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Buda Area Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hays County and the State of Texas deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial, and depoliticized process of the drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near-equal population; and

WHEREAS, the redistricting process should be conducted in an open manner and include public hearings, set timelines, and access to redistricting tools and proposed plans so that our communities have real opportunities for public dialogue and feedback, and

WHEREAS, public input and involvement in the redistricting process will empower our communities by allowing them to elect representatives who represent their interests on issues that are important to their lives; and

WHEREAS, important principles, such as the protections of the federal Voting Rights Act and respect for neighborhoods, towns, and cities, should be clearly listed for any redistricting process so that our communities are kept together; and

WHEREAS, Hays County voters are more likely to participate when they feel their vote will count and that they have a reasonable chance of electing candidates who represent their interests; and

WHEREAS, elected officials who represent Buda and Hays County are more responsive to constituents when voters have a choice of candidates, thus increasing accountability and serving the best interests of the voters of Hays County; and

WHEREAS, the Buda Area Chamber of Commerce has been the leading voice for the Buda business community since its creation in 1997; and

WHEREAS, over the last ten years, Hays County is and has continued to be one of the fastest-growing counties in the United States and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Buda is one of the fastest-growing communities in Hays County; and

WHEREAS splitting Hays County into multiple election districts, dilutes the strength and ability to have our community's interests addressed and heard; and

WHEREAS, keeping the City of Buda and surrounding communities contiguous encourages cooperation, better planning, and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, elected leaders should give priority to keeping Hays County as a whole whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, keeping the City of Buda and all of Zip Code 78610 contiguous whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, keeping all other Hays County communities and zip codes contiguous whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, should it become necessary to split geographic regions, keeping Buda and Kyle contiguous whenever possible; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Buda Area Chamber of Commerce does hereby support legislative efforts to establish newly drawn representative boundaries, to ensure whole communities are located in similar boundaries and have the best possible chance of elected officials who are more likely to be responsive to Buda and Hays County citizens.

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