

**ISAAC FAZ
REDISTRICTING COMMENTS**

Good evening, chair, commission members, my name is Isaac Faz, I live at [REDACTED], I am a District 1 resident, grew up in Oak Cliff, and I have twice served as the Dallas Hispanic Bar Association president.

It's difficult to support one map but let me say the following.

The City of Dallas has an opportunity to show our state - and the nation - that we believe in ensuring our city reflects our communities and our values.

A new map must honor our residents by supporting a map that aligns with the growth of the Latino population.

Over the past year we have seen our state pass laws, that many say decreases voter turnout and decreases access to the ballot box.

However, voter apathy - or voter depression - can occur when communities are unable to elect people that look like them - even when they are the majority of a city, or a district.

We all know the census data. Latinos made up the majority (over 60%) of the growth in the city of Dallas from 2010 to 2020.

(Latino residents make up 42% of the population; white residents, 28%; Black residents around 23%; Asians, 4%; and Native, Pacific Islanders are among other racial groups that make up less than 1% each. Per [DMN](#) 10.5.21)

We all know, or have heard, about the voting rights act --- and gerrymandering. Let's not make a gerrymandering error. (Pleasant Grove)

We also know the history of certain districts, like District 1, that elected a Latino or Latina to the Dallas City Council since 1991 ----- until redistricting in 2011 ended it --- District 1 is over 70% Latino.
(Policy Map 2020 City of Dallas 77% & DMN article 73%)

Let's not ignore growth ----- or disregard the largest ethnic population in the City of Dallas.

Now we, YOU, have the opportunity to show the state, and other cities, that we value our communities, our growth, and prioritize policy over politics.

Decisions at this level are never easy, but they are historical and impactful. Our communities are counting on you.

That being said, if these two maps are the only choice, then I ask that you please support **Map 17, with Amendments to improve it to reflect our city and our Latino growth.**

Thank you for your time and service.