



TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: John Moran, City Manager

DATE: March 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Consider, discuss and act concerning Resolution # R-2011-0222-001 regarding the redistricting of Collin County

Resolution is attached.

ACTION: Approve or disapprove Resolution # R-2011-0222-001

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City of Farmersville
Resolution # R-2011-0222-001

WHEREAS, the Texas population is estimated to have grown by nearly 3.9 million to close to 25 million people from 2000 to 2009, with Collin County leading the way having grown by an estimated 55% to an estimated 800m000 people, growing by an average of 94 new residents daily. Collin County is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States and will be the 6th largest county in Texas after the 2010 census is completed;

WHEREAS, Collin County represents a cohesive community of interest of towns and cities with similar family values, religious beliefs, economic goals;

WHEREAS, Collin County is currently represented by two excellent Congressmen in Ralph Hall and Sam Johnson, two esteemed State Senators in Florence Shapiro and Craig Estes, and four fine Representatives in Jerry Madden, Ken Paxton, Jodie Laubenberg, and Van Taylor and two dedicated State Board of Education members in Don McLeroy and Tincy Miller;

WHEREAS, because of Collin County's rapid growth rate, our communities are currently underrepresented at both the Federal and State levels. Collin County residents deserve to have elected representation that matches our community of interests, while also ensuring the districts increase proportionally to the rapid growth in Collin County's population. Furthermore, our Congressional and Legislative delegation is currently spread into neighboring counties which desire to have elected officials that meet their interests and community needs as well.

WHEREAS, members of the 82nd Session of the Texas State Legislature are currently considering all issues relating to the redistricting of Congressional, Legislative and State Board of Education districts following the release of the Federal census in 2011 and gathering information regarding the existence and location of communities of interest to be considered in the creation of Congressional, Legislative and State Board of Education districts; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the City Council of Farmersville believes that Collin County is a cohesive group of cities with share interests and common heritage; be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council of Farmersville believes that representation at the state and federal level is strongest when it is united. Our cities alike need a voice in government by people who understand our issues; be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council of Farmersville requests that the Texas Legislature maximize elected representation in Collin County at the Congressional and State levels.

The Council requests that our cities share common representation at both the State and Federal level. We request that the Legislature include all of Collin County inside congruent Congressional, Legislative and State Board of Education districts that fairly represent all of Collin County; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City Council of Farmersville requests that the Texas Legislature match the population growth and maximize representation for Collin County by allowing Collin County's greatest representation in one or two Congressional districts, creating five State House districts wholly contained within Collin County, one wholly situated State Senate district, and wholly situate Collin County in a single State Board of Education district.

PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF February, 2011 at a scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmersville, Texas, there being a quorum present, and approved by the Mayor.

APPROVED:

BY: _____
Joseph Helmberger, P.E., Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Eddie Sims, City Secretary