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I would like to strongly advocate for the adoption of Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action for many reasons including the following:

- Highly compact and contiguous
- Closely resembles the current map except for the District 1, which understandably extends into Midtown due to the addition of a second representative
- Better than Map #2, the next best map, for reasons that include:
 - o Lower total deviation
 - o District 4 in Map #6 includes the U-Med area while District 4 in Map #2 instead includes areas that nearly all people would normally consider to be associated with South Anchorage (e.g., O'Malley and Birch area in the present District 6)

All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following:

- Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights
- Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families
- Not compact--e.g., District 5 in Map #3 extends over an unacceptably large and varied area from the Glenn Highway all the way to Huffman Road

None of the proposed maps is perfect, but I believe Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action is the best option for the reasons mentioned above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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