

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/11/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: 06:00 PM to 08:09 PM	Atencio X
Place: CSU campus Fort Collins	Berry E
	Carroll E
	Jones X
This Meeting was called to order by	Loevy E
<u>Mario Carrera</u>	Nicolais E
	Salazar X
This Report was prepared by	Tool X
<u>Bo Pogue</u>	Witwer E
	Webb E
	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
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06:00 PM -- Welcome and Introductions

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool, acting chair for the meeting, provided opening remarks and provided his background. Commissioners Carrera, Jones, Salazar, and Atencio provided their backgrounds. Commissioner Tool provided information on the commission's travel schedule and other background information.

06:05 PM

Mr. Troy Bratton, reapportionment Commission Staff, briefed the meeting on the constitutional and statutory provisions guiding the commission, and explained how the commission has met these requirements thus far. Mr. Bratton also laid out the time line for the commission's work. Mr. Bratton then returned to explaining the constitutional and statutory requirements guiding the commission and the redistricting process.

06:10 PM -- Witness Testimony

The following persons testified at the Fort Collins meeting:

06:10 PM -- Mr. Bob McCluskey, representing himself, provided support for a House redistricting plan for Larimer County created by Commissioner Tool, and provided visual examples of his plan on the projected map. Mr. McCluskey also discussed recent electoral races in Fort Collins. Discussion ensued regarding proposed plan H5001v1.

06:16 PM -- Mr. William Russell, representing himself, expressed support for the existing House districts, and explained his reasons for supporting the current boundaries, discussing certain communities of interest in Fort Collins.

06:19 PM -- Mr. Ed Haynes, representing himself, expressed support for changing the orientation of the Fort Collins House districts from an east-west orientation to a north-south orientation. Mr. Haynes discussed the merits of such a change.

06:23 PM -- Mr. Jim Neubecker, representing himself, explained how the orientation of the commission's proposed plan will benefit commerce, and expressed support for the plan.

06:25 PM -- Ms. Marla Manchego, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's plan and discussed how it affects the Fort Collins Latino community. Ms. Manchego also explained how the plan benefits higher education.

06:27 PM -- Mr. Mel Hilgenberg, representing Legacy Leadership Center and himself, provided his background and requested that a House redistricting plan be adopted for Fort Collins that provides a voice for all rather than special interests. He supported creating a plan for Fort Collins with a north-south orientation divided by Drake Road, and discussed the merits of such a plan.

06:31 PM -- Mr. David Trask, representing himself, discussed his past redistricting experiences in North Carolina, and discussed the merits of the commission's proposed House and Senate plans. Mr. Trask responded to questions about the boundaries of the Fort Collins Old Town neighborhood. Commissioner Tool provided input on Old Town and surrounding areas.

06:36 PM -- Ms. Anne Wilseck, representing herself, discussed the testimony taken about Fort Collins during the plan creation phase, and also discussed the nature of certain neighborhoods in the city. Ms. Wilseck explained the merits of using College Avenue as a boundary for the Fort Collins House districts.

06:40 PM -- Mr. Gordon Coombes, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan, and discussed how the plan supports industry on the east side of town while keeping Old Town whole.

06:41 PM -- Ms. Cathy Kipp, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's division of the Fort Collins House districts along College Avenue, and discussed how this division benefits certain endeavors in which she is involved.

06:44 PM -- Mr. Greg Grote, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House map with regard to the Fort Collins east-west division.

06:46 PM -- Mr. Mark Korb, representing himself, expressed support for keeping the Fort Collins Mountain Avenue community together in the House plan.

06:48 PM -- Ms. Ann Harroun, representing herself, expressed support for the commission's House plan in the Loveland and Fort Collins areas. Ms. Harroun discussed the merits of competitive political districts and the problems associated with creating "safe" districts. Ms. Harroun also discussed the impact of redistricting.

06:53 PM -- Ms. Jill Sanford, representing herself, supported the commission's House plan for Fort Collins and its east-west split.

06:54 PM -- Mr. William Sanford, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect to Fort Collins, and discussed its merits.

06:55 PM -- Mr. Bob Massaro, discussed the commission's House plan with respect to Loveland, expressing support for the plan. Discussion ensued regarding the commission's work thus far.

06:58 PM -- Mr. John Straayer, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's Fort Collins configuration in the House plan. Discussion ensued regarding what constitutes a politically competitive district and how to measure it, using the 2010 state treasurer's race in House District 52 as an example. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of competitive districts.

07:05 PM -- Mr. Kevin Caffrey, representing himself, discussed the competitiveness of House Districts 52 and 53, and also discussed certain political developments in the United States. Mr. Caffrey discussed the benefits of political competitiveness.

07:08 PM -- Mr. John Gascoyne, representing himself, provided his background and expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect of Fort Collins. Mr. Gascoyne responded to questions about the relationship between Old Town Fort Collins and portions of the city to the west.

07:10 PM -- Mr. Nate Donovan, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House and Senate plans, and discussed the benefits of the east-west split of Fort Collins in the House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of growth in Larimer County on Senate redistricting in the county, and the inclusion of Jackson County in House District 49. Mr. Donovan expressed support for the commission's drawing of Senate District 23.

07:15 PM -- Ms. Nancy Tellez, representing herself, expressed support for the division of the Fort Collins House districts along College Avenue, and discussed the merits of this division.

07:17 PM -- Mr. James Ross, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's House plan with respect to the Fort Collins area, and explained the merits of this plan.

07:21 PM -- Ms. Gina Janett, representing herself, discussed the character of Old Town Fort Collins, and supported the commission's splitting of Fort Collins along College Avenue in the House plan.

07:26 PM -- Mr. Mark Shaffer, representing himself, supported the east-west orientation of Fort Collins in the commission's House plan, and discussed the merits of House District 51 as drawn by the commission. Mr. Shaffer raised an issue with the placement of Berthoud in the commission's House plan.

07:30 PM -- Mr. Ken Tharp, representing himself, supported the commission's House plan with respect to Larimer County, and said he was puzzled with the Senate and Congressional plans.

07:31 PM -- Mr. Eric Kronwall, representing himself, discussed the boundaries of Old Town Fort Collins, and the treatment of this neighborhood by the commission's House map. Mr. Kronwall discussed communities of interest associated with economic affluence, and the orientation of housing prices in Fort Collins. Mr. Kronwall discussed the Fort Collins city council and Larimer County commissioner boundaries, and portions of Fort Collins east of Interstate 25. Mr. Kronwall addressed the issue of what constitutes a politically competitive district, using past races in Fort Collins as examples, and discussed the political alignment of Fort Collins.

07:41 PM

Mr. Kronwall continued to discuss the political alignment of Fort Collins based on his work experience. Mr. Kronwall illustrated on the projected map the political performance of portions of Fort Collins in certain recent elections.

07:44 PM -- Mr. Gary Wockner, representing environment, expressed support for the commission's House map with respect to Fort Collins, and discussed issues certain open space, transportation, and Poudre River issues.

07:46 PM -- State Senator Bob Bacon, representing himself, expressed support for the commission's work on the House and Senate plans, particularly with respect to Senate District 14. Senator Bacon discussed the difficulties of splitting Fort Collins into two House districts. Senator Bacon responded to questions regarding the commission's drawing of Senate District 23. Discussion ensued regarding the western protrusion of this Senate district.

07:53 PM -- Mr. Vern Richardson, representing himself, addressed the western protrusion of Senate District 23. Discussion ensued regarding the population of this area, and the potential for drawing a portion of this protrusion into Senate District 14.

07:55 PM

The commission fielded some questions from the audience. Commissioner Tool discussed some of his mapping work with respect to Larimer County. Discussion ensued regarding mapping proposals made by the commission other than the preliminary plan.

07:59 PM -- Mr. Doug Wright, discussed the differing character between the north and south sides of Fort Collins, and similarities between the east and west sides. Mr. Wright expressed support for dividing the city along a north-south orientation in the House plan.

08:02 PM

A discussion ensued regarding the location of higher education institutions in Fort Collins, and the political orientation of the students.

08:04 PM -- Ms. Beverly Hill, representing herself, discussed changes to Fort Collins over the years, and differences between the north and south portions of Fort Collins. She supported dividing Fort Collins along a north-south orientation.

08:07 PM -- Mr. Ross provided comments about choices in schooling in Fort Collins, and discussed how an east-west House division in the city is sensible.

08:09 PM

A number of letters from individuals and organizations were submitted to the commission for consideration and were entered into the public record (Attachment A). The commission adjourned.



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Reapportioning western Colorado
cowboymate@q.com
to:
reapp2011
07/25/2011 04:07 PM
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The news that all of Delta County would be taken out of Districts 54 and 58 and thrown in with District 61 if the proposed reapportioning is confirmed is totally appalling. Delta County does not have any commonality, one of the main criteria of reapportioning, with Aspen, Glenwood Springs, etc. The liberal bent of those communities does not reflect the feelings of Delta County and Delta County does not have sufficient population to have a true representation in the state legislature if this reapportioning is put in place.

Please rethink your plans so that they follow the traditional boundaries as set forth in past reapportionments.

Thank you.

Virginia Selby, Co-Chair
Western Slope Constitutional Patriots

"I am too blessed to be stressed and too anointed to be disappointed" -
unknown

Not a racist, not a terrorist, just not silent anymore.
"Those who voluntarily put power into the hands of a tyrant or an enemy
must not be surprised if it is turned against themselves." - Aesop

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Preliminary adopted house plan
Trudy Mikus to: reapp2011

07/25/2011 09:20 PM

As a voter in Delta County - and a constituent of Don Coram (dist 58), I am opposed to your plan to put Delta County in Dist 61. In the recent election, we elected Mr Coram (a Republican) to represent us, as we saw him as our hope of right & fair legislation. Now you want us to embrace Mr Wilson, a progressive Democrat who does not represent any of our values.

By moving Delta County - you will be taking away our rights as citizens to be represented by the Representative of our choice. This is wrong & we expect you to drop or cancel this preliminary plan that you have adopted. We, in Delta County, wish to remain in Districts 54 & 58.

Delta Co. and reapportionment
rberg1 tds.net
to:
reapp2011
07/25/2011 10:34 PM
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Dear Commission,

The Constitutional Provisions Controlling Reapportionment/Redistricting states in Section 47. Composition of districts, (3) Consistent with the provisions of this Section and Section 46, (Senatorial and Representative districts), of this article, **communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible.**

It would be a violation of these guidelines to lump Delta Co. in with Pitkin, Eagle, and Gunnison counties. Please just leave us where we are. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rosalind Berg
Cedaredge, CO

Delta County
Brian & Jakki
to:
reapp2011
07/26/2011 06:44 PM
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We elected our candidates to represent us and our values in good faith. Delta County has nothing in common with the views and values of the Pitkin and Eagle County voters. Do not make this change.

Jacqueline C. Taylor
Paonia, CO

Redistricting and the CO. State Constitution

Mimi Kaplysh

to:

reapp2011

07/26/2011 10:39 PM

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Mimi Kaplysh

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Dear Commissioners,

When both the Democrats and the Republicans of a given area are dissatisfied with your redistricting plans, surely you can see there might be a problem.

The reason both political parties have joined forces to ask you to include Grand County with other western slope counties is that those of us on the western slope have nothing in common with counties on the front range. How would a single representative truly represent people whose concerns are directly opposed to one another? The Colorado State Constitution specifically states that you must design districts that are "compact in area" whose "boundaries shall be as short as possible". The distance may look feasible on a map, but a topographic map shows the reality of the Continental Divide!

Please reread Section 47, Articles 1, 2 and 3 of the Colorado State Constitution that you have taken an oath to uphold. That oath is binding and must be paramount in your redistricting decisions.

Sincerely,

Mimi Kaplysh

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Mimi Kaplysh

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Uphold the Constitution for Grand County

William Hamilton

to:

reapp2011

07/27/2011 05:19 AM

Please respond to wmpenn71

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Sincerely,

William Hamilton

Lt. Colonel, USA (Ret.)

Sent from my stoneTab

William Hamilton, J.D., Ph.D.

wmpenn71@earthlink.net

Reapportionment
DON JULIE SAWYER
to:
reapp2011
07/27/2011 08:27 AM
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Dear Commission Members,

I will not make this long but I want you to please consider Grand County's plea to not place us with either Boulder or Larimer Counties when you redistrict Colorado for the state. Because of the Continental Divide we are not close geographically to either and we certainly do not have the same interests. Either county would overwhelm us in votes and we would be left without representation. Now we have a representative who knows the problems of the Western Slope and it is easy to communicate with him.

This is not a Republican or Democrat problem as both parties in Grand County agree that we do not want to be with Boulder or Larimer Counties.

Thank you.

Julie and Don Sawyer
Box 415
Fraser, Colorado 80442

970-726-5778

Redistricting of Grand County

Jerry Frame

to:

reapp2011

07/27/2011 11:56 AM

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As residents of Grand Lake, we strongly oppose the redistricting of our county to be included with either Boulder or Larimer county. The diversity of these counties (Grand and Boulder/Larimer) makes it impossible for an elected official to represent either entity fairly.

Ann and Jerry Frame

Grand Lake, CO 80447

Redistricting Grand County

Cathy Hobbs

to:

reapp2011

07/27/2011 01:14 PM

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Dear Commission Members:

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Because of the massive Continental Divide and the vast differences in population sizes, redistricting Grand County into either Boulder County or Larimer County would violate all six of those "communities of interest."

Because of geography, Grand County has no year-round, all-weather economic commerce or trade area with Boulder County or Larimer County. With its 163,069 voters, Boulder would politically overwhelm Grand County's 8,845 voters. Larimer County's 167,638 voters would make the demographic imbalance even worse. While Grand County and the entire Western Slope are virtually ethnically and culturally homogeneous, that is far less so along the Front Range.

Therefore, redistricting Grand County into either Larimer County or Boulder County would violate six out of six of the "communities of interest" the Colorado Constitution says should be preserved.

Thanks for representing us appropriately in this issue.

Sincerely,

Cathy Hobbs

276 County Rd 415

Granby CO 80446

concerned grand county resident
Heidi
to:
reapp2011
07/27/2011 06:53 PM
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Heid Gardner
Granby, Co

help Grand County
Heidi
to:
reapp2011
07/27/2011 06:59 PM
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Dear Redistricting Commissioners, *(or Representative, or Senator)*

Question: What do Grand County and the People's Republic of Boulder have in common?
Answer: Nothing! A common border along the Continental Divide does not meet the Composition of Districts criteria established in Section 47, Article 3 of the Colorado State Constitution.

Please redraw the boundaries so that Grand County is truly placed with others who have similar needs and interests. Otherwise, our elected representative will not be representing us at all and you will not have followed the Colorado Constitution, which you took an oath to support.

Sincerely,

Greg Gardner
22 year resident of Grand County

Randa Laman

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

07/27/2011 09:26 PM

Please respond to Randa Laman

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To Whom It May Concern:

To redistrict Grand County with either Larimer or Boulder County would be a violation of the Colorado Constitution, Article V, Section 47, Paragraph (3).- all six of the " common interests"!

Grand County should be with like counties such as Routt, Summit and or Jackson.

Please honor our Constitution.

Thank you,

Randa Laman

PO Box 1104

Granby, CO 80446

Redistricting of Grand County

Mimi Kaplysh

to:

reapp2011

07/27/2011 09:35 PM

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Randa Laman

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

07/28/2011 08:54 AM

Please respond to Randa Laman

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Commissioners:

Please take into consideration Colorado Constitution, Article V, Section 47, Paragraph 3 for redistricting.

Grand County has NOTHING in common with Larimer or Boulder counties and it would be a violation of the Constitution to put us in a district with either of them.

A VIOLATION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Randa Laman

PO Box 1104

Granby, CO 80446

Colorado Reapportionment

Glenn Snieder

to:

reapp2011

07/28/2011 12:18 PM

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To the Commission:

It is my understanding that the map being considered for the State House districts includes Grand County together with Boulder County. I must object to this scenario as a basic violation of the representational principle under which our country was founded.

The wisdom of our Fathers understood that there would always be factions amongst the people and the best way to resolve this problem would be to ensure that, in a Republic, a division of these factions be constituted so as to limit one faction from overrunning another faction.

Clearly Grand County is in accord with the Western faction and to place Grand County with the Boulder faction would result in the loss of representation for the citizens of Grand County and the Western faction.

This is so obvious that partisans of both the Democrat and Republican parties in Grand County agree. Truly a rare occurrence in our day. Unfortunately, the power of the oligarchical party system has overrun the representational principle in our country and state.

Here's you chance to act according to Constitutional principles. We the People are watching.

Sincerely,

Glenn Snieder
Kremmling, Co



July 25, 2011

WHY GUNNISON COUNTY SHOULD REMAIN IN ONE HOUSE DISTRICT

Adjusting the political boundaries in Colorado occurs once every 10 years. That process is currently under way and the State Reapportionment Commission is recommending that Gunnison County be split into two Colorado House Districts with the north end of the county moved to join Delta and Pitkin Counties. The south end of the county, including the City of Gunnison, would become part of House District 58 with the Counties of Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Hinsdale, Delores, San Juan and Montezuma. Our current House District 61 representative is Roger Wilson.

There are several reasons why splitting Gunnison County into two House Districts would be extremely detrimental for our citizens. "Communities of interest" are completely removed in the proposed redistricting map for House District 61. The preservation of county boundaries is also ignored.

The City of Gunnison, The Town of Crested Butte and the Town of Mt. Crested Butte have been drawing ever closer together economically and culturally in recognition of common interests. All three municipalities share the same school district, the same health care system and they jointly govern and fund the RTA which transports thousands of people each year between Gunnison, Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte. A single State House Representative is vital for these continuing synergistic initiatives and effective representation of these common interest communities.

All three municipalities, as well as the entire county, have a common desire to retain a vigorous ranching community and grow our tourist economy. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce in Gunnison is working with the Chamber of Commerce in Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte to create an Economic Development Plan as part of Governor John Hickenlooper's plan promoting economic development at the local level. The chambers of commerce are also working together on the development of a Leadership Program for the entire county.

The Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association promotes tourism throughout Gunnison County. From Blue Mesa west of the City of Gunnison, to Cattlemen's Days in the City of Gunnison, to skiing in Mt. Crested Butte, the Tourism Association promotes everything countywide from rafting, dining, wildflower excursions, fly fishing and more. In addition, the Gunnison Valley Transportation Authority (RTA), which is funded by a county wide sales tax, and includes programs that promote air travel into the overall region, and ground transportation within the region and to Denver, illustrate that 'communities of interest' should remain whole.

Splitting our small county of 15,000 people into even smaller political districts marginalizes citizen's representation in every way imaginable. When more than one elected official in the same political body represents different parts of Gunnison County, it is difficult to gain and maintain the attention of either elected representative because each one would represent fewer than 8,000 people in the county. It is also confusing for citizens to know who their elected officials are, making it difficult to inspire political involvement and activism among our citizens.

The current House District 61 achieves political balance which should also be a goal of the redistricting process. In the past decade we have had both Republican and Democrat Representatives elected from HD 61, and in the 2010 election there was less than a five percent spread separating three candidates. In addition, populations among the counties in HD 61 are about as equal as could be expected in a multi-county district. The proposal to split Gunnison County makes it more difficult for the elected officials within Gunnison County to effectively represent their constituents.

This issue is not a Republican issue, a Democrat issue or an Unaffiliated issue. It is a serious issue that would affect every citizen and most organizations in Gunnison County.

Thank you.

The Gunnison County Democrats
Maureen Hall, Co-Chair
Jim Starr, Co-Chair

Deborah Bondi
to:
reapp2011@state.co.us
07/28/2011 01:55 PM
Please respond to Deborah Bondi
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Therefore, redistricting Grand County into either Larimer County or Boulder County would violate six out of six of the "communities of interest" the Colorado Constitution says should be preserved. Please preserve our rights in Grand County.

Deb Bondi
Home 970-627-9679
Cell 970-531-8493



Delta county
aejreal to: reapp2011
Please respond to aejreal

07/29/2011 08:09 AM

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Delta County
Anna Jane Deubler
to:
reapp2011
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I understand that under the new reapportionment plan Delta County would be included in a district with Pitkin, Eagle and Gunnison counties.

Please don't do this...we don't have much in common with these communities. This would be to our disadvantage.

Please leave Delta County where it is...thank you.

Anna Jane Deubler, Delta

Date Call Received	Caller's Name	Caller's Address or Location	Message from Caller
7/26/2011	Gertrude Mikus	District 58	The people of District 58 voted for Rep. Corum and by placing them in District 61 their vote will be canceled out.
7/26/2011	William Mikus	District 58	If the proposed plan goes forward it will take away their representation and Delta won't be represented by a person who is like the people of Delit
7/27/2011	Marsha England	Delta County	Protesting the placement of Deita County into a House district with the Roaring Fork Valley

Grand County Redistricting

George Bulpitt

to:

reapp2011

07/30/2011 11:26 AM

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Gentlemen:

Please follow the Colorado Constitution and redistrict Grand County appropriately!

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As a former front range resident, I cannot imagine two areas more divergent in all these areas than Grand County and Boulder. Please use your common sense and align us with a Western slope district.

Sincerely,

George Bulpitt

Reapportionment of Grand County
Ted Kaplysh
to:
Colorado Redistricting Commission
07/30/2011 08:18 PM
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Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

Each of you took an oath to uphold the Colorado Constitution, the supreme law of this State. For purposes of apportioning voting districts, Section 47, Clause 3 of the Colorado Constitution stipulates that communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible.

Our mountain community differs from front range communities in nearly every one of these respects. Your responsibility in reapportionment of our State House district must emphasize the mandates as clearly stated. Accordingly, it would be inappropriate to consider combining our mountainous voting district with ANY front range districts. We insist on proper representation of the citizens in Grand County.

Sincerely,
Ted Kaplysh

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Ted Kaplysh
tkaplysh@gmail.com
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Granby, CO 80446-9025
Telephone: 303-748-8981



Reapportionment of Grand County
Mimi Kaplysh to: reapp2011

07/30/2011 08:20 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Your task of reapportionment of the Colorado House Districts MUST follow Section 47, Clause 3 of the Colorado Constitution, which you took an oath to uphold. It states... "communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible."

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Please remember your oath.

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Uphold the CO Constitution

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Sincerely,

William Hamilton, J.D., Ph.D.

Lt. Colonel, USA (Ret.)

Grand and Boulder are not really contiguous

William Hamilton

to:

reapp2011

07/30/2011 09:37 PM

Please respond to wmpenn71

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Dear Commissioners,

If you look at a map, Grand County and Boulder Counties "appear" to be contiguous; however, they are not contiguous in the sense of the legislative intent that made "contiguous" part of your guidelines.

The only way to get from Grand County into Boulder County is on foot, and even crossing the Continental Divide on foot in winter is not always possible. Maybe for Sir Edmund Hillary, but not for ordinary folks.

There are no vehicle roads that connect the two counties. In short, you cannot get there from here unless you have an airplane and fly yourself. Very few people can do that.

Surely, the intent of the General Assembly was that counties in the same political district be able to have commerce with each other via roads capable of supporting motorized vehicles.

Please connect Grand County with a Western Slope county that is truly contiguous.

Thank you,

William Hamilton, J.D. Ph.D.

Granby, CO

complaints on attaching Grand to Boulder
Bev Busse
to:
reapp2011@state.co.us
07/31/2011 06:18 AM
Please respond to Bev Busse
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Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

Your new map puts Grand County together with Boulder County. I must object to this scenario as a basic violation of the representational principle under which our country was founded.

Clearly Grand County is in accord with the Western faction and to place Grand County with the Boulder faction would result in the loss of representation for the citizens of Grand County and the Western slope.

Here's you chance to act according to Constitutional principles. We the People are watching.

Sincerely,
Robert & Beverly Busse
1411 CR 49-Box 575
Grand Lake, Co. 80447
bevbobbusse@yahoo.com



Grand County Protest to your reapportionment CO House District Plan

DrPenny1 to: Reapp2011

Please respond to "DrPenny1"

07/31/2011 08:02 AM

Please enter into the public record:

Reapportionment Commissioners,

Because Grand County shares the similar culture, economic, trade area, geography and demographic factors with other Western slope counties, along with the Colorado Constitution's mandate that single Colorado House Districts be contiguous, please keep Grand County in a redrawn Colorado House District with other Western Slope counties.

Redrawing Grand County with any front range county, especially Boulder, disenfranchises us as far as our Constitutional right to representation. Most voters in Grand County actually care about who are State Representatives are and how they represent our community of interests. I object to your current Colorado House redistricting proposal, and request you "draw" Grand County into a district with other Western Slope counties/communities under the long held doctrine of "representational principle" under which our country was founded.

Penny Hamilton, Ph.D.
PO Box 2
170 County Road 6342
Granby CO 80446
(970) 887-1881

Grand County
Ted Kaplysh
to:
Colorado Redistricting Commission
07/31/2011 08:28 AM
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Dear Redistricting Commissioners, *(or Representative, or Senator)*

Question: What do Grand County and the People's Republic of Boulder have in common?

Answer: Nothing! A common border along the Continental Divide does not meet the Composition of Districts criteria established in Section 47, Article 3 of the Colorado State Constitution.

Please redraw the boundaries so that Grand County is truly placed with others who have similar needs and interests. Otherwise, our elected representative will not be representing us at all and you will not have followed the Colorado Constitution, which you took an oath to support.

Sincerely,

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Ted Kaplysh
tkaplysh@gmail.com
421 County Road 414
Granby, CO 80446-9025
Telephone: 303-748-8981

Redistricting of Grand County

Rod Kauber

to:

reapp2011

07/31/2011 09:07 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

When both the Democrats and the Republicans of a given area are dissatisfied with your redistricting plans, surely you can see there might be a problem.

The reason both political parties have joined forces to ask you to include Grand County with other western slope counties is that those of us on the western slope have nothing in common with counties on the front range. How would a single representative truly represent people whose concerns are directly opposed to one another? The Colorado State Constitution specifically states that you must design districts that are "compact in area" whose "boundaries shall be as short as possible". The distance may look feasible on a map, but a topographic map shows the reality of the Continental Divide!

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Sincerely,

Rod Kauber

Box 16

Granby, CO 80446

Redistricting - Grand County

Ted Kaplysh

to:

Ryan Call, Colorado Redistricting Commission

07/31/2011 09:08 AM

Cc:

Cindy Leonard, Glen Snieder gotvtchair, Harry Kottcamp, Ted Kaplysh, Tim Moreland

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I still have not received an answer from anyone to my question: ***"Why did Steve Tool, a Republican, suggest the House map putting Grand County in a district with Larimer County?"***

In addition I have another question: ***"If it was appropriate to put Grand County into the Senate district map with other West slope counties why was it also appropriate to put Grand County into a House district map with a front range county - Larimer or Boulder?"***

The same Constitutional mandates apply for BOTH maps.

Thanks in advance for addressing these concerns.

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Ted Kaplysh

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rudy perez
to:
Reapp2011@state.co.us
07/31/2011 10:18 AM
Please respond to rudy perez
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Dear Reapportionment Commissioners,

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Our mountain community differs from front range communities in nearly every one of these respects. Your responsibility in reapportionment of our State House district must emphasize the mandates as clearly stated. Accordingly, it would be inappropriate to consider combining our mountainous voting district with ANY front range districts. We insist on proper representation of the citizens in Grand County.

Sincerely,

Rodolfo Perez
Resident
Grand County

Re Redistricting/Reapportionment

rudy perez

to:

Reapp2011@state.co.us

07/31/2011 10:23 AM

Cc:

Rod Kauber

Please respond to rudy perez

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Dear Commissioners,

Your task of reapportionment of the Colorado House Districts MUST follow Section 47, Clause 3 of the Colorado Constitution, which you took an oath to uphold. It states...."communities of interest, including ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic factors, shall be preserved within a single district wherever possible."

How on earth can you honestly believe that Grand County and Boulder County have similar communities of interest in ANY of the above stated areas! You must realize that we in rural Grand County do not want, nor should we be united with ANY front range county.

You would not only break your oath to uphold the Colorado Constitution, but you would throw Grand County under the bus in terms of representation.

Please remember your oath.

Sincerely,

Rudy Perez

Resident

Grand County

Pam Pedersen

to:

reapp2011

07/31/2011 11:44 AM

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We in Grand County do not want to be part of a district that includes eastern slope counties. We are western slope people and want to be in a western slope district. It can be done... it's not difficult. If you stick us with Boulder and/or Larimar county, then we effectively have no voice. Please change it immediately. We are not eastern slope people.

Thank you,

Pamela Pedersen

57 Year Old Mom Looks 27!

Mom Reveals \$5 Wrinkle Trick That Has Angered Doctors!

ConsumerLifestyles.org

Grand County and redistricting
Ted Kaplysh
to:
Colorado Redistricting Commission
08/01/2011 06:48 AM
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Dear Commission Members:

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Therefore, redistricting Grand County into either Larimer County or Boulder County would violate six out of six of the “communities of interest” the Colorado Constitution says should be preserved.

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Reapportionment
Rod Kauber
to:
Reapp2011
08/01/2011 07:15 AM
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Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Rod Kauber
Box 16
Granby, CO 80446

Wanted: A few good Sherphas
William Hamilton
to:
reapp2011
08/01/2011 09:24 AM
Please respond to wmpenn71
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Dear Commissioners:

The Redistricting Commission's demographically-lopsided plan to combine Grand County with Boulder County would subordinate the 8,845 voters of Grand County to the 163,069 voters of Boulder County. Politics aside, the plan would also violate Article V, Section 47 Clause (3) of Colorado's Constitution that cites six "communities of interest" that should be preserved: "ethnic, cultural, economic, trade area, geographic, and demographic." Boulder and Grand Counties have none of those in common.

Nor are the two counties truly geographically "contiguous" as required by law. On a flat map, Grand and Boulder Counties appear to be contiguous; however, only a rugged foot-trail over the 11,676-foot Rollins Pass links the two counties. The railroad over Rollins Pass was abandoned in 1935. In 1990, the jeep trail was declared unsafe, and shut down.

To have commerce with Boulder County, Grand County would need to hire Sherpas from Nepal to backpack goods over Rollins Pass.

Sincerely,

William Hamilton, J.D., Ph.D.

wmpenn71@earthlink.net
970.531.1100

Pam Pedersen
to:
reapp2011
08/01/2011 09:25 AM
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Please do not put Grand County in the same district as Boulder or Larimar counties. We have nothing in common with those counties. We are western slope, they are eastern slope. We belong in the mountain districts, not in the city districts.

Pamela Pedersen

53 Year Old Mom Looks 30!

Local Mom's \$4 Trick ERASES Wrinkles and Has Botox Doctors Furious!

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Reapportionment
Gambles
to:
Reapp2011
08/01/2011 10:49 AM
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Sincerely,
Casey Farrell
Box 1017
Granby CO. 80446



reapportionment of Gunnison County
margot-cb to: reapp2011

08/01/2011 02:35 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am unable to attend the meeting to discuss this issue in Gunnison on August 8.

I want to express my opinion on this topic to you by email. Please do not split Gunnison County into 2 districts. We have more in common across the County in terms of issues and concerns than we do with the other areas you are considering splitting us with.

Please keep all of Gunnison County in State House District 61.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Margaret Levy, former CB Town Council member
PO Box 2720
Crested Butte, 81224

Crested Butte belongs in HD 58

Nancy Smith

to:

reapp2011

08/01/2011 03:52 PM

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I am sorry that I cannot attend the reapportionment hearing in Gunnison this Friday August 5. This is because Gunnison is a very long trek from the Roaring Fork Valley, where I live. Crested Butte is an even longer journey from the rest of HD 61. Clearly Crested Butte belongs with Gunnison, in HD 58, not in HD 61. It is quite easy to live for decades in Crested Butte without ever setting foot in Pitkin, Delta or Garfield Counties, so to put Crested Butte into HD 61 means that there would be hardly any face to face contact for those voters with the rest of their district's residents.

Thank you for taking my input.

Nancy V.A. Smith
27 Mesa Avenue
Satank, Colorado 81623
970-963-2339

Reapportionment

Anita Puglisi

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

08/01/2011 09:03 PM

Please respond to Anita Puglisi

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I would like it to be put on record that I am opposed to splitting Gunnison County and wish to have the entire county remain in State House District 61.

Sincerely,

Anita Puglisi

puglisianita@yahoo.com

Mt. Crested Butte citizen

Redistricting Plan

Terry Pickett

to:

reapp2011

08/02/2011 06:11 AM

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I think it makes a great deal of sense to group the mountain/tourism counties of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Ouray and the eastern portion of San Miguel (Telluride) in one legislative district. This community of interest is bounded by the Continental Divide and their shared interest in mountain tourism. Their shared economic base makes them a natural constituency in the legislature.

Terry Pickett

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[Fwd: Re: Reapportionment hearing in Grand Junction]
Gayle Berry to: reapp2011
Please respond to gayle

08/01/2011 10:45 PM

Please include this in the next correspondence packet. Thanks!

Gayle

Gayle Berry
Cell: 970-250-9991

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: Reapportionment hearing in Grand Junction
From: "Gayle Berry" <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
Date: Mon, August 1, 2011 10:43 pm
To: "cowboymate@q.com" <cowboymate@q.com>

Thanks for your email and for writing again. Sorry for the delay in responding. My mother has to go into a nursing home and I have been arranging that, meeting with them, signing medical forms and contracts, and making reservations to fly to Nebraska to get her and be back before the hearing Friday.

As you probably know, the hearing will be at Colorado Mesa University, in the Academic Building, Room 313. It begins at 7 p.m. You do not need to do anything "now" ahead of time. When you arrive on Friday, there will be a sign up sheet for everyone who wants to testify to sign in with name and address.

It is the discretion of the Chair whether to limit testimony and he has not made an overall ruling on time. If he limits testimony, he will announce that at the beginning. I would suggest your remarks express your views within 10 minutes (or less). If you have a map you would like to show, bring it and we will work with staff to have it up for viewing.

Again, sorry for the delayed response. Please let me know if this answers your questions. If you have anything additional, please email as I will be online while at the airport the next few days.

Thanks for your interest in this reapportionment process.

Gayle

Gayle Berry
Cell: 970-250-9991

> Ms. Berry:
>
> AS I told you earlier, I intend to testify at the Grand Junction hearing.
> Do I need to do anything special to make myself known ahead of time and
> how
> much time will I be allowed to testify? Also, is there some way I can
> show
> a large relief map of the area?
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> I appreciate your taking the time to answer my questions.

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> Ginni Selby
> HD 54

Redistricting and its impact on Grand County

Ted Kaplysh

to:

Colorado Redistricting Commission

08/02/2011 01:47 PM

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Dear Commission Members:

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Ted Kaplysh

tkaplysh@gmail.com

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Telephone: 303-748-8981



Fw: 54/61 reapportionment

Jerry Barry o & Reapp

08/03/2011 08:53 AM

----- Forwarded by Jerry Barry/CLICS on 08/03/2011 08:53 AM -----

From: Berry Gayle <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
To: Barry Jerry <jerry.barry@state.co.us>
Date: 08/03/2011 06:37 AM
Subject: Fwd: 54/61 reapportionment

Please include in packet of communications. Thanks.

Gayle
Gayle Berry
970 250 9991

Begin forwarded message:

From: rick bohl <ecobohl70@gmail.com>
Date: July 28, 2011 9:22:01 AM MDT
To: gayle@gberrycorp.com
Subject: 54/61 reapportionment

the proposed boundry change is unbelievably stupid! Mesa and Delta counties have virtually nothing in common with the Aspen valley. Their two reasons for existence are 180 degrees from each other. Agriculture and tourism require totally different approaches to create commerce. This blending will create much turmoil.



Fw: City of Delta into district 61
Jerry Barry to: &Reapp

08/03/2011 08:54 AM

----- Forwarded by Jerry Barry/CLICS on 08/03/2011 08:53 AM -----

From: Berry Gayle <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
To: Barry Jerry <jerry.barry@state.co.us>
Date: 08/03/2011 06:39 AM
Subject: Fwd: City of Delta into district 61

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Gayle
Gayle Berry
970 250 9991

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bucky and Wendy Jones" <wendyio101@hotmail.com>
Date: July 28, 2011 1:11:09 PM MDT
To: <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
Subject: City of Delta into district 61

To Gayle:

Just learned that City of Delta has be put in with district 61. Please do all you can to get us back were we belong.

Kenneth & Winifred Jones
240 Bert St.
Delta, Co 81416

970-874-0616

wendyjo101@hotmail.com



Re:
Happy Fowler to: reapp2011

08/02/2011 06:27 PM

My husband and I are very opposed to splitting Gunnison County and want to have it all remain in State House District 61.

Thank-you for your time and attention.

signed:

Halle W. Fowler and Albert G. Phillips

613 Nicholson Lake Ridge Road
Crested Butte, CO. 81224
970-349-5940

Grand County
Ted Kaplysh
to:
Colorado Redistricting Commission
08/03/2011 07:32 AM
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Re-A.....mlm
M.L. Morgenstern to: reapp2011

08/03/2011 10:32 AM

I agree with 'Where Progressives Stand'.....thanks!.....mlm

Reapportionment in Gunnison County
JAMES R MOORE

to:

reapp2011

08/03/2011 12:08 PM

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To the State Reapportionment Committee:

I am writing to let you know that I am opposed to splitting Gunnison County. We have worked very hard in our small part of the world to be united between "up valley" & "down valley". This split would make it difficult to maintain the unity we have worked so very hard for. I would encourage you to keep our entire Gunnison County in State House District 61.

Thank-you for your consideration in this very important matter.

Peggy Moore

pimoore46@msn.com

Colorado Reapportionment
Kelly Griesch
to:
Reapp2011
08/03/2011 01:14 PM
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Sincerely,

Kelly Griesch,
Arete Appraisal
Phone: 970-887-9490
Fax: 970-887-2413
www.areteappraisal.com
kgriesch@areteappraisal.com



Splitting Gunnison County
Lawrence Mosher to: reapp2011

08/03/2011 05:44 PM

I am very opposed to splitting the county as proposed. This would exacerbate the tensions that already exist in this county making relations worse between those who live in the north end of the county (Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte) and those who live in and around the town of Gunnison. We need actions that unite the county, not the opposite.

Redistricting Grand County
Ted Kaplysh
to:
Colorado Redistricting Commission
08/03/2011 06:42 PM
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Mimi

Dear Commission Members:

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**222 East Gothic Ave.
Gunnison, CO 81230
Aug. 1, 2011**

**State Reapportionment Commission
reapp2011@state.co.us**

We support the letter to the Gunnison Country Times editor by Maureen Hall and Jim Starr (July 28). Their letter covered many points that we have supported and many others that we hadn't considered.

However, they did not mention winter accessibility to the proposed district centers with which members of each half of Gunnison HD61 would have to communicate and visit. Many voters like to feel they can contact their representative directly not just by emailing the office staff in Denver or a remote district center.

Most of the Legislature's business is done during winter. Half of the passes are closed during the whole winter and the four that remain are often icy, snowy and even closed by ferocious storms. Up to now, we at least have had resident representatives who have been responsive and available to us, not 100,000 other constituents.

This reapportionment would allow the representative for each half of the county to regard the needs of the 8000 people in his half of Gunnison County as insignificant, compared to the needs of the rest of his district.

Please reconsider this apportionment plan and maintain House District 61 as a viable, active voice in the Colorado legislature.

Thank you.

Robert and Ruth Willey

Andrew Matz

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

08/03/2011 09:29 PM

Please respond to Andrew Matz

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To Whom it may concern,

Regarding the State House plan to re-district the citizens of Delta County into House District 61-

This is absolutely unacceptable. Not only are the counties in District 61 dis-similar in economic and cultural make-up to those of Delta County, this proposed plan is in violation of our State's Constitutional Provisions Controlling the Re-apportionment and Re-districting as defined in Sections 46 and 47. It would be preferable to determine the fair and equitable Representation of a county's citizenry based on our State Constitution rather than what may be politically advantageous to those desiring job security. Please re-evaluate this obvious attempt to silence our voice in determining what is in OUR own best interest.

Sincerely Yours,

Andrew T. Matz, resident of Delta County



Constitutional decision?
Mimi Kaplysh to: reapp2011

08/04/2011 06:37 AM

Dear Commissioners,

When both the Democrats and the Republicans of a given area are dissatisfied with your redistricting plans, surely you can see there might be a problem. We have presented petitions signed by members of both parties here in Grand County.

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Mimi Kaplysh
Grand County

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Mimi Kaplysh
mkaplysh@gmail.com
421 CR 414
Granby, CO 80446
Ph: 970-531-2935



Grand County redistricting is un-Constitutional.
Mimi Kaplysh to: reapp2011

08/04/2011 06:45 AM

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Sincerely,
Mimi Kaplysh
precinct 2 Captain
Grand County

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Ph: 970-531-2935



District 61
Martha Gentry to: reapp2011

08/04/2011 09:24 AM

Reapportionment Committee:

Please do not split Gunnison County for District boundary purposes.
We are organized and we act as a county! I oppose splitting Gunnison
County into several Districts.

Please leave us whole as District 61.

thanks for your consideration of this.

Martha Gentry
81230
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Gunnison Co.



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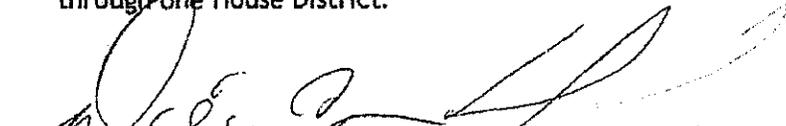
Colorado Reapportionment Commission
Mario Carrera, Chairman
1313 Sherman Street, Office 122
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Chairman Carrera and Commission Members,

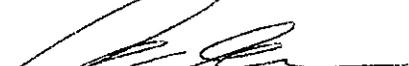
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revision to House District 61 boundaries. Following the leadership and direction of Governor John Hickenlooper, stakeholders from our "Communities of Interest" in Gunnison County have been working on an Economic Development Plan as part of Colorado's bottom-up call to action economic planning. This economic development plan encompasses the entire Gunnison County. We are extremely concerned on how Gunnison County is shown to be split between neighboring counties since this would divide our "Communities of Interest" hampering our ability to execute our 5 key strategies: Encourage Growth of Existing Businesses and Industries, Diversify Economic Base, Increase Tourism Activity, Create a More "Business Friendly" Climate, and Create New Higher Paying Jobs.

Additionally Gunnison County has only 15% privately owned land and our "Communities of Interest" work closely together through one school district, one county hospital located in Gunnison, one Library District, a voter approved and sales tax supported regional air and ground transportation system, a major county wide tourism industry supported by one Local Marketing District, unification of critical water issues through the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District, plus our County is the home of Western State College which is an integral part of our entire county. This list is only the tip of the iceberg that highlights why we are a "Community of Interest" that should remain whole.

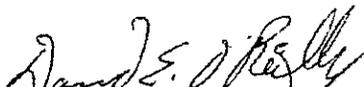
We strongly believe that our "Communities of Interest" will receive full representation in the State of Colorado political arena only through our County remaining one district. Thank you for your understanding of our need to have Gunnison County's citizens represented through one House District.


William Buck, Mayor

David Clayton, Mayor Pro Tem

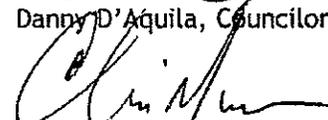

Andrew Gitin, Councilor

Absent
Gary Keiser, Councilor


David O'Reilly, Councilor

Sincerely,

Danny D'Aquila, Councilor


Chris Morgan, Councilor



Fw: City of Delta into district 61
Jerry Barry to: Bo Pogue

08/04/2011 02:15 PM

Please

— Forwarded by Jerry Barry/CLICS on 08/04/2011 02:15 PM —

From: Berry Gayle <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
To: Barry Jerry <jerry.barry@state.co.us>
Date: 08/04/2011 01:48 PM
Subject: Fwd: City of Delta into district 61

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Gayle

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bucky and Wendy Jones" <wendyio101@hotmail.com>
Date: July 28, 2011 1:11:09 PM MDT
To: <gayle@gberrycorp.com>
Subject: City of Delta into district 61
To Gayle:

Just learned that City of Delta has been put in with district 61. Please do all you can to get us back where we belong.

Kenneth & Winifred Jones
240 Bert St.
Delta, Co 81416

970-874-0616
wendyio101@hotmail.com

state legislative reapportionment

Jacque Feulner

to:

reapp2011

08/04/2011 01:15 PM

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I cannot come to the meeting at Red Rocks, but I would like to add my opinion to the discussion.

I believe that We need competitive districts to ensure legislators are accountable to their constituents. When legislators are from districts that are "safe," they can tend to vote for more extreme measures to please their base - and not work for the general good.

1. Two competitive Lakewood house districts should use Kipling as a dividing line for a more east-west divide, creating two, more competitive districts, than the proposed north-south divide that would create one competitive and one safe district.
2. The adopted plan splits Arvada and divides up neighborhoods. It makes more sense to use major roads like Wadsworth and Sheridan to draw legislative boundaries whenever possible.
3. Western Jefferson County is rural and mountainous. One district including Evergreen, Genesee, Aspen Park, Morrison, and Kittredge seems like the best plan.
4. A southern Jefferson County district of Columbine, Dakota Ridge, portions of Ken Caryl makes sense, as this area shares roads and highways, school systems and neighborhood issues.
5. A Wheat Ridge-based district with Golden and Applewood makes sense. They have separate issues from Lakewood and Arvada.

Thank you for considering my input,

Jackie Feulner

6038 Owens St.

Arvada, CO 80004

Opposed to Re-apportionment
Janet Anderson
to:
reapp2011
08/05/2011 02:33 PM
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I am opposed to the committee's plan to re-apportion and remove our current representatives in Delta County and to have Roger Wilson represent our county. He is not familiar with Delta County and his political philosophy does not reflect the majority opinion of our region.

Sincerely,
Janet & Kenneth Anderson
24344 Ute Trail
Cedaredge, CO 81413

Reapportionment in Colorado

DON JULIE SAWYER

to:

reapp2011

08/05/2011 02:42 PM

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Dear Sirs:

I just read where Grand County has now been placed with most of Boulder, Clear Creek And Gilpin counties in the preliminary statewide map of Colorado House districts.

Again, I ask you to not place Grand County with eastern slope counties. Grand County will not have a chance of having our issues heard. Boulder has such a large population so will control the election. Our interests are not the same as Boulder. When ever I have called our representative who now represents our western district, he has always called back. I do not care what political party represents us on the Western slope, but it will be a forgone conclusion that if we are with Boulder it will be a very liberal Democrat who will not be interested in Grand County.

Our Colorado constitution states that the committee should consider interests, geographic and demographic factors, etc. These will not be considered if we are with Boulder. Do you not care for the western slope interests?

Thank you. Julie Sawyer, Box 415, Fraser, Co 80442

Jefferson county reapportionment

edowney27

to:

reapp2011

08/05/2011 02:57 PM

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What in the world is going on with this reapportionment??? I live in Wheat Ridge. What do I have in common with what goes on in Adams County??? What's to keep a representative from voting on something that may be good in Jeffco, but in direct conflict with Adams County? Vice Versa???

It's the same with the 7th Congressional District.

Why all the twisting, turning, squeezing to try to gerimander (sp.?) these districts so that it benefits someone's agenda--usually nothing that helps "We The People".

How about keeping it compact and in direct connection with Jefferson County.

Whatever happened to common sense??? It certainly does not appear to be a issue in government anymore.

Elaine Downey

3665 Lee St.

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

303-985-9583

Jefferson county reapportionment

Bill Hineser

to:

reapp2011

08/05/2011 03:13 PM

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I strongly advised the committee to follow the law and respect homogenous cities, counties and other communities.

Do not let this go to the judges again.

Jefferson county is entitled to 3 senate districts and a portion of a 3rd.

I beg you not to play games and keep communities together.

Bill Hineser

William F Hineser, DPM

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Arvada, CO 80002-3702

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Jefferson county reapportionment

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Would you please explain dividing the city of Arvada on your reapportionment map? It seems our interests as a city would be compromised and this division seems completely unfair.

Trish Pansze

Jefferson county reapportionment

Gerry Anderson

to:

reapp2011

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Good afternoon, Please note my dissatisfaction with Jefferson County be reapportion.
Jefferson Cty is one of the largest Cty and this is not right.

Gerry Anderson
A & B Sales Agency, Inc.
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Jefferson county reapportionment

Jim Miskin

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

08/05/2011 03:32 PM

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We need to have the voting districts follow city and county boundaries. This is for Jefferson County please advise why it is not being done.

Jim Miskin

303-797-0742

Fax: 720-283-2025

2598 S. Lewis Way, 3-B

Lakewood, CO 80227

Jefferson county reapportionment

Joanna Stewart

to:

reapp2011

08/05/2011 03:34 PM

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Please consider a more equitable apportionment of Jefferson Counties Senate seats. Two senators is an injustice to the citizens of Jefferson County. We should have 3.

Joanna Stewart

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Joel T. Champion, Ph.D.
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August 8, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission
1313 Sherman Street, Suite 122
Denver, CO 80203

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, Ph.D.
Longmont City Resident and Concerned Senior Citizen

Adam Paul

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August 9, 2011

Reapportionment Committee
1313 Sherman Street # 122
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for your time and dedication to this process and to the citizens of Colorado. My name is Adam Paul and I currently serve on the Lakewood City Council. I represent Ward IV which encompasses parts of both HD 22 and HD 26. As the only unaffiliated member on council, I want to speak for a third of the population that doesn't have an R or a D attached to their name.

I believe the citizens of Lakewood will be better served by having more competitive districts rather than having fewer safe districts. From a young age, Americans are taught that competition brings out the best, whether it's in sports, education or business. Competition is what has made America great and these same standards should be applied to political representation. Currently we are fortunate in Lakewood to have representatives that strive to work hard for us. I fear if a shift is made to pander to one side or the other we may lose the solid representation that has done many wonderful things for this community.

Competition brings a much needed voice to the many that may not have one and Lakewood deserves two equally competitive districts to ensure that all our citizens have a voice through their elected representatives.

I thank you for your time and for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



Adam Paul
Lakewood City Council

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I have a concern about House Seat #59 if Telluride is included.

How can one justify equating the voting values of Telluride to those in Durango. Makes no sense given the needs of a very rich resort (Telluride) and the needs of a town (Durango) with families and a small, not so rich, ski area.

As a metric to illustrate the differences between Telluride and Durango, I researched the assessed property values and pupil enrollment for both towns for the 2009/10 time frame. The ratio of assessed valuation to pupil count is rather telling. These #'s show the differences anticipated in voter's values when they vote in a very rich town (Telluride) compared to a not so rich town (Durango).

Also shown below is the perceived differences in "voter values" between typical towns in the 59th and Telluride.

Telluride seems to be unique with the present #59 and #58 boundaries able to deal with Telluride. Why change?

<u>School District</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Total Pupil Enrollment</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation to Pupil Ratio</u>
Archuleta	\$393,982,948	1,568.4	\$251,201
Durango	\$2,198,992,650	4,536.9	\$484,691
Montezuma	\$496,435,980	2,928.1	\$169,542
Telluride	\$893,454,757	678.1	\$1,317,586

File = Redistricting No 1 - 8.9.11

Talk Later
 John Bozek
 805 Stevens Circle
 Pagosa Springs CO 81147
 970 731 4933

File = Redistricting in State - 8/11/11

Critical boundary issue HDs 11 and 12

darminart

to:

reapp2011

08/12/2011 12:02 AM

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chair

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I am Darwin Miner and reside at 825 6th Ave Longmont. My residence is within the core "Old Town" and civic center area of Longmont scheduled to be included in HD 12. The area is currently in HD 12, but HD 12 also includes a much larger portion of eastern Longmont, a more equitable split. Under the new apportionment, only the heart of Longmont, including the civic center, library and police will be in HD 12, while the rest of Longmont is in HD 11. Issues involving zoning and the redevelopment of the US 287/Main Street corridor affect all of Longmont, and this area should be within HD 11. It also seems to divide the principle Hispanic area of eastern Longmont, diluting their representation.

A more reasonable solution would be to change the southern boundary of HD 11 to align with Hwy 119 (Diagonal Hwy/Ken Pratt Blvd..) and include some of the eastern edge of Longmont and the Southmore Park area and communities south of Hwy 119 in HD 12.

An additional concern is the City of Lyons scheduled to be in HD 13. Given the proximity of Lyons to Longmont, their zoning issues, and their mutual involvement with the Longmont water system, they are definitely "communities of interest," and should both be in HD 11.

Thank you for your consideration.



UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

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August 10, 2011

Via Electronic Mail reapp2011@state.co.us

Colorado Reapportionment Commission

Re: Ute Mountain Ute Statement to the Colorado Reapportionment Commission

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe appreciates the invitation to comment on the possible district lines for the house districts in our region, which will determine how the Ute Mountain Ute tribe will be represented in the Colorado General Assembly for the next ten years.

The Ute Mountain Ute tribe is a federally recognized sovereign nation, and we therefore work in a government-to-government relationship with the United States and also the State of Colorado. While most of our business is conducted at the federal level, we are proud of our relationship with the State of Colorado which has lead to several important partnerships including the Animas-La Plata Project, our gaming compact and a Brunot hunting rights cooperative agreement. There are often state legislative issues that impact our members, particularly during these times of fiscal constraint which affect highway funding, distribution of severance tax funds and funding for higher education at Fort Lewis College.

In recent years, we have worked to develop and even stronger relationships with the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs in the Lieutenant Governor's office, which formed a bipartisan Native American caucus to provide input on legislative issues that affect our reservation. As you know, it is a long trip from Denver to our corner of Colorado and those of us who live here often feel isolated and disconnected from what happens in Denver. Because the vast majority of legislators are from the metropolitan area, many are unaware of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, our sister nation the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and the issues which affect us.

We offer this statement to ask that you maximize our representation in the House of Representatives by giving us two voices, with our Tribe in one district as we are now and Southern Ute in another district.

The Ute Mountain Ute reservation in Colorado is located almost entirely in Montezuma County, with a small section in La Plata County. Our interests and our

business are often differently focused than our neighbors to the east. We have a strong agricultural climate including our Farm & Ranch Enterprise, and lying at the gateway to the Four Corners, we are reliant on tourism for significant economic input.

We also have many ties to the north of our reservation, including ownership of a ranch in Gunnison County. The Colorado Ute Museum is located in Montrose, on property homesteaded by Chief Ouray. The Dolores River, which flows through the San Miguel, Dolores and Montezuma Counties, is critical to our survival. The Dolores Project brought the first running water to Towaoc in 1988 and our Farm and Ranch Enterprises south of Sleeping Ute Mountain depends on it for irrigation water.

Inclusion in a district to the north of our reservation not only offers our tribal members their own voice in the legislature, it joins us with our non-tribal neighbors who have many mutual interests.

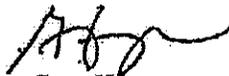
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe shares many of our concerns and we often have shared goals. They are indeed a part of our extended Ute family. But like family members, our needs are not always the same and it is an advantage to have two representatives at the Capitol to listen to us and advocate for us. Having two representatives in the House for southwestern Colorado means we can pursue our independent issues separately, while supporting one another.

We are not writing to support either political party's efforts to gain control of the legislature. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is committed to working with both parties, as we have done so successfully in the past, and we look forward to bipartisan cooperation in the future.

Thank you again for listening to our concerns and our wishes. We are not a large population, but we do believe we deserve as strong a voice as possible at the Capitol.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe respectfully requests that the commission vote to draw the House boundaries so that we and our neighbors can have two representatives in Denver.

Respectfully,



Gary Hayes
Chairman

Grand County Reapportionment

Les Williams

to:

reapp2011

08/12/2011 05:42 PM

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Dear Committee Members:

Please reconsider realigning Grand County with Boulder. Grand County has nothing in common with Boulder and is much more suited to be aligned with other Western Slope counties.

As my husband and I traveled yesterday from Grand Lake to Hot Sulfur Springs, Kremming then on to Silverthorne, it became even more clear to me why Grand County is purely Western Slope. We lived for 25 years in Lakewood, then moved to Grand County fulltime. This county is extremely rural, sparsely populated and needs to be aligned with counties similar in those respects.

Our opinions, our votes, our livelihoods will never be protected or appreciated when mixed in with such an urban environment as Boulder or other Eastern Slope cities or counties.

Please listen to the people and keep Grand County grand by hearing our voices and aligning us correctly--we would like to maintain some representation.

Thank you,
Connie Williams
173 CR 496
Grand Lake, CO 80447
(970) 627-8133

Proposed House District Boundaries-House District 13
ALHNELSON

to:
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08/14/2011 08:45 AM
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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

Windsor Resident Concern - Weld County Resident Concern

Drenda Thoen

to:

reapp2011

08/14/2011 11:45 AM

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WCRSecretary09

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Dear Committee -

I am saddened how Windsor, Colorado is broken up into 3 Districts. Windsor, as a community of almost 20,000 people, should remain "whole". Please take this into consideration as you make decisions that affect so many people.

Also, why does Weld County have to be broken up so much? Why are the lines changed so drastically? The word is that this is being done in a partisan way...mostly through the Democrat majority. Stop this gerrymandering and get back to the very basics of common sense and correctly follow the guidelines.

I am tired of making my voice heard to a deaf group of leaders. Won't a few of you please do the right thing and put the politics aside?

Drenda Thoen
Windsor, CO



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cmulkey to: reapp2011

08/14/2011 09:16 PM

To The Colorado Reapportionment Commission
Conc. Visit to Durango, Fort Lewis College Friday, Aug.12, 2011

Thank you for your state visits.
After your Durango visit, I had a few additional comments.

Wait a minute!

With due respect to Rep. J. Paul Brown and Sen. Ellen Roberts, I have traveled over Red Mt. Pass in all seasons, teaching professional development courses to school counselors in Grand Junction. My daughter has traveled over the pass for sports activities in high school on a school bus. My son-in-law plans to travel the pass to deliver equipment from Durango, and my husband had an occasional patient from Ouray when he was a practicing oral surgeon in Durango.

I just don't think the point is well taken that we should not include Ouray or San Miguel Counties in Dist. #59 simply because Red Mt. Pass exists. After all, there are a lot of mountain passes in the state, including Lizard Head Pass in our part of the state.

Why? Because we have the internet, skype, teleconferencing, conference calling, email, fax machines and telephone lines to use with communicating with each other. I recommend that future representatives keep this in mind. In tough economic times this saves time, money and resources rather than gasoline. I held a conference call in Silverton not long ago, with representatives from all over S.W. Colorado.

In May we held a teleconference with school counselors at our recreation center, in Durango, calling several counselors from Colorado Springs with both audio and video. available.

Schools are using this equipment. Why can't our representatives do the same?

Respectfully, Carla Mulkey, MA, NCC retired school counselor Durango
913 N. Hidden Valley Cir., Durango, Colorado 81301
970 749 9023 cell 970 259 3274 home
Past Pres., Colorado School Counselor Assn.

re: redrawing legislative district lines - Gunbarrel
Sonja Knaisch
to:
reapp2011
08/14/2011 10:24 PM
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My name is Sonja Knaisch. My family and I live in Gunbarrel Estates and we do not want our community split in the redistricting. We are a small community. We don't have our own post office or zip code. We already have to use Longmont's zip code and that causes a lot of trouble whenever a merchant or service provider tries to find us. We struggle to get representation as it is, dividing our community and aligning some of us with mountain communities will further dilute our ability to get representation! Gunbarrel is not a mountain community! It should not be aligned with other mountain communities.

I agree with what Eric Vogt, a neighbor, said "**This split is not a good thing for Gunbarrel.** Ever since we formed the Gunbarrel Neighborhood Alliance (early '90's, now the Gunbarrel Community Association) and our own special improvement district (mid-'90's, for purchase of open space and improvement of neighborhood roads), we've been able to work as a community on issues critical to our interests, most notably the town center, planned hotel, crematorium, and the prairie dog issue."

Please! Do not divide the community of Gunbarrel !

Sincerely,

Sonja Knaisch

Reapportionment for Longmont Colorado

Jennifer Paris

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

08/15/2011 10:15 AM

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I recently went to a Longmont Chamber meeting where the new map was revealed & I was appalled by the recommended changes. As a business owner who works on the west side of Longmont, I believe that putting only one representative in for the city & then extending the boundaries north to pick up population is doing only one thing: assuring a Republican representative for Longmont.

The demographics for our town have changed significantly in the last 10 years & we have a large number of people on the west & south ends of town that do most of their shopping & business in towns south of Longmont. That is evidenced by the incredible amount of traffic flowing south of Longmont each day. Their interests lie not just in Longmont but in Boulder county in general. They also tend to follow politically the same themes as the southern towns.

I do not believe that Longmont should have only one representative. If anything, having one voice eliminates the opportunity for us to appropriately address the many opinions of the people in our area.

While our Chamber believes they are making a non-partisan request for a single representative, it will have negative impacts on our town that are very political indeed.

Thank you!

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Comment on redistricting
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TO: The Redistricting Commission
FROM: Tom Sander
Phone 970-20601615
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I was unable to appear at your Aug. 11 public hearing in Fort Collins. This is what I wanted to say:

My name is Tom Sander. I am a 7 ½ year resident of Fort Collins. I am a retired newspaper editorial writer and editorial page editor who has researched and written extensively about redistricting efforts done in 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2001.

What I have found, over and over again, was that gerrymandered districts -- artificially twisted out of shape to help or hurt a political party, a politician or a special-interest group -- almost always were widely hated by those they were supposed to help. Those mangled districts were hugely unpopular, with voters and elected leaders, Republican and Democrat alike. Sprawling, zigzag, distorted districts made it very hard for voters to know which district they were in, which candidates to pay attention to and which politicians represented them. Districts shaped like an ink-blot test or a wiggly worm also made it hard for incumbent elected officials to represent and campaign in.

As you go around the state seeking input from the people, you need to admit up front that you as members of the General Assembly should not even be doing redistricting in the first place. Politicians like you have a terrible ethical conflict of interest in drawing your own districts every 10 years to reflect new Census numbers. Incumbents naturally want to rig district lines to protect their jobs and power bases and deter challengers. Democrats, Republicans, Hispanics, African-Americans and other groups want to lump together voters like them.

Worse, says Senator Rollie Heath, "The General Assembly has not done a great job of fulfilling its duty."

Let me warn you: I have some odd ideas of how to do this job, never really used before.

For instance, I firmly believe districts shouldn't be gerrymandered -- artificially distorted into odd shapes zigzagging across the state like some insane jigsaw puzzle. Rather, each district should be relatively squared off, with the shortest and straightest possible boundaries, covering only compact, contiguous territory. Each district should include people living in the same neighborhood, city, county or region of the state and identifying with that area and each other. Each district should generally follow existing subdivision lines, city limits and county borders.

Districts should not be drawn to please any incumbent senators or representatives. District lines should serve interests of the people, not politicians.

Ideally, you shouldn't be checking where Democratic or Republican voters live, or how people in each precinct voted. Redistricting should be completely nonpartisan.

And you shouldn't be using information about where blacks, Hispanics, older people or any racial, ethnic or religious groups live. I strongly oppose the notion of "affirmative gerrymandering," to strengthen the voting clout of minorities.

But in reality, the best thing you can do is DON'T draw districts that are "safe" for Republicans or Democrats. Instead, DO draw districts that are "competitive," where Republicans, Democrats and independents have a fairly equal chance of winning election.

And after redistricting is done, get together with your fellow lawmakers and hand the job off to an independent group that doesn't have a conflict of interest in drawing the lines.