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Dear Commissioners:

This is a note about the inclusion of non-Seattle precincts in the 37th district. These areas—Skyway and West Hill areas—are within the Renton annexation area, as well as a small part of the City of Renton and two precincts from Tukwila. These areas are cut off from cities to which they belong and grafted on to Seattle.

At the June 13th public forum, representatives of the 37th district DEMOCRATS, stated they wanted a public forum in the central area of Seattle to best reflect the community of interest of the district. While we have many fundamental disagreements with that group, we concur that the community interest of the 37th is the City of Seattle. Please keep this in mind when drawing new district lines and *follow the terms of your mandate*.

In those districts which contain parts of more than one city, they should contain, in as much as is practicable, an equal number of precincts from each of those municipalities. This will assure that office seekers will have to address the particular needs of each sub division.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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