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From: Jutta Brassill
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Subject: Redistricting of Willow Glen

As the vice-principal of St. Christopher School, an educational institution in Willow Glen for over fifty years, I am compelled to voice our firm opposition to the redistricting proposal whose aim is to transfer established Willow Glen neighborhoods from District 6 to District 9 in order to achieve a "balance" as a result of the Census.

Our location and identity are firmly rooted in Willow Glen. The four-hundred families in our parish, many of whom have had a presence in this area for multiple generations, consider Willow Glen their home. Both our school and our parish families are extremely active in our neighborhood (Willow Glen) and dedicated to the betterment of our community (Willow Glen). The needs and concerns of our neighborhood, which grow out of our traditional small community environment, differ greatly from those of the residents of District 9. If we become a very small part of District 9, this redistricting will effectively lessen our voice on the concerns that impact us the most.

Certainly there must be other alternatives available, especially as the area considered to be Willow Glen has expanded as construction of housing has grown in the area around Willow Glen. It would make sense to consider some of these newer, outlying areas for transfer to District 9 rather than a neighborhood within easy walking distance of downtown Willow Glen.

While I well understand that difficult decisions must often be made, I urge you to carefully consider the other alternatives that will achieve the "balance" necessitated by the results of the Census. Our school and our families deserve that much.

Sincerely,

Jutta Brassill
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