

Dear Commissioner,

South River City Citizens is the oldest neighborhood organization in Austin, founded in 1972, it was based on the AISD boundaries for our district. It included Travis High School, Fulmore Middle school and two elementary schools. The Austin Neighborhood Council now represents several dozens of neighborhoods. After Austinplan (the City's second masterplan) in 1982, SRCC has worked with our adjoining neighborhoods to the west, Bouldin, Zilker, Galindo, and Barton Hills on a series of joint issues. Representatives meet once a month at a restaurant on Lamar.

Our neighborhood, SRCC, has monthly meetings and a quarterly newsletter delivered to 2,600 homes. Seven Area Coordinators each work with several block captains to hand deliver the news. During the recent East Riverside/Oltorf (EROC) planning process, the part of SRCC east of IH35 was involved and we worked with the single family neighborhoods south of Riverside and north of Ben White over to Grove Avenue. I hope we can include them in District 5.

In the ICRC proposed ten district plan the minority districts are compact in order to give them a solid voice in elections. Neighborhoods that have worked together over the years deserve this benefit also, rather than being spread all over the city. Each area has a different set of issues. How would we get to choose a candidate that would represent us?

Please consider the CDC map. It is still being adjusted. but the principle is obvious.

Jean Mather
Zoning Chair