

Dear House Redistricting Committee,

My name is Madeleine and I am with ACER, Inc. During the past 4 months I conducted community of interest mapping as part of the [Our Maps MN](#) campaign. I worked with predominantly African and African immigrant communities to create community of interest maps in the northwest suburbs of Minneapolis. These maps can be viewed at the following links:

- <https://districtr.org/coi/30779>
- <https://districtr.org/coi/32290>
- <https://districtr.org/coi/41703>

Based on our maps and community conversations, we ask that you keep the African and African immigrant communities together in the northwest suburbs, namely Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center. Local businesses and markets, places of worship, and schools are crucial to residents of both Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center. There is also a clear need for more affordable housing options in the area.

Please respect our communities of interest in the redistricting process. If we want to achieve honest district maps that truly reflect all Minnesota communities it is essential that communities of interest be kept intact and that community maps be prioritized, or minimally given deference, when drawing our district voting maps. Status quo no longer works for all Minnesotans.

Thank you,

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