

April 18, 2022

Dear Dallas Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to request that the boundaries for District 10 remain as close as possible to the current boundaries.

My wife and I have been residents of the Lake Highlands community of Dallas for over 30 years. We raised our two boys in this community, each attended RISD schools in the Lake Highlands area, and each graduated from Lake Highlands High School. My wife and I have been active members in the community – I am currently Treasurer of the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands (ECLH), a service organization that serves the Lake Highlands community. ECLH was formed in 1960, and it has actively supported the RISD schools in the Lake Highlands High School (LHHS) feeder pattern in the form of donations supporting school projects and scholarships for LHHS graduating seniors. In addition, my wife and I have been actively involved with Boy Scouts Troop 890, LHHS Wildcat Club, and Lake Highlands Elementary PTA.

We feel strongly that District 10 of the City of Dallas should remain as close to the current boundaries as possible to maintain the compactness and to preserve the communities of interest that exist in Lake Highlands. The most significant community of interest in Lake Highlands is the RISD school system, and in particular, the LHHS feeder system. District 10 is currently comprised almost exclusively of residential areas that feed RISD schools and LHHS, and which coincidentally is very close to the size of the Ideal Population as defined on the Redistricting website. Consequently, any significant change to the current boundaries of District 10 will necessarily split neighborhoods within our community of interest. The district has the advantage of a small town feel in a very large city, because its residents rally around its schools. In addition, District 10 enjoys a very positive balance of diversity along the lines of racial, religious, and economic demographics. And, District 10 has had a long history of strong support for all city bond issues regardless of the areas being served.

For over 30 years the council member from District 10 has been a member of the Exchange Club of Lake Highlands. The positive impact that relationship has offered the community has been invaluable. ECLH supported the Lake Highlands TIF and Town Center, we and have seen strong positive impacts from that development and increased tax base. Those advances will be undermined if our District boundaries are changed.

According to the census data released by the city, District 10 is close to the Ideal Population of 93,169. We support the redistricting map and priorities submitted by District Commissioner Alan Walne. In addition, we also support COD-017 map submission by Commissioners Bryant, Stimpson and Lopez. This map will reduce the deviation to less than 4% vs the current deviation of just over 5%. District 10 certainly does not need a major overhaul. Please do not carve up the current District 10.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas Rabe



From: [REDACTED]
To: [redistricting](#)
Subject: Keep Our Neighborhoods Intact
Date: Sunday, April 17, 2022 5:22:37 PM

External Email!

Dear Commissioners and Chairman Oliver: I live in District 2, specifically Peak's Addition historic neighborhood. Several maps that have been submitted randomly divide our neighborhood into two or three districts with no regard for the boundaries of the neighborhood. This happens to other neighborhoods as well, including our friends the rest of Old East Dallas in District 14. The neighborhoods in Old East Dallas have unique challenges that are not shared by other neighborhoods in the city. Having the largest contiguous area of historic districts in the city, Districts 2 and 14 have built a community network that is strong, vibrant, and works well together for the issues that we face. We share interests in historic preservation, building a pedestrian and bicycle friendly community, and growing the work/play lifestyle of the area. We share resources and strive to come together to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. I know that other neighborhoods feel the same, as there have been residents from all districts who have vocalized that they do not want their boundaries to change. It has been shown to be possible to modify the districts very slightly, retaining most of the existing district boundaries while including nine winnable majority minority districts. Equal weight should be given to neighborhood issues as are given to demographics. I support Map-026, submitted by Melanie Vanlandingham, as it keeps neighborhoods of interest intact. Thank you for your service on this commission.

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To: [redistricting](#); redistrictdallas@gmail.com
Subject: Map #124791 is offensive and should be thrown out immediately
Date: Monday, April 18, 2022 8:25:40 AM

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Redistricting commission,

I have reviewed map 124791, <https://districtr.org/edit/124791?event=cityofdallas> and believe it should be thrown out at once. It was clearly drawn by a D9 resident wishing to take the very best of surrounding Districts 10 and 14, trimming the parts of the current D9 they don't value, while also taking a land grab for Woodrow Wilson High School, adjacent Willis C Winters Park, and the Lakewood Country Club (three tracts of land with ZERO population) into D9.

The result of this map is an even more gerrymandered map than current state. Hardly any geographical boundaries were used. How is a land grab from D14 acceptable to you? How is the proposed D10 even close to being acceptable to you?

There are other highly questionable boundaries too. The nearly complete perimeter around HP for the proposed D13 is also weird. The existing D7 gets split almost equally into three different districts. South and southeast Dallas are also unrecognizable in the proposed map.

Again, this map should be thrown out at once because it clearly only serves one district, while completely screwing up several others.

Regards,

Rudy Karimi

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(District 14)

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4/11/22

My name is Giocanni and I live at 7105 Edmund ct dallas 75223 in District 14.

I understand the need to tweak our Council Districts to balance them for diversity and population growth, but there is absolutely NO reason to radically carve up District 14.

We already have great diversity within our district that stretches from East Dallas to Oak Lawn, through Uptown, the Arts District and downtown. We have significant cultural identity from these established areas and strong neighborhood cohesion as a result of shared issues facing inner city districts.

District 14 is a urban district that offers a live-work-play environment unlike other parts of the city.

We value and identify with our diversity and are united in our desire to stay INTACT. There is NO reason to radically break up District 14 and many reasons to keep it together with some minor changes.

Maps COD-026-122912 and COD-029-122850 — maps constructed by Melanie Vanlandingham — clearly show how neighborhoods and communities CAN stay together to meet redistricting requirements. Carving up District 14 and other districts throughout the city will create havoc on all our communities and break up stable neighborhoods and cultural assets. Instead, stretching (not overhauling) district boundaries can accomplish the goals of redistricting to provide fair and balanced districts.

The final plan chosen for Dallas must not break-up D14, and maps COD-026 and COD-029 show that there's no reason to do so.

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