

Dear Mr. Tounget,

I am writing to express my concern with the preliminary redistricting map published in Sunday's newspaper.

First, however, I want to thank you and the other commissioners for undertaking this daunting task. I am aware of the challenges you have and will continue to face in accomplishing this task, but I am confident that with your willingness to receive community input, the final result of your effort will be fair.

Now for my specific concern. I live in Southwest Austin in the Estates of Loma Vista, located off 1826 south of Highway 290. Our community is part of Oak Hill. Over the past five years, since the adoption of The Oak Hill Combined Neighborhood Plan by the City Council, the Oak Hill community has been dealing with challenging issues regarding protection of the environment, traffic, construction of a new highway at the Y, public transportation, and others. The community has worked together to deal with these issues. Now I see that your preliminary map would split Oak Hill into two parts, District 5 and District 8. I would be in District 5 which would include communities as far east as Interstate Highway 35, but not include neighborhoods near the Y. By dividing Oak Hill you reduce our ability to speak with a unified voice in dealing with issues unique to Oak Hill. I hope you will redraw the map with all of the Oak Hill neighborhoods in a single district.

Sincerely,

Richard Armitage
Board Member
Oak Hill Neighborhood Planning Contact Team