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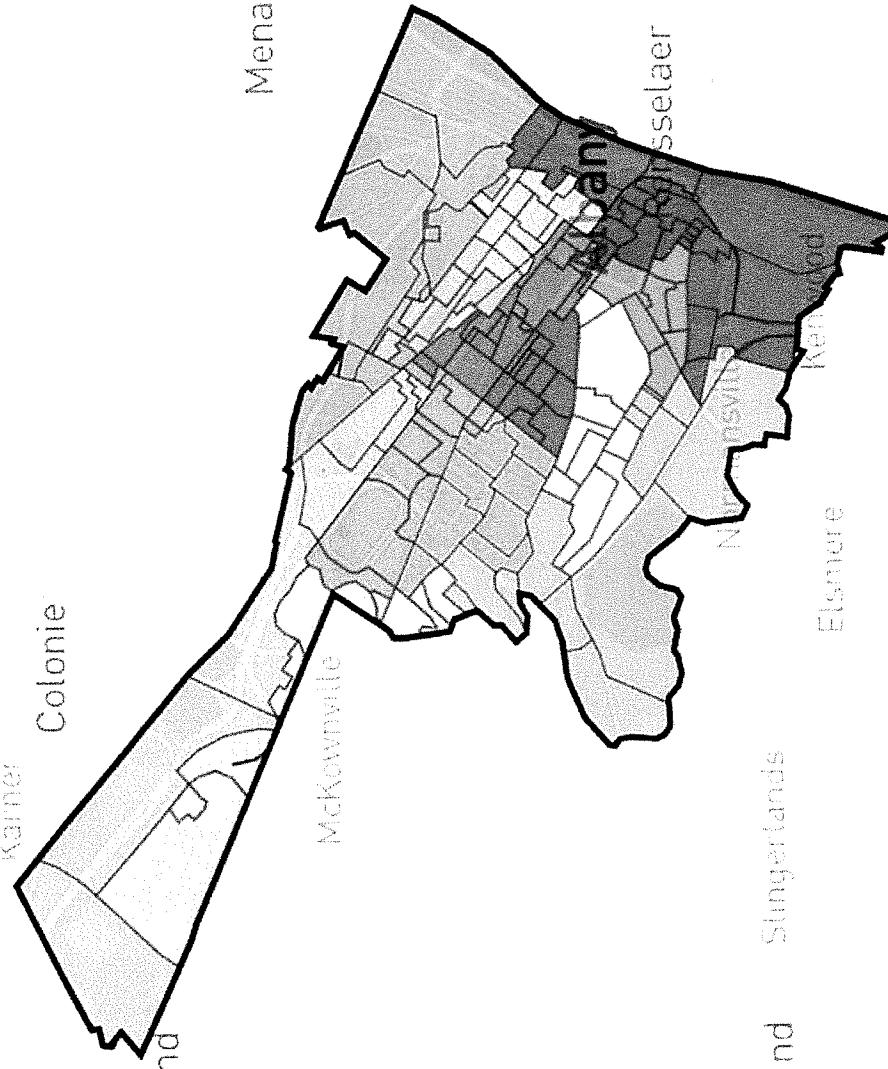
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Dear Reapportionment Commission,

I would like for submit the attached map for consideration, in light of tomorrow's hearing. Please note that due to our CANA meeting tomorrow night, I am unable to be present at the public hearing.

Kind regards,
Zach Simpson

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From: Glenn Humphreys

Date: Mon, Sep 5, 2022, 11:30 AM

Subject: Comments on Reapportionment

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City of Albany Reapportionment Committee,

This email provides my feedback about the draft proposed boundaries of the City Wards in the City of Albany, specifically about the boundaries between Ward 7 and Ward 9. I believe the ward boundaries should more closely resemble the boundaries of the neighborhood associations, in this case the Helderberg Neighborhood Association.

Grove Avenue, Lawnridge Avenue and Academy Road should be a part of the 9th Ward. This little corner, bounded by Academy Road and Bethlehem Avenue, is part of the New Scotland Avenue neighborhood and corridor. We identify with the New Scotland Avenue/ Helderberg Avenue community and have issues and solutions in common with them. We really have little in common with the rest of Ward 7 and in fact, we are separated from the Delaware Avenue neighborhood and corridor by the Albany Academies and Hackett Boulevard.

Further, we should be represented by a Ward leader who lives in our neighborhood and who can be responsive to our needs, which are the same needs and issues as our neighbors in the New Scotland Avenue/Helderberg Avenue community.

I trust you will give these comments your serious attention and discussion. I look forward to viewing the next set of proposed maps. Thank you for your consideration.

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Danielle Gillespie

From: zoe morgan sydney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 10:27 PM
To: Reapportionment Commission
Subject: Procedures

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Redistricting should be done by randomly chosen, sufficiently large to be statistically representative samples, Citizens Redistricting Assemblies. Anything less would be unfair.

Danielle Gillespie

From: Hilary Papineau [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 10:31 PM
To: Reapportionment Commission
Subject: Reapportionment Commission - public comments

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Dear Members of Albany's Redistricting Commission,

I am writing to share comments regarding the redistricting of Albany's wards.

I live in the 9th ward in the Helderberg neighborhood. While I live in the 9th ward and my home is personally not affected by proposed changes to the district boundaries, I am writing to urge the Redistricting Commission to include our entire neighborhood in the same ward - in this case, the 9th ward. Fragmenting the neighborhood by branching off a small portion of the neighborhood (specifically - Academy Rd, Lawnridge Ave, Grove Ave, and Glendale Ave) into a different ward (ward 7) from the majority of the neighborhood (ward 9) undermines neighborhood cohesion and community-building, and disadvantages residents living in the 7th ward, while posing a burden and leading to inefficiencies for community-based and I imagine taxpayer funded efforts for neighborhood improvements given that those 3 streets are embedded in the Helderberg neighborhood and therefore have different needs than the majority of the 7th ward, which primarily represents the Delaware Area neighborhood.

I therefore strongly urge you to place all of Academy Rd, Lawnridge Ave, Grove Ave, and Glendale Ave (located off of New Scotland Ave) in the 9th ward. It makes good sense to do so.

Thank you for efforts on this important work.

Best regards,

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Danielle Gillespie

From: Shadi Khadivi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 11:39 AM
To: Reapportionment Commission
Cc: Gabriella Romero
Subject: WPNA statement on redistricting the 6th Ward

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Washington Park Neighborhood Association is opposed to separating out the portion on State Street between Sprague and where it intersects Western/Robin/ Englewood from the 6th Ward.

The portion of State is a key boundary within the Washington Park Historic District and neighborhood association.

To place this block of State Street outside the 6th Ward does not make sense. Those residents that live on State St are active members of the Washington Park Neighborhood Association and are key stakeholders in our immediate community bound together by is the historic character of our neighborhood.

These buildings are protected by historic designation. Districts boundaries should respect the historic streetscape. The street should not be broken up in this way. Historically, this section of State Street belongs in the 6th ward and continues to be part of the Washington Park Historic District.

Please keep this block along Washington Park in the 6th ward, where it clearly belongs.

Respectfully,

Shadi Khadivi
WPNA President

Danielle Gillespie

From: Sam Shipherd [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 11:04 AM
To: Reapportionment Commission
Subject: Re-districting

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Hi,

I am a resident of the Washington Park neighborhood. I have lived in the 6th Ward, at two different addresses, since 2001.

I disagree with the draft that would re-district the block of State Street from Sprague to the point of State Street, where it intersects with Western/Robin/Englewood.

This block is where I live. It is clearly part of the Washington Park Neighborhood and should remain in the 6th Ward. It does not share any affinity with the 11th Ward, where it is proposed to lie. This is plain to see by looking at the map: the bottom section of the 11th Ward is largely the downtown SUNY campus. This long stretch cuts my street off from the majority of the 11th Ward. Simply put, the 11th Ward is not my neighborhood. My neighbors are those along the park, particularly on Englewood, and on State Street below Sprague.

I have raised two children on State Street, where they played in the park and met with friends from State Street, from Englewood, and from Center Square/Hudson Park neighborhoods, all in the 6th ward. We often walk across the park to the Park South neighborhood to visit the bank, the drugstore, and the convenience store. We eat at restaurants on Lark Street, visit businesses on Madison Ave and enjoy Washington Park on a daily basis. We are members of the Washington Park Neighborhood Association. We do not consider ourselves part of a neighborhood where the majority of the residents are five blocks away on the other side of the downtown SUNY campus. My neighbors on the block, many of them owner-occupied or long-term renters, use the neighborhood in the same way. We are residents of the Washington Park Neighborhood in the 6th ward, as illustrated by our residential parking permits, which are not a thing in the 11th ward.

To place this block of State Street outside the 6th Ward does not make sense. Why would we be cut out from our neighborhood and placed in a distant ward that has little commonality with our small block? The University is an obstacle that cuts our block off from the majority of that ward.

Finally, there is the historic character of our block. These buildings are protected by historic designation. Districts boundaries should respect the historic streetscape. The street should not be broken up in this way. This history again points toward the fact that this section of State Street belongs in the 6th ward.

I hope you will consider my comments and those of my neighbors who oppose this part of the draft. Please keep this block along Washington Park in the 6th ward, where it clearly belongs.

Thank you,

-Sam Shipherd
503 State Street