Joel Briscoe - Lehi City Redistricting Resolution 2011

From: "Bert Wilson" <BWilson@lehi-ut.gov>
To: <garya@utah.gov>, <larrye@utah.gov>, <dougw@state.ut.us>, <bdaw@utah.gov...
Date: 9/22/2011 1:43 PM
Subject: Lehi City Redistricting Resolution 2011
Attachments: Lehi City 2011 Redistricting Resolution.pdf

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Mayor Bert Wilson
Lehi City
801-362-9999

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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.

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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

Joel Briscoe - Re: Utah's redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: emina@math.utah.edu
Date: 10/16/2011 10:30 PM
Subject: Re: Utah's redistricting

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Joel Briscoe - Re: Redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: adacox@bajabb.com
Date: 10/16/2011 10:52 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Bill and Ada,

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Rep. Briscoe

>>> ada cox <adacox@bajabb.com> 10/16/11 7:36 PM >>>
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

Joel Briscoe - Re: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

From: Joel Briscoe
To: stewart.connie@gmail.com
Date: 10/16/2011 10:55 PM
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Sincerely,

Constance M. Stewart
354 South 500 East
Saint George, UT 84770-3718
Phone - 435-628-7932
Email - stewart.connie@gmail.com

Joel Briscoe - redistricting

From: <alanc@a-c-e-inc.net>
To: <jbriscoe@utah.gov>
Date: 10/14/2011 1:04 PM
Subject: redistricting

Please map the new districts with a mix of the people of the state of Utah for these reasons.

1 It benefits all Utahns to have four Congressmen with a stake in Salt Lake County instead of just one.

2 It benefits all Utahns to have four Congressmen who are advocates for rural Utah, particularly our public lands and natural resources instead of just one.

3 It benefits all Utahns to have four equally competitive Congressional Districts where a good candidate from either party has a chance to win.

4 We will maximize the quality of our candidates from both parties if we make all four districts as equal and as competitive as possible.

5 It is both equitable and wise to establish four, equal 60-40 districts rather than any one district made too heavily Republican or Democrat.

6) We are not interested in electing Congressmen who bring home the bacon for a specific community of interest, Republican or Democrat. We want Congressmen who will fight for a national balanced budget and preservation of American liberty, not pork.

7) The Democrats are going to file suit regardless of which map the Legislature adopts. It is irresponsible for a heavily Republican legislature to cede Democrats advantages that are literally harmful to our country and state and then take a PR whipping anyway.

Alan Christensen, an&la, aicp
S.L. Co. 801.484.5333; Ut. Co. 801.766.5565; Fx 801.766.0303
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Joel Briscoe - Re: Garber Map

From: Joel Briscoe
To: dennysat@hotmail.com
Date: 10/16/2011 11:09 PM
Subject: Re: Garber Map

Dennis,

We're in the same choir. My first preference would be for a congressional district located completely within SL County, but that doesn't look to be in the cards. I also like the Garber-King map. After that map, some of the maps that Sen. McAdams has drawn I could vote for, but that's about it. Thanks for writing. I hope all is well with you and yours in Summit County.

Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> "denny" 10/13/11 9:22 PM >>>
Dear Joel

I favor the Garber map as a compromise map for the redistricting of Utah. Please consider voting for this map even though I would prefer that Salt Lake County be left intact. This would be a better choice than the others considered by the Republican majority.

Dennis J. Saturnino
District 25 resident.

Joel Briscoe - Re: redistricting map

From: Joel Briscoe
To: hprater@kued.org
Date: 10/16/2011 11:12 PM
Subject: Re: redistricting map

Henrietta,

Thanks for writing. My first preference would be for a congressional district located completely within SL County. After that I agree with you, I like the Garber-King map. Some of the maps drawn by Sen. McAdams are OK, and I would consider. Keep your fingers crossed.

Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Henri Prater 10/13/11 9:26 PM >>>
Dear Representative Briscoe,

You're my representative in the legislature and I'm sending this email to let you know that I support the Garber Citizen map.
Please support this redistricting map.
Thank you.

Henrietta Prater

Joel Briscoe - Re: Redistricting- Congressional Map

From: Joel Briscoe
To: jelisehogan50@comcast.net
Date: 10/16/2011 11:15 PM
Subject: Re: Redistricting- Congressional Map

Jannine,

Thanks for writing. My first preference would be for a congressional district located entirely within SL County, but I don't think the Rs will allow that. Barring that, I also like the Garber-King map. We're on the same page there. Sen. Ben McAdams has drawn some maps that are reasonable. Keep your fingers crossed. I hope all is well with you and your husband.

Joel

>>> jannine hogan 10/14/11 8:14 AM >>>

Rep. Joel Briscoe,

Please vote on the Garber Citizen Map sponsored by Rep. Brian King. It allows Salt Lake County, common community interest and like minded, to be together. With a Urban Rural mix in each district yet, it does not slice SL County. Pleas do not divide Salt Lake County, keep it intact.

Respectfully,

jannine hogan

p.s

Joel,
It was good to visit with you at the Avenues Street Festival.

Take Care,
jannine

Joel Briscoe - Re: redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: ggerlach@mac.com
Date: 10/17/2011 7:17 AM
Subject: Re: redistricting

Gail,

It was created by Sen. Gene Davis. I think it also appears on the redistricting web site under David Litvack's name.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> gail gerlach 10/16/11 11:19 PM >>>
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Joel Briscoe - Re: redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: ggerlach@mac.com
Date: 10/17/2011 7:24 AM
Subject: Re: redistricting

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Rep. Briscoe

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Joel Briscoe - Re: Redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: Deborah Eppstein
Date: 10/17/2011 10:35 AM
Subject: Re: Redistricting

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Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Deborah Eppstein <deppstein@qthera.com> 10/17/2011 7:59 AM >>>
Dear Joel,
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Thanks,
Deborah Eppstein
5355 Pioneer Fork Rd,
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Joel Briscoe - Re: Utah's redistricting

From: Joel Briscoe
To: Emina Alibegovic
Date: 10/17/2011 10:36 AM
Subject: Re: Utah's redistricting

We're on the same page. A real doughnut hole map is not in the cards, and the Garber-King map is the next best.

Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Emina Alibegovic <emina@math.utah.edu> 10/17/2011 10:00 AM >>>

Joel,

I completely agree with you, but I'd hate us get stuck with it being split 3 ways! I should have been clearer, I agree. Thanks for writing back.

Cheers,
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Deborah,

The Republicans have 58 votes. They need 38 votes to pass a map. So far they have struggled to get a map that 38 Rs will support. We haven't found any Rs to date who will support a congressional district located solely within SL County. A few have expressed support for the Garber-King map. We'll see how many.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Deborah Eppstein <deppstein@qthera.com> 10/17/2011 10:46 AM >>>
Hi Joel, I completely agree with you- if there is any option to get SL County as one district, go for it- but it was my understanding that that was not an option (although why not?) and that the Garber-King plan was no longer an option (again , why not?)

Thanks, I am sure you will do your best.
Deborah

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I would prefer the Garber-King map, which is a variation of the Garber map passed by the Redistricting committee. I could also support Sen. McAdams map, which was presented to the Redistricting Committee, but not passed.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Connie Stewart <stewart.connie@gmail.com> 10/17/2011 12:22 PM >>>
Thank you for responding to my email. which one do you prefer at this point in time?
Connie

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Joel Briscoe - Re: Gerrymandering

From: Joel Briscoe
To: AMitchell@gsbsarchitects.com
Date: 10/18/2011 2:12 PM
Subject: Re: Gerrymandering

Alison,

Agreed. It was pure power politics. They brought out another new map that had not been vetted in public, and the Democrats had 20 minutes to look at the map before we were called down to the floor to vote on it. I spoke against the map and used the example of Rep. Rob Bishop, who has represented a large amount of SLC for the past 10 years since the last redistricting. 10 years ago they put a chunk of SLC into the 1st Congressional District so that every congressman had some urban, suburban, and rural. Has Rep. Bishop been sensitive to SLC issues? No. And quite frankly, why should he? Salt Lake City is an afterthought in his district. The heart of his district is Davis and Weber counties, and that's where he pays his attention. He doesn't need to pay attention to SLC to get re-elected.

Deja vu in 2011. The new map mostly keeps SLC together, but what do we have in common with North Salt Lake and Bountiful and Farmington? And St. George and Cedar City? SL County should only have been split twice. The Garber-King map only split three counties: Utah, Salt Lake, and Davis, and each of them was only split twice. It was defeated 21-50.

Thanks for writing.

Rep. Joel Briscoe

>>> Alison Mitchell <AMitchell@gsbsarchitects.com> 10/18/11 6:55 AM >>>
You people are unbelievable. You are as dysfunctional as the Republicans in Congress. Are you really so insecure that you feel the need to split up Salt Lake County, diluting the power of Jim Matheson's district? Matheson has done many good things for our state, and if the idea is to get the jackass Wimmer elected, you will be losing any protection we had in preserving our wild areas. Matheson currently represents the views and values of the people in his district. Wimmer would NOT represent the views of the people in SL County, in any way, shape, or form. Republicans control the state, without a doubt. This is even more obvious by the way this whole disgusting process has taken place...behind closed doors. I would have thought you'd learned your lesson with the (cringe) GRAMA debacle.
Once again disgusted and disappointed,

Alison Mitchell
916 Princeton Ave.
SLC,UT 84105
801-521-8600

Sent from my iPad

Joel Briscoe - Re: Fwd: garber citizen map modified

From: Joel Briscoe
To: krrice@xmission.com
Date: 10/16/2011 10:32 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: garber citizen map modified

Kathy,

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>>> Kathleen Rice 10/15/11 11:01 AM >>>

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Kathleen Rice <krrice@xmission.com>
> **Date:** October 15, 2011 10:50:07 AM MDT
> **To:** jbrisco@utah.gov
> **Subject: garber citizen map modified**
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> Mr. Briscoe,
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> In the upcoming vote,
> I urge you and your other members to consider the Garber Map, modified,
> as the most fair.
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> Thank you for your representation,
> Kathy Rice

Joel Briscoe - Re: Support the McAdams-Cox Modification

From: Joel Briscoe
To: cptreft@yahoo.com
Date: 10/16/2011 10:44 PM
Subject: Re: Support the McAdams-Cox Modification

Charles,

My first preference would be for a map that locates one congressional district entirely within SL County. After that I would prefer the Garber-King map or one of Sen. McAdams early maps. I have not looked at the McAdams-Cox map, but I will before tomorrow. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Charlie Treft 10/15/11 11:57 PM >>>
I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the two Congressional maps, the Sumsion 15 and 16 maps that are supposed to be proposed on Monday. I want to also urge you to back the McAdams/Cox modification of the hat and 3 strips as the best compromise. The people of Utah have spoken and this idea of a Do-nut hole district is not acceptable. Many of us are upset with the back room dealing and closed door meetings. I assure you that what is being shoved down our throats will not be forgotten.
I urge you to support the McAdams/Cox Modification.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely;
Charles P. Treft
Layton, Utah.

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Joel Briscoe - Re: Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician

From: Joel Briscoe
To: johnjackson08@comcast.net
Date: 10/16/2011 10:58 PM
Subject: Re: Don't sacrifice betterment of public for betterment of politician

John,

I think you've hit the nail on the head. SB 3002, passed by the Senate, and in front of the House, is, in my opinion, clearly drawn to benefit one particular member of the Utah House of Representatives. I believe that one congressional district should be entirely within SL County. After that, I like the Garber-King map, and some of the maps drawn by Sen. McAdams. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> 10/16/11 10:04 PM >>>

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

Joel Briscoe - Re: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

From: Joel Briscoe
To: Connie Stewart
Date: 10/17/2011 1:17 PM
Subject: Re: NO last minute changes! - Pass SB 3002, which has passed the Utah Senate.

I would prefer the Garber-King map, which is a variation of the Garber map passed by the Redistricting committee. I could also support Sen. McAdams map, which was presented to the Redistricting Committee, but not passed.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Connie Stewart <stewart.connie@gmail.com> 10/17/2011 12:22 PM >>>
Thank you for responding to my email. which one do you prefer at this point in time?
Connie

On Sun, Oct 16, 2011 at 10:55 PM, Joel Briscoe <jbriscoe@utah.gov> wrote:
Connie,

I am opposed to SB 3002. I believe there are better alternatives among the six finalist maps that we being considered by the Redistricting Committee before the Speaker introduced what is SB 3002. Thanks for writing.

Rep. Briscoe

>>> Connie Stewart 10/16/11 7:44 PM >>>
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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Joel Briscoe - From a constituent

From: "Drsconnor@cs.com" <drsconnor@cs.com>
To: <jbriscoe@utah.gov>
Date: 9/13/2011 3:45 PM
Subject: From a constituent

Hello, Representative Briscoe,

I'm writing to you today to request that you please support democrats, independent, and even moderate republican voters in voting for one of the various "donut" hole maps for U.S. Congressional seats on 10/3/11. I have spent the summer attending field meetings and speaking up about redistricting on behalf of a "good government" group called Represent Me Utah. The RD committee requested voter input, and they received plenty during these meeting throughout the state, from media comments, polls, surveys, and maps contributed by citizens.

Unfortunately, it appears that they don't value the wants and needs of the voters that actually elected them into public service as the State Senate and House maps recently adopted by the RD Committee reveal clear examples of protection of GOP incumbents at the cost of citizens in Tooele and Utah counties, and northern areas of Salt Lake City.

Now I am very concerned about trusting the RD Committee to "do the right thing" about our four U.S. Congressional districts. The GOP super majority support a four way split our state would allow each of UT's Congressional representatives to have an urban/rural mix in their districts. They say it would be "good" to have a UT delegation where all are familiar with the public versus private use land issues. I say, "good" to have agreement among delegates in DC, but what is the message about public lands that UT citizens want their representatives to convey on behalf of their state?

Not this message.

Some citizens believe that GOP legislators are following the advice of big energy lobbyists who seek state sovereignty over federal public lands in Utah as quickly as possible for lucrative for drilling projects. The current lawsuit originating from Utah to the federal government disputing ownership of wilderness areas that goes back as far as Utah's statehood over 150 years ago is sufficient evidence that their stance on environmental and regulatory issues in UT is not consistent with the environmental concerns supported by some many Utahns. Likewise GOP unwillingness to identify for special protection any of the "wilderness jewels" in Utah when recently requested by the US Department of Interior. Did any of the county mayors, who also said "no" to this request, even poll their voters for public input before making such an important decision?

Voter input over the past four months supports the creation of 2-3 urban districts and 1-2 rural districts, the "donut" hole maps. Citizens, including those in southern Utah, spoke up in favor of have separate representatives for urban and rural areas because they want their representative to focus on local issues. The RD Committee refuses to acknowledge these polls/surveys and continues to express anecdotal and misleading versions of "No, voters don't really want that; We've heard differently" despite the public record! This is reason enough not to trust the GOP majority on the RD Committee. They talk a good game, but in the end they have the ability to do what they want if people don't protest sufficiently. Voters want Congressional representatives who advocate for what Utahns want, and we are not all part of the majority.

Districts in the densely populated urban Wasatch would not only protect our canyons and deserts from oil and gas drilling and fracking, it would also more adequately represent the needs of Utah citizens. So say the voters. Please support ethics and fairness in Utah politics.

Thank you,

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