



Marquette Park



Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) is a community based organization that serves and empowers residents in the community. This community area is bordered by Central Park to the west, Bell to the east, 59th to the north and 75th and 71st to the south.

Marquette Park is a community of interest. While we are diverse community that includes African-Americans, Latinos, Arabs and white ethnics, we face many of the same challenges. Our residents are connected by a shared commitment to reducing violence, developing community-based public safety and health programs, increasing access to healthy food and improving our local schools.

Marquette Park is currently split into many districts at all levels of government. In 2000, our community was only drawn into two congressional district (1 and 3), three state house districts (6, 23 and 32), three state senate districts (3, 12 and 16) and four city wards (15, 16, 17 and 18). This has made it more difficult for Woodlawn residents to have their voices heard, and needs met. **Marquette Park should be recognized as a community or interest, and should be kept together and drawn into as few districts as possible in the current redistricting process.**

IMAN 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.

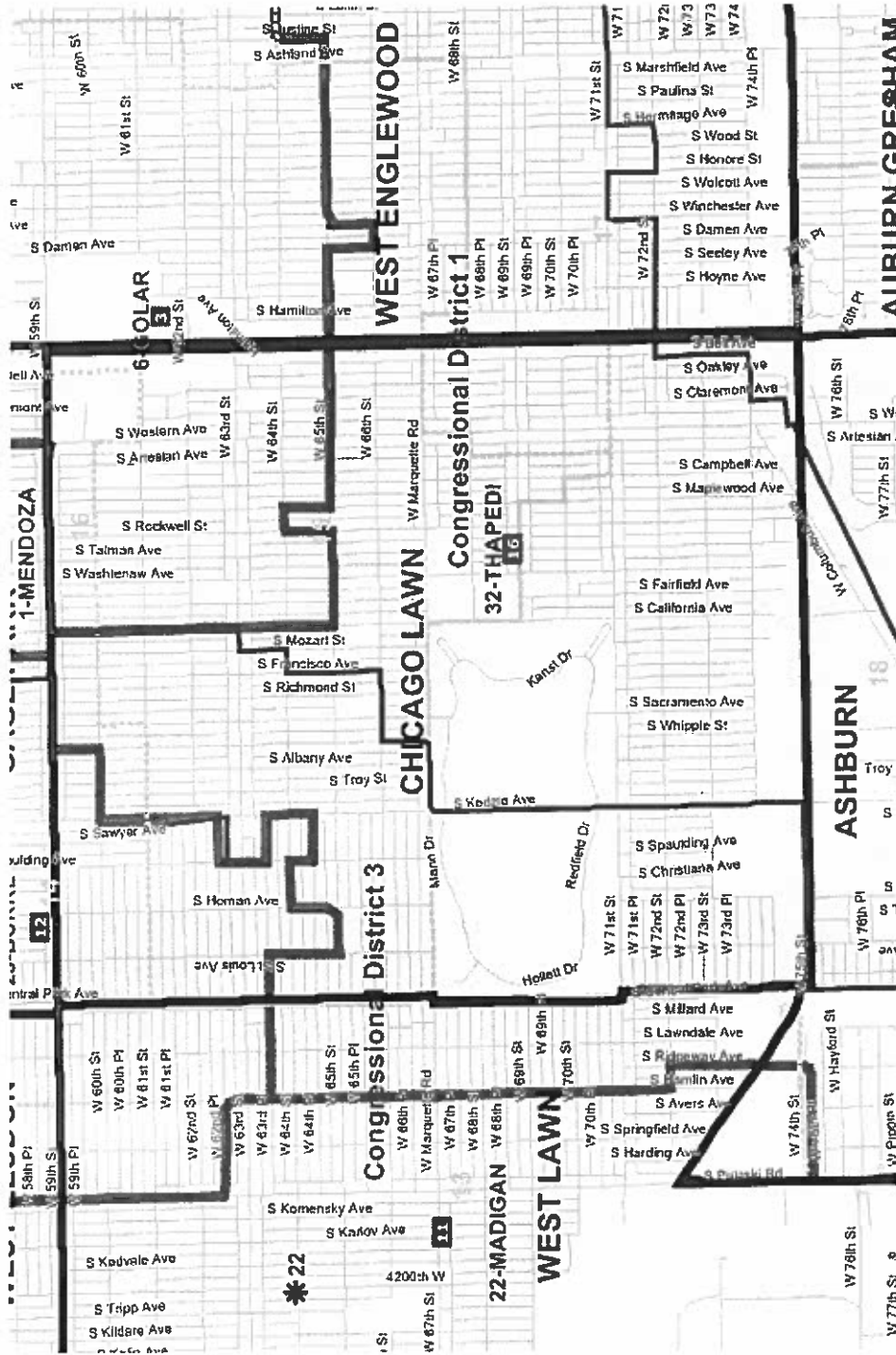
As a coalition, we call on the Senate Redistricting Committee and the General Assembly to do the following:

- 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,

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Marquette Park Community Area



2010 Census Demographics	Total Population		Latino		African American		White		Asian	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total Population	55,628		25,141	49.19%	27,403	49.26%	2,419	4.35%	190	0.34%
Voting Age Population	37,582		15,786	42%	19,102	50.83%	2,217	5.9%	163	0.43%

Possible Muslim District

