

**From:** David Butterfield  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 9:33:49 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

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I don't have any records to report. Also, I do not smoke.

>>> Kathryn Jackson 10/13/2011 3:38 PM >>>

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KJ

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**To:** Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Brian Doughty, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Emily Bergeson, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy

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Holly

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**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 5:04:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

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I have nothing to report.

Lynn

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**From:** Larry Wiley  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 3:54:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

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Kathy - -

Other than state email I have no other correspondence relating to the redistricting issues.

Thanks,

Larry

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**From:** Jim Bird  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 9:24:10 AM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request  
**Attachments:** [Text.htm](#)

I dont smoke either, I dont have any documents.

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**From:** Ken Ivory  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 9:22:24 AM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

No smoke, no docs.

Sent from myTouch 4G

----- Reply message -----

**From:** "Kathryn Jackson"  
**To:** "LH MEMBERS" , "repjohndougall@gamil.com"  
**Cc:** "Cindy Hardman"  
**Subject:** GRAMA Request  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 13, 2011 3:38 pm

>>> "Kathryn Jackson" 2011-10-13T15:38:55.397915 >>>  
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**From:** Ryan Wilcox  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 9:30:03 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request  
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I don't smoke.

And I don't have any documents of which I am aware.

Love,

Ryan

Representative Ryan D. Wilcox  
Utah House of Representatives  
District 7 - Weber County  
Tel. 801-200-5595

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**From:** Paul Ray  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 7:26:26 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

Unlike the democrats, I have not been in any dark smoke filled rooms lately. I also have no documents relating to redistricting.

Paul

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**Date:** 10/11/2011 3:37:35 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Freshman caucus dinner

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**From:** "Jeremy Peterson"  
**To:** Brad Galvez, Brad Wilson, David Butterfield, Derek Brown, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Fred Cox, Holly Richardson, Jim Nielson, Ken Ivory, Lee Perry, Stewart Barlow, Steve Eliason, Val Peterson,  
**Date:** 10/11/2011 4:14:57 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Freshman caucus dinner  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

I am playing the rare role of "Dutiful Father and Husband" Thursday. Sorry!

Jeremy

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

From: Jim Nielson [mailto:jimnielson@utah.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 3:38 PM  
To: Brad Galvez; Brad Wilson; David Butterfield; Derek Brown; Doug Sagers; Dixon Pitcher; Dean Sanpei; Fred Cox; Holly Richardson; Ken Ivory; Lee Perry; Stewart Barlow; Steve Eliason; stevenhandy@utah.gov; Val Peterson; jpeterson@xmission.com  
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**To:** , Brad Galvez, Brad Wilson, David Butterfield, Derek Brown, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Fred Cox, Holly Richardson, Jeremy Peterson, Jim Nielson, Ken Ivory, Stewart Barlow, Steve Eliason, Val Peterson  
**Date:** 10/11/2011 9:36:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Freshman caucus dinner

I really appreciate you putting this dinner together but I will be unable to attend as I have an important Boy Scouts Regional meeting that night.

Thanks

Lee

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**From:** Joe Pyrah  
**To:** LH\_Republicans  
**Date:** 10/20/2011 10:56:08 AM  
**Subject:** Constituent letter  
**Attachments:** Constituent.doc

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Representatives,

Attached is the constituent letter related to redistricting that was mentioned in caucus on Wednesday. I'm sending it in Word format so that you can edit it to your specific needs. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Joe Pyrah, chief deputy  
Utah House of Representatives  
801.903.0095

**Dear Constituent:**

I hope all is well. We've been busy at the Legislature this summer dealing with issues important to you. But perhaps none is as important as the once-in-a-decade redistricting process.

Redistricting is the redrawing of political district maps. It happens every 10 years in accordance with new Census numbers and ensures the principle of one man, one vote.

I'm proud to say that it has been the most open, transparent and inclusive redistricting process in Utah's history. Public input was sought after, welcomed and used throughout the process. Legislators listened to those who provided input and many suggestions from the public were incorporated into the final versions of the maps.

Our redistricting committee was made up of 19 members from all geographic areas of the state, and in fact, overrepresented Democrats in the Legislature. The process was as fair and open as possible, with dozens of open meetings.

Committee members and the House of Representatives as a whole have fielded thousands of e-mails and phone calls. An unprecedented public website was launched — [RedistrictUtah.com](http://RedistrictUtah.com) — that allowed anyone to draw their own maps and comment on others. More than 300 maps were drawn by legislators and the public, with more than 1,000 comments submitted. The base map for the State School Board was even a citizen-drawn map.

In the Utah House of Representatives map, some Democratic-leaning districts were combined. Conversely, some Republican districts – more than the Democrat districts — were combined. Friends from the same side of the aisle will have to run against each other or choose not to run, because in the end, the numbers reign supreme. Equal representation demands that district boundaries will shift to where the people have chosen to live.

**Lawsuit Threat:**

The many threats of lawsuits started long before the redistricting process began. Opponents to the constitutional process have sought to achieve by judicial fiat what could not be gained by the vote of the people and their elected representatives.

We have abided by decades of legal precedent to ensure the work done by the committee and full Legislature remains insulated to legal challenge. While there are many important factors to consider in the redistricting process, the most important aspect of redistricting is the principle known as "one-person, one-vote." We have done everything humanly possible to draw districts that honor that principle, whether in the Utah House and Senate, or the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Working together to be fair:**

The House of Representatives map passed 74-1, showing all but unanimous bi-partisan support. The U.S. Congressional map saw some opposition, but I believe the map was fairly drawn, as reflected in the two-thirds majority vote it received in the House.

That map includes a mix of rural and urban areas. With such a small congressional delegation, it's important that they all have a vested interest and understanding of statewide issues. It did split some counties and cities, but largely as a result of the Wasatch Front's dense population or in an effort to bring district deviation to zero.

While I am proud of the results, it is perhaps the process and your involvement in it that makes me the most proud. Your input into the map drawing process has been invaluable. The process is too big and too complicated for any one person alone. Many hands have made lighter work and have delivered outstanding results.

Thank you.

## Joel Briscoe - Meeting NOW

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**From:** Rhoda Struhs  
**To:** Dems-Home; LH\_Democrats  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 11:42 AM  
**Subject:** Meeting NOW

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House Dems,

Here's the plan.....

Meet in the map conference room (West Bldg) at NOON. You will have a quick 30 minute meeting there. Then we will caucus at 12;30 in our caucus room.

Rhoda

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**To:** Kathryn Jackson  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 7:47:00 AM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

Kathy,

The only thing I think I have would be sitting on my desk in the chamber, which would consist of copies of publicly available maps.

Thanks,

Steve Eliason

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**From:** Thomas Wright  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/21/2011 10:22:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

I never got an email? Keep sending them!

On Oct 21, 2011, at 10:15 PM, "Steve Eliason" wrote:

> Thomas,  
>  
>  
> Just as a follow-up to our conversation the other day, this is a fairly typical email that I receive from constituents in my area.  
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>  
> Thanks for all you do!  
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> Steve Eliason  
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>  
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>  
> Yes, I am in your district.  
>  
> Annette Brinton

**From:** Lee Davidson  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/21/2011 12:08:30 PM  
**Subject:** SL Tribune inquiry  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

Rep. Eliason,  
This is from Lee Davidson with the Salt Lake Tribune.  
Could you please give me a call? I am working on a follow-up on redistricting and am trying to talk to Republicans who voted against the congressional map, and Democrats who voted for it. I'd like to ask about reasons for your vote.  
My numbers are: work, 801-257-8752; cell, 801-455-9372.

Thanks,

Lee Davidson  
Salt Lake Tribune

**From:** Annette Brinton  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/21/2011 2:48:44 PM  
**Subject:** redistricting  
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**From:** Allyson Isom  
**To:** Allyson Isom  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/20/2011 4:27:31 PM  
**Subject:** Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills  
**Attachments:** 10.20 Final Special Session Bills Signed.pdf

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The attached contains the following content:

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 20, 2011

Contact: Ally Isom  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
801.538.1503 desk  
801.864.7268 cell  
[aisom@utah.gov](mailto:aisom@utah.gov)

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**From:** "Don Muller"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/18/2011 3:30:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Veto the districting map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Thank your from my wife and I. It deserved open public review before being voted on.

Don Muller

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

**From:** [Steve Eliason](#)  
**To:** [don\\_m529@comcast.net](mailto:don_m529@comcast.net)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 9:45 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Veto the districting map

Don and Liz,

Just so you know I did not vote for this bill.

Rep. Eliason

>>> "Don Muller" 10/18/11 8:58 AM >>>

Dear Governor Herbert,

The Republican Party members in the Utah Legislature passed a congressional map at the expense of the people it should represent. Veto this legislation because:

- 1) It violates the principle of compactness
- 2) 11th hour legislation is bad legislation
- 3) Legislators voted to avoid public review and comment

Don and Liz Muller  
975 Peregrine Lane  
Sandy, Utah 84094

**From:** Charlie Trefl  
**To:** Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy

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It is with great displeasure that I have witnessed this year the destruction of Constitutional principles by the very people I elected to represent me. I was disgusted with how SB3002S19 and SB3002S20 were virtually shoved down our throats when we the voters said with one accord no to this map. I know several people who sent e-mails asking you to not vote for this map. Now we see that the party bosses in Salt Lake City told you what to do.

I have never felt as powerless as a voter as I have at this time. It as if my voice did not even matter to you. I have been betrayed by the people I voted for. This is just what they did in the old Soviet Union.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefl

Layton, Utah

**From:** Brant Thomsen  
**To:** Steve Eliason, Brant Thomsen  
**Date:** 10/19/2011 8:57:02 AM  
**Subject:** Congressional Boundaries  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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I do not know what your opinion on the boundaries are, but I thought you should know that not just democrats disapprove.

Does it really make sense that the schools our children attend are in different United States congressional districts than we are? Do we really have more in common with the people in Moab than with half the parents of students who attend Union Middle School and Hillcrest High School?

Please encourage Governor Herbert to veto these senseless boundaries.

Sincerely,

Anne Thomsen

**Joel Briscoe - Please don't play politics!**

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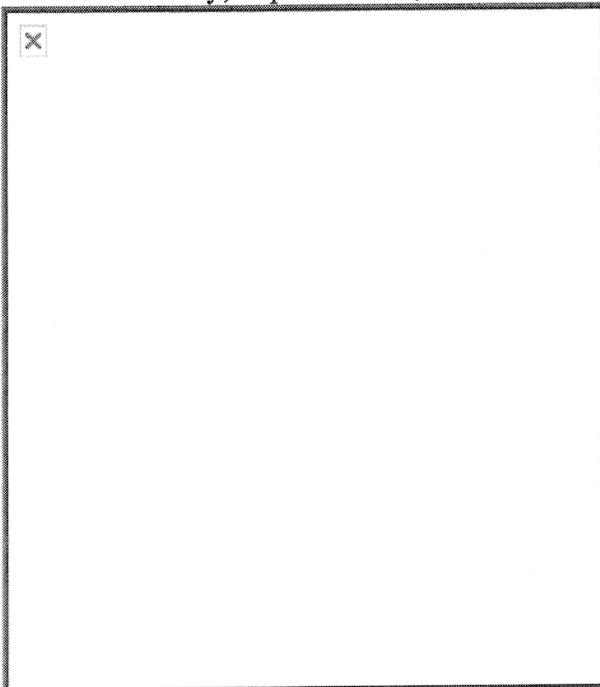
**From:** Steven Goold <goold.steven@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 9/29/2011 11:00 AM  
**Subject:** Please don't play politics!

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## Daily Herald IN OUR VIEW

### A really bad pizza recipe

Posted: Thursday, September 22, 2011 12:03 am |



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In the effort to redraw Utah's congressional districts, two of the three Utah County-based lawmakers on the commission charged with making a proposal say they like what's been dubbed the "pizza slice" plan.

That's the plan with the points of the new congressional districts in Salt Lake County.

Never mind that this play would water down Utah County's clout in Washington, without any compensating benefits. And never mind that these lawmakers are supposed to represent their local constituents.

The alternative to pizza is doughnuts. This approach would create poorly named "doughnut holes," or zones encompassing one or more of the main urban areas: Salt Lake County for sure, Utah County being

the next obvious choice, and Davis County and its environs a third possibility. In some of these plans, the new Utah fourth district would cover a lot of the state's rural areas.

Note that a district comprising Utah County and a few other small chunks would focus a U.S. representative's attention squarely on this valley. You'd think that area lawmakers would naturally favor the idea.

But no. Rep. Ken Sumsion, R-American Fork, the House chair for the committee, and Rep. Francis Gibson, R-Mapleton, are favoring the pizza slice plan.

"I would like our congressional delegation unified in representing all the interests of Utah," Sumsion says. Defenders of the slice idea say it would force members of Congress to pay attention to rural areas in the four districts, since each slice would include some rural zones.

But it's easy to flip that argument over. A pizza slice plan is likely to turn rural voters into a minority in each district, thus diminishing their clout. The pizza plan could virtually disenfranchise them as representatives respond to the majority.

By contrast, if rural areas make up the bulk of a district, that district will have the undivided attention of at least one member of Congress, and the peripheral attention of all the others. The interests of rural Utah will affect the state, starting with energy development. Nobody will be ignoring those factors.

Is the pizza plan more fair? No. But Gibson frets:

"My initial leanings are that a doughnut hole plan has some negative connotation in what people say gerrymandering is," he said. "I would probably lean into dividing the state more equally."

Of course the dominant GOP wants to avoid charges of gerrymandering. The 2000 redistricting still brings the accusation that it fiddled with the boundaries too much in a vain attempt to defeat Utah's lone D.C. Democrat, Rep. Jim Matheson.

Moreover, the population of districts will be more or less equal regardless which plan is chosen, so equality is not the issue.

When the first rumors of the pizza slice plan came out of the oven, Utah Democrats derided it as blatant gerrymandering. Pizza advocates now seem intent on making prophets of those Democrats. The slices, however they are cut, will look like gerrymandering.

Politicians don't usually hand their opponents so much political ammunition, so it has to be wondered what's in their heads. There's something awkward and forced about Republican claims that the pizza slice plan is fairer or provides some special benefit to rural areas. The argument seems especially out of place when it comes from Utah County Republicans.

There's nothing wrong with asking that Utah County receive appropriate voting power in acknowledgement of its rapid growth in the last decade. We are an urban center of more than a half-million people. That it is plainly a distinct political, geographical, historic and economic entity.

Why would Republican lawmakers from our county be willing to let our influence be diluted in service to a plan whose justifications are really shaky.

Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, R-Provo, continues to straddle the fence -- another oddity. She heads the dominant party in one chamber and should use her clout to do the right thing. It's one thing to give all sides some say during a debate, but this issue is too important to leave to chance. A bit of muscle should be exercised.

Read more: [http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article\\_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy)

**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/19/2011 3:46:59 PM  
**Subject:** Many Thanks!  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Dear Steve,

Many thanks for your "nay" vote on the current Congressional redistricting map. It was courageous!

Also, I appreciate your probing questions in this morning's Education Interim meeting on Sen. Stephenson's latest version of a voucher-type bill.  
Utah's many children need a properly funded PUBLIC education system.

In appreciation,  
Dee (& John) Rowland

**From:** Jen  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/20/2011 9:02:47 AM  
**Subject:** Follow Up: US Congressional Map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Rep Eliason,

I attended the proceedings up at the capital all day Monday and saw that you voted NO on SB3002.

You of course should know the many reasons that I don't support SB3002, but I would like to inquire as to why you didn't endorse the final map?

Thank you.

Jennifer Pathak  
Member RepresentMeUtah!

On Sun, Oct 16, 2011 at 9:08 PM, Jen <[jennaire@gmail.com](mailto:jennaire@gmail.com)> wrote:

Rep Eliason,

I do think that Sumsion 16 is a little, tiny bit better fit (than Sumsion 15) for the premises that were set out by ti including federal land in all districts, however other maps make the rural/urban mix more equitable among all . McAdams and Fred Cox Modification of the Hat and 3 Stripes.

If I would believe that the legislature is earnest about using money from federal land use for education, I'd be t earlier this year, the legislature directed money away from education towards construction projects, and it qua federal money (\$2.6 million?) for the schools and then tried to divert some of that towards other state program is 50th in the nation for the amount of money spent on each child's education. I don't think any change in mana is going to make a difference for schools.

I appreciate your answering my e-mails and stating your position. I know that issues are more complex than a and there are and will be changing and competing priorities.

Rep. Eliason, we can discuss my political leanings and how I'd like to see a US Congressional map drawn, bu redistricting process has just been a sham from the beginning.

Allow me to explain.

Initially, the Redistricting Committee set out principles - see the attached. Then while attending some of the pu attended Layton, Salt Lake City, Logan, Glendale/Rosepark and Park City), things gradually changed. In Layt of his drawn districts that it would be good for Rep Bishop since he works well with mining and energy issues. the committee members talked about who's district was whose and discussions ensued about incumbent seat it was Mr. Fellows) stated that the legislature couldn't be sued even it was working to protect incumbent seats. why didn't they just make that one of their guiding principles to begin with. Just be open about it, instead of pr

The Redistricting Committee bought a \$100,000 website to allow citizens to draw maps. They "listened" to citi. And then in one of the public hearings back at the capital, they "voted" on maps to narrow the US Congressio consider for the final map. But before the meeting adjourned, Speaker Lockhart made a statement that one of final map - that there may be tweaking and it would look different than one of the 9 finalists.

That statement alone just negated all maps drawn on the website and all public input from the committee train

**From:** "Don Muller"  
**To:** Governor Gary Herbert  
**CC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/18/2011 8:57:54 AM  
**Subject:** Veto the districting map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Governor Herbert,

The Republican Party members in the Utah Legislature passed a congressional map at the expense of the people it should represent. Veto this legislation because:

- 1) It violates the principle of compactness
- 2) 11th hour legislation is bad legislation
- 3) Legislators voted to avoid public review and comment

Don and Liz Muller  
975 Peregrine Lane  
Sandy, Utah 84094

**From:** "Craig Shuler"  
**To:** Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Curt Webb, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Jim Bird, Jack Draxler, Jeremy Peterson, Jim Nielson, John Mathis, Kay Mccliff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee

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Republican House of Representative members,

I represent the 80 percent of Utahns and Americans—the independents, moderate Republicans, and moderate democrats—who want Republicans and Democrats in the legislature and congress to work together for the country and people rather than solely for their own partisan political objectives. If you are part of the 20 percent who doesn't care whether the parties work together, I disagree. If you care what the 80 percent think, read on. Otherwise please delete this e-mail now rather than have me waste your time.

1. Rep. Sumsion explained at the SLC library last week, that the Utah House boundaries, mostly developed by him, were done in an independent attitude (bi-partisan way). He reported that 3 of the 4 eliminated/consolidated Utah house seats were in slower-growing Republican districts and only 1 in slower-growing Democratic districts. If true, congratulations to him and the Utah House and thanks to the Redistricting committee and all its work on all the House maps.
2. The McAdams / Cox "Modification of Hat and 3 Stripes" is apparently the only bipartisan map published since your late September adjournment. It is not as good as Rep. King's maps but as Sen. McAdams said at the SLC library, this one which he was then working on might be the only one the your supermajority would consider as a compromise.
3. By nearly any definition, your West Valley to Payson doughnut-hole plans would create a gerrymander district around the hole, connecting south Davis County and San Juan County in an illogical way. I've stopped being angry, but please try to convince each other to take a higher, less partisan road.

To get from Woods Cross to Blanding by logical highways, SB3002 and Rep. Sumsion's proposed Substitutions 15 and 16 would require the congressman or woman to cross district boundary lines 6 times. Under the Froerer-Adams-Modified Sumsion 15 map he or she would have to cross boundary lines 4 times, but district one would become gerrymandered.

THOSE PLANS ARE ALL EXTREMELY UNFAIR. If it were me, I would vote no on all of them this week, whether I were Republican, Democrat, or Independent. None of them make you look like statesmen and women.

4. Of all congress maps submitted in October by a legislator, only Rep. King's proposed Substitution 7 (the Garber Plan) meets the criteria that ought to be the only criteria for congressional boundaries other than equal population. Those criteria keep districts logical, compact, and keep most communities together. They also keep neighboring communities and counties together.

Rep. King's S12 looks like a fairly decent compromise between Garber's good points and replacing S3002's and Sumsion's West Valley-Provo doughnut hole with something more defensible. Would one of you, perhaps a Republican in central or southern Utah sponsor it with him as another bipartisan option?

5. The only map I like better than Rep. King's is Brandon Plewe's October 9<sup>th</sup> NSEW modification of King's S07. Two districts (north and south) would likely be permanently Republican for the ten years.

**From:** "Ellen Brady"  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 10:06:47 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Representative/Senator:

As you look at voting on a congressional redistricting plan today, I would encourage you to consider the King-Garber option, as it is the least offensive among the three maps put forward for (apparently final) consideration. That is, it appears to only split Salt Lake County into two pieces instead of three or four. As a resident of Utah's most populous county, I deeply resent the effort on the part of this legislature to ensure that our voices are so diluted that it cannot be heard. We will make them heard -- in the voting booth and in the court room if this patent absurdity continues. I am appalled by a process that has been conducted behind closed doors, has continued to ignore the input of the public in spite of a charade of seeking that input, and which (above all else) seeks only to ensure the ongoing dominance of the GOP in this state.

**Ellen**

Ellen Brady  
801-272-1590

**From:** "Athleen Godfrey"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 10:17:14 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Garber Redistricting Plan  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

I live in Davis County, District 19.

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

**From:** Steve Eliason [mailto:seliason@utah.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** athleeng@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Redistricting Plan

Athleen,

What leg district are you in?

Steve

>>> "Athleen Godfrey" 10/16/11 10:14 AM >>>

As ann active voter I urge your support for the Garber plan/map as it appears to be the most fair to all Utahns. THANKS

**From:** Brent Palmer  
**To:** Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy

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Dear Congressmen & Congresswomen.

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve this great state.

The matter before you dealing with the congressional mapping is one of great import that we will all have to live with for the next decade. Please allow any personal agenda or ego to remain on the sidelines for this decision.

As a resident of Southern Utah I am very concerned about the lack of attention rural Utah is getting in this process. The map submitted by the committee and approved by the Senate was about as fair as I have seen for So. Utah (SB 3002). Please do not allow politics to get in the way of seeing what is right for all members of all 4 districts. I understand that Speaker Lockhart has openly supported Sumison 15&16. To rural Utah these maps are unacceptable! We are sick and tired of having SLC decide who represents us, as evidenced by the overwhelming support for Morgan Philpot in the last election. Please do not support the Sumison maps as they are drawn!

Do what is right for Utah.

Thanks,  
Brent Palmer  
St. George  
435-467-1977

**From:** Charlie Trefth  
**To:** Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy

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I just watched the news and saw with surprise exactly what my government should not be doing. I wrote to you earlier asking for your support for the McAdams-Cox Redistricting map. Now I see what I have asked before to not be done just keep going on without regard to us, the voters. I beg of you stop this nonsense! The people of Utah are calling on you to submit equal representation without this political intrigue.

I propose the McAdams-Cox map for due consideration. It may not be perfect, but it is way better than anything you have so far put out there. I also ask you to do this in open session and not behind locked doors. It is time to move on.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefth

Layton, Utah

**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 3:02:42 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting Compromise?  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Steve,

Possibly that was the genesis of that map. We didn't have anything to do with drawing it and actually don't like the rural/urban mix, except that the other apparent choices are SO illogical given their frequency of county divisions. The Garber/King map would at least made one district possibly competitive and not put Cottonwood Heights with a vast swath of rural Utah. I believe that having competitive districts would help Utah's lagging voter participation. (My old League of Women Voters training showing through.)

These examples just confirm that redistricting should be handled by an independent citizen commission without regard to incumbents or voting patterns. I hope you could at least support that for the next decade.

I can sympathize that you are under extreme pressure from leadership to toe the Party line. Thanks for listening,

Dee

On Fri, Oct 14, 2011 at 5:23 PM, Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)> wrote:

Dee,

Thanks for your input. Just a question from your point of view. I have been told that some people are in favor of that map because it was designed to give Jim Mathesson a political advantage over all of the other maps currently being considered, which if true could certainly be considered gerrymandering (a very nebulous term)? Have you heard that that map is good for Rep. Mathesson?

Thanks,

Steve

>>> Dee Rowland 10/14/11 3:16 PM >>>

Dear Steve,

We have yet to hear what you are thinking about the Congressional Redistricting maps still being considered, but we urge you to support the latest Garber/King map now posted on the redistricting website.

We don't believe it is as good as those submitted by the Utah Citizens' Counsel but it is a good compromise map.....zero population deviation, only dividing Salt Lake and Utah Counties once and while still a variation of the "pizza slices", not quite so clearly gerrymandered.

Please support it.

Thanks.

**From:** Carole Peterson  
**To:** Steve Eliason, Carole Peterson  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 3:25:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Representative Eliason,

I am referring to the congressional boundaries for the state of Utah. I realize there will be four districts due to our increase in population. It is my understanding after having read the paper and news on television, each of the four districts will contain 62% of registered Republicans which would leave the Democrats with 38%.

Governor Herbert is requesting the lines be redrawn so that Congressman Matheson will not run against him for governor. What has happened to government of the people, by the people and for the people? I fully understand that both parties are in agreement with the legislative districts.

By the way, why do Republicans hold closed caucuses? The people have a right to open government!

Sincerely,

Carole

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**From:** Steve Eliason [seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov); [carolepete1650n@yahoo.com](mailto:carolepete1650n@yahoo.com)

**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 5:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment

Carole,

I don't think I heard back from you on this email and just wanted to make sure you received it? We are going into the final session Monday and would be interested in your feedback.

Also when you say fair boundaries are you referring to the Fair Boundaries Committee that recommend maps?

Thanks,

Rep. Steve Eliason

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Carole,

**From:** Jen  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 5:51:25 PM  
**Subject:** US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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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:** "EARL WUNDERLI"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**CC:** Corinne Wunderli  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 6:08:52 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Citizen Map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Steve:

You asked why I think the Garber Citizen map makes more sense than some of the others. It is both compact and contiguous, so unlike the other apparently gerrymandered maps that seem to give Carl Wimmer an easy win and protect other legislators from having to compete against each other. It divides both Salt Lake and Utah counties into only two parts. It's hard to look at this map and believe it is gerrymandered.

Earl

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

**From:** [Steve Eliason](#)  
**To:** [emwunderli@msn.com](mailto:emwunderli@msn.com)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Citizen Map

Earl,

Thanks for taking the time to write. Someone told me that there is a great deal of support among some groups because this map is favorable to Rep. Mathesson. Have you heard that? Why do you think the map makes more sense than some of the others?

Thanks,

Steve

>>> "EARL WUNDERLI" 10/14/11 11:13 AM >>>  
Senator Morgan and Representative Eliason:

Being concerned about the whole redistricting process and as your constituent, I encourage you to support the Garber Citizen Map, which seems to make the most sense of the many maps that have been proposed.

Thank you.

Earl Wunderli

**From:** gail gerlach  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 10:24:15 PM  
**Subject:** redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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:** Charlie Trefth  
**To:** Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Brian Doughty, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butt Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Dunnigan, Jeremy Peterson, John Mathis, Jennifer Seelig, Kay Mccliff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Christensen, Lee Perry, Lynn Hemingway, Larry Wiley, Marie Poulson, Mark Wheatley, Melvin Brown

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I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the two Congressional maps, the Sumsion 15 and 16 maps that are supposed to be proposed on Monday. I want to also urge you to back the McAdams/Cox modification of the hat and 3 strips as the best compromise. The people of Utah have spoken and this idea of a Do-nut hole district is not acceptable. Many of us are upset with the back room dealing and closed door meetings. I assure you that what is being shoved down our throats will not be forgotten.

I urge you to support the McAdams/Cox Modification.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefth

Layton, Utah.

**From:** Larry Meyers  
**To:** Larry Meyers  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 9:02:11 AM  
**Subject:** Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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:** "Athleen Godfrey"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:14:36 AM  
**Subject:** Garber Redistricting Plan  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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As ann active voter I urge your support for the Garber plan/map as it appears to be the most fair to all Utahns.  
THANKS

**From:** Jen  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 12:39:06 PM  
**Subject:** Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Rep. Eliason,

[RepresentMeUtah!](#) came into being in order to observe and ensure transparency for the redistricting process and to make sure that the people's voices were being heard.

We don't represent a party or any candidate; as most of us are "unaffiliated" voters. While we mostly live in Salt Lake County, we share a belief with the majority of UT citizens that communities of interest be kept together. We also believe that mixing rural and urban interests into each congressional district only stands to dilute both the urban and the rural interests - which are quite different.

Please let me know if this answers your first question. As for your second question, [RepresentMeUtah!](#) looks at districts as groups of voters who should be able to choose their legislators. But in reality, this process is inherently political and maps are drawn so that legislators can choose their voters (an example is the district drawn for Wimmer which does not include any rural or federal land as was the stated premise by Rep. Sumsion).

Please let me know if this answers your question.

Thank you.  
Jennifer Pathak

On Sun, Oct 16, 2011 at 11:55 AM, Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)> wrote:  
Jennifer,

Who does your group represent (which party or ideology)? I have heard that this proposal has been put forth because of the benefit for a particular candidate, have you heard that?

Thanks,

Rep. Eliason

>>> Jen 10/15/11 5:51 PM >>>  
Dear Representative,

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

**From:** Represent Me Utah  
**To:** Becky Lockhart, Michael Waddoups  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 2:25:02 PM  
**Subject:** Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Representatives and Senators,

An article in the Deseret News (Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011) has us seriously concerned.

The general tone of the article is that the special session on Monday will be quick and that minds have already been made up. We would urge you to not act in haste. We know members are all aware that the Legislature is allowed up to thirty days to complete the redistricting task with a special session.

We recognize that the process of redistricting has been long and challenging, but to suggest that all discussion and examination of alternative maps is over seems premature. It's a disservice to the people of Utah, to not consider a map that will ensure the fairest representation.

The final map will serve the people of Utah for ten years. It deserves all the time and effort necessary to get the right map.

Represent Me Utah! Has been following the redistricting process since our first rally on a snowy day in April on the steps of the capitol. Our goal has been to raise public awareness of this important process, and we think we have achieved that goal. We have attended almost every Redistricting Committee meeting across the state and have kept the public updated. We have conducted many informal polls and surveys. In fact, we have a petition of over five thousand signatures from citizens concurring that they want to keep their communities together.

Again we implore you to act with caution and deliberation. Please be patience and tolerant in this last stretch of the process, especially when you hear the voices of a frustrated public. We have heard Speaker Lockhart eloquently state many times before, if the process is good, the product usually is also good. Please let the process continue without an unnecessary hurriedness.

Thank you for your public service,

**From:** Carole Peterson  
**To:** Steve Eliason, Carole Peterson  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 2:50:06 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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I do not agree with the map pertaining to Tooele County. Having been a residence in Tooele County 21 years, I feel very strongly this county should be kept in tact. As far as which map is the best--it is difficult to say. Areas should be combined which have similar economic and cultural interests. I was reared with the idea that the constituents pick their government leaders--not vice versa. Maybe I am a little old-fashioned, but I am more comfortable with the government which was laid out by the writers of the Constitution. Politicians that have only their parochial interests at heart consistently seek more power. This does not serve the public well.

I wish you will in the session tomorrow. It is a tremendous job!

Sincerely,  
Carole E. Peterson

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**From:** Steve Eliason <seliason@utah.gov>  
**To:** carolepete1650n@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 11:53 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment

Carole,

The one thing I have learned very vividly in my short term in the house is that I cannot believe everything that is written in the paper, especially when there are clear political biases with many news outlets. What you have read is false about each district containing 62%, it least I have never heard that in any of the meetings I have attended. Of course Republicans comprise the large majority of the state so naturally all of the districts would have republican majorities, of which we will likely be criticized. The people did elect a republican majority to draw the maps, since the majority of the state is of the same party the districts are going to be largely republican. I have not heard the Governor make the request you are stating, where is he quoted making this assertion?

Both parties nationwide have closed caucuses as you know, with almost all of them being open. No binding votes can be made in private, ironically I suspect 99% of the population doesn't even know what goes on in open caucuses or on the floor of the house, but the media sometimes makes them think something sinister is going when we want to talk about political issues. Since the democrats have requested everything that went on in the meetings, you will soon see that there is no smoking gun.

**From:** Q Dang  
**To:** Steve Eliason, Q Dang  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 6:00:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Dear Rep. Eliason,

I live in district 40. I wrote this email. I am part of a group on non-partisan citizens called Represent Me Utah! ([www.representmeutah.org](http://www.representmeutah.org)). We started a writing campaign and my email may have been a template others followed.

I'll give you a quick list of why I support this map.

1. I like the Garber map because it achieves the goal of urban/rural mix.
2. It is the most compact map I have studied.
3. It does NOT split ANY county more than twice.
4. When you look at the map, it looks intuitively like a fair map should (not a very good reason, I know, but I believe a little bit in gut instincts).
5. It's drawn by a citizen.

I would love to talk about it in detail on the phone if you like.

Thank you for responding to me,  
Q.  
801-243-3180

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**From:** Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)>  
**To:** [qdang70@yahoo.com](mailto:qdang70@yahoo.com)  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 5:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)

Quang,

What district do you live in? Did you write this email? I have received several of them identical to this one?

Why do you like the King map?

Thanks,

Rep. Eliason

**From:** ada cox  
**To:** Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy Peterson, John Mathis, Jennifer Seelig, Kay Mcliff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee Perry, Lynn Hemingway, Larry Wiley, Marie Poulson, Mark Wheatley, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Neal Hendrickson, Patrice Arent, Patrick Painter, Paul Ray, Rebecca Houck, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Ryan Wilcox, Susan Duckworth, Steve Eliason, Stephen Sandstrom, Steve Handy, Tim Cosgrove, Todd Kiser, Val Peterson, Wayne Harper, , , ,  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 7:36:19 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

We have studied the state redistricting issues, and SUPPORT SB 3002 that was passed by the Utah Senate. Please support this bill during the special session.

Thank you for your service to the State of Utah.

Bill and Ada Cox, St. George

**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 7:43:47 PM  
**Subject:** NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Legislators,

You are meeting this Monday, October 17, 2011 to finalize the redistricting map. The Utah Senate has passed the most equitable bill (redistricting plan).

Speaker Becky Lockhart is pushing two new plans to introduce tomorrow. You made a decision, now is not the time to make any changes or wavier on that decision. It is a good redistricting plan.

(\*Early last year the Utah State Legislature made "last minute changes" to adopt a bill regarding illegal immigration and found themselves in hot water, with a bill that the citizens of Utah were greatly dissatisfied with.)

I respectfully request that you move forward, no further considerations and adopt the plan as accepted by the Utah Senate, today, Monday, October 17, 2011.

Sincerely,

Constance M. Stewart  
354 South 500 East  
Saint George, UT 84770-3718  
Phone - 435-628-7932  
Email - [stewart.connie@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.connie@gmail.com)

**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 7:57:39 PM  
**Subject:** Vote for SB 3002, as recommended by the redistricting committee and has passed the Utah Senate.  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Legislator,

I would like the Utah State Legislature to not make last-minute changes and to proceed to pass the map that was supported by the redistricting committee. Reject any last minute attempts to water down rural Utah's influence.

Support SB 3002, which was recommended by the redistrict ion committee and has already passed the Utah Senate.

Sincerely,

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Email - [stewart.connie@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.connie@gmail.com)

**From:** Jen  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 9:08:38 PM  
**Subject:** Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map  
**Attachments:** [2011 Redistricting Principles.pdf](#), [Mime.822](#)

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Rep Eliason,

I do think that Sumsion 16 is a little, tiny bit better fit (than Sumsion 15) for the premises that were set out by the including federal land in all districts, however other maps make the rural/urban mix more equitable among all 4 c McAdams and Fred Cox Modification of the Hat and 3 Stripes.

If I would believe that the legislature is earnest about using money from federal land use for education, I'd be the earlier this year, the legislature directed money away from education towards construction projects, and it quarre federal money (\$2.6 million?) for the schools and then tried to divert some of that towards other state programs. is 50th in the nation for the amount of money spent on each child's education. I don't think any change in manage is going to make a difference for schools.

I appreciate your answering my e-mails and stating your position. I know that issues are more complex than a m and there are and will be changing and competing priorities.

Rep. Eliason, we can discuss my political leanings and how I'd like to see a US Congressional map drawn, but if redistricting process has just been a sham from the beginning.

Allow me to explain.

Initially, the Redistricting Committee set out principles - see the attached. Then while attending some of the publ attended Layton, Salt Lake City, Logan, Glendale/Rosepark and Park City), things gradually changed. In Layton, of his drawn districts that it would be good for Rep Bishop since he works well with mining and energy issues. W the committee members talked about who's district was whose and discussions ensued about incumbent seats. it was Mr. Fellows) stated that the legislature couldn't be sued even it was working to protect incumbent seats. S why didn't they just make that one of their guiding principles to begin with. Just be open about it, instead of prete

The Redistricting Committee bought a \$100,000 website to allow citizens to draw maps. They "listened" to citize And then in one of the public hearings back at the capital, they "voted" on maps to narrow the US Congressiona consider for the final map. But before the meeting adjourned, Speaker Lockhart made a statement that one of th final map - that there may be tweaking and it would look different than one of the 9 finalists.

That statement alone just negated all maps drawn on the website and all public input from the committee traipsii

RepresentMeUtah! members attended almost all the meetings (I think we missed 2 or 3) and we wanted to give the doubt on the process and we were (and still are?) waiting to the end to see what comes out of the process.

So, in spite of my political leanings, what I really wanted was for the legislative redistricting committee to really li: allow communities to choose their legislators.

To have 4 US Congressmen representing the entire state, is for Utah to have 6 senators. Senators represent the represent the people. In this case there would be no 1 US Congressmen working for transportation issues along 1 US Congressmen representing water rights of Southern UT, thus diluting any area's priorities.

If representation genuinely reflected the state, what is wrong with 30% Democrat representation? Maybe that is Republican representation. Although there are around 900,000 unaffiliated voters, about 400,000 to 500,000 reg 100,000 to 200,000 registered Democrats among the voting public. But since there is no "unaffiliated" party, we i Republican and Democrat.

**From:**  
**To:** Carl Wimmer, Derek Brown, Greg Hughes, Jim Bird, John Mathis, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Marie Poulson, Melvin Brown, Steve Eliason, Todd Kiser, Wayne Harper, ,  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:19:48 PM  
**Subject:** Please don't sacrifice betterment of people for betterment of politician  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

A last-second plea to not consider political careers in drawing the boundaries. To the victor, goes the spoils, it is said, and you may be of a mind it is quite within your right.

Each person to his or her own opinion, and I certainly am wrong about enough in life, but, yes, to me, it is wrong to allow politics and political careers to be a factor in the way the map is drawn. (Should that be maps, plural? I don't think so as I believe the only one left, is the congressional map.)

To the victor goes the spoils? And, therefore, you are but claiming what is yours? Is this no worse than giving government posts to those of one's own party? It is a little more. In this case, if you adjust the boundaries to increase the chances of your party, or the odds for a particular possible candidate, you must change them away from what is best for the public.

You must sacrifice the good of the public for the good of a politician.

I mean no offense, but we elect you to serve us, the people, not yourselves, and to serve us, not your fellow politicians who may want the lines drawn to their favor.

Please, as you look at the six (or however many) choices, consider which of them have been drawn to forward political careers and refuse to support those plans.

-- John Jackson  
of Sandy

**From:** "EARL WUNDERLI"  
**To:** Steve Eliason, Karen Morgan  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 11:13:32 AM  
**Subject:** Garber Citizen Map  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Senator Morgan and Representative Eliason:

Being concerned about the whole redistricting process and as your constituent, I encourage you to support the Garber Citizen Map, which seems to make the most sense of the many maps that have been proposed.

Thank you.

Earl Wunderli

**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 3:16:28 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting Compromise?  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Steve,

We have yet to hear what you are thinking about the Congressional Redistricting maps still being considered, but we urge you to support the latest Garber/King map now posted on the redistricting website.

We don't believe it is as good as those submitted by the Utah Citizens' Counsel but it is a good compromise map.....zero population deviation, only dividing Salt Lake and Utah Counties once and while still a variation of the "pizza slices", not quite so clearly gerrymandered.

Please support it.

Thanks,  
Dee & John Rowland  
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Cottonwood Heights, Utah 84121  
801.943.2707

**From:** Kelli Lundgren  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 10:37:47 AM  
**Subject:** Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Dear Representative Eliason,

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 I 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 of Utah.

Sincerely,  
Kelli Lundgren

**From:** Q Dang  
**To:** Q Dang  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 7:31:15 PM  
**Subject:** Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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:** "Liz Email"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/12/2011 7:21:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Asking for moderation  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Certainly the entire urban/rural thing is a thinly veiled excuse to keep democrats from getting elected. We firmly believe that the problems facing rural UT and those facing urban Utah are very different and each probably should have focused representation. Given that that will never pass, probably the McAdams Compromise Proposal is the best we can hope for.

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

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:** mullerliz@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:43 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Asking for moderation

Don & Liz,

Thank you for writing. If you study my record I think you will see that I represent the makeup of our district very closely. I setup the website "tellsteve.org" during the session to get constituents feedback which I used to help guide my votes. I am on both of the education committees because that is my main concern, I have six children in public schools currently.

Do you have a preference in any of the congressional maps floating around? That is a challenging issue.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Rep. Steve Eliason

>>> "Liz Email" 10/11/11 2:44 PM >>>  
Dear Representative Eliason,

We are asking as our representative to be fair and just in your decision making and to make this your primary consideration. We are so weary of the zealots from the extreme right dominating all that happens in this state. Moderate people, like ourselves, seem to have no voice. We would ask for fair redistricting and fair and reasonable liquor laws that will not impede the growth of the dining and hospitality industry. We ask for support of PUBLIC education which is the foundation of this state and country. We have concerns for the mentally ill and those unable to care for themselves. We are tired of message laws which seem to consume so much time and accomplish so little.

Really all we are asking is that you represent what we feel to be the forgotten majority. Use fairness, moderation, and wisdom in your decision making and fight against those who would control and use the system for their own benefit. Those who seem to believe that their views are the only ones that matter and their way is the only correct path.

Thank you for your time.

Don & Liz Muller  
975 Peregrine Lane  
Sandy, UT 84094

**From:** Rob Bishop  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/12/2011 10:40:17 PM  
**Subject:** Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Representative:

The redistricting process in the Utah Legislature is messy and cumbersome. No one ever likes the lines drawn. A redistricting process done by a so-called independent redistricting commission would be messy and cumbersome. No one would ever like the lines drawn.

The difference between the two options is that the Legislature – no matter how many caucus meetings they may hold – must ultimately make an open presentation and hold an open vote. They must explain their decisions and be accountable at the next election. Redistricting commissions don't. They may make a public presentation, but have no requirement for explanation nor in any way are they accountable to voters.

Where non-elected redistricting commissions work, it is often due to a quirk of personalities, such as in Washington State where the leading Republican and Democratic members have served for multiple cycles and try hard not to upset the status quo. In Arizona, their commission produced a very partisan and highly criticized map. Even the inappropriately self-named "Fair Boundaries" organization in Utah used the former director of the Democratic Party who produced – surprise – boundaries favorable to Democrats. A commission is far from a panacea, independent, or non-partisan.

The basic problem with a non-elected redistricting commission is the base philosophy. The Progressive Era in American history provided a philosophical change of attitude toward government. The Founders had faith in lay government – man's ability to govern himself. The Progressive Era argued for governing of the people by experts whose work would seemingly be based on science. (Of course, this was the Era when Communism was also the daring, new government philosophy, but I digress.) Resorting to so-called experts has produced massive national bureaucracies such as the EPA (always right even when state DEQ scientists prove their data flawed), the SEC (experts about Wall Street), the Federal Reserve Board (experts about money), and the NLRB (experts about keeping jobs from going to South Carolina), and so on and so forth.

For some it is easy to demagogue the Legislature, but given the option I much prefer to have districts altered by someone in a public position on the House and Senate Floors - even if I don't fully agree with the alteration - rather than by the all-powerful wizard behind the curtain.

Allow me to comment on three related but tangential subjects:

A) "Community of interest" is basically a sham phrase used to hide real desires. It has been charged by some, for example, that St. George has nothing in common with Salt Lake City therefore they should not be in the same district. Actually, St. George doesn't really have that much in common with Provo or Ogden or Logan or even Cedar City; but St. George has to be with someone. One public witness at a Redistricting Committee Meeting seemed to claim that maybe places like St. George and





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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 13, 2011

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**Governor Signs Special Session Bills**

SALT LAKE CITY— Today Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the following pieces of legislation from the current special legislative session.

- S.B. 3003 Amendments to Driver License Suspension for Driving Under the Influence Offenses  
(Senator Scott Jenkins)
- S.B. 3004 Presidential Candidate Amendments  
(Senator Peter Knudson)
- H.B. 3002 State Board of Education Boundaries and Election Designation  
(Representative Kenneth Sumsion)
- H.B. 3003 Workers' Compensation and Unincorporated Entities Amendments  
(Representative Michael Morley)
- H.B. 3004 State Board of Regents Amendments  
(Representative Kay McIff)
- H.C.R. 301 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Welfare System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
(Representative Ronda Menlove)
- H.C.R. 302 Concurrent Resolution on Scofield Land Transfer  
(Representative Patrick Painter)

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**From:** "Paul Rolly"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/12/2011 4:19:04 PM  
**Subject:** redistricting  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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What can you tell me about all this from your perspective?

Thanks,

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**From:** Jolaine P Randall  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/10/2011 11:43:33 AM  
**Subject:** (Statewide Announcement) October 14 ASPA Luncheon Announcement  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear State Employee,

Just a reminder that you are invited to attend . . .

**OCTOBER ASPA LUNCHEON**

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon  
Auditorium of the State office Building (first floor)

**To the Drawing Board: Redistricting in Utah**

**John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research & General Counsel**

In early October, the legislature is holding a special session to vote on the new district lines for the U.S. Congressional seats, Utah legislative seats, and the Utah State Board of Education. Join us for a presentation by John Cannon, legislative policy analyst for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, to learn about the redistricting process and maps.

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Please make your reservations early. The luncheon will be catered. Reservations or cancellations must be received no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2011. **No shows will be billed.** Limited parking is available —please carpool or ride public transportation where possible.

The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 for ASPA members, \$15.00 for nonmembers, and \$8.00 for students. Cash or checks are accepted.

Please call the Center for Public Policy & Administration, University of Utah, at 801-581-6493 or e-mail [jrandall@cppa.utah.edu](mailto:jrandall@cppa.utah.edu) for reservations

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**From:** Crystal Young-Otterstrom  
**To:**  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/7/2011 12:25:35 PM  
**Subject:** Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [rectangle-logo-400.jpg](#), [Mime.822](#)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, October 7, 2011

## Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

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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."

**From:** "Ellen Brady"  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/7/2011 1:43:36 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Representative or Senator:

I am pleased that the legislature has 'stepped back to take another look' relative to redistricting, as it was clear from the map under consideration at that time did not represent the concerns of many Utah citizens. That is, the map did not keep communities of interest intact in any meaningful sense of the word. Specifically, the 'pizza slice' approach to Salt Lake County completely disenfranchised that population by carving it into four pieces and linking three to rural areas with enough population to overpower the urban voice.

Unfortunately, it appears that the 'revised' plan, developed behind closed doors and without public input only worsens the situation by linking the new District 4 to rural areas as well. This approach serves no one well -- urban or rural -- and represents a total travesty that can only be described as blatant gerrymandering for partisan gain. The comments of Becky Lockhart and others chastising questioners who dared suggest that this approach disenfranchised voters and weakened democracy by replying that 'this is a Republic' (don't you know stupid) and 'no Republican or Democrat' will be deprived of a vote under this plan' only underscores the blatant disregard of this legislature for those you are supposed to represent and a lack of understanding of many prior court rulings that underscore the importance of preserving communities of interest in order to protect the ability of those groups to be effectively heard. Additionally, claims that you 'listened to the public' have been nullified by your subsequent redrawing of the lines behind closed doors and the destruction by some members of email communications relevant to the process. Prior to this, efforts to silence the voice of Utahns by creating impossibly high barriers to citizen petitions only further underscores this disregard. The voices of the many thousands who signed a petition asking for an independent redistricting commission have been ignored. I am confident that, had the bar not been set quite so high and had online signatures been acceptable, the initiative would have been on the ballot and would have passed.

Please astonish me and truly step back far enough to consider and implement a plan that does not disenfranchise the urban majority population of this state. We will be heard -- if not now, at the ballot box come November.

**Ellen**

Ellen Brady  
801-272-1590

**From:** Brian Somers  
**To:** Brian Somers  
**BC:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 9/28/2011 3:59:24 PM  
**Subject:** Governor Calls Special Session  
**Attachments:** IMAGE.jpg, 9.28 Governor Calls Special Session.pdf, Mime.822

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*The attachment contains the following content:*

## **For Immediate Release**

September 28, 2011

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## **Governor Calls Special Session for Monday**

Salt Lake City – Just after noon today, Governor Gary R. Herbert signed a proclamation convening the Utah Legislature in a Special Session to address seven legislative issues next Monday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m.

“Redistricting is an important responsibility that the Utah Constitution assigns to the Legislature. Several other issues have come to my attention which I have added to the call for the Legislature to consider while they are in special session. These are, in large measure, technical and clean-up amendments to state law.”

Among the items the Governor has asked the Legislature to consider are: changes to workers’ compensation insurance requirements; modifications to the requirement that certain members of the Board of Regents represent less populous counties; and adding the presidential primary to the regular primary ballot. The complete text of the proclamation can be found at:

<http://www.utah.gov/governor/docs/SpecialSessionOctober2011.pdf>

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Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, since the adjournment of the 2011 General Session of the Fifty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Utah, matters have arisen that require immediate legislative attention;

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Utah provides that the Governor may, by proclamation, convene the Legislature into Special Session; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, call the Fifty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Utah into a Third Special Session at the Utah State Capitol, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2011, at 9:00 a.m., for the following purposes:

- (1) to divide the state into congressional, legislative and other districts pursuant to Utah Constitution Article IX and to address related matters;
- (2) to consider amendments to the Utah Labor Code to address requirements related to workers' compensation insurance for owners of certain entities and to make technical and related changes;
- (3) to consider amendments to the Elections Code to modify the requirements for placing presidential candidates on the regular primary ballot and to make technical and related changes;
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- (6) to consider a concurrent resolution recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Welfare System of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;

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**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 9/29/2011 11:00:34 AM  
**Subject:** Please don't play politics!  
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The alternative to pizza is doughnuts. This approach would create poorly named "doughnut holes," or zones encompassing one or more of the main urban areas: Salt Lake County for sure, Utah County being the next obvious choice, and Davis County and its environs a third possibility. In some of these plans, the new Utah fourth district would cover a lot of the state's rural areas.

Note that a district comprising Utah County and a few other small chunks would focus a U.S. representative's attention squarely on this valley. You'd think that area lawmakers would naturally

**From:** Steven Goold  
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**Date:** 9/29/2011 1:42:13 PM  
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Thanks for taking the time to respond and for keeping an open mind as well as giving me things to think about. I am not sure how the feds and the public lands work for the schools funds. Is the money shared with the whole state or just the districts the land resides in? What do you think about the three districts that were drawn around three different State Senators homes in Utah county that was covered in the Deseret New editorial? You don't feel like there is a lot of that going on?

On Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 2:27 PM, Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)> wrote:  
Steven,

I hear what you are saying. One huge argument that the media has not even touched on, maybe because it supports the current proposal, is that our state is owned 66% by the feds. We have so much school trust lands locked up in the rural portions of the state that keep our schools from being adequately funded that it is not even funny. I think it makes sense to have reps covering all portions of the state because the public land issues effect every person in the state whether they live in Blanding or Salt Lake City. Unless the committee drew a district just for Rep. Matheson they knew they were going to be criticized. I will promise to listen to the debate closely in the upcoming session and not make up my mind on how to vote until each point of view has had a fair hearing. Ironcially Salt Lake City was put altogether for the first time in 20 years which is the most liberal part of the state, however there is not enough population there to justify one district only.

Thanks for taking the time to write, you are the only on out of 30,000 people that has taken the time to share their opinion on this issue.

Take care,

Rep. Steve Eliason

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**Subject:** Re: Please don't play politics!  
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Here is the Deseret News Editorial.

Deseret News: Legal but not ethical

To the victor go the spoils — and in Utah politics, the spoils include the power to create more victories. The predominantly Republican...

See it here: [http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700181258/Legal-but-not-ethical.html?s\\_cid=e\\_share](http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700181258/Legal-but-not-ethical.html?s_cid=e_share)

I still think it is not right to break up communities to make elected officials jobs more easy. My wife is a long time school teacher and she has changed her mind about tenure for teachers. She believes It needs to be about the students not the teachers and that we should do what is in there best interest. The same is true about politicians. We need to do what is best for the people not those who have the power. Dividing Murray into three different districts is not right. That is happening in to many incidents.

Steven,

The school trust land money goes to benefit all Utah school students. We need a concerted effort to get the federal gov. to trade or sell the land so our children can benefit. When they make more national monuments or wilderness area is locks the land up even more tightly. It is a tough issue.

I didn't see the DesNes editorial, but since the citizens originally elected those senators I think there is some wisdom in letting the same citizens get to choose if they retain that elected official. The biggest reason money is in politics is so that candidates can educate constituents about themselves.

If an incumbent gets put into an entirely new area then they need to yet raise even more money to start the campaigning all over. I wish that was not part of it, but it costs money to reach people.

I have tried drawing a few maps myself (anyone can at [redistrictutah.com](http://redistrictutah.com)) and have found it to be very challenging, it is like playing Suduko. Did you read that all of the maps submitted by the supposed non-partisan "Fair Boundaries Committee" were all secretly drawn by the executive director of the democratic party? It has gotten very little press, but is well documented now.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts.

Steve

>>> Steven Goold 09/29/11 3:19 PM >>>

**From:** Steven Goold  
**BC:** Steve Eliason, Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 9/30/2011 9:59:34 AM  
**Subject:** A slap in the face of the people?  
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## Tooele Transcript Bulletin Online

### Senate plan carves up county again

by Tim Gillie  
Sep 08, 2011 | 2477 views |

**Sloan: "To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process."**

A proposed base plan for new boundaries for state Senate seats is drawing sharp criticism from Tooele County leaders and citizens who hoped redistricting would finally give them a resident senator.

Since the last round of redistricting a decade ago, Tooele County has been split into four senate districts. A decade of growth has now made the county Utah's seventh largest in terms of population, but the newly proposed boundaries would again divide Tooele County, making it the only one of the



**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 9/30/2011 2:25:50 PM  
**Subject:** Vote No on the Proposed Congressional Redistricting Plan!  
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As a constituent, I urge you to vote "no" on the proposed Congressional map.

Thanks for considering,

Dee Rowland  
2474 Nantucket Drive  
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121  
801.943.2707

**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/2/2011 12:35:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Vote No on the Proposed Congressional Redistricting Plan!  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Steve,

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Thanks,  
Dee R

On Sat, Oct 1, 2011 at 7:12 PM, Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)> wrote:  
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Steve

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We would be willing to hear from you on education. You have to realize my wife is working on her masters in Education and probably has a few different views than you may. She does feel that some teachers teach to long past their time of being effective and some never are really very motivated or effective and that we should not have children paying the price. That is probably a union issue and not one that could be effected by the legislature. We believe very much in public education. She probably does not have much faith in things like merit pay, she has a lot of doubts that it could be done effectively. Probably a better solution would be to raise salaries to get the best people and then let people leave when they are not longer meeting the needs of our children. I don't really know if there is a way to do that. Anyway it would be an interesting discussion. I do hope that on the electoral map issue that we can hold political interests to a minimum and work to come up with fair boundary's. I do not really believe that the politicians should be able to choose their voters. Hope you have a good day.

On Sat, Oct 1, 2011 at 7:03 PM, Steve Eliason <[seliason@utah.gov](mailto:seliason@utah.gov)> wrote:

Steven,

Thanks for writing. I hope these types of concerns are addresses before the session. I would like to run some potential education bills past you and your wife in the near future.

Thanks,  
Steve

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**To:** Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Curt Webb, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Jim Bird, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jerel Peterson, Jim Nielson, John Mathis, Kay McIff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Patrick Painter, Paul

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Government of the people, by the people and for the people! What has happened to the members of the Utah State Legislature? The current lines drawn for reapportionment are strictly party driven. Stand up and move forward with fair boundaries. **Stop gerrymandering!**

Remember who elects you--WE THE PEOPLE!

Carole E. Peterson

**From:** "Craig Shuler"  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/3/2011 11:11:41 PM  
**Subject:** Fix Canyons District Congress boundaries  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Representative Steve Eliason, Sandy

Representative Harper did some good work today. His SB3002S03 has some good improvements that resolves several of my concerns about the SB3002 gerrymander. The past week's secret meetings were shameful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no HONEST reason.

North, south, east and west parts of the state should each be kept together.

I like that central, southern, and SE Utah are with part of Utah Co. under Harper's plan, rather than with SLC and Bountiful and Tooele!

It looks like any logical boundaries will divide Utah and Davis Counties into a two districts. Salt Lake County should also be in two, however, not four, in my opinion

CANYONS School District, where we live has particularly bad boundaries under SB3002S03. I'm in the doughnut hole district, but Between Creek Road and Draper Parkway, 13<sup>th</sup> East goes through 3 congressional districts. Draper west of I-15 is cutoff from the rest of Draper and Canyons district. Alta and Granite community are cutoff from Sandy. Can't you move the doughnut hole to the Salt Lake/Utah line to include all of Draper, Alta, and Granite, and Cottonwood Heights? That would at least get Salt Lake County out of the southern Utah district. And switch more of Alpine District or Provo into the southern Utah district?

I still think we would be better off going back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits my Salt Lake County in no more than two districts, but at least switch back part of south Salt Lake County with part of Alpine and Provo School districts

Craig L. Shuler, CPA  
Sandy, Utah  
home 801-572-9167  
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**From:** Dee Rowland  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 8:15:20 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Vote No on the Proposed Congressional Redistricting Plan!  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Yes, I was there yesterday morning but the House was already in caucus so I didn't know how to reach you. I trust that the House revisions to the proposed Congressional map will limit the Salt Lake County divisions only to the necessary two!

Thanks,  
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801.943.2707

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**From:** Aaron Rennaker  
**To:** LH\_Republicans  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 8:24:06 AM  
**Subject:** Speakers at the Press Conference yesterday in the Capitol protesting redistricting:  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Joshua Kanter: Founder of An Alliance for a Better Utah.

Registered Democrat, Donated \$20,000+ in 2008 & 2010 election cycle. Obama, Clinton, DSCC, DNC, John Kerry, DCCC

John Hansen: Registered Democrat, SLC

Mayor Peter Corroon: (D) Salt Lake County Mayor. Called redistricting process un-American. Ran for Governor in 2010, major recipient of donations from Bruce Bastian, Howard Dean, AFL-CIO, Labor Unions, supporter of non-partisan "Fair Boundaries" initiative whose maps where drawn by Democrat operative, adviser and former UT Dem Party Exec-Director Todd Taylor.

David Irvine: Donor to Democratic Presidential candidate Wesley Clark, President Barack Obama, DNC. Attorney who has sued Utah and has received millions of dollars from Utah taxpayers in law suits.

Sen. Ross Romero: Senate Minority Leader, Candidate for SLCO Mayor, Democrat

Glenn Wright: "non-partisan Fair Boundaries" Director. Former Summit County Democrat Party Chair, caught using partisan map drawn by UT Democrat Adviser and former Executive Director

Speaker Up & Peace Up Activists; Tim DeChristopher's friends, sat on UTA TRAX to protest coal power.

MaryAnne Martindale: Exec Director of Alliance for a Better Utah, Democrat AG campaign manager,

**From:**  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/5/2011 8:12:18 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Representative Eliason,

So if the Republicans really think all four House seats need to represent urban and rural interests, Utah County better be sliced into a pizza also!

Your party is represented by hypocrits! Please knock some sense into them. You are a reasonable guy, at least that is what I tell my Democrat friends.

Alan C. Anderson  
7353 South 700 East  
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Midvale, UT 84047  
(801)601-8727

**From:**  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/6/2011 10:24:43 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Steve,

I can only imagine what your job is like. I am seeing enough of dealing with constituents with just running for Midvale City Council!!

The argument about having all of our reps be interested in public lands does not quite cut it for me. The founding fathers set up the legislative branches of government for the House to have representatives to handle issues of geographic areas, and the Senate to handle issue of the overall state. I contend the redistricting plan is purely a control issue set out by the Republicans. And the other fallacy in this is the way Salt Lake County is divided, and the way Utah county is not divided.

The way Salt Lake County is divided in favor of a Congressional run by Carl Wimmer is a good example of the fallacy of your arguments. District 4 does not have rural areas (I believe, I am going from memory here). But then again, I am not sure that I object to getting that man out of Utah, and into the national spotlight, to show what kind of people are running the Republican party in Utah. He will be a bigger laughing stock in Washington than Mike Lee. I personally invite you to cross lines and join the Democrats, as you really have more intelligence and compassion than most of your colleagues.

Alan Anderson  
Midvale, Utah

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**From:** "Steve Eliason" <seliason@utah.gov>  
**To:** acapoppi8@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2011 8:38:48 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting

Alan,

Thanks for taking the time to write. Based on the public lands issues I think it is important to have all of our reps interested in public land. The federal gov. owns nearly 70% of Utah and that is one of the main reasons our property tax base is so small and our schools are underfunded. I didn't appreciate how important the land issues are to all citizens until I served a term in the legislature.

We redistrict 4 political subdivisions in the state and we are done with three of them. The vote for the house of reps redistrict was 74 to 1, it is unfortunate that the media has not

**From:**  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 10/6/2011 12:24:20 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting  
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Steve,

I am soooo happy to hear you are a "pain in Wimmer's \_\_\_\_\_", and I have so many words that I can put in that blank!

The map I was referring too was a "semi" doughnut hole - westside of Salt Lake County reaching down into Utah County. I did hear the map was not accepted. Was this because of Governor Herbert's input?

On my campaign, a sitting council member gave me some good advice. "Celebrate if you win;celebrate if you lose!". I am running my campaign on that basis.

I am running against Paul Hunt, a good Republican and "member", and has been involved in Midvale issues. Heck, I was ready to vote for him except when it was in the paper that he was sued by his prior employer for using the company credit card for personal expenses. Paul explained to me he was sued for \$130,000, settled for \$30,000, but it was because the company was not able to pay him his salary. The charges were reduced to a misdemeanor and he was sentenced to 365 days in jail, reduced to 15 days, and is on probation until April 2013. Not exactly the type of person I would vote for, but then again, I am a man who is openly gay. So there you have it, a conservative person with questionable background or a honest liberal, whatever that means. LOL

Alan  
Midvale, Utah

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**From:** "Steve Eliason" <seliason@utah.gov>  
**To:** acapoppi8@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 6, 2011 11:01:19 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting

Alan,

Thanks for your thoughts. I have to admit I laughed at one of your comments below. Rep. Wimmer once told me that I was "a pain in his \_\_\_\_\_", I will let you fill in the blank. The comment related to my lack of desire to let people parade guns in front of our school children, which I voted and spoke against (it passed anyway).

What map are you referring to? The house voted down the map you are talking about. We could not agree on a map so it is back to the drawing board. If Carl wants to run he would move anway, just like Sandstrom is talking about doing. I HAVE NOT MADE UP MY MIND

**From:** "Bert Wilson"  
**To:** Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Brian Doughty, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy

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Please consider the enclosed resolution that Lehi City has adopted for the purpose of redistricting. Lehi City feels it is very important to be included in a whole district due to our size, and being the fastest growing city in Utah County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson  
Lehi City  
801-362-9999

**From:** Mickey Gallivan  
**To:** Brad Dee, Brad Galvez, Curt Webb, David Butterfield, Dixon Pitcher, Gage Froerer, Jack Draxler, Jeremy Peterson, Lee Perry, Paul Ray, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Ryan Wilcox, Allen Christensen, Ben McAdams, David Hinkins, Dan Liljenquist, Dan Thatcher, Gene Davis, Howard Stephenson, Stuart Adams, John Valentine, Jerry Stevenson, Karen Mayne, Karen Morgan, Kevin VanTassell, Lyle Hillyard, Luz Robles, Margaret Dayton, Pat Jones, Peter Knudson, Ralph Okerlund, Ross Romero, Stuart

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The final Congressional Redistricting proposal now before you is nothing short of cynical. It virtually disenfranchises the remaining few voters who dare to disagree with the majority and now, finally removes any incentive to even go to the polls. The majority owns 80% of our congressional delegation, 76% of the State Senate and 77% of the House. Now you are about to vote to squash what few remain out of your control, just because you can. Greed is destroying the American economy. And greed is about to destroy Utah democracy. Don't be surprised when nobody shows up to vote. What's the use?

Mickey Gallivan  
1425 Arlington Drive  
Salt Lake City, UT 84103  
801.532-3425

**From:** Jolaine P Randall  
**To:** Steve Eliason  
**Date:** 9/22/2011 9:37:14 AM  
**Subject:** (Statewide Announcement) American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Luncheon Invitation  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear State Employee,

You are invited to attend the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) luncheon.

**OCTOBER ASPA LUNCHEON**  
Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon  
Auditorium of the State Office Building (first floor)

**To the Drawing Board: Redistricting in Utah**

**John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research & General Counsel**

In early October, the legislature will hold a special session to vote on the new district lines for the U.S. Congressional seats, Utah legislative seats, and the Utah State Board of Education. Join us for a presentation by John Cannon, legislative policy analyst for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, to learn about the redistricting process and maps. You might even learn what district you live in!

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Please make your reservations early. The luncheon will be catered. Reservations or cancellations must be received no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2011 . No shows will be billed. Limited parking is available —please carpool or ride public transportation where possible.

The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 for ASPA members, \$15.00 for nonmembers, and \$8.00 for students. Cash or checks are accepted.

Please call the Center for Public Policy & Administration, University of Utah, at 801-581-6493 or e-mail [jrandall@cpga.utah.edu](mailto:jrandall@cpga.utah.edu) for reservations

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**To:**  
**Date:** 10/18/2011 9:45:59 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Veto the districting map  
**Attachments:** [Text.htm](#)

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Rep. Eliason

>>> "Don Muller" 10/18/11 8:58 AM >>>

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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:** Brant Thomsen  
**Date:** 10/19/2011 2:53:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Congressional Boundaries

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Anne,

Thank you for writing. You can check the public record and see that I voted against the congressional redistricting. District 45 was cut right in half. It has to happen somewhere, but it is unfortunate that it happened in our area. For the most part the committee tried to follow major road, which 7th east is, but it still leaves the area cut in half.

Thanks again for your input.

Sincerely,

Rep. Steve Eliason

>>> Brant Thomsen <bdthomsen@yahoo.com> 10/19/2011 8:57 AM >>>

I do not know what your opinion on the boundaries are, but I thought you should know that not just democrats disapprove.

Does it really make sense that the schools our children attend are in different United States congressional districts than we are? Do we really have more in common with the people in Moab than with half the parents of students who attend Union Middle School and Hillcrest High School?

Please encourage Governor Herbert to veto these senseless boundaries.

Sincerely,

Anne Thomsen

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/20/2011 9:36:31 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Follow Up: US Congressional Map

Jen,

I had a number of reasons that I vote no on the bill we can discuss in person if you would like.

Regarding your comments about education I politely disagree. One of the main reasons I ran for the house is because my kids all attend public schools and I want the best for them. I am a CPA and am on the Public Ed Appropriations Committee. If you can give me some suggestions on how to raise money for schools I am all ears. our property tax base is one of the smallest in the country because Utah only can get property tax revenue off about 30% of our land, most states it is about 95%, coupled with the highest birth rate in the nation it creates a funding problem. The media doesn't talk about these facts. So I am confused when people don't think the management of public lands doesn't matter to the people in Salt Lake County since our school children would benefit from more money. If you study bills from the last session and proposed bills you will see many legislators are running bills to try and make the federal lands work more for the people of the state.

Thanks,

Steve

>>> Jen 10/20/11 9:03 AM >>>  
Rep Eliason,

I attended the proceedings up at the capital all day Monday and saw that you voted NO on SB3002.

You of course should know the many reasons that I don't support SB3002, but I would like to inquire as to why you didn't endorse the final map?

Thank you.

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> federal land use for education, I'd be the 1st in line to endorse it. But  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/21/2011 10:12:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting

Annette,

Thanks for writing. I am one of the very few republicans that voted no (you can check the website to see). I think there is an article in the Trib this weekend about it also. I hear your frustrations, however the other three redistricting bills passed with only one or two no votes from both parties combined. From what I know the process this time was actually much better than it was 10 years ago, but that probably doesn't lessen your concerns. I listened to my constituents and many of them have the same concerns you do.

I have always tried to vote for the best candidate in the race and am glad to hear that you do to. I have some bills this upcoming session that I am already working on. Other than undoing redistricting are there any bills/issues you would like me to consider sponsoring?

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>>> Annette Brinton 10/21/11 2:47 PM >>>  
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**Date:** 10/21/2011 10:15:36 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: redistricting  
**Attachments:** redistricting

Thomas,

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Thanks for all you do!

Steve Eliason

**From:** Annette Brinton  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/21/2011 10:24:06 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting

Annette,

Also I like your quote, I actually quoted it last week to somebody. I attended Cambridge for a period and the college I lived at (Trinity) is where the person who made the quoted lived a long time ago. His name was Lord Actum. It is know as Actum's Dictum. It is a very true statement. After having served in the house I better understand how important it is to elect honest men and women to public office because you must continually demonstrate integrity if you don't want to get "corrupted". Luckily I have found that most of my colleagues do, even though none of us are perfect.

Steve

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## BLM to approve big gas field in Uinta Basin

Gasco • Plan allows nearly 1,300 new wells.

By brandon loomis

The Salt Lake Tribune

Published: March 16, 2012 12:14PM

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The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has completed an environmental review of Gasco Energy's massive Uinta Basin Natural Gas Development Project and proposes approving 1,298 new wells.

Assuming the agency signs a decision record after 30 days, the plan released Friday would allow intense gas drilling over nearly 207,000 acres across Uintah and Duchesne counties, rising along the West Tavaputs Plateau and nearing Desolation Canyon. That part angers conservationists and recreation interests, who prize that Green River canyon as a rafting access and secluded float area.

They criticized Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's nod to industry because they say he ignored an alternative that would have allowed development by protected the canyon's potential wilderness status.

"Secretary Salazar is making the wrong decision to approve the Gasco project in a way that creates irreversible risks to Desolation Canyon," said a prepared statement from Peter Metcalfe, president of Utah-based outdoor equipment maker Black Diamond.

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance called the plan a threat to the Lower 48 states' largest roadless complex, around Desolation Canyon, and the Natural Resources Defense Council noted that even the Environmental Protection Agency had criticized the proposal.

"It's bewildering that Secretary Salazar — who has been such a strong advocate of conserving America's great outdoors — would allow turning Desolation Canyon into an industrial wasteland," said Sharon Buccino, director of the council's Land and Wildlife Program.

But the BLM pointed out that much of the area already has been developed. Only 3,604 acres — about 2 percent of the project area — would be newly disturbed, while the rest would fill in with new wells.

"Today's announcement represents an important step in our efforts to expand domestic energy production here in Utah and across the country, while ensuring that development happens safely and responsibly with a minimal surface footprint," said BLM Utah State Director Juan Palma.

The agency's final report on the project is available for review for 30 days before the decision is signed.

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For information:

Call BLM environmental coordinator Stephanie Howard at 435-781-4400.

Email [BLM\\_UT\\_Vernal\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_Vernal_Comments@blm.gov).

Write to Howard at 170 S. 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078.

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**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:53:39 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment

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Back to my earlier question, what map do you favor and why?

Thanks,

Steve

>>> Carole Peterson 10/15/11 3:24 PM >>>  
Representative Eliason,

I am referring to the congressional boundaries for the state of Utah. I realize there will be four districts due to our increase in population. It is my understanding after having read the paper and news on television, each of the four districts will contain 62% of registered Republicans which would leave the Democrats with 38%. Governor Herbert is requesting the lines be redrawn so that Congressman Matheson will not run against him for governor. What has happened to government of the people, by the people and for the people? I fully understand that both parties are in agreement with the legislative districts.

By the way, why do Republicans hold closed caucuses? The people have a right to open government!  
Sincerely,

Carole

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From: Steve Eliason seliason@utah.gov: carolepete1650n@yahoo.com

Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 5:29 PM  
Subject: Re: Reapportionment

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:55:52 AM  
**Subject:** Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map

Jennifer,

Who does your group represent (which party or ideology)? I have heard that this proposal has been put forth because of the benefit for a particular candidate, have you heard that?

Thanks,

Rep. Eliason

>>> Jen 10/15/11 5:51 PM >>>  
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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:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:57:14 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Citizen Map

Thanks for your input Earl.

Respectfully,

Rep. Eliason

>>> "EARL WUNDERLI" 10/15/11 6:08 PM >>>  
Steve:

You asked why I think the Garber Citizen map makes more sense than some of the others. It is both compact and contiguous, so unlike the other apparently gerrymandered maps that seem to give Carl Wimmer an easy win and protect other legislators from having to compete against each other. It divides both Salt Lake and Utah counties into only two parts. It's hard to look at this map and believe it is gerrymandered.

Earl

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

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:** emwunderli@msn.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 5:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Citizen Map

Earl,

Thanks for taking the time to write. Someone told me that there is a great deal of support among some groups because this map is favorable to Rep. Mathesson. Have you heard that? Why do you think the map makes more sense than some of the others?

Thanks,

Steve

>>> "EARL WUNDERLI" 10/14/11 11:13 AM >>>

Senator Morgan and Representative Eliason:

Being concerned about the whole redistricting process and as your constituent, I encourage you to support the Garber Citizen Map, which seems to make the most sense of the many maps that have been proposed.

Thank you.

Earl Wunderli

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 12:01:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Redistricting Plan

Athleen,

What leg district are you in?

Steve

>>> "Athleen Godfrey" 10/16/11 10:14 AM >>>  
As ann active voter I urge your support for the Garber plan/map as it  
appears to be the most fair to all Utahns. THANKS

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 5:38:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map

Thanks Jennifer. Glad to hear you are an independent group. I know many people felt deceived when they found out that the "Fair Boundaries" group was partnering with the democratic party while maintaining the appearance of independence.

Since nearly 70% of our state is owned by the federal government and since all school children statewide stand to benefit from how this land is managed by the feds or mismanaged I personally believe that every representative should represent those areas of the state, thereby benefiting everybody. The latest map (sumsion 16) does have urban and rural in each of the 4 districts, which is going to be considered tomorrow. What do you think about that map?

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**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment

Thanks Carole.

Steve

>>> Carole Peterson 10/16/11 2:50 PM >>>

I do not agree with the map pertaining to Tooele County. Having been a residence in Tooele County 21 years, I feel very strongly this county should be kept in tact. As far as which map is the best--it is difficult to say. Areas should be combined which have similar economic and cultural interests. I was reared with the idea that the constituents pick their government leaders--not vice versa. Maybe I am a little old-fashioned, but I am more comfortable with the government which was laid out by the writers of the Constitution. Politicians that have only their parochial interests at heart consistently seek more power. This does not serve the public well.

I wish you will in the session tomorrow. It is a tremendous job!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 5:46:00 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)

Quang,

What district do you live in? Did you write this email? I have received several of them identical to this one?

Why do you like the King map?

Thanks,

Rep. Eliason

>>> Q Dang 10/13/11 7:30 PM >>>

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**To:**  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 10:56:30 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Asking for moderation  
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**To:** mullerliz@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:43 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Asking for moderation

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**Date:** 10/14/2011 5:18:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday  
**Attachments:** [Text.htm](#)

Thanks for your input Kelli.

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>>> Kelli Lundgren 10/14/11 10:32 AM >>>  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 5:23:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting Compromise?  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/12/2011 9:43:33 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Asking for moderation  
**Attachments:** [Text.htm](#)

Don & Liz,

Thank you for writing. If you study my record I think you will see that I represent the makeup of our district very closely. I setup the website "tellsteve.org" during the session to get constituents feedback which I used to help guide my votes. I am on both of the education committees because that is my main concern, I have six children in public schools currently.

Do you have a preference in any of the congressional maps floating around? That is a challenging issue.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

Rep. Steve Eliason

>>> "Liz Email" 10/11/11 2:44 PM >>>

Dear Representative Eliason,

We are asking as our representative to be fair and just in your decision making and to make this your primary consideration. We are so weary of the zealots from the extreme right dominating all that happens in this state. Moderate people, like ourselves, seem to have no voice. We would ask for fair redistricting and fair and reasonable liquor laws that will not impede the growth of the dining and hospitality industry. We ask for support of PUBLIC education which is the foundation of this state and country. We have concerns for the mentally ill and those unable to care for themselves. We are tired of message laws which seem to consume so much time and accomplish so little.

Really all we are asking is that you represent what we feel to be the forgotten majority. Use fairness, moderation, and wisdom in your decision making and fight against those who would control and use the system for their own benefit. Those who seem to believe that their views are the only ones that matter and their way is the only correct path.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** Aaron Rennaker  
**To:** LH\_Republicans  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 8:24:06 AM  
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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/6/2011 8:38:48 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting

Alan,

Thanks for taking the time to write. Based on the public lands issues I think it is important to have all of our reps interested in public land. The federal gov. owns nearly 70% of Utah and that is one of the main reasons our property tax base is so small and our schools are underfunded. I didn't appreciate how important the land issues are to all citizens until I served a term in the legislature.

We redistrict 4 political subdivisions in the state and we are done with three of them. The vote for the house of reps redistrict was 74 to 1, it is unfortunate that the media has not covered what a thoughtful and fair process that was.

What maps do you like at [www.redistrictutah.com](http://www.redistrictutah.com) and why? I am OK if someone says they like a certain version because they think it makes it more likely that Matheson will be reelected, what troubles me are groups that pretend to be non-partisan and advocate a certain way but have hidden agendas.

Thanks for your thoughts.

Steve

>>> 10/05/11 8:12 AM >>>

Dear Representative Eliason,

So if the Republicans really think all four House seats need to represent urban and rural interests, Utah County better be sliced into a pizza also!

Your party is represented by hypocrits! Please knock some sense into them. You are a reasonable guy, at least that is what I tell my Democrat friends.

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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/6/2011 11:01:19 AM  
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Alan,

Thanks for your thoughts. I have to admit I laughed at one of your comments below. Rep. Wimmer once told me that I was "a pain in his \_\_\_\_\_", I will let you fill in the blank. The comment related to my lack of desire to let people parade guns in front of our school children, which I voted and spoke against (it passed anyway).

What map are you referring to? The house voted down the map you are talking about. We could not agree on a map so it is back to the drawing board. If Carl wants to run he would move anyway, just like Sandstrom is talking about doing. I HAVE NOT MADE UP MY MIND YET, so I will promise to keep an open mind.

Best wishes in your race! If you win you can cry on my shoulder (ha, ha) since you will get a new perspective on things I think. Who are you running against?

Steve

>>> 10/06/11 10:24 AM >>>

Steve,

I can only imagine what your job is like. I am seeing enough of dealing with constituents with just running for Midvale City Council!!

The argument about having all of our reps be interested in public lands does not quite cut it for me. The founding fathers set up the legislative branches of government for the House to have representatives to handle issues of geographic areas, and the Senate to handle issue of the overall state. I contend the redistricting plan is purely a control issue set out by the Republicans. And the other fallacy in this is the way Salt Lake County is divided, and the way Utah county is not divided.

The way Salt Lake County is divided in favor of a Congressional run by Carl Wimmer is a good example of the fallacy of your arguments. District 4 does not have rural areas (I believe, I am going from memory here). But then again, I am not sure that I object to getting that man out of Utah, and into the national spotlight, to show what kind of people are running the Republican party in Utah. He will be a bigger laughing stock in Washington than Mike Lee. I personally invite you to cross lines and join the Democrats, as you really have more intelligence and compassion than most of your colleagues.

Alan Anderson  
Midvale, Utah

From: "Steve Eliason"  
To: [acapoppi8@comcast.net](mailto:acapoppi8@comcast.net)  
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2011 8:38:48 AM  
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Alan,

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 10:27:42 AM  
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Regards,

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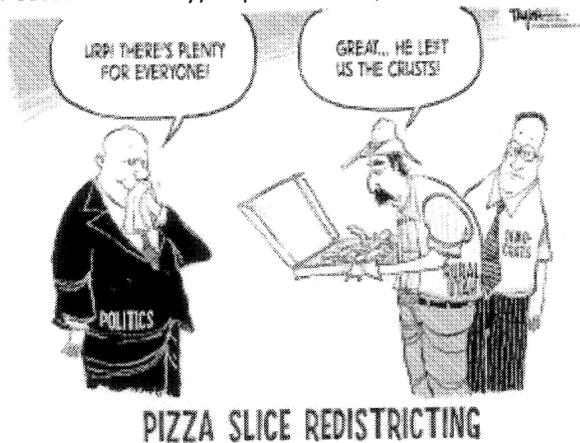
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Take care,

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>>> Steven Goold 09/29/11 1:42 PM >>>

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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:** Craig Shuler  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 10:24:22 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fix Canyons District Congress boundaries

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Craig,

Thanks for taking the time to write. I appreciate constituents who spend enough time to get involved and study the issues. Redistricting is a very challenging process when you start considering all of the considerations that go into the process. In order to amend a bill you have to present a pre-filed bill the divides the entire state. There is a hearing this morning on the some of the latest maps. Were you able to attend any of the hearings?

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>>> "Craig Shuler" <shulercl@gmail.com> 10/3/2011 11:11 PM >>>  
Representative Steve Eliason, Sandy

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North, south, east and west parts of the state should each be kept together.

I like that central, southern, and SE Utah are with part of Utah Co. under Harper's plan, rather than with SLC and Bountiful and Tooele!

It looks like any logical boundaries will divide Utah and Davis Counties into a two districts. Salt Lake County should also be in two, however, not four, in my opinion

CANYONS School District, where we live has particularly bad boundaries under SB3002S03. I'm in the doughnut hole district, but Between Creek Road and Draper Parkway, 13<sup>th</sup> East goes through 3 congressional districts. Draper west of I-15 is cutoff from the rest of Draper and Canyons district. Alta and Granite community are cutoff from Sandy. Can't you move the doughnut hole to the Salt Lake/Utah line to include all of Draper, Alta, and Granite, and Cottonwood Heights? That would at least get Salt Lake County out of the southern Utah district. And switch more of Alpine District or Provo into the southern Utah district?

I still think we would be better off going back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits my Salt Lake County in no more than two districts, but at least switch back part of south Salt Lake County with part of Alpine and Provo School districts

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**From:** Steve Eliason  
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**Subject:** Re: Vote No on the Proposed Congressional Redistricting Plan!

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>>> Dee Rowland 09/30/11 14:25 PM >>>

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We are dismayed that the Legislative Redistricting Committee has ignored ours and other submitted maps that were drawn without regard to incumbents. We further feel that the expense of the sophisticated redistricting web site and the travel around the State were a waste of tax-payer money given the apparent disregard of public comment.

As a constituent, I urge you to vote "no" on the proposed Congressional map.

Thanks for considering,

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**Date:** 9/29/2011 11:26:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't play politics!  
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"I would like our congressional delegation unified in representing all the interests of Utah," Sumsion says. Defenders of the slice idea say it would force members of Congress to pay attention to rural areas in the four districts, since each slice would include some rural zones.

But it's easy to flip that argument over. A pizza slice plan is likely to turn rural voters into a minority in each district, thus diminishing their clout. The pizza plan could virtually disenfranchise them as representatives respond to the majority.

By contrast, if rural areas make up the bulk of a district, that district will have the undivided attention of at least one member of Congress, and the peripheral attention of all the others. The interests of rural Utah will affect the state, starting with energy development. Nobody will be ignoring those factors.

Is the pizza plan more fair? No. But Gibson frets:

"My initial leanings are that a doughnut hole plan has some negative connotation in what people say gerrymandering is," he said. "I would probably lean into dividing the state more equally."

Of course the dominant GOP wants to avoid charges of gerrymandering. The 2000 redistricting still brings the accusation that it fiddled with the boundaries too much in a vain attempt to defeat Utah's lone D.C. Democrat, Rep. Jim Matheson.

Moreover, the population of districts will be more or less equal regardless which plan is chosen, so equality is not

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 9/29/2011 2:27:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't play politics!  
**Attachments:** [Text.htm](#)

Steven,

I hear what you are saying. One huge argument that the media has not even touched on, maybe because it supports the current proposal, is that our state is owned 66% by the feds. We have so much school trust lands locked up in the rural portions of the state that keep our schools from being adequately funded that it is not even funny. I think it makes sense to have reps covering all portions of the state because the public land issues effect every person in the state whether they live in Blanding or Salt Lake City. Unless the committee drew a district just for Rep. Matheson they knew they were going to be criticized. I will promise to listen to the debate closely in the upcoming session and not make up my mind on how to vote until each point of view has had a fair hearing. Ironcially Salt Lake City was put altogether for the first time in 20 years which is the most liberal part of the state, however there is not enough population there to justify one district only.

Thanks for taking the time to write, you are the only on out of 30,000 people that has taken the time to share their opinion on this issue.

Take care,

Rep. Steve Eliason

>>> Steven Goold 09/29/11 1:42 PM >>>

Thanks for responding back. I would like to see neighborhoods and communities who have similar needs and desires kept together as much as possible. I feel that when the boundaries are spread to thin and artificial boundaries between people are created that they get the feeling their needs will not be addressed like they should.

On Thu, Sep 29, 2011 at 11:26 AM, Steve Eliason wrote:  
Steven,

What our your thoughts in redistricting? Any maps that you feel strongly about?

Thanks,

Steve

>>> Steven Goold 09/29/11 11:00 AM >>>  
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In the effort to redraw Utah's congressional districts, two of the three Utah County-based lawmakers on the commission charged with making a proposal say they like what's been dubbed the "pizza slice" plan.

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 9/29/2011 7:16:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't play politics!

Steven,

The school trust land money goes to benefit all Utah school students. We need a concerted effort to get the federal gov. to trade or sell the land so our children can benefit. When they make more national monuments or wilderness area is locks the land up even more tightly. It is a tough issue.

I didn't see the DesNes editorial, but since the citizens originally elected those senators I think there is some wisdom in letting the same citizens get to choose if they retain that elected official. The biggest reason money is in politics is so that candidates can educate constituents about themselves. If an incumbent gets put into an entirely new area then they need to yet raise even more money to start the campaigning all over. I wish that was not part of it, but it costs money to reach people.

I have tried drawing a few maps myself (anyone can at [redistrictutah.com](http://redistrictutah.com)) and have found it to be very challenging, it is like playing Suduko. Did you read that all of the maps submitted by the supposed non-partisan "Fair Boundaries Committee" were all secretly drawn by the executive director of the democratic party? It has gotten very little press, but is well documented now.

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts.

Steve

>>> Steven Goold 09/29/11 3:19 PM >>>

Thanks for taking the time to respond and for keeping an open mind as well as giving me things to think about. I am not sure how the feds and the public lands work for the schools funds. Is the money shared with the whole state or just the districts the land resides in? What do you think about the three districts that were drawn around three different State Senators homes in Utah county that was covered in the Deseret New editorial? You don't feel like there is a lot of that going on?

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**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/1/2011 7:03:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: A slap in the face of the people?

Steven,

Thanks for writing. I hope these types of concerns are addresses before the session. I would like to run some potential education bills past you and your wife in the near future.

Thanks,  
Steve

>>> Steven Goold 09/30/11 09:59 AM >>>

I think that it is wrong to divide communities and neighborhoods like the present plan presents. For example dividing Murray into three districts is wrong. That example could be multiplied many times over. My wife is a school teacher of 20 years. She now believes we need to do away with tenure for teachers. Most teachers are very good, but we need to put the needs of the students first before teachers. The same is true about politicians. The needs of incumbents and political party should not come before the needs of the citizens. Thank-you

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[image: Rep. Doug Sagers listens at a redistricting meeting at the Utah State Capitol Wednesday morning. Sagers said he's disappointed with how a proposed plan to redraw boundaries Senate seats would split Tooele County.

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\*Sloan: "To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process." \*

A proposed base plan for new boundaries for state Senate seats is drawing sharp criticism from Tooele County leaders and citizens who hoped redistricting would finally give them a resident senator.

Since the last round of redistricting a decade ago, Tooele County has been

**From:** Steve Eliason  
**To:**  
**Date:** 9/25/2011 3:24:02 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Lehi City Redistricting Resolution 2011

Mayor Wilson,

What map are you suggesting? Have you created your own statewide map that accomplishes what you are requesting while considering similar concerns around the state?

Thanks,

Rep. Steve Eliason

>>> "Bert Wilson" 09/22/11 1:43 PM >>>

Please consider the enclosed resolution that Lehi City has adopted for the purpose of redistricting. Lehi City feels it is very important to be included in a whole district due to our size, and being the fastest growing city in Utah County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson

Lehi City

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