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Redistricting squabble has GOP congressional hopefuls wondering where to line up

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SALT LAKE CITY — Several Republicans looking to get into the 2012 congressional race don't know where to line up yet.

A standoff in the Utah Legislature over how to set new boundaries for the state's four districts has left some potential candidates in wait-and-see mode. They aren't ready to commit to a district in which they might not end up living — though that has worked for GOP 3rd District Rep. Jason Chaffetz.

"I think the maps are the deciding factor for everybody," said Rep. Chris Herrod, R-Provo, who has flirted with the idea of running for Congress.

The Redistricting Committee met last Friday — three days after the legislature's special session ground to a halt due to disagreement between majority House and Senate Republicans — but were only flooded with more maps. The committee might meet again this week. State lawmakers intend to resume the special session next Monday.

Meantime, some mostly unknown GOP candidates are poised to run against Democratic Congressman Jim Matheson in the 2nd District, regardless of how the map shakes out. Matheson is closely watching the outcome and hasn't ruled out a run for governor or switching districts.

Last week, GOP House members conceded they discussed partisan voting numbers in proposed districts during their closed caucus meetings.

Herrod made two things clear about any bid for Congress: "I'm not going to run outside my district and I'm not going to run against Jason Chaffetz."

For Herrod, that means seeking re-election in the Utah House or possibly challenging Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Herrod dispelled the notion of taking on state Sen. Curt Bramble, R-Provo, with whom he tangled over illegal immigration bills earlier this year.

"One thing I've learned through this whole process is to keep options open," he said.

Herrod's legislative pal, Rep. Stephen Sandstrom, R-Orem, has already committed to running for Congress. The two now live in the same Utah House district under a new legislative district map lawmakers approved last week. Neither is interested in going against the other.

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Democrats call for GOP to open meetings on redistricting

Billy Hesterman - Daily Herald | Posted: Monday, October 10, 2011 12:50 am

Utah Democrats are calling on Republican lawmakers to open the doors to their discussions about how the boundary lines should be drawn for Utah's congressional districts.

While the Legislature itself has held almost 30 public meetings on the matter, 17 of which were held in various locations throughout the state, final decisions on the maps may be decided behind the closed doors of Republican House and Senate caucus meetings.

"Let's open the closed doors!" said the chairman of the Utah Democratic Party, Jim Dabakis, in a written statement. "On behalf of all Utahns we implore that Republicans join us in letting the public watch Utah's business be conducted."

Dabakis's plea comes on the heels of the Legislature being unable to adopt the final boundary lines during a special session that started Oct. 3.

Lawmakers didn't spend much time on the floor of the House or Senate on Monday and Tuesday of the session; the House spent just less than three hours total on the floor for both days, while the Senate was on the floor for three hours and 46 minutes prior to lawmakers calling a recess until Oct. 17.

During much of the downtime during those two days Republican lawmakers were meeting in private caucuses trying to find a congressional plan that could gain enough votes to pass both bodies. GOP legislators say no map drawing was taking place in either caucus, but discussions on what lawmakers were willing to support as a final plan was being discussed. Republicans say the doors were closed because discussions were becoming heated amongst lawmakers.

"When a family has a fight they don't do it on the front lawn," said Speaker of the House Becky Lockhart, R-Provo. "Not that there was a knockdown drag out, but there was some very high emotions. There is a lot of stress in this process."

Lockhart explained that House Republicans spent most of their time discussing a congressional map that was approved by the Senate, but said House members had too many issues with the Senate-approved map to give it their final approval.

"Tuesday night it became clear that the Republicans caucus was not ready to make a decision," Lockhart said. "There was still some outstanding issues that we needed to work out."

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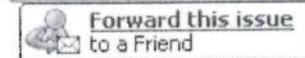
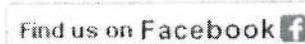
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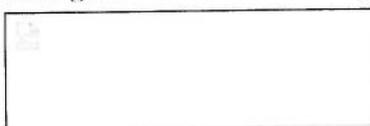
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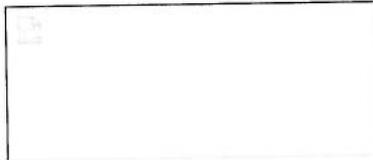
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Redistricting: Why Utah Ought to Carve Up Salt Lake

Here is my advice to the state Legislature on redistricting: Carve up Salt Lake City and dilute the more liberal parts of Salt Lake County.



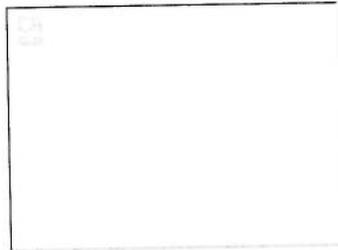
I say this as a conservative, as someone who works each and every day to protect the cause of freedom. I don't say this to disrespect or diminish in any way the personal political feelings of residents in those areas.



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Reality Squashes Farmer's Plan to Hire Local Labor

With unemployment hovering around 9 percent, some have argued that if we could just "deal with" (read: "round up and ship out" or "starve out") undocumented immigrants, there would be enough jobs to go around. After all, they're taking up jobs that citizens would be happy to do, right? Well, not exactly.



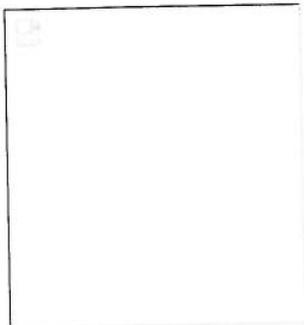
While enforcement-only measures are often touted as job-creating legislation, the reality is that there are jobs out there that most Americans simply will not do.

John Harold, a Colorado farmer, found this out the hard way.

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For some reason, though, many of these same people do not object to a law that forbids gas stations from giving similar direct discounts to Utahns on gasoline.

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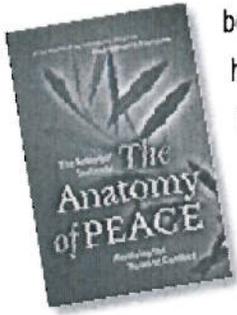
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From: Rob Bishop
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Date: 10/12/2011 10:40:17 PM
Subject: Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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:

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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

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From: Q Dang
To: Q Dang
BC: Paul Ray
Date: 10/13/2011 7:31:15 PM
Subject: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Representative,

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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: Kelli Lundgren
To: Paul Ray
Date: 10/14/2011 10:03:41 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
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Kelli Lundgren

From: Leonard Plaizier
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Kenneth Sumsion, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Susan Duckworth, Ben McAdams, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
CC: Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Curtis Oda, David Litvack, Fred Cox, Greg Hughes, Joel Briscoe, Jim Nielson, Jennifer Seelig, Melvin Brown, Paul Ray, Rebecca Houck, Ronda Menlove, Ryan Wilcox, Stewart Barlow, Steve Handy, Wayne Harper, Redistricting Utah, Dan

Please consider the "Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities" plan (ID 68408).

My "Fair 4 Utah" plan was submitted to the Redistricting committee by Rep. Fred Cox at the Oct 7th meeting. This modified plan addresses many of the concerns.

This plan has key elements put together like no other plan. It is compromise plan fair 4 Utah.

The plan has been submitted but does not show on the redistrictUtah.com site. In place of a online link, images are attached.

In the Fair 4 Utah Counties and Cities plan:

- All of the counties are whole except Salt Lake.
- The Eastern, Southern, and Western Counties are grouped the same as the Rep. Sumsion map that passed the Senate. (If there is a better grouping, I can still make it work with Counties and Salt Lake county Cities together.)
- Salt Lake county is mostly split into two districts 84% with a small portion in the other two districts.
- All of the cities in Salt Lake county are whole except West Valley City and three others (South Salt Lake, Salt Lake City, and Herriman) with minor splits. As an example Salt Lake City is all in one district except about 100 people.
- In Salt Lake County the cities are grouped based on their similar shared communities.
- District 2, 3, and 4 are at the target mean of 690,971. District 1 is one over at 690,972.
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In Salt Lake County		
District 1	93,813	9%
District 2	539,727	52%
District 3	67,995	7%
District 4	328,120	32%
Total	1,029,655	100%

Good congressional districts are so important.

Thank you for your efforts and time!

Leonard

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Thank you
Leonard

From: Jen
BC: Paul Ray, Paul Ray
Date: 10/15/2011 5:51:25 PM
Subject: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map
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I know and greatly appreciate that you care about and work hard for the people of Utah.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Pathak
Member of Represent Me Utah!

From: gail gerlach
To: Paul Ray
Date: 10/15/2011 10:15:05 PM
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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: Larry Meyers
To: Larry Meyers
CC: Paul Ray
Date: 10/16/2011 9:02:11 AM
Subject: Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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