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December 22-27, 2011

Messages to the Commission		CD	LD	
12/27/2011	Well, the political types took an interesting strategy in how to try and craft a legislative proposal. I'm surprised they have even a draft congressional map, to tell you the truth. :)			Dave Kaplan
12/27/2011	Not blaming the staff. I appreciate their communication. They are in a difficult position. Seems like they are the only ones doing their job.			Nansen Pihlaja Malin
12/27/2011	Nan, then you can blame the four Commissioners who cancelled or asked for rescheduled meetings because they weren't done with what they were working on. THEY were the ones who requested it, and you could tell that from the recordings of the last few meetings. If you're on the Redistricting Commission's email distribution list (I am), you would have received no less than four or five emails concerning the scheduling, cancelling, and rescheduling of meetings. One was even an apology to the public. So please, don't blame the staff. Blame the two D's and two R's who are representing the caucuses. Thanks!			Dave Kaplan
12/27/2011	I appreciate your attempts to communicate for the commission... but the lack of notice, lack of minutes being sent, last minute meeting time changes and lack of actual proposals really make for poor transparency and little public comment.			Nansen Pihlaja Malin
12/27/2011	While the proposed 10th, 40th, and 42nd were all made extremely more "safe" and comfortable for their current incumbents, the objectives for the redistricting should be to ensure competitive districts that cause accountability. Safe districts do the opposite. Some rural parts of the 42nd should go to the 39th, the 42nd should keep it's pre-existing parts of Bellingham. The 40th and 10th can adjust accordingly.	2	42	WA
12/27/2011	Regrettably, my on-line comment on the lack of minutes either being sent or read prior to today's meeting, along with the fact that no new plans were presented was responded to with a comment about the experience of the chair in Maryland's congressional gerrymander. My suggestion that we look at the California approach was used as a deflective device away from my first points about being prepared and not continuing to have this be so political, with appointees from the House and Senate. I realize the law sets up the current redistricting process; my point was to highlight the inordinate slowness coming up to the deadline. This gives very little time to the public to respond with any reasonable time prior to the end of the Commission's work (at the current pace). My experience with the current approach leaves me to wonder how "open" this really is. On a more positive tone, however, the fact that there are some current office-holders who may be redistricted out of their current seats does provide some evidence (to date) that the Commission takes the notion of "serving" the state's communities of interest seriously. Let's hope for more receptivity to comments without editorializing on the comment.			Mike Beehler kate_mike@comcast.net 360-456-4056

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12/27/2011	I did sign up on the Listserv and recently saw that current redistricting plans show Sammamish divided between the 41st and 45th. Given that a stated objective of the redistricting plan was to keep communities whole I again ask the Commissioners to ensure that Sammamish is kept "whole" in one Legislative district. This is supported not only by our Sammamish citizens, fellow council members but, has also been stated by both our democratic and republican representatives who I have copied. I want to reiterate to the commission that the city of Sammamish and its Citizens are better served by being kept whole and together in one district. I would appreciate the commission working to make this desire and stated objective of the commission a reality. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.			Ramiro valderrama Sammamish WA rvalderr2001@yahoo.com
12/27/2011	Splitting Bellingham into two districts does not allow urban representation. We are a city with not one representative or senator that lives within our City Limits. My district (40th) doesn't even have a resident of our County in Olympia.	2	40	
12/27/2011	The City of Bellingham is the heart of Whatcom County and is a community under the guidelines of the redistricting commission. As such, it should be located in the 42nd LD entirely. Please keep Bellingham in the 42nd!	2	42	
12/27/2011	I submitted a comment during the 12/27 morning meeting, but it apparently did not arrive before the Commission recessed. This message expands on that brief comment. The issue I wish to address is that of a majority-minority Congressional District. In Washington, such a district is extremely *unlikely* to produce the result desired by its proponents. The reason is simple -- non-Hispanic whites would be by far the largest constituency within any M-M district. Given patterns of voting eligibility (i.e., citizenship) and voter registration by ethnicity/race, I am certain that non-Hispanic whites would actually make up a comfortable majority of the "majority-minority" district's voters. Majority-minority districts "work" only when there is a single, large, homogeneous minority group within the district, which is decidedly *not* the case in any conceivable Congressional District in Washington. The goal of increasing diversity among Washington's legislators is admirable and desirable. It is likely, even inevitable, that a number of well-designed, sensible M-M Legislative Districts will be created in (at least) south King County and in Yakima County. However, the extraordinarily broad variety of small, competing ethnic and/or racial subpopulations in Washington argues against constructing a jury-rigged CD that will all but certainly fail to achieve the goal of diversifying our representation in the other Washington. When (as I would expect) the proposed M-M district fails to elect a minority Representative, the result may well be disillusionment and rejection of political participation among the myriad minorities that (don't, by any real measure) form a "majority" in that district. Thank you for your attention.	7	43	Neal Traven 4317 Dayton Ave N #201 Seattle WA 98103 beisbol@alumni.pitt.edu

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12/27/2011	Pasco, Washington needs to be in one legislative district, to be fairly represented and have the needs of the constituents met, with integrity.		16	Marie Feryn 4519 Yuma Drive Pasco WA 99301 teddienmarie@yahoo.com 509-545-8039
12/27/2011	Near (47° 54' 00" N by 122° 12' 30" W), the 44th LD would be best served by retaining clear boundaries along the I-5 corridor. The proposed boundaries between the 21st LD, 38th LD and 44th LD near Silver Lake are very irregular and confusing. To meet the goal of achieving a border that runs along the I-5 corridor, please make the following two adjustments. First, please adjust the boundary between the 38th LD, 39th LD, and the 44th LD in Marysville. Please run the new border between the 38th and 39th LDs in Marysville along Getchell Road, and run the border between the 38th LD and the 44th LD South along SR9 from Getchell Road to 64th St. NE, and then West along 64th St. NE to 67th Ave NE. Second, please adjust the boundary between the 21st LD and the 44th LD. The 21st LD should have more contiguity with the Martha Lake area, and the 44th LD should have more contiguity with the Silver Lake area. North of 132nd St. SE, please run the border along the Everett City Limits. South of 132nd St. SE, please run the border along the Mill Creek City Limits. These changes would greatly clarify the 44th LD's border in the Silver Lake area, to run straight along I-5. Thanks!	1	44	Rick DeWitt 1509 148th PI SE Mill Creek WA 98012 rick.dewitt@comcast.net 425-357-0605
12/27/2011	Between (47° 51' 45" N by 122° 8' 00" W) and (47° 51' 22" N by 122° 9' 50" W) please adjust the border between the 44th LD and the 1st LD slightly to the South, to follow 75th Avenue, Puget Park Drive, Silver Firs Drive, and 156th St. SE. The current proposal is ambiguous, as it uses straight lines to cut through residential neighborhoods and splits several residential lots. We need clear boundaries along the roads near Forrest View Elementary School.	1	44	Rick DeWitt 1509 148th PI SE Mill Creek WA 98012 rick.dewitt@comcast.net 425-357-0605
12/27/2011	Near (46° 52' 00" N by 122° 5' 00" W), please adjust the border between the 44th LD and the 39th LD slightly to the East, to follow the Snohomish River channel. This is a clear geographic boundary, and creates a more contiguous 39th LD.	1	44	Rick DeWitt 1509 148th PI SE Mill Creek WA 98012 rick.dewitt@comcast.net 425-357-0605

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12/24/2011	Dear Commissioners, On behalf of the United for Fair Representation coalition, I want to restate our support for a 10th Congressional District that is majority people of color without an incumbent in the district. Over the course of the past year, we have engaged in the open process to express our views. With hundreds of people testifying in support of our Unity Maps, we believe we were heard with the initial drafts, whereby three out of four commissioners proposed a majority people of color district - two without an incumbent. As you complete your work, we urge you to prioritize and not divide communities that have historically been the home to people of color in this new Congressional District including the International District, Central District, Beacon Hill, Hilltop, Crossroads (Bellevue), White Center/Boulevard Park, Salishan/Eastside (Tacoma) and Lincoln (Tacoma). Thank you for your consideration. George Cheung Win/Win Network	7	34	George Cheung Win/Win Network 1402 3rd Ave Ste 201 Seattle WA 98136 george@winwinnetwork.org 206-726-1818
12/23/2011	Please Keep Pasco,WA as one legislative district. Thank you!	2	4	
12/23/2011	Please leave Pasco in one legislative district. It is in the best interest of all stakeholders.	4	16	
12/23/2011	Hi! I am a Pasco resident and voter. It makes no sense to split Pasco into two districts. Please keep Pasco together! Thank you!			Jessie Martin 5415 Jefferson Dr Pasco WA 99301
12/23/2011	I would like to see all of Pasco in one legislative district	4	16	Danny Dunnagan 3108 N Road 92 Pasco WA 99301 drdunnagan@charter.net 509-380-0291
12/23/2011	All of Pasco be in one legislative district.	4	16	Robyn Dunnagan 3108 N Road 92 Pasco WA 99301 dunnagan77@charter.net 509-380-0291
12/22/2011	Use common sense and do not divide Pasco into 2 districts, the last time I checked "gerrymandering" was illegal.	4	16	John M Morgan Pasco School District 1215 West Lewis 425 Road 37 Pasco WA 99301 jmorgan@psd1.org

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