

Commissioners:

For your consideration please see the attached map. If you would also enter the map into the record and post it to your "Maps Submitted by the Public."

Let me first say, if we could have gotten this map to you sooner, we would have. The idea genesis for this map was noted from the testimony of a gentleman representing the Pioneer Crossing West HOA in testimony as recently as Oct. 26th to the ICRC, the first speaker in Item 2 (Part 2 of 2) here: <http://austintx.swagit.com/play/10282013-512>. The gentleman posed a challenging question asking for the purpose of logical communities of interest if the Commission would try to see if Precinct 153 could be put in Dist. 7 or 4 and still maintain the numbers for Dist. 1. Later at that hearing, the legal counsel for the ICRC asked a GIS mapper in the audience if he thought there was any way that could be done. Upon first glance, that GIS mapper thought that it was unlikely, but he logged the question in his mind and recently started to go over it block by block to see if it in fact could be done. In the course of that rigorous review, this map was developed to honor that question and all legal requirements for the map and to honor key points of all testimony from around the city. The attached map is the result of that effort. The answer to that question from testimony to the Commission and the follow up question from the ICRC's legal counsel is, yes it can be done.

The attached map is detailed enough that the ICRC could have their mapping consultant plot it in total as an alternative scenario map in preparation for the ICRC's upcoming meeting to verify that the data is accurate and that the map will work and meet all legal requirements and testimony from around the city.

As a side note, standard districting and redistricting, whether done by governing bodies or courts, usually evaluates a number of scenario maps in parallel and then chooses among them and settles on one 'optimal' map.

Recently Comm. Lopez broached that idea of evaluating alternative scenario maps at the end of the meeting on Nov. 6th. It is a good idea that is traditionally done in districting and the Commission might want to strongly consider it with the attached map.

Commissioners, we have noted the quite a bit of additional written testimony you have received in the past 24 hours, including from neighborhood associations, asking for changes in your Nov. 6th map. You should know that you are substantially ahead of schedule even by the Charter, and the Charter does allow for you to take a little bit more time to finish this task well based upon public input. Again, thank you Commissioners for your continuing efforts.

Respectfully,

Mike Rodriguez