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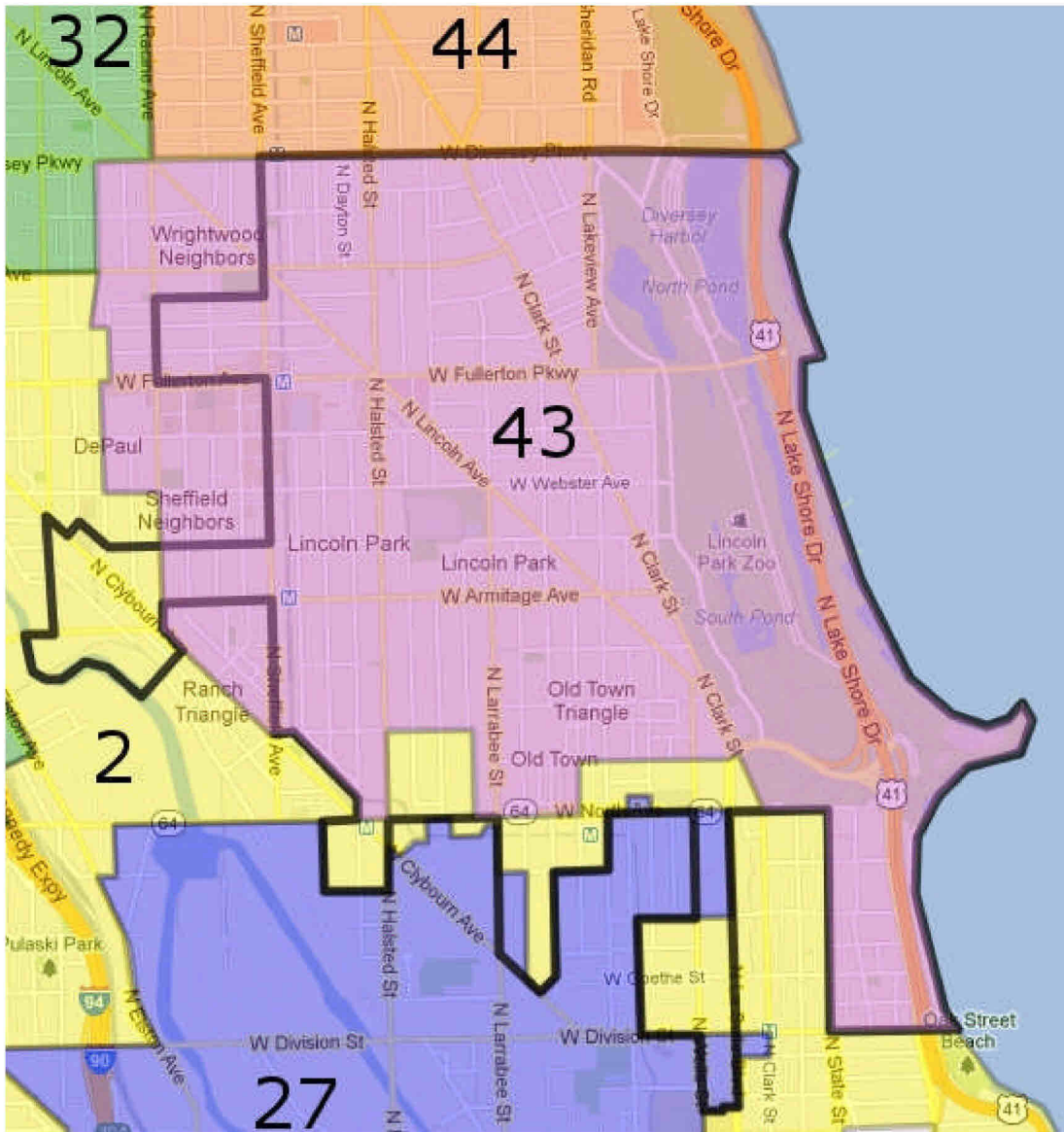


A Message From RANCH Triangle....

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Earlier today, City Council voted to approve a new ward map - an amended version of the Map for a Better Chicago (41-8 with one abstention). Lincoln Park will remain largely intact in the 43rd Ward, supporting the relationships and efficiencies that currently exist among the Alderman and the various community groups. RANCH will now fall almost exclusively in Michele Smith's 43rd Ward. We have not seen the final wording regarding the boundaries of the wards, but it appears that the part of RANCH bounded by North Avenue, the Chicago River, and Clybourn plus the area bounded by Willow, Bissell, Dayton and Clybourn will fall into the newly located 2nd Ward. The map below is provided by Alderman Smith's office and shows the new 43rd Ward in pink and the new 2nd Ward in yellow. The existing 43rd ward is outlined in black.



Historically, RANCH has fallen into two different wards and we have been able to work effectively with both Alderman. We are optimistic that we will be able to continue that tradition. We look forward to working with Alderman Fioretti of the 2nd Ward and will reach out to him to introduce ourselves and begin a dialogue. Alderman Smith has indicated her intention to help facilitate a smooth transition.

The new map will not take effect for some time - at least 6 months to 1 year, assuming no further challenges. It is important to note that although the map was approved with the 41 votes required to avoid the possibility of presenting opposing maps to voters in an election, it does not eliminate the possibility of a legal challenge.

We will keep you posted on progress during the transition and if you have any comments or questions, please contact us at president@ranchtriangle.org.

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