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This email came in yesterday. I have not answered yet. This is a second correspondence from Mr. Olsen—I already answered the first one.  
Lura.

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**From:** neslojd@aim.com [mailto:neslojd@aim.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 05, 2011 8:42 AM  
**To:** Powell, Lura; Ceis, Tim; Foster, Dean; Gorton, Slade; Huff, Tom  
**Subject:** Spokane County and the 5th

Chairman Lura Powell and Members of the Redistricting Commission,

In the 5th Congressional District, Spokane County needs to shed some 51,000. Walla Walla County has 58,000 population, Walla Walla County is in the 16th Legislative District, which most of that district is already in the 4th Congressional District.

As for Spokane County redistricting can be easy or hard. Almost of of the attention will be on the 3rd and 6th Districts. The Democrats strong base is located mainly on the South Hill area and western part of the City of Spokane, while the Republican mainly controls the County area, the strongest of the County area for the Republicans is north of the City of Spokane. The 6th is divided into two main area North and South. In 2008 the North part voted for McCain with over 2200 vote lead while the South area of the 6th voted for Obama by over 3000 votes. The 6th voted for Republicans for Congress and U.S. Senate, State Legislature and State Senate, but voted Democrat for County Commissioner, and most countywide Officers in 2010.

The connecting part of the 6th is to close to the South Hill for most Republicans, yet both Parker and Ahern live on the South Hill. The C shape of the 6th is viewed by both Democrats and Republicans as gerry-mandering, and both blame the other for it. Republicans are looking at the connecting part should be a buffer between the City of Spokane and the City of Spokane Valley. In 2000 Democrats had all but one County-wide officers, after the 2010 election the Democrats have only one county-wide Officers now. Some Democrats are blaming the 3rd District for being out of touch with the County and the main reason for this. Most Republicans running for countywide Office will use Lisa Brown and 3rd District Leg positions as being out of touch with the County, picture there opponents as agreeing with the 3rd. The 3rd by itself can not carry the County for the Democrats, while the smallest District in the County the 7th, Republicans lead was great than the Democrat lead in the 6th.

Hopefully, this will give you a better look at Spokane County. If you need more information please ask.

Sincerely,

Jeffery D. Olsen