

1. No configuration will have enough Hispanic turnout to guarantee control of the district based only on Hispanic votes. That being said, there is ample evidence of white crossover voting that both districts should perform.
2. Despite reservations about the ACS, what happens if we put the tract-level citizenship estimates onto these districts? What is the Hispanic CVAP?
3. The proposed district 9 under Amendment 2 looks remarkably, statistically, like district 8 in 2002. That district did elect a representative of choice.
4. How compact are these two districts? How do they rate on compactness compared to the rest of the map? To their predecessor districts?
5. Two Hispanic community groups came out in support of the districts. Are any groups coming out in opposition? If not, strong credence should be paid to these communities in their desire for representation. Basically, it is possible to craft two districts there, in a highly compact space. If this is how the community wants to slice things up, the legislature is being responsive to a group of voters who are members of a potentially suspect class.

