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House Redistricting Written Testimony
Representative Jason Holsman
District 45

Physical Home Address:

11419 Holly Ct
Kansas City MO 64114
Google coordinates - 38.920884,-94.605922

Communities of Interest:

Center School District – 95% of population under new lines - 13 - 1/4 MSIP
Hickman Mills School District – 50% of population under new lines *with teacher*
3 communities

Suggestions for lines using the Skaggs-Davis map:

The initial lines are quite favorable for the identified communities of interest. Begin route in the southwest corner at State Line and 114th Terrace. Then head east from State line on 114th Terrace (the current line which is the dividing line between Center and Grandview school district.) Representative McManus lives a block south of Minor (119th) and I live on the north side of 114th terr. He and I have agreed to try and separate the Center and Grandview school districts into unique community of interests. The line should follow 114th terr east connecting Stateline to Wornall rd, then turn south to 115th street then head east connecting to Holmes rd. The line should then head south on Holmes road turning east on 117th connecting to Martha Truman as the south border. The line then crosses 71 Highway connecting with Blue Ridge rd and head north east until intersecting with 95th then head west on 95th to 71HWY. Take HWY 71 North until 71 turns into Hickman Mills drive to 79th and head west on 79th to Troost rd then go south on Troost to 85th street. Turn west on 85th to Stateline and head south on Stateline to 114th Terrace completing the map. *115th turn*

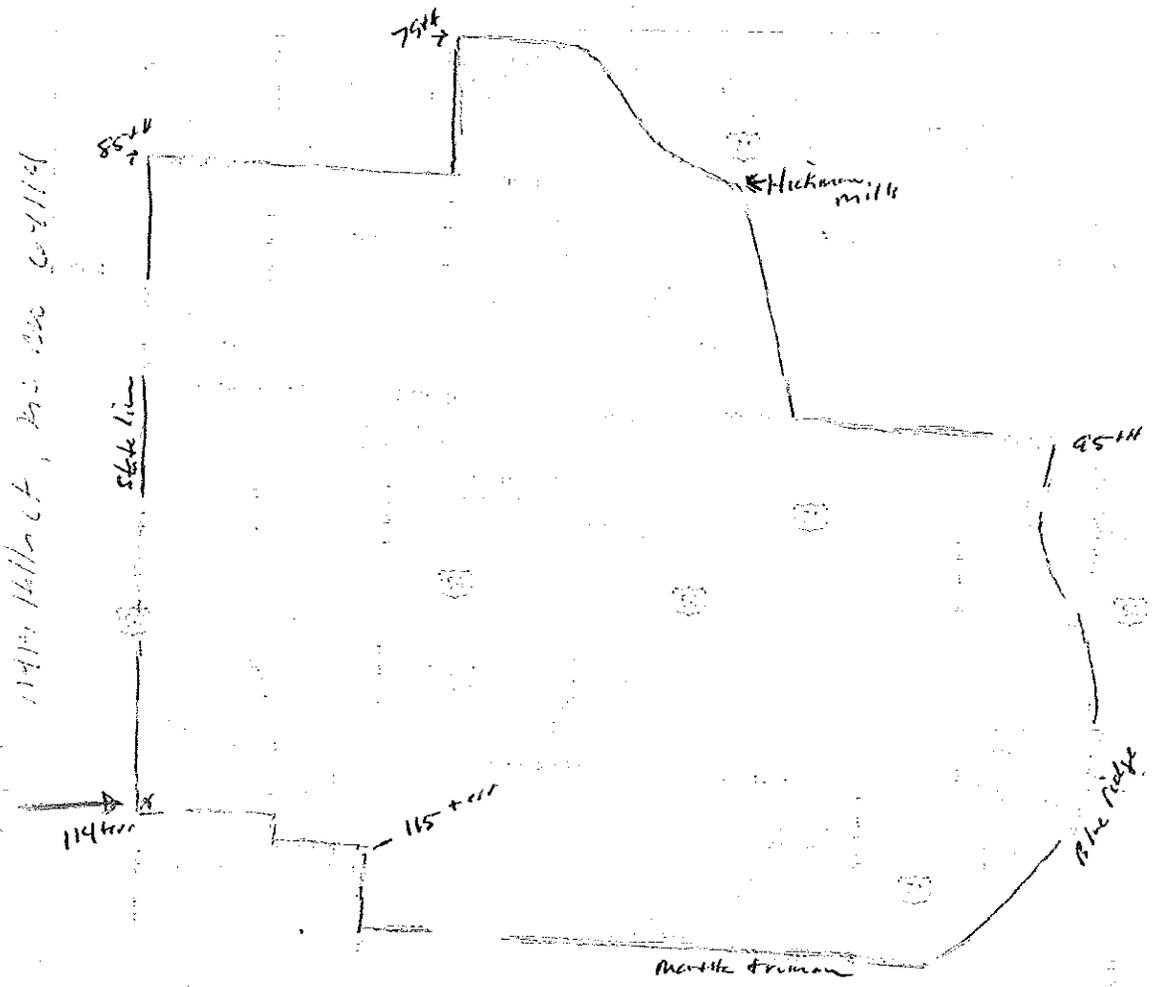
Precincts I would like to see in the new 45th District:

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* Holmes south to 117th East to Troost South to 118th East to Lydia South to 119th East to Martha Truman East to Blue ridge

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45th District Proposal MAP

Community of Interest:

Center School District - 95% boundaries

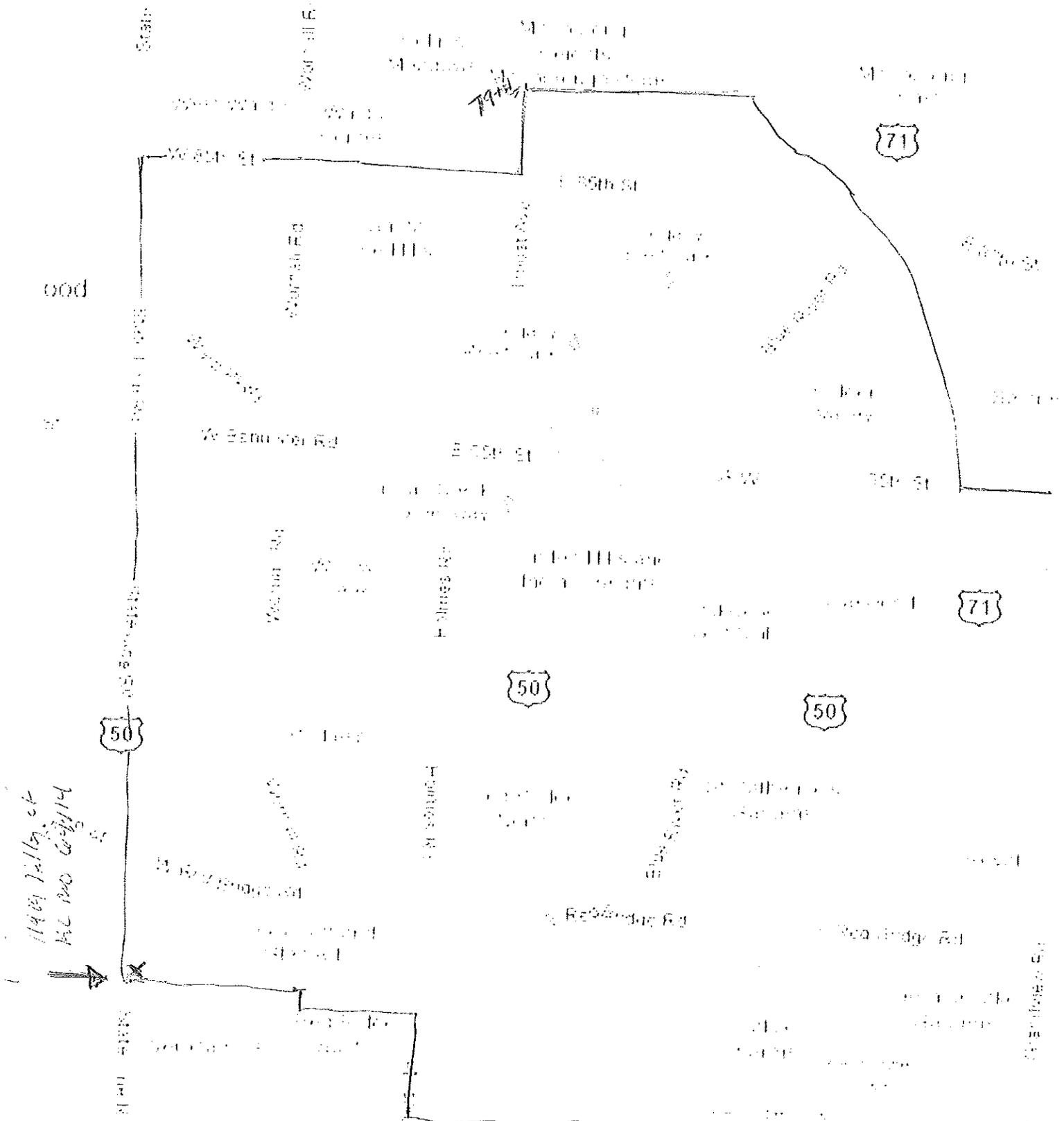
Hickman Mill District - 50% boundaries

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45th District



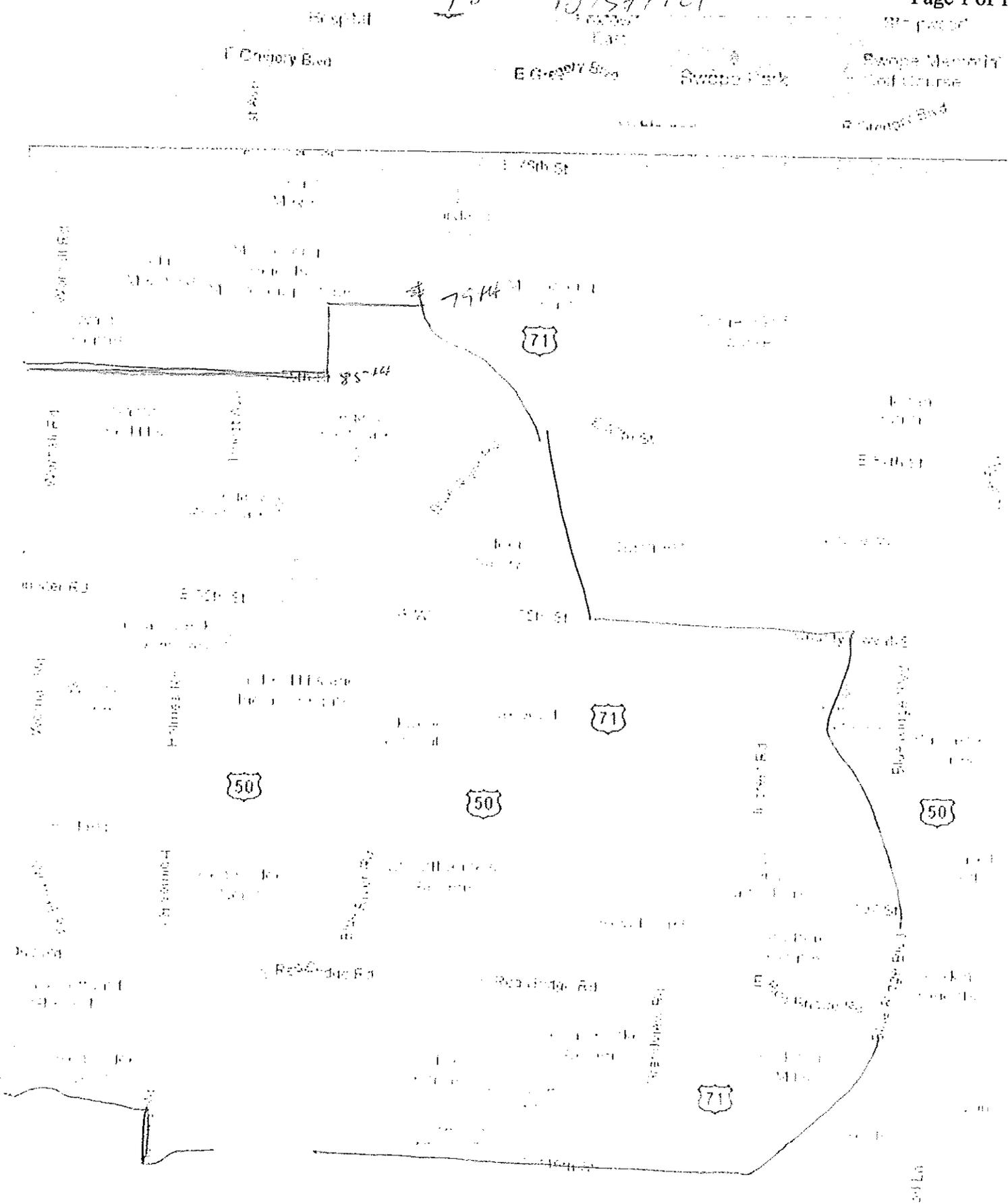
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Proposed New Trues for 45th District

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45th District



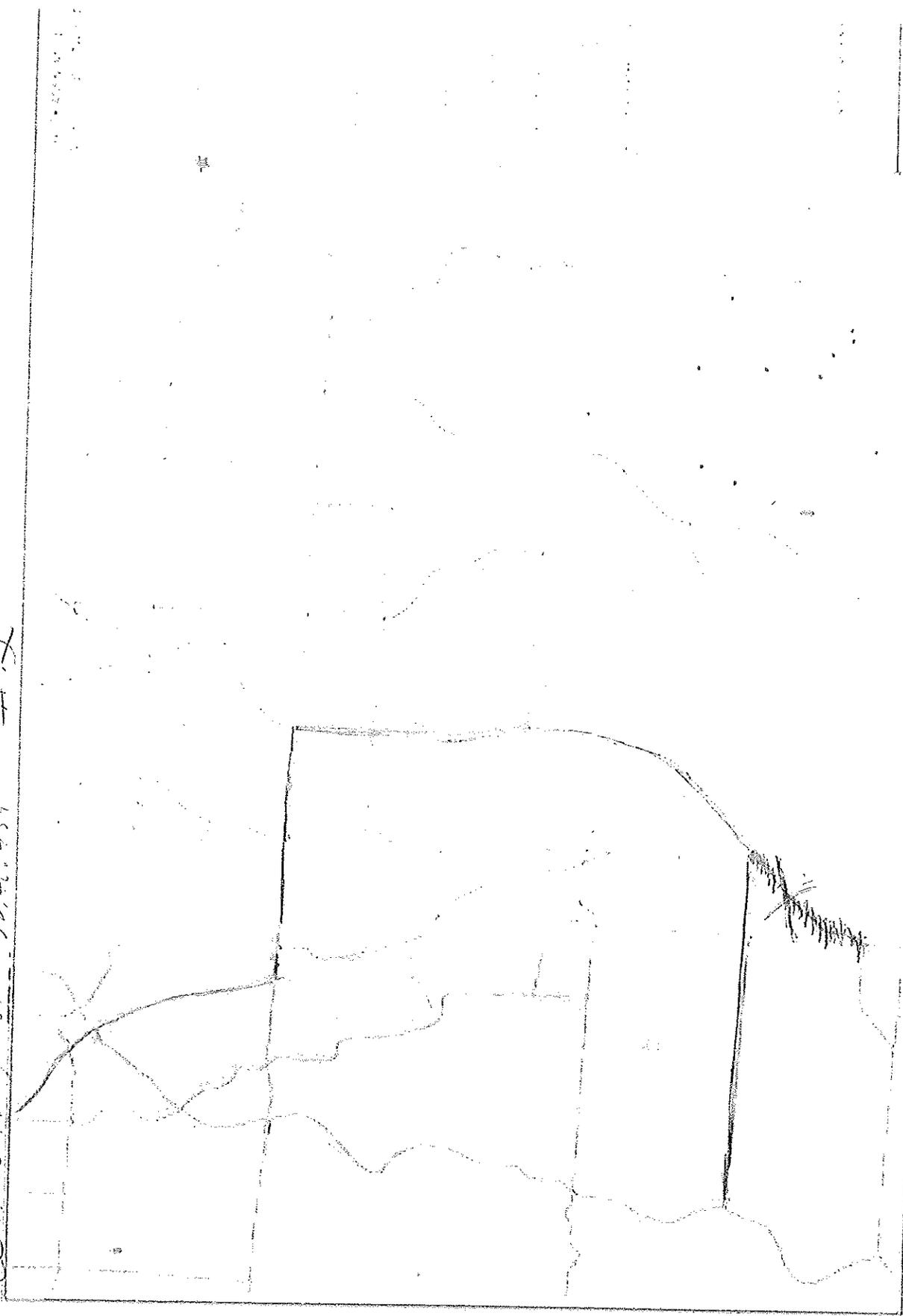
Proposed New Lines for the 45th District

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Rep. Jason Helman

Aluminum Mills Sella's Mineral Resources with proposed new 4500' line

Community of Interest #2



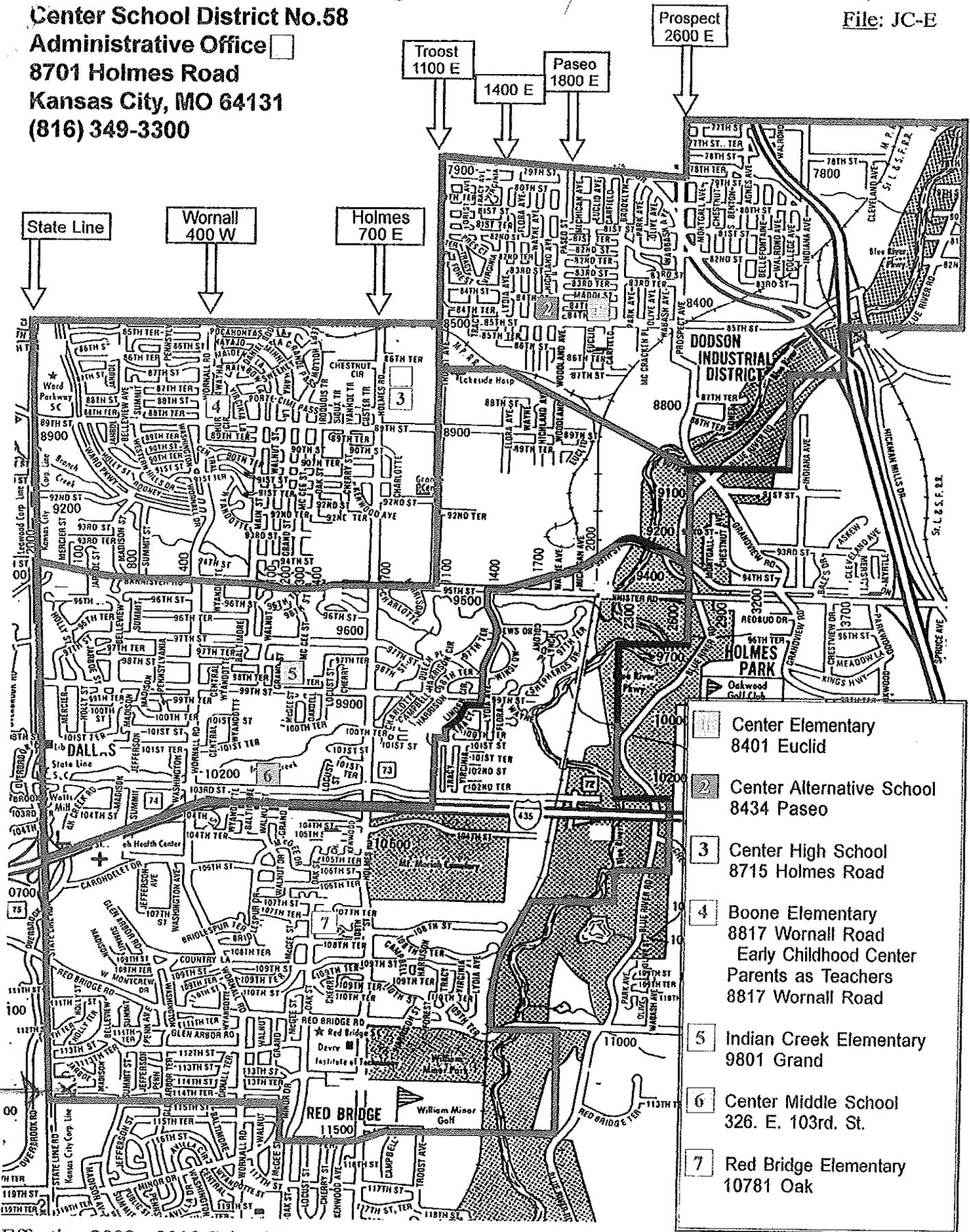
Approx scale of 1000' per Hickman District

Rep. Jason Helms

Community of Interest #1

Center School District No.58
Administrative Office
8701 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131
(816) 349-3300

File: JC-E



Effective 2009 - 2010 School Year

Highlight comments beyond 45th lines
Approx 95% of Center population
Res. in school

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See map 2/1/14



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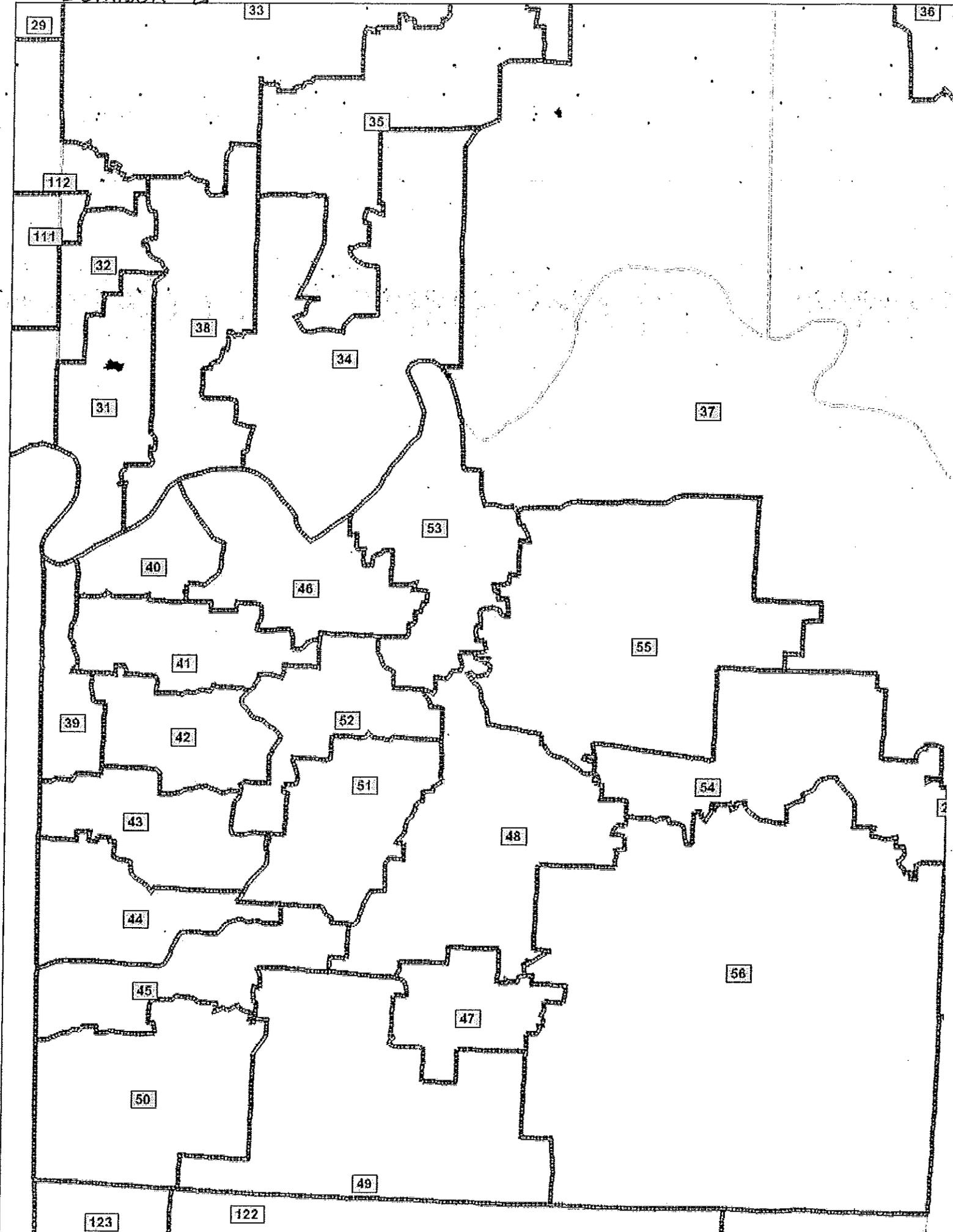
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Let Missourians Decide is not focused on partisan outcomes. If the new maps give more voters a meaningful choice in their legislative general election, we will have achieved our goal, no matter what the partisan split is.

REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES

- Missourians deserve legislative maps that put as many voters as possible in districts which give them a meaningful vote in a genuinely competitive legislative election.
- Missourians deserve legislative maps in which the protection of incumbency is not used as a factor in the creation of districts.
- Missourians deserve maps that fairly depict and are representative of the overall demographic and voting characteristics of the state's voters.
- Missourians deserve legislative districts that create meaningful general elections in November, when voter participation is much higher and voters are more fully engaged.
- Missourians deserve districts that reflect constitutionally or legally required criteria, such as compactness, contiguity, substantial equality in population, protection of minority rights, keeping together of communities of interest, and the use of well-known boundaries.

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McManus-1

Missouri House of Representatives - Redistricting Commission
Testimony of Representative Kevin McManus (Democrat-46th District)
Thursday, May 5, 2011

Chairman Maxwell & Members of the Commission:

My name is Kevin McManus, and I was elected in November 2010 as a Democrat to the House of Representatives, 46th District. The 46th District currently includes portions of Kansas City, Grandview and Lee's Summit, in Jackson County, Missouri.

I am submitting this written testimony in a response to the Commission's public hearing in Jefferson City on April 28, 2011. If the 46th District is altered as shown on the Skaggs-Davis Map that was presented during the hearing, I am concerned that the new districts would not meet Missouri's constitutional requirements for fair representation. The purpose of this testimony is to describe the current 46th District in light of these constitutional requirements and propose an alternative approach.

CONSTITUTIONAL STANDARD

The 2010 Census estimates the 46th District's population to be 41,466. As a result, the 46th District must lose 4,724 people to equal the target population for House districts after the 2010 reapportionment (the target population is 36,742). The Commission has some flexibility in the final population of the district, as variances up to 10% from the target population have been held constitutional.

The constitutional requirements for drawing legislative districts are clear. Legislative districts must be contiguous and as "compact as may be." In addition, the Commission must draw a district that: "preserves long-standing communities of interest based on social, cultural, ethnic, and economic similarities."

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL

Given the constitutional standards and need to lose population in the 46th District, the best approach is to:

1. Remove the smallest community of interest – three precincts in Lee's Summit;
2. Add the portion of Grandview currently located in the 45th District, so all of Grandview is in the 46th District; and
3. Retain the remainder of the 46th District as currently drawn with any further reductions taken from precincts along the northern boundary (Precincts 20-01; 25-09, 10, 11, or 22-03) to retain compactness.

As further detailed below, this solution would make the 46th District more compact, would consolidate all of the City of Grandview in the district, and would no longer divide the city of Lee's Summit. Instead, the small portion of Lee's Summit currently in the 46th District could be consolidated into a neighboring district. This solution would reduce the overall

population of the 46th District so it would meet the target population and comply with Missouri's constitutional requirements.

CONSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS

I. COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

The current 46th District contains the following 3 communities of interest:

1. South Kansas City corridor between State Line and Prospect Ave (Ward 22);
2. Eastern half of Grandview (Washington Township); and
3. Lee's Summit (Prairie Township).

A map of the current 46th District with these communities identified is attached to this testimony as Exhibit A.¹ These 3 communities of interest are easy to define based on political, socio-economic, cultural, and ethnic similarities. Each of these communities of interest is distinct from the other. However, the communities of South Kansas City and Grandview have more in common with each other than with the community of Lee's Summit, as detailed below.

A. Political: All three communities of interest outlined above are separate political municipalities. However, the largest political subdivision in the 46th District is the Grandview School District, which includes both the South Kansas City Corridor and the City of Grandview. A map of the Grandview School District is attached to this testimony as Exhibit B.

Even though the largest school district in the 46th District is the Grandview School District, roughly half of the City of Grandview is NOT in the 46th District. Grandview and the Grandview School District are currently split between 2 legislative districts, the 45th & 46th Districts. The 46th District also includes relatively small portions of Center and Hickman Mills School Districts along the northern boundary. These 3 school districts and the populations they serve are largely similar when compared with the Lee's Summit School District, which is the 4th and final school district currently located in the 46th district.

Lee's Summit is the fastest growing city in the 46th district and is primarily responsible for the 46th District's rapid growth over the last 10 years. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the state, growing nearly 30% in the last 10 years. The City of Lee's Summit is currently split among 4 legislative districts—the 46th, 47th, 48th and 56th. The 46th District contains only a small part of Lee's Summit—only 3 precincts in Prairie Township. As a result, Lee's Summit is the smallest municipality and smallest community of interest within the 46th District.

B. Socio-economic: As explained above, Grandview and South Kansas City have historically identified themselves together since they share the Grandview School District. In addition, South KC and Grandview residents share social and economic centers in the 46th District. The cities of Kansas City and Grandview are contiguous and not divided by natural

¹ The northeast part of the 46th District also includes small portions of the 20th and 25th Wards, as indicated in Exhibit A. These small portions are located in the City of Kansas City but lie in between Grandview and Lee's Summit. Given their geographic location and alignment within the Grandview School District, they may be interpreted as being part of Grandview's "community of interest" in the 46th District.

boundaries. In many areas, one can walk through a single neighborhood, change cities, and never be aware of it. As a result of the close proximity and easy access, many residents live in South Kansas City and work in Grandview, or vice versa.² For example, Martin City is a community investment district in South Kansas City that contains shops, restaurants and small businesses and may be easily accessed from Grandview via Blue Ridge Boulevard. In addition, there are shopping and business centers located along US Highway 71, Red Bridge Road and State Line Road. The close nexus between South KC and Grandview is evident in The Jackson County Advocate, a popular weekly newspaper that has exclusively covered South Kansas and Grandview for over 55 years.

In contrast, Lee's Summit does not have the same type of socio-economic connection to Grandview and South Kansas City. One reason is geography: Lee's Summit is separated from Grandview and South Kansas City by the largest natural boundary in the area—Longview Lake and the surrounding public park. Another is economic: Lee's Summit has led the state in new residential and commercial development and has created its own social and economic centers so residents can have easy access to shopping without ever leaving the city. Despite this fact, the portion of Lee's Summit currently in the 46th District is almost exclusively residential and nearly all economic development in Lee's Summit is located outside the 46th District.

C. **Cultural/Ethnic:** The cultural identity of the 46th District is defined in part by its religious diversity. It is impossible to quickly summarize the breadth and depth of religious organizations in the 46th District. However, three examples are helpful, if only for illustrative purposes. St. Thomas More Parish, located at 118th and Holmes, is one of the largest Catholic parishes in the metro area, with thousands of individuals attending the church and many more sending their children to the parochial grade school. Along with its neighbor, Avila University, St. Thomas More has been an important community anchor in the South Kansas City Corridor since its founding in 1964. There are several churches in the northeast part of the district, such as Memorial Mission Baptist Church, that have a long history in Kansas City's African American community. More recently, the International House of Prayer, an evangelical missions organization, has experienced dramatic growth and is currently relocating its headquarters from South Kansas City (45th District) to Grandview (46th District), where it will also build a university-style campus to house and serve its staff and students.

Again, in contrast, the small portion of Lee's Summit in the 46th District is almost entirely residential with the cultural and economic influences being located in Lee's Summit but outside the 46th District.

II. CONTIGUOUS AND "AS COMPACT AS MAY BE"

The Missouri constitution states that district boundaries should be contiguous and "as compact as may be." The boundaries of the 46th District are contiguous with the neighboring districts. However, the overall shape of the 46th District is not "as compact as may be" due to the cut-out of the western half of Grandview and long east-west boundaries stretching from State Line Road (KC) to Pryor Road (Lee's Summit).

² See Testimony of Kathy Maguire, lifelong resident of South Kansas City, Grandview business owner, and former Chair of the Grandview Chamber of Commerce and the Grandview Economic Development Corporation.

REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL FOR THE 46th DISTRICT

Given the constitutional requirements described above, the 46th District could easily be made more compact and preserve its communities of interest by following the approach outlined below. A depiction of this recommended approach is attached as Exhibit C.

#1. Remove the smallest community of interest – Lee’s Summit.

The Commission is required to preserve communities of interest. Since some population must be cut from the 46th district, the Commission should cut the smallest and most distinct community of interest – Lee’s Summit – out of the 46th District. The 46th District only contains 3 precincts in Lee’s Summit, and these precincts differ significantly from those in Grandview and South Kansas City, which are often grouped together for political, socio-economic and cultural reasons, as described above. Lee’s Summit is currently divided into 4 other legislative districts. Lee’s Summit’s residents deserve fair, proportionate representation, and their quickly growing community should no longer be so divided.

#2. Add the portion of Grandview currently located in the 45th District.

The Commission is required to make the 46th District “as compact as may be.” The 46th District could easily be made more compact by adding the western half of Grandview that is currently in the 45th District. By adding the remainder of Grandview and removing extra population from the northeastern boundary in Lee’s Summit (including Wards 20 and 25, if necessary), the 46th District would be essentially a rectangle containing the 2 largest communities of interest, Grandview and Kansas City, as shown on Exhibit C.

#3. Retain the remainder of the 46th District as currently drawn with any further reductions from the northern boundary (Precincts 20-01; 25-09, 10, 11; or 22-03).

By adding the eastern half of Grandview and removing Lee’s Summit, the 46th District will experience a net loss of 1,603 people, resulting in a district of 39,863 people (7.83% variance from the target population of 36,742). To bring the population closer to the target, additional reductions could easily occur from the precincts located to the east of Grandview to retain the compactness of the district. Removing 20-01 (population 1,087) and/or 25-09, 10, 11 (population 1,964) would bring the population within 1-3% variance of the target population and would merely move the north and/or eastern boundary. Another option would be to remove precinct 22-03 (population 1,724).

Regardless of the particular decisions the Commission may make, the general approach outlined above will enable the 46th District to be more compact, include the entire community of interest of Grandview, and enable the smallest community of interest, Lee’s Summit, to be consolidated in a neighboring legislative district. Overall, this will allow the 46th District to meet the target population and Missouri’s constitutional requirements.

CONCERNS WITH SKAGGS-DAVIS MAP & THE 46th DISTRICT

I support the approach outlined above as an alternative to the proposed changes to the 46th District shown in the Skaggs-Davis Map. The Skaggs-Davis Map divides the 46th district in half by running a new, horizontal boundary line through the middle of the 46th district. This

creates two long, narrow districts that stretch eastward through small portions of Kansas City, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Greenwood and unincorporated, rural eastern Jackson County. These two new districts are identified on the Skaggs-Davis Map, and are hereinafter referred to as the "SD-55th" and "SD-56th" districts.

I have serious concerns about whether the SD-55th and SD-56th districts would meet the constitutional requirements described above and provide fair representation for their district residents. If enacted, the "SD-55th" and "SD-56th" districts would:

- (1) Divide and dilute at least 5 different communities of interest;
- (2) Fail any test for compactness; and
- (3) Ignore existing natural boundaries.

First, SD-55th and SD-56th districts would divide and dilute the representation of at least 5 communities of interest: South Kansas City, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Greenwood and unincorporated Jackson County. These communities of interest have vastly different and often competing needs. They are urban, suburban, "exurban" and rural/agricultural. They each deserve fair and proportionate representation, which would not be accomplished with boundaries proposed in the Skaggs-Davis Map.

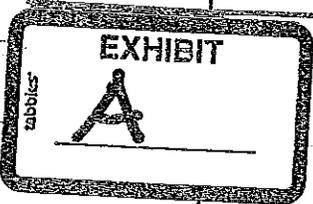
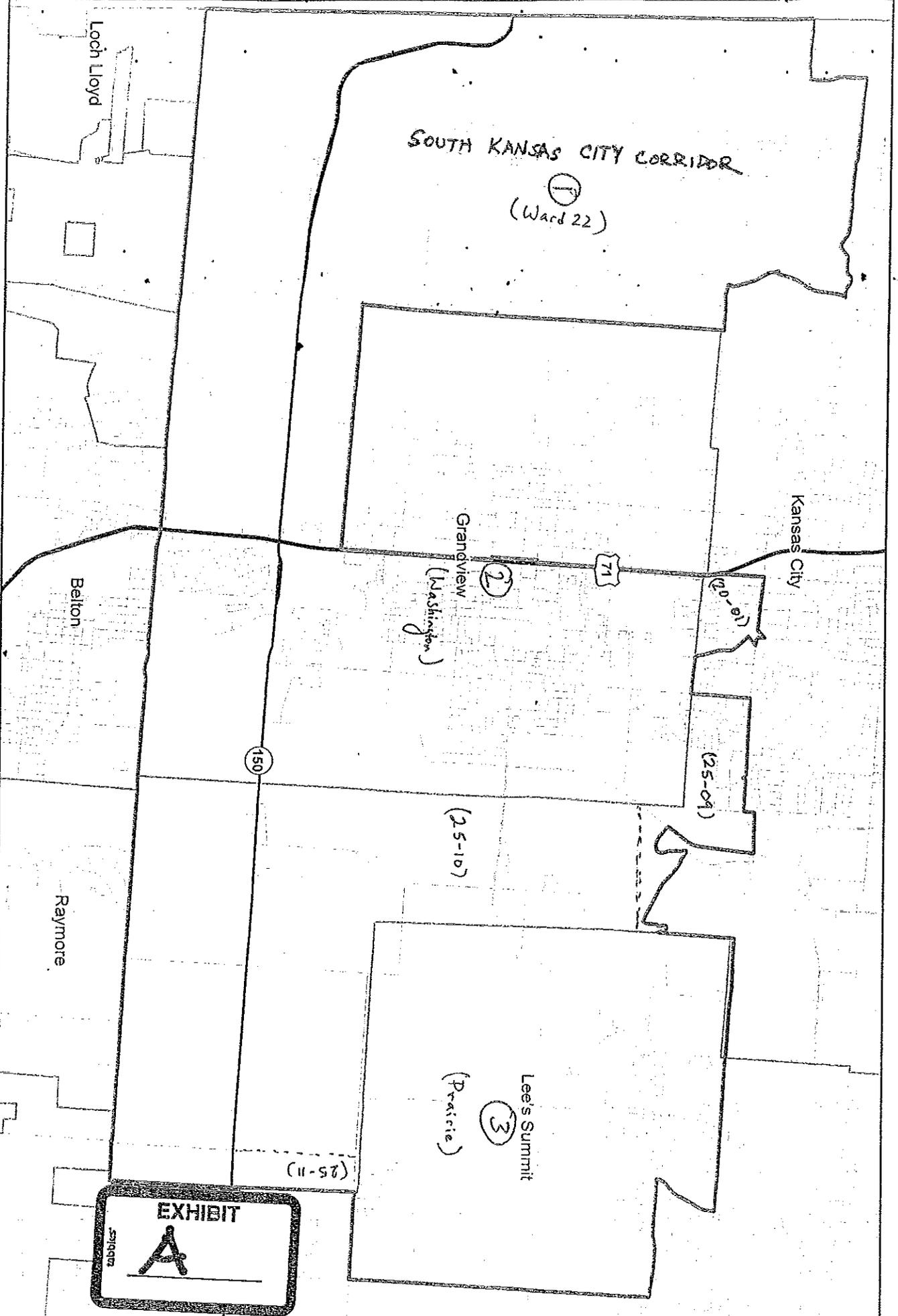
Second, the SD-55th and SD-56th would fail any test for compactness. In fact, these districts are the least compact of any district along State Line Road in Jackson County. The districts to the north, 40th, 41st and 39th, are each compact, "box-like" districts. In contrast, the SD-55th and SD-56th are drawn as long, narrow squiggly lines, unlike any of these districts. The current 46th district is much more compact and does not need to undergo such radical changes. There is no basis for this apparent disregard for compactness.

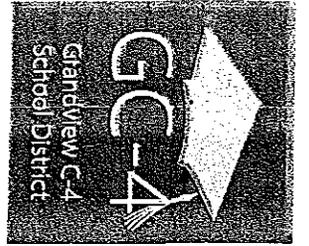
Third, the SD-55th and SD-56th would ignore existing natural boundaries. As described above, these two districts would divide multiple communities of interest across a wide range of land, and they do so without regard to the many natural boundaries existing there. The SD-55th and SD-56th boundaries would ignore existing bodies of water, parks, and roads that may provide or deny access to these areas.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, I support an alternative approach to redistricting the 46th District, as depicted on the map attached as Exhibit C. Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I look forward to continuing the conversation to create a district that best serves the needs and interests of its citizens.

Missouri House District 46



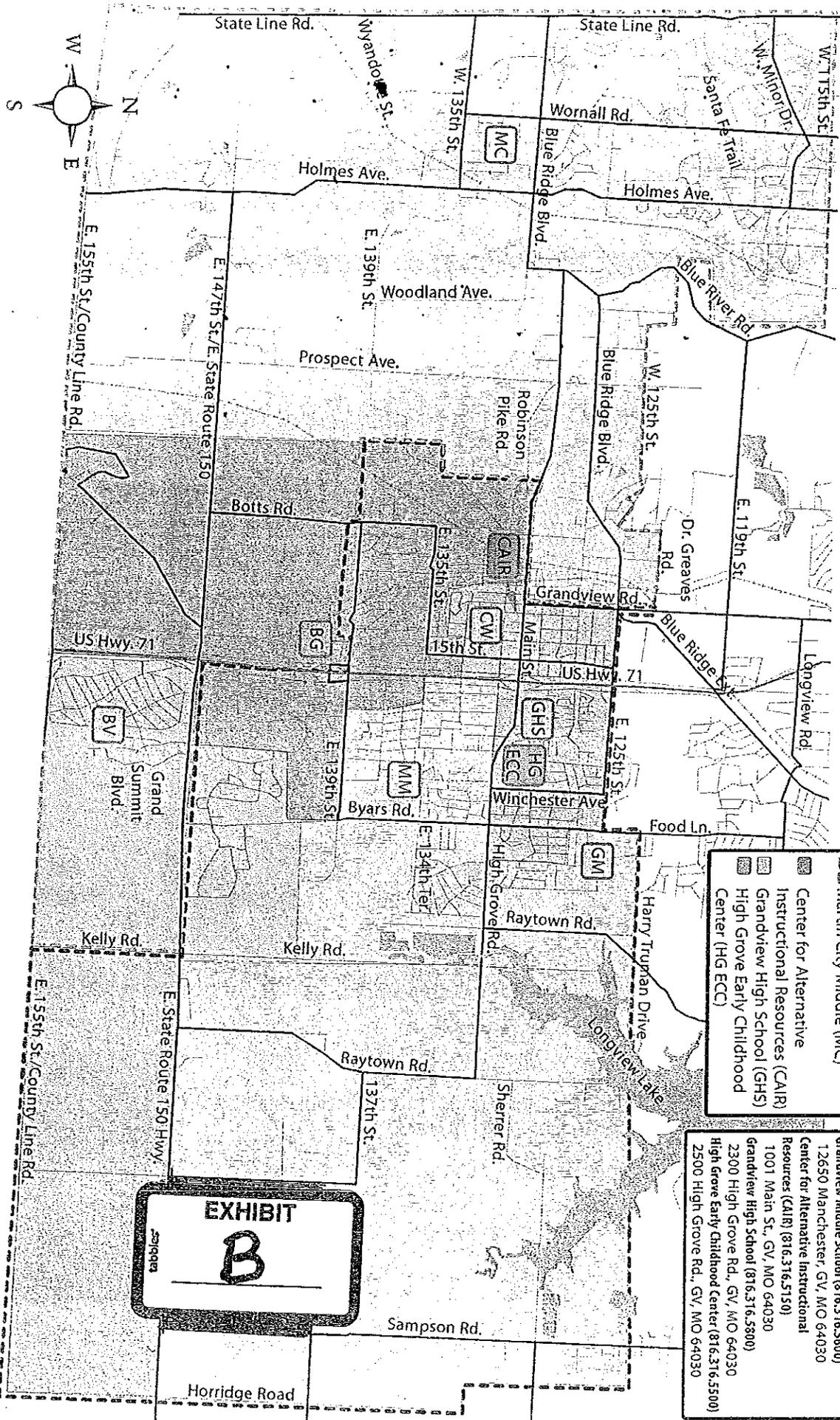


Grandview C-4 School District

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Student Attendance Boundaries

For more information please contact your school office or the GC-4 Transportation Department at 816.316.5175



- Elementary School Boundaries**
- Belvidere (BV)
 - Butcher-Greene (BG)
 - Conn-West (CW)
 - Martin City (MC)
 - Meadowmere (MIM)
- Middle School Boundaries**
- Grandview Middle (GM)
 - Martin City Middle (MC)
- High School Boundaries**
- Center for Alternative Instructional Resources (CAIR)
 - Grandview High School (GHS)
 - High Grove Early Childhood Center (HG ECC)

- Belvidere Elementary (816.316.5300)
15200 White Avenue, GV, MO 64030
- Butcher-Greene Elementary (816.316.5400)
5302 E. 140th St., GV, MO 64030
- Conn-West Elementary (816.316.5225)
1100 High Grove Rd., GV, MO 64030
- Martin City K-8 School (816.316.5700)
201 E. 133rd St., KC, MO 64145
- Meadowmere Elementary (816.316.5525)
7010 E. 136th St., GV, MO 64030
- Grandview Middle School (816.316.5600)
12650 Manchester, GV, MO 64030
- Center for Alternative Instructional Resources (CAIR) (816.316.5150)
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- Grandview High School (816.316.5800)
2300 High Grove Rd., GV, MO 64030
- High Grove Early Childhood Center (816.316.5500)
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EXHIBIT B

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SOUTH KANSAS CITY CORRIDOR
(Ward 22)

Add: 1/2 Grandview
CURRENTLY
IN 45th DISTRICT

Grandview

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Kansas City

19-02

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Remove: Lee's Summit

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Belton

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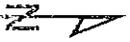
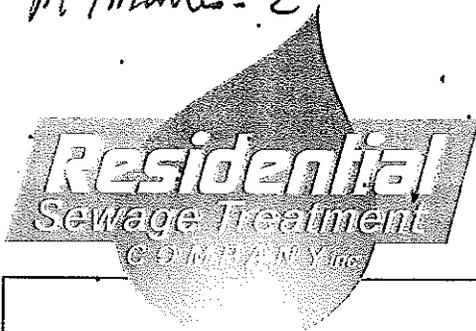


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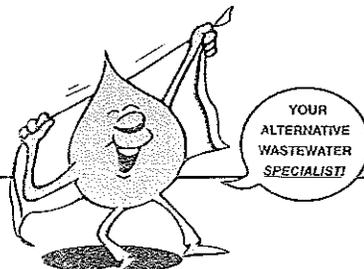
RE: Redistricting of Missouri House District 46

Chairman and Members of the Commission,

We are lifelong residents of south Kansas City. We currently live in the 46th District at 313 Avila Circle in Kansas City, Missouri. We also own and operate our family business, Residential Sewage Treatment, in Grandview, Missouri. Our business has operated in Grandview for 17 years where we are surrounded by the 46th District.

We have learned that the Commission has been presented with a map that would drastically change the boundaries of the 46th District. In particular, the proposed map (also known as the "Skaggs-Davis Map") would divide the 46th district horizontally in half and stretch it east through parts of Kansas City, Grandview, Lee's Summit, Greenwood and unincorporated Jackson County. These two new districts are shown on the Skaggs-Davis Map as the "55th" and "56th" districts.

We are concerned about these proposed changes to the 46th District and believe they would be severely detrimental to the representation of these communities. The communities of South Kansas City/Grandview, Lee's Summit, Greenwood and unincorporated Jackson County are very different. They often have competing needs. By placing only a small portion of each community into the 55th or 56th district, we are concerned that these interests cannot be properly served. Many residents, like us, both live and work in south Kansas City and Grandview. It is important that South Kansas



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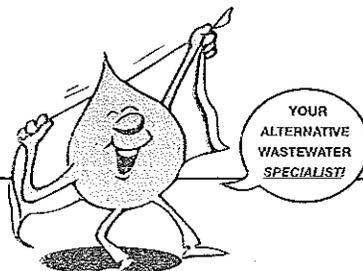
City and Grandview, which have so many challenges and opportunities, be kept together for strong representation in the State House. We believe the proposed 55th and 56th districts ignore these "communities of interest" and the geographic and natural boundaries that have defined the area for so long. It is difficult for us to see any logic or reason for dividing the 46th District in this way.

As lifelong residents and business owners of South Kansas City and Grandview, we feel it is extremely important that these communities not be divided. Our community has often been overlooked, and our voice deserves to be united in the State House. We urge the Commission not to support a map that would further divide the representation of South Kansas City and Grandview as shown on the Skaggs-Davis Map.

Sincerely,

Kathy Maguire *Tom Fritts*

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May 18, 2011

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RE: Proposed Redistricting Map of Missouri House District 46

Chairman and Members of the Commission,

We reside in South Kansas City in the 46th District and recently became aware that the proposed redistricting map would divide our district and combine it with parts of Grandview, Lee's Summit, Greenwood and into unincorporated, rural Jackson County. These proposed boundaries are referred to on the Skaggs-Davis Map as the "55th" and "56th" districts.

Resulting from the 2010 U.S. Census, we understand that the boundaries of Missouri's congressional districts must be redrawn, however, what is being proposed regarding the 46th district is problematic in that the proposal violates the compactness requirement and communities of interest requirement of Article III, Section 45 of the Missouri Constitution.

The visual area of the boundaries presents a long and narrow section, which is clearly not compact. In addition, the areas included within the proposed boundaries are quite varied demographically, socially and economically and represent five different areas of interest. Under the current proposal, there is significant risk for the welfare of Missouri citizens within those communities to lack adequate representation. We should work to assist our elected officials in being more effective in representing Missourians, yet under the proposed 55th and 56th districts, we would render them less effective.

As residents of the 46th district, we respectfully ask the commission not to support the current proposed remapping of the 46th district and support district lines that are both compact and consistent in keeping the interests of the South Kansas City community intact.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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May 24, 2011

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RE: Missouri House District 46 and Proposed Redistricting Map

Dear Chairman Maxwell and Members of the Commission:

My name is Kate Meiners, and I had the privilege of representing the 46th District for 8 years (2002-2010). I still live in the 46th District at 11107 Grand Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri.

I recently became aware of a map presented to the Commission that would redraw the boundaries of the 46th District (the "Skaggs-Davis Map"). The Skaggs-Davis Map would divide the 46th district in half horizontally and move it eastward, through a smaller part of Grandview, a larger part of Lee's Summit, a portion of Greenwood and into unincorporated, rural Jackson County. The result are two districts shown on the Skaggs-Davis Map as the "55th" and "56th" districts.

After serving this district for 8 years, I'm fairly well acquainted with its three primary "communities of interest" – South Kansas City, Grandview and Lee's Summit. The Skaggs-Davis Map would divide these communities among several different districts, which would dilute their importance to their respective representatives. Moreover, it would combine these communities with portions of Greenwood and unincorporated Jackson County. These communities are extremely different demographically, culturally, and economically. They have different needs and deserve a coherent, unified voice in Jefferson City. It's hard to understand how the new "55th" and "56th" districts would accomplish this goal.

A better alternative would include ALL of Grandview in the 46th District, along with south Kansas City. The resulting district would unify, rather than divide, these two communities. It would create a more compact district. The Grandview School District boundary is a logical guide for drawing such boundaries.

I appreciate the opportunity to present this written testimony and hope the Commission will keep these considerations in mind when drawing the new boundaries for the 46th district.

Sincerely,



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