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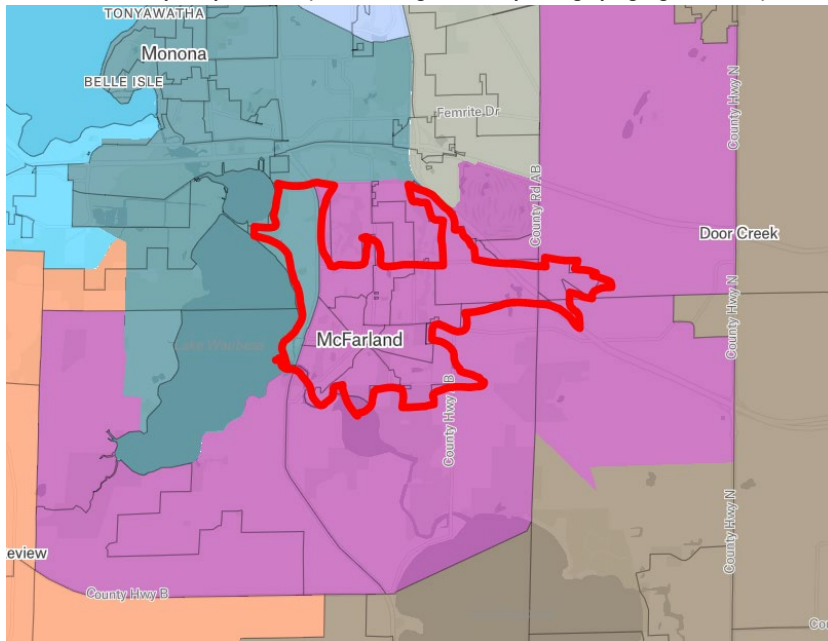
Dear Mr. Standing,

I have reviewed the proposed re-districting maps and would like to provide the following feedback on the maps for the Redistricting Committee meeting this evening:

Good Evening Commissioner!

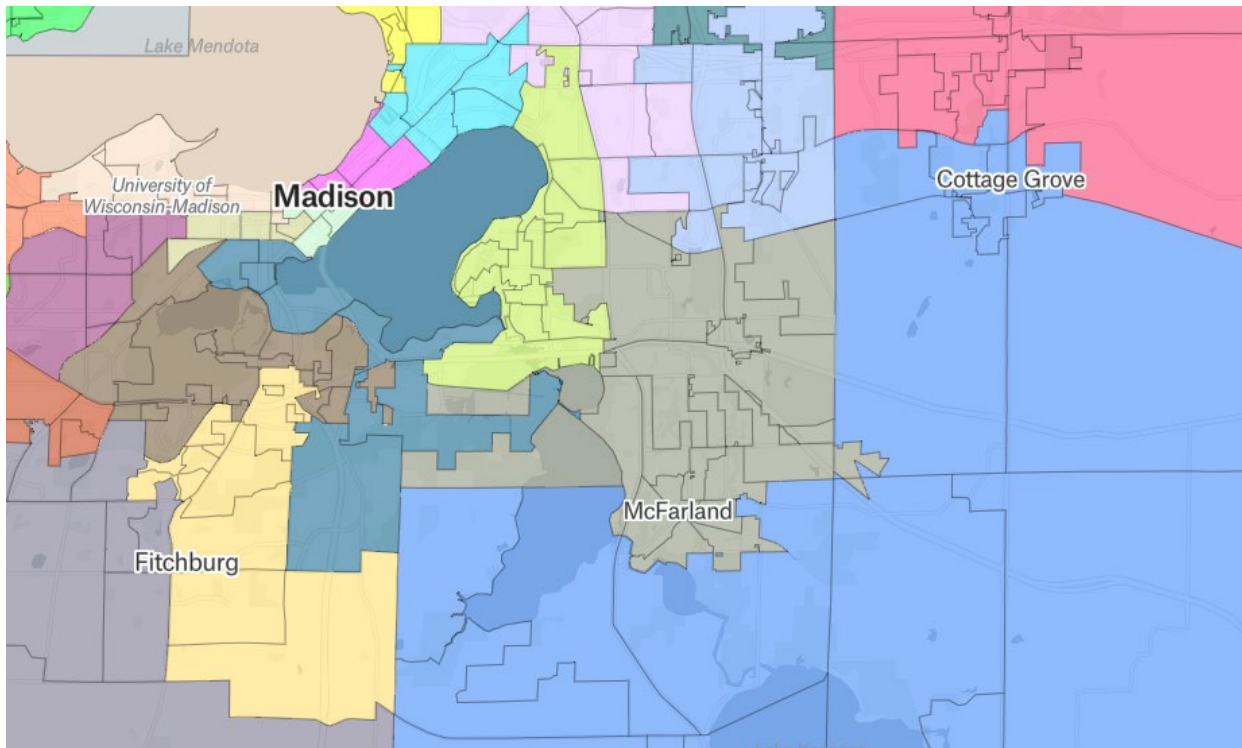
First and foremost, a big thank you to each of you who have sat on this committed and provided your time and efforts to this extremely important process. As we are all aware the heart of democracy relies on having well and fair drawn maps. I think most Clerks in smaller Towns and Villages, would tell you having the least number of districts and ballot styles is always preferred. We currently have two Dane County Supervisory Districts as of annexations, and are familiar with the additional administrative burden. Having two districts increases the amount of education necessary for poll workers each election, it increases the voting process as poll workers need to make a determination with every voters ballot style, and it also increases the change of making a mistake. Sometimes based on size that isn't always possible, but for the Village of McFarland, with our size we believe it is possible. We also believe it's possible additionally plan for growth to the east and still stay within one district. Due to our current geographical boundaries, and existing boundaries and agreements, we know development is only likely to occur to the east. In reviewing the maps there were three map proposals that we found to be best for the Village of McFarland and will provide comments and the top two plans:

1. **Burden #2 by Barry Burden – (current Village boundary is roughly highlighted in red)**



One small change we would request is to have the area contained with the Village that is number 15, **be all contained within 14**. I would recommend the City of Madison and Blooming Grove lands north of the Village be swapped into 15 to even out and account for the population shift. The pros of this plan, with the noted adjustment, are unified representation for the entire Village only being in one district and also room to grow within this district to the east without encountering another district split for a while. This is the easiest to administer and sets us up for the future. This is also easier for citizens to understand their representation. The only con is to the east we may run into a third district at some point. The eastern boundary in the next map, allows for much more expansion.

2. **Wards by AJ**



Pros of this map is the entire Village is contained within one Dane County Supervisory District and growth to the east be limited to only one additional Dane County Supervisory District. Some of the other maps have two districts to the east of us. The Village will also look to splitting our polling places in the near future. That plan would create a polling place on the east side of the Village and then another polling place on the west side of the Village. This plan allows that once we split polling places, only one of the polling locations to the east would have to deal with the minimum number of voters in the second district. Cons to this are the Village will have two different districts, but having one district may not be possible.

The rest of the plans had splits in the Village that were more complicated and challenging to manage. Our absolute preference is to have the Village be in one district. And if there must be two, we would prefer one of the two configurations where the Village starts in one district and as we grow east, we are only growing into one supervisory district if possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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