

**NEIGHBORS
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Neighbors United is a community based organization that serves and empowers residents in the community. This community area is bordered by Stewart to the west, the Leavitt to the east, 75th to the north and 91st to the south.

Oak Lawn is a community of interest. We are a historically segregated community with strong community organizations and faith-based organizations working to serve and unify the community. Our residents are connected by a shared commitment to reducing violence, developing community-based public safety programs, preserving our current housing stock and improving our local schools.

Oak Lawn is currently split into many districts at all levels of government. In 2000, our community was drawn into one congressional district (3), three state house districts (31, 35 and 36) and two state senate districts (16 and 18). This has made it more difficult for Oak Lawn residents to have their voices heard, and needs met. **Oak Lawn 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.**

Neighbors United 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.

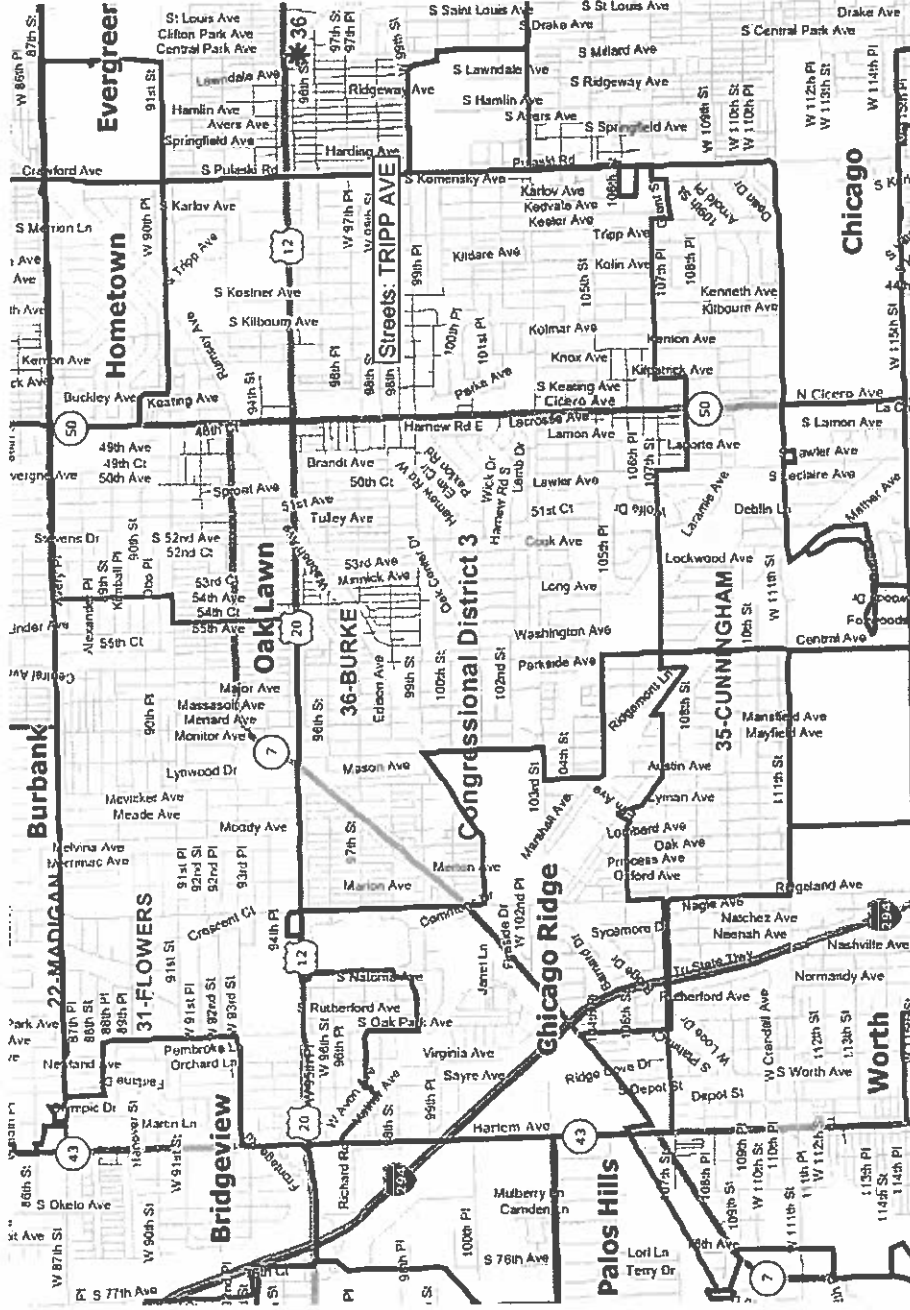
As a coalition, we call on the Senate Redistricting Committee and the General Assembly to do the following:

- 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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Oak Lawn Community Area



2010 Census Demographics	Total Population		Latino		African American		White		Asian	
	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Total Population	56,690		8,108	14.3%	2,893	5.1%	43,680	77.05%	1,207	2.13%
Voting Age Population	44,318		5,257	11.88%	2,223	5.02%	35,389	79.85%	945	2.13%