

Commission Members:

Please reconsider the manner in which the "preliminary" map divides central Austin. I live in the Highland Park West area and am active on our neighborhood association board (HPWBANA).

Our board identified concerns are: (in)appropriate redevelopment/infill in our neighborhoods (both residential and commercial), neighborhood character preservation, short term commercial rentals, stealth dorms, redevelopment of nearby state owned lands, maintenance of parks and green spaces, local schools, and traffic.

These are not shared with the present district you have placed us in -- which extends all the way to Lakeway -- we are a close-in, urban neighborhood and share common issues with Tarrytown, Pemberton, the older part of Northwest Hills, Allandale, even Bryker Woods and Hyde Park.

It is being reported that the ICRC is 90% finished and very satisfied with its current map; yet we find that we have not been districted according to the guidelines. We urge you to preserve compact geographical districts, communities of interest and the Voting Rights Act, which is your charter. The first two are not presently implemented for Precinct 237 as well as many other central/west Austin neighborhoods.

Thank you for reading this and (I hope) giving it your serious consideration.

Regards,
Donna Edgar