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Dear city council,

My name is Anna Hernandez-Hedges, and I am a KC Northlander living in the first district. I am writing today to ask for your support for map 8.4.3. I am in support of Stephenie Smith and the rest of the commission's decision to pass this map as it best reflects the needs of the Northland. The districts North of the river have seen a lot of growth in the past ten years since we last redistricted and this new horizontal map is a needed and welcome change.

The current council members who represent the Northland live in the northern extremities of the Northland. Due to historical development patterns, those areas are also the wealthiest of the Northland. Because of this, there is an area between 25th Street and Barry Road with approximately 170,000 Kansas Citians without a single representative on the council. This area is far lower income than where the Northland council members live and thus have different needs and interests.

I understand that this map will create change but I believe them to be part of the growing pains that are necessary for our communities to thrive in a way that benefits everyone regardless of class. The people of the Northland are counting on your vote in favor of map 8.4.3 in Ordinance 211074 on December 16.

Thank you,

Anna Hernandez-Hedges