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Dear Representative Mainor and colleagues,

As new congressional districting maps are being considered, we urge you to keep the Piedmont Heights neighborhood *unified* in its political representation. Splitting the neighborhood under two districts would hurt our neighborhood and perpetuate problems we already experience, particularly regarding travel and transportation, as well as neighborhood branding, and more. Having all residents within one political district would maintain much-needed clarity and efficiency for the many residents who call Piedmont Heights home.

The Piedmont Heights Civic Association, our board, and our volunteers have worked diligently on brand awareness so that residents know which neighborhood they actually live in. It's easy for someone to assume they live in Morningside, Ansley Park, or Midtown. In addition, part of the Armour area is in Piedmont Heights, while part of it is in Brookwood Hills – even though there is no entry or exit from Brookwood Hills from the Armour area. It has taken years of hard work to educate our own residents as well as business owners about where they live and work: PIEDMONT HEIGHTS.

Neighborhood awareness leads to clarity, including about political representation, a critical issue. Despite ongoing challenges, we are making great strides in this area – but having the neighborhood split into multiple political districts would create much confusion and perpetuate a number of inefficiencies that already exist.

Already, neighbors struggle to keep up with which Atlanta Police Department (APD) zone they are in. Part of the neighborhood is in Zone 2 and the rest in Zone 6. We know first-hand how disruptive it is to have a neighborhood split regarding something as important as APD. Certainly, there is no benefit to the residents of Piedmont Heights having our neighborhood split into more than one political district.

The Board of Directors for the Piedmont Heights Civic Association is joined in this request for unified political districting by our fellow Piedmont Heights neighbors and other friends, as you can see on our online petition: <https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/keep-piedmont-heights-unified.html>

We realize we are a small neighborhood. And yet, Piedmont Heights is one of Atlanta's oldest neighborhoods, being settled in 1822 – even before Atlanta's predecessor Terminus in 1837. We wish to remain unified – as a community and via our political districting. **Vote to keep the Piedmont Heights neighborhood *unified* in our political representation.**

Thank you for your consideration,
Bill Compton
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