

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 27, 2022

TO Honorable Members of the Redistricting Commission

SUBJECT **Redistricting Map Amendment Workshop**

Our final map selection process was approved by the Redistricting Commission during the April 4 meeting. You will find the approved Final Map Selection process enclosed. Please review it prior to our next meeting.

As you know, we completed Phase One and Phase Two during our last meeting on Monday, April 25 and the result was the selection of two preferred plans: [COD - 017](#) and [COD - 041](#). I want to address questions that some of you raised, regarding the amendment process and provide direction as we begin Phase Three of our Final Map Selection Process.

Phase Three includes the Map Amendment Workshop, which will begin on Monday, May 2. Commissioners will have an opportunity to amend the preferred plans [COD - 017](#) and [COD - 041](#) upon motion and approval by a majority of the Commission. Commissioners must assess the resulting impact of the proposed amendments, including changes to population, compactness, contiguity, neighborhoods, other communities of interest, and packing/cracking, along with legal requirements, prior to making the motion. If a motion proposes amendments that unbalance the map and results in the map not meeting the required criteria, the motion must be withdrawn.

Because our time is limited, it's important we have a productive Map Amendment Workshop, so I encourage all Commissioners to do the following in preparation to Monday's meeting:

1. Review the Final Map Selection Process and be prepared to participate in Phase Three.
2. Review the two preferred plans [COD - 017](#) and [COD - 041](#) and determine amendments for both maps.
3. Be prepared to make a motion amending the plans [COD - 017](#) and [COD - 041](#), including reason(s) for the amendments, with reference to public testimony as well as the redistricting elements supporting the amendments (e.g., compactness, contiguity, natural boundaries, election precincts, school district feeder patterns, neighborhood associations, other elements of community interests). Each map will be taken up separately.

If your motion is seconded, the floor is open to debate according to the normal procedure (five minutes for each Commissioner). Once debate has closed, a vote is taken. If a majority of the Commission votes in the affirmative, those amendments are adopted on that map. If the motion fails, the amendments are not incorporated. Subsequent

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SUBJECT **Redistricting Marketing & Outreach Update**

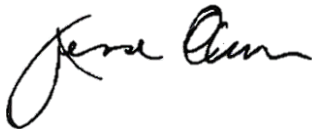
amendments made by Commissioners will modify the amended map. This process continues until no more amendments are being offered. This process is repeated for the second of the two final maps.

That concludes Phase Three of the final map selection process and then we prepare for Phase Four, where we receive public feedback during the public hearing to be held at City Hall on Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

We will use the same process that we used for Phase Three to complete Phase Five, the final phase in the Final Map Selection Process. Each of the two preferred plans may be amended by a Commissioner upon motion and approval by a majority of the Commission. Once the amendment process has concluded, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve one of the two final maps. If a majority of the Commission votes in the affirmative, that is the map that will be submitted to the mayor. If the motion fails, the floor is open to another motion.

I hope this memo has provided you some clear direction as we conclude this final map selection. I look forward to working with you to submit a final map of which we can all be proud.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Oliver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "O".

Jesse Oliver  
Chairman  
Redistricting Commission

Enclosed:  
Redistricting Final Map Selection Process

**2022 City of Dallas Redistricting Commission  
Final Map Selection Process**

**Submit Your Ideal District (April 2022)**

- Commissioners should submit their ideal districts in Districtr by **5:00 p.m. April 7, 2022**. Commissioners must email the map link along with five priorities for their specific districts to [redistrictdallas@gmail.com](mailto:redistrictdallas@gmail.com).

**Phase One (Monday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m.)**

1. A matrix of all plan submissions previously moved into the inventory by the Commission will be distributed to each Commissioner.
2. Using the matrix/ballot form, each Commissioner may vote for their three preferred plans.
  - Commissioners are not required to vote for 3 plans, but may not vote for the same plan more than once.

**Phase Two (Monday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m.)**

3. Upon compilation of the votes, a matrix/ballot listing the three preferred plans will be provided to each Commissioner.
4. Commissioners will then rank the three plans in their order of preference as numbers 1, 2, and 3 from most preferred to least.
5. The two plans receiving the most number 1 rankings become the top two preferred plans.
  - If only one plan receives number 1 rankings, then it, along with the plan receiving the most number 2 rankings will move forward as the top two preferred plans for further consideration.

**Phase Three (Monday, May 2 at 3:30 p.m.)**

6. Each of the two preferred plans may be amended by a Commissioner upon motion and approval by a majority of the Commission.
  - Amendments to each of the two final maps will be taken up separately. A Commissioner who has been recognized by the Chair for a motion will ask ARCBridge to update the first of the two final maps with proposed amendments. The Commissioners must assess the resulting impact of the proposed amendments, including changes to population, compactness, contiguity, neighborhoods, other communities of interest, and packing/cracking, along with legal requirements.
    - If a motion proposes amendments that unbalance the map and results in the map not meeting the required criteria, the motion must be withdrawn.

- If the proposed amendments keep the map in compliance with required criteria, the Commissioner may make a motion to approve the proposed amendments. The motion must include the reason(s) for the amendments, including reference to public testimony. If the motion is seconded, the floor is open to debate according to the normal procedure (five minutes for each Commissioner). Once debate has closed, a vote is taken. If a majority of the Commission votes in the affirmative, those amendments are adopted on that map. If the motion fails, the amendments are not incorporated.
- This process continues until no more amendments are being offered.
- This process is repeated for the second of the two final maps.

**Phase Four (Saturday, May 7 at 3:00 p.m.)**

7. A public hearing will be held to take public comments on the two preferred plans.

**Phase Five (Monday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m.)**

8. Each of the two preferred plans may be amended by a Commissioner upon motion and approval by a majority of the Commission by the same process used in Phase Three.
9. Once the amendment process has concluded, the Chair will entertain a motion to approve one of the two final maps. After a motion has been made and seconded, the floor is open to debate on that motion. Each Commissioner gets five minutes for the first round and three minutes for the second round. If a majority of the Commission votes in the affirmative, that is the map that will be submitted to the mayor. If the motion fails, the floor is open to another motion.