

## Redistricting, Expedited Bill 41-21, Elections - Council Districts - Boundaries

I am concerned about the new district that would carve up my neighborhood, Kemp Mill. Montgomery County's Redistricting Commission made an error in dividing Kemp Mill along Arcola Ave into different districts. The homes, shopping center, park, religious and educational institutions on the west side of Arcola – proposed for **District 6** – are an integral part of the lives of Kemp Mill residents living in what is proposed for District 5, east of Arcola. **All of Kemp Mill should be in the same district.** Additionally, I am asking that we be kept together in district 6, **not** 5. District 6 makes more sense for two key reasons:

1. District 6 includes Berman Hebrew Academy and the Orthodox community in Aspen Hill. Kemp Mill children comprise over half of Berman's enrollment, and the welfare of the Aspen Hill area is central to the welfare of the school and, hence, our KM community. Moreover, joining Aspen Hill to Kemp Mill helps our communal voice since numbers count.

2. The closest commercial district to Kemp Mill is Wheaton. Wheaton is also our home library and the parks are where we take our children and grandchildren. What happens in Wheaton affects us all directly. It makes no sense to divorce Kemp Mill from our neighbors there.

Thank you for addressing this concern.

With appreciation,  
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