




**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NORTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

**November 2, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri, will conduct a Special Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the City Council Chamber at 2010 Howell Street, North Kansas City, MO 64116.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Review of Ward Redistricting Process** 
- 3. Public Comments** (3 minutes per person)
- 4. City Council Discussion on Ward Redistricting Maps**
- 5. Adjournment**

This Special Council Meeting of the City Council of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri, has been duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.04.030 of the Code of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri, by the undersigned Mayor of the City of North Kansas City, Missouri.

DONE this 29th day of October 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Bryant DeLong, *Mayor*

Representatives of the news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting:

Crystal Doss, City Clerk, City Hall
2010 Howell Street
North Kansas City, Missouri 64116
Telephone No. (816) 274-6000

Posted on the 29th day of October 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kim Nakahodo, Interim City Administrator

DATE: November 2, 2021

RE: Review of Ward Redistricting Process

Over time, people move, new homes are constructed, and neighborhoods change. That's why every ten years North Kansas City is required to redraw its City Council districts based on the latest U.S. Census data in a process called redistricting. The redistricting process helps ensure North Kansas City residents receive fair and equitable representation in our local government by equalizing the number of residents in each district.

Redistricting Requirements

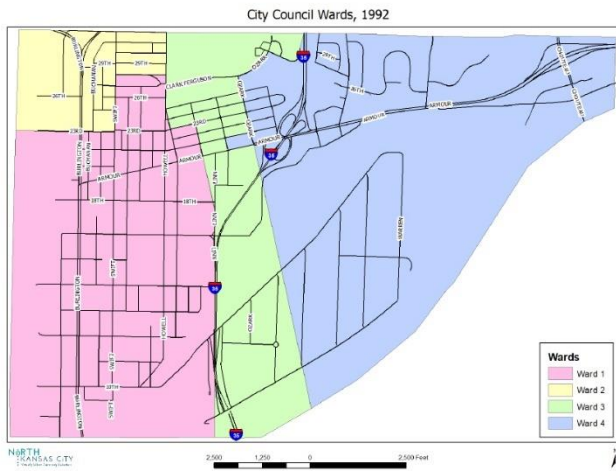
A basic principle of redistricting is that legislative districts should be "**compact**", "**contiguous**" and avoid the "**legislative evil commonly known as the 'gerrymander'**."

Above all, when municipalities redistrict, the **new boundaries must be as equal as possible in population**. The combined percentage of deviation of the most populous district and the percentage of deviation of the least populous district from the ideal district population may not exceed 10% and all other district populations must fall within that narrow range.

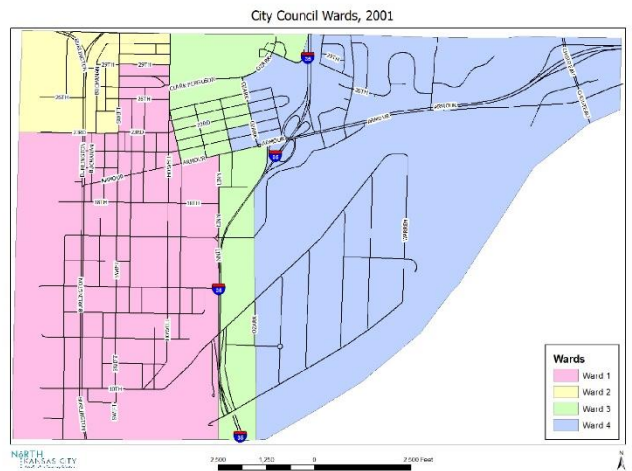
For North Kansas City, our **ideal legislative district population is 1,117** (4,467 population ÷ 4 Wards).

Historical Perspective

North Kansas City's Wards have changed over the years to comply with the equal population mandate outlined in the U.S. Constitution.



1992 Ward Map



2001 Ward Map



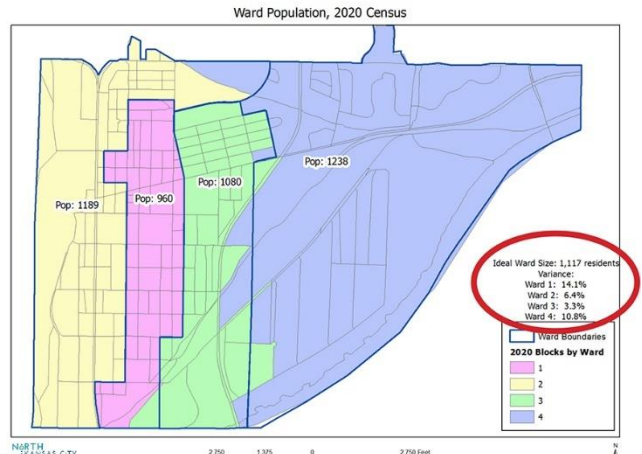
Current Ward Map

The Need to Redistrict

North Kansas City's Ward boundaries no longer meet the 10% deviation required by the U.S. Constitution, therefore, the Ward boundaries must be redistricted.



2020 Population Map by Block Group



2020 Census information compared to current Ward Map

Redistricting Process

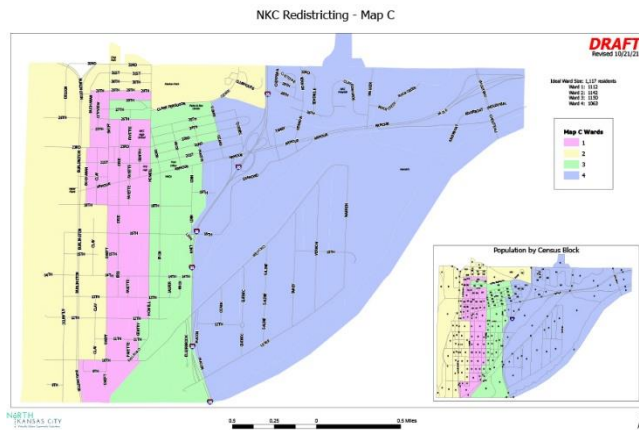
The redistricting process is a **dynamic and continuous process** where multiple maps are developed, discussed, and modified based on resident and City Council input. The new ward boundaries are adopted by ordinance after a public hearing. The new ward boundaries must be set prior to the opening of filing for the April 2022 election on December 7, 2021.

Prior NKC Ward Redistricting Actions

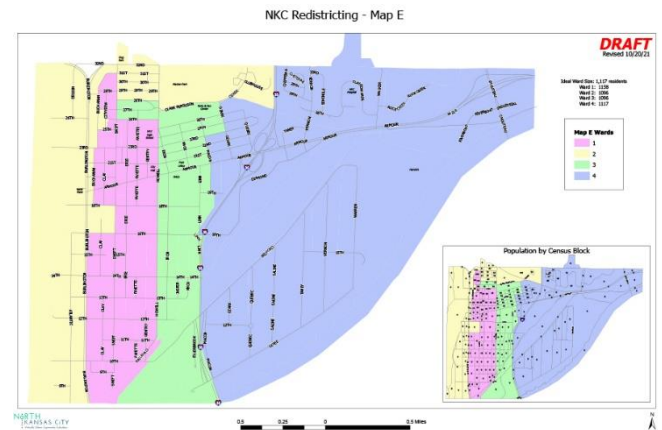
City Council Work Session on Tuesday, October 19

In advance of the Tuesday, October 19, City Council Work Session, four draft maps (Maps A-D) were created and published for City Council discussion and resident input. Residents provided feedback on these maps through an online survey and direct feedback provided to their City Councilmembers. Councilmember Graves (Maps E-F) and Smith (Map G) also submitted maps to be included in the Agenda packet for the Tuesday, October 19, City Council Work Session.

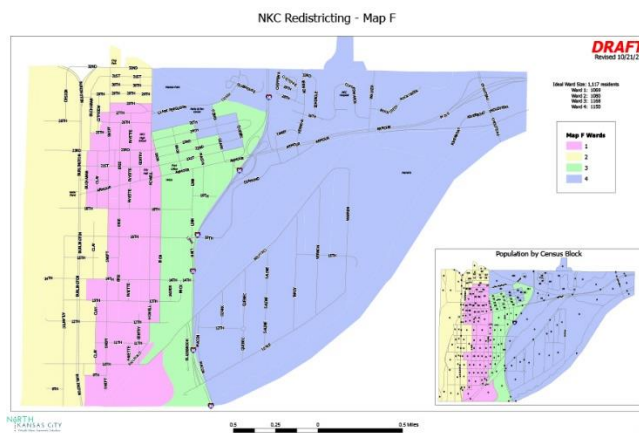
During the Tuesday, October 19, Work Session, the City Council modified Maps C, E & F based on resident feedback.



Draft Modified Map C



Draft Modified Map E



Draft Modified Map F

Draft Map Public Input Period

The City Council asked residents to review the modified Maps C, E & F (below) and provide input through online comment form, paper comment form (located at City Hall), contacting them directly, or sharing their comments at the Tuesday, November 2, City Council Special Session beginning at 6 p.m.

Residents were welcome to attend an Open House on Tuesday, November 2 from 4-6 p.m. to review information boards, fill out comment cards, or provide public comment during the City Council Special Session immediately following the Open House.

Special Council Meeting, November 2, 6 p.m.

Staff will collect all resident input collected during the Draft Map Public Input Period for City Council review. The public comments received prior to the packet being distributed are attached to this memo. Residents are also welcome to provide public comment during the City Council Special Meeting immediately following the Open House.

Staff will have all of the prior maps and modified maps available for City Council discussion and direction at the Special Council Meeting.

Draft Redistricting Map Comment Card

Please fill out this Comment Card if you are unable to provide your feedback during the Special Council Meeting. Comments on this card will be shared during the Special Council Meeting on November 2, 6 p.m.

Are you a resident? Yes No

If so, what Ward do you live in? 1 2 3 4

\$ owned

George Schlueter - 800 east 23rd Ave

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps?

E - Revised Large Map
more balanced
Keeps TRAD, NAV, &
Aves fairly intact

& gives some consid to current near-reid
cont
1 - 15th Swift
2 - 23rd Swift
3 - Gallery
4 - DIST one

A or B
could also work

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps?

E - small map
BAD

F - BAD

G - Ward 4 will quickly
outgrow all others Dist One Apts
Ward 2 has 15th Swift apts - will be out balance in 2 yrs

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps?

see above

You don't show
or
where - live
council or table
for map of red?
George Schlueter

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Are you a resident? Yes No

If so, what Ward do you live in? 1 2 3 4

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps?

Plan C, please shown

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps?

it is difficult to
see a neighborhood

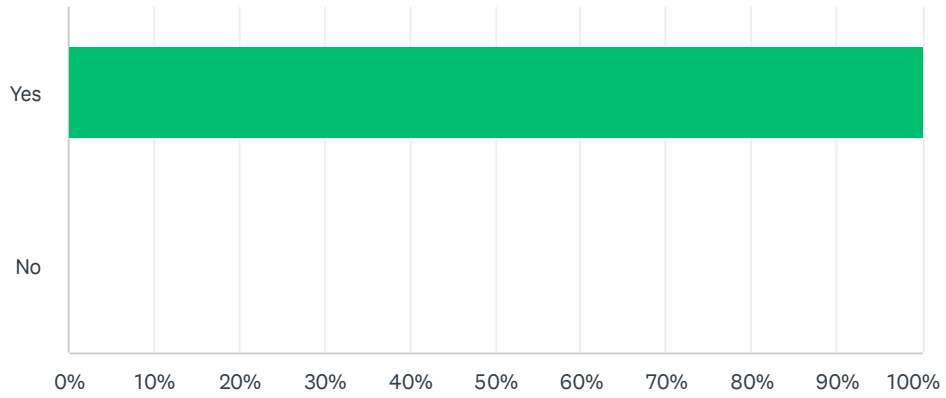
on 10/21/21
draft

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps?

Carved in 1/2
Not to have meeting on
voting day. I will be a
poll worker 11/2/21

Q1 Are you a North Kansas City resident?

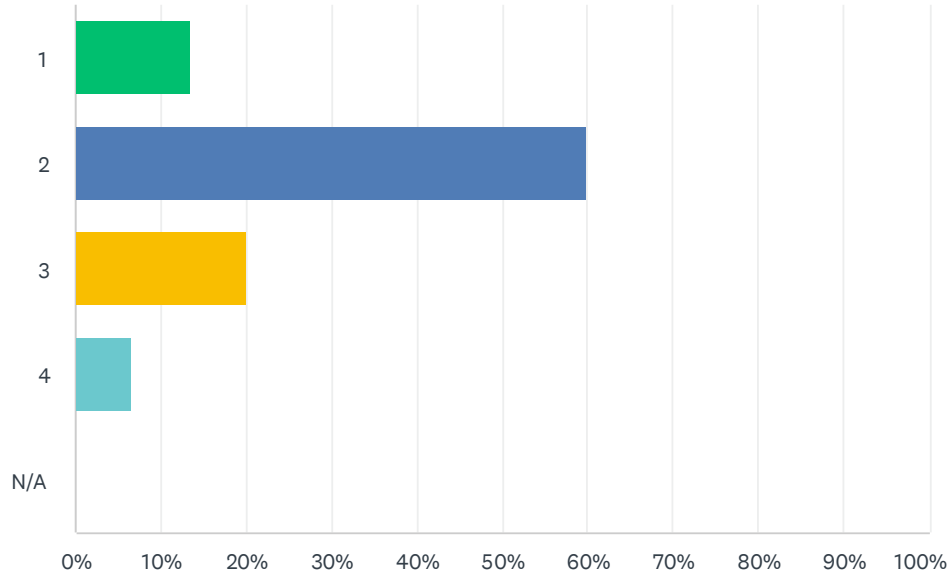
Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	15
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		15

Q2 If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	13.33%	2
2	60.00%	9
3	20.00%	3
4	6.67%	1
N/A	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 15		

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **3**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Much easier to read and review.

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Prefer modify Map C. They mostly look fair to me, but this seems the best.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

No comment.

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

None.

#3

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **1**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Map F is the most appealing to me.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

n/a

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

n/a

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3
What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like them.

Q4
What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Nothing

Q5
What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Nothing

#5

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **3**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Map E would be my preference between the three options presented.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

For purposes of redistricting boundaries, the location of one resident/council member serving two year term should not take precedence for a decision that will impact all residents of the City over the next 10 years.

Map C - I do not like that Swift to Howell, between 26th and 28th Avenues, would be part of Ward 3, but would go back to Ward 1 for one block north of 28th. Also, the portions west of Howell are divided from the rest of Ward 3 by Wheel Park/NKC Highschool. This does not seem like a best effort toward maintaining a compact or contiguous Ward 3.

Map F- I'm not a fan of the carveout of a Ward 4 entering the current Ward 3 from the north. This splits the avenues along seemly random boundaries. The avenues currently have all similar house types and the proposed Map E would split these up with one side of the street being on one ward and other side in a second ward. This was used as an argument for not splitting up portions of Ward 1 at the last City Council meeting.

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Comment for maps C and E - If a portion of what is now Ward 1 is to be added to Ward 3, why not use areas between 21st and 23rd Avenues, west of Howell. The main non-residential barriers between these two areas are parking lots rather than the school/park. This would allow the residential areas within the new Ward 3 to be physically closer and more compact than the proposed maps.

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **1**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

They do their best to keep individual neighborhoods together and split up many of the bigger businesses between wards

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I don't appreciate that someone who doesn't live in Northtown was the one who came up with the initial maps. Sarah has no clue about which streets/blocks are communities and how keeping them together is ideal when possible. She was merely looking at #s. Many on council have coined her as the "smartest person in the room" but book smarts do not replace street smarts. The drafts never should have been created by her in the first place. I'm proud of the councilmembers who recreated better versions. They live here. She does not. Can we make it a requirement that staff (director level and above) are required to live in NKC within 6 months of employment? I bet they can find an apartment...

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Out of the revised versions provided with input from those who actually live in these wards, map E is the preferred option for me.

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **3**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like that C and E seem to be more cohesive in keeping the neighborhoods together in relatively logical progression.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Not a big fan of what feels like odd placements of plan F

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like C&E the most. They make much more sense to me than the originally proposed A&B plans

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

They seem to limit the amount of ward movement as much as possible

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

No complaints

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

No suggestions and map F seems to make the most sense in my opinion

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like 1st. C
2nd. E
Map F looks to bizarrely shaped in Ward 4. It is unacceptable.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Map F has Ward 4 too contorted. It looks wrong even if the numbers are correct. Appearance is unacceptable.

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Maps C and E are fine.

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like the MAP C redistricting proposal. It offers the best method for keeping neighborhoods and multi-family housing within the same council district. I like that the Council provided both the rules on how the Census Tracts are determined and alternatives for setting the revised Council Districts.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

See prior answer. Each proposal offers a reasonable approach to redistricting, but I much prefer Map C for the reasons stated in my previous answer.

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

None.

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Most like existing without any bizarre hooks or islands

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Not the most evenly distributed by population.

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

None

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Valiant effort made to make these as easy to digest as possible. I prefer original map C.

Q4 **Respondent skipped this question**

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

None.

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Map C accomplishes the redistricting process with the most compact wards and cleanest lines.

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

n/a

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Try to keep neighborhood blocks and distinct areas of NKC together as much as possible

#14

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Page 1

Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **2**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3

What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

The Original Map C has the best overall makeup and cleanest declination of areas

Q4

What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

N/a

Q5

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

Keep neighborhood blocks and areas together as much as you can

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Q1 **Yes**

Are you a North Kansas City resident?

Q2 **4**

If so, what Ward do you live in? (If you don't know, here is a link to the current Ward maps.)

Q3
What do you like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

I like C or E

Q4
What do you not like about the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)

F

Q5 **Respondent skipped this question**

What suggestions do you have for the draft redistricting maps? (Here is a link to the Modified Maps C, E & F. Here is a link to the Ward Redistricting Information Page.)
