

## DISTRICTING COMMISSION

### GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS

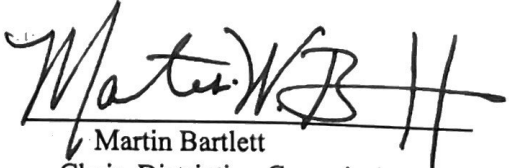
In order to make sure that any plan that might be submitted is of maximum assistance to the City Council and to the Districting Commission in the decision-making process, the Districting Commission hereby sets the following guidelines:

1. Plans should be submitted in writing to the Planning and Inspections Department. If a plan is submitted orally, there is significant opportunity for misunderstanding, and it is possible that errors may be made in analyzing it. The Commission wants to be sure that all proposals be fully and accurately considered. Your cooperation in submitting any plan in writing will be of great assistance.
2. Any plan should show the 2020 federal census total population by race/ethnicity for each proposed District. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the Commission may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should be submitted a minimum of seven calendar days prior to a regularly scheduled Districting Commission meeting. As all meetings are open to the public, public comments shall still be heard and accepted at all meetings properly constituted under the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. The last day to submit a District Plan for consideration will be March 2, 2022.
5. Plans should redistrict the entire City, i.e., contain proposed boundaries for all Districts within the City. The Commission, of course, will be considering the effect of any plan on the entire City. Also, the City and the Commission are subject to the Voting Rights Act, which protects various racial and language minorities. Thus, as a matter of federal law, it will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not redistrict the entire city, it may be impossible for the Commission to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups. The requirement that any plan redistrict the entire City does not preclude members of the public from proposing that particular voting precincts, neighborhoods, or locations be included in a specific council district.
6. Plans should conform to the redistricting criteria the Commission will be using in drawing the Districts, which was adopted by City Council resolution on October 26, 2021.

All members of the public are welcome to speak on any agenda item at public meetings of the Districting Commission conforming to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Further information is available in the Planning Division, Planning and Inspections Department, 801 Texas Ave., 915-212-1569

REVISED BY THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION

this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
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Chair, Districting Commission