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#### Good Afternoon,

None of the city's agenda or backup links on the official ICRC website are currently working. Can you fix this?

I'm also writing to follow up my testimony at the August 7th ICRC meeting where I pointed out that the boundary of the precinct map for precinct 407 that you were furnished at your August 4th meeting (copy attached) appears to be incorrect. The area bounded by Ben White to the east, Riverside to the north, and Grove Blvd. to the west is actually a part of Precinct 407, not a part of Precinct 431 as shown in the map you were furnished.

The Travis County precinct map (copy also attached), shows the proper precinct boundary, which crosses Ben White. Other boundaries, such as the boundary between Del Valle ISD and Austin ISD, are similarly confusing.

Lastly, to reiterate, in addition to using the correct map for Precinct 407, I hope you will place Montopolis, i.e. precincts 407 and 423 back where it belongs, in city council District 2.

Thanks,

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On Aug 16, 2021, at 15:55, Calderon, Sara - BC < <a href="mailto:BC-Sara.Calderon@austintexas.gov">BC-Sara.Calderon@austintexas.gov</a>> wrote:

Hello please see attached (and below) for live and virtual event information, updates, as well as additional options for public feedback on redistricting from the ICRC. Thank you,

- Commissioner Sara Inés Calderón

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Redistricting commission poised, ready for census data drop

AUSTIN, TX (Aug. 16, 2021) – With the release of the new U.S. Census data Aug. 12, 2021, the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) has a strong team in place awaiting useable numbers and comments from the public to draw new city council boundaries for Austin residents.

"It's going to be a least week or ten days before it's usable," said George Korbel, ICRC mapping specialist. "At least that's been my experience from the last several redistricting maps I've been involved in."

Korbel is no stranger to redistricting.

He was instrumental in challenging the fairness of at-large elections in Texas in the '70s. He and the ICRC's legal counsel David Richards were part of the team that ligated the landmark case known as White v. Regester.

The case, which made it all the way to the Supreme Court in 1973 and won, found the urban voting district in Dallas and Bexar County reduced Latino representation in the Texas House of Representatives. The case also expanded into other counties with large urban districts in the state including, Tarrant, Nueces, McLennan, Travis, Galveston, Jefferson, Lubbock and El Paso.

"(The case) set down the proof pattern for litigation in almost literally all redistricting that dealt with at-large elections," Korbel said.

Since then, Korbel and Richards have been involved in redistricting over 50 jurisdictions such as cities, counties and school districts. Most recently, they redistricted education institutional boundaries in Houston and for Lone Star College, one of the largest community college districts in the nation.

In Austin, Korbel, who has attended all but one ICRC public forum, plans to use the public's input in his map making process.

"They're giving suggestions as to what changes should be made, and when I get access to the data, we will determine what the population of each one of the current city districts will be," Korbel said. "Based on that information, we'll start making changes to the districts, but I really can't tell until I get a hold of the data."

Four ICRC public forums remain and are open to the public. District 1's Saturday, Aug. 10, 2021, public forum is scheduled for 1 p.m. at George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina St., Austin, TX 78702.

Two virtual options were added to the schedule at the end of August for all citizens to attend. (See full schedule below.) Find meeting agendas and District Worksheets in advance of meetings at <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards">https://www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards</a> commissions/meetings/116 1.htm.

• Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, 6-8 p.m., District 5 via Videoconferencing, Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN 3TZ4li3KQOmzO92w8p4lnw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

• Saturday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m.-noon, Virtual Public Forum No. 1 via Videoconferencing, Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN jyywSIEgSU6qJHMpJcg5hg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

• Friday, Aug. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Virtual Public Forum No. 2, via Videoconferencing, Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN FvRbBtg0QWirQxYWmBuTzA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

To submit feedback directly to the commission about redistricting visit SpeakUp Austin! at <a href="https://www.speakupaustin.org/city-of-austin-redistricting">https://www.speakupaustin.org/city-of-austin-redistricting</a>. Scroll down to the "Event Feedback" tab and click on "Your Suggestions for Redistricting." After registering on the site, the public can take the survey and even upload a map or instructions for redistricting. This information will be gathered through October 2021 and used to help draw the new city district boundaries.

Another way to participate is to contact ICRC commissioners or leave feedback please email: <a href="mailto:icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov">icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov</a> or write to: Housing and Planning Department, Attn: ICRC, P.O. Box 1088, Austin, Texas 78767.

Due to rapid changes in scheduling due to COVID restrictions, for the most up-to-date events information from the ICRC please refer to events pages:

https://www.speakupaustin.org/city-of-austin-redistricting/

https://www.facebook.com/pg/AustinRedistric/events/

Public input forums are recorded and made available after the meetings here: http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live.

Past meetings and agendas can be viewed on the commission's website at www.austintexas.gov/cityclerk/boards commissions/meetings/116 1.htm

Interpretation and/or translation services will be available free of charge by advance request in Spanish, Chinese or Vietnamese. Call 311 or email <a href="maithew.dugan@austintexas.gov">matthew.dugan@austintexas.gov</a> to request these services 48 hours in advance of a forum.

To find City Council Districts in Austin visit this link and type in an address: <a href="https://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/">https://www.austintexas.gov/GIS/CouncilDistrictMap/</a>

#### **ICRC** Information

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The ICRC board will hold its weekly commission meeting via videoconferencing 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021.

## Join Zoom Meeting

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