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I was not able to make the public meeting however I would like to express my thoughts about the first draft of the 7th Ward. **As a resident of Grove Avenue I feel strongly about all of Grove Ave., Lawnridge Ave., and Academy Rd. joining the 9th Ward.**

It was a poor decision to move these streets to the 9th Ward last time redistricting was done so this should be looked at as an opportunity to fix it not make it worse. If the goal is to create an ethnically diverse ward, that is not a valid reason to leave these three blocks as part of the 7th Ward.

ALL RESIDENTS of Grove, Lawnridge, and Academy Road are part of the Helderberg Neighborhood Association. Our library, fire house, school, public safety issues and business are in the 9th Ward. As residents, we are most affected by the decisions made in the HNA and 9th than with any of those in the 7th Ward.

The East border of the 9th Ward should be down the middle of Academy Road and include ALL residential homes on the West side of Academy Road. The East side of Academy Road - commercial, academic, and religious buildings - belong with the likes of those in 7th Ward. The leader of the 7th Ward should be able to reinforce the logic of eliminating an island of residents on the far flung edge of the 7th.

Kathy Kucharek
98 Grove Ave,
Albany NY 12208

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Hello—

As a resident of Grove Avenue, I would like to voice my opposition to half of our street being in Ward 9 with the rest of our neighborhood, and others in 7, where the majority of the ward is not connected and the councilman does not venture. This division seems arbitrary, perhaps a relic from a previous layout of our city.

Please consider including Grove, Lawnridge and Academy in Ward 9 with the rest of our community.

Best,
Melissa Mansfield
104 Grove Ave, Albany, NY 12208

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Please keep the entire Helderberg neighborhood TOGETHER - Academy, Lawnridge, and Grove Ave between New Scotland and Hackett MUST stay with the rest of the Helderberg neighborhood.

You will DESTROY our community by dividing it at Helderberg.

Nina Stanley

95 Grove Ave.

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Dear Members of Albany's Redistricting Commission,

In the first draft of the map, Grove, Lawnridge and Academy are divided **between to the** 9th and 7th wards. The block between New Scotland Ave and Helderberg Ave will join the 9th ward while the rest of the blocks remain in the 7th ward. This doesn't seem logical as the streets mentioned above are part of the Helderberg Neighborhood Association and not the Delaware Ave. Association. I believe the entire street(s) should be in the same district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Benac
128 Grove Avenue

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To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for all your hard work and for this opportunity to provide testimony. Since 1973, Hudson Park Neighborhood Association Inc. (Hudson/Park NA) has fostered community and cooperation within our neighborhood and with adjoining sibling city neighborhoods. Our neighborhood is, roughly, bounded to the north by Jay Street; to the west by Willet Street and Route 9W from Madison Avenue; the south by Park Avenue; and the east by South Swan.

The Hudson/Park neighborhood along with surrounding neighborhoods and the Lark Street corridor are part of the community of interest in the City of Albany, a community that has been growing since well before 1973. Along with the surrounding neighborhoods around Washington Park, we are one of the most vibrant communities in the City of Albany. Our community regularly hosts annual runs, festivals and events. Naming a few of these would be to name some of the most prominent events in the county, events such as Freihofer's Run for Women, Albany's Tulip Fest, various LGBTQ+ Pride celebrations, Art on Lark, the Stoop Stroll, plays from Park Playhouse and concerts at Lark Hall. Reiterating the comments of former Ward 6 representative, Richard Conti, made for the August 24, 2022, hearing: the Hudson/Park neighborhood has benefited greatly from the cohesion between our sister neighborhoods and city and county representatives.

The mixed-use characteristics of the neighborhood and community of interest require a representative to be familiar with and balance myriad concerns such as historic perseverance, business development, and residential quality of life in the individual's advocacy for the ward. Maps released this morning propose significant changes to the Ward for which adequate time to assess the impact has not occurred. We urge the Commission to hold an open and collaborative process with the community. Furthermore, we urge the Commission to keep ward lines with neighborhood lines. In the prior redistricting the three southernmost blocks (Park to Elm) of Hudson/Park were moved to Ward 7. These blocks are separated from the rest of Ward 7 by both the public school and Lincoln Park but remain contiguous with Ward 6. These blocks should be brought back to Ward 6.

Thank you

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