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Question:

Recommendation: Since there is no requirement that we Congressionally divide into districts, pursue an option that will allow Republican voters in Seattle and Democrat voters in Eastern Washington (and actually all voters everywhere) have their votes count. As Washington state has done in the first part of the 20th century, and at least a couple other states have occasionally done, run all congressional candidates at large, and allow voters to vote for the candidate that they most like in this state, not just the two they are stuck with in their congressional district. Perhaps combined with Pierce County's ranked choice voting, this could allow voters throughout the state to actually have a real voice in who we send to Congress. Otherwise, you condemn many voters in congressional districts with no real competition to have their votes really not matter. And I don't believe the state (or federal) redistricting laws require this commission to divide the state into Congressional Districts (legislative districts, yes, but not for Congress).

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