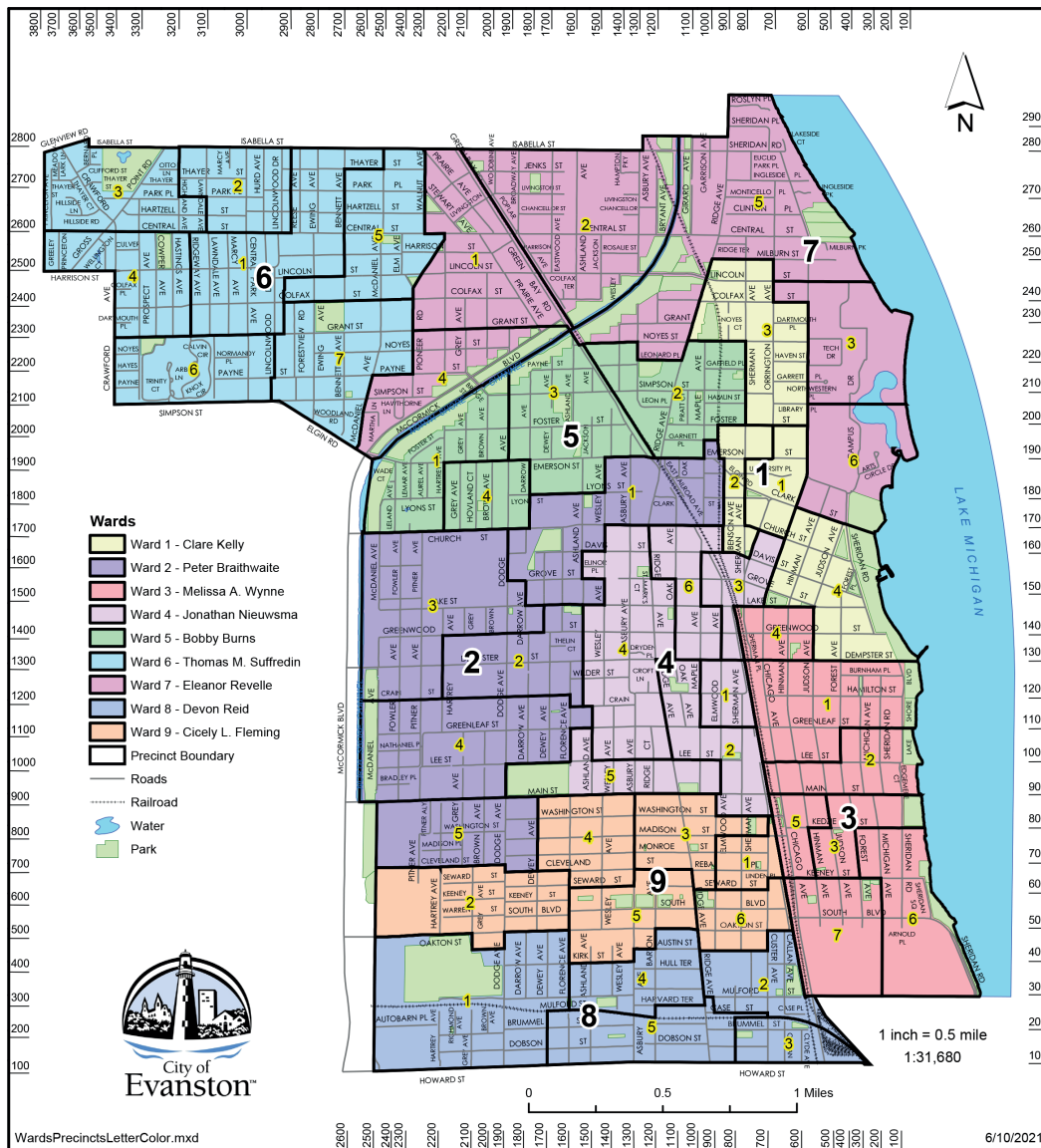# Gerrymandering Extension Questions

In your Inverse Variation Project, you determined the area of 1 through 5 equally divided sections of your country's area—pretending that it was in the shape of a rectangle. Although the notion of rectangular-shaped countries is not realistic, sectioning land for political reasons is a real occurrence. Please feel free to research online to help you answer the questions that follow. All responses should be written in 2 or more complete sentences.

1. If you could divide Evanston into 5 to 6 areas with approximately the same number of people living in each area, what would be the best way to do it? Justify.

2. Define the term *redistricting* in your own words.

3. Define the term *gerrymandering* in your own words.

4. How do redistricting and gerrymandering work in Evanston?

5. Who do you think should decide how legislative districts are drawn? Justify.

6. Why did President Obama, among others, want to reform (change) the redistricting process?

7. The City of Evanston is divided into wards as shown in the image below (which can also be viewed at https://bit .ly/2ZUBJ7C).

   a. What do you notice?

   b. What do you wonder?

   c. What factors do you think contribute to how the wards are divided and sectioned in Evanston? Justify.

   d. Do you think we as a society should pay more attention to the issue of redistricting? Justify.

City of Evanston Wards & Precincts

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