

Dear Sir:

I live in a small group of houses on Manlove St (on Riverside just east of I-35). I've lived here for 25 years. The strip bounded by I-35 to the west, Lady Bird Lake to the north, Oltorf to the south, and Parker to the east is facing tremendous pressure as the city grows and changes. To put our interests in with those west of the freeway and downtown and UT completely disenfranchises us.

My neighborhood should be in District 3. We have always been part of EROC (East Riverside/Oltorf). Our demographics are much more in line with those in the Riverside (east of I35)/Montopolis neighborhoods, and our issues are certainly more in tune with those east of the freeway.

My street was actually carved out in the Congressional redistrictings and I am now no longer part of Austin's congressional representation (I belong to Lamar Smith instead of Doggett). My state senator lives in South Texas. I'm tired of being gerrymandered out of my interests!!!! Quit using my neighborhood as a pawn and keep it with east and southeast Austin where it belongs!!!

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