

May 24, 2011

To The Illinois House Redistricting Committee:

As the Executive Director of Roseland Ceasefire, I am writing in support of the proposed district map. I have worked with State Representative Robert Rita for many years and it is through his support that I am able to continue working to stop gun violence in Chicago's 9th and 34th Wards. Rep. Rita knows our community well and is familiar with local issues. It is important that our community remain in his district as suggested by the proposed district map.

The proposed district map keeps the hardworking men and women of the current district together and allows people with similar economic interests in similar communities to be united within the district boundaries. This proposed district map is similar to the current district map. Therefore, community groups, like Roseland Ceasefire, can continue to work with the legislators who have represented their communities in the past.

To conclude, I feel it imperative to express my support for the proposed district map. The proposed map, comparable to the current district map, guarantees that residents with similar economic and social interests will be represented by legislators who are familiar with residents' needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Jackson", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bob Jackson