

Eichner, Teresa

From: Beth McGovern <beth-mcgovern@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 1:34 PM
To: 2022Redistricting; Freeman, Terrance; Howland, Nick; Diamond, Rory; White, Randy; ABowman@coj.ne; Pittman, JuCoby; Newby, Samuel
Subject: Riverside/Avondale

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Hello,

Riverside and Avondale are one neighborhood with unique needs. We need one district to include the entirety of the neighborhood, including commercial districts.

Best regards,
Beth McGovern
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Eichner, Teresa

From: Ramie Tucker <ramiele@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:11 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Ramie Tucker and I live at 2761 Herschel St., which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district.

Based on the map proposals LIME and MAROON, it appears the historic district of Riverside-Avondale is being separated. In one case in two, and another in thirds. This action couldn't be a bigger mistake for the City Council District and for our historic neighborhoods.

The council district and historic district have been together for decades, and the historic overlay which is defined by city council ordinance has existed since the early 2000s. Furthermore we've had a historical neighborhood organization since the 1970s that represents both Riverside and Avondale. They are not separate neighborhoods, they are clearly a single neighborhood and have been for generations. To separate this neighborhood would be an abysmal decision on behalf of the committee and would dilute the voting power of the people who live there.

Under Judge Howard's opinion, it was evident that ignoring the requests of the community was a factor in why the previous maps were thrown out. Today I ask that you please keep the whole Riverside-Avondale neighborhood intact. Our needs are unique in Jacksonville, and our extensive and long lasting history makes us one of the few places with a strong shared identity. Under all other political maps: State House, State Senate, and Congressional we are kept together. Please continue this.

History matters and we need to preserve our neighborhoods and the political lines we've maintained for years. Do not split up any part of Riverside-Avondale, and thank you for your time and work.

Sincerely,

Ramie Tucker

Eichner, Teresa

From: Jonathan M Smith <Jsmith@jaxfirm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:21 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Riverside Avondale

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I object to the new maps which separate the Riverside/Avondale neighborhoods. Riverside/Avondale need to be kept together.

Sincerely,
Jonathan M. Smith, Esq.
2825 Downing St
Jacksonville, FL 32205

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From: dollyjax6@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:25 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Riverside Avondale

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For those interested in a template to write to the Redistricting Committee. Here is what I am submitting. Please tailor it as you see fit! And send to:

2022Redistricting@coj.net

Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Mary W Coleman and I live at 3729 Pine Street which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district.

Based on the map proposals LIME and MAROON, it appears the historic district of Riverside-Avondale is being separated. In one case in two, and another in thirds. This action couldn't be a bigger mistake for the City Council District and for our historic neighborhoods.

The council district and historic district have been together for decades, and the historic overlay which is defined by city council ordinance has existed since the early 2000s. Furthermore we've had a historical neighborhood organization since the 1970s that represents both Riverside and Avondale. They are not separate neighborhoods, they are clearly a single neighborhood and have been for generations. To separate this neighborhood would be a abysmal decision on behalf of the committee and would dilute the voting power of the people who live there.

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Sincerely,

Mary W. Coleman

Sent from my iPhone

Eichner, Teresa

From: Eric Parker <eric.anthony.parker904@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Carlucci, Matthew
Cc: 2022Redistricting; chambers_flmd_howard@flmd.uscourts.gov
Subject: Re: District 2 shouldn't be crossing the St. Johns river according to the Judges ruling.

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Thank you for Responding. Do you have any comments on District 2 crossing the St. Johns River? As far as I can tell it's the only district that does so. It was specifically brought up in the Judges ruling to avoid this and all 4 maps provided by city Council still allowed it.

Respectfully,
Eric Parker

On Wed, Nov 2, 2022, 2:46 PM Carlucci, Matthew <MCarlucci@coj.net> wrote:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on redistricting. Your points are duly noted and appreciated. As a Republican who believes that party politics should not drive local government, I also believe that partisanship should not dictate the drawing of its Council districts. This is why I didn't support entering into an appeal process.

As past chair of the 2001 Redistricting Committee, I'm familiar with how complex redistricting processes can become. Regretfully, Council did not succeed 20 years ago in producing compact districts reflective of our diverse citizenry, and since that time, my view on such processes has evolved. Creating gerrymandered "safe districts" is not the answer.

Be assured, I have carefully reviewed the proposed Unity Map. It's not perfect, but it seemed thoughtfully drawn. Naturally, being sensitive to neighborhood nuances and how communities already identify themselves is also critical to this conversation. And though I'm not a member of the current special committee, I have openly expressed a desire to comply with the expectations of the court. Jacksonville deserves our best efforts. Now, I look forward to seeing the revised maps being presented tomorrow, to help in visualizing the committee's latest approach to keeping neighborhoods together.

Respectfully,

Matt

Council Member Matt Carlucci

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Eichner, Teresa

From: steeltriallaw@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:42 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting Maps for Riverside/Avondale City Council District

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Casey Steel, and I live at 133 Edgewood Avenue South, which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district. My business is located at 2064 Park Street, which is also in the Riverside/Avondale district. I am writing to you, as a resident and business owner in this district, to provide you with my position and wishes regarding the current redistricting that is underway.

Based on the map proposals LIME and MAROON, it appears the historic district of Riverside-Avondale is being separated. In the case of LIME, the historic district is being divided into two parts, and in the case of MAROON, into three parts. This action couldn't be a bigger mistake for the City Council District and for our historic neighborhoods.

The council district and historic district have been together for decades, and the historic overlay which is defined by city council ordinance has existed since the early 2000s. Furthermore we've had a historical neighborhood organization since the 1970s that represents both Riverside and Avondale. They are not separate neighborhoods, such as individual housing developments on the Southside and in Mandarin are, but are clearly a single neighborhood, and have been for generations. To separate this neighborhood would be an abysmal decision on behalf of the committee, and would unnecessarily dilute the voting power of the people who live there.

Under the recent opinion of United States District Judge Marcia Howard, it was evident that ignoring the requests of the community was a factor in why the previous maps were thrown out. Today I ask that you please keep the whole Riverside-Avondale neighborhood intact. Our needs are unique in Jacksonville, and our extensive and long lasting history makes us one of the few places with a strong shared identity. Under all other political maps: State House, State Senate, and United States Congress, we are kept together. Please continue this.

I would also like to request that all of Murray Hill, Fairfax, and Lakeshore be added to the city council district. These associated neighborhoods have a longstanding relationship with Riverside Avondale, are becoming even more synergistic and cohesive each day, and are currently well-served under the same council member.

History matters and we need to preserve our neighborhoods and the political lines we've maintained for years. Do not split up any part of Riverside-Avondale, and thank you for your time work.

Sincerely,

Casey Steel

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Eichner, Teresa

From: Healy Dwyer <healydwyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 3:48 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Riverside / Avondale redistricting concerns

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Healy Dwyer and I live and work in software engineering in the historical Riverside/Avondale district. I've been an active member of the Jax community for years and founded the organization, Bike Duval, committed to social group bike rides and advocating for better bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

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Sincerely,

Healy Dwyer

Eichner, Teresa

From: Debbie Plotts <debbie@duval.gop>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:05 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Maroon Map

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to express my support for the newly drafted Maroon Map and how it pertains to all 14 city council districts. I would ask you to consider that the Maroon Map is fair! It keeps City Council District 12 rural instead of gerrymandering it into the urban population. It also has parts of Argyle Forest in City Council District 14. The Maroon Map also keeps community interests together. I encourage you to enact this map on behalf of the citizens of Jacksonville

Best,

Debbie Plotts

Jacksonville Resident

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Debbie Plotts

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Eichner, Teresa

From: Robyn Bailey-Orchard <robynbo@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:07 PM
To: 2022Redistricting; Freeman, Terrance; Howland, Nick; Diamond, Rory; White, Randy; Pittman, JuCoby; Newby, Samuel
Subject: Please do NOT change the Riverside-Avondale district!

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Dear Madam or Sir:

As a resident and enthusiastic member of the Riverside and Avondale Preservation district, I am asking you to vote to retain Riverside and Avondale in one district and VETO removing the Riverside/5 Points commercial district from the remainder of the neighborhood.

I would be happy to provide you with several reasons for my request should you need further information.

Sincerely,

Robyn Bailey Orchard
1083 Brown St.
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Eichner, Teresa

From: Laura Collins <laura1912usa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:12 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: City Council Maps Redistricting

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Laura Collins

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Jacksonville, FL 32225

Eichner, Teresa

From: TK Smude <tksjacksonville@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:15 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Cc: DeFoor, Randle
Subject: Proposed redistricting maps

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Hello,

I watched online the special committee meeting today. I wish to submit the following comments for your consideration:

- 1) **The location of incumbents should not be the driving factor that defines the maps.** The maps should strive to best represent the communities and peoples of Jacksonville. It should not be drawn to reflect city hall. At best, the location of the incumbent should be of secondary (or tertiary) concern.
- 2) **The map needs to be “voter friendly”.** Logical and compact districts that represent real communities are easier for voters to understand. Weirdly constructed shapes to accommodate incumbents are not helpful. I reject the attorneys assertion that “oddly shaped maps” are ok as the city ordinance code dictates that the districts “are arranged in a logical and compact geographic pattern to the extent possible”.
- 3) **The Orange map is not “voter friendly” and should be dismissed.** It splits neighborhoods (such as Avondale and Riverside). It has weirdly constructed shapes that are not logical or compact. It does not take into account communities.
- 4) **The plaintiff map should be reconsidered.** It seems the best option of those proposed, having: 1) Compact and logical shapes. 2) Taken neighborhoods into account. 3) Broader distribution of the black vote (vs. packing). As one member of the public stated today, it just seems pig-headed (and resource foolish) to ignore the people’s proposal.
- 5) It follows that I believe **the plaintiff map should be the starting point for the modifications taken under consideration today.**

Thank you,
Tyra Smude
1309 Avondale Ave.

Eichner, Teresa

From: Troy Miller <troymler213@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:20 PM
To: 2022Redistricting; +TFreeman@coj.net; +NHowland@coj.net; +RDiamond@coj.net; +RandyWhite@coj.net; +ABowman@coj.net; +JPittman@coj.net; +SNewby@coj.net
Subject: KEEP AVONDALE AND RIVERSIDE IN ONE COUNCIL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern,

I ask that you keep Avondale and Riverside in one council district. We are one neighborhood and it doesn't make sense to split us up.

Your time and consideration is greatly appreciated!

Troy Miller

Eichner, Teresa

From: Kay Taylor <mysteryreaderlovesbooks@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:24 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Need new redistricting maps for Duval Cnty

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Dear Judge Howard,

Thank you for striking down Jacksonville's earlier redistricting map as racial gerrymandering last year. I am heartened to hear that you are still fighting our City Council's attempts to again segregate voters districts by race.

Reading an article in jaxtributary.org today on this problem points out that our City Council's new maps are not better than they were a year ago or even a month ago. The City Council continues to redraw Duval County districts to favor the Republican party and to continue to make Duval the most oppressive county for black voters. Our city leaders refuse to listen to us and choose to ignore what is best for all of us living here.

This is not acceptable on any level. We want representatives on the City Council who care about all the voters.

Thank you continuing to block the City Council in their efforts to restrict voters' rights!

Sincerely,
Kay Taylor
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Jacksonville, FL 32257

904-718-5477

Registered voter

Eichner, Teresa

From: MARIA MILLARES <mmlares@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:42 PM
To: 2022Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting of Avondale / Riverside

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Good afternoon,

I live in the Avondale / Riverside area and want to ask that we stay that way it is now is been this way for years. People know the area as such. It makes no sense to change. Please leave it as is.

Thanks,
Maria
Sent from my iPhone