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Subject: INETMAIL: Redistricting Public Input
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Attachments: [Illustrative Plan 1 Hispanic Theme Map 34x44.pdf](#)

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Regarding: Senate

Message:

I disagree with the proposed Texas Senate districts in plan 2101 and particularly plan 2108. The latter plan is particularly disruptive for Hays County and my hometown of Buda. We need maps and plans that keep population centers whole. Both maps are currently an obvious attempt at "cracking" Hays County to retain power in district 25.

My neighbors around Buda (and Kyle and San Marcos) are divided into three distinct districts. Two of these districts reach all the way to the Rio Grande Valley. It is rather obvious that these divisions are drawn along ethnic and racial lines. The areas in Hays County with higher Hispanic populations are "packed" with districts 19 and 21 and "cracked" from district 25.

The proposed districts 19 and 21 in 2108 are 63% and 72% Hispanic respectively. District 25 is only 29% Hispanic. Hays County by contrast is 40% Hispanic.

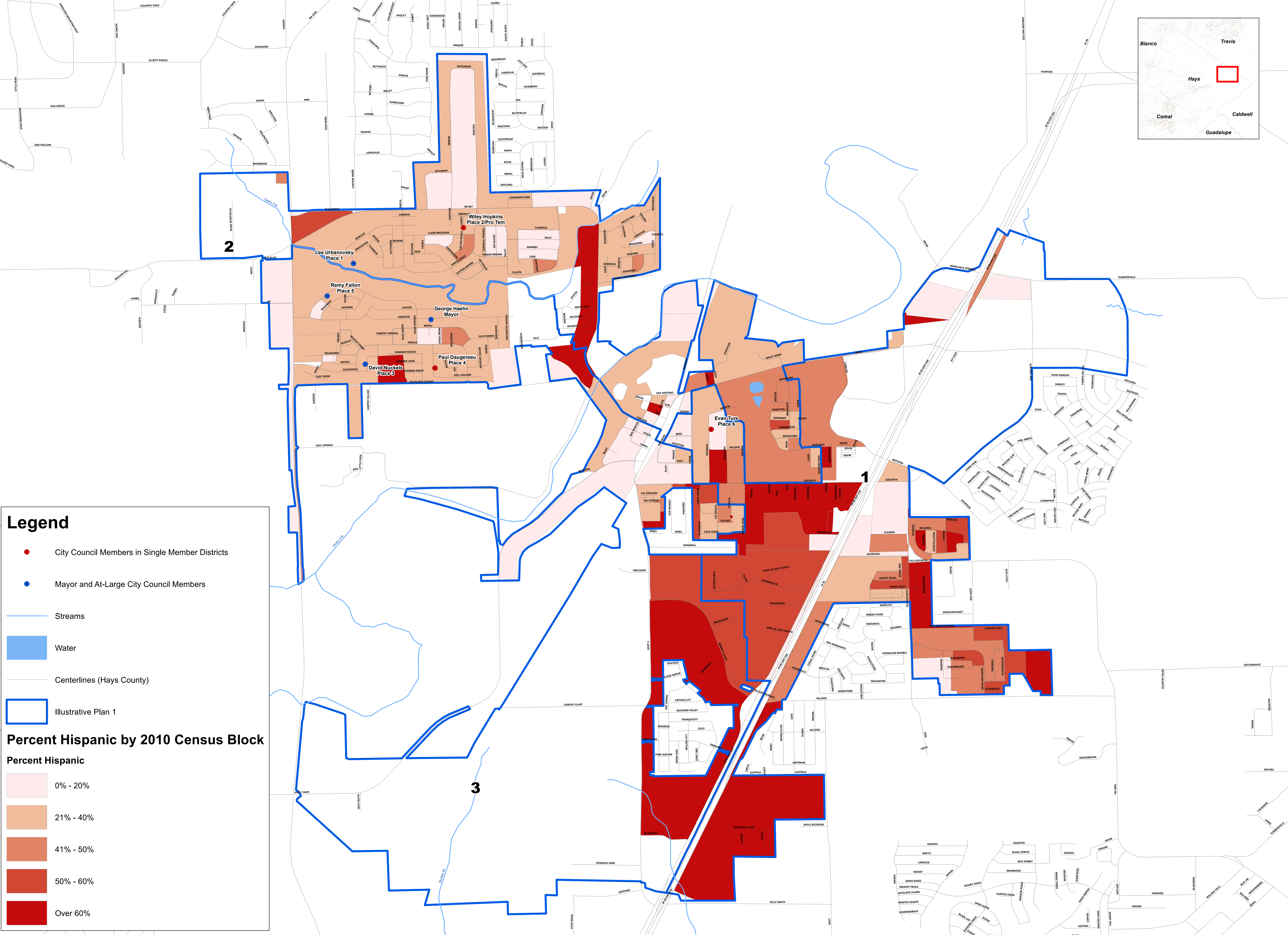
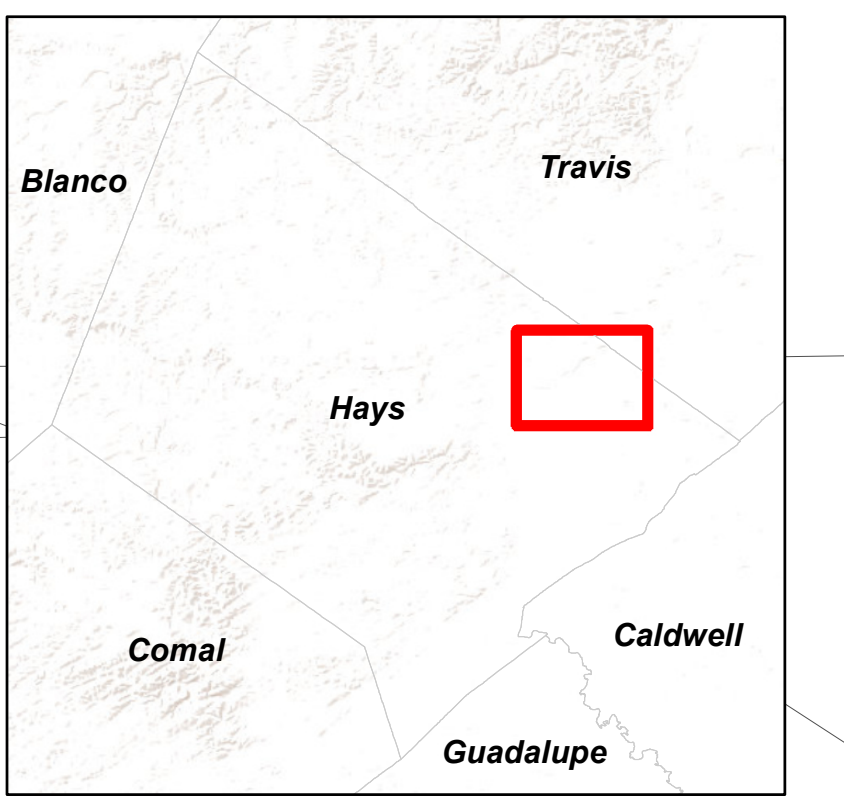
In 2018, the City of Buda created single-member districts for its City Council. The map (attached here) shows the Hispanic populations in Buda. It is no surprise the new Senate districts follow these lines in blatant attempts to "crack" and "pack" districts to retain control of a changing County.

We need to keep population centers whole and we need political subdivisions preserved. Buda, and Kyle and San Marcos, deserve local representation. Lawmakers should not be drawing their own lines. We need a bi-partisan, or even better, an independent, commission with checks and balances.

The traditional districting principles of compactness, preservation of political subdivisions, and preservation of communities of interest are all thrown out the window with districts 25, 19, and 21.

Worse, race and ethnicity predominate the decision-making in redrawing these districts in clear violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

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Legend

- City Council Members in Single Member Districts
- Mayor and At-Large City Council Members
- Streams
- Water
- Centerlines (Hays County)
- Illustrative Plan 1

Percent Hispanic by 2010 Census Block

Percent Hispanic

- 0% - 20%
- 21% - 40%
- 41% - 50%
- 50% - 60%
- Over 60%

0 0.35 0.7 1.4 Miles

Coordinate System: GCS North American 1983;
 Datum: North American 1983; Created: 3/21/2018
 Boundary includes Full and Limited Purpose Areas

City of Buda Illustrative Plan 1 Percent Hispanic by 2010 Census Block

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 Data Source: Roads obtained from Hays County 9-1-1.
 Water and other features obtained from the 2010
 Tiger/line files, U.S. Census Bureau.
 This plan was drawn on estimated population from
 utility accounts. This plan splits Census blocks.