

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 12, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Census Tracts – Municipal Input and Planning for Redistricting**

During the August 8th Workforce, Education and Equity Committee meeting, staff received an inquiry regarding determination of census tract boundaries leading up to the redistricting process. The question centered on low-income populations that may span a single census tract, which may lead to reduced government program services and funding eligibility for areas with the greatest need. Many government programs, services and funding are allocated based on a formula data determined by census tracts.

As noted during the meeting, cities are given an opportunity to provide input on how census tracts and blocks are drawn prior to the redistricting process. Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) is the only time that tribal, state and local governments can review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction. The City also participates in LUCA-related training and workshops once the process is underway for the 2030 Census. In addition, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) participates in the Census' Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) on the City's behalf. The PSAP allows participants to review and verify selected statistical area boundaries for census data tabulation following U.S. Census Bureau guidelines and criteria.

The Office of Government Affairs will work collaboratively with involved departments, including the Office of Data Analytics and Business Intelligence (DBI), regarding data impacting the census and redistricting processes to determine those neighborhoods that need to be considered and perhaps redrawn. Please note, the DBI Office had not yet been formed at the time of the start of the 2020 redistricting process and underscores the critical value in having data analytics integrated into city operations.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 214.670.5797 or carrie.rogers@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Rogers".

Carrie Rogers
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