

Proposed Alder Districts - Concept 5a

Online Map Public Comments

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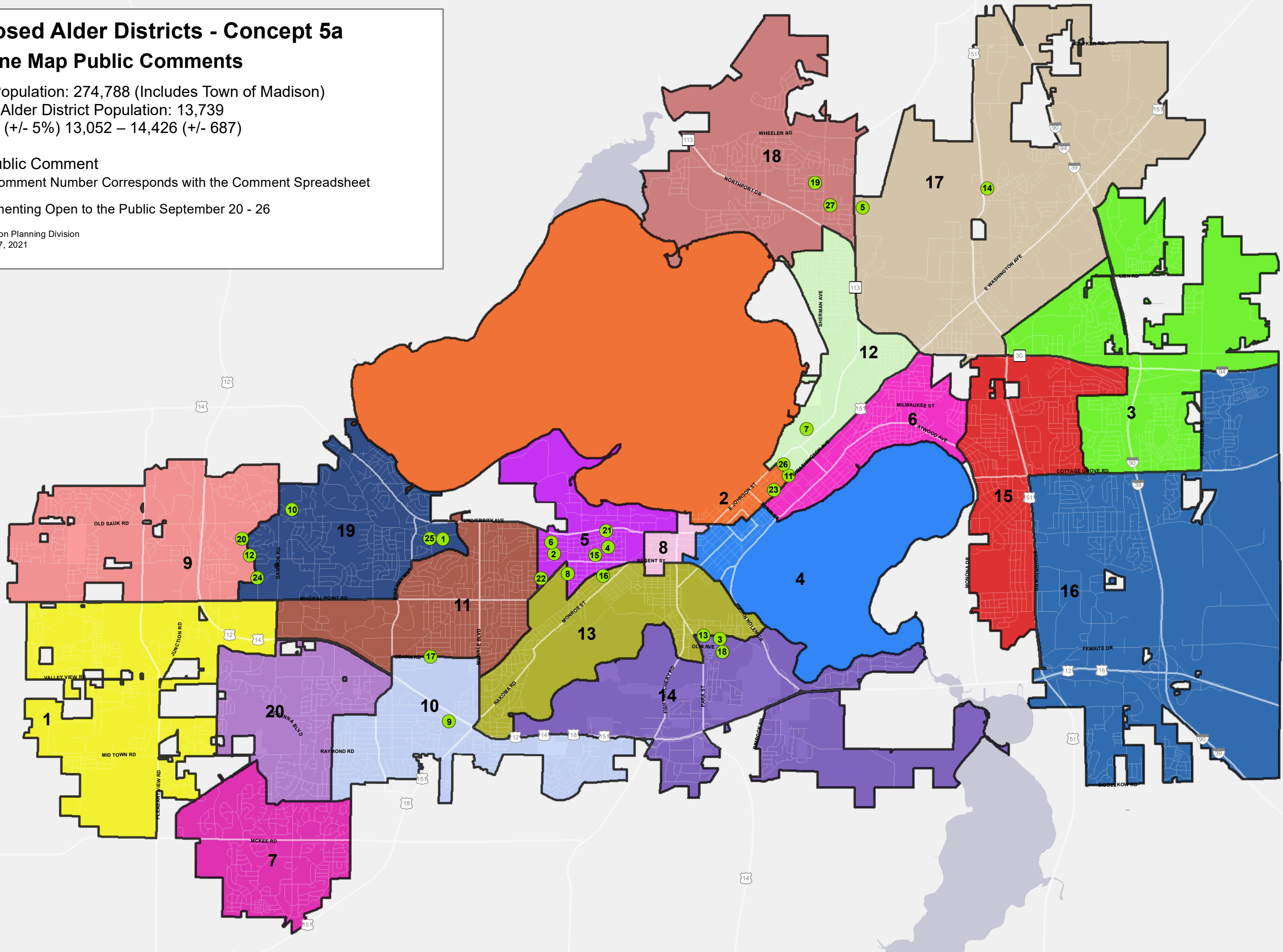
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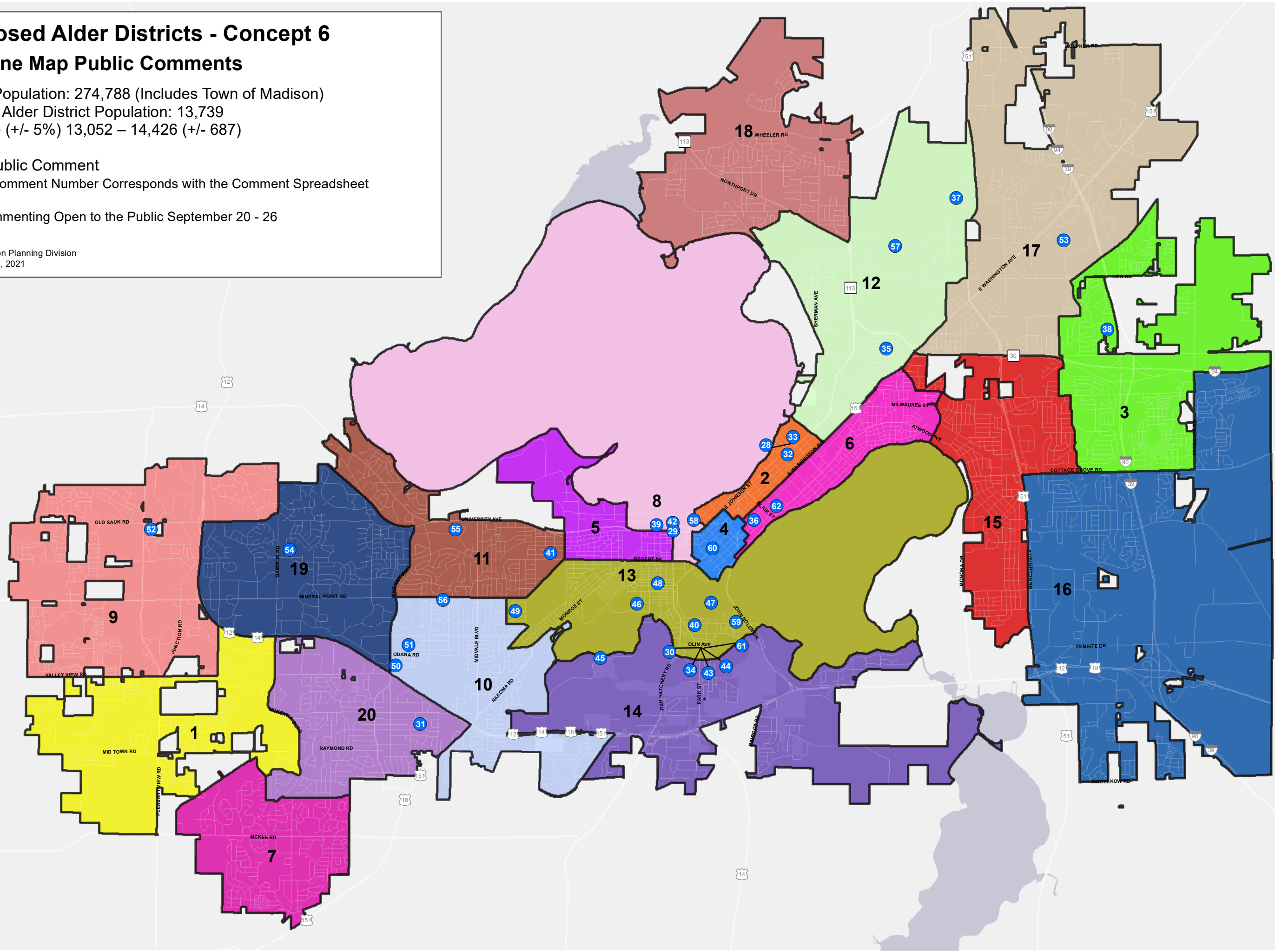
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Key	
	Comments Received on Alder District Concept 5a
	Comments Received on Alder District Concept 6
	General Comments Received about Concepts / Redistricting Process

Comment ID	Commenter_Name	Concept	Comment
1	Tyler	5a	It feels weird that the high density neighborhood in Hill Farms would be separated from the easily walkable Hilldale. The neighborhood is growing ever-more walkable and self sufficient, so splitting it will make even less sense as the decade progresses.
2	Tom Nordberg	5a	I prefer Concept 5A, which keeps us in our shared community of interest, Alder District 5, the Regent Neighborhood Association.
3	Thomas J Mertz	5a	I oppose removing the "tree streets" and rest of the area south of Olin from D13. Looking at the criteria, this does nothing to, "enhance the participation of communities of color and communities that primarily use a language other than English;" makes the awkward and sprawling D14 even more awkward and sprawling, and divides communities of interest, including a Neighborhood Association, and elementary and middle school attendance areas.
4	Susan Hollingsworth	5a	I am focusing on my neighborhood - for the Regent neighborhood, 5a appears better, since 6 would split the neighborhood up into two districts.
5	Sue Gleason	5a	I disagree with moving the Oak Park Terrace community, clearly a Northside neighborhood into the 17th district. The people would be an island completely separated from other neighborhoods. Where would they vote etc? If this area is being moved out of the 12th, then it should become part of the 18th.
6	Scott Hackel	5a	I live in district 5 and prefer Concept 5a and not Concept 6. Concept 6 would shift us to another district. We are strongly connected with district 5 in sharing the same school area, neighborhood association, proximity to campus and associated issues, and geographic fabric (given the natural boundary that Hoyt and Quarry parks provide. Concept 5a is much more appropriate for our area.
7	Ryan Schmulach	5a	Concept 5a doesn't make a lot of sense splitting the Tenney Lapham neighborhood in half, especially when it's so well defined geographically by East Washington, Lake Mendota, and the Yahara River and represented as such in (the preferred) Concept 6.
8	Rod McKenzie	5a	I support Option 5a, since it avoids dividing up the Regent Neighborhood Association into three different Aldermanic Districts, and more fully represents Randall School. The other option divides Randall and Franklin attendance areas.
9	Mike	5a	This district is too long east to west. Districts should be compact allowing voters with similar geographics and geography-tied interests to be together.
10	Mark Schmitt	5a	Much prefer option 5a compared to option 6. We live in Walnut Grove and feel much more affinity to area east of Gammon than that west of Westfield.
11	M	5a	Splitting the new large apartment complexes on East Washington between two different districts feels like you're disenfranchising Madison's new and more diverse residents.
12	Liz Fenster	5a	As a resident of Walnut Grove, I would prefer that our neighborhood not be split into two districts (as in concept 5a). Being in one district allows our community and HOA to work collaboratively and build a strong relationship with one dedicated alder. Fragmenting our neighborhood divides communication and resources.
13	Lauranne Bailey	5a	Please keep the 'tree streets' of Bay Creek Neighborhood with the rest of the neighborhood Dist. 13
14	Kim Kramer	5a	As a longtime resident of district 17, I've been very impressed with Ald. Halverson. I notice BOTH maps take him out of our district. This i
15	Joyce Knutson	5a	Although neither map is ideal, I favor 5a over 6. With 5a more of the Regent Neighborhood is kept in the same aldermanic district. Each map suffers from splitting the university student representation.
16	Jordan Ellenbrg	5a	No boundary line is perfect, but I think the current boundary between 5 and 13 (maintained in map 5a, but changed in 6) reflects the fact that Dudgeon-Monroe is "oriented towards Monroe St." and shares interests with Vilas.
17	Jonathan Mertzig	5a	Drawing the line along Odana effectively breaks the Odana Hills Neighborhood association across two districts, making it harder to coordinate neighborhood interests with aldermanic representation.
18	Helen Kitchel	5a	The Tree Streets of Bay Creek Neighborhood should not be split into District 14, they should remain in District 13 to keep the neighborhood intact under a single alder.
19	Ethan Brown	5a	My vote is for 5a
20	DANIELLE BASHIRULLAH	5a	I live in Walnut Grove and it appears that 5a would cause our neighborhood to cut into two districts. I feel that our neighborhood should remain in a single district. Therefore, I am NOT in support of this option. I would prefer our neighborhood (and neighborhood association) continue to be in one district as in option 6.
21	Charlie Peters	5a	I feel 5a is a better representation, especially since it keeps the Regent Neighborhood Association in one alder district, whereas 6 divides the RNA between two alders
22	Charlie Peters	5a	It seems this small section with a few homes and 16 people would be better placed with alder district 11.
23	Carla Oppenheimer	5a	I agree with previous commenters that it makes more sense not to split the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood across two aldermanic districts.
24	Callin O'Connor	5a	Concept 5a divides Tamarack Trails (a homeowners association that functions like a condo development) across two districts. Concept 6 is much better for this area.
25		5a	Very weird to cut this corner out of district 11! Much prefer version 6. This area and rennebohm park are very integrated into the rest of the hilldale area and the rest of the district 11. In particular, this separates residences from walkable amenities, and it's important to keep those interests connected.
26		5a	Tenney-Lapham should remain within one alder district as it is now.
27		5a	I prefer map 5a because I believe Warner Park should be part of the Northside district, which will now be 18. So much of what happens on the North side happens at Warner so I think it would be foolish to not keep it in the area where people who use it most will be effected.
28	Warren Kmiec	6	I like Concept 6 map better for Alder District 2.
29	Tyler	6	It seems illogical to separate UW students into two districts instead of keeping the dorms together. Feels as if student voices are being divided and diluted with this proposal.
30	Stanley Jackson	6	Concept 6 makes more sense for South Park Street's Transit Oriented Development: Bus Rapid Transit and Imagine Madison plans combined will produce major new growth on the commercial property between S. Park and Beld Streets and Concept 6 will it keep both sides of S. Park St. from Olin Ave. to Wingra Creek united in one alder district.
31	Mike	6	It makes a lot more sense to have Concept 6 for Southwest Madison. The compactness of the district would allow residents to better be represented on common problems.
32	Michael Donnelly	6	I believe Concept 6 makes more sense for the Tenney-Lapham area than Concept 5a. In concept 5a, TLNA is split between 2 districts. Concept 6 breaks along the natural boundary of the Yahara River.
33	Matt	6	My concerns for my Alder are almost entirely based on the isthmus area - flooding, building/growth, noise, parking. Almost all of these change tremendously on the other side of the Yahara. I strongly support 6 over 5a.
34	Laura Zirngible	6	I prefer map 6. Pine, Hickory, Spruce, and Cedar belong in Bay Creek. The neighborhood name says it all: from the Bay to the Creek.
35	Laura L	6	I prefer map 6 as it does not split as significantly areas impacted by the airfield.
36	Larry Jensen	6	Concept 6 is the best choice for District 6. The First Settlement neighborhood has been part of District 6 for years and should remain so. Concept 5a removes it from the district. Concept 6 provides a needed connection from the near east side
37	Kim Kramer	6	Comment continued; Taking Ald. Halverson out of 17 is at best bad optics, and more likely dirty politics. I don't put either past the current administration. We are alone!
38	Kelly Laabs	6	Concept 6 seems to make more sense for district 3; it keeps businesses (like walmart and the courtyard hotel) together in district 17.
39	Kellan Reiersen	6	Map 6 is slightly better for district 8 but I believe all of the uw campus dorms should be in the same district.
40	Kathy Roushar	6	I prefer Concept 6 which honors the current boundaries of the Bay Creek Neighborhood.
41	Kathleen Fullin	6	Under Version 6, I would be removed from what I consider my alder neighborhood, and put in one further west, which I think has somewhat different priorities. I have been part of the Regent Neighborhood for 45 years.
42	Jonathan Mertzig	6	Splitting the dorms across two districts seems like a deliberate attempt to dilute student representation. A student-centric district provides the best representation for the interests of students, rather than being diluted into other districts.

43	Joanna Gurstelle	6	I prefer map 6. I think it more accurately reflects the needs and interests of the neighborhood. Also, putting Greenbush with the student areas doesn't represent them well
44	jim winkle	6	I prefer map 6 for all the reasons others stated so well around the tree streets of Bay Creek. Why not consider including Brams Addition in D13 as it once was?
45	jenny hayes	6	I am voting for #6, I am a Tree Street rep in District 13, using Olin and Park to divide our neighborhood is non-cohesive and would create wealthy vs non-wealthy districts. This came up really fast- why don't you ask us for our ideas? Thanks.
46	Jared	6	As a resident of District 13, option 6 better represents how I experience the district.
47	Helen Kitchel	6	I definitely prefer Concept 6f for my neighborhood, its keeps the existing neighborhood intact and does not split it into 1 districts.
48	HARRY DAVID SNOOK	6	PLAN 6 IS THE MOST COMPACT AND HAS THE LEAST CHANGE. KEEP THE "TREE" STREETS IN THE CURRENT ALDER DISTRICT
49	Gregory Fischer	6	Prefer option #6 to keep Midvale Hts in one district. West Moreland though should be kept intact. Perhaps all of W.M. could be kept in District 13, Dist. 10 pick up area of Dist. 14 south of Beltline / Arboretum and Dist. 14 grow north into Dist. 13 south of Monona Bay.
50	Eric Cabot	6	It makes little sense to move Odana Hills from the Midvale Heights aldermanic district. This plan lumps us with neighborhoods. The Beltline should be the southern boundary.
51	Eric Cabot	6	I favor proposal 6 over 5a. I wasn't sure how to add a general comment so I dropped a marker
52	Elderberry Neighborhood Association (Sharon Goss)	6	ENA Board has voted in favor of Option 6.
53	Deacon Todd Martin	6	I prefer option 6
54	David Platz	6	Prefer option 6
55	Dan Schwarz, 625 N. Segoe Rd.	6	I prefer option 6. I thing the high-density housing on Segoe, Venture, Weston & Overlook should be in the same alder district as the new housing at Madison Yards. We will have so much in common we shouldn't be split up.
56	bob	6	Prefer Concept 6. The other would split Midvale Heights Neighborhood into two different alder districts. More confusion.
57	Anthony Brylski	6	I prefer Concept 6 because it includes both the airfield and more of the neighborhoods directly affected by the airfield.
58	Anthony Brylski	6	I prefer Concept 6 because it keeps Tenney-Lapham intact and keeps more of the dorms together. I would have preferred Gilman and Langdon to join them. That might have yielded two student-majority districts.
59	Andy Meessmann	6	I prefer Option 6. The district boundary should be defined by geographic features with Wingra Creek defining a natural boundary on the southside of the district. This keeps the defining features of Bay Creek within one district and eliminates neighbors having to discuss issues between two districts (ie. impacts south of Olin Drive will have just as much an impact on the north side).
60	Andrew Stevens	6	On balance, I prefer Concept 6. Among other things, it (1) avoids splitting the upper State Street commercial district between different districts, (2) shares downtown between three (rather than two) districts, and (3) keeps the geographically isolated Bay Creek neighborhood intact in a single district.
61	Alex Elias	6	I prefer concept 6. I believe Wingra Creek is a better delineation between districts than Olin Ave/S Park St. There are multiple properties being redeveloped along S Park St, and neighbors most impacted by the development should be in the same district (Truman Olson, Pick n Save, and 1202 S Park St being recent examples).
62		6	Map 6 better represents the neighborhoods in consideration in district 2
63	Tom	General	The issue of student representation lays bare the need for better representation than Single-Member Districts can provide. Fairly, Students would elect 2 or 3 alders, and splitting them across districts is necessary since there are more than would get a district, but Single Transferrable vote could allow students regardless of district to more accurately express their values in Madison politics.
64	Susan Hollingsworth	General	I do not live in a dormitory, but it looks to me like both plans 5a and 6 split the dormitories up, and wouldn't it make more sense for them to be together so that alderperson could get a good feel for the needs of students?
65	Sam	General	As a resident of District 8, I feel as if these redistrict concepts separate students a lot. I think it would be a lot better if students were kept together in 2 districts instead of multiple.
66	Maureen Engelberger	General	Based on the proposed redistricting, what affect will these changes have on the MPD coverage of the territories??
67	Kellan Reiersen	General	Shouldn't the student population remain
68	Jordan Ellenberg	General	Undergraduate students living in dorms are a natural political community, and as such I think we should avoid to the greatest extent possible splitting that community into separate aldermanic districts.
69	Jess	General	Eagle Heights Resident here. I would feel more represented if I was included in a student district. I don't think we'd have a voice if Eagle Heights was put with a near-west side district like D5.
70	Janice Knapp-Cordes	General	I'm not too challenged by the technology here, although the menu bar at the top is nothing I've ever seen before. The most helpful thing for me was the two maps given separately; I could toggle between the 2 and see how districts were different. But I have no criteria for making a comment other than that my district, #4, changes from one map to another. I absolutely don't know what to say to you! But thanks for letting me know about the proposals and giving me a chance to comment.
71	Jack Phillips	General	Both of these proposed maps dilute the voting power of students and remove our voices from city politics. The district 8 seat has, in recent years, been one of the few ways for students to be heard at the city level, and one of the few seats that actually pushes back against the University's blatant disregard for the Madison community and public health. As the pandemic rages on, as climate disasters and violent right wing extremism around the country worsen year after year and march inevitably towards our town, the student seat will be an invaluable partner in creating a livable and secure future, as a representative of the generation that will live with the mistakes of the past 50 years. Eliminate it at your own peril.
72	Guy Stalnaker	General	I think that the parcel for Ashbury Woods Condominiums should be moved to the district immediately south or west of its present district. I believe this because it is continuing growth in those directions that has most affected residents of Ashbury Woods. When I moved here 16 years ago, there was no S. High Point Road and no houses/apartment buildings to the west of present S. High Point. Also, continued construction south of us has, along with construction SW of us, significantly increased traffic on Raymond Road, Marty Road, and Mid Town Road, all of which affect us. I think we should have an alder who represents those areas, not the area N of us which is mostly established residential and business areas.
73	Cailey Jamison	General	I really think that the student vote should not be split across multiple districts - this is a pretty transparent attempt to dilute the voices of progressive, young people.
74	Adam Pagenkopf	General	Cutting the Isthmus along it's breadth instead of it's length would create more contiguous districts. It would make more sense to group e.g. Tenney-Marquette and SASV-Emerson East-Eken Park-Worthington Park. The ongoing redevelopment of the Capital East District and the East Washington corridor has made the neighborhoods more contiguous where before brownfields and disinvestment around E Wash created more of a barrier between the lengthwise halves of the Isthmus. I feel that using major transportation corridors as a default boundary between districts further cements the artificial divide that these corridors can create. This cracks constituencies that care about the impacts of these corridors on their community. 16 people have died on foot or on a bike on East Washington Avenue in the past 10 years.
75	Adam Pagenkopf	General	The current and proposed boundaries 'pack' the UW-Madison student vote into D8 and 'crack' students into D2, D4, D5, D11, D13. There are 44,000 UW students in Madison (1 in 6 Madisonians), yet there is consistently only one student alder (1 in 20 alders). The map should be redrawn to include up to 4 majority-student districts.