

Chairwoman Magdalena Blanco and Commissioners

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

c/o Craig Tounget, Executive Director

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Dear Chairwoman Blanco and Commissioners,

I live in the Bryker Woods neighborhood just south of West 35th Street. I have previously corresponded with the Commission on behalf of the Board of the Bryker Woods Neighborhood Association but this communication is sent in my individual capacity. There has not been sufficient time and information to consult with the Board since the publication of the Commission's tentative modifications to its preliminary map in Sunday's newspaper.

Although it is not crystal clear from the published map, it appears that you have tentatively included Bryker Woods (and Rosedale) in District 10 which extends far to the west. Bryker Woods (along with Rosedale) appear to be the only neighborhoods east of Mopac included in that district. If this reading is correct, it is a dramatic move away from both the Commission's preliminary map and from the Compact District map that the Board of Directors of Bryker Woods supported. I did not envision that the Commission would separate Bryker Woods (and Rosedale) from similar neighborhoods located between Mopac and Lamar Blvd to the north (e.g. Allandale) and I am struggling to ascertain why. I do not have access to the population numbers behind this map and that makes it difficult for me to make a suggestion so I will close with this request: please try to find a way to reconnect Bryker Woods with other central neighborhoods, including those to the north; please do not make us an appendage to District 10 as shown on your Nov. 2, 2013 map.

Thank you for consideration of my views on this important matter.

Michael Curry