

March, 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

Re: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Redistricting Committee:

My name is Dahir Jibril , I am the executive **Director of the Somali Justice and Advocacy Center**. Speaking on behalf of the community I am here in support of the **Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting** proposal, their plan meets the needs and aspiration of the East African American community and also meets all the principles of redistricting.

I would like to emphasize the need to have Cedar Riverside neighborhood, parts of the Seward East as shown in the map as well as the Elliot Park neighborhood in Ward 6.

It is important that you fully understand that the community as a whole is excited and energized by the redistricting of the City and wholeheartedly support the **Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting** proposal.

I believe that its implementation would help revitalize the neighborhoods that we live in as well as add a great deal of new voters to the system.

Thank you!