

Dear Craig and honorable members of the Commission:

Contrary to the wishes of the people, 3 sister precincts are in disarray. Until Nov. 6, you had heeded the desires of the people, and kept precincts 425, 447 and 446 together in D-5.

I cannot see any logical reason to divide them up among Dove Springs and Montopolis. *Neighborhoods are communities united by geographic proximity.*

Due to a previous engagement, I cannot speak at this last meeting, but wish to register my observations. Having previously served as precinct chair (D) of 447 for several years, the few times most of us have gathered at Odom Elementary School have been the only unifying activity of this area. Recently, neighbors of 447 have intensified efforts to create a deeper community spirit through the website nextdoor.com with success (e.g. on 2013 National Night Out gathering in Woodhue).

Splitting us up makes D-5 chaotic and is downright messy. Unity should be the hallmark of 10-1, shouldn't it ?

Thank you for your kind attention to my concern, and for your hard work...

Sincerely,

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