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To: HPD ICRC Commissioners
Subject: Austin City Council - District 8 - concerns over new maps

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Dear commissioners,

I am very opposed to the proposed maps drawn for Austin City Council district 8. Adding a number of distant precincts (separated from the rest of the district by Westlake) would dilute our representation and negatively impact the neighborhoods and citizens of SW Austin.

I am on the board of my neighborhood association in Westcreek (Westcreek Neighborhood Association). We liaise with our city council person's office on neighborhood issues very often and we are grateful for Paige Ellis's prompt attention to our concerns and the assistance of her staff. Adding more precincts (that are not continuous to our existing district!) will mean that Council Member Ellis and her staff have less time to address the needs and concerns of her current constituents.

During the ice storm of February 2021, for example, Paige reached out to us - as a neighborhood - to gauge our needs and to assist with water distribution. But she has helped with many other neighborhood issues and events - to helping us celebrate the opening of our new pocket park to addressing concerns about our neighborhood being used as a gravel dumping ground for a distant road construction project elsewhere in the city!

The proposed maps will hurt district 8 and leave us with less representation in Austin's city council. I will be encouraging my fellow board members (who are also active in OHAN and ANC) to reach out to you as well as we all share this concern of what diluted representation will mean for our neighborhood.

I ask that you reconsider adding the northern precincts to district 8.

Best,

Elizabeth Erbeznik
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