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Updated UCCRO Redistricting Map Submission

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We received more feedback from the Asian American community and have included our updated map in the attached shape files. Also attached is a letter in support of this "Unity Map" endorsed by over 30 Black, Latino, Asian, Arab and other community organizations. More information is available at www.unitedcongress.org/redistricting.


Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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 **Draft UCCRO Unity Map letter 05.10.11.doc**
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 **UCCRO Maps 051111.zip**
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Illinois General Assembly,

A broad-based coalition of grassroots community organizations have come together across racial communities to support The United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations (UCCRO) Redistricting Committee's "Unity Map." More than 30 African-American, Latino, Asian, Arab, immigrant and other community organizations, representing over 40,000 Illinoisans, have created and endorsed this map to advance racial equity and racial unity. Together, we are calling on the General Assembly to protect the voting rights of Illinois residents by creating 56 majority-minority state house and senate districts as new legislative boundaries are crafted during the redistricting process—an increase of 11 from 2000.

The "unity map" protects existing voting rights districts, creates new majority-minority districts, and respects many communities of interest that have been split into as many as four state house districts for the last decade including Little Village, Chinatown and Back of the Yards. The United Congress' proposed map protects the existing 24 majority-African-American state house and senate districts as majority-minority districts. The Latino population has grown by 32.5 percent statewide over the last decade. In 2000, there were 13 majority-Latino state house and senate districts. Our proposed map includes 17 majority-Latino districts—an increase of four majority-Latino districts. Asian-American communities have also increased. Our proposed map includes three districts with over 20 percent Asian populations. For more information and images of the "Unity Map," visit www.unitedcongress.org/redistricting.

Together, we are calling on the General Assembly to do the following:

1. Work with this coalition, and grassroots communities throughout the state, in developing a map.
2. Uphold the voting rights of communities of interest, particularly those defined by ethnic and geographic boundaries as protected by law.
3. Publicly share images and geographic files (shp, dbf and bin files) of proposed maps at least ten days before bringing them to a vote in the General Assembly.
4. Draw majority-minority districts wherever possible—at least 56—while protecting existing voting rights districts and respecting communities of interest throughout the state.

Thank You,

The United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations
"Unity Map" Redistricting Coalition

Alianza Leadership Institute
Ambassadors for Christ Church
Asian American Institute
Brighton Park
Neighborhood Council
Committee for a Unified Back of the Yards
Clergy Community to Community
Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community
Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
Disciples for Christ Church Enlace Chicago
Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Illinois Latino Agenda
Inner City Muslim Action Network
Interfaith Leadership Project
Jeanette's Joy Community Services
Latino Policy Forum
Lawndale Alliance
Lawndale Amachi Program
Metropolitan Area Groups for Igniting Civilization
Mothers Against Violence Everywhere
Neighbors United
Resident Association of Greater Englewood
Proyecto de Accion de los Suburbios del Oeste
Parkways Tenant Council
Puerto Rican Agenda
Target Area Development Corporation
Team 15 United
United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations
West Town Leadership United
Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors Inc.