

REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Judson Independent School District (JISD) met at 6:30pm on September 1, 2011 at 8205 Palisades, Live Oak, Texas.

The following RAC members were present: Grant Lopez, Randy Galindo, Tom Daly, Jose Trevino, Spurgeon Busby, Dee Johnson, Sonney Merrell, Beth Shadron, Art Cordoza, Elisa Major, Wayne Harper, Reginal Harris, Javier Duran, David Salgado, Virginia Bueno, Michelle Soto, Alex Saucedo, Donald Krebs, Henry Embry, and Joyce Turner; see the attached sign-in sheet.

The following RAC members were not present: Yolanda Rodriguez (called prior to meeting to inform of absence), and Theodore Haynes.

The following Judson ISD staff and consultants were present: Daniel Kershner-JISD Executive Director of Operations; Robert Russo-legal counsel; Tony Resendez-legal counsel; Leslie Johnston-demographer.

Other persons attending are listed on the attached sign-in sheet: at-large Board member June Adair (see attached sign-in sheet).

Other persons in attendance not listed on the sign-in sheet: Jose Macias, Richard LaFoilie, Beth Sutton, and Morgan Adair; the first three noted are also members of the Board of Trustees for JISD.

Topics and Information Presented/Discussed: Mr. Russo and Mr. Resendez presented legal requirements and discussed the reasons which necessitate redistricting single-member districts (SMDs) and the reasons for selection of this committee. Both Mr. Resendez and Ms. Johnston presented demographic information from 2000 and 2010 addressing population growth and changes, including the changes in minority populations and voter populations. Ms. Johnston also presented two options for redrawing the single-member district (SMD) lines for the committee to discuss, labeled SMD Plan 5-A and SMD Plan 5-B. Included in the information provided to the committee members were maps of the current single-member districts, as well as demographic information showing comparisons among the current single-member districts and the two proposed plans. Ms. Johnston indicated that Plan 5-A was designed to make the fewest changes to the current single-member district boundaries, while plan 5-B was drawn to minimize the deviation. Members of the Committee asked clarifying questions and offered personal insights into the voting areas reflected in both of the proposed plans submitted by Ms. Johnston. Each committee member was then asked one by one to share their personal view on each option and recommend possible changes.

Decisions regarding future meetings and additional information/requests needed: Most of the committee members indicated a preference for the option labeled Plan 5-B, with possible changes to

the boundaries between SMDs 1 and 5, in order to work with Bexar voting precincts 4055 and 4079. Plan 5-B was preferred by a large number of committee members because it stayed closer to the county precincts, had less of a deviation, left room for future growth, and would be better for voters. One committee member expressed an interest in seeing if county precinct 4065 could be moved into SMD 1, and trying to keep voting at the same places as under the current SMD plan. The viewpoint of a number of committee members was that Plan 5-B split the City of Live Oak and Universal City between two voting precincts. Ms. Johnston was tasked with moving the proposed boundaries to see if it was possible to keep these two affected cities whole within their proposed SMDs. Ms. Johnston agreed to accomplish the following with respect to data needs and preparation of alternative plans: obtain city limit information on the five cities within JISD – Converse, Live Oak, San Antonio, Selma and Universal City – and attempt to overlay these on the computer software with paper backup; add election precincts to all plan proposals; prepare a Plan 5-C using SMDs 1 and 5 from Plan 5-A and putting them into Plan 5-B; possibly prepare a Plan 5-D with more vertical shapes for SMDs 1 and 5; use caution in considering the city limits issue; and attempt to obtain updated county election precincts, if available. The committee agreed that Thursdays are the best evenings in which to hold the next meeting, during the month of October. Ms. Johnston noted this meeting extension would allow for time to receive the most recent changes from Bexar County with their voting precincts.