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Cc: CARAG Board; Scott Engel
Subject: Ward 10 Boundary change request from the CARAG Neighborhood

March 20, 2012

Dear Redistricting Group members,

The CARAG Neighborhood Association discussed the proposed Ward 10 boundary changes at the March 20, 2012 Monthly Meeting and voted to ask the redistricting group to return to the March 15 Operations Committee working version of the map showing the CARAG neighborhood (bordered by Hennepin and Lyndale Avenues and Lake and 36th Streets) entirely within Ward 10.
CARAG is strongly in support of this outcome.

The version of the map proposed for this week's public hearings, divides CARAG in two along Bryant Avenue. This configuration would exclude Bryant Square Park (CARAG's only public space and the center of our neighborhood events and meetings,) the east side of Bryant Avenue, all of Aldrich Avenue and the west side of Lyndale Avenue from Ward 10. CARAG is strongly opposed to this outcome

CARAG would like to remain within one ward for efficiency and effectiveness and identity. Our current City Council member, as those who served before her, regularly comes to CARAG monthly neighborhood meetings to both solicit input on issues and concerns and to inform us of important city issues. We believe our representation would be significantly less effective for the part of our neighborhood west of Lyndale that would be served by a council member who may not identify west of Lyndale as her/his territory.

Therefore, as a Community of Interest, the CARAG Neighborhood asks that you return to the plan with CARAG entirely within Ward 10.
Thank you for your consideration,
Diana Boegemann
CARAG Neighborhood Association Board, pres.