

Dear Commissioners:

The latest map that splits the South Central Coalition and cuts our neighborhood, South River City Citizens, in two, seems in direct contrast to the provision in your ordinance:

(4) The geographic integrity of any local neighborhood, or local community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes their division to the extent possible without violating the requirements of any of the preceding subsections. A community of interest is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Communities of interest shall not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

Moreover:

(7) To the extent practicable, district boundaries shall be drawn using geographically identifiable boundaries.

ignores a major geographic boundary, Lady Bird Lake!

The committee that drew the Combined District Coalition based its map on those precepts. If the Commissioners had responded to that map and specific complaints given in testimony there

would have been four minority districts and six districts that followed the ordinance.

It's not too late to follow the rules!

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