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Messages to the Commission		CD	LD
01/05/2012	Rep. McCune has been our representative for years and has done an excellent job by redrawing the districts you are removing him from office. If you need to redo the boundrys people should not be removed from office.	2	2
01/05/2012	Commissioners, this is an email (below) I forwarded today to electeds who represent portions of Bremerton. I wish to go on record expressing my disappointment regarding the final legislative district decisions that, in my opinion, do a disservice to Bremerton residents. Text in its entirety: Dear Representatives and Senators, I am a Bremerton resident whose home, following the recent LD redistricting recommendations, remains within a small stub of our city that remains in the 35th LD. I am writing out of dismay relative to just-released legislative district redistricting maps. I am extremely displeased that "my new district" separates me from meaningful future representation. I am hopeful that when the new redistricting map is presented for adoption that serious reflection be given to incompatibilities that arise from current redistricting recommendation. Before I begin comment, I wish to thank those of you who represent the 35th LD. Yours has been a complex task - representing extremes of urban/rural issues and interests while at the same time framing your reflections of the needs of the state as a whole - the things we all share in common: transportation, education, social services, environmental and Puget Sound health, impacts related to military installations, and need for economic development. It is the extremes that I wish to address. It is the carving up of the city of Bremerton LDs that I wish to protest. One look at the map as presented reflects a theme that to my eye does not seem to appear in any other proposed LD in the State. Bremerton is fragmented such that it is difficult to imagine any coherency in legislative representation arising from the newly revised LDs. I hope this will be remedied. Bremerton is a complex story. It is the largest city in Kitsap County. It is urban. It is considered the portal to the West Sound region and as such ties us geographically to urban Seattle and major transportation corridors rather than to more suburban or rural elements of the state. There is major Navy footprint within city boundaries. We are a ferry dependent community. We have three State highway arteries that run through our city - through commercial and residential corridors - all providing our residents and suburban/rural Kitsap and Mason county dwellers access to our east side ferry terminal, which then connects to the metropolitan Seattle area. Our land use patterns are urban, high density (my neighborhood, for example is zoned 10 homes to the acre). We have hundreds of marine shorelines within the city. (Continued below)	6	35

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01/05/2012	<p>(Continued) Marine waters - Port Washington Narrows, Dyes Inlet thread their way through the heart of our city - and planning for upland land use (and subsequent impacts) is a major effort and aligns us with other Kitsap County municipalities and communities who share similar urban realities. We have major short-term and long-term urban revitalization projects unfolding to restore our Bremerton community to better health and stability, and which when completed, have promise to knit the community into a more cohesive whole. The proposed redistricting separates portions of our city from each other and from the logical connections that lead to a cohesive whole - both locally on-the-ground, and politically. It divides Bremerton commercial and industrial footprints from residential - and in my case, separates my home from commercial/industrial development within the city. It divides marine waterways within our city like a pie chart rather than unifying. It essentially removes Bremerton homes on peninsulas extending into Dyes Inlet from legislative representation relative to other marine oriented communities - that is it attaches these homes to inland legislative district rather than those having political conversations regarding the health of marine waters and upland uses that impact such. It isolates decidedly urban residents (my family and neighbors for example) from the rest of our fellow citizens. It attaches my urban family and home to a legislative district of suburban, semi-rural and rural dwellers. (My home falls to the east of Highway 3, which in reality connects my neighborhood to high intensity land use patterns within Bremerton rather than those outlying areas to the west of the highway.) It isolates our Bremerton area urban issues from Kitsap legislative districts that contain urban elements and similar issues. It appears that many, if not most cities within Washington remain whole in legislative representation resulting from redistricting. With the current recommendation, Bremerton will continue to be divided into three LDs. I cannot make sense of this proposal. And at a personal level, the result of this fracturing is my perceived loss of political voice, meaningful political conversation with others who reside in high-intensity urban settings. I plead with you to consider the perceived negative impacts the proposed redistricting will have on the parts of Bremerton that remain attached to 35th LD. Is it possible to consider moving those portions of Bremerton into one of the other two legislative districts (or re-assign Bremerton entirely into one legislative district?). I realize there are those who argue that more representation is better, and that Bremerton will have the benefit of more representation with the current proposal. There may be some merit in that frame of mind, however I do not share it. Under the current proposal I feel a loss of representation. It is difficult for me to look at the currently proposed map and imagine the urban issues that directly impact my family will be vigorously represented within a predominately suburban, semi- and rural district. If there is any meaningful way to re-align the portions of Bremerton that fall outside of decidedly urban representation, please do so. I do not wish to be disenfranchised, but the reality of the redistricting proposal is that is precisely my experience. Re-alignment processes offer opportunities to improve representation, energize citizens to participate in meaningful democratic processes. Please use this opportunity to enhance Bremerton</p>	6	35	<p>Judith Friedberg-Nerf 1600 Madrona Point Drive Bremerton WA 98312 jnerf@comcast.net 360-792-2843</p>

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01/04/2012	Letter from Lembhard Howell			Lembhard Howell Seattle, WA
01/04/2012	I think that it would be a disservice to the Pasco Community to split it into two legislative districts. I would very much like to see all of Pasco kept in a single legislative district.	4	16	Brad Fritz 5021 W Irving Pasco WA 99301 delapfritz@aim.com
01/04/2012	Please keep Pasco one district.			lurbach PSD1 6627 rd 68 n Pasco WA 99301 lurbach@psd1.org 509-543-6730
01/04/2012	My recommendation is to re design District 8 so we are all on this side of the mountains. Protecting the non starting Reicherts job is a phoney way of going about your business. As long as Auburn, MV, NB and the little burgs are iin this district, Reichert is okay. What a crock of nonsense. Slick Slade trying to change the electoral vote. How disengenuous, what a hypocrtical bit of nonsense. How very depressing that I might live in a district that is ruled as the likes of Doc "do nothing" Hastings and Cathy "do nothing" McMorris. It is not fair, it is betrayal and it is not just. It is appeasing a powerful republican and some very noneffective democrats. I am stunned at this. Surely there is a wee bit of ingetrity and ethics amongst you. My gosh...children could do better and they have a desire to be fair. You aren't.	8	5	sally montgomery 485 mt oly dr sw Issaquah WA 98027 montysme@comcast.net
01/03/2012	Email from John Milem			John Milem Vancouver



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01/03/2012	<p>I recognize everyone's focus right now is getting this final plan to the Legislature on time but...After the big vote on Sunday Commissioner Huff shared some suggestions on how he felt the Redistricting process could be improved. I would like to encourage all of the Commissioners to take some time to reflect, ask questions of staff, and form a list of suggestions toward improving this process and create a supplemental report to the legislature and/or future Commissions. The very nature of a "redistricting Commission" is to compartmentalize the difficult task of redistricting. As such, any thoughts of improving this process will be forgotten unless concrete suggestions are formally put in front of legislators right now otherwise all concerns about redistricting will be forgotten by 2019. Potential topics of their suggestions could regard: ~How can future commissions get better information from cities, counties, and the Census Bureau? ~Further defined expectations of Auditors, Staff, The Chair, Commissioners, and Third Parties. ~What does the state need to maintain good districting data during the next decade? ~What is the optimum size or purpose for a precinct? ~Make an assessment of resources, financial and physical for the commission to do its work. These suggestions are merely what I've heard Commissioners, staff and citizens gripe about during this process. Now in this short window while the Commission is outside of the trees and looking at the forest and about to be dissolved I hope they take this time, (suffer each other a little bit more ;)), and use this position to apply their newly developed institutional brain trust toward the betterment of future commissions. Although it's not your purpose a little encouragement from this Commission's unique vantage will create better policy in many areas of government ten years down the road. Thank you for your hard work, conviviality, and consideration.</p>			David Anderson 360-317-6113
01/03/2012	<p>To all the Commission Members and your Staffs, My wife and I have listened in and watched your efforts this last year and as Washington State residents appreciate all the hard work you all have taken on to make this a fair outcome. Thank You.</p>			Rick and Naida Bacon Tacoma



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01/03/2012	<p>I CANNOT BELIEVE HOW FAR FROM THE LAST POSTED MAPS YOU ALL HAVE TRAVERSED FROM. THE 33RD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IS THE VICTIM OF THE WORST GERRYMANDERING I HAVE EVER WITNESSED. I COULD NOT BELIEVE YOU SHOT UP TO AND EVEN WITH THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT WITH THE 33RD DISTRICT SPLITTING WHERE THE 34TH SHOULD BE, BRINGING THE 11TH DOWN TO THE PANTHER LAKE ANNEXATION BY KENT AND SPLITTING THAT AS WELL, DROPPING DOWN THE HILL TO 100TH SOUTH OF 212TH AND USING THAT AS A MAJOR BOUNDRY WHEN THE BENSON HIWAY HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY THAT BOUNDRY (104TH/108TH) TO DIVIDE THE 47TH AND THE 33RD.....YOU HAVE CHOPPED UP THE 6TH LARGEST CITY IN THE STATE LIKE SO MUCH DOG FOOD. IT WAS YOUR COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN COMMUNITY INTEGRITY, HOW SO WHEN YOU GIVE KENT TO 3 SEPARATE DISTRICTS? IT WAS UNFAIR AS IT WAS, BUT WHAT AN APPALLING DEMOCRAT GRAB OF A DISTRICT I HAVE NOT WITNESSED IN SUCH FASHION IN ALL MY DAYS IN THIS STATE. THEY HAVE BECOME THE PARTY OF THEIVES. SOME OF YOU SHOULD CARRY GREAT SHAME IN YOUR PRESENTATION OF THIS PORTION TO THE LEGISLATURE. I AM DISGUSTED WITH THIS PROPOSAL, WHAT A LOAD OF LAST MINUTE THEATRICKS WHEN IN FACT YOU ALL HAVE NOT MOVED OFF YOUR COLLECTIVE FENCES 3 WEEKS AGO... YOU CALL YOURSELVES SERVANTS OF THE PEOPLE? THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE UNDER AUTHORITY OF A UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MISSION, AS CORRUPT AS THEY ARE, I WOULD HAVE MORE FAITH IN THE OUTCOME THAN BY THIS APPOINTED BODY. YOU SHAME ALL VOTERS IN THIS SUBMISSION, FOR YOU CERTAINLY HAVE NOT SPENT YOUR RESOURCES WELL AND HAVE SQUANDERED THE TRUST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE !!!!</p>			CRAIG DOUGHERTY, KENT, WASHINGTON
01/02/2012	<p>Congratulations to the commission for a quite credible job in difficult circumstances.</p>	7	43	Richard Morrill University of Washington WA 98102 morrill@uw.edu
01/02/2012	<p>Thank you all for your service.</p>	4	12	Karen L. Keleman 326 N Kansas Ave East Wenatchee WA 98802 keleman@televar.com 509-884-7488

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01/02/2012	Dear Commissioners, Please don't divide the Latino communities in Southeast Yakima City and North Central Yakima City from the 15th legislative district. These communities of interest MUST be kept together in the 15th LD. We suggest the following Census Block group swaps for the 14th and 15th LDs. (Census blocks (smallest units) could be used to even up discrepancies in total population numbers.) Please incorporate the following block groups into the 15th LD: block groups 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 05001 & 06002 Suggested compensating block groups for 14th LD: block groups 12002, 12003, 11001 Thank you.	9	30	John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas Latino Community Fund 2319 S 278th St Federal Way WA 98003 jcardenas@latinocommunityfund.org 319-621-8930
01/02/2012	Eastern Washington communities are concerned about precincts, school districts, fire districts which are split between LD and / or CD. Will county auditors be able to redraw precincts to avoid such splits? Thanks for your consideration of this question.	5	7	Christine Clark 2002 W Hamilton Rd Deer Park WA 99006 ceclark@windwireless.net 509-599-6881
01/02/2012	I have to download a program, that is not needed to view images, rather than just pull up an image in a web browser to view a map of the suggest congressional redistricting? That is EXCELLENT access to government! (That was sarcasm by the way) Congrats! A simple image at different sizes would be more than adequate and less frustrating for the PEOPLE that are affected by the committees gerrymandering. Thanks.			Billyboy8875@clearwire.net
01/02/2012	I am a CPA and a voter in Goldendale. We're located in Klickitat County in central Washington. We are a very rural county. Please do not district us in #3 with Clark County. We belong in District 4 with the other central Washington counties. We have nothing in common with the voters in District 3 are unlikely to be represented. Our current legislators are devoted to covering their entire district and come to Goldendale often. Please do not take away our representation.			Angela Hoffman 88 Olson Rd Goldendale WA 98620
01/02/2012	To all commission members: I am amazed that you changed the districts based on race rather than population. Is this legal ? It seems to be a total racist move to me in an effort to try to divide the population of Central Washington and an attempt to weaken the conservative base here. I do expect an answer to these questions and a full explanation of why it was done this way .			Ron Anderson Yakima WA

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01/01/2012	1) The Dec 31 compromise Legislative plan is an improvement. It keeps Douglas County intact, including East Wenatchee, and maintains good community of interest throughout the district. 2) The most recent Congressional Plan transfers several portions of CD 4 to CD 8. We reluctantly understand some of the motivation for parts of that change. But PLEASE reconsider your inclusion of East Wenatchee in that transfer, and instead keep it with the rest of Douglas County and within CD 4. There is much more than a river separating East Wenatchee from Wenatchee and Chelan County. History, culture, community affiliations, political jurisdictions, industry and social traditions all argue against "re-routing" the Columbia River at that location. Douglas County also would be "losing" its largest population base and pool of community, charitable and political volunteers. Despite the daily vehicle traffic across the two bridges that join Wenatchee and East Wenatchee, the river runs deep there as do the identities and affiliations. The citizens of East Wenatchee still relate far more with Douglas County and its rural culture than they do with Wenatchee and the rest of Chelan County. Again, please retain East Wenatchee with the rest of Douglas County and its more compatible neighbors in CD 4. Thank you for your consideration.	4	12	Jim Hunter 1636 Harrington Lane East Wenatchee WA 98802 jthunter@charter.net 509-884-5662
01/01/2012	Please don't separate Latino communities of interest in Southeast Yakima City and North Central Yakima City from the 15th legislative district. These communities of interest MUST be kept together in the 15th LD. We suggest the following Census Block group swaps for the 14th and 15th LDs. (Census blocks (smallest units) could be used to even up discrepancies in total population numbers.) Please incorporate the following block groups into the 15th LD: block groups 15001, 15002, 15003, 15004, 05001 & 06002 Compensating block groups for 14th LD: block groups 12002, 12003, 11001 Given our unprecedented turnout and participation in this redistricting process to have our voices heard, please do what is FAIR. Thank you.			David A. Perez Asst. Director Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality perez.a.david@gmail.com
12/27/2011	Letter from City of Kirkland			Kurt Triplett City of Kirkland

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