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To: Redistricting2012
Subject: NE Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I live, work and own property in the Sheridan neighborhood. I don't believe the proposed City-Wide Ward Map is good for Northeast. Sheridan and Bottineau are an integral part of the NE neighborhoods, the proposed map separates them from the rest. Broadway is the natural and obvious border, defining the NE community. Northeast Minneapolis Arts District (NMAD) was officially designated by the City of Minneapolis and is bounded by Broadway up to 26th Avenue from the Mississippi to Central Avenue. It is important to keep common interests together. Currently the NMAD is in 2 wards but they do share common NE interests and goals.

On the new redistricting map Sheridan is in the same ward as Downtown. Sheridan does not have the same needs or goals, it is not part of the Downtown community. Sheridan would not be properly represented by our council person, the Downtown Council will be the overpowering voice for that council person. The arts district, Sheridan and Bottineau will all suffer. It appears that the entire area north of Broadway, with the exception of Mid-City Industrial, could be one ward of the correct size. Please consider adjusting the map for these very real concerns.

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