

Committee Members,

My name is Jacquelyn Neill and I am a resident of Jefferson County. When our family transferred to Colorado 13 years ago, we were advised to look for a place to live in Jefferson County as it is considered a great place to raise a family. We looked at homes throughout the county, finding that each community had its own distinct personality. We ended up settling in the small portion of Westminster, located in Jefferson County.

What I consider to be my family's community over the years include:

1. the bike paths to the Federal Center in Lakewood that my husband rides during the week
2. grocery and general merchandise shopping along Wadsworth Blvd in Arvada
3. specialty shopping and dining in Olde Town Arvada
4. Library visits at both Olde Town Arvada and Stanley Lake
5. Jefferson County Schools on the east side of Arvada
6. Tepper (softball) Fields in Westminster (still located in Jefferson County)
7. Highways ( I-70 and the Boulder Turnpike)to the foothills and mountains

While we actually live in Westminster, we have an Arvada mailing address. Our kids went to school in Arvada and most of their friends still live on the east side of Arvada. We chose to live in this portion of Jefferson County, and in particular Westminster/Arvada area because of the maturity of the neighborhoods. We enjoy the charm of historical Olde Town Arvada and participate in many community events which occur there including the weekly Farmer's Market, seasonal Art Shows and the annual Harvest Festival.

While my family has embraced our community, by participating in cultural, educational, civic, recreational and religious events we recognize that our community boundaries do not include the entire geographic boundaries of Westminster and Arvada. The older, more historic sides of Arvada and Jefferson County, Westminster are more similar to each other than what we perceive from the newer or farther west sections of Arvada. I would ask that the committee take these differences into consideration when deciding on the reapportionment/redistricting of Jefferson County.

Respectfully submitted,

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