

Hi Craig - Please pass this on to the commission.

Commissioners:

Thank you very much for your work. I imagine you are tired right now, but I hope you feel satisfied as well.

We are the "International District" neighborhood bounded by 183, N Lamar, Braker and I 35, including part of precinct 139, all of 164, and part of 211. Our neighborhood team has been closely following the process. We do not have an official position on a specific map. We supported geographic representation very strongly. You all have done a solid job of producing compact contiguous districts within Voting Rights Act and city charter guidelines.

Demographically, your preliminary map groups us with people like us, culturally immigrants and children of immigrants, a large number of us young adults and children. However, we share key transportation corridors with districts to the north and south of us, and share recreation facilities and schools with districts to our east and west. I think any of the preliminary map boundaries could shift somewhat and still keep us in a district of common interests.

As well, we are confident in ourselves and our neighbors. We are very diverse! We're used to being around people that are different from us, and figuring out how to work with them to get things done.

I do want to offer support to the Windsor Hills NA's desire for their precinct 140 to remain together, in a district with us.

Thank you!

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