

8/9 S. Seattle

WA Redistricting Public Forum

Tuesday, August 9, 6:00pm | New Holly Gathering Hall

7054 32nd Avenue S Seattle, WA 98118 (Bus Lines #36,#39,#106,#8/Othello Station Lightrail)

Attend & testify at a public forum with the WA Redistricting Commission to advocate for a new 10th Congressional District in south King County and state legislative districts in King, Pierce and Yakima Counties with a majority of people of color.

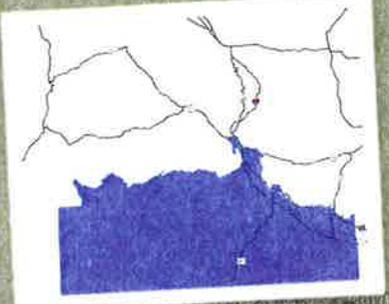
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Proposed Unity Maps

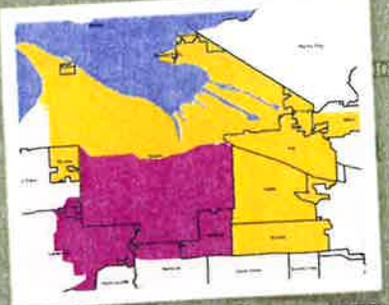
New 10th Congressional District in S. King County with POC majority



Legislative District in Yakima County



Legislative District in Pierce County



Contact Cherry Cayabyab for talking points & more info at info@fairrepresentationwa.org

Sign the PETITION at www.fairrepresentationwa.org

What is redistricting and why do we engage in it?

We recently all took part in Census 2010, providing important information about who we are and where we live. After the census is finished, electoral district boundaries must be redrawn to even out the size of each district – this is called redistricting, and it happens at all levels of government. This includes electoral district boundaries for Congress, state legislatures, county boards, city councils, and school boards. We engage in redistricting because the U.S. Constitution and state Constitutions require that districts have the same number of residents. The goal is to make sure that every person's vote is of equal importance as anyone else's vote.

Why is the redistricting process important to me?

How districts are drawn in your state will often determine if a community can elect representatives of the community's choice to sit on the local school board, city council, state legislature and Congress. Redistricting affects who can run for office and who can win. These representatives make decisions that are important to your lives, from securing safe schools to adopting immigration policies. The district lines can influence whether or not your elected officials feel obligated to respond to your community's needs.

What can happen if our community does not get involved?

Historically, areas with significant People of Color (POC) populations have been split into different districts, reducing the voting power of these populations and thus reducing the accountability of elected representatives to our community. For example, in Yakima County, where people of color now comprise 52% of the population, the county is split into three (the 13th, 14th and 15th) legislative districts - diluting this community's voting power.

How can my involvement in redistricting make a difference?

Your voice and participation in the redistricting process can help ensure that the redistricting plans adopted by your jurisdiction do not harm your community. If our community does not speak up and participate in the redistricting process, our communities will continue to be divided and ignored by elected officials.

United for Fair Representation is a coalition of community leaders and organizations serving communities of color across WA state. Visit www.fairrepresentationwa.org.