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**From:** Fred and Pamela [mailto:fppeters@yahoo.com]  
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Dear Members of the Redistricting Group,

I am on the HNA Board as VP and a very concerned homeowner in Harrison. I am concerned over the way our neighborhood seems to be passed over time and time again for near by neighborhoods who are wealthier and therefor have more influence over processes that are directly influencing our neighborhood and ward 5. Please consider this in your decisions, it's time for the city of Minneapolis to step up and do things that are in everyones best interest not just those that have money, that is supposed to be the role of government, to keep things fair, I am enclosing our HNA statement below

Pamela

Redistricting Group Members:

The Harrison Neighborhood Association Board of Directors voted to support the Ward 5 Boundaries proposed in the March 7<sup>th</sup> Redistricting Group Meeting. Thank you for responding to concerns raised by residents that would have been negatively impacted by ward lines dividing the community. The proposed redistricting map addresses most of the concerns raised by Harrison residents.

The March 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Maps achieve the following:

1. **Keeps Harrison Whole!** Maintaining the voting power of the community to achieve representation was a major concern of residents. Harrison is a very small and geographically and demographically isolated neighborhood. Splitting the neighborhood would have diluted the voting power of the neighborhood residents to secure representation of their choice. Additionally, it would be very difficult for the community to gain

adequate attention from either Ward to address core neighborhood issues around safety, employment and housing.

2. **Keeps Harrison in Ward 5!** Harrison residents raised concerns about their voting power being diluted undermining their ability to have a fair opportunity to elect a representative of choice and ensure that issues affecting them would be addressed. Federal Law requires that racial and language minorities have a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. Harrison is demographically more similar to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. Remaining in 5<sup>th</sup> Ward allows residents the opportunity to elect a representative of their choice that will address community priorities. Harrison is radically different demographically and economically when compared to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward. Harrison voters would lose the opportunity to elect a representative of their choice and secure representation on issues critical to their lives.
3. **Protects Northside Representation of Northside Opportunity !** Previous maps showing Harrison split down Glenwood Avenue removed the Bassett Creek Valley from Ward 5. This would have violated the Charter Commission principle of keeping contiguous land together. Harrison residents agree with the principle that contiguous land with similar zoning should be in the same Ward. The March 7<sup>th</sup> Draft Ward Map is a significant improvement returning the Harrison business community back to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. It also includes the contiguous land of the Minneapolis Impound Lot that is only accessible through Harrison and North Minneapolis . The Ward 5 Boundary should be extended further South for ethical reasons, but we understand and accept that the Redistricting Group's proposal is consistent with the legislative district line, which is a reasonable limitation. The March 7<sup>th</sup> Map is a significant and fair improvement for the following reasons:
  - a. **Public funding for the area linked to the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward.** City of Minneapolis funding requests must demonstrate need. North Minneapolis homicide rates have been used in grants along with economic disparities to secure predevelopment dollars in Bassett Creek Valley . Linking future employment with the North Minneapolis is also referenced as a reason. Based on the grants we have read, there has been no reference to Bryn Mawr demographics or Ward 7 demographics.
  - b. **The current maps connect opportunity to representation.** Ward 5 disparities are used to secure public financing, but current Ward lines deny 5<sup>th</sup> Ward voters direct and fair representation on lands contiguous to their ward.
  - c. **The current map does not violate the intent of the neighborhood boundary principle.** The purpose of aligning Ward lines with neighborhood boundaries is to avoid splitting communities, diluting voting capacity, and/or undermining community cohesion. Connecting Northside opportunity to Northside representation has no impact on the voting capacity, residential boundaries or social cohesion of any neighborhood in 7<sup>th</sup> Ward.

The Harrison Neighborhood Association wants to thank everyone that has participated on the Redistricting Group. This has been a long and complicated process. Your commitment of time and thought is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,  
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