

**GUIDELINES FOR PERSONS SUBMITTING
SPECIFIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS
AND PROVIDING COMMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Socorro Independent School District Board of Trustees ("Socorro ISD" or "District") has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law including but not limited to Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A. (West 2006) and the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C.A. §§ 1973 and 1973c (West 2010); and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002 (Vernon 2008); and

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

WHEREAS, these guidelines relate to persons who have specific redistricting plans they wish the District to consider; and

WHEREAS, the District welcomes any comments relevant to the redistricting process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to make sure that any plan that might be submitted is of maximum assistance to the District in its decision making process, the District hereby sets the following guidelines to be followed by each person submitting a redistricting plan for consideration:

1. Proposed plans must be submitted in writing and be legible. If a plan is submitted orally, there is significant opportunity for misunderstanding, and it is possible that errors may be made in analyzing it. The District wants to be sure that all proposals are fully and accurately considered.

2. Any plan must show the total population and voting age population for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and Anglo/other for each proposed district based on the 2010 Census Data. If a plan is submitted without a population breakdown, the District may not have sufficient information to give it full consideration.

3. Plans should redistrict the entire District. The District, of course, will be considering the effect of any plan on the entire District. Also, the District is subject to the Voting Rights Act, which protects various racial and language minorities. Thus, as a matter of federal law, the District will be required to consider the effect of any proposal on multiple racial and ethnic groups. If a plan does not redistrict the entire District, it may be impossible for the District to assess its impact on one or more protected minority groups.

4. Plans should conform to the criteria the District will be using in drawing the districts.

5. Comments must be submitted in writing and be legible, even if the person also makes the comments orally at a public hearing.

6. Persons providing comments and those submitting proposed plans must identify themselves by full name and home address and provide a phone number and, if available, an email address. The District may wish to follow up on such comments or obtain additional information about submitted plans.

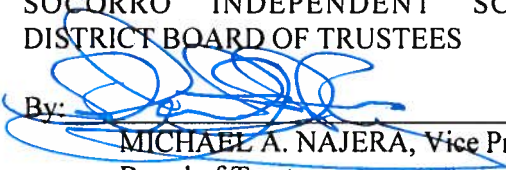
7. All comments and proposed plans must be submitted to the District's Board of Trustees by the close of the public hearing.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

Adopted on this day of August 16, 2011.

SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: 
MICHAEL A. NAJERA, Vice President
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