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Redistricting Committee 2012  
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Re: Resident Comments Against Proposal for Redistricting Sheridan & NE Mpls Arts District

I live in the Sheridan neighborhood. Upon review of the proposed City-Wide Ward Map, I have concerns. Sheridan and Bottineau have been separated out from the rest of the NE Arts District neighborhoods, and are now shown in the same ward as Downtown!

Sheridan is not part of the Downtown community. Aside from severing the Northeast Arts District (see below), the proposed map leaves our community swallowed by downtown interests. While downtown businesses count many corporate headquarters, sports arenas and the convention center represented by the Downtown Business Council, Meet Minneapolis and City Hall; Sheridan has a single business corridor and industrial node of small, arts-related and creative businesses (think low-rise unique small retail and restaurants, Minnesota musicians in corner pubs, RSP architects and an artist-owned building). Median incomes downtown run substantially higher than do those in Sheridan and Bottineau. Consider that 90% of Downtown West & East housing units are high density (>100 housing units per block according to 2010 Census data) and 70% of North Loop blocks, whereas Sheridan currently has NO blocks of this high density. One development on the Grain Belt site proposing ~150 units is in process with considerable neighborhood input. Bottineau data similarly shows only one of this high density.

Contrast this with a look at an online City CPED review of "Major Downtown Development Projects" permitted and with completed applications received, dated 01/01/2012 for Downtown residential and mixed-use housing developments, which foretells of Ivy Condos, Nicollet Towers, 401 Oak Grove, Loring Park Apartments, Emanuel Housing, Park Vista, Nicollet Residences, 520 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Third North Apartments, 701 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Apartments, Greco Real Estate Development, 607 Washington Lofts (Holden Building)... Plucking our two neighborhoods out of the Northeast Arts District Ward 1 and subsuming them into Downtown Ward 3 leaves our Sheridan and Bottineau neighborhoods effectively voiceless while diminishing the community voice of the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District.

Both Sheridan and Bottineau reside within the City-designated Northeast Minneapolis Arts District, bounded by Broadway to the south, 26th Avenue NE to the north, the Mississippi River to the west and Central Avenue to the east. This district was officially designated by the City of Minneapolis in 2003, as recognition of the significant impact the arts and related creative businesses have on this area. The proposed City-Wide Ward Map splits the Arts District between two wards, with the majority in Ward One and a much smaller portion, Bottineau and Sheridan, in Ward Three. With each passing year, the community of artists, and arts-related business grows. As a community of interest and with a cohesive character, it makes good sense for the entire Arts District to be in one ward. Please make adjustments to the proposed map.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,