



**Modified Ward System**  
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There are two ways to convert from our current ward system to a modified ward system. First, city council could simply vote for an ordinance to have it placed on the ballot March 18, 2014. Second, anyone could coordinate an effort to obtain 972 petition signatures (10% of the number voting in the last Mayor election) to be submitted to the board of election by 12-16-13.

If the petition method is necessary, then the following steps need to be taken in the next few days:

1. A small team needs to be formed to develop signature gathering strategies, organize Letters to the Editor, develop the petition and make copies, and develop a short list of reasons to move to the Modified Ward System. Potential members of this team are:
  - a. Rob Fazzini
  - b. Phyllis Versteegh
  - c. Carlo Robustelli
  - d. Jim Fruin
  - e. Scott Black
  - f. Glen Ludwig
  - g. Steve Purcell
  - h. Rich Buchannan
  - i. Lyn Johnson

I will start contacting these people to find out if they would be willing to serve as the team to lead the effort. Any other names for this team would be welcome. I anticipate having an initial meeting of the team at our home mid to late next week.

2. The focus should be to place the decision as to the best form of government for the City of Bloomington with the citizens rather than pushing for people to agree in advance that the best system is the Modified Ward System.
3. Explore whether or not a coordinated effort with the State Independent Map group would be possible (I will follow up on this).
4. Perhaps our IWU Interns could work on the language for the petitions and coordinate getting copies for collecting 1,200 signatures.
5. The primary method of gathering signatures will likely be door to door, but getting signatures at events might be a good way to augment this effort. I will also email the 800 people who receive my monthly Ward 8 report to see if any of them would be willing to either sign a petition or perhaps take petitions around their neighborhoods to get signatures. I wonder if the local unions would be interested in helping on this effort?

*Robert B. Fazzini*