

Dear members of the Seattle Redistricting Commission:

I appreciate your work this year. I have some comments, and I have links to some maps I created with the tool, to offer. I'm mainly concerned that the Central Area is held together, so I worked with the mapping tool for purposes of discussion and will share the links.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/d184c17a-eb99-41f5-af2c-0b3af20fcec>

This is the Central Area per the Design Review Board, with the north edge reflecting the Madison Valley and Madison Park agreed boundary from the north by LWB to McGilvra intersection. This can be reverified if it matters. The CA Neighborhood District Council has about the same, the DRB boundaries differ at Pike Pine carve out to 14th south of Madison to Union and the DRB boundary is inclusive of Miller. The DRB boundaries at the south is Bayview. The concerns that historic Black cultural places as defined in the HCAACD, including the NAAM, is supported by this map. And, the concerns that the member neighborhood councils maintain their boundaries, are supported by these maps.

So, the recently hashed out throughout community to establish a DRB that took people working 20 years to get, should be represented in a single district. The idea of splitting this area up is an easy 'no go' for any proposal. It's a popularized now with the DRB. It is a known discrete geographic area with a historic identity, which is being recaptured by the legacy population as we speak. It is contained in D3 now. D3 has not had much population change, and our procedures maintain generally keep districts as much as same as possible, keep regular shaped without snakelike layout, etc.

Then I made a few experimental maps, always including as much as possible of the Central Area and population numbers balance. The Central Area stays together without jerry rigging in D3. The border is near as possible to what is today, but gives a little bit to D2. It needs work on the southern border, where I got stuck making the numbers balance with D2. The line between D2 and D3 jogs a bit north of I-90 east of MLK. That might be historic Leschi/Mount Baker boundary. And, the planning areas around the two light rail stations is different. However, the NAAM and East Link Station are within the boundaries of the Central Area, at least to Massachusetts west of MLK. Would be best to figure out how to go south to Bayview west of MLK, if possible.

The other boundaries are largely speculative on my part, although I can see neighborhoods as they self define on various websites and have access to some planning documentation. Madison Park and Montlake might go to D4. Keeping Capitol Hill together and how Eastlake and Portage Bay define, I am not up-to-date. Wedgewood, Georgetown, and Wallingford, split during 2013, are put back together show up in some of the below maps.

I paid attention to keeping the CID (to D2), Pioneer Square (D1) and Yesler Terrace (D2), each cohered. I do not think ALL of downtown should necessarily be all under one council member, but will expect those in the respective communities to be asked.

(Ideas 1) Here is the Central Area contained in D3

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/4f136ab9-bd33-4479-bec5-683f99fdf40b>

(Ideas 1.1) Another iteration, gets all of Wallingford in D4, and keeps all of Eastlake and Portage Bay Neighborhood in D3.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/911cac2e-82bb-4ec7-9695-3da3b29b84e1>

(Ideas 1.2) A crazier iteration (appears not so crazy as I heard on news coverage recently), gives Magnolia west of 15th to D6 and all of Wallingford and half of Green Lake to D4. It keeps D4 north of the ship canal, also.

<https://davesredistricting.org/join/4b843160-ccc9-4d0b-b42d-b2cfc07bad8b>

I hope you find these helpful. State redistricting slapped this community in the face, at the 11th hour (or past the deadline) in non-public, two-by-two negotiations to avoid public meetings requirements. Seattle must do better.