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The problem here is that the group want 70%. This is classic overkill. I am already very worried about the 65%, and now we have groups wanting 70%.
Can we see what that would look like? I assume it makes the second assembly district not much better than 50-55%.
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Team,

Please take a look at the attached press release from Voces de la Frontera regarding Milwaukee's aldermanic districts. They are lobbying for a third Hispanic aldermanic district and increasing the Hispanic voting age population in the already-proposed Hispanic districts. In a 15 seat city plan the ideal population for an aldermanic district is 39,656, compared to 57,444 per assembly district.

http://wispolitics.com/printerfriendly.iml?Article=238565

Any thoughts on how this could tie into our current thought process regarding the south side?

Adam
Voces de la Frontera: Statement on city of Milwaukee's 2011 redistricting
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The following is testimony presented today to the Milwaukee Common Council Judiciary and Legislation Committee at Milwaukee City Hall:

On behalf of Voces de la Frontera, a state wide worker and immigrant rights membership organization which is based in Milwaukee’s near Southside on 1027 South 5th St., we want to express our appreciation to the Milwaukee’s City Council redistricting process which included making available to the public computers, materials and expertise by its Legislative Reference Bureau. I was one of the taxpayers that availed myself of these resources last Friday at Room 303 in Milwaukee’s Municipal Building.

Before moving to Voces’ recommendations, I want to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is Jesus Salas and I have lived in Milwaukee since the late sixties. My father Manuel first came to Wisconsin in the late 1930’s. My 2nd oldest brother was born in Hartford, Wisconsin in October of 1941. My father’s brother, Julian, served with WI’s Red Arrow Division during WWII. Although my parents would permanently relocate in Waushara County in the 1950’s, my five brothers and I would all move to Milwaukee in the 1960’s. After attending grad school in the mid-seventies and obtaining an advanced degree from UW-Madison in 1985, I returned to Milwaukee’s near Southside where I have been living for the last 25 years. I taught at MATC for nearly 20 years. I retired in 2005 and have been a volunteer for Voces since.

First, of all, we support that part of the 15 member Aldermanic plan as made available by the City of Milwaukee Legislative Reference Bureau which responds to the dramatic increase in the Hispanic population in our community by creating two Hispanic aldermanic district, the 8th and 12th. However, we are concerned about how wards with substantial Hispanic concentrations south of those two districts are being divided up amongst various other districts and we want to study this problem and hope to work with them in finding a solution. Since Latinos represent 17% of the city’s total population, the city should draw a 3rd district with significant Latino influence.

Secondly, We generally support this two reconfigured aldermanic districts with the following comments and recommendations:

a) We affirm the right of the 8th District Northern boundaries which includes the Menominee Valley.

b) We are presently reviewing your recommendation of the Northern boundaries of the 12th and the 14th. As you can see, the Northern boundaries recede southward as we move towards the lake. Some of this area South of the Menominee River is part and parcel of the economic development initiatives of these two aldermanic districts. For instance, we view the lower ‘Third Ward’ area as linked to the economic development of the Walker’s Point neighborhood. For this reasons, we would like to communicate with district representatives, business and community leaders before we make our final recommendation on the Northern boundaries of these near Southside districts.

c) We support the Legislative Reference Bureau’s recommendation for the Western boundaries of the proposed 12th District that joins both sides of Cesar Chavez Drive (formerly 16th Street) in the same aldermanic district.

d) In order to effectively respond to the dramatic increases of the Latino population in the last twenty years, we support the move of the Jackson Park neighborhood from the 8th district to the 11th.

Finally, in order to more effectively increase the possibilities of Latinos being elected in the proposed 8th and 12th their
voting age populations needs to be increased respectively from the 62.3% in the former and 67.6% in the latter to at least 70%. This can be done with minor changes as there are a number of adjacent wards that have majority Hispanic voting age populations:

In the 13th, Ward 260 has 53% Hispanic voting age population.

In the 14th, three adjacent wards to the 12th have majority Hispanic voting age population that exceed 60%:
- Ward 261 has 62% Hispanic voting age population
- Ward 244 has 64% Hispanic voting age population
- Ward 243 has 70% Hispanic voting age population

Again, we want to express our appreciation to making available the resources, materials and data for us to make these preliminary comments. We look forward to working with you and the Legislative Reference Bureau in reshaping the 8th and 12th Aldermanic Districts to reflect the dramatic increases of Latinos in the City of Milwaukee.