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FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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MEETING TYPE	AGENDA ITEM#	FOR	AGAINST
Regular Session Agenda	5.A		✓
Regular Session Agenda	20.A	✓	
Regular Session Agenda	20.B	✓	

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Listing of the primary requirements and considerations which should govern Texas county commissioner precinct redistricting (Sources: Texas Constitution Article 5, Texas Election Code Title 4 Ch. 42 and NCSL - National Conference of State Legislators)

Note: Per the Texas constitution, Texas counties with a population of 50,000 or more shall be divided into not less than 4 and not more than 8 Commissioner precincts.

- 1) Commissioner precinct maps **SHALL** be drawn in a manner that neither has the purpose nor will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on the basis of race, color, or language group.
- 2) Individual voter precinct boundaries **SHALL** not contain territory from more than one of the following:
 - a. County commissioner's precinct
 - b. ~~Justice of the Peace precinct~~ (TEC 42.005 conflicts with Texas Constitution Article 5)
 - c. US Congressional district
 - d. Texas state Representative or Senatorial district
 - e. Texas State Board of Education district
- 3) No individual voter **SHALL** be required to travel more than 25 miles to a polling location.
- 4) Commissioner precincts **SHALL** be Compact (Based largely on a precinct's physical shape and on the distance between all parts of a precinct. A circle is a perfectly compact district under most measures) and Contiguous (All parts of a precinct are connected).

- 5) County commissioner and voter precinct maps **SHOULD** be drawn in a manner that preserves / maintains "communities of interest", such as neighborhoods, cultural districts, areas representing shared socioeconomic characteristics.
- 6) Commissioner precincts **SHOULD** have a relatively even partisan balance. Avoid creating "guaranteed election outcome" precincts for either party.
- 7) The core boundaries of previous Commissioner precincts **SHOULD** be maintained to the extent possible. This will result in similar maps from cycle to cycle, providing cost savings and reducing voter confusion.
- 8) Commissioner precincts **SHOULD** have "substantially" equal populations, generally defined as less than or equal to a 10% deviation.