

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I am again writing on behalf of Illinois 123GO, a civic organization based in the 19th Ward of Chicago, but extending to encompass IL 1-2 & 3 congressional districts. We have 500+ active members united in making Illinois a better place to live from the community level to federally-decided issues. With our home base in the 19th Ward, we are committed to building and strengthening the bonds of a more diverse and inclusive society. IL123GO were founding members in the Coalition for Change in IL3, a coalition of 40+ grassroots community groups representing over 10,000 constituents across IL3. We have collaborated with like-minded grassroots groups across IL3 since 2017.

We have reviewed the most recent proposal for Illinois' Congressional District map (released Saturday 10/23). The proposed dissolution of historic IL3 and combination of our area into a new, predominantly suburban IL6 would break up our community's representation. The small amount of Chicago's 19th Ward which remains in this proposed district is the least diverse part of the Ward. This pocket of homogeneity is the exception in an area that has consciously grown diversity since 1970. The proposed map does not reflect the traditional diversity of the old IL3 in which integrated Beverly was tied to areas such as Bridgeport and Archer Heights. Politics are rooted in community and these proposed changes would disempower our Chicago communities.

We have built a grassroots organization to get citizens involved in government and policy making. We want them to get active and believe in government for the good of the people. These proposed changes would break up our coalition which has been built on a foundation of common causes: jobs, environment, transportation, immigration reform, healthcare and more.

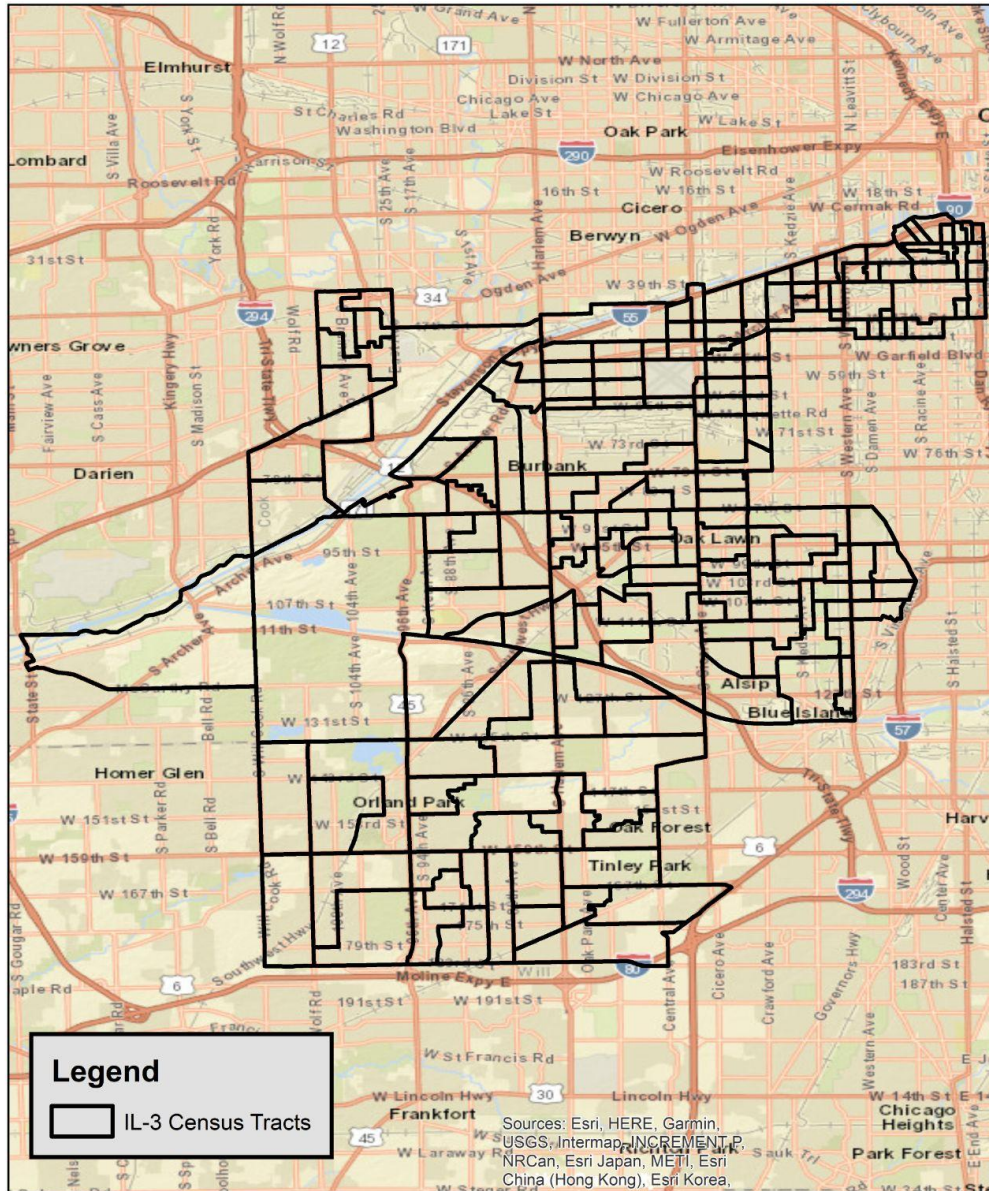
We would like to see the shape of IL 1, 2 and 3 remain generally consistent with their historic boundaries. In order to assist with the process, CCIL3 has drawn and is proposing various options for how IL3 could be drawn with the new census numbers. I have attached **IL-3 Map_ CCIL3 Option B**. I will send other options under separate emails. I believe you will see that we have created proposed maps that are both compact and connect communities of interest.

As the spokesperson for a large, grassroots community-based coalition, I would like the opportunity to testify at tomorrow's hearing. **Please send me the Zoom link**, so I can attend virtually from my home and business in the 19th Ward. I will also complete a Witness Slip.

Sincerely,

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IL 3 Boundary Map



Option B

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

I have been working with my grassroots partners in CCIL3 all Sunday and Monday to put together a few options to help you see what we are seeking for the updated version of IL3. We want to show you by means of these proposed maps how we see our communities remaining connected in the historic IL3. In addition to **OPTION B** which I submitted earlier this evening, I would also like to offer the attached **IL-3 Map_ CCIL3 Option C and IL-3 Map_ CCIL3 Option E** as solid options to minimize the disruption of our communities, draw a compact district, and remain true to the longstand historic shape and diversity of our IL3 district.

I look forward to attending the hearing tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

Clare Duggan

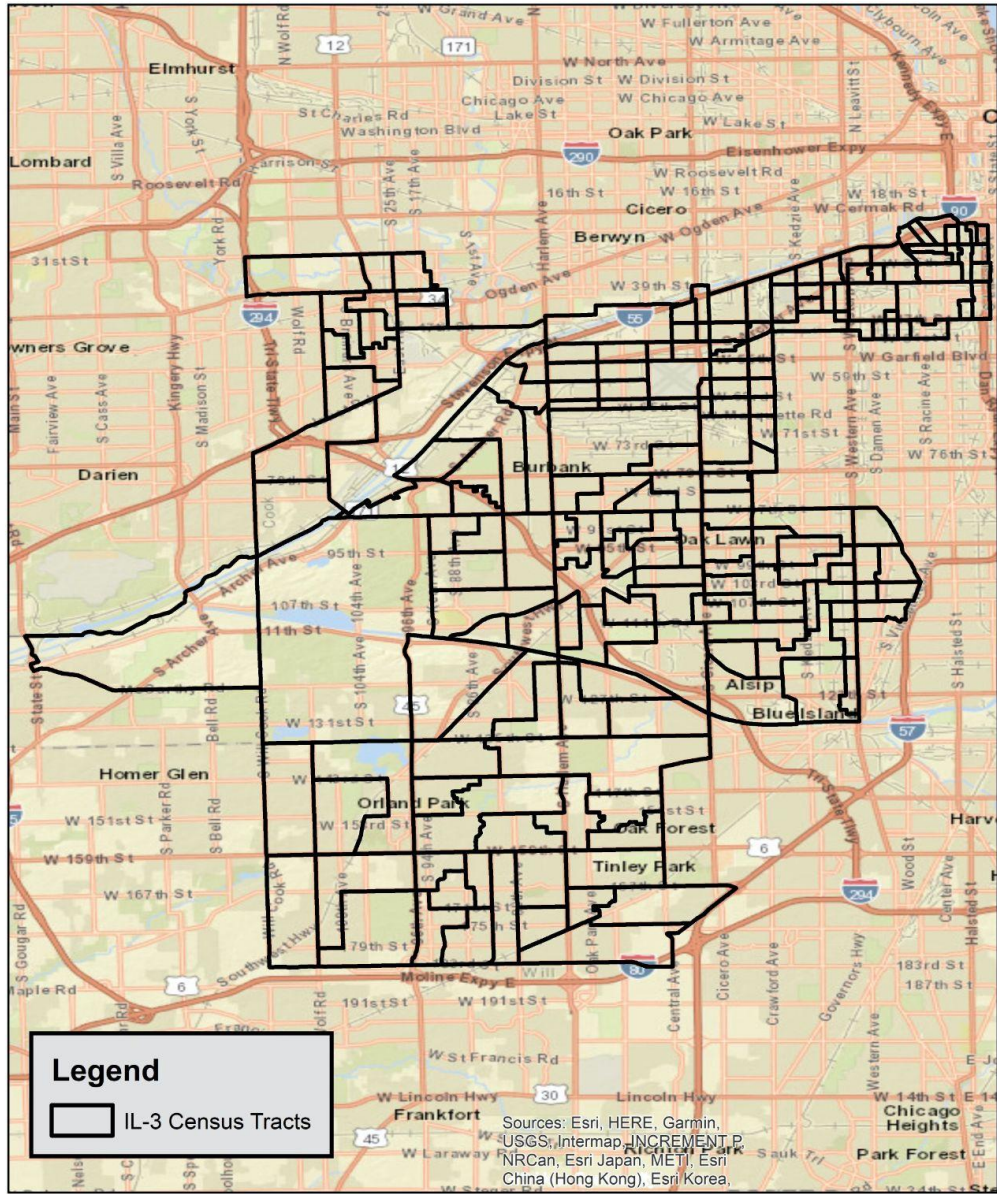
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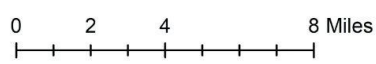
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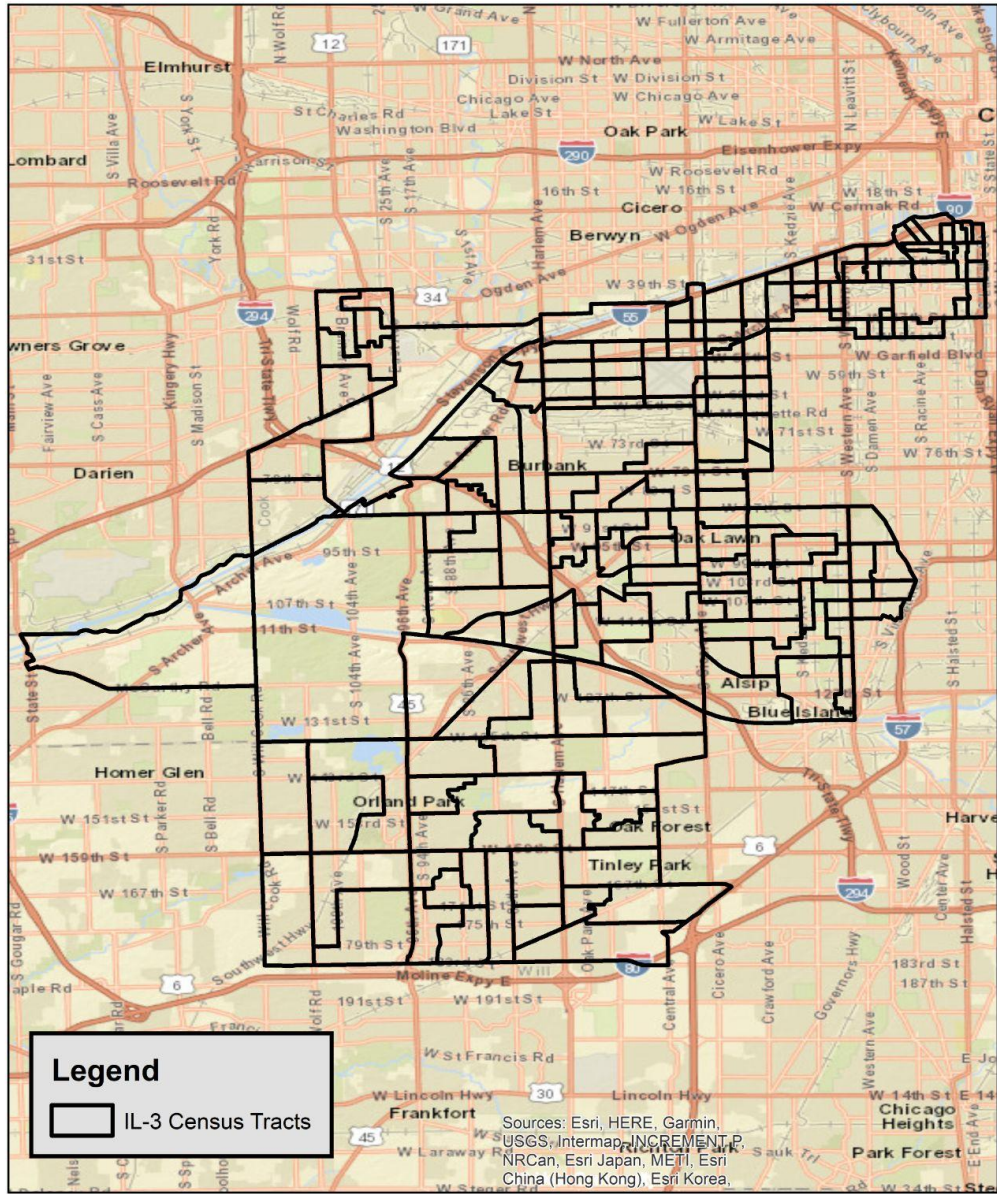
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Option C



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