

Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee on 2021-09-10 12:30 PM - REVISION #1

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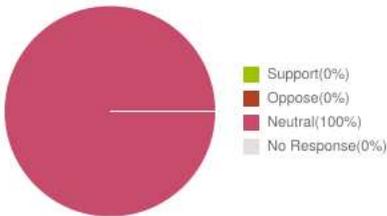
eComments Report

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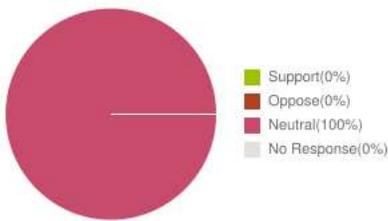
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
3 HRA21-362 Consideration of revised redistricting maps from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. (ACTION ITEM)	1	0	0	1

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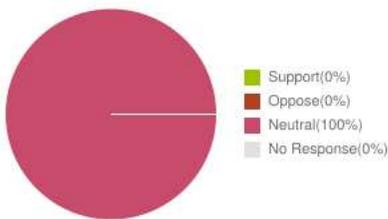
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**Agenda Item: eComments for 3 HRA21-362 Consideration of revised redistricting maps from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
(ACTION ITEM)**

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Sylvia Ortiz-Velez

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 09-09-21

Map C presented by SEWPRC at the most recent IRC meeting is a good first step toward rectifying some of the concerns addressed in my previous comment and toward creating an equitable county legislative map. However, one of the previous concerns remains. The current draft map (Map C) does not go far enough to correct the problem of dilution of the Latino community. Both supervisory districts must be west of I-43/94 to maintain community boundaries and avoid dilution of the Latino vote.

Under the current Map C, : the proposed District 9 contains neighborhoods east of the highway that are majority white and will likely continue to increase in white population given certain commercial and residential developments in the area, and continue to dilute the Latino vote. In the current map C district 9 is 67.7 percent Latino. If district 9 stayed west of I-94/43 than you can achieve a higher percentage of Latino population. I agree that district 9 should not be below the threshold of 70% and I know there are multiple ways to draw a new district 9 west of I-94/43 that will be able to accomplish a 70% percent threshold.

In respect to District 9 and 13, there is an additional, new concern with the current proposed Map C. In District 13, the Clarke Square neighborhood is being divided between District 13 and District 14, and in District 9 Walkers Square is being divided between District 9 and District 14. District 13 should run north to Canal St and District 9 should run north to Canal St, to preserve the respective neighborhood and Latino communities of Clarke Square and Walkers Square. Importantly, Map C separates the Mitchell Park Domes from their original neighborhood of Silver City and Clarke Square. In doing so, Map C strips District 13 residents from having a voice in determining the future of an important asset of their community.

Finally, District 2 presents concerns regarding vote dilution of the African American community. Under current map c district 2 is 62% Black. District 2 running east to west from UWM and the East Side to the Rufus King neighborhood could potentially disenfranchise Black voters who may be outweighed by white voters. This could potentially cause a voting rights act violation of section 2 and create a dilution claim that could impact African American representation in District 2.

Sylvia Ortiz-Velez