

Commissioners:

I would like to call your attention again to the subject of the edges of the Austin city limits and recent and near future annexations.

You received a letter recently from Steven Aleman in which he points out a couple of areas in SE Austin on the edge of the city limits within the City and which are contiguous to AGR proposed districts but left out of the city and a district.

(<http://www.austintexas.gov/edims/document.cfm?id=196818>) Those are actually not the only two such full purpose areas of the City on the edges of the city limits left out of 3 out of 4 of the AGR's contiguous districts. There are actually more than 6 such similar situations. (See the attached complete maps compared to the AGR map.) Those areas are so low in population that they will not materially change the makeup of AGR's maps but will need to be added to a voting district.

Second, in recent years the City of Austin has been eager for increased tax revenues and has been on an annexation binge. You all will need to account for annexations already in the pipeline that will become effective between now and 2021. In addition to recent ATX Council's tax-hungry annexations already approved, the following are a current example of more such similar annexation considerations by the Austin City Council just on their Agenda for **October 3rd**:

4:00 PM - Public Hearings and Possible Actions

68. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Wildhorse Ranch annexation area \(approximately 2,380 acres in eastern Travis County south of US Highway 290 East at the intersection of State Highway 130 and US Highway 290 East\).](#)
69. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Goodnight Ranch South annexation area \(approximately 458 acres in southern Travis County, approximately 670 feet east of the intersection of East Slaughter Lane and Old Lockhart Road\).](#)
70. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Morse Tract annexation area \(approximately 180 acres in Travis County east of the intersection of Ed Bluestein Blvd and US 290 East and west of Springdale Road/Manor Road\).](#)
71. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Ace Auto Salvage annexation area \(approximately 6 acres in northwestern Travis County north of Spicewood Springs Road approximately 250 feet west of the intersection of Spicewood Springs Road and Yaupon Drive\).](#)
72. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Preserve at Thomas Springs Road annexation area \(approximately 13 acres in southwestern Travis County south of Thomas Springs Road, approximately three tenths of a mile west of the intersection of State Highway 71 and Thomas Springs Road\).](#)
73. [Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Ayaña-Spillar annexation area \(approximately 293 acres in southwestern Travis County and northeastern Hays County, approximately one and one quarter miles south of the intersection of State Highway 45 and Escarpment Blvd\).](#)

74. Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Marbella annexation area (approximately 133 acres in southern Travis County east of IH 35 South approximately 3,400 feet north of the intersection of IH 35 South and Slaughter Lane).
75. Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the Prosperity Business Park annexation area (approximately 13 acres in southern Travis County south of Slaughter Lane approximately 280 feet east of the intersection of IH 35 South and Oak Hill Lane).
76. Conduct a public hearing for the full purpose annexation of the State Highway 71 East annexation area (approximately 407 acres in southeastern Travis County south of State Highway 71 East, at the southwest corner of the intersection of State Highway 71 and State Highway 130).

The Commission will need to properly plan for full purpose annexations that can be expected to become effective between now and 2021 when the next ICRC Commission can be expected to do it's work. It might help to note that Houston and Dallas have gone through partial single member districting followed by annexations in the past, and so under state law how they incorporated ongoing annexations into existing districts in-between redistricting is likely how Austin could handle it. Logically it would seem that areas annexed would need to be included into the most contiguous district available, but that is logic, not necessarily the law, so it is a point you will need to have your Legal Counsel/s address in your final plan/report.

Hope this letter makes it to the Commissioners, as have noticed a number of letters not showing up on the Commission's city website; hopefully they are not being screened away from ICRC Commissioners' review entirely.

Thank you,
Brad Parsons,
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