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| **From:** | Roland, Le"Shyeka |
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From: Patricia Bordallo Dibildox <pbordallodibildox@gmail.com>
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Dear councilmembers,

My name is Patricia Bordallo Dibildox and I have been a resident of the Northland (in both the first and second districts) for the last twenty years.

I am writing today to ask for your support for map 8.4.3, the only map that reflects the diverse interests of Northland. I have been listening in on every commission and committee meetings regarding redistricting because this process has an immense impact on the political landscape of the Northland.

Growing up as a brown person in the Northland was not easy and it was not always obvious as to why. It wasn't until my adulthood that I learned that, for people like me, living in a place like the Northland is existing in a place that does not fully consider your existence if at all. It is easy to see if you look at the development that has happened in the Northland over the last decades that wealthy, white communities are getting prioritized and poor communities continue to suffer from disinvestment.

The current council members who represent the Northland live in the northern extremities of the Northland. Due to historical development patterns, those areas are also the wealthiest of the Northland. Because of this, there is an area between 25th Street and Barry Road with approximately 170,000 Kansas Citians without a single representative on the council. This area is far lower income than where the Northland council members live and thus have different needs and interests.

**The research and the testimonies which influenced the commission and committee to pass map 8.4.3 to the full council take into consideration voices, like mine, that have gone unheard for far too long. The current council members of the Northland truly and painfully do not represent people like me. Choosing map 8.4.3 would allow poor, working-class BIPOC to finally have a voice in the Northland.**

Your vote can give us a voice. The unrepresented people of the Northland are counting on your vote in favor of map 8.4.3 in Ordinance 211074 on December 16.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bordallo Dibildox

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