

ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, met in regular session at its regular term at the Fort Bend County Historic Courthouse in the City of Richmond, Texas, on 10-12-2021, with all members present except _____.

A quorum was present. Among other business, the following was transacted:

ORDER ADOPTING FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT PRECINCT REDISTRICTING CRITERIA TO GUIDE THE FORMULATION OF THE REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS

Commissioner Meyers introduced an order and made a motion that the same be adopted. Commissioner Prestage seconded the motion for adoption of the order. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Judge KP George	✓		
Comm. Vincent Morales, Jr.	✓		
Comm. Grady Prestage	✓		
Comm. Andy Meyers	✓		
Comm. Ken DeMerchant	✓		

The County Judge thereupon announced that the motion had duly and lawfully carried and that the order had been duly and lawfully adopted. The adopted order follows:

WHEREAS, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court (the "Court") is in the process of drawing lines for its four commissioner precincts based on the 2020 United States Census data; and

WHEREAS, the Court desires to be guided by certain criteria as it undertakes the redistricting process; and

WHEREAS, the Court agrees to base its redistricting decisions on certain established criteria set forth below as the *Fort Bend County Commissioner Court Precinct Redistricting Criteria*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

ARTICLE I

Fort Bend County Commissioner Court Precinct Redistricting Criteria

The redistricting criteria presented below for commissioner court precincts shall be complied with in the following order of priority:

1. Commissioner precincts shall be drawn to meet the one-person, one-vote requirement of the United States Constitution on the basis of total population. Plans should show the total population and voting age population, according to the official 2020 U.S. Census Bureau Data, for each proposed commissioner precinct, including subtotals for racial groups reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Plans should have a total population variance (deviation) below 10%.
2. Plans shall be constructed to comply with all provisions of the U.S. Constitution and its amendments as well as the Voting Rights Act. Specifically, plans should meet all requirements of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits the denial or abridgement of the right to vote based on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group, and, in some circumstances, requires the configuration of precincts that provide racial and language minorities an effective opportunity to elect their candidate of choice where their populations are sufficiently large and geographically compact.
3. To the extent permitted by law, commissioner precincts should respect population changes in Fort Bend County over the last decade including population increases and decreases within commissioner precincts.
4. Commissioner precincts should be drawn in a manner that takes into account the election results for elections held within Fort Bend County over the last decade.
5. Communities of interest should be considered where possible in compliance with the preceding principles. For purposes of this principle, "community of interest" means any group that shares one or more substantial interests that may be the subject of county policy. Social, cultural, geographic, and economic interests common to the population of the area will be considered. Communities of interest may also include but are not limited to matters reflecting: a) shared public policy concerns of urban, rural, cultural, agricultural, industrial, media market, or trade areas; and b) shared public policy concerns such as education, employment, environment, public health, transportation, water needs and supplies, and other issues of demonstrable regional significance.
6. To the extent possible, commissioner precincts should be comprised of whole voting tabulation districts ("VTDs"). Where this is not possible or practical, commissioner precincts should be drawn in a manner that permits the creation of VTDs and that ensures that adequate polling place facilities exist in each VTD.
7. Commissioner precincts should be comprised of geographically contiguous territory.
8. Proposed plans should be drawn pursuant to these criteria and shall include the boundaries of all commissioner precincts.
9. Where possible, well-recognized and long used election precinct boundaries should be retained intact (within the limitations imposed by state and federal law) or with as little alteration as possible.
10. Election precincts in the plan should be sized in conformity with state law. For example,

in counties that use traditional, hand counted paper ballots, no election precinct may contain more than 2000 voters. In counties with voting systems that allow for automated ballot counting, this number may be increased to as many as 5000 registered voters.


11. The plan should afford incumbent office holders with the assurance that incumbents will not be paired in contests between incumbents.

ARTICLE II

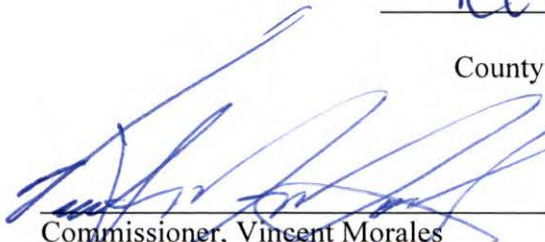
Miscellaneous

1. Open Meeting. It is hereby found, determined and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the Commissioners Court at which this Order was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the Fort Bend County Travis Building for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Order and the subject matter thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The Commissioners Court further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.
2. Repealer. All orders, resolutions, and ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
3. Effective Date. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date reflected in this Order.

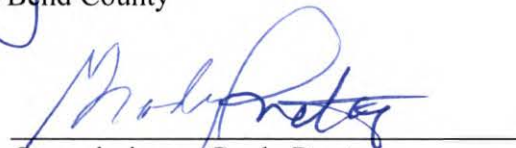
Signed this 12 day of October, 2021.




KP George
County Judge, Fort Bend County



Commissioner, Vincent Morales
Precinct 1



Commissioner, Grady Prestage
Precinct 2



Commissioner, Andy Meyers
Precinct 3



Commissioner, Ken DeMerchant
Precinct 4



Laura Richard, County Clerk

