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Lura Powell, Ph.D.  
Chair, Washington State Redistricting Commission  
1063 Capitol Way South, Suite 16  
PO Box 40948  
Olympia, WA 98504-0948

Dear Dr. Powell:

On behalf of the Burien City Council, I am writing to inform the Washington State Redistricting Commission of the City of Burien's preferences regarding redistricting.

Regarding the congressional districts, Burien has greatly appreciated the strong representation that it has received from both of our members of Congress, from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Districts. Having Burien located in two congressional districts has proven very helpful for our community; we truly value the interest that both of our U.S. Representatives have taken in our issues of concern and the work that they have done on our behalf. We urge the Commission to maintain Burien in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts.

As for state legislative districts, the City of Burien respectfully requests that the State Redistricting Commission develop a plan that will allow Burien to remain in its current three districts. The Senators and Representatives from the 11<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts have provided the City excellent representation in Olympia. We sincerely hope that Burien will have the opportunity to continue to be represented by the legislative delegation that has served us so well during the past decade.

Thank you for considering the Burien City Council's position on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan McGilton  
Mayor

cc: Washington State Redistricting Commission Members  
Burien City Council Members