Signed Certification of the Initial Pool of 60 Applicants

APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL SUBMISSION

10-ONE REDISTRICTING INITIATIVE

Agenda Item Number: (20130516-3A): Selection of Pool of the 60 Most Qualified Applicants for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, City of Austin voters approved a City Charter amendment which provides for the election of City Council Members from 10 geographical single-member districts; and

WHEREAS, the amendment created a 14-member Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission which will establish the boundaries of the 10 new council districts; and

WHEREAS, the amendment created a 3-member Applicant Review Panel, selected by random drawing, whose mission is to select a pool of the 60 most qualified applicants from which the Commission is created; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Auditor has provided to the Applicant Review Panel the applications which meet the minimum requirements for service on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant Review Panel has evaluated each application according to the criteria at Article II, § 3 (A) (1)(6).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Applicant Review Panel hereby notifies the City Council of the pool of the 60 most qualified applicants. Within five days, each member of the City Council, acting as an individual, may strike up to one applicant and inform the Applicant Review Panel staff liaison in writing. On the Applicant Review Panel's behalf the Applicant Review Panel staff liaison will remove any timely applicant strike from the pool and will provide the list of the remaining applicants to the city auditor.

The attachment lists the pool of applicants selected by the Applicant Review Panel to be the most qualified to serve on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Date of Approval: May 16, 2013

Record of the vote: Unanimous on a 3-0 vote.

Attest: _____

APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL SUBMISSION
LIST OF MOST QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR ICRC

Non-Students

	App ID #	Applicant Name
1	10386	Aguirre, Ana Torrez
2	10316	Aleman, Steven R
3	10428	Ali, Thressa Lee
4	10529	Almanza, Librado Pablo
5	10348	Art, David T
6	10381	Blanco, Magdalena Patricia
7	10073	Bradford, Nathaniel
8	10420	Brisbin, Shelly D
9	10240	Callahan, Jason Todd
10	10334	Casarez, Ruth
11	10092	Christianson, James (Jim)
12	10191	Cocco, Catherine T.
13	10317	Costello, TJ
14	10496	Davalos, David
15	10515	Diaz-Miranda, Mariano
16	10377	Dickens, Linda
17	10483	Everton, Araminta L.
18	10402	Farris, Rachel Truair
19	10507	Frey, Peg Frederick (Seaufy)
20	10246	Garcia, Gavin Lance
21	10119	Garcia, Gerald William
22	10120	Gibbs, Lucy Leaton
23	10175	Gonzales, Alberto C
24	10513	Gonzales, Dominic L.
25	10342	Gray, Melissa Rebecca
26	10017	Haag, Stefan David
27	10261	Haley, Benjamin Paschal
28	10344	Harcrow, Kami Rene
29	10323	Harrow, Harriett
30	10091	Hewitt, Willam Philip
31	10374	Hexsel, Maria Cantu
32	10154	Hignight, Heath Kerr
33	10309	Johnson, Helen Benner
34	10331	Johnson, Henry W.
35	10025	Kumar, Pradeep
36	10194	Kurth, Lynn LaRue
37	10511	Lawson, Janet Denise
38	10521	Lee, Nicole Michelle
39	10267	Llanes Pulido, Carmen Dolores
40	10440	Lopez, Arthur
41	10462	Luevanos, Maria Carmen
42	10297	Mahoney, Tim Raymond
43	10037	Martin, Nicholas Louis

Non-Students (continued)

	App ID #	Applicant Name
44	10311	Martinez, Gilbert D
45	10494	Mejia-Dietche, Ana Isabel
46	10128	Newman, Holly S
47	10113	Noches, Ramon Crespin
48	10383	Person, Maria D.
49	10213	Reyna, Roy
50	10292	Rhedin, Judith A.
51	10024	Rice, David
52	10380	Risovi, Janet Lea
53	10508	Saenz, Anna M
54	10280	Solis, Maria Cadelaria
55	10339	Stansberry, Paul K.
56	10314	Tyler, Jessica Leigh
57	10365	VanDyke, Thomas Clifton Sr.
58	10302	Zigrossi, Sam Joe

Students

1	10484	Robles, Samantha
2	10355	Rafols, Ryan Andrew

Selected Newspaper Articles

Newspaper Articles

Austin American-Statesman

Voters invited to draw districts

By: Sarah Coppola SCOPPOLA@STATESMAN.COM January 23, 2013

The city of Austin is looking for volunteers to help carry out a dramatic shift in city government.

Applications are being accepted to serve on a 14-member committee of residents that will draw maps for 10 City Council districts.

Voters agreed last fall to change the council from seven citywide members to 10 district representatives and a citywide mayor. The ballot measure called for a group of residents, not the City Council, to draw the districts, so that council members can't gerrymander the lines to try to keep their seats.

The committee is modeled on a California commission that in 2011 drew state and congressional districts.

The first election of Austin's district-based council members will be in November 2014.

Applicants for the map-drawing committee must have been registered Austin voters for the past five years who have voted in at least three of the past five city general elections. Only May and June elections for City Council seats, not November elections for measures such as bond packages, count as general elections, city officials said.

To ensure that the process is free from political influence, committee members may not have paid ties to city politics. That means applicants such as lobbyists, city employees and political consultants will be tossed out.

The committee members will be prohibited for three to 10 years from serving in some elected, appointed and paid positions for the city.

City Auditor Ken Mory's office will be in charge of accepting and reviewing applications to see if they meet the basic criteria. Mory is also looking for licensed certified public accountants to serve on a three-person panel that will whittle the map-drawing applicants to 60 finalists by mid-May.

Applications for the CPA panel and the map-drawing group are available online and at city libraries and recreation centers. They are due Feb. 22.

Each City Council member will get to strike one of the 60 map-drawing finalists. The first eight members of the committee will be chosen at random from the remaining finalists. Those eight will pick the last six members from the finalist pool, looking to round out the committee's geographic, ethnic, racial, gender and professional diversity.

The committee then must draw maps by spring 2014, when candidates for the November 2014 City Council elections may begin raising money and campaigning.

Neither the members of the CPA panel nor the members of the map-drawing committee will be paid for their work.

Mory estimated that 35,000 Austinites meet the basic voting criteria to serve on the map-drawing group. His office plans to send mailers to those voters, urging them to apply.

Mory's office will also spend $85,000 on a marketing campaign that will include ads on billboards and buses, in print, and on radio and TV encouraging residents to apply.

Mory and his staff are holding public workshops to answer questions about the application process.

"This is historic - changing the government structure of our city," he said. "I hope a lot of people will be interested in being a part of it."

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Austin's redistricting commission selects remaining members

by Joe Olivieri June 14, 2013

The group that will draw Austin's new voting districts has completed its first task—appointing its remaining members.

The Austin city charter called for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to be created in two steps.

First, a three-person Applicant Review Panel chose eight commissioners at random from a pool of 60 qualified applicants May 22.

The first eight are:

- Magdalena Blanco
- Rachel Farris
- William Hewitt
- Arthur Lopez
- Mariano Diaz-Miranda
- Carmen Llanes Pulido
- Anna Saenz
- Maria Solis

The first eight were then required to appoint six more members to round out the 14-member group. The six needed to be chosen "to ensure that the commission reflects the diversity of the City of Austin" including racial, ethnic and gender diversity, according to the charter.

One member had to be a student enrolled in a community college or university and at least three members should come from each Travis County commission precinct.

The first eight came from the following precincts: two from Precinct 1, one from Precinct 2, none from Precinct 3 and five from Precinct 4.

On June 7, the ICRC selected two commissioners—

- Ryan Rafols (student), Precinct 3
- Catherine Cocco, Precinct 3

On June 13, the ICRC selected its remaining four members—

- Henry Johnson, Precinct 1
- TJ Costello, Precinct 2
- Harriet Harrow, Precinct 2
- Stefan Haag, Precinct 3

Group drafts map of voting districts

by Joe Olivieri October 24, 2013

Oak Hill, 78704 ZIP code strive to keep neighborhoods together

Austinites have been given a glimpse of what their new voting districts may look like next year.
The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission unanimously approved a preliminary map of proposed districts during its Sept. 28 public meeting.
The map splits most of Southwest Austin along Brodie Lane: the Oak Hill and Circle C neighborhoods are in District 8, while neighborhoods along West Gate Boulevard and Manchaca Road form District 5.
Two areas close to I-35—the West and East Congress neighborhoods, as well as the Sweetbriar community—have been grouped into districts to the north and east.
The ICRC is expected to finalize the map in December for use starting with the November 2014 elections.
Neighborhood groups have lobbied the ICRC to keep certain areas together during the redistricting process.
Oak Hill leaders had opposed an earlier draft map that divided the neighborhood between two districts.
In a Sept. 28 letter, Rick Perkins, secretary of the Oak Hill Neighborhood Association, wrote that Oak Hill residents have supported the redistricting process "because we hope that we will finally get at least one person at City Hall who will listen to us and be responsive to us."
"In the past, we have had City Council members come to our meetings and flat out tell us that downtown was not listening to Oak Hill because we did not have a high voter turnout," he wrote.
"So we are very much desiring a single, united Oak Hill district so that we might finally get at least one voice downtown to express our needs in our fast-growing and neglected area of town."

Background

Last November, Austin voters approved Proposition 3, which changed how City Council members will be elected.
Currently the six council members and mayor are elected at-large, or elected by everyone to represent everyone.
Starting in November 2014, Austinites will elect 10 council members to represent newly created voting districts, while the mayor will still be elected at-large.
The city auditor's office helped form the ICRC earlier this year to draw the new voting districts.
The ICRC has been meeting since June. So far, it has hired its own staff, heard public comments and received map ideas from various civic groups and grass-roots organizations.
The map must be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice and must meet Voting Rights Act standards. Ideally each district should have 79,783 residents in it, but a small percentage greater or less than that amount is considered acceptable.

The rough draft

On Sept. 21, the ICRC produced a first draft of the redistricting map. The map split Southwest Austin into two districts along a jagged line that ran west to east south of William Cannon Drive.
The northern part of Oak Hill and parts of Hwy. 71 heading toward Bee Cave were part of District 8. The southern part of Oak Hill was part of District 5, which stretched from Hays County and Circle C to east of Onion Creek.
"[The Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods] and myself and a lot of other people went and very politely, very firmly made our case," said John Rosshirt, president of the Oak Hill Business and Professional Association.
Residents drew up an alternate map that kept Oak Hill intact, Perkins said. OHAN sent the alternate to the ICRC and neighbors testified in favor of it.
The Sept. 28 preliminary map kept Oak Hill together.
"Right now, it's going in what we feel is a very positive direction for Oak Hill," he said.
In a Sept. 28 letter, Joan Owens, president of the Southwood Neighborhood Association, thanked the ICRC for keeping the neighborhoods in the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning area together in the preliminary map.
The SACNP covers the neighborhoods of West Gate, South Manchaca and Garrison Park and is part of a citywide planning effort.
Resident Robert Sowards Jr. wrote that District 5 shares common bonds among its diverse population.
"Three of my neighbors are Hispanic and one is a black/Anglo family. We do not care what ethnicity might represent us on the City Council, only that they indeed represent our area of Austin and not areas 15 miles to the east of us," he wrote.

78704 ZIP code

North of Ben White Boulevard, some neighborhood groups have opposed the preliminary map for breaking up the 78704 ZIP code, which they argue is a community of interest—a protected status under the Voting Rights Act.
South River City Citizens Neighborhood Association has opposed the map, Vice President Carol Martin said.
She said it was wrong not to include the neighborhood with others that share many common issues.
South Austin resident Tom Nuckols said he was not in the same district as his local grocery store but was in the same district as The Home Depot in the Mueller development, even though he has never set foot in the store.
He said that communities of interest use the same roads, parks, libraries, grocery stores and restaurants.

Resident Nan Clayton said the Sept. 28 preliminary map was an improvement over the Sept. 21 draft map.
As a resident of the proposed District 9—an area spanning parts of 78704 ZIP code, downtown, The University of Texas campus and part of east Austin—she would like to see 78704 remain intact.
"I feel like whatever was leftover got stuck in that [district]," she said. "We have so little in common when you look at it. Between downtown, the university and [the Mueller development], what is the common thread?"

Future meetings and public hearings

Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., 5803 Nuckols Crossing Road, 78744
Oct. 30, 6:30–10 p.m., 8401 Cameron Road, 78754

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Central West Austin Neighborhood District Map Proposal

The West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG) has proposed an alternative to the ICRC's Official Preliminary Map to address to provide a more compact arrangement of Districts 6, 7, and 10 without alternating any other district boundaries. In addition to requesting boundary tweaks to include the Pemberton Heights and Bryker Woods Neighborhood Associations in District 7, WANG has requested that the ICRC consider a more compact arrangement of the non-opportunity districts north of the river (namely Districts 6, 7, and 10) with the Alternative Compact Map Proposal posted at http://westaustinng.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Alternative-Map-With-Compact-Districts-6-7-and-10-ICRC-Population-Data.pdf. This Alternative Compact Map Proposal uses the ICRC's population data to provide a more compact and reasonable allocation of districts that satisfies the various mapping criteria without changing or altering any opportunity district boundaries. Additional details are posted at http://westaustinng.com/2013/10/23/comments-onicrc-single-member-district-map-and-map-proposal-from-west-austin-neighborhood-group/.
Michael Cannatti 23 days ago | *reply*

DOJ Approval of Map and Variance in Districts

You wrote: "The map must be approved by the U.S. Department of Justice and must meet Voting Rights Act standards.
Ideally each district should have 79,783 residents in it, but a small percentage greater or less than that amount is considered acceptable." To clarify, the preclearance provision of the Voting Rights Act is no longer applicable, but section 2, which prohibits racial discrimination, is applicable. The variation in population between districts is no more than 10 percent difference between the most populous and least populous district. That is, the difference cannot exceed 7,978 people.
Stefan Haag 27 days ago | *reply*

Austin American-Statesman

District map pleases some

While some in the southeast are happy, there's still grumbling.

By Sarah Coppola SCOPPOLA@STATESMAN.COM October 27, 2013

Several Southeast Austin residents said at a public hearing Saturday that they are happy with a draft map of 10 City Council districts that a commission drew recently.

But residents of South and Central Austin continue to urge the commission to redo the districts for their areas, saying the draft map divides communities that share common interests.

"To me, splitting up (the South Austin ZIP code) 78704, as your map does, feels like gerrymandering," Dawson neighborhood resident Kam Magor told the commission. Magor was one of a few dozen people who spoke at the hearing, held at Southeast Branch Library in Dove Springs.

The commission is carrying out a plan that Austin voters approved last fall to change the City Council from seven members who each represent the whole city to 10 district representatives and a citywide mayor.

Future City Council candidates will have to live and campaign in the districts the commission draws. The first election of an 11-member council will be in November 2014.

The commission — which is made up of 14 Austinites who aren't City Council members or political appointees — drew the draft map Sept. 28. It is holding four public hearings, then plans to revise the map next month and complete a final map in December.

The districts must, by law, be roughly equal in population — each with about 80,000 people.

A few districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act and contain large numbers of African-American and Hispanic residents, to give those minorities a fair chance to elect City Council candidates they prefer.

Several Dove Springs residents praised the commission's draft boundaries for District 2, a Southeast Austin district that pairs Dove Springs with the Montopolis area and other heav ily Hispanic neighborhoods.

"We like (District 2) the way it is, the way you've drawn it. We don't want it adjusted at all," said Ricardo Zavala, president of the civic group Dove Springs Proud.

But several residents of South and Central Austin pressed the commission to revise District 7, which has a slender shape that runs from West Austin to far North Austin, and District 9, which includes part of South Austin, downtown, neighborhoods near the University of Texas and the Mueller neighborhood in East Austin.

A newly formed group, the Compact Districts Coalition, has been pushing its own 10-district map that would keep together 78704 — the ZIP code for neighborhoods immediately south of the Colorado River from downtown.

But critics have said the boundaries in the coalition's map would dilute the voting strength of minorities in East and Southeast Austin.

"People have asked us, 'Why are you messing with the minority districts?' " said Tom Nuckols, a member of the coalition. "The answer is that this is like a Rubik's Cube. You have to get all sides of it right. ... It is possible to draw two minority districts south of the river and not cut other neighborhoods in half."

Another group of neighborhoods, the Northwest Austin Coalition, proposed to the commission slightly different boundaries for District 7 and District 4, a largely Hispanic area in North Austin.

Its version of District 7 would pull in the Wooten neighborhood in North Austin, then would extend only as far south as 35th Street.

"What we're offering is a compromise," Ed English, a member of the Northwest coalition, told the commission. "We've attempted to build on what you've done so far."

Districts slowly taking shape

Painstaking process frustrates some, but progress continues.

By Sarah Coppola SCOPPOLA@STATESMAN.COM November 5, 2013

The districts must, by law, be roughly equal in population — about 80,000 people. On Monday, the commission struggled with how to even out the district populations. For example, it grappled with whether to put several areas in South Austin with their neighbors to the west, south or north.

An Austin commission Monday continued to revise a draft map of 10 City Council districts, starting with Northwest Austin and moving south. A few members of the panel expressed frustration that the group was spending too much time re-thinking its choices. "I feel a need to express my puzzlement and frustration," said panel member Harriett Harrow, after the commission redrew significant sections of South and Southeast Austin, areas it had already revised on Saturday. "We are up against a tight deadline and it feels like we have just spent an hour or more going backwards." Others noted that this first-ever mapping effort will lead to stops and starts. "Once we started getting into it, we realized we weren't as close to being done as we thought we were," panel member Art Lopez said. "We are having to make harder decisions tonight. I don't think the time we've spent is wasted." The commission is carrying out a plan that Austin voters approved last fall to change the City Council from seven members who each represent the whole city to 10 district representatives and a citywide mayor. The commission's final map, which it hopes to complete in December, will set the political boundaries for the new council districts. The commission drew a draft map Sept. 28, then held four public hearings. It will continuing revising Wednesday and will possibly vote on a second draft. It will hold a few more public hearings before drawing a final draft. Some of the bigger changes the commission made Monday were moving a large chunk of West Austin, including Tarrytown, into District 10, which stretches to far Northwest Austin, and moving the Shady Hollow neighborhood in South Austin into District 8, which mostly includes Southwest Austin neighborhoods. The commission also put all of the Bouldin Creek neighborhood in District 9; previously, the commission had split that area

between two districts. It also made District 5 a more slender shape that runs from far South Austin up to the Zilker neighborhood immediately south of Lady Bird Lake. And it pushed the two Southeast Austin districts a bit further west, into South Austin. In the draft map, residents were the most unhappy with District 7, which stretched from West Austin up MoPac Boulevard (Loop 1) to far North Austin, and District 9, which included parts of South and Central Austin, as well as the Mueller neighborhood in East Austin. The commission Saturday shortened District 7 so that its southern edge is 45th Street, and it cut out part of West Austin from District 9.

THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE

Very Early Returns: Calling All Council Candidates!

The mayoral and council election season has already started

BY MICHAEL KING, Friday, DEC. 27, 2013

The next municipal election – formerly a spring affair –takes place Nov. 4, 2014, when a new mayor and 10 City Council members will be chosen by Austin voters, the latter for the first time from single-member districts (each including approximately 80,000 residents). Until then, the full governmental effect of SMDs remains unknown. But the immediate political effect is already manifesting: plenty of potential (or definite) candidates. Although the filing (starting July 19) and official campaign periods (opening early May) are several months away, a number of folks have already declared their candidacies, and many more say they're in the "exploratory" or "seriously considering" stage. The mayoral dance card is already burgeoning, as are a few of the district races – others remain wide open at this early stage. Although we certainly didn't connect with everybody in the potential pool – especially during the busy holidays – we contacted as many real or rumored candidates as possible, to compile a list of "certains," "possibles," and "maybes." Here's a pending candidate list to ponder as the new year turns; undoubtedly it's incomplete – if you should be on it, or if you know someone considering a run, drop a line to mking@austinchronicle.com.

MAYOR

As expected, at least two and perhaps three sitting Council members – term-limited from their current seats – are contemplating mayoral runs. The field is also filling up with local VIPs who will likely be able to underwrite a citywide campaign. (And we can expect a few literal wild cards as the filing date approaches.)

Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole says she is "thinking about" a run, hopes to make a "family decision" by early spring.
CM Mike Martinez has not made a "final decision," but does "want to serve in that capacity at some point" and "would expect to be a candidate" to be a mayor "who understands the working people of this community."
Bill McLellan, former 3M executive, chief development officer at Family Eldercare, and longtime civic activist, is "certainly running" – and this week his Facebook page announced: "Candidate for Mayor."
Patsy Woods Martin is a community leader, and founder of "I Live Here, I Give Here" philanthropic effort; "friend and advisor" Robert Jones says she's "seriously exploring" a mayoral run and is in the "first phase" of that process.
Laura Morrison did not respond to queries, but is reportedly still considering a run.
Mark Williams, former AISD board chair, says he is being encouraged to run, and is "seriously considering" the idea.
Stephen Adler, eminent domain attorney and co-founder of Barron & Adler, LLP, says he's been encouraged by "a fairly wide group of folks," and is considering a possible run.

DISTRICT 1 (East/Northeast)

Ora Houston, veteran civic activist (most recently in the single-member district campaign), is "definitely running," according to friend and longtime political consultant David Butts.
DeWayne Lofton, former Place 6 candidate in 2006, says he's been "waiting a long time for another opportunity" and is "looking forward to seeing how this new system will work."

DISTRICT 2 (Southeast)

Delia Garza, assistant attorney general, former firefighter (Local 975), and Charter Revision Committee member, says she "plans to run" and intends to "provide a voice for a part of Austin that hasn't had a voice."
Marco Mancillas, executive director of the Hispanic Physicians Association, has also been mentioned, but there's no confirmation at press time.

DISTRICT 3 (East/Southeast)

Susana Almanza, co-director of People Organized in the Defense of Earth and Her Resources, did not respond to *Chronicle* queries, but elsewhere has unofficially announced her candidacy.
Perla Cavazos, former Council candidate (2009) and legislative director, is "leaning towards" another run, but remains in the "exploratory stage."
Jayme Mathias, current AISD board member, is "committed to completing his term" but is being "encouraged to consider" a run by supporters.
Fred McGhee, author and public housing advocate, is "strongly considering" a run and would be a "serious candidate."

DISTRICT 4 (North/Central)

Gregorio Casar, Workers Defense Project political director, is "considering it very seriously" and "will make a decision over the holidays."
Jim Walker, urban planner and activist, has also been mentioned, but said he is not interested in a run at this time.

DISTRICT 5 (Central/South)

Jeff Jack, architect, city planning commissioner, and longtime City Hall activist, is "seriously considering" a run and reviewing both his personal circumstances and the political context.
Ann Kitchen, former Texas House member and Liveable City leader, is "definitely running" and "hoping to represent the whole district that might not feel fully represented now."
Fred Cantu, Democratic activist, could not be confirmed at press time, but is reportedly considering a run.

DISTRICT 6 (Northwest/West)

Jimmy Flannigan, Web business owner and Austin Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce president, is "seriously considering" a run but hasn't certainly decided yet.
Matt Stillwell, small business owner and former state House candidate, "will run."
Jay Wiley, former George W. Bush and Phil Gramm aide, and former Federalist Society president, already has a campaign website (**www.jaywileyforaustin.com**), and a no tax, no spend, no bagban platform.

DISTRICT 7 (North/Central)

Jeb Boyt, mass transit and parks advocate, is "definitely" planning to run.
Ben Leffler, public policy professional and former city auditor/investigator, is "considering" a run, but has made no decision yet.

DISTRICT 8 (South/Southwest)

Rebecca Bray, Brown & Gay Engineers senior project manager and Real Estate Council of Austin board member, did not respond to queries, but is reportedly considering a run.
Eliza May, longtime civic activist, is "very seriously considering" a run and "exploring the political landscape" toward reaching a decision soon.
Darrell Pierce, former Council candidate and management consultant/business owner, is "close to a decision" to make another run.
Ed Scruggs, civic activist (most recently on local gun control issues), is "carefully considering a run" and expects his early decision process to "come into focus after the new year."

DISTRICT 9 (Central)

Chris Riley, Place 1 Council incumbent, "doesn't expect to make a formal decision until spring" but is "very excited by the prospect" of a district campaign marked by "knocking on neighborhood doors."
Kathie Tovo, Place 3 Council incumbent, is "seriously considering" another run and "expects to make a decision in the next couple of weeks."

DISTRICT 10 (West/Northwest)

Marjorie Burciaga, small business owner and community volunteer, is "seriously considering" a run and is in the exploratory stages of assembling a potential campaign.
Tina Cannon, former Place 5 candidate and educator/entrepreneur, already has a Facebook page – "Elect Tina Cannon" – and has been "encouraged by the support" she's receiving in the new District 10.
Mandy Dealey, former Place 3 candidate and long-serving commissioner-of-all-trades is being "encouraged" to run and is "considering" it, but says it's "not likely" at this time.
Jason Meeker, former Place 1 candidate and current Zoning and Platting Commissioner, says he's not ready to make an announcement, but is "considering" a run.
Robert Thomas, management consultant and Republican, ran against state Rep. Donna Howard in HD 48 in 2012; on his campaign Facebook page, he recently posted: "To be clear, we are VERY seriously inclined to run to represent our home area on the city council."

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About the ICRC

The Austin Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is charged with drawing ten new single-member City Council district boundaries in compliance with federal and state requirements through an open and transparent process that enables full public consideration and comment. A series of public meetings, including special Public Input Meetings, will be held throughout the months of August through November.

The Commission will work to ensure that the districts are geographically contiguous and compact, minimize the impact on local neighborhoods or communities of interest, use existing election precinct boundaries, and have geographically identifiable boundaries.

Comprised of fourteen diverse citizen volunteers from throughout Austin, selected through a transparent and independent application process, Austin Redistricting's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is committed to informing and hearing from the public throughout this historic process.

Update: On November 18, 2013, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a final map. You may view that map in detail on the Interactive Final Map or print out a copy of the Official Final Map. On November 25, 2013, the Commission certified the maps and the Final Certified Plan was presented to the City on November 26, 2013. You may download a copy of the Final Certified Plan as well.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Business Meeting

January 29 @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

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FAQ

Below are some of the most frequently asked questions about Austin Redistricting's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

General Redistricting Questions

Q. Why should I care about redistricting?

A. One of the greatest powers that the people have is the right to elect their own representatives to conduct the business of their government. How the district boundaries are configured can make the difference between empowering and maximizing the voters' voices or minimizing and muting those voices. The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is committed to drawing fair districts that reflect the best interests of the people not the incumbent political parties.

Q. What is the Voting Rights Act and why is it important?

A. Before the Voting Rights Act was passed, the practice of many states was to require qualified African Americans to pass literacy tests in order to register to vote. Other states only allowed a person to register to vote if his or her grandfather was allowed to vote. The Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965 to outlaw these practices.

In the 1970s, Congress heard extensive testimony about how state and local governments drew district lines and manipulated election rules to prevent newly-registered African American voters from being able to elect

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