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Illinois Redistricting Committee

Testimony from Asiaha Butler
Resident Association of Greater Englewood (R.A.G.E.)

The Resident Association of Greater Englewood, also known as R.A.G.E., is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest group which mobilizes residents and resources to create positive change in the community through solutions-based problem solving.

R.A.G.E. would like the record to reflect the following boundaries to be defined as Greater Englewood: 55th Street to the North, 75th Street to the South, the Dan Ryan Expressway to the East, and Hamilton Avenue to the West (see attached map). These community boundaries align with the boundaries of Chicago's 7th Police District. According to the 2010 Census, the population within these boundaries is 69,344.

Currently, Greater Englewood is covered by two Senatorial Districts (3rd, 16th) and three Representative Districts (6th, 32nd and 31st). In an effort to ensure adequate services and representation in the Illinois General Assembly, we are requesting that Greater Englewood be remapped to fall within one Senatorial District and no more than two Representative Districts.

Although Greater Englewood does not currently suffer from inadequate racial representation, our community's voting power is diffused across five state legislative districts. This limits our ability to hold elected representatives accountable on persistent issues we face as a community. Safety is a primary concern of residents and businesses in Greater Englewood. Thus, it would be appropriate to align service boundaries – in this case, the Chicago 7th Police District – with political boundaries.

We believe this recommendation will better enable our community to work with our elected representatives to increase safety, as well address other related issues, such as education and economic development.

Our mission at R.A.G.E. is to bring residents together to tackle issues we face as a community. Realigning our state legislative footprint into one Senatorial District and no more than two Representative Districts during Illinois' redistricting process will be a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Greater Englewood Map

population: 69,344 (2010 Census)

- Boundaries
- North: 55th Street
 - South: 75th Street
 - East: Dan Ryan Expressway
 - West: Hamilton Avenue



For more information call R.A.G.E. at 866-845-1032 or email joinrage@gmail.com.

7th District Englewood

1400 W 63rd St

- 007 District - All Beats in Zone 6**
- 701 Desk Sgt
 - 705 Desk Officer
 - 706 Incident Car
 - 707 Patrol Car
 - 708 Neighborhood Relations Sgt
 - 709 Evidence Tech
 - 707 Desk Officer
 - 708 Incident Car
 - 716-A (Incident Car) (New Van)

- Beat Cars**
- Servic Sgt
 - 710
 - 720
 - 730
 - Beat Car
 - 711-12-13-14-15
 - 722-23-24-25-26
 - 731-32-33-34-35

- Rapid Response**
- Jid Watch
 - Sgt, Response Car
 - 740 751-52-53-54-55-56-57
 - 750 751-52-53-54-55-56-57

- 2nd Watch**
- Sgt, Response Car
 - 740 751-52-53-54
 - 750 751-52-53-54
 - 761 beat Sgt
 - 762 beat Sgt
 - 763 beat Sgt
 - 769 Gang beat Sgt
 - 760 beat Operation II
 - 780 beat Sgt
 - 790-91 beat Operation II
 - 799 Watch Commander
 - 761A-81B-61C-01D beat team
 - 762A-82B-62C-02D beat team
 - 763A-83B-63C-03D beat team
 - 769A-69B-69C-69D Gang beat team
 - 771-72 Squad
 - 781-89 Patrol beats
 - 792-98 31st/61st Motorcycle/PPV

