

From: [Meyer, Kurt](#)
To: [Redistricting](#)
Subject: Feedback on redistricting map
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 10:53:41 PM

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This is feedback on the redistricting map.

I followed a recommended link which produced a screen requesting an ARCGIS login which I do not have. (Leave your feedback on the comment map: [Redistricting Comment Map](#))

So, as a resident of Westmorland (3814 Winnemac) I strongly prefer map 5A which is a much better match than map 6 to neighborhood boundaries. Map 6 splits Westmorland across two alder districts.

My vote is for Map 5A.

Thank you,

Kurt Meyer

From: [Janet Zimmerman](#)
To: [Redistricting](#)
Subject: nO to option 5a
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 9:50:52 PM

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I live in Tamarack trails and am strongly appraised to only plan which puts parts of Tamarack Trails and Walnut Grove in 2 separate aldermanic districts. Doing so will rip our communities apart at a time when we need to be United to solve our many problems.

Sincerely
janet

Janet Zimmerman
85 Oak Creek Trail
Madison, WI 53717

From: [Sarah Carroll](#)
To: [Redistricting](#)
Subject: Feedback regarding Redistricting - Tree Streets in #13
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 8:30:14 PM

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Good evening,

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback about the possible redistricting maps. I went to the library to look at these and wanted to request that you consider choosing Map #6 over map #5A.

I currently reside in district #13 on one of the "tree" streets (Spruce, Cedar, Pine). The tree streets are inside the Wingra Creek marker but, on map #5A, appear to be shifted to district #14 despite that these streets are part of the active and integrated "Bay Creek" neighborhood.

Please reconsider. Many of us are active during elections and have worked with our neighbors on non-tree streets at our district #13 polls.

I understand that there are numbers you must juggle to make this work. Thanks for hearing and considering preferences.

Sincerely,
Sarah Carroll

From: [Fred Turkington](#)
To: [Redistricting](#)
Subject: Support for Concept 6
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:12:52 PM

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I'm a resident of current district 13 / Bay Creek and I support Concept 6 as the best choice for aldermanic redistricting.

Fred Turkington
106 E Lakeside St, Madison, WI 53715

From: [J.Tretow-Schmitz](#)
To: [Redistricting; All Alders](#)
Subject: Please choose Concept 5a to keep Westmorland residents together!
Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 5:25:52 PM

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Thank you!

Jean Tretow-Schmitz
502 Glenway St
Madison WI 53711

Collins, Breana

From: Rob Latousek <roblatousek@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Concept map 6 best

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I would definitely prefer to see Concept Map 6 implemented over 5a, as it keeps our Tenney-Lapham neighborhood largely in one district, instead of dividing it evenly into two.

Rob Latousek
407 N Brearly St

Collins, Breana

From: Evers, Tag
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Maps

Dear Committee,

Map 6 feels a lot more coherent than Map 5a. Many residents in Bay Creek, including those in the "tree streets," feel like they are part of what is going on with the development along the S. Park corridor. The city recognized Wingra Creek as a boundary for the South Madison Neighborhood Plan. I realize I may have contributed to the notion that the southern part of Bay Creek was effectively connected to the northern portion of D14, but it's not a point of view shared by residents who live there.

Both maps, however, miss an opportunity to add the residents on Carver St and other streets in the Town of Madison in the Arboretum to District 13. These residents along the southern part of Lake Wingra should join the residents all around the lake, those in Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas, Greenbush, Monona Bay and Bay Creek, and in so doing form a Lake Wingra Watershed district. In other words, those residents on Carver St should not become part of a Beltline district, but rather join a Lake Wingra district.

Thanks for letting me offer my feedback.

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Tag Evers

DISTRICT 13 ALDER
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Collins, Breana

From: Caroline German <carolinemgerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:50 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Voting for 5a

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Hello,

I am voting for 5a that keeps Westmoreland neighborhood together in one district.

Thank you

Collins, Breana

From: Brenda Gonzalez <brenda.gonzalez@wisc.edu>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 7:28 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Impact of Redistricting on UW-Madison Students
Attachments: Ltr to MSN Redistricting Committee.pdf

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Dear City Redistricting Committee Members,

Thank you for your service on this important committee.

I am reaching out on behalf of the University of Wisconsin - Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank. It is our hope you consider the information provided in the attached letter in your plans for redistricting the areas that particularly connect and will impact the UW campus.

Thank you for considering this information in your decision.

best,

Brenda

Brenda González
Director | *She, her, ella*
UW Community Relations
brenda.gonzalez@wisc.edu

UW South Madison Partnership
2238 South Park St. Madison, WI 53713



TO: Members, City of Madison Redistricting Committee
FROM: Rebecca M. Blank, Chancellor
RE: Impact of Redistricting on UW-Madison Students
DATE: September 27, 2021

Sent via email to redistricting@cityofmadison.com

I write to express my concern that the two redistricting options (5a and 6) currently under consideration by the committee will split the residence halls on the UW-Madison campus into two different aldermanic districts (Districts 5 and 8). This will impact an important community of interest and eliminates the historical practice of having a single alder represent those students who live on the UW-Madison campus.

There has been a long tradition of keeping all UW-Madison residence halls – which today serve more than 8,000 residents – in a single aldermanic district. The obvious benefits to this include the following:

- A single alder can represent the needs and concerns of all our residence hall residents as their primary focus; shifting some residence halls into a district primarily made up of single family homeowners could lessen the likelihood that the concerns of those UW-Madison students will be heard by the Common Council
- Treating UW-Madison residence hall students as a single “neighborhood” ensures that the “voice” of those neighborhood residents is not diluted. This is consistent with the approach taken with a number of other communities of interest across the city and meets one of the key objectives the committee is asked to take into account
- Maintaining a single aldermanic district that represents all students living in UW-Madison residence halls recognizes that there are both constituencies and issues unique to the UW-Madison campus that have benefitted greatly from having a single alder focus on and represent those interests. The current alder representing District 5 made similar comments in yesterday’s Wisconsin State Journal article (“Proposed City Council districts would split up dorms, ‘crack the student voice’”)

Similarly, keeping as many off-campus students within District 8 would ensure that those students would continue to be represented by someone who has the interests of UW-Madison students as their primary focus. This is particularly important for the Spring Street/College Court area, which is heavily populated by students of color and low-income students.

I understand that there are several potential changes that could be made to the redistricting maps that would keep UW-Madison's residence halls and many of our off-campus students in a single aldermanic district without creating significant changes to the maps overall. I strongly encourage the committee to review these potential changes and choose one that maintains the traditional "student district" that has given voice to UW-Madison residence hall students for many decades.

Thank you in advance for considering my request. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Collins, Breana

From: Cyril McDermott <cmcdermott2710@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 5:52 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: MMSD Elementary School Changes

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I have noted several elementary schools have been assigned piecemeal locations on the map. Chavez Elementary is one example, Others include Stephens, Allis schools. Question: Are you people planning on introducing the old idea of 'school busing' to balance the Communities of Interest in each school? Are you prepared to receive the infalade of criticism from parents who will need to alter their schedules to drop off and/or pick up their children if the shuffling of attendance areas puts them further away from their place of work? Hope you have the rationale and defense of your decisions at the ready.

Collins, Breana

From: Mary Mullen <mmullen0843@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 12:00 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: My comments on redistricting

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I'm currently in District 10 and I've studied I've studied the districting maps. I'm not completely happy with either one. What I don't like about 5a is that it separates the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood on the south side of the Beltline from the area right across the Beltline - small homes that are much like the ones in the Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood. I feel we (I) have ties with those people and practically no ties with all of Meadowood that is added to the District across Verona Road.

Concept 6 seems better to me because it keeps that area.

Mary (Mary Mullen)

*Carbon dioxide – a greenhouse gas – in my birth year (1940) was 311.3 ppm.
By 2011 it was already 391.15 .Year 2019 average was 409.9 ppm.
Pre-industrial level was 280 ppm.*

Collins, Breana

From: Carrie Rothburd <baycreek.contact@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:48 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: UPDATED: Please use this letter from Bay Creek neighbors re redistricting
Attachments: BC letter re Concept 6.docx

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We've added a few more last minute signatures to the letter. Attached is the updated version. Thanks.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Carrie Rothburd <baycreek.contact@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Sep 26, 2021 at 11:12 PM
Subject: Letter from Bay Creek neighbors re redistricting
To: <redistricting@cityofmadison.com>

To the Ad Hoc Committee:

Thank you for considering this letter of support for Concept 6 as you weigh the relative merits of your concepts 5A and 6. The attached is sent on behalf of 69 neighbors who reside in Bay Creek. The bulk of these signatures were collected between the hours of 3:30 PM and 10:00 PM on September 26th in response to a posting on the Bay Creek listserv.

Sincerely,
Carrie Rothburd
Bay Creek Contact

To: Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee

From: Bay Creek neighbors listed below

Re: Preference for Concept 6

Date: September 26, 2021

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Concept 5A, which would reassign the “tree streets” and rest of the area south of Olin in Bay Creek to District 14, would, in our opinion, have a deleterious impact on the Bay Creek neighborhood. We understand the need to change district boundaries based on population changes in neighborhoods/districts and to accommodate the addition of the Town of Madison to the city. However neighborhoods are more than population counts. Neighborhoods are living entities that arise from lived patterns over time. They can be easily destroyed, but they cannot be created by dropping an administrative line on a map.

We further believe that removing the "tree streets" and the rest of the area south of Olin from District 13 does not fit the established federal and state legal criteria for redistricting.

- It does not enhance the participation of communities of color and communities that primarily use a language other than English in either District 13 or 14.
- It makes the awkward and sprawling District 14 even more awkward and sprawling.
- It divides communities of interest (COIs), including a Neighborhood Association and elementary and middle school attendance areas.
- It introduces the administrative confusion of a single neighborhood divided into two districts and served by two alders.
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We further object to the rushed process by which the city has solicited citizen input on redistricting. Many neighbors remain unaware and others confused by the proposed changes. There should have been neighborhood- and district-wide meetings to explore the impacts—both the pros and cons of redistricting. There should at the very least have been more time for citizens to digest the proposed Concepts and respond to them. This would have enabled Madison citizens to engage in an informed democratic process.

Signed,

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Collins, Breana

From: Lori Grapentine <lgraps@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:46 PM
To: Redistricting
Cc: Verveer, Michael
Subject: Redistricting maps feedback

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Thank you to city staff for your time and effort in creating and communicating redistricting maps. It was very helpful to have large printed maps at Central Library to easily review details, and also helpful to have a staff person present to answer questions.

1. I'm glad that Metropolitan Place Condominiums in the 300 block of West Washington Avenue and West Mifflin Street remains in the same alder district as other condos on the south side of West Washington Avenue under both concepts. I live in Metropolitan Place and can confirm that our issues and concerns are aligned with theirs.

2. In Concept 6 the far southwest corner of District 6 extends along the railroad tracks to Broom Street. I reviewed the maps at Central Library on Saturday, September 25th. The person staffing the table near the maps looked up the address of Nolen Shore Condominiums, 350 South Hamilton, and said that building would remain in District 4 under both concepts. This means the extended southwest portion of district 6 in Concept 6 is only railroad tracks; no residents live there. This seems illogical. At the very least this portion of the map should be the same under both Concepts.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Lori Grapentine
360 W Washington Ave

From: [Walnut Grove Homes Association](#)
To: [Redistricting](#)
Subject: Proposed Redistricting Boundaries-9 and 19
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:00:08 PM
Attachments: [Redistricting Letter v2.pdf](#)

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On behalf of the Walnut Grove Homes Association, I would like to reinforce the message sent from the Board of Directors of Tamarack Trails. We believe our Walnut Grove Neighborhood and our surrounding neighborhoods will be best served by remaining in one district.

Thank you for your work on this project and your consideration of neighborhood association input.

Best,
Liz Fenster
President, Walnut Grove Homes Association

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
To: "Lindsay Lemmer" <district3@cityofmadison.com>, "Nasra Wehelie" <district7@cityofmadison.com>, "Arvina Martin" <district11@cityofmadison.com>, "Charles Myadze" <district18@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: redistricting@cityofmadison.com, "Mayor" <mayor@cityofmadison.com>, "allalders" <allalders@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:28:01 PM
Subject: Redistricting Boundaries-9 and 19

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Alders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Tamarack Trails, I am submitting the attached document which outlines **our objection to any redistricting which divides our community and that of our neighbors**. The proposed district boundaries appear to be arbitrarily drawn without regard for the governance, relationships or communication that keeps us together. This will create a serious division within Tamarack and our neighbors.

We have been working to create a community within the boundaries of Old Sauk, Gammon, Mineral Point and the Beltline. As the City continues to promote viability of the neighborhoods, it is disappointing that the redistricting might split us in two. Not only will it undermine the progress that we have made, it will give mixed messages to our residents in their interactions within our community and with the City staff and City services.

Please adjust district boundaries to keep our neighborhoods together.

I also ask you to forward this email and the attached document to the Resident Members of your committee...Justice Castaneda, Austin Johnson and Joan Schwarz.

Thank you for your work on the redistricting project.

Janet Hirsch, President
Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc.



September 24, 2021

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee
City of Madison
Madison, WI

Re: **Rejection of the District 9 & 19 Boundaries in Concept 5a**

Tamarack is an established neighborhood on the west side of Madison. We are located at the east end of District 9 between Old Sauk Road and Mineral Point Road. We consider the geographic area from Old Sauk Road on the north, Gammon Road on the east, Mineral Point Road on the south and the Beltline on the west to be our “community of interest”. We live, work and play in this part of the City. We value and support the businesses north of the Beltline in the West Towne area.

Following initiatives from the City and the Mayor’s office, we have worked hard to forge relationships with other communities in our neighborhood. We are able to come together to confront common issues and joyfully celebrate our achievements.

We have reviewed the two redistricting concepts presented to the public...Concept 5a and 6. As a “community of interest”, **we reject the district boundary that is shown on Concept 5a**. It divides not only the Tamarack property, residents, and families, but also those in Walnut Grove.

The **boundaries shown on Concept 6 are preferable and reflective of the way that our neighborhoods interact**. It moves us to District 19 and a new alder, but most importantly, keeps us together and more closely follows established boundaries for municipal services. It complies with the criteria for a compact and contiguous district using obvious and well-defined roads to define the perimeter boundaries. We appreciate your closer review of this section and look forward to seeing a revised district plan that encourages neighborhood partnerships and collaboration.

While we also see the unfortunate divisions in many other neighborhood associations, we are only addressing the district boundary that splits Tamarack and our neighboring communities in half. We reject the premise that dividing established neighborhoods does not affect their function and integrity. Any aldermanic division places an additional burden on the Association and the community.

Sincerely,

Tamarack Trails Board of Directors

Collins, Breana

From: Serene <peacefulsand@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:36 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting maps

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Hello,

I wanted to give input regarding the two options shared for redistricting the area, however, to be honest, the presentation of the work does little clarify what the real impact of the two options have on residents. Both sites have lots of data that doesn't contextualize the options and therefore the decision that needs to be made.

I know a lot of hard work goes into things like this, but after reviewing all the information shared, I don't know how any community member can offer informed feedback. Yes, concept 6 and 5a are different. What do those differences mean for residents? Did I overlook this information?

Please advise--
thank you,
Serene Arena
Madison resident

Collins, Breana

From: Bob <bobcat4057@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:34 PM
To: Redistricting; Mayor; All Alders
Cc: Saqqaf, Tariq
Subject: Redistricting

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In the City of Madison our residents live in neighborhoods, which have formed within Aldermanic districts.

The current District 17 includes the Ridgewood, Autumn Lake, and Greater Sandburg neighborhoods and the East Towne area.

Both current redistricting options separate Autumn Lake and portions of Ridgewood by placing them in district 3. In addition, our current alder Gary Halverson has been redistricted out of his elected district. Gary has worked diligently to improve the neighborhoods and the revitalization of East Towne.

Redistricting Gary out of District 17 smells like Gerrymandering to me and many current district residents.

I question the composition of the redistricting committee of seven people, four are current alders, and minutes, as well as recorded meeting videos indicate that as many as four other non-appointed alders actively participated in the decision process related to district boundaries. When alders are allowed to participate in redrawing their boundaries, it can call to question the normal tendency to protect their current or desired districts.

Considering the attention given to gerrymandering, I question this redistricting process. I suggest a new plan be developed that minimizes the fracture of district 17 and allows Gary Halverson to remain representing the people who elected him.

I thank you,

Bob Schaefer
6 Cottonwood Circle
Madison WI, 53704

District 17

Collins, Breana

From: Judy Robinson <Judysotheremail@mail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 9:08 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Please choose Redistricting Map 6

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for Redistricting Map 6. Bay Creek and Greenbush both have strong, active neighborhood associations and I believe that previously established neighborhoods should be kept intact whenever possible.

Neighborhood associations are a vital source of information and having neighborhoods that are split between districts would make it more difficult for residents to know who to contact with their concerns and to get information. It would also require more than one City Council member to provide information on issues to residents within a single neighborhood.

I understand that if Map 6 is approved, District 13 would gain a portion of the Regent Neighborhood as well as a portion of Westmoreland Neighborhood residents.

I am not in favor of those neighborhoods being split into different districts for the same reasons I noted above. However since it would result in fewer neighborhoods being split between districts, I feel that it is the preferable option.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Judy Robinson
Bay Creek Neighborhood Association
608-469-1218

Collins, Breana

From: S Goss <elderberry.northcentral@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:32 PM
To: Redistricting; S Goss; S Goss
Subject: ENA preference for Option 6
Attachments: ENA -- redistricting.pages

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Dear Committee:

Attached is a statement on behalf of the Elderberry Neighborhood Association in support of Option 6 for District 9. (This is a rewrite of a message I tried to send yesterday, but I am not sure it went out to you since it has never showed up in my "send" file.)

Thank you for your consideration of our thoughts.

Sharon Goss
President, ENA

Collins, Breana

From: mtevanson@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:28 PM
To: Redistricting
Cc: Albouras, Christian
Subject: Redistricting RE: Communities of Interest (Meadowood Neighborhood)

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Dear Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Members and City Staff:

I hope this message finds each of you well. Thank you for your service on the city redistricting Committee, a very challenging task. As an active resident of the Meadowood Neighborhood, concepts 5a and 6 that are under consideration for redistricting the city are problematic and not in keeping with state requirements and the values that our city espouses.

Under the 5a and 6 proposals, a critical Community of Interest (the Meadowood Neighborhood), which is a required criteria for consideration in redistricting per state requirements, is significantly fractured amongst two aldermanic Districts: 20 & 10.

The Meadowood Neighborhood is a well-established, welcoming, active, and critical neighborhood on Madison's West Side. Splitting this crucial COI (Meadowood) will dilute many voices of color within the neighborhood/COI and the representation that this neighborhood needs on the common council.

In accordance with state requirements, I am strongly requesting that every effort be made for the entire Meadowood neighborhood to be placed back in District 20 to be represented by one aldermanic representative.

Further, effort should be made for Huegel Elementary school to be placed back in the District 20 border as many kiddos of the local neighborhood (s) are enrolled at the school

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Terry Evanson, Meadowood neighborhood
1609 Redwood Lane
608-695-6846

Collins, Breana

From: Armando Ibarra <mandos.ibarra@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:54 PM
To: Redistricting
Cc: Albouras, Christian; Veronica Ibarra
Subject: Redistricting: Meadowood Neighborhood, Community of Interest

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Dear Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Members and City Staff:

We contact you to express our concern about the Redistricting Committee's consideration of Proposed Alder Districts - Concept 5 and 6. Changes under this proposal would adversely affect representation for the Meadowood Neighborhood by fracturing aldermanic District 20 and District 10.

Meadowood Neighborhood is classified as a Community of Interest (COI), which is a required criteria for consideration in redistricting per state requirements. More so, Meadowood Neighborhood is an established, ethnically and racially diverse, welcoming, active, and critical neighborhood on Madison's West Side. A direct consequence of splitting this COI, would be less representation of residents of color and immigrants on the common council.

I strongly urge this committee to place the Meadowood neighborhood back in District 20 to be represented by one aldermanic representative. This move would assure a solidified voice for people of color and immigrants, a much-needed voice on the common council, and assure compliance with state redistricting requirements.

Thank you for your work and consideration.

Cuídense mucho,

Veronica and Armando Ibarra

Collins, Breana

From: Larry and Ginny White <lgwhites@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 7:13 PM
To: All Alders; Mayor; Redistricting
Subject: Re: Redistricting

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On Sun, Sep 26, 2021 at 7:12 PM Larry and Ginny White <lgwhites@gmail.com> wrote:

We have studied the redistricting proposals that would affect our Tamarack Trails neighborhood and **object strenuously to Concept 5a**. It would divide our community and undo the work that our neighborhood association has done to reach out to and cooperate with nearby associations.

If redistricting is necessary, then we prefer Concept 6.

Sincerely,

Ginny and Larry White

Collins, Breana

From: Larry and Ginny White <lgwhites@gmail.com>
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To: All Alders; mayor@cityofmadison.gov; Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

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Ginny and Larry White

Collins, Breana

From: Elle Honerbaum <elle.honerbaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Keep UW students' voices!

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Hello,

My name is Elle Honerbaum, I'm a resident of Madison, and I'm a previous student of UW. The proposal to redistrict the maps, and in the process essentially remove a huge chunk of student voices, is so so wrong. One in five madison residents is a UW student. They spend money, time, and love on and in the city. They have every right and more to have a say in decisions made for the benefit of Madison. Please keep a big seat for student voices in Madison politics. Don't remove them.

Thanks in advance,
Elle Honerbaum

Collins, Breana

From: Kristina Espinoza <kespinozamd@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting 13

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As a citizen in district 13 I disagree moving the tree streets out of the district. Please move to accept plan 6 not 5a and keep the Baycreek neighborhood intact.

Kristina Espinoza
625 S Shore Dr, Madison, WI 53715

Collins, Breana

From: haidis@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Re: Comments

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To add one more item to my earlier comments: The polling place for ward 45, is now shown on the maps as the American Family Dream Bank. This polling place was used only once and the usual polling place for ward 45 has been Lapham School. The Dream Bank location is not a good voting location for any of the District 2 wards as that location is not located in District 2 and voters have to cross E Washington to get to it - which can be dangerous, especially for older people.

Thanks
Shirley Haidinger

-----Original Message-----

From: haidis@aol.com
To: redistricting@cityofmadison.com <redistricting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 23, 2021 8:27 pm
Subject: Comments

I live at 949 E Gorham St. I have looked at the two map concepts and I prefer concept 6 for District 2. Concept 5a puts part of the 900 block of E Gorham St (the side that includes Christ Presbyterian Church and Castle Place) in District 12 - for no reason that seems to make any sense. As far as I can tell, my house, on the other side of the 900 block of E Gorham stays in District 2. Buildings on the lake side of the 900 block of E Gorham should also be part of District 2.

It is very confusing for poll workers when part of a block is in one district/ward and the rest of the block (other side of the street) is in a different district/ward.

Actually the church, which has a large community room, would make a very good polling place for ward 45 if the church ends up being part of District 2 and ward 45 - especially if Lapham School is no longer available as a polling place.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Shirley Haidinger
949 E Gorham St
haidis@aol.com

Collins, Breana

From: Laura Detert <lsdetert@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

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Hello Planning Dept + Committee-

I looked over the proposed redistricting maps and noticed that both maps- and Map 5a in particular- split some special overlay zones and other key planning areas. Splitting State St between alders, for example, will mean potential developers and business owners who have not selected a location will need to talk to two alders. If there's a proposed police policy here- two alders, etc. If there is a proposed new policy and the alders disagree it will result in stalemate or take up all of the alders' time and resources to coordinate a response and policy, meaning delays and few resources left for other work.

I'm sure there is no restricting configuration that will make everyone happy. It's change. But, given that the City Counsel is a "part time" body, some key boundary decisions could have lasting frustration for all parties involved.

Given this, I prefer Map 6, but with edits toward contiguous "special areas of City concern" if still possible.

- Laura Detert, AICP
1141 E Johnson St

Collins, Breana

From: Barbara Bailly <sewjung14@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting Bay Creek

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I strongly support Concept 6 to keep the Bay Creek Neighborhood intact.

Sincerely,
Barb Bailly
540 W Olin Ave
Madison, WI 53715
608-395-4812

Collins, Breana

From: jhirsch@chorus.net
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Lemmer, Lindsay; Wehelie, Nasra H; Martin, Arvina; Myadze, Charles
Cc: Redistricting; Mayor; All Alders
Subject: Redistricting Boundaries-9 and 19
Attachments: Redistricting Letter v2.pdf

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Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Alders:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Tamarack Trails, I am submitting the attached document which outlines **our objection to any redistricting which divides our community and that of our neighbors**. The proposed district boundaries appear to be arbitrarily drawn without regard for the governance, relationships or communication that keeps us together. This will create a serious division within Tamarack and our neighbors.

We have been working to create a community within the boundaries of Old Sauk, Gammon, Mineral Point and the Beltline. As the City continues to promote viability of the neighborhoods, it is disappointing that the redistricting might split us in two. Not only will it undermine the progress that we have made, it will give mixed messages to our residents in their interactions within our community and with the City staff and City services.

Please adjust district boundaries to keep our neighborhoods together.

I also ask you to forward this email and the attached document to the Resident Members of your committee...Justice Castaneda, Austin Johnson and Joan Schwarz.

Thank you for your work on the redistricting project.

Janet Hirsch, President
Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc.



September 24, 2021

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee
City of Madison
Madison, WI

Re: **Rejection of the District 9 & 19 Boundaries in Concept 5a**

Tamarack is an established neighborhood on the west side of Madison. We are located at the east end of District 9 between Old Sauk Road and Mineral Point Road. We consider the geographic area from Old Sauk Road on the north, Gammon Road on the east, Mineral Point Road on the south and the Beltline on the west to be our "community of interest". We live, work and play in this part of the City. We value and support the businesses north of the Beltline in the West Towne area.

Following initiatives from the City and the Mayor's office, we have worked hard to forge relationships with other communities in our neighborhood. We are able to come together to confront common issues and joyfully celebrate our achievements.

We have reviewed the two redistricting concepts presented to the public...Concept 5a and 6. As a "community of interest", **we reject the district boundary that is shown on Concept 5a**. It divides not only the Tamarack property, residents, and families, but also those in Walnut Grove.

The **boundaries shown on Concept 6 are preferable and reflective of the way that our neighborhoods interact**. It moves us to District 19 and a new alder, but most importantly, keeps us together and more closely follows established boundaries for municipal services. It complies with the criteria for a compact and contiguous district using obvious and well-defined roads to define the perimeter boundaries. We appreciate your closer review of this section and look forward to seeing a revised district plan that encourages neighborhood partnerships and collaboration.

While we also see the unfortunate divisions in many other neighborhood associations, we are only addressing the district boundary that splits Tamarack and our neighboring communities in half. We reject the premise that dividing established neighborhoods does not affect their function and integrity. Any aldermanic division places an additional burden on the Association and the community.

Sincerely,

Tamarack Trails Board of Directors

Collins, Breana

From: Steven Davis <davis@edgewood.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Comments on proposed redistricting maps

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Hi, I would like to express my strong opposition to Concept Map 5A which carves up the Bay Creek neighborhood into two separate districts at Olin Ave. I am very surprised that this map is even being proposed given how flagrantly it violates the guidelines for the placement of district boundaries. Specifically, it does not respect the boundaries of a very clear Community of Interest, Bay Creek, which has a strong sense of place and neighborhood identity, an active and long-standing neighborhood association, and clear borders on all sides, marked by isolating natural features (Monona Bay, Lake Monona, and Wingra Creek). To split up this compact neighborhood between two alders would harm the residents' civic participation and the quality of their representation. Please preserve the strong social capital in this neighborhood and choose Map 6. Thank you, Steven Davis, 813 W. Lakeside St.

Collins, Breana

From: Theresa Drinka <theresadrinka@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: comparing concept 5a to 6

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RE: the choice between concept 5a and concept 6

Concept 6 makes more sense than concept 5a because the neighborhoods of Meadowood, Greentree, and Orchard Ridge have so many commonalities and are all highly affected by the existence of Exact Sciences in terms of traffic and housing needs. Hwy 18/151 creates a huge chasm between Orchard Ridge/Meadowood and Dunns Marsh /Allied Drive. It is difficult for an alder to comprehend the differences in needs between those neighborhoods. In the interest of sanity, please choose Concept 6.

Drs. Theresa and Paul Drinka
1202 Gilbert Rd
Madison, WI

Theresa JK Drinka
(608) 556-9945

Collins, Breana

From: Liz Walker <lizweave4@charter.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: redistricting

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I tried to leave my comments on the "Redistricting Comment Map" but the site didn't work properly.

I think Concept 6 is better (District 2 enlarged).

Sincerely,

Liz Walker (resident in District 2)

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Collins, Breana

From: JARED L DUBEY <jared.dubey@fammed.wisc.edu>
Sent: Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:26 AM
To: Redistricting
Cc: Katie McCreary
Subject: Support for Concept 6

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Redistricting Committee,

As homeowners living at 504 Pine Street, in the Bay Creek neighborhood. After reviewing redistricting options post it online, We are writing to voice our support for concept 6. Concept 5A would divide our neighborhood in half and not represent the community network that exists across Olin Dr.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or clarifications,

Jared Dubey and Katherine McCreary

Collins, Breana

From: Chris Wagner <cwagnerz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 8:45 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Different Redistricting plans for City of Madison Bay Creek Area

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Dear Redistricting Plan Developers,

I live in Bay Creek and am writing to support Plan 6.

Sincerely,

Christina Wagner
1009 High St.
Madison, WI 53715
608-658-2272

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Collins, Breana

From: Robert Lockhart <robtowl@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:53 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: TREE STREETS IN DISTRICT 13

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I am a longtime resident, living on Cedar Street. The tree streets should remain part of District 13 as in Concept 6

Sincerely,
Robert W. Lockhart
633 Cedar Street

Sent from my iPhone

Collins, Breana

From: Clarence On Charter <clarowl@charter.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:51 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: CONCEPT 6

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Having lived on Cedar Street since 1971, I strongly feel that the Tree streets should remain in District 13. Thank you.

Clarence P. Cameron

Sent from my iPhone

Collins, Breana

From: Judy and Amy
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Campus area

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Hello,

I have read and heard concerns that the current proposals drastically cut back on the opportunities for UW student participation and voice. That seems like a very big mistake. Please keep the campus area district whole and robust. Students need the opportunity to have their own alder. And student voices often provide new and cutting edge ideas that push the city forward.

Thank you.

Judy Howard
280 Division Street, Unit 305
Madison 5374

Collins, Breana

From: Bennett, Juliana
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Redistricting; Zellers, Benjamin; Grady, Brian
Cc: Kapusta-Pofahl, Karen
Subject: Redistricting Public Comment and Letter
Attachments: Redistricting Public Comment.pdf; Letter to Redistricting Committee.pdf

Hi Brian, Ben, and Redistricting Committee,

First off, thank you for being understanding and patient with me over this process. While the sentiments in this letter might not reflect the views of all of you, it is important to reaffirm the united front around protecting the student voice in Madison during the redistricting process.

I collected public comment via google form, which I put into a pdf and is attached to this email. Please take public comment into account with the maps.

Best,

Juliana Bennett

Alder, [District 8](#) – she/her/hers
C: (608) 960 - 9063
E: district8@cityofmadison.com

Common Council Office
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard

Protecting the Student Voice in the City of Madison

Although the Madison redistricting committee claims “college students” are a community of interest, the redistricting map process and committee members are actively seeking to weaken the UW student voice. The current redistricting maps remove from District 8, the campus area district, all of the Lakeshore dorms, some Southeast campus dorms, and the Spring St and College Court area. Those in favor of removing the student seat on Common Council are using false arguments that wrongfully silence student voices.

The removal of representation of UW students is an affront to the 43,820 UW students & UW alums currently living in Madison, and to the rich Madison culture that thrives off of the contribution of UW-Madison students. An accelerated redistricting process is not the time to make broad stroke decisions as to whether or not students deserve a seat at the table, when that decision involves tens of thousands of people and interested stakeholders. **It is antidemocratic to claim students can live, work, go to school, use public transit, spend money in businesses in the City of Madison, without giving us a seat on city council.**

We must ensure Students Represent Students. UW students have unique needs and only a campus alder is equipped to fully understand, advocate, and represent on behalf of these needs. **In a city where approximately 1 in 6 Madison residents are UW students, we deserve a seat at the table.**

Respectfully,

Juliana Bennett, District 8 Alder

Francesca Hong, State Representative of the 76th Assembly District

Elena Haasl, District 5 County Board Supervisor

Max Prestigiacomio, Former District 8 Alder

Zach Wood, Former District 8 Alder

Scott Resnick, Former District 8 Alder

Adrian Lampron, ASM Chair

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Alexander Walker, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Natalie Ierien, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Stella D'Acquisto, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Kyira Romero, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Jamie Golden, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Marissa Feller, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Tatiana Dittus, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Cameron Yonan, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Alexandra Ruiz, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Amaya Boman, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Ashley Cheung, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Leah Terry, District 8 Resident and UW Student
Taylor Scofield, District 8 Resident and UW Alum
Elle Honerbaum, District 8 Resident
benji ramirez gomez, District 2 Resident and UW Student
Aaron Lopez, District 2 Resident and UW Student
Panagioti, Tsiamis, District 2 Resident and UW Student
Erin Wruk, District 2 Resident and UW Student
Sammy Fogel, District 2 Resident and UW Student
Alexi Brooks, District 2 Resident and UW Alum
Elizabeth Shimek, District 2 Resident and UW Alum
Derek Field, District 3 Resident and UW Alum
Jonathan Abram, District 4 Resident and UW Student
Samuel Rosenberry, District 4 Resident
Abby McDowell, District 4 Resident and UW Student
Rianna Mukherjee, District 4 Resident and UW Student

Megan Spielbauer Sandate, District 4 Resident and UW Student

Anna Speckien, District 5 Resident and UW Student

Brittney Moore, District 5 Resident and UW Student

MGR Govindarajan, District 5 and UW Student

Allie Tobis, District 5 Resident and UW Alum

Marie Fioir, District 6 Resident and UW Student

Mason Wheelock-Johnson, District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Tracy Schlax, District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Cailey Jamison, District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Ian Jamison, District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Erica J, District 6 Resident

Jonathan Mertzig, District 10 Resident and UW Alum

West Foster, District 12 Resident and UW Student

Jack Phillips, District 13 Resident and UW Student

Alexander Harding, District 13 Resident and UW Alum

Tess Johnson, District 13 Resident

Kaitlin Hardin, District 15 Resident and UW Alum

Lily Benig, District 19 Resident

Erica Janisch, District 20 Resident

Lucy Callahan, UW Student

Nashia Ogbuagu, UW Student

Lesli Garcia, Former UW Student

Anna Barry, UW Alum

Redistricting Public Comment: Via Google Form from District 8 Alder

Elena Haasl; District 5 County Board Supervisor

As a student, it is absolutely crucial that I see my values and identity reflected on the Common Council. Without student representation, the City is losing important perspectives and voices from the next generation.

Scott Resnick; Former District 8 Alder

Protecting the student voice

Tyler Katzenberger, ASM Press Office Director

It seems illogical to separate UW students into two districts instead of keeping the dorms and campus core together. It feels as if student voices are being divided and diluted by the Madison City Council with these redistricting proposals.

Lennox Owino Ochieng; ASM Vice Chair

I want my voice as a student to be represented.

Amaya, Boman; District 8 Resident and UW Student

As a student at UW-Madison and a resident of the Lakeshore neighborhood on campus the redistricting of districts would result in a direct weakening of my own personal voice.

To counter your points in support of the redistricting:

1. Students don't vote. In the 2020 election 17% of votes were casted by youth, amongst an almost 8% increase in youth voter turnout then in 2016 (circle.tufts.edu). Now more than ever youth are getting involved in politics, and now you want to dimmer their voices?
2. UW Madison is a PWI. I am a POC and am on a full-tuition scholarship based on financial need. By lessening the voice of the privileged you are further oppressing the underprivileged.
3. MATC and Edgewood are not ranked in the top 40 universities in the world, and the do not serve a population the size of most cities in Wisconsin.

I hope you take my arguments into account.

Connor Howe; District 8 Resident and UW Student

It is important that everyone in the community has a voice, including students. We can provide tons of unique and modern ideas and perspectives.

Kyira Romero; District 8 Resident and UW Student

Students need a voice and good representation!

Cameron Yonan; District 8 Resident and UW Student

Students are a key voting demographic. Representation matters, and reducing representation silences student voices.

Marissa Feller; District 8 Resident and UW Student

Students are not a transient population. They will always be a huge part of the Madison community and deserve consideration in community matters. This can only be ensured by having a seat representing us, and splitting up the district makes this impossible. Students have unique experiences and if we're going to improve the Madison community for Black and brown people in particular we can't ignore students' voices.

Elle Honerbaum; District 8 Resident

UW students make up a huuuuuge portion of Madison, and often go on to live here after their years at school. They deserve a say in decisions.

Leah Terry; District 8 Resident and UW Student

Students are a permanent part of this city. Even though individual students may only be here for four years, the student body will always be a vital part of this city and we deserve a say in issues that affect us.

Erin Wruk; District 2 Resident and UW Student

Students are here year round. Especially now that we're back on campus, we must be able to be active citizens more than ever.

Alexi Brooks; District 2 Resident and UW Alum

Students deserve a voice on Madison city council. They should have a district where they can elect an alder that represents them. When there are enough students to carry 2 districts, we can talk about splitting them into different districts, but until then we need to make sure they can elect at least one, and that representative's district should include at the very least all of the dorms. We know students want a unified district because they keep telling us.

Sammy Fogel; District 2 Resident and UW Student

Madison is a student city, without student voice it's just another sprawling bullshit mid sized money dominated heap

Elizabeth Shimek; District 2 Resident and UW Alum

As a Madison resident and UW graduate, I believe it is critical that we protect a clear student voice in the common council. "Cracking" the student body serves only to minimize the voice of 43,000 members of our community.

benji ramirez gomez; District 2 Resident and UW Student

The city of Madison does not make a concerted effort to connect students with the opportunity to be involved in decision making that immediately affects them. That's a problem the city needs to address not only with the University of WI campus, if not with Madison College, Academia Latina, and all students across the city.

Derek Field; District 3 Resident and UW Alum

Students look out for students (rather than downtown property developers). I say this from experience as a UW alum and former student activist on the UW campus. Please don't break up the student vote!

Samuel Rosenberry; District 4 Resident

To ensure UW-Madison students get proper and good representation.

Megan Spielbauer Sandate; District 4 Resident and UW Student

Students need to be represented by other students. Too many folks disregard student voices because of their age or their transience. We need a political voice that cares about us.

Rianna Mukherjee; District 4 Resident and UW Student

Student representation is important in a city where the undergraduate population fuels monetary and other resources into the city. We cannot deny that the UW-Madison campus brings important things to our society, including diversity, innovation, and job opportunities for Madison residents. Students live here; we deserve a voice too.

Abby McDowell; District 4 Resident and UW Student

representation for students and protecting their voices

Jonathan Abram; District 4 Resident and UW Student

Students are living here, contributing to the economy and paying local taxes. We are a diverse group of over 40,000 who are connected via a shared experience, and we deserve to have the ability to elect representatives who are currently walking in our shoes.

Allie Tobis; District 5 Resident and UW Alum

Those living in D8 have a life and issues very different from most other districts in madison, thus they likely have different concerns than those in D5, they should be allowed their own voice in madison city government.

MGR Govindarajan; District 5 Resident and UW Student

As a UW Student, It is critical to maintain a student seat on city council. Students make up almost 1/5th of the city, it's degrading to think that our voice doesn't matter. Students as a whole are a permanent part of our community.

Anna Speckien; District 5 Resident and UW Student

Students deserve a voice, and student alders have proven to be strong assets to the campus and Madison community.

Erica J; District 6 Resident

Students are an important part of what makes Madison unique and their concerns should be accurately, passionately, actively represented before the City Council. They're impacted by decisions their alders take.

Mason Wheelock-Johnson; District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Students at the University of Wisconsin are important community members who provide a unique and much needed voice in local administration and governing. To redistrict in the proposed manner will be to deny bright young people a say in the community they have chosen to spend four years of their lives living, studying, and working.

Tracy Schlax; District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Students live, work and spend money in Madison - they deserve representation and a voice!

Cailey Jamison; District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Young people are the future and they should have the loudest voices of anyone, not be diluted into less progressive districts

Ian Jamison; District 6 Resident and UW Alum

Students should get a voice!!!

Jonathan Mertzig; District 10 Resident and UW Alum

Since moving to Madison to attend UW in 2000, I've noticed that much of the city establishment tends to be dismissive of student interests in handling issues like transportation, downtown development, and public health policies. Having a student-centric district has helped ensure that the sizable UW student body has appropriate representation in city government to defend their interests. A student oriented district also provides a means for young people to get engaged in politics, which may be intimidating in other districts where student representation is diluted by other long-established residents. Significantly splitting the student vote between multiple districts risks alienating student voices and will make Madison seem unwelcoming to young people who might first come here as students but may want to establish roots here.

Alexander Harding; District 13 and UW Alum

Students deserve a voice and representation by students. I believe student participation in Madison's government is incredibly important.

Jack Phillips; District 13 Resident and UW Student

While I do love Alder Evers, D13's main constituents are homeowners and parents, concerned with Vilas Park and the football field proposal. D8 alders look out for student concerns and bring our voice to the common council table.

Tess Johnson; District 13 Resident

I am a current college student (not at UW) and I was born and raised in Madison so I understand how big of an impact the university and its students have on the city. These students deserve a voice on the city council- they spend money here, live here, and have their own interests.

Kaitlin Hardin; District 15 Resident and UW Alum

I support maintaining the campus area seat because there are more than 40,000 student voices that will be silenced without the representation that this seat provides.

Lily Benig; District 19 Resident

Students are an important part of the Madison community and have a perspective that should be heard. They are in tune with their peers' interests in what is a fun, but often vulnerable time. Any individual student may only stay for 4 years (though so many stick around and build lives in this city beyond campus), but they represent the tradition of students before and will pass on to those after.

Erica Janisch; District 20 Resident

Important to have a voice

Nashia, Ogbuagu; UW Student

because why wouldn't we have a voice when live and spend money here

Lesli Garcia; Former UW Student

It is right & just

Anna Barry; UW Alum

Students deserve a seat at the table. Redistributing the 8th seat out is sneaky and is not democratic.

Collins, Breana

From: abigail allen <allenabigail@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistributing affecting Walnut Grove neighborhood

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Dear Committee Members,

Your comment map does not work.

Please do not divide the Walnut Grove neighborhood in your redistricting plans. We are a cohesive neighborhood and wish to remain so! We recently had a successful election of a new Alder and wish to continue having her represent all of us in Walnut Grove.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Lynn Abigail Allen Mulcahy, Ph.D.

Sent from my iPad

Collins, Breana

From: S Goss <sharongoss09@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: response to options for District 9

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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the board of Elderberry Neighborhood Association, I'm writing to inform you that we have voted as a board to encourage you to recommend the adoption of Option 6 for redistricting the City of Madison. (Note: I found the map comment process very difficult to use, so I did not make our comments there. I'm hoping this email reaches you by the deadline.)

As for our rationale, we feel Option 6 would give a better voice to the needs particular to the far west end of town, beyond the beltline, because it joins similar areas. Elderberry is much more similar to Blackhawk, Junction Rd. and the greater Cardinal Glen/Birchwood neighborhoods than is Elderberry to the area between the beltline and Gammon Road (an area included under Option 5a).

Please note that ENA is a very large area geographically. Landwise, it covers a major portion of District 9 under either option. Over the past 10 years it's grown from a small number of units to many hundreds. And over the coming 10 years it could in fact double in population, as much of it is currently still under development. We often feel that because we're so far out, and have so little of interest to offer the rest of Madison, the city regards us as inconsequential. We hope the redistricting process can correct this to some degree by giving us full representation.

Among the factors that support the adoption of Option 6 are the following:

1. **Large amounts of future development.** Like the area to our south, and somewhat to our north, we are likely to be adding many more housing units over the next 10 years. Being joined with the area east of the beltline would put us at a disadvantage as that area is already fully settled and dealing with a much different set of issues related to development.
2. **Shared school district.** Most of the Opt 6 area falls within the Middleton-Cross Plains District, as opposed to MMSD. Uniting us in one district gives us a solid base for building community on a variety of issues.
3. **Small number of different neighborhood associations.** Working with only a few NAs, as opposed to the many involved with Option 5a, allows for greater focus and ease in cooperation among NAs.
4. **Similarity of land use, primarily sf residential.** Distribution of land use west of the beltline is more similar under Option 6 than under Option 5a. There are some apartment buildings but there's no commercial property west of Junction Rd.
5. **Strong Asian concentration.** Approximately half of our neighborhood is Asian -- Indian or Chinese. And almost 5% of the units are ones where English is not spoken at home. Many are not citizens, but rather are here on VISAs. We need representation for this uniquely challenging situation.
6. **Huge number of retention ponds and few parks.** West of the beltline the city has required a large number of retention ponds -- and built few parks. This presents the people in Option 6's area with a special set of problems regarding vegetation management, safety, and recreation.
7. **Policing.** The Option 6 area is one with low demands on police services. We have almost no violent crime and therefore make few demands on the police department. However, because we're viewed by drivers as wide-open "in-the-country" territory, the Option 6 area has big problems with speeding and rotary accidents.
8. **Agricultural districts.** The areas north and south of Mineral Pt Rd, west of the beltline, encompass a large amount of agricultural land, some privately owned and some owned by the University. This is a unique situation not shared by residents to our east.
9. **Traffic patterns.** Our neighborhoods are being laid out to allow large amounts of pass-through traffic off major routes like Mineral Pt Rd. (This is being sold as "walkability," even tho there's nothing here to walk to). Narrow residential streets being used as highway extensions is a major problem shared within the Option 6 area.

Thank you for your work on this issue and consideration of our concerns.

Sharon M Goss,

President, Elderberry Neighborhood Association
(boundaries: Pioneer to Pleasant View and Mineral Pt to Old Sauk)

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Collins, Breana

From: David Strandberg <david@dcimadison.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 9:30 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

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There is no way that a real estate tax payer for 50 years should be moved from district two to district 12. I have helped guide the development on the Isthmus for 50 years and I identify with the Isthmus, not the north side.

David Strandberg

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Collins, Breana

From: Jennifer Argelander <jargelander@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2021 7:53 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Alder district 12

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Hi, After studying the two proposals, I would support whichever map that my Alder thinks works best for an Alder. thanks. Jennifer Argelander