

### Special Commission Meeting and Media Availability - September 13, 2011

Time	Guest Name	Comment	Posted
9/13/2011 11:08	Nansen Malin, Seaview	Hello, I heard a statement that the maps will be on the website by 2pm? They were very hard to see via live stream. Then we can submit testimony via email?	Yes
9/13/2011 11:10	Van Anderson, Packwood WA	I have been studying the historic maps of legislative districts available from the Secretary of State's office, and have noticed an anomaly that I believe should be considered when moving forward, which is that the Coulee Dam area does not seem to ever have ever been unified in a single legislative district. This area can be simply defined by the boundaries of the Grand Coulee Dam school district, and the K-8 Nespelem school district (whose high schoolers go to Grand Coulee Dam's Lake Roosevelt High School) which spans four counties: Okanagan, Douglass, Grant, and Lincoln counties - the very small city of Coulee Dam itself is in all but Lincoln county. As we move forward, This community is quite small	Yes
9/13/2011 11:12	Van Anderson, Packwood WA	continued: This community is quite small, ~5500 people, but I believe its integrity should be respected moving forward.	Yes
9/13/2011 11:16	Arianne Garden Vazquez	Delighted that real peopl's voices were taken into consideration Commissioners not just about drawing maps, but community's futures. The fact that 3 out of 4 Commissioners recognized the need for majority-minority Congressional District speaks to the fact that democracy works, peopl's voices can be listended to and that policies that address the real needs and disparities in communities of color today.	Yes
9/13/2011 11:20	Guy	Can you clarify the rest of the process? the 4 commissioners will now try to come to a consensus on 1 plan by nov 1? and what level or amount of changes can the legislature make to that final map? thank you for all the hard work	Yes
9/13/2011 11:21	Guest	I'm not opposed to the idea of the majority-minority district, but I notice its creation results in the surrounding districts looking less compact and sensible. Is there anyway to resolve this? Furthermore, many minorities would presumably be immigrants who are not yet voters, and I'm guessing the proposed districts would still have a majority of their voters be white. Is there any reason to think this district would actually elect a minority?	Yes

9/13/2011 11:48	Bryan Myrick	1) Bryan Myrick, representing NW Daily Marker. General question for the Commission: Now that we have seen the proposed maps, what is the Commission's schedule to negotiate down to two final maps?	Yes
9/13/2011 11:51	John Fannin, Daily Sun Ne	With the focus on transportation corridors in at least one of the plans, does this mean we will have greater access to passenger rail in central Washington? Currently the only rail access to Seattle is a six-hour trip via Pasco to Portland to Seattle.	Yes
9/13/2011 11:51	Bryan Myrick	2) Bryan Myrick, representing NW Daily Marker. Question for Commissioner Ceis: After so much testimony during the public forum phase from advocates for a majority-minority district in South Seattle, will the Commission continue a dialogue with minority communities to address concerns that some of the maps presented today might be interpreted as an effort to "crack" minority communities into smaller voting blocks in order to allow for the construction of safer Democratic districts?	Yes
9/13/2011 11:54	Nansen Malin, Seaview	Nansen Malin, from twitter (@Nansen) and NW Daily Marker. I also live in Pacific County. Question: The Democrat commissioners want to take Pacific County out of the 3rd Congressional District. Please comment as to the reasons.	Yes
9/13/2011 11:57	Nansen Malin, Seaview	Hello, are you accepting my question?	No
9/13/2011 11:58	Nansen Malin, Seaview	thank you	No
9/13/2011 11:59	Andrew Villeneuve	Andrew Villeneuve, representing NPI. Will the commission strive to prevent cities from being split in the final maps? It seems most or all of these preliminary proposals do a better job of keeping cities together than the current boundaries.	Yes
9/13/2011 12:01	Mike Faulk, Yakima Herald	Mike Faulk of the Yakima Herald-Republic. Question for the three commissioners who have proposed majority minority districts: A key element of the argument in favor of majority minority districts is the idea of protecting minority interests from racially polarized voting. Were your proposals for majority minority districts in central Washington swayed by the perception of racially polarized voting in these areas?	Yes
9/13/2011 12:07	Eli Sanders, The Stranger	Any of you want to offer a theory as to why the two Republicans on the commission appear more interested in a majority minority Congressional District than the two Democrats?	Yes