

# Redistricting Hearing Testimony

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Dear Redistricting Committee:

My name is Judith Zivanovic and I am a registered voter in Lenexa. My contact information is: e-mail: jzivan56@yahoo.com and 913-827-3429.

I am submitting testimony for the redistricting hearing to be held on August 12 in Overland Park. This testimony is WRITTEN ONLY.

As I understand it, redistricting should occur in response to a significant change in population; if, instead, redistricting occurs in order to favor a political party, the action is, of course, called gerrymandering. No one wants to call itself the Gerrymandering Committee. So, I have high hopes that your current Committee does not become one.

When I heard Susan Wagle state it was a given that Republicans could redistrict so that Sharice Davids would be likely to lose her office, I was appalled. I know politics is not child's play, but the idea that citizens who have elected someone to represent them in office would have their voting power manipulated to prevent them from doing so again, is, if not illegal, it should be, and it is exceedingly immoral. If this happens I hope there will be a lawsuit, with that video as primary evidence. But I hope it will not happen.

I think there will be a lot of people, including those from both parties, who will be very disgruntled if they are prevented from voting for their current Representative by a party redistricting to prevent their vote. That is not the purpose of redistricting nor should it ever be the purpose.

I hope you will give serious consideration to what redistricting would offer to all citizens concerned and not to a Party solely interested in displacing someone from office by preventing her current constituents from voting for her and assuring that there would be many more citizens opposing her, suddenly voting in her district.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely, Judith Zivanovic

