

October 28, 2025

To the City Council,

[REDACTED] I have been a resident for 27 years.

I am opposing the by-district elections for the following reasons:

1. This creates an environment where a person may not like any of the candidates in their voting district which will diminish his/her voter choice.
2. The outcomes of elections are effectively predetermined by the way districts are drawn.
3. This is reducing the competitiveness of elections as districts can ensure a particular party's dominance.
4. The way districts are drawn can dilute the voting power of particular demographic groups which will impact the election outcomes.
5. This can discourage community engagement because residents may feel like their interests are not being represented.
6. There is no way to control the population shifts that can occur which will lead to higher city costs because someone is going to have to constantly look at the demographics.
7. Bottom line is this by-district elections is just a "big" dividing tool not a Let's come together tool among the residents of this city.

Our city never needed this in the past and I don't believe we need this now or in the future.

Thank you for your time.