

**ORDER ADOPTING CRITERIA  
FOR USE IN 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Alamo Community College 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.; section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. §10301; and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002; and

WHEREAS, a review of the 2020 census data reveals that a population imbalance exists among the College District's single-member Trustee districts requiring redistricting of those districts; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the College District to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with 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 College District in the formulation and consideration of redistricting plans; and

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

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

**NOW, IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** that the College District ADOPTS the following criteria to use to the extent practical during the redistricting process to establish new single-member Trustee district boundaries and adopt a redistricting plan for the single-member Trustee districts:

1. Easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
3. Single-member Trustee districts should be composed of whole voting precincts where practicable. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn considering county election precincts. Splitting census blocks should be avoided unless necessary.
4. Although it is recognized that existing Trustee districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution in the College District, any redistricting plan should be based on existing trustee districts.
5. Trustee districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2020 federal census. In no event should the total

population deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent as compared to the ideal precinct size.

6. The Trustee 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 redistricting plan to be adopted should be narrowly tailored to avoid racial gerrymandering in violation of *Shaw v. Reno*, 509 U.S. 630 (1993).
9. The redistricting plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting or otherwise discriminate against protected groups so as to create liability under the federal Voting Rights Act.

It is further ORDERED that the Board of Trustees will review all plans considering these criteria and will evaluate how well each plan conforms to the criteria.

It is ORDERED that any plan submitted to the Board by a citizen for its consideration should be a complete plan—*i.e.*, it should include all nine (9) single-member Trustee districts and should redistrict the entire College District. The Board of Trustees may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan.

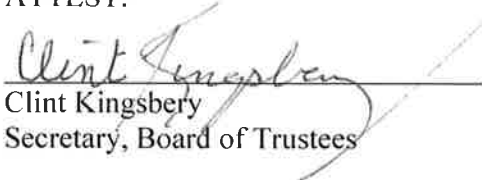
It is ORDERED that all plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants, and members of the Board of Trustees should conform to these criteria.

This ORDER is PASSED and APPROVED on this 2nd day of November 2021.

ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

  
Dr. Gene Sprague, Chair, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

  
Clint Kingsbery  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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