

June 8, 2011

Distinguished Commissioners:

My name is Eleanor Hungate. I am a former economist who lives in the urban growth area of Yakima. My maps are entirely my own and I appear this evening as an individual.

Thank you for this opportunity to present the maps and to explain how I arrived at particular district boundaries.

In deciding on where to put the 4th and 5th Congressional Districts, I relied on two major factors, ease of travel and compactness of shape.

For districts that cover a large territory, the time of travel between population centers within the new borderlines is important. I looked up the time of travel on MapQuest for a number of relevant trip possibilities.

MapQuest Travel Times:	Yakima-Vancouver	3 hr. 20 min.
	Sunnyside-Vancouver	3 hr. 16 min.
	White Salmon-Vancouver	1 hr. 20 min.
	Wenatchee-Monroe	2 hr. 8 min.
	Leavenworth-Monroe	1 hr. 39 min.
	Ellensburg-Bellevue	1 hr. 42 min.
	White Salmon-Kennewick	2 hr. 33 min.
	White Salmon-Yakima	2 hr. 10 min.

A Yakima-Vancouver trip takes 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A Wenatchee-Monroe trip takes 2 hours and 8 minutes.

A Ellensburg-Bellevue trip takes 1 hour 42 minutes.

If a long trip is involved, travelers will have to consider an overnight stay.

I concluded that Snoqualmie Pass and Stevens Pass are the best places to cross the "Cascade Curtain". The comparative elevations and types of roadway over the major passes confirms that conclusion.

Major Passes:	elevation ft.	driveability, subjective
Snoqualmie	3,022	the E-W Interstate, for Kittitas
Satus	3,107	next most driveable, not divided
Stevens	4,061	3rd most driveable, for Chelan
Blewett	4,102	less driveable, not considered
White	4,500	least driveable, not considered

Having taken a chunk of territory from the center of the Cascades, it was obvious to me that a north and south division makes the 4th and 5th Districts much more compact than does an east and west division. The map keeps entire counties intact, with the exception of Grant which was split so as to equalize the districts.

The proposed 4th District contains Adams, Franklin and Yakima Counties, the three counties with the highest proportion of Latino population in the State. These counties adjoin one another and consequently should not be split apart for voter justice reasons.

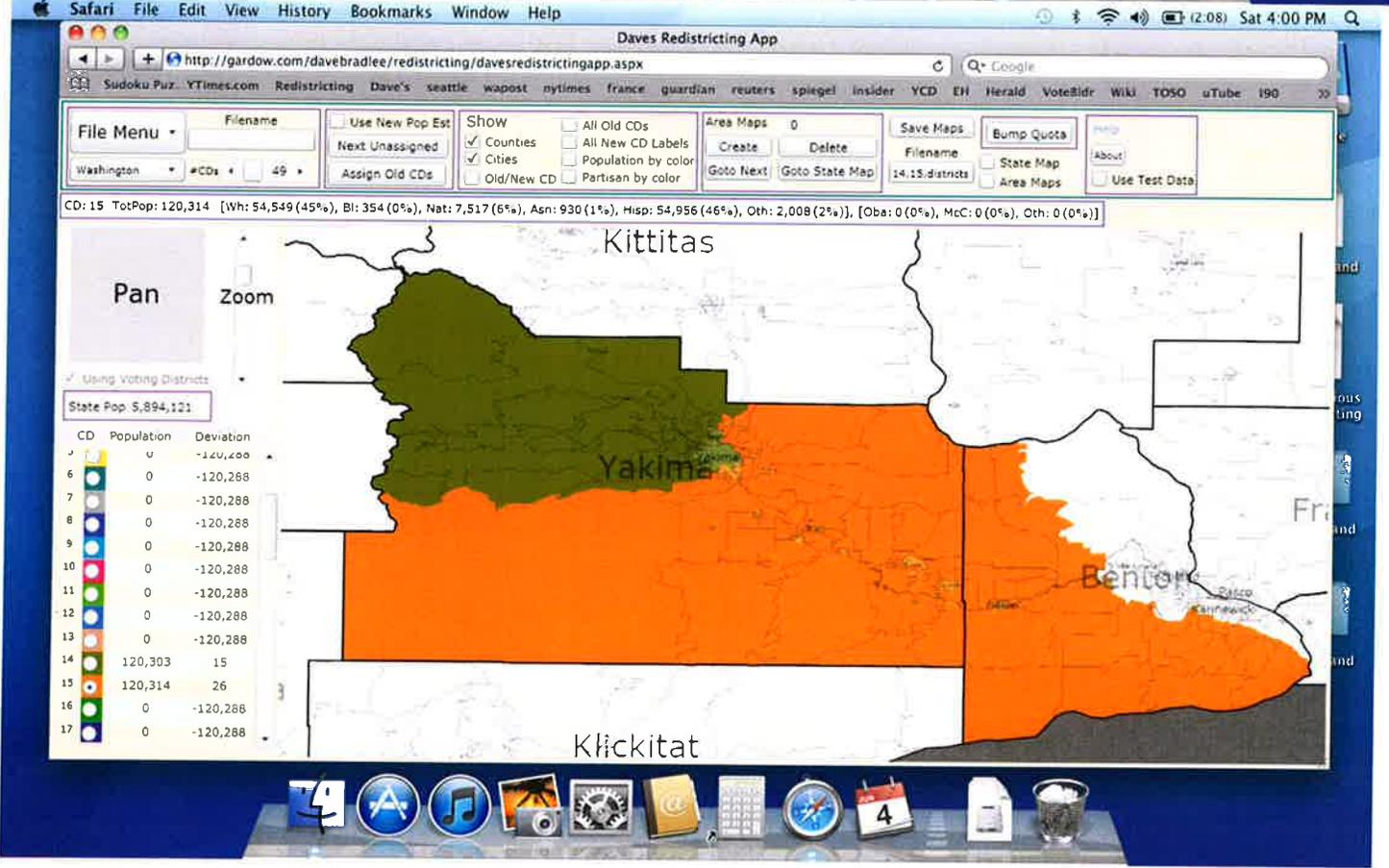
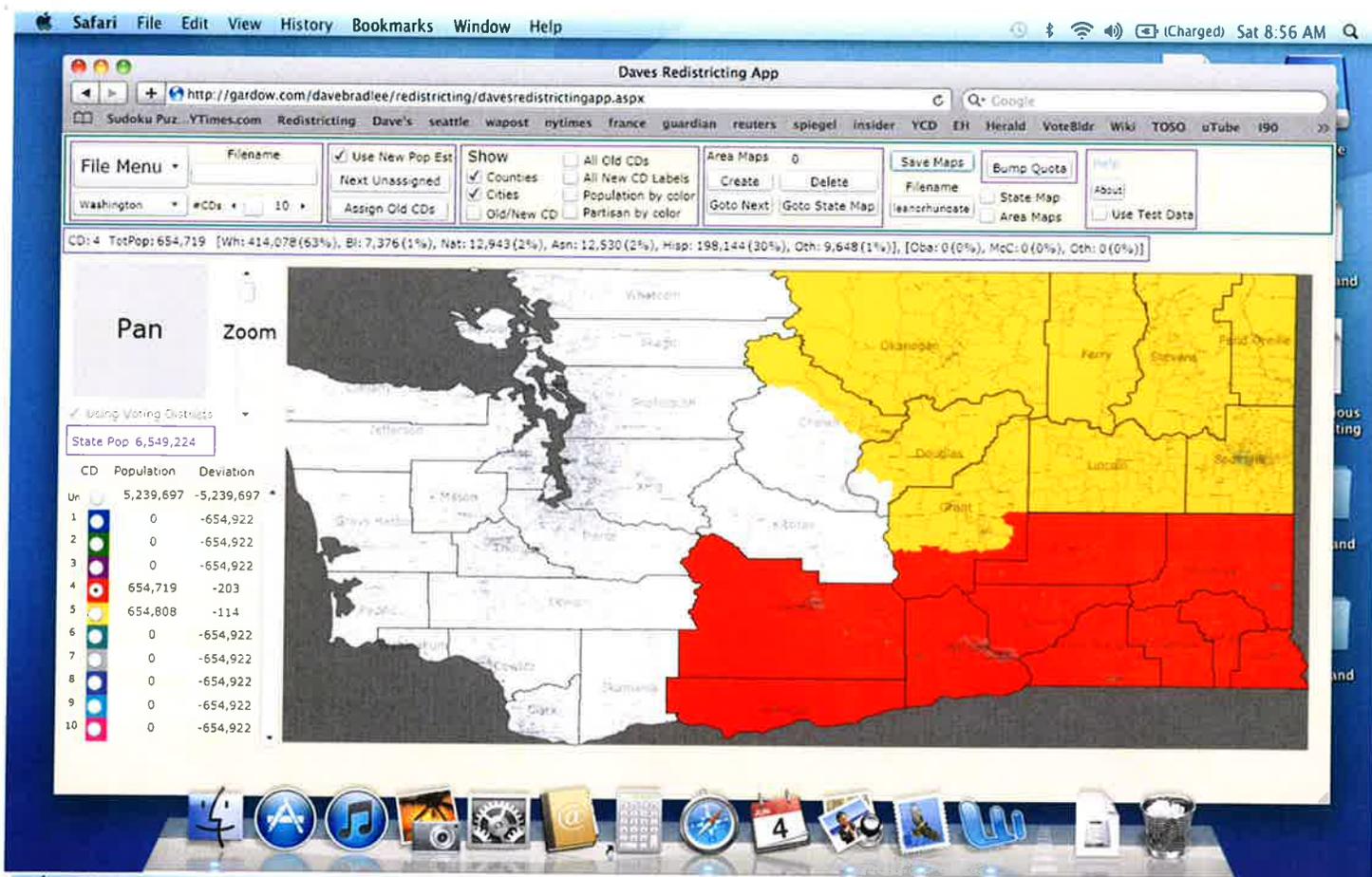
Natural resources issues concerning fish, water and power are common to most of the southeast counties. Representative Hastings has a long-standing interest in these same issues and I think that he may like to have the Snake River Basin included in his district.

The second map shows how I would draw the 14th and 15th Legislative Districts. The line between the districts follows the Yakama Reservation's northern boundary, the north city limit of Union Gap, crosses the Yakima River and sweeps north to the county line.

The 15th District has to extend beyond Yakima County. My choice was to follow Interstate 82 to define an area that is both compact and cohesive with communities of interest. Benton City is 61 miles from Union Gap. There are eleven small cities along that stretch of highway: Prosser, Grandview, Mabton, Sunnyside, Granger, Outlook, Zillah, Toppenish, Wapato, Moxee and Harrah. *MS*

So, there you have it. Thank you,

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Proposal for Eastern Washington Congressional Districts
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County	Population	Shifted to the West	Mountain Pass to Cross	SE Wash 4th CD	NE Wash 5th CD
Skamania (pt) *	500	500	none		
Kittitas	40,915	40,915	Snoqualmie		
Klickitat	20,318		Satus	20,318	
Yakima	243,231			243,231	
Benton	175,177			175,177	
Franklin	78,163			78,163	
Walla Walla	58,781			58,781	
Adams	18,728			18,728	
Asotin	21,623			21,623	
Garfield	2,266			2,266	
Columbia	4,078			4,078	
Whitman	44,776			44,776	
Grant *	89,120			5,313	83,807
Chelan *	72,453	72,153	Stevens		300
Douglas *	38,431	37,078	Stevens		1,353
Okanogan	41,120				41,120
Lincoln	10,570				10,570
Spokane	471,221				471,221
Pend Oreille	13,001				13,001
Ferry	7,551				7,551
Stevens	43,531				43,531
TOTAL	1,495,554	150,646		672,454	672,454
Objective		150,646		672,454	672,454
Discrepancy		0		0	0

* estimates