

June 30, 2011

WA Redistricting Commission
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Dear members of the WA Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your work across the state to gather public feedback on the 2011 redistricting process. We understand that this is an overwhelming task and appreciate your efforts to listen to as many WA residents as possible.

We are writing to request that an additional public forum be scheduled mid-end July in South Seattle to accommodate communities of color. South Seattle comprises WA's most diverse neighborhoods. In fact, the 98118 zip code was shown in the 2010 Census to be the most diverse zip code in the country.

We are disappointed that despite our diversity, there was no public forum scheduled in South Seattle. While a public forum was scheduled in North Seattle, this location is not necessarily accessible to the many South Seattle residents that identify as people of color, immigrant, refugee and/or low-income and use public transportation and translation services.

We urge you to schedule an additional public forum for South Seattle residents in mid-end July. Suggested venues include New Holly Gathering Hall, Rainier Valley Cultural Center, Rainier Beach High School or Aki Kurose Middle School.

Please contact George Cheung at george@winwinnetwork.org or 206.436.0837 to confirm that the additional forum has been scheduled. Please notify us two weeks from the scheduled date so that there is opportunity to outreach to local residents who would like to attend and may need translation services.

Sincerely,

Asian Pacific Americans for Civic Empowerment (APACE)
Black Political Action Committee
Latino Bar Association of WA
Latino Community Fund
Latino Political Action Committee
OneAmerica
Win Win Network