

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HARRIS §

NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY §

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (the "Authority"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The Board convened in regular session, open to the public, on the 28th day of February, 2022, at a meeting place within the boundaries of the Authority, and the roll was called of the members of the Board, to-wit:

Alan J. Rendl	President
Kelly P. Fessler	Vice President
Lenox A. Sigler	Secretary
Ron Graham	Assistant Secretary
James D. Pulliam	Treasurer/Investment Officer

All members of the Board were present thus constituting a quorum. Whereupon, among other business, the following was transacted at such meeting:

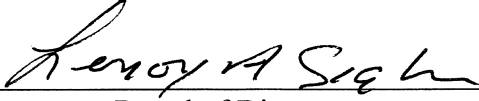
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was duly introduced for the consideration of the Board. It was then duly moved and seconded that such Resolution be adopted; and, after due discussion, such motion, carrying with it the adoption of said Resolution, prevailed and carried by the following vote:

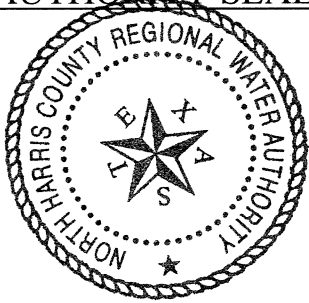
AYES: 5 NOES: 0

2. A true, full, and correct copy of the aforesaid Resolution adopted at the meeting described in the above and foregoing paragraph is attached to and follows this Certificate; such Resolution has been duly recorded in said Board's minutes of such meeting; the above and foregoing paragraph is a true, full, and correct excerpt from the Board's minutes of such meeting pertaining to the adoption of such Resolution; the persons named in the above and foregoing paragraph are the duly chosen, qualified, and acting officers and members of the Board as indicated therein; each of the officers and members of the Board was duly and sufficiently notified officially and personally, in advance of the time, place, and purpose of such meeting and that such Resolution would be introduced and considered for adoption at such meeting and each of such officers and members consented, in advance, to the holding of such meeting for such purpose; such meeting was open to the public, as required by law, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting was given as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, and Section 49.063, Texas Water Code, as amended.

SIGNED AND SEALED the 28th day of February, 2022.


Secretary, Board of Directors

(AUTHORITY SEAL)



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**NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
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WHEREAS, the North Harris County Regional Water Authority's (the "Authority") enabling legislation, Texas Special Districts Local Laws Code Section 8888.102(c), requires the Authority's Board of Directors (the "Board") to redraw the single-member voting districts as soon as practicable after each federal decennial census and as otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board also has certain responsibilities for redistricting the Authority's single-member voting districts under federal and state law including but not limited to Amendments 14 and 15 to the United States Constitution, U.S.C.A.; section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 10301; and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2058.001 and 2058.002; and

WHEREAS, a review of the 2020 census data reveals that a population imbalance exists among the Authority's single-member voting districts requiring redistricting of same; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Authority to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including *Shaw v. Reno* jurisprudence; and

WHEREAS, a set of established redistricting criteria will serve as a framework to guide the Authority in the formulation and consideration of redistricting plans; and

WHEREAS, redistricting criteria will provide the Authority a means by which to evaluate proposed plans; and

WHEREAS, redistricting criteria will assist the Authority in its efforts to comply with all applicable federal and state laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Authority, in its adoption of a redistricting plan for its single-member voting districts, will adhere to the following criteria to the greatest extent possible when establishing new voting district boundaries:

To the extent practicable:

1. Easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
2. Communities of interest should be maintained in a single voting district, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods, including existing municipal utility districts, within the Authority's boundaries.

3. Single-member voting districts should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, voting districts should be drawn considering county election precincts. Avoid splitting census blocks unless necessary.
4. Although it is recognized that existing single-member voting districts will have to be altered to reflect new population distribution in the Authority, any redistricting plan should be based on existing voting districts.
5. The single-member voting districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2020 federal census. In no event should the total population deviation between the largest and the smallest voting district exceed ten percent as compared to the ideal voting district size.
6. The single-member voting districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical, dimension.
7. Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.
8. The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid racial gerrymandering in violation of *Shaw v. Reno*.
9. The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting or otherwise discriminate against protected groups so as to create liability under the Voting Rights Act.

Any plan submitted to the Board by a citizen for its consideration should be a complete plan—*i.e.*, it should include all five single-member voting districts and should redistrict the entire Authority. The Board may decline to consider any plan that is not a complete plan.

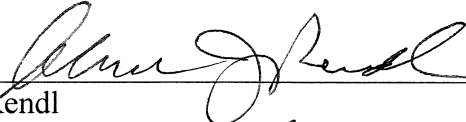
All plans submitted by citizens, as well as plans submitted by staff, consultants, and members of the Board should conform to these criteria. The Board will review all plans considering these criteria and will evaluate how well each plan conforms to the criteria.

This resolution shall be effective upon passage by the Board.

BE IT SO ORDERED.

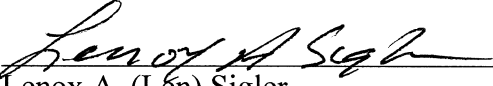
Adopted on this 28th day of February, 2022.

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