



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)

VIRTUAL CITYWIDE FORUM

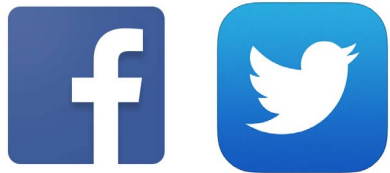
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

11AM

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 find more information and leave feedback on maps.



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ICRC websites:

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

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



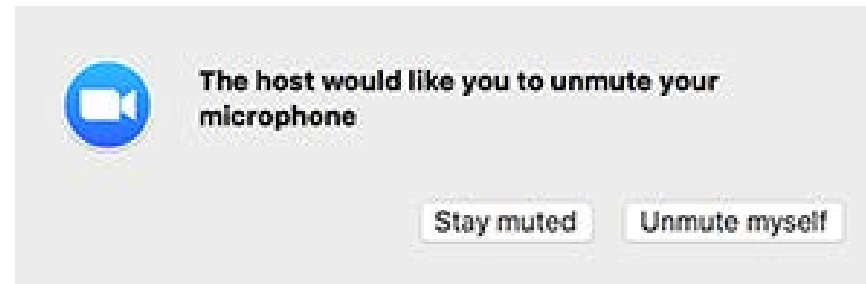
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ICRC Commissioners

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)

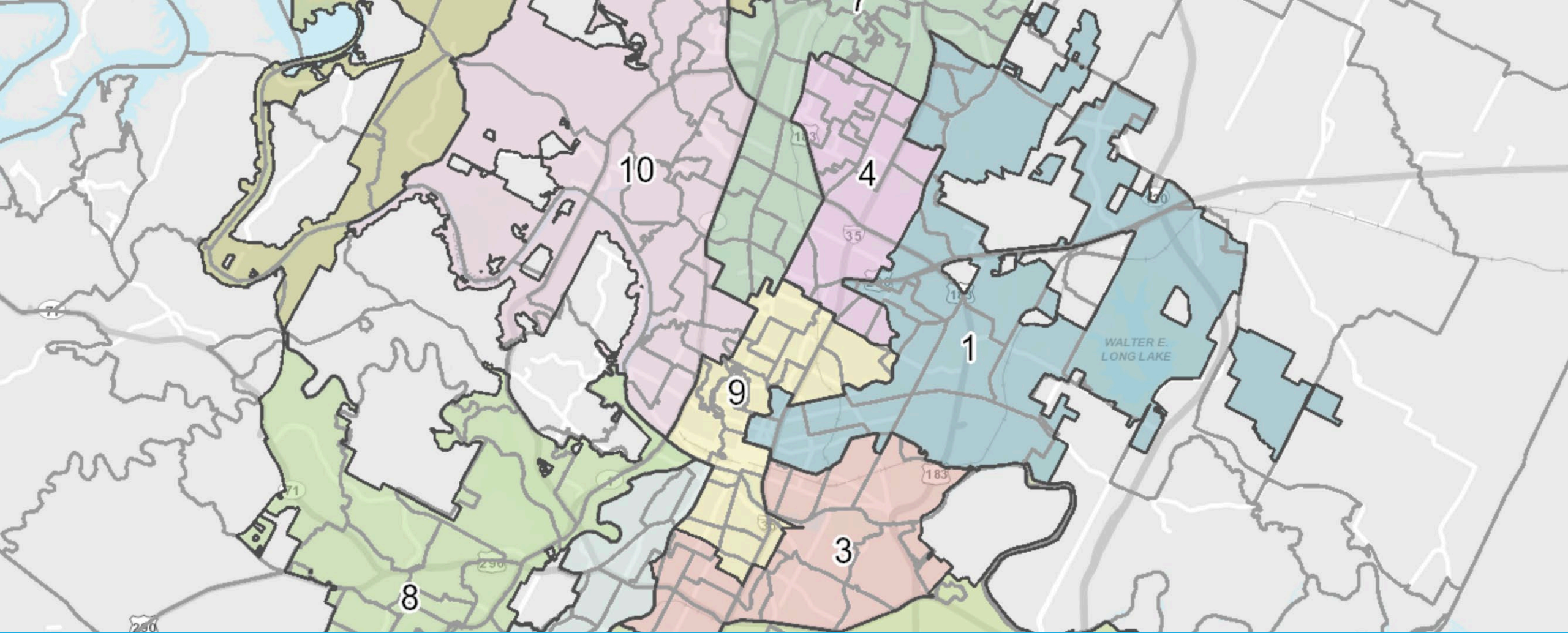
District 7 – Camellia Falcon

District 8 – Joshua Blank

District 9 – Shaina Kambo

District 10 – Luis Gonzalez (Vice-Chair)

District 10 – Erin Dempsey



“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 about 21% from 790,000+ people to 961,000+. 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



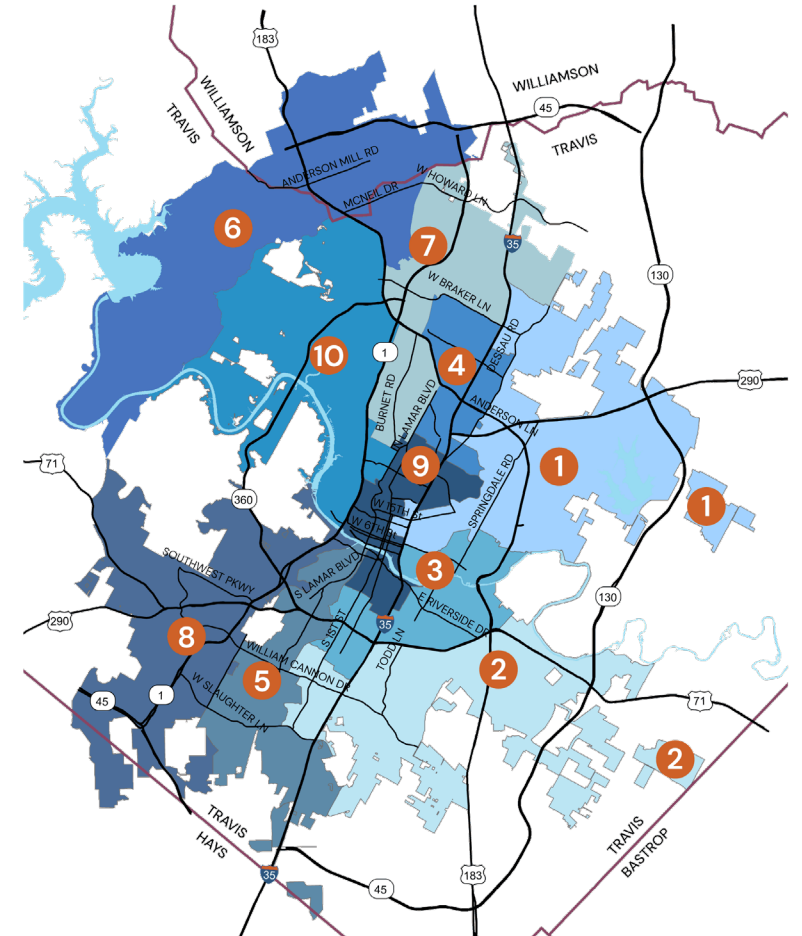
Redistricting will change how Austin residents are represented by City Council and shape how they think about their community.



Austin's population has grown and changed since the districts were originally drawn in 2013. The new district boundaries may change as well.

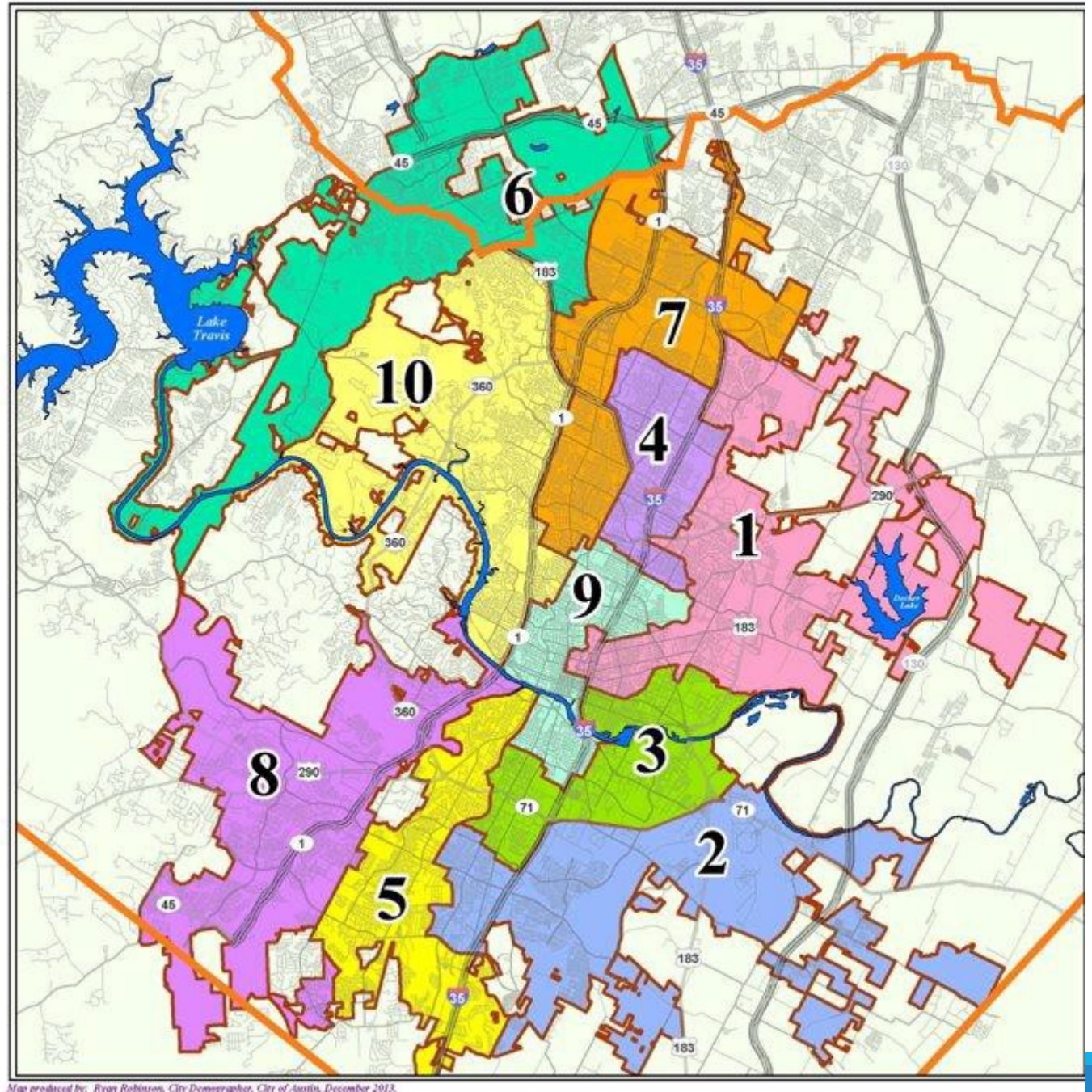


Residents who participate will have a chance to meet Austinites across the city and learn more about the city they call home. They will learn about Austin's history and make important decisions about Austin's future.



ICRC Final Plan

November 2013

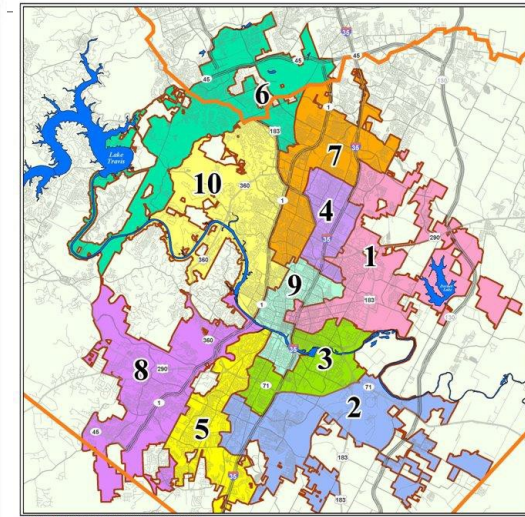
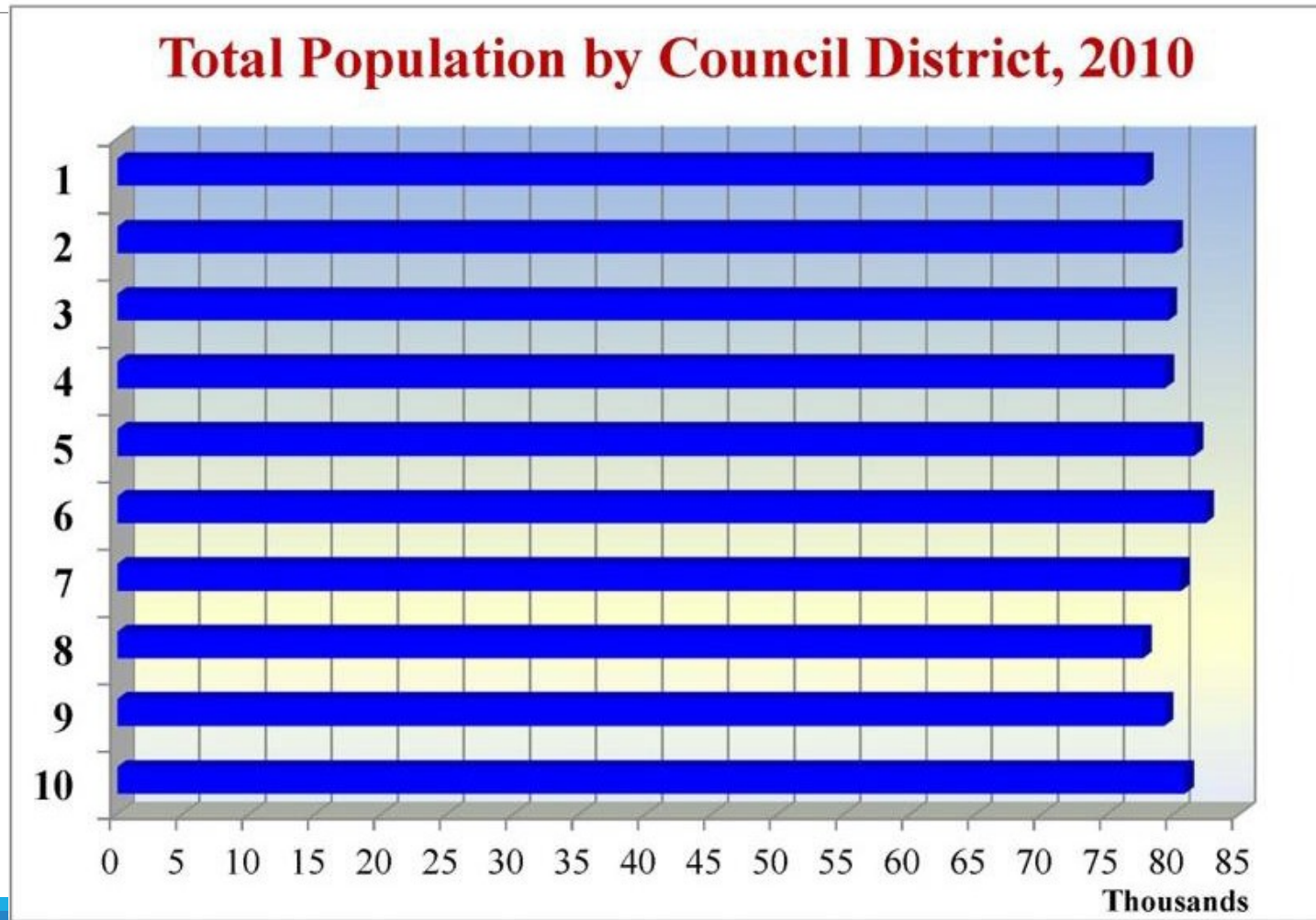


How Does the ICRC Draw Maps?

From the City Charter, Section 3.E

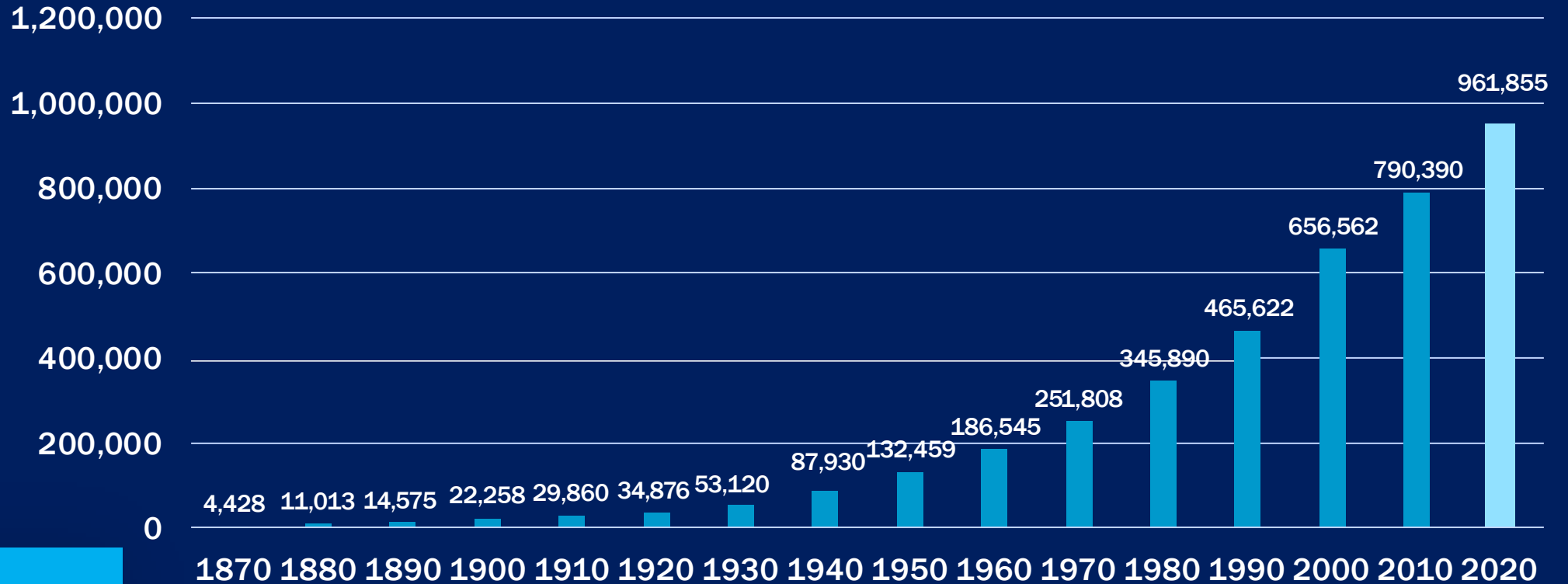
1. Each district shall have reasonably equal population with other districts, except where deviation is required to comply with the federal Voting Rights Act or is allowable by law.
2. Districts shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act and any other requirement of federal or state law.
3. Districts 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 96,185.



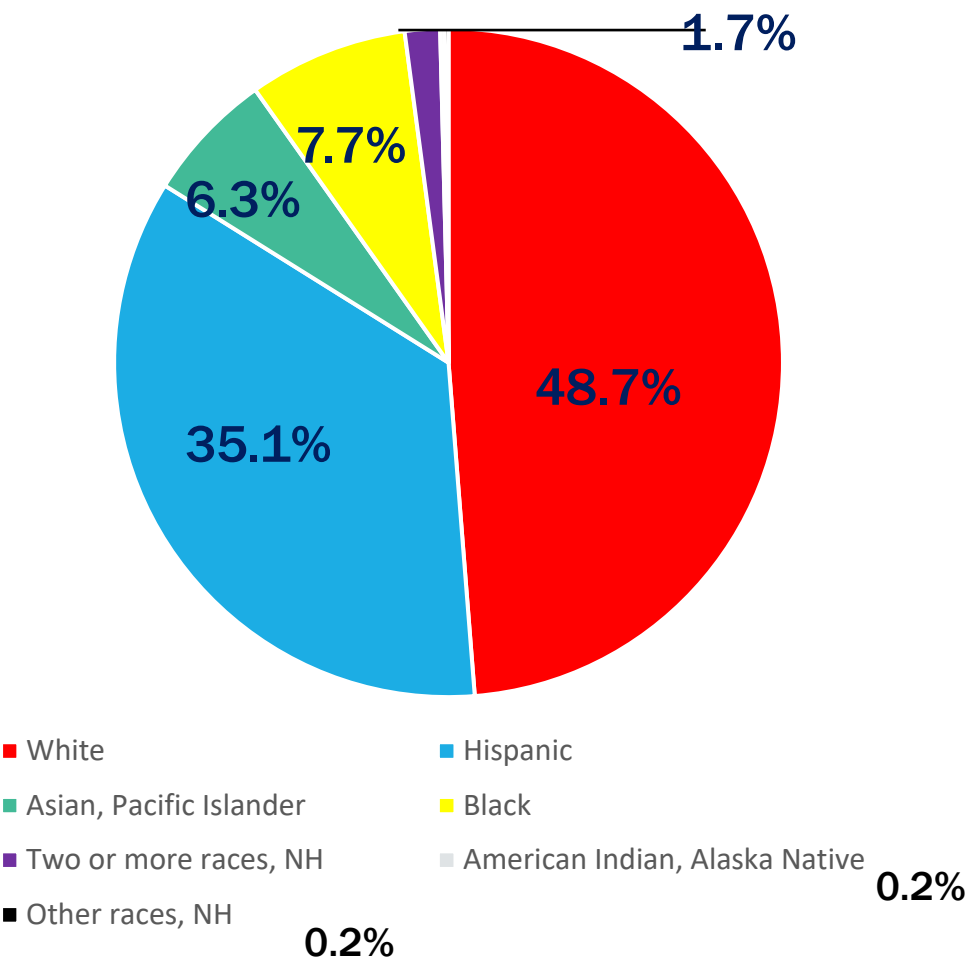
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses 1870 – 2010; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Vintage 2020.

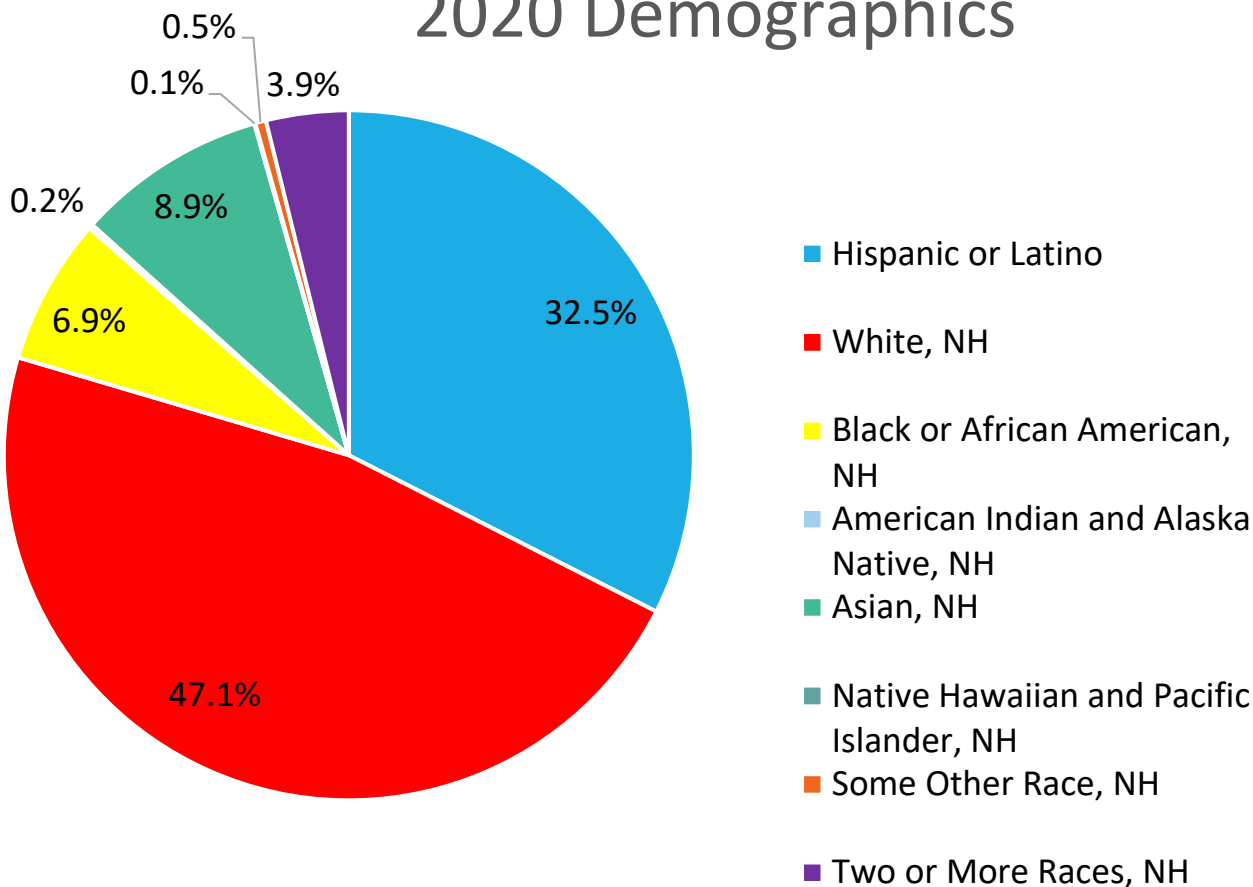


Austin Race/Ethnicity Composition

2010 Demographics



2020 Demographics




Change in Austin's Racial-Ethnic Composition, 2010 to 2020

	2010	2020	Percent of Total, 2010	Percent of Total, 2020	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Percent of Total Change
Hispanic or Latino	277,707	312,448	35.1%	32.5%	34,741	12.5%	20.3%
American Indian & Alaska Native, NH	1,967	2,002	0.2%	0.2%	35	1.8%	0.0%
Asian, NH	49,159	85,853	6.2%	8.9%	36,694	74.6%	21.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, NH	401	528	0.1%	0.1%	127	31.7%	0.1%
Black or African American, NH	60,760	66,002	7.7%	6.9%	5,242	8.6%	3.1%
Some other race, NH	1,448	4,841	0.2%	0.5%	3,393	234.3%	2.0%
Two or more races, NH	13,677	37,187	1.7%	3.9%	23,510	171.9%	13.7%
White, NH	385,271	452,994	48.7%	47.1%	67,723	17.6%	39.5%
Total	790,390	961,855	100.0%	100.0%	171,465	21.7%	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2010, 2020; Note: red text denotes decrease since 2010

Why Was the 2020 Census Data Delayed?



- 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.
- Data including demographic changes was recently released on Thursday, August 12, 2021.
- The State will take some time to create data usable for the commission's mapping purposes.



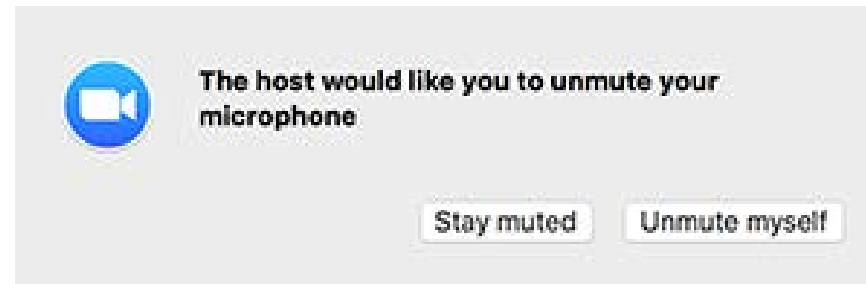
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How to Find ICRC Documents

1. In your web browser, search for “Austin ICRC.”
2. Click on the city website (austintexas.gov), which should be the first search result.
3. Click on the icon on the left that says “View Meeting Documents.”
4. Below each meeting date are items including meeting agendas, video recordings in English and Spanish, presentations, documents viewed by the commission, and more.

Leave Us Feedback at SpeakUp Austin

- In your web browser, search for “SpeakUp Austin.”
- Locate the Community Engagement Opportunity called “Shape Austin’s Future – Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission” and click on “View Project.”
- Scroll down until you see the tab that says “Event Feedback.”
- You can create an account to complete the survey about the current city-wide maps.
 - Your comments will help the ICRC understand how to keep your community within the same district.
 - Your comments will be taken into consideration prior to drawing the first draft of new maps.

Questions to Consider When Providing Feedback

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.
- 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

Public Forum #1

Saturday, September 18: 11am-1pm

Gus Garcia Recreation Center

Public Forum #2

Tuesday, September 21: 6-8pm

Mayfield Cottage

Public Forum #3

Saturday, September 25: 1-3pm

George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center

TO BE SCHEDULED:

Public Forum #4

Virtual Forum

Via Zoom

Thank You for Attending the ICRC's Public Forum!



Have something to say to *all the commissioners?*

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