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Subject: All But the Blue Map, destroy my neighborhood.

Dear Councilmembers,

Looking more closely at the maps, it is apparent that all the maps but the Blue map leaves my side, the west side of Meridian, as an orphan. By cutting Meridian in half, it cuts us off from the street we live next to and the rest of our neighborhood. Somehow, the west side of Meridian is falsely labeled as “Los Altos,” which is not a correct label.

In particular, the Tan map is really unfair to my block, because it puts us with Monterey Hills, a part of town we are not directly connected to and have nothing in common with. The Tan map would make it almost impossible for anyone on my side of Meridian to ever be elected to City Council. The people in Monterey Hills would say, “That person doesn’t live in our neighborhood,” and they would be right.

All the maps other than the Blue map look gerrymandered, and they make the west side of Meridian where I live an orphan appendage to areas that we aren’t really part of. Narrow districts that run from Huntington to Columbia make no sense, but that’s what all the maps, other than the Blue map, do.

The Blue map is the only map that appears to be a true, rational, district map. All the others look forced.

At the meeting on September 16, we were informed that one of the maps (maybe more) will give a district to each current Council member. The rationale offered for such a map was that “we don’t want Kevin Schenkman to decide who is on our Council.” That’s not a valid rationalization. Schenkman isn’t determining who is on the Council. It’s not Schenkman’s fault that three Councilmembers live in close proximity. I urge you to do the right thing, rise above your own personal interests, and not adopt such a map. Adopting a map designed to protect your own seats may actually not serve you in the end.

I strongly urge you to adopt the Blue map.

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