan01**

**01:26:34 – 01:33:00 – 6 minutes 26 seconds**

1. Could you explain why you moved Vickery Meadow which is the economic engine?  
Response... I don't know where Vickery Meadow is, could you point that out?
2. Response... Well that explains that.
3. For the record are you... I'm an educator so I'm curious what's your educational background?
4. What do you do for work?  
Response... I work for a Business Consulting Company.
5. Have you ever been a paid political consultant?  
Response... No
6. Can you explain what you have been paid to do on campaigns?
7. I've ran Phone Banks and Walk Programs.
8. How much time did you spend in the north?
9. What is the rationale from taking population from 13 and moving to 6 and packing by definition both Districts?
10. District 13 has to gain close to 5,000 in population.
11. Did you don any analysis on Neighborhoods?

**01:35:17 – 01:39:56 – 4 minutes 39 seconds**

1. What are the cores in each District in the South?

**Lee & Marla Beikman – wPlan5**

**02:08:38 – 02:10:14 – 1 minute 36 seconds**

2. Is it your opinion that this is the best option for District 12?

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**Kyle Talkington – wPlan04**

No Question's Asked

**Sandra Crenshaw – pPlan05 / Sandra Crenshaw – pPlan14**

No Question's Asked

**Alexander Enriquez – wPlan22**

No Question's Asked

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**Domingo Garcia – cPlan01**

**00:27:47 – 00:30:40 – 2 minutes 53 seconds**

3. Is this a sound view of the way you want to see the South?
4. As far as District 1 is concerned you think this is a good view today with adjustments to population requirements and packing?

**Hollis Brashear – cPlan05**

**00:51:41 – 00:52:01 – 20 seconds**

1. I just want to tell you thank you.

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**00:06:50 - 00:10:17**

I have asked and quite frankly it's only been of young people, people typically under the age of 30 if not 25 education just as a matter of reference, and also because we had testimony from people from Eastland College that they were working with the GIS program and as you know UT Dallas also has GIS programs, so my curiosity when I see someone drawing maps or taking a proactive interest in our process it's always to ask whether they are doing that in concert with our Universities. So realistically I was not trying to in anyway challenge our young man capabilities, in fact I was very impressed, with what Mr. Bryant presented to us.

That being said, so that indeed the motion being said is not correct relevant to the facts and the evidence of the record. The second point I would just raise for purposes of this commission, is that you know when I heard the discussion I guess I was somewhat taken back. We as a body have to ask questions and sometimes they are questions that are uncomfortable. My raising of the issue of Mr. Bryant's political background came from two things. Number one in his own testimony he pointed out that he had learned about the city through active political grassroots and other related work. He was very clear in stating that. The second is that he did not reveal to us even though I asked him if he was a paid political worker the nature of that work and differentiating that all of us would have the opportunity to do it as a matter of our personal right a democracy versus somebody who is a paid political advocate that was my point. And that was the point that I tried to make sure he understood and he answered. I was somewhat challenged that Commissioner Hasan would take issue with that, because that's a matter of disclosure and it is something that this body has a right to know. I think that even more directly it had come to my attention that Mr. Bryant is related to Kathy Nealy and I don't want to, I mean there is an investigation going on I don't, we don't and none of us know what's going on really. But as a matter of public record that is a material fact. And that is something that needs to be disclosed. So I did not want to be the one raise something that I didn't have an answer to. I did not know his relationship, he never revealed it to us, but it is a matter of public record.

**Redistricting Commission  
Public Testimony Submitted  
by Bill Betzen  
August 8, 2011**

## Statistics from all plans listed for consideration on 8/9/11 Commission Agenda

Dallas Redistricting Plans:		Demographics: (VAP = Voting Age Population)					Compactness:		
Plan name	Plan creator (or Commission if a Dallas Commission update)	Range of Deviation	Avg of Hispanic VAP % among 5 highest	Lowest Hispanic VAP % of these 5	Avg of Black VAP % among 3 highest	Lowest Black VAP % of these 3	Average indexed score	Average district perimeter in miles	Miles of district boundary line erased:
Best number is →		Lower	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Lower	Higher
wPlan01	Randall Bryant	8.74%	58.72%	39.48%*	59.27%	<b>50.49%</b>	1.3	33.19	144.6
wPlan03	Bill Betzen	2.77%	61.84%	<b>57.83%</b>	60.25%	<b>55.84%</b>	1.35	31.62	166.6
wPlan03 after 12 amendments		8.48%	62.40%	<b>57.63%</b>	62.69%	<b>55.40%</b>	1.34	31.96	161.8
wPlan04	Kyle Talkington	1.77%	60.49%	<b>50.86%</b>	58.50%	<b>53.21%</b>	1.14	37.52	84.0
wPlan12	Benjamin Lopez	1.91%	57.87%	46.06%*	56.14%	38.47%*	1.3	33.02	147.0
wPlan16	Sam Merten	0.15%	60.18%	41.8%*	59.58%	<b>52.49%</b>	1.39	31.51	168.1
wPlan22	Alexander Enriquez	0.03%	57.75%	46.61%*	57.96%	38.52%*	1.57	29.14	201.3
wPlan24a	Commission	3.94%	61.62%	<b>55.43%</b>	59.93%	<b>54.21%</b>	1.28	33.13	145.5
wPlan24b	Commission	5.58%	61.72%	<b>55.43%</b>	59.93%	<b>54.21%</b>	1.29	33.1	145.9
wPlan45	Shirley Stark	0.79%	59.67%	<b>52.56%</b>	54.08%	32.28%*	1.33	33.34	142.5
wPlan55a	Commission	5.38%	62.54%	<b>60.08%</b>	60.38%	<b>53.29%</b>	1.24	36.26	101.6
pPlan05	Sandra Crenshaw	9.91%	60.46%	40.32%*	59.62%	49.16%*	1.4	30.88	177.0
pPlan14	Sandra Crenshaw	9.84%	60.69%	40.32%*	60.63%	<b>55.69%</b>	1.42	30.65	180.2
cPlan04	Commissioner Ratcliff	9.28%	57.44%	47.71%*	57.29%	<b>50.02%</b>	1.23	35.71	109.3
cPlan05	Commissioner Brashear	9.33%	56.05%	44.18%*	51.55%	<b>50.05%</b>	1.31	33.38	142.0
cPlan16	Commissioners Garcia, Love & Ratcliff	7.90%	61.05%	<b>50.25%</b>	58.04%	48.21%*	1.18	35.87	107.1

\* Percentages less than 50% mean that 5 Hispanic majority Dallas City Council Districts are **not achieved**, and/or that 3 Black majority Dallas City Council Districts are **not achieved**.