

From: Sandy Tenney
To: LH MEMBERS
CC: Cindy Hardman, Scott Wunderlich
Date: 9/13/2011 2:52:45 PM
Subject: Tuesday Report; 9/13/2011

A few items for you today:

- * Special Session begins on **Monday, October 3** (plan on at least three full days).
- * **Lunches for Special Session** - we will follow the same pattern as we do for General Session and Interim Days. You will receive an email from Emily (Republicans) or Rhoda (Democrats) with the lunch menu / list attached.
- Lunch will ONLY be ordered for you** for the Special Session days if you are on the "**standing lunch list.**" If you have questions regarding this issue, please call Kathy Jackson (801-538-1279).
- * **Lodging for Special Session** - for those who need lodging during the special session, please make your arrangements ASAP. If you have problems/questions or need assistance, please call Kathy at 801-538-1279 or Sandy at 801-538-1280.
- * **Be sure to bring your laptop with you for Special Session.**
- * **IF YOU NEED TO BE EXCUSED** FOR ANY OF THE OCT SPECIAL SESSION DAYS, PLEASE NOTIFY SANDY VIA EMAIL OR PHONE.

* **Upcoming dates:**

Wednesday, Sept 21 - Interim Day
Monday, Oct. 3 - convening of Third Special Session
Wednesday, Oct. 19 - Interim Day
Wednesday, Nov. 16 - Interim Day
(no Interim Day in December)

Please call if we may be of assistance to you in any way.

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From: Lee Perry
To: Kathryn Jackson
Date: 10/19/2011 10:05:30 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request

The only things I have are the maps provided by LRGC that were on redistrict Utah web site and the e-mails I have been sent to my State e-mail but nothing smoky or suspicious.

Lee

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

Please read the attach GRAMA request and respond to me as soon as possible. We have 10 days from today to respond.

Thanks much for your assistance.

KJ

From: Lee Perry
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/17/2011 8:38:02 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

Thank you for your email.

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
Serving the 2nd District
Utah State House of Representatives

From: Lee Perry
To: Lynn Hemingway
Date: 10/17/2011 5:04:56 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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From: Lee Perry
To: Larry Wiley
Date: 10/17/2011 3:54:10 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Becky Lockhart
Date: 10/15/2011 11:24:05 AM
Subject: Re: Redistricting (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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From: Lee Perry
To: Paul Ray
Date: 10/13/2011 7:26:39 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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Utah State House of Representatives

From: Lee Perry
To: Ryan Wilcox
Date: 10/13/2011 9:29:28 PM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Ken Ivory
Date: 10/14/2011 9:22:26 AM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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From: Lee Perry
To: Jim Bird
Date: 10/14/2011 9:23:35 AM
Subject: Re: GRAMA Request (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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From: Lee Perry
To: Kathryn Jackson
Date: 10/13/2011 3:38:46 PM
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Rep. Lee B. Perry
Serving the 2nd District
Utah State House of Representatives

From: Lee Perry
To: Emily Bergeson
Date: 10/12/2011 4:21:35 PM
Subject: Re: Lunch Lists Special Session and Interim (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Becky Lockhart
Date: 10/11/2011 6:51:10 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Utah State House of Representatives

From: Lee Perry
To: Becky Lockhart
Date: 10/7/2011 5:58:44 PM
Subject: Re: Update on Special Session (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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I personally receive and read the communications that are sent to this address.

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
Serving the 2nd District
Utah State House of Representatives

From: Lee Perry
To: Emily Brown
Date: 10/5/2011 5:08:33 PM
Subject: Re: Campaign Contributions during Special Session (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
Serving the 2nd District
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From: Lee Perry
To: John Fellows
Date: 10/3/2011 3:05:54 PM
Subject: Re: Litigation Hold -- For your immediate attention (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Utah House Conservative Caucus
Date: 9/30/2011 2:31:55 PM
Subject: Re: Special Session Caucus Meeting (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Utah House Conservative Caucus
Date: 9/30/2011 2:42:23 PM
Subject: Re: Sorry! Re: Special Session Caucus Meeting (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Chelsea Lloyd
Date: 9/30/2011 5:45:08 PM
Subject: Re: Special Session Bills (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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Rep. Lee B. Perry
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From: Lee Perry
To: Becky Lockhart
Date: 9/28/2011 8:19:43 PM
Subject: Re: The redistricting call (Thanks for Your E-mail)

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From: Peggy Burdett <2010.delegate@gmail.com>
BC: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
Date: 10/21/2011 3:08:29 PM
Subject: Utah Redistricting splits homes in half ABC4 News
Attachments: Mime.822

<http://www.abc4.com/content/news/state/story/EXCLUSIVE-Oops-Redistricting-legislators-split/z2hk0EjGUOSZbkkOUdCOw.csp>

EXCLUSIVE: Oops! Redistricting legislators split homes in half

ABC 4 News) - What if, in their haste to pass new political boundaries, Utah Legislators had accidentally split people's homes and put each half into a different congressional district?

Sound far-fetched?

Well, wait until you find out what we found out.

In the late Monday night debate over new congressional districts, it occurred to some that not even the bill's sponsor knew exactly what was in his new and final map.

So ABC 4 took a closer look on the internet.

We were surprised to find several Utah houses actually split in half on the congressional maps.

Now, we couldn't get a comment from the owner of the split house we visited, so, instead, we went to someone we suspected might have a thing or two to say about divided houses.

"There is a half a house! There is a half a house!"

This is how the clearly startled Chairman of Utah's Democratic Party reacted when we showed him the maps of half-houses.

But, once he came to his senses, Jim Dabakis immediately blamed Republicans for drawing last minute maps behind closed doors.

"You end up with stupid mistakes like this. That's what happens with closed caucuses."

ABC 4 found nearly a dozen houses where new congressional boundaries split homes.

And there certainly could be more half-houses we didn't find.

Dabakis, sensing an opportunity, immediately (and somewhat sarcastically) labeled Republicans as being anti-family,

"Another half a house! This is going split up families and the Democratic Party is for keeping families together."

Now, ABC 4 is being assured this half-house mess will be corrected.

When we asked how...

We were told that often the voters end up in the congressional district that the house's bedroom is in.

Seriously.

Follow Chris Vanocur on Twitter: @cvan4

From: Allyson Isom
To: Allyson Isom
BC: Lee Perry
Date: 10/20/2011 4:27:31 PM
Subject: Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills
Attachments: [10.20 Final Special Session Bills Signed.pdf](#)

The attached contains the following content:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 20, 2011

Contact: Ally Isom
Deputy Chief of Staff
801.538.1503 desk
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aisom@utah.gov

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To:
BC: Lee Perry
Date: 10/19/2011 6:43:02 PM
Subject: Governor Should Veto the Map
Attachments: [Mime_822](#)

http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article_a2bbeca5-72c3-54f2-ae95-d6ccb1e5423e.html

IN OUR VIEW

Opinion: Governor should veto the map

Posted: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 11:00 am

Gov. Gary Herbert should take a close look at the congressional district map delivered by the Utah Legislature on Monday, and then veto it for what he finds.

He should not stand for the dissection of Utah communities, regardless of the partisan advantages of doing so. A veto would bring the legislature's foolishness into full public view.

We hope Herbert will take the high road of statesmanship and invite his fellow Republicans to begin to rehabilitate their shattered reputation. And this is coming from the unabashedly conservative Daily Herald.

Senator Ben McAdams, D-Salt Lake City, told the news media that each district in the new map is at least 62 percent Republican, which is either a mathematical miracle or proof that the Republicans' claims of fairness are nothing but an alibi.

Well, it's not a mathematical miracle.

To disregard community cohesion is to commit assault and battery on the democratic process. In Utah County and elsewhere, residents will be carved away from their neighbors arbitrarily. The map splits Lehi in two along Interstate 15, for example -- and American Fork, and Springville, and Spanish Fork, and Payson, and even little Santaquin.

But while a highway may provide a physical pretext for division, it provides a poor standard for understanding the more important dynamics of a city. Social cohesion is the warp and woof of our fabric of self-government.

In light of this, the Utah Legislature's use of roads to set congressional districts is lazy at best. It achieves a cold numerical balance without taking into account the crucial element of a vibrant political system: the common ground upon which people stand. It does violence to the idea of shared interests, of communication over a back fence or at a grocery store or gas station.

Roads in this case provided cover for political mischief -- the creation of four congressional districts that are now virtual certainties for Republican control and devised in secret for the express purpose of suppressing competing points of view. Very clever work.

We, too, would like to see more conservative votes in Washington. But it matters how this is achieved. While it's true that a majority party can stomp a jackboot and force an issue, it is also true that majorities should be extremely careful in the exercise of this power -- at least if we want a healthy America and not a polarized, political Gulag. Respect for others and a willingness to listen is always better than secrecy and scorched earth.

Statesmanship can work wonders. It did in 2006 when a redistricting committee worked up a four-seat map in response to the proposed trade that would give Washington, D.C., a voting member. The bipartisan vote was 11-1. The committee's work was hailed as good for Utah.

Unfortunately, there are few members of the legislature anymore with the skills of statesmanship and the maturity required to achieve the inclusiveness and goodwill that has long made America special. What we have instead is an increasingly hardening view -- the view that might makes right.

By far the worst feature of the new map is its chopping up of cohesive communities, many of them in Utah County, and assigning the parts to different representatives. A little nick here and there might be defensible to make a map work, but plowing wholesale paths along a highway is unconscionable.

Take tiny Santaquin, for example. It has development emerging on both sides of I-15. An artificial strip of asphalt and concrete does not prevent warm-blooded people from moving daily from one side of town to the other, or from talking to one another, or from going to church or school together. Nor does the freeway inhibit or channel commerce to such a degree that by living on either side residents become creatures of different worlds. In California, perhaps, but not in Santaquin. People on the east side must still go west to buy groceries.

We see no reason that Santaquin could not have been left intact, with the district boundary drawn hard against the mountain, just as Provo's district



From: Peggy Burdett <2010.delegate@gmail.com>
BC: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
Date: 10/18/2011 7:03:22 PM
Subject: Utah Legislature commits crime against humanity
Attachments: Mime.822

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IN OUR VIEW

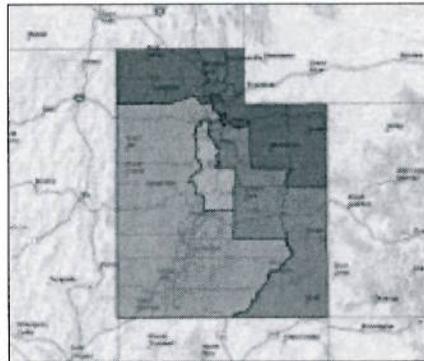
Opinion: Utah legislature commits crime against humanity

Posted: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 11:45 am

The Utah Legislature has committed a crime against humanity.

On Monday night, both houses adopted a map for Utah's representatives to Congress that would border on the laughable if it didn't hurt so many communities.

The view from space may look reasonable, but when you get down to street-level details, the map is awful. Many cities have been illogically split, including Lehi, Springville, Payson, Spanish Fork, Santaquin, Park City and many others.



Sanpete County was divided so that Mt. Pleasant is in the new Fourth District and Ephraim and Manti are in the Second. Eagle Mountain was joined far north to West Jordan.

And these are just a few examples of the idiocy. We wouldn't wonder but that a majority of the legislature might have passed through Provo on Sunday to take advantage of the new beer sales, except that Utah beer would not explain this. They must have been drinking something harder.

Anybody who thinks that communities of interest and intact communities do not belong in the redistricting process should think again. These are the very fiber of our political system.

To divide the state's natural communities in this way -- largely motivated by a desire to give advantage to one political party -- is enough to bring James Madison howling from the grave. The House voted 50-19; the Senate 20-5.

The people of Utah ought to rise up and wring legislators' necks like Thanksgiving turkeys. This is a colossal foul-up, which is what always happens when you undertake a major task like redistricting with impure motives. The urge to gerrymander won out over statesmanship. It's a low point for the state of Utah.

Now we're going to have to listen to lawmakers defend themselves in the most syrupy, persuasive voices they can muster. We already have a headache.

One sign of how bad things had gotten with the process was Monday's lame attempt by the Dave Clark Five to carve out a district seemingly custom-made for somebody from Santa Clara to win a seat in Congress. That proposal would have split Provo at Center Street, with Clark's hometown of Spanish Fork falling in with St. George.

From: aurora guzman
To: Lee Perry, aurora guzman
Date: 10/15/2011 3:59:01 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative:

I am addressing you to let you know that, after considering the propositions on Redistricting, I concluded that the Garber Citizen Map sponsored by Rep Brian King, is the most compact and contiguous and the best of all.

As a resident of Washington County, I urge you to, please, vote for the Garber Citizen Map. I count on your right vote.

Thank you, sincerely,

Aurora Guzman
St George, UT

From: gail gerlach
To: Lee Perry
Date: 10/15/2011 10:10:21 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: Represent Me Utah
To: Becky Lockhart, Michael Waddoups
BC: Lee Perry
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,

Represent Me Utah!

Representmeutah.org

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 McIlff, 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: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
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
354 South 500 East
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From: Connie Stewart
BC: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
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,

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From: Brad Galvez, Curt Webb, David Butterfield, Jack Draxler, Lee Perry
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Date: On sacrificing the good of the people for the good of a politician
Subject: Mime.822
Attachments:

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 strays from good ethics to allow politics and political careers to be a factor in the way the map is drawn. (Maps? I believe the only one left, is the congressional map. But, if the legislative maps have not been finalized, I am concerned about them, as well.)

To the victor goes the spoils? And, therefore, you are but claiming what is yours? Is this no more of a thing 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.

Please, as you look at the six (or however many) choices, consider which of them have been drawn to forward a political career and opt not to support that plan.

-- John Jackson
of Sandy

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 Perry, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Patrick Painter, Paul Ray, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Ryan Wilcox, Stewart Barlow, Steve Eliason, Steve Handy, Todd Kiser, Val Peterson, Wayne Harper,

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. The other two would likely be winnable by either party—the East / SLC district would likely be won by any strong Democratic candidate. The West / SL County south district would generally be won by any strong Republican candidate. But in both those districts our votes would at least matter.

I think it is important that Utah be represented in Congress by at least one Democrat and one Republican. Otherwise our state's voice will never matter with one or the other of the parties.

Plewe's NSEW map would split Salt Lake County north (SLC together) and south instead of east and west. Brandon's map, as he says,

- a. Divides cities and counties as little as possible. Only 3 counties are divided (Davis, SL, Utah), and each is only divided between two districts. Only two cities are divided: Bountiful and Pleasant Grove.
- b. Preserve rural regions: Northern Utah, Southern Utah, Uintah Basin
- c. Make districts as compact (near-circular) as possible. Unfortunately, to keep SLC & WVC intact, I had to divide Salt Lake County into North and South"

I would add, because Brandon followed boundaries, there are also only three school districts that are divided between two districts—all in the largest districts in the state, Davis, Granite, and Alpine. Brandon accomplishes all this by throwing out the Redistricting committee's fetish of 2010 population variations at plus or minus 1 or 2 people or less. With Brandon at plus or minus 77 people and .01 of 1 percent his differences are still well within statistical irrelevance. I am not a statistician, but I suspect anything up to .5 of one percent variance would be statistically irrelevant, legally supportable, and any concerns about it should be trumped by as an issue by communities of interest.

Would one of you submit Brandon's map with a democrat and have a vote on it so a vote is in the record?

I also left comments about most of the plans at the Redistrict Utah site. Sorry this is so long, but I have (perhaps naïve) hope that some of you will read and act on the above as talking points this week. Thanks for all you do.

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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,
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From: Jen
BC: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
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: Kelli Lundgren
To: Lee Perry
Date: 10/14/2011 9:59:21 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
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,
Kelli Lundgren

From: John McLaughlin
To: Lee Perry, John McLaughlin
Date: 10/14/2011 10:01:59 AM
Subject: Redistricting Map
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Rep. Perry,

I have been following the redistricting issue and have found that the fairest map of all the redistricting maps is the one being offered by Rep. King:

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It doesn't split any county more than two ways. It includes a balance of rural and urban voters in each district (which I disagree with, but is a requirement of the governor's). It simply makes more sense and is much less gerrymandered than any other map I've seen.

I urge you to support this map.

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Date: 10/14/2011 10:04:06 AM
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Subject: Redistricting
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I support the Rep. King/Garber Citizen Congressional Map. This map is fair to all citizens of our great state. Please vote for it.

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Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Please support the Garber Citizen Map modified. It is the best solution for ALL Utahns.

Dorothy Engelman

Chair, Washington County Democratic Party

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Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.~Barack Obama

From: Rob Bishop
BC: Lee Perry, Lee Perry
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 Moab and Park City should be together because they all attract tourists - cute, but not a reason for drawing such lines.

Salt Lake City cannot even claim to be one "community of interest." Can one with a straight face claim students at the U of U have the same interests as single family home owners in west Rose Park or Redwood Road; that Glendale is a mirror image of the east bench; that the community in the Avenues replicates occupants of buildings like the Eagle Gate downtown? Come on!

When one hollers "community of interest" (or "gerrymandering" for that matter), the shouter really just wants the fulcrum of power elsewhere – and usually for partisan purposes.

B) The Legislature can't pick future Congressmen by drawing lines and it's not fair for some to try to claim that is what is happening. Look at the existing congressional boundaries: Box Elder is not the center of the 1st District; Matheson wins in the Republican 2nd District, and Chaffetz doesn't even live in the 3rd District. Despite district lines, voters pick whom they choose.

C) There are maps I like, and a whole lot that are just butt ugly. Please be cautious.

Thank you for your efforts. Redistricting is always a time consuming task with major complaints and few compliments. I understand. I've been there and done that. Personally, I have major compliments for your efforts – and just a few complaints. You should all be commended for your commitment to this process and for the accountability that comes with it.

Rob Bishop