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**Attachments:** City\_of\_Richardson\_Texas.pdf

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Affirm public info: I agree

Regarding: Senate

### Message:

My name is Emily Hoffman and I am from Richardson and a volunteer with All on the Line. Richardson is a vibrant community with two colleges, two hospitals and a world class tech community. We have the Cottonwood Arts Festival and the Wildflower Music Festival every year that gather our community together. When I talk to my neighbors, the issues they are most interested in are healthcare and affordable housing. However, we vote in two school districts, two counties, have two state reps and two federal reps for a city of 116,000 population. How do we coalesce around our issues if we are segmented into so many arbitrary political divisions? This is why I am interested in redistricting. I ask the Texas Legislature for several things during the redistricting process.

- 1.I want a fair and non-partisan process for all citizens in Texas.
- 2.I want the methodology for re-mapping well defined and public.
- 3.I want transparency in the process. We need frequent updates, invitations to meetings, published schedules, and notification of process milestones.
- 4.I want readily available maps and map revisions.
- 5.I want all redistricting meetings open to the public.
- 6.I want all maps and redistricting processes to be legal. The state of Texas has been in the federal courts sufficiently often that there is legal precedent that should be followed so that we don't end up in the courts again.
- 7.I want plenty of time for public feedback.
- 8.I do not want gerrymandering based on race.
- 9.In the end, what I really want is a nonpartisan redistricting board to eliminate undue influence of any political parties.

Attached is a map of my community of Interest, Richardson. Please keep it in one district as much as possible.

Thank you for listening to me. Your attention to my concerns is much appreciated.

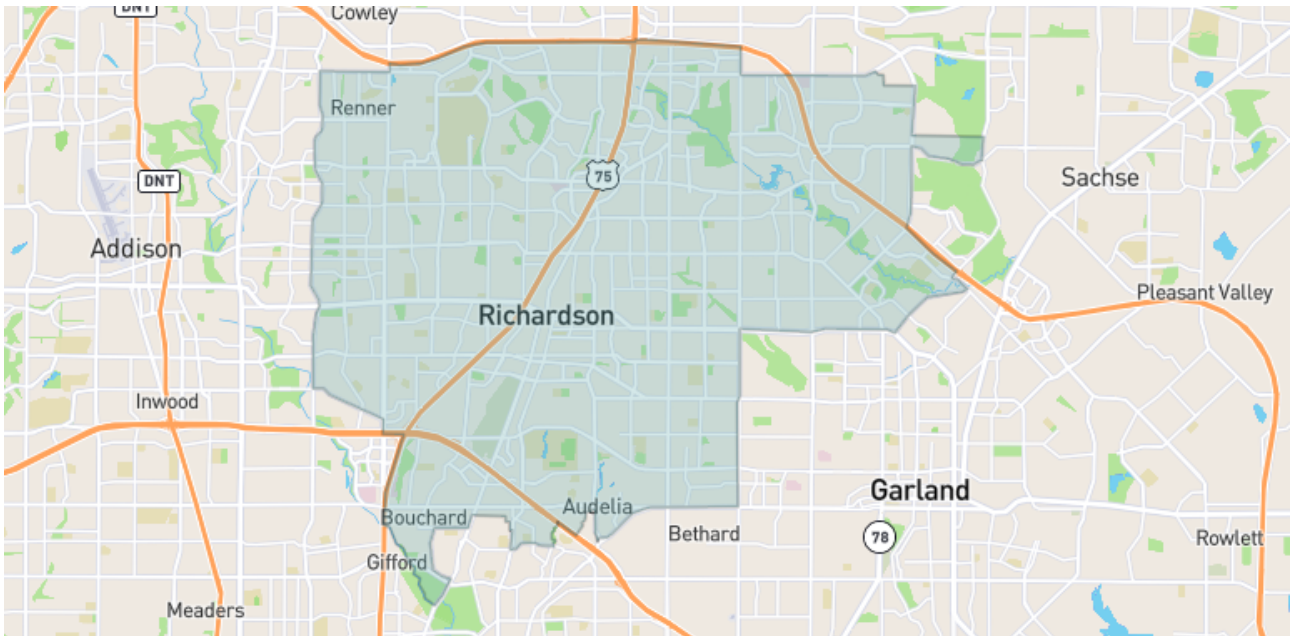


# City of Richardson Texas

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# Community Information

## **Economic or Environmental Interests**

My community is a suburban community just outside Dallas. People of my community work for high tech companies, insurance companies, universities, and hospitals.

## **Community Activities and Services**

Network of Community Services serves my area with a food bank, clothing closet, and job counseling. They have served the community for everyday needs as well as through tornado and Covid crises. We have the University of Texas at Dallas and Richland college. We have many recreational services through the Richardson Parks and Recreation Department.

## **Cultural or Historical Interests**

We have the annual Cottonwood Art Festival and Wildflower Music and Art Festival. We have considerable local cultural programs in the Eisemann Center. We have the Richardson Interfaith Alliance to help build community among our many diverse faiths in our city.

## **Community Needs and Concerns**

We are concerned about affordable housing, healthcare funding, and the cost of higher education. There is a lack of affordable housing for people like firefighters and teachers. We have many students that are concerned about tuition at public colleges and student debt. And there are many uninsured residents we see at Network, that cannot afford going to the doctor or hospital.