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City of Saint Paul Charter Commission
15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 310 City Hall
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Re: Proposed City Council Redistricting Maps

Dear Charter Commission Members:

I am writing in support of the Common Cause MN and community stakeholder map as containing the preferred boundaries for the City of Saint Paul Councilmatic districts based on the 2020 Census.

Having reviewed proposed maps I believe this one best reflects generally accepted redistricting criteria. Most importantly, this map goes further than any others thus proposed in protecting and strengthening representation for communities of color and it does a better job than other maps that I have seen in respecting and protecting communities of interest.

The city of Saint Paul is a majority non-white municipality with distinct residential racial housing patterns. A fair redistricting plan and map is one that enhances representation for communities of color and residents the best protection for their right to vote. The Common Cause plan recognizes this racial residential patterns and proposes a map that strengthens the voting rights of people of color better than any alternatives proposed.

I believe I am qualified to comment on this map and redistricting. I hold a Ph.D. in Political science and have taught topics including local government law and redistricting for more than 30 years. I also hold two law degrees (J.D. and LL.M.) and am a law professor at the University of Minnesota since 1999. Among the classes I teach is one on election law where redistricting is covered. I have written and published extensively on election law, representation, and redistricting, and I have served as an expert witness on redistricting in federal court. I have also served as an expert for the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota in state and federal court on election law and redistricting matters. I have also represented clients in state and federal court on redistricting matters and have participated in amicus curiae in federal court, including before the US Supreme Court, on redistricting matters.

Please be advised that I am a city resident and live at 1120 Saint Clair Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55105.

Please be advised also that the opinions expressed in this letter are my own and do not necessarily reflect those of my employer.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

S/David Schultz