

Cumulative Voting & Minority
Representation
Amarillo ISD School Board



James Allen
Amarillo's first
black on the
AISD school
board

In 2000, the Amarillo voters elected their first Black and Latina school board members, using cumulative voting.

*Quotes from Amarillo
Globe-News, May 2000*

"We're very excited, very pleased, and basking in the historical moment of this. It gave minorities the prospect that we can make a difference; our vote can make a difference and we can be an integral part of the process. -
Alphonso Vaughn, Amarillo NAACP President

"We were hoping one of the minority candidates would be elected. The fact that we got two minorities on the board is awesome. History was

made in Amarillo." -
Nancy Bosquez, a Potter County justice of the peace and a local leader of the League of United Latin American Citizens



Janie Rivas
AISD school
board
Won in 2002

The Center for Voting and Democracy

The Center is dedicated to fair elections where every vote counts and all voters are represented. As a catalyst for reform, we conduct research, analysis, education and advocacy to build understanding of and support for more democratic voting systems. We promote full representation as an alternative to winner-take-all elections and instant runoff voting as an alternative to plurality elections and traditional runoff elections.

We Provide the Following:

- Voter education & community workshops
- Comprehensive website & library
- Legal assistance in voting rights cases
- Assistance in drafting legislation
- Analysis of alternative voting plans
- Amicus Curiae briefs

A History of Effective Service

The Center for Voting and Democracy (CVD) has a history of successful service to racial and ethnic minorities seeking fair representation. We worked closely with minority communities in Amarillo (TX) in preparation for cumulative voting elections in 2000 and 2002. We helped AAL-DEF defend choice voting in New York City before the Department of Justice in 1999 and made numerous presentations to community groups, charter commissions and national organizations.



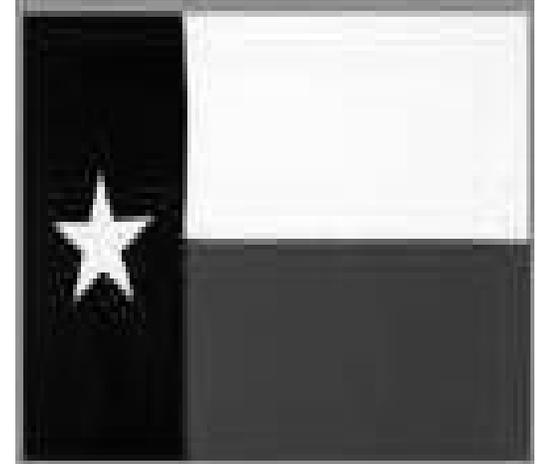
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