

Mr. Tounget,

I saw with quite a bit of disappointment the map the Statesman published a few days ago. This preliminary map puts my East Austin neighborhood (I live off US 183 and Bolm Road) in the same district as people living as far south as Onion Creek (16 miles away) and as far east as Stoney Ridge (12 miles away). The concerns of residents of those neighborhoods are likely to be very different from the concerns of my neighbors, since we live close to downtown and they do not.

I hope the commission you lead will put this into consideration when drawing the final maps. Please try to lump together neighborhoods that are likely to have the same concerns and are geographically close. Zip codes are not always a good guide for geographic proximity, so stay away from those.

Best regards.

Victor M. Martinez