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**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Cc:** [Vidaver, Regina](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting- Districts 5 and 8  
**Date:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 6:15:54 AM

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Dear members of the Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for your service on this very important committee.

1) As the last District 5 alder who did represent the west campus residential halls, I urge you to keep all residential halls within District 8. They were all moved very intentionally from District 5 into District 8 during the last redistricting as it is clear that residential hall residents across the UW campus are a community of interest that should be in the same district and represented by the same alder- the District 8 alder.

2) the Regent Neighborhood spans the vast majority of District 5 and is a very clear community of interest and should remain in District 5 in its entirety.

I know your task is very challenging as it tries to balance many interests. Thank you for taking the time to elicit and integrate the feedback of those “on the ground” in the different parts of our city.

Best,

Shiva Bidar  
Former District 5 Alder (2009-2012)

**From:** [Brian Lavendel](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Cc:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about redistricting proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:16:12 PM

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Dear Redistricting Committee and Alders,

I am concerned about two developments from the redistricting proposal that I have become aware of.

One is the proposal to split the UW-Madison students vote thereby effectively ending student representation on the Madison Common Council. The tradition of a student representative has added a crucial, key representative from a traditionally marginalized portion of our community in city government. I urge the committee to avoid splitting the student vote.

Two, there are proposals underway that might dramatically change the boundaries of District 6. For example, there is a proposal that would add the Tenney Lapham neighborhood to District 6 while removing parts of Atwood and Darbo Worthington. I live in District 6 and have found great benefit to the connections between my neighborhood in the SASY neighborhood with Darbo-Worthington. Our Marquette and SASY neighborhood schools draw from Darbo-Worthington. Many neighbors from SASY and Marquette and from Darbo-Worthington have worked tirelessly over the years to build these connections. I would venture to say that the relationships and community bridging efforts have been fruitful for all of us. I urge the committee to avoid breaking off Darbo-Worthington from District 6.

I respectfully request that the committee reconsider these proposals and not diminish the voices of UW-Madison students OR harm the long-standing connections between current D6 neighborhoods by dividing them or breaking them off from their current districts.

Yours in Community,  
Brian

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**From:** [Greg Packnett](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** District 2 Options  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 4:02:08 PM

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As a long time resident of the downtown area, I greatly prefer concept 5a to concept 6a. The residents of the westerly portion of the isthmus tend to be transient renters whereas the residents of the the easterly portions tend to be homeowners. Not only do renters have distinct interests relative to homeowners, but owing to their transient nature they tend not to vote in as great a number as homeowners, particularly in local elections. Transient renters also tend not to show up to neighborhood association meetings or public hearings on neighborhood issues. These factors lead lead transient renters to "punch below their weight" in terms of electoral and political power relative to homeowners in comparable numbers.

But even though the particular people who live in these neighborhoods change with great regularity, the interests of who lives here do not. Transient renters need an alder whose attention will be focused on their interests. When districts are drawn that include both neighborhoods where transient renters predominate and neighborhoods where homeowners predominate, the alders will tend to ignore their transient constituents in favor of homeowners, where their interests diverge. An alder in such a district who takes a stand in favor of renters' interests against homeowners' interests would be risking their reelection. The people they hurt will still be there in time for the next election but people they help will likely be living elsewhere. The people they hurt will know who made the adverse decision, while the people they help probably don't even pay attention to local politics to begin with.

I favor Concept 5a over Concept 6a because the District 2 of Concept 5a has enough renter-dominated neighborhoods in the district that the alder who represents it will be sufficiently incentivized to serve renters' interests when they come in conflict with homeowners'. I don't anticipate you'll get many contacts from people who agree with me on this point, but even if mine is the only contact you receive on the differences between these two districts along this dimension, I hope you'll weigh it highly nonetheless, for the reasons I discuss above.

Thank you,  
Greg Packnett  
131 Langdon St Apt 3  
Madison

**From:** [Zellers, Benjamin](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ad Ho Redistricting Committee (9/30/21)  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:40:20 PM

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**Ben Zellers, AICP, CNU-A**

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**From:** Albouras, Christian <district20@cityofmadison.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:19 PM  
**To:** Stouder, Heather <HStouder@cityofmadison.com>  
**Cc:** Marty & Terry Evanson [REDACTED]; Grady, Brian <BGrady@cityofmadison.com>; Zellers, Benjamin <BZellers@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Ad Ho Redistricting Committee (9/30/21)

Thank you, Heather. I wanted to share that many folks believe that the following COIs should remain together: Meadowood Neighborhood; Greentree Neighborhood; and Prairie Hills Neighborhood.

Folks have shared and I agree that this collective of COIs share many of the same interests, challenges, and priorities. And, in alignment with federal requirements and values that are city holds true, these three COIs work to and are committed to elevating the voices of and participation of folks of color. There has been much effort put forth by the community to have the collective impact of these 3 COIs. Separating any of these 3 COIs from a future map iteration, would not be alignment with state requirements and the values of the ad hoc redistricting committee and would dilute voices of color.

As such, please keep these three critical COIs (Meadowood Neighborhood, Greentree Neighborhood, and Prairie Hills Neighborhood) on Madison's West side together in any future map recommendations to ensure alignment with the ad hoc committee's priorities, state/federal requirements, and ensuring the participation/elevation of folks of color.

**Alder Christian Albouras**

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On Sep 29, 2021, at 7:43 AM, Stouder, Heather <[HStouder@cityofmadison.com](mailto:HStouder@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

Good morning, Alder Albouras-

Please find the information and registration links for this Thursday's Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee at this link:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/city-hall/committees/ad-hoc-redistricting-committee/9-30-2021>

I have included Brian and Ben on this e-mail, and one of them will follow up with you regarding the map you reference below.

All the best-

Heather

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**Heather Stouder, AICP** (*she, her, hers*)

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**From:** Albouras, Christian <[district20@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district20@cityofmadison.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:56 PM

**To:** Stouder, Heather <[HStouder@cityofmadison.com](mailto:HStouder@cityofmadison.com)>

**Cc:** Marty & Terry Evanson <[mtevenson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevenson@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Ad Ho Redistricting Committee (9/30/21)

Heather:

I hope this message finds you well. Can you share the link/instructions for attending Thursday's meeting. Also, can you share how folks can sign up for public comment for this meeting?

I am cc'ing the Meadowood Neighborhood Association President. Last, Brian Grady mentioned that another map might be forthcoming tomorrow. Can you share a copy of that when it is available? Thanks.

Regards,

**Alder Christian Albouras**

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**Members, City of Madison Redistricting Committee**  
**RE: Impact of Redistricting on UW-Madison Students**  
**September 17th, 2021**

Committee Members,

The two redistricting options, 5a and 6a, under consideration by your committee will significantly impact the representation of UW Madison students on the Madison Common Council. The division of residence halls on campus into two separate aldermanic districts, 5 and 8, will undoubtedly serve as a gerrymander and disenfranchise students in the process.

For years, those who live on campus have been represented by an alder who understands the unique and specific concerns that impact the lives of District 8 residents. Issues like campus safety, student housing, and most recently, covid-19 federal aid relief, as well as many others, are ones that only a District 8 alder can best serve. Secluding freshman dorm residents into a different district where the alder cannot even access their buildings not only cracks their voice but greatly hinders the resources they have access to.

Treating UW-Madison residence hall students as a single neighborhood ensures that their voice and representation are not diluted. Other communities of interest across the city of Madison have been privileged with the same approach, as such, UW-Madison students should not be subject to different treatment.

All undergraduate residence halls and as much off-campus student housing as possible must be within District 8. I strongly encourage the committee to choose redistricting maps that meet these guidelines as well as decades of precedent that has ensured a well-represented student district.

Thank you for your consideration and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Francesca Hong  
Wisconsin State Representative  
76th Assembly District

**From:** [Miguel Benson](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting input  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 2:26:35 PM

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Dear Ad Redistricting Committee Members & City:

Thank you very much for your diligent work on this difficult task. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. In alignment with state requirements regarding Communities of Interest (COIs) and the values of the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee, every effort should be made to keep the following COIs together:

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- Greentree Neighborhood
- Prairie Hills Neighborhood

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Thank you,

-Miguel Benson

Meadowood Neighborhood



**From:** [Christine Stroik Stocke](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback on Redistricting Proposals  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:59:24 PM

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Redistricting Folks,

I appreciate how hard you all are working; thank you so much for that. I very much appreciate Alder Bennett's recent proposal. It allows the current Regent Neighborhood Association to remain together, a group that I think has really been working well to support the community. I also think it serves students well and allows those districts with predominantly students to be better served in their shared interests.

Again, thank you so much for your hard work,  
Christine Stocke  
Current District 5

**From:** [mtevanson@gmail.com](mailto:mtevanson@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Cc:** [Albouras, Christian](#)  
**Subject:** Please keep westside Communities of Interest together in new redistricting map  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:31:22 PM

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Thank you very much

Terry Evanson, President  
Meadowood Neighborhood Association

**From:** [Mayor](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Form submission from: Contact the Mayor  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:23:44 PM

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From: noreply@cityofmadison.com <noreply@cityofmadison.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 1:05 PM  
To: Mayor <Mayor@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Mayor

Submitted on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 - 1:05pm

==Contact==

Name: Maya M Garbuz  
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Home Phone: [REDACTED]  
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Email: [REDACTED]

Message: Our neighborhood has become a forgotten area with no real impact on city politics. Please vote for "OPTION 6", so that we could get a new councilperson. This person will come from one of our neighborhoods and will be more tuned in to what we need/want. Having a council person from our neighborhood will be a great change for us.

**From:** [Wendy Fearnside](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Redistricting Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 12:47:37 PM

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Thank you for providing the opportunity to review the redistricting maps and for having staff available to answer questions at the library.

District 13, where I live, will retain much of its socioeconomic diversity and character under both Concept 5A and Concept 6. For this reason, I believe that more weight should be given to the impact of the proposed boundary changes on the representation of Bay Creek and other affected neighborhoods and aldermanic districts.

Wendy Fearnside  
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Madison, WI 53711

**From:** [Sarah Shatz](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:50:53 PM

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Hello Redistricting Committee,

I live on the Northside in Alder Abbas' district 12. I believe that concept 6 is in the best interest for residents of the north side. These past few years it has become more apparent to me how much we are interconnected, especially with the F35s at Truax. What happens at Truax happens to the whole North side. I believe it is in the best interest of the region to have the district lines be inclusive of this whole area.

Sarah Shatz  
Sheridan Drive

**From:** [S Goss](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Subject:** attn: Ben Zellers  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:16:21 PM  
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Ben,

Thanks for being in touch. I'm attaching a pdf of my communication. Note that I just returned from a meeting of our HOA, where a major topic of conversation was how our end of the city doesn't seem to be understood or attended to by the rest of the city. The NA vote for Option 6 reflects that sentiment.

On a different topic: I'm having enormous problems with the interface between my gmail and the city. The email you just sent me disappeared immediately after I read it, without my having deleted it. So can you please confirm that you received this? Thank you.

Sharon Goss  
ENA

To: Redistricting Committee

Date: September 26, 2021

Dear Committee Members:

Yesterday I sent you a lengthy email regarding the views of the Elderberry Neighborhood Association regarding redistricting. Unfortunately my gmail shows no record of the send, so I'm writing again in case the earlier message failed.

The ENA board has taken a formal vote on Options 5a and 6 and wishes to express its **preference for OPTION 6.** This option best joins us with neighbors of similar needs and similar issues. (Note: our NA is very large: bounded by Pleasant View to the east, Pioneer to the west, Old Sauk to the north, and Mineral Pt to the south.)

We've selected this option on the basis of eight issues:

- 1) Option 6 would include areas that have a lot of still undeveloped land. We will all be growing (perhaps doubling) in population over the next decade. We would like representation attuned to the challenges of so much growth.
- 2) We are mostly all in the Middleton-Cross Plains school district, rather than MMSD. This gives us a common base, especially since we have many young families.
- 3) Option 6 comprises only a small number of neighborhood associations, making it easier for us to work together.
- 4) Option 6 is largely residential -- single family housing, plus some apartments and some permanently agricultural land. The Junction Rd area is the only commercial land uses.
- 5) Option 6 takes in neighborhoods that are heavily Asian (as much as half). This population has special needs; they are not all English speakers and often live here under VISAs.
- 6) In terms of policing, we are also more similar to neighborhoods in Option 6. We have very low rates of violent crime and low use of police services.
- 7) Traffic/street issues: Because of our location off Mineral Pt Rd and the city's insistence we have through streets, we have speeding problems in our neighborhoods. We also have road repair issues complicated by annexation schedules, and one of our shared intersections has the highest accident rate in the city. We've worked for a long time on these issues with neighbors to the south.
- 8) The ENA territory and areas to our south share issues with parks and with numerous retention pond areas. (We have just a few fledgling parks, and the retention pond areas receive almost no maintenance.)

In short: Option 6 comprises territory outside the beltline where issues are very different from those between the beltline and Gammon Rd.

Thank you for your work on redistricting and for considering our concerns.

Respectfully,

Sharon Goss, President of Elderberry Neighborhood Association

**From:** [David Ahrens](#)  
**To:** [Redistricting](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 28, 2021 7:22:56 PM

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