

BOARD RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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THE COUNTY OF NUECES       §

RESOLUTION ADOPTING CRITERIA  
FOR USE IN REDISTRICTING 2011 PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Del Mar College District Board of Regents (“Del Mar College” or “District”) has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A. (West 2006) and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1973, *et seq.* (West 2003); and Tex. Educ. Code Ann. § 11.052 (Vernon 2006); and

WHEREAS, on review of the 2010 Census data, it appears that a population imbalance exists requiring redistricting of the Del Mar College’s Regent Districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to comply with the Voting Rights Act and will all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the District in the consideration of districting plans; and

WHEREAS, established criteria will provide the District a means by which to evaluate and measure proposed plans; and

WHEREAS, redistricting criteria will assist the District in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Del Mar College, in its adoption of a redistricting plan for Regent Districts, will adhere to the following criteria to the greatest extent possible when drawing district boundaries:

1. Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single regent district, where possible, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
3. To the extent possible, regent districts should be composed of whole voting precincts.
4. Although it is recognized that existing regent districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution, any districting plan should, to the extent possible, be based on existing regent districts.

5. Regent districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2010 federal Census. In no event should the total deviation between the largest and the smallest regent districts exceed ten percent.
6. The regent districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical dimension.
7. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.
8. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.
9. The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973.

The Board of Regent will review all plans in light of these criteria and will evaluate how well each plan conforms to the criteria.

Any plan submitted to the Board of Regent by a citizen for its consideration should be a complete plan—*i.e.*, it should show the full number of regent districts and should redistrict the entire District. The Board may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan.

All plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants, and members of the Board of Regent should conform to these criteria.

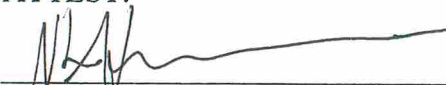
BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

DEL MAR COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF REGENTS

By:   
Trey McCampbell, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Minerva Arriaga, Board Secretary