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Ald. Silvana Tabares
Vice Chair, Chicago City Council Latino Caucus
City Hall
121 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Vice Chair Tabares,

Happy New Year and thank you for your letter regarding remap discussions. I appreciate your willingness to work with your colleagues in the remap process, a goal I've been working toward for months. It's my hope that we can soon find agreement on a map that's fair for all Chicagoans and avoids a costly referendum.

As always, the map room (Room 200, Second Floor, City Hall) remains open for your engagement. Any alderperson interested in gathering in the map room can call Margaret Dever at 312-744-6801 to schedule a time. Every attendee in the map room must be masked at all times.

Under my leadership, the remap will remain a civil process based in collaboration and cooperation. Many of our colleagues have gathered for months in the map room to compromise and create a map that reflects Chicago's diverse communities and moves our city forward.

We have worked in earnest to develop a map that increases Latino representation, decreases Black wards by one while still maintaining strong representation in City Hall, and creates an Asian American ward. We will continue to welcome public input in the four hearings we have scheduled this month, through written comments, and through the free, online interactive mapping tool that is open to the public.

We've reached an important point in this process, and I hope the Latino Caucus will join the rest of the Council in getting across the finish line. It's critical we get back to addressing issues impacting Chicagoans every day, including public safety and a challenging pandemic.

As we begin more public hearings on the remap process, I will continue to encourage Chicago residents to get involved and the Latino Caucus to engage in a civil and collaborative process so we can implement a fair map and focus on our city's future.

Thank you again for your interest in finding a path forward.

Sincerely,

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