



Plan Consideration Date: June 21, 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

PlanID: wPlan24
Date of receipt: June 12, 2011

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

REVIEW CRITERIA

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

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

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

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

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

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

Other considerations

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

Attachments:

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



COMPACTNESS

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

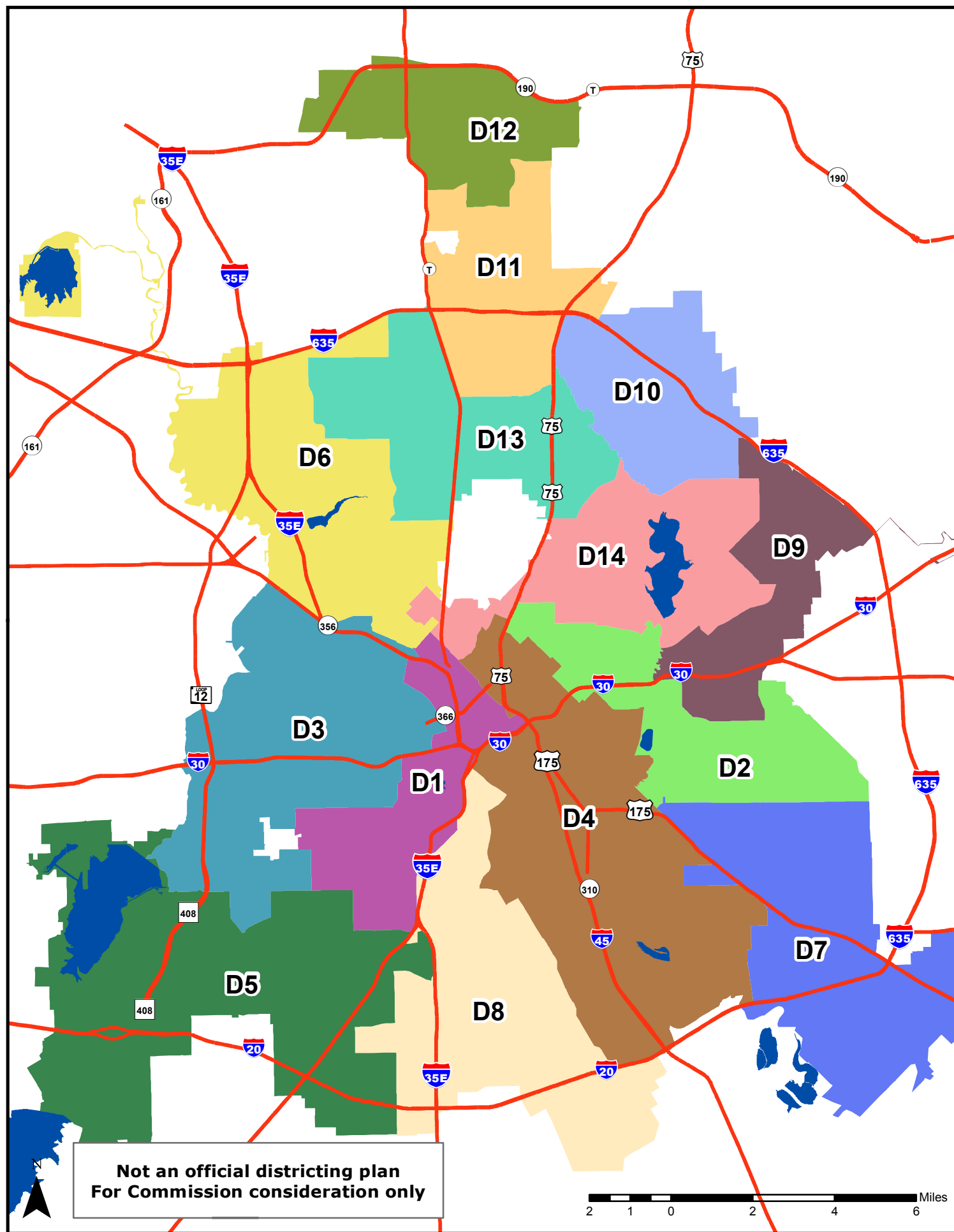


DEMOGRAPHICS

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

1 – Indicates minority districts
2 – Indicates minority influenced districts

SUMMARY DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT



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District 1 ¹	85,907	349	0.41	69.86	9.60	18.88	62.65	10.98	24.42
District 2 ¹	85,266	-292	-0.34	61.26	17.84	19.12	55.42	18.22	24.34
District 3 ¹	84,344	-1,214	-1.42	69.99	18.54	9.89	64.98	20.23	13.04
District 4 ¹	84,396	-1,162	-1.36	21.06	56.19	19.82	17.68	54.17	24.85
District 5 ¹	85,603	45	0.05	33.46	54.45	9.85	29.27	55.77	12.55
District 6 ¹	85,523	-35	-0.04	69.80	7.83	19.12	63.76	8.53	23.92
District 7 ¹	86,469	911	1.06	67.22	19.20	12.76	61.91	20.57	16.57
District 8 ¹	84,414	-1,144	-1.34	30.38	65.20	3.45	25.27	69.36	4.35
District 9 ²	86,225	667	0.78	50.99	25.26	20.41	45.16	25.31	25.99
District 10 ²	85,484	-74	-0.09	22.55	32.48	38.08	19.39	31.12	42.30
District 11	85,252	-306	-0.36	33.82	12.41	48.27	28.93	12.23	52.98
District 12	85,938	380	0.44	17.33	17.45	54.46	15.28	16.65	57.24
District 13	86,752	1,194	1.40	25.66	9.57	57.54	21.89	9.46	61.72
District 14	86,243	685	0.80	19.62	5.49	70.57	17.00	5.23	73.52
City	1,197,816	2.82		42.35	25.02	28.82	36.78	25.11	33.99

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LEGEND

- Highways
- Major Lakes
- wPlan24 Council Districts**
- District 1
- District 2
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Data Source:

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

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NAD_1983_StatePlane_Texas_North_Central_FIPS_4202_Feet
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Review Date: 06/13/2011
Commission Date: 06/21/2011
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District: District 8
Plan File: wPlan24.shp
Plan Status: Accepted

Average Deviation: 0.71%
Total Deviation: 2.82%
Contiguous: Yes

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

June 12, 2011

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

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

1. Population Equality

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

2. Minority Representation

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

3. Contiguity and Compactness

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Bill Betzen, LMSW, ACSW (Emeritus)
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www.studentmotivation.org



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GENERAL INFORMATION

PlanID: cPlan10
Date of receipt: June 16, 2011

Plan Submitter: Donna Halstead
Submitter District: District 10

REVIEW CRITERIA

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

- Meets criteria – **deviation exceeds a range of 5%**
 Does not meet criteria

This plan submission meets the population equality test. All districts have less than a 5% percent deviation from the optimal district size, with an average deviation of **1.03%**. The total range of deviation is **6.07%**.

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District 3	30.48	25.41	44.54	1.54	73.60	1.29	34.38	3.15	58.64	1.77
District 4	55.22	52.07	37.88	2.03	69.76	1.37	21.46	1.82	46.33	1.35
District 5	38.87	27.91	29.38	2.02	61.05	1.31	23.21	2.10	48.18	1.45
District 6	46.15	37.97	40.28	1.70	62.52	1.30	22.41	1.78	47.34	1.34
District 7	22.98	17.54	32.02	1.30	80.04	1.25	41.74	3.32	64.61	1.82
District 8	56.23	47.48	38.71	2.11	63.97	1.24	18.87	1.75	43.44	1.32
District 9	29.57	20.30	52.75	1.25	74.37	0.97	29.16	0.87	54.00	0.94
District 10	19.84	15.81	57.77	1.06	87.06	1.05	50.51	1.30	71.07	1.14
District 11	24.14	16.22	53.26	1.42	76.27	1.18	34.96	1.49	59.13	1.22
District 12	20.57	14.60	38.15	0.91	80.64	1.02	43.34	1.02	65.83	1.01
District 13	27.34	20.33	30.92	0.82	68.27	0.95	34.18	1.37	58.46	1.17
District 14	33.00	18.18	27.62	0.98	65.01	1.36	20.98	2.09	45.80	1.45
<i>Average</i>	<i>32.88</i>	<i>24.40</i>	<i>39.16</i>	<i>1.29</i>	<i>70.79</i>	<i>1.15</i>	<i>30.08</i>	<i>1.50</i>	<i>54.15</i>	<i>1.25</i>

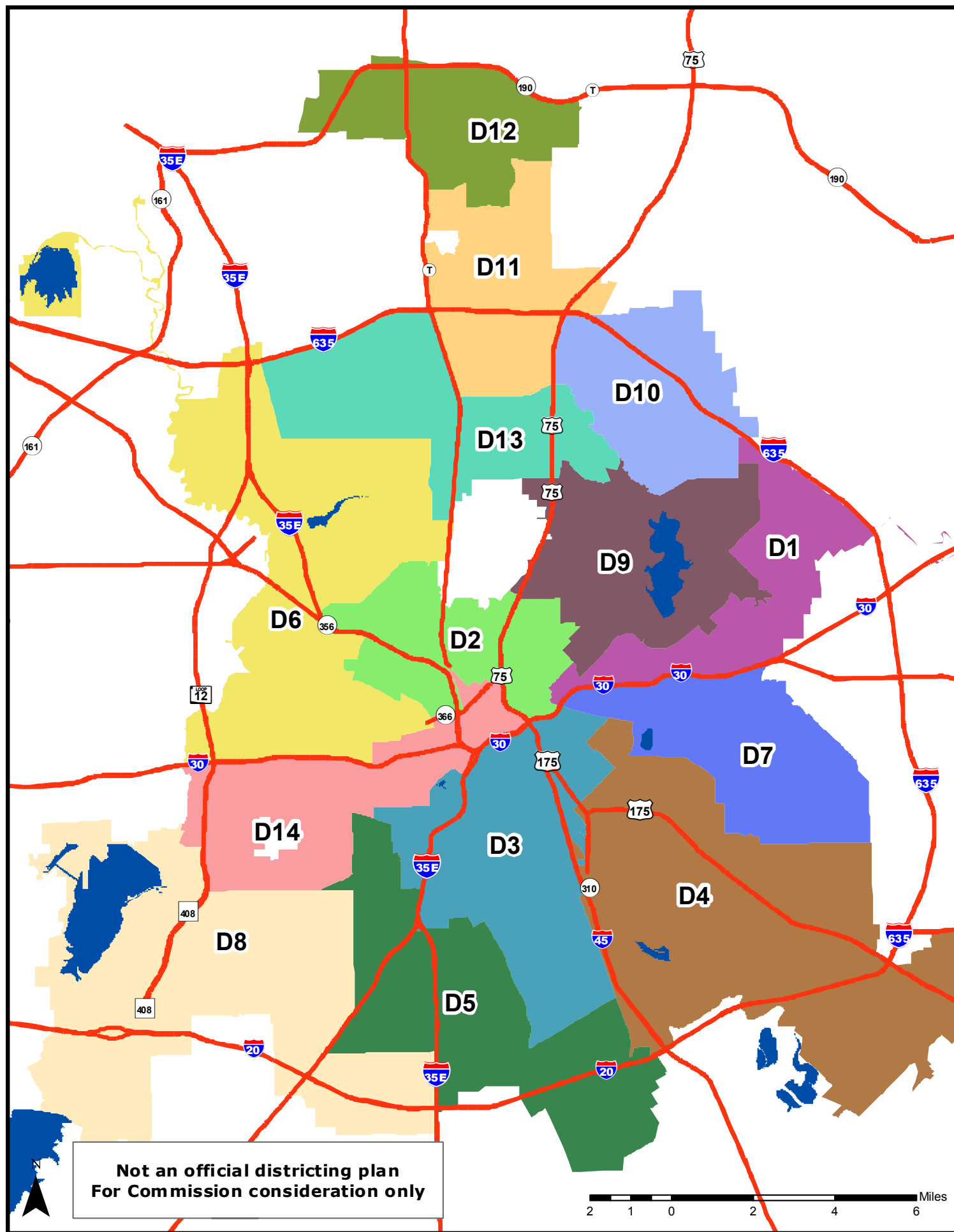


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District 1 ²	86,383	825	0.96	47,397	54.87	16,797	19.44	19,365	22.42	60,701	29,752	49.01	11,719	19.31	17,128	28.22
District 2	83,881	-1,677	-1.96	29,027	34.60	9,244	11.02	40,104	47.81	71,631	20,787	29.02	7,360	10.27	38,653	53.96
District 3 ¹	85,206	-352	-0.41	34,017	39.92	46,437	54.50	4,100	4.81	60,867	21,208	34.84	35,392	58.15	3,757	6.17
District 4 ¹	85,906	348	0.41	49,714	57.87	25,800	30.03	9,727	11.32	55,849	29,391	52.63	17,953	32.15	8,025	14.37
District 5 ¹	85,647	89	0.10	34,099	39.81	45,058	52.61	5,464	6.38	61,282	21,138	34.49	34,433	56.19	4,949	8.08
District 6 ¹	84,188	-1,370	-1.60	58,802	69.85	11,518	13.68	12,329	14.64	57,678	37,870	65.66	8,203	14.22	10,426	18.08
District 7 ¹	83,869	-1,689	-1.97	50,927	60.72	24,831	29.61	7,172	8.55	55,872	31,082	55.63	17,617	31.53	6,445	11.54
District 8 ¹	85,495	-63	-0.07	32,869	38.45	42,786	50.05	7,906	9.25	58,555	20,066	34.27	30,064	51.34	6,968	11.90
District 9	84,918	-640	-0.75	16,105	18.97	6,160	7.25	58,487	68.87	69,892	11,451	16.38	4,805	6.87	50,187	71.81
District 10 ²	85,484	-74	-0.09	19,275	22.55	27,768	32.48	32,552	38.08	62,988	12,215	19.39	19,599	31.12	26,647	42.30
District 11	85,254	-304	-0.36	28,835	33.82	10,579	12.41	41,157	48.28	65,881	19,061	28.93	8,058	12.23	34,904	52.98
District 12	85,936	378	0.44	14,893	17.33	14,996	17.45	46,798	54.46	69,756	10,660	15.28	11,616	16.65	39,927	57.24
District 13	89,067	3509	4.10	33,117	37.18	7,556	8.48	43,212	48.52	66,137	21,268	32.16	5,602	8.47	35,611	53.84
District 14 ¹	86,582	1,024	1.20	58,232	67.26	10,104	11.67	16,832	19.44	63,599	37,953	59.68	8,722	13.71	15,724	24.72
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District 3 ¹	85,206	-352	-0.41	39.92	54.50	4.81	34.84	58.15	6.17
District 4 ¹	85,906	348	0.41	57.87	30.03	11.32	52.63	32.15	14.37
District 5 ¹	85,647	89	0.10	39.81	52.61	6.38	34.49	56.19	8.08
District 6 ¹	84,188	-1,370	-1.60	69.85	13.68	14.64	65.66	14.22	18.08
District 7 ¹	83,869	-1,689	-1.97	60.72	29.61	8.55	55.63	31.53	11.54
District 8 ¹	85,495	-63	-0.07	38.45	50.05	9.25	34.27	51.34	11.90
District 9	84,918	-640	-0.75	18.97	7.25	68.87	16.38	6.87	71.81
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District 13	89,067	3,509	4.10	37.18	8.48	48.52	32.16	8.47	53.84
District 14 ¹	86,582	1,024	1.20	67.26	11.67	19.44	59.68	13.71	24.72
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LEGEND

- Highways
- Major Lakes
- cPlan10 Council Districts**
 - District 1 (Purple)
 - District 2 (Green)
 - District 3 (Blue)
 - District 4 (Brown)
 - District 5 (Dark Green)
 - District 6 (Yellow)
 - District 7 (Light Blue)
 - District 8 (Orange)
 - District 9 (Dark Purple)
 - District 10 (Light Purple)
 - District 11 (Light Orange)
 - District 12 (Dark Green)
 - District 13 (Teal)
 - District 14 (Pink)

Data Source:
 Council Districts - Donna Halstead (D10)
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Prepared by: Commissioner Donna Halstead
District: District 10
Plan File: cplan10.shp
Plan Status: Accepted

Average Deviation: 1.03
Total Deviation: 6.07
Contiguous: Yes

Average Reock Index: 1.29
Average Convex Hull Index: 1.15
Average Polsby-Popper Index: 1.50
Average Schwartzberg Index: 1.25
Minority Representation: 7 (minority), 2 (minority influence)

Not an official districting plan
For Commission consideration only



Plan Consideration Date: June 21, 2011

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PlanID: pPlan03
Date of receipt: May 16, 2011

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

REVIEW CRITERIA

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

This plan submission meets the population equality test. All districts have less than a 3% percent deviation from the optimal district size, with an average deviation of **1.21%**. The total range of deviation is **4.24%**.

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

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

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

- Meets criteria
 Does not meet criteria

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

Other considerations

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

Attachments:

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



COMPACTNESS

District	Perimeter	Area	Reock		Convex Hull		Polsby-Popper		Schwartzberg	
	(mile)	(sq. mile)	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index	Score	Index
District 1	22.05	15.14	37.42	1.27	69.09	0.96	39.12	1.41	62.55	1.19
District 2	22.25	18.71	56.78	2.40	80.92	1.60	47.46	4.55	68.89	2.13
District 3	40.26	31.09	30.76	1.07	76.29	1.33	24.11	2.21	49.10	1.49
District 4	29.88	29.98	54.30	2.92	81.46	1.60	42.21	3.58	64.97	1.89
District 5	56.57	46.69	41.17	2.83	63.61	1.36	18.33	1.66	42.81	1.29
District 6	28.62	27.57	57.30	2.42	81.80	1.71	42.29	3.37	65.03	1.84
District 7	46.06	37.05	38.99	1.58	65.88	1.03	21.95	1.75	46.85	1.32
District 8	46.59	38.88	33.66	1.84	63.15	1.22	22.51	2.09	47.45	1.45
District 9	27.06	19.90	37.22	0.88	67.74	0.88	34.15	1.02	58.44	1.01
District 10	21.99	17.28	59.71	1.09	82.95	1.00	44.90	1.15	67.01	1.07
District 11	22.10	15.51	51.06	1.36	78.55	1.21	39.91	1.70	63.17	1.30
District 12	20.60	14.62	38.21	0.91	80.68	1.02	43.31	1.02	65.81	1.01
District 13	27.21	18.30	36.78	0.97	70.50	0.99	31.06	1.25	55.73	1.12
District 14	19.07	10.91	38.09	1.35	74.99	1.56	37.70	3.76	61.40	1.94
<i>Average</i>	<i>30.74</i>	<i>24.40</i>	<i>43.68</i>	<i>1.44</i>	<i>74.11</i>	<i>1.20</i>	<i>34.93</i>	<i>1.74</i>	<i>58.51</i>	<i>1.35</i>

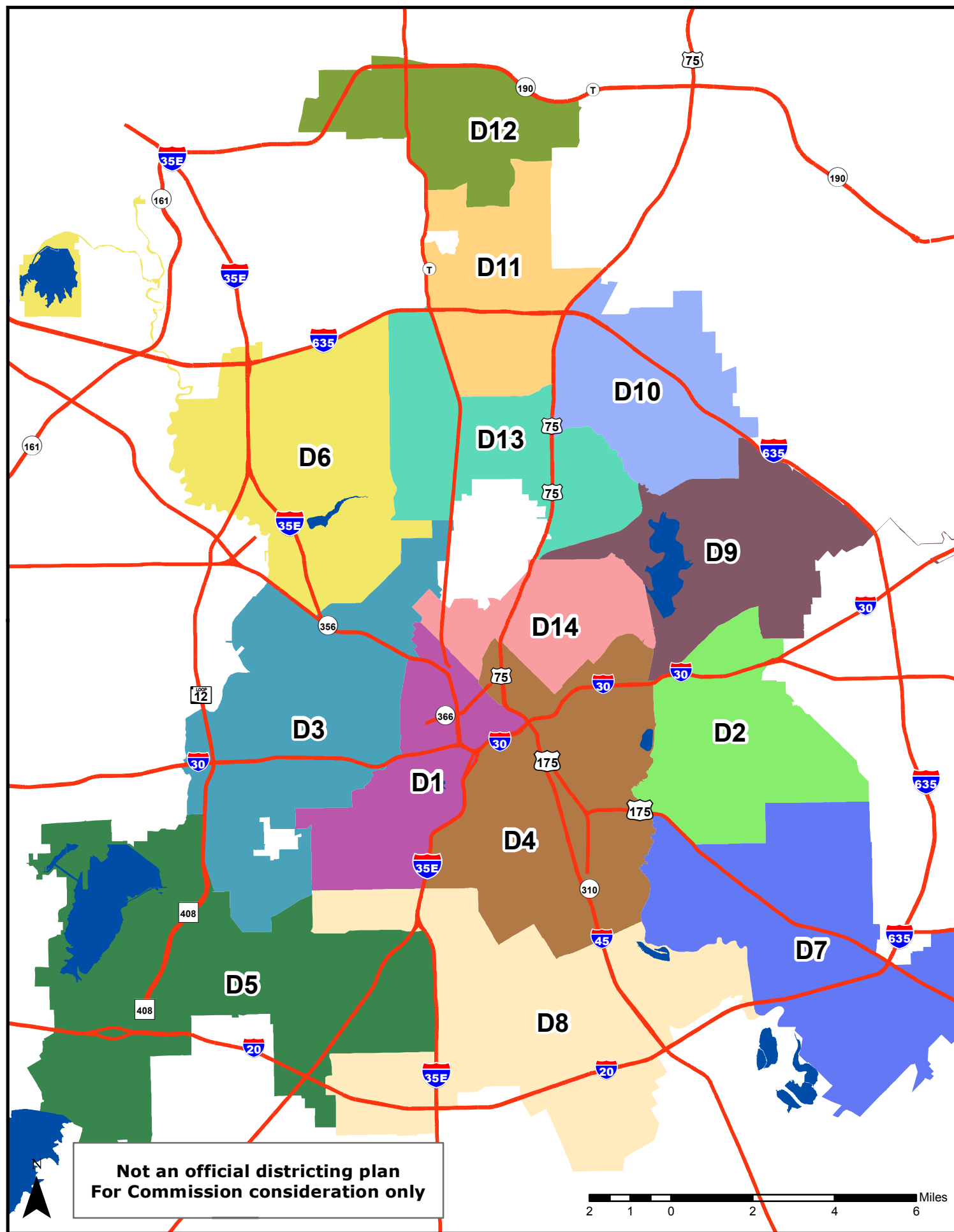


DEMOGRAPHICS

District	Total Population									Voting Age Population						
	Total Population	Deviation		Hispanic		Non-Hispanic				Total VAP	Hispanic		Non-Hispanic			
						Black		White					Black		White	
		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		#	%	#	%	#	%
District 1 ¹	86,648	1,090	1.27	55,173	63.67	10,286	11.87	19,487	22.49	65,484	36,812	56.22	8,950	13.67	18,290	27.93
District 2 ¹	83,966	-1,592	-1.86	47,262	56.29	25,724	30.64	9,786	11.65	56,875	28,930	50.87	18,213	32.02	8,825	15.52
District 3 ¹	86,784	1,226	1.43	60,286	69.47	14,437	16.64	9,707	11.19	59,163	38,133	64.45	10,358	17.51	8,740	14.77
District 4 ¹	85,182	-376	-0.44	27,037	31.74	44,707	52.48	11,850	13.91	64,259	17,145	26.68	34,581	53.82	11,161	17.37
District 5 ¹	85,003	-555	-0.65	27,757	32.65	45,937	54.04	9,100	10.71	59,428	16,904	28.44	32,857	55.29	8,024	13.50
District 6 ¹	84,281	-1,277	-1.49	57,646	68.40	4,459	5.29	20,344	24.14	59,634	37,425	62.76	3,378	5.66	17,379	29.14
District 7 ¹	84,396	-1,162	-1.36	52,534	62.25	20,741	24.58	10,455	12.39	54,313	31,156	57.36	13,962	25.71	8,694	16.01
District 8 ¹	84,026	-1,532	-1.79	28,980	34.49	52,140	62.05	2,374	2.83	58,937	17,393	29.51	38,953	66.09	2,182	3.70
District 9 ²	86,623	1,065	1.24	37,441	43.22	12,359	14.27	33,718	38.92	63,559	23,517	37.00	8,522	13.41	29,195	45.93
District 10 ²	87,035	1,477	1.73	20,092	23.08	27,943	32.11	33,069	38.00	64,201	12,740	19.84	19,742	30.75	27,160	42.30
District 11	85,252	-306	-0.36	28,835	33.82	10,579	12.41	41,155	48.27	65,879	19,061	28.93	8,058	12.23	34,902	52.98
District 12	85,938	380	0.44	14,893	17.33	14,996	17.45	46,800	54.46	69,758	10,660	15.28	11,616	16.65	39,929	57.24
District 13	85,090	-468	-0.55	21,506	25.27	9,021	10.60	48,118	56.55	66,576	14,286	21.46	6,935	10.42	40,497	60.83
District 14	87,592	2,034	2.38	27,867	31.81	6,305	7.20	49,242	56.22	72,622	19,740	27.18	5,018	6.91	44,373	61.10
City	1,197,816	4.24		507,309	42.35	299,634	25.02	345,205	28.82	880,688	323,902	36.78	221,143	25.11	299,351	33.99

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SUMMARY DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT



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LEGEND

Highways

Major Lakes

pPlan03 Council Districts

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- District 6
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- District 8
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- District 10

Data Source:

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

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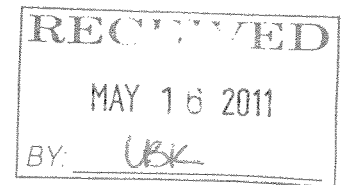
GENERAL INFORMATION

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Prepared by: Bill Betzen
District: District 8
Plan File: pPlan03.shp
Plan Status: Accepted

Average Deviation: 1.21%
Total Deviation: 4.24%
Contiguous: Yes

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

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May 15, 2011

Dallas City Council Redistricting Commission
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Dear Honorable Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

1. Population Equality

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

2. Minority Representation

There are a total of 8 districts with pPlan03 that have a majority of residents from a single minority group. A total of five districts are majority Hispanic. Four districts are from 62.25% Hispanic to 69.47% Hispanic with a fifth district, District 2, being 56.29% Hispanic. The adult voting age percentage for District 2 is 50.9%. There are three districts that are from 52.48% Black to 62.05% Black. These 8 districts should allow minority voters to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in Dallas. Due to Dallas demographics it is probably not possible to design a more compact, non-gerrymandered, set of districts in Dallas that would allow for such significant minority voting opportunities than those designed with pPlan03. These compact minority districts will allow opportunities for more candidates to run for office because running for office will be more possible at less expense due to efficiencies from compactness. Candidates would be less dependent on donations, donations too often that come from sources outside the district.

3. Contiguity and Compactness

Well over 99% of the length of the boundaries used in pPlan03 were city limits, rivers, streams, freeways, Interstate Highways, railroad tracks, and major 6 lane streets. The use of such boundaries, while avoiding small two lane streets and lesser boundaries as much as possible, helps to keep communities together. At the same time, as compactness increases, the length of boundaries decrease, thereby dividing up fewer communities because there are simply fewer miles of boundaries. It is my understanding that City Council Redistricting staff are developing measurements for compactness. It is certain PPlan03 will have an exceptionally high mark. pPlan03 will be shown to be a plan with very compact districts. Maps for each one of the 14 pPlan03 districts will ultimately be posted online at <http://dallasredistricting2011.blogspot.com/> . Any comparison of these pPlan03 maps with the past 20 years of Dallas Council District maps will show a significant increase in compactness.

Among the guidelines which “may be considered” is listed “Communities of Interest.” Under that heading two specific districts in this plan deserve mention due to the traditionally recognized areas and history they will now represent with pPlan03:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Bill Betzen, LMSW, ACSW (Emeritus)

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