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For your consideration - Support We All Win proposal

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Dear Redistricting Group:

As a board member of the Latino Economic Development Center, I am writing to you to ask for your support in keeping our Latino south Minneapolis neighborhoods together as depicted in the “We All Win” map in this link:

<http://localdistrictbuilder.drawminnesota.org/districtmapping/plan/567/view/>

Our community of interest is tied together by specific linguistic, cultural, and life experiences that must be kept together in order to help create a minority opportunity ward for the Latino community. “We All Win” is a fair, balanced, and needed approach to support the forward-looking planning of our city’s democracy and social vibrancy which not only creates a minority opportunity ward for Latinos – it also creates a minority opportunity ward in three other wards for the African American, Native American, and Somali community.

In your final deliberations, we ask that you please keep Midtown Phillips, East Phillips, Powderhorn, Central, and parts of Corcoran and Standish together in order to establish a 34.72% Latino voting age population – helping Latinos the ability to represent their specific interests today and 10 years from now.

Your decision on a final map will impact the lives of well over 40,000 Latino families and children who have invested in making Minneapolis a richer and healthier city. We know you will make your deliberations with deep thought and hope you can draw the lines in a way that will empower, and not divide, the Latino community.

Sincerely,

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