

Public testimony will inform the MN House redistricting process. Your stories and your testimony at these listening sessions matter. The committee is interested in hearing from communities of interest. While there are no clear rules on how to define a community of interest, the committee has identified a few ways for you to describe your community.

Hello; Everyone, My Name is Clara Ware I live in District 4 on the East Side of Saint Paul in Ramsey County. I am a Housing Advocate!

I worked on the 2010 Census at Metro State and the 2021 Census with Ramsey County on the Homeless Committee. I did Outreach to Underserved and Underrepresented Communities of Color to Ensure that they are Counted in the 2020 Census and Funded. The Work was Successful and there were high Participation Rates in the 2020 Census! Our Main target was People of Color who do not participate because of lack of Outreach and Education to their Communities!

1. What are your shared interests where you live?

My share Interest where I live are Affordable Housing, Education, Employment, Public Safety, and BIPOC Businesses.

2. What brings you together with other members of your community (think about housing developments or transit lines)?

In District 4 there have been many conversions with elected officials who represent my community but, there still is no access to affordable, obtainable, and safe housing. Instead there is preparatory practices, displacement, and homelessness unraveling at our very eyes. There has been no new development or infratures in place to address these issues! As far as Transit there are no rapid transit systems in place to get residents to their locations faster and safely. Buses in my community are not on time and people are left standing outside freezing or burning up! There needs to be better transit and public safety measures in place for residents!

3. What is important to your community?

What is Important in my Community is to have Affordable housing, having residents engage in the Voting and Census Process, Resources and ongoing Yearly Funding that will lift People of Color Out of extreme Impoverished conditions,

What is Important to My Community: Public transportation, Education, Economic Investment in Urban Communities, Housing, Employment, Public Safety, and BIPOC Businesses.

4. Mention the street names and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your community and where your community is growing.

East Side- Lower Afton and Upper Upton-White Bear, Wilson Ave, Johnson Parkway, 3rd St, 4th St, 5th St, 6th St, 7th St, Maria, Ruth, and Minnehaha

5. Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood? Please tell us about those endeavors.

In District 4 Community Members and District Council 1, and Concern Parents of ANEW BAM met with some Elected Officials such as City Council Jane Prince, Superintendent of St. Paul Public School Joe Gothard and Mayor Melvin Carter to Address:

Public Safety, Investment in Communities of Color, Transit Conversions are held in the communities by the Department of Transportation and Housing!

Community Members have had Serious Conversations and there have been lack of communication and no outreach back to communities of color!

The African Communities have been left out of the Political Process and without out Investment and Resources. My Community Needs a Safety Net so that they can Breathe! There needs to be Huge Investments in Black and Indigenous Communities in Reference to Housing, Education, Businesses, Ownership of Land, and Ownership of Houses.

And Wealthbuilding in these Black and Indigenous Communities!

6. Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?
Oakdale and Maplewood!
7. Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a district with? Why or why not?