

Dear Mr. Tounget, We are unable to attend the upcoming public sessions on new council districts, so I am writing to ask that you convey to the redistricting commission members our dismay when we saw that they are splitting up our Bouldin, South River City Citizens, and Zilker Neighborhood groups in the proposed council districts. These 78704 neighborhoods have many concerns and interests in common that deserve representation. They have active neighborhood associations that have been working for us for many years, and the proposed maps decimate the cohesiveness of these central Austin neighborhoods. Our Bouldin Neighborhood, for example, has almost nothing in common with the downtown area just north of the river, which is where the proposed districts lump us, and we have very different needs. My husband and I are almost 70 years old, have owned the property where we now live for over 25 years, and beg the commission to respect our 78704 neighborhoods, and put us together in one district. As some of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, surely we can count on the commission for some consideration in this respect.

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