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COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

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COMMISSIONER MAURINE DICKEY SEEKS LEGAL ACTION TO PROTECT VOTERS

DALLAS--- Dallas County Commissioner Maurine Dickey has requested that Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and the U.S. Department of Justice review a recently approved redistricting map to determine if the rights of the citizens of Dallas County have been violated.

"The new map was approved by the Dallas County Commissioners without the benefit of public review or comment as required. I ask that the Attorney General's office and the Department of Justice rule the new district map invalid and restore the original redrawn district map that was presented to the public for comment," Commissioner Dickey said. "The court failed to give the public proper notice which has resulted in what is, at a minimum, a disenfranchisement of thousands of voters."

On June 7, 2011, three of the four Dallas County Commissioners and the County Judge approved a new redistricting map that was different from the one that was presented for public review and comment. The map inverts Districts 1 and 2, placing Commissioner Mike Cantrell in a new district and lengthening his term an additional two years.

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