



Comments on Redistricting Commission's Draft Plans
December 3-5, 2011

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12/05/2011	<p>As the Commission nears completion of its task to redraw Washington's Congressional and Legislative District boundaries, on behalf of the City of Kent, we would like to again convey our community's interest in the redistricting process. When the city wrote last July, the current maps had not been released, so the comments were more general in nature. Dean Foster's proposed congressional map Our much preferred congressional map is the one proposed by Commissioner Dean Foster. We believe that it best accomplished the commission's goal to "Make sure that, to the extent possible, boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities that have common interests are respected, and their division minimized." To that end, the proposed map accomplished both of our objectives which were discussed in the letter sent to the commission in July. They were to 1) keep all of Kent in a single district and 2) align common interests and goals into one district by not including Kent in a congressional district with parts of Seattle. Sen. Gorton's proposed congressional map Our least preferred option is Sen. Gorton's proposed map. It accomplished neither of our two objectives listed above. Kent currently enjoys representation by two US Representatives in both the 8th and 9th Congressional Districts. While we have been served well by this arrangement, three of the four maps being considered include Kent in its entirety within one district. This is a much preferred outcome to the fourth map proposed by Sen. Gorton which splits only the southeast portion of our city into another district. We have found in past years that members of Congress are more likely to provide stronger representation to areas where they have a significant vested interest. Tim Ceis and Tom Huff's proposed congressional maps We are concerned about the maps proposed by Commissioners Huff and Ceis. While they include all of Kent in one district, they also put Kent into a congressional district with parts of South Seattle.</p>	9	47
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12/03/2011	...moving Midland W. of Portland Ave. into the 29th reflects the current 21st cent. racial and economic diversity of the neighborhood. Summit is much more insular and culturally aligned with the Puyallup area. Most of Midland is a great mix of agricultural heritage and Tacoma business...and is a better fit with the 29th.	8	25	Philip Bradford 1212 85th St E Tacoma WA 98445 careprovider@iname.com

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