



# Northwest District Association

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**Portland Charter Commission  
Board of Commissioners**

**Via electronic mail**

**RE: Charter Review Resolution 2**

Dear Commissioners:

The NW District Association adopted a Resolution in January in general support of the Commission's proposals regarding governance and elections, but specifically recommending limiting the number of districts and the number of representatives from each district:

*For these reasons, the NW District Association endorses the work of the Charter Commission and supports a new city charter with a strong executive and the election of city commissioners based on geographic districts. We believe, however, that the number of District members should be limited to one per district, and the number of districts should be as few as reasonably possible.*

At our meeting last night, the NWDA adopted a further Resolution regarding the structure of proposed districts. The NWDA acknowledges that the Commission will likely defer addressing specific district boundaries, but nonetheless the NWDA believes that it is vitally important that districting reinforce and support existing neighborhood association boundaries as the fundamental geographic increment in any districting proposal:

***For these reasons, the NW District Association asks the Commission to employ the existing recognized neighborhood association boundaries as the basic geographic unit in assigning representative districts, and that school enrollment areas be considered an additional increment. These geographic areas represent the fundamental institutional and social infrastructure of our city, and should not be divided or distorted. We oppose using precincts, census tracts or zip codes for these reasons.***

Best Regards,  
Northwest District Association

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