

From: Carina Dillon
To: Kenneth Sumsion, Ralph Okerlund
CC: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/10/2011 11:33:19 AM
Subject: I support the King/Garber congressional map!
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I wish to express my support for the King/Garber congressional redistricting plan. It preserves the urban/rural district mix that the committee prefers, while keeping intact communities of interest. There are some very distinct differences among Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern Utah, and the King/Garber plan wisely allows those areas' specific interests and constituencies to be well-represented. As a resident of Tooele, I can safely say on behalf of my community that-- regardless of political affiliation-- we would prefer to be included in a congressional district with western Salt Lake County, which the King/Garber plan does.

I urge you to adopt the King/Garber map.

Respectfully,
Carina Dillon
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Tooele, UT 84074

From: "Paul Diegel"
To: Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/8/2011 3:49:51 PM
Subject: Redistricting feedback
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I am writing to express my displeasure with the redistricting process so far. As an urban Utahn, it is important to me to have my community's voice heard. I want to have the ability to vote for candidates that represent me and my community, just as I think it is important to provide rural Utahns the same opportunity. Attempts to create contrived boundaries to break up my community and dilute urban Utah voices is wrong. Please don't give me the disingenuous argument that you are trying to blend urban and rural issues. Committee efforts to create "pizza slice" districts are intended to reduce democratic influence in Utah from little to none. The public is not fooled by that argument.

You can do better than this.

Paul Diegel
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SLC, UT 84109

From: "Ellen Brady"
BC: Merlynn Newbold, Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/7/2011 1:43:36 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Dear Representative or Senator:

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

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

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

Ellen

Ellen Brady
801-272-1590

From: "Cathey Lukes"
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/4/2011 11:59:09 AM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

I am a 57 year old woman living in Sugarhouse. I pay taxes, own my home, and a single parent of a 25 year recent Westminster College graduate (now a manager at Walmart). I never collected one dime of child support nor did I want any. I was and still capable of supporting my child. I am white and Catholic. Before you think "liberal" think again.

I am disgusted with the arrogance of the final maps presented. The absolute disregard for the public's input during all of the meetings held throughout the summer went completely unheard. I have NOTHING in common with people in rural areas and they have NOTHING in common with me. Your heavy hand in every aspect of life in Utah is repugnant. You all claim to be members of the LDS Church. You have NOTHING in common with present day Christians. Do you think Jesus would be proud of what you are doing? I think NOT!

In any other state I would be considered either Independent or Republican. In Utah, I lean more towards the Democrats because they have compassion, respect, and more integrity than the ultra fair right Republicans in this state. It scares me so much because the way you Republicans rule it reminds me of communism. As in a dictatorship, where you command how people vote, act, live, and love.

Please do the right thing for every Utah citizen!

Thank you,

Catherine A. Lukes
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801.649.6000

From: "Cathey Lukes"
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/4/2011 12:26:46 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

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From: "Cathey Lukes"
To: Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/4/2011 1:58:03 PM
Subject: RE: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822



I truly hope that you incorporate all of the views because at this point it appears to be a pick and choose whomever is siding with you (blindly might I add).

Thank you

From: Merlynn Newbold [mailto:merlynnnewbold@utah.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Cathey Lukes
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Cathey,
Thanks for sharing your views on the redistricting process. Many of the public comments have been incorporated into the maps that have been created but not all.
Rep. Merlynn Newbold

>>> "Cathey Lukes" <calukes@comcast.net> 10/4/2011 12:26 PM >>>

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From: "Ellen Brady"
To: Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/4/2011 2:28:52 PM
Subject: RE: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

Whether or not they are drawn for a specific individual is open to discussion. But more importantly, it is clear that they have been drawn to totally silence the voice of Salt Lake County -- the urban center of the state and the home of the majority of Utah's residents. Our interests, needs, and approaches to policy differ markedly from those of our rural counterparts. As such, my comments and total disgust relative to the obvious gerrymandering inherent in the current plan still stands.

Ellen

Ellen Brady
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From: Merlynn Newbold [mailto:merlynnnewbold@utah.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 2:04 PM
To: Ellen Brady
Subject: Re: Redistricting

Ellen,

The congressional maps are not being drawn for any one specific individual. Unlike state legislators, congressmen are not required to actually live in the area they represent.

Thanks for writing.

Rep. Merlynn Newbold

>>> "Ellen Brady" <ebrady@xmission.com> 10/3/2011 10:40 AM >>>

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

Ellen Brady
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From: Kim Higginson
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
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Due to the last minute notice, I can't make it to any public hearings today, but I want to make it known that I do not approve of the congressional map presented by Rep. Ipson. I believe it's an attempt to meet the Governor's own political agenda, and that to me is wrong. At the very least, I feel that two districts should be urban and two mainly rural. The federal land issue is a poor excuse for a map like this, and in my opinion is a special interest.

As Terry Mundorff so eloquently stated in this morning's Tribune: "Article I, Section 3 provides for at-large elected officials whose purpose it is to represent the state as a whole. They are called senators, not representatives".

Kim Higginson
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From: "Craig Shuler"
To: Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/3/2011 9:41:14 PM
Subject: No to illogical Congress boundaries
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Representative Merlynn Newbold, South Jordan

Thanks to all the redistricting committee's hard work. The more you look at the maps, the more you realize what a hard job it is.

But please vote no on the SB3002 gerrymander. 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.

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.

The west edges of Sandy and Draper west of I-15 should not be cut off from the rest of our SE SL County cities and our new Canyons School District.

Granite School District shouldn't be in three districts!

Payson should be with Provo not with West Valley!

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.

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 Salt Lake County in no more than two districts.

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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: "Ellen Brady"
BC: Merlynn Newbold, Merlynn Newbold
Date: 10/3/2011 10:40:14 AM
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From: "Michael Jensen"
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/3/2011 8:25:40 AM
Subject: west Provo should be kept within the Provo/Orem senate district.
Attachments: Mime.822

Please, Help.

west Provo should be kept within the Provo/Orem senate district.

Thanks

Michael Jensen

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From: norm Beagley
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/2/2011 4:51:37 PM
Subject: Redistricting of West Provo
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Redistricting Committee:

As a resident of west Provo, I am asking you to redraw the lines for west Provo and Orem.

Over the past ten years we, in west Provo, have been separated from our neighbors and "orphaned" as it were due to the district boundary alignment. We feel that this is wrong and respectfully ask to you to change the boundaries so that we can be in the same district as our close neighbors here in Provo.

With the upcoming redistricting special session, you have the opportunity to correct this and to have Provo represented by 2 Senators, not 3. Instead the committee looks to separate us from our neighbors and to include us with Vineyard and other rural areas of South Utah County. Over the next 10-30 years the area we live in is expected and projected to experience tremendous growth. We feel that as this growth occurs our representation will be diluted much as it has been over the last 10 years.

While it may be true that ten years ago and before that, west Provo was a rural area, this is not the case now and it is projected that we will become even more urban.

We need our Senator here in west Provo to be contained to an urban area in Provo/Orem.

Please redraw the lines in west Provo and Orem so that Provo is represented by 2 Senators not 3.

Thank you for your continual efforts to get this right.

Norm Beagley
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Provo, Utah 84601

From:

To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Ronda Menlove, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Kim Heiner, Allen Christensen, Ben McAdams, David Hinkins, Dan Liljenquist, Dan Thatcher, Gene Davis, Howard Stephenson, Stuart Adams, John Valentine, Jerry Stevenson, Karen Mayne, Karen Morgan, Kevin VanTassell, Lyle Hillyard, Luz Robles, Margaret Dayton, Pat Jones, Peter Knudson, Ralph Okerlund, Ross Romero, Stuart Reid, Scott Jenkins, Steve Urquhart, Michael Waddoups, Wayne Niederhauser, , , ,

Date: 10/2/2011 4:03:53 PM

Subject: Open Letter to Redistricting Committee - Don't Pizza Slice the Districts

Attachments: [Mime.822](#)

Don't Pizza Slice the Districts

Please, Utah Republicans, don't be greedy. It should be enough that you maintain a safe majority in most of the state, but it's not honest or just to jiggle the boundaries to disenfranchise the Democrats in SLC, the one area where they are the majority. That's not democracy -- that's just bullying. Be honest and be content with your actual majorities. Let Democrats in Salt Lake have a chance to exercise their actual majority. In other words, don't pizza-slice the Democratic majority in SLC to make sure their votes will never count.

I live in Orem, and so I know my vote for a Democratic representative will never have much of a shot, but that's because my neighbors are all Republicans, and fair is fair. But if I lived in Salt Lake, where most of my neighbors were fellow Democrats, I would expect a reasonable chance of electing a Democrat as representative, because fair is fair.

The pizza slice proposal to defeat that basic democratic principle (small-D democratic!) is cynical and political. Please, show you have some honor and backbone, and do the right thing.

Marco Davis
Orem UT

From: steve reid
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/2/2011 9:08:18 AM
Subject: Provo/Orem Senate map lines are not good
Attachments: Mime.822

Dear Redistricting Committee:

As a resident of west Provo, I am asking you to redraw the lines for Provo/Orem.

We have been the orphans of the area represented by Sen. Madsen for the past 10 years. Our district grew so big that essentially 1 Senator was representing the population of 2 districts.

With this redistricting, you have the opportunity to correct this and to have Provo represented by 2 Senators, not 3 as currently drawn. Instead the committee looks to lump us with Vineyard and rural South County. Outside of Lehi area, these areas as well as our own west Provo are projected to have tremendous growth over the next 10 years. Our representation will be diluted again!

Particularly offensive is the inclusion of Vineyard which is not connected to the rest of the district via road without crossing a neighboring district. High-population-growth Vineyard should be paired with its low-population growth Orem.

We need our Senator here in west Provo to be contained to an urban area in Provo/Orem. Provo in particular is undergoing a metamorphosis: we have commuter rail coming, reworking of interstate changes and thoroughfares, Utah's newest commercial passenger airport, a revitalized downtown including expanded NuSkin building and county convention center, and now even a new LDS temple. We need that Senator in Provo to focus on these issues, not south county issues.

Please redraw the lines in Provo/Orem so that Provo is represented by 2 Senators not 3.

Thank you for your continual efforts to get this right.

Steve Reid
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Provo Utah

From: "Christopher Miller"
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/1/2011 10:50:42 PM
Subject: Redistricting
Attachments: Mime.822

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Dear Committee Member,

I just wanted to write to let you know that I feel that West Provo should not be stripped away from the Provo/Orem Senate district and placed in a rural district. I feel that West Provo has the same Ideals and values as the current Senate district and it would be a shame for us to be put in a district with other rural areas where we do not have common needs or values. I encourage you to keep West Provo with the current Provo/Orem Senate district and not split us off into a rural district.

Sincerely,

Christopher Miller
State Delegate

From: Keri Witte
To: Becky Lockhart, Brian King, Curt Webb, Christine Watkins, Don IPSON, Francis Gibson, Gage Froerer, Kenneth Sumsion, Melvin Brown, Merlynn Newbold, Neal Hendrickson, Roger Barrus, Todd Kiser, Ben McAdams, Gene Davis, Kevin VanTassell, Ralph Okerlund, Stuart Reid, Michael Waddoups
Date: 10/1/2011 5:15:04 PM
Subject: Reunite West Provo w/Provo Orem Senate Dists
Attachments: Mime.822

Hello Redistricting Committee --

I would like to make one more plea to please unite west Provo (approx 6 orphaned precincts) with the rest of the Provo/Orem area on the state senate district map.

A senate district is comprised of 95,000 people. Provo has a population of 112,000. Yet Provo is split into *3* senate districts, with west Provo being excluded from our community of interest. There is ample opportunity to keep Provo within *2* senate districts, thus making sure that west Provo is no longer orphaned from the rest of our community.

For the last 10 years west Provo has been part of senate district 13, which was a meandering district that ranged from Tooele County to southern Utah county. With redistricting upon us, we now have the opportunity to join west Provo with the rest of the Provo/Orem senate districts so that we can spend the next decade joined with our community, yet the current senate maps once again leave west Provo orphaned from the rest of our city -- we have been carved out of the Provo/Orem area and placed with rural southern county communities, such as Lake Shore, Benjamin, and Elk Ridge. One of the biggest considerations in drawing districts is keeping communities of interest together -- the Provo community should be kept together as much as possible.

The eastern Provo senate district, which used to be fully within Utah County borders, is now drawn as spanning outside of Utah County to pick up population in the east. This is the wrong direction. This and the other Provo/Orem senate district should instead be shifted to the west to pick up population and keep communities together, which would allow west Provo to be reunited with the rest of our city, and/or within the Provo/Orem sister city area.

West Provo will lose its voice in the senate if we are combined with a large rural area that has interests very different from our own community.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I hope you will become an advocate for west Provo in the fight to be included and represented within our own community - we need your help.

Sincerely,

Keri Witte
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Provo 20

PS -- FYI, keep in mind that County Delegates are responsible for voting on state senators whose districts reside fully within a single county, while State Delegates vote if the district is split between more than one county - since County Delegates are more numerous than State Delegates, we have a greater rate of representation per capita if we can keep state senate seats fully within Utah County, and therefore it is also to our benefit (and the caucus/convention system's benefit, since it increases the rate of representation) to keep our senate districts within our county as much as possible. One of the main complaints against the caucus/convention system is that so few people are involved in choosing candidates. Changing from County Delegates to State Delegates decreases the number of people involved in the process.