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## IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT REGARDING POLITICAL BOUNDARIES OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF 2020 CENSUS DATA AND ORDER FOR REDISTRICTING OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

On the 2ND day of November, 2021, the Commissioners Court of Hunt County met in regular/called session, having posted notice of said hearing in compliance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

The Commissioners Court of Hunt County has previously retained the firm of Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP, of Austin, Texas, to conduct an Initial Assessment of existing political boundaries of Hunt County, following the issuance of census data by the United States Census Bureau. Attached to this Order, and incorporated herein for all purposes by reference, is a copy of the initial assessment conducted by Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. This assessment is based upon PL94-171 data, as required by federal law, and is further based upon information provided to Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP by the Texas Legislative Council, other official sources of information, and by Hunt County, Texas.

Based upon this information, Hunt County has a total maximum deviation of 27.12%. The term total maximum deviation is determined by dividing the total population of Hunt County by four, the number of Commissioners Court precincts to determine an ideal precinct size. The actual population of each precinct is then determined, based upon the official population data contained within the census count, as defined by Public Law 94-171. The actual population of each precinct size and a range of deviation by percentage is determined. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under established federal law.

As a result of this determination, Hunt County has a constitutional duty to redistrict its political boundaries so as to achieve "One-Person-One-Vote" numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts at a legally acceptable margin of deviation, and to make such changes as are necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act and applicable state and federal law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDUGED and DECREED that the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas expressly finds that it has a legal duty to redistrict. The public interest will be served by redrawing the existing political boundaries of Hunt County in such a manner as to comply with applicable state and federal law. The Commissioners Court hereby enters the following findings of fact and of law:

- 1. Hunt County has a total maximum deviation, as defined in this order, of 27.12%.
- 2. Any total maximum deviation in excess of ten percent (10%) is presumptively unconstitutional under federal law.
- 3. Hunt County, acting by and through its Commissioners Court, is hereby resolved to immediately undertake such necessary and appropriate action to accomplish redistricting of existing commissioners court precincts, and any incidental modification of existing, consolidated, or newly created election precincts necessary to accomplish such redistricting.
- 4. The Commissioners Court shall henceforth convene in open meetings, duly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, to take up and consider one or more alternative plans for the legal redistricting of Hunt County.
- 5. After due consideration of one or more alternative plans, Hunt County shall adopt a plan deemed to satisfy legal requirements, and which best suits the legitimate governmental needs of Hunt County.
- 6. The adopted redistricting plan will address political boundaries of the Commissioners Court, Justice of the Peace and Election precincts of Hunt County, and shall remain in effect until altered or amended by subsequent Order of the Commissioners Court.

Signed this 2nd day of November, 2021.

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Commissioner, Precinct 3

ABSENT Commissioner, Precinct 2

Commis sioner, Precinct 4

County Judge, Hunt County CONFICT NOC County Clerk, Hunt County

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### IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER ADOPTING REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT PRECINCTS

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 2nd day of November, 2021, came on to be considered the issue of periodic redistricting of county political boundaries. This Court has, in due time, given deliberate consideration to the legal issues and of governmental duties imposed by state and federal law. In addition, the Court has previously entered in the minutes of this Court, criteria by which any redistricting plan would be considered, the prior Order establishing criteria being incorporated herein by reference.

This Court has commissioned and has received an Initial Assessment by qualified professionals experienced in the field of redistricting law for the purpose of making a preliminary determination of population distribution between the four commissioner's court precincts, and the obligation to comply with "one-person-one-vote" balance as required by applicable state and federal law. This assessment has been filed in the minutes of this Court, and is incorporated by this reference as Exhibit 1, Initial Assessment. A finding, based upon this assessment, recognized the legal duty to redraw political boundaries to comply with applicable law, and a copy of this finding is entered into the minutes of this court, by which reference this prior finding is incorporated into this Order of the Commissioners Court, Exhibit 2, Order Requiring Redistricting.

After convening in Public Hearing for comment upon any and all proposed plans, and after meeting in open session for the purpose of considering alternatives available to the County for modification of existing political boundaries in a manner designed to achieve both acceptable levels of numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to protect the voting rights of all residents of Hunt County, the Commissioners Court has determined to adopt the redistricting plan attached to this Order in map and data form, Exhibit 3. At a later date, this Court will receive a more complete description of this plan, including a map depiction of all new political boundaries, polling places, election precinct boundaries, and any affect such changes in Commissioners Court precincts may have upon Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. This supplemental order will be taken up and considered by the Court after public notice as required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Redistricting Plan depicted in the maps and data attached to this Order are hereby APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas. Upon final approval of the supplemental data to be provided at a later date, the Redistricting Plan, Proposal #1 adopted by this Order shall be effective immediately for use in the 2022 Primary and for all subsequent elections until changed or modified by later Order of this Court.

Signed this <u>2 nd</u> day of November 2021. 14th day of December 2021.

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Commissioner, Precinct 3

ATTEST:

County Clerk, Ex Officio Clerk of the Hunt County Commissioners Court



Commissioner

County Judge, Hunt County

Commissioner, Precinct 4