

From: Kristin Hunt <kristin@kayenta.net>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/15/2011 3:09 PM
Subject: Vote for the Garber Citizen Map

Dear Representative Clark,

Please select and vote for the Garber Citizen Map! As a member of your constituency, I feel strongly that this map is far more compact and contiguous. **It is, by far, the best of the remaining proposed maps. I believe in you and trust that you will do what is best for all the people of Utah and those that elected you. Please hear us and vote for the Garber Citizen Map!

Know that you are appreciated,

Kristin DeNure Hunt

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From: Jen <jenaire@gmail.com>
Date: 10/15/2011 5:51 PM
Subject: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map

Dear Representative,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have attended many of the public hearings on redistricting and have studied the maps. I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified by Representative Brian King).
<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map

I know and greatly appreciate that you care about and work hard for the people of Utah.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pathak
Member of Represent Me Utah!

From: Lee Ann <kid1896@msn.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/15/2011 5:51 PM
Subject: Support Garber Citizen Map for Redistricting

Dear Representative Clark,

The Garber Citizen Map is far better than the other three remaining proposed maps. It is one of the most compact and contiguous maps we have seen presented. I urge you to support the passage of the Garber Citizen Map instead of the other proposed ones. It's important for Utah to be a fair and open state with representation for all. Please insure that it is.

Support the Garber Citizen Map!

Sincerely, Lee Ann Riddoch
St. George, Utah

From: gail gerlach <ggerlach@mac.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/15/2011 10:33 PM
Subject: redistricting

I urge you to vote for the Gerber Citizen Map because it appears to be the most equitable and closer to the redistricting committee's recommendation the legislature appointed and we all paid for.

For a while it seemed that the Legislature was serious about open meetings and listening to constituents but in the end that appears to have been a delusion, since the Senate then drew up the plan first described by Sen. Waddoups and the House in secret drafted their own "60-62% republican in every district," completely ignoring the citizens of Utah yet again. I strongly oppose both of those plans. You spent over a million dollars for advice; you should listen to it.

I agree with the Deseret News editorial a few days ago, gerrymandering may be legal by your own rules, but it is not ethical or moral or even necessary for you to retain a majority. It not only disadvantages the minority party, it also disadvantages the majority by protecting incumbents and protecting favorites. A healthy majority of people in Utah, republicans, democrats, libertarians, and independents wanted an independent commission because they did not trust the Legislature to do the right thing. Show us you can rise above partisanship.

Gail Gerlach

From: Larry Meyers <dixierepublican@yahoo.com>
To: dixierepublican@yahoo.com
Date: 10/16/2011 9:02 AM
Subject: Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes

Dear Utah House members,

I am writing to encourage you to pass SB 3002, which was vetted by the Redistricting Committee and passed by the Utah Senate. SB 3002 brings a fair urban-rural balance to the redistricting process and treats southern Utah fairly.

Now is not the time to start over and try to pass a whole new map that has not been through the committee process and public scrutiny. If you do, it will lead to diminished public support for those who pushed the last-minute changes. It also appears to me that any last minute changes will be subject to a lawsuit on the grounds that they are based on partisan calculations, which is prohibited by the redistricting rules.

Let's finish the process tomorrow by passing SB 3002!

Larry Meyers
Treasurer, Utah Republican Assembly

From: Fred J Fagergren <fffagergren@hotmail.com>
Date: 10/14/2011 7:45 AM
Subject: Redistricting Legislation

Sir:

While my preference would be for a redistricting map that left Salt Lake County and Utah County in a single district, that does not seem to be an option under any current plan.

Our election system is seriously broken and I am convinced two changes would resolve most of the existing problems. (1) Honest redistricting in accordance with citizens' desires, not political parties and (2) non-partisan primaries where everyone can vote. Since these seem so unlikely today, I would therefore recommend and ask for your support for Representative Brian King's proposal represented in what I understand is called: "Garber Citizen Map modified." At least this only splits Salt Lake County into two and Utah County into two.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fred J. Fagergren 2324 Bryson Cir Santa Clara, UT 84765

From: Kelli Lundgren <kelli@xmission.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/14/2011 10:49 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday

Dear Representative Clark,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have studied the maps and would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified, sponsored by Representative Brian King).
<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map. I appreciate all your work as a representative for the people.

Sincerely,
Kelli Lundgren

From: Angelo DiSante <adisante@hotmail.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/14/2011 5:45 PM

Dear Representative Clark,
We have been following the redistricting efforts by Utah senators and representatives. Much needs to be desired in efforts to be fair. We find that the better plan is the Garber Citizen Map modified. We hope you will strongly support this plan.
Thank You
Angelo and Linda Disante
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Ivins, utah 84738

From: Dorothy A Engelman <doengelman@gmail.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/14/2011 9:17 PM
Subject: Redistricting

Please support the Garber Citizen Map modified. It is the best solution for ALL Utahns.
Dorothy Engelman
435-879-1558
 "I choose to make the rest of my life the best of my life." - Louise L. Hay

From: "MIKE PEACOCK" <reddsandstone@msn.com>
To: dclark@utah.gov
Date: 10/13/2011 7:21 PM
Subject: redistricting

Please show your intelligence and logic rather than pure partisanship and vote for the Garber map - it is the most sensible of the options.

Thank you,
Julie Peacock
Ivins, Utah

From: Q Dang <qdang70@yahoo.com>
To: qdang70@yahoo.com
Date: 10/13/2011 7:31 PM
Subject: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)

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Please vote for this compromise map. I know you have worked very diligently for the people of Utah, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely, Quang Dang

From: Peggy Burdett <2010.delegate@gmail.com>
To: bdee@utah.gov
Date: 10/8/2011 7:31 PM
Subject: The map has been sitting in the House waiting for a chance to be debated on the floor.

http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/legislature/article_5f014801-1acc-5d14-90b8-b8fc3599aabd.html
State Redistricting committee meets, doesn't adopt new map

*Billy Hesterman - Daily Herald | Posted: Saturday, October 8, 2011 12:30 am
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SALT LAKE CITY -- Utah's Legislative Redistricting Committee is no closer to adopting a new map than it was on Tuesday, after holding another committee meeting on Friday morning.

The committee gathered once again at the state Capitol building to see if there was a new map for Utah's four U.S. House districts that could gain enough support to break the logjam that exists between the state House and Senate, but the committee adjourned the meeting without adopting a new proposal.

"I think we probably will need one more meeting. I don't know if we are going to get any more motions," said Sen. Ralph Okerlund, R-Monroe, Senate chairman of the committee.

Okerlund said that the committee -- made up of 15 Republican and four Democratic lawmakers -- had approved a map already, and that map had received approval from the full body of the Senate.

Okerlund said the next move on any kind of a map should come from the House.

"What we have said is we believe that this is a good map. We believe there are four good districts there. If you have some better ideas send them back to us in the form of a substitute, but we haven't gotten to that point yet," Okerlund said. "We will see what the House hands back to us."

The committee adopted the map at the end of September and the Senate gave its approval to the plan on Monday.

The map has been sitting in the House waiting for a chance to be debated on the floor, but House Republicans are holding up the map as they are still debating among themselves whether to amend it or create a new one.
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"There are some very high emotions, there is a lot of stress in this process," House Speaker Becky Lockhart, R-Provo, said. "We are listening to a lot of different people -- we are listening to our constituents, we are listening to each other. We needed some time in there to work all of that out."

While the House GOP is working to figure things out, the Redistricting Committee heard from the public in its meeting, the majority of who spoke in favor of two maps drawn by two of the Democrats on the committee.

One map, drawn by Sen. Ben McAdams, D-Salt Lake City, had already been rejected by the committee before and had no action taken on it during the meeting on Friday. The other was drawn by Rep. Brad King, D-Salt Lake City, which also was presented to the committee but was not put up for a vote from the committee.

A concern that was brought forward to the committee during Friday's meeting was if lawmakers were using partisan data to draw maps that favored one political party over another during the redistricting process. Lawmakers admitted that some legislators, both Republicans and Democrats, were looking at such data, but made it clear that the members of the committee were not using that information to draw their maps.

"My concern is that there was an accusation that the official legislative committee was looking at that information to draw the maps and we clearly are not. We made that very clear at the beginning of the process," Lockhart said.

Lawmakers are due back on Capitol Hill on Oct. 17 to continue the special session to redraw the lines for Utah's congressional districts, but that doesn't mean the maps will be finalized then. The Utah Constitution gives the Legislature 30 calendar days to do its work in a special session. The session began on Oct. 3.

From: Crystal Young-Otterstrom <crystal@utdem.org>
To: Press@utdem.org
Date: 10/7/2011 12:26 PM
Subject: Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, October 7, 2011

Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah Democrats issued a challenge and invitation to Republican legislative leadership today. Speaking on behalf of all Utahans, party chair Jim Dabakis challenged the majority party to pledge to "OPEN ALL" of their discussions about redistricting and to seek a bipartisan solution for the Congressional maps.

"Tuesday was a fiasco. It was a waste of taxpayer dollars, and it showed the dirty underbelly of politics and an intensely partisan process," stated Dabakis this morning. "No more secrets, no deals, no trade-offs in the closed Republican caucus rooms. No more last minute maps whipped up behind closed doors without involving the public."

"We have two weeks. Let's open the closed doors! Unafraid of the light, Democratic meetings, caucuses, and conversations are open to the public---on behalf of all Utahans we implore that Republicans join us in letting the public watch Utah's business be conducted," Dabakis said. "Let's rise above the partisan bickering and develop a truly bipartisan map. One that represents communities. One that represents Utah. Utah deserves better. As leaders, we must do better."

On air, Dabakis reiterated that the Democrats are willing and want to work with Republicans and the public to develop a congressional map. He also reaffirmed the Senate and House Democrats' call from Tuesday that insisted any map brought before the legislative bodies must first be brought to the public.

"Utah expects Democrats and Republicans to work together in an open and transparent process. Lets sit down and develop a bipartisan map. We can do better, we must do better. How amazing would it be for Utah to lead the nation in an open and fair redistricting process? If Utah Republicans and Democrats work together, we could inspire bipartisanship across the country and end the national stalemate. We will renew voters' faith in their elected leaders."

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Date: 10/4/2011 10:39 AM
Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map

Hi Don,

I thought you would want to know that the local media reported this morning that you proposed an alternate map that "leaves the Second Congressional District largely intact, thus making it easier for Jim Matheson to retain his seat." Since I know that you share my desire to increase the influence of Washington County and southern Utah, the media report seemed inaccurate to me. I thought you would want to correct it. I am copying our other elected officials so they can help clarify the issue.

The issue is not Jim Matheson. The issue is Salt Lake County overpowering the rest of our district. Matheson's 2010 re-election is just an illustration of how Washington County overwhelmingly voted against Matheson, yet he was elected anyway by Salt Lake County. He does not represent the overwhelming majority of Washington County voters. An example is his flip-flops and misrepresentations regarding the economic and freedom-destroying effects of Obamacare. We need to be freed from this control by Salt Lake County.

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From: Don IPSON
To: Brent Hall
Date: 10/4/2011 11:50 AM
Subject: Re: Congressional Redistricting Map

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Again The local media have not talked to me about the proposed map or OUR reasons for supporting it. I will follow up with you in person and discuss this, thanks for the heads up. I want Our own representation as much or more than anyone else.

This map was defeated in committee by the Senate
>>> "Brent Hall" <Brent@hintonburdick.com> 10/4/2011 10:40 AM >>>

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From: "Brent Hall" <Brent@hintonburdick.com>
To: dipson@utah.gov
Date: 10/4/2011 12:01 PM
Subject: RE: Congressional Redistricting Map

Thank you very much, Don. I thought you would want to know how your name was being used in a way that did not make sense to me. I hope you will get a chance to clarify the truth with the media. I actually heard it on the radio where they just usually repeat other sources.

Thank you for representing us so well. I'll sure support you against any heat from the Democrats. They are the ones who want to gerrymander to save a seat.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 11:50 AM
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Date: 10/2/2011 12:55 PM
Subject: VOTE NO ON SENATE MAP - Help West Provo Please

Hello Representatives --

I respectfully ask that you VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSED STATE SENATE MAP until the the handful of orphaned west Provo precincts are united with the Provo/Orem senate districts. For the last 10 years west Provo has been excluded from our community, and current maps have us slated to be excluded again for the next decade. The current Utah County senate plan also endangers the caucus/convention system. Please see my latest email to the Redistricting Committee, below, for a full explanation.

I and other delegates in west Provo have been calling and emailing the redistricting committee, and I have gone to the capitol to speak before the committee, pleading to be united with our community so that we can be fully represented in the state senate. Please help us be reunited with our community! Please become advocates for west Provo.

Thank you,

Keri Witte
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801-377-8448

Hello Redistricting Committee --

I would like to make one more plea to please unite west Provo (approx 6 orphaned precincts) with the rest of the Provo/Orem area on the state senate district map.

A senate district is comprised of 95,000 people. Provo has a population of 112,000. Yet Provo is split into *3* senate districts, with west Provo being excluded from our community of interest. There is ample opportunity to keep Provo within *2* senate districts, thus making sure that west Provo is no longer orphaned from the rest of our community.

For the last 10 years west Provo has been part of senate district 13, which was a meandering district that ranged from Tooele County to southern Utah county. With redistricting upon us, we now have the opportunity to join west Provo with the rest of the Provo/Orem senate districts so that we can spend the next decade joined with our community, yet the current senate maps once again leave west Provo orphaned from the rest of our city -- we have been carved out of the Provo/Orem area and placed with rural southern county communities, such as Lake Shore, Benjamin, and Elk Ridge. One of the biggest considerations in drawing districts is keeping communities of interest together -- the Provo community should be kept together as much as possible.

West Provo will lose its voice in the senate if we are combined with a

large rural area that has interests very different from our own community.

The eastern Provo senate district, which used to be fully within Utah County borders, is now drawn as spanning outside of Utah County to pick up population in the east. This is the wrong direction. This and the other Provo/Orem senate district should instead be shifted to the west to pick up population and keep communities together, which would allow west Provo to be reunited with the rest of our city, and/or within the Provo/Orem sister city area.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope you will become an advocate for west Provo in the fight to be included and represented within our own community - we need your help.

Sincerely,

Keri Witte
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801-377-8448
Provo 20

PS -- FYI, keep in mind that County Delegates are responsible for voting on state senators whose districts reside fully within a single county, while State Delegates vote if the district is split between more than one county --- since County Delegates are more numerous than State Delegates, we have a greater rate of representation per capita if we can keep state senate seats fully within Utah County, and therefore it is also to our benefit (and the caucus/convention system's benefit, since it increases the rate of representation) to keep our senate districts within our county as much as possible. One of the main complaints against the caucus/convention system is that so few people are involved in choosing candidates. Changing from County Delegates to State Delegates decreases the number of people involved in the process, thus endangering the caucus/convention system.

From: David Clark
To: gregg@stgeorgechamber.com
Date: 9/30/2011 3:30 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting Statement from the St George Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank for the input. We will put our best efforts forward.

Thanks

David Clark

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

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To: Last, Brad <blast@utah.gov>
To: Clark, David <dclark@utah.gov>
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To: Vickers, Evan <evickers@utah.gov>
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Sent: 9/30/2011 11:54:58 AM

Subject: Redistricting Statement from the St George Area Chamber of Commerce

September 30, 2011

Esteemed Representatives:

The St George Area Chamber of Commerce supports redistricting boundaries that will give fair representation to the St George Area business community.

Sincerely,

Gregg_MD

Gregg McArthur

Executive Director

St. George Area Chamber of Commerce

From: Peggy Burdett <2010.delegate@gmail.com>
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Date: 9/28/2011 8:18 PM
Subject: Herrod and Sandstrom Daily Herald

http://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/legislature/article_1c0bee19-d584-542e-88cf-11d3181a671b.html

Herrod and Sandstrom uncertain about political future

Billy Hesterman - Daily Herald | Posted: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:48 pm

While the state's Redistricting Committee has Democrats up in arms about how the latest lines are drawn for Utah's political districts, it also has two House Republicans wondering about their political future.

Reps. Chris Herrod, R-Provo, and Stephen Sandstrom, R-Orem, have been drawn into the same state House district. The two are good friends and worked closely together in the 2011 legislative session on passing a tough illegal immigration enforcement law. If the Legislature chooses not to alter the proposed House plan, the two friends could face off next year in the 2012 elections.

The duo wasn't supposed to end up running in the same district. The Redistricting Committee had reason to believe Sandstrom was going to run for another office and collapsed his district into Herrod's area to account for the population loss that has been seen in the Provo and Orem areas of the county.

"Rep. Sandstrom had planned on running for Congress, but with Rep. Chaffetz choosing to not run for Senate, that has kind of put that whole situation up in the air," said Rep. Ken Sumsion, R-American Fork, the House chairman for the Redistricting Committee.

Committee members now are saying the process has gone too far down the road for them to come back and fix the districts to allow Herrod and Sandstrom to be in separate seats. But both are hoping next week during the Legislature's special session that they will be able to amend the plans and put the two into different House districts.

"I don't want to compete against Sandstrom, but I don't know if anyone else wants to run against him either," Herrod said. "I would like a district where I am the only incumbent, I just don't know if that is going to happen."

There has been some speculation on Capitol Hill that the two were put in the same district because of their efforts to pass the enforcement-only immigration law during the 2011 session, a move that went against the desires of House Speaker Becky Lockhart, R-Provo, Gov. Gary Herbert and the LDS Church, but committee members insist the lines were drawn that way only because they thought Sandstrom was running for another office. Committee members now say it is too far along in the process to go back and change any lines without having a major impact on the other 74 House seats.

Options still are open for Herrod and Sandstrom, though; one could choose to

run for state Senate, one could choose to run for governor, or they could look at running for Utah's fourth U.S. House seat. Both live just outside of the proposed fourth district boundaries, but those lines could be changed in the special session to include them, or they could choose to run while living outside the district. Federal law only requires that a representative lives within the state they represent, not the district.

"There is definitely interest there," Sandstrom said about running for the fourth district. "I'm really in just a wait-and-see mode."

Herrod said he has no interest in running for Congress in a district in which he does not reside.

The political future for the two will be decided next week when the Legislature meets in a special session to adopt new boundary lines for Utah's political offices. The lines are redrawn every 10 years to accommodate for population growth.