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### RE: "Fifth" District Map submitted by Data Driven Detroit (DEPARTMENTAL REPORT)

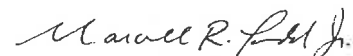
On Friday, February 3, 2012 your Honorable Body held its first public meeting on the proposed maps for Council by district, City Planning Commission (CPC) staff was asked to review the map that was submitted by Data Driven Detroit (D3), that has commonly come to be known as the "Map 5." Subsequent to the submission of this map which was drawn upon a base map of census blocks, a revised map, "Map 5-P" was submitted to CPC staff that was drawn on the voting precincts base map that the four discussion draft maps were prepared on. Following is the analysis of these submissions.

The districts, as depicted in the maps, do appear to meet the requirements of being contiguous and compact, having roughly equal populations and not breaking up protected ethnic minorities. The revised map is further compliant since it follows election precinct boundaries.

The D3 map was drawn with the goal of keeping as many neighborhoods together as possible. The neighborhood boundaries they utilized were collected by Cityscape Detroit. As you know, there is no recognized single map that identifies neighborhood boundaries. Additionally, the various electoral districts (map attached), such as Congressional, State House and Senate, School Districts, and County Districts do not always follow neighborhoods. Originally, the D3 map (Map 5) followed census blocks, which provided for very neat boundaries and minimized the breaking of neighborhoods. The revised map (Map 5-P) follows the precincts and appears to break neighborhoods such as Barton-McFarland, Aviation Subdivision, Core City, and Ravendale. The Law Department has advised the Council and CPC staff to only take into account those requirements explicitly described in the relevant legislation, and not to take into account such things as neighborhood boundaries. While the map appears to meet the legislative requirements, it runs afoul of the Law Department's advice. For that reason, CPC staff must defer questions about the legal acceptability of the D3 maps to the Law Department.

Please contact CPC staff if you have further questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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