

Comments on Redistricting Commission's Draft Plans—September 13-21, 2011

Messages to Chair Powell				
	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	Contact Information
9/20/2011	For Congressional District, please choose either Ceis's or Foster's maps. They seem to be the most fair for people represented in the communities. I would not place myself having similar interests as those in the central, mountainist part of the state.	2	42	Ferndale
9/19/2011	I very much like Commissioner Gorton's legislative plan because it keeps the farmland and mountain people together instead of subjugating them to the will of the big city people who do not understand them at all and regularly legislate against their interests. It also keeps the close knit Scandinavian and Dutch community in Whatcom county together. I very much like Commissioner Huff's Congressional plan for the same reasons Wylin Tjoelker Whatcom County Republican PCO Precinct #133	2	42	Wylin Tjoelker 4950 Reese Hill RD Sumas, WA 98295 wylint@hotmail.com 360-988-0404
9/17/2011	Click to review document			63 Members of OneAmerica
9/15/2011	A South Sound district would be the most fair place to put the new 10th. South Sound is culturaly and politically unique compared to other areas of western washington and have different needs to be represented in congress. Also, keep Everet in the same district as Bellingham and Mt. Vernon. Perhaps the rural, conservative populations of Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom county would be better served in a district with parts of eastern washington. The commission needs to take into consideration the considerable ideological differences between those close to the I-5 corrador and those closer to the cascades.	2	40	Jason Austin Student WA 98225
9/15/2011	Every time I try to comment on Commr Ceis' CD map, I get Survey Monkey. Has this link been hijacked? My comment on that map is that the 10th, centered on Olympia, should not extend into King County. It can better be adjusted to include Yelm, a "suburb" of Olympia. Including parts of King County means that the new Congressperson must be invited to, endorsed by and campaign at King County meetings. It's very awkward and unnecessary.	7	46	Sarajane Siegfriedt King County Democrats 11811 33rd Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125 Sarajane3h@comcast.net 440-5829
9/15/2011	My concern lies with the Steamboat Peninsula (west side of Thurston County). I prefer this Peninsula be included with the Peninsula's to the west as in Leg. 22 (proposed by Gorton and Huff) and in Cong. 9 as proposed by Gorton or Cong. 10 as proposed by Ceis. I oppose the being in Cong 10 proposed by Foster or Cong. 6 proposed by Huff or being in Leg. 35 as proposed by Ceis and Foster. This Peninsula identifies with the Peninsulas to the west and with the urban area of Olympia and would like its representatives to represent all of these areas. Thank you for forwarding this comment to the Commissioners.	3	22	Gerald Steel Gerald Steel PE 7303 Young Rd. NW Olympia, WA 98502 geraldsteel@yahoo.com 360-867-1166

9/15/2011	Can you please provide the respective lists of precincts (or census blocks if precincts are being subdivided) for each district under the various plans. This would be a much faster download and would also help in places where it's hard to see the details on the various maps.	8	41	Roger Crew 8350 SE 61st St Mercer Island, WA 98040 crew@cs.stanford.edu 206-940-5732
9/15/2011	I am concerned that some of the plans position what is an up and coming technology centric suburb, Newcastle, into areas that are not part of the East Side high tech corridor. We put our new technology company into an area with good schools (Issaquah) and reasonably priced upscale housing to attract employees, Newcastle. Lumping this area into low-tech and industrial areas in the South End and South Seattle is a bad idea because there is little in common with those areas. As more of the technology companies appear in on the East Side, Newcastle will find itself an obvious target because housing is closer and so is access to the airport. It should be part of the same footprint as Issaquah and Bellevue.	8	41	John Hammerly The Glarus Group 6947 Coal Creek Parkway SE #210 Newcastle, WA 98059 jd.hammerly@theglarusgroup.com 425-472-5907
9/14/2011	No recommendations, rather a comment. I was able to watch most of the public hearings online and would like to provide a "thank you" to the Chair of the Commission. Lura Powell did a wonderful job in her role, and her efforts are very much appreciated in this public process!			
9/14/2011	Chair , I applaud the creativity to find a workable solution to the need to redistribute population equitably submitted by Senator Gordon. Putting the new district on the north of the state takes into the account the concerns voiced in Eastern Washington. I work in Kittitas County and we are very concerned about having any of our voices heard if we are assimilated into the 8th district. There is nothing of note that is similar between western Washington and eastern Washington. The only connection is Interstate 90 and it's more federal. What can I do to communicate my support for this concept?	4	13	Obie DJ O'Brien Kittitas County Commissioner 205 WE 5th Ave Suite 108 Ellensburg, WA 98926 Obie.Obrien@co.kittitas.wa.us 509-962-7508
9/14/2011	I just wanted to let you know I appreciate your leadership, outreach, and projection of even-handedness. Redistricting is important and doing the process in an open environment with good information easily available on the Internet is a wonderful quality. State legislative maps were fairly clear with the thick red lines, but I'm having trouble reading the Congressional maps with dark blue boundary lines compared to black county lines. Consider making boundary lines red on those as well. Thanks again to you and the committee and looking forward to the evolving conversation. Matt	4	16	Matt Watkins 8616 Massey Drive Pasco, WA 99301 matt@mattwatkins.net 509 545-4916

9/14/2011	Dear Chair, The redistricting process does not have to be a political one. Given the criteria about compactness and population representation and minority representation, as dictated by the Supreme Court, a straightforward mathematical solution can be found using integer programming. I am an assistant professor at the University of Washington working on combinatorial optimization problems similar to the redistricting problem. In addition, one of my colleagues at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Prof. Hayri Onal) has already solved the redistricting problem for the state of Illinois. Here is the report: http://igpa.uillinois.edu/system/files/Rethinking-Redistricting-IGPA-Report_0.pdf . See page 17. If your commission is serious about a neutral redistricting process, you should allow mathematics to be in the driver's seat and not be influenced by the wants of people who have the time to fill out this form. My contact information is below. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely, Sandor Toth	8	5	Sandor Toth University of Washington PO Box 352100 Seattle, WA 98195 toths@uw.edu 206-616-2738
9/14/2011	Keep the 947 precinct with it's natural constituency, not the 15th. Recently I tried to persuade our senators and representative to support my position on schools. Basically they told me they didn't need my vote and could care less about my concerns. For the same reason I would like the 947th to stay in the 3rd district however it is reconfigured	3	15	William Good P.O. Box 630 35931 SE Sunset View Road Washougal, WA 98671 mrpobre@aol.com 360-835-8129
9/14/2011	I'd like to commend the commission for the hard work that they've put into this. In my opinion, the big question is... What to do with the roughly 150,000 residents of Eastern WA that will need to be connected with a mostly Western WA district. I believe that the plan offered by Gorton provides the best solution. The three counties of Okanagan, Douglas & Chelan provide the right number of people. And it will be easy for voters in those three counties to adapt because none of these counties will be divided. While these three counties are very different from Whatcom & Skagit Co., they do have a lot in common. All are strong in Agriculture and all have a growing Hispanic population. In fact, Skagit County has the largest Hispanic population per capita in Western Washington. As a father of three Spanish speaking American children, with a small but growing farm in Western Washington this is very important to me. While the mountains do create a beautiful divide. The east & west counties are easily connected by Highway 20 or Highway 2. Thank you. Brent Wolters	2	42	Brent Wolters 3629 Shaw Court Ferndale, WA 98248 brentonpatrick@comcast.net 360-312-8537
9/14/2011	I live in Olalla. I would love it if Norm the war monger Dicks no longer represented me, not that he ever has.	6	26	Erik WA 98359 253-509-3889

9/14/2011	Keep most of the 2nd LD in Pierce. Bi-county conformation makes it hard to organize. Put the 10th in Olympia - Thurston County. 8th CD is too crazy to meaningfully comment upon. Send a message to County Auditors - small numbers of voters needed for precincts. 1,500 is a sad joke and defeats any meaningful organizing at gressroots level.	8	2	Bill Harrington 5404 264th St E. Graham, WA 98338 cagradyoes@aol.com 253-262-1797
9/14/2011	The PDF maps are horrible to read. Can't you do a better job of defining the districts on these maps?			Marshall Hampton 4715 North 31st street Tacoma, WA 98407 marshallwa2000@yahoo.com
9/14/2011	I feel that Bellevue should be kept intact as a city in a congressional district, It is an urban, >40% non US born professionall city, if it is split with part going with So King Co and Nor or East King Co, it gets diluted and ends up being mixed with a rural working class areas. The 41st can be a swing district, generally with elected officials from mercer Island, occasionally bellevue/renton. I do not feel I have similiar interests to folks from So King County/Tacoma area,	8	41	
9/14/2011	can't read the presentation by Ceis/Foster - don't have powerpoint and open office says it is corrupt. Whether I agree with the content or not (mixed bag), the pdf presentations for gorton and huff are usable. Jim Duncan jgd4406@centurytel.net	6	26	
9/13/2011	Spokane needs someone who will represent its urban needs in Congress. The Spokane urban area now has over 600K in population. Our congresswomen focuses on her rural up bringing and has little of our urban needs. We live next to Idaho. Idaho put a railroad refueling depot over our only source of drinking water and it has leaked. Our rural focused congresswomen could have care less. We need balance. Please help and look at us. Thank you.	5	3	Barney Larson 725 S. Adams A Spokane, WA 99204 barney.larson@gmail.com

9/13/2011	<p>First, I would like to thank the Redistricting Commission for their hard work. This is not an easy task. In looking at the Congressional proposals, they all look good but I am very concerned with changing the Second District area of coverage. Former Senator Gorton suggests that the new 10th District encompass the area and continue over the mountains. Quite frankly, that doesn't make a lot of sense since Eastern Washington has different issues than Western Washington because of climate, etc. Another concern is that with the inception of this new district in this area, we stand to lose our standing on some of the committees such as Armed Services Committee, etc. I like the proposals that leaves Representative Norm Dicks and Representative Rick Larsen's districts pretty much in tact. Both of the gentlemen have well represented the military community that makes up a huge amount of the economy in the Puget Sound area. Leaving those areas the way they are would be very beneficial to the continuance of military presence, and support in Western Washington. I like the area around Olympia being the 10th District because it just makes sense to have that area be the new district. Again, thank you all for your hard work. I know it isn't easy. C. W. Crider Executive Officer Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association 15571A Peterson Rd Burlington, WA 98233 (360) 757-6916</p>	2	10	
9/13/2011	<p>The slides in the Foster plan do not show the extreme east side of the state and that</p>		9	<p>Dave Koch 10211 E Green Road</p>
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9/20/2011	The Everett Herald did a good Op-Ed piece on September 20th about the identify of urban versus rural Snohomish County, indicating that overall, the Commissioners are on the right track in aligning urban with urban, rural with rural (see: http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20110920/OPINION01/709209962), with 2 exceptions. In half of the plans, depending on which one you are looking at, the Cities of Marysville and Lake Stevens are being what I feel is adequately aligned with their urban neighbors; in the other half, however, these cities, which will only continue to grow more urban, are being placed in the same Congressional District with the small towns, say of central Washington. This, I feel, just as the Everett Herald, is the wrong path, so that is why I am commenting here. Marysville and Lake Stevens should be either in the same district as Everett, or at least in the same district as the other Everett suburbs, such as Mill Creek-- speaking of "communities of interest", Marysville and Lake Stevens do not share ANY interest with the rural parts of eastern Snohomish County, or any other rural parts to the east or south, for that matter. No disrespect to those communities, as great as they are! However, keeping in mind how urban Marysville and Lake Stevens are needs to be a focus in keeping them in the correct Congressional district. Perhaps of ANY cities in the region, Marysville and Lake Stevens have changed the most. Yes, at one point both were much more of a rural nature. But today, Marysville is the 2nd most populous city, Lake Stevens the 5th, in Snohomish County. Please take that into consideration with your plans. Thank you for listening!	2	44	Lake Stevens,WA 98258
9/19/2011	Get me out of the 8th District. We're tired of having no representation from a Congressman that only thinks and cares about King County. I live just east of Meridian on South Hill.	8	25	
9/19/2011	Linking coastal interests of San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties to more rural non-coastal counties does a great disservice to the coastal counties by diluting their interests before a Representative. Reject this plan.	2	40	
9/18/2011	Senator Gorton, Your Congressional Plan is imaginative and includes some good features. However, what does Okanogan County have in common with San Juan County (other than a few aging hippies)? I don't think a cross-Cascades district along the northern tier counties works. There is a necessity to cross the Cascades, however, and I believe the other three Commissioners have a more viable concept in making the cross-Cascades District the 8th, where there is much more commonality of interests between the East King and Shohomish County communities and those of Chelan and Kittitas Counties. Of the other three plans, I like that of Commissioner Ceis the best. As a North Bend resident, I support his version of a new cross-Cascades 8th CD. Thank you.	8	5	Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274

9/18/2011	Senator Gordon's congressional map does not follow the guidelines as set forth at the beginning of the redistricting process. This congressional map has the new 10th district encompassing both the west and east side of the Cascade Mountain range. Should not mountain ranges be considered a natural barrier when considering congressional boundaries? How can a congressional representative effectively serve his/her district during winter months? This plan should NOT be adopted by the Commission.	2	42	Luanne Van Werven 7555 Hannegan Rd. Lynden, WA 98264 lvanwerven@comcast.net 360-354-5697
9/15/2011	No. no. NO! Congressman Larsen is OUR Congressman. We have a relationship with him. You shouldn't be splitting us up like this. Your first priority should be to do no harm. Well, taking our Congressman away does harm us. Start with the districts the way they are and make small adjustments, not this wholesale slaughter.	2	40	
9/14/2011	I really like the look of both this Plan and the Rep Huff Plan. The minority district is a good idea. Thanks for your hard work.	2	40	Terry McNabb Aquatechnex PO Box 30824 Bellingham, WA 98228 tmcnabb@aquatechnex.com 360-527-1271
9/14/2011	I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to Skagit County, and therefore confine my comments on proposed Congressional districts for this portion of the state. The Gorton plan is the worst of the four plans by far. It would create a new 10th district that lumps together regions far separated from each other, on both sides of the Cascades. The cities of Omak (inland cattle range country) and Anacortes (on salt water) have very different economies and needs in terms of government services and programs. It will be difficult for any elected official to serve both constituencies well and equally. Heck, it will be difficult just to get around to visit the constituents! Just as importantly, little Omak (pop. under 5,000) will have little electoral voice compared to Anacortes (pop. 15,000), let alone compared to Bellingham (pop. 85,000) or Burlington/Mt. Venon (pop. 40,000). Put simply, the Gorton plan would effectively disenfranchise the entire eastern half of proposed new Congressional district 10. This is unacceptable.	2		Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net

9/14/2011	I am a farmer in Edison, currently 40th legislative and 2nd congressional districts. I am intrigued by the congressional proposal but strenuously object to the legislative proposal. Why bother to vote! I am frustrated that Skagit County agriculture will be carved up into 3 districts- still. But we will be lumped with urban Whatcom- Bellingham/Western Washington University and the far left leaning San Juans. Why can't you put San Juan Co. with Island County and make all of Skagit 39th. There are some strongly held historical differences in land use between Skagit and Whatcom and San Juan that will not be relieved or allowed voicing in your scenario. I realize there is a desire for balance but where's the balance when thinking about custom & culture and local dynamics. I feel so frustrated within my own county- the bulk of which would be in the 39th!	2	40	Annie Lohman Lohman Farms 15283 Sunset Road Bow, WA 98232 lohffarms@wavecable.com 360-766-7103
9/14/2011	I like that Thurston County is in one congressional district now but having Bellingham and Wenatchee makes no sense to me. These are two completely population bases.	3	20	Dave Montgomery 98589 dmontgomery17@gmail.com
9/14/2011	Senator Gorton, I applaud your creativity to find a workable solution to the need to redistribute population equitably. Putting the new district on the north of the state takes into the account the concerns voiced in Eastern Washington. I work in Kittitas County and we are very concerned about having any of our voices heard if we are assimilated into the 8th district. There is nothing of note that is similar between western Washington and eastern Washington. The only connection is Interstate 90 and it's more federal. What can I do to communicate my support for your concept?	4	13	Obie DJ O'Brien Kittitas County Commissioner 205 WE 5th Ave Suite 108 Ellensburg, WA 98926 Obie.Obrien@co.kittitas.wa.us 509-962-7508
9/14/2011	The Cities of Shoreline, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothel, and Kirkland have much in common. Gordon did recommend them in one legislative district, but it appears that he included them with Seattle for that congressional district. I strongly recommend that Shoreline be included with other small cities and NOT with Seattle.	1	32	Robert L. Ransom City of Shoreline Retired Mayor 16745 Burke Ave. North Shoreline, WA 98133-5517 RansomRL@aol.com 206-546-9310

9/14/2011	<p>I *HATE* Commissioner Huff's plan -- it disenfranchises the people of Bellevue by putting us in a district with others who do not share our concerns and who outnumber us. Bellevue is a rapidly growing, rapidly urbanizing, diverse community -- we have about as much with Cle Elum, Ellensburg, and Wenatchee as we do with Mars. It is ridiculous to group us with those communities instead of the Eastside Seattle communities with which we share common issues. The 8th district is already a mess, but Commissioner Huff's plan is gerrymandering at its WORST from a Bellevue perspective. I'm fine with any of the three other plans (I slightly prefer Senator Gorton's), but if Commissioner Huff wants Dave Reichert and the 8th District to represent rural Washingtonians then leave Bellevue (and this voter) out of those plans. I would like a district where my candidate has to justify his re-election, not be guaranteed another term because of his district map.</p>	8	48	<p>Bruce Ryan Bellevue, WA 98004 brucery_ms@yahoo.com</p>
9/14/2011	<p>Good points ... Olympia not in Vancouver district anymore Bad points Seattle is divided into two districts. The old Seattle district was the lowest growth district in the state; doesn't make sense to give it two districts. Worse, Bellevue, which is the fastest growing and most prosperous part of the state is put in the the same district as South Seattle and Burien (with are frankly the cesspools of the state). Bellevue residents will not be amused. Keep Seattle together in one district. And keep Bellevue, Issaquah, Newcastle and Renton together. To fix these suggest that Lynnwood move from district 7 to district 2. Put Redmond into district 1. And move South Seattle and areas south of Seattle and west of I-5 into district 7 North Cascades district is also awkward. Okanogan and San Juan islands don't have much in common and don't belong together. Can the islands go into district 2? And maybe Snoqualmie Valley go into 10?</p>	8	41	<p>lwheel@microsoft.com</p>

9/13/2011	Dear Mr. Gorton and to it may concern, This is an abomination of gerrymandering, along with all other four maps. I can't believe the eighth was extended along I-90 into Eastern Washington. How in the world does that propagate 'communities of interest'? Skiers going to Snoqualmie Pass? Truckers going on to Spokane? What's the point of the ridiculous amount of city splitting and why is the Eastside split so many needless ways? It's blatent gerrymandering and I don't take from Republicans or Democrats. Lura Powell should reject this map, unless city splits are minimized, while keeping the relative small amount of county splits. In addition, the eighth should not be extended out into Eastern Washington. I know it's either the third or the eighth, but honestly, the third should just take all of Skamania, Klickitat, and the rural parts of Yakima county. I won't even try to explain why you've taken it upon yourself to create a minority-majority district, the involves splitting both Seattle and Eastside communities of interest. Sure, in due time, Washington will probably end up getting a majority-minority district, but the one you have created is splitting larger communities of interest, to get one that only has limited support. In conclusion, I have drawn considerably more fair maps, with districts that keep communities of interest together, while still minimizing city and county splits. These districts are not gerrymandered with A) a purpose to preserve incumbents and B) to unfairly better Republicans (in your case) or Democrats (in the other commissioner's cases). I expect more from commissioners that will be deciding how Washington will be represented in the Capital. The slim faith I've been holding onto that here in Washington we can put the 'other' Washington's political petiness will be dashed if this anathema of a congressional redistricting plan is accepted. Thanks for your time to, Nicholas from Seattle	7	46	Nicholas Seattle, WA	
9/13/2011	This is by far the most coherent plan. It keeps similar geographic areas together. The other three proposals all try to merge eastern and western in one district Washington. In that scenario, one side or the other is guaranteed to fell disenfranchised.	3	22	Heather Hansen 707 Sawyer Street SE Olympia, WA 98501 heather@wafriends.org	
9/13/2011	I like this plan the best becuase it is keeping with the current districts. I live in the 8th and the other plans include to much area in the East. That is not keeping us folks together.	8		Rich Soborowicz 20014 SE 306th PL Covington, WA 98042 furniture@finewoodstudio.com	
9/13/2011	I believe that dividing Spokane is just silly. However, Spokane and the Tri-Cities do have a common interest in Eastern Washington, along with Pullman. (And even	5	3		
Messages to Commissioner Gorton - Legislative					
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9/21/2011	Dear Mr Gorton I am the Republican Chair of the 38th Legislative district. I would sure appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the plan for the district. Many people write off the 38th as a very blue district, but in recent past races, good candidates in good years have only lost by 500 - 600 votes. (Erv Hogle vs. McCoy for example) All we need is differential of plus 1000 Republican votes in order to be a lot more competitive. If we lose Marysville, that is pretty much out the window - and there is no need for that. My contact information is below. Best regards Kurt Hanke 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637	2	38	Kurt F. Hanke B-23, Inc. 10615 4th Drive SE Everett, WA 98208 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637
9/20/2011	Please consider moving the eastern boundary of the proposed 30th legislative district along the Proposed Annexation Area (PAA) boundary of Federal Way. When the PAA is annexed into Federal Way, the city will continue to be completely in the 30th District. Your proposal will split Federal Way into two different Districts. Also, as 30th District Republican Chairman, it appears that your map moves me from the 30th District into the 47th District. Thank you for your consideration of this change.	9	30	Leonard D Englund 4657 S 282 St Auburn, WA 98001-1110 len.englund@comcast.net 253-852-0474
9/19/2011	I very much like Commissioner Gorton's legislative plan because it keeps the farmland and mountain people together instead of subjugating them to the will of the big city people who do not understand them at all and regularly legislate against their interests. It keeps the close knit Scandinavian and Dutch community in Whatcom county together. Wylin Tjoelker Whatcom County Republican PCO Precinct #133	2	42	Wylin Tjoelker 4950 Reese Hill RD Sumas, WA 98295 wylint@hotmail.com 360-988-0404
9/19/2011	It appears that district 2 does not meet contiguity guidelines, as per RCW 44.05.090 (2)(b). The proposed district contains two lobes that are separated by the Nisqually River, and are not connect by ferry, highway, bridge, or tunnel. Although they are not separated by water, it also seems likely that district 24 around Elma and Oakville, and district 15 at Grandview would also be challengeable as having areas that are separated by geographical boundaries that prevent transportation within a district.	3	20	

9/18/2011	<p>Dear Senator Gorton, Thank you for all your hard work on the Redistricting Commission. Respectfully, here are my comments regarding your proposed Legislative Redistricting Plan: With regard to my current residence in North Bend, your new 5th District does a pretty good job in recognizing the community of interest that includes North Bend, Snoqualmie and Maple Valley. However, it would probably be good to include Carnation and Duvall. It's OK to include Issaquah. Overall, you have made good compromises with your 5th Legislative District plan. I was born in Yakima and raised in Moses Lake and have an interest in how your redistricting plan affects this area as well. I really do applaud your efforts to create Hispanic majority districts. I grew up in a mixed Hispanic-Anglo neighborhood in Moses Lake and the neighborhood my mother retired to in Yakima was about half and half. I always thought it a mystery that one didn't see any Hispanic faces in the Legislature reflecting their numbers in south central Washington. I have to say that the new 15th is a bit strangely shaped. I believe you could make it an even stronger Hispanic district by including all of the lower Yakima Valley in the 15th. It is difficult to make out from the maps, but it looks like you excluded everything south of the Yakima River from the 15th. I would include communities like Wapato (52% Hispanic) and Toppenish (62% Hispanic) in the new 15th. You also have an opportunity to make an additional majority Hispanic District in south Grant, west Adams and Franklin Counties. This District is also an improvement by placing all of Pasco in one district. Please see the table below for a listing of the census tracts that might be included in what would be a 56% majority Hispanic District.</p> <p>Proposed Majority Hispanic Legislative District (Grant, Adams, Franklin and Benton Counties)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>County</th> <th>Census Tract</th> <th>Total population</th> <th>Hispanic or Latino (of any race)</th> <th>% Hispanic</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 105</td> <td>2963</td> <td>1215</td> <td>41%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 106</td> <td>6848</td> <td>5097</td> <td>74%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 107</td> <td>2755</td> <td>1015</td> <td>37%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 109.0</td> <td>1306</td> <td>323</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 113</td> <td>3938</td> <td>2434</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 114.01</td> <td>1845</td> <td>995</td> <td>54%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grant</td> <td>Census Tract 114.02</td> <td>13025</td> <td>10466</td> <td>80%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adams</td> <td>Census Tract 9503</td> <td>6934</td> <td>5063</td> <td>73%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adams</td> <td>Census Tract 9504</td> <td>2856</td> <td>1973</td> <td>69%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adams</td> <td>Census Tract 9505</td> <td>4753</td> <td>3749</td> <td>79%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Franklin</td> <td>Census Tract 201</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	County	Census Tract	Total population	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	% Hispanic	Grant	Census Tract 105	2963	1215	41%	Grant	Census Tract 106	6848	5097	74%	Grant	Census Tract 107	2755	1015	37%	Grant	Census Tract 109.0	1306	323	25%	Grant	Census Tract 113	3938	2434	62%	Grant	Census Tract 114.01	1845	995	54%	Grant	Census Tract 114.02	13025	10466	80%	Adams	Census Tract 9503	6934	5063	73%	Adams	Census Tract 9504	2856	1973	69%	Adams	Census Tract 9505	4753	3749	79%	Franklin	Census Tract 201				8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
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9/18/2011	I think this is the best on. Not only is the Puget Sound set right but more importantly, the Spokane area is set perfectly. Please use this one!!	5	9																																																													
9/18/2011	Senator Gordon's legislative district plan makes sense for Whatcom County. It disrupts our county the least and keeps Whatcom County as intact as possible. Of all 4 legislative plans this is by far the best. The parameters and priorities set out at beginning of process were followed and this legislative map should be adopted.	2	42	<p>Luanne Van Werven 7555 Hannegan Rd. Lynden, WA 98264 lvanwerven@comcast.net 360-354-5697</p>																																																												

9/18/2011	I will be selfish. As past Chairperson of the 38th District (Republican), I wish to vote in the best interest of the 38th District. Mr. Ceis's plan is the best. I realized that you are looking at the overall view of all 49 districts. We have tried to fight the good fight here. I think our district would be best served by Mr. Ceis's plan. We have come very close in several legislative races--expanding south will not even put us in the ballpark. We have campaigned for candidates in nearby districts when things looked too gloomy in our own district. No one wants to spend time, money (loss of income as well as expenses), and heart on being a sacrificial lamb. Allow us to look with hope upon our efforts. Thank you, Respectfully, Susan Kaftanski + (currently PCO Evt 25, previously District Chair, 38th Legislative District)	2	38	Susan Marsh Kaftanski, DVM House Call Veterinary Service 3021 Kromer Ave. Everett, WA 98201-4122 doctorkaftanski@aim.com 425-257-1091
9/16/2011	Mercer Island should be a part of a Seattle district, such as the 37th rather than being attached to the 41st with which it has little in common.	8	41	Erik Fretheim Bellevue 98006
9/15/2011	As a lifetime resident of Spokane County and Valleyford I find this proposal for legislative districts in my area a strained exercise in mapping out for the good of the party not the communities. This map and commissioner Huff's as well chop my school district and my fire district into two or three different LD's for party expediency and totally ignore other political sub division boundaries which was to have been an explicit goal of the redistricting plan. This plan is not acceptable.	5	9	Dave Koch 10211 E Connor Road Valleyford, WA 99036 Dave_Koch@MSN.com 509-448-8672

9/14/2011	I have reviewed all plans by all Commissioners, but am commented on all here, as I feel that both plans Commissioner Gorton are the most appropriate. Congressionally, Gorton's plan is most appropriate, as it ensures compact districts. A couple of the other plans hint of gerrymandering with impossible boundaries. For example, Ceis' plan puts Lake Stevens in District 8, the same district that Cle Elum and Wenatchee would be in yet, its neighbor to the south, Snohomish, somehow is included in another district. This make absolutely no sense! Snohomish AND Lake Stevens should be in the same district. Gorton's plan recognizes the urban/suburban areas of Snohomish County, by placing them into a single District 2 (renamed to 7). This is a very good plan, because it takes in the I-5/405 and SR 9 communities - Everett and its suburbs, as well as the communities north of Bellevue. I also VERY MUCH appreciate Gorton's efforts in creating a more rural district to the north of Everett, to ensure these communities have representation in Congress. On a legislative perspective, I think Gorton's plan is most appropriate of the four as well. It moves Mill Creek into the same district as Bothell, something LONG overdue to ensure these two communities of interest are aligned. It also moves more of Marysville into the 44th, and in the process, puts it into 2, rather than 4 currently. And to make my points clear, I am a Democrat, so I think it says something for someone to support a plan of a Republican. I feel that Gorton's plans are least partisan, create compact districts, and ensure seats that are more swing or competitive, guaranteeing fresh voices and perspectives both in Olympia and Congress. I hope both of Gorton's plans are the ones accepted!	2	44	
9/14/2011	Looks good. Well done! Closely observes Commission goals.	7	34	
9/14/2011	Please keep all of the City of Issaquah in the same new district, and not split it between districts. Communities of interest are an important redistricting consideration, as well as compactness and using existing governmental entity boundaries for the districts.	8	5	Robert LaMacchia 2143 NE Nelson Lane Issaquah, WA 98029 rlamac2143@aol.com
9/14/2011	I'm the least impressed with this plan in regards to the Tri-Cities. I completely understand the Tri-Cities spans more than two districts, but separating bits into what appears to be four districts (8, 16, 9, & 15) doesn't make sense to me. I think the Foster or Ceis plan make more sense for the Tri-Cities. Consider elements from those.	4	16	Matt Watkins 8616 Massey Drive Pasco, WA 99301 matt@mattwatkins.net 509 545-4916

9/14/2011	Both Cmr. Gorton and Cmr. Huff's plans do the same, very odd things to the 30th district, which is primarily made up of Federal Way: 1. They redraw LD30 to cross over the King-Pierce border. 2. They remove two whole cities from LD30 (Algona and Pacific) that have been in the district for decades -- while *adding* cities that have never been part of the district. A very very strange methodology at work there. I hesitate to add that both Cmr. Gorton and Huff's plans redraw LD30 to include the entirety of the city of Milton (while inexplicably eliminating Algona and Pacific), and that LD30 currently has a recently elected legislator who lives in and was formerly mayor of Milton -- and incidentally, who shares a political party affiliation with Cmr. Gorton and Huff.	9	30	Keith Tyler 30826 10th Ave SW Federal Way, WA 98023 redist@keithtyler.com 253-653-6319
9/14/2011	Kurt Hanke, Chair, 38th Legislative District Republicans Rather than throw the 38th under the bus, I would like you to consider the following compromise: With good candidates we are only losing by 500 to 2000 votes - 500 in a good republican favoring year, 2000 in a democrat favoring year. Please add some Republican precincts to the 38th - in addition to what we already have - that will give us a net gain of at least 500 Republican votes. That is not asking a lot. I do not want to lose Marysville - that would guarantee that we will never win in this district. Thanks for your consideration Kurt Hanke 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637	2	38	Kurt Hanke, President Turbocraft, Inc. 10615 4th Drive SE Everett, WA 98208 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637
9/14/2011	Keep the 947 precinct out of the 15th district and keep it in the 3rd Congressional district	3	15	William Good P.O. Box 630 35931 SE Sunset View Road Washougal, WA 98671 mrpobre@aol.com 360-835-8129
9/14/2011	With all due respect, the carving up of Spokane for state legislative district purposes makes no sense whatsoever from a natural geography perspective. The proposed 6th district (in which I would remain) looks like it's trying to swallow the proposed 4th district. Massive fail.	5	6	
9/14/2011	Way to gerrymander spokane and the puget sound Mr. Gordon. Spokane looks nothing like it used to and you even flipped the actually physical districts of the 6th and 3rd. O and I enjoy the way you oddly cut up Tacoma and a tip of Pierce county to fit into the 30th LD. Its a clear gerrymander! Pathetic and it sucks!	6	27	Justin Tacoma, WA 98405
9/13/2011	Cannot get the maps to download!	8	47	Joanne Glasgow 18842 132nd PI SE Renton, WA 98058 joannebglasgow@gmail.com 425-226-0487

9/13/2011	Is the point of this plan to see just how much disruption you can cause in eastern Washington?!? Keep rural districts rural, and urban/suburban districts urban/suburban! The people in rural areas have different interests than the people in urban or even suburban areas, and will be screwed by this proposal.	5	7	Julian Hale 3912 E Oregon Rd Elk, WA 99009 julianbhale@gmail.com 509-292-5168
9/13/2011	This plan absolutely decimates the third legislative district. Combining Downtown Spokane and the West Plains is just silly.	5	7	Ryan Grant 3915 N. Brooks Road Medical Lake, WA 99022 509-951-1290
Messages to Commissioner Ceis - Congressional				
	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	Contact Information
9/20/2011	I like this version and feel orting is more closely suited for the 25th district.	8	2	
9/19/2011	Get me out of the 8th District. We're tired of having no representation from a Congressman that only thinks and cares about King County. I live just east of Meridian on South Hill.	8	25	

9/18/2011	<p>I live in North Bend. The most significant feature of your Congressional redistricting plan is the inclusion of both sides of the Cascades in one Congressional District, the new 8th. I am perfectly fine with this. Given the need to account for the fact that Eastern Washington needs more than two Congressional Districts, there is logic in including the I-90 and SR2 communities straddling the Cascades in one Congressional District. I feel the economies and socio-political features of North Bend and other east King and Snohomish County communities have a lot in common with the North Central Washington communities, such as Ellensburg and Wenatchee. Comparing your Congressional Plan with the other three Commissioners', I find yours the best overall. While perhaps a bit more gerrymandered than Commissioner Foster's, it includes some important features of the old Congressional Districts. It is certainly less gerrymandered than the other two Commissioners' proposed CDs. With regard to the "minority" district, I feel that this district isn't truly a minority district. For one, its combined "minorities" population is just a fraction over 50%. Also, I believe that trying to put several different minorities into one district could lead to "tribalism" rather than a unity of purpose. This would play into the hands of those who don't value minority representation. I would rather look to the future and put together districts that have a significant population of ONE minority. For instance, your new 4th Congressional District includes a high percentage of Latino/Latina residents. While not the majority, it is still useful to aggregate this minority in one Congressional District so that these people may continue to grow their political power. After the next census, it is conceivable that one could draw a new majority Hispanic Congressional District in South Central Washington.</p>	8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
9/15/2011	<p>I do not like this plan, AT ALL. Please keep the 8th out of Snohomish County. We have NOTHING to do with Eastern Washington.</p>	2	39	
9/15/2011	<p>I appreciate two commissioners who paid attention to the ease of north-south travel in King County near I-5 by making both the 32nd and the 46th more vertical, rather than stretching them to be horizontally. The latter probably doubles the driving time to meetings. I appreciate this map's ending the 30-year gerrymandering of the 11th and the 37th. The residents and elected officials of Renton were most clear on the point of consolidating the 11th into two LDs instead of five. This should be respected. This is the best version of redrawing the 11th and 37th. Rather than take 1,500 from the middle of North Seattle, the 43rd should take one or two blocks on the other side of Madison St., certainly preserving a community of interest, Madison Valley. the neighborhoods east of Green Lake, Roosevelt, Mapleleaf and Northgate, are one community of interest as they adjust to becoming transit stops on the Light Rail.</p>	7	46	<p>Sarajane Siegfried King County Democrats 11811 33rd Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125 Sarajane3h@comcast.net 440-5829</p>

9/14/2011	I think this is the best division of the Districts. It, for the most part, keeps the cities together that would most likely have the same issues, compared to the other plans.	1	48	
9/14/2011	I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to all around this portion of our state, and therefore direct my comments on proposed Congressional districts for this region. In general, the Ceis and Foster plans make the best suggestion for the area currently served by the 2nd Congressional district, since they are very similar. However, the Ceis plan has an odd and unacceptable "poison pill" feature concerning Lake Stevens. For no clear reason, this Snohomish County community is broken away from its neighbors and instead lumped together with far-distant Wenatchee (Chelan County) and Cle Elum (Kittitas County). These areas are not only far removed from each other geographically, but they also have quite different local economies and interests in government services and programs. A far better solution would be to include Lake Stevens (pop. 28,000) in the 2nd, and move Mukilteo (pop. 20,000) into the 1st or 7th District if need be. Although Mukilteo is closely associated with Everett, it is also very well tied to the other communities adjacent to the south. Mukilteo has far more in common with Edmonds or Bothell, than Lake Stevens has in common with Wenatchee. Do not harm the residents of Lake Stevens with this bad boundary idea. Please respect natural constituencies of the area. This is not about party affiliation, but affiliation created by closer economic and geographic ties. Reject the Ceis plan, in favor of the Foster plan.	2		Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net
9/14/2011	It appears that they are dividing up the City of Shoreline into part Congressional District 7 and Part Congressional District (1). The issue is dividing up the City of Shoreline into different districts.	1	32	Robert L. Ransom City of Shoreline Retired Mayor 16745 Burke Ave. North Shoreline, WA 98133-5517 RansomRL@aol.com 206-546-9310

9/14/2011	<p>I *HATE* Commissioner Huff's plan -- it disenfranchises the people of Bellevue by putting us in a district with others who do not share our concerns and who outnumber us. Bellevue is a rapidly growing, rapidly urbanizing, diverse community -- we have about as much with Cle Elum, Ellensburg, and Wenatchee as we do with Mars. It is ridiculous to group us with those communities instead of the Eastside Seattle communities with which we share common issues. The 8th district is already a mess, but Commissioner Huff's plan is gerrymandering at its WORST from a Bellevue perspective. I'm fine with any of the three other plans (I slightly prefer Senator Gorton's), but if Commissioner Huff wants Dave Reichert and the 8th District to represent rural Washingtonians then leave Bellevue (and this voter) out of those plans. I would like a district where my candidate has to justify his re-election, not be guaranteed another term because of his district map.</p>	8	48	<p>Bruce Ryan Bellevue, WA 98004 brucery_ms@yahoo.com</p>
9/14/2011	<p>This appears to be the most awkward of the four congressional maps. About the only good points are that Seattle is not divided and Olympia is not in the Vancouver district anymore. Problems. Tacoma is split three ways. I could understand splittling a county but splitting a city into more than two distictcs? That's just inexcusable. Cross cascade district is awkward. Putting skykomish valley in that district is alright .. the upper parts will appreciate not being with king county, but Auburn does not have anything in common with the rest this district. Bellevue is divided in half. A north seattle suburbs area makes sense for a district, but that district should not include areas that have little in common with those communities. Lynnwood district should include Everett and if necessary Snohomish or Marysville.. Make Bellevue, Newcastle, Samamish, Issaquah and Renton one district along with the parts of the cascade district that are west of the cascade mountains. Put Federal way with Tacoma and if possible Auburn too.</p>			<p>lwheel@microsoft.com</p>

9/13/2011	I have to say I like your plan. You add the new 10th where it really needs to be around Olympia, while leaving other CDs as intact as can be given the new district and the shift in population. The 8th is a good place to bridge the mountains with the I-90 connection, and makes for a more uniform district for Dave Reichert while also making the districts to the west more coherent. I particularly like that Kitsap County is no longer divided. On a personal note, my CD and LD remain unchanged, so of course I like that. Unfortunately, you'll have to compromise with at least one of the Republicans to get to a final plan. I suspect that Slade Gorton's plan is going to get the most traction, because it produces fairly compact districts. But his plan has some bizarre changes in the first and second CDs--I don't think there's any overlap between the two versions of CD 1 (putting me in Rick Larsen's district). I can't see how it's possible to compromise Gorton's vision with any of the other plans. I like his renumbering idea though. Tom Ruff commits egregious acts of gerrymandering in the 7th and its neighboring districts, but if you can hold the line there he's probably got more to compromise with to end up with something closer to your take. But if I had my way I'd take your plan with Gorton's renumbering. I played around with an online redistricting app so I know how hard this is even without the political pressures. Good work.	1	1	Erik Heino 19118 94th Pl. NE Bothell, WA 98011 erikh@nwlink.com 425-481-5153
9/13/2011	I like your plan. I don't like Lacey being separated from Olympia, and I do not like Olympia being combined with Vancouver.	9	22	Bob Northrup 4412 23rd ave se Lacey, WA 98503 bobnjulien@comcast.net
9/13/2011	I believe that Spokane and the Tri-Cities should be put together with Pullman. (I live in Spokane and have a business in Kennewick.) Perhaps Pend Oreille and Stevens County could be thrown in, but tying together Spokane, Pullman, Walla Walla, and WSU, Tri-Cities makes the most sense to me.	5	6	
Messages to Commissioner Ceis - Legislative				
	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	Contact Information

9/20/2011	<p>I live in urban King County - Auburn - District 8 under the Tim Ceis Plan. Please do NOT put me in a district with both Ellensburg and Wenatchee. The needs of a largely rural area in eastern Washington are drastically different from the needs of a largely urbanized area of western Washington. As a voter, I would advocate to allocate money and services to the Greater Seattle and Greater Tacoma areas - the places that my family works, shops, dines, and meets with friends and family. I have never been to Ellensburg and have only visited Wenatchee once in my life. I would imagine that a resident of Wenatchee or Ellensburg feels the same way, that urbanized King and Pierce Counties are foreign entities to them and that they have more in common with, say, Yakima or Walla Walla. I do not care what the democratic/republican split of my district is. It is irrelevant to me. What matters more are what issues my representative will stand up for. Big agriculture or big manufacturing (jobs east of the cascades or jobs west of the cascades)? Urban crime or rural poverty? The needs of sparsely populated rural school districts or crowded growing urban school districts? While political affiliation plays a big role in politics, so do non-partisan issues like these. Thank you.</p>	8		
9/19/2011	<p>I have several concerns regarding contiguity under RCW 44.05.090 (2)(b). The first is in district 39, whether there exists a "geographical boundary that prevents transportation" between the northern part of the proposed district, and the area around US Hwy 2. District 20 in Cowlitz County; district 13 in Yakima County; and district 35 in Thurston County all appear to be vulnerable to court challenge under the same.</p>	3	20	

9/18/2011	<p>Mr. Ceis, Of the four legislative redistricting plans presented on September 13, I liked yours the best. Here's why: I live in North Bend. Your new 5th District recognizes the community of interest that includes North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation, Duvall, Maple Valley and Black Diamond and does as good a job as the other three plans in resolving the legislative boundaries for the suburban parts of Redmond, Issaquah and Kent. I was born in Yakima and raised in Moses Lake. Your plan for Districts 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15 does a good job in recognizing communities of interest, but also recognizes the majority Hispanic populations of Districts 9 and 15. District 13, while large, is woven together by Interstate 90 and keeps the old 13th District largely intact. District 8 is a good District for the representation of the interests of urban Kennewick and Richland. District 9 does a great job in joining together the Hispanic communities in south Grant County, Othello, western Franklin County and Pasco. District 15 does likewise for the Lower Yakima Valley, the city of Union Gap and the eastern portions of the city of Yakima. While new District 14 wanders a bit to include enough people to comprise a balanced district, it still is a good compromise in representing the interests of non-Hispanic Yakima and Columbia River communities from Goldendale to Stevenson. I would suggest the following improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move Grandview into District 15 to maintain continuity of Lower Yakima Valley Hispanic communities. • Move Royal City into District 9 to maintain continuity of south Grant County Hispanic communities. To accommodate the above here are suggested adjustments: • Tieton, Gleed and Naches may have to be moved to the 13th District to accommodate the Royal City addition to the 9th. However, you have already included all of Highways 12 and 410 west of Naches in the 13th, so this may not be quite as aberrant as it might otherwise seem. There are, indeed, people living up Highway 410, such as those in the Nile District and Cliffdell, and their interests are similar to those of Tieton, Gleed and Naches. • Some of north Yakima now in the 15th may have to be moved into the 14th to accommodate the addition of Grandview to the 15th and the loss of Naches, 	8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
9/16/2011	<p>Mercer Island should be a part of a Seattle district, such as the 37th rather than being attached to the 41st with which it has little in common.</p>	8	41	<p>Erik Fretheim Bellevue, WA 98006</p>

9/16/2011	It seems that yours and Foster's redistricting plans have not rectified the current situation where not all of the surrounding communities in Kelso school district and Kelso zip codes - namely Ostrander and Rose Valley - are not lumped together with the LD representing Kelso and Longview - currently the 19th LD. These represent very small populations and would, thus, require little adjustment to allow the people in these areas, including my parents, to vote for legislators that actually represent the communities to which they belong.	9	30	Richard Champion 104 SW 332nd St Apt #1405 Federal Way, WA 98023 richard.champion@gmail.com 206-724-1506
9/16/2011	Dear Commissioner Ceis, I live on the Key Peninsula in the 26th Legislative District. I was concerned about your proposal because it would put the KP in the 35th LD. I have lived on the KP my whole life and I know that our interests are in Gig Harbor. Even my house on the KP has a Gig Harbor address. Our students go to the Peninsula High School, our families go to church in Gig Harbor, we shop at Costco in north Gig Harbor, when we are sick or injured, we use the hospital by Canterwood. Even our county concerns are in that direction. If at all possible, please consider a plan that includes the KP in the 26th LD with Gig Harbor. Thank you very much for your time and consideration! Jonathan Schlaudraff Student at the UWT	6	26	Jonathan Schlaudraff 13306 91st Ave Ct NW Gig Harbor, WA 98329 sly_old_ape@yahoo.com 253-514-8446
9/14/2011	This is THE BEST Leg. plan of all. It adheres to the guidelines, keeping the districts compact and the lines as straight as possible, as well as keeping communities and cities together that would most likely have the same issues. Well done!	1	48	

9/14/2011	<p>I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to Skagit County, and therefore confine them to the issue of the boundary between the 39th, 40th and 42nd Legislative districts. In general I would say that the The Ceis and Foster legislative district plans make the most sense, People with similar economies and government service concerns should be together. Put simply, the western and far eastern portions of Whatcom and Skagit counties have too little in common. The 42nd, as it is now, lumps the wrong things together. Grouping the western portions of the Counties together makes sense, since these represent similar areas of mixed development: a larger city or two, many smaller cities, along with some rural and lowland farming. These areas function as an integrated economic unit, with a great deal of commerce and commuting from urban areas to nearby rural areas. Similarly, regions of common or similar interest are created by putting the huge, low-density rural areas in eastern Whatcom County together with other rural residents of eastern Skagit (or Skagit and Snohomish) counties. These areas, which would be in the new 39th district, are all heavily forested, rather than coastal or river farming plains; they have similar economies and interests. I realize that the 40th and 42nd are too populous and must be reduced. Western Whatcom is a natural unit, and it makes sense to separate the western half from the far distance eastern half. It also makes sense to split Bellingham in the 42nd, to make the numbers right.</p>		42	<p>Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net</p>
9/14/2011	<p>I think this plan makes the most sense for the Tri-Cities. Divide it up into two districts-- not three or four as other plans. Dividing up into 8th and 9th appears to achieve compactness more than the other plans as well as maintain areas of community and senses of identity with respect to geography. And I thank the Commission for their important work. These kinds of plans impact communities tremendously and affect senses of community. The Tri-Cities with two districts is important.</p>	4	16	<p>Matt Watkins 8616 Massey Drive Pasco, WA 99301 matt@mattwatkins.net 509 545-4916</p>

9/14/2011	Keep the 947th precinct out of the 15th legislative district and keep it in the 3rd Congressional district.	3	15	William Good P.O. Box 630 35931 SE Sunset View Road Washougal, WA 98671 mrpobre@aol.com 360-835-8129
9/13/2011	This is amazingly well drafted--very happy with it!	5	6	Bethany A Heath Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center 8602 N Terry Ct Spokane, WA 99208 bethany72@comcast.net 509-270-2453
Messages to Commissioner Foster - Congressional				
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9/20/2011	<p>The Everett Herald did a good Op-Ed piece on September 20th about the identify of urban versus rural Snohomish County, indicating that overall, the Commissioners are on the right track in aligning urban with urban, rural with rural (see: http://www.heraldnet.com/article/20110920/OPINION01/709209962), with 2 exceptions. In half of the plans, depending on which one you are looking at, the Cities of Marysville and Lake Stevens are being what I feel is adequately aligned with their urban neighbors; in the other half, however, these cities, which will only continue to grow more urban, are being placed in the same Congressional District with the small towns, say of central Washington. This, I feel, just as the Everett Herald, is the wrong path, so that is why I am commenting here. Marysville and Lake Stevens should be either in the same district as Everett, or at least in the same district as the other Everett suburbs, such as Mill Creek-- speaking of "communities of interest", Marysville and Lake Stevens do not share ANY interest with the rural parts of eastern Snohomish County, or any other rural parts to the east or south, for that matter. No disrespect to those communities, as great as they are! However, keeping in mind how urban Marysville and Lake Stevens are needs to be a focus in keeping them in the correct Congressional district. Perhaps of ANY cities in the region, Marysville and Lake Stevens have changed the most. Yes, at one point both were much more of a rural nature. But today, Marysville is the 2nd most populous city, Lake Stevens the 5th, in Snohomish County. Please take that into consideration with your plans. Thank you for listening!</p>	2	44	Lake Stevens, WA 98258
9/20/2011	<p>This is the only plan I find acceptable at it gets me out of the 8th District. We're tired of having no representation from a Congressman that only thinks and cares about King County and would be happy to be in the new 10th. I live just east of Meridian and 132nd St on South Hill.</p>	8	25	
9/18/2011	<p>Keep the Key Peninsula inside the 26th district. All of Pierce County west of the narrows should remain in the same district</p>	6	26	<p>Adam Isackson 7014 86th st ct nw Gig Harbor, WA 98332 adam_isackson@yahoo.com 253-678-1707</p>

9/18/2011	Commissioner Foster, Your Congressional Redistricting Plan has much to offer. It is, perhaps, the most logical of all four plans; i.e. it is the least gerrymandered. However, I think Commissioner Ceis' plan is a bit more acceptable, given the importance of district histories and preserving a bit of continuity. With regard to my own area, I think that a cross-Cascades district including east King, Snohomish and Pierce Counties with Chelan and Kittitas Counties is the best compromise. There is a certain unity to this district as well, woven together as it is by SR2, I-90 and SR18. As a North Bend resident, I feel there is much that we have in common with communities like Cle Elum, Kittitas, Cashmere and Leavenworth. Thank you for your service to the State.	8	5	Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274
9/14/2011	Mason County should not be split. It is mostly rural except Shelton and it does not have the same issues as Tacoma, etc. Leave Mason County undivided. Bad plan. I live in Kirkland now but will be retiring in Mason.	1	48	

9/14/2011	<p>I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to all around this portion of our state, and therefore direct my comments on proposed Congressional districts for this region. In general, the Ceis and Foster plans make the best suggestion for the area currently served by the 2nd Congressional district, since they are very similar. In my comments on the Ceis plan, I criticized that plans treatment of Lake Stevens and therefor recommended the Foster plan instead. However, the Foster plan is not without its faults, too. IN the Ceis plan, poor Lake Stevens was removed from its natural neighbors and lumped with far distance and quite different communities to the east. Int he Foster plan, it is poor Arlington and Marysville that suffer this fate. Arlington I can almost understand, but Marysville is clearly a functional satellite of Everett and should be kept together in the 2nd Congressional District. I understand that their are population numbers to consider, and that the areas to the east "need" more people in those districts. I hate to throw Arlington under the bus, but... However, the Ceis plan has an odd and unacceptable "poison pill" feature concerning Lake Stevens. For no clear reason, this Snohomish County community is broken away from its neighbors and instead lumped together with far-distant Wenatchee (Chelan County) and Cle Elum (Kittitas County). These areas are not only far removed from each other geographically, but they also have quite different local economies and interests in government services and programs. A far better solution would be to include Lake Stevens (pop. 28,000) in the 2nd, and move Mukilteo (pop. 20,000) into the 1st or 7th District if need be. Although Mukilteo is closely associated with Everett, it is also very well tied to the other communities adjacent to the south. Mukilteo has far more in common with Edmonds or Bothell, than Lake Stevens has in common with Wenatchee. Do not harm the residents of Lake Stevens with this bad boundary idea. Please respect natural constituencies of the area. This is not about party affiliation, but affiliation created by closer economic and geographic ties. Reject the Ceis plan, in favor of the Foster plan.</p>	2	<p>Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net</p>
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9/14/2011	I am not sure if you are a republican or democrat (I vote about 80% republican) but your congressional redistricting plan is by far the best for my area.I have no idea whether it favors democrats or republicans nor do I know of which party you are a member. I grew up in Aberdeen, worked and lived in Bremerton/Port Orchard for 30 years and retired to Montesano so I have lived 1/2 my life in both Kitsap and Grays Harbor counties. There are very few common ties between the two areas vs the common bonds between Olympia and BOTH Grays Harbor and Pacific counties; whereas Kitsap has more ties to the Tacoma area. If I had to change anything In your plan the only thing would be to put Shelton in with Olympia and Sequim in with Kitsap. Thanks and I hope your plan prevails.	6	24	
9/14/2011	The City of Shoreline is combined with eastside small cities is wise. Do NOT combine it with Seattle as others suggest	1	32	Robert L. Ransom City of Shoreline Retired Mayor 16745 Burke Ave. North Shoreline, WA 98133-5517 RansomRL@aol.com 206-546-9310
9/14/2011	I *HATE* Commissioner Huff's plan -- it disenfranchises the people of Bellevue by putting us in a district with others who do not share our concerns and who outnumber us. Bellevue is a rapidly growing, rapidly urbanizing, diverse community -- we have about as much with Cle Elum, Ellensburg, and Wenatchee as we do with Mars. It is ridiculous to group us with those communities instead of the Eastside Seattle communities with which we share common issues. The 8th district is already a mess, but Commissioner Huff's plan is gerrymandering at its WORST from a Bellevue perspective. I'm fine with any of the three other plans (I slightly prefer Senator Gorton's), but if Commissioner Huff wants Dave Reichert and the 8th District to represent rural Washingtonians then leave Bellevue (and this voter) out of those plans. I would like a district where my candidate has to justify his re-election, not be guaranteed another term because of his district map.	8	48	Bruce Ryan Bellevue, WA 98004 brucery_ms@yahoo.com

9/14/2011	Hi, this is my preferred start for a plan. I live in the 6th district and this seems to group people together for the west puget sound area much better than currently. I would prefer to remove the Tacoma, fircrest, University Place, etc and add Vashon, Island County and San Juan County because we all are so very dependent on the ferry system. Jim Duncan jgd4406@centurytel.net	6	26	
9/14/2011	Good points: Seattle is all in one district No cross puget sound distictis like old district 1 Vancouver and Olympia are not in the same district anymore. Snoqualmie / Skykomish valleys are not split across two districts anymore Having a north seattle suburbs district makes some sense as these areas have a lot in common, but it would make more sense to put Mukleteo and Everett in same district with Lynnwood, and put Issaquah, Samamish and maybe Redmond with Bellevue. Bad points: Cascades district is very awkward. Auburn and Wanatchee are in the same district and have nothing in common. Tacoma area is split across two districts. Federal way should be with Tacoma, not with Bellevue.			lwheel@microsoft.com
9/13/2011	This is the plan that makes sense. (BTW, I am NOT related to Dean Foster.)	3	22	Catherine Foster PO Box 12076 Olympia, WA 98508 fostercd@msn.com 360 352-1654
9/13/2011	I live in Spokane and have a business in Kennewick, and I believe that Spokane, Pullman, and WSU-Tri-Cities should be in the same district as a sort of "Eastern Washington knowledge zone," and Moses Lake could fit (or not), too. Pend Oreille and Steven's County could be thrown into the 5th for population reasons, but the 4th should be the "ag zone" and the 5th should be the "high tech" zone.	5	3	

Messages to Commissioner Foster - Legislative

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9/18/2011	<p>Commissioner Foster, I appreciate your work on the Redistricting Commission. I would like to offer some comments regarding your Legislative Redistricting Plan. With regard to my current residence in North Bend, your new 5th District does a pretty good job in recognizing the community of interest that includes North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation, Duvall and Maple Valley. Overall, you have made good compromises with your 5th Legislative District plan. I was born in Yakima and raised in Moses Lake and have an interest in how your redistricting plan affects this area as well. I was a bit disappointed that you didn't recognize the importance of majority Hispanic Districts. You and the other Commissioners have a wonderful opportunity to right a festering wrong in our state body politic. Growing up in my mixed Hispanic-Anglo neighborhood in the 1960s and 1970s, I could see the Hispanic population swelling throughout Grant County and nearby central Washington counties. As an adult, now living in W. Washington, it has always grated upon me that my old Hispanic neighbors in Moses Lake and throughout central Washington have been represented by a continuing string of Anglo men and women. I believe it is imperative to render representational justice to the majority population of much of central Washington. By redrawing the lines to create Hispanic districts, Hispanic leadership will have the scope to develop not only in this district, but throughout other areas of the state where Hispanics form a significant, if not majority, segment of the community. This is an issue of not only representation but of pride and self determination. Hispanic districts can only help the growth and development of our Hispanic citizenry. The Hispanic voice must be heard in the Legislature, a voice we need to hear. The Lower Yakima Valley and the east side of Yakima provide one opportunity for a majority Hispanic District with a 65% Hispanic population. Here are the 2010 census tracts comprising this district: Proposed Majority Hispanic Legislative District No. 1 (Yakima County)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>County</th> <th>Census Tract</th> <th>Total population</th> <th>Hispanic or Latino (of any race)</th> <th>% Hispanic</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 1</td> <td>3,095</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1,601</td> <td>52%</td> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 2</td> <td>5,553</td> <td>3,895</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 6</td> <td>6,953</td> <td>5,326</td> <td>77%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 7</td> <td>7,072</td> <td>3,275</td> <td>46%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3,928</td> <td>55%</td> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 12.01</td> <td>6,318</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3,569</td> <td>56%</td> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 12.02</td> <td>2,731</td> <td>1,192</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>56%</td> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 13</td> <td>2,731</td> <td>1,192</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yakima</td> <td>Census Tract 14</td> <td>3,444</td> <td>1,680</td> <td>49%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	County	Census Tract	Total population	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	% Hispanic	Yakima	Census Tract 1	3,095			1,601	52%	Yakima	Census Tract 2	5,553	3,895	70%	Yakima	Census Tract 6	6,953	5,326	77%	Yakima	Census Tract 7	7,072	3,275	46%	3,928	55%	Yakima	Census Tract 12.01	6,318		3,569	56%	Yakima	Census Tract 12.02	2,731	1,192	44%	56%	Yakima	Census Tract 13	2,731	1,192	44%	Yakima	Census Tract 14	3,444	1,680	49%	8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
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9/18/2011	<p>This is to let you know that when the Redistricting Committee comes back to Spokane County, I will be using the 6th District Rule. Which is that the plan the most favors Democrat the most in the 6th, and the plan that favors Republicans are throw out. You edge out time Tim Ceis, because of the precincts north of the City of Spokane, that you places in the 6th. FYI Tom Huff edge out slade Gorden. You can please pass this message on!</p>	5	9	<p>Jeff Olsen 16412 Laaurel Rd Medical Lake, WA 99022 neslojd@netscape.net 509-299-5270</p>																																																			

9/16/2011	Mercer Island should be a part of a Seattle district, such as the 37th rather than being attached to the 41st with which it has little in common.	8	41	Erik Fretheim Bellevue, WA 98006
9/16/2011	It seems that yours and Ceis' redistricting plans have not rectified the current situation where not all of the surrounding communities in Kelso school district and Kelso zip codes - namely Ostrander and Rose Valley - are not lumped together with the LD representing Kelso and Longview - currently the 19th LD. These represent very small populations and would, thus, require little adjustment to allow the people in these areas, including my parents, to vote for legislators that actually represent the communities to which they belong.	9	30	Richard Champion 104 SW 332nd St Apt #1405 Federal Way, WA 98023 richard.champion@gmail.com 206-724-1506
9/16/2011	Dear Commissioner Foster, I live on the Key Peninsula in the 26th Legislative District. I was concerned about your proposal because it would put the KP in the 35th LD. I have lived on the KP my whole life and I know that our interests are in Gig Harbor. Even my house on the KP has a Gig Harbor address. Our students go to the Peninsula High School, our families go to church in Gig Harbor, we shop at Costco in north Gig Harbor, when we are sick or injured, we use the hospital by Canterwood. Even our county concerns are in that direction. If at all possible, please consider a plan that includes the KP in the 26th LD with Gig Harbor. Thank you very much for your time and consideration! Jonathan Schlaudraff Student at the UWT	6	26	Jonathan Schlaudraff 13306 91st Ave Ct NW Gig Harbor, WA 98329 sly_old_ape@yahoo.com 253-514-8446
9/15/2011	This is my favorite plan....I plan on running for legislature in 2012 and I would like this district the best...The people of Bothell, Woodinville and Mountlake Terrace have the most in common economically, socially, and socially and would make a good district together...	1	1	Brian Travis 2005 185th Place S.E. Apartment #J-102 Bothell, WA 98012-7900 cowlover0824@yahoo.com 425-877-1942
9/14/2011	Adding parts of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park will completely change the character of the 46th district. If it's possible to keep it all in Seattle, that would be excellent. Commissioner Gorton was able to do it. I understand extending it north and adding part of Shoreline/Lake Forest Park, but bringing in Kenmore seems like a big change. Thank you.	1	46	Sylvester Cann IV 14340 Lenora Place North Unit B Seattle, WA 98133 slycann@gmail.com 206-251-7040

9/14/2011	I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to Skagit County, and therefore confine them to the issue of the boundary between the 39th, 40th and 42nd Legislative districts. In general I would say that the The Ceis and Foster legislative district plans make the most sense, People with similar economies and government service concerns should be together. Put simply, the western and far eastern portions of Whatcom and Skagit counties have too little in common. The 42nd, as it is now, lumps the wrong things together. Grouping the western portions of the Counties together makes sense, since these represent similar areas of mixed development: a larger city or two, many smaller cities, along with some rural and lowland farming. These areas function as an integrated economic unit, with a great deal of commerce and commuting from urban areas to nearby rural areas. Similarly, regions of common or similar interest are created by putting the huge, low-density rural areas in eastern Whatcom County together with other rural residents of eastern Skagit (or Skagit and Snohomish) counties. These areas, which would be in the new 39th district, are all heavily forested, rather than coastal or river farming plains; they have similar economies and interests. I realize that the 40th and 42nd are too populous and must be reduced. Western Whatcom is a natural unit, and it makes sense to separate the western half from the far distance eastern half. It also makes sense to split Bellingham in the 42nd, to make the numbers right.		42	Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net
9/14/2011	This plan doesn't make sense to me from a Tri-Cities perspective with the 8th and 9th. Is the 8th entirely inside the 9th? Thanks for the Commissions work on this important issue.	4	16	Matt Watkins 8616 Massey Drive Pasco, WA 99301 matt@mattwatkins.net 509 545-4916
9/14/2011	Keep the 947th precinct out of the 15th legislative district and keep it in the 3rd Congressional district.	3	15	William Good P.O. Box 630 35931 SE Sunset View Road Washougal, WA 98671 mrpobre@aol.com 360-835-8129
Messages to Commissioner Huff - Congressional				
	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	Contact Information

9/21/2011	I would say Mr. Huff has a plan that makes a lot of sense. The 6th CD (like the 1st) should not span across the Puget Sound. Districts that cross the big body of water reek of a gerrymander. The only suggestion I have is to keep the Pierce County and Gig Harbor area that resides on the same side of the water of the 6th in the proposed plan, because it resides on the same side of the Puget Sound.	6	28	Lakewood, WA
9/21/2011	In the Huff plan, the 8th CD has a very odd shape. The plan segregates Bellevue from most of its similar neighbors. Bellevue doesn't belong with the rest of the communities in the new 8th CD under the Huff plan.	8	41	Donald Smith 98006 ThinkerFeeler@yahoo.com 206-819-5965
9/20/2011	Get me out of the 8th District. We're tired of having no representation from a Congressman that only thinks and cares about King County. I live just east of Meridian on South Hill.	8	25	
9/19/2011	I very much like Commissioner Huff's Congressional plan because it keeps the farmland and mountain people together instead of subjugating them to the will of the big city people who do not understand them at all and regularly legislate against their interests. Republican Wylin Tjoelker PCO #133	2	42	Wylin Tjoelker 4950 Reese Hill RD Sumas, WA 98295 wylint@hotmail.com 360-988-0404

9/18/2011	<p>Dear Commissioner Huff, Your Congressional Redistricting Plan has some good features. In particular, I agree that the new cross-Cascades district should be along the I-90 corridor. However, your new cross-Cascades Congressional District seems to be, if you will excuse the term, gerrymandered. I live in North Bend. The eastern portions of King County; including the rural communities of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation and Duvall; are far better suited for a cross-Cascades district than are downtown Bellevue, Medina and Clyde Hill. I believe this is generally true of the eastern portion of Snohomish County and, perhaps, the eastern portion of Pierce County. Our communities have a lot in common with the North Central Washington foothills communities such as Cle Elum and Leavenworth. I believe you could put together a cross-Cascades district centered on the I-90 and SR2 corridors that would make a lot of sense from a socio-politico and community of interest point of view. With regard to proposed District 10, it also has the shape of an unhealthy octopus. I realize you are trying to create a majority minorities district. However, I think majority single minority districts would be a better idea. They were also what was in mind when the Voting Rights Act was passed. Your proposed 4th Congressional District is 36% Hispanic, which comprises the core of a future majority Hispanic CD. Please consider these points. Thank you.</p>	8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
9/16/2011	<p>Carving Whatcom County as proposed by Mr. Huff would place our population center, Bellingham, into a separate Congressional District. This will mean the major border crossings between the US and Canada will not be represented by the community that receives the majority of the benefit from those crossings, and place it into a District that has little to no concern about border crossings. I would urge the committee to look at Congressional Districts that ensure Bellingham is represented by the same Congressperson who represents the four border crossings in Whatcom County.</p>	2	42	<p>Ken Oplinger Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce & Industry 119 N. Commercial St, Suite 110 Bellingham, WA 98225 ken@bellingham.com 360-734-1330</p>

9/15/2011	This is a good plan. I like the concept of District 2, kind of like a ferry or islands concept, anchored by the port cities of Bellingham and Everett. Additionally, I like where District 1 is, which will help give a voice to communities not along Interstate 5, rather SR 9, Hwy 2, and SR 203. I am happy to see the creation of District 10 as a "majority/minority" district, also giving a rarely-represented part of the state a voice. Pulling in Klickitat into District 3 is good as well, as this is a community that borders the Columbia, like the other counties in that District. Overall, I like this plan-- District 1 and District 10 will get a voice in Congress.	1	1	
9/14/2011	This plan is not at all acceptable. You can not lump part of the Eastside in with Seattle! We have completely different transportation issues as well as they are different cities in needs and attitudes. Horrible plan.	1	48	

9/14/2011	<p>I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to all around this portion of our state, and therefore direct my comments on proposed Congressional districts for this region. The Huff plan is a difficult one to wrap one's brain around, since it's proposal for the new 1st and 2nd Congressional districts is the most different from the current 2nd district. Whereas most plans combine Whatcom and Skagit counties together, since they are already comfortably connected economically as well as geographically, the Huff plan would create a "vertical" dividing line down through both counties. On the one hand, this is a pretty natural decision, in as much as the western, coastal halves of those counties is quite distinct from the inland, eastern halves in terms of economy and interests in government services and programs. However, the dividing line proposed by Huff does not follow this natural divide between constituencies. Rather, it divides down the middle of of communities using I-5 as the divider. As anyone who lives in this area can tell you, both sides of the highway work together, and people travel up and down and exist left and right every day. The one side is not different from the other. They are two halves of a whole. Dividing them in this way breaks up natural constituencies of common interests. It's a bad idea. In addition, from a political perspective, this east/west division along I-5 also creates a Democrat-leaning 2nd District and Republican-leaning 1st District, making two "safe" seats and smacks of partisan politics even if that was never Mr. Huff's intention. It's "safe" districts like these that promote polarized and partisan elected representatives, who then fail to operate in a bi-partisan and statesmanlike quality once they get to Washington DC. Such political polarization is poisonous to our democracy, and the seeds for this evil should not be sewn here in the Congressional redistricting process.</p>	2		<p>Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net</p>
9/14/2011	<p>I am excited by the possibilities of this plan, although I think it may still need some minor improvements to be fair politically.</p>	7	34	

9/14/2011	This plan for the 47th Legislative District makes absolutely no sense to me. It runs from I-5 to Maple Valley Highway and out to Black Diamond but excludes most of Kent and Auburn, even most of the East Hill of Kent. Please explain to me how the unincorporated area east of I-5 between the Kent and Auburn city limits has more in common with the core of the 47th than do the East Hill of Kent and downtown Auburn.	8	47	Gordon Glasgow 18842 132nd PI SE Renton, WA 98058 gsglasgow@comcast.net 425-503-0552
9/14/2011	Kurt Hanke, Chair, 38th LD Republicans I would like you to consider a possibility for the 38th that you may not have considered, and that is that we are not that far from being competitive: The 38th has been losing by about 500 votes with good candidates and in a good Republican year. We have lost by 1500 to 2000 votes with good candidates in a bad Republican year. If you can give me a net gain of at least 500-1000 Republican voters via redistricting we can consistently win in this district. This is not a huge change. We need to keep Marysville and add more Republican precincts from the 39th and 44th. This will not hurt the 39th since it is very Republican, and the 44th can afford to give up one or two Republican precincts without hurting them either. We cannot afford to lose any Marysville precincts or we will be doomed to become a very democrat LD! If the 38th wins and unseats the two democrat incumbents, we will have gotten rid of a lobbyist for the tribes (McCoy) and a lobbyist for the unions (Sells) that currently operate as our representatives. That will go a long way toward helping Snohomish county pick up more wins for Republicans. Snohomish County is a bellweather county - whichever way it goes is the way the state goes. Also, your plan to remove South Everett from the 38th will eliminate me as chair, but that is not my primary concern. Thanks for you consideration Kurt Hanke Chair, 38th LD Republicans 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637	2	38	Kurt Hanke, President Turbocraft, Inc. 10615 4th Drive SE Everett, WA 98208 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637
9/14/2011	I disagree with including Shoreline with the northern half of Seattle in the 7th Congressional district. Seattle should be kept together in one congressional district, and the small Cities should be kept together in a different Congressional District.	1	32	Robert L. Ransom City of Shoreline Retired Mayor 16745 Burke Ave. North Shoreline, WA 98133-5517 RansomRL@aol.com 206-546-9310

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9/14/2011	<p>This by far the worst congressional plan among the four presented. Specifically, the 8th Congressional District crosses the Cascades and and is shaped in the foothills on the wet side of the Cascades in a shape that smacks of blatant gerrymandering. As result, the shape of the 9th Congressional District is also a "gerrymander" on it's north side. If this commission is going to engage in such tactics, we might as well not even have a commission and return your responsibilities to elected officials. They probably wouldn't do any worse than this.</p>	8	48	

9/13/2011	<p>Good points: Olympic peninsula is mostly together. The former strange cross puget sound district #1 has moved all on one side. South west district no longer includes any parts of Thurston county Voters in north foothills disctrict will appreciate not having Bellingham or Everett in their district, The old district 2 appeared to have been designed intentionally to disenfranchise rural voters. This fixes that. Bad points: Ellensburg is in same district as Bellevue. Ellensburg residents won't be amused. They have little in common with eastside. Districts other than district 3 which follows the columbia river should not span the cascades as there is little contact between areas on opposite sides of the mountains. Kirkland is in same district as seattle. (might be ok, but strange to have a cross lake district) Seattle which had the least growth of all districts gets two congressional reps. Should be all in one district. This is unjustifiable. District 10 should not split Auburn. Put all Auburn into the sounth puget sound district (#10) and put Renton highlands and Newcastle into same district as Bellevue.</p>	8	41	lwheel@microsoft.com
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9/21/2011	<p>Dear Mr Huff I am the Republican Chair of the 38th Legislative district. I would sure appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the plan for the district. Many people write off the 38th as a very blue district, but in recent past races, good candidates in good years have only lost by 500 - 600 votes. (Erv Hogle vs. McCoy for example) All we need is differential of plus 1000 Republican votes in order to be a lot more competitive. If we lose Marysville, that is pretty much out the window - and there is no need for that. My contact information is below. Best regards Kurt Hanke 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637</p>	2	38	<p>Kurt Hanke, President Turbocraft, Inc. 10615 4th Drive SE Everett, WA 98208 38gopchair@comcast.net 425-348-9637</p>

9/20/2011	Please consider moving the eastern boundary of the proposed 30th legislative district along the Proposed Annexation Area (PAA) boundary of Federal Way. When the PAA is annexed into Federal Way, the city will continue to be completely in the 30th District. Your proposal will split Federal Way into two different Districts. Also, as 30th District Republican Chairman, your proposal map moves me from the 30th District into the 47th District. Thank you for your consideration of this change.	9	30	Leonard D Englund 4657 S 282 St Auburn, WA 98001-1110 len.englund@comcast.net 253-852-0474
9/19/2011	I have several concerns regarding RCW 44.05.090 (2)(b) in the proposed legislative map. The first and most egregious lies in district 39, which contains as many as five distinct areas that are "separated by geographical boundaries that prevent transportation within the district". Likewise, district 2 contains four isolated areas, one of which is separated from the rest of the district by the Nisqually River, without a ferry, bridge, tunnel, or highway. Districts 19, 35, 15, 16, and 13 all contain similar, though less egregious violations of the contiguity provisions of Washington state redistricting law. It is actually somewhat staggering how few of the provisions of RCW 44.05.090 (2) Commissioner Huff appears to have tried to accomplish with this draft legislative plan.	3	20	
9/18/2011		6	26	Adam Isackson 7014 86th st ct nw Gig Harbor, WA 98332 adam_isackson@yahoo.com 253-678-1707

9/18/2011	<p>Dear Mr. Huff, Overall, your Legislative Redistricting Plan kind of hurts my eyes. There are just an awful lot of jigsaw puzzle pieces. Whatcom, Skagit and Clark Counties are divided in some very interesting ways. However, I will confine my specific remarks to the two areas of the state that most concern me: East King County, where I live, and South Central Washington where I was born and grew up. With regard to my current residence in North Bend, your new 5th District does a pretty good job in recognizing the community of interest that includes North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation and Maple Valley. However, it would probably be good to include Duvall. Overall, your plan is about as good as any considering that the 5th is really the leftovers of the rest of King County. With regard to south central Washington, I am very concerned with our under-represented Hispanic population. I was a bit disappointed that you didn't recognize the importance of majority Hispanic Districts, particularly since when you were one of the Commissioners who proposed a majority minority Congressional District for the Puget Sound region. Growing up in my mixed Hispanic-Anglo Moses Lake neighborhood in the 1960s and 1970s, I could see the Hispanic population swelling throughout Grant County and nearby central Washington counties. As an adult, now living in W. Washington, it has always grated upon me that my old Hispanic neighbors in Moses Lake and throughout central Washington have been represented by a continuing string of Anglo men and women. I believe it is imperative to render representational justice to the majority population of much of central Washington. By redrawing the lines to create Hispanic districts, Hispanic leadership will have the scope to develop not only in this district, but throughout other areas of the state where Hispanics form a significant, if not majority, segment of the community. This is an issue of not only representation but of pride and self determination. Hispanic districts can only help the growth and development of our Hispanic citizenry. The Lower Yakima Valley and the east side of Yakima provide one opportunity for a majority Hispanic District with a 65% Hispanic</p>	8	5	<p>Jena F. Gilman 1480 SW 10th St North Bend, WA 98045 jena.gilman1@gmail.com 425-765-6274</p>
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9/18/2011	At the next Redistricting Committee Meeting in Spokane, I will be using the 6th District Rule. Which is this, that the plan that favors the Republicans the most in the 6th, and the plane that favors the Democrats the most, will be thorwn out. This means as is, that Gorden and Cies plans are thorwn out. I also think that you and Gorden should stand united against any plans that will District Out any one in a attempt rewrite the election of 2010, like Michael Baumgarter out of his district. If you stand together it is impossible for any of Ceis and Foster plans to be pass. You can please pass this information on!	5	9	Jeff Olsen 16412 Laurel Rd Medical Lake, WA 99022 neslojd@netscape.net 509-299-5270
9/18/2011	I am the immediate past chairperson of the 38th District Republicans. Your plan would irreparable harm our District as far as Republican Candidates are concerned. Well, at least for the next 10 years. I know that you have 49 districts to consider in the best interests of all Republicans, but we have been within "shooting distance" in several legislative races. You would be consigning us to the heart of darkness with your plan. For the sake of our district, Mr. Ceis's plan appears to be the best plan. It is very difficult to find candidates when they realize that months of effort, loss of income, and family challenges are expended only to be a sacrificial lamb. Please have our district take in north and east, not south and waterfront. Thank you, Respectfully submitted, Susan Kaftanski + (past chairperson, 38th Legislative District, currently PCO EVT 25)>	2	38	Susan Marsh Kaftanski, DVM House Call Veterinary Service 3021 Kromer Ave. Everett, WA 98201-4122 doctorkaftanski@aim.com 425-257-1091
9/16/2011	Mercer Island should be a part of a Seattle district, such as the 37th rather than being attached to the 41st with which it has little in common.	8	41	Erik Fretheim Bellevue, WA 98006

9/16/2011	I like your end to the 30-year gerrymandering of the 11th and 37th. You did the right thing by them. However, as I testified, it's much easier to travel N-S in north Seattle, yet you stretched the 32nd and 46th boundaries east-west instead. The distance from the east end of the 32nd to Richmond Beach are untenable anytime there is traffic-- which will be anytime once they start tolling the 530 bridge. Please go with someone else's plan for the 32nd and 46th. Actually, Shoreline is a community of interest with North Seattle, not with Kirkland, in terms of human services, traffic, Aurora, transit, etc. Rather than a "bubble" in the middle of the 46th (adding to the north of the 43rd), It makes more sense to me to add 1,500 people to the 43rd by adopting the other side of Madison St., since Madison Valley is a community of interest.	7	46	Sarajane Siegfried King County Democrats 11811 33rd Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98125 Sarajane3h@comcast.net 440-5829
9/15/2011	As a lifetime resident of Spokane County and Valleyford I find this proposal for legislative districts in my area a strained exercise in mapping out for the good of the party not the communities. This map and commissioner Gordon's as well chop my school district and my fire district into two or three different LD's for party expediency and totally ignore other political sub division boundaries which was to have been an explicit goal of the redistricting plan. This plan is not acceptable.	5	9	Dave Koch 10211 E Connor Road Valleyford, WA 99036 Dave_Koch@MSN.com 509-448-8672
9/15/2011	Tom, love your plan the most. Great job. I live in Thurston and this keeps the balance to somewhat a swing county. I was a little skeptical of the "minority" congressional district at first, but after looking at the maps I think its a great idea and representative of the voting population in that area. It keeps rural and urban impact areas from clashing so much (as in urban citizens making decisions that affect rural agricultural areas).	3	22	Harvey Means GOP 2535 70th Ave SW # 5 Tumwater, WA 98512 meansh37@yahoo.com 360-628-3360
9/14/2011	This plan does not make sense at all. On of the guidelines was to keep the lines as straight and compact as possible. These districts are so squiggly and the areas have nothing in common it makes me think that this is voter gerrymandering. Bad plan.	1	48	
9/14/2011	I have concerns about the border between the 11th and 37th LDs in order to respect city/unincorporated boundaries.	7	34	

9/14/2011	<p>I offer these comments from the perspective of a resident of Whatcom County and frequent visitor to Skagit County, and therefore confine them to the issue of the boundary between the 40th and 42nd Legislative districts. The Huff boundaries are terrible. They are examples of the sort of nonsensical bureaucratic actions that fails to understand the people on the ground. The plan grabs a small chunk of rural Whatcom County and lumps it with San Juan and Skagit, while all other rural Whatcom residents remain in 42nd. These residents will become the forgotten corner. The Gorton and Foster plans make more sense, by putting the huge rural areas in eastern Whatcom County together with other similar rural residents of eastern Skagit (or Skagit and Snohomish) counties. These areas are all heavily forested, rather than coastal or river farming plains; they have similar economies, population densities, and infrastructure interests. People with similar government service concerns should be together. Similarly, grouping the western portions of the Counties together makes sense, since these represent similar areas of mixed development: a larger city or two, many smaller cities, along with some rural and lowland farming. The western portions already function as a community, with much in common economically and in terms of government services and programs.</p>		40	<p>Michael Lilliquist lilliquist@comcast.net</p>
9/14/2011	<p>Please keep all of the City of Issaquah in the same new district, and not split it between districts. Communities of interest are an important redistricting consideration, as well as compactness and using existing governmental entity boundaries for the districts.</p>	8	5	<p>Robert LaMacchia 2143 NE Nelson Lane Issaquah, WA 98029 rlamac2143@aol.com</p>
9/14/2011	<p>At the boundary of 8th, 16th, and 9th in the Tri-Cities I am impressed by the idea to put much of the Tri-Cities in one district (the 8th) and realize it won't all fit. But then spilling two small pieces into two separate districts doesn't make sense--particularly the 9th. Spill the remainder of the Tri-Cities in one or the other, but not both...such as the Foster or Ceis plan. And I thank the Commission for their important work. These kinds of plans impact communities tremendously and affect senses of community. The Tri-Cities with two districts is important.</p>	4	16	<p>Matt Watkins 8616 Massey Drive Pasco, WA 99301 matt@mattwatkins.net 509 545-4916</p>

9/14/2011	Both Cmr. Gorton and Cmr. Huff's plans do the same, very odd things to the 30th district, which is primarily made up of Federal Way: 1. They redraw LD30 to cross over the King-Pierce border. 2. They remove two whole cities from LD30 (Algona and Pacific) that have been in the district for decades -- while *adding* cities that have never been part of the district. A very very strange methodology at work there. I hesitate to add that both Cmr. Gorton and Huff's plans redraw LD30 to include the entirety of the city of Milton (while inexplicably eliminating Algona and Pacific), and that LD30 currently has a recently elected legislator who lives in and was formerly mayor of Milton -- and incidentally, who shares a political party affiliation with Cmr. Gorton and Huff.	9	30	Keith Tyler 30826 10th Ave SW Federal Way, WA 98023 redist@keithtyler.com 253-653-6319
9/14/2011	It is good to keep Shoreline with other small cities for Legislatiive districts, and not combine it with Seattle.	1	32	Robert L. Ransom City of Shoreline Retired Mayor 16745 Burke Ave. North Shoreline, WA 98133-5517 RansomRL@aol.com 206-546-9310
9/14/2011	Keep the 947th precinct out of the 15th legislative district and keep it in the 3rd Congressional district.	3	15	William Good P.O. Box 630 35931 SE Sunset View Road Washougal, WA 98671 mrpobre@aol.com 360-835-8129
9/14/2011	I love this Legislative plan. Right now I live in the 18th and with this plan I would still live in the 18th. So I would recommed approval of this plan. Thank you.	3	18	Matthew 739 NW View Ridge St Camas, WA 98607 matthewlarvick@hotmail.com

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