

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Babette Kamba <bjkamba@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Redistricting2012
Cc: Hiscock, Larry
Subject: Please keep Harrison WHOLE!

Dear Redistricting group members,

Please know how important it is to keep Harrison whole in the final ward maps. It aligns with the principles of the process. We are a small neighborhood with strong alignment to each other, and splitting us would be devastating.

I have learned more of the rationale for placement within one ward verses the other, 5th Ward is the best place because of the common concerns with the rest of North Minneapolis.

Please understand that we are disappointed in the notion of supporting a situation where the City of Minneapolis fundraises of 5th Ward Racial Disparities but gives decision-making power to Ward 7 of lands to be redeveloped. Ward 5 should extend beyond the legislative district line to ensure fair representation.

Thank you for your work,

Babette

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From: Jennifer Naglak <djnaglak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 4:42 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Midtown Phillips

To Whom It may concern:

I understand the objectives of redistricting and the challenge our particular neighborhood presents in terms of building and encouraging coalitions of voters. I cannot imagine that that objective should preclude having our entire neighborhood in one ward. I live on 12th Ave S. and this will effectively mean that any issue on my block will require the input of 2 representatives. Neighborhood boundaries have been drawn with logical (mostly) boundaries in mind. This is not a logical or helpful boundary for Midtown Phillips.

Please reconsider. I am sure that Seward and Cedar Riverside and Longfellow must feel the same way. Find a way to represent communities as a whole.

Jennifer Naglak
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Midtown Phillips

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Sir Luke Stultz <luke@sirluke.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 5:54 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: Keep Central Neighborhood in Ward 8
Attachments: Redistricting Letter.pdf

Please see attached letter regarding Redistricting.

Thank you,

Luke Stultz
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March 26, 2012

Redistricting Group
c/o City Clerk's Office
350 S 5th St, Room 304
Minneapolis, 55415

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of remaining in Ward 8. Central Neighborhood has been in Ward 8 for the last 40 years and that is important to me. It's also important that the crime activity not all be bunched into one Ward, but divided so that one council member isn't bogged down with crime activity. If that happens, I see things not getting taken care of effectively.

On the current map, Central is split between two Wards. This is unacceptable. Currently, Central is focusing on bringing together it's diverse population and splitting us into two Wards would hinder the progress we've made.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke A. Stultz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Luke A. Stultz

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From: Lin Schutz <kitchizibi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 8:07 PM
To: Redistricting2012; pegg.menshek@minneapolismn.gov; barry@bfclegg.com; jaybadheartbull@me.com; cohendan1@msn.com; colex044@comcast.net; corbinconnell@gmail.com; xmargedolan@comcast.net; todd.ferrara@standardheating.com; jbgarcia3@aol.com; djheinle@cmarch.com; invisionit@msn.com; kozaknsa@mm.com; barrlaz@mail.com; blickness@yahoo.com; jkmassey@earthlink.net; singdnceservetheworld@gmail.com; jahp2619@yahoo.com; srichardson7@comcast.net; arubenstein@schaeferlaw.com; jfscharteromm@comcast.net; gthaden@gmail.com; adosh.unni@gmail.com
Cc: Tuthill, Meg M.; Foreman, Leslie A; Dan McLaughlin; Ginna Portman Amis
Subject: Keep East Isles in WARD 10 - Please
Attachments: Redistricting.docx

See my attached plea ! Please enter the attached (not this cover email) it into the public record of the Re-districting Commission.

I hope I'm not too late in submitting comments: it's 8 PM Mon. March 26 and I understand you met earlier today.

This evening I could of written the Governor about Northern Metals along the Mississippi River, but this had to take precedence. With 'all the stuff' happening in the City, we are overwhelmed as citizens. We were assured at beginning of March that East Isles was staying in Ward 10, then I awoke to the news it suddenly was in play (again) please stop treating this neighborhood like a ping-pong ball every decade or so.

Where was I all day this past Saturday (a gorgeous day): in a DFL Senate District 60 convention where two incumbents were vying for endorsement: Marion Green & Frank Hornstein.

What did I do all day Sunday: address my work as Nominations Chair for the EIRA Board of Directors (annual elections of our 11-member board scheduled for April 17).

I can barely find time to take a shower.

I am maxed out with requests to serve as a volunteer for this/that ... buffeted by daily requests to engage to work on some "public" matter or another. If you want to facilitate contributions to "the greater good" then **Please facilitate those efforts by at least keeping East Isles in Ward 10.** (See the attached for "the reasons" why).

Thanks.

Linda Schutz 1523 W. 22 St., Minneapolis, MN 55405 612/374-9266 EAST ISLES RESIDENT

To: Members of the Minneapolis 2012 City Redistricting Commission

Fr: Linda Schutz, 1523 W. 22 Street, Mpls. M 55405 East Isles Resident since 1985

Re: Keep East Isles Intact and Within Ward 10

I was shocked, alarmed, and dismayed to learn East Isles would get put into Ward 7 ! And was further distressed to be unable to attend last week's evening public meetings or email you until now (being otherwise totally "maxed out").

Sorry I was unable to contact you sooner. At the last East Isles Residents Assn (EIRA) Board (BOD) meeting of March 6, 2012, we were temporarily in distraught before our 7 pm BOD meeting when we heard "a rumor" that E. Isles would be put (back) into Ward 7. (We are frankly getting tired of such whiplash every 10 or 20 years, serving consistently as the "swing" district. It provides no needed continuity). That night, March 6, our Council Member, Meg Tuthill (Thank You Lord that we elected her) indicated that was not the case and E. Isles would remain in Ward 10. An audible "sigh of relief" could be heard throughout the meeting room !!

Then, about a week ago, thinking I might have to write a letter "just in case" some last minute changes might be made, I specifically looked at the proposed maps on the city's redistricting website and as they appeared to me, it indicated East Isles remained in Ward 10. Since I was maxed out with other public policy matters (*as anyone who knows me would understand and I've worked with several of you over the decades*), I said: "Well, at least that's one thing I don't need to worry about."

My reasons for wanting E. isles to remain in Ward 10:

We share much more in common with Lowry Hill East (LHENA aka The Wedge) sharing almost all of lengthy South Hennepin Avenue alignment with it. Although I go to church downtown, there is little else that I so strongly identify with there, compared to the cohesiveness I feel and find with the other neighborhoods to my east and south!

East Isles is also one of the four (4) neighborhoods that converges on Uptown (E. Isles, LHENA aka The Wedge, CARAG & ECCO). I know you all have heard of Uptown and are aware of all the extensive redevelopment occurring there and near Lyn-Lake.

E. Isles has worked tirelessly in the past decade (and before when CM McDonald was CM) with its three neighbors of LHENA, CARAG, and ECCO in responding to Greenway, Uptown, Hennepin Avenue and other changes. First we developed a Hennepin Ave. Plan for urban design although never adopted by the City) then more recently spent "years together" in meeting rooms and at community forums that brought to fruition the Uptown Small Area Plan (USAP). Preceding the USAP was the Midtown Greenway Small Area Plan (MGLUP) and many fully anticipate a future streetcar on the Greenway someday (or partially on Lake Street) and even perhaps a streetcar along So. Hennepin Avenue. Both will demand neighborhoods continuing to work together, to jointly attend to matters. Then, there is the Walker Library (in E. Isles) – one of the highest usage libraries, a regional resource given the transit

connections, and a true gem of a resource for the four neighborhoods converging on Uptown; its renovation and changes will continue to command our joint attention.

The folks on my "regular" daily & weekly telephone call list and email routing are people in these four Ward 10 neighborhoods: E. Isles, LHENA, ECCO and CARAG. And, if I extend my reach (which I do), it tends to be even further eastward to Whittier, or westward to CIDNA and South Calhoun. It's like an extended family to me. Don't split us up if you don't have to. Yes, I have a few contacts in Lowry Hill, and of course from my former neighborhoods of Prospect Park, SE Como, Marcy-Holmes, Seward, etc. but the ties and bonds that have really "grown" since I moved to E. Isles in 1985 are those with folks in LHENA, CARAG, ECCO Why? I attribute it to the many "city issues" that have repeatedly drawn us together. We have formed a grapevine, please don't weaken what has been cultivated and grown these many years. We have a "community of interest" – please don't separate it.

We, these particular four neighborhoods in Ward 10, are stronger addressing and bringing all our resources together to bear upon issues of land use, density, permitting of establishments associated with issues of alcohol consumption and late/extended hours of operation which tend to create spillover issues common to the nearby lower density areas on the perimeter of the "activity center of Uptown, crime, traffic and transit, and the Chain of Lakes, parks & rec, Greenbelt, and other environmental matters (air, water, noise, waste).

I am currently back on the EIRA Board, and was EIRA secretary and then its president from the mid-1980s through to the early 1990s. I regularly pay my dues as a neighborhood volunteer and active citizen of this City. HELP. HEAR MY PLEA.

Thank You.

And, "hi" to all those I have worked with over the years: Barry Lazarus from the days when we pled for tax relief with Dee Long & Dougie Johnson, Andy Kozak (chats at the state capitol dating back to Wendell Anderson and Doug Kelm), Lyall Schwartzkopf since he was city clerk and always strongly interested in city schools, Barb Lickness and Gary Thaden on local and neighborhood issues, Today I regularly watch Dan Cohen on the City Planning Commission and he will remember how many times E. Isles has been a "pawn" moved back and forth, back and forth, back and forth almost every time redistricting occurs. Enough is enough. Please quit making transients of us, I feel like a ping-pong ball, suffer from whiplash already. .

Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Julia Robinson PhD <robin003@umn.edu>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 9:54 PM
To: Redistricting2012
Cc: Lin Schutz
Subject: East Isles

Memo

To: Redistricting Commission
From: Julia W. Robinson
2830 Kenwood Isles Drive
Minneapolis, 55408
Re: East Isles Neighborhood

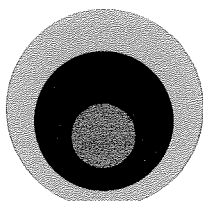
Please keep East Isles in Ward 10. Our interests are more aligned with that ward than Ward 7 since we are next to Lake of the Isles.

Thank you for your consideration.

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COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

SABATHANI



March 23, 2012

City of Minneapolis
City Clerk's Office – Redistricting
350 S. 5th Street, Room 1B
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Commissioners:

Sabathani Community Center is requesting that the Central neighborhood remain in the 8th ward where it has been for over 40 years. Sabathani Community Center and the Central neighborhood are closely connected and work well with other current 8th Ward neighborhoods.

It is extremely important that the political interests of our constituents, particularly African Americans, Latinos and other residents of color not be watered down and rendered impotent through the redistricting that is being proposed. It is imperative that neighborhood residents, who share the same ideology and political viewpoints, have the ability to present a united front when voting and/or advocating for issues that immediately affect and concern our neighborhood residents. To divide our ward is to weaken our influence and position at a time when strength and solidarity is needed more than ever. The financial stability, economic growth, and issues of social justice for the constituents and neighborhoods we serve are hanging in the balance.

We join CANDO in its assertion that Central, Bryant and Bancroft neighborhoods are known for being strong, middle-class African American communities with strong attachment to local organizations and institutions such as the Minneapolis Urban League, the Spokesman-Recorder newspaper, and Richard Green Central School & Park. The proposed new map breaks up this historically close-knit community of interest.

Please hear our plea to leave the Central neighborhood in the 8th Ward. To do otherwise is to dismantle decades of political progress and to cripple our community's potential growth and expansion for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Clyde Turner
Executive Director

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March 23, 2012

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Minneapolis, MN 55415

To whom it may concern:

I am a long time resident of the 8th Ward. I clearly understand what is in the best interest of this community's survival and stability. I am strongly encouraging you to allow Central Neighborhood to remain in the 8th Ward where it has been for over 40 years.

We are a growing diverse community with many positive qualities and supportive systems that enhance our well being. Therefore, moving Central into a redrawn Ward 9 represents an extreme boundary and community change, which is not supported by community members. Over the years there have been many outstanding and successful African Americans who grew up in this community. We've had individuals like former Judge Pam Alexander, retired Judge LaJune Thomas Lange, former Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton, Singer Prince, the great Harry Davis, and great Gleason Glover, Legislator Neva Walker and professional football athlete Larry Fitzgerald, just to name a few. This wonderful history, tradition and legacy cannot be destroyed through this redistricting process.

Central, and Bryant and Bancroft to the south and south east are known for being strong, middle and working class African American communities, with strong attachments to local organizations and institutions like Sabathani, the Urban League, *The Spokesman Recorder* and Green Central Park and School. The new map breaks up this close-knit, historic, community of interest and support system.

I have joined many residents in the community to stop this proposal. To move ahead with this proposal will break up traditions, history and cripple our growth as a community for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding of this very important request.

Sincerely,



Clyde Turner
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Menshek, Peggy Y

From: Robert Young Walser <seasongs@spacestar.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 8:07 AM
To: Redistricting2012
Subject: East Isles shifting

To whom it may concern:

I know it's late in the game and I haven't followed the process closely enough to know if there's even any point in writing, but I was dismayed to learn that East Isles is to be shifted into Ward 7 in the redistricting. I think we belong in Ward 10.

- 1) We are a largely residential, single-family and apartment-dwelling population with far more in common with the rest of Ward 10 than downtown.
- 2) We share the Hennepin Avenue corridor and Midtown Greenway with Ward 10 neighborhoods: common concerns and key elements in our quality of life.
- 3) In general, Uptown is more the focal point of our community life than downtown.

If it's not too late, please add my voice to those advocating that East Isles remain in Ward 10.

Thank you very much,
Bob Walser
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Minneapolis
(Current Ward 10, Precinct 10)

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