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Redistricting – **Fair Action in Redistricting** Talking points.

Hello My name is _____ I live at _____ and I am a member of Fair Action in Redistricting.

1. **The current proposed redistricting map for the March 20-21 public hearing is unacceptable. It will not serve the best interests of the residents of south Minneapolis or the city as a whole.**
2. **The current 8th Ward is made up of real neighborhoods that have people who are connected to each other. Our communities are connected socially, politically, and economically. We are racially, ethnically and economically diverse.**
3. **The 8th Ward has been the heart of African American organizing in south Minneapolis. African American have worked with each other and in coalition and collaboration with others to produce and elect AA leadership including city council members, state House & Senate members including MN first AA female state legislator(Neva Walker), as well as Minneapolis' first AA mayor.**
4. **At minimum the core AA community in the Central, Bryant, Regina and Field neighborhoods must be preserved in one ward.**
5. **Putting the Ward boundary along ^{38th St.} 8th St., will make development on this artery more difficult. It will be one more division in a community that has repeatedly be divided over the years by the freeway – 35W, loss of schools – Warrington, Bryant, Central, and the loss of the AA business hub at 4th Ave. & 38th St.**
6. **And it will separate the remaining institutions including Sabathani, The Spokesman Recorder, The Urban League – southside and Field school**
8th Ward 9th Ward 9th Ward
11th Ward
7. **We want the current 8th Ward to stay together – At minimum the core AA community in the Central, Bryant, Regina and Field neighborhoods must be preserved in one ward.**
8. *Thank you for listening to our concerns.*