



THURSTON COUNTY
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Kim Wyman
AUDITOR

December 22, 2011

Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director
Washington State Redistricting Commission
PO Box 40948
Olympia, WA 98504-0948

Re: Executive Summary

Dear Ms. Bunning:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments and suggestions on the Redistricting Committee's proposals. With regards to the proposed Legislative boundaries, we have one area of concern in Thurston County. This is an area that is sandwiched between the 20th and 2nd Legislative Districts. We've provided a snapshot of the area (see sample below) and it is described as follows: South along Rainier Road southeast to the north line of Section 8 Township 16 North Range 1 East, then east to Rainier city limits.

The Thurston County Board of County Commissioners has adopted new Commissioner District boundaries. The changes the Board made in this area, coupled with the proposed Legislative changes for Thurston County, create a discrepancy between the boundaries of the two Legislative Districts that would force creation of a precinct with fewer than sixty voters. This can be corrected by changing the Legislative District boundaries so they follow Rainier Road SE to the Rainier city limits.

We believe the Redistricting Commission has done a tremendous job of following our precinct boundaries, roads, and rivers. The current proposal splits eleven of our existing precincts, however most of these split segments can be absorbed by adjoining precincts.

Again, thank you for allowing us to comment on the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Raske". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "R".

Ken Raske
Chief Deputy Auditor

Sample:



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