

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/15/2011

ATTENDANCE

Time: **06:00 PM to 10:56 PM**

Atencio X

Place: University of Colorado - Boulder

Berry X

Carroll X

Jones X

This Meeting was called to order by

Loevy E

Representative Jones

Nicolais E

Salazar X

This Report was prepared by

Tool X

Jessika Shipley

Witwer X

Webb E

Carrera X

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Introductions and Welcome	-
Public Testimony	-

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6:00 PM -- Introductions and Welcome

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order. The members of the commission introduced themselves.

6:04 PM

Kate Meyer, Colorado Reapportionment Commission staff, read a prepared statement about the process of redistricting (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

6:08 PM

Commissioner Jones explained that everyone would have a chance to be heard.

6:09 PM -- Public Testimony

The following individuals testified:

6:10 PM -- Bill van Dusen, representing himself, spoke about his experience with redistricting in Longmont. He spoke about the importance of compactness and the preservation of communities of interest in the city of Longmont. He expressed his opinion that the proposed plan divides and fractures Longmont and is generally unconstitutional. Mr. van Dusen responded to questions from the commission about specific changes he would make to the proposed map of House Districts 11 and 12. He stressed the importance of keeping the Latino community in Longmont whole in order to have a strong voice in state government. He recommended staying as close as possible to the current House districts

6:18 PM -- Audy Leggere-Hickey, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment B). She responded to questions from the commission.



Attachment B.pdf

6:22 PM -- Rebecca Browning, representing herself, expressed her opinion that the primary goals of reapportionment are not reflected by the proposed plan. She spoke about the interests of the citizens of the city of Boulder. She indicated that the needs of Boulder County cannot be met with the number of elected legislators that are suggested by the proposed map. Ms. Browning responded to questions from the commission about potentially splitting the Gunbarrel neighborhood. She submitted her statement in writing (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

6:26 PM -- Dr. Peter Dawson, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment D).



Attachment D.pdf

6:28 PM -- Marilyn Hughes, representing herself, spoke about her experience as a long-time resident of Longmont. She expressed her opinion that Longmont is too big to be in one House district and should have more than one representative. She read from a portion of the Hobbs decision in *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002) that specifically addressed the city of Longmont.

6:32 PM -- Jake Marsing, representing himself, stated his opinion that the proposed map effectively disenfranchises approximately 10,000 Longmont citizens. He suggested that the city of Longmont be divided more evenly by population. He read the same portion of the Hobbs decision as Ms. Hughes. He urged the commission to fulfill its constitutional requirements.

6:36 PM -- Kaye Fissinger, representing herself, discussed what she characterized as the gerrymandering of the city of Longmont. She indicated that the commission was lobbied by Republican operatives to disenfranchise approximately 10,000 citizens in the heart of Longmont. Ms. Fissinger responded to questions from the commission. She submitted her statement in writing (Attachment E).



Attachment E.pdf

6:45 PM

Discussion ensued about the most appropriate way to respond to public testimony.

6:46 PM -- Darwin Miner, representing himself, expressed his opinion that the current representation of House Districts 11 and 12 works very well. He indicated that the proposed map amounts to gerrymandering. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about the disenfranchisement of some Longmont voters. He stated his opinion that a more obvious boundary for the House districts exists along Highway 119. Mr. Miner submitted his statement in writing (Attachment F).



Attachment F.pdf

6:51 PM -- Scott Cook, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber supports the proposed map of Longmont.

6:53 PM -- Kathy Weber-Harding, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, read a prepared statement of support for the proposed House map (Attachment G).



Attachment G.pdf

6:54 PM -- Gretchen Diefenderfer, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment H).



Attachment H.pdf

6:56 PM -- Leona Stoecker, representing herself, read a prepared statement of support for the proposed map (Attachment I).



Attachment I.pdf

6:59 PM -- Joel Davidow, representing himself, expressed support for proposed Senate District 18, but discussed his concerns with proposed House Districts 12, 13, and 26.

7:02 PM -- Former State Representative Betty Swenson, representing herself, read a letter from her husband, former State Representative Bill Swenson. The letter expressed support for the proposed map of Longmont.

7:05 PM -- Maxine Berg, representing herself, expressed support for the proposed map of Longmont. She submitted her testimony in writing (Attachment J).



Attachment J.pdf

7:07 PM -- Melinda Yale, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment K).



Attachment K.pdf

7:08 PM -- Victor Galvan, representing Longmont Youth for Equality, spoke about the proposed map's potential fracturing of the Latino community in Longmont. He indicated that the proposal for House Districts 11 and 12 would separate many of his friends and family into separate districts with vastly different interests. Discussion ensued about the Hispanic population of Longmont.

7:17 PM -- Linda Marquez, representing herself, stated her opinion that Longmont is being well-represented by Representatives Deb Gardner and Matt Jones and the current situation does not need to change. She discussed the Latino community in Longmont.

7:20 PM -- Suzanne Morales, representing herself, expressed her support for the proposed House map of Longmont and urged the commission to adopt it.

7:22 PM -- Brigette Rodriguez, representing Vote Longmont, read a prepared statement (Attachment L).



Attachment L.pdf

7:24 PM -- Cathy Jarrett, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment M).



Attachment M.pdf

7:26 PM -- Gabriel Santos, representing himself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment N).



Attachment N.pdf

7:28 PM -- Jeff Ilseman, representing himself, read a prepared statement and submitted the statement with a packet of tables for each House district in the Longmont area (Attachment O). The attachment also contains a number of letters supporting proposed House plan H6001.



Attachment O.pdf

7:32 PM -- Harry Hempy, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment P).



Attachment P.pdf

7:35 PM -- Janeill Flaig, representing herself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

7:36 PM -- George Flaig, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of

Longmont.

7:37 PM -- John Olson, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

7:38 PM -- Chris Rodriguez, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment Q).



Attachment Q.pdf

7:41 PM -- Laura Spicer, representing the Boulder County Democratic Party, discussed House Districts 10 and 13. She asked the commission to restore the boundaries of those districts. She talked about the mountain precincts of Boulder County. She stated her opinion that those precincts should be represented by the same Representative and Senator.

7:47 PM -- Victor Hauser, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment R).



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7:49 PM -- Jonathan Singer, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a Longmont resident and as an employee of Boulder County. He expressed his opinion that proposed House Districts 11 and 12 do not make sense. He asked what Longmont gains by having only one representative. He discussed the areas of common socioeconomic interests in Longmont and encouraged the commission not to fracture the heart of the Latino community and the business district.

7:53 PM -- Dan Gould, representing the Boulder County Democratic Party, clarified that he does not know how to redraw the proposed House map. He discussed the split of Longmont and reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to the proposed boundaries for House Districts 11 and 12. He spoke specifically about his notion of proper representation for the Latino community in Longmont. Mr. Gould responded to questions from the commission about the inclusion of Grand County with the western portion of Boulder County.

8:01 PM -- Wyn Englehardt, representing Niki Enriquez, read a letter from Ms. Enriquez in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment S).



Attachment S.pdf

8:03 PM -- Carolyn Hauser, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map of Longmont (Attachment T).



Attachment T.pdf

8:05 PM -- Frances Sinton, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment U).



Attachment U.pdf

8:08 PM -- Penny Nickel, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map and submitted a written statement from her husband, Don Nickel (Attachments V and W).



Attachment V.pdf Attachment W.pdf

8:10 PM -- Stephen Bailey, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont. He discussed the proposed Senate map, focusing on the economic interests unique to Boulder County.

8:16 PM -- Errol Heiman, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment X).



Attachment X.pdf

8:18 PM -- Christine Showers, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment Y).



Attachment Y.pdf

8:21 PM -- Stan Showers, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map. He discussed the cultural differences between Boulder and the surrounding communities of Longmont and Lyons.

8:23 PM -- Donna Whipple, representing herself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment Z).



Attachment Z.pdf

8:26 PM -- Travis Whipple, representing himself, read a prepared statement in support of the proposed House map (Attachment AA) and provided a letter of support from his coworker, Michael Waters (Attachment BB).



Attachment AA.pdf Attachment BB.pdf

8:29 PM -- Brad Beck, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment CC).



Attachment CC.pdf

8:32 PM -- Alan Olson, representing himself, stated his opinion that the citizens of Grand County do not want to be included in a House district with Boulder County. He urged the commission to include Grand County in a House district with counties on the Western Slope. He spoke about the protection of Grand County water. He indicated that there is no road directly from Grand County to Boulder County.

8:34 PM -- Scott Whipple, representing himself, read a prepared statement (Attachment DD).



Attachment DD.pdf

8:37 PM -- Stan Tomkinson, representing himself, spoke about affordable housing in Boulder and Longmont. He expressed support for the proposed House map.

8:39 PM -- Gail Russo, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment EE).



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8:41 PM -- James Butler, representing himself, discussed his experience as a resident of Gunbarrel. He urged the commission to keep Gunbarrel whole in a single House district with eastern Boulder. He outlined the boundaries of Gunbarrel and spoke about the neighborhood associations therein. He discussed recent development in Gunbarrel. Mr. Butler responded to questions from the commission.

8:49 PM -- Pauline Christensen, representing herself, asked the commission to reconsider the proposed House map. She spoke about the heart of Longmont and reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about splitting the Latino community.

8:53 PM -- John Bigger, representing himself, spoke about the proposed House map and its split of the Latino community in Longmont.

8:55 PM -- John Gunsch, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed House map of Longmont.

8:57 PM -- Paul Caldara, representing himself, expressed his opinion that Gunbarrel will not have proper representation as long as it is included in a district with the city of Boulder and the University of Colorado. He supported the proposed House map.

9:00 PM -- Carole Zarrella, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment FF).



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9:02 PM -- Mimi Kaplysh, representing herself, spoke about proposed House District 26 and the inclusion of Grand County in that district. She urged the commission to keep Grand County in a House district with the Western Slope.

9:06 PM -- Harry Kottcamp, representing himself, expressed confusion about what will be submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court as part of the final plan. He discussed the various reports that are included with the plan and the constitutional requirements for such reports. Commissioners Witwer, Carroll, and Atencio made comments regarding the use of census data and redistricting criteria. Mr. Kottcamp commented that not all of the constitutional criteria for redistricting are reflected in the reports generated by the commission.

9:16 PM -- Cindy Leonard, representing herself, spoke about her dissatisfaction with the inclusion of Grand County in a House district with Boulder County. She discussed the unique interests of citizens of Grand County. She urged the commission to allow Grand County to elect a representative who understand those unique needs and interests.

9:19 PM -- Rod Kauber, representing himself, reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses about the inclusion of Grand County in a House district with Boulder County. Discussion ensued between Mr. Kauber and the commissioners about the constitutional criteria for redistricting. The discussion continued, with several commissioners commenting about the reasons for including Grand County in a House district with Boulder County.

9:32 PM -- Ted Kaplysh, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a resident of Grand County. He talked about the constitutional requirements for drawing House and Senate districts. He discussed the population centers in Grand County.

9:37 PM -- Rick Samson, representing the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce, discussed his opinion that the city of Longmont should have its own representative in the state House of Representatives.

9:39 PM -- William Hiler, representing himself, spoke about his experience as a resident of Grand County. He reiterated the testimony of prior witnesses with regard to keeping Grand County with the Western Slope.

9:40 PM -- Walter Engelhardt, representing himself, spoke about the rural community around the city of Longmont. He discussed his experience as an organic farmer and as a long-time resident of Boulder County. He submitted his written testimony and a proposal for a House map of Longmont (Attachment GG).



Attachment GG.pdf

9:52 PM -- Doug Young, representing himself, expressed support for the proposed Senate plan and misgivings about the proposed House plan.

9:57 PM -- Lois Bjerke, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment HH).



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9:58 PM -- Elizabeth Turner, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment II).



Attachment II.pdf

10:00 PM -- Barbara Hosmer, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment JJ).



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10:01 PM -- Marisa Dirks, representing herself, spoke about her experience as a long-time Longmont-area resident. She expressed concerns about proposed House Districts 11 and 12, which, in her opinion, splinters the voice of the Latino community in Longmont. She stated that it makes sense for Longmont to have two strong voices in the state House of Representatives.

10:06 PM -- John Gaddis, representing himself, urged the commission to give Longmont a very strong voice in the political arena going forward. He discussed the communities surrounding Longmont that put Longmont in a unique place in the middle. He commented that the proposed House map may not be perfect, but it is pretty good.

10:12 PM -- Anne Bensard, representing herself, spoke about fundamental differences in water law between the Front Range and the Western Slope.

10:13 PM -- Jane Mather, representing herself, expressed her opinion that Grand County should be included in a House district with Boulder, Gilpin, and Clear Creek Counties. She spoke at great length about the

benefits of including Grand County in proposed House District 26.

10:27 PM -- Claire Bensard, representing herself, expressed her opinion that Grand County and western Boulder County should be kept separate.

10:28 PM -- Tom Waldow, representing himself, spoke about communities of interest in the alpine communities in Grand, Gilpin, Clear Creek, and western Boulder counties.

10:29 PM -- Eileen Waldow, representing herself, expressed support for the inclusion of Grand County in proposed House District 26. She indicated that the political parties in Grand County are not united in their opposition to the proposed House map. Ms. Waldo spoke about water issues in Grand County.

10:34 PM -- Marilee Nolte, representing herself, read a prepared statement (Attachment KK).

10:38 PM -- Sally Martin, representing herself, discussed the best way to split the city of Longmont. She expressed support for a map that more equally splits the population of the city. She reiterated the testimony of Mr. Bigger with regard to the minimization of minority groups.

10:44 PM -- Sarah Levison, representing herself, spoke about the value of the FastTracks program to Longmont. She indicated that the proposed House map of Longmont does not make sense. Ms. Levison responded to questions from the commission.

10:50 PM -- Sally Hempy, representing Allen Nelson, read a written statement from Mr. Nelson (Attachment LL).



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10:54 PM

A number of written comments were submitted for the record (Attachment MM). Commissioner Jones thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.



Attachment MM.pdf

Thank you Mr. Chair. In most states, the general assembly is responsible for redrawing both the Congressional districts and the state legislative districts. In Colorado, the General Assembly is still responsible for redrawing the congressional districts. However, in 1974, the voters of Colorado approved an amendment to the Colorado constitution which directed a Reapportionment Commission to redistrict the state house and senate districts following each federal census. The constitution first describes how commissioners are appointed and certain criteria for the membership of the commission. First, four legislative leaders of the Colorado General Assembly either agree to serve or designate someone to serve in their place. Next, the governor appoints three members. And finally, the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court appoints four members.

The constitution provides that no more than four may be current members of the general assembly. This Commission has two. No more than six may be from the same political party. This commission has five Republicans, five Democrats, and one unaffiliated. One members must be from each of the seven congressional districts in Colorado and no more than four from any one congressional district. Finally, at least one member must be from west of the Continental divide. The commission meets all of these requirements.

Next the Constitution sets forth a time table for the Commission's work. Commissioners are appointed between April 1 and May 5. The Commission is to convene by May 15. We held our first meeting on May 12. The Commission is to publish a preliminary plan by September 2. So the Commission divided the state into seven regions, held eleven meetings, received public testimony on each of the seven regions, finalized preliminary plans on July 25 and staff published the preliminary senate plan on July 28 and the preliminary house plan on July 29.

The Commission is to finalize its plan and submit it to the Colorado Supreme Court by October 7. So after the public hearings, the Commission will again meet in Denver and adopt a final plan that will be submitted to the Colorado Supreme Court for its approval. Interested parties can file objections to the final plan. The Court will likely hold oral arguments. If the Court approves the plan, it can be filed with the Secretary of State. If the court rejects the initial plan, the Commission will meet again to revise the plan to comply with the opinion of the court.

A final plan, approved by the Court, is to be filed with the Secretary of State by December 14.

The Commission, in developing the plans, is required to meet certain legal criteria. And there is a hierarchy of the criteria. First is the United State Constitution, specifically the 14th and 15 amendments. The 14th is equal protection and is the basis for one person, one vote concept. Now the Colorado Constitution is actually more rigid than the U.S. Supreme Court as far as equal population, so that state criteria is what the commission must meet. The 15th amendment guarantees the right to vote. Congress further developed this right with the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It prohibits any practice or procedure, such as redistricting, that results in a denial or abridgement of a citizen's right to vote based upon race, color, or status as a member of language minority.

Once those federal requirements are met, the Commission must comply with the Colorado Constitution and the courts have held that there is a hierarchy within the Colorado constitution. First, is equal population. Under the Colorado constitution the deviation or difference between the number of people in the largest district and the smallest district cannot exceed 5%. So to be within that 5% deviation, you can have a district at 2.5% over the ideal district size and a district that is 2.5% under the ideal district size. Dividing the state by the 35 senate districts means for the senate the ideal district would have 143,691 people and dividing the state by the 65 house districts means that the ideal size of a house district would be 77,372.

The second criteria under the Colorado constitution is preserving county boundaries and then city boundaries. Note that county boundaries take precedence, so if a city lies in more than one county, the Commission may be required to split it along that county boundary.

The next criteria is that the districts must be contiguous and as compact as possible.

Finally, communities of interest are to be preserved. The other criteria can be mathematically measured. Communities of interest are harder to measure, so the Commission must rely on public testimony to describe the boundaries of those communities.

August 15, 2011

Good evening, Commissioners.

I want to thank you for your giving your time this evening to hear us.

My name is Audy Leggere-Hickey and I am a resident of the City of Boulder and live in the current House District 13. I believe it is important that Boulder be well represented in our State Legislature.

At this time, the City of Boulder is represented by three legislators in the Colorado State House. The adopted map would reduce that number to two.

While that is a big issue to me, it is not my biggest concern. The bigger problem is that the adopted map for Boulder County would isolate 20% of Boulder City's population. That is because the adopted map would take a portion of the population from our Plains community, and district them with a much larger Mountain population. While we are all proud Coloradans, the challenges and issues of daily life are very different in the Mountains than in the Plains Communities. (Be they fire mitigation, water, road maintenance, livestock, urban sprawl etc.)

As a resident of Boulder I am part of the city that is a Gateway to the Mountains and all that has to offer. I ask that the distinct Communities of Interest remain together. We are now represented by legislators who are attuned to, familiar with, and informed about our unique geographical issues. It serves us all well that we continue to allow our current and future representatives to do the same.

Thank you.

Audy Leggere-Hickey

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August 15, 2011

To: Colorado Reapportionment Commission

Commissioners, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today on behalf of my fellow citizens of the City and County of Boulder and our surrounding mountain communities.

My name is Rebecca Browning, I am a longtime resident of neighborhoods on the western edge of Boulder and of HD 13 for the past nine years.

I come to you today concerned that the primary objectives of reapportionment have not been met by your proposal.

To me the goal of reapportionment is to improve not diminish representation:

- One voice, one vote and
- One voice joined together with others of common interest and in sufficient numbers to be heard by and best represented by legislators who share in those same common interests.

I ask you, how can the people of the mountain towns and counties surrounding Boulder, be best represented by a legislator from the plains?

How can people concerned with forest land and water management, pine beetle control, forest fires and mining be represented fairly and in common with plains communities concerned with agricultural land and water management, livestock and suburban sprawl?

The City of Boulder must address needs unique to urban centers for land and water management, housing, transportation, health, education and environmental protection.

How can the voice of all residents of the City of Boulder be heard equally when a small portion of its citizenry is cut off from its majority and represented disproportionately amongst those with more rural interests?

Under your proposal, the City of Boulder is effectively reduced to just one state legislator, while the small community of Gunbarrel is to be represented by two.

I ask you how is this equal representation?

And I ask you how, as it struggles to find its identity, is this small community of Gunbarrel served by having to divide its focus amongst two possibly conflicting state representatives with vastly divergent populations.

Commissioners, I ask you to consider what use do these new boundaries serve? What good do they serve? And, in whose interests have they been drawn?

I believe that if you ask such questions of yourselves, you will discover that these lines serve little the people of the City and County of Boulder Colorado, nor our surrounding mountain communities.

Thank you for putting the needs of people and their constitutional right for equal representation above all other concerns.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Browning

Peter Dawson, M.D., M.P.H.

- pediatrician who has practiced in Boulder for 25 years
- live in unincorporated Boulder County
- live 3 miles south of current state representative, Rep. Hullinghorst

Concerned about idea of moving current state rep into representing the mountains.

- I've taken care of kids in her neighborhood school.
- Discussed the state budget at her constituent meetings and at a meeting at our house
- Known her 35 years
- Makes no sense to move her out of the district she has been representing. That would impair my representation and that of thousands of neighbors of mine.

Urge you to adjust the boundaries of HD 10 + 13 and restore their representatives to their districts.

To the Colorado Reapportionment Commission
 August 15, 2011
 Peter_Dawson1@yahoo.com

Mr. Chairman and members of the commission, my name is Kaye Fissinger and I live at 2199 Creekside Drive in Longmont.

I'd like to speak with you this evening about the gerrymandering of House District 11 and the concerted lobbying of your committee leading up to your decision to adopt the currently proposed maps for House Districts 11 and 12.

Longmont is a community of about 86,500. You were targeted to approve a map for Longmont that leaves about 10,500 of Longmont citizens stranded outside their primary district. To create this type of configuration, the map that you were presented by Republican operatives had to gerrymander out of House District 11 the heart of downtown Longmont. Our civic center is not with the majority of the population as now configured, nor is our library, our economic development center, our Safety and Justice Center, Roosevelt Park, the Senior Center and much of the historic east and west sides of our town, or what is referred to as Old Town.

The local paper in Longmont, the Times-Call, went beyond mere reporting on reapportionment. It served as a cheerleader to promote the map that you have since adopted. The political bias of the publisher and editor printed about six stories on the subject, all slanted to the goals and efforts of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and some of its members, both collectively and as subgroups. The Times-Call even found it "newsworthy" that three Longmont lawyers emailed you promoting the map as it now stands. There is much more to Longmont than these special interests.

The only reason for promoting this currently adopted configuration is to virtually guarantee that a Republican would be elected to this seat. As a close observer of Longmont's electoral and political landscape, I am confident that this belief is held by Republicans based on low voter turnouts in the most recent local election and not on the percentage of registered voters.

The existing boundaries, or ones that are similar, make for balanced and competitive elections. They also allow Longmont citizens a measure of community and a stronger voice in the legislature regardless of whether they are in House District 11 or 12.

I ask you to reconsider your decision and allow the residents of Longmont and its community features to be more justly and fairly divided.

Presentation to the Colorado State Redistricting Hearing 15 August, 2011

→ MR. CHAIRMAN + MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION →

My Name is Darwin Miner. I reside at 825 6th Ave, Longmont, CO 80501.

I live in the geographic center of the area of the Old Town and lower east side in Longmont that is scheduled to remain in HD12.

We are currently in HD12 which contains a substantial part of eastern, central and southern Longmont. I believe that we have been well represented and well served by having two active and dedicated Representatives in HD11 and HD12.

My initial reaction to the adopted 2011 boundaries was "WHAT HAPPENED!" Only a small portion of residents, some 10,500, remain in HD12, and the shape of the area is very weird. I was curious as to how it was determined

I thought that perhaps the mice got into the map drawer and gnawed-off most of HD12, because it looks like it's been severely chewed upon. ~~Perhaps the drafters were just not capable for whatever reason of drawing straight lines. Maybe they were addicted to jig-saw puzzles and this represents the missing piece!~~ All pretty unlikely.

A far more likely reason becomes clear when you look at the political demographics of my area. There is a high registration of Democrats and my area usually votes that way. There are even a lot of outright LIBERALS in the area, and we all know what they're like!

The obvious conclusion is that this is **gerrymandering**, plain and simple, whether intentional or not. Removing a **small** population of a predominant political group from the rest of the city and leaving only them in HD12 vastly reduces our importance and impact in the District. This is a disservice to not only to our area, but the city as a whole. This area is at the very heart of the city, with issues that affect all of Longmont and needs sound representation.

It is my understanding from discussions on this topic that a similar plan in the last reapportionment was **rejected by the courts**, so why do it again.

Looking at the state web site which details Constitutional Provisions for Reapportionment and Redistricting, Section 47 "Composition of districts states:

(1) Each district shall be as compact as possible and the aggregate linear distance of all boundaries shall be as short as possible...(etc.)

Wandering back and forth around specific precincts needlessly adds to the aggregate linear distance.

I believe an **obvious and natural boundary exists along Hwy 119**, the Diagonal Hwy and Ken Pratt Blvd, and then going north to include as much of the eastern part of the city as necessary to provide a substantially greater number of residents than a mere 10,500 in HD12. Populations on the east side and south of Hwy 119 would provide enough of a voting block to ensure continued excellent representation benefiting **all** of Longmont.

Thank you for your time.



August 15, 2011

Good Evening; I am Kathy Weber-Harding; President / CEO of the Longmont Area Chamber of Commerce. The Longmont Area Chamber supports preliminary map H6001 because it best meets the legal criteria and retains Longmont in one area.

- **88% of Longmont is in HD11 – Longmont is not divided more than it has to be.**
- **Population Size of HD11 is almost ideal.**
- **District maintains economic, ethnic, & geographic “Communities of Interest” in HD11**

The Longmont Area Chamber is the “voice” of Business in the Longmont community. Our Board and Members support map H6001.

Thank you.



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- * Claire Levy is our representative and she knows our mountain community
- * The realignment of HD 10 and 13, since both are predominantly Democratic, would not change that balance.
- * The new boundaries would split our communities of interest as well as switch our representatives who know and represent us.

Hello, my name is Gretchen Diefenderfer. I live in the mountains 9 miles up Sunshine Canyon in HD 13 – just East of Gold Hill. I've lived in Gold Hill since 1966 and have served as Fire Chief, Fire Board President, in all the positions on the Town Council, and am presently Secretary of the Town Council.

Claire Levy is our representative in HD13. She has been a wonderful representative since she was elected 5 years ago. Why, because she is a representative that knows our community. She knows our district, has established relationships with us all, listened to us and even attended Gold Hill's annual 4th of July Pancake breakfast.

Realigning our district as proposed would essentially take away our vote for our representative who has worked hard on many of our issues: Community Solar Gardens, Forest Health Districts and Pine Bark Beetles, insurance issues that were a nightmare for those whose homes burned in the Fourmile Fire, plus preventing property taxes from going up on land where the house burned since vacant land is taxed at a higher rate than land with a house on it, I-70 issues, gaming impacts and many other issues that concern our community of interest in the mountains.

The realignment of HD 10 and 13, since both are predominantly Democratic, would not change that balance. It would do some peculiar divvying up of Boulder and Gunbarrell IMO, which others will address. However, of most concern to us in the mountains of Boulder County, Gilpin, and Clear Creek, and I would assume people Grand County, is that it would mean that we would suddenly be represented by Dickie Lee Hullinghorst, who is a fine person and a good representative for her District on the plains, but who is not as familiar with our Mountain issues. And we would lose Claire Levy who has been working hard for us for 5 years. The new boundaries would split our communities of

interest as well as switch our representatives who know and represent us.

It seems arbitrary, counterintuitive, and illogical to me. I hope you will please reconsider. Thank you for your time.

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August 15, 2011

Mr Chairman and members of the Colorado Reapportionment Commission,

I am speaking in support of the adoption of H6001.

As a resident of Longmont since 1962, I am well acquainted with our wonderful, diverse community.

I served as Mayor of Longmont from 1993 until 2001. I ran for state representative of State House District 11 in 2002, narrowly losing the seat. I know first hand the difficulty of campaigning in a deeply divided district. My own children who lived just a few blocks from me could not vote for me. However, I had to spend many months walking streets in Boulder.

Currently I am the Membership Director of the Longmont Area Economic Council. I serve on the Board of Directors of Longmont United Hospital, the Imagine! Foundation which serves the needs of people with cognitive disabilities in Boulder and Broomfield Counties, as well as multiple other community boards.

The decisions you make will have a long lasting impact on Colorado and our Communities. I am sincerely grateful for the time that you have devoted to the reapportionment process.

Your adoption of H6001 ensures that Longmont will be a community of interest to the majority of it's citizens. The district will be as compact as possible. The portion of Longmont that cannot be contained in one house district because of population restraints is appropriately portioned off because it is primarily "Old Town Longmont" and has similar characteristics with "Old Town Lafayette" and "Old Town Louisville".

Thank you again for your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Leona Stoecker

REAPPORTIONMENT HEARING
August 15, 2011
CU Campus, Boulder Colorado

Good evening. I want to thank the Commissioner's for the re-drawing and preliminary approval of the map H6001, which creates a primarily Longmont HD11.

This map follows the Colorado Constitution's guidelines for drawing HD boundaries. It contains 88% of Longmont's population in one district. It has a 29% Minority population. The district is compact. It restores the competitive HD similar to what we once had. This should relieve some of the contentiousness in the HD so that more people feel comfortable participating in local elections, especially Election Judges.

I appreciate your hard work and urge you to make this map, H6001 your final plan for HD11.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Maxine M. Berg
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Melinda Yale
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August 15, 2011

Reapportionment Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. I'm Melinda Yale. As a longtime resident of Longmont and realizing that Longmont is a bit too large to be entirely in one house district I am delighted with preliminary map H6001. It keeps the largest part of Longmont in one complete district and as required by the Constitution is compact and contiguous. When I moved here in 1970 Longmont was a town of 25,000 people and we were a farming community and our neighbor to the south called us a "cow town" and didn't want much to do with us. As a small business owner in Longmont occasionally I have dealings with people from Boulder and they do tend to have a different mind-set. For example in the past election Longmont voters by an approximately 2 to 1 margin voted against an increase to the Boulder County open space tax and yet it passed. Obviously Longmont voters still look at things differently than our neighbors to the south. Compared to Boulder, Lafayette and Louisville which sort of run together we are a stand-alone city and having as much of Longmont as possible within one district is the ideal plan as it keeps us a community of interest and far more compact.

Melinda Yale

Brigette Rodriguez
1265 Button Rock Drive
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I am the coordinator for the non-partisan voter registration and get out the vote project Vote Longmont. Our goal has always been to get more people involved and interested in their local government. For that reason, I'm here to encourage the commission to accept the current map proposal H6001.

Opponents of this map claim that it "rips the heart out of the city of Longmont." But, the heart of Longmont does not reside where it's government buildings lie or where people shop and gather. It exists in the neighborhoods where the people who vote live. And the current map proposal keeps those neighborhoods mostly intact.

H6001 also isn't about partisanship and takes favoritism towards one party out of the equation. The proposed reapportionment puts most of Longmont into one state house district, still gives Longmont two state House districts as required by its population numbers, and is competitive and fair. Those saying otherwise are being disingenuous and self-serving.

What did rip the heart out of Longmont in the last election was knowing that 1/3 of Boulder decided an open space ballot issue for them. Longmont citizens had voted against it by a 2 to 1 margin, but it narrowly passed. Don't allow that same mistake to happen here. Keep HD11 as compact as possible to maintain the interests of its constituents.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Rodriguez". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

Brigette Rodriguez
8/15/11

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, thank you for having this meeting in Boulder County.

My name is Cathy Jarrett (J-A-R-R-E-T-T). I have lived in various parts of Longmont for 40 years and Boulder County for 43 years. I am a retired public school special education teacher who taught in several schools in the northern half of Boulder County.

Thank you for drawing the map H6001 that allows most of Longmont to be in House District 11. I know that Longmont is slightly too large to be in one house district, but I believe that you have done a great job in drawing the line so that it follows the Colorado constitution. You have made the districts as compact as possible and kept cities and communities of interest together.

Thank you again.



Cathy Jarrett
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Longmont, CO 80501
August 15, 2011

Gabe Santos
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Longmont, CO 80504

Attachment N

Good evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners.

My name is Gabe Santos.

I am currently the Treasurer of the Hispanic Education Foundation and the Mayor Pro-tem for the City of Longmont.

Today, I address you as a 10 year resident of the City of Longmont.

I would like to thank you all for your service to this commission over the past several months. I also extend my gratitude to Gov. John Hickenlooper for insisting on the creation of competitive districts and to Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Bender for helping create a bi-partisan commission.

I fully support the Preliminary Adopted House Plan H6001, because it **best** meets the constitutional requirements:

- Importantly: the minority group population is 29%
- Population size of HD11 is almost ideal (0.38% deviation)
- 88% of Longmont is in HD11.
- HD11 is compact
- HD11 maintains economic, ethnic, & geographic “communities of interest.”

The alternative or substitute map, which includes the city of Lyons, appears to violate at least one, if not two, of the required criteria. **Unnecessarily divides Longmont more than it has to be and is not compact.**

I fully understand that Longmont is over the 77,372 in population. However, given that a line must be drawn somewhere through Longmont it only makes sense that “oldtown Longmont” be partitioned off and placed in HD12, due to it’s unique culture & “community of interest”.

Lastly, reapportionment should never be about **incumbent retention**. Reapportionment should create districts that pass constitutional muster and that are **fair and competitive**.

Again, I appreciate your service and request that you approve the Preliminary Adopted House Plan H6001 to the Colorado Supreme Court for final approval.

Regards,

Gabe Santos

Jeffrey K. Ilseman
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August 15, 2011

Good Evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Jeff Ilseman and I am a 12 year resident of Longmont and House District 12.

I am a member of the Public Policy Committee of the Longmont Chamber of Commerce. I sit on the board of a Longmont-based non-profit, serving adults with autism and other developmental disabilities throughout Boulder and Jefferson Counties.

Thank you for the Preliminary Adopted House Plan that would end the egregious gerrymandering of House Districts in Boulder County and would restore Longmont's unshared House District.

I would also like to show my appreciation to Governor Hickenlooper for encouraging the creation of more competitive districts.

As a retired semiconductor engineering manager, I could not resist the urge to crunch your data surrounding proposed House Districts in Boulder County and create unambiguous data tables that facilitate comparative analysis.

The attached pages have a table for each proposed House District. Each table compares data from the Preliminary Adopted House Plan with data from the proposed alternative map, side by side.

After analyzing all the data in light of the legal criteria, I strongly encourage you to submit your Preliminary Adopted House Plan as your final plan to the Colorado Supreme Court.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey K Ilseman

New House District 11 Data

HD11	map H6001	map H6002
POPULATION SUMMARY		
% deviation from ideal	0.38%	1.51%
"CITIES ... ARE NOT TO BE DIVIDED EXCEPT ..."		
% Longmont population inside of HD11	88%	84%
ETHNIC SUMMARY		
% NH White	70.81%	71.25%
% Hispanic	22.82%	22.53%
% NH Black	1.17%	1.13%
% NH Ind	0.90%	0.94%
% NH Asn	4.06%	3.91%
% NH Hwn	0.10%	0.10%
% NH Other	0.14%	0.14%
TOTAL Minority %	29.19%	28.75%
MEASURES OF COMPACTNESS		
Roeck	0.38	0.25
Schwartzberg	0.89	0.78
Area (sq miles)	48.8	102.5
Perimeter (miles)	37	56.1
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST		
Varies person to person		
COMPETITIVENESS (MARGIN OF VICTORY)		
2010 US Senate Race	D by 6.24%	D by 10.25%
2010 State Treasurer Race	D by 4.94%	D by 8.64%
2010 Regent Race	R by 5.11%	R by 0.75%
REGISTRATION		
D - R - U - M	32 - 33 - 34 - 1	34 - 31 - 34 - 1
D=DEMOCRATIC, R=REPUBLICAN, U=UNAFFILIATED, M=MINOR PARTY		

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New House District 12 Data

HD12	map H6001	map H6002
POPULATION SUMMARY		
% deviation from ideal	1.53%	-0.49%
"CITIES & COUNTIES ARE NOT TO BE DIVIDED"		
% Longmont population inside of HD12	12%	16%
ETHNIC SUMMARY		
% NH White	77.78%	78.39%
% Hispanic	14.11%	13.95%
% NH Black	1.20%	1.17%
% NH Ind	0.83%	0.78%
% NH Asn	5.78%	5.40%
% NH Hwn	0.07%	0.06%
% NH Other	0.22%	0.23%
TOTAL Minority %	22.22%	21.61%
MEASURES OF COMPACTNESS		
Roeck	0.29	0.25
Schwartzberg	0.75	0.75
Area (sq miles)	90.9	84.2
Perimeter (miles)	75.4	69.3
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST		
Varies person to person		
COMPETITIVENESS (MARGIN OF VICTORY)		
2010 US Senate Race	D by 36%	D by 31%
2010 State Treasurer Race	D by 33%	D by 2%
2010 Regent Race	D by 20%	D by 15%
REGISTRATION		
D - R - U - M	42 - 23 - 34 - 1	40 - 24 - 34 - 1
D=DEMOCRATIC, R=REPUBLICAN, U=UNAFFILIATED, M=MINOR PARTY		

Summary by Jeffrey K. Ilseman 8/15/2011

New House District 13 Data

HD13	map H6001	map H6002
POPULATION SUMMARY		
% deviation from ideal	2.41%	1.54%
"CITIES & COUNTIES ARE NOT TO BE DIVIDED!"		
% Boulder population inside of HD13	81%	67%
ETHNIC SUMMARY		
% NH White	83.51%	82.38%
% Hispanic	8.04%	9.08%
% NH Black	1.28%	1.33%
% NH Ind	0.70%	0.72%
% NH Asn	6.13%	6.13%
% NH Hwn	0.11%	0.12%
% NH Other	0.22%	0.24%
TOTAL Minority %	16.49%	17.62%
MEASURES OF COMPACTNESS		
Roeck	0.39	0.27
Schwartzberg	0.74	0.72
Area (sq miles)	16.2	35.4
Perimeter (miles)	28.5	36.6
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST		
Varies person to person		
COMPETITIVENESS (MARGIN OF VICTORY)		
2010 US Senate Race	D by 68%	D by 63%
2010 State Treasurer Race	D by 66%	D by 59%
2010 Regent Race	D by 54%	D by 47%
REGISTRATION		
D - R - U - M	54 - 11 - 34 - 1	52 - 13 - 34 - 1
D=DEMOCRATIC, R=REPUBLICAN, U=UNAFFILIATED, M=MINOR PARTY		

Summary by Jeffrey K. Ilseman 8/15/2011

New House District 26 Data

HD26	map H6001	map H6002
POPULATION SUMMARY		
% deviation from ideal	2.42%	0.38%
"CITIES & COUNTIES ARE NOT TO BE DIVIDED"		
% Boulder population inside of HD26	19%	33%
ETHNIC SUMMARY		
% NH White	88.69%	89.36%
% Hispanic	6.52%	5.87%
% NH Black	0.88%	0.88%
% NH Ind	0.88%	0.88%
% NH Asn	2.72%	2.73%
% NH Hwn	0.09%	0.10%
% NH Other	0.21%	0.18%
TOTAL Minority %	11.31%	10.64%
MEASURES OF COMPACTNESS		
Roeck	0.28	0.28
Schwartzberg	0.75	0.76
Area (sq miles)	2990.8	2919.7
Perimeter (miles)	340.4	333.6
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST		
Varies person to person		
COMPETITIVENESS (MARGIN OF VICTORY)		
2010 US Senate Race	D by 33%	D by 38%
2010 State Treasurer Race	D by 29%	D by 34%
2010 Regent Race	D by 20%	D by 25%
REGISTRATION		
D - R - U - M	41 - 25 - 33 - 1	43 - 23 - 33 - 1
D=DEMOCRATIC, R=REPUBLICAN, U=UNAFFILIATED, M=MINOR PARTY		

Summary by Jeffrey K. Ilseman 8/15/2011

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August 11, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
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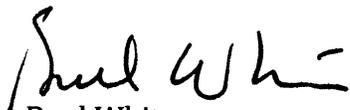
RE: Testimony Regarding the 2011 Reapportionment Commission's State House Redistricting

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

By this letter, as registered voters and resident senior citizens of Louisville, We encourage you to support the preliminary adopted redistricting map H6001 in your deliberations.

It seems to us that the proposed map ensures a balance district, roughly split equally among voting Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. It also seems to make geographic sense, compared to the quilt-like patchwork district currently in place.

Thank you for your consideration,


Buel White


Beverlee White

August, 6, 2011

Dear Reapportionment Commissioner:

My name is Linda Champion. I live at 1733 Preston Drive, Longmont, Colorado, 80504.

I heartily agree with your reapportionment Plan H6001 for Longmont, Colorado. Please uphold and adopt H6001 for Longmont's reapportionment. Longmont needs to have one legislator to represent our city. We have not been well served with the city being divided into three districts as it has been these last 10 years.

A major flaw with Plan H6002 is that it draws the town of Lyons into District 11. Lyons is about 15 miles West of Longmont and has very little affinity with Longmont but has a great deal of affinity and identity with Boulder. This plan, also, removes a larger Southeast portion of Longmont, as well as, anything South of Hwy 36 and South of Ken Pratt Boulevard and 3rd Street to bring in the Lyons territory. This plan does not fairly serve the people of Longmont.

Please adopt Plan H6001.

Most sincerely and thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Champion".

Linda Champion

August 15, 2011

To the Members of the Reapportionment Commission

My name is Thomas Kegel, I have lived at the same address in Longmont for 23 years. I am submitting the following written testimony in support of the Reapportionment map identified as H6001.

The present apportionment has always appeared odd to me. Longmont and Boulder are both populous enough to each warrant a dedicated house district. But Longmont is divided into two districts and Boulder into three. In Longmont this has resulted in representation by people that don't live in Longmont.

I am pleased to find that H6001 gives one representative each to most of Boulder and most of Longmont. This makes much more sense than the current map. Please support H6001 to provide better representation to both these fine cities.

Respectfully

Thomas Kegel

Joel T. Champion, Ph.D.
1733 Preston Drive
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August 8, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
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RE: Testimony Regarding the 2011 Reapportionment Commission's State House Redistricting

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to continue to support the currently proposed redistricting map number H6001.

After carefully reviewing the legal criteria which you are obligated to consider and apply in making your decision and after reviewing the alternative map H6002v2/H7002v2, I believe that the currently proposed map (H6001) clearly meets the criteria more closely. Additionally, Governor Hickenlooper is also concerned with another dimension of "fairness"—"competitiveness." A careful analysis of the statistics relating to this decision criterion also clearly shows that, not only does H6001 better meet all of the legal criteria, but also it meets the criterion of competitiveness better than the alternate maps.

I find it interesting and somewhat distressing that the city of Lyons (with which we do not necessarily share a "community of interest" or common values) is included in the alternative map (H6002v2). The inclusion of Lyons with the city of Longmont appears to violate at least one, if not two, of the required criteria. Please take this factor into consideration as you make your decision.

For the past 10 years, we have lived in Longmont and have not been represented in our State Assembly by people who either live in our community or share our values and local concerns. The previous gerrymandering by the Colorado Supreme Court was politically driven to assure that one political party would clearly have an advantage in state elections. In my opinion, it is time to correct this situation and make your reapportionment decision based upon the legal criteria as well as the issue of competitiveness.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my testimony as well as that of other Longmont and Boulder County residents. We look forward to your making a fair and legal decision.

Sincerely,

Joel T. Champion

Joel T. Champion, Ph.D.
Longmont City Resident and Concerned Senior Citizen

To the state Re-districting Committee:

I support the re-districting map H6001 because it best meets all 5 of the legal criteria.

M Skibbe

Michael Skibbe

1414 Wildrose Dr.

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To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Beth W. Skibbe

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Gary W Wright
1195 Turquoise Dr.
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To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Julie Wright
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Julie A Wright

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Susan J. Wagner
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Susan J. Wagner

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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~~JEANNE~~
MONTIE J. KELSEY
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Montie J. Kelsey

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Dawn Burke
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Dawn E. Burke

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Kathken Griffin

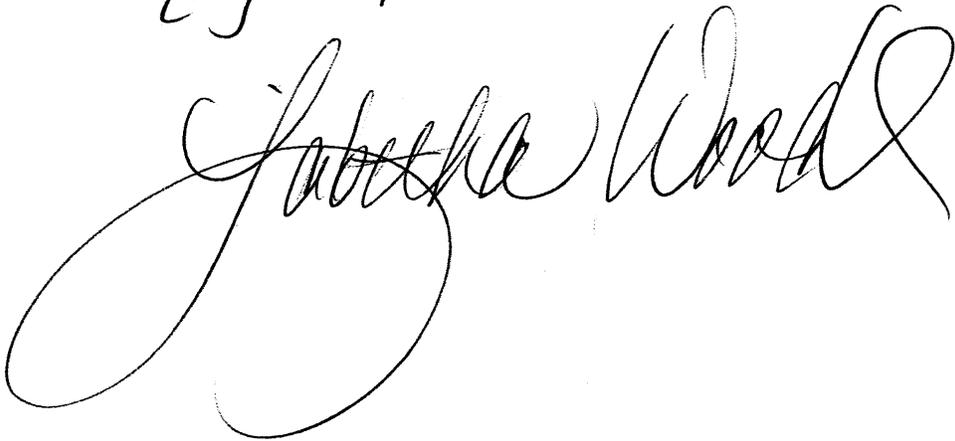
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To the state Re-districting Committee:

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TABITHA WOODS
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A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tabitha Woods". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, sweeping loops.

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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DONALD L. KELSEY
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LONGMONT, CO 80503

Donald L. Kelsey

To the state Re-districting Committee:

I support the re-districting map H6001 because it best meets all 5 of the legal criteria.

PHILLIP WILHELM

2161 SAND DOLLAR DR.

LONGMONT, CO 80503

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To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Charles W. Wright

1165 Turquoise Dr

Longmont Colo 80504

Charles W. Wright

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Karen Esch
1450 Bowen
Longmont, CO 80501

Karen Esch
8/13/2011

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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*Geneva T. Wright
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Geneva T. Wright*

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Linda Kaessner
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Linda Lee Kaessner
8/14/2011

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Donna E. Cross
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Donna E. Cross
8/14/11

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Lewis Johannes
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Lewis Johannes

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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James R. Murrey Jr.
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James R. Murrey Jr.

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Jennifer Cross
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Jennifer Cross
8/14/2011

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Richard Rollison
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To the state Re-districting Committee:

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CAROL SALTER

1012 Sparrow Hawk Dr.

Longmont, CO 80504

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Salter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed address information.

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Gail L. Gerdt

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1257 Button Rock Dr.

Longmont, CO 80504

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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Paul Maes 729 E. 4th Ave Longmont CO 80504

Paul Maes

To the state Re-districting Committee:

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MICHAEL L. KAESSNER
8902 QUAIL RD
LONGMONT, CO

Michael L. Kaessner

To the state Re-districting Committee:

I support the re-districting map H6001 because it best meets all 5 of the legal criteria.

Elaine Beary
9191 Nelson Rd.
Longmont, CO 80503
Elaine Beary

My name is Harry Hempy. I live in the mountains in Boulder County. When I looked up the adopted maps for the newly proposed mountain districts on the commission's website what I found is shocking! Around 125,000 people in west Boulder County and the city of Boulder, the current area of house districts HD 10 and 13, would lose their current elected representative due to selective gerrymandering of precincts in northeast and southwest Boulder.

The Commission's adopted House Plan would split precinct 74, northeast of Boulder, in half. [Precinct 74 is bounded by 71st St and 95th St on the west and east and by Mineral Road (Hwy 52) and Lookout Road on the north and south.] One half of precinct 74 is in district 12 and the other half of the precinct is in district 26. Oh, and it just happens that precinct 74 is the precinct Representative Hullinghorst lives in, putting her in a district that includes Granby. This is an obvious attempt to cut off an incumbent representative from her district and her established

constituency.

This situation is repeated in southwest Boulder where the plan would also remove Representative Levy from her mountain district and her established constituency.

Rep. Levy knows our mountain communities well. If mountain residents were to lose Rep. Levy's representation it would be a setback.

I don't appreciate efforts to gerrymander districts for the purpose of separating elected incumbents from their districts. It is unnecessary and I'm surprised that the practice is not prohibited.

Chris Rodriguez
1265 Button Rock Drive
Longmont, CO 80504

I'd like to thank the commission for their work on the important issue of reapportionment. I would also like to thank the commission for passing map **H6001** and I ask it to be unanimous amongst the commission to avoid the courts once again deciding how we are represented, as they did in 2001.

An interesting argument I've heard is that this map would "*fracture the Longmont Latino community*". This statement and reasoning is offensive as to suggest that redrawing a state house district would be so devastating as to fracture this or any community. Technically, since **H6001** and **H6002** have the exact same percentages of Hispanics, 23%, **H6002** I guess would also "*fracture the Longmont Latino community*". This argument is ridiculous and should be dismissed as such. As a Longmont "Latino" or "Hispanic", I feel my vote is better represented by being included with other Longmont residents and not those of other cities, regardless of race or origin.

H6001 would be much more competitive and fair. The current HD11 gives Democrats a **37-26** advantage in registered voters. **H6001** would split Democrats, Republicans, and the unaffiliated evenly, each getting a third. While competitiveness may not be part of the criteria, I contend that political affiliation *does* constitute a "community of interest", which *is* part of the criteria. If not, why are some arguing so vehemently to give one party advantage over another?

I hope the commission sees through these smokescreens, canards, and red herrings – and their own political leanings and preferences – and unanimously supports **H6001** in its current form.

Cordially,



Chris Rodriguez

August 15, 2011

August 15, 2011

Good evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Victor Hauser and I am a retired research engineer and now a volunteer in public service, as all of you on the commission are and I can appreciate the time and effort you have put into this task.

I live in the south part of the city of Boulder however my State Representative is not the State Representative who lives in the south part of the city of Boulder. My Representative is Dickey Lee Hullinghorst and she lives in Gunbarrel, in unincorporated Boulder County, while the Representative who lives in the south part of the city of Boulder represents the vast majority of unincorporated rural Boulder County, as well as two rural counties.

These current district designs make no sense and create situations where our representative who may have little actual involvement with their districts make policy decisions for them. A person living in Boulder is the logical one to represent the largest area of the City of Boulder and a representative living in unincorporated Boulder County should represent the majority of unincorporated Boulder County and the rural counties. I believe the H6001 map best corrects this problem

Thank you very much for your hard work trying to correct an inequitable situation with a much more sensible and fair district design in H6001.



Victor Hauser, PhD
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To Reapportionment Commissioners
August 15, 2011

My Name is Nikki Enriquez. I am sending this letter along with a friend since I am unable to attend this evenings meeting.

I have lived in Longmont all of my life. I graduated from Niwot High School. I have four children and a stay at home mom.

I like the house district map you have drawn up for Boulder County. I especially like what you have done for HD11. Also by having only two house districts instead of four for Longmont we will have a fairer representation, and thus will not be influenced by representatives living in Boulder. It also puts us minorities at 29% and that is a good thing.

Thank you for listening to the people of Longmont.

Sincerely,



Nikki Enriquez
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August 15, 2011

Good evening Chairman and Commissioners;

My name is Carolyn Hauser and I have lived in the city of Boulder for 32 years. I have been a volunteer 22 years with the American Red Cross on the local disaster teams and am now working with the national organization "Sew Much Comfort" retrofitting ready-made clothing for wounded soldiers.

Two of the main criteria for reapportionment are that the districts are compact and that they maintain an ongoing "community of interest".

I much prefer the reapportionment map number H6001 since both these criteria are adequately met for the city of Boulder.

The opposing map (H6002) under consideration, as well as the reapportionment map of the past decade, split Boulder and combines the city with outlying rural areas and so does not meet these two important criteria.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my viewpoint on reapportionment as well as listening to other concerned Boulder residents.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Hauser".

Carolyn Hauser
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REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION HEARING
BOULDER, CO
AUG 15, 2011

Hello, my name is Frances Sinton. First of all, thank you for serving on the Reapportionment Commission and giving everyday citizens such as myself a chance to be heard.

I have lived in the City of Boulder for over 36 years. I live just 3 blocks north of Mapleton in the current State House District 11 whose population is dominated by 2 thirds of Longmont. Obviously this situation is inexplicable and I want to thank you for adopting a preliminary House map that places me in a City of Boulder State House District. I feel strongly that it only makes sense that the representative who lives in the City of Boulder should represent the largest share of people who reside in the City of Boulder. The representative, who lives in unincorporated Boulder County, should represent the vast majority of people who live in unincorporated Boulder County. Map H6001 correctly and clearly creates this rational representation along with best meeting the legal criteria set forth by the Colorado Constitution.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frances Sinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'F' and 'S'.

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08/15/2011

To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I have lived in Longmont for 32 years. I am a small business owner, board member and incoming President of the professional organization that I belong to, the Front Range Association of Health Underwriters. I am a member of the Longmont Chamber of Commerce, former Cub Scout leader, youth volunteer which has included leading 3 home building missions to Juarez, Mexico. I also traveled to St. Genevieve Missouri to help the residents rebuild after the floods in 1993. My busy schedule now dictates that extended trips are no longer possible so I now share my horses and my equine knowledge with disabled and disadvantaged kids.

We are a nation of laws. Our State Constitution gives the legal criteria under which reapportionment is determined. The preliminary map H6001 meets the legal definitions nearly ideally. It is compact, with 88% of Longmont in the proposed HD11. The minority group is 29% and it maintains the economic, ethnic and geographic "communities of interest" criteria. We are not Boulder, we are not Lyons, we are Longmont. Our culture is very distinct from either of those 2 cities and the preliminary H6001 map supports this.

I support the preliminarily adopted map H6001 because it best meets the legal criteria as set forth in the State Constitution. I feel that it would be good for Longmont.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Penny Nickel", written over a horizontal line.

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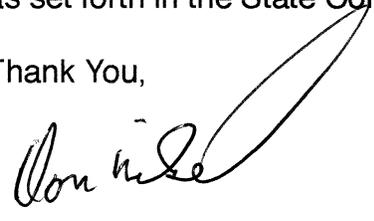
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To Whom It May Concern,

My family and I have lived in Longmont for 32 years and I have owned a small business for 26 of those years.

I support the preliminarily adopted map H6001 because it best meets the legal criteria as set forth in the State Constitution. I feel that it would be good for Longmont.

Thank You,



Don Nikel

Hello, and thank you for taking time to hear from the electorate.

My name is Errol Heiman. I am a retired electrical engineer, have lived in Boulder County since 1970 and in Longmont since January, 2008. Since leaving Seagate Technology in July 2009, I have strived to continue contributions to society by serving as a substitute high school teacher in the St. Vrain Valley school district, as a volunteer member of Longmont's Master Board of Appeals and as a volunteer driver at Tebo's Garage in Longmont.

Living in Boulder County as a conservative leaves me feeling powerless and disenfranchised at election time. I had hoped to find a more friendly conservative environment when we purchased our home in Longmont. That has mostly been the case within our circle of friends and acquaintances, yet we have been unable to achieve state house election successes because our votes are overwhelmed by influences outside our community. I hope to change that by urging you to adopt map H6001, which localizes our population in a compact voting district, with limited external influence.

Again, thank you for allowing me to testify.



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August 15, 2011

Christine Showers
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August 15,2011

Good evening Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

My name is Christine Showers and my family of four children and my husband have lived in Longmont for 9 years. I am a homemaker and I homeschool all of my children except my teenage daughter. I am also involved in my church which is also involved in our community in Longmont. So I have had many opportunities to serve the citizens of Longmont.

I would like you to know that this issue has taken me away from my family for the evening because I feel strongly about the adopted map H6001. I support this map because it almost supports the city in which my family, neighbors and I live. I feel strongly that Longmont needs a voice of its own and this map does that for my community. We as a community deserve the representation that is much needed for our city.

I thank you for your time and for the constitutionally drawn map H6001.

Christine Showers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Showers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

My name is Donna Whipple. I have lived in Longmont for over three years. I love it here and I am happy that this is where we have chosen to raise our family of going on 6 children. This is a great community with great schools and great opportunities for our children. I am a stay at home mom, and I also volunteer at my children's elementary school, I work as a volunteer for Boulder's Family Hospice and I serve as the leader of my church's children's organization.

I do not often attend things like this, but, I am here to personally thank you for working so hard to come up with fair districts for our state. I do not know how you could have come up with more fair, competitive or constitutional districts than you have on map H6001. I love how the map makes sense to average people like me! I love how you kept as much of Longmont as possible in one district! I also thought, how appropriate that the part of Longmont that is in a different district because of population, is its own small community of interest, "Old Town Longmont"!

In a time when I had lost faith that partisan politics would ever be put aside for the good of the people, your committee has restored my faith that a team of people with widely differing views can work together to come up with something fair! Thank you again!

Donna Whipple
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To the Chairman and Commissioners for the reapportionment effort,

My name is Travis Whipple, I am a resident of Longmont, a grass roots volunteer, a disabled veteran of operation Iraqi Freedom, a Cub Scout Den Leader, an active member of my church, and most importantly, a husband and a father of 5 with one more on the way. It is for all of these reasons and more I have taken the time to stand before you today.

I wish to express to you my gratitude for this open process and even more so, for the constitutional map H6001 that has been preliminarily approved by this committee. I especially wish to thank the leadership of the chairman. Thank you.

As indicated I support H6001. In a time when it seems that some would dismiss the constitutions of our state and this great country as old, out dated, for an agrarian society, it is refreshing to know that there are those who stand with our founding fathers, specifically John Adams, second president of the United States, when he said "They define a republic to be a government of laws, and not of men." Indicating that, as in this case, we do not set aside the laws directed in our state constitution for the establishment of house districts, based on political gain or an agenda, but we respect the law, approved by the citizens of this state, in the creation of a constitutional map, as indicated by the facts that this map provides HD11 with almost the ideal district size and keeps 88% of Longmont contained within it's boundaries and similarly boasts 81% of Boulder is contained within the single district of HD13. Thus fulfilling the requirement that cities shall not be divided except to meet the size constraint. For this effort I applaud this committee. And I humbly implore you to continue this great work.

Thank you for the time you have devoted to this endeavor and for the time you've permitted me to speak.



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Testimony RE: Redistricting in Colorado

Committee members:

I would like to voice my support for the preliminarily approved (H6001) redistricting plan that keeps Longmont as a contiguous entity. I believe that this plan satisfies the requirements set forth by the courts for redistricting.

Over the past 10 years, I have lived with a redistricting plan that does not satisfy the requirements set forth by the Colorado constitution. Specifically, the prior plan did not:

- Provide compactness or contiguity of districts. The dividing of the city of Boulder to have its influenced stretched up to Longmont was a travesty.
- Preservation of county or municipal boundaries. The prior plan completely disregarded municipal boundaries. No intellectually honest person can look at the prior map and argue that the way Boulder and Longmont were divided satisfied this requirement.
- Preservations of communities of interest. The prior plan lumped Longmont with Boulder. I know that I have a lot more in common with my neighbors than I do with people who live in the condos on Pearl street.

Under the proposed new map, the above bullets are no longer issues. Longmont is whole. Boulder is whole. No community of interest is forced on another. No municipal boundaries are twisted out of all recognition. The districts are compact as they can reasonably be.

The opposition to the new plan wants to push all limits of the legal definitions of gerrymandering. They want to push borders around and wrestle as much power out of the districts as they can. Some people opposing the preliminarily approved map claim their goal is to make elections "competitive". Competition is not required, nor should it be even considered, nor can it be accurately measured. A community that has a certain set of values should be able to elect representatives that reflect those values.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MW', written in a cursive style.

s/ Michael Waters

Bradley Beck
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8/15/11

Dear Commission Members,

My name is Bradley Beck and I am resident of the Town of Erie, living on the Boulder County side of my community. My family has lived in Boulder County for 13 years. I am a small businessman with my office located in the City of Boulder.

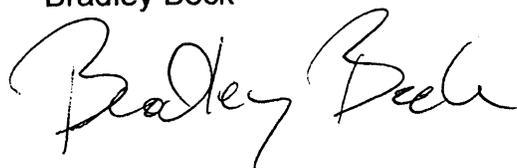
The "Preliminary Adopted Senate Plan" divides the Town of Erie. I request that the entire Town of Erie be placed into State Senate District 23. The resulting loss in population in State Senate District 17 can then easily be backfilled by adding precincts north and west of Longmont into State Senate District 17, which incidentally preserves the Longmont area "community of interest".

As far as State House Districts are concerned, I thank you for your "Preliminary Adopted House Plan" based on map H6001, because it keeps the entire Town of Erie in State House District 33. I believe H6001 represents the best interests of all concerned in the Town of Erie, as well as the entire county of Boulder.

According to the Colorado Constitution, cities and counties are not to be divided except to balance the population within each district and communities of interest, such as economic, ethnic or geographic areas, need to be preserved whenever possible.

In the interest of fair and representative government, the Town of Erie should be represented in a single State Senate District and a single State House District as a community of interest.

Thank you,
Bradley Beck



My name is Scott Whipple, I am a transfer student from Dixie College in southern Utah now attending Front Range community college. I recently registered to vote in Longmont where I now live and work. I am planning on attending CU - Boulder as soon as I get residency in Colorado, majoring in Political Science and Law.

I have seen the map, H6001, and would like to say, as an aspiring law student, I appreciate the efforts of this commission, especially the leadership of the chairman, for the constitutionality of this map. While it is true I am new to Colorado, I am a long time resident of the Rocky Mountain West, and I understand and respect the efforts to create a fair and lawful district map.

As I understand the Colorado Constitution, H6001, meets the criteria exceptionally well. This map provides HD11 with almost the ideal district size and keeps 88% of Longmont contained within one district and similarly places 81% of Boulder within HD13. Neither district requires their representative to represent more than the needs of a single city, justified by and meeting the size criteria and the requirement to keep cities and counties together whenever possible. To do otherwise, as I understand, the constitution would be in violation of these two constraints. It also makes HD11 as well as HD's 12 and 13 as compact as possible, and goes the extra step of meeting, again, as I understand it, the Governors directive to create competitive districts.

I support H6001.

Thank you for your time and effort.

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Gail Kuss
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Attachment EE

Good Evening -

My name is Gail Kuss.
Thank you very much for the
Constitutionally drawn map
H6001 which reapporitions voting
districts in Boulder County.

My husband, Richard, and I
live in the Westlake Village area
of Longmont. We moved to Boulder
County when my husband was
transferred from IBM in Poughkeepsie,
New York to IBM Boulder in May of
1996. This was meant to be a five-
year trial period; but like many
others, we fell in love with the area
and ended up making Colorado our
primary home state and Boulder County
in particular because of all it has
to offer its residents. We owned a condo
in Gunbarrel and remained there
until purchasing our single family home
in Longmont three years ago. We
very much enjoyed living in Gunbarrel
because of its close proximity to Boulder
proper, but we also have grown to like
Longmont living as well.

Both cities have charming cultural and geographical characteristics that are uniquely their own, and both cities' populations have an interesting and diverse mosaic of its constituencies, from home-grown local people to those who have moved here from around the state, the nation and around the world. And each city has its own style in how it plans its special events and activities. I believe that Map H6001 beautifully and fairly reflects the aforementioned individuality of each city's unique characteristics, culture and populations, and that all of Boulder County will reap the rewards and benefits of this action for years to come. Again, ~~we~~ thank you for your kind consideration to H6001 and hope you will vote to adopt it.

Gail Russ

August 15, 2011

Carole Zarrella
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Good evening. My name is Carole Zarrella and I live in Gunbarrel which is northeast of Boulder in unincorporated Boulder County. I am here tonight in support of map H6001. I have lived in Gunbarrel for three years. I have enjoyed and appreciated the differences between the City of Boulder and unincorporated Boulder County. The Gunbarrel area has more in common with the eastern unincorporated, plains areas than it does with the City of Boulder, including the topics of agriculture, livestock, prairie dogs and roads. I like that the City of Boulder and unincorporated Boulder County are distinctly different communities.

Because the City of Boulder cannot be solely in one house district due to the size of its population, the legislative criteria requires the area within a district to be as contiguous and as compact as possible. Map H6001 does this and does it well. In doing so, map H6001 also protects the differing and distinct communities of interest of both Gunbarrel and the City of Boulder, which is another legislative criteria.

I oppose map H6002. By tying Gunbarrel to the City of Boulder, my voice and Gunbarrel's interests will succumb to the residents of the City and their interests. Gunbarrel will not be represented.

I thank the Commissioners for map H6001, which is imminently logical and legislatively proper.

Follow up Testimony Aug 15, 2011

My name is Walter Engelhardt

I have been nearly a lifelong resident of Colorado save 4 years in which I worked and lived in Phoenix AZ. I live 3 miles north of the city of Longmont to the west of Highway 287, and 1 mile from the Boulder-Larimer County line.

As testified in July, my parents have roots here in Longmont where they were married and lived for awhile. I have a daughter that lives in Longmont with her two children. My son is a Principal of a grade school in Penrose Colorado. Thus I have a desire to keep Longmont and Colorado the best place to live, forever.

I am pleased with the maps drawn for the House districts in Boulder County, especially with HD11. After reviewing the data from your website, it meets all the criteria set forth in our state constitution; i.e., *population size* almost ideal, *compact as possible*, *88% of Longmont is in HD11* (not divided more than it has to be), *29% minority population*, and *community of interest*. But last, although not part of the constitution, it meets Governor Hickenloopers desire for a *competitive district*.

I have been following the newspaper articles about the concerns over the maps drawn up for Boulder County by the commissioners. I must say, I am a little disappointed in this respect. It seems that this last decade has been about Politics, and not about what is good for Colorado and its residents. After all, the people are what is important here, not the politicians. The politicians are here to serve the people, not the other way around. The gerrymandering that went about the last go around for Boulder County is appalling. I hope that will not be the case this time around. Even though I am registered in one party, does not mean I vote a straight party ticket. I vote for the candidate if I think he or she does what I think is good for me and the state... I do organic farming and have free range organic chickens. So that is what I will be looking for in the candidate in the next election, one that ascribes to a good healthy food supply. It is possible that those already in office may be re-elected; I think it all depends on their voting record.

I do want to petition for a change in the Senate District maps for Boulder County. Precincts of the rural areas north and west of Longmont should be added into State Senate District 17 in order to preserve the Longmont area "community of interest". They really are part of Longmont and most likely shop there to purchase their supplies for their farms. I doubt many go to Boulder to shop, I don't.

I would also recommend that Niwot be included as well. The following precincts would be added:

- To the north and west precincts: 141 and 231-234. (Total registered voters 3674). I cannot tell from the preliminary drawn map whether Precincts 174 and 203 (Voters 1675) are a part of SD17 or SD18. (Data obtained form Boulder County Clerk and Records office)
- Niwot Precincts 69-72 (Voters 3312).

In my opinion, this makes up a map that preserves a community of interest and a more contiguous one than what is currently drawn.

I realize that this will require some changes because SD17 will go over the required number and SD18 will lose some registered voters. Now, how do you solve the dilemma of adding to SD17 and taking away from SD18?

- The additional population in SD17 can easily be absorbed by simultaneously placing the Boulder County portion of the town of Erie (precincts 63-68, 6,535 voters) into State Senate District 23, which, by the way, allows Erie to be "whole and undivided." This pretty much balances out the gains in SD17 by the loss of the Erie Precincts (6,986 gain vs. 6,535 loss)
- You can backfill SD18 from SD35 since they are over the ideal by 1.61%. By taking ~8,000 from SD35 and adding that to SD18, SD17 and SD18 will deviate about 1.6%, and SD35 is less than 4%.

Thank you for listening and your consideration. I know this is hard work and it has taken away from your private lives. I thank you for your service.

Walter Engelhardt
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August 15, 2011

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To: Members of the 2011 Reapportionment Commission

First, of all thank you for serving on the reapportionment commission.

We have lived in Boulder, Colorado for the last 34 years. It truly is a unique cultural, economic and geographic community of interest. Therefore we support the proposed reapportionment map H 6001. This plan follows the criteria laid out in the Constitution and statutes of the state of Colorado which calls for compact communities of common interests. Please adopt map H6001.

Thank – you!

Lois Bjerke
Lois Bjerke,

Randy Bjerke
Randy Bjerke

August 15, 2011

Re: Hearing in Boulder of Reapportionment
University of Colorado in Boulder
Student Union, Room ~~247~~ 382 6 P.M.

Ladies and Gentlemen of this Committee,

Thank you for providing a Public Forum in Boulder to hear our local opinions on Reapportionment which is a once in ten years opportunity.

As a voting member of this community, I favor the layout of map H 6001 of the State House District which should keep Boulder and Longmont mainly intact in their own districts.

Your investment in time to deal with this Public Forum discourages political gerrymandering of our county and is most appreciated.

Sincerely.



Elizabeth L. Turner
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Boulder, CO 80304

In Support of H6001

As a 24 year resident of Boulder, I support the H6001 reapportionment map because it makes sense and would be less confusing to the voters.

I have worked as an election volunteer over the last ten years, and have seen much confusion among voters regarding their voting districts and candidates. The H6001 map is more straightforward and will be easier for everyone to understand.

Thank you for your hard work on this commission.

Barbara Hosmer
Boulder, CO

Marilee Nolte

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My name is Marilee Nolte. I have lived in Longmont for 16 years and am currently a resident of House District 11. I have taught school in Longmont the past 12 years. Grading rubrics are a common way of evaluating how well an assignment has been met. The assignment in this case was to come as close as possible to five criteria used to redraw boundaries of legislative districts for the Colorado House of Representatives.

Criterion 1 — an ideal House district will have 77,372 citizens (+ or - 5 percent is allowed)

Map H6001 comes within .4% of the ideal size — Criterion met with H6001

(The alternate map comes within 1.5%)

Criterion 2 — cities and counties are not to be divided except to balance the population within each district

Longmont's population is greater than the ideal of 77,372 citizens, therefore some dividing of the city was necessary. The commission did well in keeping 88% of the population within one district with Map H6001. — Criterion met with H6001

(The alternate map includes only 84% of Longmont's population.)

Criterion 3 — districts are to be drawn such that minority groups are able to elect representatives of their choice

Map H6001 does not disenfranchise minority ethnic groups. — Criterion met with H6001

(The alternate map has essentially the same ethnic make-up.)

Criterion 4 — the area within a district must be contiguous and as compact as possible

Map H6001 has an area of 48.8 square miles and a perimeter of 37.0 miles — Criterion met with H6001

(The alternate map has an area of more than twice the size at 102 square miles and a perimeter of 56.1 miles.)

Criterion 5 — communities of interest, such as economic, ethnic, or geographic areas, are to be preserved whenever possible.

The economic, ethnic, and geographic integrity of Longmont has been well maintained in Map H6001 — Criterion met with H6001

Selecting map H6001
was the best choice.
Well done!

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Fwd: Proposed House District Boundaries-House District 13

From : ALHNELSON@aol.com

Sun, Aug 14, 2011 02:47 PM

Subject : Fwd: Proposed House District Boundaries-House District 13**To :** vicechair@bouldercountydems.org

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Subj: Proposed House District Boundaries-House District 13

Dear Commission Members:

First let me express my regrets for not being able to attend the August 15th hearing in person due to a previous commitment. I have lived in and been involved with the Nederland mountain community for 30 years. In total I've been a Boulder County and Colorado resident for over 40 years so I am very familiar with the state as a whole and the specific demographics and community needs of the mountain areas surrounding Boulder.

I've just had a chance to look at the proposed changes to House District 13, in which I currently reside, and I find these changes make little logical sense. To begin with, I feel that our current house district boundaries are more representative of the demographics of the area, and that our current representative, Clare Levy, is well in touch with her constituency, and the specific needs of the area, and has done a great job of serving the people of District 13.

I also feel that the areas of western Boulder County, share many of the same issues with Gilpin and Clear Creek counties in addition to their geographical continuity. Specifically, there are forest related issues dealing with pine beetles, fire mitigation, and mountain tourism. By contrast, the proposed redrawn lines would combine more of a farming and agriculture demographic with our mountain community which I believe makes far less sense.

I seriously hope that the commission will rethink the boundaries effecting the current District 13, and appreciate your consideration. Again, I regret not being to attend the hearing in person.

Sincerely,
Allen H. Nelson, Ph.D

Testimony from James Butler to Colorado Commission on Reapportionment
 Resident of Gunbarrel since 1988
 August 15, 2011
 Boulder, Colorado

ISSUE

The proposed map for the reapportionment of the Colorado House cuts the Gunbarrel Community in half and puts much of Gunbarrel, a plains community, in with the mountain communities. Gunbarrel has worked hard to maintain coherence as it sits among several areas of governance. The community needs coherent representation at the State level that is not diluted by widely diverse interests.

BACKGROUND

- Gunbarrel is a largely unincorporated community of Boulder County, residing between Longmont and Boulder. Small parcels are within the City of Boulder city limits, owing to a couple of “flagpole” annexations in the 1990s. Population is of the order of 10-12,000.
- Most of Gunbarrel is served by the Boulder Post Office; some is served by the Longmont or Niwot Post Offices. All of Gunbarrel has Boulder phone numbers.
- Part of Gunbarrel is in the St. Vrain School District; most of Gunbarrel is in the Boulder School District
- There are several definitions of the boundaries of “Gunbarrel”, but the most accepted and useful is defined by Hwy 52 to the north, the Diagonal to the west, Jay Road to the south, and with the eastern edge of contiguous development (i.e., Heatherwood neighborhood) constituting the far eastern boundary.
- In summary, Gunbarrel can be viewed as an orphan in several ways. **We have, however, historically been represented in the same House District of the State of Colorado.**
- In spite of the diversity of governance, Gunbarrel has sought to keep a tight identity, as residents often felt they were a dumping ground for whatever issue was at hand. (It’s hard being an orphan . . .)
 - In the early 1990s, a consortium of 12 neighborhood homeowner associations formed the Gunbarrel Neighborhood Alliance (currently called the Gunbarrel Community Association) to address development, open space, and other collective issues around Gunbarrel.
 - In the mid 1990s, Gunbarrel formed its own Special Improvement District for the dual purpose of improving roads in the neighborhoods and purchasing parcels of open space around the neighborhood. This was put to the voters and received widespread approval. (I believe it was over 80% supporting establishment of this district).
 - Roadwork has been completed; open space has been purchased and donated to the County for maintenance
 - Gunbarrel now has an area designated for a “Town Center” and a hotel has been approved. RTD provides frequent trips to Boulder, occasional trips to Longmont; Gunbarrel is a planned FasTracks stop.

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- All of Gunbarrel is on “flat” ground; it is not contiguous with mountain communities, but rather should be thought of as a suburban community with closer ties to Boulder than to Longmont. The mountain communities have widely different interests and needs.

REQUEST

- **Our request is simple: Keep Gunbarrel in a single district, preferably together with eastern Boulder, with whom we share a common community of interest.**
- Gunbarrel needs coherent representation in the State Assembly now and in the future more than we ever have. Issues on transportation, open space and open space management, land-use change, and development are looming and all impinge on state laws and statutes, either directly or indirectly.
- The community has made great effort to build coherence over the past two decades; please do not strip this from us at the state level by running yet another sprawling line through it.
- Please support the orphan by ensuring this cohesion.

August 14, 2011

Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

Hello, my name is Jerry Longhurst. I live in unincorporated Boulder County just north of Longmont and Highway 66. My family and I have been residents of Longmont since 1985. For the past 10 years my Senate District (18) and my House District (13) have been gerrymandered with part of Boulder; whereas I should have the same HD & SD as the city of Longmont, since I am less than ¼ mile outside the city limits, on Jotipa Drive.

I like the map that was drawn up by the commissioners for HD11 this past July and I thank you for your consideration, it is a much fairer district. I pray it will remain that way. It goes along with the State Constitution on drawing maps.

I would like to petition the Commissioners to redraw the Senate District 17 map to include the area North of Longmont and Highway 66. With the map as proposed I am again gerrymandered with Boulder, and since I really am a resident of Longmont, I request that you redraw the map so that I can again be a part of Longmont for my Senate District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Longhurst". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Jerry Longhurst
9126 Jotipa Drive
Longmont, CO 80503

Please take this on my behalf to the meeting on Monday Aug 15th.

To whom it may concern:

While the attitudes and ideas of Boulder might work well in Boulder, they do not work well in Longmont.

The Western history of this town and this area is very much alive and well. But if it gets 'swept up' in the Boulder culture, that which makes this city on the plains attractive will be forever gone and Longmont will become just another boring bedroom community.

Since the preliminary map H6001 places Longmont in an "almost ideal" situation, let it left alone. Stop the land-grabbing and re-arranging of boundaries and attempts to make Longmont another Boulder. Let Longmonters go about its business of further developing that economic, ethnic and geographic personality that makes it so interesting.

Please adopt the Map H6001.

Thank you for listening.

Sign me a Proud Citizen of Longmont since 1979.


Theresa M. Blake
1731 Sumac Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501

Aug 15. 2011

Mr. Chairman, and Commissioners

I have been a citizen of the city of Boulder since 1966. I have reviewed the current proposed redistricting map H6001. I am pleased to see that the five criteria for my district #13, City of Boulder, are quite concisely met. With a population variation of only 2.5%, and the district/city not divided but left in an area compact and contiguous, the definition of the district is excellent. The community of the City of Boulder's interests should be well preserved by this district definition. I call this a job well thought out.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard T. Roark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "R".

Richard T. Roark

August 15, 2011

for 30 years. This is in House District 13.

Good evening, Commission. My name is Susan Marine, and I reside in Boulder, on the Hill, just west of the University. I speak as a former school board member of the Boulder Valley School District.

^{Our}
~~My~~ daughter attended Flatirons Elementary School, our neighborhood school. It draws from both the University of Colorado neighborhood and some mountain communities such as Sugarloaf and Sunshine Canyon. Our children play together and the parents work together. We are a community of interest.

Despite the name of Boulder Valley, the school district extends from part of east Boulder County (including Louisville and Lafayette) to the mountains, and even into a bit of Gilpin County.

including Nederland

However, the part of Gunbarrel, where Dickey Lee Hullinghorst lives, is in the St Vrain Valley School District. Combining the edge of St Vrain Valley with the mountains does not make for a compact district, or one that keeps communities of interest together.

^{I ask you to}

~~Please~~ consider keeping the communities of interest – in this case, school districts and neighborhood school attendance areas – aligned in a reasonable manner with the house districts. Please do not ~~change~~ reconfigure HD 13.

Thank you for your consideration.

Keep it as it has been.

Susan Marine
Boulder Valley School District Board Member, 1987 - 1997

15 August 2011

Subject: Support of adopted map H6001

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My wife and I have been retired and have lived in Louisville for the past 3 years. We believe the State House Districts shown on map H6001 follow the requirements of the Colorado Constitution.

Specifically the 2 major cities of Longmont and Boulder are compact and each contains a State House District that includes the vast majority of its citizens. The smaller towns of Louisville and Lafayette in eastern Boulder County are then grouped with the remaining balance of Longmont in a way that preserves the already recognized "old town" community of interest in State House District 12.

So having established Boulder and Longmont's 2 State House Districts as well as the eastern Boulder County House District 12, the remainder of western Boulder County is combined with Grand, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties to form a State House District as a "rural" community of interest.

Thank you for drawing the map H6001 because it best fits the legal criteria as set forth by the Colorado Constitution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David S. Zabel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

David S. Zabel

602 Fairfield Lane

Louisville, CO 80027

August 15, 2011

Paul Caldara
5186 Buckingham Road
Boulder, CO 80301-3748

My name is Paul Caldara. I've lived in Gunbarrel since 1993. Gunbarrel is located in unincorporated Boulder County northeast of the City of Boulder.

When I read the five criteria for redrawing boundaries of legislative districts, criteria such as cities & counties are not to be divided except to balance the population, and communities of interest are to be preserved whenever possible, I am left with the impression that the fundamental purpose of these criteria is to insure that citizens are provided representation.

Commissioners, as long as Gunbarrel is connected to the City of Boulder and the University of Colorado, we will not have representation. I am invisible because Gunbarrel is connected to the City of Boulder. It's as if we are in its orbit. We are under its influence and we can do nothing about it because it swamps us.

Commissioners, I invite you to my home so that you can see that Gunbarrel is not the City of Boulder, it is not CU. Gunbarrel is a community with separate and unique characteristics. Having the representation of the people of Gunbarrel tied to the city and university disenfranchises us. The same people who gave us this inexplicable situation support map H6002. I oppose map H6002 because it still ties Gunbarrel to the City and CU.

I strongly support map H6001 and I thank you for drawing it up. It gives me hope because it is rational. It not only protects my community of interest, it protects the community of interest of CU and the City of Boulder by keeping us separate. Aside from meeting the legal criteria, map H6001 will provide for me an avenue for representation because my voice will not be competing with the voices of the City of Boulder and the students of CU. I will no longer be invisible. Please adopt map H6001.

Good evening.

Thank you for your work on the Reapportionment Commission.

My name is Joel Davidow.

I am a resident of Senate District 18 and House District 10.

I support the preliminary plan for Senate District 18, but have three areas of concern regarding the preliminary plan for House District 10.

1. Gunbarrel and Heatherwood

In my experience, the areas around Gunbarrel and Heatherwood are connected more to the eastern portion of the city of Boulder than to Lafayette and Louisville; examples include transportation corridors and economic activity.

In addition, the growing community and economic cohesion of the Gunbarrel and Heatherwood areas would be more effectively represented if not diluted by being split into different house districts.

The areas around Gunbarrel and Heatherwood should remain in the house district with central Boulder.

2. northern Boulder

The northern portion of the city of Boulder, especially west of Broadway, should remain in the same house district as central Boulder as it has much more in common with central Boulder than with the mountains west of Boulder.

In addition, the northern portion of Boulder should be in one house district. The preliminary plan separates the Winding Trail neighborhood from Parkside on its west and Palo Park on its east; these neighborhoods should be in the same house district.

3. southwest foothills

The southwest portion of Boulder at the foot of the mountains shares concerns with the mountainous areas in Gilpin, Clear Creek, and Grand Counties such as wildfire and pine beetles.

It should remain in the same house district as the mountainous areas in Gilpin, Clear Creek, and Grand Counties.

Thank you.

August 11, 2011

To Chairman and members of the Colorado Reapportionment Commission:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the service you are performing for our state. I am sincerely grateful for the decisions you have made concerning Longmont. You have corrected several errors committed ten years ago by the previous commission.

You have restored the community of interest to the majority of citizens of Longmont and returned the logical connections of those living between Longmont and the Larimer County line. The district will be as compact as possible within population restraints. The next representative will no longer be subject to divided loyalty between Longmont and other communities.

The issue of competitiveness has been brought up as a criteria for creating district boundaries. Let me point out that going back to the late '70s, the representatives elected for Longmont have alternated between Republican and Democrat until the last election. The last redistricting changed that. The boundaries you have proposed should restore that balance.

Thank you again for your service and for considering my comments.

Bill Swenson
Former Representative HD12

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Swenson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and title.

Reapportionment Hearing

August 15, 2011

CU Campus, Boulder, CO

Chairman Mario Carrera and Commissioners,

I'm a Colorado Native. My husband Benjamin, our three sons, and I are residents of Longmont. I am here today to express my support for the preliminary adopted map H6001 and in particular the area of Longmont HD11. This map indeed fits the constitutional criteria in the best possible way for the city of Longmont. Most importantly to me as a resident of Longmont, it just makes sense. It puts Longmont District 11 into a compact area where we will truly feel represented as a community. It also keeps our city together with as little division as possible. I think that because of its population size if Longmont has to have an area taken out, it makes sense that the area of old town would be the best choice. Old town is truly a unique area and community of interest. However the rest of Longmont should remain together as a cohesive unit without bringing in areas of Lyons.

I'd like to express my appreciation for the maps preliminary adoption. I think that it shows great character on the part of this commission and a commitment to fairness. Of course there are going to be differences of opinion but I think it is best to strive for fairness under the criteria set forth in a non-partisan manner. This map does just that and will earn respect in the end. On the other hand, if H6002 is adopted it will be obvious to many that it was for political gain and not in the best interest of the communities it affects.

I'd like to ask that you adopt map H6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Morales". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Suzanne Morales

3011 17th AVE Apt E

Longmont, CO 80503

Reapportionment Hearing

August 15, 2011

CU Campus, Boulder, CO

Chairman Mario Carrera and Commissioners,

I grew up in Mexico but I recently became a citizen of the United States. I've lived in Boulder County since migrating to the United States fifteen years ago. I love this area and all of its cities. I'm an independent voter and not affiliated with either major political party. I'm just beginning to understand the political process here in this country but I tend to be very cynical about politics. As a Hispanic I don't like being used as a political pawn. I care about all in my community regardless of their race.

As a Longmont resident, I personally like the H6001 map because it seems to give my community the best representation. If the voting process is fair, I am more inclined to be involved and feel like my vote counts. This map fits the constitutional guidelines and allows HD11 to be a politically competitive area that will encourage more of us to be involved. I'm not sure how adding part of Lyons into district 11 fits the constitutional guidelines. Lyons seems to be a community very separate from Longmont in interests as well as geographically. Longmont needs its own representation where we together in this community can be more connected.

Please move forward in adopting map H6001 as your final plan.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Morales', written in a cursive style.

Benjamin Morales

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Laura Spicer
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1. HD 10 and 13 boundaries in and around Boulder should be restored. HD 13 currently encompasses south Boulder city, the mountain precincts of Boulder County plus parts of Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. It has been effectively represented by Claire Levy for 5 years. HD 10 currently encompasses the much of north and east of Boulder city plus the neighborhoods in east of Boulder County. It has been effectively represented by Dickey Lee Hulinghorst for three years. For reason that mystify us, the Commission re-drew the boundary slightly between these two districts so that they are representing most of the other's former district. In the short term, this will mostly serve to diminish the effectiveness of these districts' representation with no apparent long-term upside.
2. The Mountain precincts of Boulder County—nearly 50% of the County's geography—has much in common with the County's to the West, South and Southwest: Grant, Clear Creek and Gilpin. These areas should be represented by the same House Member and the same Senator. They share the same issues and challenges: national forests, wild fires, pine beetle damage, lots of snow for months on end, watershed and storage issues, ski resorts, abandoned mines, isolated towns, etc.
3. Equitable representation- current approved lines split Boulder into two unequal parts, roughly 80/20. We request fair representation to have a more equitable voice and would ask for more equitable distribution of the city between representatives.

4. Agree w/ SD approved map for our area
16 + 18

Please distribute to Commissioners.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening. I have been a resident of Longmont for 39 years and live in House district 12. In fact I am one of the very small slice of citizens who the Commission's adopted plan lumps with Lafayette and Louisville effectively disenfranchising me as a Longmont voter and I am VERY unhappy about it. I see no real value in slicing off a piece of Longmont and then celebrating that 88% of Longmont can be in House District 11. What is wrong with having two strong voices for Longmont in the State House? Longmont is too big to be one house district. The fair and equitable thing to do is draw lines that divide Longmont with more citizens in each district. That will keep Longmont's citizens well represented. Both elected representatives can speak for Longmont giving us two votes in the state house rather than 1. I do not see this as a "win" for Longmont as some people have described in our town newspaper. I care about the issues in my town and I want District 12 to be big enough to have FAIR representation.

In fact in 2002 a very similar plan was proposed for house district lines. I would like to read from the Colorado Supreme Court's decision at that time.

Supreme Court of Colorado,
En Banc.
In re REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE COLORADO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
No. 01SA386.
Feb. 22, 2002.

Colorado Reapportionment Commission submitted for review a plan that reapportioned districts for both of state's legislative houses. The Supreme Court, Hobbs , J., disapproved plan and remanded matter to commission for revision.

(I will cut to the section that specifically relates to Longmont on pg 9 of Part two of the ruling)

The Hume amendment isolates a small segment of the population of the City of Longmont from all other Longmont residents. The Commission determined that placing this small group of Longmont residents in a district dominated by Boulder would effectively disenfranchise them. By contrast, dividing Longmont roughly evenly between two senate districts, as the Commission has done, provides Longmont residents with a more effective voice in the Legislature because they will have the ear of two senators, rather than one.

As you can see this issue of "isolating a small segment of Longmont" has already been disapproved by the Colorado Supreme Court. Why are we revisiting this idea at this time? Since the adopted plan is not in line with the Colorado Supreme Court's ruling in 2002 I strongly question why it is being considered again. What is the rationale that makes this adopted plan so wonderful for Longmont? One voice instead of 2? Cutting out the heart of Longmont and disenfranchising citizens like me? I strongly oppose this plan and think that the commission should reconsider particularly in light of the Supreme Court ruling in 2002.

Marilyn Hughes of Longmont Aug. 15, 2011

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My name is Bill Van Dusen. My address is 916 Sixth Avenue, Longmont Colorado 80501. I am an attorney and a small business owner in Longmont. I want to thank the Commission and the Chair for giving me and our community the opportunity to speak about the reapportionment issue. This issue is extremely important to me and has affected me personally and directly in the past. In 1998, I ran for state house in Longmont. At that time, Longmont was entirely in House District 12.

In 2002 because of the increase in the Longmont population over the years, Longmont was split into two Legislative districts, District 11 and District 12. That reapportionment commission did a fine job in determining where and how to split up Longmont.

- The commission made sure that the boundary of each Legislative district was drawn as short as possible creating a district area as compact as possible so as not to run the risk of gerrymandering;
- The commission did not disenfranchise Longmont residents by splitting them *into* Legislative districts that marginalized them;
- The commission made sure to preserve communities of interest that the commission found to exist within each Legislative district;
- The commission made sure that by dividing Longmont evenly between two Legislative districts, Longmont residents would have two representatives at the state level to voice their concerns, rather than just one.

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And the Colorado Supreme Court agreed with the Reapportionment Commission and upheld their decision. The Court actually held that, though you, as a reapportionment commission, have broad leeway in making reapportionment decisions, you must still follow Federal and state guidelines.

in the aggregate
Creating short district boundaries, not disenfranchising citizens, preserving communities of interest, and dividing Legislative Districts evenly are among these critical and binding guidelines. You must follow them.

The option that you have adopted and for which you want community support; the option which cuts out the very heart of Longmont; the option which fails to follow the Federal and state guidelines that the Colorado Supreme Court has required you to follow in making reapportionment decisions must be rejected. This option:

- Disenfranchises citizens
- Divides the very heart of Longmont
- Fractures the Latino Community in Longmont
- Fails to give Longmont strong representation at the state level
- Gerrymanders boundaries.

I know that you want to do the right thing for Colorado and her communities. I am confident that, after you have heard all the testimony from concerned citizens today, you will do the right thing and choose an option for Longmont that complies with the Colorado constitution and the Colorado court decisions, augments our community, and fairly reflects the very spirit of representative government that reapportionment is all about. Thank you.