

**Testimony for Senate, Senate Redistricting Committee, 3/28/11
Bilandic Building, Chicago, IL**

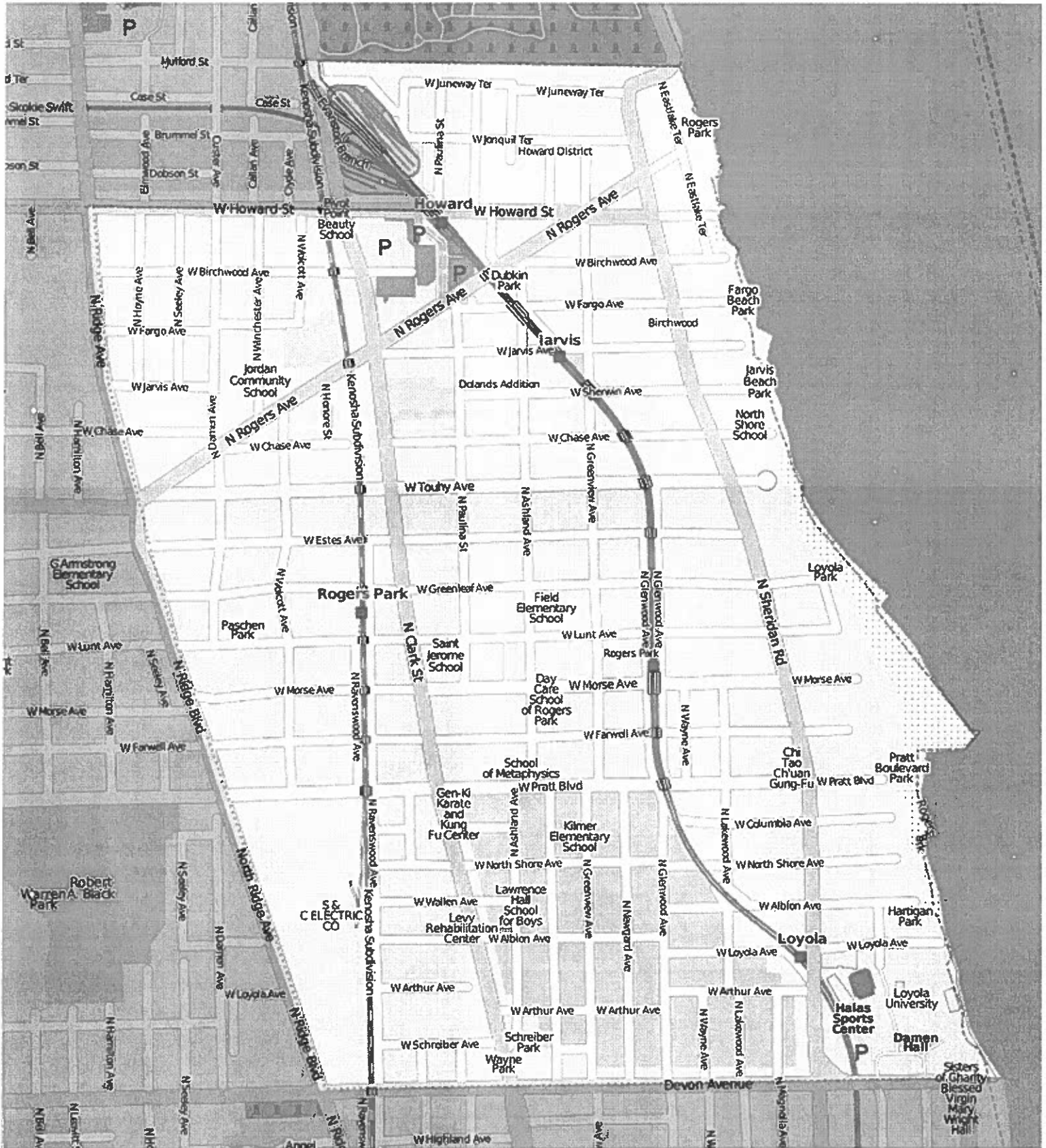
My name is Kyle Hillman. I am a resident of Chicago, IL who is active in the Rogers Park community.

My testimony relates to the 2011 Illinois state redistricting plan.

I am asking that the Illinois Legislature redraw the Rogers Park community into a Chicago based district (specifically moving areas currently in the 18th representative district to the 14th) to create a fair redistrict that follows the spirit of the recently passed bill SB3976.

- The largest part of Rogers Park in the 18th consists of east of Clark, north to Evanston, east to the lake, angles south to Touhy Ave. (See map).
- Including the parts of Rogers Park, currently in the 18th, would add about 10,321 individuals – of which 8,540 are over 18. (Based on 2010 Census by precinct)
- In the last election only 1670 votes came out of that region.
- In 2010 the area cast only 2,219 out of 25, 935 votes cast in the 18th
- While Rogers Park is roughly 1/3rd Caucasian, 1/3rd Latino and 1/3rd Black, the North of Howard/South of Evanston area of the 18th runs roughly 50% Caucasian, 50% Black
- If you remove the lakefront properties from this area you have an almost 2 to 1 Black vs. Caucasian makeup.
- The 18th is made up of roughly 70% Caucasian.
- The economic difference between the lakefront of Evanston and New Trier vs. this poorer region of Rogers Park is staggering.
- Dividing the area along the Evanston boarder would still allow for Evanston cooperation in the area while letting representatives that share in Chicago specific challenges to represent the most northern area of the city.
- Representation for that residents of that area would improve if they were grouped with people who share similar economic and racial similarieities.
- The ability of minorities to organize and create influence would be creately enhanced if grouped in with people who share similar economic and racial similarieities.
- Removing this area from the 18th and placing it into a more balanced district would allow for the creation of an influence district or even a coalition district on the northside consistent with SB3976's Illinois Voting Rights Act of 2011.

ROGERS PARK



Based on map from www.openstreetmap.org

Images of Rogers Park can be found at <http://www.ChicagoImageGate.com>

Rogers Park Proposal (18+) 2010 Census

GEO	D001	D002	D003	D004	D005	D006	D007	D008	D009	D010	D011	D012
Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:	Total:
Population	3884927	2307424	936069	14795	259183	1356	366100	77468	72311	9899	6840	
White alone	973	206	685	13	25	1	43	33	29	9	2	
Black or Afri	950	463	338	3	33	2	111	39	33	9	2	
American Indi	882	553	260	3	47	0	19	32	30	7	2	
Asian alone	850	558	221	4	35	0	32	21	19	5	6	
Native Hawa	852	460	279	4	20	5	84	18	18	9	1	
Some Other	1053	518	379	6	96	10	44	51	45	13	4	
White; Blac	800	422	310	8	23	0	37	28	22	6	3	
White; Amr	1008	423	502	5	42	0	36	40	38	5	1	
White; Asi	885	647	169	1	28	0	40	25	22	5	3	
White; Amr	8253	4250	3143	47	349	18	446	287	256	68	24	
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