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**From:** Holly Windle <hwindle@usiwireless.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 12, 2012 4:54 PM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Don't split our neighborhood

One of the wonderful things about Minneapolis is the neighborhood organizations. I live in the CARAG neighborhood of south Minneapolis. When I attend the monthly CARAG meetings, it is great to be able to get a report from our City Council member and to get caught up on specific matters relating to our neighborhood.

However, with the proposed re-districting borders, I would find myself in a different Ward than most of the CARAG community. I urge you to have Lyndale as the Ward border between Ward 8 and Ward 10, rather than Bryant, to help keep the neighborhood intact.

I would certainly be willing to adjust to to a new council rep or a state representative, but dividing the neighborhood is a very poor idea -- particularly when the shift involves moving the line only two blocks.

I hope the proposal will be adjusted to keep CARAG all within the same ward.

Thank you.

- Holly Windle  
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March 1, 2012

Mr. Barry Clegg, Chair  
Minneapolis Redistricting Group  
Room 304, City Hall  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

**RE: Redistricting Draft Map for Public Hearing**

Dear Mr. Clegg and Redistricting Group Members:

The North Loop Neighborhood Association has reviewed the draft maps that have been posted for public hearings. The neighborhood requests that the group recognize that the North Loop Neighborhood had the largest growth of all Minneapolis neighborhoods from the last census data. This neighborhood has been a growing community throughout its history, especially with many new residential buildings, families moving into the neighborhood, and riverfront development. We represent a strong downtown community of interest. We are now a vibrant residential neighborhood, no longer just an industrial community.

The draft map issued shows our neighborhood split into three separate wards. Historically, our neighborhood has been split between two wards. This has not been a positive experience for us. We have strongly fought to unite our neighborhood, even with large physical barriers such as the 394 and 94 viaducts standing in the way. Many residents and business members have been working for varied interests in our neighborhood. This will only get more complicated by splitting the neighborhood into fractured zones between three wards.

There is also a significant burden by both representatives and residents alike. These include administrative costs borne by the council members, their staff, and city resources to duplicate neighborhood efforts amongst multiple wards. Residents often find it difficult to find polling places and become discouraged by the voting process as it becomes more complicated. An inherent confusion is built into the current draft map with trying to associate leadership within our neighborhood. We strive for an efficient and effective government for the community.

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Now is the time to recognize the importance of unifying this diverse community. We have many transitional residents in the lower north loop's established caring community, the stadium district, farmer's market district, high-rise and town-home residences, and many entertainment businesses. The confluence of light rail, heavy rail, future streetcars, buses and the planned county intermodal station demonstrate the investment in transit oriented development in the years to come within the neighborhood. We are truly an urban village. Only together as residents united within one community of interest can we empower our residents. But, being empowered requires having a common representative.

Establishing a consistent and stable representative to the City Council of Minneapolis is a goal paramount to our interests. The draft map as prepared imposes arbitrary boundaries within the neighborhood and overall invalidates our efforts to unify.

Particularly the neighborhood wishes the group to consider redrawing the lines to include our neighborhood within one ward. If possible, we would like to join the larger downtown community. Together the downtown area has many similar issues including high density, urban neighborhoods, associated public safety, transit oriented focus, traffic congestion, sports and entertainment focus, mixed-use zoning, and the quick transformations that occur within a downtown core.

We appreciate the work that the group is doing, understand that it will not be possible to satisfy all citizens, while striving to create a meaningful ward outline for the years to come. The North Loop Neighborhood does not support the draft maps issued and requests the Redistricting Group consider uniting the North Loop Neighborhood and placing it within one ward.

We are vigilant, strong, and united in our request to the group.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Frank', written in a cursive style.

David R. Frank  
North Loop Neighborhood Association

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**From:** Maryellen Mueller <76537.3051@compuserve.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 7:43 AM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Peggy Menshek Dist2012, Ward 8 boundaries, from Maryellen Mueller

Dear Ms. Menshek,

After 20 years of living in Field and Ward 8, I'm out of the new Ward 8 boundaries. I'm unhappy for personal reasons. I want Elizabeth Glidden as my Councilmember. In our first 12 years in Ward 8, we had Councilmembers who neglected Ward 8 and made unwise decisions. In 2005, we had a chance for change. I doorknocked with Elizabeth Glidden one day each week, to make sure she got elected.

Our Central neighbors also worked hard to get Elizabeth elected, and they are the heart of Ward 8. I'm concerned that our lower income residents east of 35W will have less say if they are out numbered by more affluent people. It appears that the residents of East Harriet and CARAG will get our best Councilmember without doing any work.

Field is a 'border' neighborhood. I have more in common with our neighborhoods to the north than I do with the neighborhoods in Ward 11, south of Minnehaha Creek. Please put Field back in Ward 8.

Sincerely,  
Maryellen Mueller  
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February 29, 2012

To: Minneapolis Redistricting Group

From: Joy Harris-Jones

I live in the small Harrison neighborhood that you are trying to split into two factions.

In doing what you propose you will be taking 1500 households out of our neighborhood and giving them to Bryn Mawr, which will delete our voting power, as well as losing our representation in regard to growing our community.

Our community is very different from Bryn Mawr in regard to housing, culture, crime, as well as other issues. You will be cracking up the neighborhood which is small to begin with, which will (as I said before) delete our voting power and representation.

Please reconsider your plans for our neighborhood by leaving the small Harrison neighborhood as it has been for years.

Thank you.

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**From:** Adam Faitek <adam.faitek@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 3:30 PM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Letter regarding the March 06 maps

Dear Redistricting Commission members,

The East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association (EHFNA) Board has reviewed the city redistricting plan released on March 06, 2012 by the Minneapolis Redistricting Commission. As the representatives of our neighborhood, we ask the commission consider two specific requests that would have a large impact on the future of our neighborhood.

- East Harriet is preserved in one ward.
- East Harriet is moved back into ward 13.

EHFNA has a very active group of citizens and a neighborhood organization. We work hard to further a cohesive identity both within our neighborhood and with other southwest neighborhoods to address our common concerns, build community, and foster positive relations amongst all of the residents. One the challenges we currently face is the division of our neighborhood – we are currently divided in wards 10 and 13. When we need the involvement of our council person, we have to involve two different people who are often very busy and have other concerns to manage. ***Having the neighborhood in a single ward would streamline our communication with our ward representative and reduce city bureaucracy we face.***

While the most recent redistricting proposal does include all of East Harriet in a single ward it, unfortunately, places us in the 8th. We feel this does not line up with the historical ties of the neighborhood. Currently, a majority of East Harriet resides in the 13th ward. Most of our cross neighborhood projects have occurred in partnership with neighborhoods south and west of East Harriet. Just a few examples of our many collaborative partnerships are listed below:

- KiteFest, in its 11th year, is jointly sponsored with the MPRB, East Harriet and Linden Hills. This signature winter event brings folks out from neighborhoods around the lake each January.
- Lynnhurst and East Harriet worked together to address the needs of residents during the Lyndale Avenue Road construction project. This included the design and distribution of "Slow Down" yard signs and active maintenance of a website with current construction information.

- The Linden Hills, Lynnhurst, Fulton and East Harriet neighborhoods represented neighborhoods on a MPRB Community Advisory Committee to look at the expansion of food offerings at the Lake Harriet Bandshell which eventually led to the selection of Bread & Pickle.
- Since 2005, the seven neighborhood organization leaders in the current Ward 13 have met regularly to share best practices, pool resources and identify City issues they would like to have their Council Member address at City Hall.

East Harriet's partnerships have been closely tied to Lake Harriet in the past. For many residents of East Harriet, there is a psychological connection to Lake Harriet and the surrounding neighborhoods. In making your final decision, we strongly encourage you to move all of East Harriet to single representation in Ward 13.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adam Faitek

Chair, EHFNA

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**From:** Barry Clegg <barry@bfclegg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 1:13 PM  
**To:** Carol Greenwood  
**Cc:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Re: KEEP LYNDALD WHOLE!

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The next meetings are public hearings scheduled for next week - see <http://www.minneapolisismn.gov/redistricting2012/WCMS1Q-068890>

I have also forwarded your comment to [redistricting2012@minneapolisismn.gov](mailto:redistricting2012@minneapolisismn.gov) , which is our electronic inbox. Showing up at a public hearing and sending in electronic comments to the inbox are the best ways to give input to the process.

Barry Clegg  
Chair, Minneapolis Charter Commission and Redistricting Group

**From:** Carol Greenwood <carolgworld@yahoo.com>  
**To:** "barry@bfclegg.com" <barry@bfclegg.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 12:51 PM  
**Subject:** KEEP LYNDALD WHOLE!

Why are we being thrown into ward 9??? We do not want to be split off from our neighborhood. When is the next meeting?

**CAROL GREENWOOD**

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March 12, 2012

Redistricting Group  
c/o City Clerk's Office; Attn: Peggy Menshek  
Room 304 City Hall  
350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Members:

Thank you for reviewing our previous letter which addressed our concerns regarding the February 15 redistricting draft map as it pertains to the Elliot Park Neighborhood. We were pleased to note that the new March 7 draft map moved the southern boundary of Ward 3 north in order to retain the natural Elliot Park Neighborhood boundary in Ward 7 along 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets as we requested. Thank you for making that adjustment and for keeping Hennepin County Medical Center intact in Ward 7.

We are concerned, however, with additional changes that have been made as they appear on the newest redistricting map and we would like to again request that the Elliot Park Neighborhood remain intact within Ward 7. Elliot Park is one of the most demographically diverse neighborhoods in the city. Neighborhood volunteers strive to maintain a mix of incomes and housing opportunities and to proactively guard this diversity from gentrification. Future economic development of this neighborhood is closely tied, as well, to the geography and fortunes of the neighboring downtown core and its adjacent neighbors. Elliot Park shares a long standing affiliation with other core downtown neighborhoods, such as Loring Park, and with a council person who is well versed in downtown core issues. The density, the daily population swells and the vagaries of downtown life are very different from the issues of south residential Minneapolis neighborhoods.

The newly proposed map, in contrast, splits the southern and eastern parts of Elliot Park Neighborhood from their natural contiguous neighbors. Under this proposal they are severed by wide interstate canyons that physically distance them from their new ward and neighborhoods (Cedar Riverside, Ventura Village, Seward and Phillips West). This severely fractures our neighborhood identity and moves a disproportionately large number of residents into another ward. Example: 10 of 12 EPNI Board members would then be separated into Ward 6--seven of those 10 board members are residents and three represent institutions.

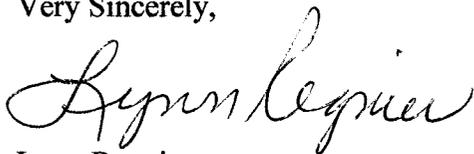
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Elliot Park Neighborhood, Inc. (EPNI) has worked for 35 years to empower community members by engaging them in the development of social, economic and housing initiatives to effect long term equitable change that benefits everyone who lives and works in the neighborhood. We do not think it is an advantage, therefore, for a number of our community constituents to be disenfranchised from the shared goals and vision of their Elliot Park neighbors.

Additionally, many nonprofit institutions, social services and other care centers are located in Elliot Park and we all work closely together to improve community life. Recent collaborations include partnerships to enhance the Chicago Avenue Reconstruction, the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Redesign and the ongoing work of the Liveability Task Force. The new proposed map separates working partners from their shared interests throughout the neighborhood. It creates the same gulf as described for the residential base, compounds confusion and undermines cohesive collaborations. Severed legislatively would be: Minnesota Teen Challenge, Benedictine Care Center of Minneapolis, parts of North Central University, Augustana Care Center, Minnesota Aids Project, Andrew Residence, Park Elder Residence, Catholic Charities and two major MPHA residences.

Again, EPNI respectfully asks the Redistricting Group to maintain the geographic, historic and demographic integrity of the neighborhood and allow Elliot Park Neighborhood to remain wholly within the boundaries of Ward 7.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynn Regnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Lynn Regnier  
Executive Director

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**From:** Nate Benton <nate@natebenton.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 3:09 PM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Proposed Sheridan Neighborhood boundaries

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I am a 7 year resident of the Sheridan neighborhood. After reviewing the proposed neighborhood boundary changes, I must say that Sheridan will not be well served by the same council person who also represents downtown. The downtown representative should only be responsible for downtown since they have so many interests to contend with already. If Sheridan is represented by the same council person as downtown, they will continually be forgotten and given a lesser priority to downtown needs. Sheridan neighborhood should be represented by a 'NE' council person since it is a distinct neighborhoods that does not resemble or have the same concerns as the downtown neighborhoods.

Thank you for your continued work on this extremely important matter.

Nate Benton  
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**From:** Michael Armstrong <armstm02@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 5:32 PM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Redistricting 2012

**Importance:** High

Dear Redistricting Committee,

I live in the Sheridan neighborhood.

Upon review of the proposed City-Wide Ward Map, I am concerned about Sheridan and Bottineau being separated from the rest of the NE neighborhoods. Though the proposed map follows the existing lines, Broadway is the natural border defining the NE community. It is important to keep communities of interest together! As the map is shown now, Sheridan is in the same ward as Downtown. **Sheridan is not part of the Downtown community.**

This Northeast Minneapolis Arts District was officially designated by the City of Minneapolis in 2003, as recognition of the significant impact the arts were having on the 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. Though the arts district is currently divided, the existing ward boundaries were established before the Arts District was created.

Please consider correcting this.  
Thank you for your time.

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**Michael J. Armstrong**  
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**From:** Drew Trampe <drew@drewtrampe.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 6:16 PM  
**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.

Drew Trampe

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# Cedar Riverside NRP

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DEPARTMENT

Mr. Barry Clegg, Chair  
Minneapolis Charter Commission  
350 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street Room 317  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Re: Redistricting

Dear Mr. Clegg,

I am writing on behalf of the Cedar Riverside Neighborhood Revitalization (CRNRP) Board of Directors. The CRNRP is the organization designated by the City of Minneapolis to administer the NRP funds for the Cedar Riverside neighborhood.

At the February and March 2012 Board of Directors meetings, the issue of fair minority representation on the City Council has come before the group. At the March 8, 2012 meeting, the board unanimously voted in support of the following resolution:

Resolved, the CRNRP supports the objective of creating ward boundaries that more accurately reflect the increasing minority population in the City of Minneapolis as demonstrated by the 2010 Census, and which create increased opportunities for minority representation.

As the Charter Commission and Redistricting Commission continue to refine the ward maps, we hope that you take the values reflected in the above resolution into account.

Sincerely,

Elena Gaarder  
CRNRP Executive Director

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**From:** Natascha Shawver <neshawver@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2012 6:12 PM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Cc:** Matthew J. Harmon; Adosh Unni; blickness@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Redistricting 2012 - Whittier neighborhood

Hello,

It appears as if our letter regarding the Minneapolis redistricting did not make it in to the public record. I have downloaded all available PDFs on your page (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/redistricting2012/WCMS1Q-068890>) and am unable to find it. I am forwarding the original email with this message. Please let me know when I can find it online. I apologize in advance should this be an oversight on my part.

Best,

Natascha Shawver

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**From:** **Natascha Shawver** <neshawver@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 1, 2012 at 4:33 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting 2012 - Whittier neighborhood  
**To:** [Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov), [barry@bfclegg.com](mailto:barry@bfclegg.com), [adosh.unni@gmail.com](mailto:adosh.unni@gmail.com), [blickness@yahoo.com](mailto:blickness@yahoo.com)

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  
2501 Pleasant Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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-Natascha Shawver

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**From:** Rusdon Torbenson <rusdonkerntorbenson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2012 11:25 AM  
**To:** Redistricting2012  
**Subject:** We All Win map

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,

As a resident of Minneapolis who appreciates the cultural diversity here, and as someone who believes that it can only benefit the city as a whole to provide as many substantially represented cultures living here the opportunity to actually represent themselves, I think it's a great idea to use a map such as the "We All Win" map.

I think ward lines that provide better representation for the Latino, Somali, and American Indian communities would foster pride and spur community members to positive action, which would benefit not only the aforementioned communities but all others also.

I want to thank you for the work you do for Minneapolis. It's truly a good city to live in. Thank you also in advance for considering this issue, and for considering the impact it will have on all members of Minneapolis, especially those groups who could end up without real representation.

Sincerely,  
Rusdon Torbenson

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