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Dear Merlynn,

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.



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

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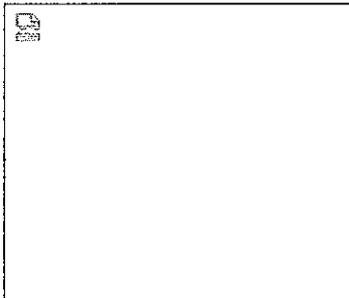
keep more of their income, and ensures that important state government services are prepared for natural disasters or emergencies?

An amendment to enact reasonable limits on growth in state government spending, based on growth in population and inflation, would deliver exactly that.

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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.

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### '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.

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### 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

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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

Winner of Fordham's 2011 "Education Reform Idol" Competition, Indiana's sweeping overhaul of education has already garnered a lot of praise in national circles.

Seating is limited. Please RSVP by [clicking here](#). If you have questions, contact Judi Clark at [judi@choiceineducation.org](mailto:judi@choiceineducation.org).

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On Thursday, Oct. 20, Sutherland will host our longtime friend Jim Ferrell from [The Arbinger Institute](#) for our award-winning Transcend Series. You probably know him best from his popular book *The Peacegiver* or his best-seller *Leadership and Self-Deception*.



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!

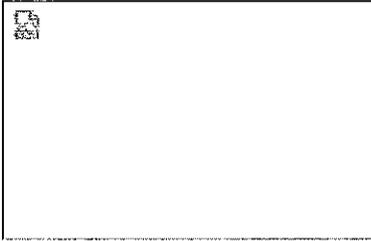
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### Redistricting: Why Utah Ought to Carve Up Salt Lake

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.

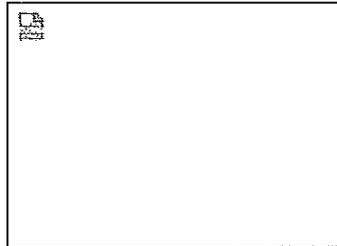


I say this as a conservative, as someone who works each and every day to protect the cause of freedom. I don't say this to disrespect or diminish in any way the personal political feelings of residents in those areas.

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### Reality Squashes Farmer's Plan to Hire Local Labor

With unemployment hovering around 9 percent, some have argued that if we could just "deal with" (read: "round up and ship out" or "starve out") undocumented immigrants, there would be enough jobs to go around. After all, they're taking up jobs that citizens would be happy to do, right? Well, not exactly.



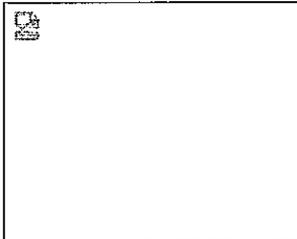
While enforcement-only measures are often touted as job-creating legislation, the reality is that there are jobs out there that most Americans simply will not do.

John Harold, a Colorado farmer, found this out the hard way.

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### How Ogden (and Other Districts) Can Foster Excellence in Teaching

Imagine a high-performing teacher in Ogden School District. This teacher takes the time to work individually with her struggling students and lets them know she cares about them. She knows the material she teaches backward and forward and has shown an amazing capacity to teach it in





ways that connect with and captivate her students.

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## Utah's Fuel Act: Helping Gas Stations at Your Expense?

Many people - citizens and lawmakers - would think it ridiculous for government to prohibit R.C. Willey from giving away hot dogs and soda Saturday mornings as an enticement for passers-by to look at furniture.

For some reason, though, many of these same people do not object to a law that forbids gas stations from giving similar direct discounts to Utahns on gasoline.

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Author, *The Peacegiver*



You probably know Jim Ferrell best from his popular books *The Peacegiver*, *The Anatomy of Peace*, or his best-seller *Leadership and Self-Deception*. This presentation, the flagship session of our *Transcend Series*, teaches us how to interact with people with whom we disagree, how to see people as human beings and not as objects, and how to engage in politics civilly.



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## A Message From Senator Aaron Osmond

**Saturday, October 08, 2011**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here is my **September Update** for your review. I hope you will find this information useful and meaningful in your desire to stay connected and informed.

### **Contact Me:**

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions about this update or any other issue happening in our State. Here is my contact information again for your records:

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Q4 Policy Planning Meeting Coming Soon: November 12th

Our next in-person Policy Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the Daybreak Community Center in South Jordan. Please mark your calendars. This will be our last meeting before the upcoming General Legislative Session at the end of January. I will be presenting the final drafts of my proposed legislation for Education and review a few other bills that I am working in preparation for the coming General Session.

### **My Recent Education Proposals**

Many of you have asked me about the details of my current education proposals. As you may know, I am sponsoring two education proposals: Education Employee Reform Act and the Independent Public School Act. If you are interested in these proposals, please go to my web site at

www.aaronosmond.com and you can download my Microsoft PowerPoint presentations that explain them in detail. I welcome your feedback. I am also committed to listening to and acting on that feedback.

### **Details from our last Interim Meeting:**

Here is an update on some of the topics that were discussed during last month's interim meetings:

#### **Budget Surplus**

A report was given to the Executive Appropriations Committee on the \$60 million budget surplus. The bad news is that \$60 million really isn't that much money in terms of the total state budget, but the good news is that there actually is a surplus. This surplus is possible good indicator that we are beginning to see positive momentum towards economic recovery here in Utah. For more details visit: <http://bit.ly/nmb50C>.

#### **Education Web Portal**

In our Education Committee, the State Department of Education introduced its new data portal called the Public School Data Gateway. Here is the link: <http://bit.ly/pcpfYo>.

This site will provide parents with the ability to compare test score results between schools, look at individual school profiles, performance and will include the implementation related to SB 59, which require that our schools be annually assigned an A, B, C, D, or F grade based on student performance. Making this information easily available will help make public schools more accountable and more transparent.

#### **Retirement Reform**

During the 2010 session, the legislature passed sweeping retirement reforms, setting an example which the rest of the nation is following. This month, the Retirement and Independent Entities Committee heard an overview of how these principles might be applied to the independent entities over which the state has oversight. You can hear a great explanation of this somewhat complicated issue here at the following website link: <http://le.utah.gov/ASP/Interim/Commit.asp?Year=2011&Com=INTRIE>

#### **Federals Funding for Transportation and Highways**

The Transportation Committee heard an update from UDOT on how the uncertain status of federal highway funds would affect Utah. Federal funds currently represent 17% of UDOTs budget. Those funds are currently used for rehabilitation and preservation projects (for things like resurfacing and crack-sealing). Big projects like I -15 reconstruction and smaller budget items such as snow removal are all covered by state funds and will therefore not be directly or immediately affected by possible changes to the federal

transportation budget.

### **More Information on All Committee Meetings**

Obviously, I cannot provide detailed reports on everything that is discussed during our interim meetings. As a reminder, I am currently serving on the following committees: Education Interim, Workforce Services Interim, and Water Issues Task Force. You can find links to the agendas and recordings of all of these interim meetings on our Legislatures' website: <http://le.utah.gov/>.

### **Utah Lands Debate**

On the national front, Senators Lee and Hatch have re-introduced a bill <http://1.usa.gov/nDFsri> that will require the Federal Government to inventory all property within the state. The federal government owns more than 60 percent of all the land in Utah, however, there is no accurate inventory process. This lack of organization creates identification problems, waste and poor management for everyone involved. Utah is not alone in this problem. Most western states are dealing with the same frustrations as you can see here <http://bit.ly/nKYZj1>. This legislation will be helpful for many states and lead us to more debate about why the Federal Government continues to hold onto our lands and what should be done about it!

**Redistricting Status**I recently sent out a more detailed summary of the Redistrict efforts. If you would like me to resent that email to you, please let me know. Otherwise, you can find more information about the status of Redistricting at the following links: <http://le.utah.gov/> and [www.redistrictutah.com](http://www.redistrictutah.com).

### **Addressing our Education Funding Challenge**

I have received many questions about how we can improve the long-term education funding situation for our Public Schools in Utah. Parents, teachers, and educators are all concerned about the limited resources we have for new teachers, technology, supplies, infrastructure, and special needs in our schools.

Here is a snap shot of the challenge we are facing: In Utah we spent about \$6,062 per student for Public Education. However, the other side of that reality is that this expenditure actually adds up to 51% of our State's total budget (and that percentage is increased almost every year). Back in 2008, the education budget was only 46% of the total state budget. Here are details on last year's budget: <http://www.senatesite.com/home/utedrecession/>.

In comparison, the average per student expenditure in the U.S. is about \$10,441. If Utah were to fund at that level our income tax rate would need to nearly double from the current 5% to 9.4%. To reach the upper spending amount (\$17,029) the tax rate would need to more than triple to 16%. Increases to personal property taxes and corporate taxes would also be significantly higher.

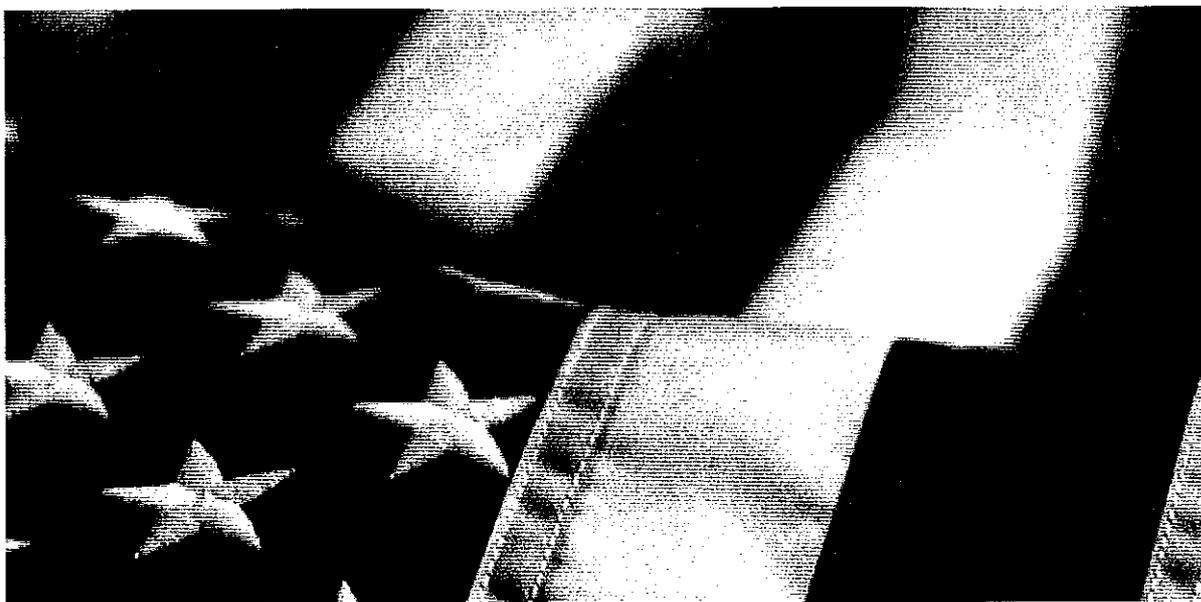
I am anxious to figure out ways to address these problems. Frankly, I am still learning about our complex Education funding model. However, I am committed to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to find solutions to reduce waste in our current Education spending, increase the effectiveness of that spending, enable local control of that funding, and find ways to increase funding without increasing taxes. This is a challenging long-term reform goal that I am committed to support. I welcome your ideas and solutions as work together to support our kids.

**Do You Have Feedback?**

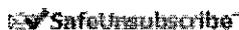
As always, I would love to hear any feedback, comments, or questions you have about these or any other issues on your mind.

Sincerely,

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## A Message From Senator Aaron Osmond

**Wednesday, October 05, 2011**

Dear Friend in Senate District 10,

I hope all is well with you and your family! We've been busy at the Legislature this summer with many issues important to you. I will provide you a general update on these items in another email. In this email I wanted to focus my full attention on a very important topic: **Redistricting**.

### **What is Redistricting?**

Redistricting is the redrawing of political district maps. It happens every 10 years in accordance with new Census numbers and ensures the constitutional principle of one person, one vote.

### **Redistricting Committee**

As a state legislature we are responsible to oversee this process. Earlier this year a redistricting committee was formed. It is made up of 19 members of the Legislature from all geographic areas of the state. Representatives from the Republican and Democratic parties were fully represented. In fact, members of the minority Democratic caucus were represented in numbers slightly higher than their percentage of seats in the legislature.

### **My Thoughts on the Redistricting Process**

I feel that the Utah Legislature has hosted the most open, transparent and inclusive redistricting process in Utah's history. Public input was sought, welcomed and incorporated throughout the process. Legislators on the committee listened carefully to those who provided input. There many suggestions from the public that were drawn into the final versions of the maps.

### **Public Access**

The process was fully open to the public, with dozens of public meetings at the Capitol and around the state. Legislators on the committee responded to thousands of e-mail, phone calls, and public comments. A website was created

- <http://www.redistrictutah.com> - that allowed anyone to draw their own maps and comment on all others. Nearly 300 maps were drawn by legislators and the public, with more than 1,000 comments submitted. This created more educated citizens because - due to the website - they had first-hand experience with the challenges of drawing maps. Consequently, the comments and suggestions the committee received were higher quality and more usable than at any other point in our state's history. The committee even selected a citizen-drawn map for the State School Board!

### **The Results - Utah Senate and House:**

In the Utah Senate two east-bench districts currently held by Democrats were combined (due to the lack of population growth) and a new district was created in Utah County (due to high population growth). In the Utah House of Representatives, some Democratic-leaning districts were combined. Several Republican districts - even more in number than the Democrat districts - were also combined. The House of Representatives map passed 74-1, showing strong bi-partisan support. The Senate map also passed with approval from both parties, with only one dissenting vote.

### **The Results - U.S. Congress:**

The U.S. Congressional map has been more of a political lightning rod and the debate has attracted many critics. We are doing what we can to ensure the process is above reproach and that the maps we draw are openly discussed and fair. Unfortunately, I expect continued opposition no matter what we do. Utah is one of the most conservative states in the nation, and I feel that the final congressional map will likely reflect that reality as we follow the principle of One Person One Vote.

### **Principle: One-Person One Vote**

While there are many important factors to consider in the redistricting process, the most important aspect is the principle known as one-person, one-vote. We have done everything humanly possible to draw districts that honor that principle. We are adhering to decades of legal precedent to ensure the work done by the committee protects citizen rights and is as insulated as possible from a legitimate legal challenge.

### **Potential Lawsuit Threat**

The threats of lawsuits started long before the first map was proposed. It appears that opponents to the constitutional process hope to achieve by the legal process what they could not gain by the vote of the people or their elected representatives. I will keep you informed if any legal challenge is filed.

### **Working Together To Be Fair**

While I am proud of the results so far, it was the process and citizen

involvement in it that process that makes me the most proud. Your input into the map drawing process has been invaluable. The process is too big and too complicated for any one person alone. Many hands have made lighter work and have delivered outstanding results! I also want to thank the Redistricting Committee who have spent countless hours travelling and holding meetings throughout the state to hear and incorporate your feedback.

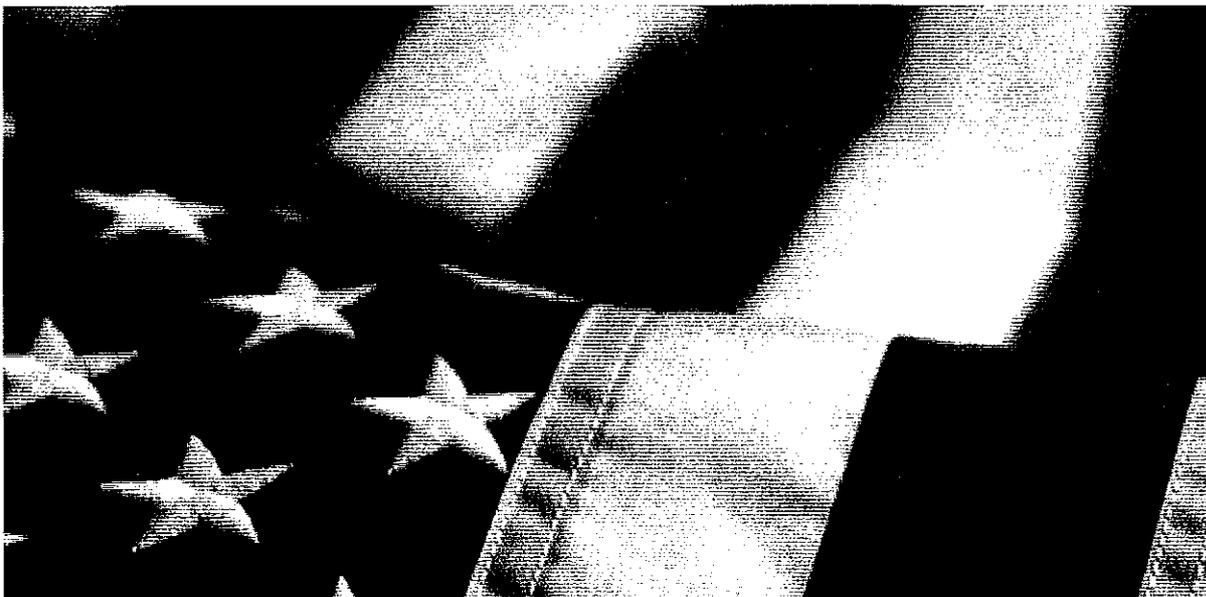
**Final Steps:**

Obviously, three of the four maps we need to pass are complete (School Board, House and Senate). The next few weeks will focus on our U.S. Congressional districts. Watch for a Redistricting Committee hearing on Friday, October 7th and a debate of the full Utah Senate starting Monday, October 17th. Please take some time to visit [www.RedistrictUtah.com](http://www.RedistrictUtah.com) and leave your feedback on our collection of proposed congressional maps. You can also Email me any time with comments or questions.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and for your support of this process!

Sincerely,

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Thanks Aaron! Just spoke with Rick and we'll send out a similar email to the senate districts not represented by a Republican from the officers and Republican Senators tonight or tomorrow morning.  
Best, Julie

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Aaron

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## A Message from Senator Aaron Osmond

**Wednesday, October 05, 2011**

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**Principle: One-Person One Vote**

While there are many important factors to consider in the redistricting process, the most important aspect is the principle known as one-person, one-vote. We have done everything humanly possible to draw districts that honor that principle. We are adhering to decades of legal precedent to ensure the work done by the committee protects citizen rights and is as insulated as possible from a legitimate legal challenge.

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The threats of lawsuits started long before the first map was proposed. It appears that opponents to the constitutional process hope to achieve by the legal process what they could not gain by the vote of the people or their elected representatives. I will keep you informed if any legal challenge is filed.

**Working Together To Be Fair**

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**From:** "Aaron Osmond"  
**To:** Julie Dole, Mark Mills  
**CC:** Carl Wimmer, Merlynn Newbold, Dawn Frandsen, Ric Cantrell, Ken Ivory  
**Date:** 10/5/2011 1:39:15 PM  
**Subject:** Message for ALL Republicans in District 10 ...  
**Attachments:** Redistricting Message from Sen. Aaron Osmond.docx, Mime.822

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**From:** Tania Knauer  
**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 7:25:52 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting

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Dear Redistricting Commission;

I did a redistricting experiment with my 13 year old. I gave her a map of Utah (with cities and counties included), a box of crayons and a set of rules:

- 1) Keep counties together
- 2) If a county is too big to fit in one district, then keep the cities together
- 3) If a city is too big, keep a school district/neighborhood together

Using Cerulean, Cadet Blue, Carnation Pink, Mango Tango...as well as the population sizes for house and senate districts, she created some maps that were not only pretty, but much better than the maps created by legislators, their lawyers and hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars. Maybe because she has no idea where any legislator lives or whether a district should be colored in red or blue, maybe that's why her maps were fair....I don't know, you decide.

Sad really, creating fair maps is not rocket science, it's cartography and a lack of political bias. People who are worried about their own re-election should not be drawing their own voting district. To say this is government 101 is an understatement of Founding Father proportions. Shame on all of you for prioritizing political gain over democracy.

Shame on all of you for wasting tax payer money.

Shame on all of you for trouncing around the state giving people the impression that you were listening to them.

Shame on all of you for once again making the Utah redistricting process a mockery of Democracy.

Shame on all of you for putting together a committee that was so biased from the start, it was a comical joke (15-5 really?).

Shame on all of you for putting together a set of rules and guidelines so vague that they mean nothing.

Shame on all of you for not being willing to put any academics, metrics or a scorecard into this process (other than population deviation).

Here we are in the eleventh hour bickering over maps that don't take into consideration even one of the maps citizens painstakingly put together or any of the multitude of comments from citizens all over the state "keep our communities together" - all this bickering has only to do with securing incumbency - rewarding loyalty, penalizing others. Pathetic.....

The Congressional map is terrible and the State Senate map is worse. Maybe someone will get an epiphany and realize what we need to do is to start over and let some experts do this - how about an independent commission?

Disgusted with the Utah legislature,

Tania Knauer

Summit County resident - the only small rural county that legislators can't seem to keep together

**From:** "Jacob Hammer"  
**To:** Merlynn Newbold  
**Date:** 10/4/2011 12:56:11 PM  
**Subject:** House: HB3001S04, Utah State House Boundaries Designation, by Rep. Newbold  
**Attachments:** [Mime.822](#)

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Is it really necessary to divide South Jordan into three house districts? Specifically, the house maps divide the community of Daybreak. I would think that my community could be left in one district even if South Jordan can't fit in one house district. Please explain the rationale if there is an explanation other than protecting incumbents.

Thanks,  
Jacob Hammer  
5047 Digory Dr  
South Jordan

**From:** Lynn Hemingway  
**To:** Kathryn Jackson, LH MEMBERS,  
**CC:** Cindy Hardman  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 5:04:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: GRAMA Request

I have nothing to report.

Lynn

>>> 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

Kathy - -

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

Thanks,

Larry

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
FROM: Jonathan C. Ball, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
DATE: October 17, 2011 (1:03 pm)  
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for S.B. 3002 17th Sub. (Buff)

Please respond within 24 hours.

Please be advised that the attached fiscal note for S.B. 3002 17th Sub. (Buff) - 'Congressional Boundaries Designation' will be printed and released 24 hours after the date and time noted above.

If you have any questions on this fiscal note, please contact my office within 24 hours.

**To release the fiscal note for this bill prior to 10/18/2011 at 01:03 PM, please use the 'reply' feature on the electronic notification you received, e-mail Debbie Benson at [dbenson@utah.gov](mailto:dbenson@utah.gov), call Debbie at extension 1248, or initial this memorandum and return it to our office.**

# FISCAL NOTE

S.B. 3002 17th Sub. (Buff)

SHORT TITLE: Congressional Boundaries Designation

SPONSOR: Okerlund, R. (Newbold, M. Sub.)

2011 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.

**From:** Legislative Automated Mailing System  
**To:** Merlynn Newbold  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 12:42:45 PM  
**Subject:** STB: Substitute Status - SB3002S17 (Congressional Boundaries Designation)

SB3002S17 has been sent to the docket clerk, Fiscal Analyst Office, and to the Internet. (Congressional Boundaries Designation)

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**From:** Legislative Automated Mailing System  
**To:** Merlynn Newbold  
**Date:** 10/17/2011 9:53:39 AM  
**Subject:** STB: Substitute Status - SB3002S16 (Congressional Boundaries Designation)

SB3002S16 is now public on the internet. (Congressional Boundaries Designation)

**From:** Joe Pyrah  
**To:** LH\_Republicans  
**Date:** 10/15/2011 1:02:05 PM  
**Subject:** Monday caucus

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Representatives,

The Majority Leader is out of town and has asked me to inform you that shortly after you convene on the floor at approximately 9 a.m. on Monday you will be breaking for caucus. Thank you.

Joe Pyrah, chief deputy  
Utah House of Representatives  
801.903.0095

**From:** Ric Cantrell  
**To:** Senate Republicans - 2011  
**Date:** 9/21/2011 11:21:15 AM  
**Subject:** Trib: Top Utah Dem behind reform group's redistricting map

Trib's early version of the Fair Boundaries story.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/politics/52619168-90/maps-boundaries-fair-party.html.csp>

Top Utah Dem behind reform group's redistricting map

By Lee Davidson

The Salt Lake Tribune  
Published: September 21, 2011 10:20AM  
Updated: September 21, 2011 10:41AM

A top Democratic Party official secretly drew redistricting maps that reform groups portray as examples of how to fairly draw boundaries without considering how they affect parties or incumbents.

Todd Taylor, senior adviser to the Democratic Party who until recently was its executive director, drew the maps for Fair Boundaries at Democratic offices with full support of the party. Fair Boundaries unsuccessfully tried to put on the ballot an initiative that would put redistricting in the hands of an independent commission instead of the Legislature.

"Todd had the software and he had the time, and we had no money," said Glenn Wright, a board member of Fair Boundaries. That group said in public hearings that it drew the maps, and the maps were also supported by several other reform groups.

"We discussed with him [Taylor] how it would be drawn, and that he would strictly follow the rules in our initiative," and he did it as an unpaid volunteer, Wright said. "We made sure that no incumbent data was used in drawing the maps. I still don't know how many incumbents would be affected by it."

Why didn't the group say up front that it used Taylor as a consultant?

"Because we knew it would be controversial," Wright said.

Utah Senate President Michael Waddoups said Fair Boundaries has hurt its cause by using Taylor.

"If their cause is to get an independent commission, they certainly didn't help it. They probably made our case that there is no truly independent commission or people. Everybody has a point of view," Waddoups said.

He adds that Democrats also likely hurt themselves. "Fair Boundaries was taken advantage of in my opinion" because many members of reform groups who backed the map "didn't know that the Democratic Party and Todd Taylor had been drawing this. I feel bad for that."

He said Democrats and Taylor have the right to draw maps, but should have been up front about it. In fact, he said about the Fair Boundaries map, "We got some good information from it. Our maps improved because of what we were able to glean from it. So it's a good process, I just wished they have been more willing to disclose the origin."

Utah Democratic Party Chairman Jim Dabakis said the map was drawn with full support and permission of his party, and, "I'm not ashamed of it."

"When they came to us and said, 'Here is our criteria, and here is what we would do — and we simply don't have the money to spend \$20,000 to buy the software to draw the maps. Will you guys use our criteria and do it?' We said sure," Dabakis said. He said the party had software to measure such things as how many cities are divided

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**CC:** Mark Allred  
**Date:** 10/3/2011 8:09:10 AM  
**Subject:** Redistricting Committee

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**CC:** Mark Allred  
**Date:** 9/30/2011 7:24:13 PM  
**Subject:** Redistricting Committee

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