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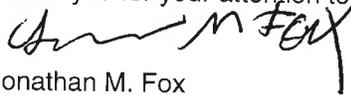
Dear Commissioners:

This is a note about the effects of the legislative district lines drawn 10 years ago on the people of the 37th district.

These can best be represented by three phrases. The first of which is "the city" which is how one of the people elected by the 37th district to represent the ENTIRE district in Olympia, describes the 37th. However, the 37th is made up of parts of 3 cities, Seattle, Renton and Tukwila and the Skyway and West Hill areas which are within the Renton annexation area. The second is his statement that "I did not have enough time" in discussing why large areas of the district were omitted from the video tour produced by the member. If he does not have time to tell people about those areas in a document over which he had total control, it logically follows he does not have the time to care about those areas during the legislative sessions. Thus, they are outside the "community of interest." The third is the phrase one sees when parking at the library in Skyway "high crime area hide everything," the same could be said for downtown Renton. While, this situation cannot be blamed on the lack of any representative whose full attention would be on these neglected areas, it certainly does not help.

Please keep this in mind when drawing new district lines and make sure that if the district crosses city lines, that it includes a substantial population (about 35 or more precincts) of each city within its boundaries.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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