

## Joel Briscoe - Re: redistricting

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** ggerlach@mac.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** emina@math.utah.edu  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Utah's redistricting

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Emina,

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Rep. Briscoe

>>> Emina Alibegovic 10/15/11 2:13 AM >>>  
Dear Mr. Briscoe,

Please support the Congressional map sponsored by Representative Brian King that is a modification of the Garber Citizen Map. It splits Salt Lake County into only two, and Utah County into only two. So far this map comes closest to representing the makeup of Utah's citizens and communities.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Emina Alibegovic

## Joel Briscoe - Re: Fwd: garber citizen map modified

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** krrice@xmission.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:32 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: garber citizen map modified

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Kathy,

I believe that one Congressional district should be located entirely within SL County. After that, I like the Garber-King map. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Kathleen Rice 10/15/11 11:01 AM >>>

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kathleen Rice <krrice@xmission.com>  
**Date:** October 15, 2011 10:50:07 AM MDT  
**To:** jbrisco@utah.gov  
**Subject:** garber citizen map modified

Mr. Briscoe,

In the upcoming vote,  
I urge you and your other members to consider the Garber Map, modified,  
as the most fair.

Thank you for your representation,  
Kathy Rice

## Joel Briscoe - Democrats, Consider McAdams/Cox, King S07 and King S12

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**From:** "Craig Shuler" <shulercl@gmail.com>  
**To:** <lrobles@utahsenate.org>, <bmcadams@utahsenate.org>, <genedavis@utahsena...>  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:37 PM  
**Subject:** Democrats, Consider McAdams/Cox, King S07 and King S12

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Democratic Legislators,

1. The McAdams / Cox "Modification of Hat and 3 Stripes" is apparently the only bipartisan map published since the late September adjournment. It is not as good as Rep. King's maps but as Sen. McAdams said at the SLC library last Tuesday, it may be the only one the supermajority will consider as a compromise.
2. By nearly any definition, the Republican-only 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 the Republicans 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.

3. Rep. Sumsion explained at the library that the Utah House boundaries, mostly developed by him, were done in a 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 maps.
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 he be able to find some Republican in Central or southern Utah to sponsor it with him as bipartisan?

5. The only map I like better than Rep. King's is Brandon Plewe's NSEW modification of King's S07. It 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 he is 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 should be trumped by communities of interest.

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

6. Rep. King's proposed Substitutions S05 & S08 with the big rural doughnut is way too big. The other flaws I see in it are the way it divides nearby regions such as Nephi from Payson, Tooele from West Valley, Park City from Salt Lake City and Morgan from Ogden.
7. Rep. Litvack's Substitution S09 tries to divide Salt Lake County north and south, like Plewe's map does, but to me it connects rural counties to SL County in an illogical way as the Republican maps—around Great Salt Lake and over snowbound back roads to connect Rich to Morgan to Salt Lake Counties and not connecting either with Cache, Weber or Summit Counties.

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.

*Craig L. Shuler, CPA*

Democratic State and Salt Lake County Delegate

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## Joel Briscoe - Re: Please endorse the Garber Citizen Map

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** gabeatiya@yahoo.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:41 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please endorse the Garber Citizen Map

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Gabe,

Other than creating a Congressional district entirely within SL County, I like the Garber-King map. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Gabriel Atiya 10/15/11 5:06 PM >>>

Dear sirs:

I have been paying limited attention to the redistricting issue, but really like the Garber Citizen Map and hope you will endorse it. It is no secret that Utah is a pretty gerrymandered state, and there must be good reason for this issue to be generating as much attention as it has.

Thank you,  
Gabe Atiya

**Joel Briscoe - Re: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.**

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** representmeutah@gmail.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:51 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.

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I agree with the Speaker: good process makes for better results. I'm dismayed by the process, and lack of process, that has been used to create the Congressional map currently in front of the House. I'm in no hurry, and I will encourage the Democratic caucus to take all the time we need to look at any revisions proposed tomorrow that we haven't had time to adequately peruse. Thanks for your continued attention to this critical issue.

Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Represent Me Utah 10/16/11 2:25 PM >>>

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

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**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** adacox@bajabb.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:52 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting

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Bill and Ada,

I am opposed to SB 3002. I believe there were better alternatives among the six finalist maps approved by the redistricting committee. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> ada cox <adacox@bajabb.com> 10/16/11 7:36 PM >>>  
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:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** stewart.connie@gmail.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:55 PM  
**Subject:** Re: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

Connie,

I am opposed to SB 3002. I believe there are better alternatives among the six finalist maps that we being considered by the Redistricting Committee before the Speaker introduced what is SB 3002. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Connie Stewart 10/16/11 7:44 PM >>>

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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Saint George, UT 84770-3718  
Phone - 435-628-7932  
Email - stewart.connie@gmail.com

**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** johnjackson08@comcast.net  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician

John,

I think you've hit the nail on the head. SB 3002, passed by the Senate, and in front of the House, is, in my opinion, clearly drawn to benefit one particular member of the Utah House of Representatives. I believe that one congressional district should be entirely within SL County. After that, I like the Garber-King map, and some of the maps drawn by Sen. McAdams. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> 10/16/11 10:04 PM >>>  
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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 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.

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:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** joelfor25@gmail.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:03 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: redistricting  
**Attachments:** redistricting

**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** Jody.Rosenblatt@hci.utah.edu  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:06 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please vote for the Garber/King Map!

Jody,

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Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Jody Rosenblatt 10/13/11 9:11 PM >>>

Dear Joel,  
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Thanks,  
Jody

Jody Rosenblatt, A  
email: jody.rosenblatt@hci.utah.edu

**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** dennysat@hotmail.com  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:09 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Garber Map

Dennis,

We're in the same choir. My first preference would be for a congressional district located completely within SL County, but that doesn't look to be in the cards. I also like the Garber-King map. After that map, some of the maps that Sen. McAdams has drawn I could vote for, but that's about it. Thanks for writing. I hope all is well with you and yours in Summit County.

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>>> "denny" 10/13/11 9:22 PM >>>  
Dear Joel

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Dennis J. Saturnino  
District 25 resident.

**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** hprater@kued.org  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:12 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting map

Henrietta,

Thanks for writing. My first preference would be for a congressional district located completely within SL County. After that I agree with you, I like the Garber-King map. Some of the maps drawn by Sen. McAdams are OK, and I would consider. Keep your fingers crossed.

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>>> Henri Prater 10/13/11 9:26 PM >>>  
Dear Representative Briscoe,

You're my representative in the legislature and I'm sending this email to let you know that I support the Garber Citizen map.  
Please support this redistricting map.  
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Henrietta Prater

**From:** Joel Briscoe  
**To:** jelisehogan50@comcast.net  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:15 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting- Congressional Map

Jannine,

Thanks for writing. My first preference would be for a congressional district located entirely within SL County, but I don't think the Rs will allow that. Barring that, I also like the Garber-King map. We're on the same page there. Sen. Ben McAdams has drawn some maps that are reasonable. Keep your fingers crossed. I hope all is well with you and your husband.

Joel

>>> jannine hogan 10/14/11 8:14 AM >>>  
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Respectfully,

jannine hogan

p.s

Joel,  
It was good to visit with you at the Avenues Street Festival.

Take Care,  
jannine

**From:** gail gerlach <ggerlach@mac.com>  
**To:** Joel Briscoe <jbriscoe@utah.gov>  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: redistricting

Thanks for your input. I do like the idea of keeping SL County in once piece. If you don't mind, could you tell me the name of that map.

Gail Gerlach

On Oct 16, 2011, at 10:29 PM, Joel Briscoe wrote:

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**Joel Briscoe - Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)**

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**From:** Q Dang <qdang70@yahoo.com>  
**To:** Me <qdang70@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 7:30 PM  
**Subject:** Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)

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Dear Representative,

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 I 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 know you have worked very diligently for the people of Utah, and I thank you for it.

Sincerely,  
Quang Dang

**From:** Jody Rosenblatt <Jody.Rosenblatt@hci.utah.edu>  
**To:** "jbriscoe@utah.gov" <jbriscoe@utah.gov>  
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**From:** Kathryn Fitzgerald <klrfitzgerald@gmail.com>  
**To:** <jbriscoe@utah.gov>  
**Date:** 10/8/2011 10:46 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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Dear Rep. Briscoe:

Thank you for your support of rational redistricting boundaries. I'm just writing to let you know your constituents support your efforts. Keep at it until the bitter end!

Kathryn Fitzgerald

1385 Butler Ave.

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## Joel Briscoe - Governor Signs Special Session Bills

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**From:** Allyson Isom  
**To:** Allyson Isom  
**Date:** 10/13/2011 3:02 PM  
**Subject:** Governor Signs Special Session Bills  
**Attachments:** 10.13 Special Session Bills Signed.pdf

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The attached contains the following content:

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 13, 2011

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## Governor Signs Special Session Bills

SALT LAKE CITY— Today Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the following pieces of legislation from the current special legislative session.

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(Representative Michael Morley)
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(Representative Kay McIff)
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(Representative Patrick Painter)

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GARY R. HERBERT  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF UTAH  
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GREG BELL  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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## **Joel Briscoe - Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting**

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**From:** Crystal Young-Otterstrom <crystal@utdem.org>  
**To:** <Press@utdem.org>  
**Date:** 10/7/2011 12:26 PM  
**Subject:** Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

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Crystal Young-Otterstrom

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, October 7, 2011

## **Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting**

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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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**From:** "Ellen Brady" <ebrady@xmission.com>  
**To:** "Ellen Brady" <ebrady@xmission.com>  
**Date:** 10/7/2011 1:43 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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Dear Representative or Senator:

I am pleased that the legislature has 'stepped back to take another look' relative to redistricting, as it was clear from the map under consideration at that time did not represent the concerns of many Utah citizens. That is, the map did not keep communities of interest intact in any meaningful sense of the word. Specifically, the 'pizza slice' approach to Salt Lake County completely disenfranchised that population by carving it into four pieces and linking three to rural areas with enough population to overpower the urban voice.

Unfortunately, it appears that the 'revised' plan, developed behind closed doors and without public input only worsens the situation by linking the new District 4 to rural areas as well. This approach serves no one well -- urban or rural -- and represents a total travesty that can only be described as blatant gerrymandering for partisan gain. The comments of Becky Lockhart and others chastising questioners who dared suggest that this approach disenfranchised voters and weakened democracy by replying that 'this is a Republic' (don't you know stupid) and 'no Republican or Democrat' will be deprived of a vote under this plan' only underscores the blatant disregard of this legislature for those you are supposed to represent and a lack of understanding of many prior court rulings that underscore the importance of preserving communities of interest in order to protect the ability of those groups to be effectively heard. Additionally, claims that you 'listened to the public' have been nullified by your subsequent redrawing of the lines behind closed doors and the destruction by some members of email communications relevant to the process. Prior to this, efforts to silence the voice of Utahns by creating impossibly high barriers to citizen petitions only further underscores this disregard. The voices of the many thousands who signed a petition asking for an independent redistricting commission have been ignored. I am confident that, had the bar not been set quite so high and had online signatures been acceptable, the initiative would have been on the ballot and would have passed.

Please astonish me and truly step back far enough to consider and implement a plan that does not disenfranchise the urban majority population of this state. We will be heard -- if not now, at the ballot box come November.

**Ellen**

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**Joel Briscoe - Inquiry From A Constituent Concerning HB 0121 - Sexual Solicitation Amendments**

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Dear Representative Briscoe,

I am one of your constituents. I'm 26 years old and I live in the 9th and 9th area of Salt Lake City, where my parents own a home.

I'm currently in Law School at the University of Utah and I'm researching an article for the Journal of Law and Family Studies. My article is about the Sexual Solicitation Amendments that were recently made into law by the Legislature during the 2011 General Session.

HB 0121, The Sexual Solicitation Amendments, were introduced by Representative Seelig. Having watched the floor debates that are online, I noticed that every single floor vote on this bill passed unanimously and there was almost no discussion or debate of any kind. I was wondering if you could give me some perspective on the process. Were you present when this bill was voted on and discussed? Is it common for our elected representatives to raise no concerns about bills that will greatly affect the rights of the citizens of this State?

To be clear, it seems to me that the Amendments made into law by HB-0121, now in the Utah Code at U.C.A. 1953 §76-10-1313 violate both the Utah and the United States Constitution because they are over-broad.

§76-10-1313 provides that a person is guilty of the Class B misdemeanor of Sexual Solicitation if that person, "with intent to engage in sexual activity for a fee or to pay another person to commit any sexual activity for a fee engages in, offers or agrees to engage in" certain activities which include touching the female breast or a male or female's buttocks.

Additionally, the statute provides that such intent can be INFERRED from those very acts. So in other words, if a person touches a female breast, or offers their buttocks to be touched, a police officer can now go ahead and just "infer" that the person has the intent to commit sexual solicitation and that person will be guilty of a crime.

Furthermore, if a person is HIV positive and knows it, they have now just committed a level 3 felony (conceivably simply for touching). See 76-10-1309. This concerns me because it could lead to the arbitrary targeting of gay community members, who have it tough enough as it is in the State of Utah. Touching is a type of conduct that communicates and is accordingly protected by the First Amendment. The law is overbroad because it prohibits a substantial amount of constitutionally-protected conduct, and as a result it will also very likely lead to arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement.

I'm very disturbed that this law passed so easily. I hope that, as my representative, you will make sure that such constitutionally flawed laws are not allowed to pass essentially without any debate. Even more disturbing is that the United States District Court struck down a very similar amendment in 1988 as being unconstitutional because substantially overbroad. See *Guinther v. Wilkinson*, 679 F.Supp. 1066

(Utah 1988)

I appreciate any help in this matter, or any perspective you might be able to give me on this bill specifically, or on the legislative process in general. I also welcome your observations and reflections upon this bill. Thank you very much for your help, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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## Joel Briscoe - Please don't play politics!

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# Daily Herald IN OUR VIEW

## A really bad pizza recipe

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In the effort to redraw Utah's congressional districts, two of the three Utah County-based lawmakers on the commission charged with making a proposal say they like what's been dubbed the "pizza slice" plan.

That's the plan with the points of the new congressional districts in Salt Lake County.

Never mind that this plan would water down Utah County's clout in Washington, without any compensating benefits. And never mind that these lawmakers are supposed to represent their local constituents.

The alternative to pizza is doughnuts. This approach would create poorly named "doughnut holes," or zones encompassing one or more of the main urban areas: Salt Lake County for sure, Utah County being the next obvious choice, and Davis County and its environs a third possibility. In some of these plans, the new Utah fourth district would cover a lot of the state's rural areas.

Note that a district comprising Utah County and a few other small chunks would focus a U.S. representative's attention squarely on this valley. You'd think that area lawmakers would naturally favor the idea.

But no. Rep. Ken Sumsion, R-American Fork, the House chair for the committee, and Rep. Francis Gibson, R-Mapleton, are favoring the pizza slice plan.

"I would like our congressional delegation unified in representing all the interests of Utah," Sumsion says. Defenders of the slice idea say it would force members of Congress to pay attention to rural areas in the four districts, since each slice would include some rural zones.

But it's easy to flip that argument over. A pizza slice plan is likely to turn rural voters into a minority in each district, thus diminishing their clout. The pizza plan could virtually disenfranchise them as representatives respond to the majority.

By contrast, if rural areas make up the bulk of a district, that district will have the undivided attention of at least one member of Congress, and the peripheral attention of all the others. The interests of rural Utah will affect the state, starting with energy development. Nobody will be ignoring those factors.

Is the pizza plan more fair? No. But Gibson frets:

"My initial leanings are that a doughnut hole plan has some negative connotation in what people say gerrymandering is," he said. "I would probably lean into dividing the state more equally."

Of course the dominant GOP wants to avoid charges of gerrymandering. The 2000 redistricting still brings the accusation that it fiddled with the boundaries too much in a vain attempt to defeat Utah's lone D.C. Democrat, Rep. Jim Matheson.

Moreover, the population of districts will be more or less equal regardless which plan is chosen, so equality is not the issue.

When the first rumors of the pizza slice plan came out of the oven, Utah Democrats derided it as blatant gerrymandering. Pizza advocates now seem intent on making prophets of those Democrats. The slices, however they are cut, will look like gerrymandering.

Politicians don't usually hand their opponents so much political ammunition, so it has to be wondered what's in their heads. There's something awkward and forced about Republican claims that the pizza slice plan is fairer or provides some special benefit to rural areas. The argument seems especially out of place when it comes from Utah County Republicans.

There's nothing wrong with asking that Utah County receive appropriate voting power in acknowledgement of its rapid growth in the last decade. We are an urban center of more than a half-million people. That it is plainly a distinct political, geographical, historic and economic entity.

Why would Republican lawmakers from our county be willing to let our influence be diluted in service to a plan whose justifications are really shaky.

Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, R-Provo, continues to straddle the fence -- another oddity. She heads the dominant party in one chamber and should use her clout to do the right thing. It's one thing to give all sides some say during a debate, but this issue is too important to leave to chance. A bit of muscle should be exercised.

Read more: [http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article\\_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy](http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy)

## Joel Briscoe - A slap in the face of the people?

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I think that it is wrong to divide communities and neighborhoods like the present plan presents. For example dividing Murray into three districts is wrong. That example could be multiplied many times over. My wife is a school teacher of 20 years. She now believes we need to do away with tenure for teachers. Most teachers are very good, but we need to put the needs of the students first before teachers. The same is true about politicians. The needs of incumbents and political party should not come before the needs of the citizens. Thank-you

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## Tooele Transcript Bulletin Online

### Senate plan carves up county again

by Tim Gillie

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**Sloan: "To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process."**

A proposed base plan for new boundaries for state Senate seats is drawing sharp criticism from Tooele County leaders and citizens who hoped redistricting would finally give them a resident senator.

Since the last round of redistricting a decade ago, Tooele County has been split into four senate districts. A decade of growth has now made the county Utah's seventh largest in terms of population, but the newly proposed boundaries would again divide Tooele County, making it the only one of the state's nine most populous counties not to have a population majority in a senate seat.



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The new plan was proposed by Sen. Ralph Okerlund, R-Monroe, the Senate co-chairman of the redistricting committee whose current district includes most of Tooele County. The plan splits the county in two: Lake Point, Erda, Stansbury Park and part of Tooele City are put in a district comprised mainly of Box Elder County. That district encompasses the home of Sen. Pete Knudson, R-Brigham

City. The remainder of Tooele County is placed in a district that sweeps over the Oquirrh Mountains to take in Magna and part of West Jordan.

The two pieces of Tooele County would each make up only about one third of the population of the two districts.

“Under the proposed plan, Tooele County would make up a minority of two districts and not have a voice in the Senate,” said Merrill Nelson, a former state legislator from Grantsville. “Once again, Tooele gets shafted with divided representation.”

Nelson, who is also a board member of the Fair Boundaries Coalition, said he got involved in the redistricting process this year because he believes in the process and the integrity of the members of the committee.

“This map impugns the system,” said Nelson. “If it is approved, then the cynics and critics win. It will appear that your actual intent was to protect incumbents, as referenced in your comments in today’s meeting.”

In presenting the plan and explaining the necessity of dipping into Tooele County to fill the population for a Box Elder County-based seat, Okerlund made reference to a decision by the committee to not force Sen. Luz Robles, D-Salt Lake City, and Dan Liljenquist, R-Bountiful, into the same Senate district.

“Eliminating the conflict in the northern part of the state was a driving force in the plan,” said Okerlund.

Rep. Doug Sagers, R-Tooele, the only member of Tooele County’s current six-member legislative delegation that resides in the county, expressed his dissatisfaction with the new plan.

“I am angry,” said Sagers. “This is very disappointing. I cannot support the plan, it is just wrong.”

Tooele County Republican Party chairman Chris Sloan, who has attended most of the 17 public hearings held by the committee across the state over the past four months, expressed dismay at the plan.

“All the transparency and public input did not make a difference,” said Sloan. “To slap the people of Tooele County with a map like this shows that the public has no place in the process.”

Sloan presented the committee with letters from the Tooele County Commission, the Tooele mayor and city council, and the Grantsville mayor dated Sept. 6. All of the letters were critical of the plan.

“It is our opinion that Tooele County has again been allowed to be used simply to fill areas of other seats, leaving us in a position of being in a minority in not just one but both of the Senate districts we’ve been drawn into,” wrote the Tooele County Commission in their letter addressed to the committee members.

The committee failed to take any action on the proposed base plan before adjourning their meeting. They will reconvene on Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. in Room 210 of the Senate Building on the state Capitol campus to continue the discussion of state senate boundaries.

“We will have some revisions to the base map prepared by then,” said Okerlund, who admitted he held out little hope for major changes in the Tooele County split.

“When we look at the districts up north, we had to dip into Tooele County to complete the northern

senate seat,” said Okerlund. “The only other alternative would be to start in Tooele County and draw a map and then change everybody else’s boundaries.”

ad more: [Tooele Transcript Bulletin - Senate plan carves up county again](#)

**Joel Briscoe - Please Vote NO**

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Dear Representative Briscoe,

Please **JUST VOTE NO** to Utah's new Sumsion06 Adopted FInal U.S. Congressional Map at next week's Legislative Session. **Your NO vote WILL MATTER.** If citizens can get enough NO votes in the Legislature we have a plan of action.

This adopted map, dubbed the "pizza slice" plan, divides up communities of interest including rural and urban citizens, and purposefully dilutes the votes of unaffiliated voters and Democrats. This plan focuses on a narrow political agenda rather than keeping communities together, unfair to citizens and to democracy. Good plans have been submitted that keep communities together. (Utah Citizens Counsel Plan A, for example.)

I am with a political action committee called RepresentMeUtah! Our group consists of two Independents, a Republican, a Democrat, a Libertarian and a Constitutionalist. (www.representmeutah.org) We have a plan for immediate action if we can get enough NO votes. But also, next year we intend to appeal to 950,000 unaffiliated Utah registered voters to get out and vote for legislative candidates who are willing to stand up for democracy, including standing up for fairness in this redistricting process.

If you have any hesitation with this map, please vote NO.

Best Regards,



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