

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION #062011-02

THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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**GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING
SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS
AND PROVIDING COMMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including but not limited to Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A. (West 2006) and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 1973 and 1973c (West 2010); article 16, section 59 of the Texas Constitution (Vernon 2010); Tex. Water Code Ann. § 36.059 (Vernon 2008); Chapter 8802 of the Texas Special District Local Laws Code Ann. (2010); and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002 (Vernon 2008); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the orderly consideration and evaluation of redistricting plans which may come before the Board of Directors ("Board"); and

WHEREAS, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific redistricting plans they wish the Board to consider; and

WHEREAS, the Board welcomes any comments relevant to the redistricting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to make sure that any plan that might be submitted is of maximum assistance to the Board in its decision making process, the Board hereby sets the following guidelines to be followed by each person submitting a redistricting plan for consideration:

1. Proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. 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 Board wants to be sure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered.
2. Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/other for each proposed precinct based on the 2010 Census data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the Board may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.
3. Plans should redistrict the entire District. The Board, of course, will be considering the effect of any plan on the entire District. Also, the Board is subject to the Voting Rights Act, which protects various racial and language minorities. Thus, as a matter of federal law, the Board will be required to

consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not redistrict the entire District, it may be impossible for the Board to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

4. Plans should conform to the criteria the Board will be using in drawing the precincts.
5. Comments must be submitted in writing and be legible, even if the person also makes the comments orally at a public hearing.
6. Persons providing comments and those submitting proposed plans must identify themselves by full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an email address. The Board may wish to follow up on such comments or obtain additional information about submitted plans.
7. All comments and proposed plans must be submitted to the Board's Secretary, Craig Smith, by the close of the public hearing.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted on this 20th day of June, 2011.

BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Mary Stone, President

ATTEST:



Craig Smith
Secretary, Board of Directors