

From: [Steve Adler](#)
To: [Cortez, John Michael](#)
Subject: Fwd: Prop J -
Date: Saturday, January 12, 2019 9:21:22 AM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Mayor Adler <Mayor.Adler@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Prop J -
Date: December 4, 2018 at 5:05:20 PM CST
To: "Cortez, John Michael" <John-Michael.Cortez@austintexas.gov>
Cc: "Varghese, Lesley" <Lesley.Varghese@austintexas.gov>

Several times during this process, there have been some troubling moments when I've felt like Ryan has exhibited a bias towards positions and sentiments in accord with the position of Community, Not Commodity, etc. Anyhow...

Would you see if Ryan could:

- a. Give us the exhibit with just colors just in the City Limits (rather than a dark line) and then re-style the exhibit to accurately reflect what it shows?
- b. Ryan thinks that drawing a conclusion about sentiment on density cannot be fairly drawn from the election... would you ask him to explain why he think that would be to "facile?"
- c. How does Ryan explain the vote in Pemberton and Brykerwoods? Or conclusions if any that can be surmised?

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From: Cortez, John Michael <John-Michael.Cortez@austintexas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Mayor Adler <Mayor.Adler@austintexas.gov>
Cc: Varghese, Lesley <Lesley.Varghese@austintexas.gov>
Subject: FW: Prop J -

FYI

From: Robinson, Ryan
Sent: Monday, December 3, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Cortez, John Michael <John-Michael.Cortez@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Prop J

For what it's worth, here's the map of Prop J but now showing the Full Purpose City Limits...the only dark blues left are Pemberton/Brykerwoods and the area around Lake Long...

ftp://ftp.austintexas.gov/GIS-Data/planning/maps/Prop_J_2018_with_City_Limits.pdf

From: Cortez, John Michael
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Robinson, Ryan <Ryan.Robinson@austintexas.gov>
Subject: Re: Prop J

Agreed. I am telling everyone, none of those results are a mandate for 'density.'

From: Robinson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:40:39 PM
To: Cortez, John Michael
Subject: RE: Prop J

Yes, but it will be sort of like "the 2016 presidential election without Wisconsin." Or, we'd have fully fleshed-out light rail today if we hadn't of had to let the suburban precincts vote in the 2000 rail election...

It almost doesn't matter, everyone who has written about the subject has marveled at how the block of core precincts that led the proposition's defeat were the very ones that many folks (me included) thought would be at the front end of J's passing.

Strategically, I know there are folks who want to claim a mandate for density from J's defeat but this is too facile.

Let me see what I can do.

From: Cortez, John Michael
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 12:53 PM
To: Robinson, Ryan <Ryan.Robinson@austintexas.gov>
Subject: RE: Prop J

Possible to get a map and totals without the ETJ? – jmvc