

Commissioners:

Wow, you did it again, "snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, at the last moment," so to speak. You have done a great job with your Preliminary Map.

I now believe you got all of South Austin 'right.' I also appreciate what you have done in North and East Austin. The only area of the map stands out to me for improvement are the places where Districts 9, 7 & 1 come together. I understand how it was developed, and so I will not lament on it. Instead I will offer 3 'tweaks' that can improve without significantly changing your map.

Those are:

Pct. 250 move from Dist. 9 to Dist. 7

Pct's 325 and 206 (all) move from Dist. 1 to Dist. 9

Pct's 226, 112, and 113 move from Dist. 7 to Dist. 1

These changes improve the look, improve compactness, rejoin some natural communities, tighten the variance from the target population, and I believe will improve the minority numbers in District 1.

There might be more dramatic changes that could be made between Districts 9 & 7, but avoiding wholesale changes, am recommending the above 'tweaks' for now.

Keep up the great *volunteer* work,
Brad Parsons,
Austin, TX.