



Plan Consideration Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

PlanID: wPlan03

Date of receipt: June 30, 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 1.5% percent deviation from the optimal district size, with an average deviation of **0.70%**. The total range of deviation is **2.77%**.

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 coalition 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	24.03	11.39	28.73	0.98	53.90	0.75	24.79	0.89	49.79	0.94
District 2	28.70	16.50	21.49	0.91	70.37	1.39	25.18	2.41	50.18	1.55
District 3	34.24	32.23	45.03	1.56	78.95	1.38	34.54	3.16	58.77	1.78
District 4	33.31	32.41	39.54	2.12	77.03	1.52	36.70	3.11	60.58	1.76
District 5	58.05	47.04	41.48	2.86	64.90	1.39	17.54	1.59	41.88	1.26
District 6	30.34	27.80	53.12	2.24	79.36	1.66	37.95	3.02	61.60	1.74
District 7	43.98	34.32	36.08	1.46	66.96	1.04	22.30	1.78	47.22	1.33
District 8	44.25	38.46	39.86	2.18	62.84	1.22	24.69	2.29	49.68	1.51
District 9	27.70	14.26	34.99	0.83	58.63	0.76	23.35	0.70	48.32	0.84
District 10	19.71	15.83	58.13	1.06	87.21	1.05	51.17	1.31	71.53	1.15
District 11	23.32	16.18	53.28	1.42	77.46	1.19	37.38	1.59	61.14	1.26
District 12	20.59	14.61	38.17	0.91	80.65	1.02	43.29	1.02	65.80	1.01
District 13	25.35	19.68	43.20	1.14	74.77	1.05	38.49	1.54	62.04	1.24
District 14	29.11	20.91	33.45	1.19	73.72	1.54	31.00	3.09	55.68	1.76
<i>Average</i>	<i>31.62</i>	<i>24.40</i>	<i>40.47</i>	<i>1.34</i>	<i>71.91</i>	<i>1.17</i>	<i>32.03</i>	<i>1.59</i>	<i>56.02</i>	<i>1.30</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	84,828	-730	-0.85	59,301	69.91	8,756	10.32	15,610	18.40	62,783	39,007	62.13	7,908	12.60	14,847	23.65
District 2 ¹	85,121	-437	-0.51	53,912	63.34	16,252	19.09	13,278	15.60	59,285	34,284	57.83	11,641	19.64	12,034	20.30
District 3 ¹	86,737	1,179	1.38	59,778	68.92	13,435	15.49	11,063	12.75	59,694	38,267	64.11	9,421	15.78	10,069	16.87
District 4 ¹	85,756	198	0.23	17,730	20.67	51,123	59.61	14,870	17.34	66,220	11,305	17.07	38,683	58.42	14,441	21.81
District 5 ¹	84,604	-954	-1.12	27,892	32.97	46,278	54.70	8,575	10.14	59,181	17,107	28.91	33,048	55.84	7,623	12.88
District 6 ¹	85,478	-80	-0.09	59,102	69.14	6,178	7.23	17,895	20.94	61,034	38,557	63.17	4,879	7.99	15,677	25.69
District 7 ¹	86,739	1,181	1.38	58,411	67.34	16,572	19.11	11,047	12.74	55,870	34,631	61.98	11,477	20.54	9,231	16.52
District 8 ¹	84,368	-1,190	-1.39	27,299	32.36	52,824	62.61	3,292	3.90	59,237	16,225	27.39	39,383	66.48	2,928	4.94
District 9 ²	86,254	696	0.81	43,970	50.98	21,797	25.27	17,604	20.41	60,518	27,329	45.16	15,317	25.31	15,732	26.00
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	85,156	-402	-0.47	22,832	26.81	8,422	9.89	47,618	55.92	65,589	14,984	22.85	6,416	9.78	39,527	60.26
District 14	86,101	543	0.63	14,079	16.35	4,654	5.41	63,846	74.15	72,652	10,270	14.14	3,697	5.09	55,764	76.75
City	1,197,816	2.77%		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 coalition districts



DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

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District 1

Northern Boundary: City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill at N Cockrell Hill Road; N Cockrell Hill Road to W Davis Street; W Davis Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street to W Canty Street to Van Buren to Cedar Hill Avenue turns into W Colorado Blvd; W Colorado Blvd to N Beckley Avenue; N Beckley Avenue to I30; I30 to Trinity River; Trinity River to Railroad tracks; Railroad tracks to I35; I35 to Dallas Tollway; Dallas Tollway to Harry Hines Blvd; Harry Hines Blvd to Turtle Creek; Turtle Creek to Maple Avenue

Eastern Boundary: Maple Avenue at Turtle Creek Blvd; Maple Avenue to McKinney Avenue; McKinney Avenue to N Pearl Street; N Pearl Street turns into Crockett Street to N Cesar Chavez Blvd; N Cesar Chavez Blvd to I30; I30 to I35 S; I35 S to Ewing Avenue; Ewing Avenue to Railroad tracks; follow Railroad tracks to S Vernon Avenue; S Vernon Avenue to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to W Keist Blvd.

Western Boundary: City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill at N Cockrell Hill Road. Follow City Limits to W Clarendon Road; W Clarendon Road to S Westmoreland Road; S Westmoreland Road to W Illinois Avenue.

Southern Boundary: S Hampton Road to S Polk Street

District 2

Northern Boundary: Central Expressway at Willis Avenue; Willis Avenue to McMillan Avenue; McMillan Avenue to Belmont Avenue; Belmont Avenue to Greenville Avenue; Greenville Avenue to Oram Street; Oram Street to Abrams Pkwy; Abrams Pkwy turns into Abrams Road to S Beacon Street; S Beacon Street to E Side Avenue; E Side Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue; Santa Fe Avenue to Cameron Avenue; Cameron Avenue to East Grand Avenue; East Grand Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Samuell Blvd; Samuell Blvd to Grove Hill Road; Grove Hill Road to Forney Road.

Eastern Boundary: City Limits at Forney Road to Bruton Road

Southern Boundary: Bruton Road at 175; Bruton Road to City Limits;



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Western Boundary: Carroll Avenue to Haskell Avenue; Haskell Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Follow Railroad tracks to Scyene Road; Scyene Road to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Bruton Road; Bruton Road at 175

District 3

Northern Boundary: City Limits at 183; 183 to I35; I35 to Inwood Road; Inwood Road to Cedar Springs Road; Cedar Springs Road to Cedar Plaza Lane; Cedar Plaza Lane to Lemmon Avenue; Lemmon Avenue to City Limits at Dallas Tollway

Eastern Boundary: Dallas Tollway at City Limits; Dallas Tollway to I35; I35 to Railroad tracks; Railroad Tracks to Trinity River; Trinity River to I30; I30 to N Beckley Avenue, N Beckley Avenue to Colorado Blvd; Colorado Blvd to Cedar Hill Avenue; Cedar Hill Avenue to VanBuren; VanBuren to W Canty Street; W Canty Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street to W Davis Street.

Southern Boundary: S Walton Walker Blvd at W Kiest Blvd and Rail Road Tracks; Railroad Tracks to S Cockrell Hill Road; S Cockrell Hill Road to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Westmoreland Road; S Westmoreland Road to W Clarendon Drive; Follow City Limits of City of Cockrell Hill to N Cockrell Hill Road; N Cockrell Hill Road to W Davis Street; W Davis Street to N Tyler Street; N Tyler Street

Western Boundary: City Limits at 183. Follow City Limits South to W Jefferson Blvd; W Jefferson Blvd to Loop 12; Loop 12 to S Walton Walker Blvd; S Walton Walker Blvd to Rail Road Tracks

District 4

Northern Boundary: Maple Avenue at Turtle Creek Blvd; Turtle Creek Blvd to Blackburn Street; Blackburn Street to Central Expressway; Central Expressway to Carroll Avenue

Eastern Boundary: Carroll Avenue to Haskell Avenue; Haskell Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Follow Railroad tracks to Scyene Road; Scyene Road to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Bruton Road; Bruton Road at 175; 175 to Pemberton Hill Road; Pemberton Hill Road to Elam Road; Elam Road to 175; 175 to Murdock Road; Murdock Road to Fairport Road; Fairport Road to Elam Creek; Elam Creek to Trinity River; Trinity River to Great Trinity Forest Way

Southern Boundary: S Lancaster Road at E Ledbetter Drive; E Ledbetter Drive to Great Trinity Forest Way to Trinity River; Trinity River to Elam Creek

Western Boundary: Maple Avenue at Turtle Creek Blvd; Maple Avenue to McKinney Avenue; McKinney Avenue to N Pearl Street; N Pearl Street turns into Crockett Street to N Cesar Chavez Blvd; N Cesar Chavez Blvd to I30; I30 to I35 S; I35 S to S Ewing Avenue; S Ewing Avenue to Edgemont Avenue; Edgemont Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to



Stella Avenue; Stella Avenue to Danube Drive; Danube Drive to S Corinth Street; S Corinth Street at Danube Drive; S Corinth Street to S Lancaster Road; S Lancaster Road to E Ledbetter Drive

District 5

Northern Boundary: City Limits to E Jeffers Street; E Jeffers Street to Loop 12

Eastern Boundary: Loop 12 to S Walton Walker Blvd; S Walton Walker Blvd to Rail Road Tracks; Railroad Tracks to S Cockrell Hill Road; S Cockrell Hill Road to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Hampton Road; S Hampton Road to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to W Pentagon Pkwy; W Pentagon Pkwy to Morningview; Morningview to Bow and Arrow Drive; Bow and Arrow Drive to Conway Street; Conway Street to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to 1-35 South; I-35 South to Laureland Road; Laureland Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to Camp Wisdom Road, Camp Wisdom Road to Bainbridge Drive; Bainbridge Drive to I-20; I-20 to Kinwood Drive; Kinwood Drive to W Wheatland Road; W Wheatland Road to Old Hickory Trail; Old Hickory Trail to W Daniieldale Road at City Limits.

Southern Boundary: City limits

District 6

Northern Boundary: City Limits at Royal Lane; City Limits to Marsh Lane at 635; Marsh Lane to Walnut Hill; Walnut Hill to Midway Road; Midway Road to Blue Bonnet Road to Bluffview Blvd to W Lovers Lane. W Lovers Lane to Dallas Tollway at City Limits.

Eastern Boundary: Follow City Limits to Lemmon Avenue

Southern Boundary: City Limits at 183; 183 to I35; I35 to Inwood Road; Inwood Road to Cedar Springs Road; Cedar Springs Road to Cedar Plaza Lane; Cedar Plaza Lane to Lemmon Avenue; Lemmon Avenue to City Limits at Dallas Tollway

Western Boundary: City Limits to Royal Lane

District 7

Northern Boundary: Bruton Road at 175; Bruton Road to City Limits;

Eastern and Southern Boundary: City Limits

Western Boundary: Bruton Road at 175; 175 to Pemberton Hill Road; Pemberton Hill Road to Elam Road; Elam Road to 175; 175 to Murdock Road; Murdock Road to Fairport Road; Fairport Road to Elam Creek; Elam Creek to Trinity River; Trinity River to Five Mile Creek; City limits



District 8

Northern Boundary: Railroad Tracks at S Tyler Street; Railroad Tracks to S Ewing Avenue; S Ewing Avenue to Edgemont Avenue; Edgemont Avenue to Railroad Tracks; Railroad Tracks to Stella Avenue; Stella Avenue to Danube Drive; Danube Drive to S Corinth Street; S Corinth Street at Danube Drive; S Corinth Street to S Lancaster Road; S Lancaster Road to E Ledbetter Drive; E Ledbetter Drive to Great Trinity Forest Way to Trinity River; Trinity River to Five Mile Creek

Eastern Boundary: Trinity River to Five Mile Creek

Southern Boundary: W Danieldale Road at Old Hickory Trail; Danieldale Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to City Limits; City Limits to Five Mile Creek and Trinity River.

Western Boundary: Railroad Tracks at S Tyler Street; S Tyler Street to S Vernon Avenue; S Vernon Avenue to W Illinois Avenue; W Illinois Avenue to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to W Pentagon Pkwy; W Pentagon Pkwy to Morningview; Morningview to Bow and Arrow Drive; Bow and Arrow Drive to Conway Street; Conway Street to W Kiest Blvd; W Kiest Blvd to 1-35 South; I-35 South to Laureland Road; Laureland Road to S Polk Street; S Polk Street to Camp Wisdom Road, Camp Wisdom Road to Bainbridge Drive; Bainbridge Drive to I-20; I-20 to Kinwood Drive; Kinwood Drive to W Wheatland Road; W Wheatland Road to Old Hickory Trail; Old Hickory Trail to W Danieldale Road at City Limits

District 9

Northern and Eastern Boundary: Walnut Hill Road to W Kingsley Road at 635. Follow City Limits to Forney Road

Western Boundary: Walnut Hill Lane to DISD boundary line between Rolling Rock Lane and Wickersham Road. DISD boundary line to E Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to Jupiter Road; Jupiter Road to Garland Road; Garland Road to Peavy Road; Peavy Road to Millmar Drive; Millmar Drive to Ferguson Road; Ferguson Road to St. Francis; St. Francis to Railroad Tracks; Railroad tracks to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Samuell Blvd; Samuell Blvd to Grove Hill Road; Grove Hill Road to Forney Road.

Southern Boundary: Grove Hill Road and Forney Road Intersection; Forney Road to City Limits.

District 10

Northern Boundary: Follows City Limits beginning where 635 and 75 intersect

Eastern Boundary: City limits to 635 and W Kingsley Road. W Kingsley Road to Walnut Hill Lane; Walnut Hill Lane to DISD boundary line between Rolling Rock



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Lane and Wickersham Road. DISD boundary line to E Northwest Highway

Southern Boundary: White Rock Creek at Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to DISD boundary line

Western Boundary: 635 and 75 intersection; 635 to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Northwest Highway

District 11

Northern Boundary: Keller Springs at City Limits to Preston Road; Preston Road to Arapaho Road; Arapaho Road to Hillcrest Road; Hillcrest Road to Campbell Road; Campbell Road to Coit Road at City limits.

East Boundary: City Limits to Valley View and 635. 635 to Central Expressway. Central Expressway to Royal Lane

Southern Boundary: Dallas North Tollway to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to Central Expressway

Western Boundary: City Limits to 635 and Dallas North Tollway. Dallas North Tollway to Royal Lane

District 12

North, East, West Boundary: City limits.

Southern Boundary: Keller Springs at City Limits to Preston Road; Preston Road to Arapaho Road; Arapaho Road to Hillcrest Road; Hillcrest Road to Campbell Road; Campbell Road to Coit Road at City limits

District 13

Northern Boundary: Marsh Lane at 635; 635 to Dallas Tollway

Eastern Boundary: 635 at Dallas Tollway; Dallas Tollway to Royal Lane; Royal Lane to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Skillman Street; Skillman Street to E Lovers Lane

Southern Boundary: Bluff View Blvd and W Lovers Lane Intersection; W Lovers Lane to Dallas North Tollway at City Limits; City Limits to Lovers Lane at Central Expressway; Lovers Lane to Skillman Street

Western Boundary: Marsh Lane at 635; Marsh Lane to Walnut Hill; Walnut Hill to Midway Road; Midway Road to Blue Bonnet Road to Bluffview Blvd to W Lovers Lane; W Lovers Lane to Dallas Tollway at City Limits



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District 14

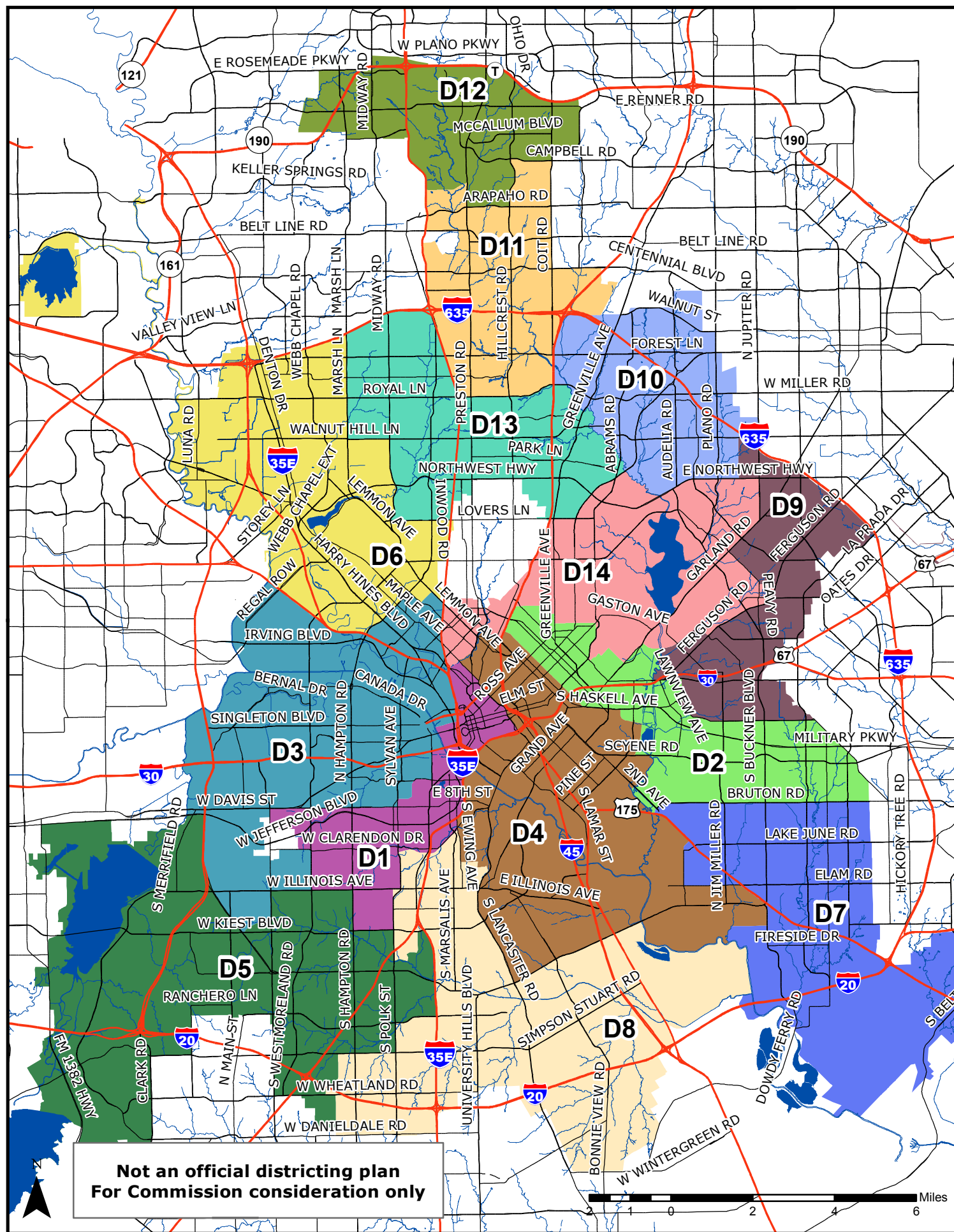
Northern Boundary: Dallas City Limits at Central Expressway and Lovers Lane; Lovers Lane to Skillman Street; Skillman Street to White Rock Creek; White Rock Creek to Northwest Highway; Northwest Highway to Jupiter Road

Eastern Boundary: Jupiter Road at Northwest Highway; Jupiter Road to Garland Road; Garland Road to Peavy Road; Peavy Road to Millmar Drive; Millmar Drive to Ferguson Road

Southern Boundary: Dallas North Tollway at Turtle Creek; Turtle Creek to Maple Avenue; Maple Avenue to Turtle Creek Blvd; Turtle Creek Blvd to Blackburn Street; Blackburn Street to Central Expressway; Central Expressway to Willis Avenue; Willis Avenue to McMillan Avenue; McMillan Avenue to Belmont Avenue; Belmont Avenue to Greenville Avenue; Greenville Avenue to Oram Street; Oram Street to Abrams Pkwy; Abrams Pkwy turns into Abrams Road to S Beacon Street; S Beacon Street to E Side Avenue; E Side Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue; Santa Fe Avenue to Cameron Avenue; Cameron Avenue to East Grand Avenue to railroad tracks; Follow railroad tracks to St. Francis; St. Francis to Ferguson Road; Ferguson Road to Millmar Drive at Ferguson Road.

Western Boundary: Dallas North Tollway at Dallas City Limits at Lemmon Avenue to Harry Hines Blvd and Turtle Creek.

SUMMARY DEMOGRAPHIC REPORT



District	Total Population						Voting Age Population		
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LEGEND

- Highways
- Waterways
- Major Roads
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Council Districts

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Data Source:

Council Districts - Bill Betzen (D8)
 Streets - City of Dallas, GIS Division
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Average Deviation: 0.70%
 Total Deviation: 2.77%
 Contiguous: Yes

Average Reock Index: 1.34
 Average Convex Hull Index: 1.17
 Average Polsby-Popper Index: 1.59
 Average Schwartzberg Index: 1.30
 Minority Representation: 8 (minority)
 Representation: 2 (minority coalition)



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Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Since we have agreed to retire the first plan I submitted, pPlan03, and wPlan24 has been voted forward for consideration, this third redistricting plan, named wPlan03 in the naming system, will in effect be only the second one of two that will remain before you from my work. For simplicity sake you may certainly call this plan “Betzen final.” That may help discussions go more smoothly.

This final plan took advantage of the hundreds of inputs I have continued to be blessed with over these past three months, right up to the last hour before I submitted it online today. But the design of this final plan is centered on improving the compactness measurements from wPlan24. There are factors in wPlan24 that are preferred by some Commissioners that are not in this final plan. But, for the long term political health of our city, compactness, and the centering of districts closer to one of the 14 population centers in Dallas, are the highest values. Other values that drove the design of this final plan were the maximization of minority representation and working to avoid any use of residential streets as boundaries, especially with homes on both sides of the street. All such residential streets have been avoided as boundaries except in the northeastern boundaries to District 2 in East Dallas, and in two other locations. Here are some of the improvements made:

1. Hispanic **voting age population averages** have improved and now average 62% in the 5 most populous Hispanic districts.
2. Black **voting age population averages** also improved and now averages over 60% in the three districts with the highest Black populations.
3. The locations where small two-lane streets were used as boundaries have been reduced to only three locations on the map, a very significant improvement. These lesser boundaries cover about 4 miles of the over 420 miles of boundaries that surround the 14 districts in Dallas. (If more population variation were used, well within the allowable, at least two of these spots may be eliminated.)
4. The average perimeter for each of the 14 districts is expected to be about 31 miles per district, over 12 miles less than the current average district boundary. The average index score measuring improvement in compactness will hopefully be above 1.4. Both are solid improvements over wPlan24.

Hopefully the final map chosen will equal or improve these four critical numbers, and use even fewer miles of two-lane road boundary.

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 wPlan03 now submitted.

1. Population Equality

None of 14 districts recommended in wPlan03 are more than 1.39% away from the 85,558 population target. The total variation is 2.77%.

2. Minority Representation

There are a total of 9 districts with wPlan03 that have a majority of residents from a single minority group. A total of 6 districts are majority Hispanic with an average percentage of the population that is Hispanic of over 68% in the 5 most populous. The sixth Hispanic majority district is truly only an opportunity district as the Hispanic population is 51% with a voting age population of 45%. Three districts are majority Black with populations that are 54.7, 59.6% and 62.6% Black. All numbers are improvements over wPlan24. These 8 districts with a majority voting age population that is one minority group, combined with two minority opportunity districts, should allow minority voters to have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice in Dallas.

3. Contiguity and Compactness

The 14 districts were each centered as much as possible around the 14 population centers in Dallas. This is required to secure the most compact district possible. This process required radical movement of current districts due to the Dallas history of gerrymandering. 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 anticipated that wPlan03 will have about 168 fewer miles of such boundaries than the current district boundaries in use since 2001. We will know this for certain as the compactness tests are run.

Among the guidelines which may be considered is listed "Communities of Interest." Under that heading three specific districts in this plan deserve mention due to the two historic areas of Dallas they will now represent.

Districts three and one, Hispanic majority districts, will both now include with this final plan the parts of Dallas that used to be called "Little Mexico." District 4, a majority Black district, now also will include sections of Dallas containing the former Freedman's Town and Freedman's Cemetery which had a painful history of less than respectful care under city leaders in the distant past. These redistricting changes increase the probability that these historic locations may someday be under the more watchful care of one or more city council representatives who are also descendants of ancestors who lived, worked, and may even be buried, on that land. These redistricting changes are a way for all the citizens of Dallas to acknowledge the strong positive contributions and history of the ancestors of the hundreds of thousands of Black and Hispanic Dallas residents, now working in greater numbers than ever to lead us into the next century. We must celebrate our Dallas History!

It is an honor to present wPlan03 for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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