

Dear Sir,

I live at 3931 Balcones Drive in Austin and I am very concerned about how my neighborhood will be grouped in the new city district map. My house is

close to 35th Street and the Tarrytown neighborhood. My daughter went to Casis Elementary

(across from Casis Shopping Center) and she now goes to O'Henry Middle School. I feel my

neighborhood concerns are much more closely tied to Tarrytown, Bryker Woods & other inner

city neighborhoods than the suburban areas with which our neighborhood is being grouped in the

current map.

Since living in this neighborhood, my neighbors and I have banded together to address MOPAC,

inner city crime sprees and loss of services issues affecting our area. We had all those issues in

common with the Tarrytown neighborhood which is on our southern border. For example, our police

representative said the same criminals hitting Tarrytown and Pemberton Heights a few years ago

spread north to our area so our neighbors kept in contact with neighborhood group organizers

in Tarrytown to work on crime watches and sharing of tips. Considering that MOPAC, innercity

crime and loss of services have been our big areas of concern, it makes NO SENSE at all for

our area to be grouped in with neighborhoods that are physically far from the center of town.
Those

neighborhoods will have an entirely different group of issues as their priorities.

The idea our concerns will end up being minimized by grouping us with people who share few

of our issues upsets me greatly and runs completely contrary to the goal of district representation.

Please let me know what can be done to correct this situation before it becomes permanent.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Eldarose Cardenas