From: Sent: To: Subject: Figueroa Cole, Yannette Friday, September 24, 2021 10:26 PM Redistricting Fw: [All Alders] Redistricting

Alder Yannette Figueroa Cole (she/her/hers) District 10 - Madison Common Council <u>Subscribe for Updates</u> <u>Common Council Meetings Information</u>

From: reporting@cityofmadison.com <reporting@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 6:57 PM
To: All Alders
Subject: [All Alders] Redistricting

Recipient: All Alders

Name: Amy Kell Address: 15 Oak Creek Trail, Madison, WI 53717

Would you like us to contact you? No, do not contact me

#### Message:

September 24, 2021

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, All Madison Alders, the Redistricting Committee City of Madison 210 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd Madison, WI 53703 Sent via Email

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RE: Our View on Redistricting: We Support Concept 6

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Sincerely,

Amy Kell on Behalf of Strengthening Ties Together

cc: Madison City Council Members

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Kathy McComb <kamccomb@tds.net> Friday, September 24, 2021 10:14 PM Redistricting Conklin, Nikki; Mayor Redistricting of district 9

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To whom it may concern,

I am ADAMANTLY oppose the redistricting of district 9. Also I found it very difficult to understand your map . You have not given residents enough time and notice to make an informative decision . I am very disappointed in your committee.

Kathy McComb 14 Winterset Circle

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Heck, Patrick Friday, September 24, 2021 7:19 PM Bennett, Juliana; Grady, Brian; Zellers, Benjamin; Redistricting Verveer, Michael; Benford, Brian Re: Downtown Area Redistricting Solution

Hello,

While I do believe there are substantial merits to what Alder Bennett proposes, I do not endorse this solution nor do I necessarily oppose it. I am somewhat concerned about the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood, mostly conterminous with wards 44 and 45, being moved to District 6, in part because it could create discontinuities that could be unwieldy for the County Supervisor redistricting exercise to accommodate. I also believe that East Washington Avenue is indeed a dividing line; histories and redevelopment on each side of E. Washington are distinct.

I appreciate the complexities of the interplay between the districts and the many communities of interest that must be considered as the committee makes its decisions. I also believe that alders should weigh in with concerns about the many communities of interest in their districts, as many of us have done, then step back and let the committee do its work.

Thank for the opportunity to provide further feedback beyond the input I provided at your Sept. 15 meeting.

Alder Patrick Heck 608-286-2260

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From: Bennett, Juliana
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Grady, Brian; Zellers, Benjamin; Redistricting
Cc: Verveer, Michael; Heck, Patrick; Benford, Brian
Subject: Downtown Area Redistricting Solution

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Juliana Bennett Alder, <u>District 8</u> – she/her/hers C: (608) 960 - 9063 E: <u>district8@cityofmadison.com</u>

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From: Sent: To: Subject: amy@kellconsulting.com Friday, September 24, 2021 6:55 PM Redistricting Redistricting

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cc: Madison City Council Members

From: Sent: To: Subject: Susan Daugherty <susaninaruba@yahoo.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 6:24 PM Redistricting Add a comment?

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Clicked on it. Nothing happened.

I want to say that Option 5A seems the least disruptive to me as it leaves my district together as it is, but I could probably live with the other choice.

This is one time when I think that those who have looked at the problem in great detail have to be respected for that. There is probably no perfect solution.

Susan Daugherty (Kristin S.) 509 Hillington Way Madison 53726

From:	Gayle Worland <gworland1@gmail.com></gworland1@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 5:34 PM
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	Redistricting comment / proposed split in District 13

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Hello,

I am a homeowner on the 700 block of West Olin Avenue.

I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** removing the "tree streets" and the rest of the area south of West Olin Avenue from Aldermanic District 13. Making this change would split our street, Olin Ave., in two and divide us from our neighbors on matters of representation and civic importance. The proposal also does nothing to "enhance the participation of communities of color and communities that primarily use a language other than English." In addition, it would split the Bay Creek Neighborhood in two, making it more difficult for us to have our voice heard by and through the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association. Finally, Olin Avenue has *serious* safety issues with high-speed traffic, road races/drag racing, commuter congestion and hazardous turns on to Olin from Park Street. Being "split" from our neighbors on the opposite side of the street and those impacted by traffic on South Park Street further weakens our voice in all matters having to do with traffic safety on Olin. Those serious traffic issues will likely only increase with the planned high-rise building on the intersection of Olin/John Nolen and with increased apartment occupancy in new development along South Park Street.

Finally, I would like to know why citizens living in the affected area did not receive some kind of communication about this proposed change by mail from the City. Redistricting is an important issue for residents. I only found out about it second-hand from a neighbor and had to seek out more information. There was no postcard or mailer from the City notifying us, although my immediate block would be affected by any potential change from redistricting. I am concerned that many of my neighbors might have no idea this is going on or how redistricting could change their representation on city council. The maps online are highly technical and confusing. The only way I could understand the issue was viewing a simplified map that my neighbor provided.

Thank you for your attention. - Olin Avenue resident

From: Sent: To: Subject: Marge <chuckmargebils@msn.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 5:00 PM Redistricting Option 6

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I live in Orchard Ridge District 10. I would prefer Option 6 which keeps us associated with Greentree& Meadowood neighborhoods. I patronize businesses in Meadowood . Verona road would isolate Orchard Ridge from the other neighborhoods in Option 5a.

If we are to strive for unity we need to keep neighborhoods closer together in one district to make it easier to work together.

Thank you Marge Bils 1101 woodland way Madison 53711

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Charles Litweiler litweilerc@hotmail.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 4:53 PM Redistricting District 17

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It is my understanding that our alder's current address will not be included in District 17 in either choice of maps. If this is correct it raises some questions. Are any other freshman alders being excluded from running again in the District they now represent? Are there historical precedents for this? He is a very good public servant. He campaigned for his job even though he had no opponent. We are fortunate to have him representing us.

Re: choice of maps. Assuming his address is factored back in, my preference is #6. Chuck Litweiler District 17

From:	Bennett, Juliana
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 3:58 PM
То:	Grady, Brian; Zellers, Benjamin; Redistricting
Cc:	Verveer, Michael; Heck, Patrick; Benford, Brian
Subject:	Downtown Area Redistricting Solution

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Eric Cabot <elcabot@gmail.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 3:57 PM Redistricting choice of redistricting plans

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To Whom It May Concern,

I prefer the district 10 boundaries shown in proposal 6.

Regards, Eric L. Cabot 5318 Milward Drive Madison, WI 53711

From:	Karen Bartholomew <karen.h.bartholomew@gmail.com></karen.h.bartholomew@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 3:48 PM
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	Redistricting Orchard Ridge Neighborhood

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After reviewing the Committee's plans to realign OR, my husband and I would prefer option 6, aligning OR with Meadowood and Greentree neighborhoods.

When will the results of this plan be decided and released?

Thank you!

Thank you. Karen and Gordy Bartholomew 1501 Lewon Drive Madison 53711

From: Sent: To: Subject: Barbara Clayton <br/>
bharrisclayton@gmail.com><br/>
Friday, September 24, 2021 3:22 PM<br/>
Redistricting<br/>
Redistricting preference

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I support Option 6, Greentree, Orchard Ridge, and Meadowood. That is where I live, walk, and shop.

Barbara Clayton

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sharon Fallon <sharfallon@aol.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 1:31 PM Redistricting Redistricting

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I agree with concept 6 keeping the tree streets in their current district

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Sharon Fallon <sharfallon@aol.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 1:34 PM Redistricting Tree streets

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Keep the tree streets in their original district

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sent: To: Subject: Whittington, Thomas William <tww3@illinois.edu> Friday, September 24, 2021 12:52 PM Redistricting Redistricting and Multi-Member Districts

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Hello All,

I just met a clerk representative at the library and learned about the process. While I understand the short-run need is to pick one map or another, I'd like to add a comment in favor of Multi-member districts (through Single-Transferable Vote). Given a non-partisan common council, this is the best way to ensure representation works well for the common council. Madison is now definitely a large enough city to use this system effectively and it would reduce the distortion that is inherent to first-past-the-post single-member districts. I know this would need to be a common council initiative, so I'll contact my Alder as well.

Between the two though, 5a seems more compact and logical to me.

Thanks, Tom

From:	Rick Strickland <rick.a.strickland@gmail.com></rick.a.strickland@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 12:12 PM
То:	Redistricting
Cc:	Jeanne Strickland; Martin, Arvina
Subject:	Feedback on Alder Maps (5a & 6)

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My name is Rick Strickland and I have lived at 9 Frederick Circle, district 11, for 15 years.

I have reviewed proposed maps 5a and 6. I have a strong preference for map 5a. First, with this map we remain in district 11, but perhaps most importantly, this map keeps the Westmorland neighborhood intact. I identify strongly with the neighborhood and regularly use its outdoor spaces. I also volunteer on prairie preservation efforts sponsored by the neighborhood association. Given the strong neighborhood identity, I am surprised that removing the NE corner of Westmorland from the rest of the neighborhood was proposed in map 6.

Map 5a also does not include neighborhoods south of the beltline with which I have no relationship whatsoever, in contrast to adjoining neighborhoods just north and west of Westmorland. I regularly travel north and west via Odana, Midvale and Mineral Point.

One suggestion I have to improve map 5a is to remove the section west of Whitney Way (to Gammon), and if more households are needed, consider first adding blocks between Odana,the SW Trail and Midvale, and second, Odana Hills Park and Summit Woods. I experience these areas as more related to the rest of district 11 than the area west of Whitney Way.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and I appreciate your consideration. Sincerely, Rick Strickland

From:	ASM Press Office Director <press@asm.wisc.edu></press@asm.wisc.edu>
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 11:53 AM
То:	Redistricting
Cc:	All Alders
Subject:	ASM Letter to Madison Common Council Redistricting Committee
Attachments:	ASM Letter to Madison Common Council Redistricting Committee.pdf

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The Associated Students of Madison





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Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 10:20 AM
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	Redistricting Feedback from Concerned Citizen

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#### Good Morning,

I would like to express my sincere concerns over the redistricting happening in Madison. The district lines we adhered to for 10 years were based on gerrymandering techniques that are known to be based in racism, oppression and that are flat out unconstitutional. Because of those district lines, we have seen the negative systemic impacts on our institutions, services and on our community as a whole. The past lines have not served the community nor the state. To "redraw" the district lines using the old gerrymandered lines as a foundation is a sickening and problematic start to any new beginning. Wisconsin will not fare well using such a baseless and unconstitutional technique. I hope Wisconsin and Wisconsinites can come together to redraw new maps based on our understanding of systemic racism, the constitution, and being in support and in community with our fellow citizens of the great state of Wisconsin. We can do better. Please be aware of the failures the newly drawn district maps bring to the people of Wisconsin.

Sincerely, Concerned citizen Ashley Folcik

From: Sent: To: Subject: Bob Shaw <robert.e.shaw@gmail.com> Friday, September 24, 2021 9:58 AM Redistricting Redistricting Feedback

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I live in the Tenney-Lapham neighborhood and strongly support Concept 6. Concept 5a divides the neighborhood into two districts whereas concept 6 keeps the entire neighborhood within one district. I feel it is important to have one voice that represents the entire neighborhood. Bob Shaw

From:	buckybt@gmail.com
Sent:	Friday, September 24, 2021 5:27 AM
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	re. Concept 6 or 5a, either is acceptable. However, I live in the middle of the ward (Willard and Ohio), so my vote shouldn't count for much: what do those living at the edges think? Buck Trawicky

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From: Sent: To: Subject: Tyler Peterson <tpeterson1997@gmail.com> Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:52 PM Redistricting Keep Ward 84 together

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Summary: Don't split ward 84, I prefer concept 6's districting of the Hill Farms area.

Hello,

I live in District 11, the 84th ward. Reviewing the two maps put up for public review, I'm concerned with concept 5a's proposal to divide the 84th ward at Segoe Rd into two separate districts. I'm not a fan of how it splits what is really only a small to medium sized group of high density housing into two districts. I see that this concept would add some more multi-family residences to the 19th district in addition to the ones near James Madison HS, but I'm not convinced splitting the Hill Farms multi-family neighborhood is worth it. I feel far more connected to the people living on the other side of Segoe and moving east into wards 82, 64, and 63 and than I do to the people living down along Mineral Point Rd near the school; Whitney Way makes a better dividing line than Segoe.

Also, I like the idea of keeping Hilldale Shopping Center and the residences within easy walking distance of it in the same district, which concept 6 accomplishes.

Thank you,

**Tyler Peterson** 

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

haidis@aol.com Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:27 PM Redistricting Comments

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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 ends up being part of District 2 and ward 45 if Lapham School is no longer available. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Shirley Haidinger 949 E Gorham St haidis@aol.com

From:	John Perkins <perkinsj71@gmail.com></perkinsj71@gmail.com>
Sent:	Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:17 PM
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	Redistricting and ward boundaries

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Are any of the current ward boundaries likely to change as a result of the current redistricting efforts? Current redistricting maps show existing ward boundaries, but it wasn't clear if those would be redrawn as part of this effort once district boundaries were determined.

John

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Jeff Carroll <jtcarroll48@gmail.com> Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:13 PM Redistricting Evers, Tag Redistricting – prefer map 6

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Hi,

I couldn't figure out how to make the input onto the map work, so I will give my opinion to you in this form.

I live in district 13. I prefer map 6. It makes more sense for the Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood to include Hillington Green and the homes on the north side of the SW path. Those homes are more contiguous with our neighborhood than Nakoma.

Thank you for asking,

Jeff Carroll 2540 Gregory St., 53711

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: jonathan hunter <jonny.d.hunter@gmail.com> Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:39 PM Redistricting; 2021redistricting@countyofdane.com Joe Lusson; Patty Prime; Heck, Patrick Redistricting TLN

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To whom it may concern,

We are a group of past and the current TLNA presidents asking that the redistricting commission keep TLN as a single district. In many ways I TLNA has had a model relationship with our Alders working in a productive manner on Traffic, Parks, Development and Business development. To separate out TLNA into two districts would make much of that work harder and less effective for our Association. We believe that the geographical nature of our district makes it especially important to have direct communication to a single alder and by splitting the district it would diminish that relationship.

Joe Lusson - Former TLNA President Patty Prime - Former TLNA President Jonny Hunter - Current TLNA President --Jonny Hunter

<u>undergroundfoodcollective.org</u> MPA University of Wisconsin 2010

From:	Jonny Hunter <president@tenneylapham.org></president@tenneylapham.org>
Sent:	Thursday, September 23, 2021 1:31 PM
То:	Redistricting; 2021redistricting@countyofdane.com; Heck, Patrick
Subject:	TLN and Redistricting

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To Whom it may concern,

The Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association is sending a joint opinion asking that the Tenney Lapham Neighborhood Association be in a single district. We have worked closely with our Alder historically in a productive manner and we think that having multiple alders represent the neighborhood would hinder our capacity to work on projects with the City. We also think that the geographical area being kept intact would be important in relationship to our work on City Parks, Traffic and businesses.

Thank you

--Jonny Hunter President TLNA <u>tenneylapham.org</u>

From: Sent: To: Subject: JEFFREY CLAIRE BROWN <jcbrown23@wisc.edu> Thursday, September 23, 2021 10:57 AM Redistricting Do not destroy the student voice

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Do not break up district 8. Like it or not, this campus and these students are a part of this city. Our voice matters in shaping its present and future. Taking away our seat is undemocratic.

Jeffrey Brown

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First comment: navigating your maps and comments site is totally confusing. Can't figure out 6a, 5a switch. Gibberish to me.

Second comment: District two has been an isthmus district for decades. Our interests here in Tenney-Lapham do not align with the near east side, but do with the downtown area that has engulfed us. We should continue to be a voice in the development of our neighborhood here on the isthmus.

I have lived in this neighborhood since 1971 and do not wish to see my voice in downtown/isthmus affairs pushed to the eastern fringes.

David Strandberg

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From:	patricia Kelly
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	D2
Date:	Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:10:35 AM

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I am very opposed to redistricting D2 by moving everyone East of Brearly into a new district. Tenny Park, the Yahara River and the large green space NE of the Yahara river would leave the moved residents physically isolated from any new district. The current D2 district makes perfect sense as it's natural boundaries of E. Wash, the Yahara river and lake Mendota create a valuable sense of neighborhood.

What makes the most sense is to move the part of D2 that is on and near Langdon St. as Wisconsin Ave. is another logical border.

Pat Kelly 1210 E Mifflin St.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Lesleigh Luttrell

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 6:22 PM To: Collins, Breana <BCollins@cityofmadison.com> Cc: Michelle Martin <mlmart29@yahoo.com> Subject: redistricting comments

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#### Breana,

It was very nice to meet with you at Lakeview Library today, get a good look at the large maps and have a better idea of the proposed boundaries for District 12. As I told you, I have long been involved with the Sherman Neighborhood Association and really appreciate that the process has taken neighborhood boundaries into consideration in developing the plans. Both proposals now under consideration keep our neighborhood intact and seem to mostly include our nearest NA neighbors - Brentwood and Eken Park. We've worked with both groups on issues of great mutual interest, most recently the OMSAP process - and we have worked closely with District 12 alders over the years.

The proposed maps of necessity enlarge the geographic boundaries of District 12 to get close to the goal of having nearly the same numbers of residents in each district. Map 5a retains most of what we consider our close North and East side neighbors but adds new voters on the isthmus. Map 6 includes less of the isthmus but expands District 12 to include what looks like the entire airport. As you probably know two major issues on the Northside are what will happen in the OM area as it develops and the airport issues of contamination and F-35s. That seems a lot to expect the alder and the residents in District 12 to take a lead role in. Of course there are flooding issues on the isthmus and we all will be dealing with changing Madison housing and economic issues.

So please record this comment as one of concern over the ramifications of Map 6 and understanding of any concerns isthmus residents may have with Map 5a.

Thank you for your work bringing this plan to the community for comment Lesleigh Luttrell

From:	<u>Collins, Breana</u>
То:	Redistricting
Subject:	FW: redistricting - e.g. allowing interest groups to remain together in a district, not divided betweeen 2 or more
Date:	Tuesday, September 28, 2021 12:00:47 PM

From: Karen Marion

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 4:51 PM

To: Collins, Breana <BCollins@cityofmadison.com>

**Subject:** redistricting - e.g. allowing interest groups to remain together in a district, not divided betweeen 2 or more

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Does this special interest group principle apply to both city and state districts? NO wonder some districts look like deformed

iguanas! This is a serious question, tho. Do you understand - did I make it clear? Thanks.
Two comments received by phone to add to the public comments:

- Geri on the east side says that Carpenter-Ridgeway should stay in District 15
- Anita says that Warner Park should be in District 18



### Ben Zellers, AICP, CNU-A (He/Him/His)

Planner, Comprehensive Planning & Regional Cooperation Section Planning Division Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 017 Madison, WI 53703

**P:** 608-266-4866

Dear respectable alders,

As a UW-Madison junior, it has been my privilege to engage in Madison politics through city initiatives and legislative affairs at the State House. Through my engagement, I have understood the importance of student voices being heard.

Students fuel monetary and educational resources into our city and are major consumers of city resources and businesses. For example, many students rely on Madison Metro and are affected by the Council's affordable housing decisions. Businesses, especially those in the downtown area, also rely on students to stay afloat. Students deserve a voice in Madison's shared future and I hope that you see the importance in empowering student voices.

To silent student voices is to silence the future of our city and the progress we can make. Please preserve District 8's representation of much of campus, especially the UW-Madison residential life communities.

Best, Rianna



I live at 2628 Van Hise Avenue. This is currently District 5, in close proximity to West High School, the University campus, and The VA and UW hospitals. We are in the Regent Neighborhood Association, and are significantly affected by those large and prominent public institutions So my family would strongly prefer proposed Alder District Concept 5A.

Why do I not like Concept 6?

I share very few (if any) common interests with those living far to my west in Ward 11, which would be my new ward in Concept 6.

Concept 6 shows a newly drawn Ward 11, which is not very compact. Some of the people in that district are way far away on the west edge of Lake Mendota, at the edge of Middleton. So we have hardly any Community interests in common.

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Good afternoon, I live west of Highland Ave and I consider myself part of the Regent Neighborhood. I align myself more with downtown/campus issues and concerns. I'd like to keep the Regent Neighborhood intact and stay with the alder district we're in now.

Sincerely, Joan Laurion 2525 Chamberlain Ave

From:	Alexander Harding
To:	Redistricting
Cc:	Evers, Tag
Subject:	Student redistricting
Date:	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 3:11:43 PM

To the Redistricting Committee,

I am a strong supporter of students having a voice and proper representation in Madison's government.

I demand you address Alder Bennett's concerns as outlined here: https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district8/blog/?Id=24327

Specifically:

1. All undergraduate student residential halls must be within District 8.

2. Include the Spring St and College Court area in District 8.

Thank you Alexander Harding 3602 Wyota Ave District 13

From:	Anita Krasno
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	Redistricting proposal - Marquette neighborhood
Date:	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:32:21 AM

Dear Redistricting Committee,

The Marquette Neighborhood Association (MNA) appreciates the Redistricting Committee's recognition of neighborhood associations as communities of interest. We have reviewed the Concept 5a and Concept 6 maps and appreciate that both versions show all of the Marquette Neighborhood Association in the same district. MNA encourages a final map that does not divide our neighborhood and keeps all of MNA in one district.

(If board members are interested here is the link to City maps mentioned above <u>https://cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/redistricting/3670/</u>)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Anita Krasno, MNA President

From:	<u>Grady, Brian</u>
To:	Redistricting; Perez, Nikki; Collins, Breana; Empey, Patrick
Cc:	Zellers, Benjamin
Subject:	FW: D8 Alder Redistricting Requests
Date:	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 6:08:56 AM

### FYI...

From: Bennett, Juliana <district8@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:27 PM
To: Grady, Brian <BGrady@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Zellers, Benjamin <BZellers@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: D8 Alder Redistricting Requests

Thank you Brian and Ben for listening to mine and downtown alders shared concerns regarding redistricting. I understand this accelerated process has been stressful on city staff. I thank you for all the work that you are doing.

That said, I have listed my redistricting requests and concerns here. Please take this into account when creating the maps. Let's set up a meeting to discuss the maps.

## • Residential Halls must be included within District 8. This is non-negotiable. (Concepts 5a and 6)

Shifting the boundaries between D5 to represent all of Lakeshore dorms and Southeast campus dorms creates a situation where a near 6000 students living in those residential halls would never have interaction with their alder. In my conversation with Shiva Bidar, she recounted the nightmare of campaigning and representing undergraduate residential halls.

-The District 5 alder will not campaign in residential halls. First off, non-students do not even have access to enter residential halls. The District 5 alder wouldn't have access to knock doors, speak with, or get to know the thousands of students they would represent. Furthermore, as the redistricting committee chair has consistently pointed out in our conversations, students don't vote. This statement is not fully accurate; however, we know that there is low voter turnout in residential halls. The D5 Alder would not have any reason to campaign in that area let alone represent their interests.

-As I have stated before and will repeat again, the needs of undergraduate students are astronomically different than those living in a million dollar single family home in University Heights. Under No Circumstance, should District 5 include residential halls for this sole reason. Ten years ago, the redistricting processes intentionally moved residential halls within District 8, because this model works! It allows for the needs of the 8000 undergraduates living in residential halls to be represented in one area, more inclusive campaigning, and streamlined advocacy with campus related issues.

I shouldn't have to validate why the needs of a college Freshman is completely different than single family homeowners and yet I find myself needing to do so after disturbing conversations and maps the splitting undergraduate residential halls. <u>Anyone that</u> <u>acknowledges the logistical barriers and political demographic that disenfranchises youth and</u> <u>student voices, would understand that splitting this community of interest is a horrendous</u> <u>situation for D5 and D8.</u>

• Ward 55, Spring St and College Court area must remain within District 8. (Concept 6) Although I will not repeat why it is vital for students to represent students, I will bring to light concerns regarding redevelopment and affordable housing in this area. (1) The University has been purchasing properties in the northeast quadrant of Ward 55 for the Humanities building. The universities longterm plan will continue to move westward in Ward 55, which will displace some of the only affordable student housing in the downtown area. (2) The creation of the Regent St TID projects redevelopment in the Spring St area. For both issues, a campus alder is the most equip representative on council to negotiate this development in the area.

Furthermore, myself and former District 8 alders cannot imagine a District 8 that doesn't include Ward 55. Several former District 8 alders lived in the district and has fond memories of representing the primarily upperclassmen constituency of this area. There is a way to keep this ward within District 8 and maintain an even number of constituencies, which I will touch on later.

• The pocket of D13 that D8 is proposed to absorb is unacceptable. (Concept 5) The area is consists of many well-established, single family homes with a completely different demographic profile than the rest of the district. I am confident that none of the wealthy home-owning residents in this area will not be happy with having a campus alder representing them. This constituency base has the means necessary to fundraise and vote out a campus alder. It creates a scenario where even if a campus alder where to be elected, the needs of this pocket would not be met by an alder straddling the needs of students in undergraduate residential halls and high rise, luxury apartment buildings on the eastern portion of the proposed map.

This area should remain within Ward 66, because the D13 is more capable to represent this constituency base and it would not create competitive situation where a student wouldn't represent District 8.

• Ward 49 should remain within District 4 and District 8 should refocus on including

undergraduate residential halls within the district. (Concept 5a and 6) It is more important for the D8 Alder to represent undergraduate residential halls than luxury, high rise developments and downtown businesses on State St. This decision is a tradeoff between student needs in the downtown area. Given my explanation as to why undergraduate residential halls must remain within District 8, under no circumstance should we be trading off that constituency for luxury high rises. Furthermore, District 4 will continue to gain high rises that span eastward into the district. D4 should constrict to represent that redevelopment and downtown businesses. There is no strong justification for why District 8 should absorb over 6000 high rise residents and lose 6000 students in undergraduate residential halls.

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### • There are several ways to respect the current boundaries of undergraduate representation and reduce the amount of District 8 residents.

These suggestions come out of conversations that I have had with all of the current downtown alders, former D5 Alder Shiva Bidar, former D8 Alders, and several others who went through the last redistricting process.

 <u>The East—West boundary between D5 and D8 can move from N Randall to N Orchard St.</u> This situation would allow D8 to lose 1384 constituents, while retaining a majority of Ward 55 within District 8. It would otherwise allow room for Wards 59 and 58 to remain within District 8.

During the last redistricting process, the D5 and D8 alders along with staff strategically placed this boundary to best serve undergraduate students. We should respect that placement and still allow District 8 to move westward.

## 2. <u>The N Lake—Langdon St area (Census Block 2002 and 1001) can be absorbed by D2, with a concurrent move to shift Tenney-Lampham area into D12 or D6.</u>

The Northwest portion of D8 (N Lake and Langdon St) consists of primarily of upperclassmen, graduates, and fraternities. Given the current composition of D2, which includes a majority of fraternities and sororities, it is logical to include these two blocks in District 2. The move will reduce the District 8 constituency by 1494 and satisfy the requests to retain the Tenney-Lampham area in one district.

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I hope that my frustration does not come off as an attack against planning staff. I've been confronted with appalling arguments from members on the redistricting committee and others far removed from the greater campus area that we shouldn't be a community of

interest. We Must maintain the 60 year tradition of having a seat at the table for the greater campus area.

Can you make me a map that incorporates my suggests and see where the populations land? Can we set up a meeting to look at the maps and see how we can best represent the campus area? I am free Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

Warmest,

### Juliana Bennett

Alder, <u>District 8</u> – she/her/hers C: (608) 960 - 9063 E: <u>district8@cityofmadison.com</u>

Common Council Office 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Alder Halverson, thank you for providing this feedback.

Thanks, Brian

From: Halverson, Gary <district17@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:09 PM
To: Grady, Brian <BGrady@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Redistricting <redistricting@cityofmadison.com>; Perez, Nikki <NPerez@cityofmadison.com>;
Collins, Breana <BCollins@cityofmadison.com>; Empey, Patrick <PEmpey@cityofmadison.com>;
Zellers, Benjamin <BZellers@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Redistricting map request

The Village at Autumn Lake and the Ridgewood neighborhoods have historically been connected to and part of the Greater East Towne area.

Also the Berekely Oaks (west side of airport) area has been historically connected to neighborhoods in that area so it doesn't make sense to that community become part of D17 per concept 5.

Thank you,

Gary Halverson Alder, District 17 Email: <u>district17@cityofmadison.com</u> Phone: (608) 563-8483 <u>www.cityofmadison.com/council/district17</u>

From: Grady, Brian
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Halverson, Gary
Cc: Redistricting; Perez, Nikki; Collins, Breana; Empey, Patrick; Zellers, Benjamin
Subject: RE: Redistricting map request

Hi Alder Halverson-

Staff can take a look to see if this combination of these two Concepts works together. I'm not sure it will—since Concept 4 does not include the Town of Madison population (4,846) and Concept 5 does.

Are there certain aspects of the eastside districts in Concept 4 that you support?

Thanks, Brian

Brian Grady (he/him) Principal Planner City of Madison Planning Division (608) 261-9980

From: Halverson, Gary
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Grady, Brian <<u>BGrady@cityofmadison.com</u>>
Subject: Redistricting map request

Hello Brian

Can you provide me a redistricting map that uses the following criteria?

- Use concept 5 for everything District 4 and westward
- Use concept 4 for D18, D17, D15, D12, D3

Thank you,

Gary Halverson Alder, District 17 Email: <u>district17@cityofmadison.com</u> Phone: (608) 563-8483 www.cityofmadison.com/council/district17

Dear Redistricting staff,

I am a 30 year resident of district 2, living near Tenney Park. I am strongly opposed to Concept 5A. I think it would be a mistake to cut off the East end of the Tenney Lapham neighborhood and lump it in with district 12. This would eliminate the whole of Tenney Park from district 2 which is arguably part of the very essence of the Tenney Lapham neighborhood. Plus, the Yahara river makes such a sensible natural boundary. It is for these reasons that I strongly prefer Concept 6.

Thanks for your consideration,

Clark Thompson 418 Marston Ave

From:	<u>L H</u>
To:	Redistricting
Subject:	District 17 feedback
Date:	Monday, September 20, 2021 9:55:38 AM

I am very confused by the lack of logic or following of historical boundaries, natural geographic boundaries, or manmade boundaries for those gerrymandering of our current aldermanic district. In particular the cutting out of the ridge wood neighborhood from current district 17 is suspect at best and appears to have alternate motives beside equal and fair representation. In conjunction this causes great concern as the current mayor has made clear her intent to overburden out district with increased density of homelessness which not providing suitable services.

District 17 historically has been altered the most of any district in this obvious gerrymandering attempt. I am also astounded with how quickly this is being pushed through.

Sincerely, Hilton Jones

MPNA president.

To whom it concerns,

I was recently made aware of the redistricting maps being proposed. I was disappointed to see that our Alder (Alder Halverson) would no longer be our alder if these maps are approved.

Gary Halverson has done an excellent job since taking over as our Alder dealing with really difficult issues such as COVID19 and the Reindahl park encampment.

We hope that you will reconsider the redistricting map so our Alder can continue serving our community.

Thank you!

John and Sarah Kavanaugh

From:	Jacob Burris
To:	Redistricting; Halverson, Gary
Subject:	District 17 redistricting map
Date:	Monday, September 20, 2021 9:41:07 AM

To: Madison Redistricting Committee,

Upon reviewing the proposed redistricting map for the City of Madison, I want to express my concern that the new districting for District 17 is significantly larger than the other districts. In no way can one alderperson effectively represent such a large area.

The obvious graphical disparity between the East side and West side representation should also give this committee pause for the optics involved. One easily can surmise that the number of votes from the the West side will easily effect decisions on the East without fair representation. With the East side more economically and racially diverse, this districting clearly removes a fair voice and looks like gerrymandering - something I would never expect from Madison or its representatives.

The East side needs several advocates and voices to address rising homelessness, loss of businesses, and the dire need for economic development in this area. Failure to do so will simply mean that more affluent citizens move out, furthering the impression that there are two Madisons in what once was a united progressive city - one Madison side the city council cares about and the other it doesn't.

Sincerely,

Jacob Burris 5245 Esker Drive Madison, WI 53704

From:	Laurence Jensen
To:	Redistricting
Cc:	Perez, Nikki; Collins, Breana; Empey, Patrick; Zellers, Benjamin
Subject:	RE: Redistricting Proposals
Date:	Wednesday, September 15, 2021 8:05:17 AM

Hi Brian,

I reviewed the two new concepts and much prefer option 6 of those two. Option 6 provides more representation of and a better link to downtown neighborhoods for District 6. I like that. Option 5 appeared to remove the First Settlement neighborhood from District 6 and I don't think that is a good idea. Option 5 also added some area to District 6 to the east, but unfortunately I was not able to get the zoom in feature to zoom in on the part of the map that showed District 6, so I could not tell exactly where the east & west boundaries of each option fell on these maps. If you can help me with that, please let me know. Thanks for responding.

Larry

Hello,

I recently viewed three or four proposals for City redistricting. One of those proposals radically changed the boundaries of District 6 to include a sizable area north of E Washington Ave and removed some of the eastern portion of my neighborhood (SASY). Please do not select this option or anything similar. It would be unnecessarily disruptive to our exceptional near eastside neighborhoods. Everything east of Blair St, south of E Washington Ave and west of Milwaukee St (at minimum) should be part of District 6, but nothing north of E Wash. The other options for District 6 looked okay to me. Thanks for listening.

Larry Jensen 1618 Jenifer St



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF DANE COUNTY, INC.

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August 12, 2021

- T0: City of Madison Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.
- RE: Statement in Support of Expediting the Timeline for drawing ward and district maps

Thank you for the opportunity for the League of Women Voters of Dane County to speak at this first meeting of the City of Madison Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee. My name is Caryl Terrell, speaking on behalf of the League. I reside at 19 Red Maple Trail, Madison. Our statement is in support of expediting the timeline for drawing ward and district maps.

The League of Women Voters of Dane County is involved in community education on the importance of fair, transparent, non-partisan maps for redistricting. League members are following the work of this committee, the Peoples' Maps Commission, the Dane County Non-Partisan Redistricting Commission and the city, village, or town where they reside.

The League of Women Voters believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. Every vote should count. Using maps that have been drawn purposely on partisan grounds should not be allowed. To meet this standard, new maps based on the 2020 Census must be available before the first local elections in 2022.

Around the State, County Boards, Municipalities, and other legal jurisdictions know their boundaries. They can begin <u>now</u> to draw maps for consideration and adjust these maps once the 2020 Census apportionment data is available.

We urge this committee to expedite your work developing non-partisan, transparent and fair maps for the City of Madison. Expediting timelines was recommended in the August 6, 2021 Memo from Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell and Dane County Board Chair Analiese Eicher. Your staff has provided you with a proposed expedited calendar on your agenda, titled "Revised 8.06.21 Estimated Timeline for Madison's 2021 Redistricting Process."

Transparency and public participation are important in drawing fair maps. We suggest you invite residents to submit their own ward or district maps with narrative about their Community of Interest. Another way to receive public input is by using maps submitted by Madison residents to the Peoples' Maps Commission and to the Dane County Non-Partisan Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for considering League input.