

Subject: Written Statement for House Redistricting

Greeting Rep. Mary Murphy,

My name is ShaVunda Brown and I am with Pillsbury United Communities. During the past 4 months I conducted community of interest mapping as part of the [Our Maps MN](#) campaign. I worked with Oromo and Amharic speaking East African, Latine, and Hmong communities to create community of interest maps in Cedar Riverside and Phillips Community. These maps can be viewed at the following links:

1. Somali Community in Cedar Riverside: <https://districtr.org/coi/33912>
2. Ahmaric- and Oromo-speaking community in Cedar-Riverside <https://districtr.org/coi/35874>
3. African Immigrant community in Cedar Riverside Area: <https://districtr.org/coi/37034>
4. Phillips Latine Neighborhood: <https://districtr.org/coi/43361>
5. Hmong elders in North Mpls (in partnership with CAPI): <https://districtr.org/coi/34433>

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.

Be Well,

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