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August 15, 2011 3:10 p.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Stephen Joost

Council President

FROM: Councilman, Dr. Johnny Gaffney, Ed.D.

Council District 7

SUBJECT: Reapportionment Committee Memorandum and Report

On July 1, 2011, the Reapportionment Committee was charged with submitting a Reapportionment Plan (the "Plan") to the City Council no later than August 15, 2011. Through the great cooperative efforts of the Reapportionment committee, City Council members, the Planning Department, the Supervisor of Elections and numerous citizens, I am proud to transmit the attached Reapportionment plan and legislation in accordance with Chapter 18 (Reapportionment), *Ordinance Code*. The legislation has been filed with Legislative Services and is scheduled to be heard on first reading at the City Council meeting on August 23, 2011.

The Reapportionment Committee has endeavored to complete and transmit the Plan in a timely fashion, so that the Rules Committee may begin public hearings and continue this important work. Although we are elated to have met this deadline, there are additional meetings and information that the Reapportionment Committee would like to incorporate into the process.

To this end, at the last meeting of the Reapportionment Committee, the Committee voted to submit a request to the Council President, to continue the Reapportionment Committee until August 23, 2011. The request for continuation is to afford some final meetings and input from council members that were not able to complete everything, prior to the transmittal of the August 15, 2011 deadline.

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While it is without question that the Rules Committee is now responsible for the important committee work that will be a predicate to Council action, our committee feels that our hard work and continuing contributions, would significantly enhance the reapportionment process. We will contribute to, rather than interfere, with the Rules Committee's deliberations.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

JG:ms

cc: Council Members/Staff

Rules Committee Members

Reapportionment Committee Members

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