



KIM WYMAN  
AUDITOR

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Lura Powell, Chair  
Washington State Redistricting Commission  
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Dear Ms. Powell,

I appreciate all of the time and effort put into developing the proposed legislative and congressional lines by the Redistricting Commission and support staff. Your timely submission of the draft plans provides us, for the first time, with the opportunity to provide feedback.

To follow up on the comments from the County Auditor's Association, my staff and I have looked over the eight draft plans in detail regarding Thurston County. Here are a few minor technical concerns noted below for your consideration.

In Commissioner Ceis' Congressional Plan, in Section 19 Township 17 North, Range 1 West, the boundary between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> district follows southerly along Deschutes river west bank then reverses and follows northerly along east bank to same starting point. This makes an unusual portion of the district for no apparent reason and there is no population affected.

In Commissioner Ceis' Legislative Plan, In Section 8 Township 17 North, Range 2 West the boundary between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> district appears out of alignment. The intent may be for the boundary to follow power lines.

In Section 36 Township 18 North, Range 2 West one parcel containing three voters is moved to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The parcel is isolated on two sides by Tumwater City limits and the legislative boundary on the other two sides. This would force the creation of a one parcel precinct with three voters.

In Commissioner Foster's Congressional Plan, the Thurston County portion of Section 8 Township 17 North, Range 2 East placed in 10<sup>th</sup> district. Making area isolated from the rest of the county in that area. This would force the creation of a precinct with no voters.

In Commissioner Foster's Legislative Plan, in Section 1 Township 17 North, Range 1 West, the boundary between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> district follows Waldon DR SE instead of the west line of Section 1. The west line of Section 1 is approximately 550 feet to the west of Waldon DR SE and is a precinct, school and county commissioner boundary. This would force the creation of a precinct with less than 30 voters.

We hope the commission will consider these technical concerns and if they affect the final plan, can be changed to reduce precincts with small populations. We sincerely appreciate the quality of these maps.

Considering the scope of changing the lines for a population of 250,000, the commission has done an outstanding job of addressing our past redistricting concerns and avoiding new ones this year. Thank you again for the outstanding results you and the commission have produced this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Wyman".

Kim Wyman  
Thurston County Auditor