

Dear Commission Members,

I feel you will have noticed by now that there is growing support for some form of a North Mopac centric district. The recent map by the Compact Districts Coalition (#25) has a district that shares many of the same basic features as the Bonafont Map (#23). I have noted several letters coming in to your group supporting the idea of a North Mopac district. I am told that the Angus Valley Neighborhood will endorse one or both of these maps today.

Both stretch from the I-35 to the Williamson County line and from roughly Howard Lane to 183. This is an area that makes geographic sense to be together and that shares many common needs and interests.

We are all aware that there need to be compromises and tradeoffs in creating the districts, but I think everyone can agree that the Provisional District 7 of the 9-28 map has to change or the north half of that district will be grossly under-represented by a district that will be focused on the urban core issues. It is a district with no common features, no common populations, no common geography, no center. Moreover, if the north side of 7 is underserved, it will have adverse consequences for those of us adjacent to it.

Likewise the established neighborhoods on the east side of provisional district 6 will not be heard in a district that is mostly Williamson County and the 45/620 mega development corridor, and our ability to coordinate with our natural allies across Mopac will be hampered.

Please give due consideration to both the Compact Districts Map and the Bonafont Map for establishing a North Mopac District that serves this important and underrepresented portion of the city by giving it a workable and clear voice. There are multiple ways to accomplish this, as is shown by the two different maps, and I know of a third in preparation by another group, but the broad strokes of it are clear. I think when you created your very first ad-hoc map, before the 9-28 official one, you had a sense of what that district should be even then.

Thank you for your efforts, and I truly look forward to the next revision of the map with high hopes.

Best,

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