

From: Rachel Larson
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/20/2011 10:17:58 PM
Subject: RE: redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Thank you!

Date: Wed, 19 Oct 2011 20:32:22 -0600
From: hrichardson@utah.gov
To: rach582@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: redistricting

Rachel, I voted to keep the caucuses open each time there was a motion to close them. I agree with you that we have nothing to hide.

Holly

>>> Rachel Larson 10/17/11 9:13 PM >>>

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

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

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefl
Layton, Utah

From: Greg Briscoe
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/18/2011 3:48:26 PM
Subject: Redistricting for 4th congressional district
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I just watched the news and saw with surprise exactly what my government should not be doing. I wrote to you earlier asking for your support for the McAdams-Cox Redistricting map. Now I see what I have asked before to not be done just keep going on without regard to us, the voters. I beg of you stop this nonsense! The people of Utah are calling on you to submit equal representation without this political intrigue.

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

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefl
Layton, Utah

From: gail gerlach
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/15/2011 10:28:31 PM
Subject: redistricting
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I urge you to vote for the Gerber Citizen Map because it appears to be the most equitable and closer to the redistricting committee's recommendation the legislature appointed and we all paid for.

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

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

Gail Gerlach

From: Charlie Trefth
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I urge you to support the McAdams/Cox Modification.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Larry Meyers
To: Larry Meyers
BC: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/16/2011 9:02:11 AM
Subject: Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes
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Dear Utah House members,

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

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

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

Larry Meyers
Treasurer, Utah Republican Assembly

From: 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 McIff, 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
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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:
To: Bradley Daw, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Chris Herrod, Christine Watkins, David Clark, Don IPSON, Dean Sanpei, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Holly Richardson, Kay McIlff, Keith Grover, Mike Morley, Patrick Painter, Stephen Sandstrom, Val Peterson,
Date: 10/16/2011 10:35:50 PM
Subject: Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician
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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.

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 than that. In this case, if you adjust the boundaries to increase the chances of your party, or the odds for a potential 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 to serve will of fellow political aspirants.

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

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: David Edward Garber
To: Holly Richardson, David Edward Garber
Date: 10/17/2011 12:09:15 AM
Subject: Utah's New U.S. Congressional Districts
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative Richardson,

Just for your information, RepresentMeUtah! recently polled Utahns about several possible U.S. Congressional redistricting plans, and their 200+ respondents to this poll overwhelmingly favored *King01* above its alternatives. You may view this poll's results on the webpage linked below. Thank you!

<http://www.representmeutah.org/>

David Edward Garber