

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Jeffrey Gerhardson <jeffrey.gerhardson@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 7:10 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: redistrict plan

Hello,

I am going to keep this short and to the point.

I am completely against splitting up the neighborhoods Ericsson and Standish as in the current plan.

Do not destroy and cohesive community.

Jeff Gerhardson
4239 32nd Ave So.

February 27, 2012

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Minneapolis Charter Commission,
Barry Clegg Chair, and
Redistricting Advisory Group
304 City Hall
350 South Fifth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55415

CITY CLERK
DEPARTMENT

Attn: Peggy Menshek, Coordinator

Dear Commissioners and Redistricting Advisors:

The exclusion of the current Ward 2 Council Member's home from the new Ward 2 area proposed by the Citizens' Committee for Fair Redistricting smacks of political chicanery, as you can see from the enclosed Minnesota Daily Article of February 20, 2012, "Map would pit Ward 2's Cam Gordon against fellow councilman"). The fact that DFL politicians strongly support such a plan, seen against the background of other past changes in several ward boundaries that placed non-DFL Council Members at a great disadvantage, makes the exclusion of Cam Gordon appear deliberate. I would expect adoption of such a plan to result in a lawsuit.

The Charter Commission's own redistricting maps for 2nd and 6th Wards dated February 15 (enclosed) indicate changes that should go a long way towards satisfying the Citizen's Committee's wish for a minority-friendly ward that includes Riverside Plaza. I do see one problem, however, with that 6th Ward outline: inclusion of Seven Corners Apartments at the extreme northernmost extension. Any reasonable person would expect Seven Corners Apartments to lie within the wards to the west or east. It seems to me that if Seven Corners Apartments are excluded from the 6th, compensatory population could be added in the area along Minnehaha Avenue immediately south of I-94.

I would also urge you to consider the problem created by past inclusion of such a great amount of high value property within Ward 7 which results in that Council Member able to wield power more effectively than any other Council Member.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Sincerely,



David Markle

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REDISTRICTING

Map would pit Ward 2's Cam Gordon against fellow councilman

The Green Party is concerned about the proposed map.

BY NICK SUDHEIMER

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A redistricting map recently submitted to the Minneapolis Charter Commission is drawing concern from members of the Minnesota Green Party.

The Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting, a group which represents immigrants from Somalia and East Africa, drew the map which would move Minneapolis city Councilman Cam Gordon — the only Green Party member on the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-dominated 13-member City Council — into ward 9 forcing him to face-off against fellow Councilman Gary Schiff in the 2013 elections.

The committee sent a letter to Barry Clegg, chairman of the Charter Commission, who decides how to divide city wards, saying the map is meant to help reflect the growing minority population in the

“We have reasons not to trust the goodwill of the DFL.”

DAVE BICKING
Green Party
spokesman

city. The new ward 9 would be a minority-dominated area, with whites representing 33 percent of the ward's population.

Dave Bicking, a spokesman for the Green Party

said he doesn't question the committee's motive for drawing the map but is concerned that the DFL is supporting the map in an attempt to remove Gordon, who represents the University of Minnesota area, from the Council.

Schiff is possibly the most active and popular City Council member. He won his ward with 60 percent of the vote in 2009, with the second-place finisher tallying 27 percent.

Besides the Charter Commission, the map was also sent to several DFL

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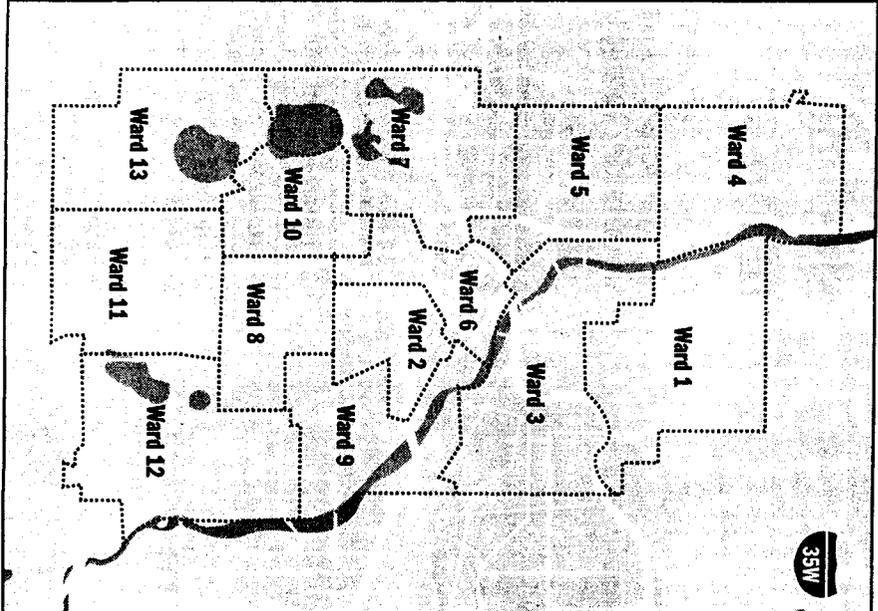
Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Rep. Phyllis Kahn, both of Minneapolis, support the map.

Map would pit Gordon against councilman

Redistricting

members including DFL chairman Ken Martin, Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Rep. Phyllis Kahn, both Minneapolis DFLers, sent

PROPOSED MAP FROM CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING



SOURCE: CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

a letter to Clegg supporting the plan last week. "We have reasons not to trust the goodwill of the DFL," said Bicking, who ran for city council against Schiff in 2009. "It's the DFL that is primarily trying to keep the Green Party off the ballot."

Bicking pointed to the 2005 City Council elections when two Green Party councilmembers, Natalie Johnson Lee and Dean Zimmerman, were redistricted to other wards and lost to incumbent DFL candidates. "I don't know if I want to use the word suspicious, but it certainly wouldn't seem out of line to say so," Bicking said.

Gordon said he wasn't suspicious of the Citizens Committee's motives but questioned why only DFLers received the letter. Carlie Waibel, a spokesperson for the DFL party, said the DFL is more focused on the state redistricting process and hasn't paid much attention to the city's redistricting efforts. A final state map is set to be released Tuesday.

Waibel added that the committee likely sent the map to DFL party members to keep the "party in the know."

A representative from the committee could not be reached for comment. Clegg said the committee's map was interesting and influenced the Charter Commission's proposed map, which it released Wednesday. But he added the commission, which is made up of unelected officials, is adamant on drawing wards around people and not political parties.

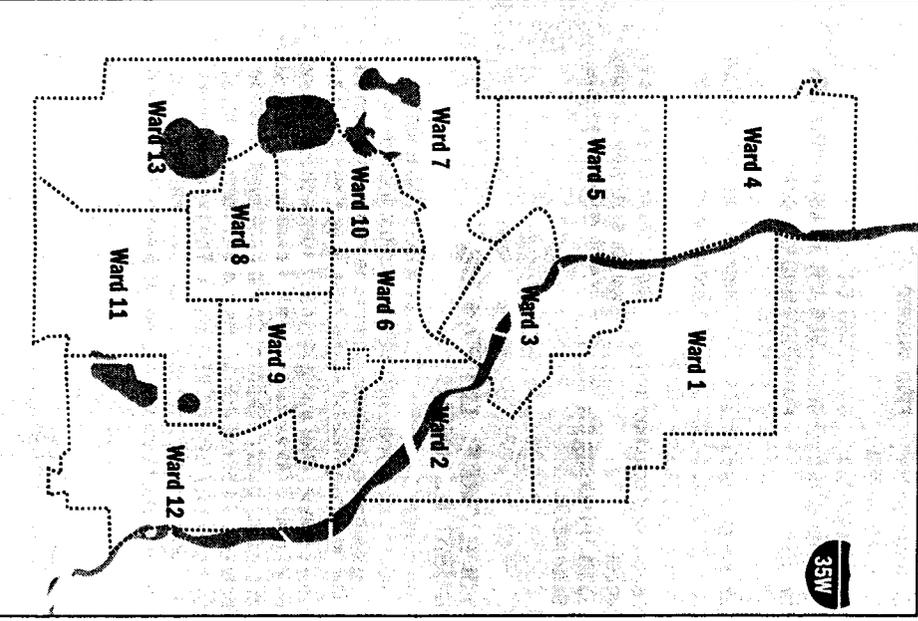
"Parties can support any map they want, but the fact of the matter is no political party is going to make a decision in this process," Clegg said. He added that the final redistricting map will likely resemble the commission's proposed map, which doesn't alter boundaries as much as the Citizens Committee's map.

The commission will have two meetings in the next two weeks to hear concerns about the proposed map. The commission aims to approve the final ward boundaries by the last week in March.

Gordon said he hopes people will get involved in the process. "I think it's really important that if people have concerns or are supportive of the map they weigh in on it

because it will all be over a whole of time for people by the first week of April," to sit around and think Gordon said. "There's not about it."

PROPOSED MAP FROM CHARTER COMMISSION'S REDISTRICTING GROUP



SOURCE: CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Plan Name: CitizensforFairRedistricting_22712
 Plan Type: Minneapolis Wards
 Date: 2/27/2012
 Time: 5:57:27PM
 Administrator: Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting

Measures of Compactness

2/27/2012

Sum	N/A	N/A	130.70	N/A	N/A
Min	0.39	1.22	N/A	0.38	0.02
Max	0.60	1.55	N/A	0.66	1.22
Mean	0.52	1.36	N/A	0.54	0.46
Std. Dev.	0.06	0.11	N/A	0.10	0.39

DISTRICT	Reock	Schwartzberg	Perimeter	Polsby-Popper	Length-Width
1	0.39	1.39	13.66	0.50	0.43
2	0.60	1.39	10.27	0.52	0.52
3	0.57	1.39	10.25	0.51	0.05
4	0.55	1.25	10.04	0.63	0.29
5	0.57	1.23	8.99	0.66	0.13
6	0.45	1.55	7.36	0.42	0.13
7	0.54	1.26	9.88	0.62	0.98
8	0.52	1.32	6.46	0.56	0.74
9	0.53	1.22	9.12	0.66	0.05
10	0.58	1.25	10.83	0.63	0.71
11	0.50	1.41	8.04	0.50	0.02
12	0.45	1.52	11.95	0.43	1.22
13	0.54	1.51	13.86	0.38	0.67

Population Summary Report

Overall Range:			3.01 Percent	885 Persons
Largest District:	29,939	Deviation:	1.73 Percent	510 Persons
Smallest District:	29,054	Deviation:	-1.27 Percent	-375 Persons
		Mean Deviation:	0.76 Percent	222.54 Persons
		Standard Deviation:	253	252.70 Persons
Ideal District:	29,429			

District	Population	Deviation	% Devn.
1	29,248	-181	-0.62
2	29,939	510	1.73
3	29,054	-375	-1.27
4	29,293	-136	-0.46
5	29,248	-181	-0.62
6	29,244	-185	-0.63
7	29,602	173	0.59
8	29,648	219	0.74
9	29,153	-276	-0.94
10	29,340	-89	-0.30
11	29,693	264	0.90
12	29,406	-23	-0.08
13	29,710	281	0.95

State Total: 382,578

Plan: CitizensforFairRedistricting_22712
 Plan Type: Minneapolis Wards

Administrator: Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting
 User:

District Statistics Report

Monday, February 27, 2012

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District 1

Population Statistics

Ideal Population: 29,429
 Absolute Deviation: -181
 Actual Population: 29,248
 Relative Deviation: -0.62 %

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%Hispanic Origin	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
3,267	20,177	3,673	707	1,089	11.17	68.99	12.56	2.42	3.72

[18+ Pop]

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%Hispanic Origin	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
2,155	17,501	2,123	519	823	9.24	75.05	9.10	2.23	3.53

District 1 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)

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District 2

Population Statistics

Ideal Population: 29,429
 Absolute Deviation: 510
 Actual Population: 29,939
 Relative Deviation: 1.73 %

District 2 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
865	22,164	2,370	339	3,936	2.89	74.03	7.92	1.13	13.15

[18+ Pop]

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
716	21,275	1,625	264	3,687	2.58	76.56	5.85	0.95	13.27

District 2 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 3

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-375
Actual Population:	29,054	Relative Deviation:	-1.27%

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,906	20,071	3,910	496	2,418	6.56	69.08	13.46	1.71	8.32

[18+ Pop]

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,453	19,332	2,979	392	2,193	5.47	72.83	11.22	1.48	8.26

District 3 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 4

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-136
Actual Population:	29,293	Relative Deviation:	-0.46%

District 4 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blak	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blak	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
2,143	12,364	10,410	617	3,191	7.32	42.21	35.54	2.11	10.89
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blak	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blak	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,289	10,665	6,211	420	1,824	6.23	51.58	30.04	2.03	8.82

District 4 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 5

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-181						
Actual Population:	29,248	Relative Deviation:	-0.62 %						
Total Population									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blak	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blak	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
2,496	4,739	16,274	511	4,416	8.53	16.20	55.64	1.75	15.10
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blak	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blak	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,411	4,185	9,939	367	2,374	7.55	22.39	53.16	1.96	12.70

District 5 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 6

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-185
Actual Population:	29,244	Relative Deviation:	-0.63 %

District 6 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
5,141	8,612	12,529	1,180	1,303	17.58	29.45	42.84	4.04	4.46
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
3,375	8,244	8,882	886	1,157	14.78	36.09	38.89	3.88	5.07

District 6 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 7

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	173						
Actual Population:	29,602	Relative Deviation:	0.59 %						
Total Population									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,087	24,953	1,580	272	1,474	3.67	84.29	5.34	0.92	4.98
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
859	22,631	1,208	237	1,158	3.27	86.17	4.60	0.90	4.41

District 7 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 8

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	219
Actual Population:	29,648	Relative Deviation:	0.74 %

District 8 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
5,105	14,766	7,541	675	1,178	17.22	49.80	25.44	2.28	3.97
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
3,594	14,238	5,571	541	1,047	14.22	56.34	22.05	2.14	4.14

District 8 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 9

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-276						
Actual Population:	29,153	Relative Deviation:	-0.94 %						
Total Population									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
4,071	19,163	3,059	1,611	895	13.96	65.73	10.49	5.53	3.07
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
2,456	16,473	1,994	1,061	640	10.76	72.19	8.74	4.65	2.80

District 9 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 10

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-89
Actual Population:	29,340	Relative Deviation:	-0.30 %

District 10 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
870	25,970	1,082	154	1,081	2.97	88.51	3.69	0.52	3.68
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
574	20,774	685	122	648	2.51	90.73	2.99	0.53	2.83

District 10 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 11

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	264						
Actual Population:	29,693	Relative Deviation:	0.90 %						
Total Population									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
8,986	12,102	6,366	759	991	30.26	40.76	21.44	2.56	3.34
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
5,660	10,617	4,053	493	724	25.93	48.63	18.57	2.26	3.32

District 11 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 12

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	-23
Actual Population:	29,406	Relative Deviation:	-0.08 %

District 12 (continued)

Total Population

[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,711	22,738	3,452	284	964	5.82	77.32	11.74	0.97	3.28
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,012	18,423	2,306	190	636	4.46	81.13	10.15	0.84	2.80

District 12 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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District 13

Population Statistics

Ideal Population:	29,429	Absolute Deviation:	281						
Actual Population:	29,710	Relative Deviation:	0.95 %						
Total Population									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
2,425	22,831	2,604	652	928	8.16	76.85	8.76	2.19	3.12
[18+ Pop]									
[Hispanic Origin]	NH_Wht	NH_DOJ_Blk	NH_DOJ_Ind	NH_DOJ_Asn	%[Hispanic Origin]	%NH_Wht	%NH_DOJ_Blk	%NH_DOJ_Ind	%NH_DOJ_Asn
1,466	19,356	1,644	456	663	6.18	81.58	6.93	1.92	2.79

District 13 Counties (* indicates the county is not entirely within the district.)
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Subject: Latino, Native, and Somali Opportunity Map = Equity for All
Attachments: Equity and Opportunity for All.pdf

Dear Charter Members and Redistricting Committee,

As a concerned Latino member and home owner in East Phillips I submit this map for your review which will be presented tonight by Mariano Espinoza (resident in Powderhorn).

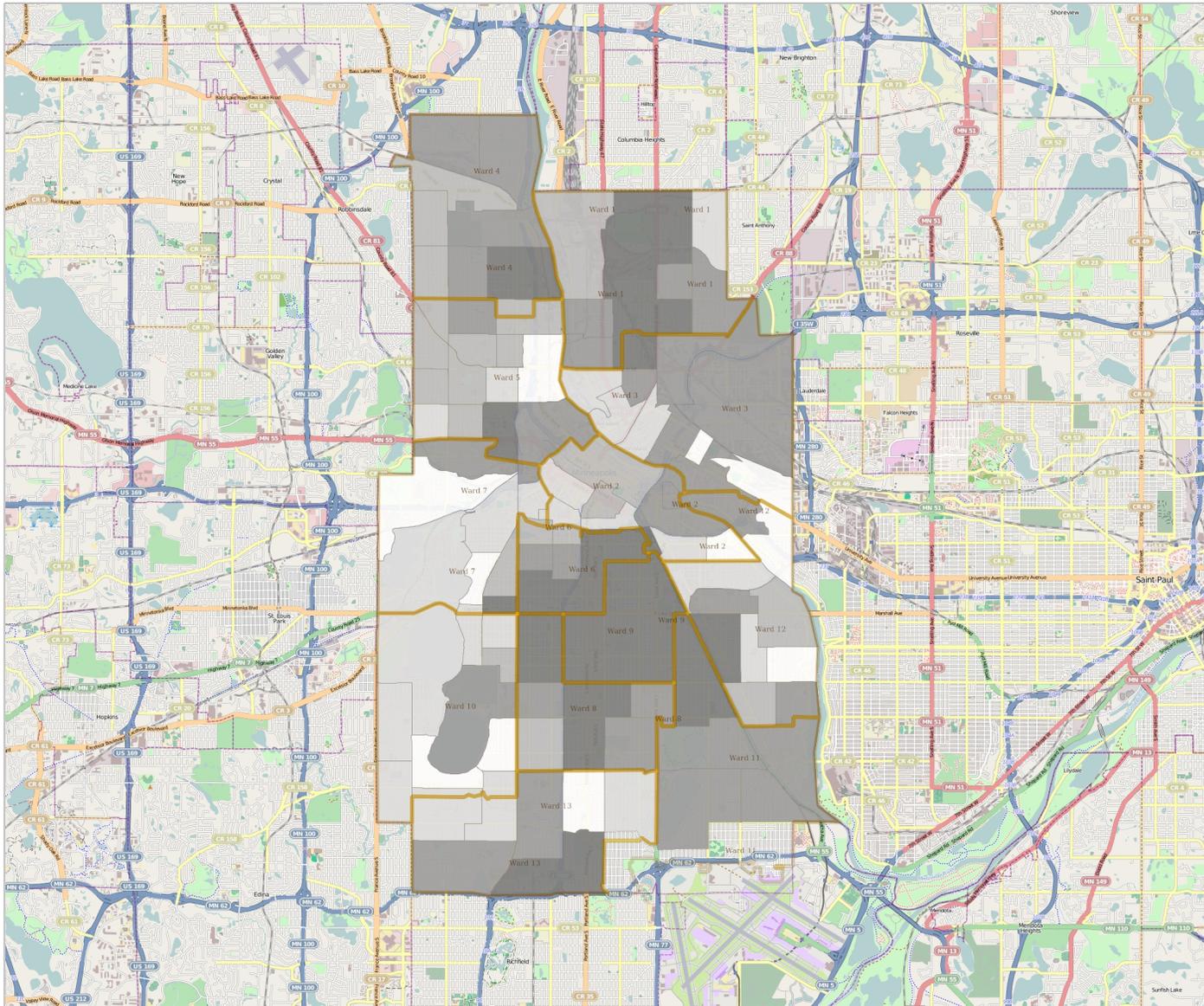
We are concerned that only a few voices are being heard in this process and we ask that you please hear our Latino community as it proposes this map to help all residents of Minneapolis - be they white, Black, Latino, Somali, Native - to have a fair representation.

We hope you can consider our efforts and our map to preserve these communities of interest.

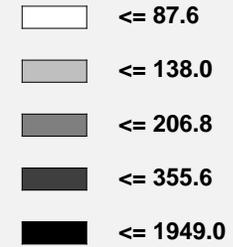
Thank you for your time,

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Geography: Hispanic



Districts: Districts



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Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 1:18 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Cc: Marne Zafar; Mike Trdan; Ben Walen; Ken Webb
Subject: Redistricting Motion from the Seward Neighborhood Group

Members of the Redistricting Group,

At its February meeting, the Seward Neighborhood Group 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.

Thank you,

Diann Anders,
SNG Board of Directors

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From: Jamil Ford <jamil@mobilizedesign.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Don't Seperate - Harrison Neighborhood

Please do not further the process in separating the Harrison Neighborhood.

- Keep Harrison Whole
- Harrison should remain in Ward 5
- Re-ensure Northside Representation for Northside Opportunities

Thanks for your time, I cannot make it the two meetings scheduled for tonight or tomorrow, however I think it is very important that my voice is heard as a business owner and resident that is directly adjacent to this neighborhood.

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From: Pamela Peters <pame41@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:24 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Re: redistricting Harrison neighborhood w link added

On Feb 29, 2012, at 3:47 PM, Pamela Peters wrote:

Hi, I am unable to attend the meetings but want to say that I am not in favor of cutting our neighborhood (Harrison) in half for redistricting purposes. I know that it can be drawn to keep our neighborhood intact while still achieving the same result you are looking for. We are a small and very close community/neighborhood Please consider my request.

Thanks,

Pamela Peters

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hi I forgot to send this link

<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/harrison-neighborhood-association-hna>

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Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 7:58 AM
To: Redistricting2012; Larry@hnampls.org
Cc: cjlea2003@yahoo.com
Subject: More Reasons to Keep Harrison Whole

To: Redistricting Commission, City of Minneapolis:

I have been a Harrison Neighborhood resident for 25+ years, business owner in the neighborhood, community activist and Minneapolis Election Judge. I would submit the following reasons to keep Harrison as one precinct in Minneapolis:

1. As a long term Minneapolis Election Judge who has served Ward 5, Precinct 6, I am aware that a very large proportion of the voters in this precinct either walk, bike, or use public transportation to get to the polling place. I assume splitting Harrison would eliminate the polling place currently at Heritage-on-the-Pond (and previously locating at Harry Davis Academy). The residents of Park Place Apartments, Olson Townhomes and Heritage-on-the-Pond are largely communities of color, poor, disabled, and/or elderly. To move those 2000+ residents of northside/Glenwood Avenue to a polling place to the north of Hwy 55 would put them at a distinct disadvantage to even get to the polls. Access across Hwy 55 is not accesible by foot, bike or public transportation. I believe this would go a long way toward disenfranchising this entire neighborhood's residents.
2. Harrison is a small neighborhood and a split would be harmful to election turnout, dilute the voting base, and marginalize a low-income neighborhood. Harrison is only 3,200 people, splitting the neighborhood would leave only 1,500 voters in each Ward. It would be even more difficult to advance community issues and agenda.
3. Harrison should remain in Ward 5! Residents want a fair opportunity to elect a representative of their choice. The Federal law requires that racial and language minorities have a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. Harrison is 70% people of color with a median income of \$38,000 and the community to the South is 86% White with a median income of \$64,000. Peeling off Harrison voters and moving them into Ward 7 may be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. This split, in my opinion, would re-establish segregation in Minneapolis that was outlawed by the Holman Decree.
4. Ensure Northside Representation of Northside Opportunity! Contiguous land with similar zoning should be in the same Ward. Ward lines should not create islands disconnecting people from opportunity and representation.

I am strongly in support of the map created by the Community with the assistance of Mike Dean from Common Cause located at:

<http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/468/view>

Thank you for consideration.

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March, 1st 2012

Re: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Clegg and Members of the Redistricting Committee:

My name is Osman Ahmed , I am a community leaders and activists as well as the executive director of the Darul Quba Cultural Center located at the heart of the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood.

I would like to bring to your attention the need to address the problem that we suffer from at the moment. Our community has been divided into several different wards. This dilutes our voice and puts us at a disadvantage.

I support fully the plan that has been submitted by the Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting. This plan unites the neighborhoods of Cedar Riverside, Seward, Venture Village, Elliot Park and the Phillips community.

Your last map can be described as taking the right direction however it still divides important parts of Cedar Riverside and all of Seward from the rest of the community. I hope that you address this in the coming weeks.

Thank you,

Osman Ahmed

March, 1st 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!

March 1st 2012

Dear Committee

My Name is, Mohamoud Hassan I am a community activist.

I fully support the proposal of the Citizens Committee for Fair Redistricting. This proposal would unite our neighborhoods; give our community the opportunity to have better representation at the City of Minneapolis.

I believe that Cedar Riverside and Seward East, Elliot Park, Venture Village and the Phillips community should be in the new Ward 6th.

The community is fully behind the proposal and we hope that you give it your consideration.

Thank you!

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Menshek, Peggy Y

From: betsy reller <betsyreller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:29 PM
To: Redistricting2012

Dear Redistricting Committee:

I live in the Bottineau neighborhood. The proposed City-Wide Ward Map puts the Bottineau neighborhood in a different ward the majority of the NE neighborhoods. Bottineau is shown in a ward that is predominately Downtown and University. I understand one principal of the Redistricting Committee is to keep communities of interest together. Bottineau is part of the NE community. I do not identify with the Downtown or University communities. I believe I would be better served if I was in the same Ward as all the other NE neighborhoods.

Thank you
Betsy Johnson

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: José Luis V. <traveltheworld.v@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 2:03 PM
To: Redistricting2012; mdean@commoncause.org
Cc: barry@bfclegg.com; jbgarcia3@aol.com; djheinle@cmarch.com; colex044@comcast.net; jfschartercomm@comcast.net; srichardson7@comcast.net; xmargedolan@comcast.net; jkmassey@earthlink.net; adosh.unni@gmail.com; barrylaz@gmail.com; corbinconnell@gmail.com; gthaden@gmail.com; isxaaq@gmail.com; singdancesavetheworld@gmail.com; jaybadheartbull@me.com; kozaknsa@mm.com; cohendan1@msn.com; invisionit@msn.com; arubenstein@schaeferlaw.com; todd.ferrara@standardheating.com; blickness@yahoo.com; jahp2691@yahoo.com; loveloring@gmail.com
Subject: IMPORTANT: Latino, Native, Somali, and African American Opportunity Map = Equity for All

Mr. Clegg, Charter Commissioners, and Redistricting Committee:

Here is a link to the map we in the Latino community have been working on:

<http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/479/view/>

As a concerned Latino community member I write to you today to request your support in keeping the Minneapolis Latino community together through the redistricting process. In this letter I include a link to a copy of a map which has been approved by leaders in the Native American, Latino, and African American community. This map also raised interest in the Somali community when it was presented by our community member Mariano Espinoza at last night's public hearing.

This map creates a minority opportunity in four different wards for four different groups, not to be confused with the "minority coalition" language. Our map above also deconcentrates poverty and balances wealth. This map gives the White community a chance to build coalitions with communities of color rather than leaving that responsibility solely to communities of color. The current maps on the redistricting website divide the Latino community and shoves all of the people of color into one ward - where a minority coalition is assumed to happen. Unfortunately, when you cram a variety of people of color into one ward you will force the Native, Latino, and Somali community to compete with one another for political representation. No one will be singing "kumbaya."

This map preserves the Latino community's ability to be represented in City government by uniting the neighborhoods with the largest Latino population in south Minneapolis. This map also respects the Native community and their neighborhood while giving the Somali community the chance to unite their population that is across the river. The African American community is kept together and is economically diversified with the addition of the North Loop.

We hope you can take this map into consideration when you draw the final lines. We hope you will give our Latino community the ability to organize and mobilize by keeping them together to elect someone who best represents our experience, needs, and opportunities.

I hope to be present at tonight's hearing to elaborate,

Jose Luis Villasenor

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On Wed, Feb 29, 2012 at 5:16 PM, José Luis V.

<traveltheworld.v@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Charter Members and Redistricting Committee,

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> As a concerned Latino member and home owner in East Phillips I submit
> this map for your review which will be presented tonight by Mariano
> Espinoza (resident in Powderhorn).

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> We are concerned that only a few voices are being heard in this
> process and we ask that you please hear our Latino community as it
> proposes this map to help all residents of Minneapolis - be they
> white, Black, Latino, Somali, Native - to have a fair representation.

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> We hope you can consider our efforts and our map to preserve these
> communities of interest.

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> Thank you for your time,

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Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Pamela Peters <pame41@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:47 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: redistricting Harrison neighborhood

Hi, I am unable to attend the meetings but want to say that I am not in favor of cutting our neighborhood (Harrison) in half for redistricting purposes. I know that it can be drawn to keep our neighborhood intact while still achieving the same result you are looking for. We are a small and very close community/neighborhood. Please consider my request.

Thanks,
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From: [Natascha Shawver](#)
To: [Redistricting2012](#); barry@bfclegg.com; adosh.unni@gmail.com; blickness@yahoo.com
Subject: Redistricting 2012 - Whittier neighborhood
Date: Thursday, March 01, 2012 4:33:42 PM

We are writing to you as a residents of Whittier. While we fully agree with redistricting as a useful tool to ensure fairer civic participation in Minneapolis, we would like to express some very specific concerns regarding the currently suggested ward map and the implicated changes as they pertain to Whittier:

1. Whittier is an organic entity, grown since the last century. It prides itself in being home to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, MCAD, a host of historic buildings, and Eat Street to name just a few. The people living here identify themselves with Whittier's historic heritage and to slice the neighborhood up in two different parts will, we fear, diminish this coherence. We believe that much more attention needs to be spent on keeping traditional neighborhoods intact as part of the current redistricting process in general. The neighborhoods are what makes Minneapolis so special after all, and cutting off one of the most vibrant parts of my community (We live on Pleasant and would be in Ward 10 according to this new map) makes us, and many of our neighbors, feel like a vital part of our neighborhood is being torn away.

2. We are also concerned that Whittier being divided up so arbitrarily ignores the tremendous efforts it has been putting forward to re-vitalize the neighborhood in the areas of economic development and historic preservation. According to your own Principles, as found on your website, the process should:

(1) Keep communities of interest (a group that shares common interests such as ethnic heritage or specific economic concerns) in one Minneapolis City ward or Park and Recreation district where possible.

(2) Change current boundaries as little as possible.

(<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/redistricting2012/WCMS1Q-068919>)

Splitting off the historic district from the rest of Whittier strikes us as much more severe than what is laid out in these guidelines and I strongly urge you to reconsider.

3) Whittier is currently undergoing significant changes in regards to economic development and is also facing transit issues such as the 35W transit access and the planned trolleys that are interconnected and which would be much easier to deal with if the neighborhood could speak with one voice instead of having to deal with the additional bureaucratic complexity of two wards.

For the reasons laid out above, we strongly urge you to reconsider splitting Whittier up as currently suggested in the new redistricting map.

Sincerely,

Natascha Shawver
Matthew Harmon