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Question:

Recommendation: Hello.

Regarding the legislative districts of the Whatcom / Skagit / Islands areas:

The current 10th, 40th, 42nd, and 39th are a disarray of broken communities and panhandle loops. The Whidbey Island district needs more voters, the districts straddling Whatcom need less voters, and the 39th is a four county sprawl. Worst of all, we have district lines cutting through the middle of cities (Bellingham, Mount Vernon) in contravention of community interests. Bellingham residents are represented by three Republicans on one side of the street, and by three Democrats on the other side of the street. Not very cohesive representation for that community.

I would like to strongly advocate for a three district plan up here :

1. The i-5 corridor West of Guide Meridian SR539 : with Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine.
2. The Eastern areas of Whatcom and Skagit starting with cities of Lynden and Mt.Vernon.
3. Whidbey island & San Juan counties, plus Anacortez and areas West of Mt.Vernon, S of Bellingham.

With the shedding of just one south Skagit precinct to a district below, these three districts would reach zero variance, continuous communities, uninterrupted cities, and better, sensible districts.

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