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**BC:** Brad Last  
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**Subject:** October Interim Highlights  
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Dear Legislator,

Attached is the October Interim Highlights Newsletter. Prior editions of the newsletter can be found at <http://le.utah.gov/Documents/InterimHighlights.htm>. A copy of the newsletter is also being mailed to you.

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**CC:** John Schaff, Joe Pyrah, Jonathan Ball, Ric Cantrell  
**Date:** 10/18/2011 10:42:59 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting Maps of all four bills  
**Attachments:** [Combined---Enrolled House, Senate, School, and Passed Congress.pdf](#)

Dear Legislators:

Attached are the redistricting maps of the four bills you passed. There are 29 maps that show substantial detail of these plans. I hope you find them helpful as you discuss these bills with your constituents. Thanks for letting us help you in this long and draining process. If you have questions don't hesitate to call us.

Mike

**From:** Holly Richardson  
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**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 8:38:01 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

I have nothing related to redistricting. Thank you.

Holly

>>> Kathryn Jackson 10/13/2011 3:38 PM >>>

Please read the attach GRAMA request and respond to me as soon as possible. We have 10 days from today to respond.

Thanks much for your assistance.

KJ

**From:** Larry Wiley  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 3:54:07 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

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Kathy - -

Other than state email I have no other correspondence relating to the redistricting issues.

Thanks,

Larry

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I don't have any records to report. Also, I do not smoke.

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I don't have any.

Brad

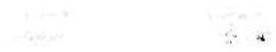
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KJ

**From:** kate bradshaw  
**To:** Brad Last, Brad Last  
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**Brad Last**  
**October Spectrum article**

The summer and fall political season has been dominated by Redistricting at the State Capitol. The topic has also dominated the local media for the past few months as well. Since greater populations results in more representation in Congress, this is a highly anticipated event in political circles. Utah narrowly missed out on gaining a 4<sup>th</sup> seat during the 2000 census resulting in a U.S. Supreme Court case involving how LDS missionaries and other citizens residing out of country, like the military, are counted during the census. The results of the 2010 census revealed that Utah's population had grown enough to warrant a 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat. Gaining a seat presents the happy problem of doing a complete redraw of the maps for 4 seats rather than the minor adjustments that would have been required to adjust the 3 existing seats.

While the Congressional maps usually draw the most attention from the public, the redistricting committee and Legislature are responsible for 4 different map categories: State House, State Senate, State School Board, and Congressional. The shifts and changes in population will eventually trickle all the way down to City Council boundaries as all political entities adjust boundaries to ensure that every district has equal populations. Last month Rep. Don Ipson talked about the various seat changes for State House and State Senate for southern Utah. I'm going to focus on the Congressional seats since that map was adopted earlier this week.

This process is not nearly as easy as it might seem. There are many important principles like equal populations number, respecting community boundaries and community of interest, and clear and contiguous boundaries. Complicating the process is the way the majority of our population has grouped along the Wasatch Front. This means that there are multiple lines drawn through the major population centers, dividing cities, counties, and neighboring communities in order to make the population numbers even between the 4 seats.

The final Congressional map took 34 meetings in 17 different cities followed by several days of debate and compromising between the full House and Senate at the Capitol. The final map puts Washington and Iron Counties into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, which is the same district we were in prior to the census. However we will find that we are now partnered with counties on the western side of the State rather than the eastern side of the State. New counties to the district are: portions of Davis, portions of Juab, Tooele, Millard, Beaver, and Sevier counties. Existing 2<sup>nd</sup> District counties include: portions of Salt Lake, Kane, Garfield, Wayne, Piute, Iron and Washington counties. For a link to the map to go: [www.redistrictutah.com/maps/sb3002enrolled](http://www.redistrictutah.com/maps/sb3002enrolled)

The dense population in Salt Lake City has meant that the northern end of the district has traditionally been more dominant. With the new district alignment, it is possible that a candidate from southern or rural Utah will have a chance for election.

There are always critics of the maps and of the redistricting process in general. However, I do believe the legislature and redistricting committee have tried very hard to make the process accessible and available to all Utahns through public meetings, map software, web posting, and a variety of social media outlets. I for one look forward to the greater representation our 4 seats will provide us in Congress.

*Brad Last represents House District 71 in Washington County. He is participating in a rotating column on legislative issue with other legislators from southern Utah.*

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It is with great displeasure that I have witnessed this year the destruction of Constitutional principles by the very people I elected to represent me. I was disgusted with how SB3002S19 and SB3002S20 were virtually shoved down our throats when we the voters said with one accord no to this map. I know several people who sent e-mails asking you to not vote for this map. Now we see that the party bosses in Salt Lake City told you what to do.

I have never felt as powerless as a voter as I have at this time. It as if my voice did not even matter to you. I have been betrayed by the people I voted for. This is just what they did in the old Soviet Union.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefl

Layton, Utah

**From:** "Keven Stratton, Sutherland Institute"  
**To:** Brad Last,  
**Date:** 10/18/2011 7:51:07 AM  
**Subject:** Mountain West Summit: Forging a New Consensus on Immigrants and America  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Brad,

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, Sutherland will be co-hosting a four-state Mountain West Conference: "Forging a New Consensus on Immigrants and America."

The summit will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City Center Marriott in Salt Lake City and will include presenters from Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho.



**Click here for more information**

Sutherland's Paul Mero will moderate a panel, while other Utah presenters include Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and The Most Rev. John C. Wester, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake.



Cheers!

Keven Stratton  
Grassroots Outreach  
Sutherland Institute

P.S. For questions and to RSVP, email [mountainwestsvp@immigrationforum.org](mailto:mountainwestsvp@immigrationforum.org) or call Maria Castro at 202-383-5994

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### Why Democrats Can Only Sing the Redistricting Blues

Just a quick thought about the Utah redistricting kerfuffle. The key point, in my mind, is not the process the state Republicans are using to come out with the map. That is an issue, and it is debatable, but, at bottom, it is not the most salient point.



Here is the key point: If Democrats in Utah are upset about the process and outcome, they should look in the mirror. Their efficacy, or lack thereof, has led to their current predicament.

**Read more...**

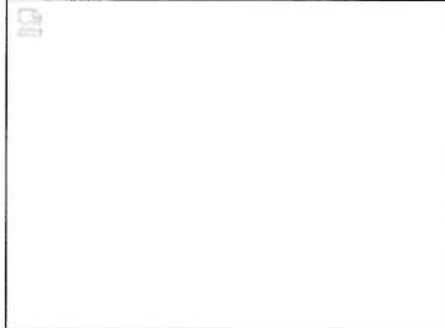
### 'Cult' Accusation Is a Bigoted Blast From the Past

When evangelical pastor Robert Jeffress called The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints a "cult" at the Values Voters Summit, a huge gathering of the "pro-family movement," it brought back all sorts of thoughts for me. Permit me, for a moment, to establish my bona fides ... because what I'm about to impart might sting a bit if you don't first understand that I've earned my stripes to say what will be said.

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## Utah Leading the Nation in Innovative Education

Thursday afternoon, Digital Learning Now (DLN), an initiative launched by the Foundation for Excellence in Education in partnership with the Alliance for Excellent Education, released a state-by-state Digital Learning Report Card and the digital learning Roadmap



for Reform. The report card assessed state laws on how well they are doing at removing barriers to the growth and success of digital learning, based on the "10 Elements of High Quality Digital Learning." The Roadmap is a policy guide for creating a policy environment friendly to digital learning. For those who would like a background on what digital learning is, and what it isn't, here is a good primer from the International Association for K-12 Online Learning.

**[Read more...](#)**

### A Peek at Paul Mero's Reading List

If you open Paul Mero's iPad 2 and review his books, here's what you'll find:

1. *John Adams* by David McCullough
2. *The Conservative Mind: From Burke to Eliot* by Russell Kirk

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### Parents for Choice in Education's Second Annual Education Symposium

Students First - Project 2012

When: Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, at noon

Where: Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City

Parents for Choice in Education invites you to be their guest at a luncheon event with featured speaker

Dr. Tony Bennett

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction

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I just watched the news and saw with surprise exactly what my government should not be doing. I wrote to you earlier asking for your support for the McAdams-Cox Redistricting map. Now I see what I have asked before to not be done just keep going on without regard to us, the voters. I beg of you stop this nonsense! The people of Utah are calling on you to submit equal representation without this political intrigue.

I propose the McAdams-Cox map for due consideration. It may not be perfect, but it is way better than anything you have so far put out there. I also ask you to do this in open session and not behind locked doors. It is time to move on.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Tref

Layton, Utah

**From:** Brent Palmer  
**To:** Julie Fisher, Bradley Daw, Brad Dee, Becky Edwards, Brad Galvez, Bill Wright, Brad Last, Becky Lockhart, Brad Wilson, Brian King, Chris Herrod, Curtis Oda, Carol Moss, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Carl Wimmer, David Butterfield, David Clark, Derek Brown, Don IPSON, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Greg Hughes, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Jim Bird, Joel Briscoe, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy 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:** Congressional Maps  
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Dear Congressmen & Congresswomen,  
Thank you so much for your willingness to serve this great state.

The matter before you dealing with the congressional mapping is one of great import that we will all have to live with for the next decade. Please allow any personal agenda or ego to remain on the sidelines for this decision.

As a resident of Southern Utah I am very concerned about the lack of attention rural Utah is getting in this process. The map submitted by the committee and approved by the Senate was about as fair as I have seen for So. Utah (SB 3002). Please do not allow politics to get in the way of seeing what is right for all members of all 4 districts. I understand that Speaker Lockhart has openly supported Sumison 15&16. To rural Utah these maps are unacceptable! We are sick and tired of having SLC decide who represents us, as evidenced by the overwhelming support for Morgan Philpot in the last election. Please do not support the Sumison maps as they are drawn!

Do what is right for Utah.

Thanks,  
Brent Palmer  
St. George  
435-467-1977

**From:** "Ellen Brady"  
**BC:** Brad Last, Brad Last  
**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:** "Craig Shuler"  
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**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Craig L. Shuler, CPA*

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**Subject:** Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician  
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A last-second plea to not consider political careers in drawing the boundaries. To the victor, goes the spoils, it is said, and you may be of a mind it is quite within your right.

Each person to his or her own opinion, and I certainly am wrong about enough in life, but, yes, to me, it is wrong to allow politics and political careers to be a factor in the way the map is drawn.

To the victor goes the spoils? And, therefore, you are but claiming what is yours? Is this no worse than giving government posts to those of one's own party? It is a little more than that. In this case, if you adjust the boundaries to increase the chances of your party, or the odds for a potential candidate, you must change them away from what is best for the public.

You must sacrifice the good of the public for the good of a politician.

I mean no offense, but we elect you to serve us, the people, not to serve will of fellow political aspirants.

Please, as you look at the six (or however many) choices, consider which of them have been drawn to forward a political career and opt not to support that plan.

-- John Jackson  
of Sandy

**From:** Todd Furse  
**To:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 9:28:33 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
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Hello, Brad.

This is Todd Furse. Seems like I just saw you!

I don't pretend to understand all the ins and outs of this issue. All I understand is that I have long felt like my vote is mitigated by our being in the same district as Salt Lake City. I have not enjoyed having Jim Matheson as my representative, nationally...not that he's any sort of villain or anything, just that he doesn't share many of my views (by a long shot in some cases). It seems like the votes of such a large part of rural Utah are discounted because we share a seat with the most "liberal" and populous part of the state. I know everyone is screaming that the committee's proposal is not fair, but, from my perspective, it *hasn't* been fair. We are a rural state. There are enough populous states. We ought to be a rural voice.

I would like to encourage you to support being 'unfair' the other way for a while and vote for whatever plan you think would best allow conservative, rural Utahns to have more influence on the national scene.

Thank you very much for your time and service. Have a safe trip home when the time comes.

-Todd Furse

**From:** Larry Meyers  
**To:** Larry Meyers  
**BC:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 8:01:04 PM  
**Subject:** Southern Utah legislators are working hard for us on Redistricting  
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Friends,

Good news. Since my earlier email, I've heard from Representatives David Clark and Don Ipson and they have assured me they are working to get the best redistricting deal possible for southern Utah. I know they both have a lot of influence in the Legislature, so I feel confident they will make sure that we are heard from in this process.

Rep. Ipson stated that they don't plan to rush anything through and that the redistricting committee can still hold additional meetings if necessary to take public input and vet any new proposals. I'm looking forward to seeing how it comes out.

Larry

**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Brad Last, Brad Last  
**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](#)

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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,

Constance M. Stewart

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**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Brad Last, Brad Last  
**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](#)

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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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**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, , , ,  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 7:36:19 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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:** Represent Me Utah  
**To:** Becky Lockhart, Michael Waddoups  
**BC:** Brad Last  
**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!

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**From:** Larry Meyers  
**To:** Larry Meyers  
**BC:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 9:02:11 AM  
**Subject:** Support SB 3002 and oppose last-minute redistricting changes  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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:** Charlie Tref  
**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 Mccliff, 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, aosmond@utahsenate.org, coanderson@utahsenate.org, Charlie Tref  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 11:57:55 PM  
**Subject:** Support the McAdams-Cox Modification  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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. Tref

Layton, Utah.

**From:** gail gerlach  
**To:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 10:32:31 PM  
**Subject:** redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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:** Jen  
**BC:** Brad Last, Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 5:51:25 PM  
**Subject:** US Congressional Map - Rep King/Garber Map  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Dear Representative,

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

I have 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:** "Rod Johnson"  
**To:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 12:26:58 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Dear Mr. Last,

I strongly recommend your support and vote for the Garber Citizen Map on redistricting Utah for the 4th Congressional seat. Brian King's plan would make the most sense of all the proposals and keep the districts more geographically united.

Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Rodney Johnson  
Hurricane

**From:** Dorothy A Engelman  
**To:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 9:19:25 PM  
**Subject:** Please support the Garber Citizen Map modified. It is the best solution for ALL Utahns.  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

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Please support the Garber Citizen Map modified. It is the best solution for ALL Utahns.

*Dorothy Engelman*

435-879-1558

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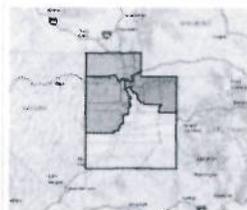


## Congress: Rep. King – Garber Modified King

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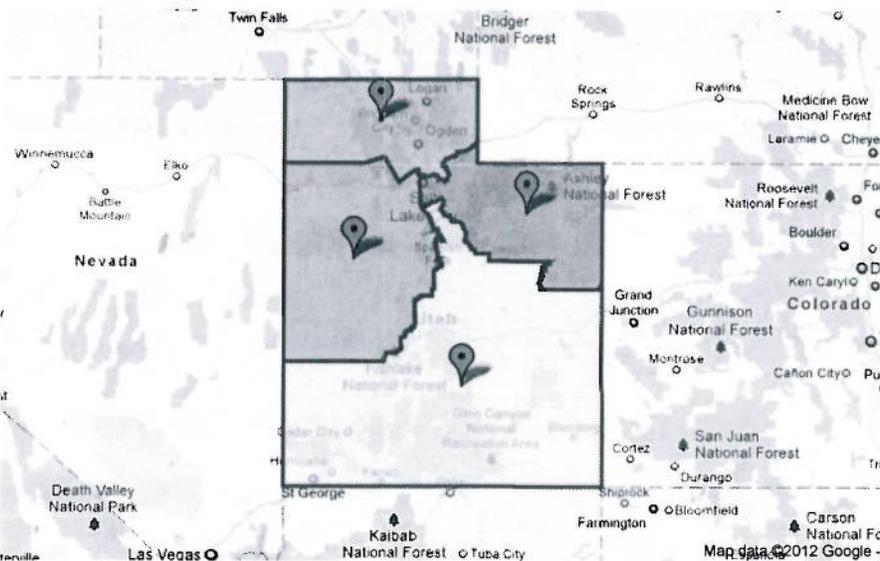


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**Scott Christian Bauer**

There is no justifiable reason to divide Salt Lake City when equitable redistricting can be accomplished while keeping Salt Lake City intact. That said, since Salt Lake County is divided among only two districts and Park City is in the same district as Salt Lake City, I could live with this plan. I like my approach much better, but implementation of this plan would not infuriate me ... unlike a few others I've seen.

**Michele Bellon**

This is the only reasonable compromise map I have seen. I hope that doesn't doom it to sudden death.

**Brent Gardner**

This looks pretty good. One of the best I have seen. I hope the republicans will go for it.

**Imagedancer**

What is the magic of an urban rural split? Since when do rural voters have a common community interest with urban voters? How is The Committee's guiding principal of Compactness reflected in stretching boundaries far afield to satisfy the irrelevant (according to The Committee's governing principles) urban rural split for any congressional district? Nowhere in The Committee's governing principals is the concept of an Urban Rural Split mentioned. The idea of such a split is the brain-child of Senate President Michael Waddoups and House Speaker for their Becky Lockhart own political purposes.

[Join the conversation](#)**John Harrison**

I'm shocked. This is a reasonable pizza. It preserves communities of interest, has an urban/rural mix in each district, and doesn't slice Salt Lake County four ways. What's the catch?

This looks like a reasonable compromise to me, I hope this map is taken seriously at the legislature.

**Tyrell Aagard**

I can deal with this map, though I definitely liked the Original Garber map over this revision. I specifically spot a lot of problems in Utah County. Payson and Salem are in separate districts, and those cities are more like two halves of a whole than anything. Same thing with Spanish Fork - Springville - Mapleton. And again in American Fork - Lehi. And why chop North Salt Lake off from the rest of Davis County? Also, though I don't think splitting Salt Lake County along I-15 (as Garber's original map does) is ideal for many reasons, I find that far preferable than the strange split down 13th West that this map does.

Essentially, I can see that this map is being offered as a compromise map; however, the original Garber map is much better than this revision. Everything that his map changes only serves to map the Garber map worse, not better.

With that all said, even with these annoying revisions, this map is still leaps and bounds ahead of most every other map that has been discussed or passed. It is clearly non-political for either side, splits up the districts in obvious cultural and geographical areas, has small and compact districts that are easy to get around, and doesn't royally screw over rural Utah nearly as bad.

I think my biggest complaint about this map is lumping southern Utah in with Utah County, but that's something that just simply can't be avoided, there's not enough population to give them their own district. Oh well, we've still got the 2022 redistricting, hopefully southern Utah can get their own district then.

**Kent Peterson**

This looks like a reasonable and balanced compromise. If too many people are completely satisfied with any proposal, there must be something wrong with it.

**Erik Gumbrecht**

Very similar to my proposal "Thin Crust Pizza" <http://www.redistrictutah.com/>...

**Guest**

This is by far the best compromise I have seen. I can definitely support this map.



**Q. Dang**

This map needs to go before the main legislative body for a vote!



**hlouise**

good luck with that. since salt lake county is more liberal than the legislature likes. i wonder how they like the sit in this weekend?



**dudeman**

This should be the map. Done!



**Guest**

This one looks kosher to me.



**Citizen from the 2nd District**

While I am sure that a better compromise could be made, this one appears to be a justifiable attempt. I support this map.



**Jennaire**

This is the best map I've seen in the last 2 weeks, and I could only hope this map would seriously be considered!



**Marilyn Miller PhD**

In order to encourage voting in Utah, we must have fair boundaries. This looks like the best I ahve seen.



**Aere Greenway**

I like this better than the others.



**Jason Myers**

While not the best map I've seen, it at least makes sense. I'd support this map if it were to be voted on.



**Cotterill**

This map, by far, presents a better representation for it's citizens than any of the other maps... I too, hope that doesn't mean it's demise...



**Revo**

Salt Lake City should be kept intact as the people who work and live here understand the nature of living in a city and all of it's pros and cons. We need representation that truly reflects the people living in Salt Lake county. So be it if the Democrats in the city give Republicans a run for their money or should I say unbalanced power.

**David from Sandy UT**

"The cake is a lie." And the "pizza slice" approach to redistricting is based on the idealistic yet unrealistic assumption that rural voters will be able to compete for attention while being outnumbered (and potentially out-contributed) 3 to 1 by voters in urban and suburban precincts.

Although I strongly object to the majority party's requirement that we ignore the simple logic that ~25% of the voters should have 25% of the congressional delegation focused on their unique issues, this map is less "rude, crude, and ignem" than the other pizza maps currently being discussed.

**David Edward Garber**

I think that these modifications are worsening this proposal a bit, as it devolves gradually from the original rationale upon which it was based. Nevertheless, I think that it's still pretty decent, despite such changes. Here are three other variants that may or may not be worth considering:

\* Garber: <http://www.redistrictutah.com/>

\* Plewe: <http://www.redistrictutah.com/>

\* Anderson: <http://www.redistrictutah.com/>

This variant's most glaring problem for me is how it divides Utah County. I also don't like how it extends its western district so far southward into the Sevier Desert. Hmmm...

**dudeman**

This is a compromise. That is why it is good. You can have true urban - rural split in each district w/o going crazy carving SL, Utah and Davis counties. Of course SL County is going to be split up. Just in away that gives a chance to everybody. The other maps - I think the Suburban conservatives are scared of the rural counties (pretty much out of their minds).

**hlouise**

it won't be long until the rural voters are scared to death of the urban voters. we need the rural communities, but it will ultimately be necessary to hold the rural areas available for farming and recreation. or all of you rural voters afraid?????

**InvolvedAmerican**

This is an excellent compromise map. It has an urban/rural mix. It's compact. It splits Salt Lake County into two, and Utah County only in two, compared to the other finalists. This is good politics! And goodwill for the people if passed as the U.S. Congressional Map.

**kimmydawn**

Honestly, I would love to hear a valid complaint about this map, because I can't see one.

**June Taylor**

One complaint some of us have in SLC is: There are actually quite a lot of folks in urban areas of Utah who are not anywhere near as rightwing as the Utah GOP has become, and having the Lege split our areas into enough pieces that our views aren't represented is infuriating. This map is the best of a rotten bunch of pizzas.

**David from Sandy UT**

The pizza maps completely ignore the needs and interests of rural voters. Instead of having 25% of the congressional delegation highly focused on the needs and interests of ~25% of the voters, pizza maps guarantee that rural voters will outnumbered and potentially out-contributed 3 to 1 by voters in urban and suburban areas.

On the other hand, this map does a better job of keeping urban and suburban communities of interest together, which makes it less vile than maps designed explicitly to de-facto-disenfranchise independent, moderate, and progressive voters.

**Brad**

Seems pretty reasonable. Regardless, it does not matter what comes out of all this someone is going to be ticked.  
http://www.facebook.com/thepeo.



**moab mike**

what kind of "civilization" have we become when "not as bad as the rest" is viewed as acceptable?  
The obvious intent of this and virtually every other map considered by the very partisan republicans is to dilute (or shut out) any voice that is not in lock-step with their own.  
As the population of SL must be divided, why isn't the southwest added in with the like minded folks from Utah County while the largest "community of interest" is maintained?  
Why are communities like my own (Moab) silenced by inclusion with Provo? The only thing we have in common is that our tax-dollars go to the same place.  
  
This map, and others under consideration, virtually guarantee that many tax-paying citizens will go without a voice or fair representation...the very impetus of the original American Revolution.



**Sbracken007**

Finally, I think you have come to the most equitable districts with a mix of rural/urban citizens. There has to be a concerted effort by our elected officials to do all they can to GOTV. This map gives people a reason to go to the polls because the districts are competitive rather than artificially stacked in favor of one party!



**hlouise**

it doesn't matter. the retardicans will rule us forever. long live king lockhardt.



**Karen Ferguson**

This map is better than most. It is still sad our communities are divided so we can not get total representation for our interests.

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**Reactions**



**Utah Constitution, Article IX, Section 1**

"No later than the annual general session next following the Legislature's receipt of the results of an enumeration made by the authority of the United States, the Legislature shall divide the state into congressional, legislative, and other districts accordingly."

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**From:** "DAN HULL, LINDA HULL"  
**To:** Brad Last  
**Date:** 9/30/2011 10:46:07 AM  
**Subject:** ACO's  
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Dear Brad,

I hope you are having fun with the new mapping stuff. I am writing to ask for help in getting Homecare and Hospice better connected in the new ACO waiver program for Medicaid. We were told at first that we were excluded along with long term care but Mike Hales told us last week that we are in the ACO's. This has prevented us from helping to plan with the group whoever that is. If we are in then most of the agencies along the Wasatch Front will be excluded due to limits in who have contracts with Select Access, Molina and Healthy U.

I will be by on Tuesday while you are in special session and try to bring a short position sheet on what help or issues we have. We think Home Health could really help reduce the costs and limit hospitalization if it is used right. This could really help the ACO's.

Thank you.

*Dan Hull*

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**From:** Brad Last  
**To:**  
**Date:** 10/14/2011 2:25:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Some thoughts on redistricting from Congressman Bishop  
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Butt Ugly! Now you are speaking my language.

Brad Last

>>> Rob Bishop 10/12/11 10:40 PM >>>

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:** Brad Last  
**To:** Carole Peterson  
**Date:** 10/3/2011 8:25:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Reapportionment

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Carol,

Having been through this process a few times yourself, I think you know better. This has been a very deliberative process. A number of my colleagues, including several democrats, have just finished floor speeches wherein they praised the process and the fair consideration that was given to their concerns.

I take great pride in how the redistricting has been handled. You are welcome to voice your opinion. Likewise, I can respectfully disagree with you.

Brad Last

>>> Carole Peterson <carolepete1650n@yahoo.com> 10/3/2011 7:26 PM >>>

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

Remember who elects you--WE THE PEOPLE!

Carole E. Peterson

**From:** Allyson Isom  
**To:** Allyson Isom  
**BC:** Janice Fisher  
**Date:** 10/20/2011 4:27:31 PM  
**Subject:** Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills  
**Attachments:** [10.20 Final Special Session Bills Signed.pdf](#)

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The attached contains the following content:

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October 20, 2011

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**Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills**

SALT LAKE CITY—Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the remaining pieces of legislation from the recent special legislative session. The bills signed were:

- S.B. 3001s03 Utah State Senate Boundaries and Election Designation (Sen. Okerlund)
- S.B. 3002s19 Congressional Boundaries Designation (Sen. Okerlund)
- S.B. 3005 Lieutenant Governor District Determinations (Sen. Okerlund)

Governor Herbert issued the following statement regarding Utah’s redistricting effort:

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**Governor Signs Final Special Session Bills**

SALT LAKE CITY—Governor Gary R. Herbert signed the remaining pieces of legislation from the recent special legislative session. The bills signed were:

- S.B. 3001s03 Utah State Senate Boundaries and Election Designation (Sen. Okerlund)
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**From:** John Daley  
**To:** Janice Fisher  
**Date:** 10/19/2011 9:54:34 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** Mime.822

Hi Janice,

I saw the Trib story on redistricting. Are you around and available for an interview tomorrow?

Thanks,

John

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From: Janice Fisher [janicefisher@utah.gov]  
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 12:53 PM  
To: John Daley  
Subject: Re: UTA bonuses

Thanks John, Janice  
-----Original Message-----  
From: John Daley  
To: Fisher, Janice

Sent: 4/26/2010 10:39:44 AM  
Subject: UTA bonuses

Here's that story:

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/print/700027228/Utah-Transit-Authority-not-disbursing-annual-bonuses.html>

John

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**From:** Charlie Trefth  
**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

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It is with great displeasure that I have witnessed this year the destruction of Constitutional principles by the very people I elected to represent me. I was disgusted with how SB3002S19 and SB3002S20 were virtually shoved down our throats when we the voters said with one accord no to this map. I know several people who sent e-mails asking you to not vote for this map. Now we see that the party bosses in Salt Lake City told you what to do.

I have never felt as powerless as a voter as I have at this time. It as if my voice did not even matter to you. I have been betrayed by the people I voted for. This is just what they did in the old Soviet Union.

Sincerely;

Charles P. Trefth  
Layton, Utah

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

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Dear Congressmen & Congresswomen,

Thank you so much for your willingness to serve this great state.

The matter before you dealing with the congressional mapping is one of great import that we will all have to live with for the next decade. Please allow any personal agenda or ego to remain on the sidelines for this decision.

As a resident of Southern Utah I am very concerned about the lack of attention rural Utah is getting in this process. The map submitted by the committee and approved by the Senate was about as fair as I have seen for So. Utah (SB 3002). Please do not allow politics to get in the way of seeing what is right for all members of all 4 districts. I understand that Speaker Lockhart has openly supported Sumison 15&16. To rural Utah these maps are unacceptable! We are sick and tired of having SLC decide who represents us, as evidenced by the overwhelming support for Morgan Philpot in the last election. Please do not support the Sumison maps as they are drawn!

Do what is right for Utah.

Thanks,  
Brent Palmer  
St. George  
435-467-1977

**From:** "Ellen Brady"  
**BC:** Janice Fisher, Janice Fisher  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 10:06:47 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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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  
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**From:** "Craig Shuler"  
**To:** Janice Fisher, Rebecca Houck, Gene Davis  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 11:10:41 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Democrats, Consider McAdams/Cox, King S07 and King S12  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Sorry I typed your email address incorrectly before.

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**From:** Craig Shuler [mailto:shulercl@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 16, 2011 10:37 PM  
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**Subject:** Democrats, Consider McAdams/Cox, King S07 and King S12

Democratic Legislators,

1. The McAdams / Cox "Modification of Hat and 3 Stripes" is apparently the only bipartisan map published since the late September adjournment. It is not as good as Rep. King's maps but as Sen. McAdams said at the SLC library last Tuesday, it may be the only one the supermajority will consider as a compromise.
2. By nearly any definition, the Republican-only West Valley to Payson doughnut-hole plans would create a gerrymander district around the hole, connecting south Davis County and San Juan County in an illogical way. I've stopped being angry, but please try to convince the Republicans to take a higher, less partisan road.

To get from Woods Cross to Blanding by logical highways, SB3002 and Rep. Sumsion's proposed Substitutions 15 and 16 would require the congressman or woman to cross district boundary lines 6 times. Under the Froerer-Adams-Modified Sumsion 15 map he or she would have to cross boundary lines 4 times, but district one would become gerrymandered. THOSE PLANS ARE ALL EXTREMELY UNFAIR. If it were me, I would vote no on all of them this week.

3. Rep. Sumsion explained at the library that the Utah House boundaries, mostly developed by him, were done in a bi-partisan way. He reported that 3 of the 4 eliminated/consolidated Utah house seats were in slower-growing Republican districts and only 1 in slower-growing Democratic districts. If true, congratulations to him and the Utah House and thanks to the Redistricting committee and all its work on all the maps.
4. Of all congress maps submitted in October by a legislator, only Rep. King's proposed Substitution 7 (the Garber Plan) meets the criteria that ought to be the only criteria for congressional boundaries other than equal population. Those criteria keep districts logical, compact, and keep most communities together. They also keep neighboring communities and counties together.

Rep. King's S12 looks like a fairly decent compromise between Garber's good points and replacing S3002's and Sumsion's West Valley-Provo doughnut hole with something more defensible. Would he be able to find some Republican in Central or southern Utah to sponsor it with him as bipartisan?

**From:**  
**To:** Cory Hutchings, Brian Doughty, Carol Moss, David Litvack, Doug Sagers, Fred Cox, Johnny Anderson, Janice Fisher, Joel Briscoe, Jim Dunnigan, Jennifer Seelig, Lynn Hemingway, Larry Wiley, Mark Wheatley, Neal Hendrickson, Patrice Arent, Rebecca Houck, Susan Duckworth, Brian King,  
**Date:** 10/16/2011 10:04:00 PM  
**Subject:** Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician

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A last-second plea to not consider political careers in drawing the boundaries. To the victor, goes the spoils, it is said, and you may be of a mind it is quite within your right.

Each person to his or her own opinion, and I certainly am wrong about enough in life, but, yes, to me, it strays from good ethics to allow politics and political careers to be a factor in the way the map is drawn. (Maps? I believe the only one left, is the congressional map. But, if the legislative maps have not been finalized, I am concerned about them, as well.)

To the victor goes the spoils? And, therefore, you are but claiming what is yours? Is this no more of a thing than giving government posts to those of one's own party? It is a little more. In this case, if you adjust the boundaries to increase the chances of your party, or the odds for a particular possible candidate, you must change them away from what is best for the public.

You must sacrifice the good of the public for the good of a politician.

I mean no offense, but we elect you to serve us, the people, not to serve will of fellow political aspirants.

Please, as you look at the six (or however many) choices, consider which of them have been drawn to forward a political career and opt not to support that plan.

-- John Jackson  
of Sandy

**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Janice Fisher, Janice Fisher  
**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](#)

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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 redistrict ion committee and has already passed the Utah Senate.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Connie Stewart  
**BC:** Janice Fisher, Janice Fisher  
**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](#)

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Dear Legislators,

You are meeting this Monday, October 17, 2011 to finalize the redistricting map. The Utah Senate has passed the most equitable bill (redistricting plan).

Speaker Becky Lockhart is pushing two new plans to introduce tomorrow. You made a decision, now is not the time to make any changes or wavier on that decision. It is a good redistricting plan.

(\*Early last year the Utah State Legislature made "last minute changes" to adopt a bill regarding illegal immigration and found themselves in hot water, with a bill that the citizens of Utah were greatly dissatisfied with.)

I respectfully request that you move forward, no further considerations and adopt the plan as accepted by the Utah Senate, today, Monday, October 17, 2011.

Sincerely,

Constance M. Stewart  
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**From:** ada cox  
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**Date:** 10/16/2011 7:36:19 PM  
**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