

Saturday, April 30, 2011

To: Illinois Senate & House Redistricting Committee

Re: 10th State Rep. District & 5th State Senate District

My name is Mr. Alex Lyons. I am a West Garfield Park resident and local business owner. I also reside within the 10th State Rep. district and the 5th State Senate district. My written comments should be applied for the Garfield Park community. They are as follows:

1. East and West Garfield Park must continue to be located with the same district. Currently, most of East and West Garfield is within the 5th State Senate and 10th State Rep. Districts.
2. The incarcerated population must not be counted where they are jailed. They must be counted where their residential addresses are located.
3. Finally, boundaries must follow census tract data. Incumbent elected official interest must be minimized. Not that anyone here would ignore the census data. But, this is Illinois and Cook County. I learned issues such as district remapping must be followed with patience and community perseverance.

If these three guidelines are implemented, East and West Garfield Park residents will be able to have fair representation. Also, our community interest will continue to be represented.

Sincerely,



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