

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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To: Anchorage Assembly
Assembly Reapportionment Committee Members

RE: Reapportionment of the Anchorage Hillside neighborhood

The Hillside Community Council (HCC) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the process of Municipal Reapportionment. We understand that the Draft Maps are still under consideration and revision; therefore, the HCC is not endorsing a specific map at this time. Our comments in this document are specifically intended to address any Draft Maps that divide the Anchorage Hillside by removing a portion of its residents from District 6 and reapportion them into District 2 (Eagle River).

The Hillside is a cohesive, well-established neighborhood within the city of Anchorage, with many shared connections among its residents, including but not limited to schools, programs, community outreach groups, sports and neighborhood organizations, and more.

We believe that Eagle River is its own separate and unique community within the municipality, with its own specific needs and issues. Additionally, Eagle River has no common community connections with Hillside residents.

We believe that combining an estimated 12,000 Hillside residents with the population of Eagle River will produce a disproportionate district. As a result, the reapportioned Hillside residents would be unfairly underrepresented in the new district, and their Assemblyperson would likely be someone unfamiliar with their neighborhood and community's specific needs.

In addition, representatives from the Boards of HCC, Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, Rabbit Creek Community Council and the Anchorage Home and Landowners Organization (HALO) attended a District 6 Constituents' meeting on February 5th, to discuss reapportionment. All representatives in attendance expressed support for keeping the Hillside neighborhood intact, and opposed grouping a portion of the Hillside residents with Eagle River.

The HCC Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Reapportionment Committee and Anchorage Assembly keep the Hillside's cohesive neighborhood intact, and not approve or recommend a map(s) that combines a portion of the Hillside with Eagle River.

Respectfully submitted,



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