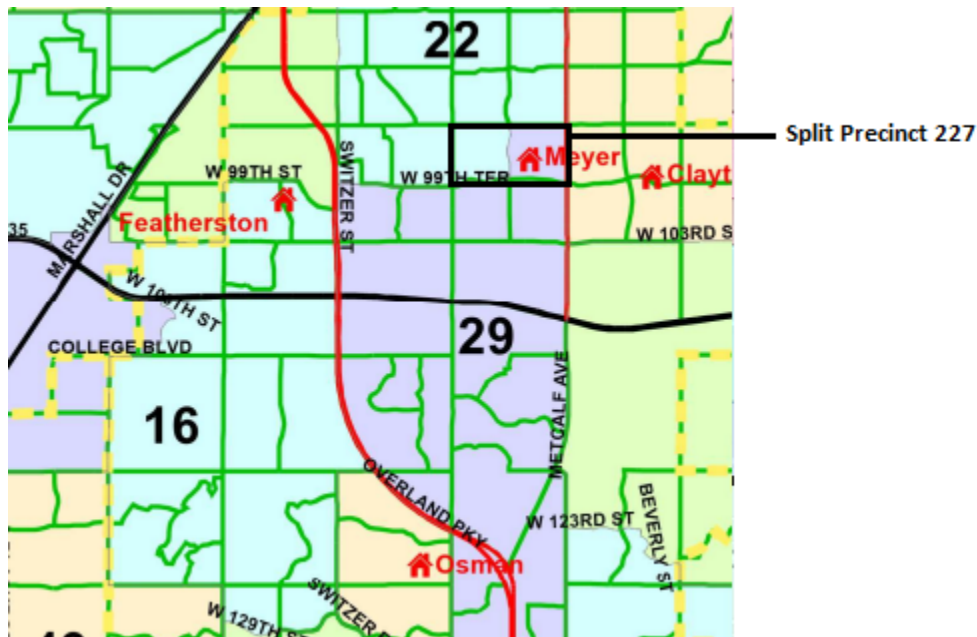


Written Testimony of Patrick Gouger, Private Citizen
Opponent of Freestate 3 Map
House Committee on Redistricting
March 17, 2022

House Redistricting Committee:

I have comments specifically about the 29th House District.

First, do not split precincts. Overland Park Ward 2 Precinct 27 runs from Metcalf to Antioch; and 95th to 99th. This map splits that precinct in half by using north/south running Lowell Avenue as a dividing border. Please do not split N227.



Secondly, the northern boundary of this district from Lowell to Switzer should return to 95th Street. The Shawnee Mission School District uses 95th St as the border between their District Areas 3 and 4. By moving the northern border of District 29 south to 99th, parts of SMSD area 4 are split from their current representation and into House District 22. SMSD Area 4 residents would be represented by 2 different representatives depending on their address.

This also occurs in House District 16 immediately to the west and splits parts of SMSD areas 4 into the redrawn District 23.

Lastly, the shapes of all these districts in central Johnson County are not compact. They are elongated vertically (north and south) and should be shaped closer to square shapes to keep city wards / precincts and similar adjacent neighborhoods together and ensure elected representatives live in close vicinity to voters they represent.

Respectfully,
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