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Redistricting 2012:

I have attached a letter from the CANDO board, which represents the Central Neighborhood in south Minneapolis, in regard to the new redistricting map.

Thank you for giving it your close attention.

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NEW email addresses at the Central Neighborhood!

Please contact me at my new email: kristi@thecentralneighborhood.com



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City of Minneapolis
City Clerk's Office - Redistricting
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City Clerk:

The CANDO board of directors voted at their last meeting, March 15, 2012, to request that the Central Neighborhood remain in the 8th Ward, where it has been for over 40 years.

Moving Central into a redrawn Ward 9 represents an extreme boundary and community change.

Central, and Bryant and Bancroft to the south and south east are known for being strong, middle-class, African American communities, with strong attachment to local organizations and institutions like Sabathani, the Urban League, *The Spokesman Recorder* newspaper, Pillsbury House and Green Central Park and School. The new map breaks up this close-knit, historic, community of interest.

CANDO has been fortunate to be able to work within a single ward for administering programs like street scape improvements and façade grants that extend across 38th into Bryant and Bancroft and across Chicago into Powderhorn neighborhoods.

These communities are identified together and work together.

In addition, the newly-drawn Ward 9 appears to spread its council person and resources extremely thinly. It almost appears as though the map is designed to place the higher crime rate areas of south Minneapolis into a single Ward. It is the board's opinion that that Central would not be as well-served in this redrawn map as it has been as part of the 8th Ward.

Sincerely,

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