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I live in North Bethesda, and I am writing to express my concerns about the redistricting plan that is under consideration by the County.

The proposed redistricting plan is far from ideal for our community. Considering the criteria that should have guided the redistricting we are worse off with the new plan than we are now regarding Compactness, Contiguity, and Preservation of community interest. These are three of the six guiding criteria that the Commission itself set for the redistricting.

The district including Chevy Chase, Bethesda and Potomac is another blatant violation of the Commission guiding principle regarding Minority representation.

I believe that voters who in the past election supported increasing the number of districts did it in good faith thinking that this would have resulted in a fairer representation of the interests of the various communities. This did not happen for North Bethesda under the proposed plan. This redistricting plan appears to be the result of several conflicting interests with little regard to guiding principles, fairness, and democracy.

I urge the County to show that the democratic process is still operational by reopening the discussion on the redistricting and considering alternative plans that are not in violation of the guiding principles that the Commission was supposed to follow.

Sincerely,



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