

Good Evening members of the Redistricting Commission

I'm writing today and asking that my comment is read into the record because I am unable to attend tonight's hearing because I will be in a council meeting in Tukwila. My name is De'Sean Quinn and I serve as an elected representative in the city of Tukwila, as well as a One America board member. I wanted to take this opportunity to urge the Commission to draw a new tenth Congressional district in King County that includes the significant growth in the 2010 census and warrant additional majority of people of color districts. I also want to urge new legislative districts that reflect similar growth in eastern Washington. I've been involved in politics for more than a decade in some form and I understand the tremendous importance of the task this redistricting committee is faced with. As someone who continues to make sure communities throughout Washington State have appropriate and justified representation, I strongly support majority people of color Congressional and Legislative Districts. I feel there is a unique opportunity to assure communities that they all have a legitimate and practical chance to elect a representative that reflects their interests and the expansive diversity and support for policies that will directly address needs of underrepresented communities. I also recognize the importance of this redistricting process. There is one chance to be responsive and what you do will last for the next ten years, which is precisely why I feel I have a responsibility to send my comments.

Thank you for your willingness to serve and be responsive to ideas from citizens.

De'Sean Quinn