

South Lamar Neighborhood Association disapproves of the latest proposed district map for 10-1 which splits 78704 across 2 districts and lumps them in both cases with neighborhoods will less in common than could be seen if 78704 were kept together and lumped instead with districts SOUTH of the river and also WEST of I-35.

SLNA endorses and requests a district map that honors the Austin Neighborhood Council's South Central sector, to include the following neighborhoods in one district:

Zilker
Barton Hills
South Lamar
Bouldin
Galindo
Dawson South River City Citizens
Barton Oaks

So:

"WHEREAS, the neighborhoods in the 78704 zip code comprise a 'community of interest' under the criteria in the 10-One Charter Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the 10-One charter amendment requires that the 78704 community of interest not be divided unless there is no other "possible" way to create a district that satisfies the Voting Rights Act and other federal and state requirements;

WHEREAS, any map should be highly compliant with the Voting Rights Act and all other criteria for drawing district boundaries in the 10-One charter amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the South Lamar Neighborhood Association fully supports a map in which the district contains all the neighborhoods in 78704 (Barton Hills, Zilker, South Lamar, Bouldin, Galindo, Dawson, South River City Citizens and Barton Oaks and urges the ICRC to draw district boundaries in a way that respects these neighborhood boundaries."

APPROVED by the South Lamar Neighborhood Association Executive Committee
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