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Re: Comment on Council Redistricting

It's apparent, our city has changed in the past ten years; majority-minority realigning.

Post 2020 Census, two new districts will be added, necessitating re-drawing of council boundaries. In sheer numbers, each council member will have approximately 20% of their current constituents reapportioned; diminishing assurance of previous established connections. If we were still 8-1, preservation of the incumbent-constituent relationship, might be a consideration; addition of two districts render this criterion unreliable.

Our Redistricting Task Force, guided by law/ experts, will bring varied temperaments, talents and life-experiences to bear on re-drawing of council boundaries. It's appropriate for council to offer suggestions, but if council follows task force created boundaries, *in toto*, the citizenry will be well served. Accepting Redistricting Task Force recommendations, as delivered, will present Fort Worth as united in promoting citizen-driven government; trusting its citizens to freely and independently determine district boundaries. We, the citizens, are the owner-fans of this franchise and council is chosen to lead.

We select council to oversee their districts; not to choose the residents within.

We trust council when we elect you. Trust us, every decade.

Cordially-

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