

18 September 2021

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Rep. Mary Murphy, Chair

Rep. Ginny Klevorn, Vice Chair

Rep. Paul Torkelson, Republican Lead

Representatives all,

Enclosed is one citizen's anti-gerrymandering, party impacts ignored, MN Congressional Redistricting proposal, for which I ask your consideration.

My guiding principles in proceeding with this project have been (in this order):

1. Hold county lines harmless to the largest extent possible;
2. Where priority # 1 is not possible, hold municipal lines harmless;
3. Avoid grotesque shapes, such as our existing Congressional District 6;
4. Avoid monstrous sprawls, such as our existing Congressional District 7;
5. Combine rapid growth areas with slow growth and/or no-growth areas.

It is my recollection that in the past, panels with your responsibility have sometimes adhered to precise Census population equality among the newly-drawn Congressional Districts, as an absolute necessity.

This time, I ask you to prevail upon your colleagues for relief from that stringent requirement, in acknowledgment of the following self-evident realities:

1. The Census, being a human enterprise, never actually achieves perfection;
2. Births, deaths and mobility inevitably skew reality before any official count is announced;
3. Given the Covid Nightmare Effect(s), our 2020 count was likely less accurate than usual.

Additionally, please note that each of the Congressional District numbers in my enclosed proposal deviates LESS THAN 1% from the 713,312 ideal.

Thank you, for your consideration,



Darryl G. Carter

Cc: Committee Members; Rep. Agbaje

September 2021 MN Congressional Redistricting, Carter Proposal "The East Side"

MN Population, 2020 U.S. Census: 5,706,494 Eight Congressional Districts

Ideal Congressional District Population: 713,312 10% = 71331 1% = 7133

Congressional District 1: fourteen southeasterly counties:

Dodge Fillmore Freeborn* Goodhue Houston* LeSueur Mower

Olmsted Rice Scott Steele Wabasha* Waseca* Winona*

Population: 716,422 Above ideal by 3,110 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 2: two easterly counties:

Dakota and Washington Population: 707,450 Below ideal by 5,862 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 4:

Ramsey County (all); plus

Hennepin County portion, City of St. Anthony Village; plus

The following portions of Anoka County:

Blaine Centerville Circle Pines Fridley Ham Lake Lexington Lino Lakes Spring Lake Park

Population: 713,791 Above ideal by 479 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 8: fourteen northeasterly counties, plus 8 Anoka County municipalities:

Aitkin* Benton Carlton Chisago Cook Isanti Itasca* Kanabec*

Koochiching* Lake Mille Lacs Pine* St. Louis Sherburne

The following portions of Anoka County"

Andover Bethel Columbus East Bethel Linwood Nowthen Oak Grove St. Francis

Population: 709,364 Below ideal by 3,948 (less than 1%)

*Denotes County which LOST population between 2010 and 2020

September 2021 MN Congressional Redistricting, Carter Proposal ""The West Side"

MN Population, 2020 Census: 5,706,494 Eight Congressional Districts

Ideal Congressional District Population: 713, 312 10% = 71,331 1% = 7,133

Congressional District 6: twenty-nine southwesterly counties:

Big Stone* Blue Earth Brown Carver (except for the City of Chanhassen)

Chippewa Cottonwood* Faribault* Jackson* Kandiyohi Lac Qui Parle* Lincoln*

Lyon* McLeod Martin* Meeker Murray* Nicollet Nobles Pipestone* Pope

Redwood* Renville* Rock Sibley* Stevens* Swift Watonwan Wright Yellow Medicine*

Population: 712,712 Below ideal by 600 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 7: twenty-five northwesterly counties:

Becker Beltrami Cass Clay Clearwater* Crow Wing Douglas Grant Hubbard

Kittson* Lake of the Woods* Mahnomen* Marshall* Morrison Norman* Otter Tail

Pennington Polk* Red Lake* Roseau* Stearns Todd Traverse* Wadena Wilkin*

Population: 712,754 Below ideal by 558 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 5:

From Anoka County: Columbia Heights and Hilltop

From Hennepin County:

Bloomington Edina Fort Snelling Hopkins Minneapolis Richfield Robbinsdale St. Louis Park

Population: 717,540 Above ideal by 4,228 (less than 1%)

Congressional District 3:

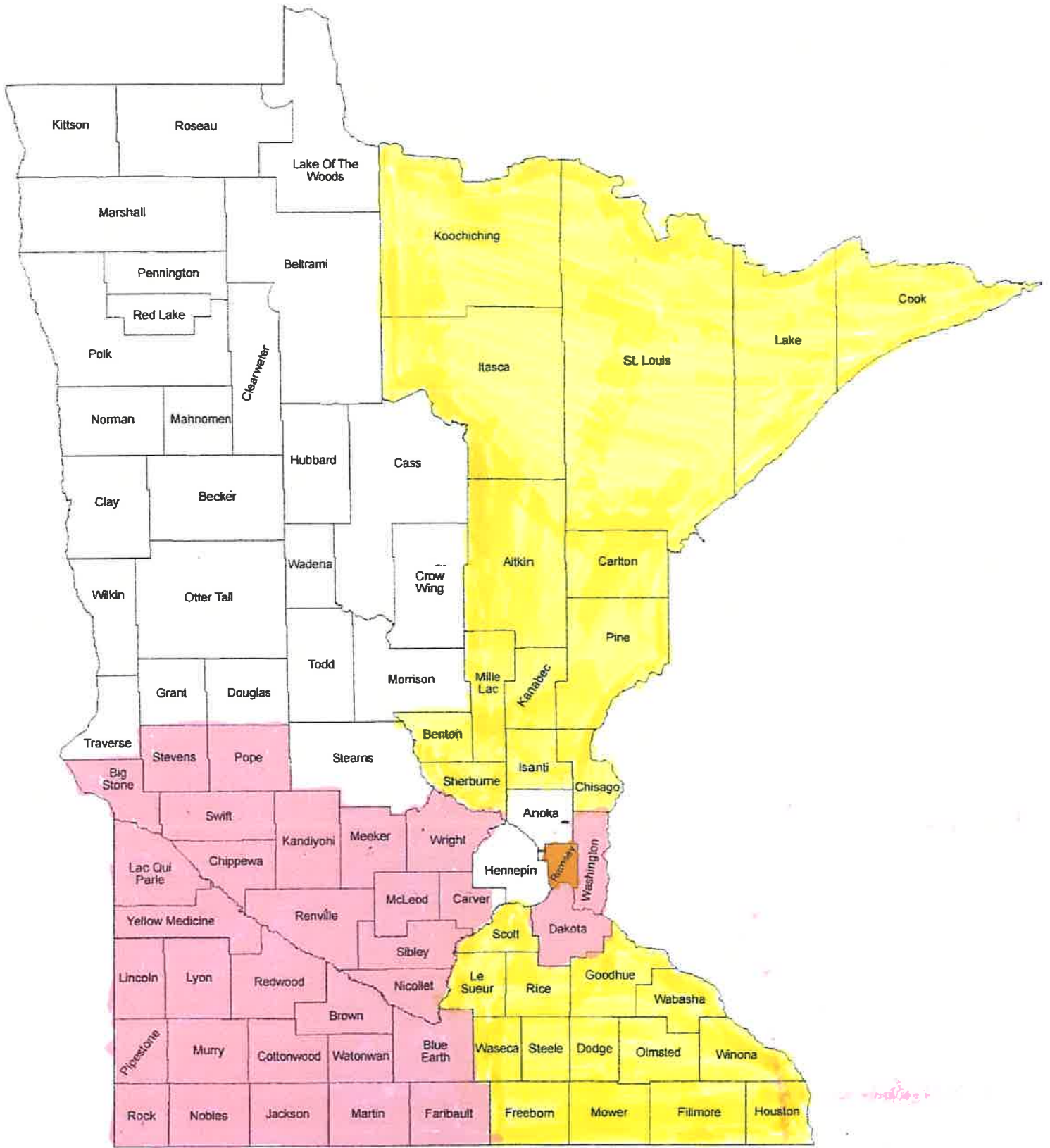
From Anoka County: Anoka Coon Rapids Ramsey

From Carver County: City of Chanhassen

From Hennepin County: all subdivisions except those assigned to Congressional Districts 4 and 5.

Population: 716,461 Above ideal by 3,149 (less than 1%)

*Denotes County which LOST population, 2010- 2020



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Anoka County Commissioner Districts

