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Redistricting Commission Agenda – Public Hearing

August 18, 2022

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Cyrus K. Holliday Building, 620 S.E. Madison Street,
First Floor Conference Room, Topeka, Kansas

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Jessica Porter	Council District No. 1
Laura Pederzani	Council District No. 2
Teresa Leslie-Canty	Council District No. 3
John Nave	Council District No. 4
Marcus Clark	Council District No. 5
Vicki Arnett	Council District No. 6
Jeff Wagaman	Council District No. 7
Bill Hill	Council District No. 8
Michelle Hoferer, <i>Chairperson</i>	Council District No. 9

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL of August 11, 2022, meeting minutes.

4. INTRODUCTION TO MAPS:

Tom Vogue, City of Topeka GIS Analyst

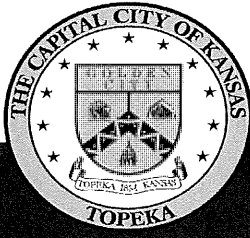
5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing Process: Written comments can be submitted via email to cclerk@topeka.org. Comments may also be delivered in-person or mailed to the Office of the City Clerk located at 215 SE 8th Street, Room 166, Topeka, Kansas, 66603. All written comments will be distributed to Commission members. **In-Person Comments.** In-person comments will be considered at the public hearing on Thursday, August 18 at 5 p.m. at the Holliday Building. Individuals may appear in person or by Zoom. If appearing by Zoom, the individual must notify the City Clerk by 4 p.m. on August 18 so that communications staff can be notified to provide the Zoom link.

Comments shall be limited to 4 minutes. If the person requests additional time, one extension may be granted by the chairperson, not to exceed 2 minutes. Each person shall step up to the microphone and shall state his or her name for the record. All remarks shall be addressed to the Commission as a whole and not to any individual member.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

7. ADJOURNMENT:



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2022 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION August 18, 2022 Public Hearing

Email Summary of Public Input

NAME	PLAN	EMAIL	DISTRICT
1. Doug Glenn	A	billbraskie@icloud.com	4
2. Jim Doblin	A	jimdoblin@gmail.com	Oakland
3. Camille Drapeaux-Stewart	A	cdrapeauxstewart@gmail.com	2
4. Laura Moen	A	kathyrickm@yahoo.com	6
5. Michael Bell (<i>See Email Comments</i>)		theantici@yahoo.com	
6. Stephen H. Foust	A	steve52usa@netscape.net	2
7. Ray Padila	A	raykcchief@gmail.com	
8. Yvonne Rodriguez	A	yrodhacky@yahoo.com	2
9. Ryekel Gengler	A	ricg54@yahoo.com	
10. Sharon Ackors	A	ackors2015@gmail.com	
11. Kathy Logan	A	kml750@aol.com	Oakland
12. Jim Huerter	A	sixty803j@yahoo.com	Oakland
13. Ann Huerter	A	ann_huerter@yahoo.com	2
14. Regina Sheretts	A	gsheretts@gmail.com	2
15. Ron Revelle	A	rcrefelle827@gmail.com	
16. Jo Ann Brown	A	joann_kansas@yahoo.com	2
17. Paulette English	A	paulette.english@yahoo.com	
18. Vickie Escamilla	A	vickiee9@att.net	
19. Brenda E. Wells	A	bnbwells@cox.net	3
20. Nancy Hedges	A	tom.hedges@sbcglobal.net	2
21. Bonnie & Greg Gonzales	A	bonnieandkiki@yahoo.com	Oakland
22. Deloris J. Sleep	A	Dsleep1182@yahoo.com	3
23. Jennifer Gonzales	A	Jayegge00@gmail.com	Oakland
24. Teresa Miller	B	teresa-miller@att.net	2
25. Mary Torrence (<i>See Email Comments</i>)		mimitorrence@gmail.com	

Brenda Younger

From: Elizabeth Toyne
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 1:53 PM
To: Doug Glenn; City Council
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: RE: Council redistricting

Good Afternoon Mr. Glenn,

Thank you for contacting the Topeka City Council. This message serves as confirmation that your email has been received by the Council members.

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Respectfully,

Liz Toyne
Executive Assistant to the City Council
City of Topeka
215 SE 7th St, Room 256
Topeka, KS 66603
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-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Glenn <billbraski@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 1:16 PM
To: City Council <Council@Topeka.org>
Subject: Council redistricting

Map A looks like it causes the least disruptions. I am in favor of map A.

Thanks for your service!
Doug Glenn
District 4

Sent from my iPhone

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 5:33 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Tom Vogue; City Clerk
Subject: FW: Redistricting map opinions

Commissioners,

Please see email below – thank you.

From: Jim Doblin <jimdoblin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>; Christina Valdivia-Alcala <cvalcaladist2@gmail.com>
Subject: Redistricting map opinions



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As a resident of Oakland for the past 15 or so years, my initial thought would favor Plan A since-- as certain members of the redistricting commission have said---the map would maintain the entirety and integrity of the Oakland neighborhood. We are a truly unique neighborhood; where many stores are within walking distance ;saving gas, and encouraging better health .

The neighborhood has its own charm-- contrary to the ticky-tack, cookie-cutter vehicle-centric nature of other areas of the city.(recall the "pork chop" medians on Wanamaker Rd.). You can find examples of this type of "development" in most every city in the United States/

I realize the concerns about making new boundaries to foster the various neighborhood improvement associations. Members of certain districts without NIAs could form their own and keep the city out of the business of what essentially is a private, non-governmental concern. Certainly the downtown district has its raft of cheerleaders :DTI etc.

I'm all for general improvements to the city(paving alleys in Oakland would be nice), but I feel maintaining what resembles the status quo is the proper way to proceed.

I also think it would be nice if city communications could put the maps side-by-side instead of forcing readers to click back and forth. As a web guy, I know this can be done fairly easily--

possibly with thumbnails on one page that expand to larger maps, Or simply putting the maps all on one pdf/html page. Putting the big maps side-by-side in person was another good idea. I am sure you will figure this out by the public hearing..

While the proposed maps may change slightly, **for now I stand with A.**

Respectfully yours,

Jim Doblin


Jim Doblin
785-845-6158
jimdoblin.com

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Rezoning of Districts

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Camille Drapeaux-Stewart <cdrapeauxstewart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:44 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Rezoning of Districts

I'm not sure what you need from me. Or what I need to do. I can't make Thursday's meeting but would like to voice my support for Plan A.

My name is Camille Drapeaux-Stewart

I live at 1103 NE Michigan Ave, Topeka KS 66616. I am 41 years old.

Thank you for your time.

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:00 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: City Clerk; Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: District Plan A

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: kathyrick moen <kathyrickm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:32 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: District Plan A

District plan A would be the best for Topeka. Please **implement Plan A.**

Laura Moen
1234 SW Collins Ave
Topeka, KS 66604

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:03 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: IMPORTANT: Redistricting Commission Comments

Commissioner,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Michael Bell <theanticj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:06 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>; City Council <Council@Topeka.org>; Bill Cochran <wcochran@Topeka.org>
Cc: Donna Rae Pearson <donnarae64@gmail.com>; Pat DeLapp <coffeepeppy@att.net>; Sandy Lassiter <sandral2k9@gmail.com>; ShaMecha Simms <sl.simms@yahoo.com>; Valerie Mendoza <valmarmen@gmail.com>; jocelyn lyons.home <gramee52@hotmail.com>; Danielle Twemlow <danielle.twemlow@gmail.com>; La Zoneg <lazoneg@ibsa-inc.org>
Subject: IMPORTANT: Redistricting Commission Comments

Hi, all!

My greatest fear with redistricting is that communities of color aren't divided up and disenfranchised through this process. This city's record of electing people of color under previous maps, at least since the city manager form of government was adopted, is not good. Our current council has 2 people of color (out of 9), Christina Valdivia-Alcala and Sylvia Ortiz. It's been a while since a Black person has been *elected* (Betty Dunn or Lover Chanler). I'm not sure if we ever have had an Asian American or Indigenous American elected.

Historically what happened to The Bottoms area of our city is instructive, where an entire area primarily populated by people of color was obliterated by Urban Renewal and the Keyway Project. Their economic power was erased, but as importantly as that their social and political power (actual and potential) was erased, haphazardly spread throughout our city.

Great care on the aforementioned points must be exercised as we all move forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michael Bell

"The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood" -- *Martin Luther King, Jr., "Strength to Love," 1963*

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Comment on Redistricting
Importance: High

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Foust <steve52usa@netscape.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:41 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Cc: City Council <Council@Topeka.org>; Kevin Cox <kevin@oaklandtopcityynia.org>
Subject: Comment on Redistricting

Dear Redistricting Commission, City Council Members, and the Oakland NIA:

As a resident of the Oakland neighborhood for over 30 years, I wish to express my desire that the Oakland neighborhood be unified as much as possible during the redistricting process. Of the proposed redistricting plans, I understand that the **Redistricting Plan A fulfills these unifying needs best**. Please consider my wishes, and the similar wishes of many other Oakland residents, when making the redistricting decisions.

Respectfully,

Stephen H. Foust
710 NE Ohio Ave
Topeka, KS 66616
785-273-5228
steve52usa@netscape.net

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk; Gretchen Spiker
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Redistricting

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Ray Padila <raykcchief@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:41 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistricting

I vote for plan A as per our Redistricting Commissioner Laura Pederzani.

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Redistricting map A for mtg 8/18/22

Commissioner,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Yvonne Rodriguez <yrodhacky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 10:55 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistricting map A for mtg 8/18/22

I live in District 2 and I support Plan A map for redistricting. Downtown Topeka should not be a part of Oakland and North Topeka district. All of Oakland should fall under District 2.

Respectfully request Plan A boundary map is selected by the committee.

Yvonne Rodriguez
618 NE Grattan St
Topeka

Yrodhacky@yahoo.com

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Redistricting

Commissioners,

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Thank you.

From: Ryekel Gengler <ricg54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:34 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistricting

I want Plan A

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 12:02 PM
To: 'Ryekel Gengler'; Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: City Clerk; Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker
Subject: RE: Redistricting

Received.

I have copied the Commission on this email

Thank you.

From: Ryekel Gengler <ricg54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:30 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistricting

I want ALL of Oakland to fall under District 2. Thank you

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Plan A

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Sharon A <ackors2015@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:59 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Plan A

Please implement Plan A its the best!!

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:33 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: FW: Redistricting plan

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Kathy Logan <kml750@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 9:16 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistricting plan

Re: Redistricting Plan

As a 65 year resident of Oakland I am writing to inform you of my desire to see the Oakland neighborhood reunited in your planning. **Please follow the Plan A option when setting up the districts.**

We are not East Topeka or North Topeka. We are Oakland, a town annexed into Topeka.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kathy Logan

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; Gretchen Spiker; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC FW: redistricting

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Jim Huerter <sixty803j@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:00 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: redistricting

Being a resident of Oakland, we need to go with Plan A for the redistricting. It's the only one that makes any sense because Garden Park is already a part of the Oakland Community.

Brenda Younger

From: Elizabeth Toyne
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Ann Huerter
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: RE: Redistributing for Oakland

Good Afternoon Ms. Huerter,

Thank you for contacting the Topeka City Council. This message serves as confirmation that your email has been received by the Council members.

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Respectfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Huerter <ann_huerter@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 3:59 PM
To: City Council <Council@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistributing for Oakland

I am Ann Huerter at 1501 NE Oakland Ave. I believe we should go with Plan A because Garden Park is a part of the Oakland Community!

Sent from my iPhone

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:23 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Redistributing Input

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Gina Sherretts <gsherretts@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 11:49 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistributing Input



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I would like the committee to know that I only support Plan A...

Regina Sherretts
1404 ne Chester Ave
Topeka Ks 66616

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:19 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC -

Commissioners,

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Thank you.

From: Ron Revelle <rcrevelle827@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:32 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject:

I would prefer to have the garden park subdivision reunited into the Oakland district under Plan A. Thanks 😊

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Reunify Oakland

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Jo Ann Brown <joann_kansas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 7:17 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Reunify Oakland



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I desire to reunify Oakland City Council representation. I am voting for Plan A.

Jo Ann Brown
546 NE Lime
Topeka, Ks. 66616

Brenda Younger

From: Elizabeth Toyne
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 9:09 AM
To: Paulette English
Cc: City Clerk
Subject: RE: Redistributing Commission-Plan

Good Morning Paulette,

Thank you for contacting the Topeka City Council. This message serves as confirmation that your email has been received by the Council members.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Paulette English <paulette.english@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 10:10 PM
To: City Council <Council@Topeka.org>
Subject: Redistributing Commission-Plan

City Council Representatives,

I believe that the Redistributing Commission-Plan A would be the best plan.

Sincerely,
Paulette English

Sent from my iPhone

Brenda Younger

From: Elizabeth Toyne
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:33 AM
To: Brenda Younger
Subject: FW: Redistricting

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Toyne
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:29 PM
To: 'vickie escamilla' <vickiee9@att.net>
Cc: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: RE: Redistricting

Good Afternoon Sharon,

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-----Original Message-----

From: vickie escamilla <vickiee9@att.net>

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 12:18 PM

To: City Council <Council@Topeka.org>

Subject: Redistricting

Please put Plan A into effect.

Sent from my iPhone

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Oakland reunification

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Brenda <bnbwells@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 8:29 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Oakland reunification



This message needs your attention

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As a member of the Oakland community, I would like to express my desire to see this community reunified as one. I would vote for Plan A.

Thank you

Brenda E. Wells

2718 NE Shuler St.

Topeka, Kansas

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Harlan Magee

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Hedges <tom.hedges@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 11:24 AM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Harlan Magee

Dear Redistricting Committee:

Hello my name is Harlan Magee. At 99 plus years old I'm likely the oldest living resident of Oakland that lived in Oakland when it was a still a city of it's own. I am writing with the help of my daughter Nancy Hedges to give my voice to the reunification of Oakland in it's representation thru the redistricting process in "Plan A". Nothing else make any sense at all. Thank you .

Harlan Magee
1008 NE Poplar St.
Topeka, 66616
Sent from my iPhone

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:49 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Oakland redistricting!

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Bonnie Gonzales <bonnieandkiki@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 12:46 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Oakland redistricting!

My husband and I have been lifelong residents of Oakland, beginning in our childhoods, and continuing through the 50 years (so far) of our marriage. Having this extended relationship with the neighborhood we live in has led us to know that Oakland is Oakland, and parts of it should not continue to be carved out and designated as East Topeka. All the residents of Oakland share the resources that our neighborhood offers, to meet the unique needs we experience day-in and day-out. We all share emerging unmet needs that are uniquely associated with Oakland. Our neighborhood does not share the needs and resources of those living in East Topeka. Our city council representation needs to reflect this.

We strongly urge the Committee on Redistricting to reunify Oakland by voting for Plan A.

Thank you,
Bonnie and Greg Gonzales

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: Aug 18 PC - FW: Oakland plans

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: deloris sleep <dsleep1182@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 2:12 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Oakland plans

I want to indicate my desire to reunify Oakland in the City Council representation by **voting for plan A**. I am unable to make the meeting but was told an email would work.

Deloris J. Sleep
2015 NE Florence Ave
Topeka, Ks 66616

Sent from Yahoo Mailfor iPad

Brenda Younger

From: Brenda Younger
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Bill Hill; Jeff Wagaman; Jessica Porter; John Nave; Laura Pederzani; Marcus Clark (marcusclarkcampaign@gmail.com); Mary Feighny; Michelle Hoferer; Teresa Leslie-Canty; Vicki Arnett
Cc: Mary Feighny; City Clerk
Subject: FW: Plan A

Commissioners,

As requested, I am forwarding this email.

Thank you.

From: Jennifer Gonzales <jayegee00@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2022 3:21 PM
To: City Clerk <cclerk@Topeka.org>
Subject: Plan A

Good afternoon.

I strongly urge the Committee on Redistricting to reunify Oakland by voting for Plan A.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Gonzales
Oaklander

Testimony before the Topeka City Redistricting Commission
August 18, 2022

My name is Mary Torrence. I represent the League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County. The League promotes effective citizen participation at all levels of government by encouraging registration and voting and providing unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues.

The foundation of our representative government is the ability of all citizens to have an equal, effective voice in electing their governmental representatives. To achieve, this city council and other governmental districts must be nearly equal in population. This concept, "one person, one vote," is the first principle citizens think of when talking about redrawing governmental district boundaries. However, another important factor in making representative government work for all citizens is to draw district boundaries to encompass groups of citizens having common interests and concerns. This enables those groups to elect governmental representatives who speak for them. If those groups are fragmented, they run the risk that no one effectively represents them. For this reason, the League believes groups of residents working together to improve and maintain the quality of life in their neighborhoods (such as neighborhood improvement associations) should be given an opportunity to be heard on the important issue of redistricting and to comment on redistricting plans that reflect their interests and concerns. Before sending a plan to the City Council, the League urges you to create a district plan based on tonight's input, then solicit comments on that plan to ascertain whether residents' needs regarding representation are met.

Mary Torrence
Secretary, League of Women Voters of Topeka-Shawnee County

August 18, 2022

Teresa Miller
1820 NW Polk St
Topeka, Kansas 66608
785-234-0840

Redistricting Commission/ City Council Members:

I received an e-mail from my City Council person, Christina Valdivia-Alcala on August 16,2022, sharing vital information on the redistricting of District 2. In this e-mail was a commit from Laura Pederzani, who is on the Redistricting Committee and North Topeka West NIA President. In this e-mail, Laura is suggesting we choose Plan A, because it's the best plan. Laura went on to say Plan A will Unify OAKLAND as it once was. And Plan A will give our District the number of people back to comply with redistricting requirements. That is not true. If we go will Plan A, District 2 will be short 146 people of the projected 14,063 population for each district. Oakland is not the only part of District 2. North Topeka is also in this District. But our City Council person as forgotten about North Topeka. In her campaign she made sure to tell everyone that she will stand up for the people in North Topeka, also. Not so much. Valdivia-Alcala talks about OAKLAND and fixes OAKLAND, before even looks at North Topeka's problems that need to be fixed. Even in the e-mail she sent out only mentioned OAKLAND, were she lives.

I believe that Plan B would be the better Plan for our District. Until last year, I was North Topeka West NIA President. I held that title for about fifteen years straight. I believe Plan B for District 2 would be better for the people that live in all of District 2. Plan B will be 24 people ahead of the projected 14, 063 population for each District. It would also keep everything the same as it is NOW!

I understand that we will have some intensive care neighborhoods in Plan B, but if our City Council Person works with her neighborhood NIA's that can be taken care of. Was it not one of the plans she had when she ran for office? That's just part of her job to help take care of all her District. And if part of the district falls on its face, then help left that neighborhood up again.

I will leave you with a paragraph that my City Council person sent me.
(PLAN B per our commissioners insight and I agree now it's up to you each to consider – would place District 2 with THE MOST Intensive Care neighborhoods in the city. We do not need this folks. The burden is large enough on our LMI communities we have now in District 2. ALSO having District 2 take on a part of the DOWNTOWN area is not needed. Laura Pederzani our commissioner has concerns this may cause neighborhoods to COMPETE with Downtown for funding. Again NOT needed.)

I have lived in North Topeka for over 40 years and was raised in OAKLAND. District 2 was in Mr. Pomeroy's hands at one time. After that City Council person has come from OAKLAND. And OAKLAND has been their priority. Not North Topeka.

As I'm writing this letter the meeting on this subject today August 18, 2022, is on channel 4. The people are now being told something totally different than our City Council person Valdivia-Alcala and Laura Pederzani have been telling District 2.

Now you know why the people of North Topeka do not trust these people.

Sincerely,

Teresa Miller

PLAN B