



Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research

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Saint Paul, Minnesota

Nancy Conley  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Nancy Conley,

I am with HACER (*Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research*). During the past 4 months, we conducted community of interest mapping as a part of the Our Maps MN campaign. We worked with Latine/Latinx/Latino communities to create community of interest maps in Rochester, Minneapolis, Hopkins, Roseville, Bloomington, Apple Valley, Richfield, Edina, Saint Paul, and Chaska. These maps can be viewed at the following links:

- Rochester: <https://districtr.org/coi/35591>
- Minneapolis: <https://districtr.org/coi/36925>
- Minneapolis, Hopkins, Roseville, Bloomington, & Apple Valley: <https://districtr.org/coi/39662>
- Bloomington, Richfield, and Edina: <https://districtr.org/coi/42113>
- Minneapolis: <https://districtr.org/coi/29296>
- Chaska: <https://districtr.org/coi/45189>

Our mapping session participants emphasized their interest in having access to resources and programs that are catered to Spanish-speaking populations. Specifically, our participants were interested in youth programs, entrepreneurship programs, and English language classes. They expressed the shared concerns of safety from violence and discrimination, language inaccessibility, and a lack of intentional outreach to Latine populations.

We ask that you please respect our communities of interest in the redistricting process. For the good of all Minnesotans, it is essential that communities of interest be kept intact and that community maps be prioritized when drawing our district voting maps. We would be available to share additional information and consult on what our communities offered to us in our community of interest mapping sessions.

Thank you,

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