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Public Hearing Notice

The City of Freeport is currently in the process of redistricting City Council Wards. The City is required to review Council Wards every 10 years, following the release of U.S. Census information, to ensure that City population is fairly and equitably divided amongst the Wards. Initial assessment determined that changes in population and households in the city have caused population to be unevenly divided between the wards. The largest Ward (Ward B) and the smallest Ward (Ward A) have a deviation of greater than 10% requiring the redistricting to occur. Additionally, population counts and ward lines are required to follow "*Block Group*" lines established by the Census, and current Block Groups are divided by Ward lines between Ward C and Ward D.

So far Council and its redistricting consultant, Syd Falk, of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, LLP, have developed 4 options for redistricting consideration. Attached are those 4 options.

The public is invited to attend a Public Hearing on the Redistricting options and speak to city council on the effort. The Public hearing will be held during the City Council meeting on <u>Monday December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Freeport Police Station, at 430 North Brazosport Blvd.</u> Members of the public are also welcome to submit any comment in writing to the Freeport City Secretary either in person at city hall 200 W. 2nd Street, or by emailing <u>bwells@freeport.tx.us</u> prior to the meeting. At the meeting the Consultant will also provide for a second "drawing session" for which other options and alternatives can be identified with their impact assessed in real-time.

According to the redistricting consultant, the city is required to adopt the new Ward boundaries prior to elections, and it is anticipated that this effort will be completed and the new Wards be established by the second City Council meeting in December.

On Option A,B,C, & D on the next pages, the red line indicates the current ward boundaries, and the shaded colored areas represent the proposed changes.

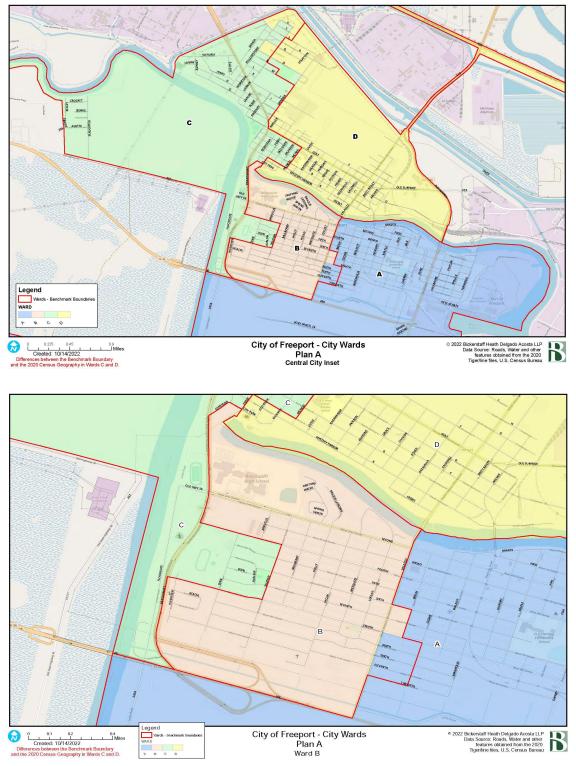






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Option A:

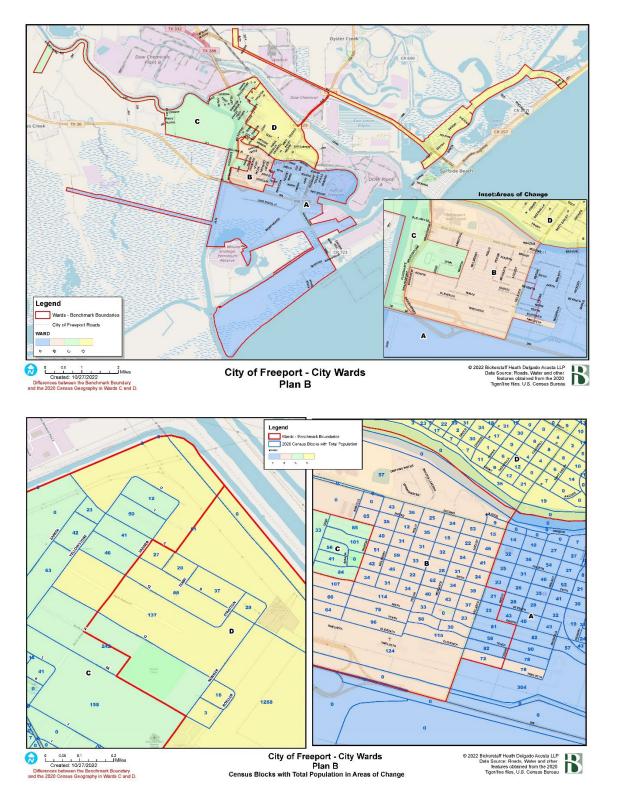








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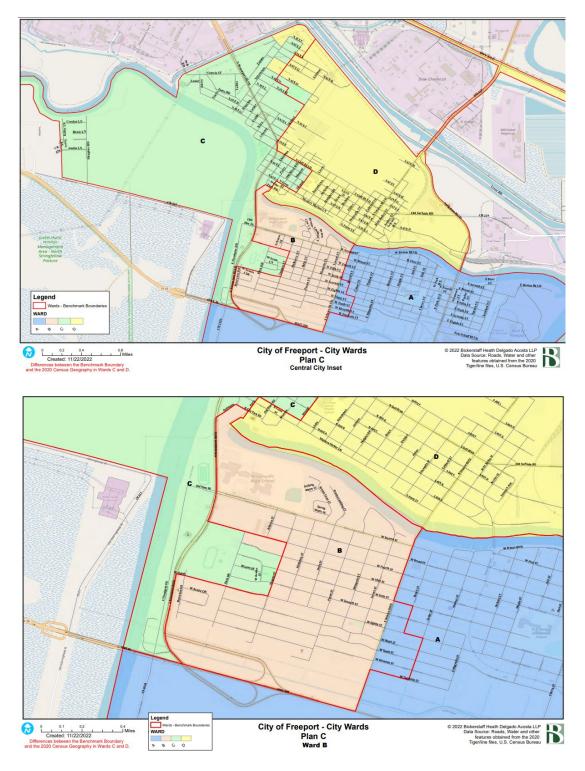








Option C:





Option D:

