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St. Paul Charter Commission,

Re: 2022 Redistricting Proposal Feedback

The D10 Como Community Council board passed the following motion at its March 15 meeting:

Moved that the Como Community Council recommends against Option 3 in the proposed City of St Paul Ward Redistricting map because it is not consistent with the perceived geographic and historical boundaries of the neighborhood. Natural neighborhood boundaries are better reflected in Options 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6.

Some Additional feedback notes from discussion at the board meeting and the 3/14 D10 Land Use Committee meeting:

- The Snelling corridor through District 10 (between Pierce Butler and Hoyt Ave) is an important shared concern that already has several jurisdictions for advocacy work (The State Fair, Falcon Heights, MnDOT, City) and it would be adding to the complication to split this section into multiple Wards as well. This is best achieved in option 6.
- The area between Snelling and Como Park is also subject to the State Fair Parking Overlay District ([Sec. 67.101](#)), which governs special rules for parking and sidewalk vending during the fair. This is another complicated and unique aspect of this particular neighborhood and reason it would be beneficial to remain within a single Ward. Only option 3 has the overlay district entirely within Ward 4 still, but Option 6 has all but the four blocks east of Hamline and south of Hoyt.
- All of the options, except option 3, keep only the Cavalry Cemetery and a small area between the cemetery and Dale St as part of Ward 1 within District 10. This area is a mix of residential and non residential, with the residential concentrated on Front Ave except one single family home on Dale. Both Dale St. and the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks are long accepted geographical boundaries in the area and with the several blocks west of the cemetery slated to move from Ward 1 to Ward 5, only the following D10 residential units would remain in Ward 1: 6-unit townhouse complex, 2 single family homes (658 Front & 907 Dale), and 1 29-unit apartment building (642 Front) (37 Units total).
- There was sentiment expressed from Ward 4 residents that they would prefer it if Como Park remained part of Ward 4 with the line drawn as it presently is, currently this is only so in Option 3.

Sincerely,

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