From: Leonard Plaizier
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Kenneth Sumsion, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Susan Duckworth, Ben McAdams, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
CC: Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Curtis Oda, David Litvack, Fred Cox, Greg Hughes, Joel Briscoe, Jim Nielson, Jennifer Seelig, Melvin Brown, Paul Ray, Rebecca Houck, Ronda Menlove, Ryan Wilcox, Stewart Barlow, Steve Handy, Wayne Harper, Redistricting

Please consider the "Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities" plan (ID 68408).
My "Fair 4 Utah" plan was submitted to the Redistricting committee by Rep. Fred Cox at the Oct 7th meeting. This modified plan addresses many of the concerns.
This plan has key elements put together like no other plan. It is compromise plan fair 4 Utah.

The plan has been submitted but does not show on the redistrictUtah.com site. In place of a online link, images are attached.

In the Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities plan:

- All of the counties are whole except Salt Lake.
- The Eastern, Southern, and Western Counties are grouped the same as the Rep. Sumsion map that passed the Senate. (If there is a better grouping, I can still make it work with Counties and Salt Lake county Cities together.)
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- All of the cities in Salt Lake county are whole except West Valley City and three others (South Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, and Herriman) with minor splits. As an example Salt Lake City is all in one district except about 100 people.
- In Salt Lake County the cities are grouped based on their similar shared communities.
- District 2, 3, and 4 are at the target mean of 690,971. District 1 is one over at 690,972.
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	In Salt Lake County	
District 1	93,813	9%
District 2	539,727	52%
District 3	67,995	7%
District 4	328,120	32%
Total	1,029,655	100%

Good congressional districts are so important.
Thank you for your efforts and time!
Leonard

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From: Kelli Lundgren
To: Melvin Brown
Date: 10/14/2011 10:44:41 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Representative Brown,

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Kelli Lundgren

From: Q Dang
To: Q Dang
BC: Melvin Brown
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: Danielle Montague-Judd
To: Melvin Brown
Date: 10/13/2011 9:25:26 PM
Subject: Please support the King/Garber Citizen map
Attachments: Mime.822

Representative Brown,

As one of your constituents, I urge you to please support the Utah redistricting map sponsored by Rep. Brian King, the Garber Citizen map modified (viewable at http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king). This map is a good compromise and is the best of the available options. This issue is very important to me and I hope you will support this map.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Danielle Montague-Judd
Wanship, UT

From: Webmail sarnone
To: Melvin Brown
Date: 10/13/2011 7:15:17 PM
Subject: boundary map
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Rep Brown,

Please vote for the Garber/King map. This map makes the most sense for urban and rural voters. Communities should not be divided. The only way to have fair representation is to have districts that reflect the interests and concerns of the majority of voters. I am not sure where the idea of equal amounts of urban and rural voters would make the best districts came from but it is wrong!! You represent rural Utah (except me in Park City) and I'm sure they would love to have a Congressman from this side of the Wasatch Mtns. It is about time that the state is FAIRLY represented.
Vote yes for Garber/King.

Regards,

Staci Arnone
435-655-9332

From: Carina Dillon
To: Kenneth Sumsion, Ralph Okerlund
CC: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/10/2011 11:33:19 AM

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I wish to express my support for the King/Garber congressional redistricting plan. It preserves the urban/rural district mix that the committee prefers, while keeping intact communities of interest. There are some very distinct differences among Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern Utah, and the King/Garber plan wisely allows those areas' specific interests and constituencies to be well-represented. As a resident of Tooele, I can safely say on behalf of my community that-- regardless of political affiliation-- we would prefer to be included in a congressional district with western Salt Lake County, which the King/Garber plan does.

I urge you to adopt the King/Garber map.

Respectfully,
Carina Dillon
308 Caldwell Dr.
Tooele, UT 84074

From: "Paul Diegel"
To: Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Roger Barrus, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/8/2011 3:42:08 PM
Subject: Redsitricting feedback
Attachments: Mime.822

I am writing to express my displeasure with the redistricting process so far. As an urban Utahn, it is important to me to have my communty's voice heard. I want to have the ability to vote for candidates that represent me and my community, just as I think it is important to provide rural Utahns the same opportunity. Attempts to create contrived boundaries to break up my community and dilute urban Utah voices is wrong. Please don't give me the disingenuous argument that you are trying to blend urban and rural issues. Committee efforts to create "pizza slice" districts are intended to reduce democratic influence in Utah from little to none. The public is not fooled by that argument.

You can do better than this.

Paul Diegel
3665 S. Eastwood Dr.
SLC, UT 84109

From: "Ellen Brady"
BC: Melvin Brown, Melvin Brown
Date: 10/7/2011 1:43:36 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

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: 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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Regards,

Aaron Rennaker

Due to the last minute notice, I can't make it to any public hearings today, but I want to make it known that I do not approve of the congressional map presented by Rep. Ipson. I believe it's an attempt to meet the Governor's own political agenda, and that to me is wrong. At the very least, I feel that two districts should be urban and two mainly rural. The federal land issue is a poor excuse for a map like this, and in my opinion is a special interest.

As Terry Mundorff so eloquently stated in this morning's Tribune: "Article I, Section 3 provides for at-large elected officials whose purpose it is to represent the state as a whole. They are called senators, not representatives".

Kim Higginson
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From: Tania Knauer
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/4/2011 7:25:52 PM
Subject: Redistricting
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Dear Redistricting Commission;

I did a redistricting experiment with my 13 year old. I gave her a map of Utah (with cities and counties included), a box of crayons and a set of rules:
1) Keep counties together
2) If a county is too big to fit in one district, then keep the cities together
3) If a city is too big, keep a school district/neighborhood together

Using Cerulean, Cadet Blue, Carnation Pink, Mango Tango....as well as the population sizes for house and senate districts, she created some maps that were not only pretty, but much better than the maps created by legislators, their lawyers and hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars. Maybe because she has no idea where any legislator lives or whether a district should be colored in red or blue, maybe that's why her maps were fair....I don't know, you decide.

Sad really, creating fair maps is not rocket science, it's cartography and a lack of political bias. People who are worried about their own re-election should not be drawing their own voting district. To say this is government 101 is an understatement of Founding Father proportions. Shame on all of you for prioritizing political gain over democracy.
Shame on all of you for wasting tax payer money.
Shame on all of you for trouncing around the state giving people the impression that you were listening to them.
Shame on all of you for once again making the Utah redistricting process a mockery of Democracy.
Shame on all of you for putting together a committee that was so biased from the start, it was a comical joke (15-5 really?).
Shame on all of you for putting together a set of rules and guidelines so vague that they mean nothing.
Shame on all of you for not being willing to put any academics, metrics or a scorecard into this process (other than population deviation).

Here we are in the eleventh hour bickering over maps that don't take into consideration even one of the maps citizens painstakingly put together or any of the multitude of comments from citizens all over the state "keep our communities together" - all this bickering has only to do with securing incumbency - rewarding loyalty, penalizing others. Pathetic.....

The Congressional map is terrible and the State Senate map is worse. Maybe someone will get an epiphany and realize what we need to do is to start over and let some experts do this - how about an independent commission?

Disgusted with the Utah legislature,
Tania Knauer
Summit County resident - the only small rural county that legislators can't seem to keep together

From: "Cathey Lukes"
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/4/2011 12:26:46 PM
Subject: Redistricting
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Please do the right thing for every Utah citizen!

Thank you,

Catherine A. Lukes
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Salt Lake City, UT 84105
801.649.6000

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Ken Ivory - Special Session Bills

From: Christensen, Mike (Chelsea Lloyd)
To: LRSTAFF
Date: 9/30/2011 5:45 PM
Subject: Special Session Bills
Attachments: Special Session October 2011.pdf; SB3001_000.pdf; SB3002_000.pdf; SB3003_000.pdf; HB3001_000.pdf; HB3002_000.pdf; HB3003_000.pdf; HB3004_000.pdf; 2011S30042_008.pdf; 2011S30045_010.pdf; 2011S30046_004.pdf; 2011S30048_006.pdf

Attached is the special session call issued by Governor Herbert and the bills that address the call issues. To view the text of the redistricting bills, please view the attached documents. To view the maps referred to in the bill text, use the following links:

Utah State House Boundaries & Election Designation: http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/hb3001

State Board of Education Boundaries & Election Designation: http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/hb3002

Utah State Senate Boundaries & Election Designation: http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/sb3001

Congressional Boundaries Designation: http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/sb3002

If we can be of further assistance please call. Our main number is 801-538-1032. Thank you.

Michael Christensen

Ken Ivory - Speakers at the Press Conference yesterday in the Capitol protesting redistricting:

From: Aaron Rennaker <aaronmrennaker@gmail.com>
To: <Lh_republicans@utah.gov>
Date: 10/4/2011 8:24 AM
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To: kjackson@utah.gov
Date: 10/18/2011 12:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Congressional Redistricting Map
Attachments: RE: Congressional Redistricting Map