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March 20, 2012,

Dear Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for taking my comments requesting consideration for including the Sheridan and Bottineau Neighborhoods as part of a ward that is inclusive of other Northeast Minneapolis Neighborhoods and not part of downtown.
I feel especially confident that the NE Minneapolis Arts District and the 13th Avenue Business Arts and Entertainment Corridor would continue to grow as a vital asset for the City of Minneapolis if whomever represents the area at the city level is able to focus on issues of common concern to this area.

I live and work in the Sheridanneighborhood. In addition, I have been active as President of the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization (SNO), and the primary organizer and booster for the 13th Avenue Business Association for many years. As such, I have received feedback from quite a few residents, small business owners, artists and arts presenters such as myself whom consider Broadway Street as the natural border for our ward 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. Sheridanis not part of the Downtown community. Upon review of the population, it appears that the entire area north of Broadway could be in one ward, with the exception of Mid-City Industrial, could be in one ward and be the correct size. Please consider correcting this.

Sincerely,

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