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FROM: Janis Reinken, District 7 resident (Allandale, 78757)
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Please distribute the attached comments to ICRC Chair Puentes and the Commissioners at the earliest possible opportunity, and in any event in a prompt manner so they may have sufficient time to review it before the 6 P.M. meeting on September 15th.

Thank you,
Janis Reinken, J.D.
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Greetings, ICRC Chair Puentes and Commissioners,

I write as a long-term resident of Allandale Neighborhood, a former legislative staff member, Travis County Election Judge, and Texas attorney. I am unable to appear in person at the September 15th ICRC meeting, due to conflict with a previous commitment. While I serve as a Board Member of the Allandale Neighborhood Association, these comments are expressed in my own behalf, and not on behalf of the Board as such.

I urge you to take another close look at the current map proposing a reduction of population in the Allandale Neighborhood, by removing the population of two voting precincts (236 and 240). This splits our neighborhood across the middle, for no valid reason. In fact, it fails to meet the requirements of Sec. 3 (E) of the City Charter. It is not clear that a need exists to balance the population figures of District 7 by shifting certain areas of D7 into other Districts.

The proposed configuration is unacceptable because it reduces the population of District 7 to 82,541, after removing 10,194 persons from the current population of 92,735. That places District 7 last in population among the 10 Districts, and 26,525 fewer than the 109,066 in the reconfigured District 4.

Based on the initial map, district census data published September 9, 2021 in the [Austin American-Statesman](#) shows 3 Districts (3, 4 and 9) would have more than 105,000; 5 Districts (1, 2, 5, 8, and 10) would number between 90,000 and 99,000, and 2 Districts (6 and 7) would fall below 85,000. This does not meet requirement (1) of Sec. 3 (E) of the City Charter.

The revised boundaries of District 7 are unacceptable for failing to meet requirement (4) of Sec. 3 (E) of the City Charter. The proposed new lines have removed two major areas from Allandale Neighborhood, as previously mentioned. Allandale is officially recognized by the City of Austin as a community of interest: it includes Gullett Elementary and Lamar Middle School (both established over 65 years ago), Northwest Recreation Center, Beverly Sheffield Northwest Park, and three churches (Covenant Presbyterian; Glad Tidings; St. John's United Methodist). It is in the Shoal Creek watershed. See [npstatus_tab_9-19-18.pdf \(austintexas.gov\)](#) for boundary maps of Allandale and other D7 neighborhoods, and neighborhoods south and north of the river.

For these reasons, I urge you to restore the Allandale Neighborhood in District 7 to its current configuration, and seek other ways to achieve reasonably equal population compared with other Districts, without reducing the District 7 population.

Respectfully,
Janis Reinken, J.D.

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