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Statement of Becky Collins
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Subject: FW: Do NOT Split Terrytown

From: Becky Collins [beckycollins1@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2011 2:29 PM
To: Templet, Rep. (District Office)
Cc: Gallot, Rep. (District Office); Tucker, Rep. (District Office); Stephen Leonard
Subject: Re: Do NOT Split Terrytown

Dear Rep. Templet,

Thank you so much for the personal phone call. I appreciate it.

Terrytown has such a wonderful sense of heritage and history and it has always been a town of "Sections" each with its own personality and function without ever having a feel of being divided. That is amazing in these times.

My area is perfect for me since, as a working professional, I prefer an easy-to-maintain lifestyle and a simple house and big yard. And it is perfect for a young family starting out, or older folks needing a downsized home, but with friendly caring neighbors. Then there are the newer areas of larger brick homes, for those middle families who want more room and modern floor plans. They need a place for college students and social gatherings. Then there are the in-betweeners, or families who are figuring out their lifestyles, in the apartment communities.

Terrytown has problem areas, but if the town stays as one, with politics only looking after its better interest as a community, we'll overcome those. If sections become politically divided, well, there is so much good that will be lost. I'd hate to hear from long time family friends, statements like "those" people live in "that" district. Or to have representatives vying for one set of neighbors over the other.

I hope Terrytown can be an example of what can be done when redistricting is done with strength of community in mind.

Thank you again for your time.

Regards,

Becky Collins
"B" Section of Terrytown

On Mar 21, 2011, at 2:14 PM, Becky Collins wrote:

> Dear Rep. Gallot, Rep. Templet, and Speaker Tucker:
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> I grew up in Terrytown. My family moved here in 1962. We all are still

happily there and now raising children, grandchildren, and great-grand children in Terrytown.

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> Even after years of being away at school and work, Terrytown was always my hometown and I always meant to return. I have come home now and bought a little fixer-upper to help better the community. My immediate family, and cousins, and long-time childhood family friends are still here and scattered around town.

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> Please do what you can and do not split the community. Terrytowners should be able to go to schools in town, and have a single voice to better their lives and their children's lives, and the great little town at the foot of the bridge deserves to stay together.

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> Thank you for listening and help us remain one town.

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> Sincerely,

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