From: Carl, Casey J.
To: Menshek, Peggy Y
Subject: FW: Redrafted Ward Maps - March 6
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FYI---forwarding, as requested.

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From: Ben Walen [mailto:benwalen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:05 PM
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Subject: Redrafted Ward Maps - March 6

Please forward my following personal comments to the redistricting group/committee:

I am a resident of the Seward neighborhood, on 21st Ave S. I am disappointed to see the major changes made to the proposed ward lines in and around the Seward neighborhood. I am opposed to the dividing of the Seward neighborhood into two separate wards. The western part of the neighborhood, which would be split into Ward 6, has more in common with the university and river neighborhoods that fall into current and proposed Ward 2. Further, both of the new wards 2 and 6 have contorted boundaries compared with nearly every other proposed city ward. Under the new map's boundaries, the council member for Ward 2 will be representing people both north and south of a Ward 6 peninsula that juts out into Seward.

The new proposed map disregards both the written and in-person comments of representatives of the Seward Neighborhood Group (please note that I currently serve as the Co-President of the board of SNG) and neighborhood residents. In February, SNG passed the following resolution:

"The Seward Neighborhood Group supports a redistricting plan that keeps Seward in one ward, in the same ward as other university communities, and in a ward that includes both banks of the Mississippi River. In addition, SNG requests that the possibility of smoothing out the bumps on the industrial western edge of Seward in the plan released by the Redistricting Group be given consideration."

Please take these comments into consideration as you refine the map boundaries.

Sincerely,

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