

Good afternoon Craig. This is Willie Cecil. I spoke last night and advocated for the exclusion of the Barton Hills and Zilker area and the inclusion of 429 into district 9 in the hopes of it better representing a university-centric district.

I really do hope you take into consideration. I think there is a strong case for it. I mentioned that the precinct is 50 percent minority and 50 percent white. I wanted to elaborate a little bit in case there were any population issues regarding changing the maps.

429 is currently in one of the minority opportunity districts. There is a creek that runs through 429 (Its name escapes me. I apologize, but you can see it on Google Maps) Recalling my organizing days last year, I remembered that there is a heavier concentration of minorities in that precinct on the east side of that creek, and a heavier concentration of students on the west side of that creek.

If it came to it, and you needed the population numbers to add up, You could split that precinct along that creek and receive very little, if any, fuss about it.

Just wanted that to be on your radar. Thanks for everything your group is doing.

Best,

Willie