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To Whom it May Concern:

The Stevens Square Loring Heights Community Organization's board of directors have reviewed the proposed changes to the City of Minneapolis' City Council Wards. The recommendation of SSCO is to not split our neighborhood along First avenue, but rather extend the boundary to enclose our neighborhood into one City Council Ward.

Stevens Square-Loring Heights is one of the most densely populated neighborhood in the City, yet we are also one of the smallest. With this being said we propose that the boundary along First Avenue cease at West Franklin. Then make the boundary along Franklin Avenue to Lyndale Avenue.

This would in essence carve out the Stevens Square – Loring Heights neighborhood keeping it “whole” and consistently represented. This action would also keep Stevens Square – Loring Heights in the Ward in which we have the most in common (median age, housing stock, median income and dynamics) with neighborhoods surrounding our area.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Steven Gallagher
Executive Director
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