

CITY OF DALLAS -DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REDISTRICTING MEETING

December 1, 2011





Objectives

Map Characteristics

Examination of Objections



Executive Summary

- City of Dallas submitted 2011 Districting Plan approved 9-6 by City Council for preclearance on October 25, 2011
- Thorough process with public input and transparency
- Dallas now has 8 winnable minority districts
 - **7** minority majority districts
 - 2 additional minority coalition districts
 - First time in history opportunity for minority majority on City Council
- Districts represent neighborhoods with new district representing Pleasant Grove
- Hispanic Council Members preferred an alternative map



Objectives



- 2. Respect and affirm work done by Redistricting Commission where possible
- 3. Provide Pleasant Grove with a dedicated district
- 4. Do not have African-American community retrogress from 4 winnable districts
- 5. Work for 4 to 5 winnable Hispanic districts
- 6. Maximize compactness, minimize gerrymandering, and maintain communities of interest



Demographics of Dallas

While Hispanics represent the largest of the three major racial/ethnic groups in terms of population and voting-age population, it is the smallest of the three groups in citizen – voting-age population

	Hispanic	African- American	Anglo
Total Population *	42.35%	25.02%	28.82%
Voting Age Population [*]	36.78%	25.11%	33.99%
Citizen Voting Age Population ^{**}	20.41%	31.82%	43.86%

* 2010 Census, PL94-171 City of Dallas Redistricting Data

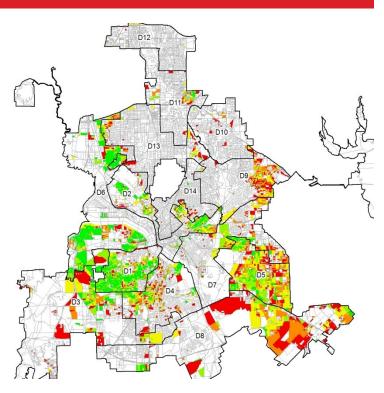
** Estimate based on 2005-2009 5-year American Community Survey Data Estimates for City of Dallas



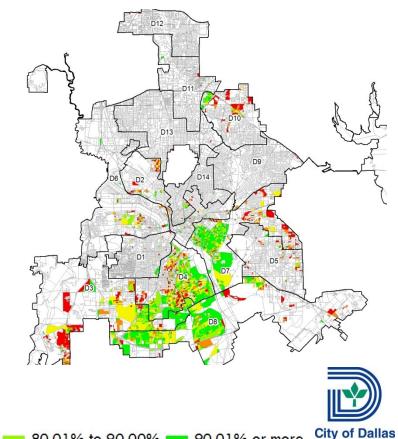
Geographic Location of Minority Population

Hispanic

% of Total Population (2010)



African-American % of Total Population (2010)

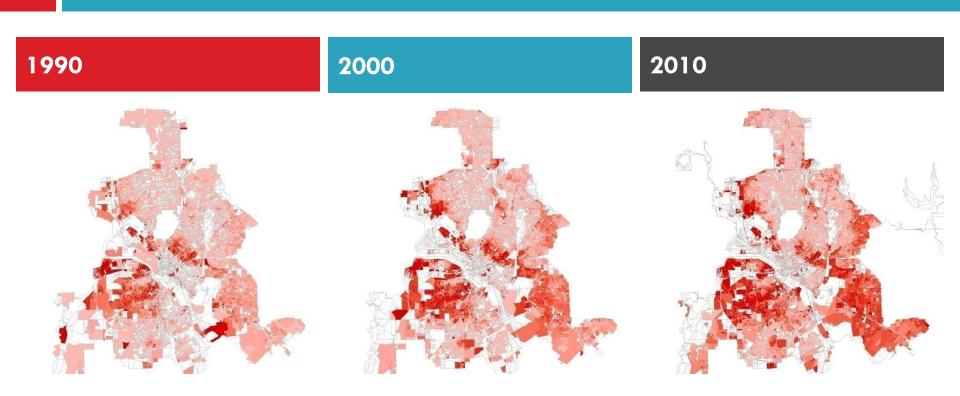


Legend

2011 Adopted District Plan 2010 Census Blocks

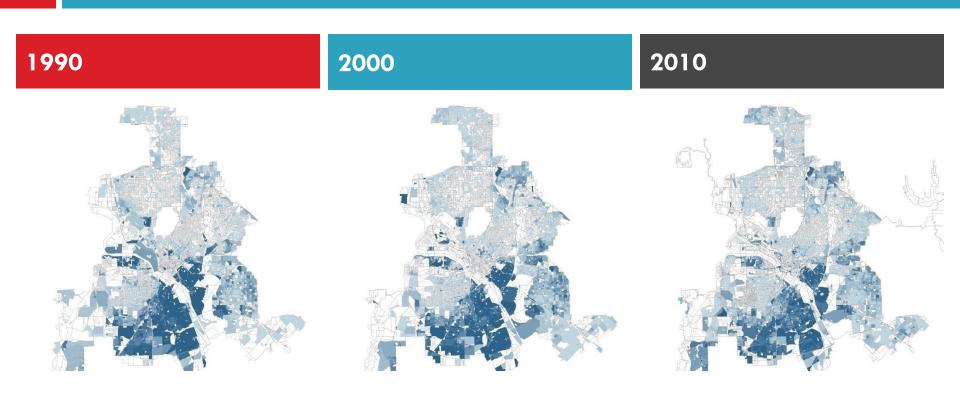
50.00% to 60.00% 60.01% to 70.00% 70.01% to 80.00% 80.01% to 90.00% 80.01% to 90.00%

Geographic Demographic Shifts: Hispanic



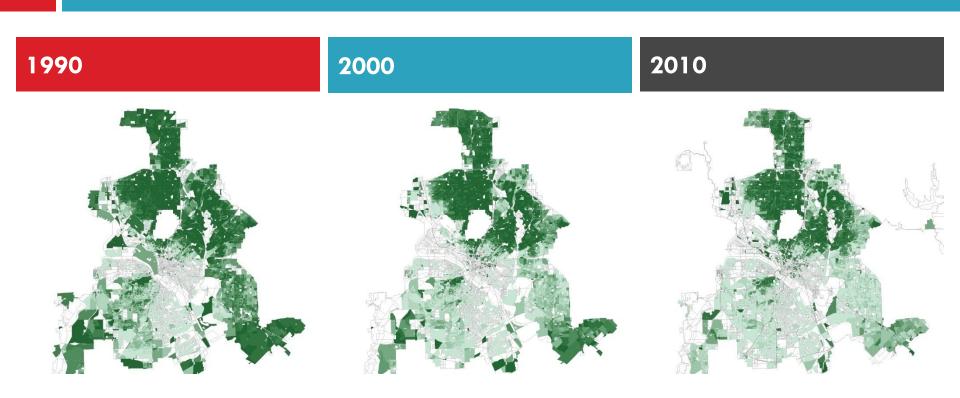


Geographic Demographic Shifts: African-American





Geographic Demographic Shifts: Anglo





Redistricting Objectives



Objective 1: Ensure all public input is heard

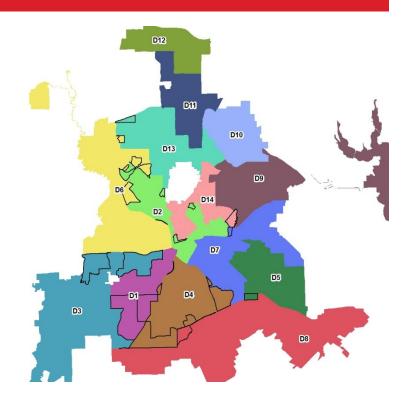
Process

	Timeline	Public Meetings	Public Hearings	Citizens Testifying	Maps Considered
Redistricting Commission	2/8/11 to 8/23/11	24	10 public hearings; 1 public forum	376	17 complete 9 partial
City Council Special Meeting	9/24/11 3 hours	Yes	Yes	64	10
City Council Vote Date	10/05/11 11 hours	Yes	Yes	12	3
Suspension of Rules Vote	11/16/11	Yes	-	12	-

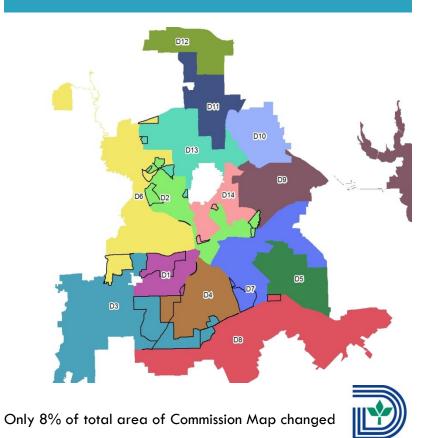


Objective 2: Respect and affirm work done by Redistricting Commission

Commission Recommended Plan



City of Dallas Adopted Plan

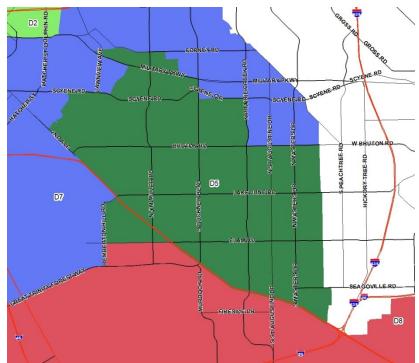


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Objective 3: Provide Pleasant Grove with dedicated district



2011 Adopted Plan





Objective 4: No African-American Retrogression

2001 Adopted Plan African-American Districts (2010 Census)		2011 Adopted Plan African-American Districts (2010 Census)			
District	Total Population %	Voting Age Population %	District	Total Population %	Voting Age Population %
+ District 4	47.36	54.78	District 3	42.73	45.19
+ District 5	47.25	54.88	District 4	54.55	59.36
+ District 7	45.81	45.27	District 7	48.92	50.76
+ District 8	52.13	63.90	District 8	58.68	60.57

+ Currently elects African – American Council Member

* African American Council Members voted unanimously to support adopted plan



Objective 5: Work for 4 to 5 winnable Hispanic districts

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District	Total Population %	Voting Age Population %	District	Total Population %	Voting A Populat %
+ District 1	85.89	81.86	District 1	79.17	74.19
+ District 2	61.40	54.71	District 2	62.59	56.1
+ District 6	80.12	74.79	District 5	70.64	65.57
Next Largest		District 6	70.10	64.5	
District 3	51.32	46.19		Next Largest	
			District 3	45.38	40.0

+ Currently elects Hispanic Council Member



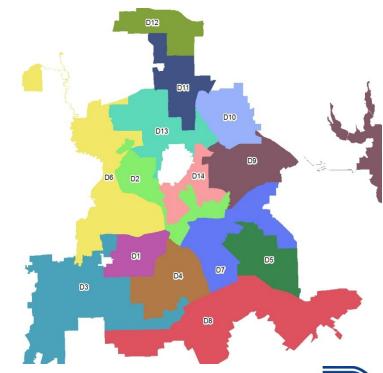
Objective 6: Maximize Compactness

2001 Adopted Plan



Total Miles of Border: 609.32

2011 Adopted Plan



Total Miles of Border: 498.46







Hispanic Objections Raised

- 1. Commission plan is more fair to Hispanics
- 2. North Oak Cliff is divided
- District 1 will not elect Hispanic representative because of strong Anglo presence in 2 precincts (4436 & 4437)



Objection 1: Commission Plan more fair to Hispanics

Commission Recommended Plan

Districts	Hispanic Population %	Hispanic VAP %
District 1	75.66	70.56
District 2	60.25	53.39
District 3	58.83	53.94
District 4	32.96	27.35
District 5	69.04	64.10
District 6	68.72	63.21
District 7	38.50	33.55
District 8	30.52	26.43
District 9	38.27	32.34
District 10	23.24	19.97
District 11	34.69	29.51
District 12	17.18	15.20
District 13	29.83	25.43
District 14	16.45	14.53

Adopted Districting Plan

Districts	Hispanic Population %	Hispanic VAP %
District 1	79.17	74.19
District 2	62.59	56.10
District 3	45.38	40.06
District 4	40.08	33.93
District 5	70.64	65.57
District 6	70.10	64.55
District 7	38.21	33.27
District 8	31.37	27.44
District 9	38.27	32.34
District 10	23.24	19.97
District 11	34.69	29.51
District 12	17.18	15.20
District 13	29.25	24.89
District 14	15.71	14.01

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Commission Recommended Plan

Districts	African-American Population %	African-American VAP %
District 1	14.16	15.99
District 2	13.52	14.40
District 3	24.13	24.56
District 4	61.95	66.54
District 5	22.49	24.36
District 6	17.10	18.81
District 7	48.56	50.40
District 8	59.48	61.61
District 9	11.34	10.87
District 10	32.05	30.70
District 11	13.20	12.95
District 12	17.07	16.36
District 13	8.41	8.28
District 14	7.76	7.13

Adopted Districting Plan

Districts	African-American Population %	African-American VAP %
District 1	5.86	6.47
District 2	13.76	14.73
District 3	42.73	45.19
District 4	54.44	59.36
District 5	20.63	22.53
District 6	16.81	18.62
District 7	48.92	50.76
District 8	58.68	60.57
District 9	11.34	10.87
District 10	32.05	30.70
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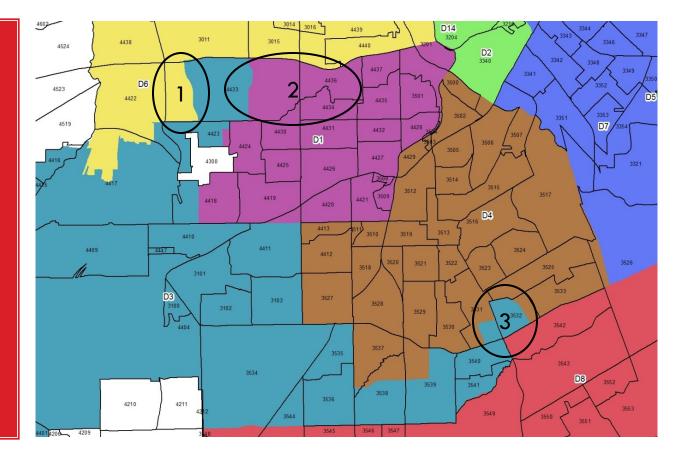
Objection 2: North Oak Cliff divided

Reasons for change

1. District 6 needed to gain population

2. Unite North Oak Cliff neighborhoods

3. Economic drivers for District 3





Objection 3: Strong Anglo vote in 2 precincts will prohibit Hispanic win in District 1

- Fact: Precincts have voted for Hispanic candidates against an Anglo opponent
 - State: Rafael Anchia
 - County: Elba Garcia
 - City: Joseph Hernandez
 - DISD: Jerome Garza
- Fact: 52% of registered voters in District 1 have Spanish surnames
- Fact: Precincts 4436 and 4437 are 4.17% of total population of District 1



Summary

Plan does not create a retrogression of the rights of minority voters to elect candidates of their choice.

The Plan increases the opportunities for minority voters in the city to elect members of the City Council, with the opportunity in 2013 to have a majority of Council members elected by minorities.

