

Honorable Members of the Redistricting Committee;

Greetings.

In past decennial reapportionment, the Village of St. Anthony has been assigned back and forth between Congressional District 4 (St. Paul) and Congressional District 5 (Minneapolis).

In the 2011 reapportionment, St. Anthony was moved from then Senate District 54 (Roseville, Little Canada, and Arden Hills) and assigned to new Senate District 41 (Columbia Heights, Fridley, and New Brighton). Senate District 41 itself is divided between Congressional District 5 (Minneapolis) and Congressional District 4 (St. Paul).

St. Anthony is a small community of 9,000 further divided between Hennepin County and Ramsey County, with one electoral precinct in Ramsey County (STA-P1) and two electoral precincts in Hennepin County (STA-P1, STA-P2).

St. Anthony is further divided by Park Districts. Hennepin County's eastern border follows the Minneapolis City limits, except for the lower two precincts of St. Anthony. This makes the Hennepin County precincts of St. Anthony part of Three Rivers Parks District (3), while the Ramsey County precinct is part of the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation District.

As a resident of St. Anthony since 1982, I can state categorically that the people of St. Anthony are socially, culturally, and politically far more akin to the residents of Roseville, Little Canada, and Arden Hills (Ramsey County communities) than they are to the residents of Northeast Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, and Fridley (Hennepin County and Anoka County communities). For example, St. Anthony voters have never voted down a school levy in the nearly 40 years since I've resided here.

Given that St. Anthony is fragmented by many unmendable divisions of political boundary, please give due consideration to returning our community back in its entirety to its former association with Congressional District 4 and the communities adjoining us to the east. Ours is a small community simply asking for a just outcome when the new political boundaries are laid down.

Thank you.

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