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To the Committee:

My name is Kimberly Levinson, and I want to make sure you understand that I speak only for myself, despite leading the PAC and DANA this year. My concern is to create a district that reflects the true character of District 9 and keeps communities of interest together as much as possible.

First, I think the Capital belongs in District 9. That is a huge part of Downtown, and carving it out makes little sense to me. Development around it is clearly a huge part of further developing the Downtown area, and the district lines should reflect that.

Second, I think the area that is currently in District 1, but is on the west side of I-35, should be included in District 9 on the principle that communities should be kept together, and those buildings are clearly part of Downtown. Moving them into District 9 will also help maintain the current character and demographic mix of District 1, which is part of the ICRC's concerns.

Third, I believe the southwest part of District 9, in the Bouldin area and points west from there, should be removed from the Downtown district. That area should be joined with other parts of south Austin, as their community interests are more aligned, and District 9 has grown large enough to need to remove at least some areas, especially if you consider my final point.

Finally, I believe there is a case to be made for adding the areas east of I-35 from E 7th Street down to East Cesar Chavez into District 9. Those areas are effectively merging with downtown, becoming more urban, and becoming more gentrified. Therefore, they have a common community interest in the development of the Downtown area, and their inclusion in District 9 and their removal from District 3 will help maintain the character and demographic mix of District 3, which is also a goal of this redistricting process.

Thank you for considering my points, and for all the work I know you are putting into this.

Warmest regards,
Kimberly Levinson

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