

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

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| Date: 08/24/2011 | ATTENDANCE |
| Time: 06:02 PM to 09:17 PM | Atencio X |
| Place: Waymire Dome Brighton | Berry E |
| | Carroll E |
| This Meeting was called to order by <u>Representative Jones</u> | Jones X |
| | Loevy E |
| This Report was prepared by <u>Bo Pogue</u> | Nicolais X |
| | Salazar E |
| | Tool X |
| | Witwer X |
| | Webb E |
| | Carrera X |

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

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| 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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06:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Jones, acting chair, provided some introductory remarks. Commissioners Witwer, Carrera, Nicolais, Tool, and Atencio introduced themselves.

6:05 AM

Mr. Jeremiah Berry, Staff Director for the Colorado Reapportionment Commission, provided background on the commission and its appointments, and an overview of the time table for the commission's work. Mr. Berry then briefed the audience on the federal and state legal criteria that must be observed in redrawing Colorado's state House and Senate boundaries following each decennial census.

06:13 PM -- Public Testimony

Commissioner Jones provided opening remarks about the testimony process. The following persons testified at the Brighton hearing:

06:15 PM -- Mr. Dennis Butler, representing himself, testified in support of both the proposed House and Senate plans.

06:15 PM -- Mr. Kevin Allen, representing himself and his extended family, objected to his neighborhood of Woodglen being drawn in to House District 31, and suggested moving the dividing line for both House District 31 and Senate District 24 from York Street to Colorado Boulevard. Mr. Allen pointed out his neighborhood on the map projection.

06:20 PM -- Mr. Jim Kumar, representing himself, objected to certain portions of unincorporated Adams County being drawn into House Districts 31 and 34. He discussed the potential effects of the fracturing of his community. Mr. Kumar responded to questions about the parameters of his community, and questioned the reasons for drawing it out of House District 25.

06:26 PM -- Ms. Patty McCoy, representing the Adams County Republican Party, testified in support of the commission's proposed House and Senate maps, and discussed changes that have taken place in Adams County. She discussed the commission's adherence to the redistricting legal criteria with respect to Adams County. She also discussed competitiveness in the House districts. Ms. McCoy then supported the Adams County Senate districts in the proposed plan, except for a portion of Adams County that is drawn into a Senate district largely situated in Jefferson County. Ms. McCoy responded to questions regarding her measure of what constitutes a competitive district, and the potential for residents of the portion of Adams County in the proposed Senate District 19 to receive adequate representation.

06:35 PM -- Mr. Bob McCoy, the House District 34 Republican Secretary, discussed the unequal distribution of population in the proposed plan's Adams County Senate districts, and the potential for apportioning the parts of Adams County in the proposed plan's Senate District 19 among the county's whole districts. Mr. McCoy discussed the unfairness of this situation.

06:40 PM -- Mr. Dennis Riesel, the Republican House District 30 Secretary, spoke in support of the proposed House plan with respect to Adams County in terms of its population distribution and district competitiveness.

06:41 PM -- Mr. Brian Vande Krol, representing himself, discussed communities of interest, and focused on the communities of interest that are preserved in the proposed plans. He objected to a portion of Adams County being drawn into Senate District 19.

06:45 PM -- Ms. Mary Payne, representing herself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed redistricting plans.

06:46 PM -- Mr. Lee Brown spoke in support of the commission's House plan, and discussed how it satisfies the required legal criteria.

06:49 PM -- Mr. Bob Orstad spoke in support of the commission's proposed House District 35 since it is a single-county district, and objected to the proposed Senate District 19 being a multi-county district. He responded to questions about his current House district.

06:51 PM -- Mr. Bob Knapp objected to his neighborhood in unincorporated Adams County being redistricted into House District 32 in the proposed plan, and urged the commission to adhere to the current boundaries as much as possible. Mr. Knapp responded to questions about his preferences for the Senate map in Adams County. Mr. Knapp submitted his written testimony (Attachment A).



Attachment A.pdf

06:56 PM -- Ms. Karen Dunn discussed the importance of keeping School District 50 within House District 35. She submitted a packet of information about interactions between House District 35 and Adams County School District 50 (Attachment B).



Attachment B.pdf

06:57 PM -- Mr. Marty Wisniewski discussed the differing communities above and below 128th Street in Adams County, and made recommendations about how to restore communities of interest in and around the proposed House District 31.

07:00 PM -- Ms. Joyce Knapp discussed Adams School District 50 and its cohesiveness as a community, and objected to a portion of Adams 50 being drawn into House District 32. Discussion ensued regarding the location of Westminster High School.

07:04 PM -- Ms. Marilyn Flachman objected to the division of Adams County School District 50 in the commission's proposed House plan, and discussed the growth of Westminster. Discussion ensued regarding the use of Zuni Street as a boundary for House District 35 in the proposed plan. Ms. Flachman returned to discussing school districts as communities of interest. Ms. Flachman read a statement from a former representative of House District 35 who was unable to attend the meeting (Attachment C). Discussion ensued regarding the division of School District 50 in the proposed Senate plan.



Attachment C.pdf

07:12 PM -- State Representative Cheryl Peniston, House District 35, supported the comments of others regarding keeping Adams County School District 50 intact as a community of interest, and discussed the representation afforded to Westminster in the proposed House plan. Representative Peniston discussed the potential dilemmas that will face the person representing House District 35 under the proposed plan.

07:17 PM -- Ms. Ann Ragsdale spoke in support of keeping school districts intact as much as possible in the redistricting process, and discussed the communities of interest that revolve around school districts. Ms. Ragsdale responded to questions regarding keeping Adams School District 50 intact on the Senate map.

07:21 PM -- Ms. Karen Long, Adams County Clerk and Recorder, and Mr. Greg Baca, representing Adams County government, discussed the fracturing of a small portion of Strausburg away from House District 22, as well as a portion of Brighton that is in Weld County. Ms. Long also discussed a portion of Northglenn that is within Weld County. She discussed how annexation patterns have resulted in potential mapping report errors for the proposed House and Senate plans. Discussion ensued regarding these potential errors. Ms. Long also discussed

some other potential technical issues with the proposed plans.

07:30 PM -- Ms. Tove Forgo, representing herself, explained how the portion of unincorporated Adams County in which she resides is a community of interest with Commerce City, and supported including particular unincorporated areas with the city in a House district. She also supported the drawing of Commerce City's House district wholly within the footprint of its Senate district.

07:35 PM -- Mr. Doug Schroeder, representing himself, spoke in support of the commission's proposed House plan with respect to Adams County, and the potential for keeping the Adams County House districts as they are in the plan when changes are made. Discussion ensued regarding a portion of Morgan County that is unassigned in the commission's proposed plan.

07:38 PM -- Mr. Jim Benson, representing himself, supported the commission's work on the proposed House plan, and discussed the communities of interest that are kept whole in the proposed House District 32.

07:41 PM -- Mr. Jim Morgan, representing himself, discussed the legal criteria that direct the commission in its redistricting, and supported removing the portions of Adams County from Senate District 19.

07:44 PM -- Ms. Karen Morgan, representing herself, supported drawing the portions of Adams County in the commission's proposed Senate District 19 into Senate districts wholly contained in Adams County. She made recommendations about how to remedy this situation.

07:48 PM -- Mr. Guillermo Serna, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House districts 16 and 32, and explained how certain communities are well served by the plan, including ethnic minorities. He also discussed the competitiveness in these proposed districts.

07:53 PM -- Mr. Joseph Salazar, representing himself, discussed the disparate communities that are contained in the commission's proposed House District 31, and the differing economic bases that are present in the northern and southern areas of the proposed district. He made specific proposals about how to draft a plan that maintains communities of interest and promotes district competitiveness in the Thornton area. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Salazar's proposal.

08:01 PM -- Ms. Kim Gillan, representing Adams County Republicans, spoke about how the commission's proposed plans promote district competitiveness, and supported earlier testimony concerning moving the Adams County portion of the proposed Senate District 19 back into Adams County Senate districts. She also discussed the difficulties of keeping school districts whole in the redistricting process.

08:04 PM -- Mr. Jerry Roach, representing himself, questioned whether there are actually parts of three counties in the commission's proposed Senate District 19, and spoke in favor of moving the portion of Adams County out of the district.

08:07 PM -- Ms. Patricia Femrite, Republican Chair for House District 34, supported the commission's drawing of its proposed House District 35, mentioned that Adams County School District 50 is currently not contained within House District 35, and discussed the competitiveness of the new House district.

08:10 PM -- Mr. Robert LaRocca, representing himself, supported the commission's plans with respect to Adams County, and explained how they satisfy the redistricting legal criteria. He reiterated earlier testimony about the county split in the proposed Senate District 19.

08:12 PM -- Mr. Kaarl Hoopes, representing the Adams County GOP, objected to the inclusion of the Adams County portion in the proposed Senate District 19. Discussion ensued regarding the commission's plan to address this issue.

08:14 PM -- State Representative Judy Solano, representing herself, addressed comments about the Woodglen neighborhood raised by Mr. Kevin Allen, and suggested keeping these areas with Thornton in the House plan. She made suggestions about how to remedy this situation. Discussion ensued regarding the population of this area.

08:19 PM -- Mr. Paul Natale expressed support for the commission's proposed plans with respect to Commerce City. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Natale's work as the Mayor of Commerce City, which was referenced in a recent Denver Post article.

08:22 PM -- Mr. Jessie Ulibarri, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House District 32 and Senate District 16, and discussed how they properly address the school district boundaries and associated communities of interest. He also discussed the transportation corridors and industries in these districts. He reiterated the testimony of Mr. Kevin Allen about the splitting of certain neighborhoods in the House map. Discussion ensued regarding these areas, and their changing demographics and shopping amenities. Discussion ensued regarding the population of the proposed House District 31 above 136th Street. Ms. Karen Long returned to discuss the growth in the district above C-470.

08:32 PM -- Ms. Lori Goldstein discussed demographic changes within Adams County School District 12, and made recommendations about how to change the proposed House plan to better serve Adams 12.

08:34 PM -- State Representative Libby Szabo discussed certain communities of interest that are split in the proposed Senate plan, and the legal criteria that the commission must satisfy in discharging its duties. She discussed the joining of disparate communities of interest in the proposed Senate District 35. Discussion ensued regarding the process by which the commission drafted and approved its proposed redistricting plans. Representative Szabo discussed the number of Senators apportioned to Jefferson County under the commission's proposed plan. Discussion ensued regarding the number of seats allocated to Jefferson County.

08:44 PM -- Mr. Denes Szabo discussed the communities of interest that are split in the commission's proposed Senate plan along the boundaries of Senate Districts 19 and 35. He made a recommendation for rectifying these splits.

08:46 PM -- Ms. Patricia Moore discussed the impacts on the residents of the portion of Adams County included in the proposed Senate District 19, and made suggestions about how best to move this portion back into Senate districts in Adams County. She entered a letter from Ms. Theresa McCoy into the record (Attachment D). Ms. Moore discussed the splitting of communities of interest in the proposed House plan between the proposed House Districts 32 and 35. She made suggestions about the proper dividing lines in proposed House District 35, and the splitting of communities of interest in drawing this district. She requested that the current boundaries for House District 35 be kept intact as much as possible. Discussion ensued regarding the Hispanic densities in House

Districts 32 and 34. Discussion followed regarding the current boundaries of House District 35.



Attachment D.pdf

08:57 PM -- Ms. Amy Hill discussed the down side of district competitiveness, and the effect of creating competitive districts on representation for those who live in such districts. Ms. Hill read a portion of an interview with State Senator Hudak following the commission's August 9th meeting in Lakewood and commented on it. She pointed out that district competitiveness is not a legal criterion that the commission is required to observe, and discussed the splitting of affiliated communities into competitive districts. Discussion ensued regarding Ms. Hill's comments on district competitiveness.

09:08 PM

Discussion continued regarding the observance of district competitiveness in the redistricting process.

09:10 PM -- Mr. Dominick Moreno, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed redistricting plans as they pertain to Commerce City, and discussed the common interests in the proposed House District 32. Mr. Moreno critiqued the commission's proposed House District 31 in terms of its grouping of disparate communities of interest.

09:17 PM

The commission adjourned.

Bob Knapp

Adams County Precinct 018 - unincorporated Adams County - close to 84th & Pecos

My understanding was that reapportionment was to have Communities of interest and lines of natural boundaries

The map that I have viewed shows that I will be in HD #32 and Commerce City area

I used to work at Samsonite and drove across this area and let me tell you there you there is not much there -

- US 36 - I-25 - I-76 - I-270
- Clear Creek - Sand Creek - Plate River
a lot of railroad tracks and oil refineries

We are connected to the school district 50 our taxes go there and Metz Elementary in next to my back yard and our child went to school there.

As I understood HD 35 had to increase population by 11,000 this time

Where you have drawn me I don't feel there is anything in common there and because we are unincorporated Adams County and do not belong to any city I feel we are taken advantage of and torn apart but where every some one wants a good voting area.

I don't feel that you have to redraw all the lines of the districts you could keep the lower part of House District 35 in tack and put back the lower part of House District 34 and bring the maps to closer to what we currently have - back within the school district 50

It looks like House District 32 is split by the arnsel on your map - is that a natural boundry?

I see no community of interest on your current drawing . I am the top point of the spike you have drawn and I am too far away from Commerce City

- show me my community of interest I have on this map.
- The answer~~er~~ is none

I would hope that you would make some adjustments and at least get me back within my school district

Thank you for your time.

August 24, 2011
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Keeping School District 50 united in House District 35 is important for the ~~sense of~~ community *of interest*

I taught for 28 years for School District 50 and during those years the person representing House District 35 was always supportive of district functions. Athletics, Education Association meetings, school plays, back to school nights, fund raisers, participation in classroom activities, and presenting legislative information are a few of the important roles House District 35 provides for the community.

I now am a volunteer tour guide for House District 35. Each fall my co-tour guide Bob Knapp, Representative Cherylin Peniston, and I visit District 50 Schools with a packet of information about the state capitol and an invitation for a tour. The parents, students, and staff are always pleased House District 35 builds a personal connection between state government and the community.

School District 50 is an important educational, social, and economic hub for the community that is enriched by participation from House District 35.

Adding another House District to School District 50 would significantly *hinder* our ~~sense of~~ community *of interest*

I have included interaction documentation between House District 35 and School District 50.

Thank you,

Karen Dunn

August 24, 2011

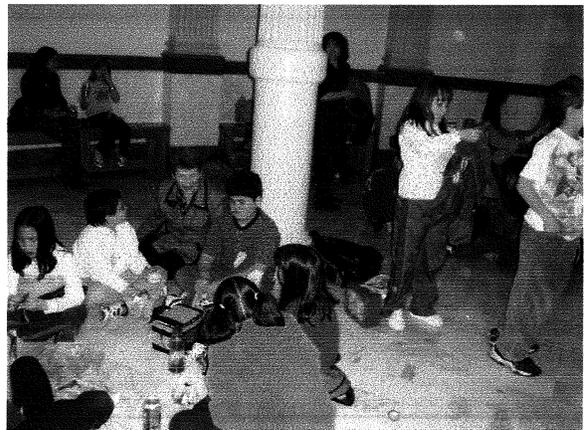
Representative Cherylin Peniston, House District 35, in was approached by Skyline Elementary, School District 50, for the purpose of writing a bill proclaiming The Western Painted Turtle as Colorado's official reptile. Representative Peniston, Skyline, and capitol staff helped the students write the bill, explaining the steps necessary for the bill to come a law. During the 2008 session the students came to the capitol and testified before a committee. The cooperative interaction between House District 35 Representative Cherylin Peniston and Skyline Elementary helped the bill become a law. The Western Painted Turtle is now the State Reptile.



August 24, 2011

Ann Ragsdale, House District 35 Representative from 1999 through 2006, always encouraged the students from House District 35 to visit the capitol and learn about the history of the building, the legislative process, and the importance of being an active member of the community. These pictures show Representative Ragsdale taking a lunch break with the students after touring the capitol.

Representative also spent time visiting School District 50 schools for the purpose of explaining Colorado government and helping with classroom projects.



Three generations of teachers pitch in for Fairview kids

Story and photos posted by

Karen Dunn

YourHub.com user

WESTMINSTER—Suzanne Werber's fourth grade class at Fairview Elementary was an actively heaven May 5.

Three generations of teachers, Haleen Nelson, retired for 33 years, her daughter, Karen Dunn, retired five years and Cheryl Peniston, retired two years, taught the fourth graders new creativity skills.

Ms. Nelson's lesson, a box from a greeting card, showed thinking "inside the box" is an extraordinary occurrence.

With Ms. Peniston as the assistant the lesson was a great triumph. Cut the card in half, siver down the bottom sides, a few snips, folds and the card has become a box.

Sand paints, using Indian designs, was a team teaching endeavor.

Draw, trace the drawing with glue, sprinkle the sand, attach the design to the hollowed out tree frame for completion of incredibly unique art.

Ms. Dunn was in charge of ice cream. A recipe her grandfather used over 100 years ago was the only



Allen Fernandez holds up a beautiful sand painting she made.

expectable way to produce the tasty ice cream treat.

Fresh milk, condensed milk,

cream, unflavored gelatin, an egg, sugar, koyo syrup, and vanilla were the ingredients.



Ready for Action Teachers are, in the back row from left, Karen Dunn, Suzanne Werber, Cheryl Peniston and Haleen Nelson. Students Andrew Pena, left, and Javier Garfio-Moreno are pictured in the front row.

The students warily, tenderly, gently, placed ice and salt around the cylinder.

Let the cranking begin!

Each student took a turn at the crank until the crank would no longer revolve.

The payment was a delicious ice cream delicacy, just like children of a 100 years ago enjoyed.

Three generations of teachers,

one generation of students and inventive activities was the perfect combination for creating a knowledge-gaining occasion at Fairview Elementary.

To view more photos of the day's events, go to <http://denver.yourhub.com/Story.aspx?contentid=85015>.

Karen Dunn is a retired school teacher.

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January 29, 2001

The Honorable Ann Ragsdale
State Representative
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Dear Ann and Betty,

Another grand tour of the Colorado State Capitol. Both of you take a bow for your excellent hospitality. You were the frosting on the cake. The Fairview 4th graders had a grand time, while gaining knowledge about our state. They are busy using taxpayers' money for learning.

Those 4th graders aren't even close to being finished learning about Colorado. We will attend a Children's music program at the Performing Arts Center, attend the Adams County Farm Expo, classes at Colorado History Museum, a mountain man Rendezvous, and finish the year with a day of hiking at Eldorado Springs. With the 3Rs squeezed in-between will be a learning year to remember.

Thanks for making the children of Colorado a priority. All the energy you put toward having children an important, productive part of Colorado is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Karen Dunn
Karen Dunn

April 7, 2011

Dear Mr. Knapp and Ms. Denny,

Thank you so much for guiding us around the capitol. It was a very fun trip thanks ^{for} your guidance. The thing I thought was interesting was that the desks are 110 years old and they look brand new! My favorite part of the capitol was when we all went into that one room and we were representative and we got to vote. I also really liked talking to our representative. I liked to hear how her day was going and what she was doing in her day. Well thank you again and I keep you in my prayers.

April 6, 2011

Dear Mrs. Karen Dunn and Mr. Bob Knappe,

I thank you so much for taking us on a tour of the Capitol it was so much fun. Sorry for turning down the bills you made but I guess that's life. The dome was fun but scary, I didn't know you could go that high in the Capitol. I thank you for teaching me all those interesting facts. It was all really fascinating. I hope I can come to the Capitol again. It was a very educational trip.

4-06-11

Dear Ms. Karen and
Mr. Dunn,

I thank you for
showing us things
and telling us things.
I learned that the
desks are over 100 years
old. I didn't know
that. I also learned
that some of the
outside of the dome is
golden. I didn't know
that. I also learned
that there are two
domes. That was pretty
nice. Once again thank
you for everything.

4-6-11

Dear Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Kaaps,

Thankyou for taking us on the tour. It was very fun. I enjoyed when we went down and we voted whether or not kids should ride their bikes before they are 12. Thankyou for working so hard so we can visit and learn about the Capitol. I learned that they do roll call and if somebody calls your name and you dont answer they will send people to find you.

April 6, 2011

Dear Ms. Karen Dunn and Mr. Bob Knapp,

Thank you for taking all of us on a tour around the capitol.

It was interesting to learn that the desks were over 110 years old. It was also interesting to learn that if people who agree shout louder than the people who disagree they win the vote and the bill gets passed.

Once again thank you so much.

Dear: Mrs. Rogsdale y Ms. Orten

Mrs. Rogsdale y Ms. Orten muchas gracias por lo que nos llevo a conocer. Esto todo muy bonito.

Yo nunca via visto algo tan tan bonito. Tambien gracias por dirigirnos para conocer cosas tan bonitas y por explicarnos todo. Es usted muy buena.

Muchas gracias. Mrs. Rogsdale y Ms. Orten muchas gracias otra vez. Tambien gracias por enseñarnos todo. Dote capital gracias.

Gracias por permitirnos subir todas esas escaleras gracias.

Fairview Elementary
Mrs. Duna Class
January 29, 2001

Dear Mr. Ragudis and Mr. O'Brien
My trip to the state
capitol was more exciting than
I could ever imagine. It started
when we got off the bus and saw
the beautiful gold dome. I was
so anxious to go inside to see
the beautiful marble steps I had
studied about. The marble was
even more beautiful than I had
imagined. The climb of 93 steps to
the dome was fun. Up on top I
could see cars, buildings and
people way down below.

Lawrence Elementary
Mrs. Dixon's Class
January 29, 2001



Westminster, Colorado 8

Dear Ms. Ragsdale and Ms. Arton,

The trip to the State Capitol was surely nice to me. It was terrific.

It was good for me to be with Mrs. Jackie and Ms. Arton. The other student had to walk up the stairs and we went on the elevator. Boy if I was walking up the stairs my feet would be broken. It was the tallest and greatest place I've ever been. Wow it's so wide like 30 of my house out together. We saw all the ~~legislators~~ ~~members~~. The biggest part was the Dome. Can you imagine it? 93 steps! It was very freaky when I was on the very top. We got to go out on the ledge. I had a feeling that my body was going to fall down.

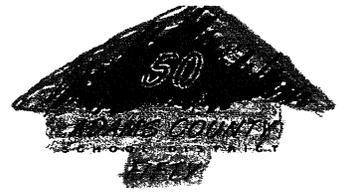
The reader was a good terrific reader because he had been ~~practicing~~ ~~his~~ ~~language~~.

Fairview Elementary
Mrs. Dumm's class
January 29, 2001

Dear Ms. Ragsdale and
Ms. Otten,

My trip to
the state capital was a
bonus to my education.
The state capital was made
from rose onyx, 200 ounces
of gold, marble floors,
and granite on the outside.
The chandeliers were magnificent
as they hung in the senate
and House of Representatives.
The Representatives were loud
as they decided on the laws.
The corner stone is filled
with a bible, making sticks,
copies of the constitutions,
and two flags.

Thank you for giving us
a tour of the state capitol.
we might not of been able
to eat lunch if you hadnt
shone us were to eat. I'm
glad that you spend taxpayers
money on our school.



Westminster, Colorado 8003C

Fairview Elementary

Ms Dumin's Class

January 29, 2001

Dear Ms Ragsdale + Ms Oxtom,

When we went to the state capitol on January 26, 2001 I gained a lot of knowledge. I flipped out because of how big it was. When I entered the capitol I felt like a ant that must feel when it goes into my house. Ms Oxtom helped us through the state capitol. The lunch sight she picked out was a perfect spot for us to eat lunch. There was plenty of room for three classes and as I ate I got to look at marble floors and the brass on the banister.

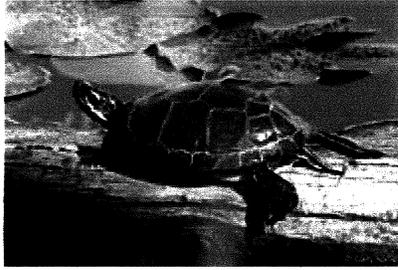
Thank you for letting me come to the state capitol. I'm glad you make laws for me to go by. For example, not to drive until your 16. I hope you can come to Fairview someday and teach us about the laws.

SCHEDULE A COST FREE COLORADO STATE CAPITOL TOUR

Legislators are in Session January 9, 2012 – May 9, 2012



Colorado State Capitol



WESTERN PAINTED TURTLE



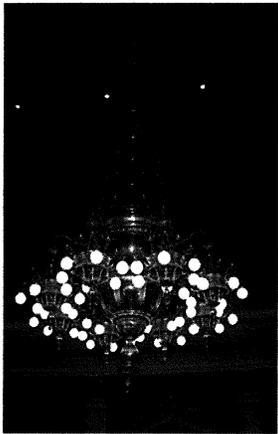
LOOKING DOWN FROM THE DOME

(State reptile, lobbied for by Skyline Elementary Students, Sponsored by Rep. Peniston)

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History, Structure, Government

- When the Capitol was built
- The marble floors, the rose onyx walls,
- Brass and oak trim, Women's Gold Tapestry,
- Stain glass windows, Presidents' portraits,
- The grand stairway, the chandeliers,
- The Senate and House of Representative Chambers
- ❖ History (Tour 45 min.) Legislative (Tour 45 min)



Chandelier

Behind the Scenes Tour

- ✓ Visit a legislator's office
 - ✓ Meet legislators
- Learn how laws are written
- ✓ Visit a committee room
- ✓ Participate as a "pretend" legislator voting on a bill.
 - ❖ (Tour is 45 minutes)



The Grand Stairway



Stairs to the Dome

The Capitol Dome
A self guided tour of Brown's Attic
on the way to the dome
Climb the remaining stairs to the
Capitol Dome
❖ (Tour is 30 minutes)



Brown's Attic

TO SCHEDULE A TOUR
CONTACT:

State Capitol tour desk 303 866 2604

Representative Cheryl Peniston (House District 35) 303 866 2843

Karen Dunn (Aide for Rep. Peniston) 303 428 4336, or cell 303 808 8925 haleend@att.net

Please notify Karen Dunn when you have scheduled a tour in order to reserve your extra behind the scenes tour
Note - If a Capitol tour cannot be arranged from the tour desk, please call Karen Dunn for tour arrangements

Bob & Elaine
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August 23, 2007

To whom it may concern

We, the folks who live and educate our children in School District 50 find it imperative to keep District 50 as whole as possible in the redistricting process.

As a former state representative for House District 35 I found a great sense of community and a desire to keep it whole. Dist. 50 was ^{4 is} well represented.

We don't want our boundaries to change or be merged with District 14 in Commerce City. They have their own identity and so do we.

Please, please don't betray or sever the bulk of the District 50 area. Our community has been in turmoil recently and we don't need more upheaval.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Vi Fune

Jesse C. McEly
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Dear Colorado Reapportionment Commission,

Please do not place unincorporated districts to Adams City. Be fair.

We - haven't had time to get word out but, I like many.

Live here (Peas + 76th) shop here + Westminster + Thornton -

I don't participate at Adams City.

It would be out of the way -

A big inconvenience -

I've lived here for 50 yrs.

(I'm 50) I am important to my neighbors - Due to the census I ask to reconsider -

Let us stay where we are -

I feel very hopeful that we will be listened to -

We don't go to Adams City

I shop near home -

Westminster I have family, friends in Thornton and Northglenn.

Please reconsider the unincorporated district like our's 35(15) to be and remain where it is. I don't

have a computer - I drive my Mom's car - I work part time - Things

are tough all over - Please don't make it tougher on us.

sincerely, Jesse C. McEly