



Via e-mail and Hand Delivery

February 5, 2024

Office of the City Clerk  
For the Honorable City Council of the City of Detroit  
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Suite 200  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Honorable Members of the Detroit City Council:

My name is Jeffrey Jones and I have been a resident of the Hope Village neighborhood for 55 years and I currently serve as the Executive Director of Hope Village Revitalization. I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the Council Redistricting options set forth by the City Planning Commission because they disenfranchise the Hope Village neighborhood by packing it into a newly drawn District 5.

Hope Village Revitalization, a community development corporation serving the Hope Village neighborhood in Detroit, has worked tirelessly for two decades to stem the tide of blight and disinvestment by stabilizing our community through innovative strategies and collaboration with our City Council representative. This tremendous progress is being put into jeopardy by a bureaucratic process that failed to appreciate the nuances of Detroit neighborhoods by excluding their voice.

At the January 23, 2024 public hearing, Director Todd referenced our alternative option created by the community that maintains Hope Village in Council District 2. Director Todd stated that our option failed to meet certain population thresholds, therefore we have updated our alternative option to meet those thresholds. Our proposed option (attached) accomplishes the City's expressed goals of increasing population in District 5, maintaining the contiguity of the District and proportionality of population, and avoid splitting Detroit voting Precincts. The attached three slides show, 1) our option keeps the Council District boundaries contiguous, 2) identifies the boundaries of Hope Village and, 3) highlights that our option does not split any voting precinct. After reviewing the City of Detroit's Census dashboard, it is confirmed that switching these ten voting precincts involves roughly the same number of residents.

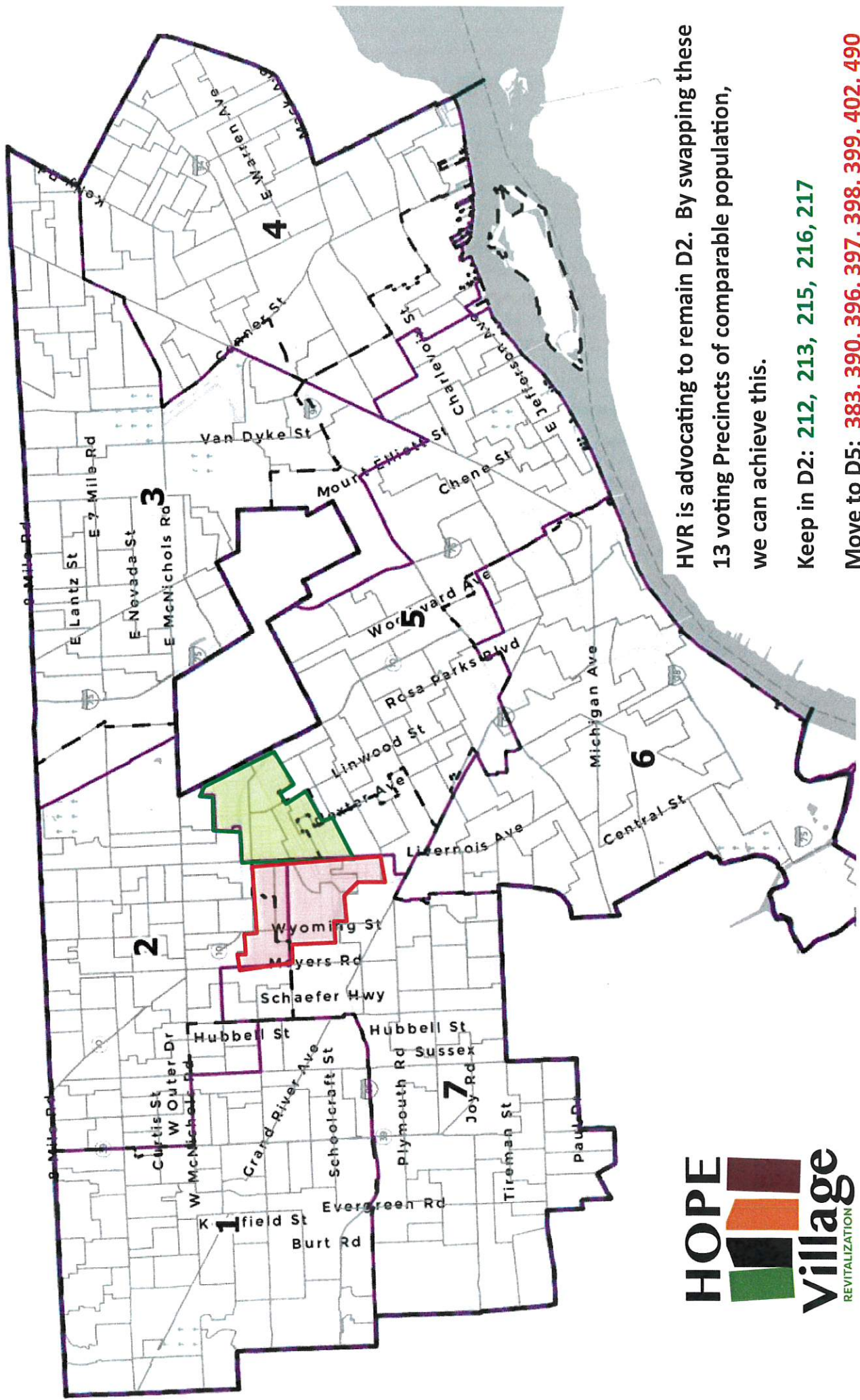
It is my hope that this Honorable Body will take the opportunity to allow for more time to listen to the communities that will be impacted by the boundary shifts. Their on-the-ground perspective will prove invaluable in ensuring that the residents of Detroit are not harmed in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Jones", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jeffrey Jones, Executive Director  
Hope Village Revitalization

# Detroit City Council Redistricting Option 6 Amendment - The HOPE Option



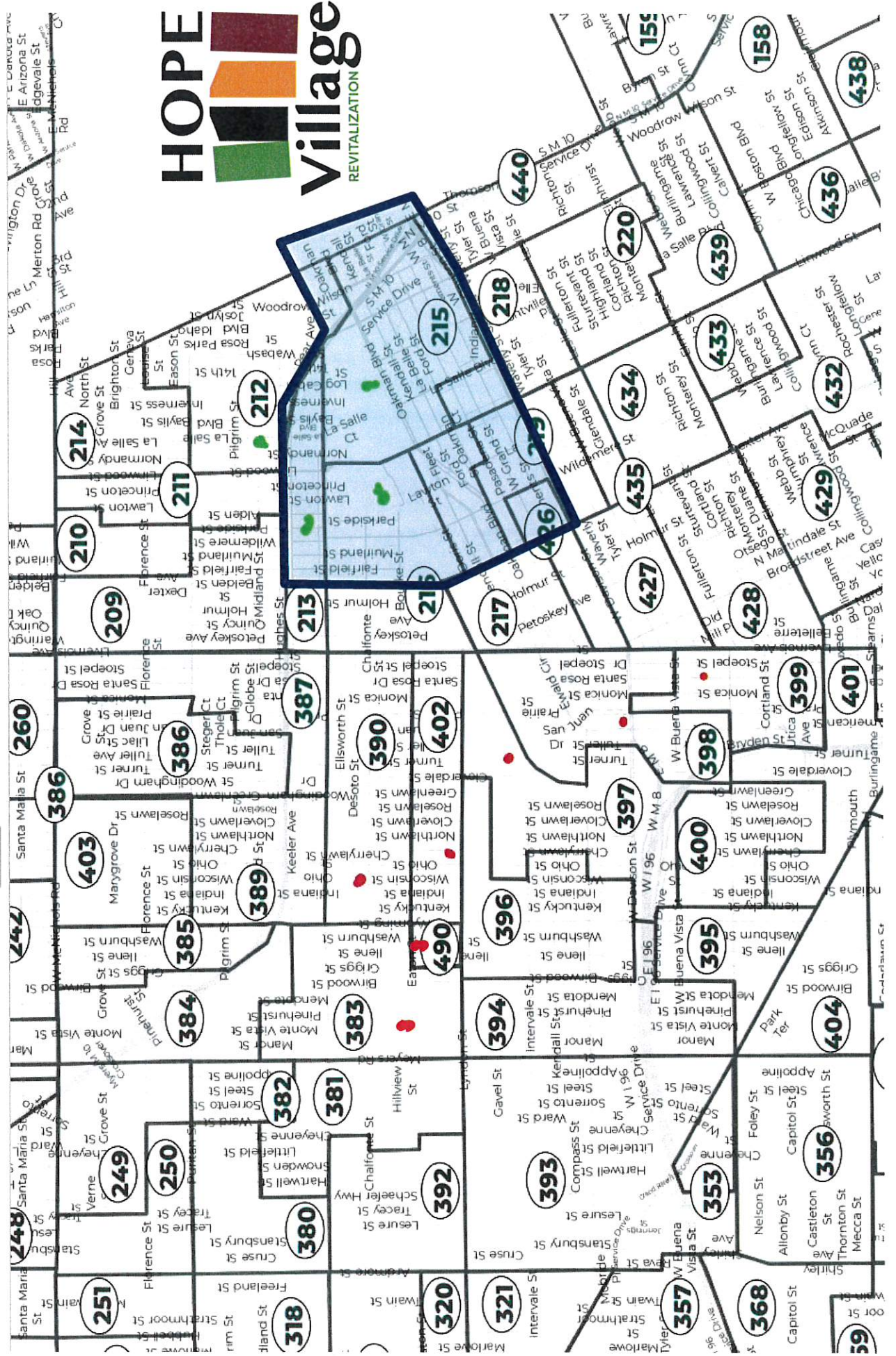
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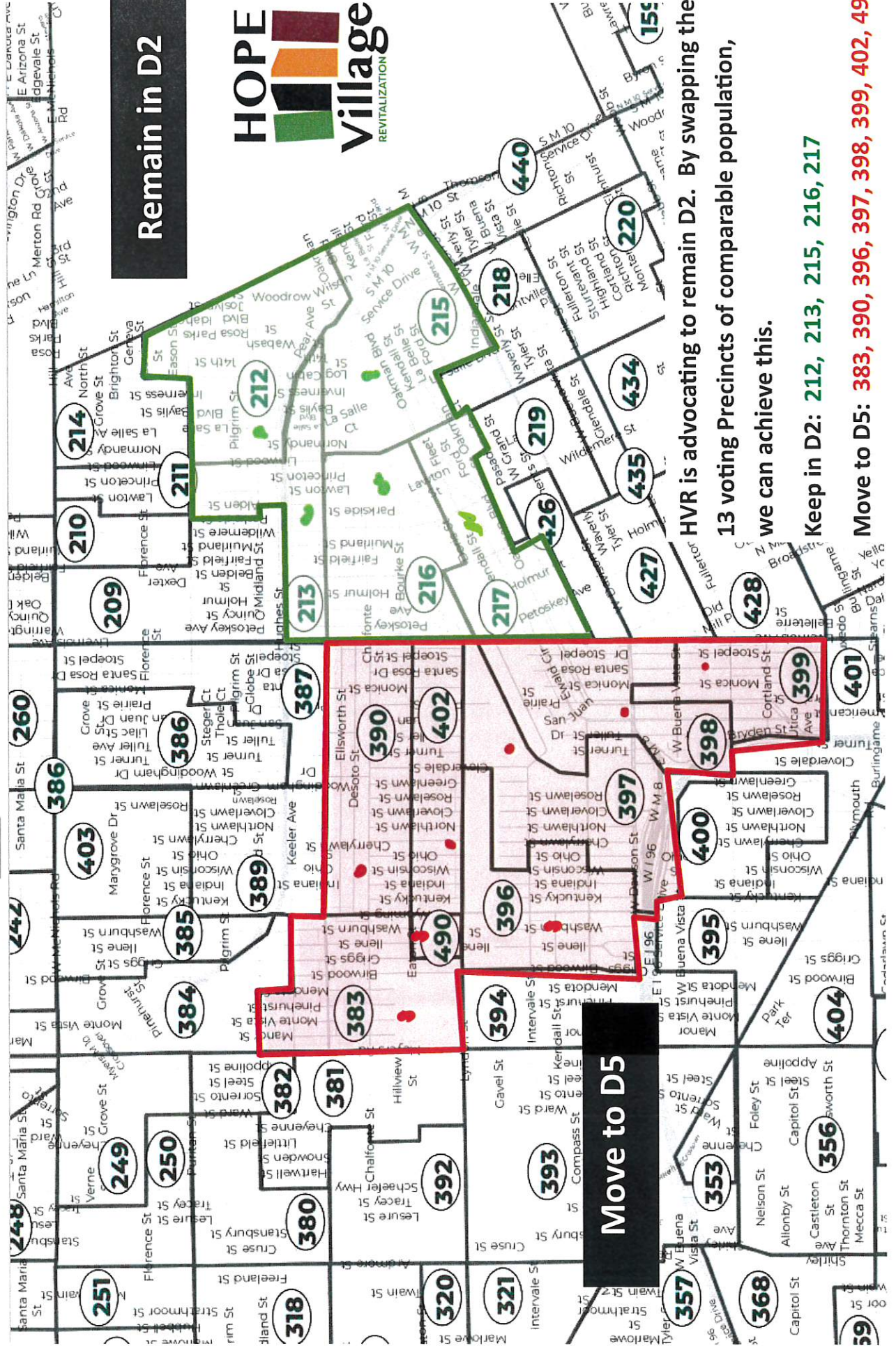
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# Detroit City Council Redistricting: HVR Boundaries



# Detroit City Council Redistricting: Precincts Proposed to Swap



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**Move to D5**



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