

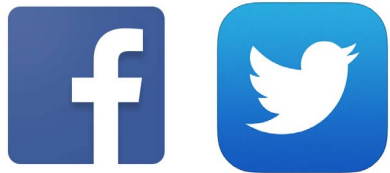


Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)

PUBLIC FORUM: DISTRICT 3
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
SATURDAY, AUG. 7, 1-3 P.M.

Public Forum Agenda

1. How to sign up for testimony
2. Background on the Independent Citizens Redistrict Commission (ICRC)
3. Current City Council district maps and demographic information
4. History of the 10-1 Austin City Council districts
5. Explanation of the delayed Census, and
6. Instructions for how to proceed through breakout sessions and how to use map print outs.



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<http://www.austintexas.gov/content/independent-citizens-redistricting-commission>

How to Sign Up to Testify Today

Step 1: Put your first and last name in the chat, the district you reside in, and your email address.

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ICRC Commissioners

District 1 – Errol Hardin

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District 2 – Sara Inés Calderón

District 3 – Brigham Morris

District 3 – Hoang Le

District 4 – Dr. Sterling Lands

District 5 – Prabhu Kannan

District 6 – Eugene Schneider

District 7 – Christina Puentes (Chair)

District 7 – Camellia Falcon

District 8 – Joshua Blank

District 9 – Shaina Kambo

District 10 – Luis Gonzalez (Vice-Chair)

District 10 – Erin Dempsey

District 3 Commissioner BJ Morris



Meet Commissioner Morris

District 3

Brigham Morris has lived in District 3 since 2007, a landscape that has evolved over the past 14 years. District 3 is Morris's favorite because it is a gateway to the rest of the city from the airport. It has so much to offer from Roy G. Guerrero Park to the Boardwalk to the hidden Riverside ranchettes where Sam Grey Horse regularly rides his mules down the road. Morris appreciates the rich history of the area and, albeit waning, diversity that District 3 brings to Austin



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Brigham Morris, moved to Texas in 2002 after serving in the U.S. Army in 2002 where he was stationed in Fort Hood. After the military, he moved to Austin and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and CPA license. He has worked in the finance and accounting sector ever since. Morris has lived in District 3 since 2007, a landscape that has evolved over the 14 years he has resided in the neighborhood. District 3 is Morris's favorite because it is a gateway to the rest of the city from Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). It has so much to offer from Roy G. Guerrero Park to the Boardwalk to the hidden Riverside ranchettes where Sam Grey Horse regularly rides his mules down the road. Morris appreciates the rich history of the area and, albeit waning, diversity that District 3 brings to Austin.

District 3 Commissioner Hoang Le

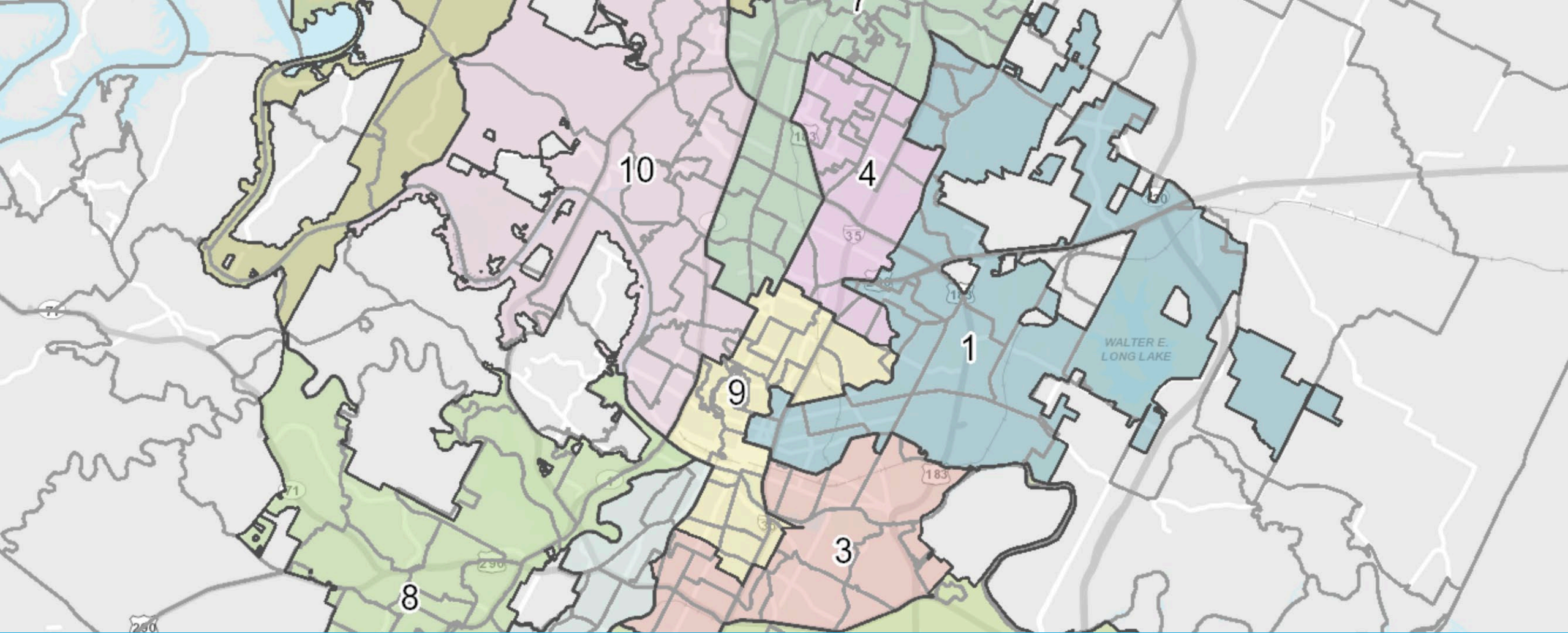
Meet Commissioner
Le
District 3

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Hoang Le, who immigrated to the United States at the age of eight, has lived in three different neighborhoods in District 3 – the Riverside/Montopolis area, Congress/Ben White area and Chicon/4th area. Le's studies in finance and economics has allowed him to work in a variety of industries from data analytics, investments, real estate to consulting. He enjoys frequenting the late-night food trucks on East Riverside, and exploring the Southshore District. He likes the trails and paths along the Colorado River, the quiet, serene scenery and the Longhorn Dam. Some of his favorite things of District 3 are all that the East downtown has to offer from the bars and restaurants to the eclectic homes and neighborhoods and all the things that Roy Guerrero Park area offers like disc golf, secret beach, volleyball courts, baseball fields, etc.



“Let the people draw the maps.”

--Austinites for Geographic Representation

ICRC Background & Selection Process

History

Austin residents voted to elect City Council by geographic district in 2012. Before that vote, six council members and the mayor were elected citywide. Today, the city has 10 districts with a council member elected from each district. The mayor is still elected citywide.

In 2013, a diverse group of Austin residents determined the boundaries for the 10 council districts. Since then, Austin's population has grown and changed an estimated 24% from 790,000+ people to 979,000+. This year a new group of citizens will redraw the district boundaries to reflect these changes.

ICRC Selection Process

300+ applications received

89.31% of received applications met minimum requirements

Applicant Review Panel selected the 60 most qualified Commission applicants

City Auditor randomly selected 8 Commissioners from the qualified pool

The randomly selected 8 commissioners choose 6 additional applicants from the qualified pool

14 commissioners will work to draw the district boundaries

The Role of the ICRC

The Commission will decide on the new boundaries through an open and transparent process with many opportunities for public input.

In order to draw the district boundaries, commissioners need input from residents throughout the process. The process involves:

- **Holding public meetings in each of the 10 city council districts**
- **Coming up with an initial draft of the boundaries**
- **Holding four more public meetings (one in each of the Travis County precincts)**
- **Proposing final boundaries**
- **Holding two more public meetings (one north and one south of Lady Bird Lake)**
- **Voting on final boundaries**
- **Adopting a final plan by no later than November 1, 2021**

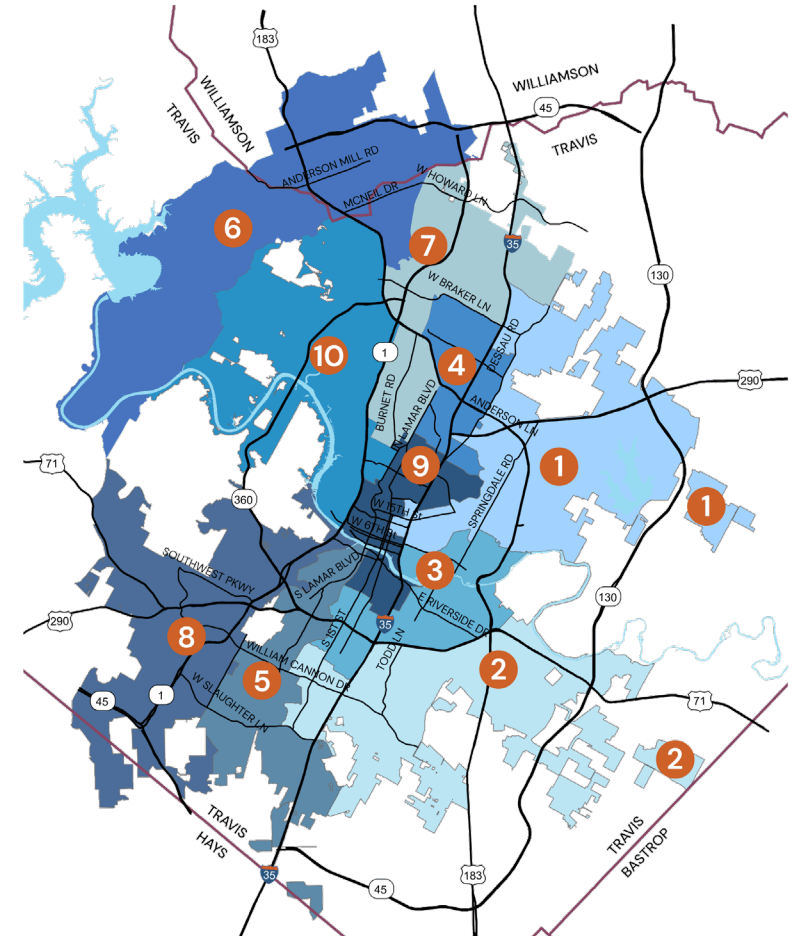
Why Redistricting Matters



Redistricting will change how Austin residents are represented by City Council and shape how they think about their community.

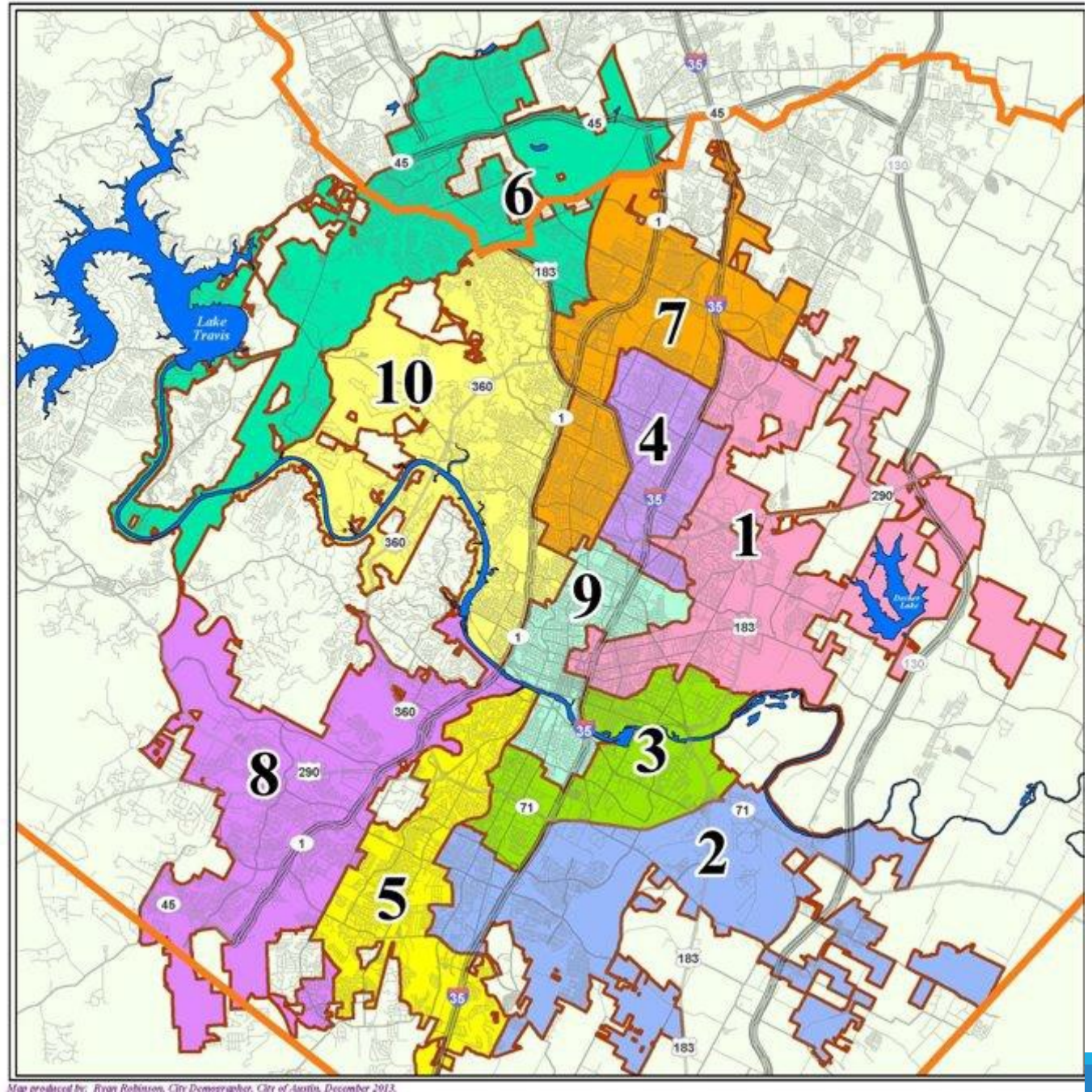


Residents who participate will have a chance to meet Austinites across the city and learn more about the city they call home. They will learn about Austin's history and make important decisions about Austin's future.



ICRC Final Plan

November 2013

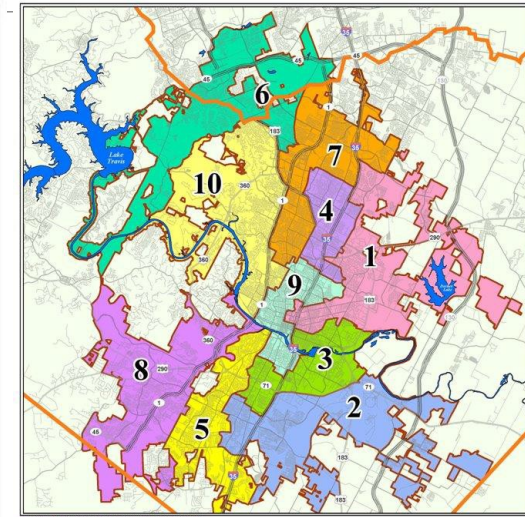
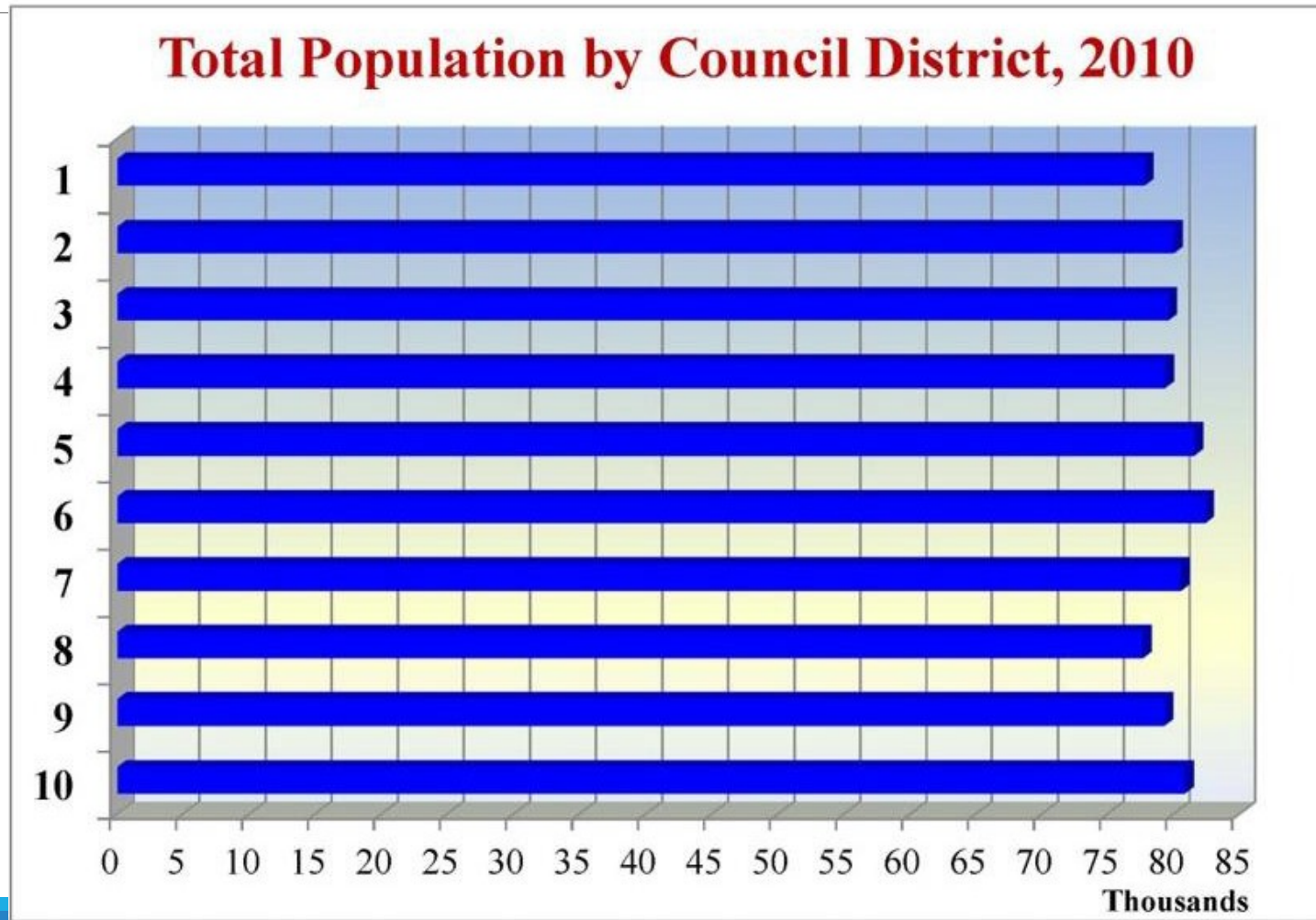


How Does the ICRC Draw Maps?

From the City Charter, Section 3.E

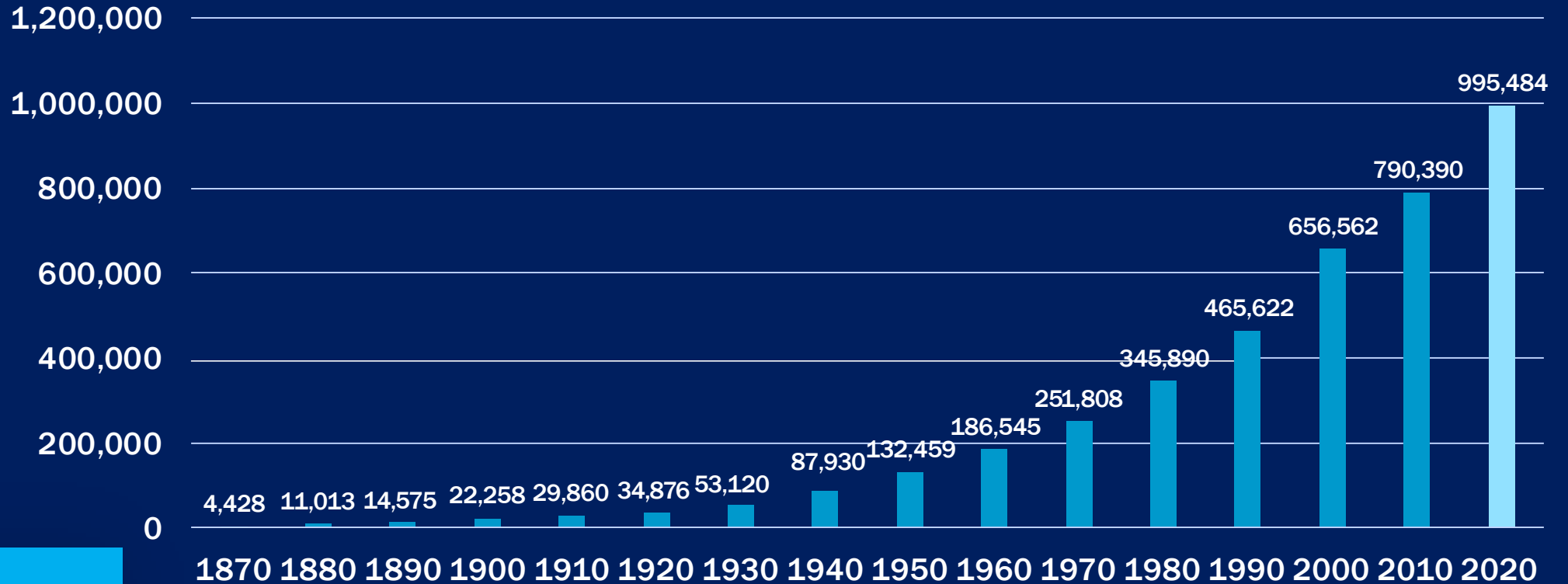
1. Each district shall have reasonably equal population with other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act or is allowable by law.
2. Districts shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act and any other requirement of federal or state law.
3. Districts shall be geographically contiguous.
4. The geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subsections.
5. District boundaries shall be drawn to encourage geographical compactness such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for more distant populations as is practical.
6. District boundaries shall be drawn using the boundaries of existing election precincts, as is practical.
7. District boundaries shall be drawn using geographically identifiable boundaries, as is practical.

Total Population by District, 2010



Austin Population Growth, 1870 to 2020

The ideal city council district size would be approximately 99,584.

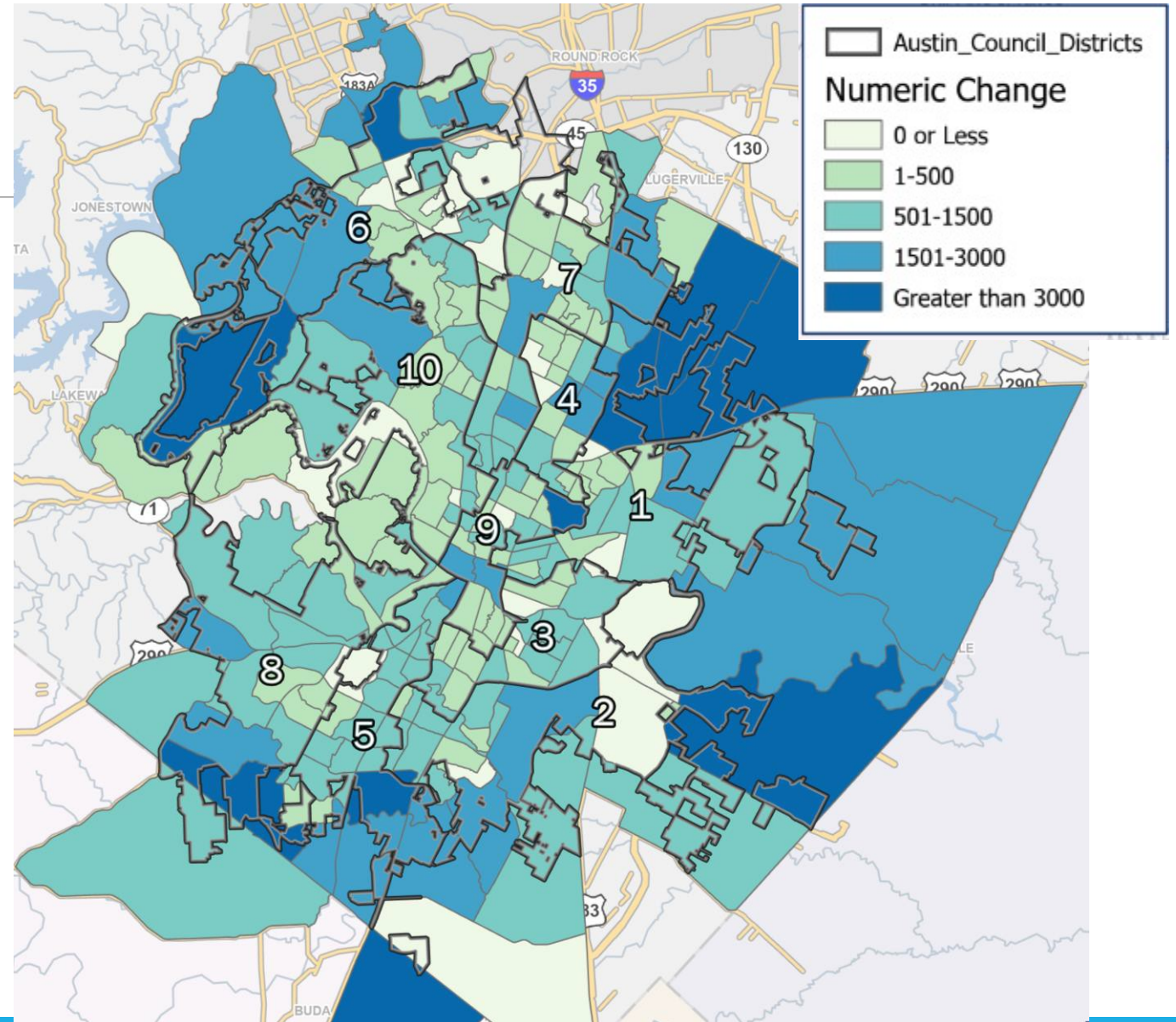


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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Vintage 2020.



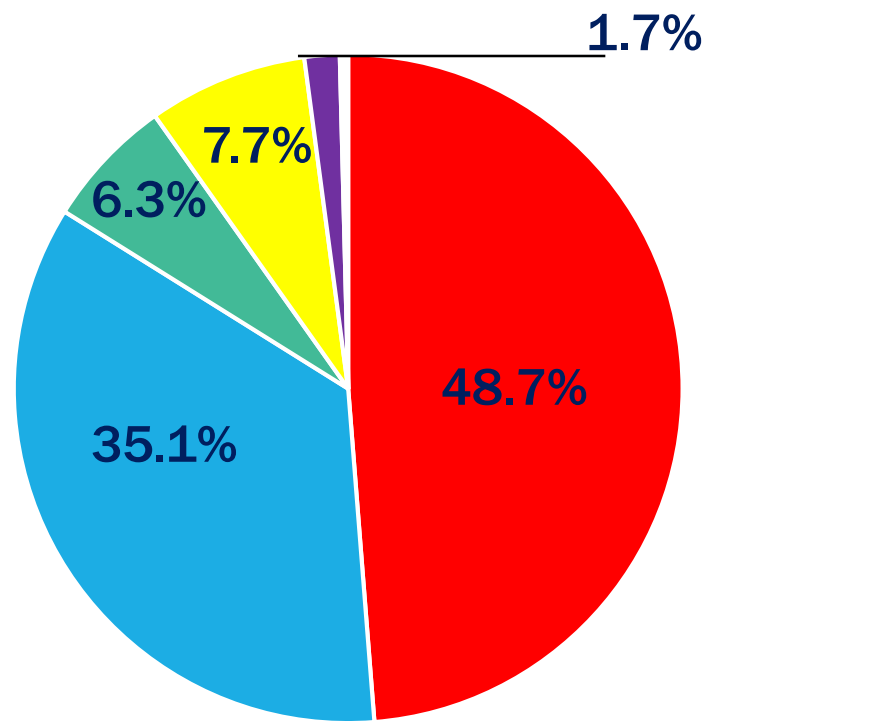
Numeric Population Change, 2010 to 2019



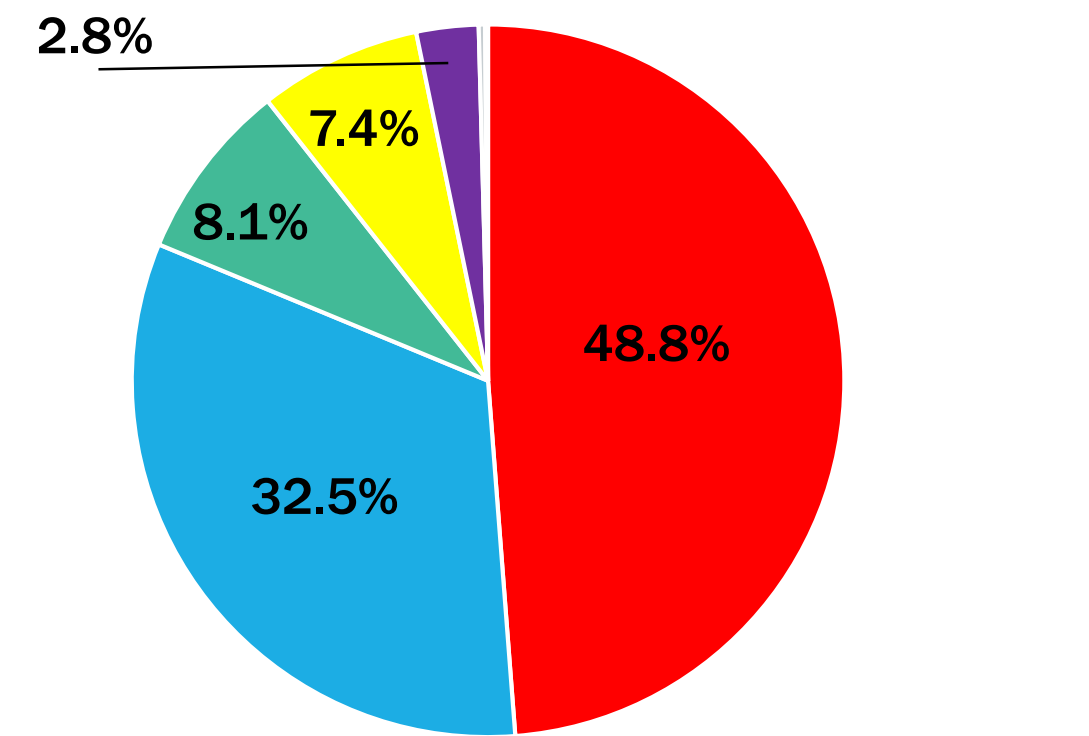


Austin Race/Ethnicity Composition

2010 Demographics



2019 Demographics



Why Do We Not Have the 2020 Census Data?

Operational delays caused by COVID-19 in addition to wildfires, hurricanes, allegations of political interference, fluctuating deadlines and lawsuits delayed the Census Bureau's original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states starting on Feb. 18, 2021 and ending on March 31, 2021.

Redistricting data will be released mid-August to late September at [census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

- Aug. 12– Census Bureau will release raw data, a few days ahead of schedule
- Sept. 30– Census Bureau will release toolkit with software to understand data in census

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Map Activity Instructions

NEW! You can also find the ICRC on SpeakUp Austin and complete a survey about the city-wide maps.

1. In your web browser, search for the Austin ICRC and click on the city website.
2. Locate today's date and the click on the Backup document titled "ICRC Worksheet" and the district number.
3. You may print the document to make handwritten notes and mark the map, or you may simply view the document and email your written comments to icrc.commissioners@austintexas.gov.
 - Map markings should help the commission's intention of keeping your community together. You can draw points to represent important places and draw circles to indicate which areas you wish to remain intact in your district.
4. Once you are finished, you may scan and email the printed map, or send to

Attn: ICRC

P.O. Box 1088

Austin, Texas 78767

Common Areas of Interest

Areas of interest are the overlapping sets of **neighborhoods, networks, and groups** that share interests, views, cultures, histories, languages, and values and whose boundaries can be identified on a map.

Examples:

- Neighborhoods
- Schools
- Parks
- Shopping malls and grocery stores
- Recreation facilities
- Bus routes

Questions to Consider When Providing Feedback on Maps

What do I need to know about your district?

How do you live your life in your community?

What routes do you take to work?

What churches, mosques, temples do you attend?

What grocery store do you frequent?

What schools do your children attend (pre-K, elementary, high school, private, community college, university)?

How accessible is Capitol Metro bus line?

What are some of the shared community spaces—shopping centers, homeowners' associations, parks, pools, etc.?

Where do you go to the doctor?

Where is the nearest police and fire station in your community?

What are your community's shared interests—health conditions, land use, environmental conditions, and/or other issues?

What are the racial and ethnic compositions, cultural identities, and households that predominantly speak a language other than English in your community?

Explain the socio-economic status in your community, including but not limited to income, home-ownership and education levels.

What are the shared political boundary lines from other jurisdictions in your community?

Public Testimony

- All individuals wishing to make comments must have signed in prior to the meeting.
- Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes, unless additional time is granted by the Chair.
- Those in attendance are asked to refrain from disrupting the meeting by making noise of any kind (clapping, verbal feedback, etc.); anyone who disrupts the proceedings will be asked to leave.
- The Commission is interested in gathering data on citizens' view of neighborhoods, maps, and the redistricting plan.
- Everyone is asked to abide by these guidelines so that the public forum process can proceed smoothly and all who wish to speak have the opportunity to do so.

Upcoming Public Forums

DISTRICT-SPECIFIC FORUMS

D2: Tuesday, August 10: 6-8pm

Mendez Middle School

5106 Village Square Dr, Austin, TX 78744

D1: Saturday, August 14: 1-3pm

George Washington Carver Museum; Lobby

1165 Angelina St, Austin, TX 78702

D5: Tuesday, August 17: 6-8pm

Via Zoom

CITY-WIDE FORUMS

Virtual Public Forum #1

Saturday, August 21: 10am-12pm

Via Zoom

Virtual Public Forum #2

Friday, August 27: 11am-1pm

Via Zoom

Thank You for Attending the ICRC's Public Forum!



Have something to say to *all the commissioners?*

Email us at
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