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For the record

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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2012 10:49 PM  
To: Bunning, Bonnie  
Subject: Legislative comments

Bonnie,

I found a lot of comment on in King county so I've just reached Pierce county and I need to go to bed. The attached pdf replaces the one I sent earlier today. I doubt very much that I'll send you anything else before 8 in the morning.

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT FINAL LEGISLATIVE PLAN

Question	County	Block Geoid	Pop	In Dist
01	Whatcom	530730011003019	0	40
		530730011003018	0	
		530730011001004	0	

These three blocks in Bellingham Bay should be moved to district 42 to harmonize the boundaries of the congressional and legislative districts in Bellingham Bay.

02	Whatcom	530730008042004	0	40
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This block should be moved to district 42 to harmonize congressional and legislative boundaries.

03	Snohomish	530610523022010	9	44
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Why was this block moved from district 39?

04	Snohomish	530610521051048	0	44
		530610521051011	0	

Why were these two blocks moved from district 39? It obviously was not for population.

05	Snohomish	530610521051031	6	44
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Why was this block moved from district 39?

06	Snohomish	530610521132029	0	1
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Since there's going to be a new precinct boundary in this area, this block should be moved to district 39 to give Snohomish county more options on simplifying precinct boundaries.

07	Snohomish	530610416014009	2	44
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Why was this block moved from district 38? It will require a new precinct for two people. Pretty expensive token response to Rick DeWitt's request to put part of Everett into 44.

08	Snohomish	530610417011002	23	21
		530610417011017	5	

Why were these two blocks moved from district 44? Looks like a new precinct with maybe a dozen voters.

09	Snohomish	530610516014006	20	32
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When Lynnwood 19 was moved out of district 21, why was this block left behind?

10	Snohomish	530610516013000	53	21
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Why was this block separated from its precinct and moved out of district 32? In this area, why split four precincts (Alicia, Lynnwood 19, 20 & 34), when splitting one (Lynnwood 34) would suffice with the bonus of following the municipal boundary for an additional course. If this of four precincts is about something other than population, what's it about?

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11 King 530330047002078 0 36

Maybe I missed this one last time. An uninhabited block interrupts the district boundary along 8<sup>th</sup> Ave NW.

12 King 530330079004007 93 43

Given the location of the congressional district boundary, wouldn't it be better to shift this block to district 37 in exchange for blocks 2007-11, 2015-20 of CT 92?

13 King 530330319062027 11 5  
530330319062003 48  
530330319062002 37  
530330319062012 4  
530330319062011 5

Wouldn't it be better to reunite Spring Lake precinct in district 11 and create a simpler boundary and enhance compactness by dividing Riverside precinct instead, transferring blocks 1031, 1033-35, 1037-44, 3030-31 of CT 319.04 from district 11 to district 5?

14 King 530330319034022 0 11

I'm having a little trouble reconstructing what happened here. I'm sure that I recommended following the school district boundary here, but I may have had the district numbers reversed. In any case, I can't see any good reason to continue having an uninhabited block trapped between a district boundary and a school district boundary.

15 King 530330319034019 11 11

Here we have 11 people trapped between a legislative boundary and a congressional boundary. It's clearly easier to switch them to district 5 than to shift the congressional boundary.

16 King 530330319031004 95 5

Here we have 95 people trapped between a legislative boundary and a congressional boundary. I'm thinking that we could probably find a place somewhere else on the boundary between LD 5 and LD 11 where we could make a counterbalancing population shift to avoid having to create this 95 person precinct. Don't have time to look for it now.

17 King 530330251021011 0 5

This is mighty puzzling. At first glance, Sunset precinct was reunited for legislative districts, except that this block was left behind, probably unintentionally. However, the reuniting can't happen. The congressional boundary and the legislative boundary were concurrent, before this shift of this part of Sunset from 5 to 11.

Anybody know what's going on with this?

18 King 530330270002001 0 33

This median block in SR 509 apparently was not included in the North Highline annexation by Buriem. Throughout this area, the median of 509 is in district 33. However, it would be better to place this block in District 34, so that the district boundary can follow the municipal boundary. For boundary simplicity, it would then be good to shift the entire median to district 34, but I'm not sure it's worth the trouble.

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19	King	530330306002001	0	31
		530330306002007	0	

I'm hoping someone knows something that I don't know which justifies including these two blocks in 31, when if they were in 47, the municipal boundary would become the district boundary in this area.

Why are these blocks in district 31?

20	King	530330318002021	0	47
		530330318002019	0	
		530330318002018	0	
		530330318002026	0	

I'm interested in knowing why these uninhabited blocks are trapped between a district boundary and a school district boundary.

21	King	530330322151013	0	41
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An uninhabited block is trapped between a congressional boundary and a legislative boundary which is also a school district boundary. It seems to me better to transfer it to district 45 than to have to create a precinct for it or to have to attach it to some other unincorporated area to which it is not contiguous.

22	King	530330323091062	0	45
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I'm wondering why this uninhabited block was moved at the last minute when the move splits a precinct and complicates the district boundary.

23	King	530330315013091	10	31
		530330315021142	41	

The southerly protrusion of 5 into 31 is unnecessarily messy. It would be better to reunite Veazie in 5, White River in 31, Crow in 5 except for the one block in the Auburn school district, and Newaukum in 31 except for the blocks not in the Auburn school district which should go to 5. Then to balance the populations take the two blocks of Falcon mentioned above and transfer those to 5. I believe these changes would make boundaries more regular, honor the boundary of the Auburn school district (which would contribute to 5 only the population of the Auburn school district which is in the city of Black Diamond), reduce unnecessary divisions of precincts, and reduce the population variance between the districts from 51 to 15.

24	Pierce	530530707031033	0	30
		530530707031034	0	

This uninhabited area is trapped between a congressional boundary and a legislative boundary. The best fix for this is to transfer all of precinct 25-135 from 30 to 25. It only has a population of 13 and will not cause an excessive population variance. Doing this will mean that the only parts of Pierce county in 30 are the blocks in Milton and Pacific. Reuniting Milton and Pacific does not justify also adding unincorporated areas of Pierce county to district 30.

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