

Dear Commissioners:

You have a task that is very difficult and also tremendously important for Austin voters in the future. We are encouraged that three, maybe four, minority districts have been defined. These residents will finally will have representation that is responsible to their concerns.

I am asking that you do the same for those neighborhoods defined on the CDC (Combined District Coalition) map. Those neighborhoods deserve the same care from your Commission. Zoning, parks and roadways are local in their impact and should be, as in the minority districts, subject to the concerns of the surrounding residents. This cannot happen in districts that trail across the city like the old (I hope) number nine which spread from north Austin down to Ladybird Lake and across to the South Central Coalition of neighborhoods. Lakeside zoning in the Waterfront Overlay is one of our major concerns.

Please discuss this! The numbers can always be worked out.

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