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TO: County Commission District Reorganization Board
FROM: Michael Montplaisir *MM*
DATE: July 1, 2011
SUBJECT: Revised County Commission District Maps

Following the public hearing on June 28th, I asked Kay Anderson, GIS Coordinator to look at revising the proposed Commission District maps, keeping in mind a couple of different objectives:

- Using the full 10% variance allowed in law
- Keeping the district boundaries as straight as possible
- Trying to make the "rural district" as rural as possible
- Trying to draw the districts so that the districts likely to see the most growth over the next decade start out with a lower beginning population

I think the two new options, 1A and 2A, encompass all of these objectives. On both of the options, District 2, 3, and 4 are the same. On option 1A, District 1 goes north to Highland Park and west to 45th Street. On option 2A, District 1 doesn't go quite as far north, to one mile north of County 20, and stretches west to 57th St. District 5 would have the least amount of residents to start the decade, but probably has the greatest potential for growth over the next decade.

In both of these proposals District 5 is primarily rural but, in order to get enough population to comply with state law, has part of both Fargo and West Fargo within the boundaries of the district.

Enclosed are copies of both options for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions prior to the August 8, 2011 meeting.

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