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Commissioners, here is my request to change the draft Map and preserve the Allandale Community of Interest in D7

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Commissioners, I'm Joe Reynolds. I'm active in various Allandale efforts. I was first on the Allandale Board in 1980. I'm the usual Election Judge for Precinct 236.

I'm here to talk about restoring all of Allandale to District 7. The draft map has an original part of the Allandale neighborhood moved to D10.

Preserving Community of Interest is a basic redistricting principle, just after 'Equal Number of Residents'. It's what prevents Districts from just being drawn as a 'Pie Chart' centered at the middle of the city.

Allandale is a strong Community. We eat together, shop together, pray together, and play together.

The draft map has a significant, original, part of Allandale split-off and moved to D10, while the remainder of Allandale stays in D7. Mr. Korbelt uses P236 and the part of P240 east of MoPac as defining an area to belong to D10.

The part of Allandale moved to D10 has strong, '1<sup>st</sup> Day' ties to the more northern parts. The initial Plat Maps show the connections. The initial maps were registered in the Travis land office in 1940, and more in 1950. But, development was delayed by a thing called World War II. When things settled after the war, and with the veteran's "GI-Bill" benefits, housing boomed. My house in P236 was built in 1951, and the Air Conditioned Village, further north in Allandale, was started in 1950.

The use of Voting Precinct boundaries is wrong in this case. The city charter specifies that all elections of City officials be Non-Partisan. The precincts maybe a quick way for Mr.Korbelt to get population count, but their boundaries are reset just as Council Districts are reset. He tabulates the Party affiliation in the precincts. The Census has other ways he can get population numbers. Allandale has several voting precincts.

D7 has part of Rosedale that is in P236. Its ties to Rosedale are as strong as Allandale's internal bonding. Rosedale was already developed by 1935. Rosedale Elementary School is in that area. This area is split-off; most of Rosedale is in D10.

For setting Districts, the ICRC should use City recognized Neighborhood boundaries, not Voting Precinct boundaries. Austin went through an intensive process setting neighborhood boundaries. Neighborhoods are demonstrated, and in some ways, legislated areas of common interest.

Changing the Draft Map to restore Allandale's integrity will increase the D7 assigned population, and make the district counts more similar.

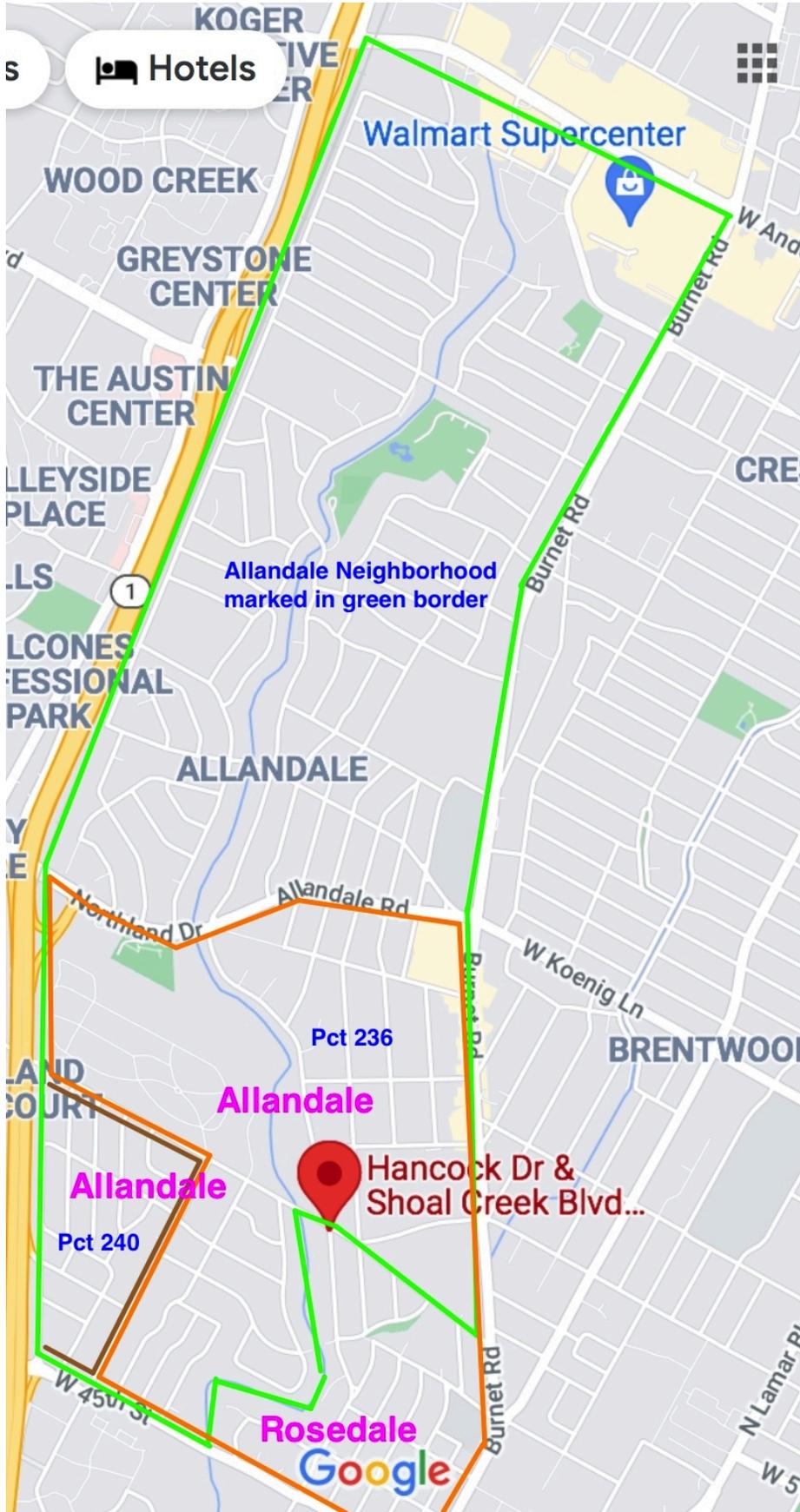
Allandale Neighborhood Association is registered as a non-profit Texas corporation.

I've given you copies of the Allandale Neighborhood Association Map. It shows the neighborhood boundary in green; across Anderson Ln from MoPac to Burnet Rd, South along Burnet to Hancock Dr. West along Hancock to Shoal Creek [the stream] which it follows South to 45<sup>th</sup> St., and then West on 45<sup>th</sup> to MoPac, and finally North along the freeway to close the border at Anderson Ln. The map shows Pct 236 boundary in Orange and that the precinct has parts of both Allandale and Rosedale neighborhoods. The part of Allandale that is in Pct 240, is shown with brown border.

And, I've given you pictures from '50s showing the Allandale Shopping Center, one of the first of its' kind in Texas. The HEB grocery is still in the shopping center at the Southwest corner of Burnet Rd. and Koenig Ln. And, that iconic center is one of the things that the Draft Map splits from the rest of Allandale when it uses P236 as a defined population area, and moves it to D10, instead leaving Allandale whole.

Make Allandale whole.

Thank You – Are there questions?





Picture from 1950 Yet, the Draft Map splits this from Allandale



Picture donated by a child of the Allandale Village developer.