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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2021 2:44 PM
To: [REDACTED], Lisa
Subject: Re: Fw: ATTN: Vice Chair Luis Gonzalez , Erin Dempsey, and ICRI Committee

Dear Hesse family,

Thank you for your feedback on the Austin City Council district map. After hosting 20 public forums across Austin with over 200 attendees and 100 speakers and collecting 70 maps and over 200 emails, the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission stopped taking feedback on the map Oct. 20, 2021. Commissioners certified the 2021 Austin City Council District Map on Oct. 27, 2021.

Determination of the lines for redistricting was based solely on total population under the U.S. Census and follows all provisions under the Austin City Charter (Article II, No. 3 Redistricting https://library.municode.com/tx/austin/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodetid=CH_ARTIITHCO_S3RE). Unfortunately, the ICRC cannot put your house in District 10.

I am sorry you were unaware of the redistricting process.

The ICRC did it's due diligence in so far as going after and getting citizen input before and during the redistricting despite facing several obstacles. In its path to redistricting, the ICRC weathered a global pandemic, February freeze, late U.S. Census data numbers, learning new virtual meeting protocols and the shortening of public engagement timeframe. Despite these obstacles, the ICRC held 20 public forums from July through October (four more than mandated by the City Charter) and advertised these meetings in local newspapers, radio, television, online listservs and magazines. All this was done to give Austinites more opportunities to give direct input before the final map was drawn.

We will make note of your suggestion to notify residents via mail about these meetings for the next commission.

The ICRC's next meeting will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at the Permitting and Development Center (PDC), 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Austin, TX 78752 if you would like to address the commission.

From: HPD ICRC Commissioners <ICRC.Commissioners@austintexas.gov>
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From: Cindy Hesse [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 2:32:59 AM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: HPD ICRC Commissioners <ICRC.Commissioners@austintexas.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: ATTN: Vice Chair Luis Gonzalez , Erin Dempsey, and ICRI Committee

Dear ICRI Committee members,

We are also residents of Great Hills - and live on Rimner Cove - a cul-de-sac off of Rain Creek Parkway between Fire Oak and Lost Horizon.

It has come to our attention that a small section of Great Hills (along the west side of Rain Creek Parkway and cul-de-sacs between Fire Oak and Lost Horizon) have been carved out from District 10 and moved to District 6. This includes our home.

The great majority of Great Hills is and remains in District 10, while this small section of Great Hills has been carved to now be a part of basically a Williamson county region. We do not agree with this proposed change.

We also believe that the communication about these proposed changes was too limited. We believe that we should have received notification, through the mail, that our homes were in a "change" zone. We did not receive any such communication to our knowledge.

We believe that this change does not make sense. While we realize that there are a lot of factors that go into redistricting - and a certain balance is wanted between the color of people's skin, their political leanings, etc - there is also the practical aspect about the neighborhood being represented as a whole, and interests of that geographic area, regardless of race or political leaning. We do not believe that our interests will be served by becoming a part of District 6 - by the mere fact that the great majority of our neighborhood (Great Hills) is being represented in another district, of which we will have no say.

Please consider moving this group of homes back to District 10 - we ask you to **prioritize what is best for the homeowners that have to live with these decisions.**

We left voice messages for Matt Dugan and Lisa Rodriguez - and received a call back from Lisa Rodriguez. We would like more information about further action we can take to make our opinions heard. It looks like there is a meeting scheduled for December 15. Hopefully our letter above can be read and shared with the council, as we are unable to attend this meeting. Please let us know what else we can do. We look forward to hearing from someone to understand the rationale for the change as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Fritz & Cindy Hesse

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Thank you for your interest and input.

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Christine Granados
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Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC)

