

RESOLUTION NO. 23-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS DURING THE 2023 REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, this City Council has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including, but not limited to, Amendments 14 and 15 of the United States Constitution U.S.C.A., the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. §10301, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2020 Census it appears that a population imbalance exists requiring the redistricting of the City Councilmember Districts; and

WHEREAS, the City has established criteria for the 2023 Redistricting Effort; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the orderly and effective consideration and evaluation of redistricting plans which may come before the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to receive and consider all comments relevant to the redistricting process; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

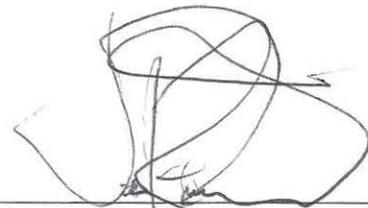
Section 1. That in order to ensure that any redistricting plan submitted is of maximum assistance to the City Council in its decision making process, the City Council hereby sets the following guidelines for all plans that are submitted for the redistricting of Councilmember districts:

- a. Plans will be submitted in writing. Oral input may be misinterpreted and misconstrued leading to possible errors while analyzing the plans. It is the intent of the Council to ensure adequate and full consideration of all proposals.
- b. In order to assure compliance with the Voting Rights Act, all plans will indicate the total population and voting age population for Non-Hispanic Whites, Non-Hispanic Blacks, Non-Hispanic Asians, Hispanic and other measurable minorities for each proposed City Council district.
- c. Plans should be submitted by August 15, 2023.

- d. In order to maintain the 10% rule and fairness to all voters, plans will reflect redistricting of the entire City. The City Council will consider effects on individual Councilmember Districts. As a matter of federal law, information on the entire City will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups.
- e. Plans should conform to the criteria set by the City Council in a Resolution 23-19.

Section 2. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

APPROVED on June 6, 2023

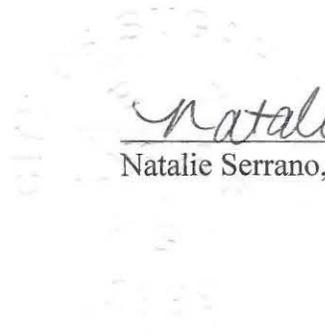


Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:





Natalie Serrano, Interim City Secretary