

From: Loma McKinnon
To: Loma McKinnon
BC: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/17/2011 12:33:54 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

I am a resident of Saratoga Springs and a Republican Vice Chair. I would like to see the districts divided evenly, not favoring Democrats or Republicans unfairly. Carving out an area for Jim Matheson is the definition of giving unfair advantage. The committee has worked hard over the year to make this work so please keep it that way. LLee McKinnon

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: Debbie Silversmith
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/14/2011 9:35:11 AM
Subject: Garber Citizen Map is great!
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Representative Richardson,
I am a resident of American Fork and I like Brian King's version of the Congressional Map, the Garber Citizen Map.
The divisions seem fair and logical.
Thanks,

Debbie Silversmith
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From: Kelli Lundgren
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/14/2011 10:46:35 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative Richardson,

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:
To: Holly Richardson,
Date: 10/14/2011 1:02:18 PM
Subject: redistricting
Attachments: [image001.gif](#), [image002.gif](#), [Mime.822](#)

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.

Alan Christensen, an&la, aicp

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The A.C.E. in LandsCapEs...



From: Q Dang
To: Q Dang
BC: Holly Richardson
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: Holly Richardson, Holly Richardson
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

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](#)

Speakers at the Press Conference yesterday in the Capitol protesting redistricting:

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

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

John Hansen: Registered Democrat, SLC

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

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

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

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

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

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

From: "Cindy Whitehair"
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/3/2011 8:34:32 PM
Subject: RE: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

It is Susan Duckworth. She is not the most regular at checking her Legislature email which is why I reached out to you.

Cindy

Ideology, politics and journalism, which luxuriate in failure, are impotent in the face of hope and joy.

— *P. J. O'Rourke*

From: Holly Richardson [mailto:hrichardson@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2011 10:14 AM
To: Cindy Whitehair
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Cindy - I appreciate you contacting me. At this point, I am not sure what I can do, but I will definitely talk to people. Who is the current Rep out there right now?

>>> "Cindy Whitehair" <whitehairs@integraonline.com> 10/3/2011 7:52 AM >>>
Rep. Richardson,

I am writing to you as a respected member of the majority party – someone who might actually be able to sway some votes. I have a very big concern about the State Legislative map, specifically House District 22. According to the map that was approved by the committee – House District 22 would be map up of the cities of Magna and Copperton – two communities that are 15 miles apart – connected by a swath of land owned by Kennecott. While I certainly would not call this “gerrymandering” it is – at best odd beyond belief.

I would ask, for the sake of Magna and Copperton residents – that you help advocate for us to get into a district that is more representative of our interests and in a more contiguous district.

Thanks for your consideration.

Cindy Whitehair
Magna UT

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

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

Remember who elects you--WE THE PEOPLE!

Carole E. Peterson

From: "Cindy Whitehair"
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From: Rachel Larson
To: Holly Richardson
Date: 10/2/2011 9:11:58 PM
Subject: RE: redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Because I am a native of Salt Lake County, and just recently moved to Utah County, I feel that any map that cuts up the organic boundaries of neighborhoods and communities within the Wasatch Front is confusing and disrespectful to voters. For example, the Holladay area is not best served when it is searching for support from 3 different congress representatives. Closer to home, I think splitting American Fork and Pleasant Grove, or even the city of Provo, makes no sense and does not promote a sense of community. The needs of these communities are synonymous. If necessary, the potency of their lobbying abilities is best preserved by continuity of communication with one congressional office rather than multiple.

I support a map that preserves representation in Washington for organic neighborhoods, and there are many on the redistricting website to choose from. The double donut idea is better than what is currently being presented to the legislature, although I prefer clearly drawn boundaries, many of which already exist between cities, counties, or natural landmarks. But the idea that moving across the street may put me in a different congressional district is absurd.

Good luck and thanks for response.

Date: Sat, 1 Oct 2011 15:40:37 -0600
From: hrichardson@utah.gov
To: rach582@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: redistricting

Which map do you like?

>>> Rachel Larson 09/29/11 9:51 PM >>>

The current map submitted by Becky Lockhart and approved by the redistricting committee which splits the urban core of Utah is messy, divides communities and local governments, and reeks of partisan gerrymandering. Please vote against it.

From: Rachel Larson
To: Holly Richardson, John Valentine
Date: 9/29/2011 9:51:17 PM
Subject: redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City
801-362-9999