

The Rosedale Neighborhood Association Steering Committee would like to sincerely thank the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for their hard work on this historic and enormous task. Rosedale occupies all of Precinct 273 and the portion of Precinct 236 that is south of Hancock Blvd and east of Shoal Creek (the creek). Here is a link to a map of Rosedale: <http://www.rosedale-na.org/images/RNA-boundaries.jpg>.

In the proposed final map dated November 6, 2013, the Rosedale Neighborhood is split between Districts 7 and 10. We are a single neighborhood and would prefer not want to be split. We are writing to ask that both Precincts 273 and 236 be included in District 9.

Rosedale, Bryker Woods and Pemberton did not ask to be put in District 10. It was a few people in Highland Park West who asked to be put with Rosedale and Bryker Woods. Those people do not represent the Rosedale NA. Rosedale shares much more in common with the neighborhoods in District 9 than in District 10.

Rosedale is a small Central Austin neighborhood, initially developed residentially from the 1920s through the 1940s. The Rosedale neighborhood began from farm and dairy land in the 1860's. In the 1900s, four florists and nurseries found their home in this area. Much of the nursery stock planted during that time remains, as witnessed by the many large and lovely trees in the neighborhood. We even boast one of the oldest still-inhabited Austin homes, the Moore-Hancock Log Cabin.

More recently, Rosedale has seen enormous growth in density and commercial development along its core transit corridors. During the first decade of this millennium, we saw super-sized houses and condoduplexes replacing quaint older and smaller homes. We also saw overland flooding due to runoff from the increased impervious cover which overwhelmed our 1940s storm drains -- thankfully, Austin upgraded this drainage system recently. As an older neighborhood with small lots, narrow driveways, few garages and fewer sidewalks, we also encountered problems with commercial overflow parking, cut-through traffic, and pedestrian safety.

As a central part of Austin's Urban Core, there are many common concerns that Rosedale shares with its nearby neighborhoods: traffic, aging infrastructure, parking, infill, historic homes, walkability, proper placement of density, and commercial compatibility. The Commission has expressed a desire for compact districts and keeping communities of interest intact. To this end, please include Rosedale in a district comprised of other nearby neighborhoods with similar concerns -- within the Urban Core. Based upon recent preliminary maps, this would include us in either District 9 or District 7.

We know you have a monumental task ahead of you and a short time to accomplish it. Thank you for your consideration.

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