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I have lived on 43rd and Colfax for 40 of my 51 years. My home and my community are all within a few blocks of Lake Harriet, I rarely travel east of Lyndale and I object very strongly to the new boundaries. Why would you exclude these 24 blocks from the community it belongs and attach it to a ward where we have no roots. It makes absolutely no sense. My children have participated in all of their rec sports as well as attended child care at the Lynnhurst Community Center and these new boundaries serve no purpose but to isolate us from the community where we engage our daily lives.

A simply glance at the boundaries and it is obvious that the main artery Lyndale Avenue is a natural divider, to connect us to the neighborhoods across makes no sense and it results in an unnecessary hardship for voters which I believe will result in less community involvement. Why is the East Harriet community dissected into three wards anyway, neighborhoods should be kept together. I find the new boundaries confusing, I pay higher property taxes because my street is adjacent to Kings Highway and I did not qualify for MAC noise reduction awards because I am on the west side of Lyndale. These are just two examples of how my location does not fit in with the proposed ward 8 boundaries.

Our issues west of Lyndale are very different and I strongly oppose the proposed boundaries.

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