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Mayor Price, City Manager Cooke  
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Fort Worth Texas 76102

November 16, 2020

**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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## Kayser, Mary

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**From:** Tony Perez <tony4re@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 11:38 PM  
**To:** Kayser, Mary  
**Subject:** Fort Worth City Council Redistricting Task Force

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I have a statement for the Task Force today. I'm at 8500 Cactus Patch Way, Fort Worth, TX 76131

The districts in the City of Fort Worth are our districts, not the City Council's districts to redraw. While Council members should provide input just like any other resident, an independent group of select residents should be the ones to provide critical input for the new districts. The Council could decide how many people can be in the group and what the composition of the group should be but limiting the process to only the Council will not likely be well received by residents at a time when public trust of government is being tested every day. Ensuring a significant number of residents are included helps keep the process transparent and as neutral as possible. Fairness is key and sharing the responsibility of the process with residents who are not in the City Council can only be a positive move.

I pray the Task Force and City Council agree because we have an amazing pool of intelligent and passionate people who would be honored to service. I'm not asking to be one of them but I know many I trust and can recommend for consideration.

Tony

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**Kayser, Mary**

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**From:** Hogangaryfwtx <hogangaryfwtx@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 6:32 PM  
**To:** District3; Kayser, Mary  
**Cc:** Crain, Michael D.; Price, Betsy  
**Subject:** Re: Fernando Florez: Recommendation to Redistricting Task Force

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Ms Kayser , Mayor Price and Councilman Byrd ,

I have been kept informed of this issue of future decisions to be made on City Council Redistricting. I must say that i am in full agreement with Mr. Fernando Florez's suggestion that the City seriously reconsider decision to oppose " Citizens Independent Redistricting " as also recommended by the Race and Culture Task Force. WE should of all learned in recent times that City governments must listen and include citizens input into such important decision made regarding our City and respond appropriately to their voice.I feel and hope our City will stand out as a beacon of Transparency and Inclusion in this matter by forming such a "Citizen Independent Redistricting." formula.

Sincerely  
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In a message dated 11/18/2020 6:00:37 PM Central Standard Time, rfflorez@juno.com writes:

November 18, 2020

Ms. Mary Kayser:

First of all, I want to thank you and the rest of city staff for the professional manner in which you've conducted these hearings. I have also spoken with a couple of members of this task force and watched the meetings online and also wish to thank them for the excellent way they have conducted the meetings, particularly in these challenging times.

Here is my contact information: Fernando Florez; 2740 Hemphill Fort Worth, Texas; 817.239.0578. I want to be called on the telephone so I can speak with the task force when my time comes up on the agenda. Thank you.

Here is my RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend to the Fort Worth City Council Redistricting Task Force that it recommends to Mayor Betsy Price and the members of the city council to please re-consider their decision to oppose "Citizen Independent Redistricting." This was one of the recommendations made by the Race and Culture Task Force after a year and a half of public input. The promise made to the public was that all recommendations would be implemented. As things stand now, this one will not be. Drawing fair city council maps will give us the best chance of having a city council that reflects the population and benefit everyone in our city. Please don't ignore this important recommendation by the Race and

Culture Task Force. If anyone on the Fort Worth City Council Redistricting Task Force needs more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at [rflorez@juno.com](mailto:rflorez@juno.com) or 817. 239.0578.

Ms. Kayser, please copy this recommendation to the members of the task force.

Many, many thanks.

Fernando Florez  
817.239.0578

## I support a Citizen's Independent Redistricting Committee

My name is Joe Govea, except for the approximate 5 years I spent in California working; I am a lifelong resident of Fort Worth. I retired from Bell Helicopter in 2011. Currently I am instructor at Tarrant County College South Campus. I teach Computer Aided Drafting and CNC Programming. This job makes you a believer of the term "Teachers are under paid". I enjoy the position. It's my way of giving back to the community. This vocation also gives me exposure to the many different cultures that reside in our city.

I grew up in the parts of the city which were made up mostly of Mexican Americans. The neighborhoods are known as the Northside and the Southside. I enjoyed those years soaking in my Mexican American heritage. It was interesting to me how the Northside and the Southside had their own styles of Tejano flair but mostly similar. I love that our country has so much diversity where I can enjoy the many different peoples that make up the United States of America. I served in the military during the Viet Nam war era. I am proud to be an American.

During my high school years we moved to the Daggett area. That worked out great. I was able to attend Trimble Tech where I learned the skills necessary to become a machinist. After graduating, I started my career working in a number of machine shops. The experience I gained qualified me to earn the title of General Machinist. That career was stalled a couple of years by the Viet Nam war. After the military I was able to excel in my trade. I joined the manufacturing engineering department at Bell Helicopter specializing as an NC Programmer. As an NC Programmer I was able to work at many of the aerospace companies in the area and the country. I have met a lot of people. I have been able to participate in many organizations as a volunteer. I have many friends and acquaintances in the city. My wife and I own a home in the Wedgewood area where we currently reside.

Today I come before you to show my support for a Citizen's independent redistricting committee. I wish to express to you all that I like and support the Austin plan as the ideal method for conducting the redistricting of Fort Worth.

I believe that by allowing Fort Worth residents of similar demographics and cultures to have a say on who will represent them will make a better Fort Worth. We have to give people from different parts of the city a voice on legislation and how tax dollars are to be spent. Who is better to know what is needed in each neighborhood than the people who live there. It's like having a specialist for each district. People also need to know how certain laws will affect them. The specialist would recognize it.

The demographics are different in many sections of the city. We should not have a one size fits all method of government. We should allow the people a voice.

One side of Fort Worth may need more attention to youth programs another more help to bring in industry. Everyone working together can make our city magnanimous.

Thank you,

Joe Govea

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