

From: Jodee Atkin
To: Patrick Painter
Date: 10/5/2011 1:29:15 PM
Subject: redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Mr. Painter,

I know it's probably to late give input on redistricting, but here are my thoughts anyway. I would like to see Utah County stay in tact. I have looked at some of the proposed maps, and the ones that make the most sense to me is the one from Rep Cox, "Congressional Map Z", and the one from Brandon Plewe, "Urban & Rural, no gerrymandering." I don't think political population should be a consideration. People come and go, changing the political population. I like Brandon Plewe's best because it divides only 2 counties and 2 cities. I hope we don't gerrymander on political lines.

Thanks for your time,
JoDee Atkin

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Utah Democrats Challenge Republican Leadership to Compromise on Redistricting

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"
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Date: 10/7/2011 1:43:36 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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

Ellen Brady
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From: Rob Bishop
BC: Patrick Painter, Patrick Painter
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: Q Dang
To: Q Dang
BC: Patrick Painter
Date: 10/13/2011 7:31:15 PM
Subject: Please support the Garber Citizen Map (modified)
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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: Kelli Lundgren
To: Patrick Painter
Date: 10/14/2011 10:50:55 AM
Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative Painter,

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: Patrick Painter,
Date: 10/14/2011 1:18:43 PM
Subject: redistricting
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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.

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From: Jen
BC: Patrick Painter, Patrick Painter
Date: 10/15/2011 5:51:25 PM
Subject: US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative,

As a citizen of Utah, I urge you to VOTE NO on the current map being discussed in the House.

I have attended many of the public hearings on redistricting and have studied the maps. I would suggest to you that the best map, based on contiguousness and compactness, is the Garber Citizen Map (modified by Representative Brian King).
<http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/congress-rep-king-garber-modified-king>

Please vote for this compromise map

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: Charlie Trefl
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 Peterson, John Mathis, Jennifer Seelig, Kay McIff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee Perry, Lynn Hemingway, Larry Wiley, Marie Poulson, Mark Wheatley, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Neal Hendrickson, Patrice Arent, Patrick Painter, Paul Ray, Rebecca Houck, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Ryan Wilcox, Stewart Barlow, Susan Duckworth, Steve Eliason, Stephen Sandstrom, Steve Handy, Tim Cosgrove, Todd Kiser, Val Peterson, Wayne Harper, jim@jim4utah.com, mnoel@kanab.net, jdougall@utah.gov, Charlie Trefl
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I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the two Congressional maps, the Sumsion 15 and 16 maps that are supposed to be proposed on Monday. I want to also urge you to back the McAdams/Cox modification of the hat and 3 strips as the best compromise. The people of Utah have spoken and this idea of a Do-nut hole district is not acceptable. Many of us are upset with the back room dealing and closed door meetings. I assure you that what is being shoved down our throats will not be forgotten.

I urge you to support the McAdams/Cox Modification.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Treft

Layton, Utah.

From: Larry Meyers
To: Larry Meyers
BC: Patrick Painter
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

From: Represent Me Utah
To: Becky Lockhart, Michael Waddoups
BC: Patrick Painter
Date: 10/16/2011 2:25:02 PM
Subject: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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 patient 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

From: ada cox
To: Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy Peterson, John Mathis, Jennifer Seelig, Kay McIff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee Perry, Lynn Hemingway, Larry Wiley, Marie Poulson, Mark Wheatley, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Neal Hendrickson, Patrice Arent, Patrick Painter, Paul Ray, Rebecca Houck, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Ryan Wilcox, Susan Duckworth, Steve Eliason, Stephen Sandstrom, Steve Handy, Tim Cosgrove, Todd Kiser, Val Peterson, Wayne Harper, , , ,
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Subject: Redistricting
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We have studied the state redistricting issues, and SUPPORT SB 3002 that was passed by the Utah Senate. Please support this bill during the special session.

Thank you for your service to the State of Utah.

Bill and Ada Cox, St. George

From: Connie Stewart
BC: Patrick Painter, Patrick Painter
Date: 10/16/2011 7:43:47 PM
Subject: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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,

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From: Connie Stewart
BC: Patrick Painter, Patrick Painter
Date: 10/16/2011 7:57:39 PM
Subject: Vote for SB 3002, as recommended by the redistricting committee and has passed the Utah Senate.
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Legislator,

I would like the Utah State Legislature to not make last-minute changes and to proceed to pass the map that was supported by the redistricting committee. Reject any last minute attempts to water down rural Utah's influence.

Support SB 3002, which was recommended by the redistriction committee and has already passed the Utah Senate.

Sincerely,

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From: Tyrell Agard
To: Patrick Painter
Date: 10/16/2011 10:37:51 PM
Subject: A concerned constituent regarding Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Rep. Painter,

As a constituent of yours (and registered Republican) from Levan, I am incredibly upset at how the redistricting process has occurred so far. I find it to be quite obvious that very few members of the legislature are actually listening to the concerns of Utah's people - Republicans, Democrats, Independents, rural, urban, etc. The committee and Senate-passed map is a disgrace, and I am very glad the legislature decided to recess for two weeks to entertain other options.

However, it seems as if these other options I speak of are actually worse than the original map that the Senate passed! Rep. Sumsion has floated around several maps, most notably "Sumsion 15" and "Sumsion 16," and it seems as if these maps are the ones gaining the most traction in the House. Both of these maps are blatant gerrymandering on the part of our party, and completely ignore the will of the people.

Specifically, I would like to address the Second District and "Donut Hole" district from Sumsion 15. The 2nd district is exactly what its proposed constituents did **not** want. Citizens of Salt Lake City did want their city to remain whole, as it does in this map, but they also did not want to be tacked on with a swath of rural land, especially a swath that constitutes half of the entire state's area! Citizens in St. George and the surrounding areas have begged to be moved into a more rural-centric district than one that is tacked onto bits and pieces of Salt Lake County. So, naturally, you lawmakers have done precisely the opposite of these wishes, and created a large, rural area including St. George and the rest of south Utah, and smashed it together with Salt Lake City.

The "Donut Hole" district is horrible. Districts ought to be concise as reasonably possible, of course, but this takes that in a way never intended. Part of having concise districts is combining areas that mesh well together culturally. Why then, has this mapped combined West Valley City and Riverton with Goshen and Payson? Would it not make more sense to include West Valley and Riverton with other nearby cities such as Sandy and Draper, and to put Goshen and Payson with other nearby cities such as Spanish Fork and your own Nephi?

With all of this said, I would like to point your attention towards the proposed compromise map that you have no doubt seen, "Garber Modified King," formally submitted to the House by Rep. King. This map is by far the best serious option on the table. While I certainly have some problems with this map (if you are interested, you can read my views on the comment section to this map on the redistricting website), and I'm sure you have some problems as well, it certainly seems to fulfill the wishes of the majority of the people in our state. The districts are compact, make geological and cultural sense, and divide communities of interest as little as possible. I would like to see you support this map going forward this week as the legislature votes on a final proposal. If you choose not to, I would like to hear back from you as to why you do not like this map, and what advantages your preferred map has to this one.

Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear back from you,
Tyrell Aagard
Concerned citizen from Levan

From: "Craig Shuler"
To: Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Curt Webb, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Jim Bird, Jack Draxler, Jeremy Peterson, Jim Nielson, John Mathis, Kay Mccliff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Lee Perry, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Patrick Painter, Paul Ray, Richard Greenwood, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Ryan Wilcox, Stewart Barlow, Steve Eliason, Steve Handy, Todd Kiser, Val Peterson, Wayne Harper, , , , , ,
Date: 10/16/2011 11:47:29 PM
Subject: Republicans, consider McAdams/Cox, King S07 and King S12
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Republican House of Representative members,

I represent the 80 percent of Utahns and Americans—the independents, moderate Republicans, and moderate democrats—who want Republicans and Democrats in the legislature and congress to work together for the country and people rather than solely for their own partisan political objectives. If you are part of the 20 percent who doesn't care whether the parties work together, I disagree. If you care what the 80 percent think, read on. Otherwise please delete this e-mail now rather than have me waste your time.

1. Rep. Sumsion explained at the SLC library last week, that the Utah House boundaries, mostly developed by him, were done in an independent attitude (bi-partisan way). He reported that 3 of the 4 eliminated/consolidated Utah house seats were in slower-growing Republican districts and only 1 in slower-growing Democratic districts. If true, congratulations to him and the Utah House and thanks to the Redistricting committee and all its work on all the House maps.
2. The McAdams / Cox "Modification of Hat and 3 Stripes" is apparently the only bipartisan map published since your late September adjournment. It is not as good as Rep. King's maps but as Sen. McAdams said at the SLC library, this one which he was then working on might be the only one the your supermajority would consider as a compromise.
3. By nearly any definition, your West Valley to Payson doughnut-hole plans would create a gerrymander district around the hole, connecting south Davis County and San Juan County in an illogical way. I've stopped being angry, but please try to convince each other to take a higher, less partisan road.

To get from Woods Cross to Blanding by logical highways, SB3002 and Rep. Sumsion's proposed Substitutions 15 and 16 would require the congressman or woman to cross district boundary lines 6 times. Under the Froerer-Adams-Modified Sumsion 15 map he or she would have to cross boundary lines 4 times, but district one would become gerrymandered.

THOSE PLANS ARE ALL EXTREMELY UNFAIR. If it were me, I would vote no on all of them this week, whether I were Republican, Democrat, or Independent. None of them make you look like statesmen and women.

4. Of all congress maps submitted in October by a legislator, only Rep. King's proposed Substitution 7 (the Garber Plan) meets the criteria that ought to be the only criteria for congressional boundaries other than equal population. Those criteria keep districts logical, compact, and keep most communities together. They also keep neighboring communities and counties together.

Rep. King's S12 looks like a fairly decent compromise between Garber's good points and replacing S3002's and Sumsion's West Valley-Provo doughnut hole with something more defensible. Would one of you, perhaps a Republican in central or southern Utah sponsor it with him as another bipartisan option?

5. The only map I like better than Rep. King's is Brandon Plewe's October 9th NSEW modification of King's S07. Two districts (north and south) would likely be permanently Republican for the ten years. The other two would likely be winnable by either party—the East / SLC district would likely be won by any strong Democratic candidate. The West / SL County south district would generally be won by any strong Republican candidate. But in both those districts our votes would at least matter.

I think it is important that Utah be represented in Congress by at least one Democrat and one Republican. Otherwise our state's voice will never matter with one or the other of the parties.

Plewe's NSEW map 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 his differences are still 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 any concerns about it should be trumped by as an issue by communities of interest.

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

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.

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From: "Ellen Brady"
BC: Patrick Painter, Patrick Painter
Date: 10/17/2011 10:06:47 AM
Subject: Redistricting
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Dear Representative/Senator:

As you look at voting on a congressional redistricting plan today, I would encourage you to consider the King-Garber option, as it is the least offensive among the three maps put forward for (apparently final) consideration. That is, it appears to only split Salt Lake County into two pieces instead of three or four. As a resident of Utah's most populous county, I deeply resent the effort on the part of this legislature to ensure that our voices are so diluted that it cannot be heard. We will make them heard -- in the voting booth and in the court room if this patent absurdity continues. I am appalled by a process that has been conducted behind closed doors, has continued to ignore the input of the public in spite of a charade of seeking that input, and which (above all else) seeks only to ensure the ongoing dominance of the GOP in this state.

Ellen

Ellen Brady
801-272-1590

From: Debbie
To: Patrick Painter,
Date: 10/17/2011 11:29:39 AM
Subject: Deseret News: Bring redistricting to the floor
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Debbie (dbswen@gmail.com) thought you might be interested in the following item, which appeared on deseretnews.com.

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Dixon Pitcher - (Statewide Announcement) October 14 ASPA Luncheon Announcement

From: Jolaine P Randall <jrandall@cpga.utah.edu>
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Date: 10/10/2011 5:00 PM
Subject: (Statewide Announcement) October 14 ASPA Luncheon Announcement

Dear State Employee,

Just a reminder that you are invited to attend . . .

OCTOBER ASPA LUNCHEON
Friday, October 14th – 12:00 noon
Auditorium of the State office Building (first floor)

To the Drawing Board: Redistricting in Utah

John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research & General Counsel

In early October, the legislature is holding a special session to vote on the new district lines for the U.S. Congressional seats, Utah legislative seats, and the Utah State Board of Education. Join us for a presentation by John Cannon, legislative policy analyst for the Utah Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, to learn about the redistricting process and maps.

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Please make your reservations early. The luncheon will be catered. Reservations or cancellations must be received no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2011 . No shows will be billed. Limited parking is available—please carpool or ride public transportation where possible.

The cost of the luncheon is \$13.00 for ASPA members, \$15.00 for nonmembers, and \$8.00 for students. Cash or checks are accepted.

Please call the Center for Public Policy & Administration, University of Utah, at 801-581-6493 or e-mail jrandall@cpga.utah.edu for reservations

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Dixon Pitcher - Congressional Maps

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Date: 10/17/2011 1:00 PM
Subject: Congressional Maps

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

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IN OUR VIEW

Opinion: Governor should veto the map

Posted: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 11:00 am

Gov. Gary Herbert should take a close look at the congressional district map delivered by the Utah Legislature on Monday, and then veto it for what he finds.

He should not stand for the dissection of Utah communities, regardless of the partisan advantages of doing so. A veto would bring the legislature's foolishness into full public view.

We hope Herbert will take the high road of statesmanship and invite his fellow Republicans to begin to rehabilitate their shattered reputation. And this is coming from the unabashedly conservative Daily Herald.

Senator Ben McAdams, D-Salt Lake City, told the news media that each district in the new map is at least 62 percent Republican, which is either a mathematical miracle or proof that the Republicans' claims of fairness are nothing but an alibi.

Well, it's not a mathematical miracle.

To disregard community cohesion is to commit assault and battery on the democratic process. In Utah County and elsewhere, residents will be carved away from their neighbors arbitrarily. The map splits Lehi in two along Interstate 15, for example -- and American Fork, and Springville, and Spanish Fork, and Payson, and even little Santaquin.

But while a highway may provide a physical pretext for division, it provides a poor standard for understanding the more important dynamics of a city. Social cohesion is the warp and woof of our fabric of self-government.

✕ Utah Governor Gary Herbert address the audience during the groundbreaking ceremony of Nu Skin's Innovation Center in downtown Provo on Monday, July 18, 2011. JAMES ROH/Daily Herald

In light of this, the Utah Legislature's use of roads to set congressional districts is lazy at best. It achieves a cold numerical balance without taking into account the crucial element of a vibrant political system: the common ground upon which people stand. It does violence to the idea of shared interests, of communication over a back fence or at a grocery store or gas station.

Roads in this case provided cover for political mischief -- the creation of four congressional districts that are now virtual certainties for Republican control and devised in secret for the express purpose of suppressing competing points of view. Very clever work.

We, too, would like to see more conservative votes in Washington. But it matters how this is achieved. While it's true that a majority party can stomp a jackboot and force an issue, it is also true that majorities should be extremely careful in the exercise of this power -- at least if we want a healthy America and not a polarized, political Gulag. Respect for others and a willingness to listen is always better than secrecy and scorched earth.

Statesmanship can work wonders. It did in 2006 when a redistricting committee worked up a four-seat map in response to the proposed trade that would give Washington, D.C., a voting member. The bipartisan vote was 11-1. The committee's work was hailed as good for Utah.

Unfortunately, there are few members of the legislature anymore with the skills of statesmanship and the maturity required to achieve the inclusiveness and goodwill that has long made America special. What we have instead is an increasingly hardening view -- the view that might makes right.

By far the worst feature of the new map is its chopping up of cohesive communities, many of them in Utah County, and assigning the parts to different representatives. A little nick here and there might be defensible to make a map work, but plowing wholesale paths along a highway is unconscionable.

Take tiny Santaquin, for example. It has development emerging on both sides of I-15. An artificial strip of asphalt and concrete does not prevent warm-blooded people from moving daily from one side of town to the other, or from talking to one another, or from going to church or school together. Nor does the freeway inhibit or channel commerce to such a degree that by living on either side residents become creatures of different worlds. In California, perhaps, but not in Santaquin. People on the east side must still go west to buy groceries.

We see no reason that Santaquin could not have been left intact, with the district boundary drawn hard against the mountain, just as Provo's district boundary was drawn hard against Utah Lake. The same applies to all the other communities in Utah that were dissected for the sake of a plan hatched in secret.

A similar atrocity was committed in Sanpete County, one of the oldest and most historically insular communities in Utah. Fairview and Mt. Pleasant find themselves in the awkward dogleg of a new fourth district, while their sister cities, Ephraim and Manti, are mapped in the second district, giving them different representation in Washington.

This plainly shows that the Utah Legislature had absolutely no concern for cultural ties, either historical or modern. It was all about 62 percent. Gov. Herbert should refuse to go along with it.

Big changes need strong justifications but the Republicans have offered only flimsy ones. They had the gall to claim that the final map had been submitted by a citizen, David Garber of Provo. But Garber quickly revealed the perjury by posting a notice that "other than the outline of Utah, this proposal bears no resemblance to my own."

Legislators also claimed there was plenty of review time. But in fact only one hour elapsed between the time the final map was introduced in the House and the vote. Likewise, the Senate didn't get but a momentary glance.

There was no need to ram it through. No harm would have been done by waiting a few days so that all members of the legislature and public could conduct a careful examination. After all, the map is supposed to be good for 10 years, until the next Census. If it's good enough to stand for a decade, it would have been good enough to stand for a few more days.

As it turns out, the map looks fine from a high level; but at street level it's horrific. And somehow we suspect that Republican leadership knew this.

An apparently serious senior House staffer even told the Herald that cities might just as well be split because they're going to grow beyond their current boundaries anyway, creating a population and demographic mismatch to whatever districts are devised today.

This is pure mush. City boundaries grow outward relatively slowly, which is why we have a Census once every decade to make adjustments. By contrast, abruptly balkanizing established communities by legislative fiat is an exercise of power worthy of the world's best socialists.

Legislators appear to be slow learners. Their freight-train approach reflects the same attitude of contempt for the people of Utah that showed up last session with the passage of HB-477, which would have closed significant parts of government to public scrutiny. The citizen outcry was loud and sustained in that case, and it should be here, too.

Adding insult to injury is that Utah County has been treated as a pawn, notwithstanding House Speaker Becky Lockhart's keeping her own city -- Provo -- intact at the expense of other communities. (In fairness, she had no alternative. The Dave Clark Five were pressing their own agenda, and compromise was required.)

But Utah County is arguably the most staunchly conservative enclave in the United States. And what does it get? Cut into pieces, and not for some higher good but merely to serve the dubious goal of absolute party dominance.

If this map is signed off by the governor, many residents of cities along the I-15 corridor and elsewhere will be divided from their neighbors in Congress. That is wrong. Intact communities matter if we want our representatives to be beholden to anybody in particular.

Yesterday we said legislators should have their necks wrung like turkeys. But that's unfair to turkeys. The birds didn't do anything wrong. Republicans in the legislature, by contrast, are committing a serious wrong against all Utahns by playing an exclusionary game. They are willing to tear the social fabric for "light and transient causes" against which we have been so eloquently warned. Convinced of the rectitude of majority rule over statesmanship, sadly, they don't see the problem.

We will now see whether Gov. Herbert is statesman enough to stand up. If he does, the people of Utah will stand up with him.

Dixon Pitcher - GOP members discussed partisan voting numbers in closed redistricting meetings

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Redistricting squabble has GOP congressional hopefuls wondering where to line up

Published: Monday, Oct. 10, 2011 6:41 p.m. MDT

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.

"The way I'm looking at it right now, I really don't know where I'm going to run" for Congress, Sandstrom said. "I will be a candidate. Whether it's the 2nd or 4th (district), I don't know."

Sandstrom said he won't run outside the district in which he lives or go against Chaffetz, who lives in the 2nd District but represents the 3rd. Sandstrom said he would move into the 2nd or 4th districts if need be. "My wife is on board with that," he added.

Several other potential or announced candidates — Saratoga Springs Mayor Mia Love, former BYU and pro football player Jason Buck, former state lawmaker Morgan Philpot — have not committed to a district. Also, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff hasn't made up his mind yet about running for Congress.

At least three candidates — Holladay political activist Cherilyn Eagar, former Air Force officer Chuck Williams of Heber and Draper airline pilot John Willoughby — are challenging Matheson regardless of where they live. Former House Speaker Rep. Dave Clark, R-Santa Clara, also is a potential 2nd District candidate.

Rep. Carl Wimmer, R-Herriman, officially launched his campaign for the 4th District seat this past weekend.

Iraq war veteran Michael Miller, a Republican, is running against GOP Rep. Rob Bishop in the 1st District. Miller lives in West Jordan, which is outside the district.

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Dixon Pitcher - Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday

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Subject: Please vote for the King/Garber map on Monday

Dear Representative Pitcher,

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,
Kelli Lundgren

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Dixon Pitcher - Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.

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Subject: Please act with caution and deliberation on Monday.

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

Dixon Pitcher - NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

From: Connie Stewart <stewart.connie@gmail.com>
Date: 10/16/2011 7:44 PM
Subject: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

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,

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Dixon Pitcher - Lehi City Redistricting Resolution 2011

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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



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 decimal 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.

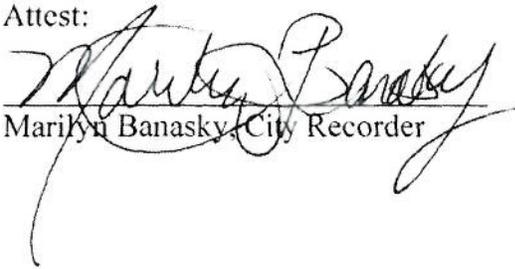
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

