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your feedback!



Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)

VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

6-8PM

Agenda

1. How to Stay Informed
2. The Redistricting Process
 1. Why Does Independent Redistricting Matter?
 2. The Process
 3. The Criteria
3. The Final Map & Data Used
4. Public Testimony
5. Reminders

Our Ask of the Public:

- Submit your feedback and spread the word about ICRC future events
- Please share details about your community for our consideration



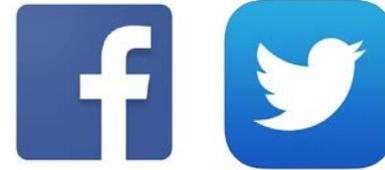
How to Stay Informed

City of Austin ICRC Website

- Holds public records, all documentation, agendas, recordings.
- <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/independent-citizens-redistricting-commission> (or search “ICRC Austin”)

SpeakUp Austin! Website:

- Holds information about our general meetings, public forums, and an online form to submit feedback
- <https://www.speakupaustin.org/city-of-austin-redistricting>



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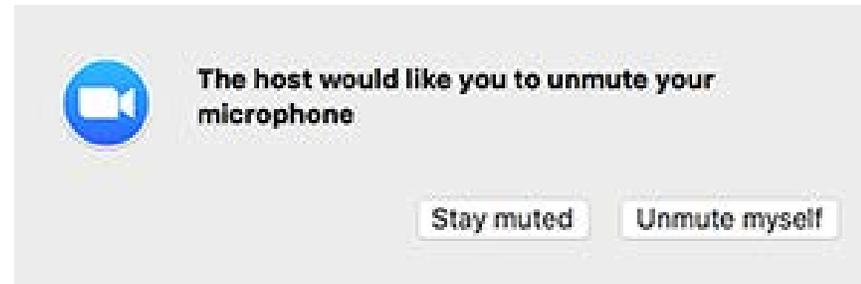
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District 5 – Prabhu Kannan

District 6 – Eugene Schneider

District 7 – Christina Puentes (Chair)

District 7 – Camellia Falcon

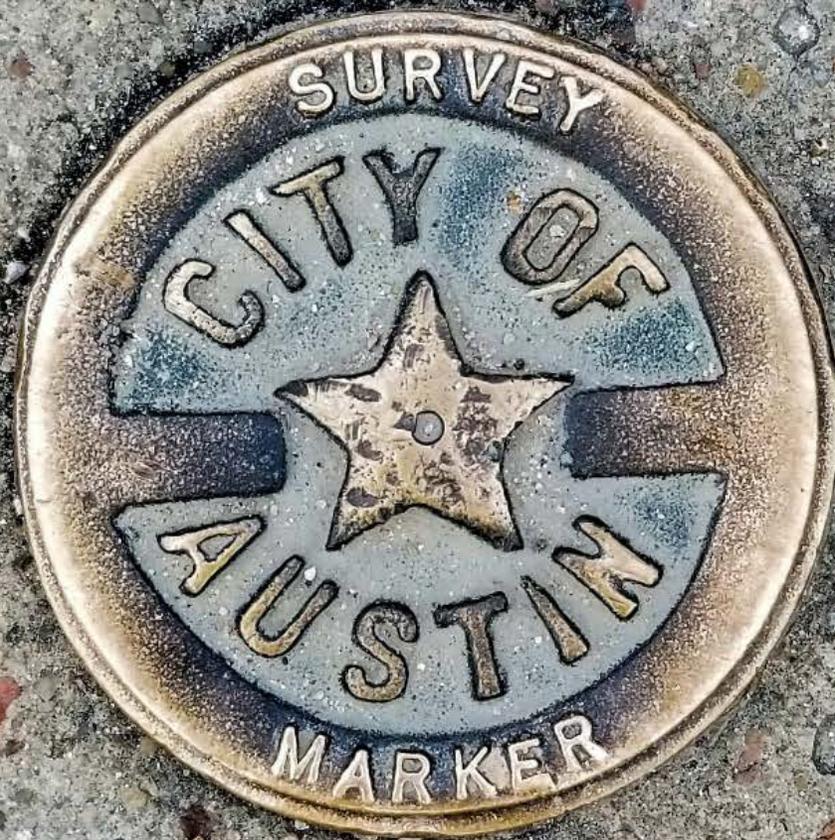
District 8 – Joshua Blank

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District 10 – Erin Dempsey





The Redistricting Process



Why Does An Independent Redistricting Process Matter?

Equal Representation

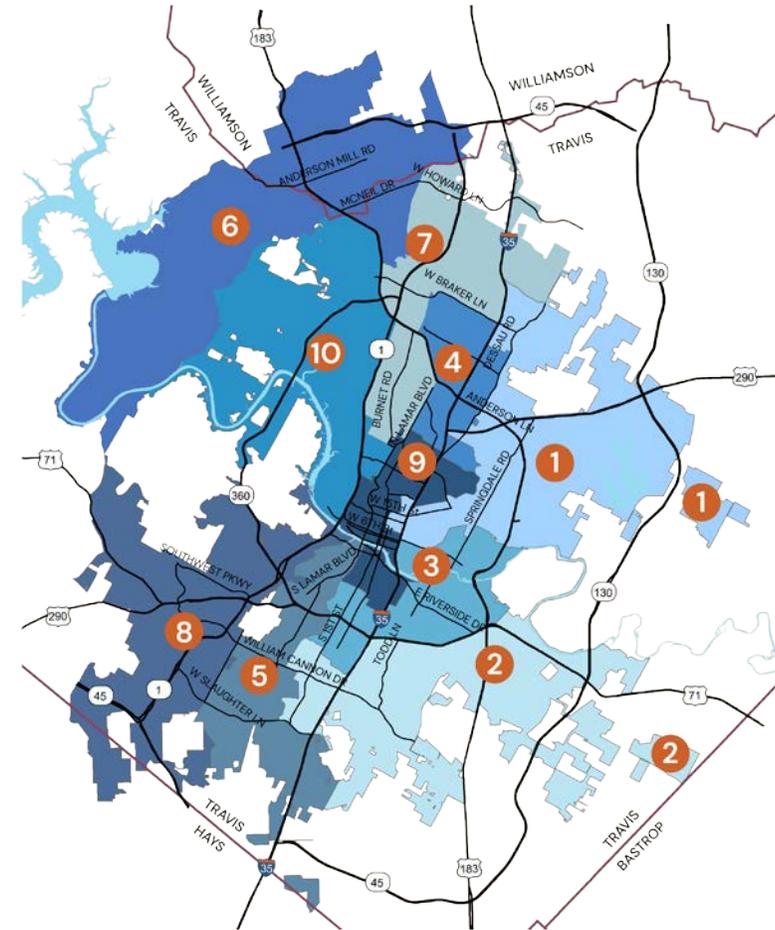
At the core of redistricting is equal and fair representation, including for historically underrepresented communities, on the city council. Each district should have as close to the same number of residents as possible.

Independent Input

An independent redistricting process allows residents to have a voice in how their community is shaped without the influence of political officials.

Our Changing City

An independent redistricting process can focus on drawing district boundaries based on population growth and movement rather than being concerned with the outcome of elections.



The Map Journey

First Round of Public Forums

The ICRC held 12 public forums using the 2013 city council district map, which was created by the first ICRC and serves as a foundation for redistricting in 2021.

Held from 7/15 – 8/26

First Draft of Preliminary Map

The first map prioritized the creation of districts with reasonably equal population.

Presented at 9/8 meeting

Preliminary Map Approved

The second map incorporated considerations of the Voting Rights Act and the integrity of neighborhoods based on public input from 12 forums.

Presented at 9/15 meeting

Second Round of Public Forums

The ICRC took public comment 21 days. Feedback on the preliminary map was reviewed and considered for incorporation.

Held from 9/18 – 10/02



The Map Journey (cont'd)

Adopt Final Map

The ICRC incorporated testimony from second round of public forums into the final draft.

Presented at 10/06 meeting

Third Round of Public Forums

The final map will be presented to the public for additional feedback for at least five days.

Oct 16, Oct 18 & Oct 20

Certify Final Map

The ICRC will adopt a final map by the deadline set in the City Charter.

November 1, 2021

Publish Final Report

A final report will be released following the adoption of the final map.



How Does the ICRC Draw Maps?

Sect.	City Charter, Article II; Section 3E	What does it mean?
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.	Balancing the current population (as measured through the 2020 Census), as close to 0% deviation as possible, in each district.
2	Districts shall comply with the federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) and any other requirement of federal or state law.	The applicable section of the VRA for redistricting states that if a minority opportunity district can be drawn, it must be drawn.
3	Districts shall be geographically contiguous.	All areas of a particular district should be connected.
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.	The focus of ICRC public input, engagement, and events.
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.	Districts should not be sprawling. Unannexed areas may impact this criterion.

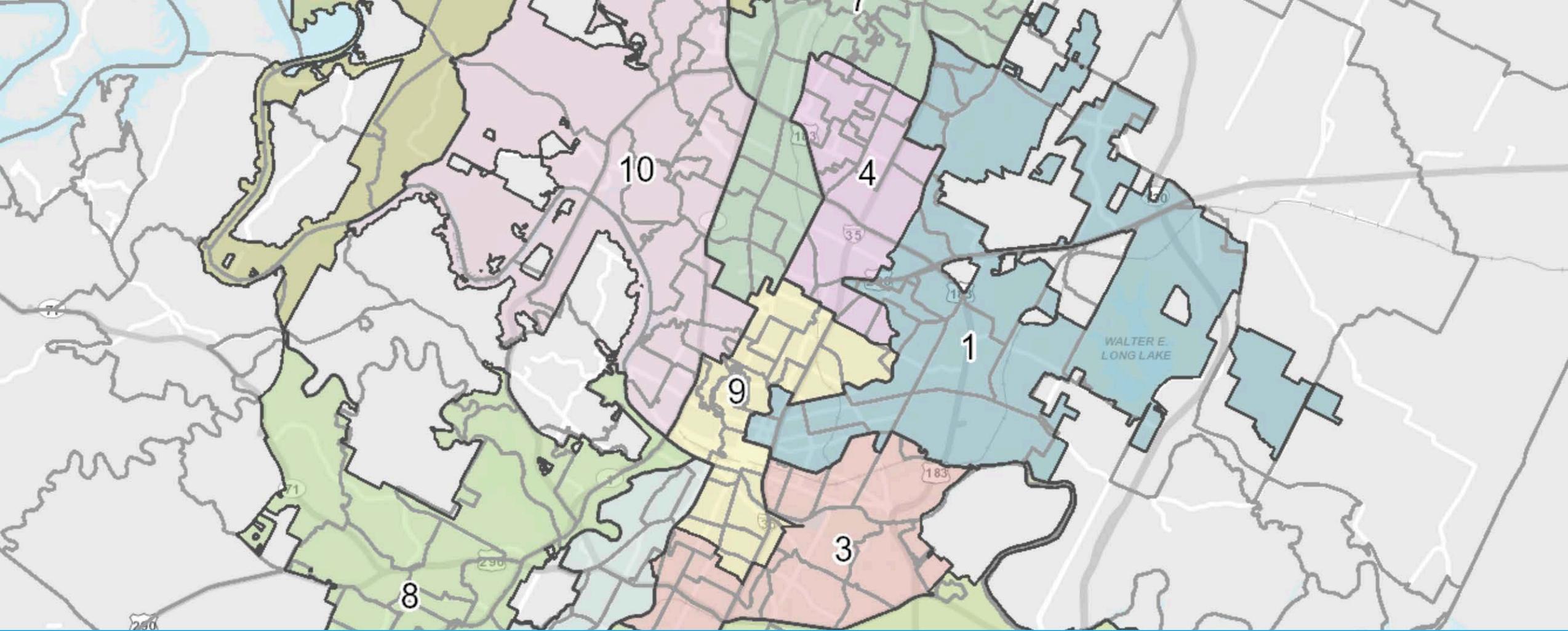
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How Does the ICRC Draw Maps? (cont'd)

Sect.	How it is Stated in City Charter	What does it mean?
6	District boundaries shall be drawn using the boundaries of existing election precincts, as is practical.	In Austin, our voting tabulation districts (VTD) are drawn by Travis County. VTDs should remain intact to support ease of voting but can be split when deemed necessary.
7	District boundaries shall be drawn using geographically identifiable boundaries, as is practical.	Austin has many natural, historical, and manmade boundaries. These were considered in the redrawing process.





The Final Map & Data Used



Population Changes per District

Current City Population: 961,855

Ideal Population per District: 96,185 ←

District	Population (2013)	Population (2020)	Population per Proposed New District (2021)
1	76,111 (-3.85%)	97,387 (+1.25%)	94,010 (-2.26%)
2	79,587 (-0.25%)	98,165 (+2.06%)	98,165 (+2.06%)
3	79,536 (-0.31%)	86,733 (-9.83%)	91,533 (-4.84%)
4	79,360 (-0.53%)	80,710 (-16.09%)	94,936 (-1.30%)
5	80,675 (+1.15%)	102,617 (+6.69%)	97,457 (+1.32%)
6	82,747 (+3.72%)	108,460 (+12.76%)	95,409 (-0.81%)
7	80,924 (+1.43%)	102,929 (+7.01%)	95,077 (-1.15%)
8	77,399 (-2.99%)	96,001 (-0.19%)	99,175 (+3.11%)
9	79,735 (-0.06%)	91,801 (-4.56%)	98,949 (+2.87%)
10	81,152 (+1.72%)	97,052 (+0.90%)	97,196 (+1.05%)

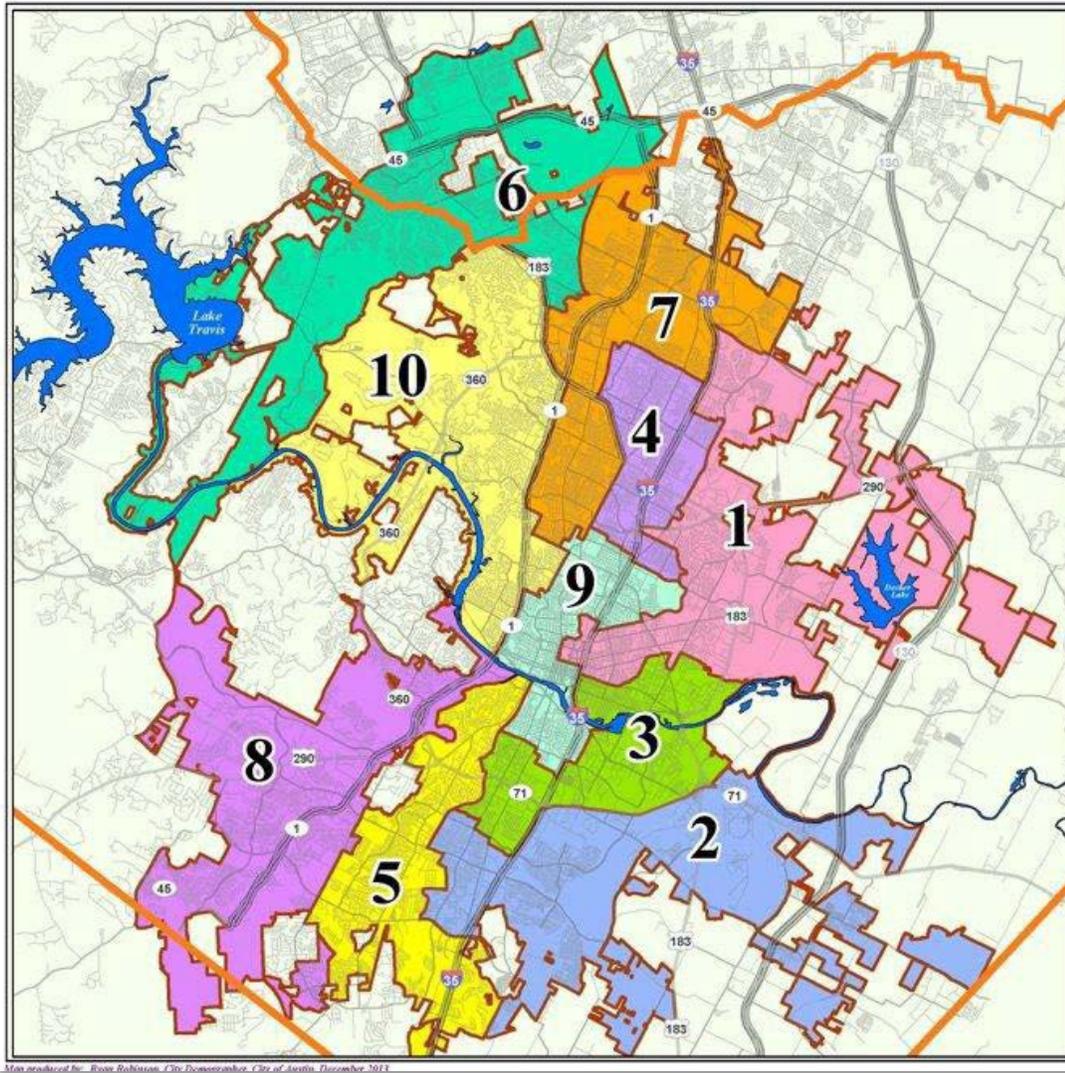


Other Considerations

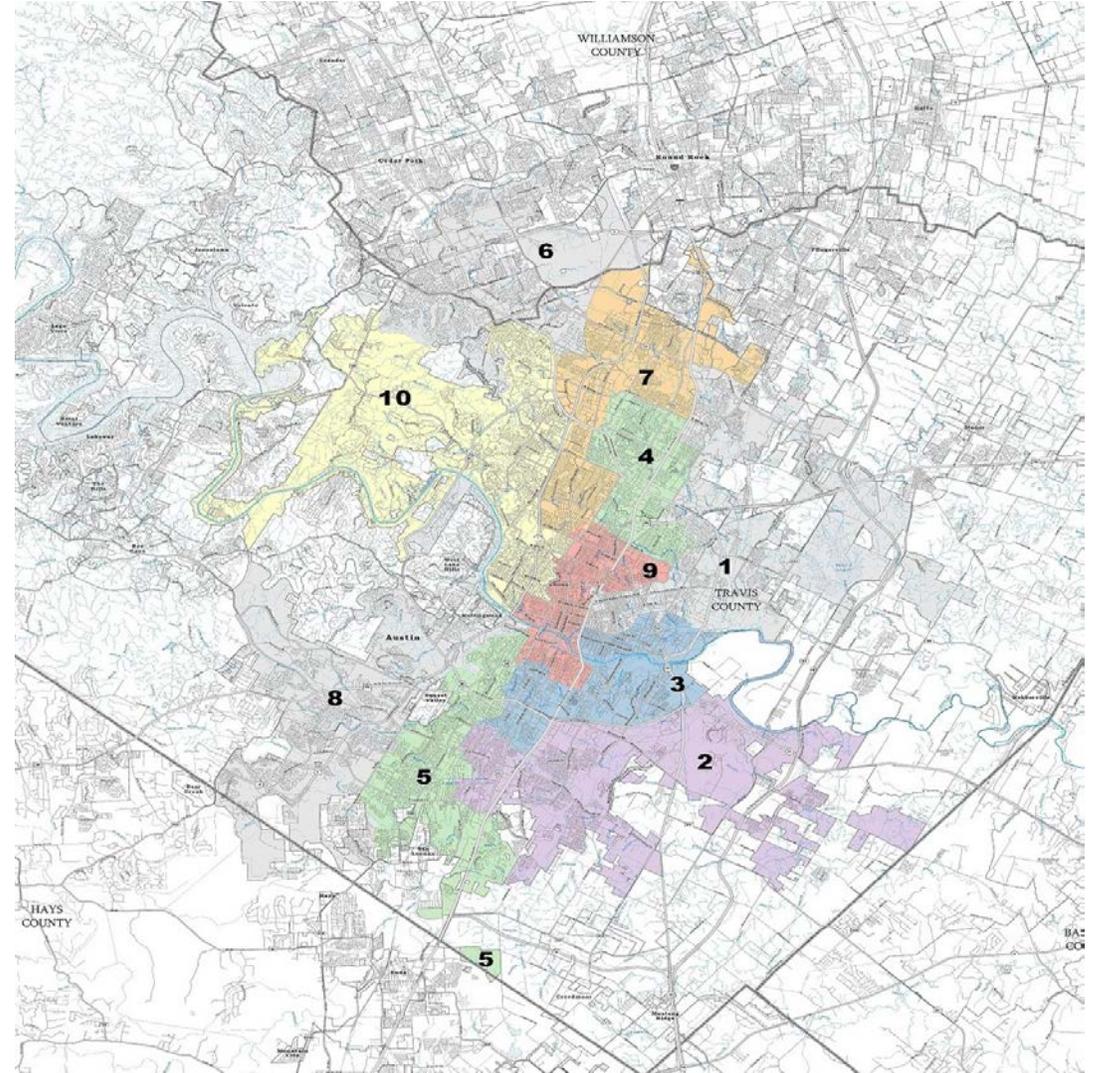
- Compliance with the federal Voting Rights Act
- Public Input from 17 Forums & Email Communication
- Expert Testimony
- 2013 ICRC Final Report



2013



2021





Public Testimony



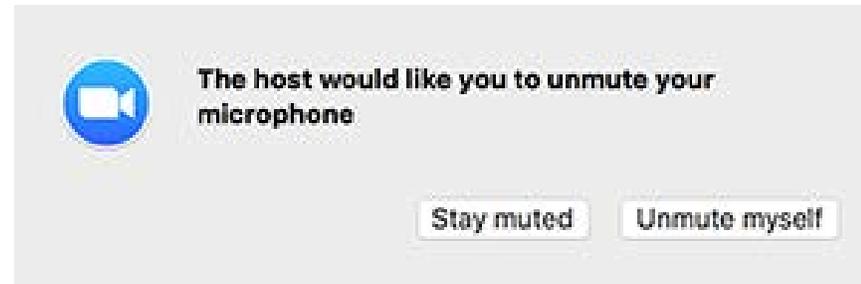
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Public Testimony

- 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 constructive feedback on citizens' views of the final map, suggested adjustments, and the overall redistricting plan.
- Speakers can ask questions during testimony to seek information and clarity, rather than to seek debate. The chair can answer, a commissioner can ask the chair to address the speaker, or the chair can direct staff to answer the question. The speaker's time will be stopped when the commission is answering a question.
- Commissioners will be able to ask questions that are within the scope of the public testimony of a specific speaker.
- 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 Forums



Upcoming Forums for Final Map

Public Forum #3

Wednesday, October 20: 6-8pm

Dell Jewish Community Campus

Contact us for translation or interpretation services; all are welcome, accessible accommodations are being prioritized.



Thank You for Attending the ICRC's Public Forum!

Have a question or need clarification?

Email us at

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