



Kessler Plaza News **EXTRA**

The Newsletter of the Kessler Plaza Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Meeting

Plan to attend this week's neighborhood meeting. In addition to the scheduled presentation, residents will be able to ask questions regarding the redistricting process. Laura Miller is also planning to attend this important meeting.

The meeting is **Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Jefferson Boulevard Church of Christ.

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Cut from Oak Cliff!

Plan would move Kessler Plaza out of Miller's district

Dallas redistricting commissioners have recommended a plan that would remove several North Oak Cliff neighborhoods, including Kessler Plaza, from the current District 3. Under the proposal, Kessler Plaza would be moved into District 1.

Kessler Plaza is presently in District 3, the council seat currently held by Laura Miller. Under the proposed plan, Kessler Plaza would move into District 1, the council seat currently held by Elba Garcia. The plan also places District 3 Councilmember Ed Oakley into the revamped District 3. While a majority of the neighborhoods in the Old Oak Cliff Conservation

League remain in District 3, the proposed plan would chop North Oak Cliff into separate council districts. This in effect dilutes the unified representation these neighborhoods would have on the City Council.

Under the redistricting guidelines, communities of interest should be maintained in a single district. In addition, districts should have common social, political and economic interests; an ability for citizens of a district to relate to each other and to their representative on the council; and an existence of shared interests, including a history and tradition of working together. Kessler Plaza

has a rich history of association with and active participation in the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League.

The proposal must be approved by the City Council, which has final authority over the redistricting map and is likely to tinker with it. The council has less than 45 days to approve or change the plan. If they do not act within 45 days, the plan is automatically approved. After a recommended plan is approved by the Council, it must be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for approval.

Voice Your Opinion

Neighbors urged to contact City Hall

Kessler Plaza residents are urged to contact City Hall and express their opinions regarding the redistricting plan. The redistricting plan will impact the neighborhood for the next 10 years. Timing is critical, as the council will

begin discussion of the plan at their next meeting.

Concerned residents should contact current Councilmember Laura Miller, as well as Mayor Ron Kirk, Councilmember Elba Garcia and Council-

member Ed Oakley. (See contact information to the left.)

Act now to *Keep Oak Cliff Together!*

