

**Final**  
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 08/29/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: <b>06:02 PM to 09:00 PM</b>	Atencio E
Place: University of Northern Colorado Greeley	Berry E
	Carroll X
This Meeting was called to order by <u>Tool</u>	Jones X
	Loevy E
	Nicolais X
	Salazar E
This Report was prepared by <u>Bo Pogue</u>	Tool X
	Witwer E
	Webb X
	Carrera X

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

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

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**06:02 PM -- Welcome and Introductions**

The commission was called to order. Commissioner Tool, acting chair, provided some opening remarks and introduced himself to the audience. Commissioners Carroll, Jones, Webb, Carrera, and Nicolais introduced themselves.

**06:06 PM**

Ms. Kate Meyer, Reapportionment Commission Staff, provided background on the commission, its appointments, and the time table within which it must perform its duties. Ms. Meyer then outlined the federal and state legal criteria that the commission must observe as it redraws the state House and Senate districts.

**06:11 PM -- Public Testimony**

The following persons testified at the Greeley hearing:

**06:11 PM** -- Mr. David Delgado expressed concerns about dividing urban precincts around the proposed House District 50, and the splitting of Greeley neighborhoods, including the University District. He discussed the removal of certain political operatives and elected officials from District 50 in the proposed plan, and discussed the fracturing of ethnic groups by the plan. Mr. Delgado discussed the grouping together of populations that have little in common in House District 50, and the lack of compactness for the proposed district. Mr. Delgado responded to questions regarding the opinion of the Hispanic community about the former state representative for House District 50. Discussion ensued regarding the contours of the existing districts around Greeley, and problems associated with the shape of the proposed House District 50.

**06:21 PM**

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of the federal Voting Rights Act on the creation of the proposed House District 50, and the opinion of the Hispanic community concerning creation of a majority-minority district in Greeley. Discussion followed regarding the political statistics associated with the proposed House District 50. Mr. Delgado responded to questions regarding the commission's vote to adopt the proposed redistricting plan in Weld County, and potential areas to incorporate into the proposed House District 50 that would keep it a majority-minority district. Discussion followed regarding the potential for creating a majority-minority district with greater compactness while being politically competitive.

**6:31 PM** -- Ms. Kathy Ensz discussed the elongated contour of the proposed House District 50, and the division of certain neighborhoods in Greeley by the proposed plan, including the University District. Commissioners received a background on the University District (Attachment A), and a map of the district (Attachment B). Ms. Ensz discussed her experiences as a campaign worker in the University District, and the community created by the district. She spoke in favor of keeping the district whole, and discussed public opinion about creating a majority-minority district in Greeley that includes areas to the south. Discussion ensued regarding representation in the state legislature for the University of Northern Colorado. Discussion followed regarding potential alternatives for creating a majority-minority House district incorporating parts of Greeley.



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**06:41 PM** -- Mr. Monte Willeke discussed a proposed House plan for eastern Colorado. The Commissioners received copies of the proposed plan (Attachment C). Mr. Willeke discussed the merits of the proposed plan.



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**06:44 PM** -- Ms. Bonnie Kuntz discussed public opinion expressed in testimony taken at the commission's previous hearings, and divisions that create communities of interest. She spoke in favor compromise in the redistricting process.

**06:47 PM** -- Ms. Marilyn Van Well discussed farming as a minority population in Colorado, and spoke in opposition to drawing the incumbent representative out of his current House district in northeastern Colorado in the proposed plan. She supported keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan.

**06:51 PM** -- Ms. Jeri Shepherd expressed concerns about the older parts of Greeley not being adequately represented in the commission's proposed House District 50, and the splitting of certain Greeley neighborhoods by the plan. She supported keeping the current House District 50 as intact as possible.

**06:54 PM** -- Mr. Aaron Lore spoke in opposition to dividing Windsor in the proposed House plan. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons for splitting the city.

**06:56 PM** -- Mr. Richard Bond, former state representative representing himself, provided some history about the representation of House District 50, and the politically moderate tenor of the district. Mr. Bond spoke in opposition to the drawing of the district in the commission's proposed plan, and suggested "tweaking" the current House District 50 to satisfy the minority representation criteria. Mr. Bond was asked about Hispanic representation in the state legislature for the Greeley area. Mr. Bond responded to questions about the University of Northern Colorado as a community of interest, and representation of that community. Discussion ensued regarding the potential impact of creating a majority-minority district incorporating parts of Greeley on Hispanic voter turn-out.

**07:06 PM** -- Ms. Debbie Pilch, representing herself, discussed changes that have occurred in Greeley over the years. She applauded the commission's efforts to create a majority-minority Hispanic district in the Greeley area, but requested that the boundaries of the current House District 50 be kept intact as much as possible. Ms. Pilch spoke in favor of keeping cities whole, particularly Greeley, in the Senate plan. Ms. Pilch responded to questions regarding how to keep municipalities whole, and made specific suggestions about how to create a majority-minority district in the Greeley area.

**07:15 PM** -- Mr. Tony Carlson, representing Morgan County as a county commissioner, spoke in support of keeping the county whole. He responded to questions about election costs associated with splitting the county, and Spanish language ballot requirements in the county.

**07:17 PM** -- Ms. Carol Burkhart spoke in support of keeping House District 50 an east-central Greeley and Evans district, and discussed the potential dilution of the Hispanic vote in the Greeley area under the proposed House plan. She supported splitting the higher education institutions in Greeley into two House districts to increase representation.

**07:23 PM** -- Ms. Maria Lara, representing herself, CPC, and El Voto Latino, read a letter from Mr. Joe Perez (Attachment D), and added comments to the letter. Discussion ensued regarding a letter from various Hispanic organizations supporting the creation of a majority-minority district in the Greeley area, and the potential for an increase in Hispanic voter turnout based on the creation of a majority-minority district. Ms. Lara responded to questions regarding the potential dilution of the Hispanic voice based on the contours of the commission's proposed House District 50. Discussion followed regarding the trade-off between district compactness and the creation of a majority-minority district. Discussion turned to comments made in Mr. Perez's letter.



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**07:34 PM** -- Ms. Ann la Plante, representing herself, expressed concerns about areas of Greeley being excluded from House District 50 in the proposed plan, and suggested that the district is gerrymandered. She made suggestions about how to improve the district in order to keep communities of interest whole. She also discussed the lack of compactness of the proposed House District 50.

**07:39 PM** -- Ms. Leah Bookman, representing herself, discussed the incompatible interests of the commission's proposed House District 50, and opposed splitting the University of Northern Colorado community.

**07:42 PM** -- Mr. James Eckersley, representing himself, discussed the historical political competitiveness of House District 50, and discussed 35th Avenue in Greeley as a dividing line between communities of interest. He suggested including La Salle in House District 50.

**07:46 PM** -- Ms. Jean Overturf discussed improving representation for the Hispanic population in the Greeley area, and suggested the contours of the proposed House District 50 do not make sense. She spoke in support of good political candidates.

**07:49 PM** -- Ms. Nancy Galvin, representing herself, opposed splitting Greeley as it is in the proposed House plan, and discussed the communities of interest in Greeley. She explained that the Latino cultures are not the same from one area to another. She expressed opposition to the contours of the proposed House District 50, and suggested that the diverse interests in the proposed district could not be adequately represented. She then talked about the potential effect of the House plan on the western part of Greeley.

**07:54 PM** -- Ms. Kathleen Milligan, representing the League of Women Voters, discussed the legal criteria that must be considered in the redistricting process, and asked the commission about its criteria priorities in drafting the proposed House District 50. Discussion ensued regarding weighing district compactness with other legal criteria in drafting the district.

**08:02 PM** -- Mr. John Vazquez, representing Windsor as its mayor, requested that Windsor be kept within one House district, and discussed the difficulties created by splitting the town. Mr. Vazquez discussed the election of Latino candidates in districts that are not majority-minority districts. Mr. Vazquez responded to questions regarding which county Windsor is more closely associated with. Discussion ensued regarding the population of the portion of Windsor that lies in Larimer County, and representation for Windsor east of Interstate 25.

**08:11 PM** -- Mr. Eric Rothaus, representing himself, discussed the division of central, or older, Greeley in the commission's proposed House plan, as well as the division of other communities of interest in the city. He discussed the political competitiveness of the current House District 50. He discussed the dramatic shift in the contours of House District 50.

**08:18 PM** -- Mr. Bill Jerke, representing himself, provided history regarding Hispanic elected officials in Weld County, and objected to the drafting of House District 50 in the commission's proposed plan. He expressed concern about the lack of representation for rural Colorado, referencing the proposed House District 57. Mr. Jerke discussed the community of interest shared by Greeley and surrounding communities that is not shared by the southern areas of the proposed House District 50. He made recommendations about how to improve the district. Discussion ensued regarding recent racial bloc voting in Weld County.

**08:26 PM** -- Mr. Roy Wardell, representing himself, objected to Platteville being included in House District 50, and made recommendations about how to better draw the district. Discussion ensued regarding shared communities of interest between Platteville and surrounding communities.

**08:32 PM** -- Mr. Frank Garcia, representing himself, supported the commission's proposed House plan and specifically House District 50, and provided history about the Hispanic migration patterns in the area.

**08:34 PM** -- Ms. Donna Sapienza, representing the City of Greeley as a member of its council, discussed the importance of inclusiveness in Greeley, and provided background on the city's University District. She discussed the upward mobility of the Hispanic population in Greeley, and the division of the school districts in the city by the proposed House plan. She spoke in support of keeping the University District whole in the House plan, and discussed the diversity of Greeley. She urged the commission to keep central Greeley whole in the House plan.

**08:41 PM** -- Ms. Olivia Mendoza, representing the Colorado Latino Forum and the Hispanic Bar Association, expressed support for keeping the Latino community intact in both Greeley and the Fort Morgan area, and made recommendations about how to address portions of the Fort Morgan area in the House plan, including an unassigned portion. In response to questions, Ms. Mendoza clarified her organization's position on redistricting as it pertains to Fort Morgan and Greeley. Ms. Mendoza entered into the record two maps created by her organization centering on Morgan and Eastern Weld counties (Attachment E).



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**08:49 PM** -- Mr. Luke Shilts, representing himself, discussed diversity in the Greeley area, and unity among the Hispanic and Anglo communities on a number of issues. He addressed earlier testimony pertaining to understanding the proposed House districts in the Greeley area, and discussed the focus on the ethnic criteria to the exclusion of other criteria. Mr. Shilts discussed efforts to unite the University District in Greeley, and the communities of interest in the Greeley area. He then discussed the diversity in his neighborhood.

**08:55 PM** -- Mr. Sean Conway, representing himself, supported keeping Morgan County whole in the House plan, as well as the Town of Windsor. Mr. Conway responded to questions regarding his opinion about the commission's proposed House District 50.

**09:00 PM**

A number of comments received by the Reapportionment Commission Staff by e-mail were entered into the public record (Attachment F). The commission adjourned.



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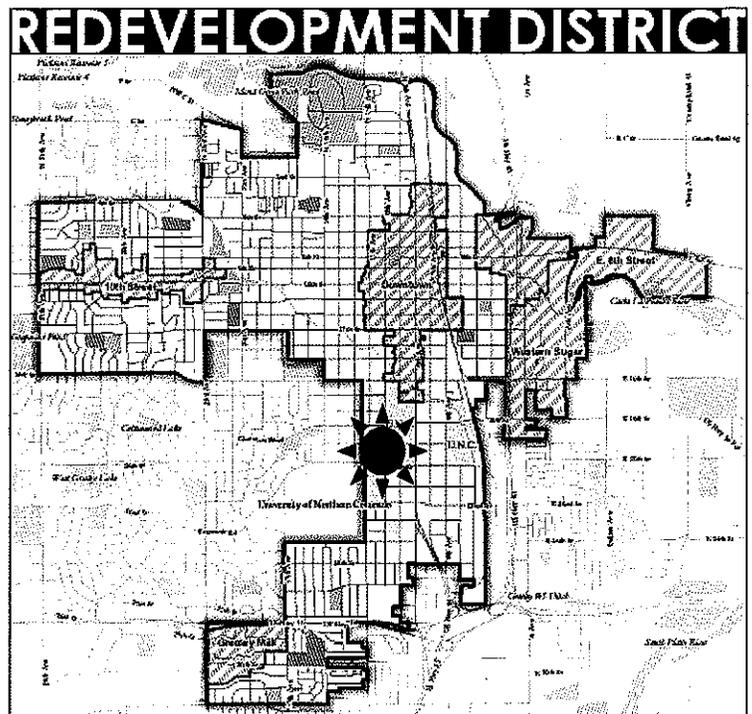
# GREELEY ⊕ UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

## Initiative Overview August 2011

**E**ducation has always played a key role in Greeley, beginning with the Union Colony, which was founded on the principles of "temperance, religion, education, agriculture, irrigation, cooperation, and family values." The importance of higher education was reflected with the founding of the State Normal School in 1889, with Cranford Hall, the first building on campus, completed by 1903. Evolving to the Colorado Teachers College (1911), and Colorado State College of Education (1935), the college became officially known as the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) in 1970. A wide variety of neighborhoods and business have similarly 'grown up' around the university as the community has grown from a Colony of settlers in 1876 to Greeley's current 92,000+ population.

Throughout Greeley's growth, the area around UNC has been an important reflection of the community's values and traditions.

In recent years, the City has focused support for its older, redevelopment neighborhoods. Simultaneously, the University of Northern Colorado has undertaken enormous efforts to enhance campus appearance, function and appeal. In conjunction with tremendous resident and business support, the City and University have undertaken the "**University District Initiative**", as a **flagship for renewal and renaissance** in this important area of the community.



### Greeley ⊕ University District Initiative

Though the University is a key anchor of the community, the area neighborhoods, businesses, institutions, destinations and activities in total offer its unique personality and attraction. The

**vision** of the Initiative is to promote the University Neighborhood Area as one of the most attractive, vibrant and sought after areas in Northern Colorado. The **purpose of the University District** is to facilitate the area's appeal as a place to live, learn work and play.

This initiative has involved research, early input from Community Think Tanks and extensive community outreach and participation. The priority work of the University District to foster a special 'Sense of Place' has been synthesized into five key areas:

⊕ **Enhance Neighborhood Livability**

- Improve property conditions
- Promote health & safety
- Foster owner-occupancy

⊕ **Cultivate a Vibrant Economy**

- Foster business incubation
- Develop the "experience economy"
- Enhance the marketplace through expanded commercial offerings

⊕ **Create Engaging Destinations**

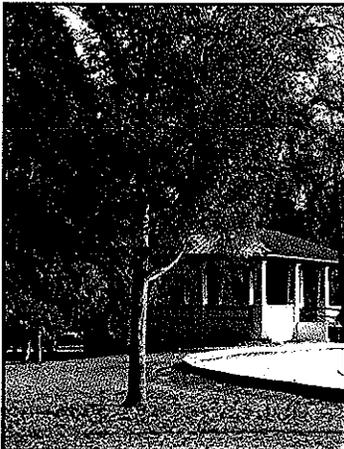
- Increase entertainment offerings
- Enhance the visitor experience
- Promote area as event/conference center

⊕ **Foster Growth through Education**

- Extend University programs to the neighborhood
- Foster life-long learning
- Improve K-12 achievement

⊕ **Strengthen Neighborhood Design**

- Strengthen bicycle and pedestrian access/use
- Provide connective links to area uses & amenities
- Enhance the physical environment & public spaces



**Five Committees comprised of community members meet regularly to undertake the priority work items.** Interested residents, business owners, employers, professionals, students, are encouraged to add their voice and participation to the effort!



**Communication available on many levels:**

- Neighborhood and areas meetings: sign up to receive email meeting notices
- Web page: view the work in progress, add your ideas, send in some favorite pictures, stay informed..... the University District website is: [www.unco.edu/universitydistrict](http://www.unco.edu/universitydistrict)
- Contact points for the City and University are:  
City of Greeley: Becky Safarik, Community Development Director, 970.350.9785, [becky.safarik@greeleygov.com](mailto:becky.safarik@greeleygov.com)  
UNC: Chuck Leonhardt, Vice President for University Relations 970.351.1152, [charles.leonhardt@unco.edu](mailto:charles.leonhardt@unco.edu)

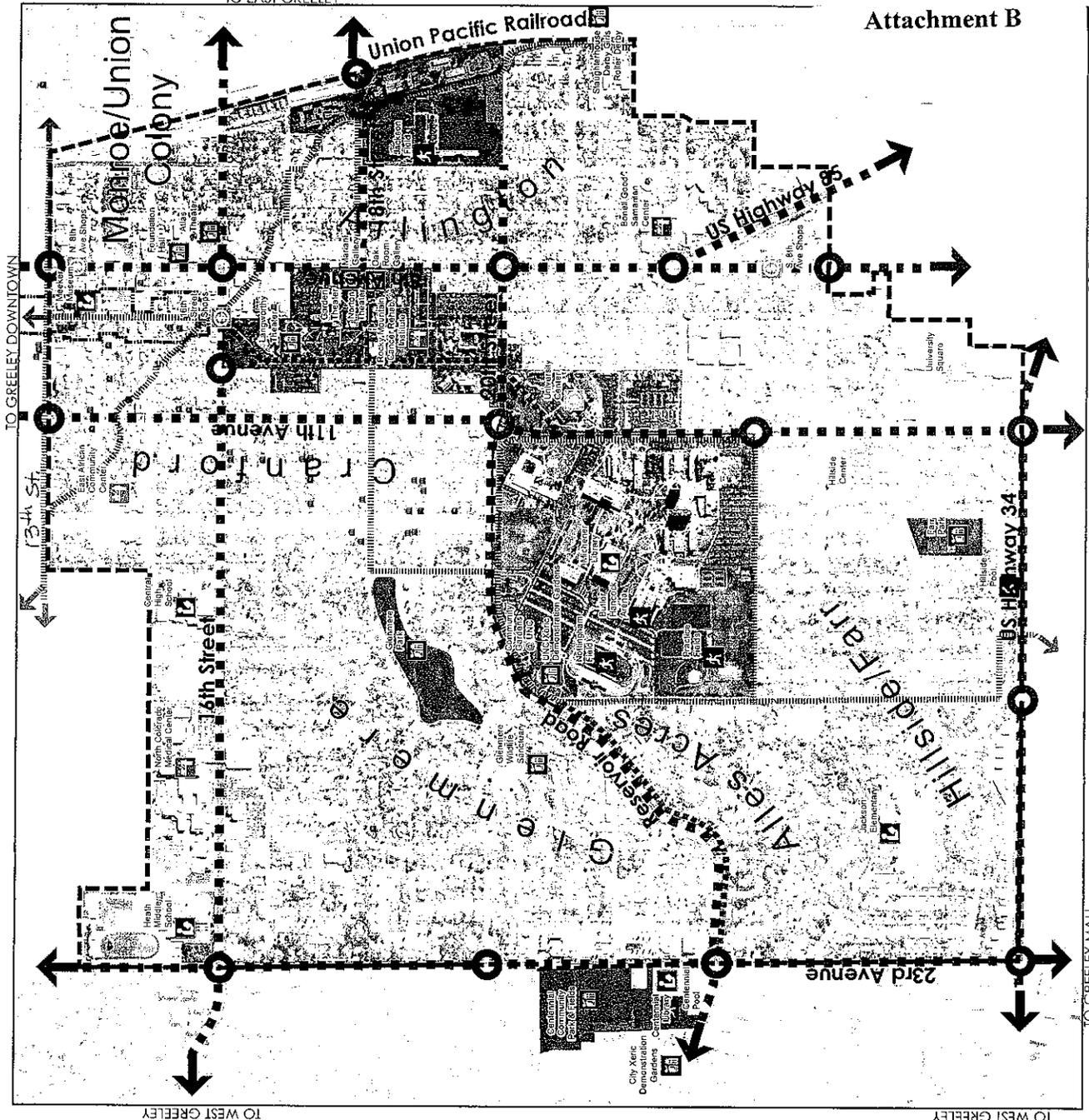
# UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

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## Legend

- Destinations
- Education
- Commercial
- Leisure/Entertainment
- Sports/Recreation
- Service
- Entrway
- Historic Structure
- Historic Districts
- Corridors
- Major Corridors
- Existing Pedestrian Corridor
- Future Pedestrian Corridor
- District Boundary



AREA	DESTINATION	Shopping/ Dining	Sports/ Recreation	Leisure/ Entertain- ment	Point of Interest/ Education	Service
UNC	University Center	X				X
	Jackson Field		X			
	Nottingham Field		X			
	Butler Theater			X		
	Little Theater of the Rockies			X		
	Central Theater			X		
	Goodman Hall			X		
	Continental Center			X		
	Mechanic Library			X		
	Mechanic Gallery			X		
	Oak Room Gallery			X		
BUSINESS	16 <sup>th</sup> Street Shops	X				
	University Square	X				X
	Hillside Center	X				
	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Businesses to of 16 <sup>th</sup> St	X				
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PUBLIC	Glenmore Park		X		X	
	Wildlife Sanctuary		X			
	Fair Park		X			
	Continental Park/Pool		X			
	Practice Fields		X			
	Mesker Museum		X			
	Health Middle School		X			X
	Central High School		X			X
	Jackson Elementary		X			X
	Historic Greeley Duch No. 3		X			X
	Continental Library		X			X
HEALTH	NCMC					X
	Benet Good Samaritan Campus					X
	Community Gardens			X		
	UNC Xeric Demonstration Site			X		
	City Xeric Demonstration Site			X		
	Bill's voices/Training Paths		X			
COMMUNITY	Hillside Pool		X			
	Minors Avenue Historic District				X	
	Historic Urban/Industrial District				X	
	East African Community Center				X	

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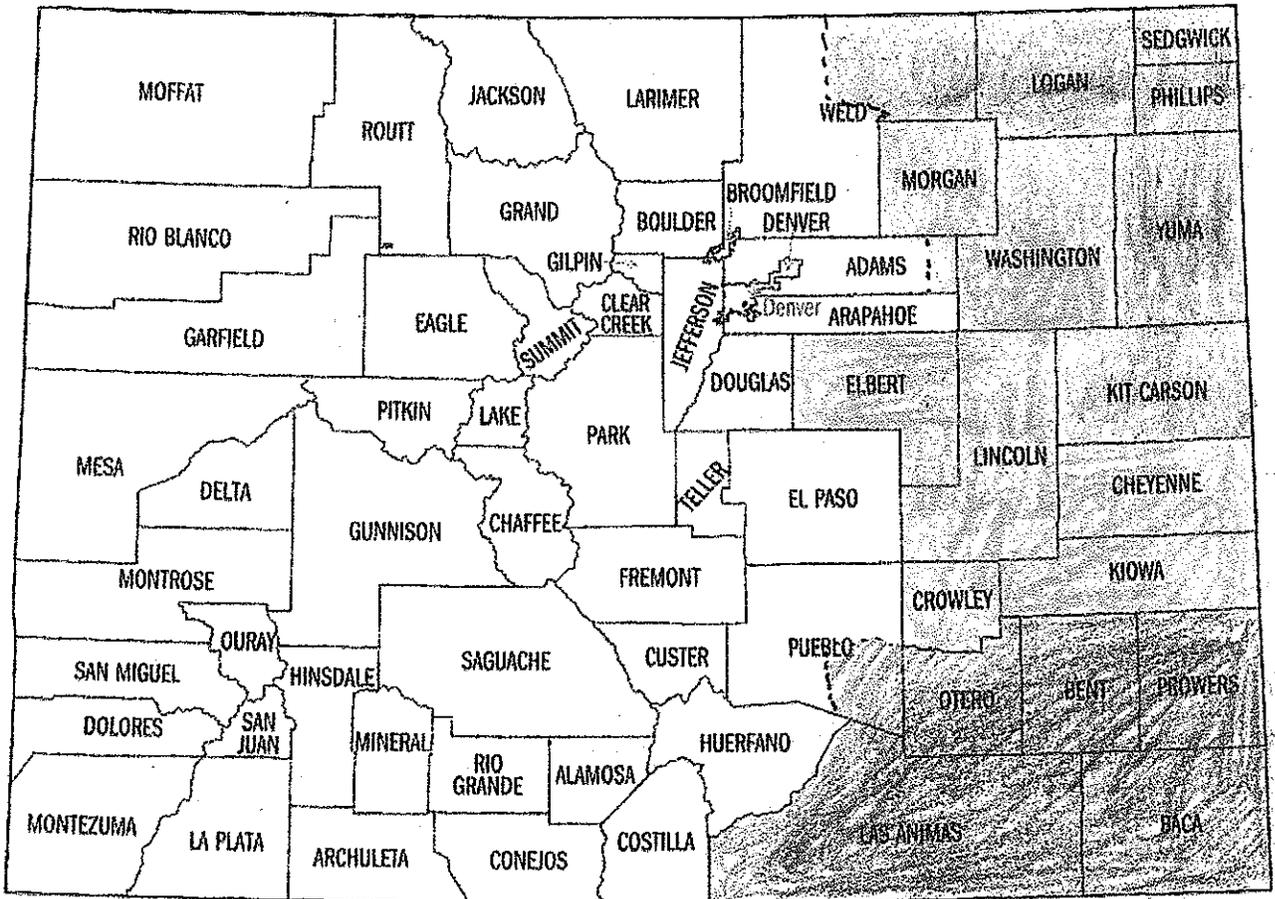
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- **Pitkin County**

PROPOSED HOUSE REDISTRICTING

HOUSE DISTRICT # 63

Morgan	28159	
Washington	4814	
Elbert	23086	
Lincoln	5467	
Crowley	5823	
Cheyenne	1836	
Kiowa	1398	
Adams	7000	Total 77583

HOUSE DISTRICT # 64

Otero	18831	
Bent	6499	
Prowers	12551	
Baca	3788	
Las Animas	15507	
Pueblo	20000	Total 77176

HOUSE DISTRICT # 65

Logan	22709	
Sedgwick	2379	
Phillips	4442	
Yuma	10043	
Kit Carson	8270	
Weld	29600	Total 77443

House Dist. 63: Currently has approximately 7000 of Adams County Residents

House Dist. 64: Currently has part of Huerfano County Residents and would need to include some of Pueblo County to keep the Arkansas Valley District together.

House Dist. 65: Currently has approximately 47900 of Weld County Residents would need to keep 29600 residents who are adjacent to Logan County.

This proposed plan closely follows the criteria that is used by the commission . Our biggest concern is the representation of eastern Colorado. Under the Preliminary plan the eastern plains could be reduced to ONE representative who actually lives on the rural Colorado Plains. Our proposed plan would keep at least three representatives on the eastern plains if the voters so choose.

When it comes time for appointments to the Agriculture Committees, the agriculture interests would be better served with this plan. Water issues are of major concerns to us on the plains. Whether the Arkansas Valley, the South Platt Valley, the Republican river basin or the Ogallala Aquifer, it affects all our water on the plains, even the residents who don't irrigate. Our domestic water supply is directly tied to these water sources. The agricultural products produced by these areas have a huge impact on our state. The industries we impact or the industries that impact us also have a direct impact on all the residents of the State of Colorado.

This proposed plan would keep the Arkansas Valley as one district which they voiced strong support for.

This proposed plan would not divide Counties that weren't already divided. In Dist. 64 the combination of part of Pueblo County would enhance the Arkansas Valley interest of staying together.

This proposed plan would keep and I emphasize keep communities of interest, such as economic, ethnic, or geographic areas preserved to the best of our ability.

Thank you for taking your time to listen to us the citizens of rural Colorado.

Monte Willeke  
Bonnie Kuntz  
Marilynn Vanwell

To be read at the Reapportionment Field Meeting held in Greeley

**Dear Members of the Reapportionment Commission,**

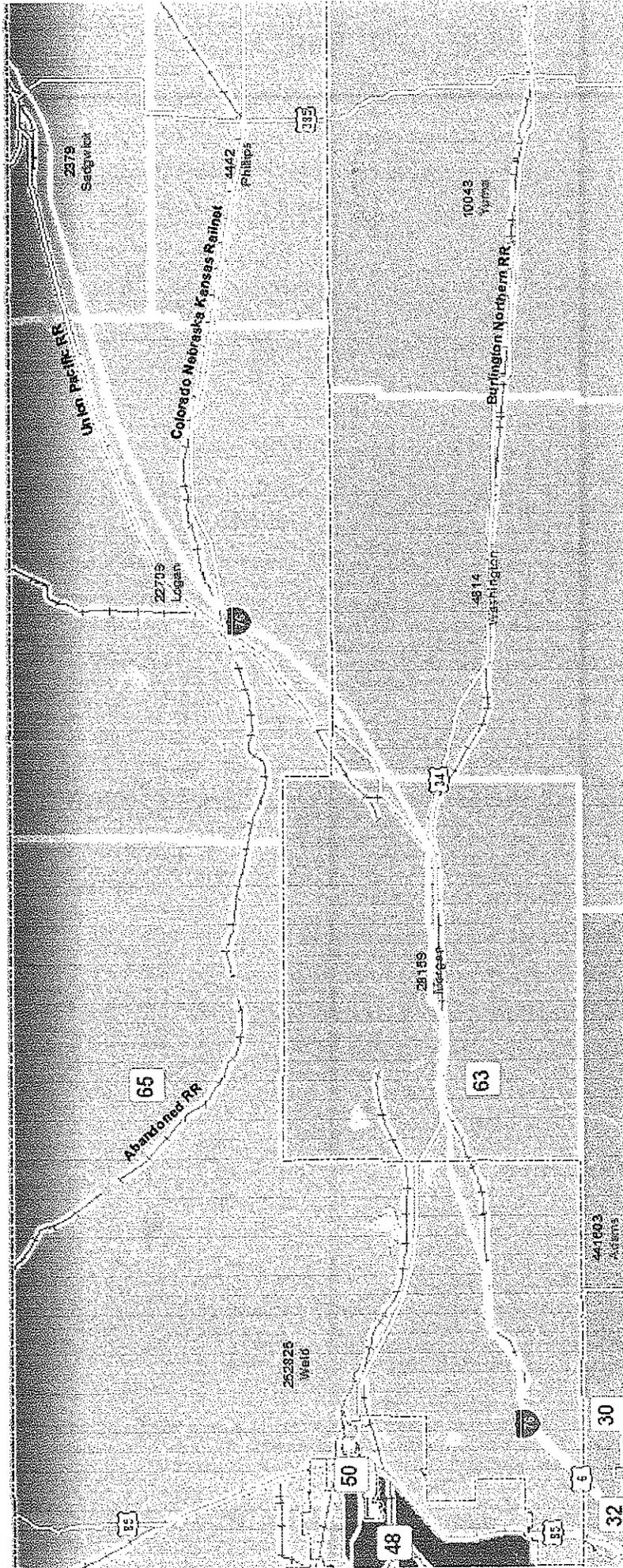
**I would like to re-emphasis my comments made at the District 4 Commission meeting held in Denver.**

**The community of Greeley, it's north, east, and central areas are the older established parts of the community and therefore a community of interest. Based on the fact that the west side of Greeley is the newer developed area. Newer homes, condominiums with club houses and swimming pools, wider streets, sidewalks with curbs cuts, new schools, and shopping centers, etc. Based on community of interest the needs of the east side and the west side of Greeley are different. Therefore the Latino community is adversely effected by any map that dose not combine the Hispanic population in and around the city of Greeley rather then the barbell- preliminary map. It's is also better to keep the area smaller and easier to understand (compactness).**

**Please don't fill my half full glass of orange juice with more water, and then tell me I now have a full glass of orange juice and everyone else still have a half glass.**

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HD35 and School District 50

Brian Vande Krol

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

08/26/2011 02:13 PM

Please respond to Brian Vande Krol

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Dear Chairman Carrera and Members of the Commission:

My name is Brian Vande Krol, and I live in Westminster, Adams County. I was one of the early testifiers at the hearing in Adams County on August 24. Again, I commend you for your work on the House map. In my estimation, it is constitutional, respects important boundaries and creates more competitive districts.

After I testified I was appalled at the political and transparent attempt by the democrats to protect Representative Cheryl Peniston from a challenge to her seat (HD35). The current HD35 has Democrats outnumbering Republicans more than 20 to 10. It has been so for at least the last decade. The new HD35 has almost 13 democrats for every 10 republicans, still a significant advantage. It will take a great candidate and substantial resources for a republican challenger to defeat Peniston, a popular incumbent. The Democrats want a greater guarantee of victory for Peniston.

Peniston and several democrats asked that Adams School District 50 be kept whole in the new map. This is clearly a plea to ignore constitutional criteria and give democrats a greater margin in HD 35. Adams 50 has never been kept whole – parts of it are currently in HD 34. Keeping it whole will divide HD 35 into many different communities. Many of Adams 50 schools have Denver addresses, and includes schools in communities like Sherrelwood, Twin Lakes, and the City of Arvada.

The new map keeps the Adams County part of Westminster whole and limits the district to fewer municipalities. Please keep the new HD35 as it is on the current map dated July 28.

Respectfully,

Brian Vande Krol

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Using communities of interest criteria, districts should be aligned according to the map which places Montezuma County in the 58<sup>th</sup> congressional district along with Montrose County, the western portion of San Miguel County (line can be drawn at School District lines), and Dolores County. The 59<sup>th</sup> congressional district would consist of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, and Ouray Counties and the eastern portion of San Miguel County.

The following are economic drivers for the two districts:

Oil and Gas Development, specifically the Gothic Shale Play which will become significant for Montezuma, and Dolores Counties and the western portion of San Miguel County. Residents of the eastern portion of San Miguel County are not even aware of the Gothic Shale play and how it affects their county.

Agriculture. While all of the counties in the two district have agricultural areas, the way ag is approached differs in the various counties. While large-scale conventional agriculture is on the decline in La Plata County, it is increasing in Montezuma County. In La Plata County, the interest lies in small farms, farmer's markets, organic farming, and value added production.

Tourism. Tourism is a major economic driver in the mountain counties (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Ouray, and San Juan). Communities in these counties derive a large part of their income directly and indirectly through tourism. In addition, population growth is related to the numerous outdoor amenities that these counties provide.

Reapportionment according to such a map would also place the Southern Ute and Ute Mtn Ute Tribes in separate congressional districts according to their request.

Denise Bohemier

Grand County Reapportionment

Corin Wood

to:

reapp2011

08/27/2011 01:27 PM

Cc:

jnewberry, nstuart, gbumgarner

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Hi,

My name is Corin Wood and I'm a resident of Fraser in Grand County. I am writing to let you know that I believe the current reapportionment proposal is acceptable and I prefer it to our current district. I think there has been a lot of misinformation and "scare tactics" around this issue and that many people are not well-informed.

Grand County is like Boulder County...at least in the part that is included in the proposal, in many ways. More than 65 percent of the population in the district (as proposed) lives in mountain areas, near ranch and farm land, or in small towns with a rural or tourist focus, such as Lyons, Hygiene and Eldorado Springs. Only 21 percent of the population lives in suburban residential communities and in the city of Boulder.

It is a simple fact that we meet the "compactness" requirement as it takes longer to drive west to some of the communities than it does to drive east to Allenspark and Niwot.

The economy of Grand County is much more aligned with that of the Boulder area than it is with the Western Slope. Grand County is tourist based, not agricultural and not oil and gas.

Finally, with regards to the issue of water, many people on the "other side" of the mountain oppose the expansion of Gross Reservoir.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Corin Wood

Fraser, Colorado

Grand County  
Julie Washnock  
to:  
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Hello there Reapportionment Committee,

I just wanted to extend my support for Grand County being included in a new district with Boulder/Gilpin/Clear Creek. Thank you for all your work done on this. I think the new district would look after Grand County's interest much better.

Thank you.  
Best,  
Julie Washnock

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Julie Washnock, MA, LPC  
PO Box 1031  
Fraser, CO

The meaning of life is to live it.

Reapportionment Comments Submittal

Jack McGroder

to:

reapp2011

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History: This message has been replied to.

To the Honorable Members of Colorado's 2011 Reapportionment Commission, and professional Staff,

Attached, please find addendum to verbal and written comments submitted 12 August 2011, in Durango, concerning the redistricting of Colorado House 58 and 59.

Attached is in extractable pdf format.

Please 1) confirm receipt in good order, and/or 2) notify me if you require a different format, i.e. word or html text.

Thank you.

S.W. Jack McGroder  
Durango / Bayfield, CO

Addendum to written and verbal testimony to Colorado Redistricting Commission.  
Original testimony given Friday 12 August 2011, at Fort Lewis College, Durango.

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Addendum submitted online to Commission, Monday 29 August 2011  
as rebuttal to Durango Herald editorial: No reason to change 59th District.  
(Sunday 28 August 2011; copy attached below)

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To the Editor (Durango Herald; submitted 28 August 2011)

Typically, when state Senator Ellen Roberts (R) writes a column for the Herald, it appears under her own name. So I was surprised to see Ms. Robert's words appearing as the views of the Herald, with no other attribution.

I point this out from recent experience of attending and providing comment to the State Redistricting Commission. I gave testimony for two fundamental reasons: I believe deeply that the single greatest economic driver in our entire region – natural amenity migration and tourism – should have a focused voice in all ways possible. And, there is simply no natural or cultural divide across Montezuma County, but there is a very real and substantial divide across San Miguel County.

Ms. Roberts also spoke to the Commission, and gave what amounts to the same set of statements that have now appeared in the Herald. Unfortunately, reprinting those statements does nothing to correct their flaws.

First, the original proposal to extend House 59 to the Utah line is now overridden by the Herald's own endorsement of separate districts for the Ute Tribes.

Second, the original proposal slices up eastern Montezuma County so poorly that not only did residents of Mancos give adamant testimony against it, but so too the Montezuma County Clerk.

Third, we have two distinct Anglo-Hispanic cultures across our region: Traditional rural/ag, and newer natural amenity migration and tourism. Key point: the latter is the number one economic driver for the entire region, and is centered on Pagosa Springs, Durango, Silverton, Ouray, and Telluride.

Fourth, the Great State of Colorado is Great because of our mountains, not in spite of them. And, along with so many other locals, Senator Roberts routinely travels these "terrible" mountains. So let's drop "the mountains are a curse" nonsense.

Finally, the elephant that must be named: No matter how we draw House 58, it's a lock-down Republican district, with Republicans to spare. What then to do with those "extra"

Republicans? Put as many as possible into House 59. This is why we gerrymander Montezuma County.

Stop the nonsense. Focus on jobs and growth. Draw the line in San Miguel County.

\* \* \* (end letter to the editor)

disclosure submitted to the Herald separately, due to 350 word limit.

(Disclosure: Jack McGroder sits on the executive committee of La Plata County Democrats. He served on the La Plata County Economic Development Action Partnership; authored the Economic Development Plan for the Town of Bayfield, and contributed a year to the development of the La Plata County Comp Plan.)

Expanded disclosure for Redistricting Commission (29 August 2011):

In submitting verbal and written testimony, I do so "Representing: Myself." Let it also be known, as indicated immediately above, that I sit on the executive committee of La Plata County Democrats, and that I do so for the very same reason: To represent myself and my interests as fully as possible.

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Final comments: Even as the Durango Herald (below) asserts that the 59th "has shown us variety... a variety of political thinking" over the years, the Herald can only gloss over the fact that the last Democrat elected to the 59th, Jim Dyer, last served in that capacity well over a decade ago (1996-98). In the mean time, our population and our economy have grown and changed significantly, and that change is often most noticeable in the stark divergence of these two communities – rural/ag and amenity migration/recreation.

As such, the continued forced severing of Montezuma County so as to place rural/ag Cortez into natural amenity, recreational growth 59, muddles the authentic representative voice of each, precludes the full growth-driver potential of 59, and denies the importance of the common economies of the growth-communities that now comprise 59's core, within and around the San Juan Mountains of SW Colorado.

I therefore again ask the distinguished members of the Commission to give proper voice to each of our three distinct cultures: Our Native American tribes (in separate districts); and our two distinct Anglo-Hispanic cultures: Traditional rural/ag, including the whole of Montezuma County, in House 58, and newer natural amenity migration/tourism, in House 59, inclusive here of Ouray and eastern San Miguel Counties. Doing so produces the full satisfaction of all five Redistricting Criteria. Variations of the original proposal all suffer critical failures in both Criteria #2 (unnatural division of cities/counties) and #5 (integrity of economic and geographic communities of interest, i.e. rural/ag *and* mountain recreation).

Thank you.

Jack McGroder

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Contested Durango Herald Editorial follows.

No reason to change 59th District. Plans to redraw state House district are political, flawed  
Herald Editorial published Aug 28, 2011

Every decade, the state's House and Senate districts, and its Congressional districts, are reshaped. Population growth, usually inconsistent around the state, requires that boundaries be changed to make the districts about equal in numbers of residents.

As a result of the 2010 census, House districts have to have about 77,000 residents, senate districts about 144,000.

This time, the 59th House district, which stretches from Wolf Creek Pass on the east to close to the western edge of Cortez, has grown in population at a rate close to that of the state as a whole. Thus, it can remain largely unchanged in composition, and it should.

The 59th is currently represented by J. Paul Brown, a sheep rancher from Ignacio who is a former La Plata County commissioner and school board member. He is a Republican. Previously Ellen Roberts, of Durango, and Mark Larson, of Cortez, both Republicans, represented the district. Before that, there were two Democrats, Jim Dyer and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (later, in Congress, Campbell would switch parties.) History has shown us variety.

But this time, state Democrats would like to see Republican Montezuma County dropped from the 59th to be replaced by the eastern half of San Miguel County, that is heavily Democratic Telluride. The idea - which is perfectly legal - is to link resort towns and to make it much more likely that a Democrat is chosen in the 59th. Montezuma County would become a part of the 58th, now centered in Montrose, both of which are heavily Republican.

We think there is a lot to be said for districts that include a variety of political thinking, which the 59th has produced in recent decades. And in this case, geography is on our side. Telluride, separated from Durango by three passes, is out of reach. Although telecommunications is handy to have and growing, state representatives and their constituents have to be able to meet face to face in meetings and in one-on-ones. Brown would have a difficult time attending gatherings in Telluride, especially during the legislative session, which extends from the first few days in January until May, and any representative living in Telluride would struggle to be visible in La Plata County.

Cortez is also a lengthy distance from Montrose, if that was the combination. In both cases, geography easily trumps the (misplaced) desire for common interests.

Colorado's two Native American reservations are in Southwest Colorado, the Southern Utes in Ignacio in the 59th and the Ute Mountain Utes in Towaoc in the 58th. We hope that population growth in the district allows that separate representation to continue.

While it is difficult to reach Towaoc from Montrose, it is preferable for the two tribes to be represented on state issues when need be by two members of the House.

It is unfortunate that all of Cortez and the areas north and northeast of Cortez such as Dove Creek and Dolores cannot be included in the 59th. That would be the logical relationship. But the match between the population and geography is not perfect. And unless Montezuma County's population grows faster than it is, in coming decades more of the western side of the county will go to the 58th. Wolf Creek Pass, the 59th's eastern boundary, is almost absolute. To put Pagosa Springs into the district that is in the San Luis Valley makes no geographical sense.

State Republicans are comfortable with the 59th as it is, and we believe that most residents of the district are, too. State Democrats should be, as well.

House District 33  
Mary and Bart Howe  
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Hello, my name is Alfred "Bart" Howe.

I live at 3107 Stevens Cr. N., Erie, CO. I've e lived in East Boulder County for 41 years and have two sons that graduated from Boulder Valley Schools and CU.

I am here to ask you to reconsider the addition of a portion of Weld County to HD33. It is my understanding that multiple counties should not be included in a house district unless it cannot be avoided. As you know, HD33 includes 2 counties. Adding a third, in my opinion, complicates the voter situation. Also, based on voter registration, it makes the balance of Republican, Democrat and Independents less equal.

Not to be overlooked is a second strong consideration. Boulder and Broomfield counties have a historic and current commonality, including the common bond of the Boulder Valley School District. The representation that we have, and will need for our future, will continue to have much in common.

The Eastern portion of Weld County has almost nothing in common with either Boulder or Broomfield County. Weld County will continue to experience a very large population growth and yet remain with significant agricultural investments. For example, Erie has just approved a large subdivision that will accommodate approximately 10,000 people. Construction will start next year. It will be located just west of the Erie High school which is in the St. Vrain School District. In summary, the Eastern part of Weld County, which includes most of Erie, Firestone and Frederick will continue to need their own representative to help guide and direct their future.

Thanks for your consideration.

Why San Miguel County Should Not Be Split  
Exodus of Angels The Murder of Harry Force  
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Dear Committee,

I am pleading with you to avoid splitting San Miguel County into two districts for several reasons, but the most important is that by splitting our county you will be solidifying the corruption that is now deeply ingrained within Telluride. By allowing a partisan Democratic stronghold such as Telluride to spread its influence and corruption to the State Capitol is a mistake that will haunt Colorado for decades. Before listening to the San Miguel Democratic chairman, Mr. Ahern, on Wednesday, ask him about his stalking, death threats and terrorizing of the Heirich family as documented in the book, "Exodus of Angels - The Murder of Harry Force".

The book can be downloaded for \$7.99 and I am willing to supply it for free to all members of the committee if you so wish.

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If you listen to the partisans in Telluride and San Miguel County and do indeed split this diverse and wonderful county, you will be placing this psychotic and dangerous individual in a position of even more power.

Don't be fooled by this man and before listening to him, please read the account of what Mr. Ahern and the Telluride Democrats have done to my family and others.

Thank you

Sincerely

Albert C. Heirich

Opposition to San Miguel County Split  
Kim Hewson  
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**Sirs:**

**This is pure gerrymandering at its best to create MORE DIVISIVENESS. Dividing people into warring factions is not a good way to end a war. We have a great blend interests in San Miguel County and our diversity is our strength. Don't take it away.**

**Thank you,**

**George "Kim " Hewson, MD  
Telluride,CO**

Preliminary House Map - Gunnison Area

Toni Panetta

to:

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Dear Reapportionment Committee Members:

I'm a Colorado native, born in Denver, raised in Highlands Ranch. Yet it took until I reached my mid-30s to discover Crested Butte, and, simply put, I fell in love with the town -- which is why I'm concerned about the current proposal for House Districts 58 and 61, which would separate Crested Butte from Gunnison. When I visited Crested Butte in February, I learned first-hand how high the snow drifts can rise, and how important HWY 135 connecting Gunnison and Crested Butte is; essentially, HWY 135 is Crested Butte's lifeline during the winter months because driving into Crested Butte from the north is virtually impossible due to winter closures of Schofield Pass. In years with heavy snowfall like we experienced in 2011, Schofield Pass can remain closed well into the summer months, cementing Crested Butte's reliance on HWY 135 to ensure Crested Butte residents and visitors alike have access to critical resources. I am concerned that the proposed boundaries for HD 61 would decrease the likelihood of town halls and other in-district visits by the representative - therefore disenfranchising Crested Butte residents and visitors to the area - because that person would have to leave his/her district, travel through HD 58 via Gunnison, and then re-enter the district to get to this economic hub.

As a visitor to Crested Butte, which relies on tourist dollars for its economic stability, I would be gravely concerned that whomever represents the district doesn't get sufficient "face time" from residents because of the lack of continuity of the district and the need to travel through someone else's district. I worry the representative would not know learn about how access to a hospital (closest one is in Gunnison) is being hampered because of insufficient public funds to maintain roads and HWY 135, or how similar revenue shortfalls affect the area's ability to receive food & merchandise deliveries, and, perhaps most importantly in the economic climate we're facing, ensure tourists make their way to this paradise for skiers, mountain bikers, wildflower lovers and other festival-goers.

As a metro-Denver Coloradan who values Crested Butte's natural wonders, I would hate for Crested Butte to lose its appeal because it wasn't appropriately represented under the Gold Dome. I humbly request your reconsideration of the district by drawing a continuous district that keeps Crested Butte and Gunnison together.

Warm regards,

Toni Panetta

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Redistricting Grand County

Keith

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I am writing this email to express my opinion on including Grand County with front range communities. I feel that this is mistake of huge magnitude for the citizens of Grand County.

I am a business owner and resident of Grand County. I also have lived in Boulder and still have family in Boulder County as well as many friends in that area. The lifestyle of Grand County, business and living environment are vastly different from that of the front range communities. The eastern portion of Grand County is largely tourism based while the western portion has many large ranches as well as some small business.

Four of my businesses are ski rental shops. I have owned ski and bike retail shops as well. I see many residents from the front range. My overall experience is that while we have similar values in life our lifestyle still remains far different.

I have been fortunate to be a advocate for mountain biking. I represented mountain biking during the discussions of the James Peak Protection Area. That statement would typically stereotype me as a typical front range enthusiast but my experience is that the goals of the front range on this particular bill were very far apart from the goals of Grand County.

I have chosen to live in Grand County so that I am not in a city and can enjoy the vast outdoor opportunities that Grand County offers. Grand County is not akin to the front range. On any given day the drive to those communities that we would be lumped in with would be anywhere from 1.5 to 2 hours or more. Much the same as including Greeley with Aurora, Burlington with Colorado Springs, Rocky Ford with Pueblo or Castle Rock with Boulder. We share a border but the communities do not geographically intermix. The continental divide creates a natural barrier from the front range, much like an ocean. The same thought process to include Grand County with the front range could also be used to have Hawaii be part of California.

I am requesting that Grand County be included with other western slope counties and not included with front range communities.

Thank you,

Keith Sanders

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I understand the Colorado Senate wants to drop Summit County into a district that includes the Western Slope oil and mineral interests. This completely ignores the demographics of our communities. The map proposed by the House appears to be more sensitive to our demographics, but eliminates our connection with Clear Creek County. The best scenario would keep Eagle, Summit, Lake and Clear Creek together. And adding Grand County to our mix might also satisfy the residents of their mountain and ski communities, as well.

Please do not give serious consideration to the Senate version of the map and do consider my comments above.

Thank you,

*Snow Place Like Home!*



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comment on reapportionment plan for HD2

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I write to offer several observations regarding the preliminary plan for reapportionment of House District 2. Two aspects of the plan concern me, both having the effect of dividing neighborhoods previously part of HD2.

1) The preliminary plan for HD2 will remove several blocks of the Baker neighborhood from this district and include them in HD5. These are residents between 3rd and 6th Avenue West, west of Speer Boulevard, who have naturally been associated with the Baker neighborhood to the south. I recommend that the northern boundary for HD2 in that area include these residents, at least up to 6th Avenue if possible.

2) An even more severe division of the Westwood neighborhood has been proposed in the west of our current House District 2, with residents being divided between HD4 and HD1 in the preliminary plan. The proposed boundary along Morrison Road, South Raleigh, and West Kentucky will separate residents of this neighborhood into two political districts, at a time when this community is in great need of unified political attention. The entire Westwood community has suffered intense disruption during the current economic recession and the home mortgage crisis. This neighborhood, with common ethnic, cultural, and economic ties, is struggling to find appropriate political representation. I recommend that a further effort be made to find a new boundary that will not further disrupt this neighborhood, even if it means adjusting other parts of the proposed HD2, HD1, and HD4.

Thanks for your efforts in this important and complex process!

Tom Parson/ Captain House District 2A Democrats

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Senate Dist - Summit County

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To: Reapportionment Commission

Re: State Senate District for Summit County

The date of the Reapportionment Commission hearing in Frisco was unfortunately a conflict for many interested residents due the USA Pro Cycling Race and associated events in Summit County on that date.

Residents I have spoken with in Summit County do not support the Senate District as proposed, and are concerned about losing our voice at the legislature. We have been well represented on issues of concern for many years. The proposed Senate District does not meet the test of communities of interest or compactness. Summit County would not be represented well in the proposed district.

Top issues of concern for us include mountain tourism, transportation on the I-70 Corridor, USFS policies and forest health. We have common interests with counties along the I-70 corridor and neighboring counties with similar mountain resort economies.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Karn*

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Comments on redistricting  
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Please respond to wallyllama

08/31/2011 04:05 PM

TO: Colorado Reapportionment Commission

FROM: Wallace White  
La Plata County Commissioner  
1062 E. 2nd Ave  
Durango, CO 81301

Subject: Redistricting

First of all, I'd like to thank the members of the Commission for your service on this important and often contentious issue. As a public servant myself, I understand the demands on your time, the travel away from home and family, and, dare I say, the often "damned if you do - damned if you don't" choices we have to make. So, thank you to all Commissioners, and to your staff.

It seems a mixed blessing that we have to redistrict at all, but looking to the future, we simply must get this right. A lot has been said on this issue already but a lot of what's been said I find to be off the mark, or worse. So please allow me to share my experience with you.

As I wind down my final term as La Plata County Commissioner, I know how much this region of Colorado has changed over the past 20 years. The entire Four Corners area was basically a homogeneous place. Our people, our jobs, our economy, our educations and our incomes were very similar across the region. Most of us worked the land or worked in businesses that supported agriculture.

Back then, it didn't really matter where we drew a district line because things were much the same on either side, no matter where you put it. And personally, that's how I used to look at the line between the 58th and the 59th, that cuts across Montezuma County. It didn't really matter. But for better or worse, those days are long gone, and every year I've watched them fade further into the rear view mirror.

I've now come to understand this redistricting issue in a new light, as a small but important part of our future. It does matter. And we have to get it right. The lines that are drawn by your Commission - by our Commission, as Coloradans - these new lines must accurately reflect what is really happening here in southwest Colorado.

Over the last 20 years, we have had dramatic changes in our population, our economy, our growth and our lifestyles. Large numbers of people discovered southwest Colorado, fell in love with it, and chose to relocate here. But this growth and the changing demographics it has produced has not occurred uniformly across the region. Instead, these changes have been concentrated in and around what I'll call the mountain resort towns of Pagosa Springs, Durango, Silverton, Ouray, and Telluride. Together with our magnificent mountains, these towns are the commercial magnets that the overwhelming majority of new growth has been drawn to.

The result of this 20 year population boom across our region is simple and clear: Where we once had a homogeneous population and an

agricultural economy, we now have two distinct populations: traditional agricultural and rural on the one hand, and newer mountain resort, recreation and tourism, on the other hand. Fortunately there are distinct lines that can easily be drawn to reflect the two.

It is also my understanding that a proposal, or what I'll call an "alternate" proposal, has been outlined to your Commission, wherein my own district, Colorado House 59, would now include the counties of Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Ouray, and the eastern part of San Miguel, which includes the mountain resort towns of Telluride and Mountain Village.

This proposal is actually very smart and very honest in what it focuses on: It recognizes the critical importance of the new growth that has occurred in this region, it recognizes the cause of that growth and acknowledges a distinct tourist-based economy in the area. Our beautiful mountains and our mountain towns deserve distinct representation, and this alternate proposal calls upon your Commission to help us secure that representation, as one part of securing tomorrow's opportunities for jobs and income growth across the entire region.

There's no easy way to draw an artificial line across something that is whole and otherwise complete. But by understanding and choosing to focus on the one sure thing in all of this - that our mountains and their recreation-resort towns are going to continue to be the foundation of our economy going forward - your Commission can serve all the critical requirements of your mandate, and help us to secure our future economy.

I urge you to abandon the outdated carving up of Cortez and Montezuma County, and instead help every citizen of this region seize the future, by creating a new House district 59 that recognizes and promotes our new identity as one of America's most beautiful mountain recreation destinations.

Now I also want to very briefly speak to some of the criticisms of this proposal.

It has been suggested that our beautiful mountains are actually some type of roadblock that make this proposal unrealistic. This is nonsense. We all drive these mountains, year-round. No matter which direction you head out of Durango, there is a mountain pass you must cross. My professional duties sometimes require it; my personal recreation has me returning to the mountains again and again, in every season. That's why we live here.

It has been suggested that some of the proposed distances would be too great, particularly between Cortez and Montrose. A quick check of the map shows the distance between Pagosa Springs and Cortez (current House 59) to be about 103 miles, and the distance between Cortez and Montrose (alternate House 58) to be about 128 miles, or a difference of 25 miles. In this part of the world, 25 miles is next door. Moreover, the town of Dolores, ten miles northeast of Cortez, has been and would remain in 58. So again, "distance" is not the issue.

It has been suggested, including by my own local paper the Durango Herald (Sunday August 28th), that we have all enjoyed some type of "variety" over the years in our elected officials in the 59th. By this I assume they mean we have had a competitive district in the past. What the Herald and others choose to ignore is that all of that "variety" occurred well before the last redistricting; 1996 was the last time a Democrat was elected to the 59th. But Telluride has even less "variety,"

having no chance for a competitive race in some 44 years (according to the Telluride Planet, August 30th, 2011).

Finally, it has been suggested that this is some ploy by Democrats to hijack the next ten years and rob the good people of our region of their rights. So I asked for some data on what the voter registration numbers would be in the alternate proposal. These counts of D's, R's and U's were taken from the Colorado Sec. of State website and are the most recent available (as of 8/01/2011). I include a copy with this submittal.

To get an idea of the makeup of the parties in the new 59th, we moved all of Montezuma County into the 58th, and all of Ouray County into the 59th. We took 100 percent of San Miguel's Democrats - that is, we oversampled - and placed them into 59; we then split San Miguel's Republicans 60/40 into 58 and 59, respectively; and we split San Miguel's Unaffiliated 40/60 into 58 and 59, respectively. I believe this to be a fair and representative estimate of the outcome, but an estimate that intentionally overstates the supposed positive effect of San Miguel's Democrats coming into 59.

The results: Democrats remain in third place (18,381) in this new House 59, behind Unaffiliated (18,489), and Republicans (19,106). And House 58, of course, remains a strongly Republican district. If there is a "political" ploy being hatched here, it can only be that of seeking a "competitive" district. If local and state Republicans are against that, then they need to make their case against having competitive districts.

Therefore, there is no legitimate argument against including Ouray and eastern San Miguel Counties in the alternate proposal, and to focus on mountain tourism as the basis of House 59, and for maintaining traditional, rural agriculture as the core identity of House 58, including all of Montezuma County.

This proposal also solves the very real problem of slicing up Montezuma County where there is no seam to cut. This problem has been vigorously expressed by the citizens of Mancos and the Clerk of Montezuma County. You'll have no such problem in San Miguel County; it's already cut down the middle for school districts, and both the Town Council of Telluride and the Board of County Commissioners are in favor of this plan.

The alternate proposal also produces, according to your own criteria, contiguous and compact districts, one focused on the San Juan Mountains and the other focused on the agricultural lands to the west and north.

We are at a cross-road in our growth and in our quest for renewed economic opportunity. I sincerely request the members of this Commission to help us seize every opportunity for moving this region forward. And that simply requires reconfiguring Colorado House 58 and 59 to recognize our new engine of growth: Mountain recreation and tourism.

Thank you.

Wally White

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Wally White  
La Plata County Commissioner  
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source: Colo SoS latest July 2011 Voter Reg by District/County  
<http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/VoterRegNumbers/VoterRegNumbers.htm>

Current / Actuals

District	County	Active			Inactive			Grand Total
		DEM	REP	UAF	DEM	REP	UAF	
HD 58	Delta	1,445	2,976	1,661	502	774	911	8,357
HD 58	Dolores	385	507	254	103	143	190	1,592
HD 58	Montezuma	1,238	2,918	1,266	717	1,021	1,146	8,371
HD 58	Montrose	3,519	9,038	5,044	1,406	2,664	3,805	25,679
HD 58	Ouray	829	1,253	749	292	419	506	4,097
HD 58	San Miguel	1,600	659	961	1,034	422	1,325	6,158
HD 58	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,016</b>	<b>17,351</b>	<b>9,935</b>	<b>4,054</b>	<b>5,443</b>	<b>7,883</b>	<b>54,254</b>
HD 59	Archuleta	1,344	3,148	1,338	856	1,482	1,210	9,468
HD 59	La Plata	7,695	8,479	6,245	4,554	3,757	6,774	38,023
HD 59	Montezuma	1,497	2,804	1,445	1,074	1,288	1,647	9,850
HD 59	San Juan	147	112	235	30	24	60	621
HD 59	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>14,543</b>	<b>9,263</b>	<b>6,514</b>	<b>6,551</b>	<b>9,691</b>	<b>57,962</b>

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HD 59	Montezuma	1,497	2,804	1,445	1,074	1,288	1,647	9,826
HD 58	Montrose	3,519	9,038	5,044	1,406	2,664	3,805	25,630
HD 58	San Miguel	0	395	384	0	253	530	1,715
HD 58	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,084</b>	<b>18,638</b>	<b>10,054</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>6,143</b>	<b>8,229</b>	<b>55,463</b>
HD 59	Archuleta	1,344	3,148	1,338	856	1,482	1,210	9,454
HD 59	La Plata	7,695	8,479	6,245	4,554	3,757	6,774	37,960
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HD 58	San Miguel	1,600	264	577	1,034	169	795	4,590
HD 58	Ouray	829	1,253	749	292	419	506	4,095
HD 59	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,615</b>	<b>13,256</b>	<b>9,144</b>	<b>6,766</b>	<b>5,851</b>	<b>9,345</b>	<b>56,717</b>

Total Dems active / inactive New 59	18,381
Total R's active / inactive New 59	19,106
Total Unaffiliated active / inactive New 59	18,489

Proposed New Rural / Ag 58, Mountain Tourism 59  
 taking ALL Dems from San Miguel into 59  
 leaving 60% of Rs to 58  
 also splitting Unaffil. 40/60 58/59  
 inactive means did not vote in last election (mid-term)  
 compressed and ignored minor party voters

Summit County CO  
Carolyn and Chuck Bear  
to:  
reapp2011  
08/31/2011 07:31 PM  
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I am writing to because I am not satisfied with your redistricting plan putting Summit County with counties in NW Colorado. Summit County has no issues in common with these counties save we are all in the State of Colorado. We in Summit County are a mountain community and have the same issues as other mountain communities – not counties who main issues are farming or ranching. We are directly impacted – daily – by the I-70 corridor and mountain weather. Our cost of living is much higher than the counties of NW Colorado. We cannot function in our daily lives without I-70. You cannot fairly say that this is a major issue to NW Colorado. Your plan will deprive Summit County of a voice in state government regardless if our representation is Democratic or Republican. To deprive us of a voice that addresses our concerns is not only unfair, it is politically motivated and just plain not right.

You need to rethink your plan to give us fair representation. This is our constitutional right.

Carolyn Bear

Re: Demographic Data  
Harry Kottcamp - gmail  
to:  
LCS Reapportionment Commission  
08/31/2011 08:04 PM  
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History: This message has been replied to.  
Kate,

What I was trying to determine is, did the Reapportionment Commission use and demographic data, other than the Census data, to try to establish what the Community of Interest was for Northwest Colorado, or for any other region or District. The Colorado Constitution gives the Reapportionment Commission almost unlimited power to requisition that data from any Colorado source. Here is the portion of Article V, Section 8, paragraph 1.(f) that I am referring to -

"The commission shall have access to statistical information compiled by the state or its political subdivisions and necessary for its reapportionment duties."

There are many State and County agencies that would have demographic data that could be used to define Communities of interest. If this data had been used I am sure that it would have been obvious that Grand County should be part of a North West Colorado District and not part of a Boulder dominated District. If the Commission did not request and analyze such demographic data, I think it demonstrates that the Commission did not adequately seek to understand Communities of Interest as defined in Article V, section 7, paragraph (3). Instead the commission did seek data on voter registration and voter history, which is not required by the constitution.

I looked at your suggested reference, and I find no evidence that the Commission sought demographic data from other state sources.

respectfully,

Harry Kottcamp

----- Original Message -----

**From:** LCS Reapportionment Commission  
**To:** Harry Kottcamp - gmail  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2011 11:28 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Demographic Data

Good morning, Mr. Kottcamp. I am one of the Reapportionment Commission staff members who attended the 8/15 hearing in Boulder, and I'd be happy to help you locate the information you seek.

The preliminary approved plan (including the attached reports describing various aspects of the plan) utilizes data from several sources. (Generally, population-related information comes from data the U.S. Census Bureau, and elections-related data are provided by the Colorado Secretary of State.) As noted by Commissioner Witwer, that data used in creating the plan can be accessed on our website.

To locate that information, please go to [www.colorado.gov/redistricting](http://www.colorado.gov/redistricting). From this link, click on the tab labeled "Data Used in Redistricting" near the top of the home page, as shown here:



You will then be routed to a page from which you can review the pertinent information.

I hope this helps. Please don't hesitate to email or call me or any other Commission staff member if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,  
Kate  
Kate Meyer  
Staff Member  
Colorado Reapportionment Commission  
1313 Sherman, Suite 122  
Denver, CO 80203  
Tel. (303) 866-3950  
Fax (303) 866-3945

From: "Harry Kottcamp - gmail" <hkottcamp@gmail.com>  
To: <reapp2011@state.co.us>  
Date: 08/18/2011 12:53 PM  
Subject: Demographic Data

Reapportionment Commission and/or staff,

At the Boulder Meeting on 8/15, Commissioner Witwer, answered my question regarding demographic data by saying that it was part of the plan because it is on your web site. I have been unable to find the Demographic data. Please provide me the link to the Demographic data that you consider to be part of the Preliminary Plan.

Thank you,

Harry Kottcamp

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION,  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Good Evening. My name is Herman Romero and I live at 12198 Jasper Road in unincorporated Boulder County with an Erie address. I am here tonight to ask you to reconsider the boundaries of House District 33 as presented in the approved maps currently on the Commission website.

The approved map splits House District 33 between 3 different counties, Boulder, Broomfield and Weld which seems to be too many counties for effective representation.

I have lived at my address for 9 years and I have many friends who live in Boulder, Lafayette, Longmont, Louisville and Broomfield. When I moved here I made a point of staying in Boulder County because of easy access to services such as renewing my vehicle registration and not having to go to Greeley to do the same thing. My immediate neighbors all work in Boulder and at Interlocken in Broomfield. I shop in Boulder, Longmont, Flatiron Crossing in Broomfield and Lafayette. My doctor is located in Erie but sends me to Broomfield or Longmont for any blood work or other tests. I have no interaction with any businesses in the portion of Weld County that is being added to HD 33. The area proposed to be added to House District 33 is primarily rural with very little commonality of interests with the Erie portion of the district.

I have used the RTD bus system that takes me to Lafayette and Boulder. The RTD system ends in Erie at the Community Center. It does not extend into Weld County. There are a number of residents of our area that ride that system on a daily basis going into Lafayette and Boulder to work or classes. Highway 287 and 119<sup>th</sup> Street are direct connections to Broomfield and traveled daily by Erie residents who work in Broomfield.

Also when I compare the competitiveness of the current HD 33 to the approved HD33 map, it appears that the district has gone from a competitive district to a safe seat for one party. I like living in a competitive district where the candidates have to be responsive to the voters and not take their election for granted.

Thank you.

District 59  
Corley, Heath  
to:  
reapp2011@state.co.us  
09/01/2011 12:46 PM  
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Please put Telluride in the same district as Durango and Silverton, and all of Montezuma county into one district.  
Resort areas vs. ag areas = it just makes sense.

It makes sense based on similar community needs and fair representation.

Thanks!

Heath Corley



To the Reapportionment Commission,

I know that you have heard much from some citizens of Grand County who are unhappy with the proposed HD26. I don't understand.

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- > Currently, we are in Senate District 16 which includes western Boulder County. We have been reapportioned out of that district into a West Slope district.
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- > The proposed House District takes us out of the West Slope and puts us with western Boulder County.
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- > It seems people are in a panic because we will be with part of Boulder. We are now. It is merely a switch.
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- > Incidentally, the stronger vote is going to the West Slope: 1/35 in the Senate versus 1/65 in the House.
- >
- > Thanks for all your time and hard work,
- > Eileen Waldow  
Fraser, Grand County
- >



**HD33**

**Laura to: reapp2011**  
**Please respond to lsfaeth**

09/01/2011 04:01 PM

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My name is Laura Faeth, and as a 10 year resident of Superior, I strongly oppose the proposed redistricting of HD33. The new boundary, which as I understand includes part of Weld county, Broomfield and splitting Superior, makes very little sense to me. Why would you redistrict three counties, two of which (Superior and Weld) have practically no community of interest and are not contiguous?

Superior is a small city and should not be split unless there was a reason to do so, and I see no reason at all for that right now. I do not want part of Superior/Marshall lumped together with Louisville HD12 and part of Weld county because I live closer to Broomfield and do more activities there than Louisville. I actually use Broomfield's and Boulder's libraries more frequently than Louisville. We may share our zipcode with Louisville, but I feel more connected to Broomfield.

By keeping HD33 as is, it minimizes county and city splits and keeps communities of interest together. It would also keep 8 Boulder Valley Broomfield and Superior schools together (I have two children attending BVSD schools), whereas Weld has no BVSD schools. I strongly urge you to keep HD33 as is, and not approve of the proposed new HD33.

Thank you for your time in regards to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Laura Faeth  
Superior, CO

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Comments on Proposed Boulder County Reapportionment

DOMINICK SAIA

to:

reapp2011

09/01/2011 04:35 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am addressing this e-mail to you because I was unable to be present in Boulder on August 15, 2011, and am unable to be present for the commission hearing in Broomfield this evening. I am a resident of Louisville and am dismayed by the proposed reapportionment plan for Boulder County being forwarded by the Republican controlled Colorado State House of Representatives.

Republicans have fractured Longmont in the current plan so that House District 12 is so small that Longmont will now be underrepresented. The plan fractures the Latino community of Longmont (one of the fastest growing populations in House District 11) across the middle, which would be construed by any Court as a violation of the 14th Amendment to the Colorado Constitution. The Latino community in House District 11 should be kept intact.

Furthermore, Louisville, Lafayette and Longmont are communities of interest and should be kept together in House District 12. Erie and Superior should remain in their current districts so as not to create "safe" Republican seats in House Districts 11 and 33.

Lyons is a community of interest to Longmont along highway 66 and should stay with Longmont. Historically, Longmont has had 2 House Representatives and this has worked well for its' representation. Longmont is too large for one House District. Any plan should keep House Districts 11 and 12.

The proposed Republican apportionment plan smacks of gerrymandering insofar as it takes Democratic Districts out of House Districts 11 and 12. This would almost surely be overturned by the Colorado Courts.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope that you will take these into consideration in making your recommendations. Should you have any questions, or require further information in this regard, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Nick

Dominick M. Saia

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Louisville, Colorado 80027

proposed shift in Summit County Senate District  
Don Parsons  
to:  
reapp2011  
09/01/2011 05:01 PM  
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Dear Commissioners,

Removing Summit County from the I-70 corridor is one of your most objectionable proposals, nearly as objectionable as removing Summit County from much of the beetle-killed pine forest counties and most of the major ski areas in Eagle County. What in the world are you thinking? Certainly, if it's just a mathematical equation, you can do much better. Please revisit this most careless of your proposals. We in Summit County have zero in common with Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Garfield Counties.

Don Parsons

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# EL PASO COUNTY



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Colorado State Reapportionment Commission  
1313 Sherman St., Office 122  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Commissioners:

We have studied and heard the public testimony about the initial plans for reapportionment of General Assembly seats within El Paso County. As elected officials of El Paso County, we are concerned that the currently proposed apportionment plan may violate constitutional mandates by under-representing our county and its people.

We are especially concerned that while the latest census requires that El Paso County should be represented by eight state representatives fully with our county boundaries, one of the proposed districts, House District 21, is still unnecessarily drawn as a multi-county district that includes large parts of Fremont County. That in turn seems to force other Southern Colorado counties to be split in their own representation. As the largest county in Colorado, and one that has experienced very rapid growth, El Paso will be unfairly penalized unless we are apportioned the eight full representative districts that we fairly deserve. Since Denver is represented by eight full representative seats under the current plan, we think that El Paso County – which now has a population even larger than Denver – must not be unfairly represented by fewer seats.

We also think that as legal subdivisions of the state, our counties, school districts, home-rule and incorporated cities, towns, and special districts should be considered as special legally-defined communities of interest that should be represented intact as much as possible. The rapid growth of the City of Colorado Springs suggests that it should be represented by an appropriate number of its own state officials without having its interests diluted into other communities for partisan advantage. Because of that dilution, we observe that minority communities within Colorado Springs could also be under-represented as a result. In another case, the proposed Senate District 12, with an affluent urban/suburban population, seems to dominate relatively poor rural areas of our county that have many conflicting public policy interests. The currently proposed plans do not seem to fully honor the principles of special consideration of county and city boundaries, despite the explicit guidance of the Colorado Supreme Court.

Finally, we note that a number of the districts proposed in El Paso County do not follow the constitutional mandates that districts be compact and contiguous. Several of the drawn districts needlessly and inappropriately wrap around other districts. In some cases there are portions of a district connected to the rest of the district only by impassable mountains.

We thank the Commission for your extremely hard work to draw fair and legal representation for our citizens, and ask that you reconsider these issues as you prepare your final plans for submission.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

Commissioner Sallie Clark

Commissioner Darrell Glenn

Commissioner Amy Lathen

Commissioner Peggy Littleton

Clerk and Recorder Wayne Williams

County Sheriff Terry Maketa

citizen  
Stanfield  
to:  
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09/02/2011 08:45 AM  
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To State Commission Members:

I do not support the proposed division of the House District Lines which would affect San Miguel County. I believe it will foster further division between the citizens in western Colorado.

Lynne Stanfield  
111 Ponderosa Trail  
Placerville, CO 81430



**REdistricting District 59**  
**Jim Tencza to: reapp2011**

09/02/2011 09:57 AM

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I urge you to leave district 59 as currently composed.

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Jim Tencza  
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Reapportionment/Broomfield  
Zachbakery  
to:  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opinion regarding the reapportionment for boundaries. Broomfield became a county because the political ideals of Boulder were not good for Broomfield. We do not want or need to be in their district. It makes much more sense for this District to have a small portion of Boulder and Weld counties and a larger influence from Broomfield. We have our own Health Department. We contract with Adams county for coroner services and the same Judicial District, the 17th, because we chose not to be with Boulder for the same reasons we got out of Boulder county. Boulder continues to delay transportation projects such as the Jefferson Parkway because of their resistance to any kind of growth. The potential growth along Hwy 7 and I 25 and the legislative needs meld with Weld county into one vision for the north part of Broomfield. We are on the right track and we need to stay on the right track.

Please support Broomfield in this reapportionment plan.

Joan Zach  
14172 Fairwind Lane  
Broomfield, CO 80023

303-465-3277(H/O)  
303-727-0577(C)

HD33 boundaries  
Patrick Johnson  
to:  
reapp2011  
09/02/2011 12:55 PM  
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Please vote to retain the current boundaries of HD33. We do not need the restrictive policies of Boulder.

Thank you  
Patrick Johnson  
3134 W 132<sup>nd</sup> Circle  
Broomfield Co 80020  
303-469-7478

Grand County  
ec3corp Frank Watts  
to:  
reapp2011  
09/02/2011 01:56 PM  
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Reapportionment Committee,

Please consider the following when looking at the alternatives for house redistricting involving Grand County:

1. We have ski tourism and Dude Ranches - the front range has gambling.
2. We have real ranching - the front range has hobby ranches.
3. We have a West Slope mentality - the east slope has a different set of values.
4. When folks say they are happy with the latest plan, they are leftists.
5. We don't want to be saddled with a leftist representative for the next ten years!

Thanks

Frank & Jane Watts  
970 887-9460  
Winter Park CO

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Fort Collins Reapportionment

William John

to:

reapp2011

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To the Reapportionment Commission:

As a voter in Fort Collins, I am very concerned about the preliminary reapportionment plan which divides Fort Collins into two House Districts along College Avenue. This will NOT fairly represent the diversity of Fort Collins. Instead, please divide Fort Collins into one district North of Drake and one South of Drake.

Because of the Southward growth of Fort Collins, North and South Fort Collins are like totally different towns, with very different attitudes. With the College Avenue dividing line, South Fort Collins cannot be fairly represented because of the influence of the CSU area and North Fort Collins. Please respect this natural distinction between North and South Fort Collins, and divide the House Districts along Drake Road.

Respectfully,

William John

3100 Eastbrook dr

Fort Collins 80525

Reapportionment of Fort Collins.

Jeanne Laudick

to:

reapp2011

09/02/2011 02:24 PM

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To the Commission:

I am sorry that I missed your public hearing in Fort Collins. I am adamantly opposed to continuing the unfair and unrepresentative split of Fort Collins into two house districts East and West. Because of this split, the South part of town has no chance to elect someone who represents our needs. Please change this grossly unfair plan, and split Fort Collins into two districts North and South. It is vital that South Fort Collins have a chance to elect someone who represents that distinctly different community.

Thank you for your hard work.

Jeanne Laudick

(970) 484-5254

## Reapportionment of the area covered by House Districts 52 and 53, in Fort Collins

Kirk Brush

to:

Reapp2011

09/02/2011 02:26 PM

Please respond to "Kirk Brush"

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To the Commission:

For the last ten years, Ft. Collins has been divided into two House districts, one basically east and one west of the main north/south street in town, College Avenue. Given the growth of Ft. Collins, which has mainly been to the south of the old city limits but on both sides of College Avenue, that division of districts no longer preserves the internal communities of interest in Ft. Collins, where I live.

Colorado State University sits just to the west side of College Avenue, and just south of the downtown area. Students living in the dorms and the many students living just to the east and west sides of College Avenue near campus are a community of interest, and in significant numbers register to vote here rather than in the place where their parents live. As college students with concerns about tuition and funding for higher education, home renters, and persons often without motor vehicles, their interests are far different from those of the typical resident of the south part of Ft. Collins, who are mostly in a single family residence, married, and full-time employed.

In addition, to the extent Ft. Collins has any significant ethnic group, it is the Hispanic community which resides primarily in the older part of town, near downtown, on both sides of College Avenue. The east/west division of Ft. Collins, while it swerves a little near downtown, does not do the most to preserve that community of interest.

It is pretty clear that the proposal of the Democrats to keep College Avenue as the primary dividing line of the two districts is primarily an attempt to keep an unjustified and numerically unsupported political advantage in the two House districts, to the exclusion of the proper considerations of the redistricting process.

Please re-draw the lines in the Ft. Collins area, to create a north and a south district, with the dividing line being on or near Drake Road.

I note in passing that, as a registered Republican voter, I will not gain personally from a Drake Road line, by having any better chance to elect a Republican representative. I live just north of that Drake Road line, at the southern edge of the bulk of the private rental properties occupied by CSU students on the west side of town. As a matter of full disclosure, I have been active in Republican politics locally, but there are certainly other ways to draw the line so that Republicans would have a good shot at *both* seats. I do not ask for that. I testified at the 2001 reapportionment hearing here locally, requesting the Drake Road line even back then, for the same community-of-interest reasons. The town has grown a lot more to the south in the last ten years, making the Drake Road line even more appropriate now than it was in 2001.

Thank you for considering my comments, and for your work on the commission.

Kirk Brush

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Reapportionment

Leland Hendrie

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

09/02/2011 02:38 PM

Please respond to Leland Hendrie

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Dear Commission:

Fort Collins is a politically split community, evenly divided between Democrats, Republicans, and Unaffiliated voters. But House Districts 52 and 53 have been very safely Democrat for many years. The Commission's Preliminary plan preserves this split, assuring that the Republicans and Unaffiliated voters in Fort Collins will not be fairly represented in the State Assembly.

Please divide Fort Collins into two districts, one North and one South. This will keep one district safely Democratic, and leave one district where Republicans at least have a fighting chance. Considering the demographic splits in Fort Collins, this is the **ONLY** fair way to reapportion House Districts for Fort Collins.

Respectfully,

Leland J. Hendrie  
5500 Fossil Creek Dr.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80526

Reapportionment Plan - HD52 & HD53

Brian Shaver

to:

reapp2011

09/02/2011 02:39 PM

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Reapportionment Commission:

I was very upset to see the preliminary approved reapportionment plan. How can you think that continuing to divide Fort Collins East and West is fair and representative of this growing community? North and South Fort Collins are communities of very different character. Those who live in South Fort Collins have no chance to elect a representative that represents South Fort Collins, when HD52 and 53 are dominated by CSU and Old Town. The only fair way to divide Fort Collins into two districts is North and South.

With the College Avenue dividing line, South Fort Collins cannot be fairly represented because of the influence of the CSU area and North Fort Collins. Please respect this natural distinction between North and South Fort Collins, and divide the House Districts along Drake Road.

Best regards,

Thank you,

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Betsy Romere

to:

reapp2011

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to express my extreme concern at the proposed reapportionment of Colorado Congressional District # 59. I could not believe my ears when I heard this plan presented at the reapportionment meeting at Fort Lewis College in Durango the end of August. I am a resident of La Plata County and in no way do I agree with this proposal! I live in the rural, unincorporated eastern part of the county and feel that if this ridiculous proposal is enacted, I and the other unincorporated areas of the county residents will have absolutely no voice or representation in our state government! I'm so very tired of people believing that "the way Durango goes, so goes the entire county". Nothing could be farther from the truth. Most of our county lands are rural and agrarian and have absolutely nothing in common with Telluride. We in the unincorporated areas are mostly conservative and have no voice in our government other than through our County Commissioners and state representatives from our area. We are, to our detriment, a more silent majority, but we are very concerned that we are being totally ignored and pushed aside by this proposed plan. As was presented at the Fort Lewis College meeting by our State Senator Ellen Roberts and seconded by our State Representative J. Paul Brown and others, we do not in any way want this proposed change. We absolutely loose all the way around if we are combined with Telluride and there is absolutely no reason to do this other than to create a permanent Democratic district, which is not fair!

As you were repeatedly informed at the Fort Lewis College meeting, we have very poor communication with our state government through no fault of our own, but if you combine us with Telluride making a solid liberal, resort mentality district, we, the real back bone of La Plata County, will have no voice in our government and absolutely no representation in the state congress when J. Brown's term ends. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO US!!!!

Sincerely,

Betsy Romere

Betsy Romere

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reapportionment  
Mary Edwards  
to:  
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**Reapportionment Commission:**

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Best regards,

Mary Edwards  
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Fort Collins

Chris

to:

Reapp2011

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To Whom it may concern,

I wish to voice my opposition to the continued division of Fort Collins house districts which have left me without representation or the possibility of that happening for years. I would like you to look at the percentage Democrat and Republican North vs. South and East vs. West. If divided by Drake Road (South and North Fort Collins) there would be a more equitable shot for everyone to have some vote in the elections in the districts.

Please consider this more balanced division of the parties.

Respectfully,

Chris C. Jeffers

1624 Quail Hollow Dr.

Fort Collins, CO 80525

970-223-2928

Reapportionment  
Doreen Spindler  
to:  
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09/02/2011 02:48 PM  
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To the Reapportionment Commission:

As a voter in Larimer County who works in downtown Fort Collins, I am very concerned about the preliminary reapportionment plan which divides Fort Collins into two House Districts along College Avenue. This will not fairly represent the diversity of Fort Collins. Instead, please divide Fort Collins into one district North of Drake and one South of Drake.

Respectfully,

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*Doreen Spindler*

493-2871

Redistricting of San Miguel and La Plata Counties

Paul Romere

to:

reapp2011

09/02/2011 02:48 PM

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Commissioners;

I attended your meeting in Durango recently and was told that including Telluride into the Durango district was not in the plan. However, I keep hearing that it is still being considered and am writing this note to you to plead that you do not allow Telluride to be included in the same district as Durango. Here in District 59, we have a near equal diversity between Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. Thus, the elections have a true representation available to elect from any party. Telluride is highly Democratic and redistricting #59 to include Telluride would throw the voter balance very heavily towards the Democrats, thus greatly reducing the possibility that anyone other than a Democrat could be elected. The idea of moving the district lines to accomplish such a travesty for free elections garners only on Gerrymandering and must not be allowed to happen.

Sincerely,

Paul Romere

Paul O. Romere

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Please Redistrict 52 & 53 more fairly

Schloss, Rheid

to:

Reapp2011@state.co.us

09/02/2011 03:00 PM

Cc:

Sherri Schloss, Rheid Schloss

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Dear Commission:

Fort Collins is a politically split community, evenly divided between Democrats, Republicans, and Unaffiliated voters. But House Districts 52 and 53 have been very safely Democrat for many years. The Commission's Preliminary plan preserves this split, assuring that the Republicans and Unaffiliated voters in Fort Collins will not be fairly represented in the State Assembly.

Please redistrict Fort Collins on a North and South basis using Drake as the dividing line. This will provide a logical distribution line where representative will be able to represent the majority of voters in both districts rather than create this unfair advantage.

Thank you for your consideration

Rheid Schloss

3700 Ashmount Dr.

Fort Collins, CO - 970 898-3357

House districts in fort collins

Glenn Frank

to:

reapp2011@state.co.us

09/02/2011 03:16 PM

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To the Commission:

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Thank you for your hard work.

Glenn Frank

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Dana Grant  
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Best regards, Dana Grant.

Reapportionment  
Tom Weitkunat  
to:  
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Thank you,

Thomas Weitkunat  
3009 Phoenix Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525  
970-225-2575

Misrepresentation with taxation  
Stephanie Anderson  
to:  
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Thank you for your hard work.

Stephanie and Mark Anderson

Reapportionment  
Karen Weitkunat  
to:  
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Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Weitkunat  
3009 Phoenix Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

reapportionment woes  
Stephanie Anderson  
to:  
reapp2011  
09/02/2011 03:29 PM  
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Respectfully,

Stephanie and Mark Anderson

Reapportionment Plan  
Michael Irish  
to:  
reapp2011  
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**Reapportionment Commission:**

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Best regards,

Michael Irish

Reapportionment Plan Comments

Barby Hendricks

to:

Reapp2011

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Barby Hendricks

1609 Peterson Pl

Ft Collins

Concerned voter  
Jessica Hocum  
to:  
reapp2011  
09/02/2011 03:48 PM  
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Respectfully,  
Jessica Bulik-Hocum

# SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

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VIA EMAIL

September 2, 2011

Colorado Reapportionment Commission  
1313 Sherman St., Suite 122  
Denver CO 80203  
Email: [reapp2011@state.co.us](mailto:reapp2011@state.co.us)

Dear Commission Members:

San Miguel County supports the reapportionment option referred to as House Plan Region Three - H3004v2 that was considered by the Colorado Reapportionment Commission. This Alternative plan would adjust the boundaries of the 58th and 59th House Districts to include the eastern portion of San Miguel County into the 59th.

The adjustment will result in better representation of Colorado's communities of interest, which is part of the mandate set forth by the reapportionment statute.

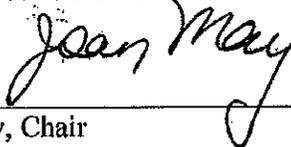
We believe that the larger, rural cities of Montrose and Delta that are largely agricultural could be better represented by sharing a House Representative. Similarly the mountainous resorts to the south, with our intertwined economies and communities should be represented in one district. The community of Norwood, whose economy is much more closely tied to Telluride than to Montrose would also move to the 59th, according to the proposal, which we support.

We have heard concerns that the representative of the 59th district should not have to drive over mountain passes (to Telluride) within one district. But the Rocky Mountain State is difficult and mountainous to travel within any configuration of the districting and this should not be a determining factor in the decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

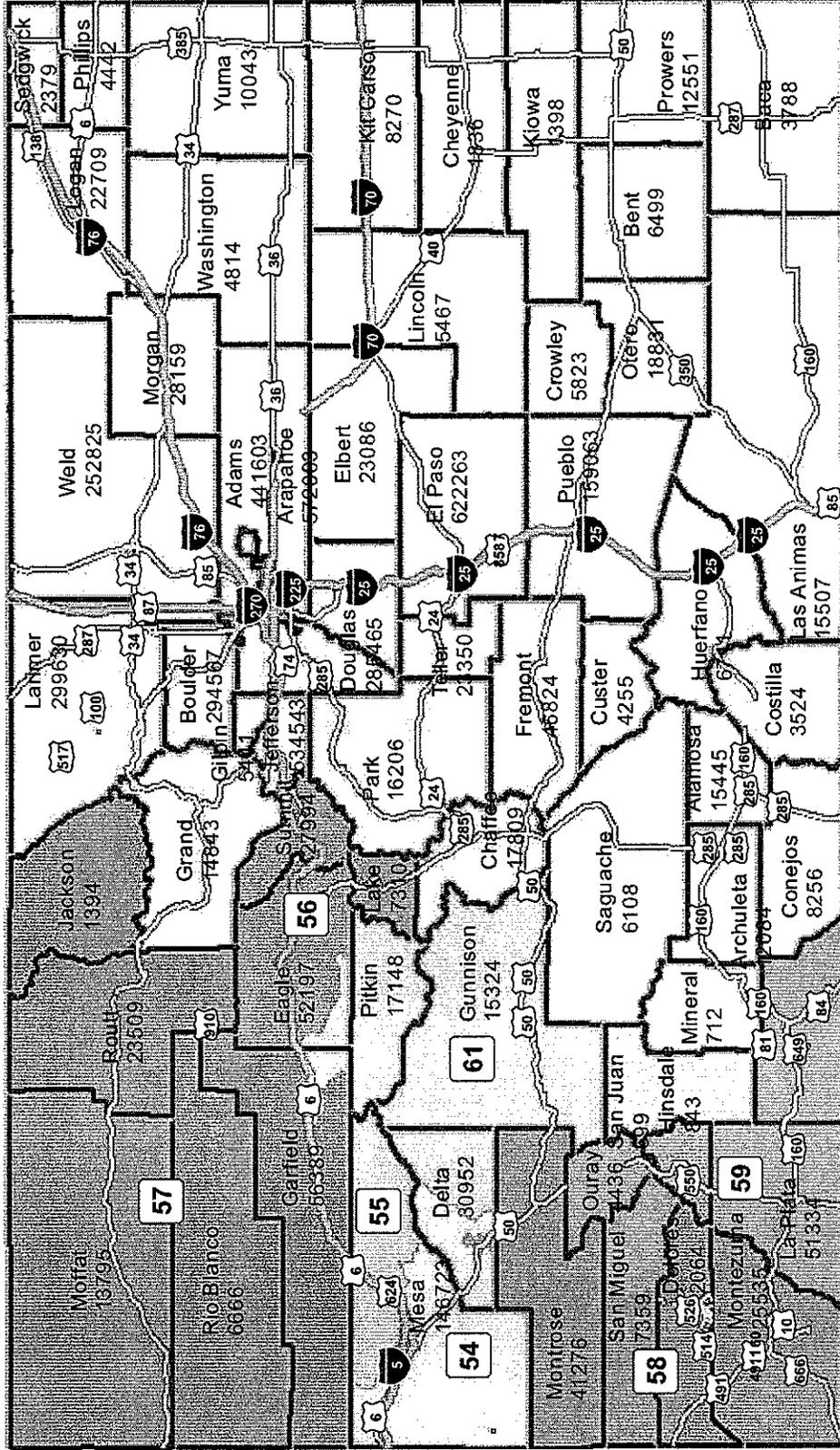
Sincerely,

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Joan May, Chair

# House Plan Region Three - H3004v2

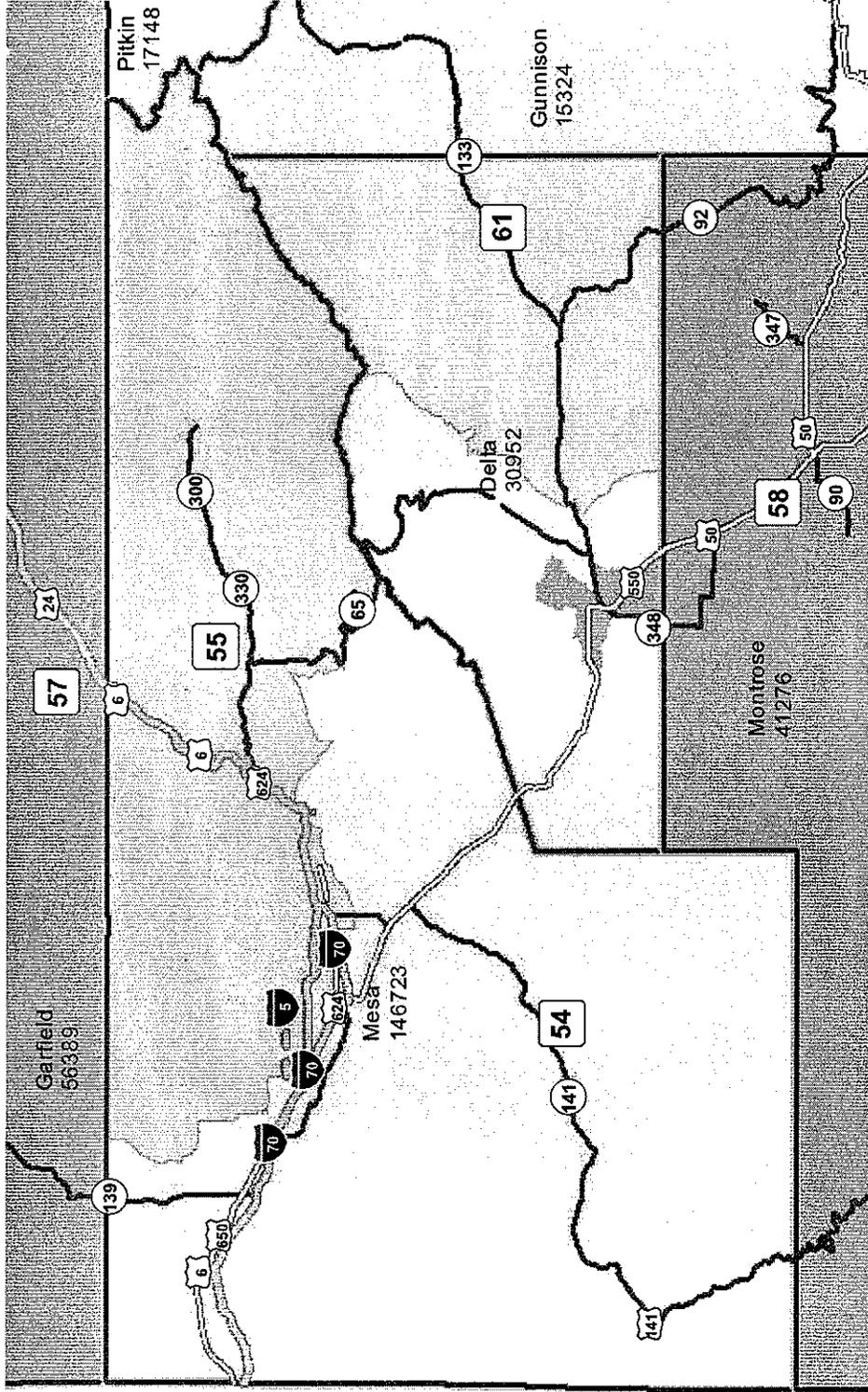


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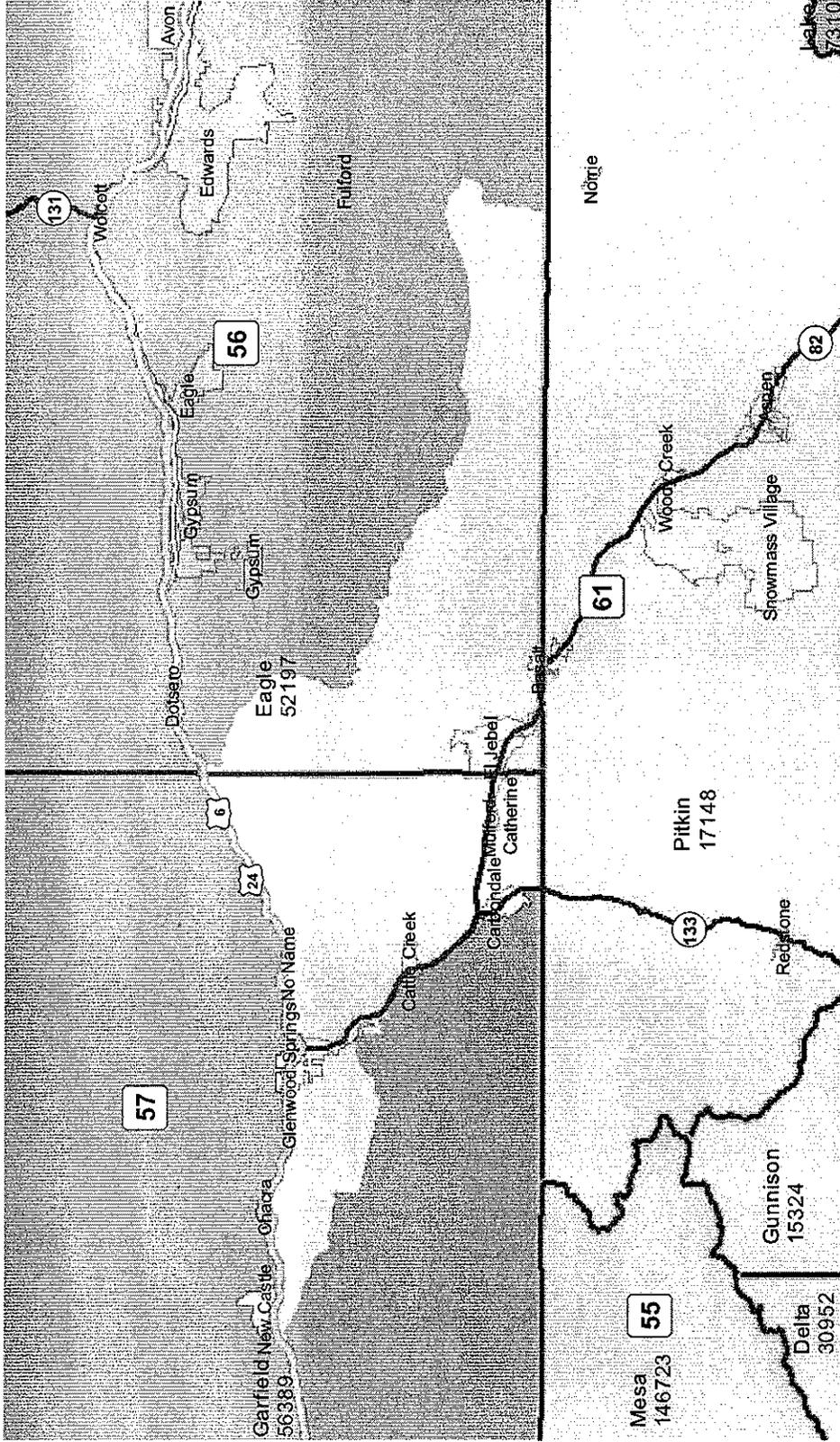
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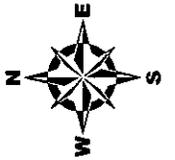
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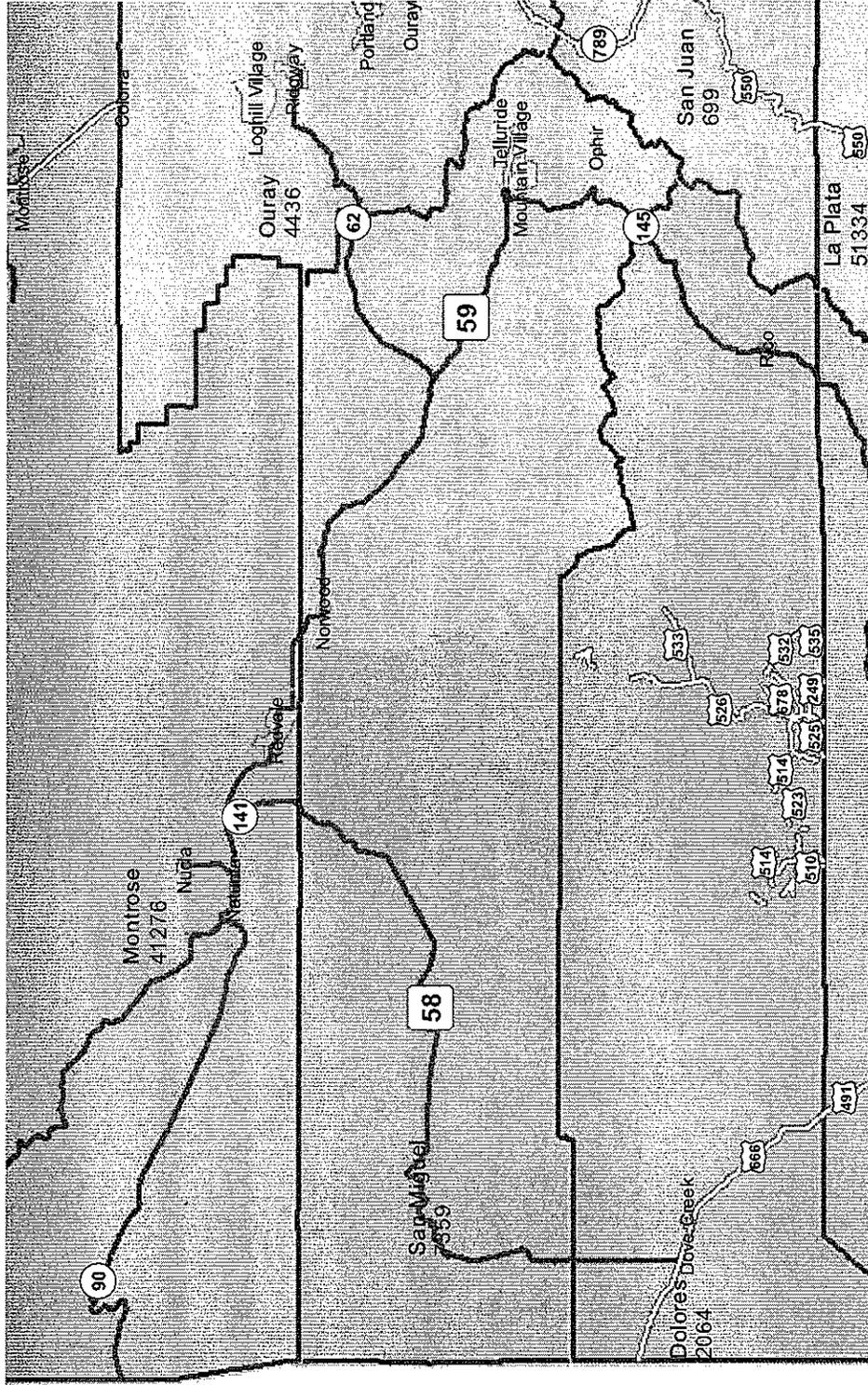


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# House Plan Region Three - H30004v2

## San Miguel County Zoom



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re: Fort Collins districts  
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to:  
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Respectfully,  
Dr. R.J. Riendeau

Concerned  
Sheila Smith  
to:  
Reapp2011  
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Sincerely,  
Sheila J. Smith

Reapportionment  
Dr. Bruce Kniegge  
to:  
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Respectfully, Dr Bruce Kniegge

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Sincerely,

Armando Garcia  
2913 Ninebark Dr.  
Fort Collins, CO 80528

Reapportionment Plan  
angies 710  
to:  
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Respectfully,

Angela Selgren  
4428 Monte Carlo  
Fort Collins, CO 80525