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To: [zzRedistricting Commission Voicemail](#)
Subject: Re: FW: Question about precision
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Thank you for your response, I'll consider these parameters in a refinement of my proposal.

I was concerned that a district which combines the Eastern Washington counties Okanogan, Chelan, and Kittitas with the rural parts of King and Pierce counties might at first cause alarm for Eastern Washington residents. I was in Twisp on Saturday and asked a few people there. It does. However, they are more receptive to the concept understanding that the eastern end of these counties face on the county scale what the eastern counties sense on a statewide scale.

My estimation is that if a cross-Cascades district is created, it should exclude urban populations.

On Tue, May 31, 2011 at 4:35 PM, zzRedistricting Commission Voicemail <Commission.zzRedistricting@leg.wa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Willson,

In response to your question regarding population variance in the final district plan, the simple answer is that there is no numeric target or percentage of allowable variance spelled out in law. The longer answer to the question is that any entity in charge of redistricting a jurisdiction should be:

- able to explain their plan and any deviations contained within
- prepared to defend that plan against potential challenges in court

In the last round of redistricting the largest variance in congressional districts was (-)4 people in the 3rd district. In the final legislative redistricting plan the largest deviation was (+)179 people in the 49th district.

As far as public access to the software, I'm afraid that there will not be an online portal to our software. We are developing a map/spreadsheet/viewer method for the public to submit redistricting plans, this option will be available soon. We will also have a kiosk at our office for submitting redistricting plans.

I'm forwarding your suggestions to the Commissioners for their consideration. Your comment is also part of the public record for redistricting, which may be viewed at www.redistricting.wa.gov

Regards,

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Subject: Question about precision

What is the precision target for redistricting, or what population variance is acceptable after redistricting is completed?

It seems unrealistic to expect that each congressional zone will have 672,454 according to the 2010 Census. A variance of 0.1% would be 672. To me this seems like a trivial variance considering the dynamics of our population, particularly in places like East King County.

Is there public access to the mapping software? I would like to prepare a sketch of my proposal for the congressional districts.

The general concept is that as few counties as possible are divided into separate districts. A separate goal is to create zones of similar geographic nature. In my arrangement, the only counties that are divided are King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Clark.

District 1 - EVERETT

Everett, urban Snohomish County, Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville.

District 2 - NORTHWEST

Rural Snohomish County, all of Jefferson, Clallam, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom.

District 3 - SOUTHWEST

Clark County except 40,000 residents on the east side of the county (Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground), all of Cowlitz, Lewis, Wahkiakum, Pacific, Grays Harbor.

District 4 - COLUMBIA BASIN

East Clark County, all of Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Grant, Adams.

District 5 - EASTERN

All of Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Whitman, Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla.

District 6 - SOUTH SOUND

Vashon Island, Key Peninsula, Fort Lewis, all of Thurston, Mason, and Kitsap.

District 7 - SEATTLE

Seattle and Shoreline.

District 8 - URBAN KING COUNTY

Kirkland, Redmond, Bellevue, Mercer Island, Sammamish, Issaquah, Newcastle, Renton, Burien, SeaTac, Kent

District 9 - TACOMA

Tacoma, Fife, Milton, Federal Way, Auburn, Sumner, Puyallup, Lakewood, Spanaway, Graham, Bonney Lake

District 10 - NORTH CASCADES

Rural East Pierce County, Rural East King County, all of Kittitas, Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan