



# ELLIOT PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD

February 16, 2012

Redistricting Group  
C/o City Clerk's Office; Attn: Peggy Menshek  
Room 304 City Hall  
350 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Members:

Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI) requests that Elliot Park Neighborhood remain fully within the boundaries of Ward 7 as a final result of the current Minneapolis Ward Redistricting process. Dividing the neighborhood into more than one ward would compromise Elliot Park neighborhood's long-standing identification with communities of shared interest among the central communities in the Minneapolis downtown urban core.

Elliot Park Neighborhood boundaries are defined by:

The I-35W/I-94 Freeway on the South

The I-35 Freeway on the East

Sixth Street South, westerly to Chicago Avenue; and Fifth Street South, westerly to Fifth Avenue South on the North

Fifth Avenue South, southerly to the I-35W/I-94 Freeway on the West

The freeway boundaries to the south and east especially demarcate Elliot Park's downtown core affiliation, as does the western boundary at Fifth Avenue, which delineates the border between Elliot Park and the central business district. This historic geographic definition of the neighborhood has resulted in Elliot Park developing common agendas with other downtown core neighborhoods (DowntownWest, Downtown East, North Loop, Loring Park) since at least the formation of the Central Communities alliance nearly two decades ago. These common agendas and shared interests have only increased



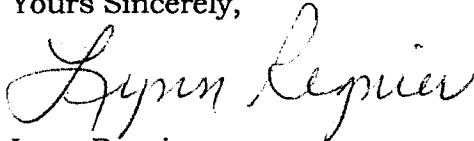
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with the sizable growth of residential population among all of these central community neighborhoods during the last decade.

The latest draft of ward boundaries proposes shifting several Elliot Park Neighborhood blocks north of Seventh Street South into Ward 3. EPNI believes this would be an unproductive and rather arbitrary adjustment. It would in fact divide the prominent and monolithic Hennepin County Medical Center campus into two different ward jurisdictions. We would recommend that the border between Ward 3 and Ward 7 be drawn along Fifth and Sixth Streets South, the existing northern boundaries of Elliot Park Neighborhood.

Elliot Park Neighborhood is one of the most demographically diverse in the city. Its mix of incomes and of housing opportunities, as well as its future economic development is closely tied to the fortunes of the downtown core. EPNI asks that the Redistricting Group respect the geographic, historic and demographic integrity of the neighborhood and allow Elliot Park to remain wholly within the boundaries of Ward 7.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Regnier".

Lynn Regnier

Executive Director