

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
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RESOLUTION #: 2011-38

Lehi City 2011 Redistricting Resolution

Whereas, state governments redraw district boundaries every ten years based on the results of the most recent census and reapportionment results, and

Whereas, using results from the 2010 census, the Utah State Legislature is redrawing districts for the United States House of Representatives, the Utah House of Representatives, the Utah Senate, and the Utah State Board of Education, and

Whereas, redistricting ensures that each citizen's vote carries the same weight and preserves the ideal of "one person, one vote", and

Whereas, the Utah legislature has created a redistricting committee made up of legislators from around the state, and

Whereas, there has been established, fundamental core standards to which, the 2011 Redistricting Committee must adhere as they draw maps; namely

1. Congressional Districts must be nearly equal as practical with a deviation not greater than $\pm .1\%$
2. State legislative districts and state school board districts must have substantial equality of population among the various districts with a deviation not greater than $\pm 3.5\%$.
3. Districts will be single member districts.
4. Plans will be drawn to create four Congressional Districts, 29 State Senate Districts, 75 State House Districts and 15 State School Board Districts.
5. In drawing districts, the official population enumeration of the 2010 decennial census will be used.
6. Districts will be contiguous and reasonably compact.

And whereas, the 2010 census tally found that total resident Utah population is 2,763,885, and

Whereas, the same census found that the total resident Lehi City population is 47,407, and

Whereas, the same census found that an ideal district size for a State Senate seat 95,306, for a State House seat 36,852, for a State School Board seat 184,259, and

Whereas, as mentioned above a redistricting plan must take into account traditional redistricting criteria such as compactness, contiguity, and respect for political subdivision lines and communities of interest, and

Whereas, Lehi City is clearly a reasonably compact, contiguous community of interest with political subdivision lines, and

Whereas, the way lines are drawn can keep a community together or split it apart, leaving it without a representative who feels responsible for its concerns, and

Whereas, the way lines are drawn can change who wins an election, and

Whereas, based on census criteria, Lehi City merits representation of 1 State Senate seat, and

Whereas, based on census criteria, Lehi City merits representation of 1 State House seat, and

Whereas, multiple preliminary redistricting proposals for State Senate and State House split up Lehi City in ways that significantly diminish its reasonably compact, contiguous community of interest with political subdivision lines,

Whereas, Lehi City has no direct representation in the State Senate and the State House despite being the third largest city in Utah County, and

Whereas, 2001 redistricting has caused Lehi City to be under represented in State government for the last 10 years, and

Whereas, in the interest of accountability and fairness, Lehi City's citizens merit representation of those who live in Lehi City.

Therefore, let it be resolved that Lehi City strongly urges the Utah Legislature and the 2011 Redistricting Committee to do the following:

Ensure that Lehi City receives one State Senate seat wholly inside Lehi City.

Ensure that Lehi City receives one State House seat wholly inside Lehi City.

Furthermore, let it be resolved that if Lehi City does not receive the representation it merits, we encourage Lehi City businesses, residents and government leaders to use all means at their disposal to fight for merited Lehi City representation.

Furthermore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the redistricting committee and each member of elected and appointed leadership in both the Utah House and Senate, Governor Herbert and Utah County Commissioners.

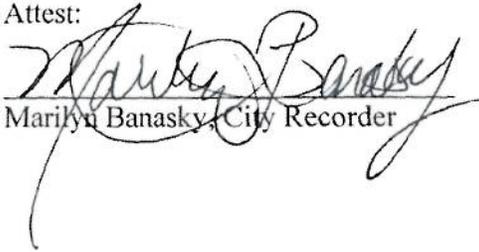
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approved and Adopted by the City Council of Lehi City this 30th day of August, 2011.



Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City

Attest:



Marilyn Banasky, City Recorder



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

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

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From: Steven Goold
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Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Legal but not ethical

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Deseret News editorial

To the victor go the spoils — and in Utah politics, the spoils include the power to create more victories.

The predominantly Republican redistricting committee appears to be collecting a few spoils as it draws new Senate and House maps. Some proposed boundaries seem suspiciously finagled to make sure that incumbents are re-elected, even if it means unnecessarily splitting communities two or three ways.

Take, for example, the city of Ogden, in which three state senators live within a few miles of one another. The committee recommends splitting the city along lines that conveniently maneuver around the homes of these incumbent legislators, creating one district so disfigured as to require driving through three other districts to get from one end to the other.

Or look at Logan, where a boundary is drawn right through the center of Utah State University. Even if it is necessary to divide the city in some way, it is difficult to believe this requires breaking up such a unique and discrete community of students.

Committee members have pointed out that their Senate map requires no state senators to run against one another. We wish they could brag instead about how few cities were split, rather than how many political careers were saved.

We accept that it is impossible to draw a map that satisfies everyone and that some communities of interest are bound to be divided. But this fact can only stretch so far when it's used as cover for unnecessary boundaries that benefit politicians and hurt communities. It's possible to satisfy far more people and preserve far more communities when the interests of incumbents aren't getting in the way.

To be fair, the committee gave a small win to Democrats by deciding not to combine the districts of Democratic Sen. Luz Robles and Republican Sen. Dan Liljenquist. They also proposed offering Democrats the option of deciding boundaries in Salt Lake County, where seven Senate districts are being collapsed into six.

As high-minded and conciliatory as these olive branches may be, they still frame the entire exercise in terms of incumbency, rather than in terms of community. From the first meeting of the committee, legislators refused to consider communities of interest as a criterion for redistricting, and the result is reflected in the maps we see today.

"One person, one vote" was the single criterion adopted at that meeting. It means that each district contains roughly the same number of people — something the proposed maps do quite well. Yet, ironically, by creating fewer competitive districts, these maps aggravate a troubling trend in which individual votes lose their weight. In 2010, roughly a third of Utahns cast a vote for a Democratic state representative. Yet less than a quarter of the state House of Representatives is Democratic. The larger this gap becomes, the less healthy the condition of democracy in Utah.

Without an independent commission, maps that protect incumbents and maximize political advantage

are to be expected. Nothing the committee is proposing is illegal. But just because something is legal doesn't make it right.

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Governor Calls Special Session for Monday

Salt Lake City – Just after noon today, Governor Gary R. Herbert signed a proclamation convening the Utah Legislature in a Special Session to address seven legislative issues next Monday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m.

“Redistricting is an important responsibility that the Utah Constitution assigns to the Legislature. Several other issues have come to my attention which I have added to the call for the Legislature to consider while they are in special session. These are, in large measure, technical and clean-up amendments to state law.”

Among the items the Governor has asked the Legislature to consider are: changes to workers’ compensation insurance requirements; modifications to the requirement that certain members of the Board of Regents represent less populous counties; and adding the presidential primary to the regular primary ballot. The complete text of the proclamation can be found at:

<http://www.utah.gov/governor/docs/SpecialSessionOctober2011.pdf>

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From: Craig Shuler
To: Hinkins, David
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Subject: Logical congressional districts
Attachments: Mime.822

Please vote no on the approved Sumsion 6A gerrymander. Sumsion 6A is awful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no honest reason.

Southern Utah needs its own district, not one with south Davis County. Emery county shouldn't be in a different district than Carbon and Grand County.

The Salt Lake area deserves 2 congressional districts. North, south, east and west parts of the state should be kept together. I think you need to go back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits Salt Lake County in no more than two districts.

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Subject: 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

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To: McAdams, Ben, Bramble, Curtis, Hinkins, David, Thatcher, Dan, Davis, Gene, Stephenson, Howard, Adams, Stuart, Valentine, John, Mayne, Karen, Morgan, Karen, VanTassell, Kevin, Hillyard, Lyle, Dayton, Margaret, Madsen, Mark, Waddoups, Michael, Jones, Pat, Knudson, Peter, Okerlund, Ralph, Romero, Ross, Reid, Stuart, Jenkins, Scott, Urquhart, Steve, Niederhauser, Wayne, liljenquist, dan, christensen, allen, , , ,
Date: 9/30/2011 11:57:16 PM

As much as we do not like gerrymandering -- creating arms instead of enclosing the district in a compact area -- it is a worse thing to draw the lines with political careers in mind. Politics should be the last consideration. We do not elect people to serve themselves, to further their own interests, but we elect them to serve us, the people. Here's hoping that when the special session opens this coming week, you will reject the notion of making any district more electable for any individual, or more Republican or Democratic just so that party can elect more of its candidates.

Please set aside your own desires, your own wants. Please do not consider helping your friends on the Hill by making it easier for any of them. The politician may be out of office in two years (or less), but the boundaries will remain for 10 years. Please, instead of considering the benefits you can achieve for any political party, consider how you can help the people. Instead of trying to silence any group of people, by watering down their power by placing them in districts where they will be the minority, please look to grant as many people a voice as possible. Certain groups -- whether we speak of the Democratic Party or rural interests or whoever -- represent the majority in their areas. Give them their own district, then. Give them a voice, the opportunity to elect their own person, instead of silencing their voice by placing them in a district that has more voters who believe differently than they do.

We often say, "I do not agree with what you are saying, but I will fight for your right to say it." Here is the moment when you can prove you meant that, if you should ever have said it.

The pizza approach might have reasonably clean boundaries, but its strength is its weakness. I have heard it has gained favor for mixing urban and rural, thus forcing the elected official to represent both interests. But, if it results in all the representatives being from the cities -- none from the rural areas -- are you really ensuring representation of both? You are not. You are, to a degree, disenfranchising your rural voters.

Rural areas by definition are less populated. They are going to have a minority representation regardless. Even if we could take the most rural parts of our state and round them together in a single district, that would give them but one representative. The urban areas would have the other three. Why make it any harder on them by slicing them in with urban areas so they end up with no elected official of their own at all?

I'm hoping you do not do that to our rural areas. Might gives the power to do wrong, but it does not give the right.

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From: Kelli Lundgren
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Subject: Please Vote NO
Attachments: kellisignaturesml.tif, Mime.822

Dear Senator Hinkins,

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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Date: 10/2/2011 1:01:07 PM
Subject: VOTE NO ON SENATE MAP - Help West Provo Please
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Hello Senators --

I respectfully ask that you VOTE AGAINST THE PROPOSED STATE SENATE MAP until the the handful of orphaned west Provo precincts are united with the Provo/Orem senate districts. For the last 10 years west Provo has been excluded from our community, and current maps have us slated to be excluded again for the next decade. The current Utah County senate plan also endangers the caucus/convention system. Please see my latest email to the Redistricting Committee, below, for a full explanation.

I and other delegates in west Provo have been calling and emailing the redistricting committee, and I have gone to the capitol to speak before the committee, pleading to be united with our community so that we can be fully represented in the state senate. Please help us be reunited with our community! Please become advocates for west Provo.

Thank you,

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Hello Redistricting Committee --

I would like to make one more plea to please unite west Provo (approx 6 orphaned precincts) with the rest of the Provo/Orem area on the state senate district map.

A senate district is comprised of 95,000 people. Provo has a population of 112,000. Yet Provo is split into *3* senate districts, with west Provo being excluded from our community of interest. There is ample opportunity to keep Provo within *2* senate districts, thus making sure that west Provo is no longer orphaned from the rest of our community.

For the last 10 years west Provo has been part of senate district 13, which was a meandering district that ranged from Tooele County to southern Utah county. With redistricting upon us, we now have the opportunity to join west Provo with the rest of the Provo/Orem senate districts so that we can spend the next decade joined with our community, yet the current senate maps once again leave west Provo orphaned from the rest of our city -- we have been carved out of the Provo/Orem area and placed with rural southern county communities, such as Lake Shore, Benjamin, and Elk Ridge. One of the biggest considerations in drawing districts is keeping communities of interest together -- the Provo community should be kept together as much as possible.

West Provo will lose its voice in the senate if we are combined with a large rural area that has interests very different from our own community.

The eastern Provo senate district, which used to be fully within Utah

County borders, is now drawn as spanning outside of Utah County to pick up population in the east. This is the wrong direction. This and the other Provo/Orem senate district should instead be shifted to the west to pick up population and keep communities together, which would allow west Provo to be reunited with the rest of our city, and/or within the Provo/Orem sister city area.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope you will become an advocate for west Provo in the fight to be included and represented within our own community - we need your help.

Sincerely,

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PS -- FYI, keep in mind that County Delegates are responsible for voting on state senators whose districts reside fully within a single county, while State Delegates vote if the district is split between more than one county --- since County Delegates are more numerous than State Delegates, we have a greater rate of representation per capita if we can keep state senate seats fully within Utah County, and therefore it is also to our benefit (and the caucus/convention system's benefit, since it increases the rate of representation) to keep our senate districts within our county as much as possible. One of the main complaints against the caucus/convention system is that so few people are involved in choosing candidates. Changing from County Delegates to State Delegates decreases the number of people involved in the process, thus endangering the caucus/convention system.

From:

To: Lockhart, Becky, King, Brian, Webb, Curt, Watkins, Christine, Gibson, Francis, Froerer, Gage, Sumsion, Kenneth, Brown, Melvin, Newbold, Merlynn, Hendrickson, Neal, Menlove, Ronda, Barrus, Roger, Kiser, Todd, Heiner, Kim, Christensen, Allen, Osmond, Aaron, McAdams, Ben, Anderson, Casey, Hinkins, David, Liljenquist, Dan, Thatcher, Dan, Davis, Gene, Stephenson, Howard, Adams, Stuart, Valentine, John, Stevenson, Jerry, Mayne, Karen, Morgan, Karen, VanTassell, Kevin, Hillyard, Lyle, Robles, Luz, Dayton,

Don't Pizza Slice the Districts

Please, Utah Republicans, don't be greedy. It should be enough that you maintain a safe majority in most of the state, but it's not honest or just to jiggle the boundaries to disenfranchise the Democrats in SLC, the one area where they are the majority. That's not democracy -- that's just bullying. Be honest and be content with your actual majorities. Let Democrats in Salt Lake have a chance to exercise their actual majority. In other words, don't pizza-slice the Democratic majority in SLC to make sure their votes will never count.

I live in Orem, and so I know my vote for a Democratic representative will never have much of a shot, but that's because my neighbors are all Republicans, and fair is fair. But if I lived in Salt Lake, where most of my neighbors were fellow Democrats, I would expect a reasonable chance of electing a Democrat as representative, because fair is fair.

The pizza slice proposal to defeat that basic democratic principle (small-D democratic!) is cynical and political. Please, show you have some honor and backbone, and do the right thing.

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ACTION ALERT!

CAN YOU SPEAK UP FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING?



Action Alert : REDISTRICTING SPECIAL SESSION MONDAY!

The Utah Legislature meets this Monday October 3 to enact a redistricting plan for Utah's 4 Congressional seats, the Utah House of Representatives, Utah Senate and State School Board.

This spring Utah citizens rallied to tell the Legislature that their revisions to the GRAMA law were too radical.

Now it's time to tell them that their last minute proposal to gerrymander the state and overturn the election of Congressman Jim Matheson by putting his voters into other congressional districts is too radical. All Utahns want to be represented in Washington.

Let your legislators know what the Redistricting Committee has done wrong:

- 1. The process:** According to Senator Ben McAdams, D-Salt Lake and Redistricting Committee member: "A map was drafted in secret, sprung on the committee by surprise in the middle of a meeting, adopted two days later by the committee and is heading for approval by the legislature on Monday. They learned nothing from their failed attempt to repeal open government laws a few short months ago. They did it again with this map that seeks to overturn the election of Jim Matheson. . ."
- 2. Committee principles:** The committee has not fairly applied their adopted principle of reasonably compact districts. CDs 1, 3, and especially 2 are spread over large areas, but CD 4 is a small area in the heart of Salt Lake County. CD 4 also violates the Committee's goal of every district being partly rural. By population and land use, CD 4 is almost completely urban.
- 3. The public's principles:** Public testimony has supported not splitting communities of interest and honoring city boundaries. Yet Holladay, for example, a small city of 60,000 residents, is split among 3 of the 4 CDs.
- 4. Political party considerations:** The public believes that political party data about voters should not enter into redistricting. The committee tells us that it does not have party data on its computers, but we know they have access to it from party officials. And their approved districts would clearly increase Republican incumbent advantage over Democrats.
- 5. Voter turnout:** The public has reminded the committee many times that if voters are put in districts where their candidates have virtually no chance to win, they see no point in voting. This may not be the legal definition of disenfranchisement, but that's the real result. *(According to a September 29 Salt Lake Tribune article Utah is in 48th place for per cent of qualified citizens voting in the last election. Only 11.8 per cent of Utahns aged 18-24 voted in the last election—dead last in the country.)*

WHAT YOU CAN DO

You can look at the maps here

<http://www.redistrictutah.com/category/maps/committee-adopted-maps>

http://www.utahcitizenscounsel.org/?page_id=325

Find and contact your legislator today at

<http://le.utah.gov/GIS/findDistrict.jsp>

Make your voice heard! Speak as an individual constituent to your senator and representative!

Join with fellow Utahns to rally for fair redistricting in the Capitol at 11:30 a.m. Monday

The Legislature is NOT listening so its time to raise the volume!

Utah League redistricting principles, reached in 1980, are:

The League of Women Voters supports meeting strict anti-gerrymandering standards including:

- prompt judicial review
- basic equality among districts
- district lines that honor local political boundaries
- district lines that are compact
- district lines that are not drawn for the purpose of advantage or disadvantage of any political party, incumbent, or any person or group
- lines that do not dilute voting strength of any minority
- lines that do not consider addresses of incumbents, political affiliation of registered voters, previous election returns, or demographic information other than population should not be used in redistricting.

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