

Dear Honored Committee Member,

I have now seen, as published on Saturday, October 23rd 2021, the second proposed map of the proposed re-districting boundaries of Congressional District IL03 and I would like this to be my formal statement again of my opposition to the changes proposed.

As a resident of the current IL03, I again find myself and my neighbors confounded and frustrated at the attempt to disenfranchise my suburb and our surrounding inner ring suburbs that is tied historically and economically to our Chicagoland area with this redistricting committee map proposals.

This new map that was revealed on Saturday Oct 23 is again splitting the area and inner ring suburbs in half with some in the Chicago diverse area and inserting most in this area into DuPage and the more collar counties.

It is laudable to try to increase LatinX representation but when we look at these numbers we see how the new IL03 and it's boundaries have now been transferred north and our own previous IL03 area is now disproportionately segregated from Chicago by being absorbed into IL06. We also see that our areas will underrepresent the diversity of our population that our historic IL03 has enjoyed and fostered. Without being a geo-data specialist, just a cursory viewing of the existing IL03 as it stands would actually reflect the proportionate representation of the population better as it had before these redraws including your 2nd map proposal would. map.

Folding the majority of current IL03 into IL06 will also dilute this into a much more homogeneous area, again doing a disservice to our diverse population who reside within our current area.

This also splits up the ability for our residents, myself included, to continue our involvement which has painstakingly been forged together in our extended community for years where we share our unique economic ties, diversity, neighborhoods and voices. Again this new map proposal does nothing to continue the unity that has become a hallmark of our area as we work alongside Chicago residents to help ensure equity and equitable resource allocation and voices at the table.

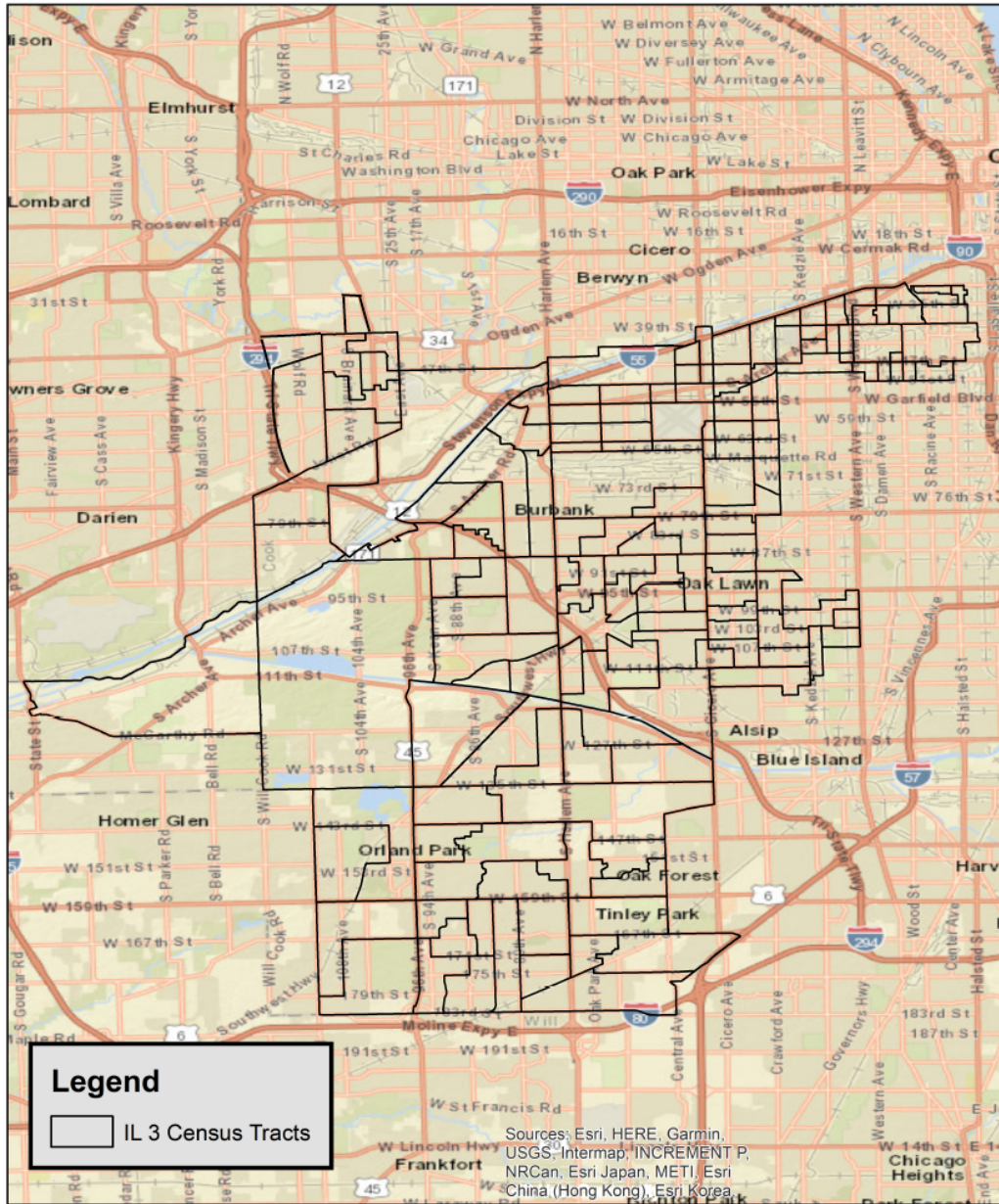
I again respectfully insist that you maintain the general map shape and character of the current IL03 district as it stands currently and its spirit be maintained to keep our current position as a distinct representative district and not be diluted and absorbed in IL06 DuPage and its collar counties. To that end the Coalition to Change IL3 (CCIL3) has created a few maps that still take in the spirit of the redrawing as well as meeting the criteria of keeping our district compact, diverse and meet our communities needs. CCIL3 is a collection of social action groups representing diverse voters in IL3. I have included a map that has drawn what I feel would still allow a fair representation of my area.

This is again for our ability to have our votes and voices heard in determining our areas journey in this geographic sphere and not be shut out from not only being a primarily Cook and Chicago area but to maintain the community ties of an engaged electorate that understands the issues in this geographic area. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James F. Longino

IL 3 Boundary Map



OPTION E

