

Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission

You have received correspondence from Mike Cannatti and maybe some from WANG (West Austin Neighborhood Group) regarding plans for council districts for West Austin. I live in the Old Enfield neighborhood whose boundaries are Windsor on the north, Pease Park on the east, Mopac on the West and Enfield Road on the south. We are a 100 year old neighborhood. Our neighborhood is just south of Pemberton Heights and thus just south of WANG. Pemberton is a member of WANG but has its own separate neighborhood association from WANG.

The Old Enfield Homeowners Association which is really a neighborhood association and not the traditional homeowners association has never been a member of WANG. The plan sent to you by Mr Cannatti does not represent our views and as I understand it does not represent the views of the Brykerwoods Neighborhood Association which is a member of WANG. Unless they changed their views Brykerwoods voted to support the Compact Council District which is NOT the plan submitted to you by Mr Cannatti.

It is my understanding from reading the West Austin News that the Cannatti plan was presented to the WANG community at a picnic and there has been no formal vote of the WANG board. Only comments taken at the picnic is viewed as endorsement of the plan but the Compact Coalition plan was never presented at the WANG picnic.

We in Old Enfield cannot support the plan presented to you by Mr Cannatti. It continues to divide Old Enfield into two council districts. Your plan continues to divide us into two separate council districts.

The precincts of which Old Enfield is part is 250 (Mathews School) and 214 (Brykerwoods). The Cannatti plan proposes to include the portion of Old Enfield in 214 in one district and proposes 250 into second council district. His plan proposes to take the portion of Pemberton in 250 and move it north and yet leave the portion of 250 in Old Enfield to remain in a completely different council district, That is not acceptable.

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