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## **WA Redistricting Commission Public Forum Talking Points**

### **New 10th Congressional District and Three Legislative Districts in King County in which people of color are the majority**

*Members of the WA Redistricting Commission,*

*My name is David Ortiz, I live in Redmond and I am here to urge the commission to 1) draw the new tenth Congressional district in King County that includes a majority of people of color and 2) three legislative districts in King County that are a majority of people of color.*

- One in four Washington residents and one in three King County residents is a person of color. Our elected representatives should reflect the diversity of our state and county.*
- Washington's population grew from roughly 6 million to 6.7 million since 2000 – the reason for our state gaining this new congressional district. That increase of 700,000 people, however, is almost entirely due to the growth in communities of color. In short, our state is gaining a more powerful political voice in Congress, thanks to the growth in the population of people of color. Simple justice, therefore, requires that this new congressional district be one in which people of color are in the majority.*
- A new 10th Congressional district and three legislative districts in King County that are a majority of people of color will increase voter turnout and civic participation because communities will feel that their vote can make an impact.*
- A new 10th Congressional district and three legislative districts in King County that are a majority of people of color will encourage elected law-makers to be accountable to the diverse needs and issues of the community.*

*We urge you to improve civic engagement and voter participation in underrepresented communities by creating a majority people of color Congressional district and three legislative districts in King County. Thank you for your time and consideration.*