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I am a member of three of these neighborhood organizations, and served a two-year term as board member on one.

Joint Statement of The Carrollton Riverbend Neighborhood Association, the Maple Area Residential Inc., the Central Carrollton Association, and the Uptown Triangle Neighborhood Association in OPPOSITION to Amendment 248 to HB 1.

**The members of the Carrollton Riverbend Neighborhood Association, the Maple Area Residents, Inc., the Central Carrollton Association, and the Uptown Triangle Neighborhood Association all oppose Amendment 248 to House Bill 1.**

This plan, sponsored by Jefferson Parish Rep. Ligi, would divide the Carrollton, University, and other parts of Uptown between two Jefferson Parish politicians. **The plan would create legislative districts drawn without any regard for neighborhood boundaries or communities of common interest.** For example, this plan would create a district where Bucktown and Uptown are represented by the same State Representative.

**The authors of this plan have drawn the boundaries of Legislative Districts 82 and 94 in such a way that Orleans Parish voters will always be in the minority. The net effect is diminished representation in the Legislature for the Carrollton, University, and Uptown Neighborhoods.**

In a democracy, the people should choose their leaders. Unfortunately, under the redistricting process, politicians get to choose their people. We oppose this effort to divide our New Orleans neighborhoods up between two Jefferson Parish politicians and we urge the legislature to reject Amendment 248 to House Bill 1.

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Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio?  
A nation turns its lonely eyes to you....  
--S&G

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