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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
THOMAS M. MENINO

September 24, 2012

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors,

I am returning, with disapproval, your ordinance. I reiterate here the concerns I expressed in my letter dated September 6, 2012 disapproving your prior redistricting plan.

A redistricting plan that I can sign will:

1. Avoid the over-concentration of protected groups in any district;
2. Provide reasonable opportunities for voters of protected groups to achieve proportionality in representation on the City Council; and
3. Use a group's voting age population (or citizen voting age population where available) within a district as a percent of the total voting age population in that district as a basis of your evaluation of potential voter strength.

My concern about the last plan was that it concentrated "our many citizens of color into too few districts, and in doing so may limit their equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice." This over-concentration was especially true in District 4, and the second map you passed shares the very same problem there and almost the very same figures.

Under both maps passed, almost 70% of the District 4's voting age population is Black and almost 95% is Non-White. In a city where diversity is found broadly, I had asked that you endeavor to avoid over-concentration of minority voters, and I make that same request again.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino  
Mayor, City of Boston

Offered by Councilors Tito Jackson and Matt O'Malley

## CITY OF BOSTON

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IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE

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### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS



*Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:*

City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter Two be amended by striking 2-9.2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following new language:

The districts redrawn under authority of Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1982 as amended by Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1986 are hereby redrawn, as follows:

District One - Consisting of precincts numbered one through fourteen of Ward One; precincts numbered one through seven of Ward Two; and precincts numbered one through four of Ward Three.

District Two - Consisting of precincts numbered six through eight of Ward Three; precincts numbered one through three of Ward Four; precinct numbered one of Ward Five; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Six; precincts numbered one through seven of Ward Seven; precinct numbered one of Ward Eight; and precinct numbered one of Ward Nine.

District Three - Consisting of precinct numbered fifteen of Ward One, precincts numbered eight through ten of Ward Seven; precincts numbered three and five through ten of Ward Thirteen; precincts numbered one, three, four, and six through nine of Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered one through twelve of Ward Sixteen; and precincts numbered four and thirteen of Ward Seventeen.

District Four - Consisting of precinct numbered four of Ward Thirteen; precincts numbered one through fourteen of Ward Fourteen; precincts numbered two and five of Ward Fifteen; precincts numbered one through three, five through twelve and fourteen of Ward Seventeen; and precincts numbered one, two and four of Ward Eighteen.

District Five - Consisting of precincts numbered three, and five through twenty-three of Ward Eighteen; precincts numbered ten, eleven, and thirteen of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered one, two, four, eight, and nine of Ward Twenty.

District Six - Consisting of precincts numbered six through nine of Ward Ten; precincts numbered four and six through ten of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine, and twelve of Ward Nineteen; and precincts numbered three, five through seven, and ten through twenty of Ward Twenty.

District Seven - Consisting of precincts numbered four, five, eight and nine of Ward Four; precincts numbered two through seven of Ward Eight; precincts numbered two through five of Ward Nine; precincts numbered one through three and five of Ward Eleven; precincts numbered one through nine of Ward Twelve; and precincts numbered one and two of Ward Thirteen.

District Eight - Consisting of precinct numbered five of Ward Three; precincts numbered six, seven and ten of Ward Four; precincts numbered two through eleven of Ward Five; precincts numbered one through five of Ward Ten; and precincts numbered one and two of Ward Twenty-One.

District Nine - Consisting of precincts numbered three through sixteen of Ward Twenty-One; and precincts numbered one through thirteen of Ward Twenty-Two.

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