

To: Minnesota House Redistricting Committee

Date: 29. November, 2021

Regarding: Draft Map for Redistricting

To: Committee Chair and Members,

I am submitting my comments for the record and for your consideration.

After reviewing the proposed maps for redistricting I am greatly concerned that Minnetrista is not included in Congressional District 3 rather placed in District 6.

We would be the only city in Hennepin County that would be in Congressional District 6.

Minnetrista is considered part of the Metropolitan area and a developing urban community. It seems logical that we should be in District 3.

Currently we enjoy a very good repour with our State elected officials. I fear that moving Minnetrista into District 6 will greatly affect this status. Minnetrista invites our State Representative and Senator on an annual basis to our Council meetings. This keeps us connected to State issues and to our elected officials. If Minnetrista is placed in District 6 this would be far more problematic. St. Cloud is an hour and a half away, Zimmerman in the other direction over an hours drive not to mention North Branch and other cities further east and north.

As Mayor I have a great relationship and common issues with Mayors from surrounding communities such as Independence, Medina, Mound, Corcoran, Greenfield, Maple Plain, Loretto and others; all of which will be in District 3.

For these same reasons; common issues, geographic location etc. Minnetrista should be included in Senate District 24 and NOT placed in SD 45. Further more Senate District 45 is mostly south of us and Congressional District 6 is mostly north of us. This doesn't make sense for Minnetrista. If we're included in CD3 and SD24 there would be overlap and make a lot more sense.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and hope you will make every effort to make these recommended changes.

Sincerely,
Lisa Whalen
Minnetrista Mayor

