

February 16, 2012

Mr. Barry Clegg, Chair Minneapolis Charter Commission 350 South 5th Street, Room 317 Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Clegg:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the West Bank Community Coalition (WBCC) Board of Directors. The WBCC is the City of Minneapolis recognized citizen participation organization for the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood.

The WBCC Board is aware of the ongoing redistricting process, and as a community rich with diversity we are particularly aware of the debate surrounding minority representation on the Minneapolis City Council. As such, at our February 15, 2012, monthly meeting the board voted unanimously in support of the following resolution:

Resolved, the WBCC supports the objective of creating ward boundaries that reflect the results of the 2010 census, and which create adequate opportunities for minority representation.

We appreciate the work of the Charter Commission and Redistricting Committee and wish you well as you continue this important work.

Sincerely,

Osman Ahmed

President, West Bank Community Coalition

