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Subject: TarCo JP - DeLeonWoodard Proposal
Attachments: TarCo JP - DeLeonWoodard & Current Stats.pdf; TarCo JP - DeLeonWoodard Proposal Map.pdf

Colleagues,

As you recall in November of 2021 the Tarrant County Commissioners Court adopted a new Redistricting Map for Justices of the Peace and Constables. Significant concerns have been expressed that the map that was adopted was non-compliant with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act because it drastically altered the demographic make-up of Precinct 5, eliminating the only Justice of the Peace and Constable Hispanic Opportunity District in Tarrant County. This is clearly demonstrated by the dramatic reduction of the Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population in Precinct 5 before and after the changes were made.

Since then, I have conferred with precinct 5 residents, community, business and civic leaders in order to seek a fair resolution to this problem that works for all residents of Tarrant County. We have all reached the same conclusion, that as one of the top five largest counties in the State of Texas, Tarrant County should not operate without a single Hispanic Opportunity District. To provide some historical context, Precinct 5 and Precinct 8 were specifically created as a result of DOJ settlement with Tarrant County to provide opportunities for African Americans and Hispanics at the JP/Constable level in Tarrant County.

Consequently, I worked with Precinct 8 Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Lisa Woodard and with the aid of a map-maker have produced the Revised Redistricting Map that we are submitting for your review and consideration. Relevant information regarding this Revised Redistricting Map:

1. The revised map only impacts Precinct 5 & Precinct 8.
2. JP/Constable Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 have not been altered. No changes are made to these precincts.
3. The Revised Redistricting Map swaps out precincts in the Poly area from Pct. 8 to 5, and it shifts the new areas given to Pct 5 in November of 2021 in southwest Fort Worth from Pct 5 to Pct 8.
4. Pct.5 Constable Pete Munoz & Pct. 8 Constable Michael Campbell agree with the proposed revisions.
5. Tarrant County Commissioners Brooks and Allen have agreed with the proposed revisions.
6. Adopting this map will restore JP/Constable Precinct 5 as a Hispanic Opportunity district in compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

Finally, I have attached two documents:

1. A map showing the boundaries of Tarrant JP/Constable precincts under the DeLeonWoodard proposal (shaded) overlaid with the current boundaries (in blue). There are changes only in the boundaries of Precincts 5 and 8.

2. Tables showing demographic and political data for each of the precincts under the DeLeonWoodard Proposal and under current boundaries. **Again, as you can see, there are changes in only Precincts 5 & 8.**

I respectfully ask you to review the Revised Redistricting Map and respond to me if you are opposed to the these changes. It is scheduled to appear on the December 13th Commissioner's Court Agenda. Please let me or Judge Woodard know if you need additional information or have questions.

Best regards,

Judge Sergio L. De Leon
Tarrant Co., Pct. 5