

## Giana Lawrence - District 3 - redistricting testimony

Hello, my name is Giana Lawrence. I live in the Gateway neighborhood, on the border of House District 23. I've only been here almost a year. And I hope to move to a quieter neighborhood sometime next year or sooner.

If we don't get to participate in any of the decisions on lines drawn for districting.. we are subject to speculation of needs rather than direct inquiry. If the lines Need to be redrawn so things are spread fairly.. than we must. The quality of our neighborhoods should be the same especially since human beings live in them. Money and political position or the amount of land and space hoarding one has...should not determine having more rights than the next person.

The districts need to be redrawn in a way that allows my community to stay together and fight for more equitable practices. I guess for me, equity would mean, for my community, all communities, is fair housing. Fair wages. Less police presence. More art and music in schools. Skill city job fairs. Street fairs would boost morale. Fair housing looks like families of four or less or more with actual family houses as low income housing rather than apartments. Fair wages would come from engaging the community on what jobs are out there and what program's support them getting those jobs. I'm tired of apartments as low income housing. It's important to care about people and their need for space. I'm an artist... I need more space. But the housing is unfair all around. Housless community needs more attention. DECENT Shelters need to be built. Other than that I have yet to have more to complain about. Thank you for your time.