

Dear Committee,

the South Lamar Neighborhood Association objects to the latest proposed draft of the ICRC map. That map does not create compact districts, and it disrupts communities of interest.

Instead we prefer the map created by the Compact District Coalition -- as being something that serves all neighborhoods. As for our particular region, we believe the neighborhoods of zip code 78704 have much in common and should be consolidated together south of the river as much as possible. Failing that, at least the defined neighborhood associations should be each within a single district. In the ICRC plan, SLNA is in two districts -- the section west of the railroad track and between Bannister and Lightsey is an isolated island. You can't even get from that section over to the east of the railroad track without leaving the district: no roads cross the tracks inside the district. And Galindo Elementary NA is split across 3 districts! What are you thinking? And Zilker NA is split from its parts that are north of Barton Springs Road.

Perhaps the Compact District Coalition's Map needs a little tweaking but the intention is a lot more in keeping with the goal of preserving communities of interest. I haven't heard of one neighborhood that likes ICRC -- the fans of it seem to be just a bunch of political jockeys -- in it for the money and the power and whom they can elect.

Please reread the the charter that created your committee and try to stay true to those stated goals.

Sincerely
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