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Ideas for the 2nd LD

Attention Washington State Redistricting Commission.

My name is Matt Hamilton and I am a Land Use Commissioner in South Pierce County. I am very familiar with population trends and maps of the various school districts, in fact we just cited Graham's second High School location to be built in 2018. With the issue of the 2nd Legislative District having to lose 27,000 folks as stated in the TNT. Here is my ideas to solve this problem.

First is the issue of having ten different School Districts in the 2nd LD. I would try to winnow that down to 7 so here it goes. The Carbonado School District is 130 years old yet it is divided directly down the middle between the 2nd and the 31st. Since there is no way to get to Carbonado without traveling first threw the 31st the entire School District should be in the 31st. As goes Carbonado so goes White River Schools. Keep in mind that Carbonado only goes to the 8th grade and their 9th graders go to White River Schools.

The next issue is on the Western Border of the 2nd LD. That would be North Thurston Schools belong in the 28th. This is an area of Lacey full of young Military Family's the only way to get to it is through Yelm or I-5. Young Military Family's belong with older Military Family's such as found in Dupont. Dupont and Lacey are both on the I-5 corridor. To make the map continuous parts of Roy will have to be added to the 28th.

The last area is known as the "Spanaway Pizza". This is the area around Spanaway Lake. The area can be best found by using Precincts 02-11 to 02-16. When completed the Cross Base Highway will effectively divide this community in two. Pierce County in the next couple of years will complete its portion of the Cross Base Highway. This will be 6 Lanes with a 3ft Jersey Barrier down the middle. This will effect this community. This is Bethel School District Territory but I can see no way that the Spanaway area can remain whole with the Cross Base Highway running through it. I hope this help the map Planner's and best regards.

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