

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, DESIGNATING ILLUSTRATIVE REDISTRICTING PLAN(S) FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS; ESTABLISHING PUBLIC HEARING DATES; ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR ALTERNATIVE PLANS SUBMITTED BY CITIZENS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor have certain responsibilities for districting under the City Charter, as amended in 2018; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an amendment to the City Charter passed by majority vote of the qualified voters of the City of Mesquite, Texas ("City") in an election held for that purpose on May 5, 2018, canvassed and adopted by resolution of the City Council on May 15, 2018, and further ratified and adopted by the City Council on May 21, 2018, through Ordinance No. 4563, the City is to transition to single-member districts; and

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

WHEREAS, the City Council has established criteria for its evaluation of redistricting plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed its staff and legal consultants to prepare illustrative redistricting plan(s) to demonstrate to the public how the single-member districts may be drawn; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to provide an opportunity at two public hearings to receive public input on the illustrative redistricting plan(s) or alternate plans; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of common guidelines for receiving public input and alternative districting plans will assist the City in its efforts to receive public input and comply with all applicable federal and state laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the City Council designates the attached "Draft Plan 1" as "Illustrative Plan 1" to be presented for public consideration and comment.

SECTION 2: That the City Council establishes public hearings to be held on the following dates and at the following locations:

- (a) On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way, Mesquite, Texas 75150; and

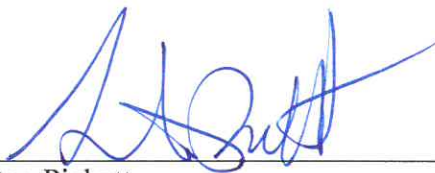
- (b) On Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Senior Center of the Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, Mesquite, Texas 75149.

SECTION 3: That any plan submitted by a citizen to the City Council and Mayor for their consideration should be a complete plan—*i.e.*, it should show the full number of councilmember districts and should redistrict the entire City; must show all district boundaries in detail sufficient to permit the City to reproduce the proposed plan accurately; and also report the total population and voting age population for Hispanics, non-Hispanic Blacks, non-Hispanic Asians, and non-Hispanic Anglo/other for each proposed district, based on 2010 Census data or on updated population data developed by the City. The City Council and Mayor may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan with sufficient geographic and population detail.

SECTION 4: That all plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants and members of the City Council should conform to these criteria.

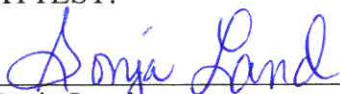
SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Council.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of September, 2018.



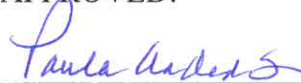
Stan Pickett
Mayor

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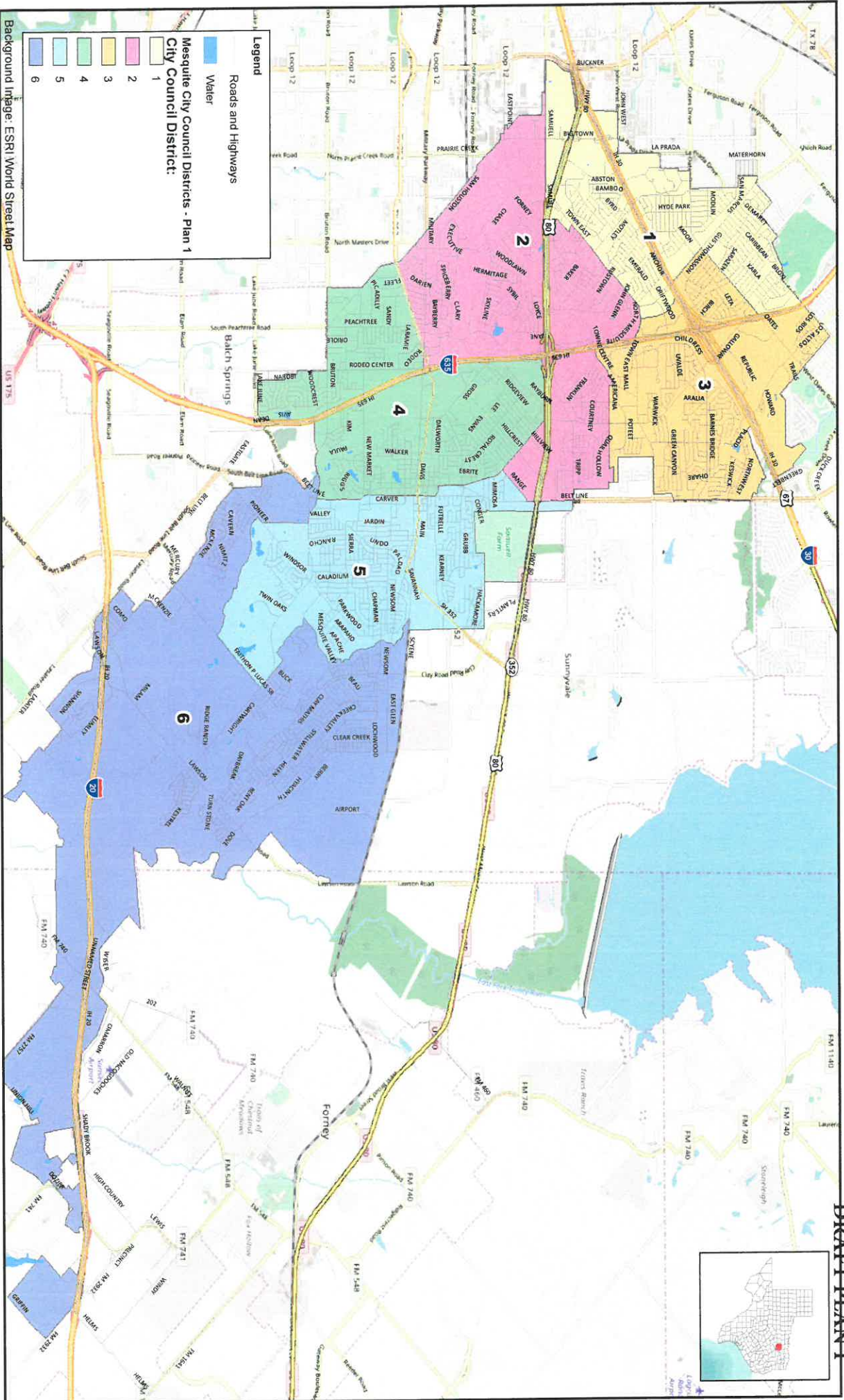


Sonja Land
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Legend

- Roads and Highways
- Water

Mesquite City Council Districts - Plan 1

City Council District:

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Background Image: ESRI World Street Map

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Coordinate System: GCS North American 1983;
Datum: North American 1983; Updated: 8/28/2018

City of Mesquite
Illustrative Plan 1

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Data Source: Roads, Water and other features obtained from the 2010 Tigerline files, U.S. Census Bureau. City Limit and Council boundaries obtained from City of Mesquite GIS.

