

NWACA Resolution on a Proposed District Boundary

(Neighborhoods represented by neighborhood associations of Northwest Hills, Great Hills, Jester, River Place, and Lakewood)

Whereas NWACA, together with the above listed neighborhoods, is located in a **geographically contiguous, compact area** of North Central Austin that is completely contained in a proposed district, drawn **using the boundaries of all or part of these existing 33 election precincts: 220, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 238, 244, 245, 246, 247, 249, 253, 262, 305, 318, 321, 323, 326, 327, 328, 331, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 343, 345, 359, 374, 375**

Whereas these neighborhoods share a **common geology** that is unique to these neighborhoods in northwest Austin and that shapes and defines the neighborhoods. The common geology includes being part of the Edwards Plateau and the Llano Uplift comprising the eastern edge of the Texas Hill Country, the Balcones Escarpment on the Balcones Fault, and the northern boundary of the Colorado River, starting roughly at MoPac Expressway and heading west. Portions of all of the neighborhoods contain pieces of the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. The shared geology creates unique and common ecological systems and species distribution embodied in the common landscape, water resources (shared watersheds, including the Colorado river and Bull Creek), impact of drought, threat of wildfire, protected nature preserves, and native flora and fauna,

Whereas the proposed district preserves the **geographic integrity of the local neighborhoods**, splitting none of the neighborhoods,

Whereas the proposed district uses **geographically identifiable borders of:** Ranch Road 620, Highway 183, Mopac, and the Colorado River/Lake Austin.

Whereas the neighborhoods in the proposed district are master-planned suburban communities, now situated between sparsely developing suburban areas and densely-populated urban areas of Austin, with **common concerns** of housing redevelopment, departure of original owners and shared transportation arterials that have changed from roadways to highways (Loop 360, Mopac, 2222 and Highway 183),

Whereas the neighborhoods in this district are a **community of interest** based on their location, their similar socioeconomic status, and their demographics (about 10 - 15% children, 25% young adults, 30% early career adults, 15% later career adults, and about 10% seniors), sharing

- Common education concerns, with a common high school catchment area for Anderson High School
- Limited availability of park land and recreation areas
- Transportation challenges posed by the restricted ability to expand the former roadways of Loop 360, Mopac, Highway 183, and RR 620

Whereas it is the desire of these neighborhoods to ensure that growth occurs in a way that preserves our ability to remain in our neighborhoods,

Be it resolved, that the Board of the Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) does support keeping these neighborhoods in a contiguous district for City Council redistricting purposes.

ADOPTED: September 11, 2013

ATTEST:


Richard Anton

President, NWACA