Overview

The City of Des Moines is considering two maps for Ward Redistricting. The County map puts Indira & Josh in the same ward (they would be up for election in 2023) and puts Gatto's primary home in his ward. The City map is much less invasive. The City is holding a special meeting to consider the Redistricting maps.

Details

DSM Council Special Meeting on Redistricting 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 City Hall

Deadline for the City's decision: January 3rd, 2022

Links

news article Nov 24

archived article

city press release Nov 24

iowa code

YouTube Stream

Questions

- The city says they will give preference to people who sign up online, but link here where there is no way to sign up for Nov 30 special meeting.
- Population of proposed Wards/districts?
- Communication between Gatto/Supervisors, etc?
- Could FOIA show that the city or county planned to put Josh + Indira together or to get Gatto in his actual address? That would be illegal.
- "Already in section 49.3 they are not following the correct legal process. The city deferred to the county created boundaries but the city has the responsibility for such districts."

Other Notes

Down from 88 to 80 precincts (each precinct should be less than 3,500 people)

Seems each precinct should be around 2,677 4 wards, 20 precincts per ward.