

From: Don IPSON
To: v.haynes1@gmail.com
Date: 9/22/2011 6:20 PM
Subject: Re: No change in representation

Pretty sure he won't represent our district. Hope we can have someone locally

Sent from BlackBerry

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

From: V Haynes <v.haynes1@gmail.com>

To: IPSON, Don <dipson@utah.gov>

Sent: 9/22/2011 6:13:46 PM

Subject: No change in representation

Don,

PLEASE DO NOT let Jason chavitz represent Neil or me. I know u are on the redistricting committee so u can put your 2 cents in. He is so radical and we don't need radical to get government back from the edge of insanity.

Sincerely,

Neil and Venna Haynes

From: Don IPSON
To: Heiner, Kim
Date: 9/29/2011 4:30 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting Minutes

Kim, I never did see a roll today. Will you be sure I'm marked present.

Thanks for all you do, have a great weekend

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From: Kim Heiner

To: Redistricting - Legislators

Cc: Redistricting Staff

Sent: 9/28/2011 7:08:47 PM

Subject: Redistricting Minutes

Redistricting Committee -

Attached are the minutes from September 27th Redistricting meeting. I will have copies for you at tomorrow's meeting.

Kim

Kimberly A. Heiner
Legislative Secretary
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
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From: Don IPSON
To: higham.isaac@gmail.com, Lockhart, Becky, King, Brian, Webb, Curt, Watkin...
Date: 9/18/2011 3:20 PM
Subject: Re: Utah House Base Map

Mr. Higham, thanks for your interest in the redistricting process.

There is another school of thought that would follow the logic that our great University, the students and those who live in the legislative districts, will be better represented by two outstanding legislators instead of one. This gives a more collaborative voice in the Legislative process.

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From: Isaac Higham <higham.isaac@gmail.com>
To: Lockhart, Becky <blockhart@utah.gov>
To: King, Brian <BRIANSKING@utah.gov>
To: Webb, Curt <CURTWEBB@utah.gov>
To: Watkins, Christine <CWATKINS@utah.gov>
To: IPSON, Don <dipson@utah.gov>
To: Gibson, Francis <FGIBSON@utah.gov>
To: Froerer, Gage <gfroerer@utah.gov>
To: Sumsion, Kenneth <KSUMSION@utah.gov>
To: Brown, Melvin <MELBROWN@utah.gov>
To: Newbold, Merlynn <merlynnnewbold@utah.gov>
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Sent: 9/18/2011 11:59:13 AM
Subject: Utah House Base Map

The redistricting committee recently adopted a base map for boundaries for the Utah House of Representatives. This base map divides the campus of Utah State University and its student populations into two separate districts. Students living on campus in Aggie Village will be in a different district than those students living in on campus residence halls across the street from them. Students living in large student housing complexes by the football and softball fields will be in a different district than those across the street from the basketball arena.

In the redistricting debate, it is often hard to define communities of interest that should be kept together, but Utah State University and its student population is a clear and indisputable community of interest that should be kept together in one district and not divided up.

Please protect the state's land grant University and its students by giving them fair representation rather than dividing their voice for partisan gain or incumbency protection. It is the right thing to do. It is the *moral *thing to do.

Respectfully,

Isaac Higham

Don IPSON - Sanpete County Redistricting Proposal Districts 68 & 73

From: "Spencer Cox" <scox@cut.net>
To: <dipson@utah.gov>
Date: 9/14/2011 9:51 AM
Subject: Sanpete County Redistricting Proposal Districts 68 & 73
Attachments: House_Base_Plan_with_Revised_68_and_73.jpg

Representative Ipson,

My name is Spencer Cox and I am a Sanpete County Commissioner. I am sending this email on behalf of the County Commissioners, Mayors, and Citizens of Sanpete County with a proposal and final plea for your help with the current house redistricting effort. As you are keenly aware, 10 years ago there were two counties hurt the most by redistricting: Sanpete County and Tooele County. Unfortunately the House Base Map approved Monday further exacerbates the disparities in those two counties. The new map divides Sanpete County in half, District 73 and District 68, ensuring that Sanpete County will likely never have an elected representative, even though it is by far the largest of the 13 counties between Utah County and Iron County. Unfortunately it appears that Sanpete County, with a population of 28,000 has been divided in half to protect Representatives from Juab County (10,000) and Millard (12,000). Even more frustrating, the two districts wind illogically northward, both taking in large chunks of Juab County and splitting Tooele County. Fortunately, there is a very simple and logical, solution.

Yesterday I submitted map # 55207 (a copy of which is attached here). Rather than attempting to redraw the thousands of meticulous boundaries of the Base map, I have simply combined and rearranged the boundaries of District 68 and 73. Under the new District 73, Sanpete County is kept entirely whole and combined with the population base of Juab County (i.e. Nephi, Mona, etc). It is important to note that the Base Plan Map also divided the Juab population base from the West desert portion of the county, so there is no real change to Juab. This leaves District 68 covering the entirety of Millard County, Western Juab County and the remaining greater Tooele County area. Not only is this map clean and rational, it provides the bulk of the population in each district from the largest counties—Sanpete and Tooele—and remedies 10 years of frustration in the process. Furthermore, it keeps the incumbents in these two districts separate. And yes, there is only a 33 person difference in population between the two Districts, well within the acceptable limits.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your earnest dedication and devotion to our State and this process. And thank you in advance for looking out for Sanpete County,

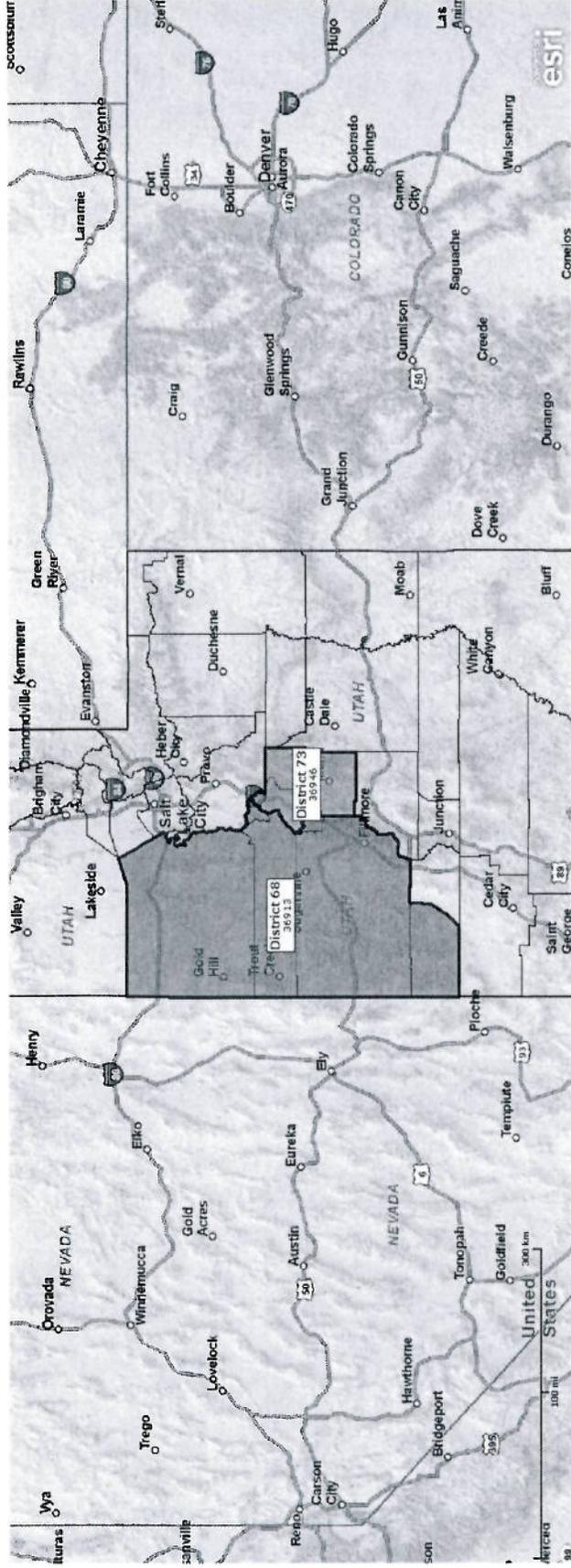
Best regards,

Spencer Cox
Sanpete County Commissioner

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From: Don IPSON
To: scox@cut.net
Date: 9/14/2011 10:11 AM
Subject: Re: Sanpete County Redistricting Proposal Districts 68 & 73

Commissioner Cox, I am traveling today when I get back home I will open your map and report back to you.

Thanks for your input and expressing your concern
Sent from BlackBerry
-----Original Message-----

From: "Spencer Cox" <scox@cut.net>
To: IPSON, Don <dipson@utah.gov>

Sent: 9/14/2011 9:51:01 AM
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From: Charlie Treft
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

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. Treft
Layton, Utah

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

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: "Ellen Brady"
BC: LaVar Christensen, LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/17/2011 10:06:47 AM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

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
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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 McIlff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee

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 9th NSEW modification of King's S07. Two districts (north and south) would likely be permanently Republican for the ten years.

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: Connie Stewart
BC: LaVar Christensen, LaVar Christensen
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

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,

Constance M. Stewart

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From: Connie Stewart
BC: LaVar Christensen, LaVar Christensen
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

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
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Phone - 435-628-7932
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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 Mclff, 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: Represent Me Utah
To: Becky Lockhart, Michael Waddoups
BC: LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/16/2011 2:25:02 PM
Subject: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.
Attachments: Mime.822

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: Larry Meyers
To: Larry Meyers
BC: LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/16/2011 9:02:11 AM
Subject: Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes
Attachments: Mime.822

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: gail gerlach
To: LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/15/2011 10:24:59 PM
Subject: redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

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

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: Art Dunn
To: LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/14/2011 9:35:39 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Sir, I would urge you to vote for the Garber Citizen King modified map. It is the best of the remaining plans. Thanks for your time and effort.

Art Dunn

From: Kelli Lundgren
To: LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/14/2011 10:40:24 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Representative Christensen,

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

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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: LaVar Christensen
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: Rob Bishop
BC: LaVar Christensen, LaVar Christensen
Date: 10/12/2011 10:40:17 PM
Subject: Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop
Attachments: Mime.822

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

From: "Ellen Brady"
BC: LaVar Christensen, LaVar Christensen
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.

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Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

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

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

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

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

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

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Representative LaVar Christensen, Draper

I live in District 48. Please vote no on the SB3002 gerrymander. Send it back to public hearings for a month. The past week's secret meetings are shameful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no HONEST reason.

North, south, east and west parts of the state should each be kept together. The committee did OK by Northern Utah and Summit County (except Summit Co), but nowhere else.

The west edges of Sandy and Draper west of I-15 should not be cut off from the rest of our SE SL County cities and our new Canyons School District.

Granite School District shouldn't be in three districts!

The West Jordan / Riverton / Saratoga / Payson district has most of growth areas the next 10 years and will leave their citizens severely underrepresented by 2021.

Payson should be with Provo not with West Valley!

It looks like any logical boundaries will divide Utah and Davis Counties into a two districts, but they shouldn't be the SB3002 boundaries. South Davis County should be with north (or west) Salt Lake County, not with St. George, and Monticello.

Central, southern, and SE Utah should be with Provo, not with SLC and Bountiful and Tooele!

I think you need to go 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.

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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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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?

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Hey, we have the same last name...

Please map the new districts with a mix of the people of the state of Utah for these reasons.

- 1 It benefits all Utahns to have four Congressmen with a stake in Salt Lake County instead of just one.
- 2 It benefits all Utahns to have four Congressmen who are advocates for rural Utah, particularly our public lands and natural resources instead of just one.
- 3 It benefits all Utahns to have four equally competitive Congressional Districts where a good candidate from either party has a chance to win.
- 4 We will maximize the quality of our candidates from both parties if we make all four districts as equal and as competitive as possible.
- 5 It is both equitable and wise to establish four, equal 60-40 districts rather than any one district made too heavily Republican or Democrat.
- 6) We are not interested in electing Congressmen who bring home the bacon for a specific community of interest, Republican or Democrat. We want Congressmen who will fight for a national balanced budget and preservation of American liberty, not pork.
- 7) The Democrats are going to file suit regardless of which map the Legislature adopts. It is irresponsible for a heavily Republican legislature to cede Democrats advantages that are literally harmful to our country and state and then take a PR whipping anyway.

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Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills

SALT LAKE CITY—Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the remaining pieces of legislation from the recent special legislative session. The bills signed were:

S.B. 3001s03 Utah State Senate Boundaries and Election Designation (Sen. Okerlund)

S.B. 3002s19 Congressional Boundaries Designation (Sen. Okerlund)

S.B. 3005 Lieutenant Governor District Determinations (Sen. Okerlund)

Governor Herbert issued the following statement regarding Utah's redistricting effort:

“Redistricting is an emotional and complex issue. For more than six months, the State Legislature engaged members of the public in an unprecedented way. I find that the Legislature followed the law, and the outcome, although not entirely satisfactory to everyone, is reasonable. Let us remember, in the final analysis, our representatives are not chosen by lines drawn on a map; they are elected by the people of Utah.”

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