



# Little Village



**Enlace Chicago** is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of the residents of the Little Village Community by fostering a physically safe and healthy environment in which to live and by championing opportunities for educational advancement and economic development. This community area is bordered by Cicero to the west, Western to the east, Railroad tracks just south of Ogden to the north and the Stevenson Highway to the south.

**Little Village is a community of interest.** Little Village is one of Chicago's oldest Mexican-American neighborhoods of 90,000 residents with the highest concentration of Mexican Americans in the Midwest United States. The community is served by the 26<sup>th</sup> Street business corridor and residents largely share racial, ethnic and language identifies. Our residents are connected by a shared commitment to advancing immigrant rights, reducing violence, economic development and improving our local schools.

**Little Village is currently split into many districts at all levels of government.** In 2000, our community was drawn into two congressional districts (4 and 7), four state house districts (1, 2, 9 and 23), three state senate districts (1, 5 and 12) and five city wards (12, 14, 22, 24, and 28). This has made it more difficult for Little Village residents to have their voices heard, and needs met. **Little Village should be recognized as a community of interest, and should be kept together and drawn into as few districts as possible in the current redistricting process.**

**Enlace Chicago is a member of the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations,** which is part of the Illinois Coalition for Accountable Redistricting and Draw the Line. We are committed to working with African-American, Latino, Asian, Arab and other communities to ensure the current redistricting process is transparent, equitable and engages communities.

**As a coalition, we call on the Senate Redistricting Committee and the General Assembly to do the following:**

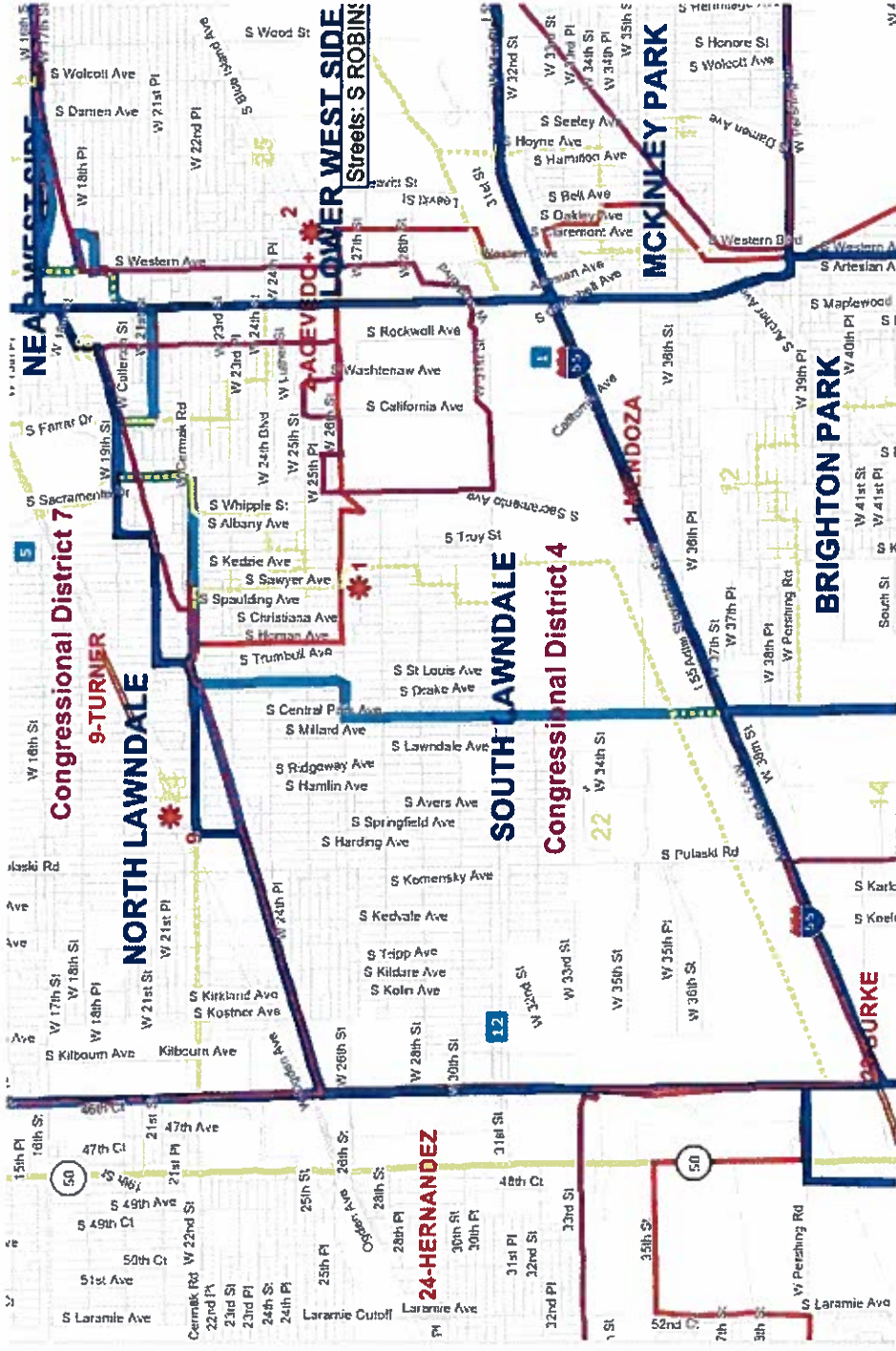
- Present potential redistricting maps to the public at least a week before a vote so that communities can provide input.
- Ensure fair representation by protecting voting rights under the Federal Voting Rights Act and the new Illinois Voting Rights Act including influence, coalition and crossover districts.
- Recognize and respect communities of interest by keeping them together and not splitting them.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Rodriguez".

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# South Lawndale/Little Village Community Area



2010 Census Demographics	Total Population		Latino		African American		White		Asian	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total Population	79,288		65,457	82.56%	10,374	13.08%	3,056	3.85%	113	0.14%
Voting Age Population	55,672		43,191	77.58%	9,331	16.76%	2,845	5.11%	99	0.18%

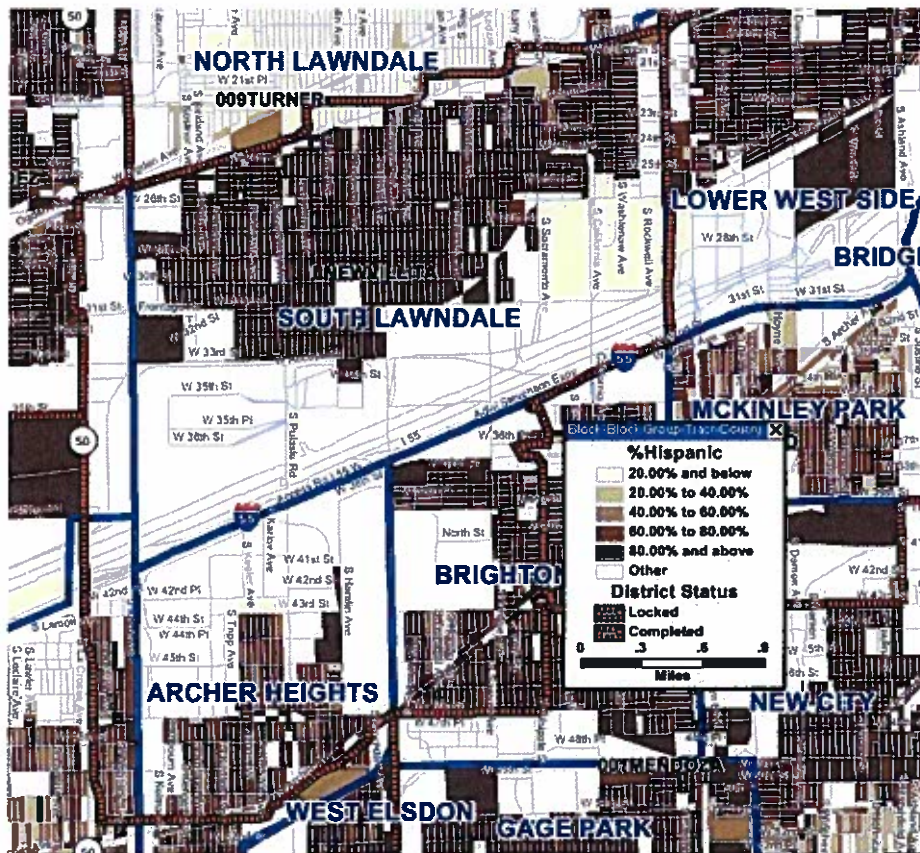


# Little Village Proposed House District

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Little Village (known as South Lawndale in the US Census) is a community of interest. Our community of 90,000 residents has the largest concentration of Mexican Americans in the Midwest United States. Our community has been split into many districts at all levels of government. In 2000, our community was drawn into two congressional districts (4 and 7), four state house districts (1, 2, 9 and 23), three state senate districts (1, 5 and 12) and five city wards (12, 14, 22, 24, and 28). This has made it more difficult for Little Village residents to have their voices heard and needs met. **Little Village should be kept together and drawn into as few districts as possible in the current redistricting process.**

Little Village should be drawn into one house district; below are proposed House District boundaries (red lines) for an equal population, compact and contiguous Voting Rights district that keeps Little Village together. Generally, these lines follow Archer to the south, railroad tracks just south of Ogden to the north, Cicero to the west and just west of Western on the east. The demographics of this district are also below.



2010 Census Demographics	Total Population	Latino		African American		White		Asian	
	Total	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total Population	108,733	89,316	82.14%	10,721	9.86%	7,010	6.45%	1,238	1.14%
Voting Age Population	75,771	58,547	77.27%	9,588	12.65%	6,365	8.4%	964	1.27%

