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From: Garth Dietrich <gddietrich@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2012 11:32 PM
Cc: Redistricting2012
Subject: Re: Current editable map

For the record I have given Mr Hoffman everything he has asked for and then some. If he does not have the expertise to utilize the information in the format he requested I can not help with that. I have been harrassed with close to a dozen emails in the last 36 hours from him, and I have done my best to get him the information to him as quickly as I was able. A few minutes ago (about 11:15 PM I once again emailed all the information to he and Mike.

Sincerely

Garth Dietrich

On Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 10:57 PM, Mark Hoffman <hoffm402@umn.edu> wrote:

Dear Redistricting Group,

First, thanks to all of you for your very hard work. I am forwarding an email I sent to Garth Dietrich in an effort to obtain an editable version of your most recent map proposal (March 23rd). Garth suggested that he would send the map to Mike Dean at Common Cause on Saturday so Mike could load it into his publicly accessible Common Cause mapmaking program. We've yet to receive the necessary files from Garth. We need these files to suggest crucial changes and improvements to your most recent proposal. We have been working non-stop with members of communities to negotiate settlements on ward lines, but there's no way, aside from drawing entirely new maps, to incorporate these settlements into a proposal without access to an editable version of your current map. Nor is there any way to compare Ward statistics from new maps to statistics in manipulated forms of the official March 23rd map. If anyone has access to these files and can send them to us, we'd greatly appreciate it. We would work through the night to help you incorporate input from our communities and neighborhoods. We want to help. Please give us a chance.

Thank you for your support and all your hard work throughout this difficult, democratic process.

Sincerely,
Mark Hoffman
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Mark Hoffman <hoffm402@umn.edu>
Date: Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 9:36 PM
Subject: Re: maps
To: Mike Dean - Common Cause MN <mdean@commoncause.org>, Garth

Dietrich <gddietrich@gmail.com>

Garth, please send Mike the appropriate files, the files he asked for on Friday and that you said you'd send on Saturday. It's now Sunday night. If we get an editable map we could still work on it overnight and get something to the commission in the morning. Commissioners are now telling us that our proposals depart too radically from the current map. We don't think this is true, but we can't work from the current map because we don't have access to it in an editable form. The shape file you sent me is helpful, but it hardly gives us the ability to make improvements by manipulating wards and running numbers. Mike says you know the files he needs, that you just need to send them, and that you said you would do so.

If we don't get this map, it must be documented in the public record that the public could not participate adequately in the final stages of this process because we did not have access to the necessary information.

Mark Hoffman
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On Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 8:56 PM, Mike Dean - Common Cause MN <mdean@commoncause.org> wrote:

> I still have not received the maps from Garth.

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> Mike Dean

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> On Sun, Mar 25, 2012 at 8:55 PM, Mark Hoffman <hoffm402@umn.edu> wrote:

>> Hi Mike and Garth,

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>> How did the file exchange go? Are the editable maps up somewhere?

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>> Mark