

# Keep Clay Street Whole

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We appreciate that city ward boundaries need to be re-drawn and that Ward 2 must be made smaller to ensure people are equally divided among Annapolis's 8 Wards. The drawing of ward boundaries will determine the distribution of political power in Annapolis for the next decade. Let's encourage the Task Force and City Council to flatly reject any and all maps that divide up the Clay Street/Old Fourth Ward Community.

## Why is this important?

To be clear – dividing a community weakens its voice in elections.

Today the Clay Street/Old Fourth Ward Community benefits from being a whole unit within Ward Two. When its leaders call a meeting or host an event, it draws attention. From a tactical perspective, candidates are assured that they will be meeting a group that contains a lot of their voters.

Given that this community was already negatively impacted by local government action, we should be especially focused on making sure its voice is not weakened by local government action in the form of drawing new Ward Boundaries and Maps.

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