

RESOLUTION NO. 01-25

RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA USED IN THE REDISTRICTING 2001 PROCESS, ADOPTION OF 2001 REDISTRICTING PLAN AND AUTHORIZING CITY SECRETARY AND CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT 2001 REDISTRICTING PLAN OF CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Rockport has certain responsibilities for redistricting under federal and state law and pursuant to the City of Rockport Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, upon review of the 2000 census data it appeared to the City Council that a population imbalance exists requiring redistricting of the City Council Member Wards; and

WHEREAS; it is the intent of the City to comply with the Voting Rights Act and with all other relevant law, including; and

WHEREAS, the City Council established a Redistricting Committee of four citizens from each of the City Council Member Wards and one citizen at-large to oversee the development of a fair and equitable Redistricting Plan ("Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the following redistricting criteria served as a framework to guide the Committee in development of the Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, December 11, 2001 a Public Hearing was held to present the Redistricting Committee findings. Notice was given encouraging citizens to participate and make their views known at said Public Hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, that the City, in its adoption of a redistricting plan for City Council Member Wards, did adhere to the following criteria:

Section 1. Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries were followed.

Section 2. Communities of interest were maintained in a single ward, where possible, and attempts made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.

Section 3. Although it was recognized that existing wards did have to be altered to reflect new population distribution, the districting plan was based on existing wards.

Section 4. Wards were configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the 2000 federal census. The City has attempted to achieve a deviation that is less than ten percent under the data released by the Census Bureau.

Section 5. The wards are compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional as well as a geographical dimension.

Section 6. Consideration was given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.

Section 7. The plan is narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.

Section 8. The plan does not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1973.

Section 9. The Plan will show the total population and voting age population for Blacks, Hispanics, Asians and Anglo/other for each proposed City Council Ward.

Section 10. The City Secretary and City Attorney are authorized to complete and submit the Plan to the U.S. Attorney General as required by law. Upon submittal the City Secretary shall publish notice advising the public of such action and of the availability of a duplicate copy of the submission for public inspection.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Rockport in Rockport, Texas, on this the 11th day of **DECEMBER** 2001.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

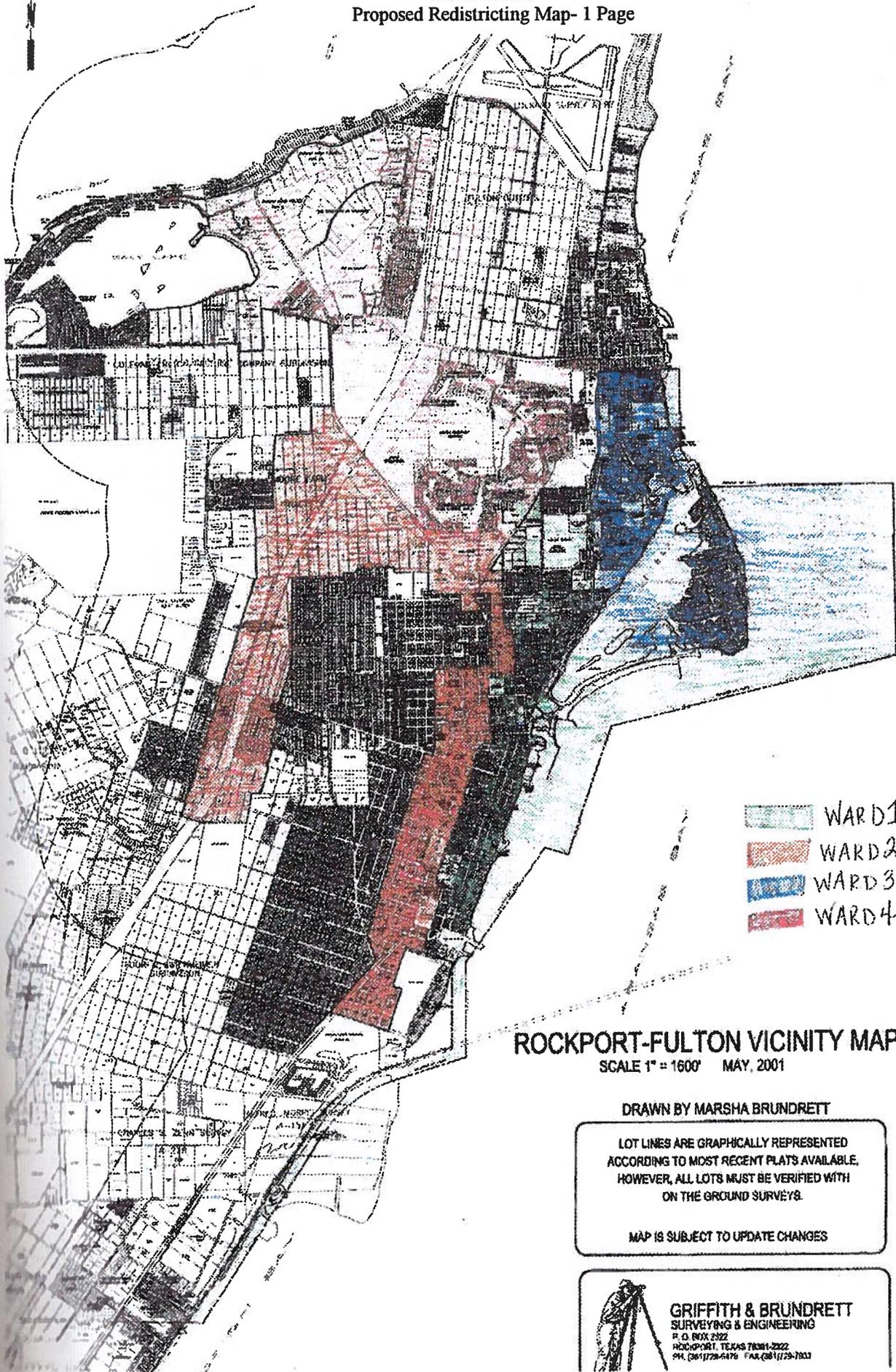

Glenda Burdick, Mayor



ATTEST:


Irma G. Parker, City Secretary

EXHIBIT 3
Proposed Redistricting Map- 1 Page



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ROCKPORT-FULTON VICINITY MAP
SCALE 1" = 1600' MAY, 2001

DRAWN BY MARSHA BRUNDRETT

LOT LINES ARE GRAPHICALLY REPRESENTED
ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT PLATS AVAILABLE.
HOWEVER, ALL LOTS MUST BE VERIFIED WITH
ON THE GROUND SURVEYS.

MAP IS SUBJECT TO UPDATE CHANGES



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