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To: Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Members  
CC: Redistricting Staff  
From: Alder Foster, District 15  
Re: Foster Redistricting Map

Members of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee:

Please find enclosed a proposed redistricting plan for the City of Madison that anticipates and accommodates attachment of the Town of Madison to the City of Madison by October 2022. Given the extraordinary circumstances of this sizable attachment to the City of Madison that will come on the heels of this redistricting process, I believe it is in the city's best interest to adopt a plan that anticipates this increase in city population of 4,486 additional persons per the 2020 U.S. Census. The alternative is to put forward a redistricting plan that does not anticipate that attachment and that would require adding these thousands of additional Madison residents to only one or two alder districts. Based on the current draft plans shared with the committee, this would likely mean an increase of 3,798 to 4,486 residents into District 14 alone. Such an increase would result in a district population of 16-17,000 residents - a disparity of 20-25% over all other alder districts in the city. I believe that this would result in a serious disenfranchisement for voters in District 14 and should be avoided.

The enclosed plan instead anticipates the 4,486 additional residents and divides that increase equally in the target size for all 20 districts, increasing the ideal district size for all alder districts from 13,497 to 13,739 - 242 additional residents per alder district. With those parameters in place and with a focus on keeping communities of interests represented by a single alder district, I am sharing this plan that ranges from 13,135 (-4.4%) to 14,338 (4.4%) with a total spread of 8.8% between the smallest and largest district.

The primary reference that I used for analysis in drafting this proposed alder district map is the "Population by Race & Ethnicity" dot map provided by staff. This map includes race & ethnicity data for the city's population and also serves as the best representation of where people actually live in the city. This combined with a practical knowledge of significant barriers between communities - especially focused on limited access highways and neighborhood boundaries - guided my decisions on where to draw district boundaries.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important work and I look forward to the discussion on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Alder Grant Foster  
District 15

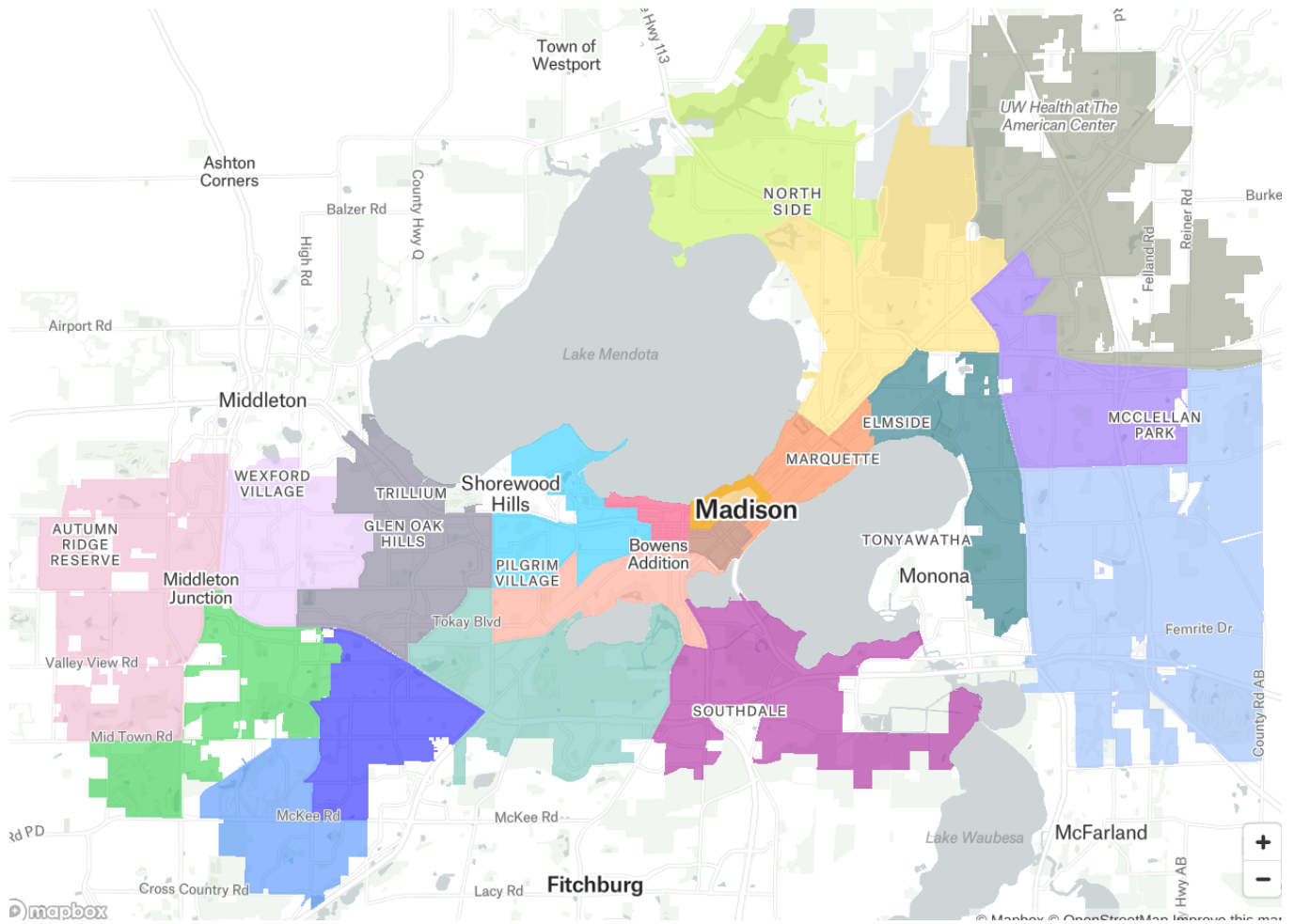
Enclosed:

*Foster Redistricting Map*

*District Descriptions*

*District Statistics*

# Foster Redistricting Map (9/7/21)



Access an interactive version of this map online at:

<https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/57865049-47a3-4228-b7da-556786dc6d45>

## District Descriptions - Foster Redistricting Map (9/7/21)

- D18 - Added Ward 33 as well as the area around International Lane.
- D12 - Includes the remainder of the northside down to the Yahara River and E. Washington (Brentwood, Sherman, Sherman Terrace, Eken Park, Emerson East neighborhoods) as well as the Hawthorne, Carpenter-Ridgeway, and Truax neighborhoods and the neighborhood around Orin/Onsgard (Reindahl Park) adjacent to Hwy 51.
- D17 - Largely unchanged, this district contains the Greater Sandburg and Ridgewood neighborhoods and everything to the north and east. The biggest change is that the portion of the Ridgewood neighborhood to the west of N. Thompson is now part of D17 (currently split with D15).
- D3 - Continues to include Heritage Heights, Rolling Meadows, and McClellan Park, but now includes the full Hiestand Park neighborhood (currently split with D15) as well as the Burke Heights and Mayfair Park neighborhoods.
- D16 - Similar to today, but picks up Sprecher East (currently D3).
- D15 - Picks up the other half of Glendale (currently D16) and Worthington Park as well as Wards 39 & 40 of the SASY neighborhood.
- D6 - Includes the remainder of the SASY neighborhood as well as the Tenney-Lapham & Marquette neighborhoods and the First Settlement neighborhood downtown.
- D14 - Picking up a majority of the new Town of Madison residents, the western boundary is now set at Fish Hatchery Road and includes the Bay Creek neighborhood.
- D10 - Moving east to Fish Hatchery Road, this district picks up ¼ of the new Town of Madison residents and runs west to Allied Drive and north through Nakoma, Summit Woods, and the portion of Midvale Heights that is east of Segoe and south of Mineral Point.
- D20 - From Verona Road on the east this district includes the Orchard Ridge, Meadowood, Prairie Hills, and Maple Prairie neighborhoods as well as a majority of the Greentree neighborhood which is now split with D1 to keep the Park Ridge community represented by a single alder.
- D7 - Largely the same as today, but adds Skyview Meadows neighborhood.
- D9 - Reduced in size to now cover the area west of the Beltline and S. Pleasant View down to Midtown.
- D1 - Covering the areas in the extreme southwest of the city in between D9 & D7 up to the beltline.
- D19 - Moves west to cover former D9 area and includes the Wexford Village, Sauk Creek, Oakbridge, Walnut Grove and Parkwood Hills neighborhoods as well as the West Towne mall area.
- D11 - Running from Spring Harbor and the Highlands in the north, through Hill Farms and Glen Oak Hills to Research Park and the remainder of the Midvale Heights neighborhood in the south.
- D5 - Very similar to today, but expanding west to Midvale Boulevard.
- D13 - Similar to today, but trades Bay Creek for the Westmorland neighborhood.
- D8 - From the Lakeshore dorms to Regent Street and east to Campus Mall and Lake Street.
- D2 - Now a downtown district with an eastern edge of Blair Street and running west to Lake Street, south to University Avenue and State Street and east to the capitol and E. Washington.
- D4 - A reduced footprint still represents the Bassett and Mifflin neighborhoods and runs west to Campus Mall.

## District Statistics - Foster Redistricting Map (9/7/21)

District	Population	Variance from Ideal
1	13,430	-2.3%
2	14,040	2.2%
3	14,338	4.4%
4	13,855	0.8%
5	13,731	-0.1%
6	14,152	3.0%
7	13,717	-0.2%
8	13,162	-4.2%
9	13,157	-4.2%
10	13,379	-2.6%
11	13,305	-3.2%
12	14,301	4.1%
13	13,135	-4.4%
14	14,105	2.7%
15	13,853	0.8%
16	13,867	0.9%
17	14,281	3.9%
18	14,309	4.1%
19	13,162	-4.2%
20	13,457	-2.1%

<i>Ideal population per district:</i>	13,739	
<i>10% overall variance:</i>	1,374	
<i>Ideal -5%:</i>	13,052	
<i>Ideal +5%:</i>	14,426	
Largest District:	14,338	4.4%
Smallest District:	13,135	-4.4%
Spread:	1,203	8.8%