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January 1, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Brown  
Washington State Senate  
PO BOX 40482  
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Dear Senator Brown:

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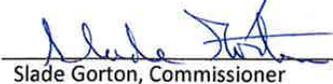
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RESOLUTION OF REDISTRICTING  
CONGRESSIONAL and LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

*WHEREAS*, Article II, section 43 of the Washington Constitution and RCW 44.05 require that a commission be established in January of each year ending in one, to provide for the redistricting of state legislative and congressional districts as soon as possible following the federal decennial census, but no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year ending in two; and

*WHEREAS*, the United States Bureau of the Census conducted a census of the United States on April 1, 2010, and reported the results of the census to the state of Washington on February 23, 2011; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington State Redistricting Commission was duly constituted in January, 2011, and undertook its constitutional and statutory responsibilities for preparing a redistricting plan for the state of Washington; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington State Redistricting Commission held numerous public hearings throughout the state and solicited public comment and third party plans in accordance with its rules, Chapter 417-06 WAC; and

*WHEREAS*, the Washington State Redistricting Commission has adopted by a unanimous vote a Final Plan and Resolution of the Redistricting Commission on this date January 1, 2012, in conformity with the constitutional requirement that it do so as soon as possible following the federal decennial census, but no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year ending in two.

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,*

*FIRST*, it is the intent of the Commission to redistrict the congressional and legislative districts of the state of Washington in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the state of Washington; and

*SECOND*, the definitions set forth in RCW 44.05.020 apply throughout this plan, unless the context requires otherwise; and

*THIRD*, in every case the population of the congressional and legislative districts described by this plan has been ascertained on the basis of the total number of persons found inhabiting such areas as of April 1, 2010, in accordance with the 2010 federal decennial census data submitted pursuant to P.L 94-171; and

*FOURTH*, pursuant to the most recent certificate of entitlement from the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives as required by 2 U.S.C. Section 2a, the territory of the state shall be divided into ten congressional districts. The congressional districts described by this plan shall be those recorded as C-JOINTSUB\_2-1, maintained in electronic files designated as C-JOINTSUB\_2-1, which are public records of the Commission. As soon as practicable after approval and submission of this plan to the Legislature, the Commission shall publish C-JOINTSUB\_2-1; and

*FIFTH*, the legislative districts described by this plan shall be those recorded as L-JOINTSUB\_3-2, maintained in electronic files designated as L-JOINTSUB\_3-2, which are public records of the commission. As soon as practicable after approval and submission of this plan to the Legislature, the Commission shall publish L-JOINTSUB\_3-2; and



*SIXTH*, the Commission recognizes that existing state law shall continue to govern such matters as the terms and dates of election for members of the state Senate to be elected from each district, the status of “hold-over” senators, and the elections to fill vacancies, when required. Districts referred to in existing law and designated by number shall refer to districts of the same number described in this plan, beginning with the next elections in 2012; and

*SEVENTH*, this Commission intends that this plan supersede the district boundaries established by chapter 29A.76A RCW and chapter 44.07D, RCW for congressional and legislative districts, respectively; and

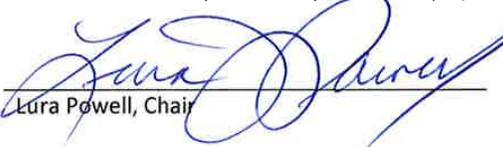
*EIGHTH*, if any provision of this plan or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the plan or its application to other persons or circumstances is not affected; and

*NINTH*, for purposes of this plan, districts shall be described in terms of:

- 1) Official United States Census Bureau tracts, block groups, or blocks established by the United States Census Bureau in the 2010 federal decennial census or specifically delineated portions thereof;
- 2) Local political subdivisions, such as counties, municipalities, school districts, voting precincts, or other political subdivisions as they existed on January 1, 2010;
- 3) Any durable and significant natural or artificial boundaries or monuments including but not limited to rivers, streams, or lakes as they existed on January 1, 2010; and
- 4) Roads, streets, or highways as they existed on January 1, 2010; and Roads, streets, or highways as they existed on January 1, 2010; and
- 5) Where the boundary of any Census tract, block group or block listed herein is defined by a visible feature, or by the boundary of a county, voting precinct, school district, urban growth area, or incorporated city or town, the boundary of that Census tract, block group or block shall be considered to follow the actual location of that feature or boundary as of January 1, 2010, should this differ from the location mapped by the United States Census Bureau.
- 6) Where the boundary of any Census tract, block group or block listed herein is defined by a roadway, and the boundary of an incorporated city or town lies along a right-of-way line of that roadway, the County Auditor may consider the boundary of that tract, block group or block to follow the corporate limits of that city or town for the purpose of implementing this plan.

*TENTH*, any area not specifically included within the boundaries of any of the districts as described in this plan; any area described in this plan as specifically embraced in two or more districts; and other specified instances of omissions or errors, shall be resolved in accordance with the criteria detailed in Attachment A.

*DATED* this first day of January 2012 in Olympia, Washington.

  
Lura Powell, Chair

  
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## ATTACHMENT A

### CRITERIA FOR RESOLVING ERRORS AND OMISSIONS AFTER ADOPTION OF THE 2011 PLAN

- A. If any area is not included in any district as described herein, it shall be assigned to a district as follows:
1. If the area is surrounded by or adjacent to a single district, it shall be a part of that district.
  2. If the area is adjacent to more than one district:
    - a) The area shall be a part of the adjacent district that is not separated from the area by a county boundary
    - b) If more than one district satisfies criterion (a), the area shall be a part of the adjacent district that is not separated from the area by a municipal boundary
    - c) If more than one district satisfies criteria (a) and (b), the area shall be a part of the adjacent district that has the least population of all adjacent districts that satisfy criteria (a) and (b)
    - d) If more than one district satisfies criteria (a), (b), and (c), the area shall be a part of the adjacent district satisfying criteria (a), (b), and (c) with which the area shares the longest land boundary
    - e) If all districts that satisfy criterion (a) fail to satisfy criterion (b), the area shall be a part of the adjacent district that has the least population of all adjacent districts that satisfy criterion (a)
    - f) If all districts that satisfy criterion (a) fail to satisfy criterion (b), and more than one district satisfies criteria (a) and (e), the area shall be a part of the adjacent district satisfying criteria (a) and (e) with which the area shares the longest land boundary
- B. If any area is included within more than one district as described herein, it shall be assigned to only one district, following the criteria in A, above, with the additional condition that the area must be assigned to one of the districts within which it is included as described herein.
- C. If any district described herein is found to consist of multiple nonadjacent areas, the area having the largest population shall be considered to be the district, and the area(s) with lesser population shall be assigned following the criteria in A, above, with the following exception.
1. If a land area is completely separated from the remaining land area of the district to which it has been assigned solely by Census blocks consisting entirely of water, and if the intervening Census water blocks have been assigned to a different district, and the area is accessible from the remainder of its district by bridge or ferry, then the area shall remain a part of the district to which it is assigned herein, and the intervening water Census blocks shall also be reassigned to that district.

