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Dear City Council members,

During your discussion last week about district voting maps, a preference was stated for maps that would "minimize communities of interest."

I request that you ask your demographer to address this point before you vote on the map boundaries at tonight's meeting. This note is cc'd to the demographer's email address for their convenience.

It's my understanding that state law defines a community of interest as a population that shares common socio/economic characteristics that should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation. If that is accurate, then choosing a map in order to minimize communities of interest would appear to contradict that precept.

It should be transparent to the public whether the map being selected is intended to minimize communities of interest, and if so, whether that intention is consistent with the FAIR Maps Act.

Respectfully,

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