

Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee on 2021-09-29 1:30 PM - SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING

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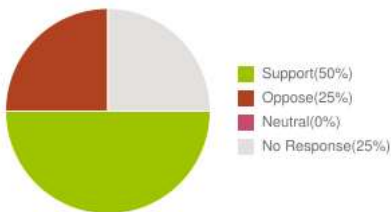
eComments Report

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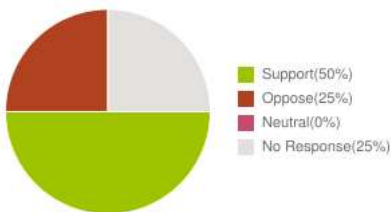
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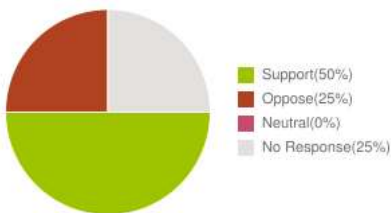
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Ryan Clancy

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 09-29-21

Colleagues,

I am firmly in support of the creation through this process of (at least) two majority Latinx/Hispanic districts. Bay View has indeed had an outsized influence on what is currently District 4 and, although no candidate could win that district without significant support from neighborhoods all across that district, it is a move towards equity that 70% majority districts are formed for the 2022 election cycle and beyond. Bay View is a distinct community and

should be contained within a single district; I write this knowing that the consideration of equitable, fair maps should and must outweigh concerns of political incumbency.

The resulting district of which Bay View becomes a part of, though, presents some concerns. At nine miles long and, in places, less than a mile wide, it's not compact, nor do the residents of the proposed District 3 have much in common other than a propensity to vote in large percentages. That this new district encompasses not just Bay View, but a swath of downtown and the east side is difficult to reconcile in terms of geography or a sense of community or shared interests.

I do have significant concerns about the process by which these maps came to be, too. I am grateful to the honorable judges which have put so much effort into them, but am perplexed by the direct input of current Supervisors during their formation, speaking directly to wards and borders in which they and their likely successors have a significant personal stake. Perhaps I was naïve, but the "Independent" Redistricting Committee was, I understood, to be primarily independent of our influence. I am afraid that the testimony of sitting Supervisors prior to the maps being conveyed to our body muddies the waters and has the potential to undercut the public's faith in their fairness.

Residents of Milwaukee County have much to celebrate in this map, but I believe that some significant changes to it can make their practical effect as equitable as it appears on paper. I would urge my colleagues to debate it at length in our body, to ask the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee to reconsider Map E, and - importantly - to refrain from commentary to that independent body until they return it to us.

Dyango Zerpa

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 09-29-21

I am commenting to express my support for Map E and to urge this committee and the Board as a whole to pass this map. SEWRPC and the IRC worked diligently and fulfilled their obligation to create and pass a map that adheres to the guidelines they were given. Map E provides the County with 2 majority Latino districts and several majority African American districts while keeping the boundaries compact and sensible. Please pass map E.

Sincerely,
Dyango Zerpa
District 12 resident
828 S. 19th St.

John Weishan

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 09-29-21

To the Honorable members of the Judiciary, Safety, and General Services Committee:

I would like to propose the following changes to version E redistricting map. The proposed changes would influence the boundaries of the new districts #7, 10 and 11.

1) 76th street would be the western border of the New District 11, from Howard Ave. North to Greenfield Ave. Going by old ward numbers this would move West Allis ward 20 out of new district 10 and into the new District 11.

Also move (going by old ward number) West Allis ward 6 (Area north of greenfield avenue / MATC community) moving into the New District 10.

2) Howard Ave would be the Southern border of the New District 11, from 76th street east to 43rd Street. This would place some of the city of Milwaukee within the New District 7 and place City of Greenfield (old ward number 1) into the New District 11.

The proposed changes are requested to make the borders of the new 11th district more understandable and to keep communities and neighborhoods together.

The requested changes would have little to no effect on the demographic, race / ethnicity make-up of the new 11th please see the attached SEWRPC chart.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

John F. Weishan Jr.

Milwaukee County Supervisor 16th District. (414) 559-9521

District Population Deviation Deviation Prcnt White % of Total Black % of Total Hispanic % of Total Asian % of Total Other
or Two or More % of Total
7 53193 999 1.91% 39700 74.63% 2261 4.25% 6538 12.29% 3294 6.19% 1400 2.63%
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Shawn Rolland

Location:

Submitted At: 3:16pm 09-28-21

Dear colleagues - First, I wanted to pass on my sincere thanks to the judges who served on the Independent Redistricting Committee. Thank you for your service.

Secondly, I wanted to share my perspective on next steps. I went and re-watched the committee and board discussions from 2016 when this topic was originally discussed and passed. At the time, Supervisor Pat Jursik raised a concern in your Judiciary Committee that the ordinance language may not be strong enough because it still allows individual supervisors the ability to request changes to their maps to achieve a political outcome in their favor. I hope that this committee and our board will carefully consider this map that's been constructed, resist any requests that serve an political/electoral purpose, and only consider changes that are consistent with the aims of the ordinance.

This is our opportunity to demonstrate to the state that this nonpartisan redistricting process - and that fair maps - can be done well. The eyes of the state are upon us. Please recognize the long-term good that you could deliver to our state by doing the right thing. And also, please recognize the long-term damage that could be done to people's hopes for "fair maps" if you choose to serve short-term political and electoral interests.

Thank you for your service. Best wishes in your decision-making.

Sincerely,

Shawn Rolland
Milwaukee County Board Supervisor, District 6