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For the group.

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To: Andrea Rubenstein
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Hi Andrea-

It was wonderful to see you yesterday. Your presence gives me confidence that there are people on the Redistricting Group with an understanding of community. Thank you for your positive comments about ward 8 and your support of the changes that were made yesterday.

I am a member of FAIR and am writing to point out 3 things that are important to me and members of FAIR:

1. First, and most importantly, please continue to support, and hold steadfast, on the boundaries for the 8th ward that were agreed to at yesterday's meeting. These include adding Field and extending the northern boundary to 36th street.
2. If it is possible, our group advocates including most of Central in the 8th ward. We recognize that this would mean changes in adjacent wards as well. We developed a map that was submitted yesterday, electronically, and was handed to the committee chair at the meeting at UROC on Wed. night. The link is below:

<http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/673/view/>

This solution places most of Central into ward 8 and removes Bancroft and Northrup to balance population numbers.

This solution also places most of Midtown Phillips in Ward 9 to maintain the Latino population focus of that Ward.

3. Finally, we support making Seward whole. This is also part of the FAIR map on the attached link.

Andrea, FAIR understands and remembers the value of coalitions in moving our neighborhood forward. In the 1940's, Jewish developer Ken Tilsen built houses in our community and despite covenants of agreement and political pressure, he sold these to African Americans. This action helped create a vibrant African American community in Ward 8. This community then built further coalitions that produced great leaders for our city including mayor Sayles-Belton, and now, State Senator Jeff Hayden. We would like to see the 8th Ward maintain that tradition of leadership.

With your help, we can do this.

Thank you.

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*"We can't undo history but, if we're in the present, in our time, we're going to influence the future." --
Maya Angelou*