

Dear Commissioners:

You were selected for your political innocence, no City commission or committee appointments or any connections with any City Council Members. The theory being that you would have no prejudices or preferences in drawing up the districts. I assume that the precinct information helped you to locate the minority areas, maybe with Peck Young's assistance, and you did a good job of locating those four districts and we all are grateful.

The irony of this is that your helper, Peck Young, is one of the most politically connected consultants in the city and he seems to be running the process in defining the other districts. Is it just by accident that the normal neighborhood coalitions have been splintered, diced or connected with commercial districts? Maybe it was just ignorance.

But when neighborhood organizations created the Combined Districts Coalition map, after months of careful work, Peck Young said the numbers were wrong, no proof given and it was discarded by the Commissioners. I hope you will go back and examine that map.

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