

**Redistricting Commission
Packet
August 20, 2011**

**Redistricting Commission
Public Testimony Received
Via Fax, Email, and Mail
from 2:41PM August 15, 2011
to 2:30PM August 17, 2011**

Bratt, Peter

From: huneryager1958@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 1:32 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: LH

Dear City Hall,

We are 18 year residents, I'm a Realtor and we are good neighbors, who have brought up 2 honors students in this town within a city. Please leave the lines where they stand. We've taken punch after punch with crime and section 8 housing and saw some light at the end of the tunnel... We are still hoping to realize a LH Town Center that will have no chance of becoming reality if the lines are re-drawn.

Plrase don't do that to us!!

Sincerely,

Scott and Ann Huneryager
7137 Blackwood Dr.
Dallas 75231

Bratt, Peter

From: Robert Sullivan [sullivan_robert@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 11:08 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Division 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 the Love Field area attending Obadiah Knight Elementary, TJ Rusk Junior High and North Dallas High schools. My life in Dallas has not always known a sense of community as I have these past 26 years.

As a member of the Exchange Club of 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 or more Council Districts. For a district as diverse as ours, this would make absolutely no sense and can only do harm to the children of the district.

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.

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 take that away by dividing our District and neighborhoods into several districts.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and request. I am hopeful that you will not take one person's plan to action that would damage an area that works so well.

Robert E Sullivan
8033 Eagle Trail
Dallas, TX 75238
214-349-7647

Torres, Daisy

To: Tolliver, Yasmin
Subject: RE: Stephanie Funti- Redistricting

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Funti [<mailto:sfunti@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 11:10 PM
To: Lawrence, Clinton
Subject: E-Mail from Web Page for Councilmember Ann Margolin

Stephanie Funti
3248 Chapel Downs Dr.
Dallas, TX 75229
phone: (214) 350-0565
email: sfunti@sbcglobal.net

COMMENTS: Councilwoman Margolin, I own my residence on Chapel Downs Drive. I understand that redistricting my residence from District 13 to District 6 is being considered. I am unable to attend the meeting Saturday, Aug. 20 in council chambers as I must work. But I wanted to voice my opposition to this proposal. I do not want to be redistricted to District 6. I want my residence to remain in District 13. I hope my wishes as a tax paying homeowner will be considered and taken seriously. I appreciate your service to our community and specifically to our district. Thank you for your time. Stephanie Funti

Bratt, Peter

From: Truitt [Truitt@highlandtxenergy.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 11:09 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: District 10 Redistricting

My family and I are 14 year residents 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.

In Lake Highlands we really enjoy the community feeling, but do not separate ourselves from the larger community of the City of Dallas. Upon moving to the Dallas area we were drawn to Lake Highlands because of the strong, diverse 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 and the community as a whole.

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, the Women's League and the broad diversity of those students.

Lake Highlands is a community with a strong sense of pride of a small town within the heart of a larger city. We have a strong sense of community and a commitment to diversity that has proven to work so very well. Please do not harm us by dividing our District and neighborhoods.

Thanks,
Truitt

Truitt Matthews
Highland (Texas) Energy Company
7557 Rambler Road, Suite 918
Dallas, Texas 75231

Phone: 214-369-2020, ext. 4
Fax: 214-369-2058

truitt@highlandtxenergy.com

Bratt, Peter

From: Jerry Haynes [jehc@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 4:26 PM
To: reDallas11

My name is Jerry Haynes and I reside at 6906 Cliffwood Dr. I would hope that my residence will remain in district 8. We have a very good district and would like to keep it.

Thank You

Jerry Haynes

Jerry Haynes Electric Company Inc.
1730 Maryland Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75216
(214)941-3574 office

Bratt, Peter

From: Debbie Leonard [pigs skate@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:00 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Re-districting

Hi

Would like to keep Tennell Atkins in District 8.

Thank you,
Debbie Leonard
Super Skate
13953 C.F. Hawn Freeway
Dallas, Tx. 75253
972-743-8119 cell

Sent from my iPhone

Bratt, Peter

From: William Dix [sbdux@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 4:17 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Lake Highland Redistricting

Dear Commission Members,

I strongly oppose efforts to carve up the Lake Highlands District 10. It is a diverse, well conceived entity that serves the community extremely well.

Yours truly,

William E. Dix

Bratt, Peter

From: BBetzen@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Tolliver, Yasmin
Cc: reDallas11
Subject: Lake Highlands podcast: Better know a (re)district

Dear Ms. Tolliver,

I just called and got your voice mail. I am certain you are busy. The only reason I called was to let you know that I was involved in an online pod-cast radio show on redistricting yesterday. You can find it online at <http://lakehighlands.advocatemag.com/2011/08/lake-highlands-podcast-better-know-a-redistrict/>. I don't know if this should be shared with Commissioners as I have no idea of how large their audience is. I strongly encouraged people to attend Commission meetings, and especially the 2 PM meeting on Saturday.

I thought I should let you know.

Bill Betzen
<http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/>
214-957-9739

Date: August 10, 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.

Thank you for your consideration.



Name: Barbara Christmas
Address: 8429 Capriola Ln.
Dallas, TX 75228
District 7
Phone: 214-328-6331
email: None

Bratt, Peter

From: hajabj@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 12:13 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Keep District 10 intact

Hello, Dallas Staff:

I have looked at the various plans and feel that C P Lan 05a is the right one for District 10. I would like to see the current borders remain intact. The Doming Garcia Plan C Plan 16 destroys the integrity of District 10, with the Lake Highlands Twon Center and Lake Highlands High School as anchors for the district.

Harry Rumberger
tel:214-348-8869

Bratt, Peter

From: joedcurtis@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 9:54 AM
To: reDallas11
Cc: schayes@sbcglobal.net; mike.averitt@terumomedical.com; rjaveritt@aol.com; jerwilk@sbcglobal.net; joaniew@sbcglobal.net; randall@rcbrandtcpa.com
Subject: Lake Highlands Redistricting.

I am a 40-year resident of the Lake Highlands community. All my children attended Lake Highlands schools. It has been remarkable how Lake Highland has grown into a close-knit community over the years. An now young people are moving in which revitalize our community. We have numerous organizations in Lake Highlands that have significant impact on our quality of life. All this revolves around having a single representative in government that hear our needs and responds. Without that we are divided and our quality of life goes down. Dallas suffers.

Lake Highlands doesn't need to be integrated. We already are! The community has embraced integration and improved on the lives of the less fortunate in our community. A prime example happened several years ago when a Lake Highlands student who showed exceptional talent but had basic needs at home. People in our community embraced him as role models and helped him financially which allowed him to go to college and graduate. There was no government program or intervention, it was just a sense of community. There are many, many more examples like that.

These events would not happen if our community is ripped apart by redistricting. It is clear to me that these community "assets" are much more important than an individual politician trying to get one more vote in the government arena. I hope this is equally clear to each of you as well. We are more than Zip code boundaries--we are a vibrant cohesive community that contributes massively to Dallas' progress.

I respectfully request that you dismiss any redistricting plan that doesn't leave Lake Highland intact.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Curtis
9310 Raeford Dr
Dallas, Tx 75243
214 341-8566

Bratt, Peter

From: Pamela Terrell [pamelaterrell@att.net]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 3:54 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Lake Highlands redistricting

Please keep Lake Highlands District as it is. Please do not change it or split it in any way.

Thank you,

Pamela Terrell

9617 Broken Bow Rd.

Dallas, TX 75238

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to 4:00PM August 19, 2011**

Bratt, Peter

From: Roberts, George E - Dallas, TX [george.e.roberts@usps.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 3:51 PM
To: garciadt@aol.com; corky@syllp.com; Jasso, Delia; Griggs, Scott; reDallas11
Cc: Philip Perry
Subject: I Support Map #5 or #16 for North Oak Cliff Redistricting

Importance: High

Please keep North Oak Cliff together-- it makes sense for continued stability, development/ re-development of the North Oak Cliff area. I support CPlan05b (this is my first preference) and Cplan16b. I live in Wynnewood North and want to be apart of helping North Oak Cliff improve and keep our community together.

Thanks in advance for your support,

**George E Roberts Jr
309 Monssen Dr.
Dallas TX 75224**

Bratt, Peter

From: Yesenia Casas [ycasas@santosci.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:21 PM
To: garciatx@aol.com; corky@syllp.com; Jasso, Delia; Griggs, Scott; reDallas11
Subject: Wynnewood North

Friday, August 19, 2011

Yesenia Casas

750 S. Manus Drive

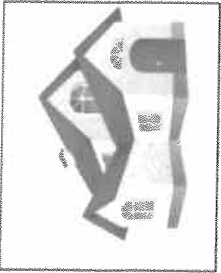
Dallas, TX 75224

Dear Commissioners and Council,

Please be informed that as a resident of Wynnewood North neighborhood, we hereby request for our Community of Interest (Wynnewood North, Wynnewood Village) neighborhood remain in Districts 1 or 3 with similarly situated and established neighborhoods that make up North Oak Cliff. Our neighborhood has worked very hard to be part of what makes up North Oak Cliff today. Your cooperation with this matter will be greatly appreciated.

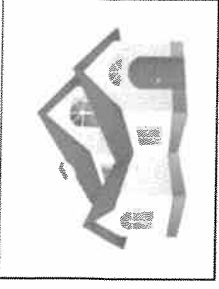
Thank You,

Yesenia Casas



ARDEN TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION/CRIME WATCH INC.

Ms. Barnes, President/Ms. Mary Watkins, President Emeritus/Executive Director Email: marywat15@mism.com
Ms. Arbertha Herrod, Vice-President of Crime Watch
2515 Pentagon Pkwy. Dallas, TX 75241 Home/Fax # 214-376-8109
Lancaster to Bonnie View Rd.-Loop 12 to Five Mile.



August 9, 2011

To: The Dallas City Council

Subject: Redistricting for District 8

We the Arden Terrace Neighborhood Association have come to a decision that we want to remind in District 8. Our Councilman, Councilman Atkins has done a tremendous job in our district. We have seen great improvements and are looking forward to more. He has been an asset and a jewel to our district. He has been a hands on Councilman, one that you can depend on.

If you must redraw the line, then we suggest that you do it in Pleasant Grove. But please don't bother with District 8 in Oak Cliff.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Concerned residents of District 8

Gloria Barnes, President
Arden Terrace Neighborhood Assoc.
214-374-5508

Petition for Councilman Tennell Atkins to remind in District 8

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1. Edith Beard	3958 Ray Ridge	972-9753952
2. Mr. Joe Beard	2311 Arden Road	972-201-5213
3. Mamie Lewis	2314 Arden Road	214-376-8872
4. LUTHER MITCHELL	2324 ARDEN RD	214-994- 7025 ⁷⁹³⁵
5. Dorothy Hines	2304 Arden Rd	214-374-1959
6. Donna Lee Pico	2304 Arden Rd	214-374-1959
7. Evelyn Hines	2304 Arden Rd	214-374-1959
8. Dorothy Mosby	2230 Arden Rd	214.375.2318
9. ROSS WILLIAMS	2159 ARDEN	214.815.0379
10. Darlene Williams	2159 Arden	214 815-0379
11. Corene + Ann Hines	2119 Arden Rd	214-997-8711
12. Ileana Wyatt	2126 Wedson Rd	214-374-7725
13. Shirley Buckton	2334 Wolcott Dr	214-371-4656
14. Darlene Buckton	2334 Wolcott Dr	214-371-4656
15. Belinda Bullock	2316 Wolcott Dr	(214) 372-0302
16. James Lee JR	" " "	" "
17. Billie LEE	" " "	" "
18. Rev J. J. Aubrey	2236 Wolcott Dr	214-375-4776
19. Eva J. Aubrey	2236 Wolcott Dr.	214-375-4776
20. Sherron Willie	2305 E. Pentagon Plak.	214-498-9736
21. Gladys Williams	" " " "	214-374-1546

Petition for Councilman Tennell Atkins to remind in District 8

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1. Gloria King	1628 Trade winds	214-375-1056
2. Tom Wilton	5115 Maryland Ave	214 371-9122
3. Deloris Webber	4616 Mayhew	214-371-
4. Oles Imelton	1445 Autumn Lane	214-3765848
5. Howard Muldrow	1550 Whispering Tr	214-374-2480
6. Willie Williams	6343 Silverwood Cir	214-376-1178
7. Helen Stratford	7315 Buford Dr.	912-224-4840
8. Hestiza Bryant	5134 Cardiff St.	214 3745191
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Petition for Councilman Tennell Atkins to remind in District 8

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1. Rev Henry Steversen	2543 Randolph St	214-375-2787
2. Mattie Hill	5121 Wynell St	214) 861-7920
3. Isaac Brown	5121 Wignell St	214) 380-8839
4. Calvin Kyle	2	214 384 7110
5. Jimmy Hill		214-384-7172
6. Stephen Willard	2559 Bondage St	214-372-2225
7. Konda Jaukett	2554 Randolph St	214-745-9509
8. Dorothy Williams	2546 Randolph St	214 371-5951
9. Ethel L. Bowers	5058 Veterans Dr	214-375-3224
10. Wesley Bowers Sr.	5058 Veterans Dr	214-375-3224
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Petition to remain in District 8 under Councilman Tennell Atkins

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
1. Gloria Barnes	5171 Ivy Lane	214-374-5508
2. Natalia Ortiz	5183 Ivy Lane	(469)463 2028
3. Florence Burleson	5180 Ivy Lane	214-374-4094
4. Kenneth Burleson	5180 Ivy Lane	214-374-4094
5. Vera Moss	5184 Ivy Lane	214-376-7869
6. J.B. Moss	5184 Ivy Lane	214-376-7869
7. Rena L. Bracken	5184 Ivy Lane	214-376-7869
8. Elia Martinez	5175 Ivy Ln	(214)661-0676
9. Jennie Jones	5168 Ivy Ln	214 372 2595
10. Maria Santiago	5167 Ivy Ln	214 745-9149
11. Isabel Santiago	5167 Ivy Ln	214 718-5010
12. Eugenia Hernandez	5150 Ivy Ln	214-374-7087
13. Francisco Aguilar	5007 Watson	214 859 0635
14. Margarita Govea	5022 Watson	214 371 0999
15. Roy Pratt	5023 Watson	214-375-375
16. Curtis Dowell	5026 Watson	214 614 5474
17. Bernardo Najera	5048 Watson Dr.	214 968 9678
18. Adolfo Kato	5051 Watson	214 375 7594
19. Virgie A. Jackson	4949 Bonnie View Rd	214-374-8834
20. James D. Jackson	4949 Bonnie View Rd	214-374-8834
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Bratt, Peter

From: michele morgan [shellymicheletexas@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 1:24 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting Proposal and impact to Wynnewood North

Committee Members:

I am writing in regards to the proposed redistricting maps and the impact on my neighborhood, Wynnewood North. Please vote to keep Wynnewood North as part of North Oak cliff. I am in favor of maps **CPlan05b** and **CPlan16b** in the current proposal.

Kind Regard,
Michele Morgan (Wynnewood North resident)

Bratt, Peter

From: L.R. Teutsch [ldeutsch83@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 12:03 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Plan 5

Hello,

I ask that you choose plan 5 for redistricting. We've been lumped with Fair Park and south Dallas for so long and we're not even near that area. Thanks!

Lori Teutsch
2930 Rambling Dr
Dallas, TX 75228
214-613-8063

Bratt, Peter

From: MARYANN JENKINS [maryannjenkins@me.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 12:12 PM
To: reDallas11
Cc: corky@syllp.com; della.jasso@dallascityhall.com; scottgriggs@dallaascityhall.com; lynnsulander@sbcglobal.net; jandj2004@sbcglobal.net; garciadtx@aol.com
Subject: Opposition to Redistricting Plan WPlan 03C

Dear Commission:

As a resident of the Wynnewood North neighborhood, a long-established neighborhood that has been a part of the North Oak Cliff community for over sixty years, I would like to express my strong objection to proposed redistricting plan WPlan 03C. This plan moves three neighborhoods, Wynnewood North, Wynnewood Heights and Beckley Club from a district composed of a family of neighborhoods with which they have strong economic and historic ties to a district where no such ties exist. The proposed move would essentially turn these three neighborhoods, neighborhoods which were bastions of stability when Oak Cliff was going through hard times, into the orphan tail of a district whose primary territory and focus is well east of I-35E, and which does not share the goals and concerns of the three neighborhoods that WPlan 03C moves into District 8.

I strongly urge you to reject WPlan 03C.

Very truly yours,
Mary Ann Jenkins
744 S. Manus Dr.

Bratt, Peter

From: John Sarlay [john.sarlay@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 12:26 PM
To: garciadt@aol.com; corky@syllp.com; Jasso, Delia; Griggs, Scott; reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting: Support plan 5 or 16

Support plan 5 or 16

Please do not vote for plan 3

Of the three redistricting plans currently being considered, Wynnewood North neighborhood would be wrongly excluded from the "North Oak Cliff" if plan 3 is adopted. This plan would group our neighborhood with neighborhoods very different than ours, and we want to continue to be *in the same district as similar "Communities of Interest" in North Oak Cliff.*

Plans 5 and 16 both have a better division of districts to **keep North Oak Cliff unified**, where plan 3 juts into North Oak Cliff just far enough to take out our neighborhood. I do not feel that we would have as much in common with the rest of district 8 from that plan as we would with neighborhoods immediately adjacent to us, which is what plans 5 and 16 are able to preserve. I have lived in a couple of North Oak Cliff neighborhoods and have many friends in North Oak Cliff. Aside from being geographically more cohesive, we have much **more in common with our neighbors and community events and participation** here in North Oak Cliff than with the neighborhoods grouped by plan 3.

Please vote for plan 5 or 16, to **keep North Oak Cliff unified** with similarly interested, geographically adjacent neighborhoods.

John Sarlay
611 Woolsey Dr
Dallas, TX 75224

July 28, 2011

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

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 neighborhood with other 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.



Name: JUDY COFFMAN

Address: 8925 FOREST CLIFF

Dallas, TX 75228

District 7

Phone: 214-324-2280

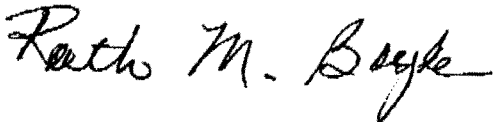
email: judycoff@swbell.net

July 26, 2011

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Dallas, TX 75201

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Thank you for your consideration.



Name: Ruth M. Boyle
Address: 2929 Greenmeadow
Dallas, TX 75228
District 7

Phone: 214-327-4207

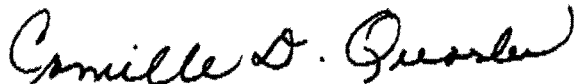
email: kwisomn@7@sbcglobal.net

July 26, 2011

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Thank you for your consideration.



Name: CAMILLE D. QUARLES
Address: 8929 FORESTCLIFF DRIVE
Dallas, TX 75228
District 7

Phone: 214-327-6591
email: _____

July 26, 2011

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

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Thank you for your consideration.



Name: Paul Sherek

Address: 8811 Forest Cliff

Dallas, TX 75228

District 7

Phone: 512-864-4747

email: paul.sherek@gmail.com

Bratt, Peter

From: Marianne Szabo [mszabo@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:55 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting plans

I cannot attend the meeting Saturday at 2 PM, but I want to voice my opinion that the only redistricting plan that makes sense to me is wPlan03c.

It is so patently obvious that this is the fairest distribution the other two don't even come close. It may not fit "politicking", but I think it would best benefit the citizens.

I am presently in District 14.

Marianne Szabo
6003 Anita St, 75206

Bratt, Peter

From: Ellen & Jay Smith [ellenandjay@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:44 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting

August 19, 2011

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

As resident of Eastwood Hills, we currently reside in District 7, South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. We support Plan 3 or Plan 5 that would include our neighborhood with other East Dallas/White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road.

We urge you to oppose Plan 16 which does not reflect today's requirements for compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen & Jay Smith
2735 Ripplewood Dr.
Dallas, TX 75228
District 7

Bratt, Peter

From: Robert D. Johnstone [bobdj2@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:04 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting

I currently reside in District 7 in a neighborhood South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30. I urge you to select plan 3 of the currently proposed maps. I believe it better represents the goals of compactness and the need to keep area communities together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert D. Johnstone
P.O. Box 570177
Dallas, TX 57357
District 7
214 324-1263
bobdj2@sbcglobal.net

Bratt, Peter

From: BETH WILEY [bethwiley@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:58 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: redistricting

Please include us in the casa linda / forest hills district with our neighbors. Plan 3 seems like our best option.

Bratt, Peter

From: Terri Holmes [terrisholmes@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 5:47 PM
To: reDallas11
Cc: Holmes Terri
Subject: redistricting

I would like to try and persuade the powers that be to choose redistricting Plan#3. Having lived in this area all my life, we have done our best to bring our neighborhood back to its former glory days. This is a transitional neighborhood that could go either way. I have noticed many young couples with children starting to return to this area because the homes are well built and affordable. I used to live in Old East Dallas and was there when it began its turn around and I see the same future for Parkdale. We need the city to be proactive and develop this area. I never drive south to do any of my shopping or activities. To group us with a district that has nothing to offer us would be tragic for us. Our homes have large lots with beautiful trees and we are close to downtown, easy access to the freeway and on the Green line, which we support and use daily. We have so much to offer and yet we keep getting grouped with Pleasant Grove and South Dallas. These areas need developing also but the homes are not nearly as attractive to prospective buyers as those in our area. We are a very active community and I see we are getting more proactive everyday. The mayor said he wanted neighborhoods to have more community spirit then please vote for Plan#3. Our neighborhood is wonderfully diverse with all ethnic groups represented equally. That is the kind of place I want to live and hope you will keep it that way for us. Thank you for your consideration.

-Terri Holmes

Bratt, Peter

From: Eileen Moore [eileen_moore@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 10:23 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Plan 3

Redistricting Commission

As a resident of District 7, I SUPPORT Plan 3 which offers fairness, compactness and adheres most closely to the guidelines of district requirements.

I strongly OPPOSE Plan 16.

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Bratt, Peter

From: John Igou [johncigou@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 8:08 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting

Please, please, please recommend the proposed map 03 to Mayor Rawlings.

Respectfully,

John Igou
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Dallas, 75227

Bratt, Peter

From: Casie Pierce [casiepierce@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 4:22 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: redistricting- District 7

To: Honorable Sirs and Madams of the Redistricting Commission

My name is Casie Pierce and I reside at 6047 Parkdale. Due to scheduling conflicts I have unfortunately been unable to attend most of the redistricting commission meetings. However I have been following the discussions and studying the maps on the City of Dallas website.

I live in Parkdale in District 7 and I am a former long-term President of our active neighborhood association, Parkdale/Lawnview Association of Neighbors. I resigned from the board last year to run for City Council but am still very involved in the goings-on in the neighborhood and larger community. I am also our precinct chair and my precinct and the two adjacent ones voted heavily for me during the last City Council election. So I am what could be considered a community opinion leader in our little section of Dallas.

I am writing to express *favor for redistricting map number 3.*

It is my opinion that the district 7 representation in proposed map number 16 remains largely unchanged from its current configuration (along with districts 8, 3, 14 and 2, which do not appear to be contiguous nor compact at all). Oddly, this map places Parkdale, seemingly intentionally, outside of district 7 and into a new district 5 and appears to be drawn specifically to keep the voters of district 7 unchanged in order to serve the sole purpose of preserving current incumbency. In a word, to someone who has been involved and active on all manner of civic endeavors over the past 11 years, and who ran for city council and won my area precincts, this map makes no sense whatsoever other than to preserve current voting patterns and/or punish those who are not interested in keeping politicians happy. This is not about politics, this is about what's right and this map appears to be the hot-button political one, and not just in southeast Dallas but all over the city.

In map number 5, a very large geographic portion of its district 7 is located along the uninhabitable parts of the Trinity River floodplain and the Great Trinity Forest, leaving at least half of the population area west of I-45. This map also chops up Pleasant Grove which is something that I know the community leaders in that community do not want. While on paper it may look like a compact and contiguous district, the reality is far from it. Parkdale has nothing in common with East Oak Cliff; nothing. There isn't even an easy way for the residents of Parkdale to travel to the good shopping areas of East Oak Cliff. We just don't share many common characteristics at all and we rarely go there, not because we don't want to, but because it's inconvenient. And isn't the purpose of redistricting to keep neighborhoods of interest together? This map does not achieve that goal.

Our neighborhood is geographically due east of downtown Dallas. Parkdale is technically not, nor has it ever historically been located in Pleasant Grove. Map number 3's southern border for which Parkdale is located (a new district 2) is Bruton (which was the historic northern boundary of Pleasant Grove when it was its own community before annexation). The eastern border remains at its current location in district 7, the Mesquite border, and it stays south of I-30, all the way west along Haskell and up northeast into Old East Dallas (where we share many historic and architectural features with parts of the Hollywood Heights and Mount Auburn neighborhoods). This map appears to do the best job of utilizing barriers such as major roads and highways, and connecting people who have the most in common. It also creates one district that forms a seamless Pleasant Grove, not unlike the historic borders of the town of Pleasant Grove. Not only does this map the make the most

sense for southeast and east Dallas, it also makes sense for the rest of the city (districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and amazingly, even 14). This map best represents neighborhood cohesiveness.

There will be at least one representative from Parkdale signing up speak for Saturday's meeting and that person will largely reflect what has been written in this letter (although this is more than a three-minute speech, which is why I wanted to submit this). Thank you all for your service and your time, I understand how volunteering for these things can be at times a thankless and trying job, but I also understand the desire to spend your free time doing those things that make our city a better place for all. I hope you all will consider my comments.

Kind regards.

Casie Pierce

Bratt, Peter

From: Stapp, Joshua D. (Sales + Distribution) [Joshua.Stapp@thehartford.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 2:16 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting Lake Highlands

Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I am extremely concerned about the proposed plans to redistrict LH and slit the representation 3 ways. Lake Highlands is a vibrant, diverse and unique community that is committed to maintaining our area as it is. The proposal goes against what makes LH outstanding: very good schools, commitment to education, investment in the community, welcoming of diversity, etc.

I move from San Antonio to Dallas 4 years ago and specifically targeted Lake Highlands because it was one of a kind. This would be the gravest of mistakes if this were passed.

Please come to a logical conclusion and support the actual people of our community by voting down this plan.

Thank you,

Josh & Shannon Stapp

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EASTWOOD HILLS

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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

July 22, 2011

Eastwood Hills is located South of Ferguson Road and North of Interstate 30 in District 7. As the representative board of Eastwood Hills Neighborhood Association, we urge you to strongly consider a redistricting plan that would include our neighborhood with other White Rock Lake communities North of Ferguson Road which more appropriately reflect the residents of Eastwood Hills.

In addition, we 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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July 23, 2011

Redistricting Commission
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1500 Marilla St. L1AN
Dallas, TX 75201

As a resident of District 7, I am in favor of a Redistricting Plan that places our Community of Interest in the White Rock Lake area North of Interstate 30.

I oppose any plan that lacks compactness and does not reflect Communities of Interest .

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Jerry P. Hunt
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DISTRICT 7
Phone: 214 327 5649
email: N/A

July 26, 2011

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

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 neighborhood with other 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.

Name: *Luce Shell*
Address: *8817 Forest Cliff Dr.*
Dallas, TX 75228
District 7
Phone: *214-328-4755*
email:

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Thank you for your consideration.



Name: Christopher W. Moore

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Thank you for your consideration.



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District 7

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Thank you for your consideration.

Camille D. Quarles

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Thank you for your consideration.

Ruth M. Boyle

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Thank you for your consideration.



Name: JUDY COFFMAN
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Bratt, Peter

From: Skye MacLaren [mommamac03@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 3:11 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Proposed Dallas Redistricting

Since 1991 the community of Lake Highlands has been represented on the Dallas City Council by a sole councilmember. The proposed redistricting plan cPlan16 would put at risk our community's ability to be fully represented in a cohesive and efficient fashion, and would tear apart the foundation that so many neighborhoods, community groups, and Lake Highlands citizens have worked so hard to build for over almost two decades; our Lake Highlands neighborhood, its viability and its integrity are at risk. We are a united community, based upon our strong commitment to our public schools, our dedication to the growth and improvement of our neighborhoods, and our efforts to support the development and economic growth of Lake Highland's businesses. United together, we have helped Lake Highlands become a thriving community that by default serves to better the city of Dallas as well. Our excellent schools, close-knit neighborhoods and diverse local businesses draw families and business owners to Lake Highlands, and therefore to Dallas. The map put forward by Commissioner Garcia draws boundaries based solely on race and ethnicity and completely ignores the fundamental building blocks that form the bedrock of this community; it would tear apart Lake Highlands as an entity, and erode the enormous progress made. We strongly believe City Hall should stand by its comment that "where possible, communities of interest shall be maintained in a single district." Lake Highlands has always been clearly defined and meets every conceivable definition of a Community of Interest. Please keep Lake Highland's District 10 intact.

Bratt, Peter

From: John Oliphant [joliphant@bokapowell.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:20 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Do Not Redistrict Lake Highlands

I am a resident of Lake Highlands in the Forest Meadows neighborhood at 9208 Middle Glen Drive. I am writing this letter to inform the redistricting commission and the City of Dallas that I do not support any plan that tears apart Lake Highlands.

John Oliphant
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Phone: 972-385-1803

Bratt, Peter

From: Tom Bailey [tom.bailey@swbell.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:48 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting District 10

I was born and raised in District 10 and I am writing in protest of the redistricting plan, especially in regard to splitting District 10. My father still lives in the house in which I was raised. My sister and I are both graduates of Lake Highlands High School and we both still live in the District. The two of us have raised 5 kids in this community who have all graduated from Lake Highlands High School. This is a diverse yet strong neighborhood that needs single representation.

I am the Past President of the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands and not only have we given over a million dollars to graduating seniors. Roughly half of these scholarships have been to working and at risk students. The Exchange Club has also given thousands of dollars to the Parks Department and other City programs and redistricting the area would be a travesty and wrong. The strong sense of pride in community is something to be honored and respected.

It would be irresponsible to split this District and disrupt the Lake Highlands High School attendance zone. Whoever represents this very diverse area needs to represent all of the families in the area and not just a portion of them. We are a community with a lot of pride and small town feel in the middle of the City of Dallas. We are a benchmark for how communities should be and work. A quick examination of the diversity of our schools would prove that we are a community about bringing the best out of all people regardless of race and creed.

A history of the district reveals that this Community has been singularly represented going back to Dean Vanderbuilts council and it needs to say that way. Don't destroy this community that has been in the making for years.

Thomas Bailey
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Bratt, Peter

From: Tommy Bailey [tobaileys@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:58 PM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: eclh res-2.pdf

This is Tom Bailey Past President of the Exchange Club of Lake Highland.

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Board of Directors opposing the Redistricting Plan that is being district.

Tom

**Exchange Club of Lake Highlands
Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 2011**

A monthly meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands (the "Club") was called to order by President Bryan McCrory at approximately 6:49 p.m., on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in Dallas, Texas.

WHEREAS, a discussion was held concerning a proposal to divide District 10, City of Dallas, which comprises the Lake Highlands community, into three districts for governance by the Dallas City Council;

WHEREAS, the Lake Highlands community is currently a single-member district, being District 10 of the City of Dallas;

WHEREAS, the Lake Highlands community is a diverse community, comprising persons of many races, backgrounds and socio-economic groups;

WHEREAS, despite its diversity, Lake Highlands is a cohesive, closely-knit community;

WHEREAS, the Board, on behalf of its approximately 161 members and families, believes the Lake Highlands community is best served by a single City Council member;

WHEREAS, the Board believes that dividing District 10 into multiple City Council districts is not in the best interests of the community, does not promote diversity within the community, and is, in fact, harmful and divisive to the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made, seconded, and voted on, and such vote being unanimous by the members of the Board, the Club does hereby oppose all efforts to divide District 10 into multiple districts, and the Club hereby favors that District 10 be preserved as a single-member district; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any member of the Board, be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the Club, to appear before the Dallas City Council and any subcommittee thereof for purposes of opposing any measure to divide District 10 into multiple districts.



Bryan McCrory, President of the Exchange
Club of Lake Highlands

Bratt, Peter

From: C.C. Kaplan [kapmac@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 1:09 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: Lake Highlands

I would like to make it known that I am opposed to any redistricting map that would break up the Lake Highlands area. I have lived in Lake Highlands for 50 years and we are proud of our community. We are a diverse group that supports each other and stands strong together. Please do not consider the 'unity map' and leave Lake Highland together!

Catherine Kaplan

Bratt, Peter

From: Patrick Laurie [Patrick.Laurie@bridgewater.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 6:26 AM
To: reDallas11
Subject: cPlan16 - Say NO!

cPlan16 – Say NO!

I am against the split of District 10. Breaking District 10 will only drive the cost of city government up as we will need to have additional administrators to manage the two or more Districts.

In this time of budget short falls and money being tight we should not be adding any additional costs to the City, the printing costs, new district maps and the thousands of additional administration fees are for what purpose? District 10 has worked well as is for years, so why do we want to change it? It is needless and I am against it.

I am Patrick Laurie of 9915 Wood Forest Dr, 75243 Dallas TX.

Why would someone not living in District 10 want to split it? The only motivation that comes to my mind is for personnel gain!!

JUST SAY NO to the splitting Lake Highlands!!!



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**Redistricting Commission
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Marvin Crenshaw, Dwaine Caraway and Sandra Crenshaw on the Fate of Dallas's Black Districts

By Robert Wilonsky

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Anna's gotten to know the city awfully well in a very short amount of time -- that's what sitting through every single redistricting meeting will do to and for you. And she was there for *four hours* last night, even though she's got a cover story due, like, now. And she'll be there all day Saturday, during the public hearings at City Hall scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Me, I just catch up when I can -- and probably should be paying more attention given the various plans that seem hellbent on moving my neighborhood out of District 13.

But as Dwaine Caraway says in the clip above, the council will tweak the plan when it comes to the horseshoe after the August 23 meeting of the Redistricting Commission, its last. (If all things go according to plan.) We still have a long way to go, in other words; the fun's only begun. Which you'll note in the clip above from last night's meeting, in which several familiar faces -- Marvin Crenshaw (whose lawsuit with Roy Williams led to 14-1), Sandra Crenshaw and Caraway among them -- express their concerns about losing majority-black districts during this process. John Loza and Donna Halstead show up at the end, none too thrilled with where this discussion's going.

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Is Dallas City Council Redistricting History from 1991 about to be repeated?

Protecting incumbents cited as factor in 14-1 Maps 'drawn certain way' because of issue, Miers says

Lawrence E. Young Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS (DAL) Published: MAY 25, 1991

Dallas City Council member Harriet Miers told a group of minority lawyers Friday that protecting council incumbents influenced the way boundaries were drawn under the 14-1 redistricting plan. "Incumbent issues caused the maps under consideration to be drawn a certain way," Ms. Miers said during a luncheon sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association. "If we can take the issue of incumbency away, we could have a map in a New York minute." Her remarks prompted some minority leaders to contend that the city sacrificed a fifth black district to protect incumbents under the 14-1 plan narrowly approved Monday. "That's reprehensible," attorney Eric Moye said. **"The notion that the protecting of incumbencies rises to the level of the voting rights of citizens who have been denied their constitutional rights is obscene."** The plan approved Monday features four predominantly black districts, two Hispanic ones and two mostly white districts in Oak Cliff and Pleasant Grove. The other six districts also are predominantly white. The mayor would be elected citywide. Ms. Miers was elected president of the State Bar of Texas May 2 and is not running again for City Council. She said after her presentation that the plan that was adopted "really didn't do violence to any incumbents." Plaintiffs in the city's 3-year-old voting rights lawsuit, as well as the only two minority council members, favored a 14-1 plan that would have created five black districts.

Ms. Miers said protecting incumbents was a factor in the development of both the plan favored by plaintiffs and the one approved by council members. She said she voted against the plan favored by plaintiffs because it protected some incumbents and not others. "It protected everyone but (council member) John Evans," who represents Pleasant Grove, Ms. Miers said.

The plan would have split Pleasant Grove among four black districts.

Minority leaders said they were outraged at the notion that the city would place the protection of white incumbents on the same level - as the protection of minority voting rights. To satisfy its obligations under the U.S. Voting Rights Act, they said, the city must maximize minority voting strength regardless of the effect on incumbent white council members. "It's unfortunate," said lawyer Kevin Wiggins, a member of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board. "With this council, it seems the balance always weighs in favor of protecting incumbents or neighborhoods rather than minority voting rights." Ms. Miers defended her decision to back the redistricting plan with four black districts.

She said the creation of a fifth black district was "one component of a very complex set of circumstances" that included the protection of incumbents and neighborhoods.

Ms. Miers said that throughout the redistricting controversy she did what she thought was right. She noted that she opposed the competing 10-4-1 plan even though that angered many whites.

Betsy Julian, a lawyer who represents the plaintiffs, said Ms. Miers' remarks represent a significant admission. Ms. Julian said the U.S. Supreme Court ruled earlier this year in a redistricting case involving the Los Angeles County Board of

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Supervisors that politicians could not sacrifice minority districts to protect incumbents. "In a political sense, incumbency is a legitimate issue, but protecting incumbencies should not take precedent over minority voting rights," she said.

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Posted by Bill Betzen at 11:37 AM



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Dallas Redistricting 2011

Productive 8/16/11 Dallas Redistricting Committee Meeting

Last night one version of each of the three maps was selected to move forward to the public meeting for public input in City Council Chambers, Saturday, 8/20/11, beginning at 2:00 PM. Anyone wanting to speak about their favorite plan must either call (214-670-5735) or email (reDallas11@dallascityhall.com) the Redistricting Commission staff, before 2 PM Friday, to have their name recorded to be a speaker Saturday. As of last night's meeting there were 12 people scheduled for their three minute time to present Saturday.

While each of the versions had minor changes made to it during the meeting last night (from that version posted online this week), the original versions voted forward to the Saturday public forum were: cPlan05a Draft Plan Option 1, cPlan16a Draft Plan Option 1 (which was changed and renamed Option 2, but that version is not online at this writing), and wPlan03b Draft Plan Option 1.

Click chart below to enlarge.

Summary of compactness and minority representation data from the plans selected, with minor amendments, yet to be added, for the 8/20/11 Commission public forum for input												
Name of Dallas City Council District plan for 8/20/11 public forum	Demographics (All measurements are as percentages)						Compactness					
	Percentage of Black Voting Age Population (VAP) from five highest precincts	Black VAP percentage average	Percentage of Hispanic Voting Age Population (VAP) from five highest precincts	Hispanic VAP percentage average	Average District Score	Average of 4 Scores						
cPlan05a Option 1	32.29	33.76	36.42	58.33	65.88	63.84	44.18	37.09	31.00	60.75	33.81	1.43
cPlan16a Option 1	37.42	33.40	30.81	58.80	55.02	59.79	37.45	37.29	34.43	60.85	34.57	1.24
wPlan03b Option 1	37.42	36.29	35.41	62.07	54.08	57.00	37.10	44.88	33.69	61.79	32.58	1.31
Average District Percentage of votes	The average percentage for Dallas City Council Districts is 43.53 males											
Average of 4 Scores	This is the average of the four index scores showing how much each plan improved on compactness over current districts created in 2001. No improvement is a score of 1.0											

These three plans will have minor amendments being made that will make small changes to above numbers. Compiled by Bill Betzen 8/17/11

While there are many good things about the fact that Option 1 of the wPlan03b map was selected, the best is that it is **the option with the strongest minority representation**. Hopefully that will be noticed and acknowledged at the hearing this Saturday, 8/20/11.

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Save the Date!

The 2011 Redistricting Commission announces a public forum to solicit comments on the final proposed redistricting plans before final action is taken by the Commission

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Time: 2 pm

Location: Dallas City Hall Council Chambers - 6EN

Sign Up to Speak at a Redistricting Meeting

Phone: 214.670.5735

Fax: 214.659.7097

Email: reDallas11@dallascityhall.com

Anyone can sign up to speak at the Redistricting Public Forum via phone, fax, or email but must do so no later than 2:00pm on Friday August 19, 2011.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 6:29 AM



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One of Many Costs Dallas Pays for Gerrymandered Districts

The schedule for the 2011/2012 Budget Town Hall Meetings is now posted on the City Web Site. If you use this list to count the number of meetings at which each city council member is present to meet with the people of their district, you quickly see a pattern. That pattern is documented in the spreadsheet below. The 7 most gerrymandered districts in Dallas have twice as many budget meetings scheduled as do the 7 least gerrymandered districts: 34 meetings vs only 16 meetings.

This is another small piece of evidence of what the unnecessary gerrymandering of minority districts on the south side of Dallas costs. It makes ongoing contact by the city council representatives with residents more time consuming and difficult due to the multiple communities covered in the unnecessarily long and spread out districts. With the 2010 census it is also clear that gerrymandering will lessen the potential for minority candidates to continue to be elected to these city council district positions. Compact districts will help strengthen the potential for minority representation to continue. We must form compact districts on all sides of Dallas, not just the north. WPlan03a does that. In 5 districts the Hispanic voting age percentage averages 62.39% with wPlan03a. In 3 districts the Black voting age percentage averages 62.69% with wPlan03a. None of the other two maps come close to these numbers. When the map with the highest numbers in these critical areas is also the most compact map, with an average district perimeter that is less than 32 miles, miles less than any other map, what does that tell you?

2011/2012 Budget Town Hall Meeting frequency in more gerrymandered City Council Districts	
Listing of current, 2001-11, districts from most compact to the most gerrymandered: (District # given)	# of 2011/2012 budget meetings for each district
10	1
11	2
12	3
1	3
9	2
13	2
14	3
Meetings scheduled in the 7 most compact districts listed above:	16
2	6
7	4
6	4
3	3
4	7
5	5
8	5
Meetings scheduled in the 7 most gerrymandered districts:	34

The information to create the above chart came from the document at this link on the City of Dallas web site. It is the schedule for the 2011/2012 Budget Town Halls Meetings.

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It was just discovered that 11 new amended maps have been posted on the Dallas City Council Redistricting Web page at <http://www.dallascityhall.com/Redistricting/planReview.html>. These 11 maps represent various recommendations made by Commissioners to the original 3 maps. There are now three versions of cPlan05, two versions of cPlan16 and 6 versions of wPlan03 that are posted.

Posted by Bill Betzen at 6:03 PM



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MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

Letter to Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission regarding amendment process

To: yasmin.tolliver@dallascityhall.com
CC: redallas11@dallascityhall.com
Sent: 8/12/2011 1:02:08 P.M. Central Daylight Time
Subj: Map Amendment Process Recommendation

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

It is awfully late for this to be recommended, but after watching the agony past midnight last night, it is very possible it may only be worse next week. Others also seem to have that fear. It is obvious you are agonizing over these maps to find and create the best. The following recommendations are made seeking to help the process go more smoothly. While some of this is already being done with some recommendations, consistency will help the process significantly.

1. Every amendment to a map should have a reason behind it. It needs to be expressed in detail. If a community of interest is the reason, it should be described in detail, boundaries given, and the representatives of the community of interest who communicated their concerns named if at all possible.
2. The area to be moved should be named by street boundaries.
3. If the change creates an imbalance beyond 5% in any district then the corrections needed must be included in the recommendation before it can be voted on.
4. Changes in demographics must be known before the vote. That vote will cover the entire package of initial move and corrections to be in the one package change.
5. If the above can all be done in writing, maybe by filling in a form, the process will go much more smoothly.

This will require additional planning by each member making a recommendation. Without such advanced planning work included in each recommendation, the meetings could go on well past midnight next time. The quality of the final maps will suffer, if for no other reason than the ultimate fatigue that is only human. The huge volume of work the Commission is valiantly undertaking will be less productive without such efficiency.

It would be an honor to help any commissioner form any recommendations they may want to work on. I am available over this weekend, or at any other time. It can all even be done by email, or I would be glad to meet with my computer and show how changes may affect a map.

The ideal situation would be if every commissioner could access each of the final maps in the online application that is available, such as the one I used for wPlan03. If I could have access to the cPlan05a and cPlan16a online, I could quickly tell anyone what their changes would do to the final map. Without that, I can still report on population & demographics in any given area for the "c" plans, and give more detailed analysis on details to wPlan03a which I am able to work on online.

It is hoped this may help. It is an honor to be a part of this groundbreaking process. Dallas is leading the way!

Sincerely,

Bill Betzen

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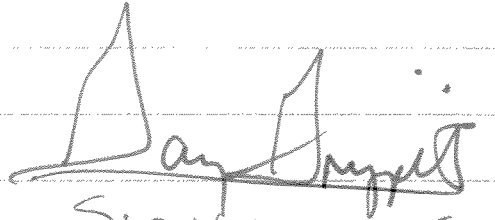
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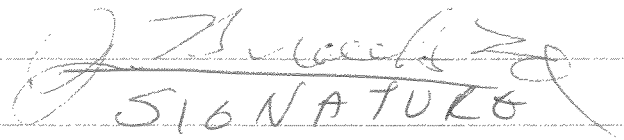
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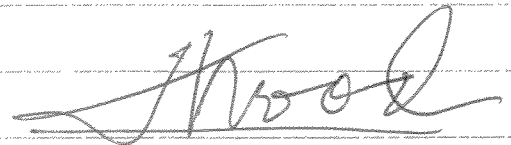
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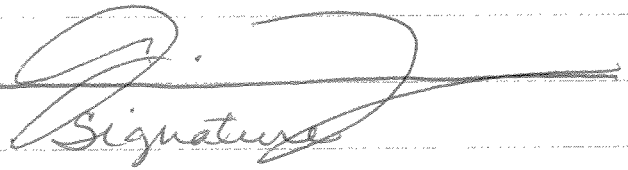
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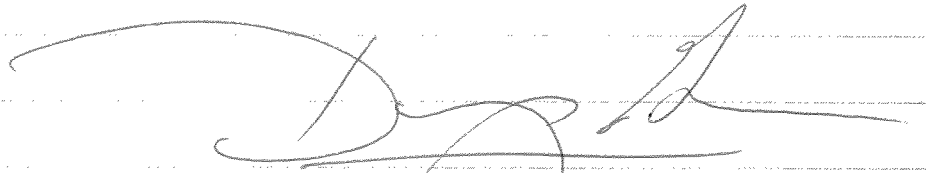
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