

VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

VENTURA MEANS HAPPINESS & GOOD LUCK TO YOU! BUENA VENTURA!

Dear Ventura Village residents and stakeholders:

We have been approached by several people requesting that Ventura Village take an official stand on the issue of City Ward redistricting. There are several maps showing different scenarios that would benefit one group or another once the lines are redrawn and locked in. This will be happening very soon. It is unfortunate that the neighborhoods themselves were not included for involvement in this important issue despite the fact that much of the cities political process happens on the neighborhood level.

With fairly strict lobbying laws and the issue that each proposed plan tends to promote one cultural or linguistic group over another, we believe that it would be unacceptable to take an official stand.

However, it is our responsibility to call your attention to an issue with huge consequences for the political future of Ventura Village in particular and Phillips Community in general.

You can do your part however. Please study the maps and read through the Minneapolis Issues Forum and other public commentaries to help you decide how you want the Redistricting Group to vote. "State law provides that Minneapolis may not adopt new ward and park district maps before the state completes its statewide redistricting process. Minneapolis must complete its redistricting within 60 days of the time the state completes its process or by April 3, 2012, whichever is earlier.

The Redistricting Group (consisting of the Charter Commission and the Advisory Group appointed by the Charter Commission) is required to hold at least four public hearings in the redistricting process, at least two of those to gather input on the proposed final ward and park district maps. All meetings of the Redistricting Group will be noticed (see Redistricting Meetings) and open." We hope you can participate in writing or by attending a public hearing.

How to Participate in Redistricting

Citizens of Minneapolis may participate in the redistricting process by testifying at a public hearing of the Redistricting Group, by submitting written testimony to Redistricting Group (c/o City Clerk's Office, Room 304 City Hall, 350 S 5th St, Minneapolis, 55415), or by emailing the Redistricting Group at Redistricting2012@minneapolismn.gov. To be considered, correspondence and emails to the Redistricting Group must include the sender's real name and residence address. Email attachments are limited to 10 MB.

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Public Hearing on Proposed Ward & Park District Maps

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. @ Sabathani Community Center • 310 E 38th St, Minneapolis

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

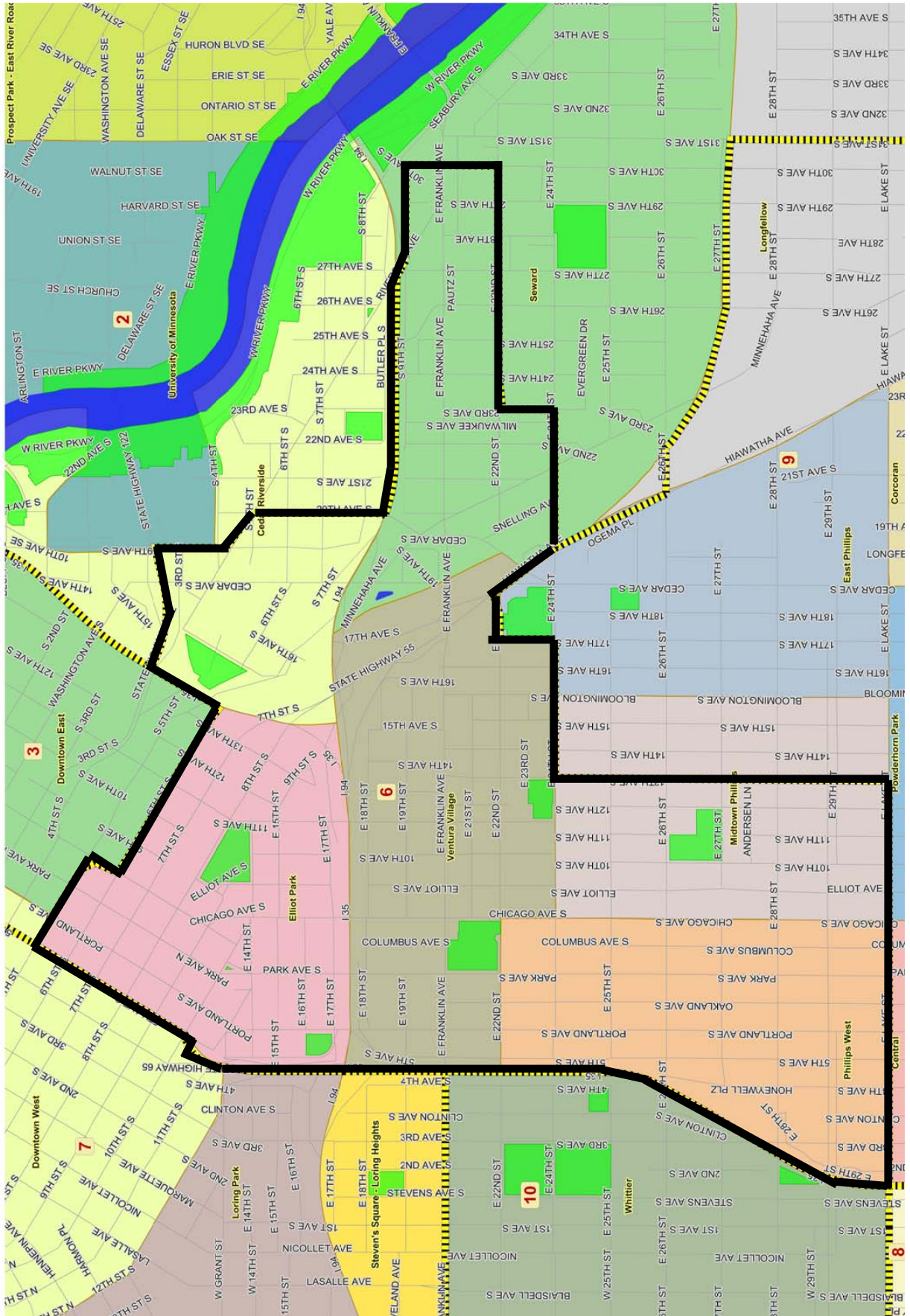
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5:00 - 7:00 pm @ Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center
2001 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis

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THIS IS THE MOST RECENT MAP THAT SHOWS PROPOSED WARD 6 BOUNDARY LINES

**Mar 15 Operations Comm. Draft Map
Proposed Ward 6**



Proposed Draft Map for Public Hearing

Red = Current Ward

Yellow Dot = Previous Proposal (Feb. 2012)

