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Dear Redistricting Officials,

I am writing to support the "We All Win" redistricting proposal (see link below for map).

http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/567/view/

In your final deliberations, we ask that you please keep Midtown Phillips, East Phillips, Powderhorn, Central, and parts of Corcoran and Standish together in order to establish a 34.72% Latino voting age population – helping Latinos the ability to represent their specific interests today and well into the future.

I have lived in the Powderhorn neighborhood for four years now and plan to stay here as long as it remains a diverse neighborhood with a strong tradition of multiculturalism, tolerance, and social justice. Both as a researcher and a teacher of immigration studies and as resident of Powderhorn, I have come to know a great deal about the contributions of immigrant groups to local communities and economies as well as the obstacles they face to full participation in our democratic processes and practices. Your decision on a final map could empower well over 40,000 Latino families and children who have invested a great deal in making Minneapolis a richer and healthier city, but who have been marginalized and excluded from domains of political participation. These communities are the reason why I am proud to call Powderhorn my home, and I believe they have the right to full political representation and inclusion.

In this vibrant, multicultural community, our interests are uniquely tied together by multicultural and multilingual literacy. "We All Win" would preserve the unique qualities of our neighborhoods by empowering groups from a range of backgrounds to deliberate across difference, participate in democratic decisions, and secure political representation for historically underprivileged minorities. In addition to Latino communities, "We all Win" would empower the African American, Native American, and Somali communities.

We know you will consider your decisions carefully and we hope you find a way to create districts that will empower, and not divide, our communities.

Sincerely,
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