



November 30, 2021

Representative Mary Murphy
Chair, House Redistricting Committee
343 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Murphy and Minnesota House Redistricting Committee members:

The City of Roseville has reviewed the legislative district map proposed as part of the L2101-0 2022 House Plan and would like to share our comments and concerns.

Roseville currently has two Senate districts (42 and 66) and two House districts (42B and 66A). The proposed House redistricting map shows Roseville with three Senate districts (28, 29, and 39) and three House districts (28B, 29A, and 39A).

While it could be argued that a greater number of seats representing Roseville increases the amount of representation for Roseville at the legislature, we feel that the proposed district arrangement under consideration by your committee at the very least complicates Roseville's representation, and arguably diminishes it, rather than strengthening it.

Specifically, a portion of southeast Roseville is proposed to be included in Senate District 29 which extends all the way north and east to the city of Dellwood and into Grant Township in Washington County. Southeast Roseville includes a large number of newly-arrived immigrants and our most socioeconomically challenged residents. It has been a part of our community that, along with neighboring areas in St. Paul and Maplewood, has been the focus of much effort and investment across jurisdictions to improve transportation, housing, and economic opportunity. We are concerned that the voice of Southeast Roseville residents could be diminished or neglected as part of the vast Senate District 29 – to the detriment of our recent efforts to lift up that area.

In our review of the House Plan, we could find no other example of a portion of a first-ring suburb being included in a Senate district that extends into the far suburbs like proposed District 29.

For these reasons, we request that the Committee reconsider including Southeast Roseville in Senate District 29, and rather include that area in a more geographically and demographically consistent district.

Respectfully,

CITY OF ROSEVILLE

Mayor Dan Roe on behalf of the Roseville City Council