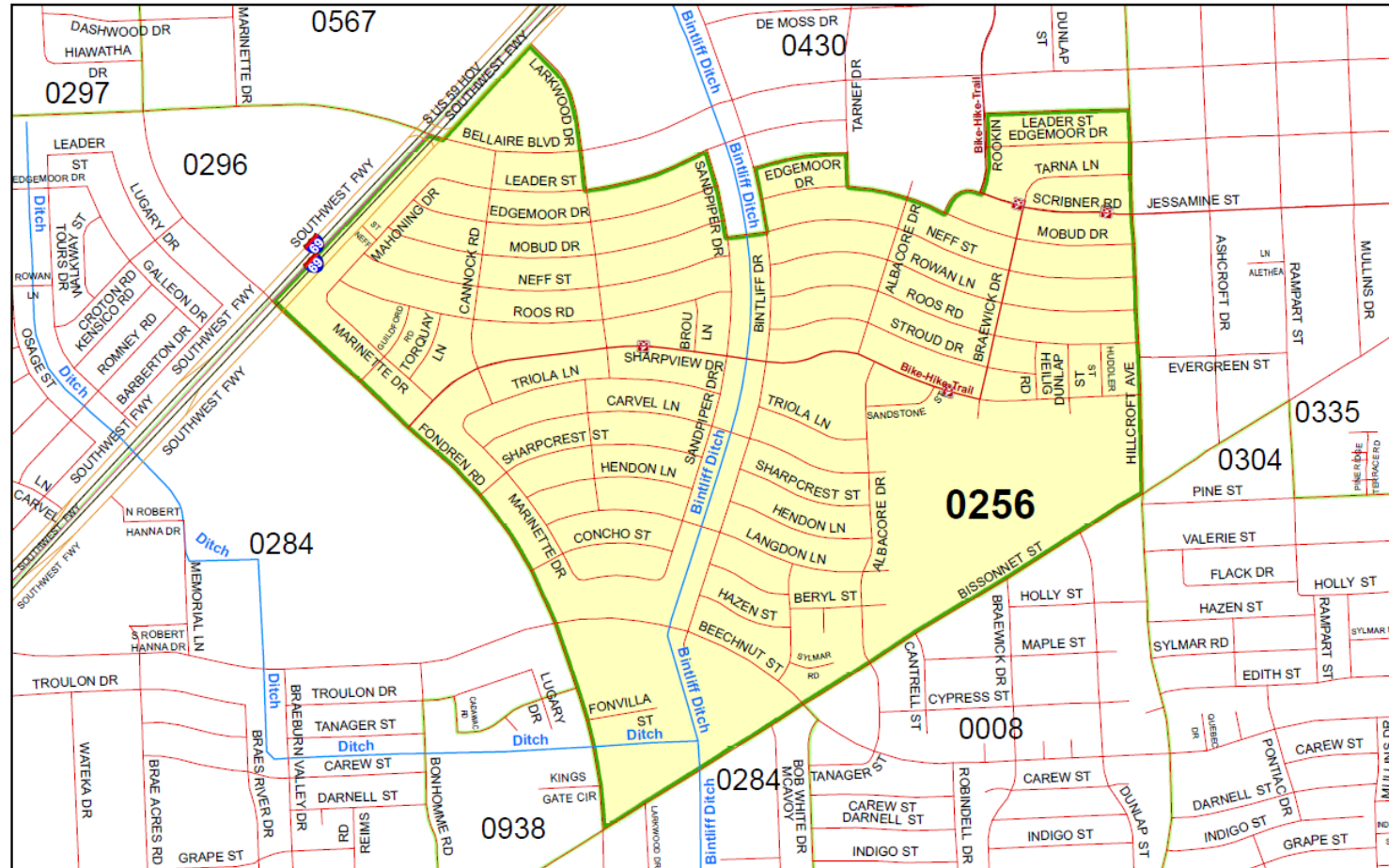



# CIVICS 101

The basics and what it means to  
**YOU**



# Precinct 256




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**ELECTION PRECINCT 0256**  
 CURRENT BOUNDARIES  
 CREATED MARCH 27, 2012  
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**VOTING PRECINCT LEGEND**

- VOTING PRECINCT (VPCT) 2016
- CITY STREET
- FRONTAGE ROAD
- HOV; TOLL ROAD
- INTERSTATE
- Bike-Hike-Trails
- ~ Ditch

**Political Jurisdictions**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	07
STATE SENATE DISTRICT	013
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT	137
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION	6
JP/CONSTABLE PRECINCT	05
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	03

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# What precinct am I in?

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NAME	Sex	Valid from	U.S. REP.	STATE SEN.	STATE REP.	COMM. PREC.	JUSTICE PREC.
[REDACTED]	M	1/1/2018	007	013	137	3	05
Certificate Number	Prec. No.	thru					
[REDACTED]	0256	12/31/2019					



Political Party:

Precinct  
Senate District  
(County)  
State

National

Political division:

Federal:  
  
Representative  
Senate

President

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State:  
  
Representative  
Senate

Governor

Political division:

Local:  
  
County  
City

Judge/Mayor



**PARTY**



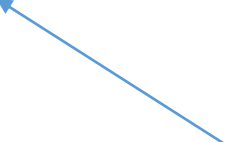
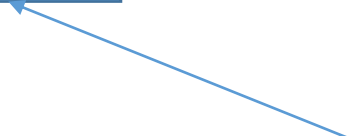
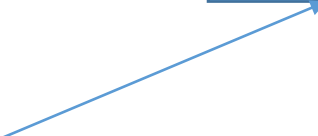
Democratic National Committee

Texas Democratic Party

Other States Democratic Parties

Senate Districts

County Party



# Party Structure

- The Senate Districts are based on the 31 members of the Senate, representing single-member districts across the state of Texas, with populations of approximately 806,000 per constituency, based on the 2010 U.S. Census.
- Harris County has 8 Senate Districts. Senate Districts 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18.



# Precincts

- A precinct is the smallest political subdivision in Texas.
- 1012 Precincts in Harris County
- Boundaries are drawn by the Commissioners Court based on registered voters.
- Precincts are organized by Precinct Chairs, who are supposed to register voters and help get out the vote. They are not necessarily Precinct Judges for Elections, though they can be.
- Precincts are “housed” within Senate Districts for County Party Business.
- Precinct Chairs can recruit Block Captains to help organize their precinct.

# Precinct Chair Duties

- Organizing their precinct
- Mobilize voters and get them to the polls
- Bridging the gap between voters and elected officials
- Finding election judges for elections
- Plugging volunteers into county-wide efforts and local campaigns
- Encouraging primary voters to attend senate district conventions
- Serving on the County Executive Committee

# How to become a Precinct Chair

- Look up if there is a chair currently
- <https://harrisdemocrats.org/find-my-precinct/>
- If there is then file to be on the ballot the next cycle
- If vacant, fill out the interest form found on the HCDP website
- Senate District Vacancy Chair will contact
- Sworn in at the next CEC if approved

# County Executive Committee

- Consists of the County Chair and the Precinct Chairs
- They elect a Secretary and Treasurer
- Conduct business on behalf of the county party
- Can include, filling places on the ballot after filing deadlines have passed.

# Senate District Steering Committee

- Conducts business on behalf of the Senate Districts
- Usually consists of the Chair, Secretary, Male and Female SD Executive Committee persons and other committee people as the chair sees fit.
- Appoints Senate District Members (not necessarily precinct chairs) to standing county committees.
- Duties include recruiting precinct chairs and training them in their duties
- Duties also include setting up Senate District Conventions
- ***The Chair, Secretary, and SDEC members that live in Harris County also serve on the Steering Committee for the Harris County Democratic Party.***



# **Presidential delegate process**



# Primary Schedule

- Monday, Feb. 3 — Iowa caucuses (49 delegates)
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 — New Hampshire primaries (33 delegates)
- Saturday, Feb. 22 — Nevada Democratic caucuses (48 delegates)
- Saturday, Feb. 29 — South Carolina Democratic primaries (63 delegates)
- Super Tuesday, March 3 — Alabama primaries (59 delegates), Arkansas primaries (36 delegates), California primaries (495 delegates), Colorado primaries (80 delegates), Maine primaries (32 delegates), Massachusetts primaries (114 delegates), Minnesota primaries (91 delegates), North Carolina primaries (122 delegates), Oklahoma primaries (42 delegates), Tennessee primaries (73 delegates), **Texas primaries (262 delegates)**, Utah primaries (35 delegates), Vermont primaries (23 delegates), Virginia Democratic primary (124 delegates)

# Delegates

- This is who you support to be the Democratic nominee
- Delegates are assigned by proportion of the vote.
- A candidate must get 15% of the vote to get a delegate
- If you have a favorite candidate then contact their campaign to help
- Delegates come from the Senate Districts to the State Convention
- Early voting starts Feb 18th



# Joint Senate District Convention

- JSD Convention: March 21, 2020
- Location: George R Brown Convention Center
- Must be a registered voter for credentials
- Not voted in the Republican Primary
- Select delegates to the State Convention (done in Senate District Caucuses)
- Vote on Resolutions to build the Party Platform

# Texas State Convention

- June 5-6, 2020
- Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center
- San Antonio, TX
- Select Delegates to the National Convention
- Various Caucuses
- Vote on SDEC members
- State Party Platform

# Democratic National Convention

- July 13-16, 2020
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Create the National Platform
- Select the Democratic Nominee for President



# **ELECTIONS**



## Elections

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Type	Presidential	Off year	Midterm	Off year	Presidential
President	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Senate	Class II (33 seats)	No	Class III (34 seats)	No	Class I (33 seats)
House	All 435 seats	No	All 435 seats	No	All 435 seats
Gubernatorial	11 states DE, IN, MO, MT, NH, NC, ND, UT, VT, WA, WV	2 states NJ, VA	36 states AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, NE, NV, NH, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, WI, WY	3 states KY, LA, MS	11 states DE, IN, MO, MT, NH, NC, ND, UT, VT, WA, WV

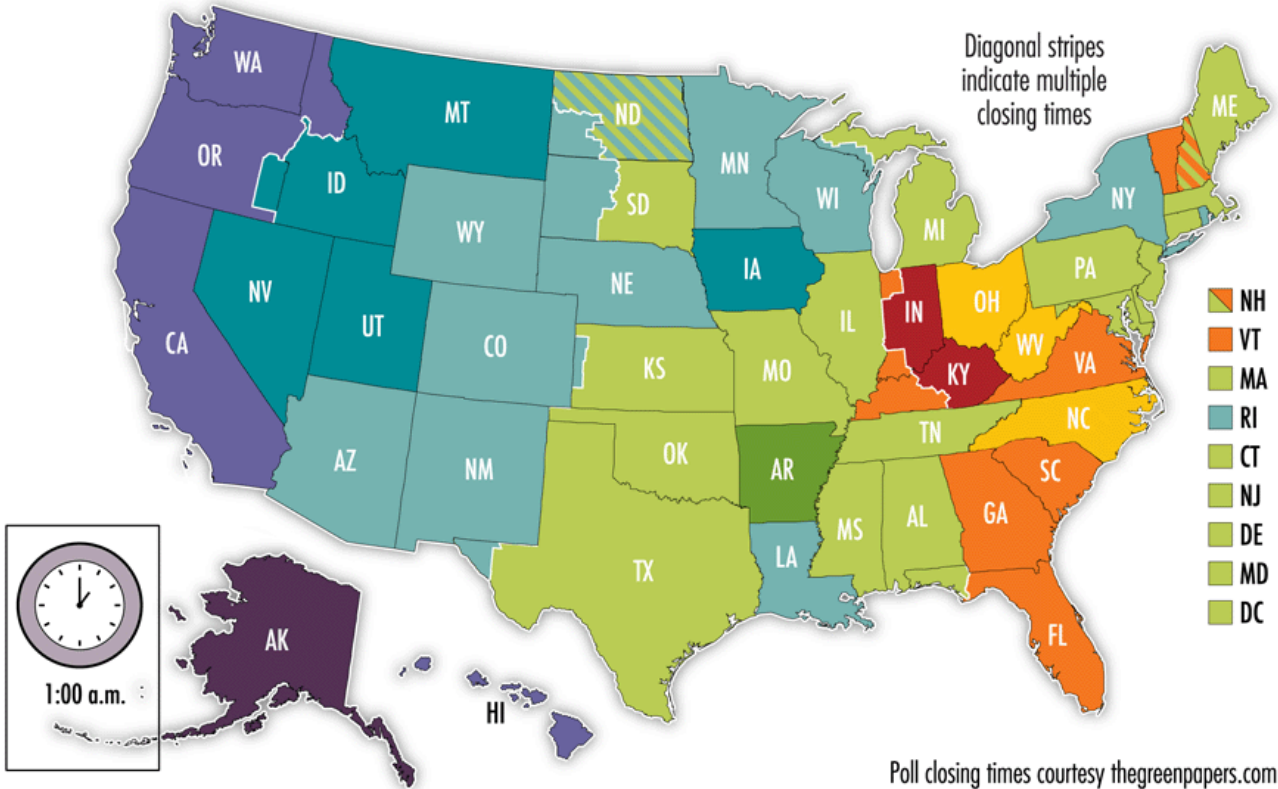
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NOTE: ALL TIMES EASTERN

SwingStateProject.com



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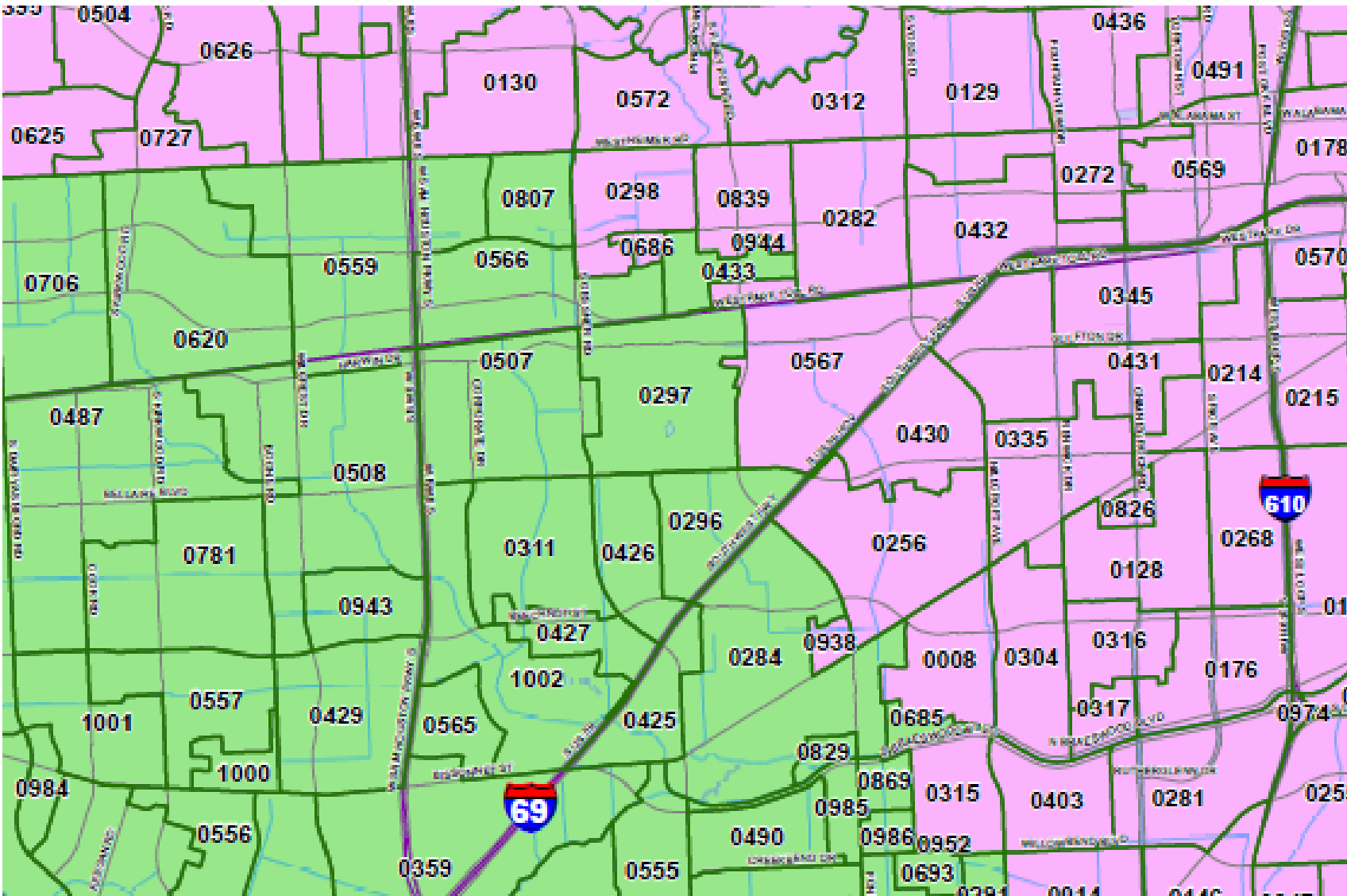
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**US Congressional  
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&  
District 9  
(Al Green)**

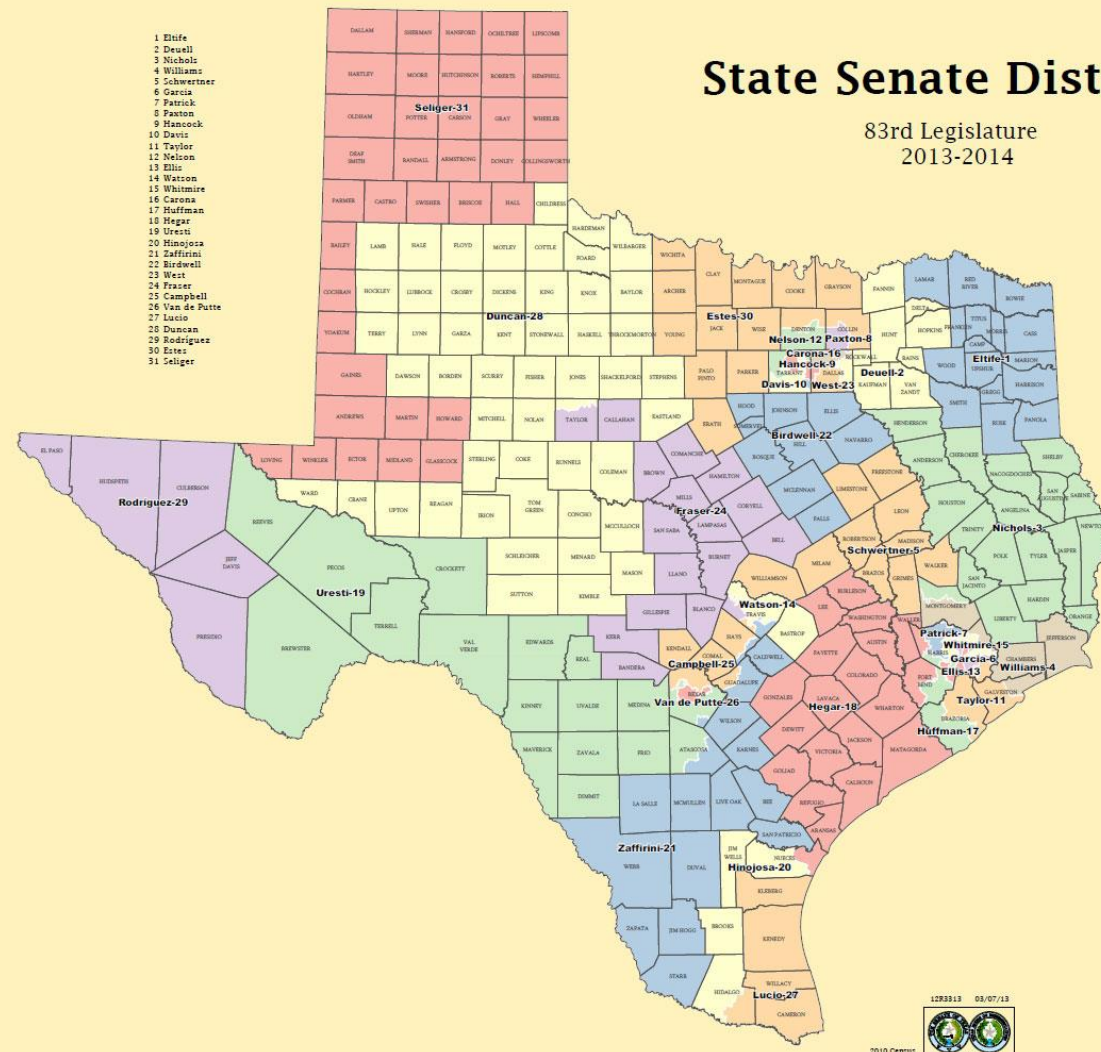




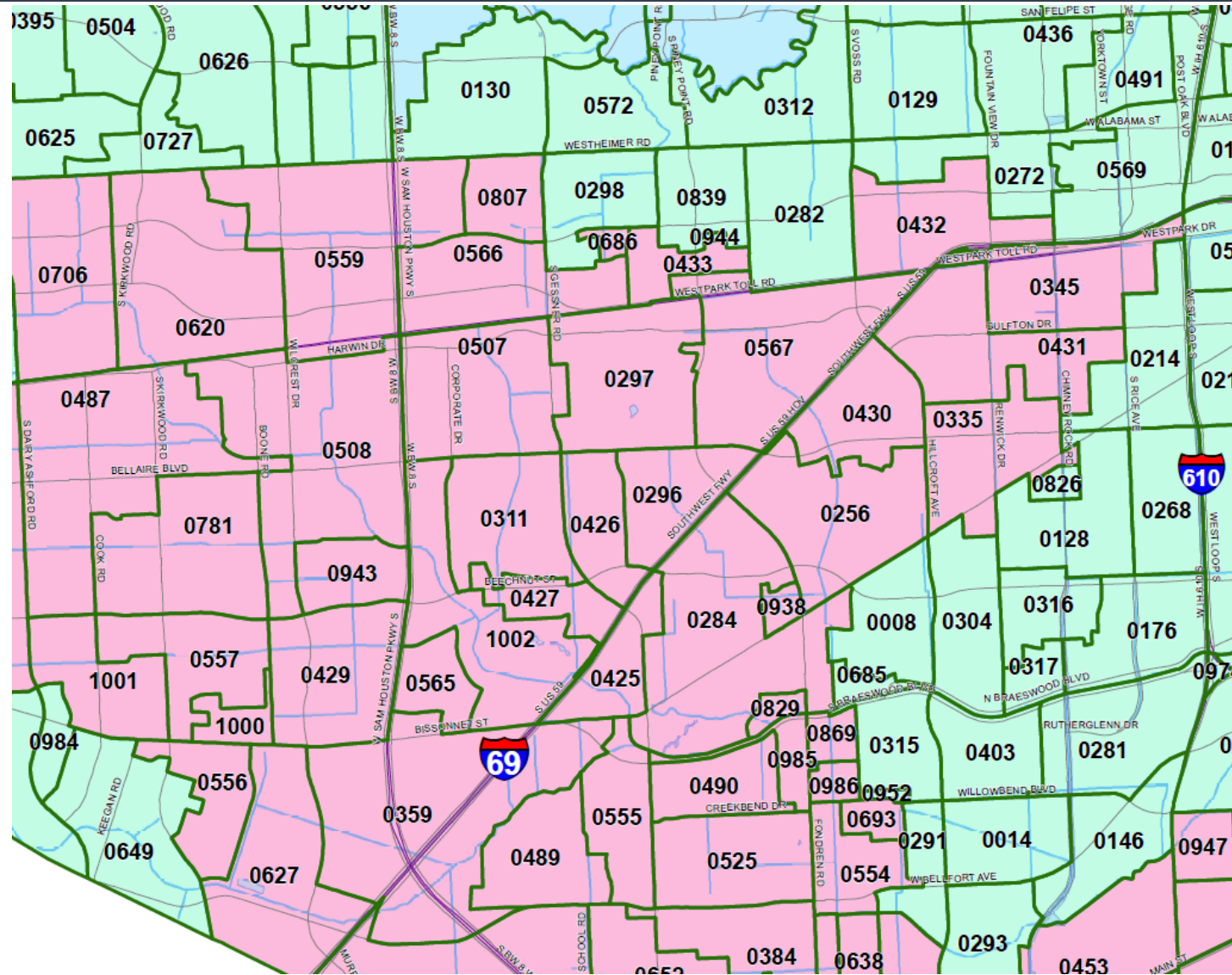
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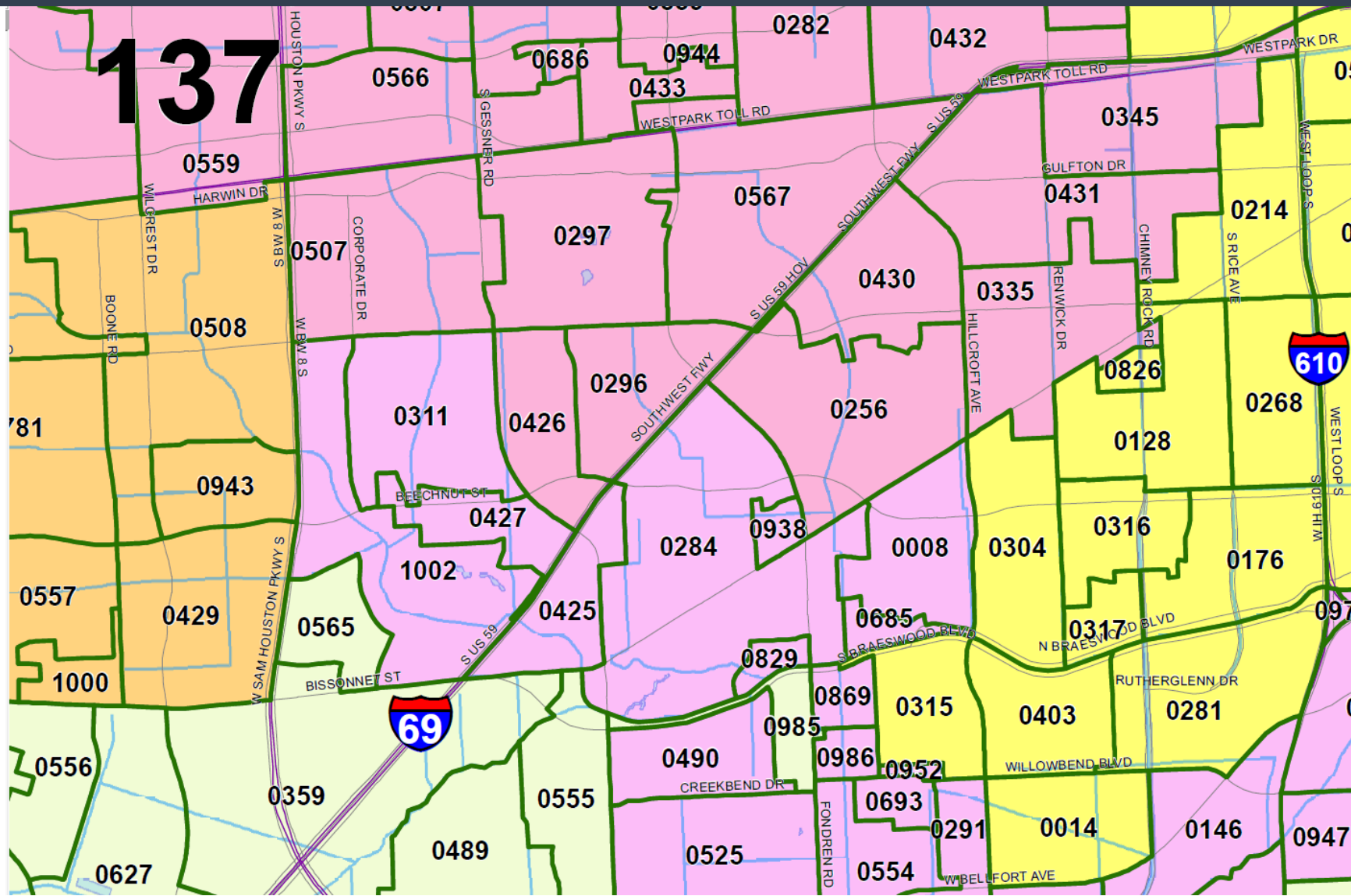
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Senate District  
13  
(Borris Miles)

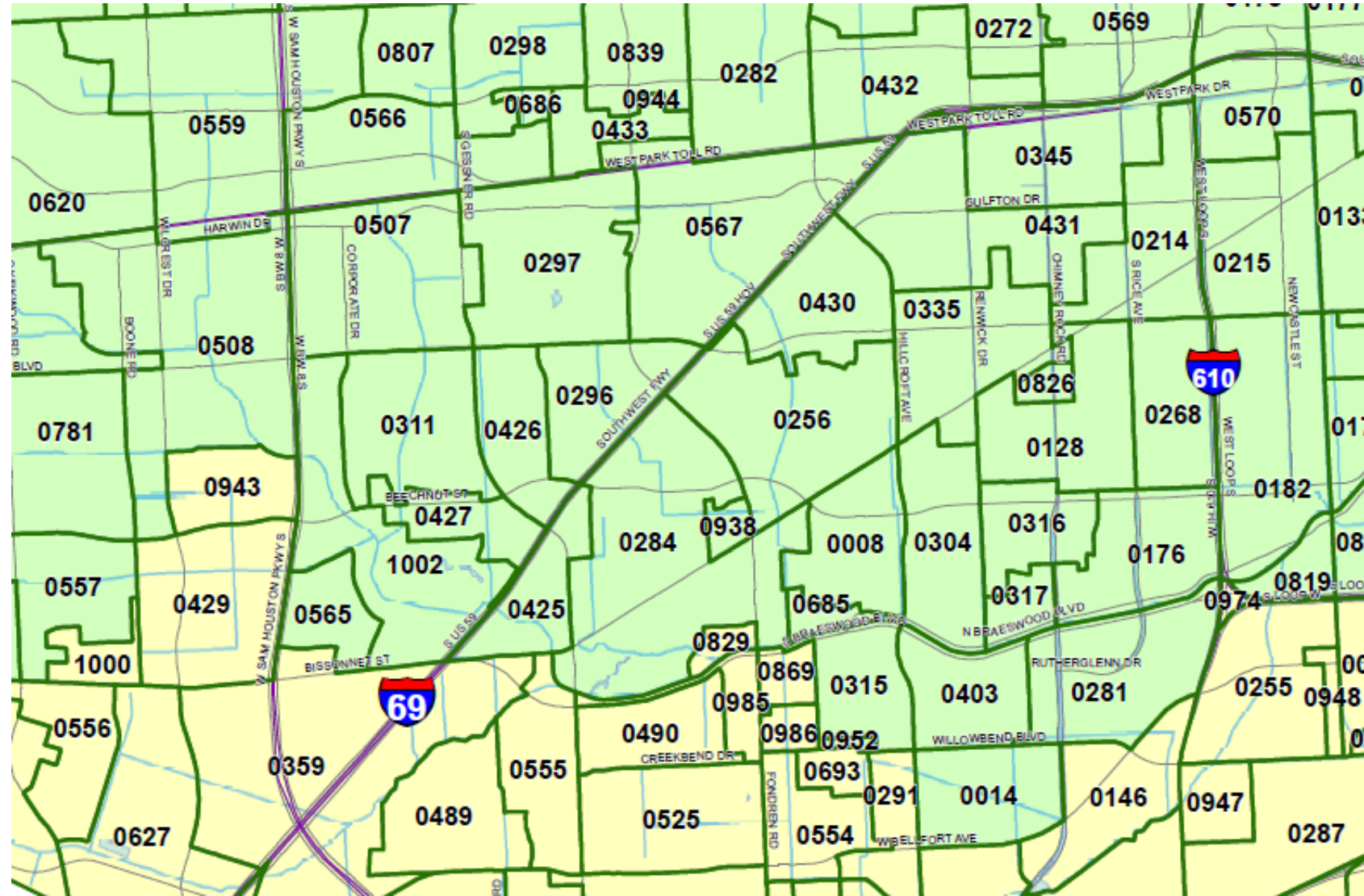


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District 137  
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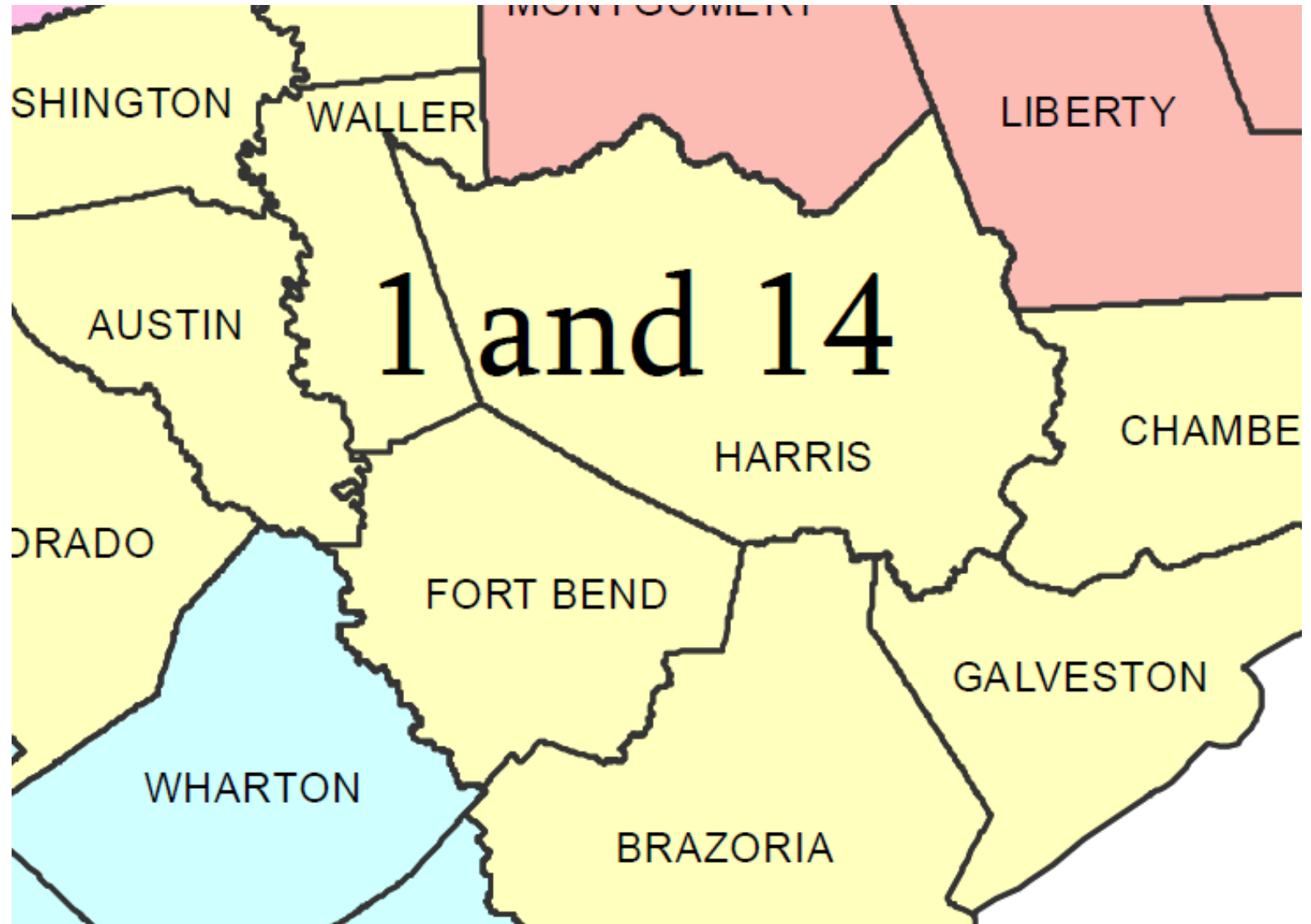




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of Education  
Position 6  
(Bahorich)



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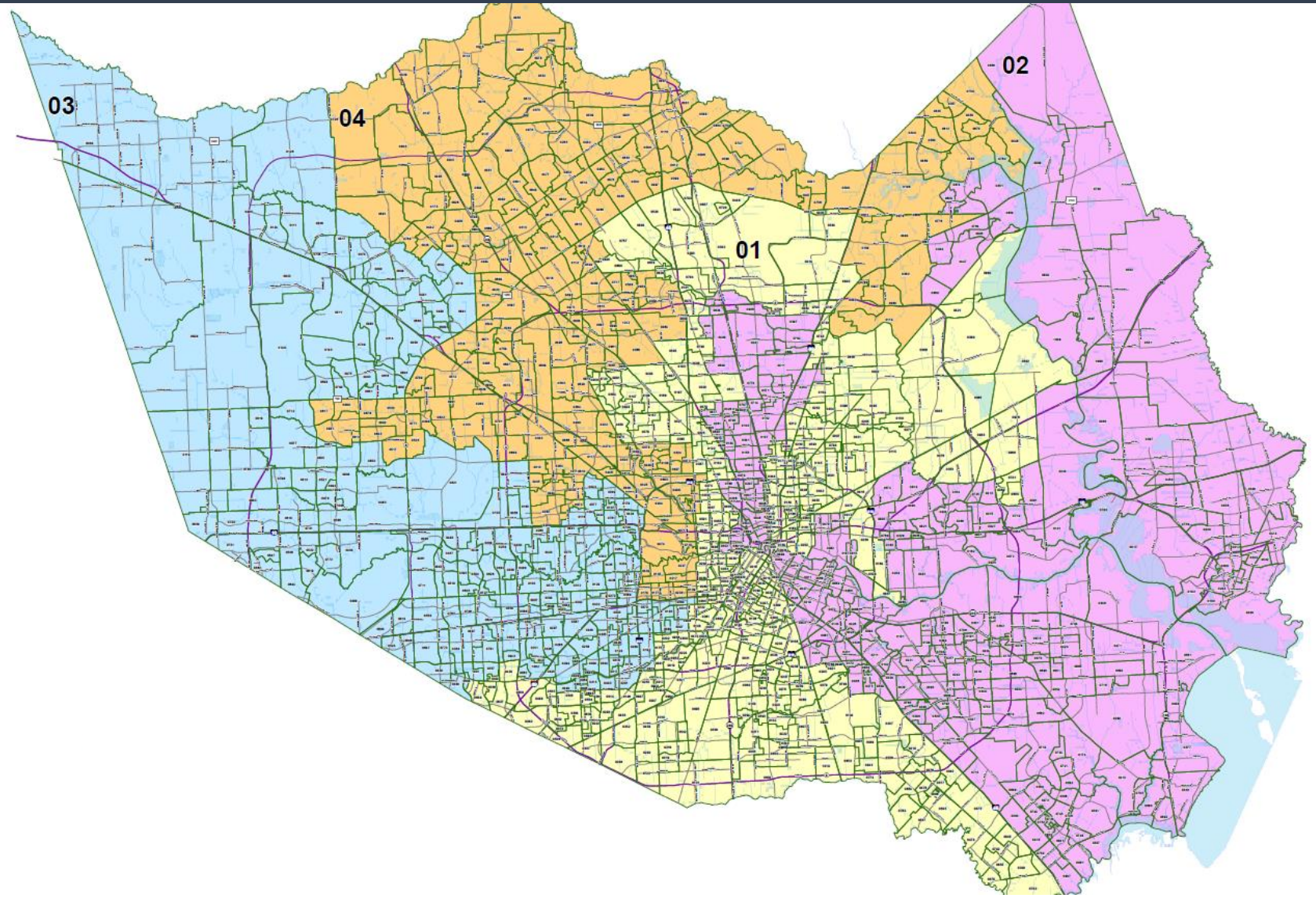


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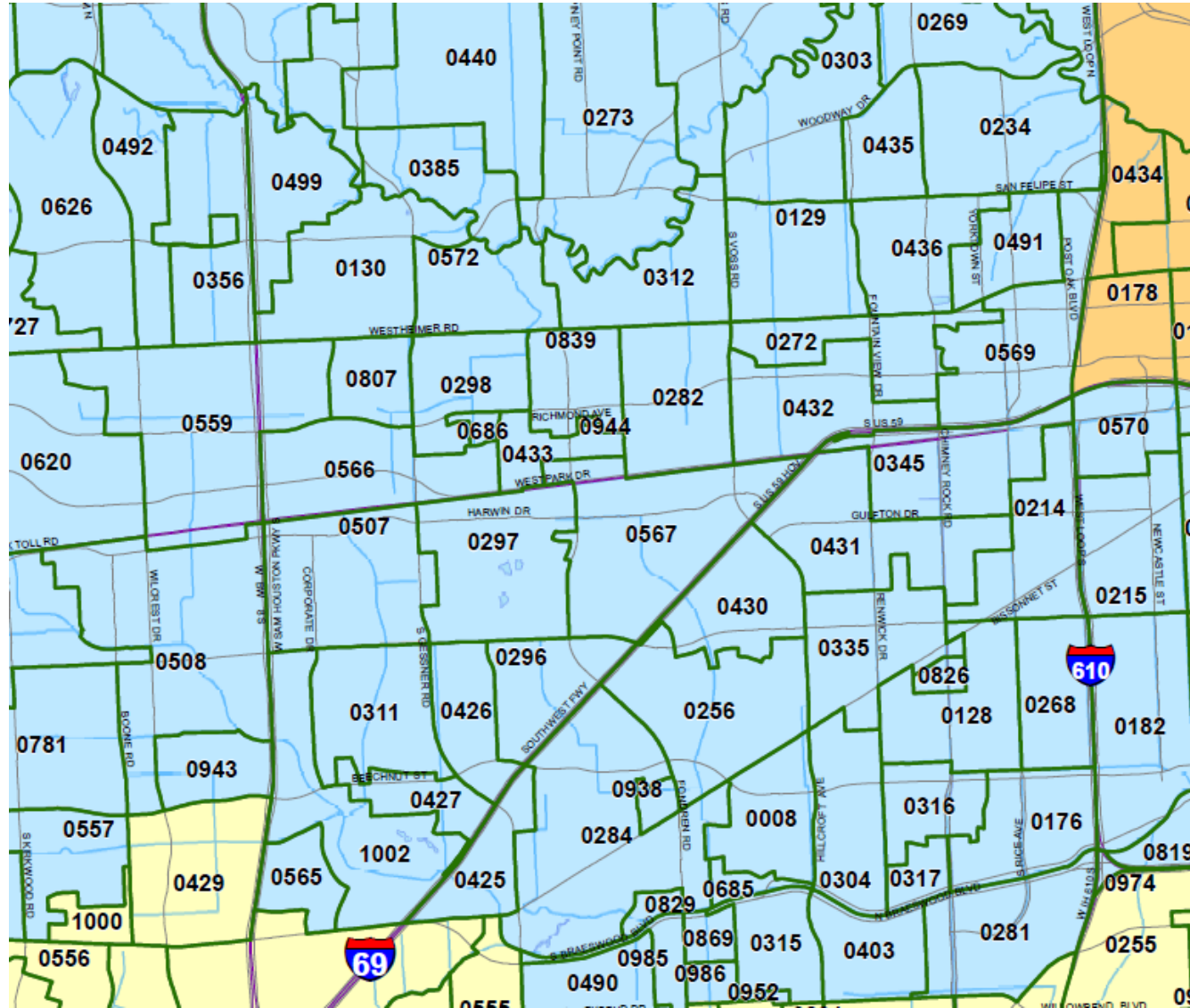




Harris County  
Commissioners  
Court  
4 precincts  
County Judge  
presides



County  
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Precinct 3  
(Radack)  
&  
Harris County  
Department of  
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Position 4  
Precinct 3  
(Duhon)



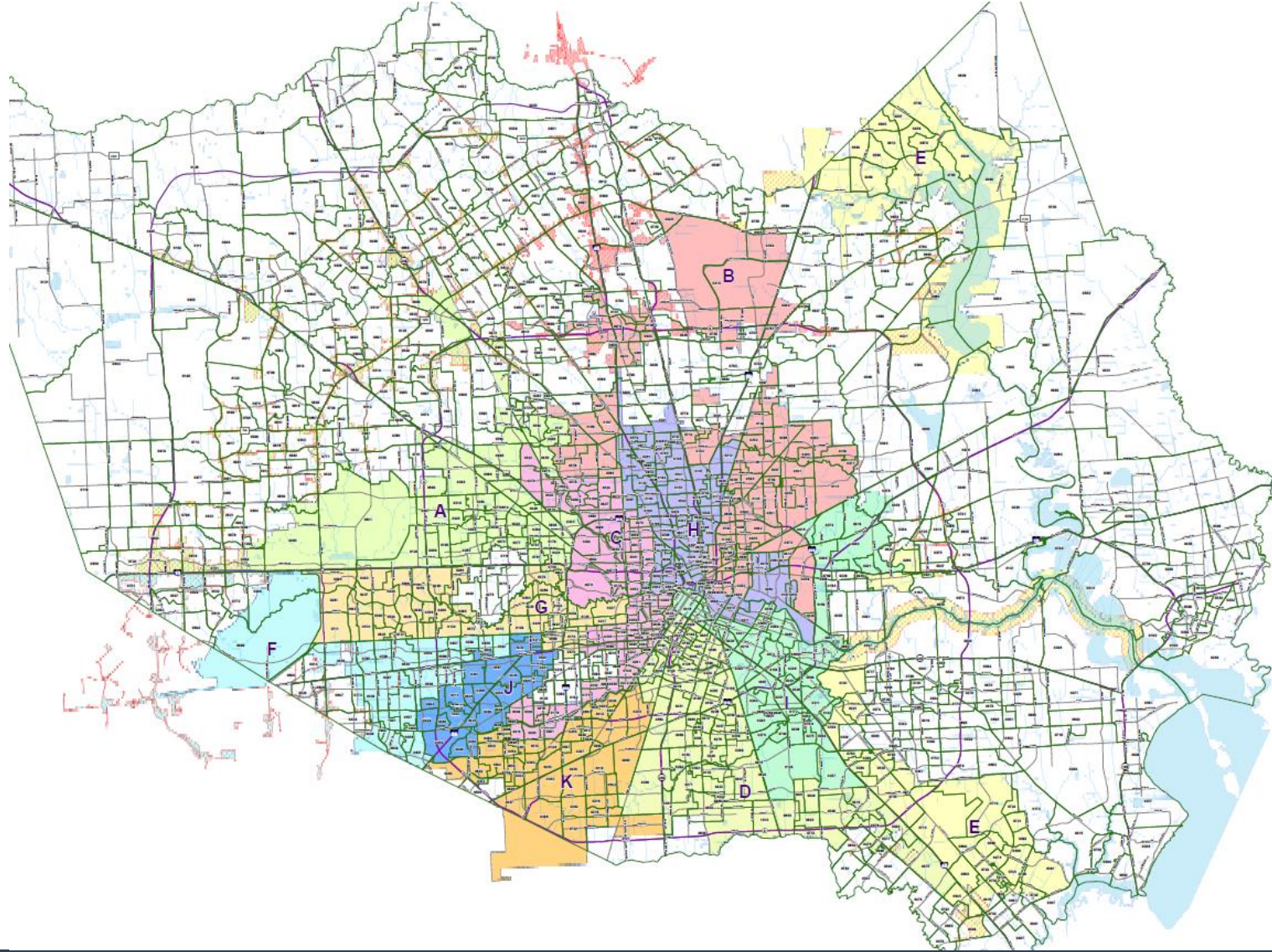




# City of Houston Council Districts

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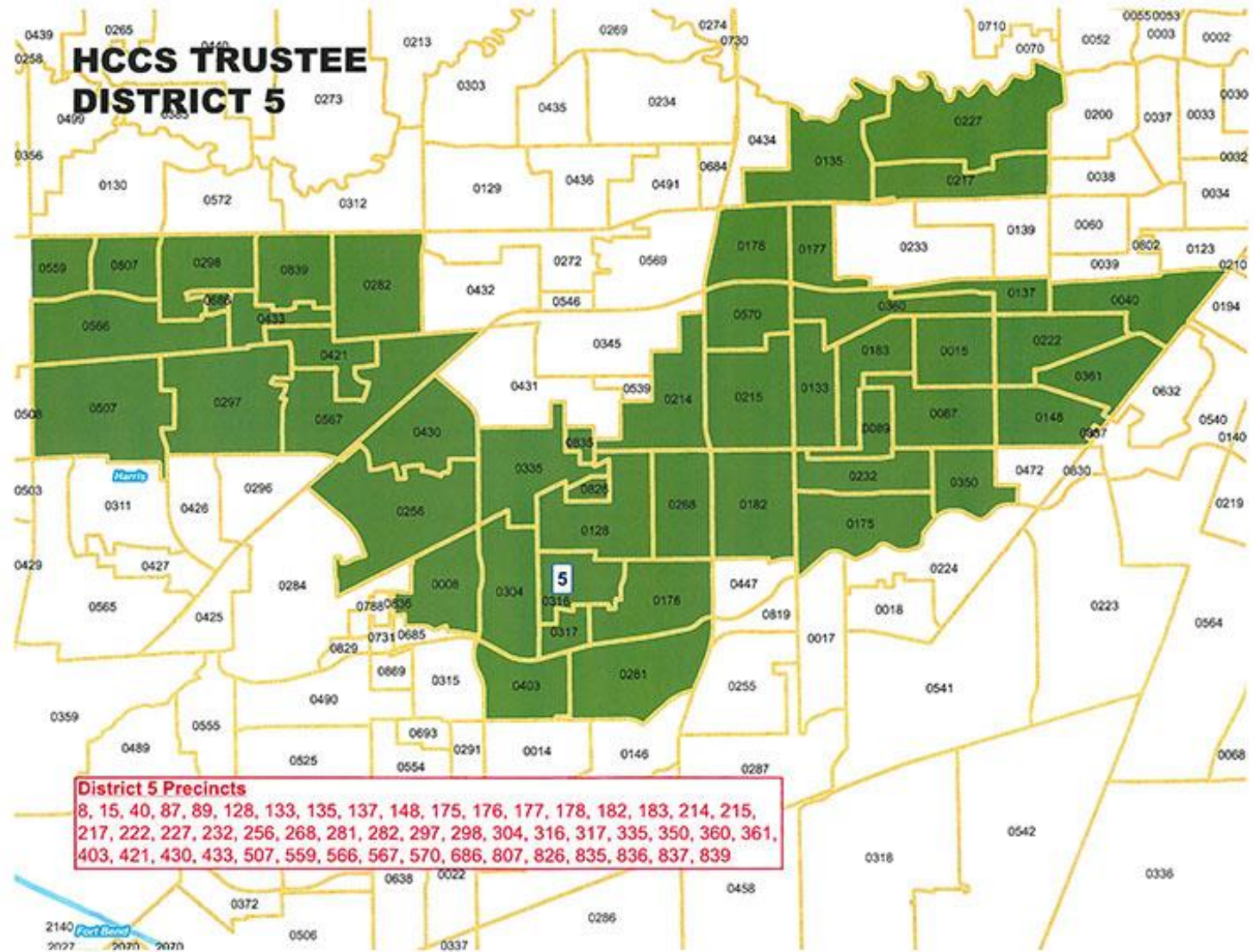
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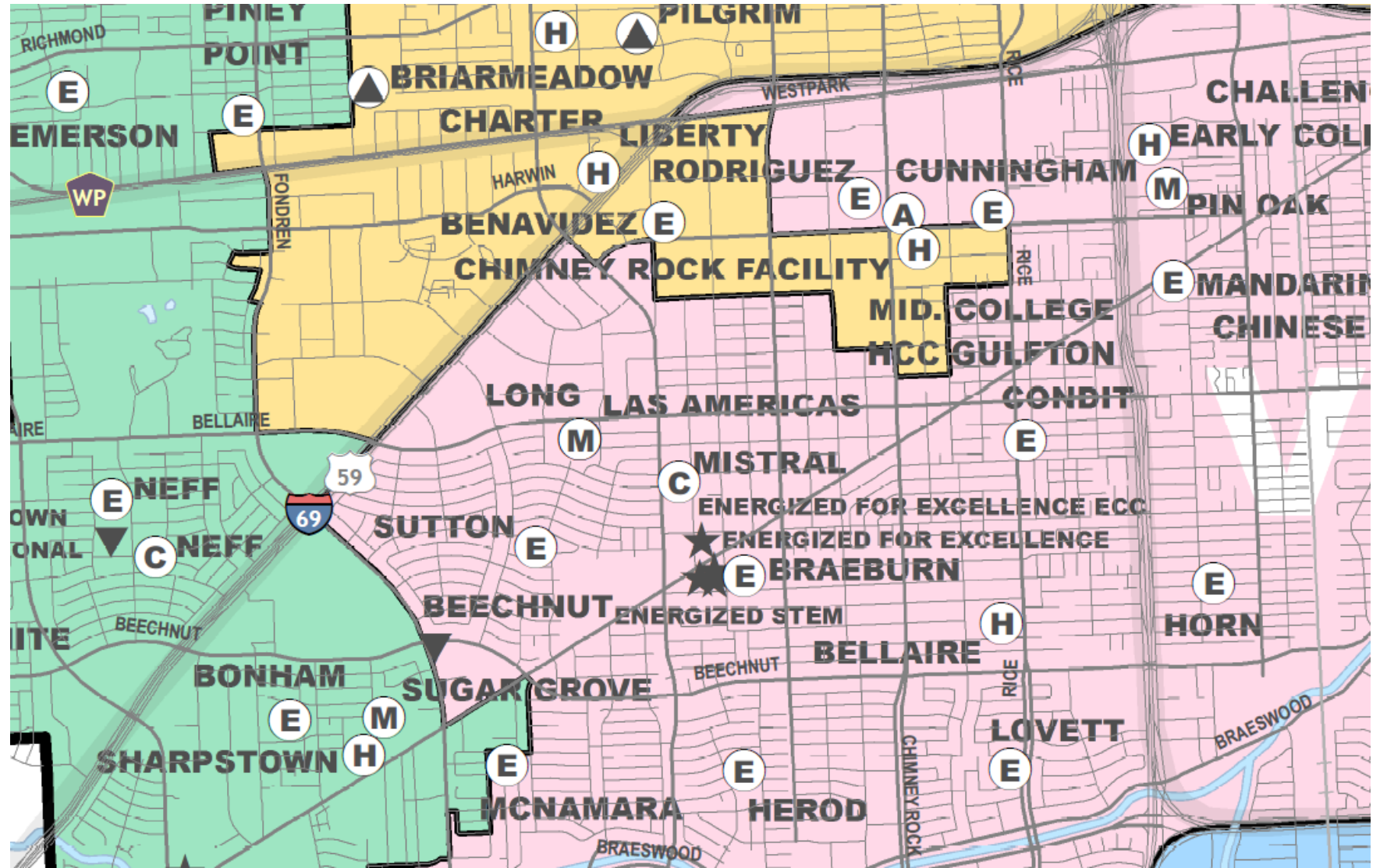
HCC Trustee  
Position V  
(Robert Glasser)



Houston ISD  
Position V  
(Sue Diegaard)

Houston ISD  
Position VI  
(Holly Flynn-Vileseca)

Houston ISD  
Position VII  
(Anne Sung)





# What precinct am I in?

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The screenshot displays two side-by-side panels. The left panel, titled "Elected District Representatives in Precinct 0256", lists the following representatives: U.S. Senator: John Cornyn; U.S. Senator: Ted Cruz; U.S. Representative: John A. Culberson; State Senator: Borris L Miles; State Representative: Gene Wu; Harris County Judge: Ed Emmett; Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector: Ann Harris Bennett; Harris County Commissioner: Steve Radack; Harris County Constable: Ted Heap; Justice of the Peace Pos. 1: Judge Russ Ridgway; Justice of the Peace Pos. 2: Judge Jeff Williams; and State Board of Education: Donna Bahorich. The right panel, titled "Other Districts You Reside In", lists: City of HOUSTON (HOUSTON COUNCIL DISTRICT J); HOUSTON ISD (HOUSTON ISD POSITION 5); HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE (HOUSTON COMM COL DIST 5); METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY; and HC SCHOOL TRUSTEE POS 4.

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**Get Involved!!!**

## **VOLUNTEERS!!!**

- We need people to make calls and get those applications returned! So they will get a ballot for the primary.
- We need block walk teams by precinct.
- We want multiple contacts with our voters before November 2020



## **VOLUNTEERS!!!**

- Data driven targeting by precinct
- Block walk teams in neighborhoods
- We will have sister organizations helping
- This is a team effort!



# **VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We have thousands of people to call  
so we need help!

**Test run for November!**





***Reflecting the Diversity of Houston.***