



Yellowstone County

Election Administrator

(406) 256-2740

P.O. Box 35002

(406) 254-7940 (FAX)

Billings, MT 59107-5002

brutherford@co.yellowstone.mt.gov

December 21st, 2011

Mr. Jim Regnier, Presiding Officer
Districting and Apportionment Commission
P.O. Box 201706
Helena, MT 59620-1706

Dear Mr. Regnier and members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

As the Election Administrator for Yellowstone County, I am writing in support of the Yellowstone County/City of Billings districting map submitted for consideration by Mayor Thomas W. Hanel on December 20th, 2011. I fully endorse and recommend this plan as part of my consultation as per MCA 13-3-102 and the Commission Operating Procedures.

I am also pleased to include Resolution No. 11-101 from the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners and Resolution No. R11-124 from the Laurel City Council offering their support of the map.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 406 256-2740 or by email at brutherford@co.yellowstone.mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Bret Rutherford
Yellowstone County Election Administrator
December 21, 2011

C: Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
Billings City Council
Laurel City Council
Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners