

IL Muslim Civic Coalition

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DuPage County

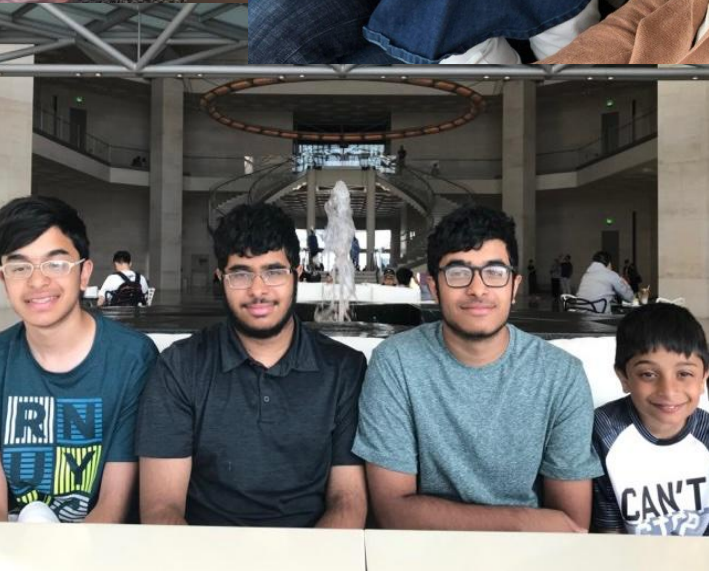
Rockford County

Champaign County

150 partners and allies - focus on Civic Justice

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Illinois' Diverse and Valuable Muslim Community

Urges Legislators to Reconsider Inequitable 2021 Legislative Maps

Springfield, IL (June 30, 2021) — The 2021 legislative maps, despite community participation throughout the process, result in an inequitable Redistricting plan for our state. The Illinois Legislature met the basic requirement to draw and pass maps by June 30, 2021. However, the Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition and its partners and allies urge the Governor and the Legislature to reconsider the maps as they continue to work on Congressional districts and as Census data is released.

All legislative successes are a result of collaboration between community residents and elected officials. Redistricting plans should be based on multiple data sources and in strong partnership with communities. It is a flaw in the process that no Census information was used in redistricting, and that little actual community input from hearings was accepted.

Illinois is one of the most diverse states in the nation. It has some of the largest communities of Americans who identify as Latino, African American, Asian, South Asian, Polish, German, Irish, Rohingya, Nigerian, Arab, African Immigrant, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, and many others. This rich diversity is not equitably represented in the newly adopted legislative maps.

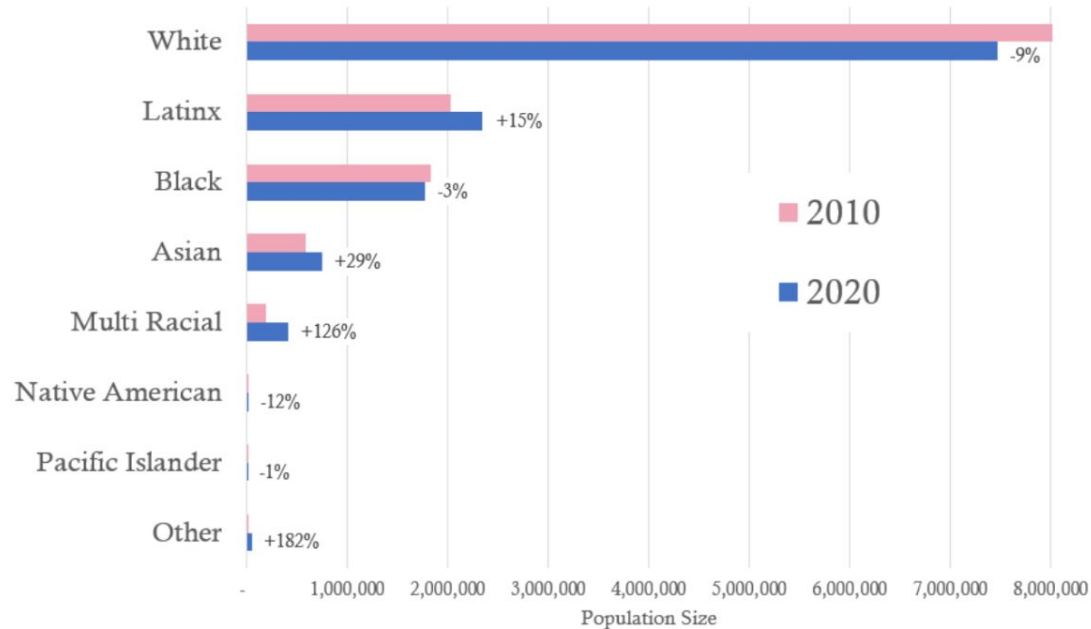
Illinois has the largest per capita and diverse American Muslim population in the nation. Illinois Muslims are over 3% of the state's total population and are of every race, ethnicity, and background. Illinois Muslims are business owners, healthcare professionals, educators, union members, factory workers, philanthropists, and tax payers. We strongly support and engage with our public officials, but we also unapologetically call out inequity. It is unacceptable that the 2021 legislative maps provide our diverse communities with zero representation.

Partners and allies from counties across the state worked on Census and Redistricting over the last three years. A Unity Map was submitted by a coalition of diverse communities including UCCRO, IL Muslim Civic Coalition, Latino Policy Forum, Illinois African Americans for Equitable Redistricting, and other Asian, African American, Muslim and Latino organizations. In addition to the Unity Map, the IL Muslim Civic Coalition submitted six additional Community of Interest maps for six counties. All maps took into account data from ACS, 2010 Census, maps of community centers and businesses, and other critical data.

The Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition will continue its important work towards civic justice for often invisible and marginalized communities – regardless of race, faith, or background. We will strive to keep the focus on just policies and inclusive laws. The Coalition is committed to collaborating on these shared goals with our community members, partner and ally organizations, as well as our elected officials.

ILLINOIS POPULATION CHANGE

State of Illinois,
Population Change from 2010 to 2020



Sources:

2010 Decennial Census P5 DEC Summary File 1;
2020 Census (P.L. 94-171) Redistricting Data
Summary Files

Census Data Reveals

Growth in Latinx, Asian, and Multi Racial residents

Arab and Middle Eastern residents counted as White

Black population stable - decreased in Chicago but increased in other cities

More equitable representation is necessary

Strong Data exists on next level racial and ethnic demographics - and will be released next month. Legislature can address these issues now

Those who identify as Muslim are African American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latinx, African Immigrant, and White.

Muslims represent a critical number of IL residents, yet have zero state representation

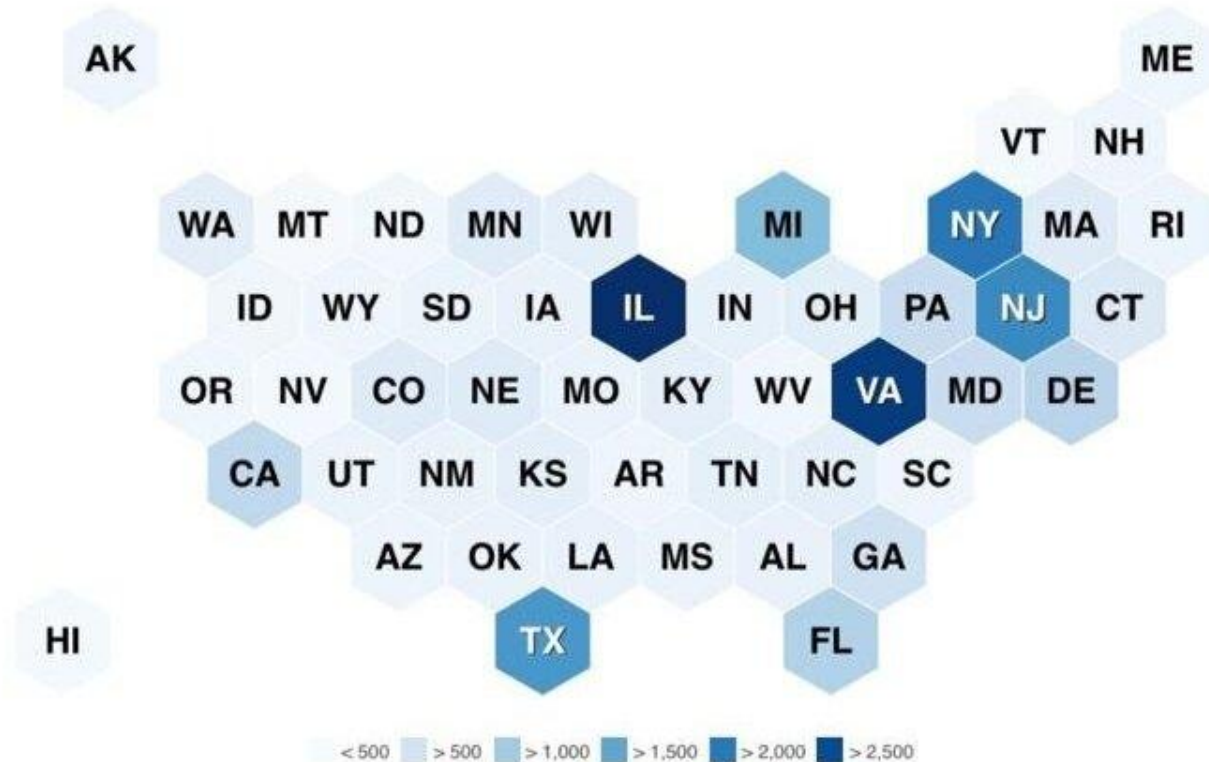
OUR ASKS

- 1. Do Not push responsibility back to 2030 to provide representation to communities who have zero representation or are underrepresented**
- 2. Arab communities are identified as White in Census - this is incorrect. Use Census data + ACS data + community leaders who know the racial, faith, and ethnic demographics across 10 counties**
- 3. Ensure 2021 maps reflect the diversity of race, ethnicity, and faiths across IL**

Illinois has the largest American Muslim per capita population in the US.

Illinois Muslim communities are the most diverse in the nation: race, ethnicity, class, background

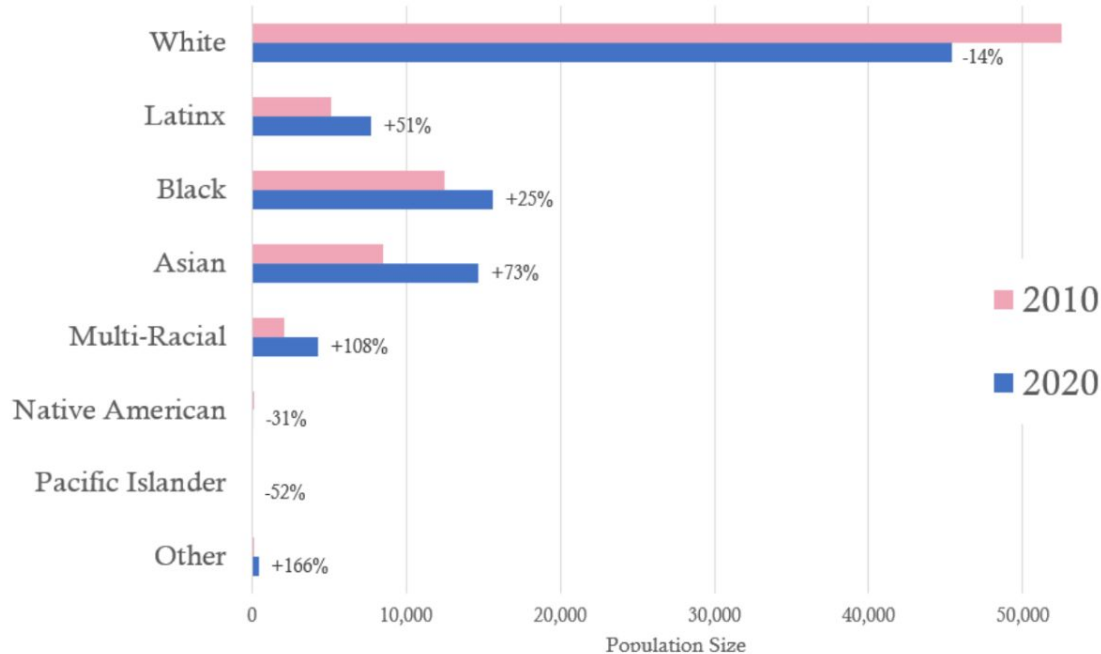
Muslim Population by State 2021



1. Illinois (2,800 per 100k)
2. Virginia (2,663 per 100k)
3. New York (2,028 per 100k)
4. New Jersey (1,827 per 100k)
5. Texas (1,678 per 100k)
6. Michigan (1,218 per 100k)
7. Florida (877 per 100k)
8. Delaware (793 per 100k)
9. California (732 per 100k)
10. Pennsylvania (634 per 100k)

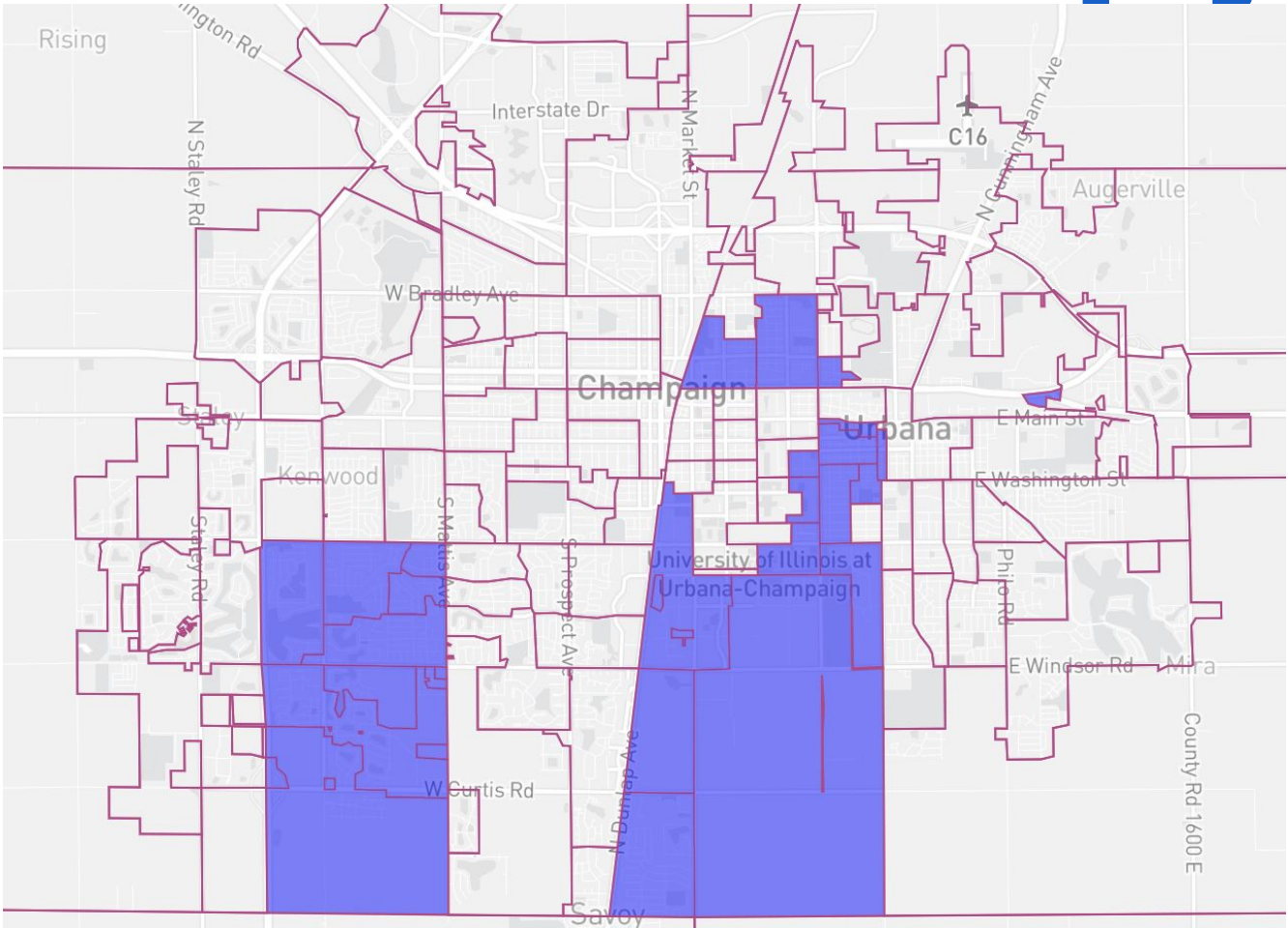
CHAMPAIGN POPULATION CHANGE

City of **Champaign**,
Population Change from 2010 to 2020

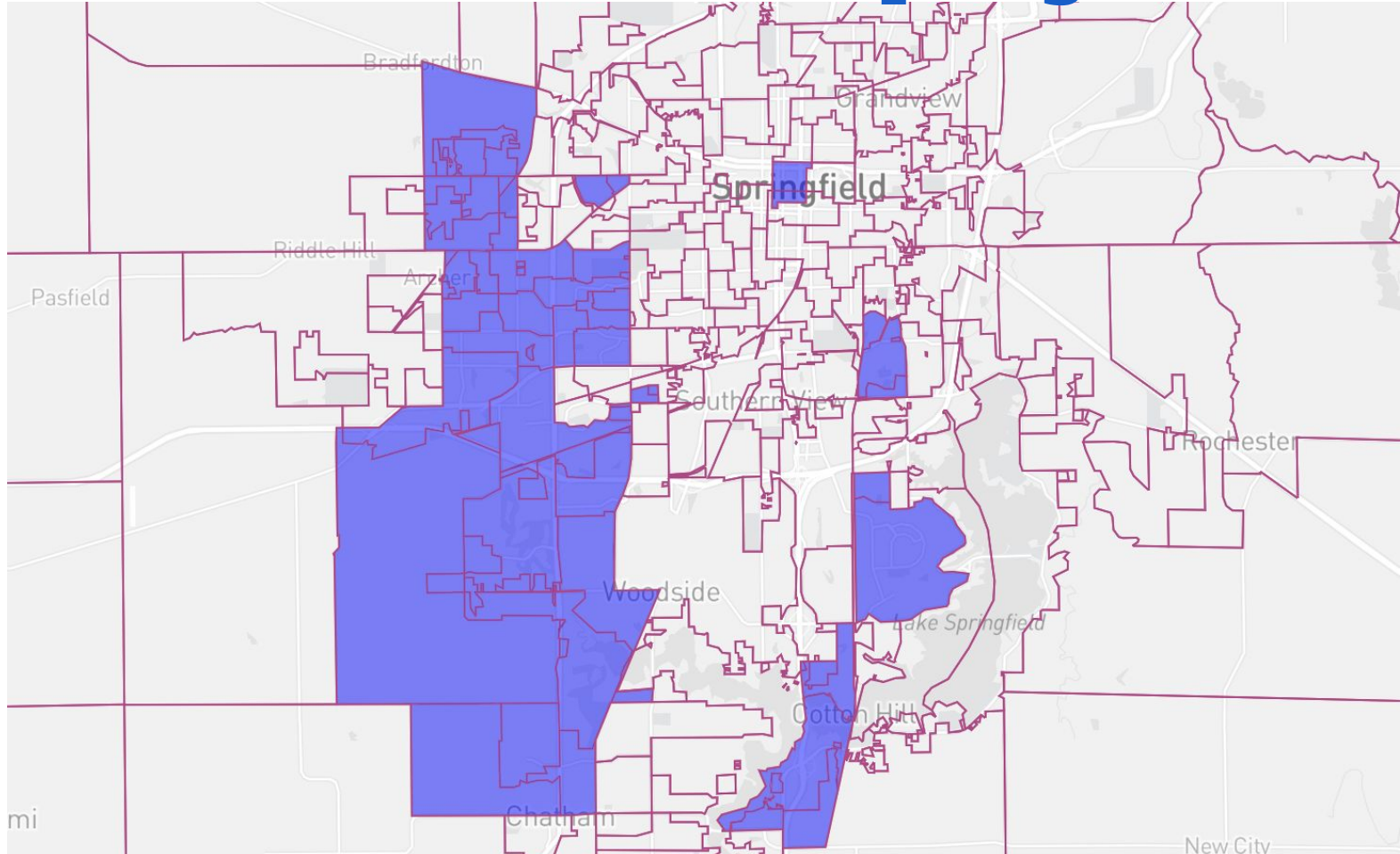


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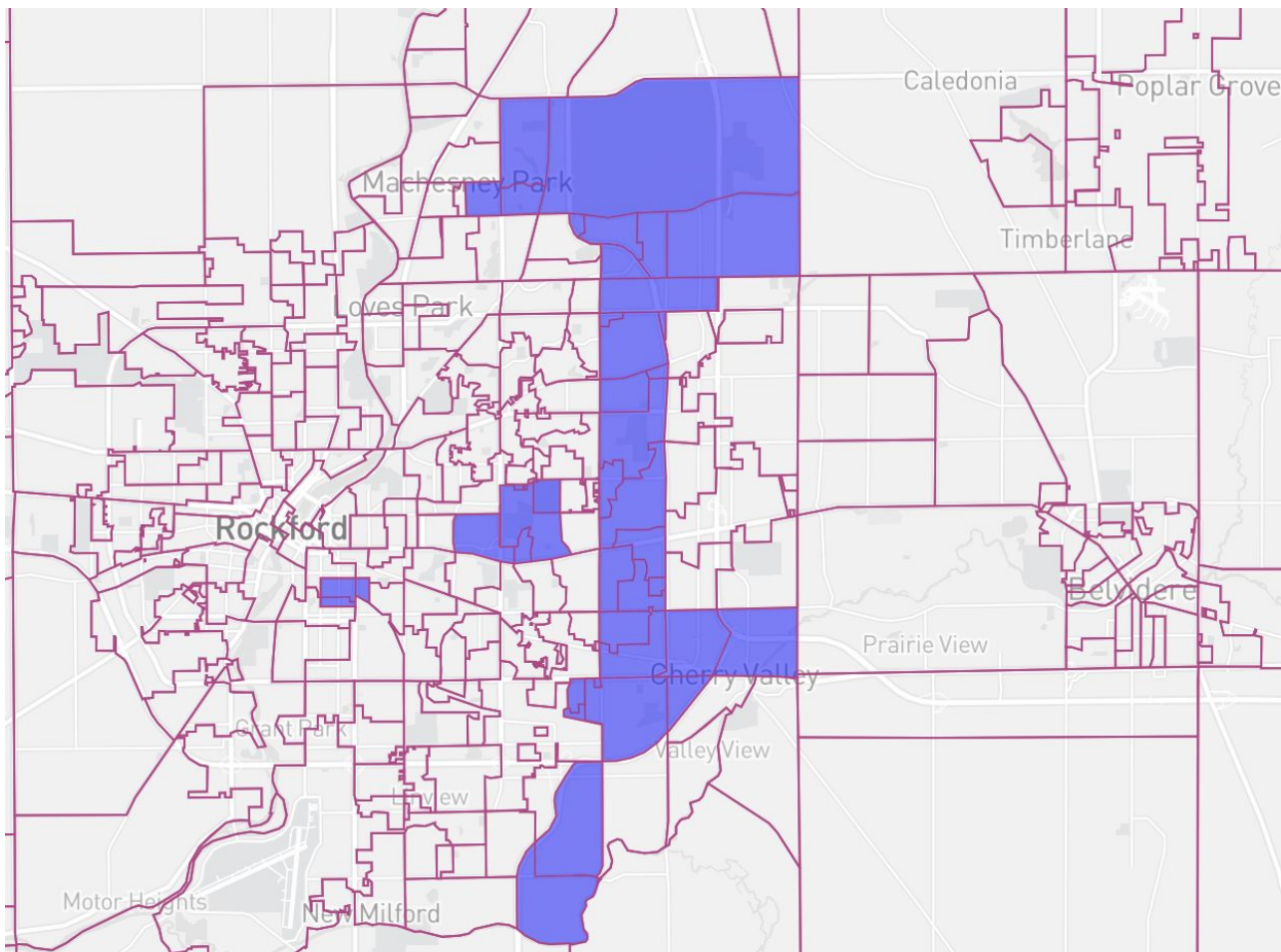
Influence District: Champaign



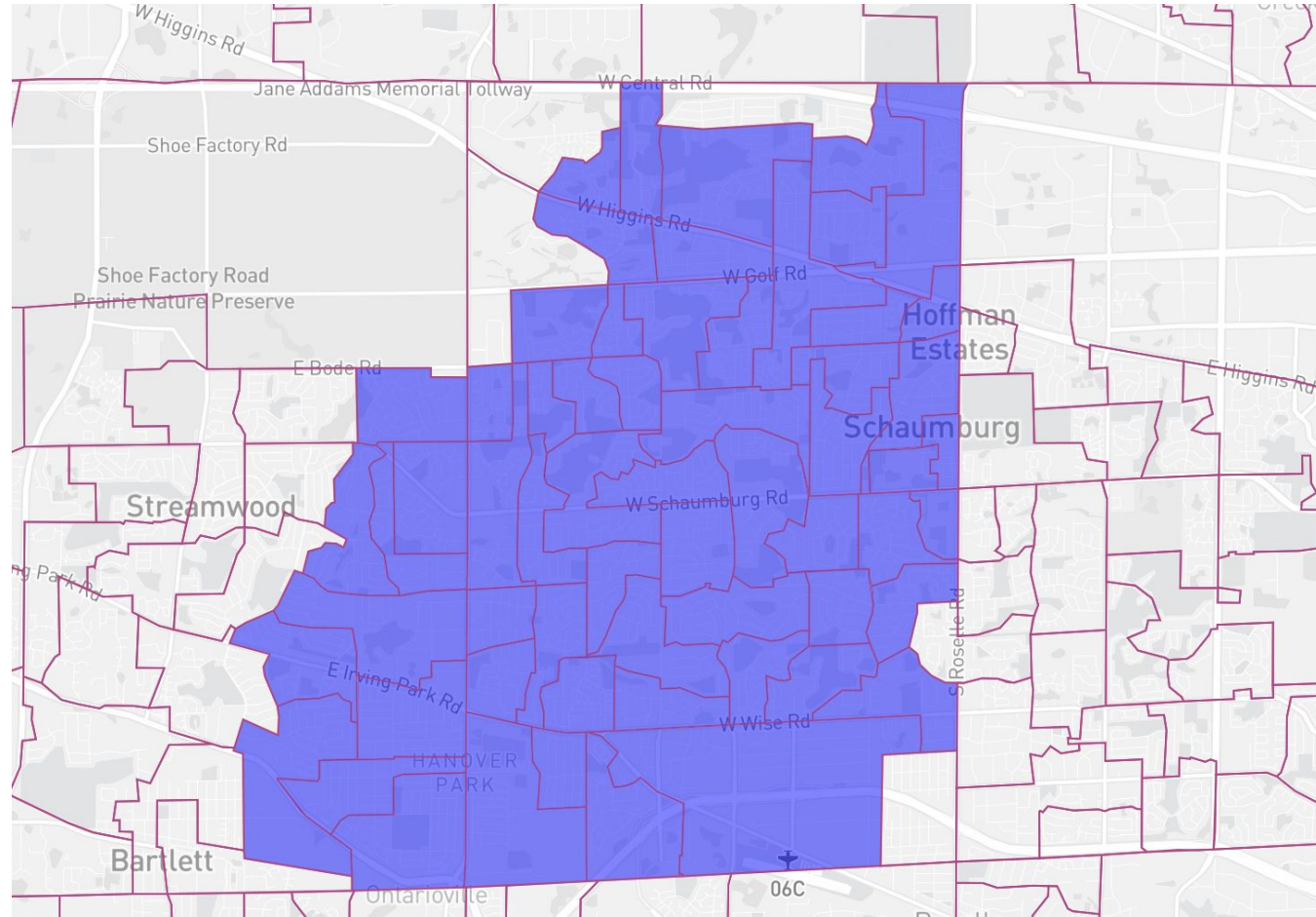
Influence District: Springfield



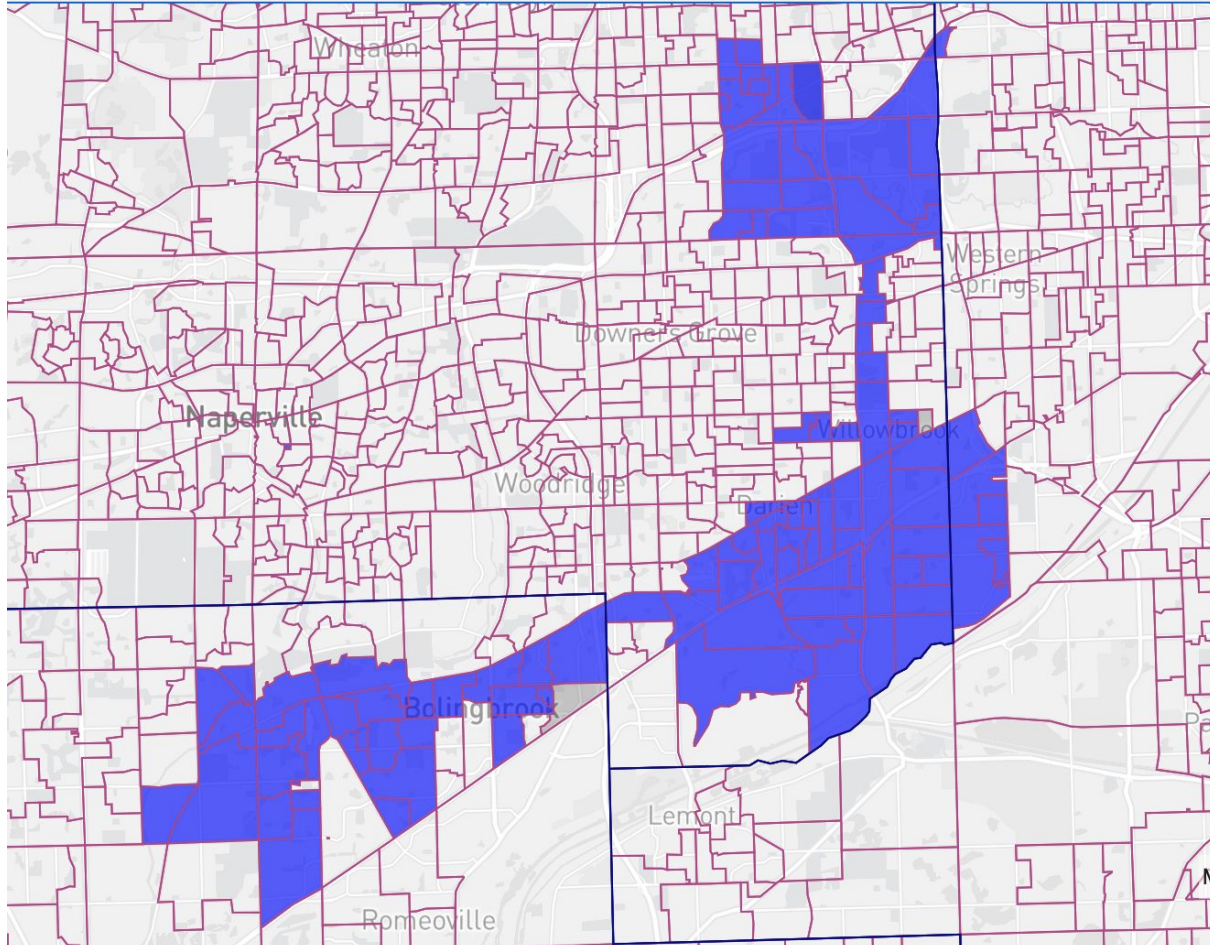
Influence District: Rockford



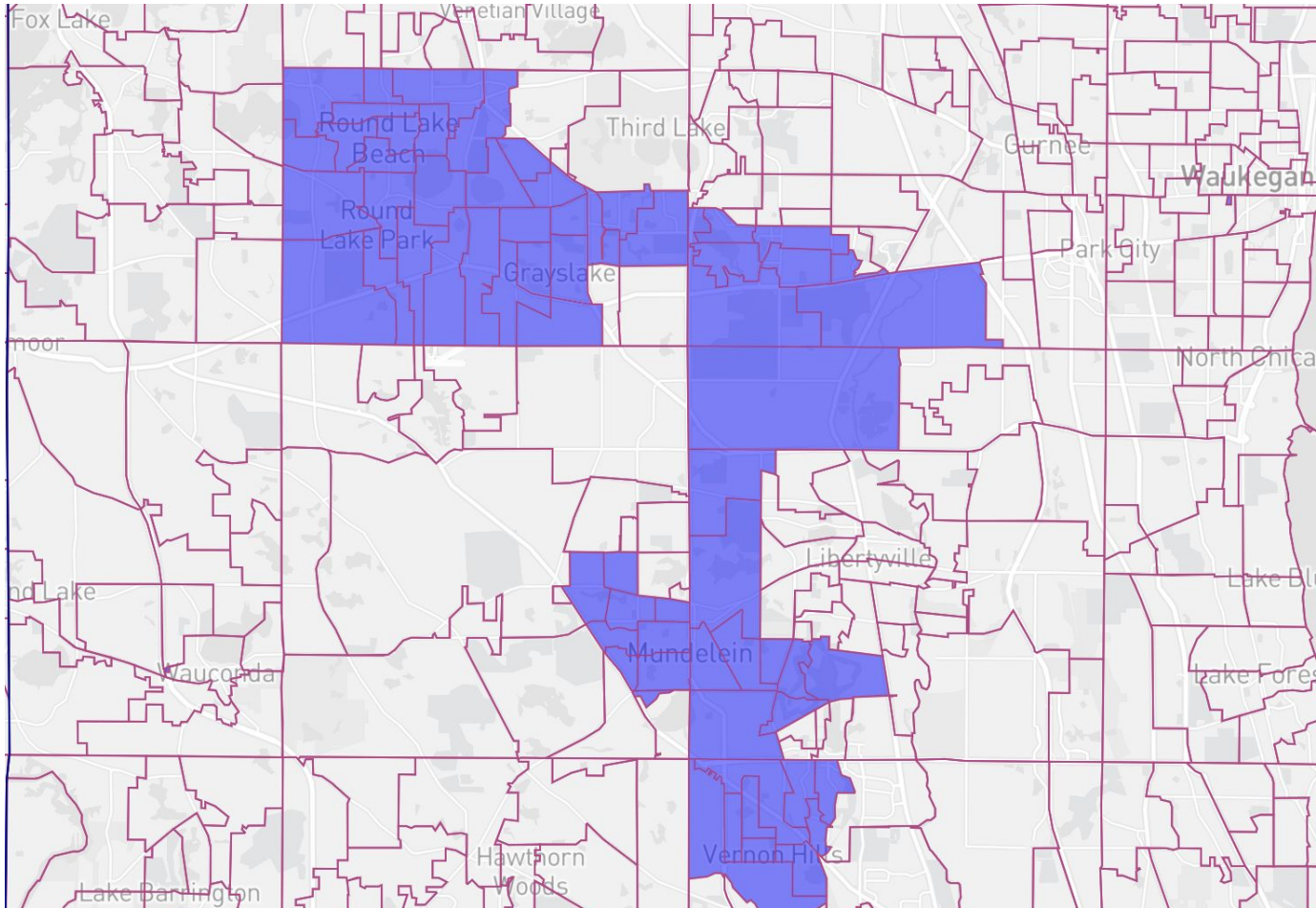
Influence District: Northwest Cook



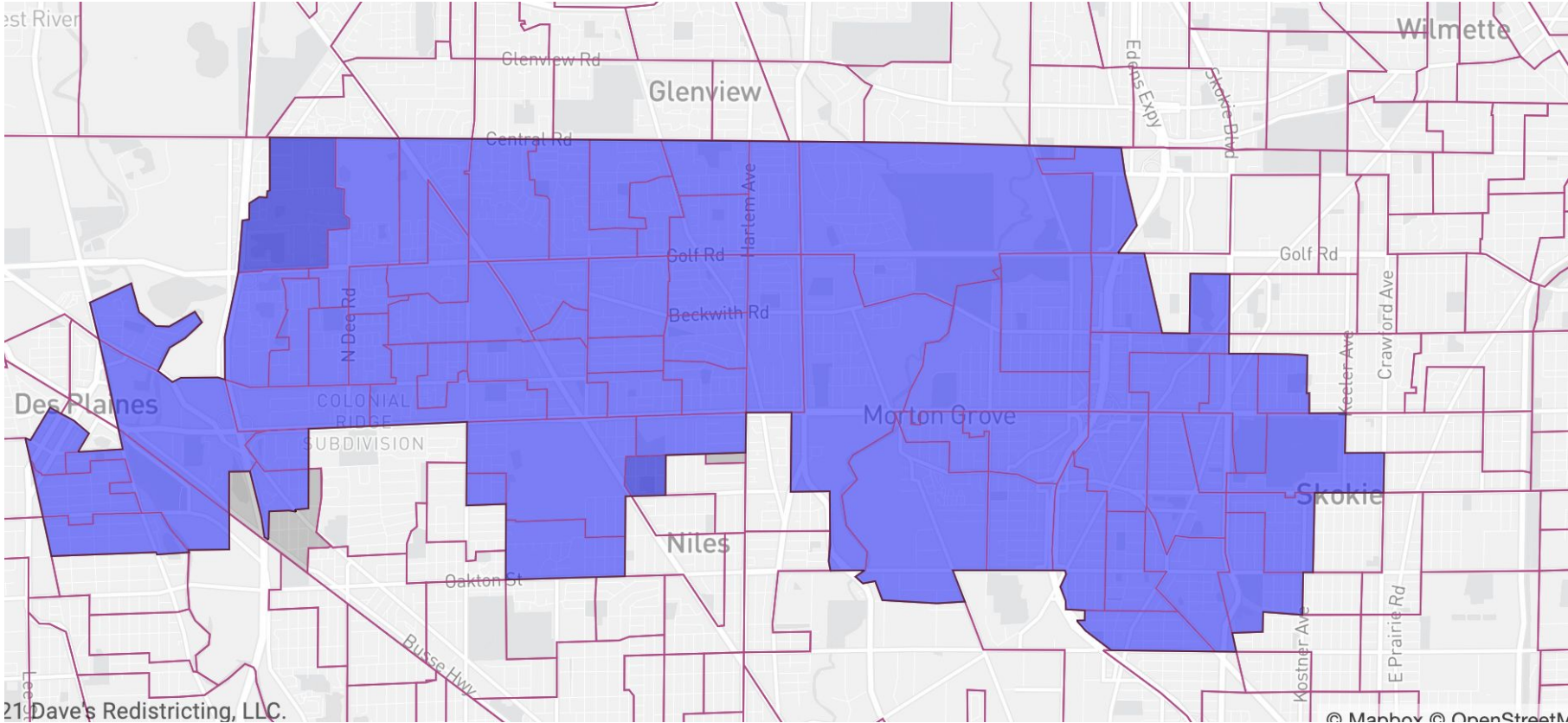
Influence District: DuPage / Will



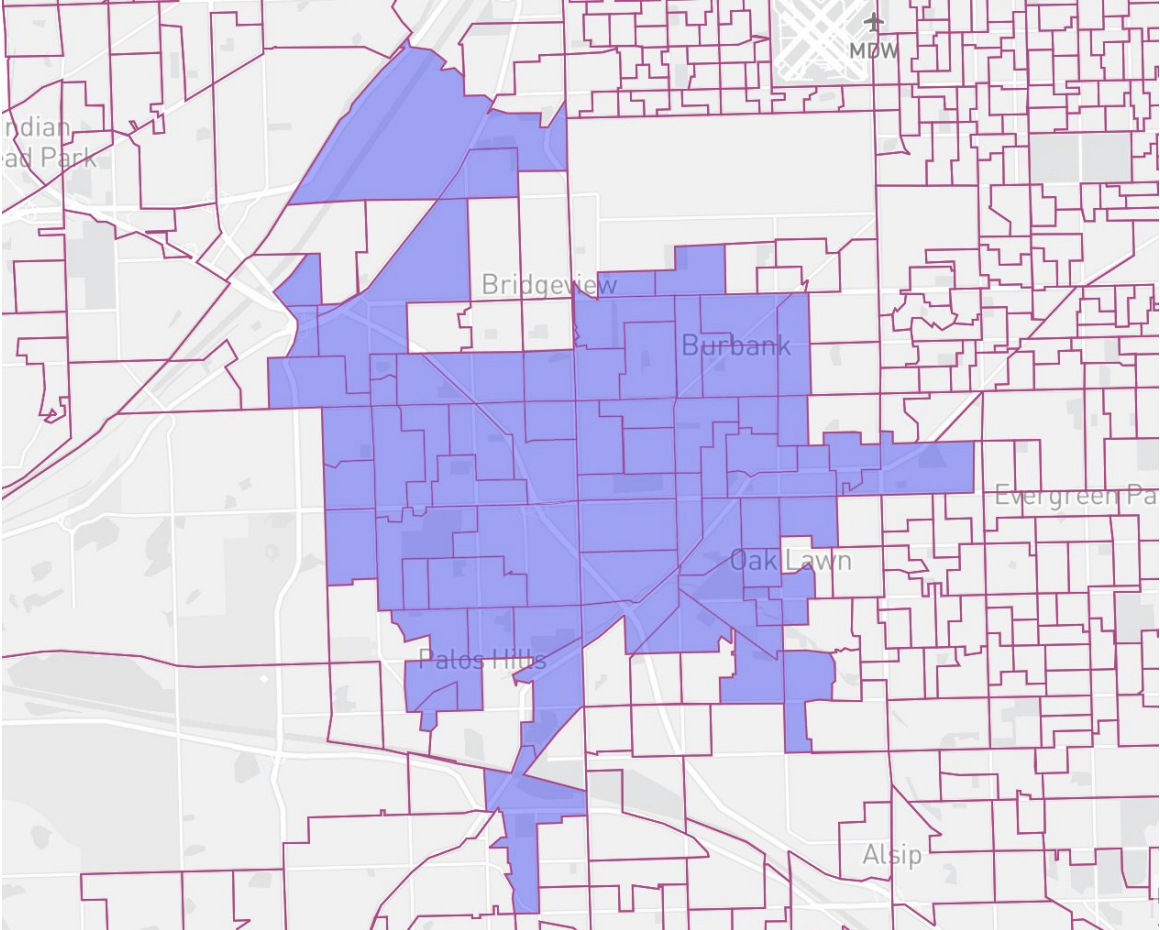
Influence District: Lake County

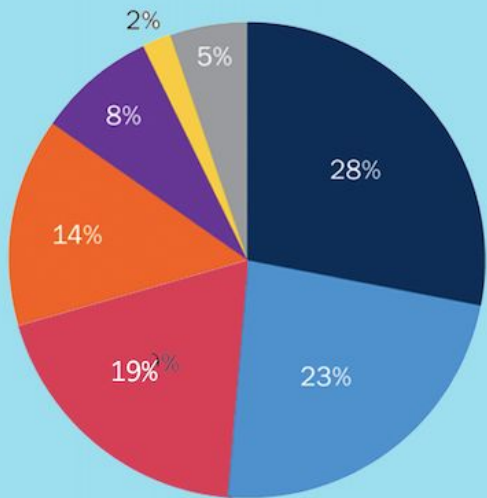


District: North Cook



District: Southwest Cook





- Black or African American
- Asian/Chinese/Japanese
- White
- Arab
- Hispanic
- Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native
- Other



American Muslim Story... is America's Diversity + History

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Ayuba Suleiman Diallo
Cleric and Intellectual, Enslaved Muslim



Omar ibn Sayyid
Writer and Islamic scholar,
Enslaved Muslim

1600s

TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

- Muslims first arrive in America as part of the slave trade. Some estimates state up to 20% of all slaves taken from Africa were Muslims. That is millions of people.



Thomas Jefferson's Quran



Mohammed (Russell Alexander) Webb
American Muslim Writer and Publisher

1700s

EARLY IMMIGRATION

- First Muslims from Middle East countries arrive. Syrian street vendor that created the first ice cream cone, and other innovations are part of Muslim narratives.
- George Washington speaks of "Mohammedans" in his letters and Thomas Jefferson owns a Quran in his library.
- As slavery is abolished, Muslims from South Asia are brought to the Caribbean and the Americas as indentured slaves

Fazlullah Rahman Khan
Architect of
Sears/Willis Tower-
world's tallest building
1973 to 1998



Muhammad Ali
Former World Heavyweight
Champion



1900s



Hakeem Olajuwon
NBA Champion

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001

- Foreign extremists hijack two planes and crash them into the Pentagon and World Trade Center. 2,996 killed
- American Muslims are key to fighting extremism, but are targeted as "other" and marginalized
- Hate crimes against Muslims are at an all-time high



Hasan Minhaj
Comedian and former
Daily Show
correspondant



Ibtihaj Muhammad
American Olympic Bronze
Medalist Fencer



Keith Ellison, the first Muslim
congressman, swearing in

1800s

GROWING MUSLIM COMMUNITY

- Muslims are part of the Great Migration from the South to cities such as Chicago and Detroit and contribute to Jazz and Blues music and a rich African American culture.
- Civil Rights Amendment allows immigrants to come to USA to help support high-need areas. Students and families from South Asia, Middle East and other regions immigrate.
- American Muslims become doctors, engineers, and technology workers in small towns and big cities across America.
- Mosques and community centers are built to meet the needs of growing American Muslim families.
- Growing number of African American and Latino Muslims contribute to the diversity of American Muslims.

2000s

STRENGTHENING SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

- Muslims build social service organizations and work for civil rights, immigration reform, jobs/economic security, criminal justice reform, and education.
- Congressman Keith Ellison uses 200 year old Quran owned by Thomas Jefferson when sworn into office.
- 2020 American Muslims run for elected political office and vote in record numbers all across the country at every level of government.



Lupe Fiasco
Grammy winning
hip hop artist from
Chicago



Muslim led service organization and healthcare workers serve during COVID-19 pandemic.

Many Muslims were also victims of COVID-19.



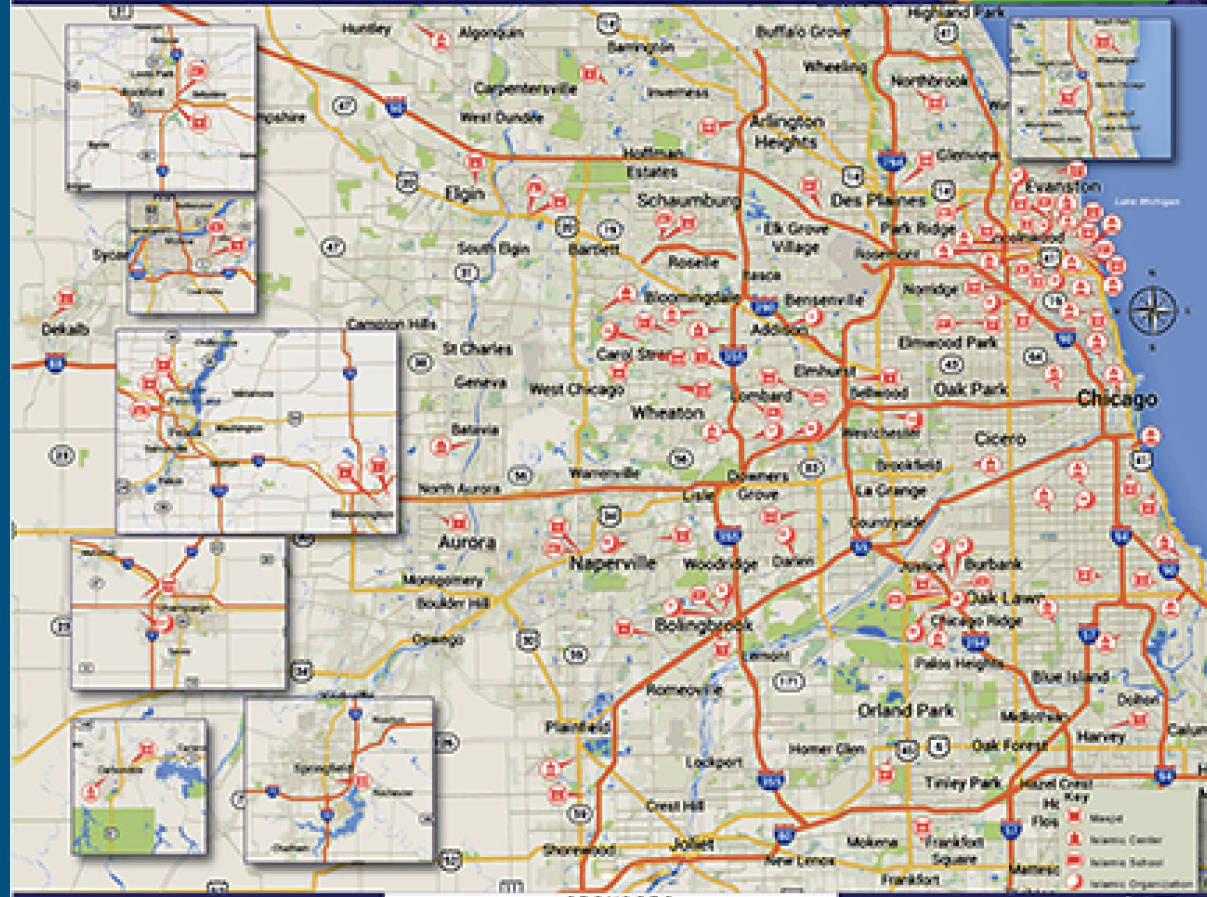
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Additional Slides / Maps as Needed

Chicagoland

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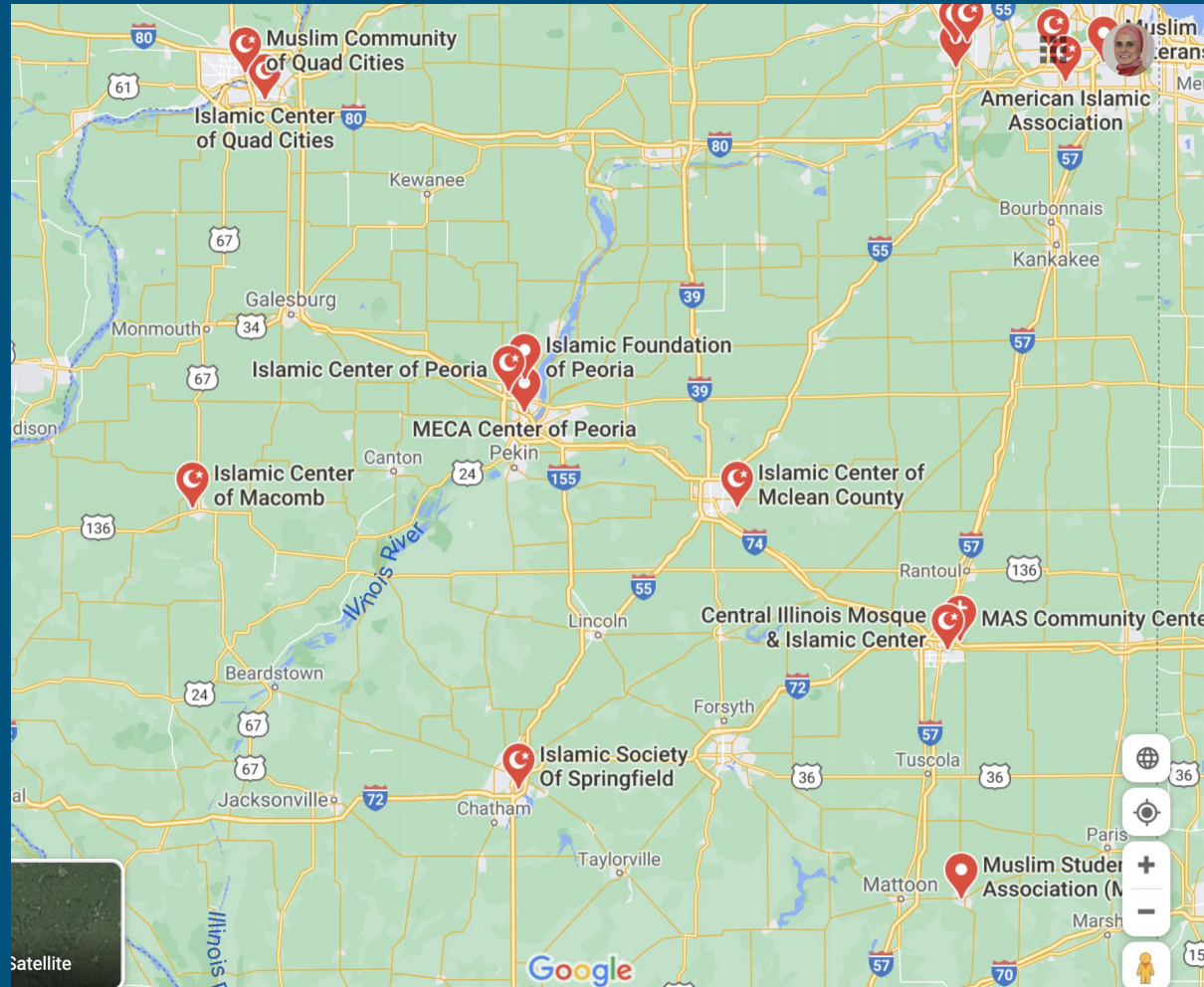
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Central Illinois

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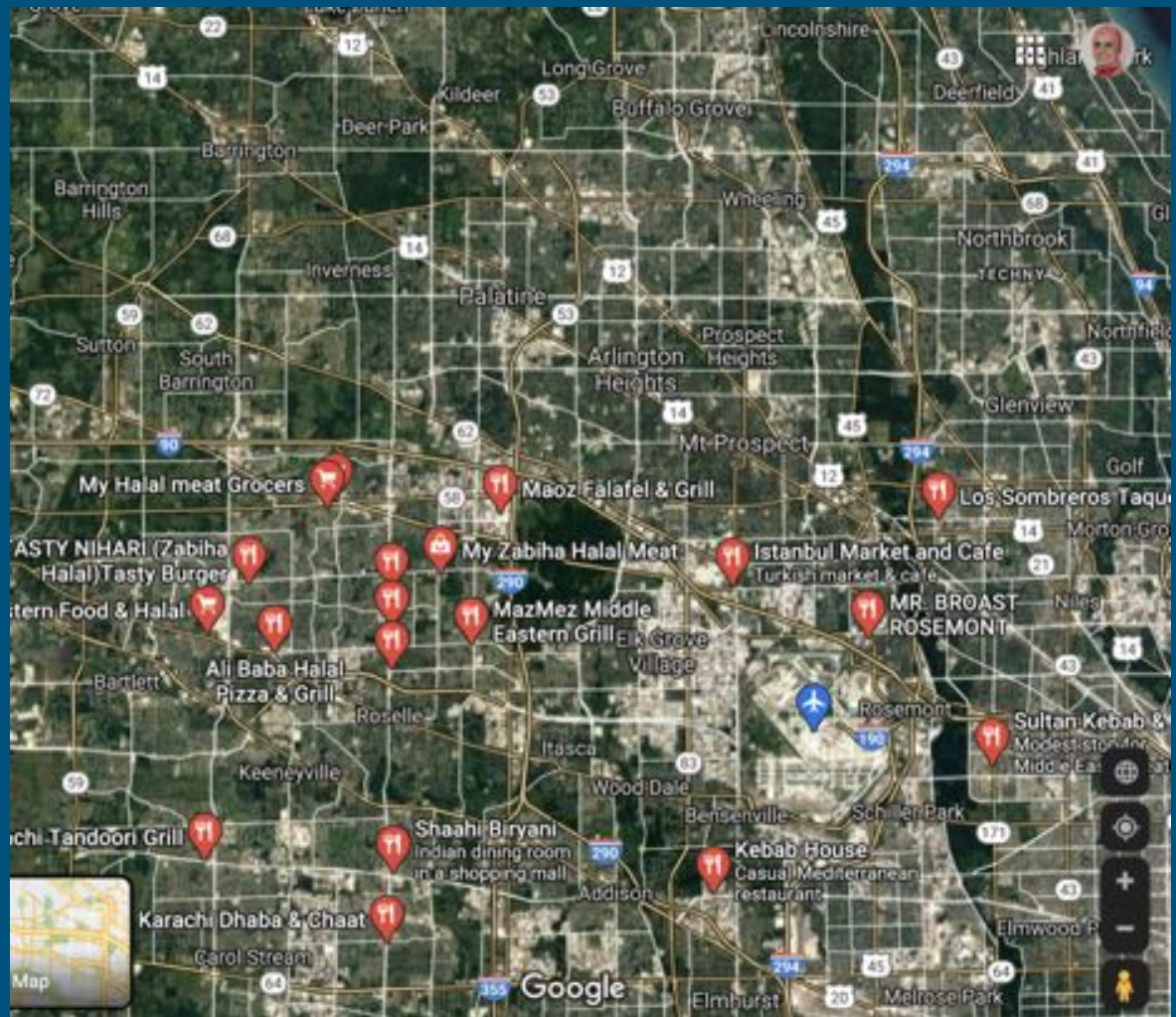
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Northwest Cook

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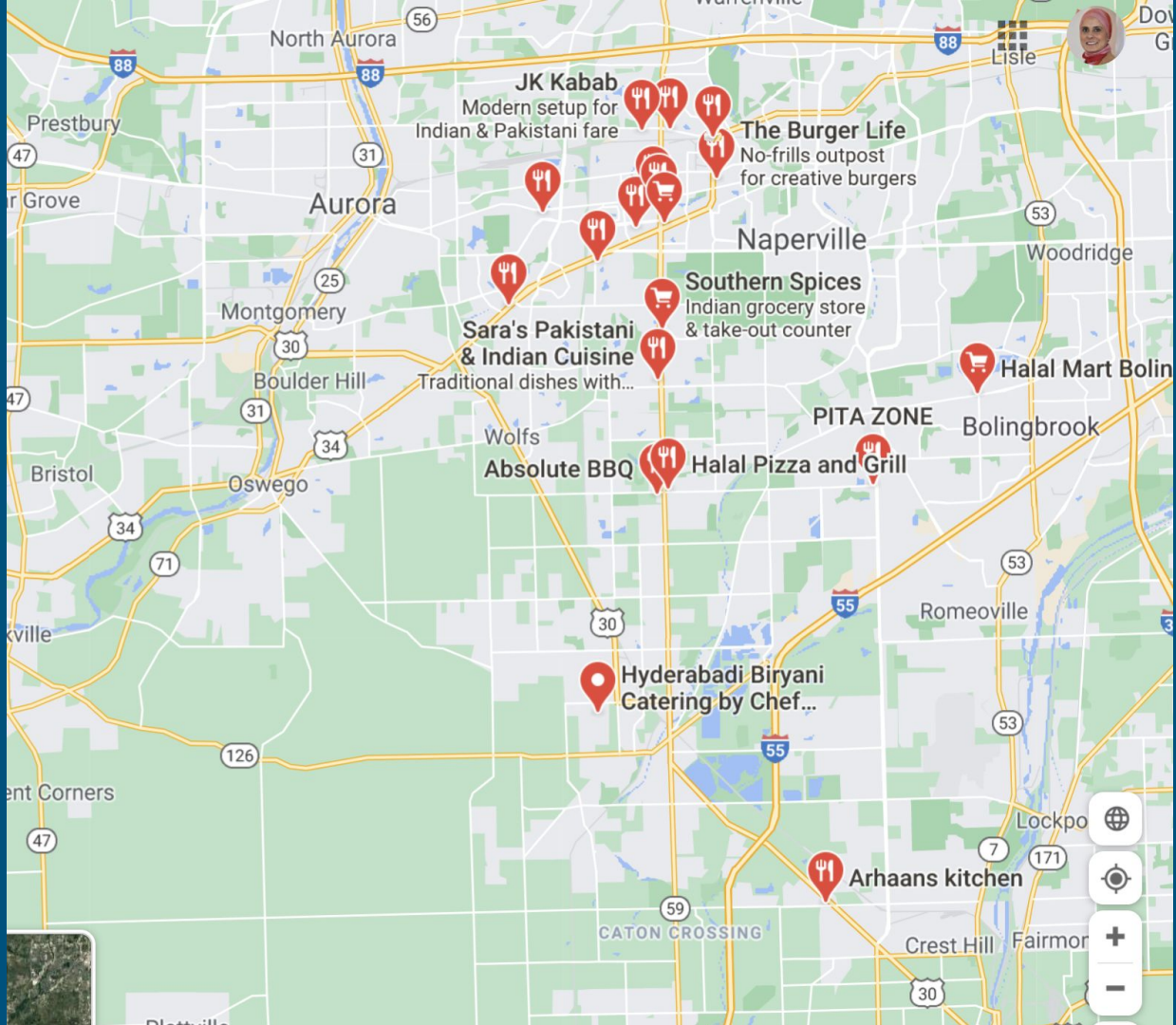
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Will County

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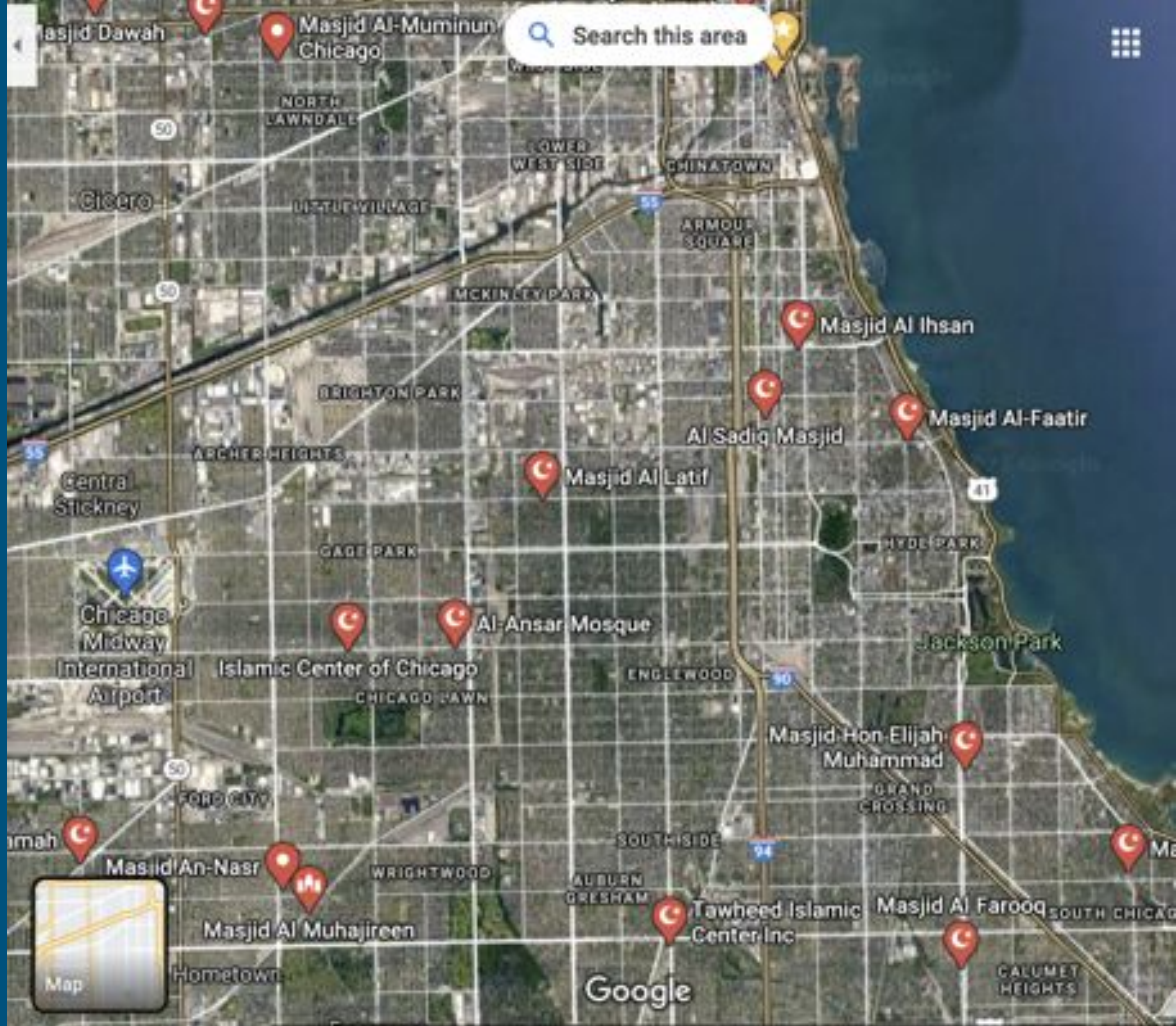
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Chicago South

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centers,
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Convene.
Collaborate.
Amplify.
Achieve
Civic Justice.



Initiative 2: Voter Engagement



Initiative 3: Census and Redistricting

Initiative 6: Illinois Muslims Report: Needs, Opportunities, Demographics



Initiative 5: Civic Leadership Capacity Building

Initiative 4: Engage and Impact - Leaders and Officials



IL Muslim Civic Coalition is a partnership of hundreds of Activists, Influencers, Changemakers and Organizations.

Our mission is to **convene, collaborate** and **amplify** civic efforts towards an equitable and representative America.

The Coalition specifically works on Civic Work towards achieving Civic Justice for our communities.

The Coalition empowers the voices of marginalized and often invisible communities.



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IL State Legislature Redistricting Hearings / Mapping



March-April: Presenting at 21 hearings with over 30 leaders scheduled

Illinois Muslims testifying of African, African American, South Asian, Arab, Latino, Native American, and Caucasian/White races/ethnicities, and every class and background

Cook County/Suburban: Dr. Khalid Husain, Asad Khan, Dr. Shazia Khan, Chris Nevarez Azdar, Dr. Kamran Hussain, Khadija Ahmed, Fatima Muhammed, Safaa Zarzour, Nareman Taha, Itedal Shalabi, Leena Tleib, Yusuf Vidal.

Cook County/Chicago: Nasir Zakaria, Imam Seth Ibrahim, Imam Omar Karim, Dr. Dilara Sayeed, Deena Habbal

DuPage/Will County: Reema Kamran, Joohi Tahir, Mohammed Faheem, Essam Choudry, Cima Dairanieh, Shafeek Abooubaker

Champaign County: Dr. Awais Vaid, Ammar Bhutta

Sangamon County: Mona Ahsan, Dr. Baker Siddiqui

Peoria County: Imam Osama Alrefai

Kane County: Junaid Afeef

Lake County: Robert Montgomery

Winnebago County: Mustafa Abdall

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The Daily Line

Muslim community hoping for greater representation after legislative redistricting

By Joel Ebert - April 8, 2021



Representatives from the Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition, including Dilara Sayeed and Deena Habbal, have testified at several legislative redistricting hearings.

In the five weeks since state lawmakers began holding redistricting committee meetings, they've held 25 hearings as of Wednesday.

And while nearly 150 witnesses have testified, one of the most consistent groups to show up throughout the redistricting hearings has been members of Illinois' Muslim community.

