

**Comments on Redistricting Commission's Draft Plans—September 29 - October 6, 2011**

**Messages to Chair Powell**

	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	Contact Information
10/6/2011	<a href="#">Click to see petition signatures as of October 6, 2011</a>			Petition created by Sarah Luthens
10/6/2011	This is a supplemental comment to our previous E-Mail today. We are also opposed to any final redistricting plan that fragments current Legislative District No. 3 into the outlying areas whereby the City of Spokane residents could dominate suburban and rural areas and their respective districts. The City of Spokane and immediate urban growth areas should be kept compartmentalized within their own district. The current draft plan that most risks this undesirable effect to us is the Slade Gorton plan.		4	Gary & Suzanne Nyberg 10711 E. Moffat Rd. Mead, WA 99021 GNYBERG@spokanecounty.org
10/6/2011	<a href="#">Click to see 157 emails in favor of unity map</a>			157 individuals in support of unity map, communities of interest
10/6/2011	I was disturbed to read in the paper that some people want the redistricting to create gerrymandered districts for discriminatory purposes. I have seen maps back East that have ridiculously drawn gerrymandered districts to make "special" majority districts. On the face of it, creating special districts based on race and ethnicity is discriminatory whatever way you look at it and I hope, if something so racist is the purpose, the Washington Superior Court was disallow it.			rfmalley@q.com

10/6/2011	<p>I am very upset to learn that a major redistricting goal is to make sure that the minority have a majority district. This is obviously discrimination. Everyone has a right to vote. But voting should not be skewed by any particular group. If the United States cannot be a melting pot, it will be a problem spot. This tactic is nothing more than a political tactic to get votes. It's an excellent device to divide our people instead of unite them. It is encouraging segregation. As a nation, it is extremely important to be drawn together by our likeness, rather than divided by our differences. Let's say I'm an apartment owner and want to help a specific nationality in my town. I know that they may not speak English well and feel that I may be helping them if they can live closer to each other. So I advertise the apartments for rent only in their language. I'm not saying I wouldn't rent to anyone else, I'm simply advertising to attract that nationality. We all know that I'll get sued, fined, and could lose everything I have. So, why can the State do the same thing? Simply put, this is called discrimination at the local level, discrimination at the state level, and discrimination at the Federal level. I see this "majority-minority" district as nothing else than an apartment building for a specific nationality on a larger scale. I find it very disturbing that our leaders find discrimination a tool to use for their political purposes.</p>			<p>Ginny Morse Spokane, WA gmorse@icehouse.net</p>
10/6/2011	<p>Dear Sirs: The State of Washington should redistrict by population density – the same apportionment criteria the federal government uses. That is the most fair and consistent. It eliminates gerrymandering by parties to secure control for themselves and the need to appease any special interest groups (who will eventually move away).</p>			<p>Patrick Finney Seattle, WA prfinney20@gmail.com</p>
10/5/2011	<p>I strongly encourage the committee to keep the Key Peninsula portion of Pierce County in the 26th LD and not moving it to the 35th LD. This is because: The Key Peninsula is contiguous with the Kitsap County portion of the 26th LD The Key Peninsula has on going regular business relationships with the Kitsap County portion of the 26th LD and the Gig Harbor peninsula which will remain in the 26th LD while having only a minimal relationship with Mason County and the 35th LD area. The Peninsula School District will remain entirely within the 26th LD if the Key Peninsula is kept in the 26th LD. It is much easier for constituents on the Key Peninsula to meet with their representatives if it is kept in the 26th LD since travel to their offices and public forums is easier. There is very strong public opposition (100% of everyone I have heard from which is over 50 people) to changing the Key Peninsula to the 35th LD. Please consider these concerns when developing the final district map. Thank you.</p>		26	<p>Edward C. Robison, P.E., S.E. elrobison@narrows.com 253-858-0855</p>

10/5/2011	Redistricting Committee We would like to remain in the 5th Congressional District with Cathy McMorris Rodgers. We have had great representation with her and Walla Walla has benefited from having her as our congresswoman. Everyone I talk to feels this same way too. Please leave us in the 5th district and don't have this end up being an agenda between the democrat and republican parties. It needs to come down to what's good for the constituents and not the political parties.	5		Kelly Fleming kgfleming@charter.net
10/5/2011	Dear Commissioners, As residents of Franklin County, we join the Pasco City Council in requesting, in the strongest terms, that the Commission not split Pasco and Franklin County in its final legislative redistricting recommendation. In that regard, we prefer the proposals of Commissioners Ceis and Foster, and strongly disapprove of the proposals of Commissioners Gorton and Huff.	4	16	William T Pennell and Sandra L Hill 7420 Ricky Road Pasco, WA 99301 bill@craea.com 509-547-2131

10/5/2011	<p>Dear Commissioners, At our meeting tonight, the Executive Board of the 46th District Democrats considered and passed the attached resolution regarding our desires on how the 46th District could change in the current Redistricting process. Resolution Urging Retention of Seattle’s Northern City Limit as the Northern Boundary of the 46th Legislative District:</p> <p>Whereas, under both state law and court decisions, legislative district boundaries should be set utilizing both city boundaries and communities of interest; and, Whereas there are significant differences between residents of Seattle and residents of the suburban communities north of the Seattle City line in matters of community interests, school district and electoral matters, and interests of representation; and, Whereas the City line at NW, N, and NE 145th Street provides a distinct and readily recognizable line for both communities of interest, political boundaries and legislative district boundaries; and Whereas proposed redistricting maps from Commissioners Ceis, Huff and Foster would break up legislative representation of the cities of Shoreline or Lake Forest Park, diluting a portion of their legislative representation within a revised 46th District dominated by North Seattle, with no meaningful basis for dividing portions of those communities between legislative districts; and, Whereas increasing the population of the 46th District can be accomplished by an adjustment of the District’s southern boundary, while maintaining its northern boundary as the Seattle City limit so as to preserve communities of interest for Shoreline and Lake Forest Park, including the community of interest shared through schools (e.g., school assignment) and major arterials; Therefore, the 46th District Democrats, through their elected Executive Board, urge the Washington State Redistricting Commission and commissioners to: a) Maintain the communities of interest and logical legislative-district northern boundary of the 46th District at the Seattle’s northern city limit, 145th Street; and, b) Utilize arterials as boundaries of the 46th and maintain communities of interest regarding schools and community councils. Please consider this resolution during the final process of developing the Legislative District maps.</p>		46	<p>Chad Lupkes 46th District Democrats chadlupkes@gmail.com</p>
10/5/2011	<p><a href="#">Click to see City of Puyallup letter</a></p>			<p>Puyallup City Council</p>
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10/5/2011	<a href="#">Click to see document</a>			Pete Griffin Election Supervisor, Whatcom County 311 Grand Ave suite 103 Bellingham, WA 98225 (360) 676-6740 ext #50040 pgriffin@co.whatcom.wa.us
10/4/2011	Public testimony with identifying information should not be used by the commissioners to redistrict the person testifying out of the current district.	5	7	Christine E Clark 2002 W Hamilton Rd Deer park, WA 99006-9339 ceclark@windwireless.net 509-599-6881
10/4/2011	Dramatic redistricting is not in the best interests of the residents therein. Nibble portions of current districts to conform to population requirements but surely it is counterproductive to change whole districting so that you disaffect most everyone in the process. In the case of the Spokane general area, the Huff remapping comes reasonably close to least worst.	5	6	Robert B. Murray 320 W. Sierra Way Spokane, WA 99208 bobmurray30@comcast.net 509 467 3375
10/4/2011	Thanks for your work on the Redistricting Commission. I live in the 7th Legislative District. I recommend that the 7th LD be smaller for easier communication. Of the 4 plans, I like Mr. Seis' plan better than the others. I also recommend that the 5th Congressional District be smaller, if possible.	5	7	Florence E. Moore 23314 N. Monroe Road Deer Park, WA 99006 moore3@ix.netcom.com
10/3/2011	<a href="#">Click to see City of Pasco Resolution</a>			Pasco City Council
10/3/2011	Good day to the Commissioners, As a resident of Benton Country and a Board Member of the Benton Rural Electric Association I am urging you not to redistrict Benton County into the 16th District. If you would like to add to our District that would be OK, but I do not want to be represented by Politicians from Walla Walla County. This split that has been done by Slade Gordon does not make any sense. Thank you			Buddy Treadway buddytreadway@yahoo.com
10/3/2011	<a href="#">Click to see 46th District Democrats Resolution</a>			46th District Democrats

10/3/2011	<p>Members of the Redistricting Commission: I understand that the Puyallup City Council is about to send you a letter on behalf of the City of Puyallup stating their opposition to being placed into the 8th US Congressional District. I do not agree with that position. I have lived in the same location in Puyallup for over 30 years and have been represented by various Districts during that time while never actual moving. For a period of time, this part of Puyallup was previously in the 8th Congressional District and well represented by the late Ms Jennifer Dunne. The Puyallup Council has conveniently forgotten that fact. Placing Puyallup in the 8th District is acceptable to myself and probably most Puyallup citizens. (Just not the "Democrats" on the Puyallup City Council and their appointed City Manager who does not even live in Puyallup). The concept of the members of the Puyallup Council representing my interest in Federal issues is absurd. They are overstepping any moral authority in that matter. Their paid lobbyist in Olympia has an ethical conflict of interest as he represents other municipalities who have the opposite position to the Puyallup Council's. Incomprehensible, but it is Puyallup after all. You should also recognize that the "official" City Hall request has been done by a council comprised of a majority of "lame ducks". Most will be gone in the coming weeks. Therefore, their representation of any position for local citizens is "moot" and should hold any "standing" in the matter. There is an adage in Puyallup. "If the council is for it, it must be bad for the citizens". I strongly support Puyallup being placed into the 8th District.</p>			A.David Churchman PhD (Cantab) dchurchman@earthlink.net
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10/3/2011	My name is Bill Trandum. I am an elected Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Commissioner. There are just two official elected bodies that directly represent the Key Peninsula. They are KeyPenParks and Fire District 16. In every other case the Key Peninsula is tagged on to some other more populous area or must rely on a purely advisory Community Council. During my tenure on the Park board (over three years) we have carefully and consistently nurtured our relationships with 26th district leaders AND THEIR STAFFS (Sen. Derek Kilmer, Rep. Larry Seaquist, and Rep Jan Angel). With their assistance we have added nearly 1,000 acres of new park lands to our inventory mostly through arrangements with the State Department of Natural Resources without removing any land from the tax rolls. We trust them: they trust us. Likewise we have nurtured our relationship with the County Councilmen (Terry Lee and Stan Flemming) who have represented our district. Moving our representation, which is thin to start with, to officials centered elsewhere with whom we have neither familiarity nor, more importantly, a trust relationship would do a serious disservice to the more than 16,000 persons who populate the remote and often neglected Key Peninsula. I would be happy to meet with and testify to this, my opinion, any time any place. Thank you Bill Trandum btrandum@earthlink.net 253-405-1842	6	26	William I. Trandum PO BOX 717 Vaughn, WA 98394 btrandum@earthlink.net 253-405-1842
9/30/2011	Commissioner, We feel that we have good representation by our current districts and with the new plans it appears that the goal is to divide and conquer. It also relegates the Key Peninsula to a minor part of any election, since the southern section of the peninsula is sparsely populated. This fact would not be lost on any politician and so our needs would also be looked as not very important.	6	26	Edward Dvorak PO BOX 818 Lake Bay, WA 98349
9/30/2011	<a href="#">Click to see document</a>			Glenn Armstrong Spokane County
9/29/2011	We have great concerns about redistricting the 26th district and the impact it would have on social service agencies like ours. If this needs to happen we support Huff or Gorton's proposal for legislative redistricting.	6	26	Penny Gazabat Key Peninsula Community Services PO BOX 392 17015 9th St. CT KPN Lakebay, WA 98349 kpcsdirector@centuritel.net 253-884-4440
9/29/2011	<a href="#">Click to see document</a>			Jim Burrows 14521 25 AVE SW BURIEN WA 98166-1016 206-244-2933
9/29/2011	<a href="#">Click to see letter from City of Renton</a>			Dennis Law, Renton Mayor

9/29/2011	I am the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center Director (a social services agency), and currently the Key Peninsula Business Association Vice President (I have previously been KPBA President). I have a unique view because I provide services to people in need of a variety of social services, as well as representing the interests of business. The residents of the Key Peninsula are very connected socially, politically, financially and economically with the communities of the 26th. District and I am recommending that the Key Peninsula remain in the 26th. District with the communities of Gig Harbor and Port Orchard (and rural west Pierce County. Our relationships with Mason County and the 35th. District are almost nonexistent. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.	6	26	Jud Morris Key Peninsula Family Resource Center PO BOX 123 Vaughn, WA 98394 judm@chswa.org -253-884-5433
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**Messages to Commissioner Gorton - Congressional**

Your recommendations:		CD	LD	
10/6/2011	As the vice-chair of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, I'm concerned that you've divided South Tacoma (W of I-5, S of SR16) between two legislative districts. We struggle as it is for attention from our legislators to our neighborhood's issues; our voice will be diluted if we are divided this way.	6	29	John Miles South Tacoma Neighborhood Council 5606 S Junett St Tacoma, WA 98409 johnandkaymiles@hotmail.com 253-722-9400
10/1/2011	With respect: Putting Okanogan County (and for that matter Chelan & Douglas Counties) in a Congressional District with parts of Snohomish & KING Counties makes NO SENSE to me and all of the people I know in Okanogan County. Especially having a Cong. Dist. span the Cascades in the far-north part of WA is bad. Remember: North Cascades Hwy is CLOSED all winter. All of Okanogan County should ABSOLUTELY stay in the 5th Cong. Dist; and Chelan and Douglas should be in either the 4th or the 5th. If a Cong. Dist. absolutely has to span the Cascade Crest to make the numbers work, then it would seem like the obvious place to do that is in the far SOUTH part of WA along the Columbia River; where counties on both sides of the Cascades are tied together by that great River (and the transportation arteries that generally follow it). Again with respect: Everybody I know in Okanogan County will fight being part of a Cong. Dist. with King and Snohomish Counties to the bitter end; that would be an unmitigated DISASTER.	5	12	Ken Sletten PO BOX 902 Winthrop, WA 98862-0902 ken@kensletten.com

10/1/2011	5th not bad, although would suggest putting all of Adams in the 5th with the rest of the dryland Palouse country and shift all of Walla Walla County to the 4th. However, if the math doesn't work out, at least Adams is all in one district. Re: the new cross Cascades district, the far north isn't logical from a transportation linkage point of view, very difficult to serve this district well.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311
10/1/2011	Best 4th and 5th District lines, looking from an economic, transportation and ecological standpoint, EXCEPT for splitting Adams County. Splitting a small population county between two Congressional districts discourages participation and dilutes representation. The only advantage of this split over Foster's is at least this oddly located line does not contribute to the "panhandle vs rest of the county" problem reinforced by Foster. I hope it follows school district boundaries or some other realistic community of interest. Does have the advantage of condensing the 5th district so it doesn't stretch from Canada to Oregon, reducing the extreme physical distances to be traveled.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

**Messages to Commissioner Gorton - Legislative**

Your recommendations:		CD	LD	
10/4/2011	Dear Slade Gorton, All we really need to be competitive in the 38th Legislative is a net gain of 500 to 1000 Republican votes. We can do that by adding some Republican leaning precincts from the Marysville area. I'm sure it could be done without hurting the other neighboring districts. Thank-You, Casey Peacock	2	38	Casey Peacock 9418 55th Dr NE Marysville, WA 98270 casey.pea@gmail.com
10/1/2011	In a commendable effort to avoid splitting rural counties, this plan redraws the 12th Legislative district in a way that splits the four communities surrounding Grand Coulee Dam into three Legislative Districts strictly aligning with the three county lines. The present arrangement is better; could the Dam communities be pulled into the 13th District as a unit? The revised lines in Spokane County don't address the odd "C" shape of the 6th District, merely flip it to curl around on the east instead of the west. This plan also splits the west plains of Spokane County from Lincoln County, ignoring numerous economic and cultural ties including dissecting the state's second largest school district in terms of area (Reardan-Edwall). The 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts need a lot more work.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

**Messages to Commissioner Ceis - Congressional**

Your recommendations:		CD	LD	
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10/5/2011	I support your CD but not LD recommendation. I believe the Foster LD plan is better for my area in Burien. Thank you	9	33	Joey Martinez 429 S 189th st Burien, WA 98148 martinez3660@msn.com 206-251-7044
10/4/2011	This plan places Snohomish Council Member John Koster (R), who resides in Arlington Heights, into the 8th CD which is currently served by Rep. Dave Reichert (R). This plan is clearly a partisan effort to protect Rep. Rick Larsen and to preclude John Koster from running in either an open district or against Rick Larsen again. Arlington Heights should be placed back into the 2nd CD.	2	44	Doug Roulstone 2114 157th Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98290 flank171@aol.com 360-202-2585

### Messages to Commissioner Ceis - Legislative

Your recommendations:		CD	LD	
10/6/2011	As the vice-chair of the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, I'm concerned that you've divided South Tacoma (W of I-5, S of SR16) between two legislative districts. We struggle as it is for attention from our legislators to our neighborhood's issues; our voice will be diluted if we are divided this way.	6	29	John Miles South Tacoma Neighborhood Council 5606 S Junett St Tacoma, WA 98409 johnandkaymiles@hotmail.com 253-722-9400
10/1/2011	Don't see the point in flipping district numbers and lines around in SE Washington and Spokane County unless intent was just to be sure and irritate key senior incumbents. Should incumbents that you left untouched feel slighted? Adding a piece of Douglas County to the 7th Legislative District and removing pieces of Spokane County that have existing economic, social and environmental ties does not make sense.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

### Messages to Commissioner Foster - Congressional

Your recommendations:		CD	LD	
10/4/2011	This plan takes John Koster and moves him from the 2nd CD to the 8th CD. It is a totally partisan effort to protect Rick Larsen and take John Koster out of contention as he would have to run against a sitting republican congressman, Dave Reichert. Move Arlington Heights back into the 2nd CD so that John Koster can run for the seat held by Rick Larsen.	2	44	Doug Roulstone 2114 157th Ave SE Snohomish, WA 98290 flank171@aol.com 360-202-2585

10/1/2011	5th district lines not bad, although does not solve the problem of a divided Adams County and leaves in place the unfortunate demarcation line that reinforces a “panhandle vs. the county” separation. Splitting a small population county between two Congressional districts discourages participation and dilutes representation.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311
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**Messages to Commissioner Foster - Legislative**

	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	
10/5/2011	Your legislative plan treats Renton as a SECOND CLASS CITY. The guild lines CLEARLY STATE THAT CITIES SHOULD NOT BE SPILT among legislative districts. All of Renton should be in the 11th. RENTON IS NOT SEATTLE.	9	37	Jonathan M. Fox 801 Rainier Ave N. F-131 Renton, WA 98057 jmfox5166@aol.com 206-772-2051
10/5/2011	I support your LD plan, however I like the Cies plan better for my area in Burien. Thank you	9	33	Joey Martinez 429 S 189th st Burien, WA 98148 martinez3660@msn.com 206-251-7044
10/1/2011	Cmr. Foster appears to have either no understanding of eastern Washington or he clearly is setting up a ridiculous option as a negotiating ploy to get something less extreme but still gerrymandered. Creating a legislative district that stretches from the Spokane County line through Lincoln, Grant, Douglas (partial) and Kittitas counties and through the Cascades to the King County line is clearly absurd. Were these counties just left over after shuffling Spokane and Palouse country? The Spokane metropolitan redistricting also reflects little understanding of local communities of interest or geography. Were you trying to see how many districts you could disrupt?	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

**Messages to Commissioner Huff - Congressional**

	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	
10/5/2011	I have been looking at the redistricting effort and maps and its a bit confusing. If I am looking at this correctly I would think that commissioner Tom Huff congressional plan looks the best to me because district 3 includes most of the counties that boarder on the Columbia and Oregon and have similar issues concerning that area.	3	18	Frank keeler 4777 r dr Washougal, WA 98671 ftkeeler@yahoo.com
10/1/2011	You have got to be kidding - this plan splits Lincoln County in two along an imaginary line between the 4th and the 5th! Lincoln County is small, rural and represents a single community of interest. Splitting a small population county between two Congressional districts discourages participation and dilutes representation. There has to be a better way.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

<b>Messages to Commissioner Huff - Legislative</b>				
	Your recommendations:	CD	LD	
10/6/2011	My wife and I reside at 10711 E. Moffat Rd. in Mead, WA 99021 within State Legislative District No. 4 currently represented by Matt Shea. We favor the Tom Huff map plan where we are retained in our current District No. 4. We are opposed to any redistricting plan which places us in a new district of pre-dominately urban or highly rural conditions. Our Peone Prairie environs are predominately small tract agriculture where current District No. 4 voters have the most commonality to us versus the other other districts. The other three map plans would have the net effect of alienating us from our representative.		4	Gary & Suzanne Nyberg 10711 E. Moffat Rd Mead, WA 99021 GNYBERG@spokanecounty.org
10/4/2011	Bring the northern border of 13 to the grant county borders	4	13	Phil Anderson 15679 Rd 9 NW Quincy, WA 98848 plaza7@frontier.com
10/4/2011	Dear Tom Huff, All we really need to be competitive in the 38th Legislative is a net gain of 500 to 1000 Republican votes. We can do that by adding some Republican leaning precincts from the Marysville area. I'm sure it could be done without hurting the other neighboring districts. Thank-You, Casey Peacock	2	38	Casey Peacock 9418 55th Dr NE Marysville, WA 98270 casey.pea@gmail.com
10/1/2011	I'll leave someone with better local knowledge to comment on the odd border between the 12th and 13th in Grant and Douglas counties. Otherwise appears to be least disruptive of existing boundaries except where explicitly necessary to accommodate growth patterns in metropolitan Spokane County.	5	7	Sue Lani Madsen PO BOX 107 Edwall, WA 99008 509-236-2311

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