From: Jennifer Wolfe <jfewolfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:55 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Dame, Brooks; DeFoor, Randle **Subject:** Please do not split up District 14!

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Dear Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Wolfe and I live at 1610 Osceola Street, which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district. I also run a non-profit and a business in this neighborhood, and hold many community events. I represent a community of people who would be affected by this decision, and we all vehemently oppose it.

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.** Our district leader, Randy DeFoor, has argued against this in the past, with good reason. She should be listened to! She knows our district.

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.

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.

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, 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,

Jennifer Wolfe she/her/hers

Executive Director, <u>Women Writing for (a) Change, Jacksonville</u> Writing to Transform Ourselves and Our Communities

Contact me at 904.307.3047

From: Tamica Gooden <tamicago@gmail.com>
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Subject: Riverside Redistricting

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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing to express my grave concern about this redistricting proposal. My neighbors and I are VERY concerned about and DO NOT support this.

I am a Jacksonville native and have always LOVED Riverside/5-Points/Avondale. I've lived in the neighborhood since 2006 and have always been proud to be in such a historic and beautiful part of Jacksonville.

The proposed redistricting tears away from our historic collective piece of residential history. This serves NO benefit to us, the residents impacted. Why is this process being expedited in such an aggressive and seemingly secret way?

This is a matter that deserves to be put before the residents so we can ask questions and you can explain how this came to be without our consideration.

It would be an egregious disappointment and detriment to our amazing community if this was approved. I ask that you leave the historic district intact.

Thank You.

Tamica Gooden

From: Stanley Doc Scott <doc3507@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:09 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Stanley Doc Scott; vendo5@yahoo.com; Mayor Lenny Curry; Newby, Samuel; Howland, Nick; Carlucci,

Matthew; Freeman, Terrance; Salem, Ronald; Boylan, Michael; Becton, Daniel; Bowman, Aaron; Dennis, Garrett; Carrico, Kevin; Danford, Joyce; Jackson, Brenda; Gaffney, Reginald; Cumber, LeAnna; DeFoor, Randle; White, Randy; Ferraro, Albert; Pittman, JuCoby; Diamond, Rory; qwhite@ju.edu; Kay Ehas; markmiddlebrook@gmail.com; Mark. Woods; ed@wbob.com; rick@floridasportsman.com; Coglianese, Anne; Nancy Powell <nanjpowell@gmail.com>; Rubin, Nancy; Pinto, Gerry; Melissa Ross; Oberdorfer, Kirby; lisa@stjohnsriverkeeper.org; Teal, Jason; Jim Piggott; WJXT Newsroom; Long, Melissa; kjustice@wjxt.com; Inspector General; Mike Mendenhall; nate.monroe@jacksonville.com; verify@firstcoastnews.com; Carnell Oliver; editor@residentnews.net; Resiliency; Emily Turner; Brivers@Wjct. Org; Vic Micolucci; WJCT; Ben Becker; Steve Patterson; jorth@ju.edu; Joseph, Daryl;

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Subject: An open letter to City Council Redistricting Committee

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Marcia Morales Howard Middle District of Florida District Judge

Division: Jacksonville Chambers: 11-350

Chambers Phone: (904) 301-6750

Courtroom: 10B

Honorable District Judge Marcia Morales Howard, the African American Economic Recovery Think Tank, LLC, has crucial evidence to show the Jacksonville City Council has broken Ethics, Public Participation in Chamber and Committees, Human Rights, ADA, 13th, 14, and 15 amendments, Civil Rights, unmet Consolidation Promises, and the Neighborhood Bills of Rights Laws to enslave African Americans holistically. Numerous reports and studies show a pattern of disentrancement politically and educationally. How could this travesty exist today? Is Democracy dead in America, Florida, and Jacksonville? Why does African American elect officials to hate African American people? Maya Angelou once said, "When people show you who they are, believe them the first time." This is one of the hardest life lessons I've ever tried to follow, but it is sage advice. When someone shows you and tells you who they are, take them at their word. July 12, 2021 The AAERTT research shows a high level of civic and social pathology and racism in voting, social justice, JSO, education, and economic development. The Jacksonville City Council is unethical and has a conflict of interest in voting, non-profits, law enforcement, and the North Bank Urban Core infrastructure. This civic and social conspiracy started with the Pork Chop Gangs in the 50s—the same methodology used by Hitler's Third Right. The City of Jacksonville City Council Redistricting Plan is a lynching of the African American people's trust and vote. Marginalization 103 of African American rights by two agendas, Redistricting and Unmet Promises.

What is a simple definition of Democracy?

1a: government by the people, especially: rule of the majority. b: a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections.

Politics

Main article: Politics of Jacksonville

The present mayor is Lenny Curry, who assumed office on July 1, 2015.[186] The past mayor was Alvin Brown.[187] Most of the city is in Florida's 4th congressional district and is represented by Republican John Rutherford. Most of central Jacksonville is in the 5th district, represented by Democrat Al Lawson. Analysts have characterized the 4th and 5th districts as some of the most gerrymandered districts in the country [188]. In 2014, the Florida Supreme Court ordered the state legislature to redraw at least eight congressional districts to correct inequities. [189] in 2010, Duval County's crime rate was 5,106 per 100,000 people, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The county's murder rate had been the highest among Florida's counties, with a population of 500,000 or more for eleven years in 2009, leading to widespread discussion in the community about how to deal with the problem. In 2010 Duval County's violent crime rate decreased by 9.3% from the previous year, with total crime decreasing by 7.3%, putting the murder rate behind Miami-Dade County. [190] Jacksonville and Duval County historically maintained separate police agencies: the Jacksonville Police Department and Duval County Sheriff's Office. As part of consolidation in 1968, the two merged, creating the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO). The elected Sheriff of Jacksonville heads the JSO, currently Pat Ivey, who was appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis to fill a vacancy in 2022. [191] it is responsible for law enforcement and corrections in the county.

The legacy of the Pork Chop Gang in Jacksonville Politics, Law Enforcement, and Oppression

The Pork Chop Gang was a group of 20 conservative Democrat legislators from rural areas of the north! Florida, who worked together to dominate the Florida legislature, especially to maintain segregation and conserve the disproportionate political power of north Florida. They have been called "Florida's version of McCarthyism." They were active primarily from the 1930s to the 1960s, although the final "nail in their coffin" was in 1977. [1][2] The spokesperson was Senator Charley Johns. They "had become mighty in the 1950s because the state's legislative districts had not been redrawn to account for the massive growth of urban areas in earlier years".[3] The key figure in the group, coordinating their activities, although not a legislator, was

industrialist Ed Ball. Their favorite haunt was legislator Raeburn C. Horne's fish camp at Nutgall Rise in Taylor County on the Aucilla River. [4]

Political Lynching

"What does the slang term lynching mean? Transitive verb. If an angry crowd of people lynches someone, they kill them by hanging them, without letting them have a trial, because they believe that that person has committed a crime. Political Hanging or Lynching."

Gerrymandering

ger·ry·man·der /'jerēˌmandər/ Learn to pronounce the verb gerund or present participle: gerrymandering manipulates the boundaries of (an electoral constituency) to favor one party or class. Achieve (a result) by managing the boundaries of an electoral constituency. "a total freedom to gerrymander the results they want."

Jacksonville's redistricting plan risks racial gerrymandering claims, experts say by Andrew Pantazi.

'They're not compact. They're sprawl-ing.': Federal judge probes Jacksonville City Council redistricting by Andrew Pantazi

Duval's Black voters have mixed thoughts on congressional redistricting

Nate Monroe: On the Jacksonville City Council, conflicts of interest abound

Experts warn that Jacksonville City Council members used race as a decisive factor in drawing new district lines — but did so without ever determining their actions were necessary to protect Black voters, potentially violating the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

Classism Politics

What does it mean when a person is marginalized? Marginalization, also called social marginalization, occurs when a person or group is less able to do things or access essential services or opportunities. It's also sometimes referred to as social exclusion. October 5, 2021

When were the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments enacted?

The 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. Congress passed the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, outlawing slavery before the Civil War had ended. However, once the war was over, white southerners passed laws (known as Black Codes) to keep freedmen from exercising their rights, and Congress responded by passing a Civil Rights Act in 1866 to ensure black citizenship.

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Included in the filing were statements from each of the plaintiffs. One, BeJae Shelton, said that ACLU members living in Council District 1, which covers most of Arlington, "experience more responsive representation around issues that impact their community as a result" of the compact district "and find it easier to organize around those common issues."

And former Florida State College at Jacksonville political science professor Marcella Washington said she worries "that my representatives believe they were elected to represent the interests of white voters only because so many Black voters were stripped out of the districts."

The motion noted Councilwoman Brenda Priestly Jackson had initially acknowledged the Black-majority districts' could reduce their share of the Black population. She also said that at least one of the districts was "kind of packed whether intentional or not."

Later in the process, she backtracked, saying she had no idea anyone thought there was a problem with packing Black voters in the districts. When voting for the plan, she said, "my philosophy was to not harm" by maintaining the districts' large Black populations.

The injunction motion also says that if the council "was ignorant of its obligations, that ignorance was willful" because citizens spoke at every public hearing complaining of racial gerrymandering.

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Activists asked a federal judge Friday to block the city's new council district maps in the ongoing Jacksonville redistricting lawsuit, the first step in speeding up the case ahead of the 2023 elections.

The Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP, the Northside Coalition, the ACLU of Florida Northeast Chapter, and Florida Rising, along with 10 Jacksonville voters, first filed suit in early May, asking the court to strike down seven of the city's 14 council districts and three of Duval County's seven School Board seats.

An Introduction to the History of Jacksonville Race Relations

1. Thirteenth Amendment

Section 1: Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States nor any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Section 2: Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

2. Fourteenth Amendment

Section 1: All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States, and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the rules.

Section 2: Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Congress shall have the power to enforce this article's provisions by appropriate legislation.

3. Fifteenth Amendment

Section 1

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—

Section 2

Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The United States' 15th Amendment made voting legal for African-American men. However, voting for them was almost nonexistent in some places, especially in the South, because of threats, violence, and unethical practices, like poll taxes.

James B. Crooks

The address is given to the JCCI Improving Race Relations study committee, October 30, 2001 How does one approach the history of race relations in America? In Jacksonville? How do we reach some meaning or understanding of the experience? I have chosen to look at history as a process of African Americans wanting to become a successful part of the American dream. James B. Crook

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacksonville, Florida#cite note-2020Pop-6

Today is not only History Trivia Tuesday, and it's Election Day! Historic Jacksonville, Inc. is taking the opportunity to remind everyone that voting has been a hard-earned right, one not to be ignored and exercised with thoughtfulness. In 1789, the U.S. Constitution gave property-owning or tax-paying white males the right to vote—only 6% of the population. It was another 67 years (1856) before most states adopted universal white male suffrage. In 1870 the 15th Amendment to the Constitution prevented states from denying males the right to vote on the grounds of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude,"—but it did not prevent them from disenfranchising racial minorities and poor white voters through poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses, and other restrictions applied in a discriminatory

manner. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacksonville, Florida#cite_note-2020Pop-6

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From: Erik Olsen <eolsen@olsen-associates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:22 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Greg Kaufman; jim.schwarz@comcast.net; Lori Joyce; Joe Porter; Carter Bryan

Subject: RAP District Comonality

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Please do not separate Avondale and Riverside into two 2 district's. That makes neither physical nor political sense. Erik Olsen,PE

Sent from my iPhone somewhere

From: Mason Manion <masonmanion@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:24 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Riverside/Avondale

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Good evening,

As a 29 year resident of Jacksonville Florida, I strongly oppose the redistricting of the Riverside/Avondale community. This is unnecessary and damages the community. Leave the historic community in tact.

Mason Manion 339 Cottage Avenue Jacksonville, FL.

From: Joe Porter <jtporter@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:37 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Erik Olsen; jim.schwarz@comcast.net; DeFoor, Randle; Lori Joyce; Bill Shannon; Shannon Blankinship

Subject: RAP district

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Joe

Joe T. Porter 2358 Riverside Ave # 702 Jacksonville, FL 32204

404-983-8424 jtporter@earthlink.net

From: tina huertas <candidotina@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 5:49 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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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,

Andrea Huertas

From: Cheryl Virta <cvirta@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:15 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Cheryl Lynn Virta and I live at 1334 Edgewood Avenue South, 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 halves, 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 here.

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

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lynn Virta

From: Sherry Magill <sherrymagill@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:17 PM

To: Freeman, Terrance; DeFoor, Randle; Howland, Nick; Diamond, Rory; White, Randy; Bowman, Aaron;

Pittman, JuCoby; Newby, Samuel; 2022Redistricting

Cc: Sherry Magill **Subject:** Redistricting maps

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Dear Members of City Council:

Please do not divide Riverside Avondale as you consider new district maps. Our neighborhood is not only cohesive it is also one of Jacksonville's greatest examples of what a healthy neighborhood can be.

Splitting our neighborhood will do lasting harm to Riverside Avondale and to one of Jacksonville's greatest assets.

Sherry Magill

From: laura bailey <laurabnp49@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:18 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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To COJ Council Members:

There is no place in this county, this state, or this country for gerrymandering! Because if you allow the peoples' voices to be heard without equal representation, you have just torn a huge whole in our fabric of democracy that is not easy to repair.

Let's make this right for all.

Thank you for your attention.

Laura Bailey

From: John Herzberg <herzberg.john@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:39 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: City District Map Comments

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I am a Jacksonville resident living in Avondale. I have the following comments about the redistricting process.

- 1. The city lost a court case recently about the district map. The judge provided the city plenty of guidance on how to make a map. Perhaps the council and city legal council should read and heed the judges words. The plaintiffs will likely sue again if the city doesn't, costing all residents money i the form of taxes that will be unnecessarily spent.
- 2. The city council considering dividing the Avondale and Riverside neighborhoods into 3 different districts shows that you haven't listened to the residents and their representation on the council.
- 3. The city legal council saying this is too hard or takes too much time is ridiculous and we can all see through it. Maybe Jacksonville needs a new set of council members.

John Herzberg

From: Sunny Gettinger <sunnygettinger@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6:42 PM

To: DeFoor, Randle; Carlucci, Matthew; Dennis, Garrett; Jackson, Brenda; Danford, Joyce; Cumber,

LeAnna; Diamond, Rory; Ferraro, Albert; Bowman, Aaron; Boylan, Michael; Wilson, Scott; Gaffney, Reginald; Pittman, JuCoby; White, Randy; Freeman, Terrance; Salem, Ronald; Newby, Samuel;

Howland, Nick; 2022Redistricting; Becton, Daniel

Subject: New districts - please keep our neighborhoods intact

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Honorable Council Members,

I am writing you today to ask you to please consider our neighborhoods as you continue this expedited redistricting process. While I live in the historic Riverside-Avondale neighborhood, it's not only my neighborhood I am concerned about.

Neighborhoods are the backbone of our city. We should be building and empowering them for the benefit of the residents and the entire city, not splitting them up for the political gain of individuals.

Judge Howard's opinion was clear that community input should have been given more consideration in the original process. Please keep our historic district Riverside-Avondale in one city council district, so we as a community can continue to build capacity and address the local needs. And do this for other neighborhoods as well so you can better served your constituents and the communities as a whole.

Thanks very much for your consideration,

Sunny Gettinger 3535 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32205

From: M Huertas <huertasmiguel13@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 7:13 PM

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Best,

Candido M Huertas

From: Ryan Fix <jfix100@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 7:40 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: Riverside-Avondale Redistricting

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Jamie Fix and I live at 1803 Donald Street, which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district.

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Sincerely, Jamie Meade Flx

From: Laura D'Alisera <daliseral@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 7:42 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: Provide fair balanced maps

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For purposes of redistricting the council district boundaries, please forego business as usual and parochialism. Provide boundaries that are inclusive and offer the opportunity for true representation of citizens' interests.

Thank you, Laura D'Alisera 11874 W Clearwater Oaks Dr. Jacksonville FL 32223

From: Bob Rutter <bobrutter@me.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 7:46 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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The time is now to clean up some more of this Jim Crow era crap. We are still a city that tolerates and honors lifelong white supremacy.

From: Kim Graham <kgcountry7@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:18 PM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Maroon map

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Best,

Thank you Kim Graham

From: Bill Hoff <william.f.hoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:26 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Freeman, Terrance; Diamond, Rory; Bowman, Aaron; Howland, Nick; White, Randy

Subject: Redistricting - Riverside Avondale

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City Council Representatives,

I urge you to keep the Riverside Avondale neighborhood intact in one city council district.

Riverside Avondale has widely recognized borders, a unique history, unique historic district rules, and unique zoning overlay that deserve the familiarity and attention that having one city council representative provides. Chopping up the neighborhood into pieces isn't good for the community.

Note: I don't live in the area, but as a Springfield resident, do share an appreciation and understanding of the issues in Historic District neighborhoods, and the benefits of being served by one city council representative.

Thank you,

Bill Hoff Jr. 1402 N. Laura St 904.449.1753 cell

From: Xeye Inc <xeye@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:29 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: District 12

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Best,

Stephanie J. Hutchinson

Sent from my Xeyephone

From: Maggie Thoeni <mbt00@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 8:43 PM

To: 2022Redistricting; Freeman, Terrance; Howland, Nick; Diamond, Rory; White, Randy;

ABowman@coj.ne; Pittman, JuCoby; Newby, Samuel

Subject: Riverside Avondale Redistricting

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Hello.

I am a resident of Riverside and am writing to **oppose** any redistricting that would separate Riverside and Avondale into separate districts. Our historic areas are unique in Jacksonville and function effectively, even with the many special historic designation requirements. Having a single, informed Council representative is a big part of this. **Do not change this.**

Obviously, this is a purely political maneuver and I ask that you do the right and responsible thing for these areas by keeping them as is.

Sincerely, Margaret Thoeni 2136 Saint Johns Ave. 32204

From: Debra DeLor <debdelor@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 9:26 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: maintaining continuity of historic districts

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To whom it may concern:

We are new to the Jacksonville area and live and are renovating a home in Riverside. The appeal of a walkable community that has an authentic neighborhood vibe were key factors to our residing in Jacksonville and particularly Riverside. Having political districts mirror authentic neighborhood areas will produce authenticity in political discourse, policy and legislation and allow representatives to clearly reflect the will of and growth their communities. When political districts bifurcate neighborhoods, the messaging and discourse related to their needs become less effective. Dividing our neighborhoods will assure policies are divisive and make it more difficult to focus neighborhood and community development.

Thank you,

Deb DeLor

Street address: 2263 St Johns Ave Jacksonville, FL 32204

debdelor@gmail.com 502.741.2195
 From:
 Joshua Hicks

 To:
 2022Redistricting

 Cc:
 Joshua Hicks

Subject: Support A Fair Map That Puts Community First **Date:** Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:09:30 PM

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City Council Members:

Respectfully, it's time for you to listen to the community, place our interests first, drop your appeal that is wasting our taxpayer dollars, and vote for a fair map. A federal court made clear what has been apparent to your constituents for months:

The previous City Council district map unfairly diluted the voting power of tens of thousands of residents, effectively reducing their ability to have their voice heard for the next decade.

It was a blatant act of racial gerrymandering that, fortunately, can be alleviated by approving a new map that is logical and compact under the City Charter and that doesn't limit the power of voters by packing them into a small number of districts.

Voters deserve a system built on trust — trust that the decisions made locally will be in our best interest. Rather than wasting any more taxpayer dollars on appealing an unconstitutional map, and risking the courts drawing this map for you in the future, I urge you to do your job and vote for a fair map.

Thank you.

Joshua

Joshua Hicks Ibis Point Neighborhood, 32224 (850) 445-1781 <u>Joshfsu123@gmail.com</u>

From: Richard Ceriello <richardaceriello@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 10:58 PM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: 'Riverside-Avondale community integrity

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Greetings:

I wish is be on record as opposing any political division of this historic neighborhood. They came into being well over a century ago and have witnessed a shared downward spiral caused by ill conceived urban planning policies, that have required 50 years to correct. Today, through hard work and good planning, this flagship neighborhood is one of the premier communities that comprises the fabric of Jacksonville, and has high ratings as being one of the best places to raise a family and eventually retire. Furthermore, Murray Hill, along with Fairfax Manor have a shared culture with Riverside/Avondale and should be considered within the same City Council representation. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion on this important matter and I hope you vote in favor of new district maps that reflect this urban dynamic.

I remain, respectfully, Richard A. Ceriello 2767 Herschel Street, 32205. 9044220046

From: Corinne Lightfoot <corinneelightfoot@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 12:23 AM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: Keep Riverside-Avondale District Intact

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Keep the historic district of Riverside-Avondale intact.

Breaking up this district will have lasting impacts on the community. It needs to be ensured that this historic district remains intact and maintains the strong voting bloc it's had for decades. By breaking it up, harm will come to this historic district and clearly demonstrates the desire to break up a new Democratic stronghold.

It's unfair, it's wrong, and this district need to remain intact.

Sincerely, Corinne Lightfoot

From: Laura Proud <poefairy68@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 6:00 AM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Keep RAP Together

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

My name is Laura Proud and I live at 2259 College 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.

I would also like to request that all of Murray Hill, Fairfax, and Lakeshore are added to the city council district. These associated neighborhoods have a longstanding relationship with Riverside Avondale, 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 and work.

Sincerely, Laura Proud

From: Mark Schaefer < mws.merck@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 6:05 AM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redrawing Districts

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members,

My name is Mark Schaefer and I live at 2755 Herschel St, which is in the historical Riverside/Avondale district.

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Sincerely,

Mark Schaefer

From: Michael Dunlap <architect200@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 7:01 AM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: the map

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Mapmakers,

As a former resident of riverside Avondale, I urge the committee to hold firm on the existing riverside Avondale boundary,

dr. wayne wood is absolutely correct, the 50 year old RAP success is connected to ONE council district.

The area is a fine example of overlay zoning, & is very successful in preserving a historic place.

And finally from a common sense standpoint , what exactly is the issue at hand and the "invented" problem of redistricting?

The proposed actions can be best described as draconian politics and or nonsense, or both.

Sincerely, michael dunlap

Michael Dunlap Architect PA architect200@comcast.net 904-358-1002

From: Ryan Fix <jfix100@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 7:20 AM

To: 2022Redistricting; Freeman, Terrance; Howland, Nick; Diamond, Rory; White, Randy;

ABowman@coj.ne; Pittman, JuCoby; Newby, Samuel

Subject: Riverside-Avondale Redistricting

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Members of the Special Redistricting Committee and fellow Council Members:

I have been a resident of the Riverside-Avondale neighborhood for over 20 years and I could not disagree more with the map proposals.

Do NOT split Riverside-Avondale!

Sincerely.

Jamie Meade Fix

From: Deborah Grissett <debgrissett@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 7:38 AM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: Riverside-Avondale Historic District

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Sincerely, Deborah Schafer

From: Susan Rucker <ruckerst@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:05 AM

To: 2022Redistricting

Subject: Preserve Riverside and Avondale in one district

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Good morning,

I understand this issue was heard by the committee yesterday, and there was agreement to preserve the historic Riverside/Avondale district as one. I wanted to add my voice to those of others asking for that and appreciating the committee's having heard our voices. I live in that community and believe each of the plans considered yesterday would have put me in a different district, and yet it is one community.

I also appreciate the political diversity within the district as it currently stands, which ensures that while races may be hard fought and closely won or lost, there is strong incentive for whoever represents us, to truly hear all voices and represent the district as a whole.

Thank you for hearing my voice.

Susan Rucker resident of District 14

From: rosywhitty <rosywhitty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:23 AM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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Best,

Sent from my Metro by T-Mobile 5G Device

From: Warren Jones <gator1@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:39 AM

To: 2022Redistricting

Cc: Randy DeFoor; Dr. Wayne Wood

Subject: Re: Redistricting map

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Dear Councilmembers,

Yesterday I sent an email to you explaining my three reasons to keep the neighborhoods of Riverside and Avondale in one district: Economic Development, Property Value Safety and Enhancing Civic Pride and Tourism. I understand that you voted yesterday to have your consultant attempt to change the proposed map to include Riverside, Avondale and Murray Hill in one district. Thank you. But please understand that simply trying is not good enough. This is an imperative. Why? Let me add a fourth reason to keep Riverside Avondale together. Strong neighborhoods create involved neighbors who care about their neighborhood and their neighbors. Those involved neighbors create a sense of community and a place where people feel safe and happy. Many local governments attempt to strengthen their neighborhoods to benefit the citizens they serve. We are asking you to do the same.

Wayne Wood said it best yesterday in his testimony to your committee: "Riverside Avondale is one of Jacksonville's greatest examples of what a neighborhood can be, how it can function, and how it identifies itself. Splitting up its representation will do lasting harm not only to Riverside Avondale but to one of the City of Jacksonville's great resources."

Thank you for your service to our community.

Warren Jones Resident of Avondale

On Nov 2, 2022, at 9:28 AM, Warren Jones <gator1@mac.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners.

There are many reasons to keep city commission representation of the Riverside Avondale Historic District under one city commissioner. Here are few key reasons it is imperative for you to maintain the continuity of the Riverside Avondale Historic District in your final voting district map:

1) Economic Development

The Riverside Avondale Historic District is home to mostly locally-owned businesses with many of those owners living inside the district. These businesses rely both on residents of the district and people coming to the district to have a unique experience to be their customers. Many of you have traveled to cities where entrepreneurial imagination and community support created or enhanced destination environments and unique places. These are cities, large and small, where citizens, and their government,

identified and defined their culture or distinctive amenities to create an ambience attracting visitors who desired to experience something different than what is offered where they live. The Riverside Avondale Historic District provides that experience for people. Keeping the Riverside Avondale Historic District under one representative commissioner allows that commissioner to focus on the needs of the business community.

2) Property Value Security

The Riverside Avondale Historic District attracts people who enjoy living in a historic community. With that comes the understanding that they are stewards of Jacksonville's history. As evidenced by the continued updating of our historic architectural gifts from the past by current residents, Jacksonville is able to promote the community to future residents. Under one representative commissioner the historic district is best able to prioritize government infrastructure needs.

3) Enhancing Civic Pride and Tourism

My wife and I just completed a four month tour of the West and Northwest in our RV. All totaled we stopped in 39 locations stretching between Jacksonville and Vancouver. We, along with our fellow tourists, were mostly looking for the same thing during our travels, the ability to immerse ourselves in nature, our shared national history and local food experiences. While enjoying these locations my wife and I would often comment on how the place we were visiting at that moment compared to Jacksonville. Anyone living in our historic district can point to the fact that we enjoy one of the most unique settings in Florida. You are often approving millions of dollars in taxpayer dollars to build new developments, some of which you hope will attract people to destinations that bring economic benefit to our city. I urge to support a destination that was built for you by past residents of Jacksonville that now is a current popular destination for people who are just passing through. People who want to experience Old Florida, incredible local food choices and an atmosphere unlike their local community. Maintaining our historic environment can only be accomplished with your support. The cost to the taxpayer is much less than what you spend on new development and it is the type of destination that people who travel want to visit. Again, keeping Riverside Avondale in one voting district will enhance the ability of the historic district to bring issues to a central representative to advocate for its needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warren Jones A resident of Avondale

From: David Wicker <davewicker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 8:54 AM

To: 2022Redistricting **Subject:** Redistricting

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There needs to be input for residents of San Mateo. I believe the majority of residents I. That community prefer to stay in district 2.

I oppose these plans to redistrict.

There needs to be more discussion

Thank you DWicker