

Proposed IL-3 by Abraham T. Matthew

Dear Members of the House Redistricting Committee:

From the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago to Joliet, Illinois 3rd Congressional District is filled with people from a variety of backgrounds who share common dreams and burdens. The people of the district share an entrepreneurial spirit, which inspires us to start businesses, create jobs, and raise families here. Though the 3rd district is a veritable cornucopia of faiths, colors, and creeds, our values are shared and that diversity serves as our strength.

As a father, small businessman, and the son of an immigrant from India, my background may be unique where I live in Bridgeport, but I share a common plight with everyone along the I-55 corridor. We work hard to educate our children, grow our businesses, and enjoy the diversity of the neighborhoods and municipalities we live in. As people and as the transportation capital of the Midwest, our ties bind us together, and we deserve common representation.

The 3rd Congressional District has historically represented constituents on the southwest side of Chicago and the southwest suburbs. For nearly three decades, the district has represented constituents from Bridgeport and Canaryville to Beverly, south through the suburbs of Stickney, Lyons, Palos, Worth and Orland Townships. This district has a history as a strong Chicago and Cook County Democratic, working class stronghold.

I have attached a proposed map for the Third Congressional District that contains the following key elements:

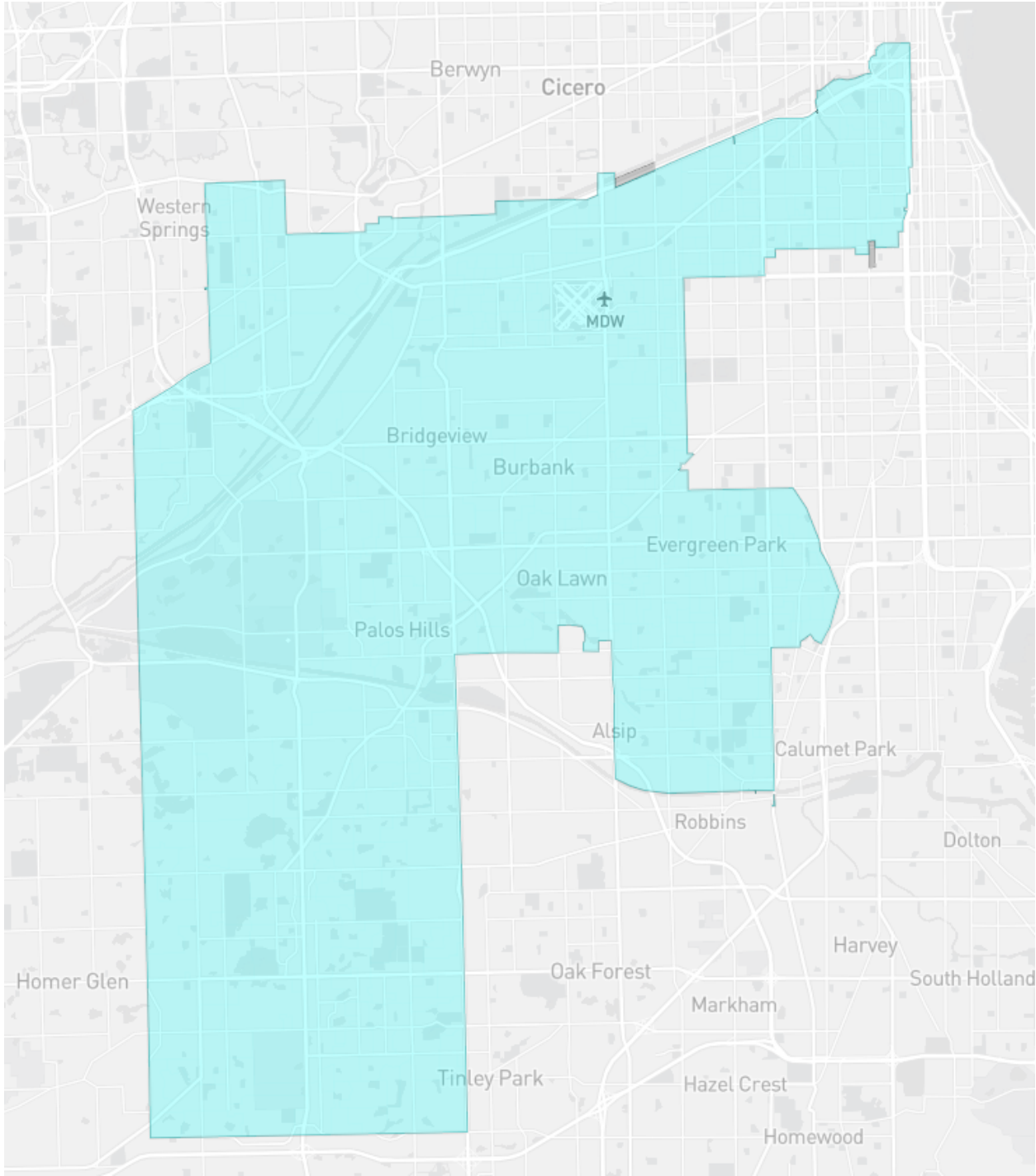
- The proposal retains the majority of the current transportation infrastructure located in the 3rd Congressional District.
- The proposal embraces the diversity of our region and creates a majority minority district

As a resident of the 11th Ward, Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, and the southwest side, I am asking the committee to allow my community to remain in the 3rd Congressional District.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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District Details		
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Total Population 2020		
	Pop	%
Total	753,677	100.0%
White	346,859	46.0%
Hispanic	287,307	38.1%
Black	62,498	8.3%
Asian	54,800	7.3%
Native	22,526	3.0%
Pacific	826	0.1%
Voting Age Pop 2020		
	Pop	%
Total	579,805	100.0%
White	285,753	49.3%
Hispanic	201,073	34.7%
Black	46,879	8.1%
Asian	42,943	7.4%
Native	16,440	2.8%
Pacific	609	0.1%
Composite 2016-2020		
	Votes	%
Democratic	161,951	59.7%
Republican	95,546	35.2%
Other	13,667	5.0%