

Final
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

COLORADO REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Date: 09/01/2011	ATTENDANCE
Time: 06:02 PM to 08:51 PM	Atencio X
	Berry E
Place: Broomfield City Council Chambers	Carroll E
	Jones X
This Meeting was called to order by <u>Representative Jones</u>	Loevy X
	Nicolais X
	Salazar E
This Report was prepared by <u>Amanda King</u>	Tool X
	Witwer E
	Webb X
	Carrera X

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

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

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6:02 PM -- Welcome & Introductions

Representative Jones, chair, called the meeting to order. The commission members introduced themselves.

6:04 PM

Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Reapportionment Commission Staff Director, provided an overview of the reapportionment process.

6:13 PM

Representative Jones explained the process for testifying and also encouraged people to submit comments to the commission via email.

6:15 PM -- Public Testimony - Broomfield

The following individuals testified:

6:15 PM -- Tom Mehling, representing himself, stated that he attended the previous commission hearing in July where he heard from the testifiers that the Broomfield community of interest lies with Superior, Lafayette, and Louisville. He expressed his disappointment with the preliminarily approved maps. He spoke about his commute to Loveland. He continued his comments about the connections between Broomfield, Superior, Lafayette, and Louisville.

6:20 PM -- Judy Enderle, representing herself, spoke about living in Broomfield and the connection Broomfield has with Boulder County. She spoke about part of House District 33 being in part of Weld County and the difference there are between Broomfield and Weld County.

6:25 PM -- Bob Gaiser, representing himself, spoke about being on the Broomfield City Council and the other organizations with which he has been involved. He spoke about the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, specifically with regard to traffic patterns and transportation corridors. He stated Weld County should be represented by itself.

6:30 PM -- Sandy Roy, representing herself, spoke about the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, as well as Superior, Lafayette, Louisville, and Erie. She stated Broomfield has nothing in common with Weld County.

6:32 PM -- Marilyn Hughes, representing herself, spoke about living in Longmont and the proposed House District 12. She read a portion of the 2002 Colorado Supreme Court opinion from the case *In re Reapportionment of the Colo. Gen. Assembly*, 45 P.3d 1237 (Colo. 2002), concerning Longmont. She expressed concerns about how the proposed House map would be viewed by the Colorado Supreme Court in light of the referenced 2002 Supreme Court ruling. Ms. Hughes stated her opposition to the proposed House map.

6:36 PM -- Dottie Rawsky, representing herself, spoke about living in Broomfield and the connections her family has with Superior, Boulder, and Louisville. She stated Weld County issues are not her issues. Ms. Rawsky continued to explain the connections Broomfield has with Boulder County, but not Weld County. She discussed the educational community of interest between Broomfield and Boulder County. She asked the commission to reconsider the proposed House and Senate maps.

6:41 PM -- Frederick Davis, representing himself, spoke about his family's decision to move to Erie and the resources and services that are in Boulder County that are available to his son, who has special needs.

6:43 PM -- Paul Caldara, representing himself, stated he is a resident of Gunbarrel and offered his support for H6001. He spoke about using the Diagonal Highway as the boundary for House District 12 in Longmont and removing the city of Boulder from House District 12. He expressed his concerns about the city of Boulder being included in House District 12. Commissioner Loevy asked if Gunbarrel is in unincorporated Boulder County. Mr. Caldara responded affirmatively. Commissioner Loevy and Mr. Caldara continued to discuss the boundaries of Gunbarrel.

6:46 PM -- Joe Gierlach, Mayor Pro Tem of Nederland, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment A). Commissioner Nicolais asked Mr. Gierlach to clarify which House District number he was discussing. Mr. Gierlach said that he was referring to House District 26 in the preliminary adopted House map with the new numbering convention, but what currently exists as House District 13.



Attachment A.pdf

6:54 PM -- Kim Lytle, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment B). Commissioner Tool asked staff about the split of Superior in the preliminary adopted House plan, which was shown to be a split of the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County. Commissioner Tool asked Ms. Lytle about the split in Superior and in which House District she thought Superior should be placed. Ms. Lytle responded by asking that Superior not be split.



Attachment B.pdf

6:57 PM

Commissioner Tool asked staff to provide the population of the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County.

6:59 PM -- Bret Violett, representing himself, read a letter from his wife, Lita Van Wagenen, into the record (Attachment C).



Attachment C.pdf

7:01 PM -- Dalton Violett, representing himself, spoke about the tight-knit community in Boulder County area. He asked that Superior not be split.

7:02 PM -- Stefanie Clarke, representing herself, spoke about living in Superior and her connections with Broomfield and Boulder County, but not with Weld County. She expressed her concerns about splitting Superior. She spoke about her concerns about being represented by someone from Weld County. Commissioner Tool explained that the portion of Superior that is in Jefferson County and split from the other part of Superior has a population of zero.

7:06 PM -- Linda Lee, representing herself, offered her support of having two strong representatives for Longmont. She spoke about the district Representative Levy currently represents and how the boundary for that district should be returned. She stated her support of the previous comments about House District 33 and the ties between Broomfield and Boulder County, but not with Weld County.

7:09 PM -- Judy Lubow, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment D).



Attachment D.pdf

7:13 PM -- Grace Miller, representing herself, spoke about the changes to the boundaries of the existing House Districts 13 and 10. She spoke about the representation Representative Levy has provided for the mountain communities of Boulder County. Commissioner Nicolais asked Ms. Miller if she knew how many terms Representative Levy has served. Ms. Miller responded.

7:16 PM -- Holly Bender, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment E). She spoke about the Four Mile fire.



Attachment E.pdf

7:18 PM -- Nancy George, representing herself, read a written statement which she provided to the commission (Attachment F). She expressed concerns about the boundary of proposed House District 33. Commissioner Loevy asked a question about competitive districts. Ms. George responded. Dialogue continued between Ms. George and the commission about competitive districts.



Attachment F.pdf

7:26 PM -- Mick Watkins, representing himself, spoke about living in Broomfield and his opposition to including part of Weld County in House District 33. He spoke about the alliance of the LGBTQ community in Broomfield and Boulder County, but not Weld County. Commissioner Webb asked if Mr. Watkins had heard of anyone in Weld County wanting to be placed with Broomfield. Mr. Watkins responded.

7:31 PM -- Anthony Stewart, representing himself, offered his support of keeping Superior in House District 33. He spoke about being a small business owner in Superior and Broomfield. He spoke about the health care organizations in Broomfield and Boulder County. He spoke about the growth and development issues in the area. Mr. Stewart provided a written statement (Attachment G).



Attachment G.pdf

7:35 PM -- Don Devereux, representing himself, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment H). He stated his comments are a collaboration from several other people from Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. He spoke about the representation Representative Levy has provided for the mountain communities, including Gilpin County.



Attachment H.pdf

7:40 PM -- Mark Swanson, representing himself, read a letter from a friend, Kerry Stewart, who could not attend the meeting (Attachment I). Mr. Swanson spoke about his support of keeping Superior together and moving it with Broomfield.



Attachment I.pdf

7:43 PM -- Joseph Neguse, representing himself, spoke about his role on the University of Colorado Board of Regents. He spoke about House District 33 and his objections to the preliminary adopted map for that district.

7:46 PM -- Mary Manners, representing herself, spoke about living in Longmont and her concerns with the preliminary adopted House map for Longmont. She suggested that Diagonal Highway would be a more natural boundary. She spoke about the division in the community of Hygiene.

7:49 PM -- Kevin Mullen, representing himself, spoke about his concerns with the proposed adopted House map, specifically how the map splits the Hispanic community in Longmont.

7:51 PM -- Andrew Muckle, Mayor of Superior, spoke about the nexus between Louisville, Lafayette, Superior, Broomfield, and Erie.

7:52 PM -- David Salas, representing himself, stated he is a resident of Superior and stated his opposition to proposed House District 33. He spoke about various communities of interests in the area and the differences between Boulder and Weld Counties. He spoke about competitive districts.

7:56 PM -- Ray Rodriguez, representing himself, read a written statement which he provided to the commission (Attachment J).



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7:58 PM -- Mike Marsh, representing himself, encouraged the commission to reject the proposed House map for the existing House District 13. He expressed concerns about the diversity of issues in districts in the proposed adopted House map. He expressed concerns about splitting the Latino community in Longmont and the splitting of the communities of Superior and Gunbarrel. He said the districts should be returned to how they were. Commissioner Loevy asked about the Broomfield boundary with Weld County and its history of being part of Weld County. Mr. Marsh responded to Commissioner Loevy's comments. Discussion continued between Commissioner Loevy and Mr. Marsh. Commissioner Tool asked about the preliminary adopted Senate plan that includes Broomfield with Weld and Larimer Counties. Mr. Marsh said he had not studied the proposed adopted Senate plan and did not feel prepared to speak on that issue. Commissioner Atencio asked about the US 36 corridor area. Mr. Marsh responded. He provided a written statement (Attachment K).



Attachment K.pdf

8:08 PM -- Laura Spicer, vice-chair of the Boulder County Democratic Party, read a letter from Rong-Shyang Sheu (Attachment L). Ms. Spicer spoke about the Asian community in the area. She stated that the people of Longmont want two representatives with better proportional representation. Ms. Spicer talked about border between Broomfield and Weld County. She stated that people would like House District 33 reduced to two counties and that those two counties should be Broomfield and Boulder County. She reiterated that Superior wants to be kept with House District 33. She stated that, with regards to Erie, the split on the county line is fine. She asked that the districts that are composed of the existing House Districts 10 and 13 be switched back to allow the current representatives to represent their current areas. She spoke about the relationship between Gunbarrel and the city of Boulder. Commissioner Nicolais asked about the proposed adopted Senate plan. Ms. Spicer responded. Ms. Spicer and Commissioner Nicolais continued their discussion. Commissioner Atencio thanked Ms. Spicer for her comments. Commissioner Loevy apologized to Mr. Marsh for his previous statement about the Broomfield boundaries and clarified that part of that boundary is also shared with Adams County. Commissioner Webb made comments about the concerns with the House maps over the Senate maps. Ms. Spicer responded to Commissioner Webb's comments. Commissioner Carrera asked about competitiveness. Ms. Spicer responded to Commissioner Carrera's question. Commissioner Tool discussed the portion of Weld County that is in proposed House District 33. Commissioner Nicolais asked Ms. Spicer about the voter registration numbers she cited, which differ from the commission data. Ms. Spicer said she would forward her information to the commission.



Attachment L.pdf

8:29 PM -- Erich Feigel, representing himself, spoke about keeping Broomfield separate from Boulder. He spoke about the similarities between Broomfield and the portion of Weld County included in the preliminary adopted House District 33. He offered his support of the boundaries for preliminary adopted House District 33 and Senate District 23.

8:33 PM -- Matthew Gray, representing himself, addressed Commissioner Loevy's question about the character of Broomfield. Mr. Gray spoke about the people of Broomfield being more aligned with the Denver metro area rather than Weld County. He spoke about the Senate maps and how Broomfield will get swallowed up by Weld County. Mr. Gray spoke about constitutional constraints when it comes to the Senate maps. Commissioner Nicolais clarified a previous statement to which Mr. Gray referred. Mr. Gray responded to Commissioner Nicolais's comments.

8:41 PM -- Karen Nelson, representing herself, stated she does not have a problem with the preliminary adopted Senate and House plans. She spoke about the history of Broomfield and the predicted growth for the next ten years to the north and east of Broomfield.

8:44 PM -- Angie Layton, representing herself, identified herself as a resident of Louisville and as the House District Team Leader for the Democratic Party. She spoke about the ties between Superior and Broomfield. She spoke about the preliminary adopted House map from Longmont and her concerns about how it splits the Hispanic community.

8:47 PM -- Sally Martin, representing herself, stated that Longmont should have two strong representatives. She spoke about not splitting up the Latino community in the area and the civil rights movement. She referenced her past experience as an elected official. She stated her support of having Superior in the same district as Broomfield. Ms. Martin dialogued with the commission members.

8:51 PM

Representative Tool thanked everyone for attending the hearing and adjourned the commission.

My name is Joe Gierlach and I was elected to the Town of Nederland Board of Trustees 3 ½ years ago. I am the Mayor Pro Tem. I have represented the town in the Boulder County Consortium of Cities, as well as the Denver Regional Council of Governments.

My testimony will illustrate why I oppose the currently adopted Reapportionment for HD 13 and why I am in favor of including the front range mountains with South Boulder and maintaining Claire Levy as our representative.

One doesn't accidentally live at 8,500 feet, you have to make a conscious choice to live here.

Here are two questions we like to ask people:

1. What brought you to Nederland?
(Peacefulness, Outdoor Recreation, Clean Air, Stars, Music)
2. What were you willing to give up in exchange for that thing you came here for?
(spotty cell coverage, stores not always open, snow, wind, plowed streets, forest fire danger, bears)

From the answers to these questions, you can see that we are linked with other mountain communities who share our climate, such as Ward, Gold Hill, Jamestown, and Rollinsville. You can see this by driving north and south along the Peak-to-Peak Highway.

Each mountain community is also linked east down the canyon. In Gold Hill and Jamestown it is Left Hand and Four Mile Canyons. In Nederland, we have Boulder Canyon, Magnolia, Sugarloaf, Coal Creek and Eldorado Canyon. What these canyons represent is transportation, water, and communication.

Many scientists live in Nederland and work at NCAR, NOAA, NIST, and CU, which are all in South Boulder.

Many people use the Nederland RTD Park-N-Ride to go to work. It goes both ways, RTD transports many people from Boulder up to Nederland, for hiking, fishing, or Eldora Ski Resort. Because we are part of RTD, our local businesses have a similar sales tax structure.

A third of Boulder's water comes down the canyon from Nederland. Security, Police, Emergency systems are all linked to Boulder. By far, the majority of goods and services go up and down various canyons to Boulder, very little goes along the more scenic Peak-to-Peak Highway.

Along with all this traffic, comes communication. Besides systems like fiber optics, many Nederland Residents receive the Boulder newspaper, and converse with coworkers, and colleagues in Boulder. Because of this communication, we compare notes on issues, from medical marijuana, to backyard chickens, to water, to wildfires, to transportation.

None of this community interest can be applied to Northern Boulder or Gunbarrel.

Claire Levy has done an excellent job of representing the interests of Nederland and the mountain community. Therefore, I am in favor of including the front range mountains with South Boulder and maintaining Claire Levy as our representative.

If you need to grow HD 13, I can live with including Grand County, but I would recommend growing this district to the south toward Idaho Springs. Nederland schools include part of Gilpin County, and there are many recreational activities exchanged between Nederland and Gilpin County, as well as athletic competition. The local newspaper covers the mountain region between Ward and Idaho Springs. The local government interacts with Boulder and Gilpin County commissioners for the Peak to Peak Region.

My name is Kim Lytle.

I moved to Colorado in 1977 and have lived in Longmont, Boulder, Broomfield, and Superior; I've been in Superior for 15 years. My husband and I also own property in Longmont and Lafayette so I have some perspective on most of the towns in Boulder County.

I moved to Superior for the easy commute to my job in Boulder. Now my family enjoys the services, shopping, and entertainment that have grown over the years in Broomfield at Flatirons Crossing and the Broomfield Event Center. We love the variety of choices we have between Superior, Louisville, Boulder and Broomfield.

We love and have made use of the educational opportunities afforded to us by the University of Colorado in Boulder.

It is clear to me that the redistricting lines should not split HD 33 into 3 counties because it's simply not necessary and there is no reason to do so. Keeping Superior/Marshall with Broomfield County HD 33 and moving SW Weld County out of HD 33 is the solution to keeping it simple and affording fair representation of towns. This minimizes the split of cities – it keeps Superior whole and only splits Erie on the Weld County line. This also makes the district more competitive based on demographics.

Splitting Superior would be very confusing by having to change representatives for ^{one} part of our town but not the other part. My neighbors have common interests with me that relate to our town as a whole, not to SW Weld County. One example is the impact of the proposed Jeffco Parkway. What does SW Weld County have in common with that impact on Superior and Broomfield? We have many Superior community functions – you should see our 4th of July parade and Town pancake breakfast and our Chile Festival. The whole town turns out – it is not a divided community and dividing it for political purposes would not be fair for the representation of our Town interests.

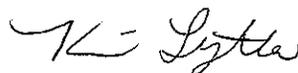
I believe that Southwest Weld County does not have a community interest with Superior and Broomfield. I work for a residential development company whose most recent communities have been in Weld County and my project management experience in Erie leads me to believe the issues in S.W. Weld County are simply not the same as those of Superior and Broomfield.

Some of my neighbors work in Interlocken in Broomfield and some work in Boulder. This keeps the US 36 corridor as another common interest that we have that is not shared by SW Weld County.

Other neighbors are teachers and have families with children in Boulder Valley School District. Weld County as you know is the St. Vrain School District.

I urge the solution of keeping Superior/Marshall areas with Broomfield County HD 33 and move the SW portions of Weld County OUT of HD33. We are simply not a community with common interests with Weld County.

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HD33

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From: litavan <litavan@aol.com>

To: reap2011 <reap2011@state.co.us>

Subject: HD33

Date: Mon, Aug 29, 2011 2:36 pm

August 29, 2011

Dear Committee members,

My name is Lita Van Wagenen, and I have been a resident of Boulder County since 1983, and of the town of Superior since 1992. It is with concern I am writing about the proposed house redistricting for my town.

In 1994, I moved here to be a part of a developing community and as a nice place to raise my children. I have seen our town grow and develop into a cohesive town and feel that we deserve to continue to be represented as one community in HD33. As we have been for years.

As a healthcare professional, having been on the Board of Trustees for Avista Hospital for 10 years, and as a mother with kids in BVSD, I know we are closely linked to Broomfield in both our school district and in our healthcare delivery system.

It does not make sense to have our views represented by separate representatives. Superior and Broomfield are closely linked in our schools, healthcare, shopping, activities and social events.

We are not linked to Weld County in any way. It is silly to confuse Superior residents about which house district they are in by splitting the town unnecessarily. Furthermore, to have a House District have 3 counties in it is confusing, when you can just have two counties in the district.

I also know that in keeping Superior together we will have a more even representation by republicans, democrats and unaffiliated voters. This allows for better competition and more equal representation then having one party in a majority in our district.

Please keep our community and town together in HD33.

Sincerely,

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Reapportionment comments - October 1, 2011
Judy Lubow, Longmont

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide comments, and thank you all for the hard work you are doing on this committee.

I wanted to comment primarily, but not solely, about the proposed re-districting of Longmont house districts, since I live in Longmont. I am very content with the present arrangement - or perhaps it should be called the old arrangement - under which Longmont is represented by 2 state representatives who are both very accountable to Longmont voters because there are large numbers of Longmont voters in each district. The significant population of Longmont citizens in both present Districts 11 and 12 means that we effectively have two representatives looking out for our interests.

That would not be the case under the newly approved map, whereby most of Longmont would only be in one district - the newly drawn District 11 - so that our effective representation would be cut in half. Longmont is obviously big enough to be in 2 districts, so the appropriate question for Longmont voters is, how best to create those districts so that we can get the most representation? The new map, by its unequal divisions of Longmont, actually cheats Longmont voters of effective representation.

Of course, the fact that Longmont's Latino community is fractured in the process of creating these newly drawn districts, does not help convince us of the appropriateness and legality of the process.

The second matter that I want to comment about concerns HDs 10 and 13. I don't live in either of these Districts, but I am concerned about the changes proposed for them, because they seem illogical on their face. Apparently, Rep Claire Levy, who presently represents mountain communities, would be switched under the new map to represent Boulder areas, while Rep Dickey Lee Hulinghorst would be switched to represent mountain communities. Frankly, admittedly as an outsider to the process, this reminds me of nothing so much as the old college prank "Chinese fire-drill". Under this prank, college kids would stop a car, pile out of it and run around and re-arrange themselves in the car, to their great amusement, but to the bewilderment of everyone else. The proposed re-arrangement of representation in Districts 10 and 13 carries some of the same atmosphere of lack of logic and of bemused bewilderment, and for that reason alone, should be re-evaluated. Perhaps a more logical arrangement can be worked out.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.

Aug 31, 2011

My name is Holly Bender. I am co-Precinct Captain in Precinct 11 of Boulder County. I live in Sunshine Canyon 7 miles west of Boulder.

Claire Levy has been my representative for many years. Our children have shared community activities in the past.

I am strongly opposed to the re-districting of HD 10 and 13.

Claire Levy understands the concerns and issues of the mountain communities and she has represented us well.

My community is part of Boulder, but also has concerns more indicative of the mountain communities further west. We feel we will be better represented if we can vote together.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Good Evening. My name is Nancy George and I live at 1709 Bain Drive in Erie and am in the current House District 33 boundaries. 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.

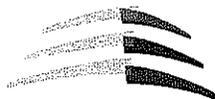
The approved map splits House District 33 between 3 different counties, Boulder, Broomfield and Weld which seems to be too many counties for effective representation.

I have lived in Erie only 2 years but I have many friends who live in Boulder, Lafayette, Louisville and Broomfield. My immediate neighbors all work in Boulder. I shop in Boulder, Flatiron Crossing in Broomfield and Lafayette. I take classes weekly in Boulder and Louisville. My doctor is located in Lafayette and sends me to Broomfield 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.

When I am no longer able to drive, there is the RTD bus system that will allow me to go to my doctor in Lafayette, shop in Lafayette and Boulder, go to the movies, plays, concerts and dinner easily. 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 119th 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. The approved Senate District map is much better in keeping the districts competitive and balanced on communities of interest.

Thank you.

**Flatirons FlexCare For Seniors****August 30, 2011****Reapportionment Commission****1 DesCombes Drive
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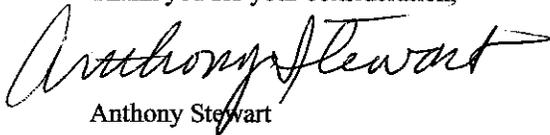
Dear Commission Members,

I am writing in regards to the proposed reapportionment of House District 33. I am a 15 year resident of the Town of Superior, Colorado. I strongly urge you to vote to keep the entire Town of Superior together in HD33 with Broomfield instead of splitting us into two separate districts. I am a small business owner and entrepreneur. My previous business was located in Broomfield, which allowed me to easily serve my customer base in Superior, as well as customers along the US36 Corridor. In my current business, located in Superior, I serve many customers that use the shared services of Boulder and Broomfield Counties. For example, Two Social Services agencies, The Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield Counties, Also serves the residents of Superior. As do, the Boulder County Hospice, serving Broomfield. These relationships have taken years to develop, and have given us a sense of community. Moving Superior out of HD33 would have negative, long lasting effects on these relationships.

If the proposed reapportionment takes place, part of our small town of Superior will be added to Louisville, while another part will be joined with other small parts of Weld County. This makes no sense, because: 1). we share no services with Weld County. 2). Parts of Weld County, along the I-25 corridor, that would join Superior and Broomfield, along the US36 corridor, have very different issues around growth and development. 3). unnecessarily splits counties into multiple House Districts. 4). Splits multiple cities into multiple House Districts when not necessary. 5). and as I mentioned earlier, it separates "Communities of Interest".

I respectfully ask that you vote to keep the entire town of Superior together with Broomfield in HD33.

Thank you for your consideration,



Anthony Stewart

Reapportionment Testimony HD13 9/1/11

I'd like to say a few words about the proposed reapportionment swap of CO districts between Rep Claire Levy and Rep Dickey Lee Hullinghorst.

I don't understand what is meant to be accomplished with this apparent flip of representation districts. What does appear quite obvious from it is a complete attempt to disenfranchise the voters in both current districts. If this happens, well-established constituent relations will be set back in both districts, since both representatives have spent their terms developing their relationships with their constituents. I have every confidence that in time both Rep Levy and Hullinghorst could establish a rapport with voters in their new relationship. But in that void between their old representation and the future development of new associations, contacts, and performance with their new representative will be a fair amount of voter disenfranchisement.

Speaking from my relationship with Rep Levy, it is based on years of interaction, access, and representation on issues especially critical to my mountain existence. Forest Health, wild fire mitigation, water access, evacuation preparedness, local public transit connections to neighboring areas, rural health care access, energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy options among them.

Living in the WUI (wild land urban interface) during periods of drought and expanded mountain pine beetle infestation, nothing is more top of mind than issues such as forest health, fire mitigation and evacuation preparedness. Claire has been a strong advocate and supporter of our recently developed WFPP (wild fire protection plan) which opens up many new avenues to coordinated funding and resources for education and training and implementation of best practices for the various aspects of these developments. She has been able to share with those of us in Gilpin County the experiences and lessons from our neighbors in the mountains of Boulder County from their recent encounters with devastating fire, recovery and rebuilding effort, particularly in insurance coverage and preparation.

Claire has been a strong supporter and advocate for the potential HCAC (health care for all Colorado co-op) legislation which would provide incentives and greatly expand access to health care services in rural areas.

Claire has been a leading defender of our mountain water resources and has fought for us against those that would divert those resources for some possible future need. I'm citing the Denver Water Gross Res. expansion project here.

Claire has a strong presence in our mountain community. She attends many local events and she conducts local events. We are grateful to her for that availability and access. It's wonderful to run into her at the hardware store and outside the grocery store and catch up on things. We are particularly grateful to have someone represent us that we know and with whom we have built a relationship. We want to keep her.

Thank you.
Don Devereux
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August 29, 2011

Reapportionment Commission

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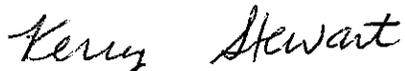
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If the proposed reapportionment occurs, part of Superior will be with Louisville, but the other part will be grouped together with parts of Weld County. This does not make any sense, as we share no services with Weld County. We are located along the Highway 36 corridor, and they are located along the I-25 Corridor. It would not be helpful to have two state representatives for our small town. The Town of Superior has worked very hard over the years to bring our community together, and this would split our town, causing voter confusion.

Please vote to keep the entire Town of Superior together with Broomfield in House District 33.

Thank you for your consideration,


Kerry Stewart

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August 1st, 2011

Dear Members of the 2011 Reapportionment Committee,

I am an active member of the Colorado Latino Community however today I speak to you more importantly as a member of the Longmont Community.

After fighting in WWII my grandfather Gene Maldonado migrated to Longmont to establish a life and roots for his family. He planted the very green roots of the Mountain View Golf Course that so many enjoy today.

The reason I mention my grandfather planting roots in Longmont is because I plan on doing the very same. All five of my siblings as well as the majority of my extended family calls Longmont home and that's exactly why I plan on staying. My family and extended family have all enjoyed the presence that having two representatives has allowed. In community forums, summer festivals, local charity events and many more we have had the ears of our representatives to give us voice in the State Capitol.

For the future of those who call the Longmont Community home and *their* grandchildren I request that we retain the benefit of two representatives of more evenly split districts rather than splitting Longmont (and the geographic concentration of the Latino Community) into one large HD11 with a small, fractured and disenfranchised Latino Community in HD12.

With Respect,

Ray Rodriguez
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Date: Sept. 1, 2012
Broomfield, CO
To: Boulder County Reapportionment Commission
From: Mike Marsh, Boulder County Resident
265 31st St., Boulder, CO 80305

As a Boulder County resident of 24 years, I have multiple serious objections to the Adopted Reapportionment Plan in its current form.

1. I can see no sound reason whatsoever to move Claire Levy out of my HD 13. She has done a superb job learning the issues of the district, particularly those related to the mountain communities. Ms. Levy has also done a very effective and laudable job representing the interests of south Boulder where I live. By the same token, Dickie Lee Hullinghorst is very knowledgeable and effective on issues related to HD 10.

There is no reason to switch these two. It is an arbitrary, capricious and highly reprehensible effort to mix up and weaken the success of two female representatives who have been highly effective public servants for their districts.

Without a compelling reason for this switching of representatives, I urge the Commission to throw out this arbitrary and senseless change. My common-sense recommendation will not affect the balance of political powers or representation; it will merely keep in place those representatives who best know the issues of their constituents.

2. I greatly object to the fact that the changes for HD 11 split the Latino community in Longmont. One of the overarching guidelines of Apportionment is to keep communities together.

I refer to Article V, Section 47(3) Composition of Districts, which to paraphrase, states that districts with a common cultural, ethnic, demographic or other characteristic should be kept intact whenever possible.

3. Under this same argument, I feel that Boulder County and Broomfield County should stay linked together as two, without being further split into Weld County. Boulder and Broomfield share vastly more commonality with each other than with Weld County. Examples includes Employment, National Research Labs, High Tech companies, Shopping Malls, and common regional interests involving the US. 36 Corridor.

4. Similarly, Superior need not be split in two.

5. Similarly, Gunbarrel should not be split into multiple House Districts.

6. The communities of Louisville, Longmont and Lafayette should stay together.

In summary, I urge the Commission to return Apportionment matters to the way they were. The Adopted Reapportionment Plan is little more than an obvious, transparent manipulation of the political process by parties seeking to gain seats through these jagged, random, harmful, and nonsensical carvings.

Subject: Please do not fracture my communities

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my concern over a proposal to fracture the Broomfield/Boulder House District [33].

I am a man of Asian descent and a resident in Broomfield County. I actively participate in Asian community activities in Boulder County. I have many Asian friends, whom I know personally and professionally, who live in Boulder County. On the other hand, I do not believe that any of my Asian friends live in Weld County. By making Broomfield County and Weld County as one House District, it would no doubt mute our voice in political debates.

As a scientific researcher/developer at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, I, as well as many other scientists in Broomfield County, am part of a close scientific community that is composed of scientific professionals who live in either Boulder or Broomfield County.

Last but not least, as a person of the LGBT community, I've found that Boulder County shares my values and respects my private life to a much greater extent than does Weld County. A House District made up with Weld and Broomfield Counties would most likely harm the due process of our Broomfield LGBT community.

I hereby urge that Broomfield and Boulder Counties remain in one House District [33].

Sincerely,

Rong-Shyang Sheu

[Note:

Asian pop (Adopted) = 5.5%

Asian pop w/ Broomfield & Superior = 9%

Broomfield = 4.1%

Superior = 13.79%]