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**CREATE YOUR OWN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS – ONLINE MAP**

***NOTE: DATE FOR SUBMITTAL EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 10, 2011***

**Champaign, IL – September 30, 2011**– The Champaign City Council is requesting your input into the creation of new City Council District Boundaries. To allow the public more time to submit suggestions, the deadline is being extended from September 30, 2011 to October 10, 2011. Suggestions can be submitted one of two ways. An online mapping tool is available to the public for suggesting new City Council district boundaries, and can be found on the City’s website. A hard-copy redistricting kit is also available at the City Building for those who prefer not to use the online tool.

The on-line mapping tool, including instructions and a list of principles can be found at [www.ci.champaign.il.us/champaign-city-council-redistricting-2011](http://www.ci.champaign.il.us/champaign-city-council-redistricting-2011). The hard-copy redistricting kit is available for pick up at the front desk of the City Building, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign. All map proposals should be submitted to the City Clerk by **October 10, 2011**. Proposed districts are scheduled to be discussed at the October 25, 2011 City Council Study Session meeting. New Council districts will be adopted November 15.

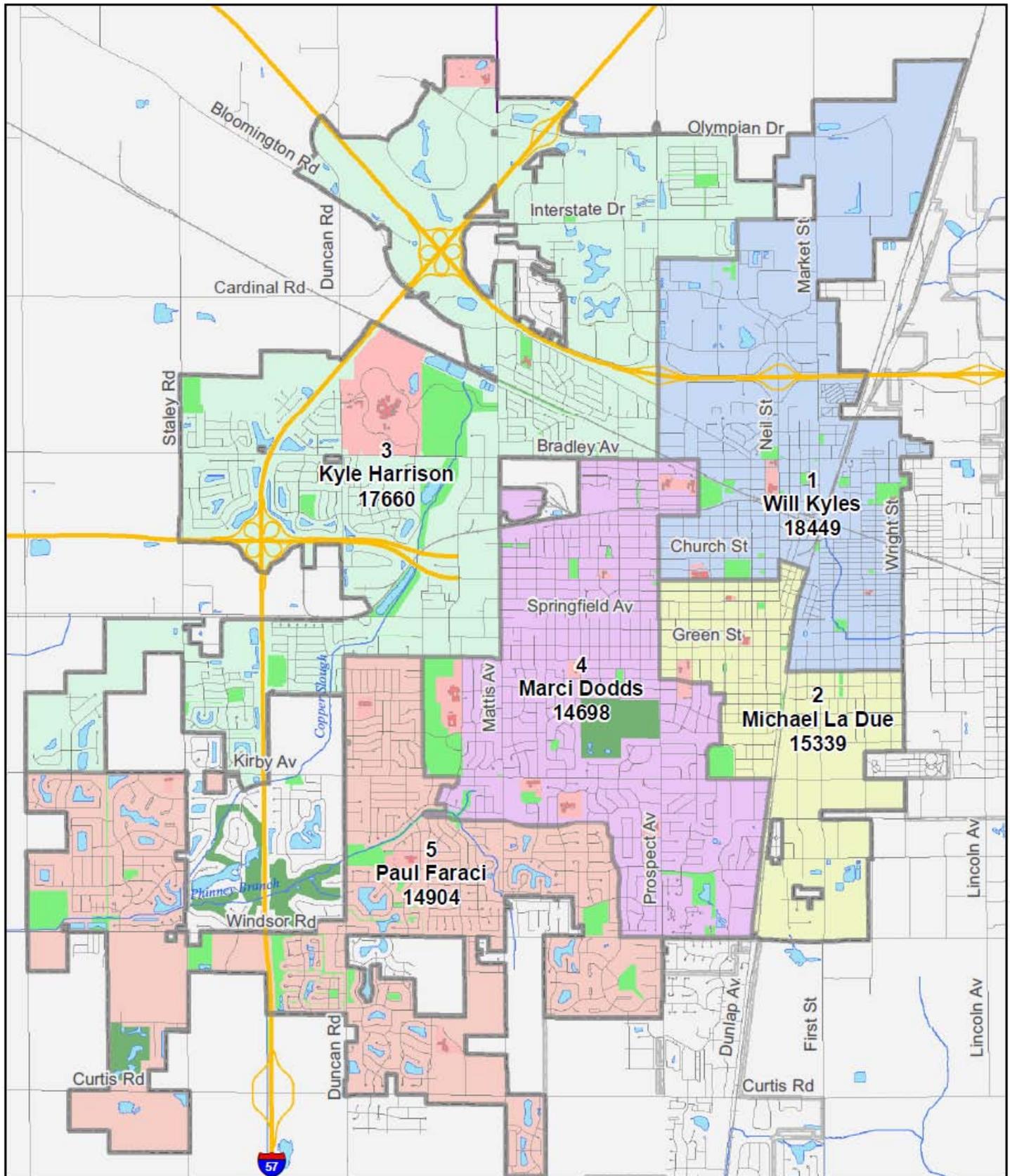
“The City Council values the public’s input into this process, and that’s why we are providing two different methods for submitting ideas. We want to make it easy for anyone to get involved,” stated Bruce Knight, Planning Director for the City of Champaign.

In accordance with state statutes and the U.S. Constitution, City Council districts must be relatively equal in population. The results of the 2010 Census show that Champaign grew to 81,055 people. This growth has made the current City Council districts unequal. Champaign has five Council districts. The new target population for each district is 16,211 people.

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# Current City of Champaign Council Districts

Shown with Council Member and 2010 Population



# VIEW OF THE CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL REDISTRICTING MAP IN ACTION

**Create Districts**

Click a point on the map to select District Building Blocks.

**District Building Blocks**

District Building Blocks Selected: 1    Total Population: 1967

Clear Last District Building Block

**Districts** (Target Population for new Districts = 16,211)

District 3    Create District    Clear District

District	Total Pop	White	Black/African American	American/Ala Native
District 1	16705	8245	5266	43
District 2	17475	12721	621	38

Map    Aerials 2008

City of CHAMPAIGN