

**Final**  
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/16/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: <b>06:00 PM to 10:00 PM</b>	Atencio X
Place: Arapahoe Community College Littleton	Berry X
	Carroll X
This Meeting was called to order by <u>Nicolais</u>	Jones *
	Loevy E
This Report was prepared by <u>Bo Pogue</u>	Nicolais X
	Salazar X
	Tool X
	Witwer X
	Webb *
	Carrera X

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

Bills Addressed:	Action Taken:
Welcome and Introductions	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only
Public Testimony	Witness Testimony and/or Committee Discussion Only

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**06:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions**

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Nicolais, acting chair, provided background on the commission's slate of public hearings, and provided background on the commission and its work. Commissioners Salazar, Tool, Atencio, Carroll, Carrera, Witwer, and Berry introduced themselves to the audience. Mr. Troy Bratton, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Mr. Bratton then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts. Commissioner Nicolais made some welcoming remarks in opening the floor to public testimony.

**06:09 PM -- Public Testimony**

The following persons testified at the Littleton hearing:

**06:09 PM --** Ms. Mary Wenke spoke in favor of apportioning four Senate seats to Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding discontiguous portions of Arapahoe County within Denver.

**06:12 PM** -- Ms. Jewell Hargrave spoke approvingly of the commission's Senate map with respect to Arapahoe County, and requested that four Senate seats be apportioned to Arapahoe County.

**06:13 PM** -- Ms. Esther Herdt encouraged the commission to draw four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Commissioner Jones introduced himself to the audience.

**06:15 PM** -- Ms. Toni Winchester supported the commission's House map, and requested that the commission draw four Senate seats within Arapahoe County.

**06:16 PM** -- Ms. Anna Marie Kratzer, representing herself, supported the joining of certain municipalities within House District 3 in the commission's plan, and reiterated previous testimony on drawing four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding the previous splitting of Englewood for redistricting purposes.

**06:18 PM** -- Mr. Micah Marmaro, representing himself, objected to the drawing of Senate District 28 in the commission's plan on the basis of compactness and communities of interest. Mr. Marmaro made suggestions on how to improve the district. Discussion ensued regarding the ethnic groups contained within the district as drawn in the proposed plan, and the demographic differences throughout the district. Commissioner Webb introduced himself.

**06:27 PM** -- Ms. Rita Hyland, representing herself, spoke in support of drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County, and discussed the communities of interest in Arapahoe County. Ms. Hyland also discussed a portion of Denver within Senate District 26, and the population in this portion. Discussion ensued regarding having a Senator from Denver potentially representing a district largely within Arapahoe County.

**06:32 PM** -- Mr. H. Jay Ledbetter, representing himself, supported the commission's House plan and reiterated earlier testimony about drawing four Senate seats within Arapahoe County. Mr. Ledbetter also supported keeping cities whole, and discussed the difficulties of representing multi-county districts. Mr. Ledbetter also supported keeping neighborhoods whole. Commissioner Jones clarified the boundaries of the district he represents in the state House.

**06:35 PM** -- Mr. Jim Hargis, representing himself, discussed efforts made to make a cohesive Centennial, and objected to splitting the city in the proposed Senate plan. Mr. Hargis discussed differing communities of interest contained within Senate District 28 in the proposed Senate plan. Mr. Hargis responded to questions about how to draw the Senate districts affecting Centennial.

**06:42 PM** -- Ms. Cindy Webb discussed the differences between Denver and surrounding municipalities, and supported putting House District 3 within Arapahoe County in the commission's proposed plan. Ms. Webb objected to drawing a portion of Denver into Senate District 26, as it is in the commission's proposed Senate plan. Ms. Webb supported drawing four Senate districts entirely within Arapahoe County, and supported the commission's keeping Englewood whole in the House plan. Ms. Webb discussed communities of interest surrounding Cherry Creek Reservoir, and objected to including a portion of Aurora in House District 3 in the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the level to which residents of certain Denver neighborhoods conduct their affairs in Arapahoe County. Discussion followed regarding in which municipality the Denver Tech Center is situated, and

communities of interest associated with the center.

**06:53 PM**

Ms. Webb responded to questions regarding the differences in lifestyle of the residents of and level of services provided by the portion of Denver within the proposed plan's House District 26 in comparison to the Arapahoe County portion of the district. Discussion ensued regarding these points.

**06:57 PM** -- Mr. Tom Myers, representing himself, supported keeping Arapahoe County whole in the Senate plan.

**06:59 PM** -- Ms. Jeanne Hill, representing herself, supported the commission's House plan while opposing its Senate plan, and echoed support for drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Hill's reference to gerrymandering in the commission's Senate plan.

**07:02 PM** -- State Representative Nancy Todd, representative of House District 41, discussed the contours of House District 41 in the commission's proposed plan, and the potential for redrawing portions of the district based on such factors as school district boundaries. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits of keeping school districts intact as communities of interest, and issues surrounding the Four Square Mile area of Arapahoe County. Representative Todd responded to questions regarding the importance of keeping school district boundaries intact as compared to municipal boundaries. Representative Todd made recommendations for drawing House District 41.

**07:14 PM**

Representative Todd discussed the school districts within Senate District 28 under the commission's proposed plan.

**07:16 PM** -- Mr. David Kerber, representing himself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed House plan, and expressed concerns with placing a portion of Denver in Senate District 26 under the commission's Senate plan. Mr. Kerber discussed differences between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the district in terms of services and communities of interest. Mr. Kerber cited the legal criteria violated in the drawing of Senate District 26 under the commission's plan. Discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of the Regional Transportation District, as compared with other boundaries and communities of interest. Commissioner Webb responded to certain portions of Mr. Kerber's testimony.

**07:27 PM** -- Ms. Jean Greenberg, representing herself, supported joining the Denver portion of Senate District 26 with the rest of the district in the commission's proposed plan, and listed other reasons for keeping the district as it is in the proposed plan.

**07:29 PM** -- Ms. Anna Fugier, representing herself, supported removing the Denver portion of Senate District 26 in the commission plan. Commissioner Carroll explained why this portion was included in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan. Ms. Fugier supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Ms. Fugier responded to questions regarding the creation of different communities of interest by the confluence of

Interstates 25 and 225 in the proposed Senate District 26.

**07:32 PM** -- Ms. Carol Waller, representing herself, reiterated earlier testimony about including a portion of Denver within Senate District 26 under the commission's proposed plan, and explained how these communities differ. She also supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County.

**07:34 PM** -- Ms. Lori Horn, representing herself, spoke in support of keeping Arapahoe County whole in the Senate plan.

**07:35 PM** -- Ms. Pam Gail, representing herself, thanked the commission for its drafting of Senate District 27 in the proposed plan, and explained her reasons for supporting the district as drafted.

**07:38 PM** -- Mr. Todd Mata, representing himself, discussed the similarities between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the proposed Senate District 26, and provided background on the creation of the Denver Tech Center. Commission members received a packet of information about the Denver Tech Center and its real estate market (Attachment A). Mr. Mata discussed the attachment, and rebutted earlier testimony about the likelihood of a Denver resident representing the proposed Senate District 26 in the Senate. Mr. Mata also discussed school district issues previously raised, and the defining characteristics of the proposed Senate District 27. He supported this district as proposed. Mr. Mata responded to questions regarding keeping Centennial whole within a Senate district, and the nature of the portions of Centennial drawn out of Senate District 27 in the proposed plan.



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**07:48 PM**

Discussion ensued regarding the historic mixing of portions of Arapahoe County and Denver on a facilities use basis. Commissioner Carroll provided some historical background about Arapahoe County. Discussion returned to the nature of the portions of Centennial excluded from Senate District 27 in the proposed plan, and the potential for keeping Centennial whole within a Senate district. Mr. Mata reiterated his support for the contours of the proposed Senate District 27. Mr. Mata responded to questions regarding the community of interest associated with the Denver Tech Center, and his preference for district political competitiveness in Arapahoe County.

**07:59 PM** -- Ms. Laurie Ritchie, representing herself, discussed the commonalities shared between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and the population and lifestyle of the residents of the Denver portion. Ms. Ritchie discussed how excluding portions of Centennial from Senate District 27 in the proposed plan affects district competitiveness, and supported the commission's proposed Senate District 27. Ms. Ritchie expressed support for district political competitiveness.

**08:05 PM** -- Mr. Donovan O'Dell, representing himself, explained why the Denver Tech Center and Arapahoe County portions of the commission's proposed Senate District 26 constitute a community of interest, and discussed the political competitiveness of the district. Mr. O'Dell responded to questions about his business, and his experiences in the Denver portion of the proposed Senate District 26. Mr. O'Dell responded to further questions regarding district political competitiveness. Discussion ensued on this issue.

**08:14 PM** -- Mr. Michael Clapman, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed Senate District 27, and discussed community commonalities between the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of

proposed Senate District 26. He also explained why including certain portions of Centennial in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan is sensible.

**08:16 PM** -- Ms. Susan Beckman, representing herself, discussed the shared services and interests within the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and explained why the district as proposed is unmanageable. Ms. Beckman also supported drawing four Senate districts in Arapahoe County.

**08:19 PM** -- Ms. Jeanne McWilliam, representing herself, supported Senate District 26 as proposed by the commission.

**08:21 PM** -- Ms. Barbara McDaniel spoke in support of Senate District 26 as proposed by the commission, and discussed the district's competitiveness.

**08:23 PM** -- Mr. Jerry Roach, representing himself, expressed reservations about crossing county lines to create Senate District 26 in the proposed plan, and supported drawing four Senate districts in Arapahoe County. He referenced a similar situation of county line crossing on the proposed Senate map between Jefferson and Adams Counties.

**08:27 PM** -- Mr. Ron Rakowsky, representing himself, discussed the history of Denver and Arapahoe Counties, and supported the testimony of Mr. Kerber. Mr. Rakowsky supported the commission's proposed House District 3, and spoke in favor of drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Mr. Rakowsky discussed the boundaries of the Denver Tech Center, and the connection between Denver and the surrounding suburbs. Mr. Rakowsky discussed the legal criteria that the commission must observe, and district competitiveness.

**08:35 PM** -- Ms. Carol Porter, representing herself, discussed suburban living, requested that this identity be preserved, and supported drawing four Senate districts within Arapahoe County. Ms. Porter discussed the population of an area in the commission's proposed Senate District 26, and differences between Denver and Arapahoe County.

**08:40 PM** -- Ms. Rebecca McClellan, representing herself, discussed utility issues affecting portions of urban Arapahoe County, and explained how these issues unite the proposed Senate District 27. She also discussed the school districts in proposed Senate District 27. Ms. McClellan addressed the issues raised earlier about portions of Centennial drawn into Senate District 26 in the commission's proposed plan.

**08:45 PM** -- Ms. Michele Austin, representing herself, asked a question about differing treatment of portions of Bow Mar between the proposed House and Senate plans. Ms. Austin expressed displeasure with the drawing of House District 3 in the commission's proposed plan, preferring that the district be drawn to the south. Discussion ensued regarding the contours of House District 3.

**08:51 PM** -- Mr. Ron Dietz, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House District 38, and supported earlier testimony in opposition to including a portion of Denver in the proposed Senate District 26. He made proposals about how to improve the district.

**08:54 PM** -- Mr. Ed Williams discussed the creation of Senate District 28 during the last round of redistricting. Commission members received three maps pertaining to Aurora's public schools (Attachment B). Mr.

Williams discussed how the school districts affect the drawing of district maps, and provided background on previous efforts at redistricting. Mr. Williams discussed the importance of high school football as a community of interest, and offered his views about district competitiveness. Mr. Williams discussed a portion of unincorporated Arapahoe County within the current Senate District 28.



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**09:04 PM**

Mr. Williams discussed how reservoirs affect the southern Metropolitan area.

**09:06 PM** -- Mr. Mitchell Wright addressed a portion of Centennial that is included in Senate District 26 under the proposed plan, and discussed the communities of interest shared by the Denver and Arapahoe County portions of the proposed district.

**09:10 PM** -- Mr. Steve Ward, representing himself, discussed district competitiveness, and supported keeping Senate District 26 wholly within Arapahoe County, making suggestions on how to draw the district. Mr. Ward then discussed the shared communities of interest within the urban portion of Arapahoe County. Discussion ensued regarding the self-containment of municipalities and communities. Discussion followed regarding the legal criteria that the commission must observe in performing its redistricting duties.

**09:20 PM**

Discussion ensued regarding the need to create county splits to meet the equal population criteria. Discussion returned to the issue of political competitiveness in districts. Mr. Ward responded to questions about commuting patterns in Arapahoe County.

**09:28 PM** -- Ms. Mary Ellen Wolf expressed support for both the proposed Senate and House plans based on the competitiveness of the proposed Senate District 26 and House District 3. Ms. Wolf provided some history about the development of the Denver Tech Center area, and explained how the boundaries in that area are not clear-cut. Ms. Wolf discussed similarities shared among the area, and addressed earlier testimony about a portion of Centennial included in the proposed Senate District 26. Discussion ensued about the schools serving this portion.

**09:34 PM** -- Mr. Lawrence Depanbusch, representing himself, discussed district competitiveness in Denver, and expressed concerns about the borders of Senate Districts 26, 27, and 32 in the proposed plan. He made specific proposals for redrawing Senate District 26.

**09:40 PM** -- Mr. John Buckley, representing himself, discussed the legal criteria required to be considered in redistricting, and provided his views on district political competitiveness. Mr. Buckley made observations about the borders of the Senate districts in Arapahoe County under the proposed plan, and discussed the fire protection districts in these proposed districts. Mr. Buckley addressed issues raised in earlier testimony in his support of the proposed Senate plan, including county splits, neighborhood comingling, and municipal services.

**09:51 PM** -- Mr. Bernard Zimmer, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House plan, and explained that the portion of proposed Senate District 26 bounded by Interstates 25 and 225 is different

than the Arapahoe County portion of the proposed district. Mr. Bernard also explained that the western portion of the proposed Senate District 26 are a shared community of interest, separated from other portions of the district by the Interstate.

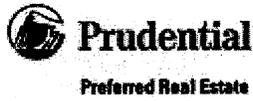
**09:59 PM** -- Mr. Terry Todd thanked the commission for its work.

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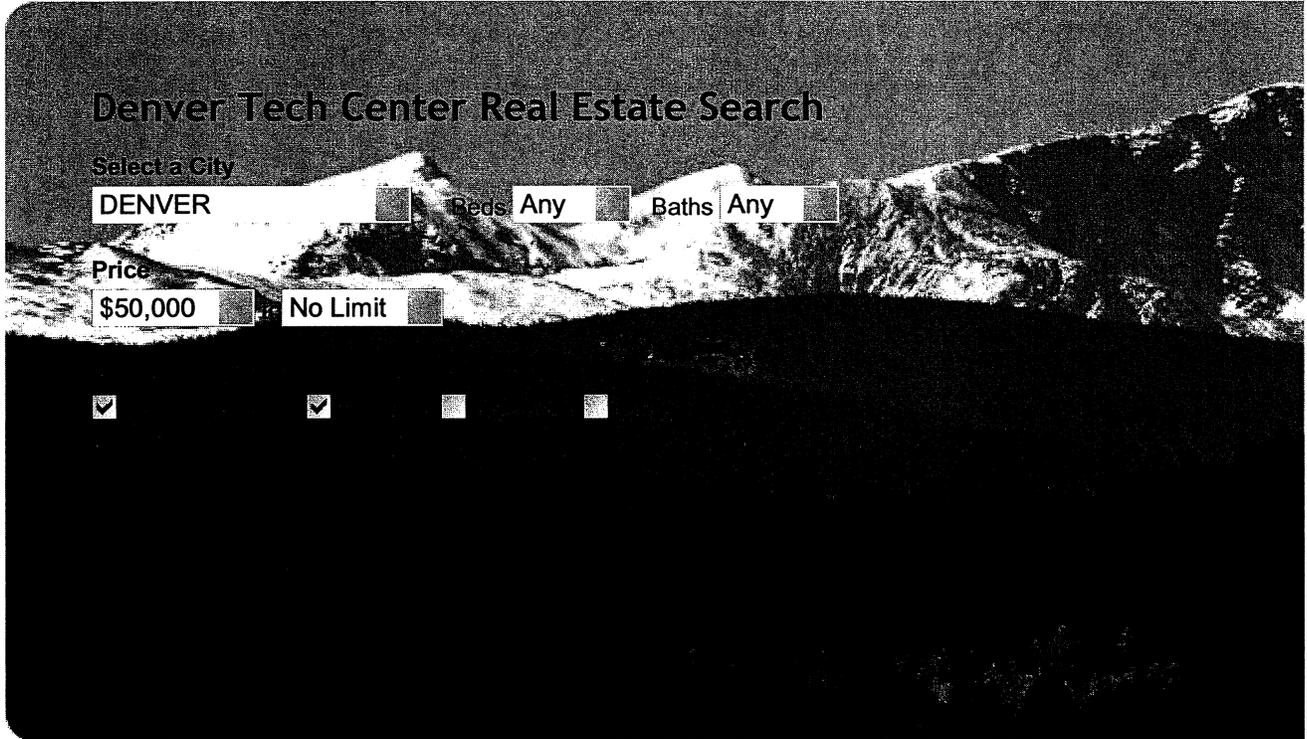
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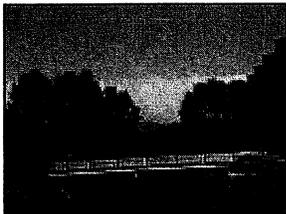
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The area is near and around the intersection of I25, Denver's main highway North and South, and I225, which is a large bypass highway to the east that accesses and runs through Aurora. Homes in the Denver Tech Center are easy access to many businesses that house their operations in the Denver Tech Center. Homes located in the DTC are conveniently located to access workplace environments and both in the DTC and Downtown Denver. If you are looking for a high rise living space, you may want to consider the Landmark or Penterra Plaza both of which are located conveniently to the Tech Center and have spectacular views of the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

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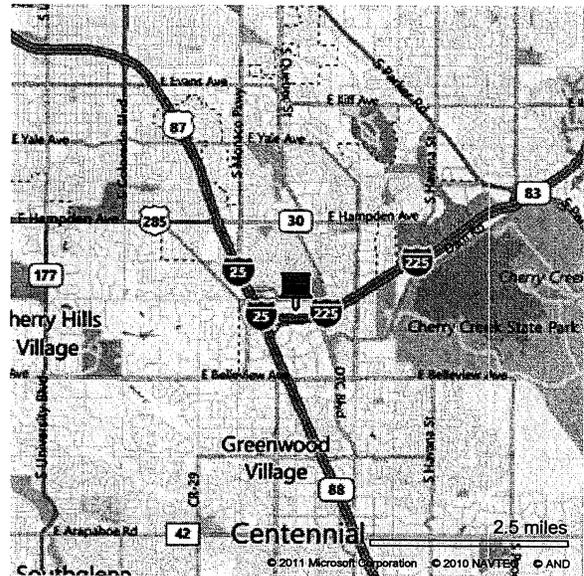
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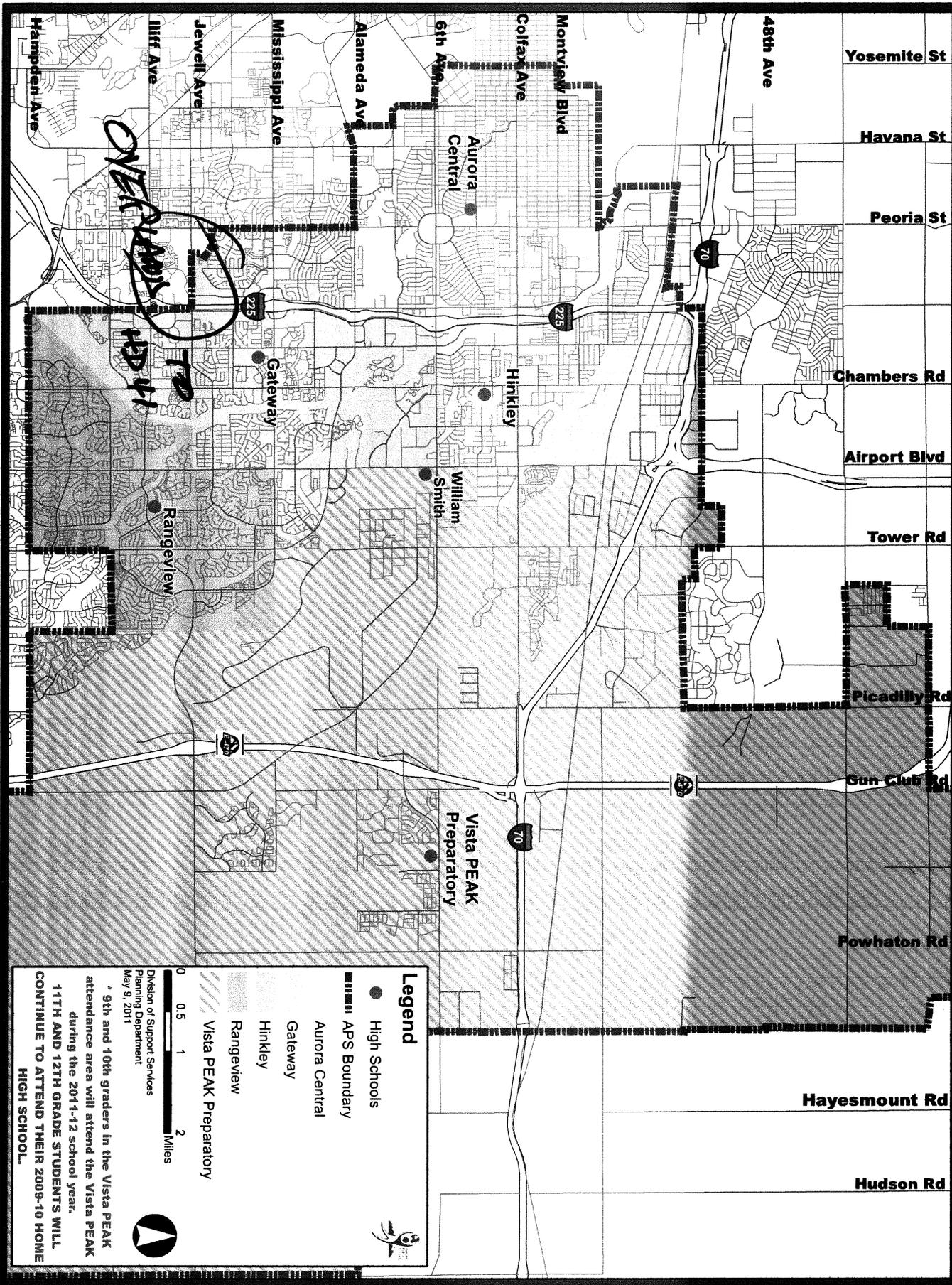
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Aurora Public Schools 2011-12 High School Attendance Areas



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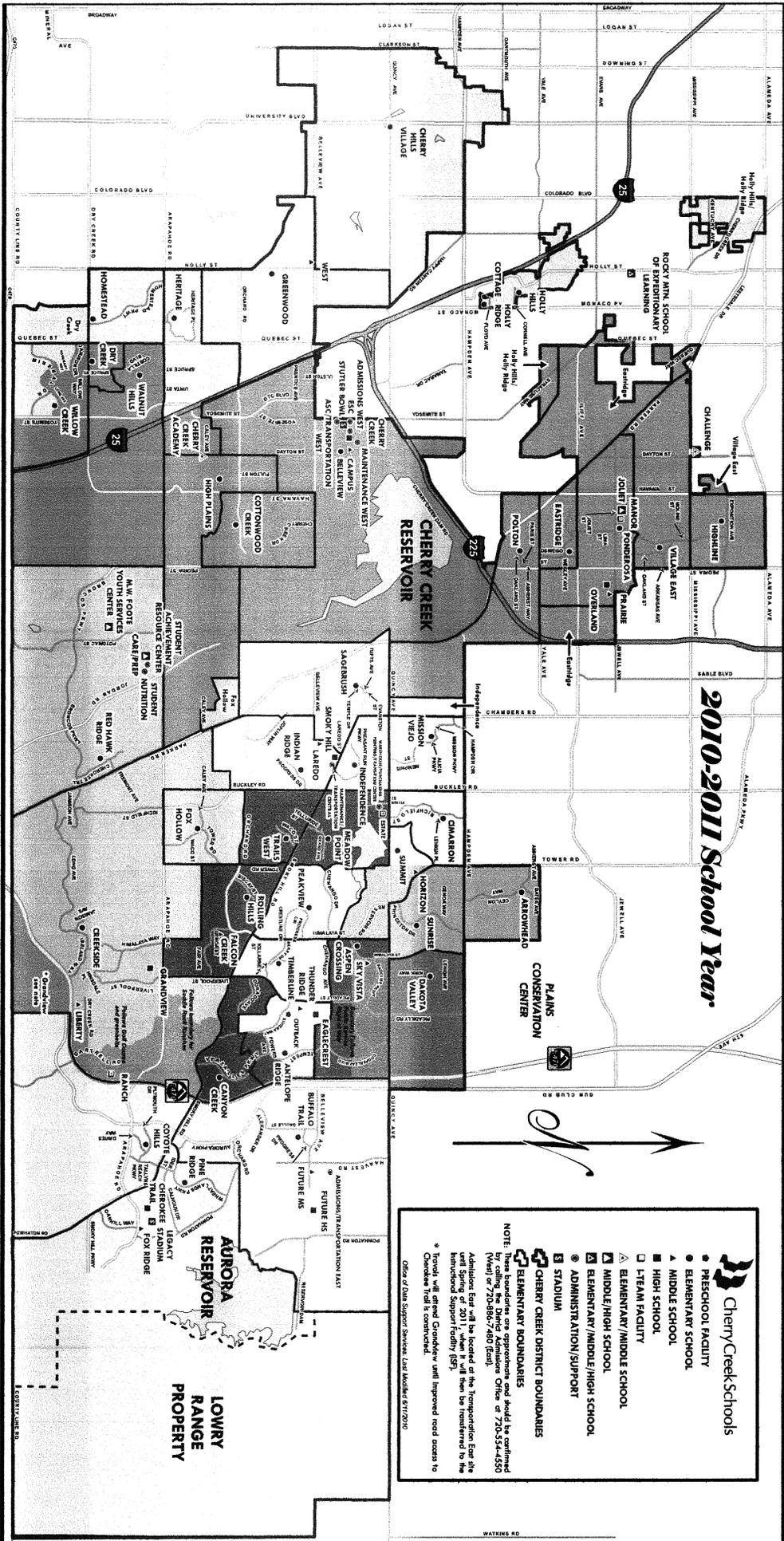
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- Aurora Central
- Gateaway
- Hinkley
- Rangeview
- Vista PEAK Preparatory

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May 9, 2011



\* 9th and 10th graders in the Vista PEAK attendance area will attend the Vista PEAK during the 2011-12 school year.  
**11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEND THEIR 2009-10 HOME HIGH SCHOOL.**

# 2010-2011 School Year



- Cherokee Trail / Fox Ridge
- Cherokee Trail / Sky Vista
- Cherry Creek / Campus
- Cherry Creek / West
- Eaglecrest / Horizon
- Eaglecrest / Sky Vista
- Grandview / Thunder Ridge
- Grandview / Falcon Creek
- Overland / Prairie
- Smoky Hill / Horizon
- Smoky Hill / Liberty

**Cherry Creek Schools**

- FRESHMAN FACILITY
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ▲ MIDDLE SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- LIFE/AM FACILITY
- △ ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
- ▣ MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
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**CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

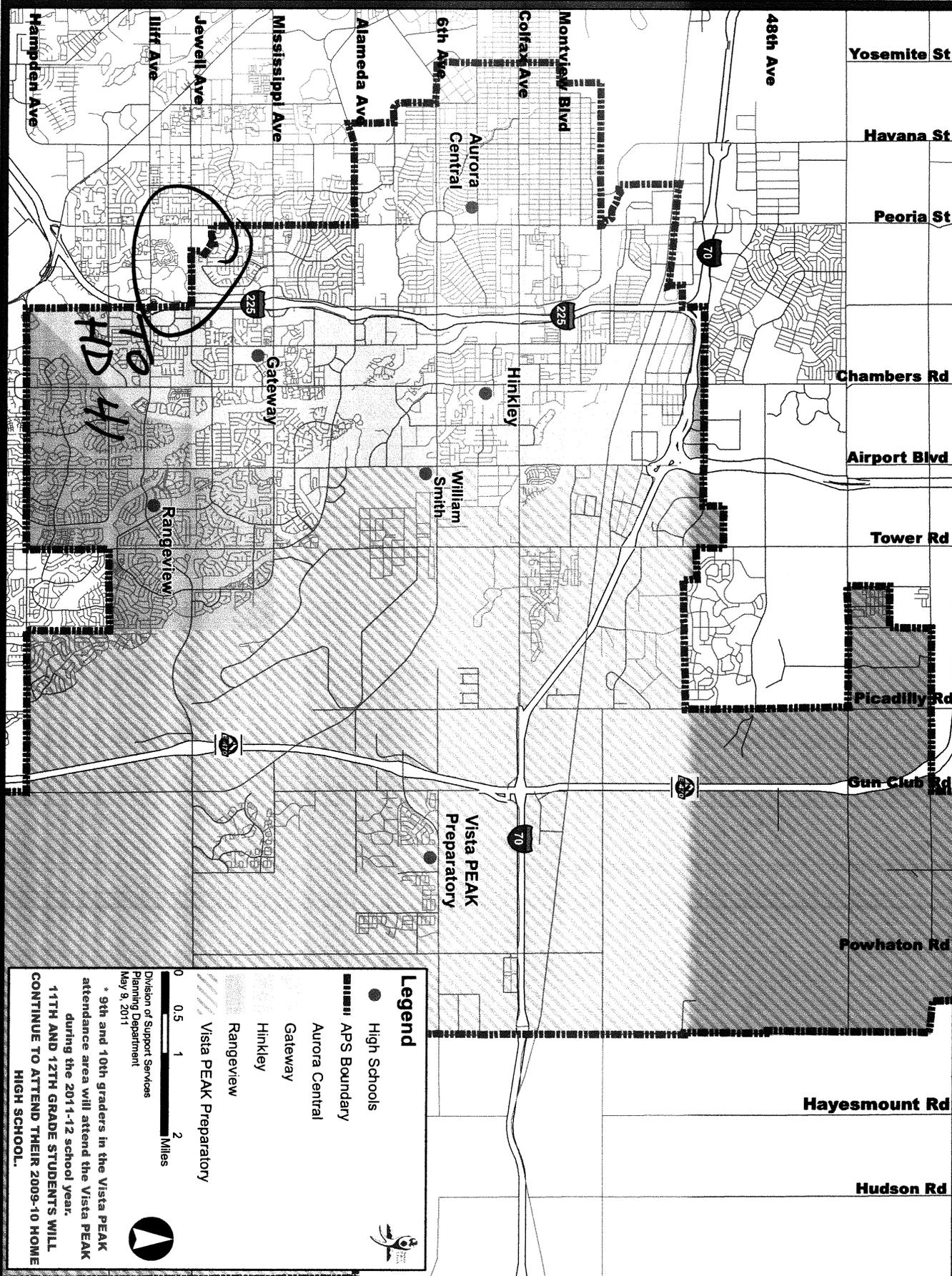
**ELEMENTARY BOUNDARIES**

**CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

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# Aurora Public Schools 2011-12 High School Attendance Areas



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**Legend**

- High Schools
- ▬ APS Boundary
- ▨ Aurora Central
- ▧ Gateway
- ▩ Hinkley
- Rangeview
- Vista PEAK Preparatory

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