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Dear Bill,

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Similar presentations by Mr. Ferrell sell for up to \$600 per person, but we have space in this session - free - for **the first 10 people who respond to this email.**

This is an all-day session that goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sutherland's offices (307 West 200 South, Suite 5005, in Salt Lake City).

Reserve your seats by contacting me [via email](#) or calling Lisa at 801-355-1272. When you call, please mention this email. Priority will be given to couples.

Cheers!

Keven Stratton
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**Redistricting: Why Utah
Ought to Carve Up Salt Lake**



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

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who works each and every
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happy to do, right? Well, not
exactly.

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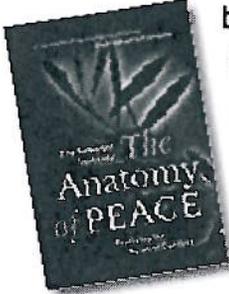


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Friday, October 7, 2011

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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Dear Representative or Senator:

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

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

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

Ellen

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From: Lynn Zaritsky
To: Bill Wright
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Subject: let's not do gerrymandering
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Mr. Wright,

Though it may be tempting to go all out for total Republican everything in Utah, please can we just remember that you and your colleagues are supposed to represent your constituents. That is basic US Civics 101. If the area of your representation is so spread out and so politically divided as proposed by the most recent district maps, how on earth would you (or more accurately, your national counterparts) do this? Would you represent Fairview and not the folks in Salt Lake City? Would you think rural instead of urban? Or would you do the reverse, since more voters live in SLC than in Fairview?

You are supposed to represent me, rural me. I am supposed to have national representation that likewise represents rural me. My representative is not supposed to have to chose between the many varied constituents to consider whom it is he is supposed to represent - that choice should be already made by wise (not political) folks so that, in the end, you represent me.

Now, of course there will be differences among some of those you represent - I, for example, am not a Republican and will probably never agree with many of your decisions. Nevertheless, you and I do share some values and goals, and I understand that you are attempting to represent the values and goals of most of the people in our area. I would like the same for my national representation.

This is not too much to ask. It is Civics 101.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Lynn Zaritsky

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Speakers at the Press Conference yesterday in the Capitol protesting redistricting:

Joshua Kanter: Founder of An Alliance for a Better Utah.

Registered Democrat, Donated \$20,000+ in 2008 & 2010 election cycle. Obama, Clinton, DSCC, DNC, John Kerry, DCCC

John Hansen: Registered Democrat, SLC

Mayor Peter Corroon: (D) Salt Lake County Mayor. Called redistricting process un-American. Ran for Governor in 2010, major recipient of donations from Bruce Bastian, Howard Dean, AFL-CIO, Labor Unions, supporter of non-partisan "Fair Boundaries" initiative whose maps were drawn by Democrat operative, adviser and former UT Dem Party Exec-Director Todd Taylor.

David Irvine: Donor to Democratic Presidential candidate Wesley Clark, President Barack Obama, DNC. Attorney who has sued Utah and has received millions of dollars from Utah taxpayers in law suits.

Sen. Ross Romero: Senate Minority Leader, Candidate for SLCO Mayor, Democrat

Glenn Wright: "non-partisan Fair Boundaries" Director. Former Summit County Democrat Party Chair, caught using partisan map drawn by UT Democrat Adviser and former Executive Director

Speaker Up & Peace Up Activists; Tim DeChristopher's friends, sat on UTA TRAX to protest coal power.

MaryAnne Martindale: Exec Director of Alliance for a Better Utah, Democrat AG campaign manager, democrat operative, registered democrat. Won't release her salary or fundraising information for Alliance for a Better Utah.

No "legitimate" republicans, tea partiers, independents or non-partisan people spoke at the "non-partisan" rally.

As an observer, I find it offensive that groups would be so blatant in their partisan bias while trying to maintain the "non-partisan" citizens title.

Regards,

Aaron Rennaker

From: Carole Peterson
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, Dixon Pitcher, Dean Sanpei, Eric Hutchings, Evan Vickers, Francis Gibson, Fred Cox, Gage Froerer, Holly Richardson, Johnny Anderson, Jim Bird, Jack Draxler, Jim Dunnigan, Jeremy Peterson, Jim Nielson, John Mathis, Kay McIlff, Keith Grover, Ken Ivory, Kraig Powell, Kenneth Sumsion, LaVar Christensen, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Mike Morley, Patrick Painter, Paul

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Representative Bill Wright, Holden

Please vote no on the SB3002 gerrymander. Send it back to public hearings for a month. The past week's secret meetings are shameful! It is apparently gerrymandered for no HONEST reason.

North, south, east and west parts of the state should each be kept together. The committee did OK by northern Utah and Uintah Valley (except Summit Co), but nowhere else.

Central, southern, and SE Utah should be with Provo, not with SLC and Bountiful and Tooele!

It looks like any logical boundaries will divide Utah and Davis Counties into a two districts, but they shouldn't be the SB3002 boundaries. Salt Lake City and South Davis County should be with north (or west) Salt Lake County, not with St. George, and Monticello.

The West Jordan / Riverton / Saratoga / Payson district has most of growth areas the next 10 years and will leave their citizens severely underrepresented by 2021.

Payson should be with Provo not with West Valley!

I think you need to go back to the Congress Garber D Plan or something else that keeps districts in each of the four directions and splits my Salt Lake County in no more than two districts.

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Dear Utah Legislator:

I'm writing to protest the current redistricting plan. The notion that rural and urban districts should be 'blended' is absurd, as it results in districts that represent neither set of interests well. And in this case, it seems specially designed to silence the voice of the most populous area in the state -- Salt Lake County. As a resident of Salt Lake County, which is now split into four districts, I can assure you that I personally feel totally disenfranchised by the current plan. Specifically, I now reside in the newly formed District 4, drawn by all accounts to ensure the election of Rep Carl Wimmer to Congress. He does not and never will reflect my positions on issues that affect me personally or, more broadly, this country, Utah, or Salt Lake County. Representation is more than one-person-one vote. It also involves ensuring that areas of mutual interest are left intact such that they have a collective voice that can be heard. Salt Lake County will be deprived of that representation in Congress, should you adopt the plan before you.

Ellen

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IN OUR VIEW

A really bad pizza recipe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Read more: http://www.heraldextra.com/news/opinion/article_98f55877-58ef-562c-a05e-ebfe64587d2f.html#ixzz1ZMTXADsy

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

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Tooele Transcript Bulletin Online

Senate plan carves up county again

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“When we look at the districts up north, we had to dip into Tooele County to complete the northern senate seat,” said Okerlund. “The only other alternative would be to start in Tooele County and draw a map and then change everybody else’s boundaries.”

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

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

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Governor Calls Special Session for Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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From: "Bert Wilson"
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

Please consider the enclosed resolution that Lehi City has adopted for the purpose of redistricting. Lehi City feels it is very important to be included in a whole district due to our size, and being the fastest growing city in Utah County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City
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RESOLUTION #: 2011-38

Lehi City 2011 Redistricting Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

1. Congressional Districts must be nearly equal as practical with a deviation not greater than +/- .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 +/-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.

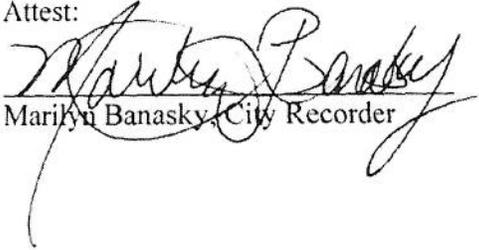
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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



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

The attached contains the following content:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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:

“Redistricting is an emotional and complex issue. For more than six months, the State Legislature engaged members of the public in an unprecedented way. I find that the Legislature followed the law, and the outcome, although not entirely satisfactory to everyone, is reasonable. Let us remember, in the final analysis, our representatives are not chosen by lines drawn on a map; they are elected by the people of Utah.”

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Well the republicans have proven they belong in prison

From: Larry Wiley [mailto:lwiley@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 3:46 PM
To: holly carson
Subject: Re: redistricting.

With regards to the congressional maps - - I am supporting the Garber/King Map.

Thanks Holly.

Larry

>>> "holly carson" <hollycarson41@gmail.com> 10/15/2011 3:58 PM >>>
So do you know whom you would be representing in this proposal?

From: Larry Wiley
To: Rich Hendron
Date: 10/17/2011 3:39:03 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Rich - -

Thanks for your comments. I don't know if you have been following the debate on the house floor today but Rep Cox presented the Cox/McAdams map and it fell short of passing. Again, a party line split in voting. We are currently back to the Senate Base Map - SB 3002. As soon as we reconvene we will be debating SB 3002 again.

Thanks for your message.

Larry

>>> "Rich Hendron" <rhendron@xmission.com> 10/17/2011 12:52 PM >>>
Dear Senators Davis and Waddoups, and Representatives Lockhart and Wiley

Our redistricting process has been very interesting, and I have carefully reviewed and studied the redistricting principles set forth by the Legislature.

The work by Representative Cox and Senator McAdams follows those principles more closely than any of the other maps, and I request that you adopt one of their versions of the redistricting maps.

Sincerely-

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