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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:16

**Your Full Name:**

David Aronofsky

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**City and State of Residence:**

Missoula MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

I urge the Commission to keep counties intact to the full extent practicable in setting Congressional and legislative districts, even if this means allowing maximum permissible population variations. I moved back to Missoula from Austin, Texas in Travis County, which was represented by 6 different US House districts instead of the 3 its population would support because of gerrymandering run amok. The state senate situation was even worse. There should be a way to ensure ample Native-American representation in the Legislature without carving up counties. All this media talk about a need for "competitive" districts is nonsensical because issues and ideas determine competitiveness. Montana is now a Republican state as seen in the 2020 statewide election results, and our population growth resulting in a new US House seat apparently results from more Republican voters coming into the state. The last few primaries also show a lot more Republican than Democratic voters. Nothing this Commission does changes these facts, so let's keep our counties intact to create geographically sensible districts. If and when Democrats can develop candidates issues and ideas able to attract more voters the politics will even out. FYI: I am a lifelong Democrat.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 18:30

**Your Full Name:**

Peggy Bates

**Email Address:**

walking49t@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

THOMPSON FALLS

**Your Comment/Input:**

If this decision is made by a 3-2 vote, we will all know that it is a one sided political decision, that ALL Montanans were not considered, and ALL Montanans will not be represented. A consensus is needed. I hope that Ms. Smith will be able to honor her goal of not being the deciding vote. Thank You for your time.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 13:07

**Your Full Name:**

Peggy Bates

**Email Address:**

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**City and State of Residence:**

THOMPSON FALLS

**Your Comment/Input:**

We all want fairness, but that is hard to measure. Overloading a district to lean toward one political party or the other certainly would not be fair. Your decision will determine whether or not people in Montana are truly represented by their elected officials. Please do not let a few populated cities be the voice for the entire state, that is not true representation. Thank You for your service in this endeavor, Peggy Bates

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Competitive districts benefit all Montanans  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:43:33 AM

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From: "Linda Beischel" <lindabee7999@everyactioncustom.com>  
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Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:26:53 AM  
Subject: [spam]Competitive districts benefit all Montanans

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello Districting and Apportionment Commissioners Commissioners,

As a Helena resident, rural landowner, scientist by training, and retired state employee, I thank you for your best efforts to be fair in districting. Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts). Montanans want true choices on their election ballots, and they want to see representation that reflects the increasing diversity of political views in Montana.

The voting public can respond more effectively once they see proposed maps for the areas they live in and know best. Please do NOT rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Ranking criteria prematurely will tie the commission's hands.

Thank you for your consideration. I and many Montanans will be watching your work with considerable interest and engagement.

Sincerely,  
Linda Beischel  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 23:48

**Your Full Name:**

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**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

275,000+ Montana Democrats deserve their own competitive district for representation in Congress. Two Republican districts do not reflect the population or the will of Montana voters.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 10:29

**Your Full Name:**

R G Beland

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rgbeland@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Livingston

**Your Comment/Input:**

While finalizing the redistricting for Montana, please comply with the Voting Rights Act. 1 person-1 vote. Dividing the state into a western and eastern districts is the best way to allow all citizens representation.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 18:52

**Your Full Name:**

Sue Beland

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**City and State of Residence:**

Livingston

**Your Comment/Input:**

Keep Montana the great Democratic state it has been without Fascism governing the voting process as you draw the Congressional voting districts for the next 10 years. While finalizing the redistricting for Montana for 2021 please comply with the Voting Rights Act. One (1) person one (1) vote all of which count to elect individuals who will represent all voters. Tribal areas should be separated and not lumped in with counties. Counties are a poor choice for voting districts. Livingston and Park County are good examples. Livingston is lumped in with Sweet Grass County and our votes do not count. Livingston should be in with Gallatin County in the western district not with Meagher or Sweet Grass County. Another example of why county lines are not appropriate. Gerrymandering county lines and moving tribal areas and voting areas to smother votes should not be the way voting districts are determined. Every person should be represented and their vote should count to elect someone who will hear their concerns about how their lives are affected by government. Dividing the state into an eastern and western district is the best way to allow all citizens to have representation as they should have in a Democracy. Support the 5% deviation between districts for population. If more population is needed for an Eastern District, Flathead County area or portions of it minus the Indian Reservations would be a good choice to add to the Eastern District to make voting fairer. Please support competitiveness so that all voters know that their representatives will actually be there to listen to their concerns. Do NOT use county lines exclusively as the voting district lines. The commission has a very serious job which affects the lives of all Montanans and this effect on lives for the next 10 years should be the top concern in your decision making. Thank you for your work on this commission and please make the results fair to all Montanans

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**From:** [Andy Beveridge](#)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Procedure to Reallocate Prisoners for Redistricting in Montana  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:13:11 AM  
**Attachments:** [Beveridge AA Reallocating Prisoners w\\_vita.pdf](#)

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Dear Ms. Weiss:

Attached to this is a description of a method to reallocate prisoners to home residences for the purposes of redistricting. I have been led to believe that the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission may be interested in such a process.

I have signed up to testify at the hearing on July 8th via ZOOM, and would appreciate it if the material attached is shared with the Commissioners before the meeting. I should make it easier for them to frame questions that they may want to ask.

I am also generally available by email or phone, if anyone wanted to discuss this with me before the hearing.

Thanks in Advance,

Sincerely,

Andrew A. Beveridge (he, him, his)  
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## **Comment on Reallocating Prisoners from Prison Location to Residential Location in Montana**

**Dr. Andrew A. Beveridge, to be presented at the July 8, 2021, meeting of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission**

### **Background**

My name is Andrew A. Beveridge. I will discuss a method to reallocate prisoners from their prison location to their residential location for Montana redistricting. I am Emeritus Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center of The City of New York (CUNY). I retired from CUNY in August 2020, after 47 years and teaching and research, specializing in demographics, and social research methods. However, I have continued to work in various capacities, most notable as President of SocialExplorer, Inc. I co-founded the company in 2007, it provides maps and data from the US Census and from a wide variety of other data sources, and the tools to visualize, analyze and report them. Our main website is at [www.socialexplorer.com](http://www.socialexplorer.com) and we are generally known as Social Explorer. Social Explorer is licensed by several hundred universities and colleges, as well as by several hundred private companies, non-profit organizations, and federal, state, and local governments. Social Explorer has contract with the *New York Times* to assist them with their coverage of stories that involve census and other data. Social Explorer has won numerous awards, including a Webby, several Webby nominees, and awards from the American Library Association and others. (These awards are listed on my vita, attached here).

In 1997, I established Andrew A. Beveridge, Inc., which offers consulting services regarding data and mapping. Most of my clients are lawyers and law firms. I have served as an expert in over 100 cases at the Federal and State level, regarding redistricting, jury compositional challenges, housing, and some other areas. These engagements are also listed on my vita.

### **Reason for Appearance Today**

I asked to speak today to discuss methods to reallocate prisoners from their prison location to their residential location in Montana. I have used reallocated data for redistricting engagements in New York State (which reallocated prisoners in 2010.) Every year since 2006 I have geocoded about 275,000 CUNY students (sometimes augmented by a sample of alumni) and placed them in New York City Council Districts, and New York State Congressional, Senate and Assembly Districts. These data are used by the CUNY administration to report to various legislators the number of CUNY students in their respective districts, and to give the legislators other information about them, including the number of such students who receive various types of state aid.

## Procedure to Reallocate Prisoners

Based upon my experience and expertise, I would like to lay out a procedure to achieve your goal of reallocating prisoners to their residential location. It is a multi-step process requiring the following actions:

- 1) Using available state data, compile information on each of the state's prisoners by prison.
  - a. The exact location of each prison--this can be either a street address or a latitude and longitude of the prison.
  - b. Assign each prison to the 2010 census block or blocks and 2020 census block or blocks it occupies. (If the prison spans more than two blocks, it may be important to have the exact block for the location of each prisoner.)
  - c. The name of each prisoner, and age, race, and Hispanic status, if available.
  - d. The residential address outside of the prison for each prisoner, from which one can ascertain the geographic location of each prisoner's residence.
  - e. Assign each prisoner to the 2010 Census block and the 2020 Census block of his or her residence.
- 2) To create this file requires geocoding each prison (and perhaps, each building or block of each prison) and each prisoner.
- 3) Once that is accomplished, it is a common feature (in Maptitude for example) to take the latitude and longitude of each prison and prisoner location and automatically assign it to a census block.
- 4) Once assigned to a census block each prison and prisoner can easily be assigned to a legislative district, since such districts are defined census blocks.
- 5) Issues with missing data and data that are not completely certain (e.g., one knows a zip code but not a block) can be resolved by applying various rules which can be decided upon by the Commission. These include the following and are typical issues in geocoding:
  - a. Missing cases could be dropped from the file, so they would be excluded from the count altogether.
  - b. Imprecise matches (e.g., zip code matches, other area matches without exact addresses) could be assigned to a census block that is a reasonable approximation of a match, and then be assigned to legislative districts based upon that.

The above approach would result in the best possible residential match for each prisoner and would exclude all prisoners for which there was no residential match but retain those for whom the match was approximate. (If that is what the commission decided.)

## Output

This file would then be aggregated by both the 2010 and 2020 Census blocks and applied to the released data from the PL94-171 file. The work to create this file could begin immediately, so that a PL94-171 revised file could be created and used for whatever level of redistricting was decided upon by the commission.

### **Possible Role of SocialExplorer, Inc.**

This work could easily be done on contract by SocialExplorer, Inc under my direct supervision. We would require a list of prisoners by prison as discussed above, as well as a list of prisons, their addresses and any other information needed to place each prisoner in the prison (e.g., location of multiple buildings on separate census blocks if that were relevant). We could undertake the necessary geocoding and would be able to create a PL94-171 file with the relocated prisoners tabulated and moved to their residences. This file would be identical to the PL94-171 file, except that it would have additional columns for the prison population by census block, and would include, where available, age (total and those 18 and older), race and Hispanic status.

I would expect this work to cost no more than \$15,000. I should note that SocialExplorer, Inc. now has a GSA contract that includes services of this type, and we could use that contract if that would make it possible to move quickly. The work with the prisoner file could begin immediately upon receipt of that file. We plan to process the PL94-171 immediately upon receipt, so the modified file could be produced and delivered to Montana only a few weeks after Census 2020 release. This estimate is based upon the prisoner by prison file being produced by Montana and delivered to us. We would sign any confidentiality agreement required.

I am willing to answer any questions the Commission may have about prisoner reallocation.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Updated 3/18/2021

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### EDUCATION

1968-73 Yale University (Sociology), M.Phil.1971; Ph.D. 1973  
1967-68 Yale University (Econometrics, Economic Theory)  
1964-67 Yale College (Economics), B.A. 1967, with honors in economics  
1963-64 California Institute of Technology (Freshmen Year, Math, Science)

### RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

2019 Choice (American Library Association) Outstanding Academic Title  
2018 Best New End User Product, Charleston Advisor Sixteenth Annual Readers' Choice Awards (A Major Reviewer of Digital Products)  
2016 *The Threat to Representation for Children and Non-Citizens (Evenwel v. Abbott)* (Report Author and Co-Creator) named Best Law Website by the Webby Awards  
2015 *Census Explorer* (Co-Creator) named Webby Honoree in Government  
2015 *Social Explorer* (Co-Creator) awarded Gold Medal, Modern Library Award  
2014 *Social Explorer* (Co-Creator) named Webby Honoree in Education  
2013 *Social Explorer* (Co-Creator) named Outstanding Achievement, Interactive Media Association  
2012 *Social Explorer* (Co-Creator) named Publishing Standard of Excellence, Web Marketing Association  
2010 *Social Explorer* (Co-Creator) named Outstanding Reference Source by the Reference and Users Services Association of the American Libraries Association  
2007 American Sociological Association *Public Understanding of Sociology Award*  
2006-pres. Marquis *Who's Who in the World*  
2005-pres. Marquis *Who's Who in America*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-2018 Chair, Queens College, Department of Sociology  
2002-pres. Professor, Queens College and Ph.D. Program in Sociology, Graduate School and University Center, The City University of New York  
1981-2001 Associate Professor of Sociology, Queens College, and Ph.D. Program in Sociology Graduate School and University Center, The City University of New York  
1981-82 Associate Professor of Sociology, Columbia University  
1973-81 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Columbia University  
1972-73 Acting Instructor, Department of Sociology, Yale University  
1969-70 Assistant in Instruction, Department of Sociology, Yale University

### RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2008-2020 Executive Committee Member and Affiliate, CUNY Institute for Demographic Research  
1987-88 Visiting Researcher, Center for Studies of Social Change, The New School for Social Research  
1982-83 Research Associate, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University  
1980-82 Co-Director, Annual Housing Survey Project, Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University  
1970-72 Research Affiliate, Institute for African Studies (the former Rhodes-Livingstone Institute), Lusaka, Zambia  
1965-69 Research Assistant and Programmer, Department of Economics and Economic Growth Center, Yale University

## OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2006-pres. Co-Founder (with Ahmed Lacevic) and President, *Social Explorer, Inc.* A web-based map and data service, now distributed by Oxford University Press and Pearson Publishing. Assisted Development of over 200 activities to accompany introductory Sociology, Political Science and History Texts.
- 1997-pres. President of Andrew A. Beveridge, Inc., a Demographic and Social Science Data Consulting Firm that provides consulting in litigation and other settings. (Cases and other engagements listed below.)
- 1993-pres. Consultant to the Newspaper Division of *the New York Times*. Work with reporters and editors regarding covering social science and demographic trends. Analyses and data cited over 1,000 times in newspaper. (Selected analyses listed below)
- 2001-2013 Columnist for the *Gotham Gazette*. Write Demographic Topic on recent trends and news related to social and demographic trends. (Topic Columns listed below.)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

- 1979 *African Businessmen and Development in Zambia.* Andrew A. Beveridge and A. Oberschall. Princeton N.J. and Guildford, Surrey, United Kingdom: Princeton University Press, 382 pages.

### Edited Books

- 2013 *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future.* (David Halle and Andrew A. Beveridge, Co-Editors) New York: Oxford University Press. 624 pages; 38 maps, 35 graphs, 27 photos, and 79 tables.
- 2011 *Cities in American Political History,* (Associate editor) (Editor. Richardson Dillworth), Sage-CQ Press, 760 pages. Named one of *Choice's* Outstanding Academic Titles of 2012.

### Papers and Chapters

- 2018 "Relating Economic and Demographic Change in the United States from 1970-2012: A Preliminary Examination Using GIS and Spatial Analysis Techniques with National Data Sources." Andrew A. Beveridge. In Ian Gregory, Don Debats, Don Lafreniere (Eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Spatial History.* Pp. 92-129.
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- 2013 "Financial, Economic and Political Crises: From Sub-Prime Loans to Dodd-Frank, Occupy Wall Street and Beyond." David Halle and Andrew A. Beveridge. Pp. 154-93 in *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future.*
- 2013 "Residential Diversity and Division: Separation and Segregation among Whites, Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, Affluent and Poor." Andrew A. Beveridge, David Halle, Edward Telles, and Beth Leavenworth Default. Pp. 310-42 in *New York and Los Angeles: The Uncertain Future.*
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**Web Based Materials (Created by Social Explorer Team)**

- 2005-- *Social Explorer*. A system for retrieving, mapping, charting and graphing Census data from 1790 to present and other data. Co-Creator with Ahmed Lacevic and Social Explorer Team. Winner Webby Honoree, 2013 and other awards, see above.
- 2013-15 *Census Explorer*. Visualizations of Census Data. People Education and Income Edition, Commuting Edition, Retail Edition, Population Estimates Edition, Young Adults: Then and Now Edition, and 2010 Census Participation Rate Edition. Co-Creator with Ahmed Lacevic and Social Explorer Team and US Census Bureau. Young Adults: Then and Now Edition. Co-Created with Minnesota Population Center and US Census Bureau. Winner Webby Honoree for Government, 2015.
- 2015-16 *The Threat to Representation for Children and Non-Citizens (Evenwel v. Abbott)* (Report Author and Co-Creator) named Best Law Website by the Webby Awards

**Invited Pieces and Columns****Gotham Gazette Demographic Topic Columns:** January 2001-2013.

- "New York's Changing Electorate: What It Means for the Mayoral Candidates" Jun 16, 2013  
 "New Plan for City Council Districts" (November 16, 2012) (Christian Salazar and Andrew A. Beveridge)  
 "Proposed City Council District Map Protects Incumbents" (November 15, 2012)  
 "The Attempt to Kill the ACS" (July, 2012)  
 "10 Years Later: Enumerating the Loss at Ground Zero" (September 10, 2011)  
 "Under a Different Name Census Data is Ready for Perusal" (August 11, 2011)  
 "Failure of Redistricting Reform Could Bring Reprise of 2002's Fiasco" (June 16, 2011)  
 "Census Wounded City's Pride but Probably Got the Numbers Right" (April 26, 2011)  
 "Census Brings Unpleasant Surprise for State Politicians" (January 04, 2011)  
 "Census Likely to Offer Accurate Count of New Yorkers" (September 16, 2010)  
 "Census Could Set Off Major Redistricting in State" (February 25, 2010)  
 "New York's Now Beleaguered Financial Workforce" (August 2009)  
 "New York and the Fight Over the 2010 Census" (February 2009)  
 "The Senate's Demographic Shift" (November 2008)  
 "A Shift in Albany Could Avert Higher Rents" (October 2008)  
 "An Affluent, White Harlem?" (August 2008)  
 "The School Divide Starts at Kindergarten" (June 2008)  
 "Housing Squeeze Shows No Sign of Easing" (May 2008)  
 "A Religious City" (February 2008)  
 "Will the 2010 Census 'Steal' New Yorkers?" (December 2007)  
 "The End of 'White Flight'?" (November 2007)  
 "Feeling the Effects of a Housing Bust" (September 2007)  
 "No Quick Riches for New York's Twentysomethings" (June, 2007)  
 "Women of New York City" (March, 2007)  
 "Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village, Then and Now" (September, 2006)  
 "What New Yorkers Are Like Now" – First Results of the American Community Survey" (August 2006)  
 "Hitting the 9 Million Mark" (June, 2006)  
 "New York's Asians" (May, 2006)  
 "Undocumented Immigrants" (April, 2006)  
 "Transit Workers/Transit Riders; Beginning Lawyers Are Richer; 9 Million New Yorkers?" (March 2006)  
 "Teachers in NYC's Institutions of Higher Learning" (January, 2006)  
 "Hispanics and the Ferrer Candidacy" (December, 2005)  
 "Disabled in New York City; Also: Is The City Still Booming?" (November 2005)  
 "Who Can Afford to Live in New York City?" (October 2005)  
 "Can NYC 'Profile' Young Muslim Males?" (August 2005)  
 "Upstate and Downstate – Differing Demographics, Continuing Conflicts" (July, 2005)  
 "Living at Home after College" (June, 2005)  
 "Four Trends That Shape The City's Political Landscape" (May 2005).  
 "High School Students" (April, 2005)

- "New York's Responders and Protectors" (March, 2005)  
 "Who Got the Death Penalty" (February, 2005)  
 "Wall Street Bonus Babies" (January, 2005)  
 "New York Lawyers: A Profile" (December, 2004)  
 "Bush Does Better and Other Election Results In NYC" (November, 2004)  
 "New York's Creative Class" (October, 2004)  
 "Portrait of Same-Sex (Married) Couples" (September 2004)  
 "New York City Is a Non-Voting Town" (August 2004)  
 "New York's Divided Afghans" (July 2004)  
 "Flaws in the New School Tests" (June, 2004)  
 "Why Is There A Plunge In Crime?" (May 2004)  
 "Estimating New York City's Population" (April, 2004)  
 "The Passion for Religion Ebbs" (March, 2004)  
 "Imprisoned In New York" (February, 2004)  
 "Who Are NYC's Republicans?" (January 2004)  
 "Five Hidden Facts about Housing--An Analysis of Data from the Housing and Vacancy Survey"  
 (December, 2003)  
 "Young, Graduated and in New York City" (October, 2003)  
 "Back To (Public and Private) School" (September, 2003)  
 "The Vanishing Jews" (July, 2003)  
 "The Affluent of Manhattan" (June, 2003)  
 "How Different Is New York City From The United States?" (May 2003)  
 "The Poor in New York City" (April, 2003)  
 "Eight Million New Yorkers? Don't Count On It" (March 2003)  
 "Does Archie Bunker Still Live in Queens?" (February 2003)  
 "Is There Still A New York Metropolis?" (January 2003)  
 "City of the Foreign-Born" (December, 2002)  
 "Can The US Live Without Race?" (November 2002)  
 "New York's Declining Ethnic" (October 2002)  
 "A Demographic Portrait of the Victims in 10048" (September, 2002)  
 "Manhattan Boom" (August, 2002)  
 "GOP Senate Majority Repeals Census 2000" (July, 2002)  
 "Changing New York City" (June, 2002)  
 "The Census Bureau's Bad Estimates" (May, 2002)  
 "The Boom 1990's?" (April 2002)  
 "Segregation" (March, 2002)  
 "Non-Legal Immigrants" (February, 2002)  
 "Counting Muslims" (January, 2002)  
 "The Arab Americans in Our Midst" (September, 2001)  
 "A White City Council" (August, 2001)  
 "Counting Gay New York" (July, 2001)  
 "Redistricting" (June, 2001)  
 "Politics and the Undercount" (May, 2001)  
 "False Facts about Census 2000" (April, 2001)  
 "Eight Million New Yorkers!" (March 2001)  
 "Redefining Race" (February, 2001)  
 "Census Bureau Finds 830,000 'Extra' New Yorkers" (January 2001)

**Other:**

- 2013 "The Two Cities of New York: Wealth, Poverty, and Diversity in the Big Apple." *ASA Footnotes*, February p. 1.  
 2007 "Four Trends Shaping the Big Apple." *ASA Footnotes*, February, p. 1.  
 1996 "Sociologists: Eyes Open for Trends in New York City." *ASA Footnotes*, January, p. 1.  
 1996 "Stroll the Upper East Side for Lifestyles of the Elite." *ASA Footnotes*, March, p. 1  
 1988 "Credit to the Community: American Banking's Tribal Roots." *Thesis* (Spring), pp. 18-23.  
 1976 "African Businessmen in Zambia." *New Society*, 35:702: pp. 599-601.

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- 2012 "Social Theory Two Ways: John Levi Martin's Structures and Actions" Review of *Social Structures and The Explanation of Social Action*. *Historical Methods Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 45:4, 179-182.

- 1995 *The Assassination of New York*. Robert Fitch. *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 24: March, pp. 233-34.
- 1990 *Doing Deals: Investment Banks at Work*. Robert G. Eccles and Dwight B. Crane. *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 19: May, pp. 186-87.
- 1988 *The End of Economic Man? Custom and Competition in Labor Markets*. David Marsden. *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 17: March, pp. 172-73.
- 1988 *Techno crimes: The Computerization of Crime and Terrorism*. August Beqaa. *Society*, vol. 25: May/June, pp. 87-88.
- 1985 *The Economic Basis of Ethnic Solidarity: Small Business in the Japanese American Community*. Edna Bonacis and John Modell. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 90: January, pp. 942-45.
- 1979 *Oneida Community Profiles*. Constance Noyes Robertson. *Business History Review*, vol. 53: Autumn, pp. 277-78.
- 1978 *Urban Man in Southern Africa*. C. Cleff and W.C. Pendleton (eds.) *African Studies Association Review of Books*, vol. 4, pp. 25-26.
- 1977 *Colonialism in Africa, 1870-1960 Volume Four: The Economics of Colonialism*. Peter Duignan and L.H. Gann (eds.) *Business History Review*, vol. 51: Autumn, pp. 382-85.
- 1976 *The Quality of American Life: Perceptions, Evaluations, and Satisfactions*. Angus Campbell, Philip Converse, and Willard L. Rogers (Eds.). *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 91: Fall, pp. 529-31.
- 1976 *Corporate Power in an African State: The Political Impact of Multinational Mining Companies in Zambia*. Richard L. Skylar. *African Studies Association Review of New Books*, vol. 2, pp. 53-55.

### Reports

- 2000 *Fighting Back Household Survey, Interim Report of 1995-1999 Findings*. David Livert, Charles Kadushin, Leonard Saxe, Andrew A. Beveridge, David Rindskopf, Elizabeth Tighe, Jennifer Hoffman, Saul Kellner, Ricardo Barrera's and Julie Ford.
- 1997 *Fighting Back Evaluation Interim Report: Wave II General Population*. Survey David Livert, Charles Kadushin, Leonard Saxe, Andy A. Beveridge, David Rindskopf, Elizabeth Tighe, Jennifer Hoffman, Saul Kelner, Ricardo Barreras and Julie Ford.
- 1997 *Monitoring Archival Indicators of Alcohol and Other Drug Harm: A Fighting Back Progress Report*. Andrew A. Beveridge, Elizabeth Tighe, Mary Jo Larson, David Rindskopf, David Livert, Susan Weber, Charles Swartz, John McKenna, Charis Ng and Leonard Saxe.
- 1997 *Social Trends in North America*: Andrew A. Beveridge, Vivian Brachet, Lorne Tepperman and Jack Veugelers. Prepared for the State of the Environment Report of the Consortium for Environmental Cooperation, Montreal, Quebec.
- 1996 *Fighting Back Program Interim Report*, Leonard Saxe, Emily Reber, Charles Kadushin, Andrew A. Beveridge, Mary Jo Larson, David Rindskopf, David Livert, Joe Marchese, Michael Stirrat and Susan Weber.
- 1994 *Black and White Property Tax Rates and Other Homeownership Costs in 30 Metropolitan Areas: A Preliminary Report*. Andrew A. Beveridge and Jeannie D'Amico. Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Sociology, Program for Applied Social Research.
- 1994 *An Analysis of Black and White Income Differences: Queens County and the United States*. Andrew A. Beveridge and Jeannie D'Amico. Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Sociology, Program for Applied Social Research.
- 1992 *Patterns of Residential Segregation in New York City, 1980-1990: A Preliminary Analysis*. Andrew A. Beveridge and Hyun Sook Kim. Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Sociology, Program in Applied Social Research.
- 1988 *Integrating Social Science Workstations into Research and Teaching: Final Report to IBM*. Andrew A. Beveridge and Lauren Seiler. Queens College of the City University of New York, Department of Sociology.

- 1984 *Changing Lifestyles and Newspaper Reading: An Exploratory Study of Younger Adults.* Andrew A. Beveridge and Albert E. Gollin. Newspaper Readership Project, Newspaper Advertising Bureau.
- 1978 Social Effects of Time of Use Pricing of Electric Power: A Sociological Approach. Andrew A. Beveridge. Electric Power Research Institute

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

## Presentations of Scholarly Work

- 2019 Andrew A. Beveridge, "Impacts on Redistricting: The Case of New Rochelle, NY." Presented at the Workshop on 2020 Census Data Products: Data Needs and Privacy Considerations, National Academies, Committee on National Statistics, Washington, DC, December 11 and 12, 2019. Formally reported in *2020 Census Data Products: Data Needs and Privacy Considerations: Proceedings of a Workshop (2020)* Washington, D.C. National Academies Press, 2021.
- 2019 Andrew A. Beveridge and Lynn Caporale, "Unrestricted Immigration and the Dominance of Immigrant Family Members of United States Nobel Prize Winners in Science: Irrefutable Data and Exemplary Family Narratives." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Chicago IL, November 21-24.
- 2019 Andrew A. Beveridge, "Can Differentially Privatized Data be Used for Redistricting." Presented at the Annual Meeting of Association for Public Data Users, Arlington, VA. July 9-10.
- 2019 Andrew A. Beveridge, "Nobel Prize Winners, Immigration, New York City and Foreign Roots." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC, February 14-17.
- 2017 Andrew A. Beveridge and Shige Song. "Is it Still the Economy Stupid? A Spatial Regression Analysis of the 2016 Presidential Election Using the American Community Survey Data and Other Materials." Presented at the 2017 American Community Survey, Users Group Conference, Alexandria, VA, May 11-12
- 2014 Andrew A Beveridge, "Four Mayors, Two Thugs and Governor Moonbeam: New York and Los Angeles Compared" American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 16-19
- 2013 Ahmed. Lacevic, Andrew A. Beveridge, and Sydney. Beveridge. "New Directions in Visualization for Web Based Historical GIS." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 21-24, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Elena Vesselinov and Andrew A. Beveridge. "Racial/Ethnic Typology, Occupational Structure and Mortgage Foreclosures in Neighborhood Context." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 17 to 20, Denver, CO
- 2012 "Studying Disparate Impact in Housing." National Research Council, Committee for National Statistics. Workshop, June 14 and 15, Washington, DC. Presentation Summarized in *Benefits, Burdens, and Prospects of the American Community Survey: Summary of a Workshop.* (National Academies Press, Washington, DC. 2013)
- 2012 "The Genesis of Crisis: "looting" by lenders, default by profligate borrowers, or government housing incentives." Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Society, February 23 to 26, New York City.
- 2011 Elena Vesselinov and Andrew A. Beveridge. "Foreclosures, Subprime Loans and the Neighborhood Effects of Race and Class in Detroit and Phoenix." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 23.
- 2011 Andrew A. Beveridge and Elena Vesselinov. "From Chicago to Las Vegas? The Housing Bubble, Ethnic Communities, Social Class and the Effects of Mortgage Foreclosures." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 22.

- 2011 "The Demographics of Boom and Bust: New York and LA Metros, 1990 to 2011." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 "How Do Current Districts Stack-Up." The Redistricting Puzzle: The Shifting Sands of Population and the Electorate: Changes in New York. CUNY Graduate Center. May 5.
- 2011 "Displacing Hope: Hope VI and the Destruction of Housing for Poor Families." Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, March 16-19, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 "2010 Census: Research Issues and Opportunities." Panelist. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 26.
- 2011 "The Effects of Foreclosure on Educational Performance." Annual Conference of the Sociology of Education Association. Asilomar Conference Center Pacific Grove, California. February 18-20, 2011.
- 2010 "The Origins of the "Bubble" and the Financial Crisis 2008: "Looting" by Lenders or Default by Profligate Borrowers." Andrew A. Beveridge. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 18-21, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 "Success in Cumulative Voting Systems." Andrew A. Beveridge and Robert Smith. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, November 18-21, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 "Avenues to Wealth or Roads to Financial Ruin? Homeownership and the Distribution of Mortgage Foreclosures. Elena Vesselinov and Andrew A. Beveridge. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 15, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 "Teacher Effectiveness on High- and Low-Stakes Tests," Corcoran, Sean P., Jennifer L. Jennings, and Andrew A. Beveridge. Presented at the Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin – Madison, June.
- 2010 "Social Effects of Foreclosures in New York and Los Angeles Metros, a Preliminary Analysis. Andrew Beveridge and Elena Vesselinov. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. March 18-21.
- 2010 "Homeowners No More: A First Look at the Foreclosure Crisis's Effects on Neighborhoods and Communities across the United States." Andrew Beveridge and Elena Vesselinov. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. March 18-21.
- 2009 "Foreclosure Patterns and Demographic Trends in the Los Angeles and New York Metros." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Long Beach, CA. November 12-15.
- 2009 "Cities: What the Classics Can Tell Urbanisms Today." Panel Presentation, Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Long Beach, CA. November 12-15.
- 2009 "Reflecting on Efforts to Build Communities of Teachers, Learners, and Researchers using Web 2.0 Tools." Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco. August 8-11.
- 2009 "Sociologists and the Media: Developing Positive Relationships between Journalists and Academia." Workshop Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco. August 8-11.
- 2008 "Religious Adherents and the 2000 Presidential Election: A Spatial Analysis." Presented at the Social Science History Association 2008 Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida, October 24-26.
- 2008 "Segregation Revisited: The Growth and Dispersal of Black, Latino, Immigrant and Ethnic Populations in United States Metropolitan Areas since 1950" Presented at Historical GIS 2008. University of Essex, UK. August 21-22.
- 2008 "Teacher Effects on High and Low-Stakes Tests," Jennifer L. Jennings and Andrew A. Beveridge. Annual Meeting of the American Education Research Association, New York, NY, March 25-28.

- 2014-19 American Sociological Association, Annual Meetings, Research Poster, Various Venues.
- 2014 National Science Foundation, March 25, Arlington, VA
- 2014 US Census Bureau, March 26, Suitland, MD
- 2014 American Association of Public Opinion Research, June 23, DC Chapter, Washington, DC3
- 2014 Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 23, Washington, DC.
- 2013 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research Poster, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 16-19
- 2013 National Science Foundation NSF Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement Program/Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science Conference and at NSF Atrium Presentation, January 23-25, Washington, DC.
- 2012 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research Poster, August 17-20, Denver, CO.
- 2011 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research Poster, August 21, Las Vegas, NV.  
 American Library Association, Annual Meeting, Oxford University Press, Booth, June 25, New Orleans, LA.  
 Center for Geographical Analysis, Harvard University, 2011 Conference, May 6 and 7, Cambridge, MA.  
 CUNY Journalism School, Ethnic Community and Media Census Training, May 5, New York, NY.  
 American Association of Public Opinion Research, New York Chapter, April 21, New York, NY.  
 Population Association of America, Pre-Conference Session, March 30, Washington, DC.  
 National Low Income Housing Coalition, Annual Conference, March 29, Washington, DC.  
 Census Bureau, Geography Division, January 28, Washington, DC.  
 National Science Foundation NSF Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement Program/Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science Conference and at NSF Atrium Presentation, January 26-28, Washington, DC.  
 CUNY Journalism School, Making Sense of the Census, January 3, New York, NY.
- 2010 Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting, "Exploring Long Term US Change: Research and Teaching with Social Explorer," November 18, Chicago, IL.  
 Jewish Community Relations Council, Community Connections Fellowship Orientation, New York, November 9.  
 U.S. State Department, Office of International Visitors. "Changing Demographics and Multiculturalism in the United States." Flushing, NY, September 21.  
 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research Funding Opportunities and Data Resources Poster, August 15, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research and Data Support Poster, August 8-11, San Francisco, CA.  
 Eastern Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research Workshop, April 2-5. Baltimore, MD.
- 2008 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research and Data Support Poster, August 2, Boston, MA.
- 2007 New York Chapter of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, October 4, New York, NY.  
 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Research and Data Support Poster, August 12, New York, NY.  
 Coalition for the National Science Foundation, U.S. House Office Building Reception, Official Representative of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, June 26,.

- Pew Research Center, Washington, DC, June 25.
- 2006 National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Invited Conference on Spatial Thinking in the Social Sciences and Humanities," December 18-19, Urbana, IL.  
Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, "Social Explorer as a Resource for Teaching," November 2-5, Minneapolis, MN.  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Research Workshop, "Geographical Information Systems (GIS) as a Research Tool for Sociologists," August 11-14, Montreal, Quebec.  
Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association, Research and Data Support Poster, August 11-14, Montreal, Quebec...  
National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Invited Conference on Spatial Thinking in the Social Sciences and Humanities, December 18-19, Urbana, IL.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Grants and Awards in Progress

"Census Analyses for the New York Metropolitan Area." *New York Times* Newspaper Division and CUNY Center for Advanced Technology, 1993-pres. Renewed 9/2018 to 8/2021 (\$317,563)

### Grants and Awards Completed

- "INSPIRE: Studying and Promoting Quantitative and Spatial Reasoning with Complex Visual Data Across School, Museum, and Web-Media Contexts" Leilah Lyons, Josh Radinsky (University of Illinois Chicago) and Andrew A. Beveridge (Social Explorer, Inc.). National Science Foundation, Tues-Type 2 Project, Information Technology Research, Discovery Research K-12, Cyberlearning: Transforming Undergraduate Education, Inspire Geography and Spatial Sciences. 2012 to 2016, \$795,000 Total, \$242,000 Sub-Contract to Social Explorer.
- "Creating and Disseminating Tools to Teach with Demographic Data Maps and Materials." Andrew A. Beveridge and Josh Radinsky, National Science Foundation, Division of Undergraduate Education, 2009-2013, \$332,896
- "Integrated Public Use Microdata Sample Redesign." Subcontract through University of Minnesota from National Institutes of Health R01, 2006-2013 \$175,000.
- "Collaborative Research—The National Historical Geographic Information System." National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, 2007-2012, \$99,725 (Continuing Award).
- "The Distribution and Social Impact of Mortgage Foreclosures in the United States." Andrew A. Beveridge and Elena Vesselinov, National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, 2009-2010, \$144,995.
- "Collaborative Research—Creating Exemplary Curricula and Supporting Faculty Development in Using Social Explorer to Teach with Demographic Data Maps." Andrew A. Beveridge and Joshua Radinsky, National Science Foundation, Division of Undergraduate Education, CCLI, Phase 1, 2006-2008, \$149,970.
- "Collaborative Research—A Digital Library Collection for Visually Exploring United States Demographic and Social Change." Andrew A. Beveridge and David Halle, 2002-2007, \$706,746.
- "National Historical Geographical Information System." John Adams, Andrew A. Beveridge, et al, Subcontract of National Science Foundation Infrastructure Grant through University of Minnesota, Organize Historical City Based Data, 2001-2006, \$194,000.
- "Using Socio-Economic Characteristics of Residents of Student Neighborhoods as a Proxy for Socio-Economic Characteristics of Students: An Assessment Using ECLS-K." National Center for Education Statistic through Educational and Statistical Services Institute, 2004-2005, \$57,958.
- "Adding Census 2000 Data and Geographic Location to the ECLS-K Data Set" Andrew A. Beveridge and Sophia Catsambis, National Center for Education Statistic through Educational and Statistical Services Institute, 2002-2003, \$59,335.

- "Visualizing and Exploring United States Urban and Rural Social Change, 1790-2000: Interactive Multimedia and Web Based Tools." Andrew A. Beveridge and David Halle, National Science Foundation, Division of Undergraduate Education, Educational Materials Development, 2001-2004, \$418,000.
- "Evaluation of Fighting Back." Leonard Saxe, Charles Kadushin, Andrew A. Beveridge, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 1994-2002, \$370,000.
- "Development of a Map and Demographic Data Server," CUNY Software Institute, 2001, \$8,000.
- "Redistricting and Minority Voting Rights in Metropolitan New York." Randolph McLaughlin and Andrew A. Beveridge, 2000-2001, Pace Law School \$90,000 total; Andrew A. Beveridge \$60,000.
- "Mapping and Exploring New York City Change, 1905-2000: A Set of Interactive Web Based Tools." National Science Foundation, 1999-2000, \$78,960.
- "A Laboratory for Integrating Multimedia and World Wide Web Technology into Sociological Instruction." Samuel Heilman, Robert Kapsis, Max Kilger, Dean B. Savage and Andrew A. Beveridge, National Science Foundation, 1996-1998, \$47,846.
- "A Shared Computer Work Station and Storage System for Social Science Research." National Science Foundation, 1996-1997, \$20,964.
- "The Battle for Yonkers and the Dilemma of Desegregation." Presidential Research Award, 1993-1994, One Term Release.
- "Why Do Neighborhoods Change or Stay the Same?" Ford Foundation, Diversity Initiative Grant. 1993, Course Release and Student Stipends.
- "Separate American Dreams Face the Common American Dilemma: The Battle to Segregate Yonkers, New York, 1940-1990." Profession Staff Congress, Research Award Program, 1992-1994, \$6,800.
- "Using the Census for Social Mapping across the Sociology Curriculum." President's Mini-Grant for Innovative Teaching, 1992-1993, \$3,500.
- "Modeling the Results of Union Elections by Developing Standard and Hierarchical Logistical Models." Diane Poland, Andrew A. Beveridge, and Wing-Shing Chan, Probe Program for Grand Challenges in the Social Sciences, National Center for Supercomputing Activities, 1992-1994, Super-Computer Time at National Center.
- "The Introductory Sociology Curriculum Initiative: An Empirical, Scientific Approach." Andrew A. Beveridge, Joanne Miller, Lauren H. Seiler and Dean B. Savage, National Science Foundation, Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Program, 1992-1995, \$160,000.
- "A Computer Laboratory for Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning in Sociology." Andrew A. Beveridge, Joanne Miller, Dean Savage and Lauren H. Seiler, National Science Foundation, Instructional Instrumentation and Laboratory Program, 1991-1994, \$50,825.
- "Socially Mapping the New York Area." Ford Diversity Initiative Grant, 1992, Course Release Time.
- "Development of Research Mentorship and Laboratory in Sociology." CUNY Dean for Research and Academic Affairs, Department Faculty Development Program, 1991-1992, One Course Release Time.
- "Integrating Yonkers." Faculty-In-Residence Award, 1988-1989, One Course Release Time.
- "Credit Allocation and Community Change." Professional Staff Congress CUNY, Faculty Fellowship, 1987, \$6,200.
- "Credit Allocation and Community Change." Professional Staff Congress CUNY, Research Award Program, 1986-1988, \$13,268.
- "A Study of Industrial Development of an Agricultural Community Based Upon Financial Records: Keene and Cheshire County, New Hampshire, 1820-1915." Putnam Foundation, 1985-1988, \$33,000.



- "The Intelligent Work Station in Social Science Research: Development, Evaluation, Instruction and Demonstration." Lauren Seiler and Andrew A. Beveridge, International Business Machines Corporation, Special Study, 1985-1987, \$78,000 of hardware and software, \$17,000 funding.
- "Integrated Software for the Social Research Workstation." Andrew A. Beveridge and Lauren Seiler, Inter-University Consortium for Educational Computing, 1985-1986, \$20,000.
- "A Study of the Industrial Development of an Agricultural Community." National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, Basic Research Program, 1984-1985, \$75,000.
- "Credit Allocation and Community Change." Professional Staff Congress CUNY, Research Award, 1984-1985, \$6,973.
- "Credit Allocation and Community Change." Professional Staff Congress CUNY, Research Award, 1983-1984, \$6,928.
- Andrew A. Beveridge and Phoebus J. Dhrymes, "Longitudinal Transformation and Analysis of the Annual Housing Surveys." Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1980-1982, \$248,000.
- "Credit and Social Change: Cheshire County and Its Provident Institution, 1832-1915." American Council of Learned Societies, Fellowship, 1978-1979 \$13,500.
- "The Context of Credit in Wilmington, Delaware, 1800-1870." Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills Hagley Foundation, Grant and Fellow, 1978-1979, \$12,000.
- "Societal Effects of Credit Allocation." National Science Foundation Sociology Program Research Grant, 1976-1978, \$81,781.
- "Social Structure, Social Change and Credit Allocation: A Case Study." National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1976, \$2,000.
- "Social Structure, Social Change and Credit Allocation: A Case Study." American Philosophical Society, Grant, 1976, \$750.
- "African Businessmen in Zambia: Economic, Social and Governmental Impact." Foreign Area Fellowship Program Fellowship, 1970-1971, \$11,400.
- Pre-Doctoral Research Grant. National Institute of Mental Health, 1969-1972, Stipend and Tuition.

## OTHER SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Selected Analyses Appearing in *New York Times* and Elsewhere

*Since 1992, Professor Beveridge, Queens College Sociology, and Social Explorer have been cited over 1,000 times in the New York Times, and materials have been syndicated or appeared elsewhere. Other media appearances include NPR, WCBS, WABC, WNBC, WNYW, CUNY-TV, CBS Radio, and the Associated Press.*

"Chicago's Murder Problem." *The New York Times*, May 27, 2016. By Ford Fessenden and Haeyoun Park.

"How Every New York City Neighborhood Voted in the Democratic Primary?" *The New York Times*, April 19, 2016. By Matthew Bloch and Wilson Andrews.

"In Chelsea, A Great Wealth Divide." *The New York Times*, October 25, 2015. By Mireya Navarro.

"Move Over Millennials, Here Comes Generation Z." *The New York Times*, September 20, 2015. By Alexis Williams.

"Ten Years After Katrina." *The New York Times*, August 26, 2015. By Campbell Robertson and Richard Fausset

"We're Making Life Too Hard for Millennials," *The New York Times*, August 2, 2015. By Steven Rattner.

"Why the Doorman Is Lonely." *The New York Times*, January 11, 2015. By Julie Stow

"Ceding to Florida, New York Falls to No. 4 in Population." *The New York Times*, December 24, 2014. By Jesse McKinley

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Frederick Brewington, Esq., *Montano v. Suffolk County Board of Legislators*. U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Produced report and plan and testified in trial regarding proposed redistricting of Suffolk County Legislature. Cited in District Court Opinion, 2003. Decided.

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Legal Services of Southern New Jersey. *Cramer Hill Residents Association, et al. vs. Melvin R "Randy" Primus, et al.* Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Camden County. Report re Cramer Hill Redevelopment in Camden, NJ. 2005. (Decided 2005.)

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City of Long Beach, *Walton v. City of Long Beach*. Analyzed the vacancy rate in the City of Long Beach for 1992 through 2000. Filed affidavits in state and federal court. Testified in proceedings. Carried out various studies related to vacancy rate. 1997-2000. (Decided 2000, Reversed by Appellate Court.)

Arnold and Porter. *Witt, et al v. New York State Board of Elections*. Analyzed those who have two or more domiciles where they regularly reside for case involving voting in more than one local election. 2000-2002. (Decided 2002.)

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New York City Environmental Justice Alliance. *New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, et al. v. Rudolph W. Giuliani, et al.* Filed an affidavit that analyzed the racial and Hispanic distribution of the various community gardens for sale and not-for-sale in New York City in 1999. Decided, Cited in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit opinion.

Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, Center for Children's Advocacy, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Educational Fund. *Sheff v. O'Neil*. Analyzed the changing patterns of school enrollments in the Hartford area for this landmark case. Supplied a series of exhibits used by plaintiffs. 1998. (Decided.)

Connecticut Civil Liberties Union and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. *NAACP v. Milford*. Analyzed historical housing and segregation patterns in the Milford region, and provided disparate impact analysis for not providing low-income housing as agreed. 1997-1998. (Settled 1997.)

Connecticut Civil Liberties Union and Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund. *Pitts v. Hartford*. Analyzed placement of low-income public housing tenants in wake of destruction of public housing. Case settled. 1997.

American Civil Liberties Foundation of Maryland. *Carmen Thompson, et al. vs. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, et al.* Analysis of various proposed plans for the relocation of public housing tenants throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area. Created a series of maps and analyses. Prepared trial testimony. Consent Decree Entered, April 1996.

Gurian and Bixon; Davis, Polk and Wardwell. *Open Housing Center, Inc. vs. Kings Highway Realty, a Division of Provenz Realty Corp.; Provenz Realty Corp; Diane Provenz; Evelyn Cannon; and Barbara Noonan*. Analyzed real estate "tester" data and apartments that various clients were shown. Imputed racial status of clients by using GIS techniques. Prepared affidavit. Cited in judge's opinion denying summary judgment. 1994-1996. (Settled, 1996.)

Westchester Legal Services and Sullivan and Cromwell. *Carol Giddins, et al v. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, et al.* Analyzed various proposed plans to end racial steering of Section 8 tenants to South West Yonkers. Maps and analyses incorporated into consent decree, and still in use in placing tenants. 1992-1994 and continuing.

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### **Federal Court Jury System Challenges (All Cases Decided.)**

Andrea Hirsch, *Martinez v. Kelly*. U.S. Appeals Court for the Second Circuit. Analyzed effects of peremptory challenges for *habeas corpus* petition. 2006-2007.

Stern Shapiro Weissberg & Garin. *United States v. Darryl Green, et al.* U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Massachusetts. Analyzed jury selection system for using Census data, local lists and other materials. Filed seven declarations and testified twice. 2004-2006.

Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of LA, New Orleans, LA. *United States v. Torres*. Analyzed jury selection system for the Eastern District of Louisiana based upon Census Data and Estimates, as well as filings in the Eastern District. Declaration filed. 2006.

Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of LA, New Orleans, LA. *United States v. Caldwell*. Analyzed jury selection system for the Eastern District of Louisiana based upon Census Data and Estimates, as well as filings in the Eastern District. Declaration filed. 2006.

Federal Public Defender, Western District of PA, Pittsburgh. *United States v. Lawrence Skiba*. Analyzed jury selection system for the Pittsburgh Division of the Western District of Pennsylvania based upon Census Data and Estimates, as well as filings in the Western District. Affidavit filed. 2004.

Federal Public Defender, Western District of PA, Pittsburgh. *United States v. Miner*. Analyzed jury selection system for the Pittsburgh Division of the Western District of Pennsylvania based upon Census Data and Estimates, as well as filings in the Western District. Affidavit filed. 2002.

Federal Public Defender, Western District of PA, Erie, PA. *United States v. Rudolph Weaver*. Analyzed jury selection system for the Pittsburgh Division of the Western District of Pennsylvania based upon Census Data and Estimates, as well as jury lists and voting. Affidavit Submitted 2001, Testified.

Newman Schwartz and Greenberg. *United States v. Albert J. Pirro, Jr.* Filed affidavit that analyzed representation in master jury wheel for White Plains and Foley Square Court Houses in the Southern District using census data with respect to the dilution of Italian Americans likely to be on a jury, if venue changed from White Plains to Foley Square. Venue change motion was denied. 2000.

Polstein, Ferrara, Dwyer and Speed and Stephen P. Scaring. *United States v. Dennis McCall, Trevor Johnson*. Analyzed representation in master jury wheel for White Plains Court House in the Southern District. Filed affidavit, which was cited in judge's opinion. 1998.

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt and Mosle, *United States v. Don King and Don King Productions*. Analyzed representation in master jury wheel for New York City Courthouse in the Southern District. Affidavit and Consulting. 1997-1998.

Dominick Porco. *United States v. Kevin Veale*. Analyzed representation in master jury wheel for White Plains Court House in the Southern District. Filed affidavit. 1997.

Diarmuid White, *United States v. Jose Reyes, et al.* Analyzed representation in master jury wheel for New York City Courthouse in the Southern District. Report and testimony in case cited in the judge's opinion. 1996.

#### **State Court Jury System Challenges (All Cases Decided.)**

Joseph Flood and Steven Malone. *State of Arkansas v. Daniel Pedraza Munoz*, Declaration. 2013.

Fitch Richardson, *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Prieto*. Fairfax County Virginia Circuit Court. Affidavit and Trial Testimony, 2010.

Capital Defenders Office, Atlanta GA. *State of Georgia vs. Jason McGhee*. Forsyth County Georgia State Court. Trial Testimony, 2010.

Public Defenders Office and Joseph Flood, *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Sanchez*. Prince William County Virginia Circuit Court. Analyzed Jury Selection in Prince William County, VA. Affidavit, 2008.

Ferrell Law, *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Alan*. Prince William County Virginia Circuit Court. Analyzed Jury Selection in Prince William County, VA. Affidavit, 2008.

New Hampshire Public Defender, *New Hampshire v. Addison*. Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, North Division, Superior Court. Declaration, Deposition and Testimony, 2008.

Public Defenders Office, *Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Portilla-Chicas*. Stafford County Virginia Circuit Court. Analyzed Jury Selection in Stafford County, VA. Affidavit, 2006.

Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, *Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Rogers*. Stafford County Virginia Circuit Court. Analyzed Jury Selection in Stafford County, VA. Report and Testimony, 2006.

Criminal Legal Clinic of Syracuse University Law School, *People v. Tyisha Taylor*. Syracuse City Court. Analyzed Jury Selection System for Syracuse and Onondaga County, New York. Testimony, 2005.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. Sweat*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Broome County, New York. Two affidavits filed, one relating to factors likely to lead to underrepresentation of African Americans in Jury Pool, another related to the operation of the allocation of jurors among courts in Broome County. (Capital Murder Case.) 2003

Michael J. Spiegel, *New York State v. Dennis Salvador Alvarez-Hernandez*, Analyzed representation in jury selection in Westchester County, New York. Analysis based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results. (Capital murder case.) 2001--2003

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. Taylor*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Queens County, New York. Analysis based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results; testified at hearing. Produced demographic analyses by town to assist in jury selection. Testified in 2002. (Capital murder case.) 2000-2002

Mann and Mitchell, *State of Rhode Island vs. David Tremblay*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Bristol and Providence Counties, Rhode Island. Affidavit filed that includes an analysis of the geographic, racial, and Hispanic representation of jurors in counties in Rhode Island and includes an estimate of the disparities by race and Hispanic status. 1999-2001.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. McCoy*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Suffolk County, New York. Analysis was based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results. Produced demographic analyses by town to assist in jury selection. (Capital murder case.) 1997-1998.

Reynolds, Caronia and Gianelli. *New York State v. Robert Shulman*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Suffolk County, New York. Analysis was based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results. (Capital murder case.). 1997. Opinion reproduced in *New York Law Journal*.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. Gordon*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Queens County, New York. Analysis was based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results. (Capital murder case.) 1997. Opinion reported on and reproduced in *New York Law Journal*.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. Sam Chinn, III*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Onondaga County. Affidavit filed that presented an analysis of the geographic, racial, and Hispanic representation of jurors. It includes an estimate of the disparities by race and Hispanic status. Plea bargain offered and accepted. Discussed at presentation at the New York State Defenders Association, Glen Falls, NY. (Capital murder case.) 1997.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. George Bell*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Queens County, New York. Analysis was based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. Filed affidavit reporting results. (Capital murder case.) 1996-1997.

Capital Defenders Office, *New York State v. Hale*. Analyzed representation in jury selection in Kings County, New York. Analysis was based upon census data and estimates, and an emulation of the reported jury selection process using voter lists and other sources. (Affidavit reporting results, capital murder case.) 1996-1997.



### Employment Discrimination

Division of Human Rights, *New York State, DHR v. International Longshoremen Association, et al.* Case# 10156672 2019 (Report, testimony, rebuttal report, rebuttal testimony).

Shneyer and Shen. *Grimston vs. Marsh and McLanahan*. Analyzed employment patterns based upon Census data and defendant records. Filed expert report and testified in deposition. Case Settled. 1998-2000.

Shneyer and Shen. *Maglasang vs. Beth Israel Medical Center*. Analyzed employment patterns based upon Census data and defendant records. Filed expert report and testified in deposition. Case Settled. 1999-2000.

Shneyer and Shen. *Williams vs. Safesites, Inc.* Analyzed employment patterns based upon Census data and defendant records. Filed expert report. 1998. Decided.

Shneyer and Shen. *Lachica vs. Emergency Medical Services*. Analyzed employment patterns based upon Census data and defendant records. Case Settled. Filed expert report. Case Settled. 1996-1997.

### Other Legal Projects

Center for Constitutional Rights, *Aref, et al v. Holder* (now Sessions). (Report, Deposition 2013-present)

Dewey & LeBoeuf (transferred to Winston, Strawn) and Latino Justice (PRLDEF). *Adriana Aguilar, et al., v. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Division of the United States Department of Homeland Security, et al.* U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Report, Rebuttal Report and Deposition Testimony, 2010-2012. Settled 2013.

Debevoise & Plimpton; *Five Borough Bicycle Club, et al v. City of New York, et al.* U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Summoning Patterns Regarding Critical Mass Rides in Manhattan. Report, Deposition and Trial Testimony, 2008-2009. Decided.

Rabinowitz, Boudin, Standard and Krinsky, *Garrison v. I.R.S.* U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Filed expert report and testified at trial. Analysis based upon a survey of a sample of all synagogues in the United States. 1991-1992. Settled.

### OTHER MAJOR STUDIES AND ANALYSES

Time-Warner Cable of New York. Analyzed and provided maps with underlying ethnic and racial composition for each of the six cable systems managed by Time-Warner Cable in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn, 1998-1999 (Proprietary).

*New York Times*. Analyzed circulation patterns of *the New York Times* in connection with their launch of the Boston and Washington editions, 1996-1997 (Proprietary).

Newspaper Association of America. Analysis of Field Experiment of Full-Color Run of the Press Advertisements in Richmond, Virginia, 1992.

Newspaper Advertising Bureau. Analysis of a Panel Study of Change in Newspaper Readership among Young Adults, 1983-1984.

Friends of Vincenza Restiano. Political Consulting, Polling, and Voting Analysis, Computer Based Voter List Organization, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1991.

Abt Associates, through Center for the Social Sciences, Columbia University. Transfer of Annual Housing Survey Project to Abt, 1982.

Response Analysis Corporation, Princeton, N.J. Problems in Reliability of Longitudinal Household Surveys. 1982.

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Future Directions in Spatial Demography Specialist Meeting. Invited participant. Convened by the University of California, Santa Barbara, Penn State University, and NIH Advanced Spatial

Analysis Training Program (NICHD 5R-25 HD057002-04) Santa Barbara, CA December 12-13, 2011.

Editorial Board Member, *Spatial Demography*, 2012-pres.

American Sociological Association: Section on Chair and Chair Elect, Member, Park Award Committee, 2013; Search Committee, Editor of *City and Community*; 2008-2009; Organizer, sessions on Applied and Evaluation Research, 1998; Organizer, special session on New York Trends, 1996; Organizer, sessions on Economy and Society, 1984; Organizer, sessions on Social Change, 1979.

National Science Foundation

Review Panel Member: Transforming Undergraduate Education in Science, (also Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement) 2011, 2010, 2007, 2006, 2005, and other earlier years; Cyber Discovery or Innovation, 2011; Math Science Partnership, 2009.

Advisory Board Member: School Attendance Boundary Information System (SABINS), 2009 to present.

Advisory Workshop Member, General Social Survey (GSS): The Next Decade and Beyond, 200 Future Investments in Large-Scale Survey Data Access and Dissemination, 2010.

Occasional Reviewer, NSF Sociology Program.

Occasional Reviewer, *American Sociology Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Forum*, and other journals

Eastern Sociological Society: Vice President 1997-1998; Program Committee, 1991-1992; Co-Chair, Computer Committee, 1985-1987; President and Discussant, Women's History Session, 1985; Member, Computer Committee, 1984-1985; Coordinator, Computer Workshops, 1984 Annual Meeting; Co-Chair, Membership Committee, 1983-1984; Member, Papers Committee, 1983-1986; President, Historical Sociology Session, 1983; Co-Chair, Papers Committee, 1982-1983; Chair, Membership Committee, 1981-1982; Co-Chair, Conference Committee, 1980-1981.

American Association for Public Opinion Research: Program Committee, 1983-84; Nominating Committee, 1985-1986; Task Force Regarding the Use of Survey-based Evidence in Legal Proceedings, 2010.

New York Chapter, American Association for Public Opinion Research, Associate Program, Chair 2006-07; Program Chair, 2007-08.

International Sociological Association, Research Liaison Committee on Economy and Society  
American Economic Association  
Social Science History Association  
Population Association of America

## COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate: (M.A. and Ph.D.) Demography; Computer Applications in the Social Sciences; Advanced Social Statistics; The Sociological Study of Economies; Logic of Social Research; Survey Research Methods; Co-Operative Education Field Placement; Demography; Integrated Social Research; Ph.D. Dissertation and M.A. Thesis Supervision.

Undergraduate: New York City in Your Neighborhood; The Digital Transformation of Everyday Life; Social Change in the City; Methods of Social Research; Sociology of Economic Life; Third World in Social Change; Social Statistics; Sociological Analysis; New York Area Undergraduate Research Program (at Columbia): Housing Crisis in New York City, Equity of the Criminal Justice System, Implementation of No-Fault in New York.

## UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

CUNY Podcast, 2011, Assessing the Census

CUNY Forum on CUNYTV, October 27, 2009; April 20, 2011, and May 5, 2012,

CUNY Research Foundation, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2006-2017 Board of Directors, 2006-2017.

CUNY Professional Staff Congress, Legislative Committee, 2000-2001; CUNY, University Committee on Research Awards, 1988-1991; CUNY, University Computer Policy Committee, 1986-1987; CUNY/PSC Sociology Research Award Panel, 1986-1987; Graduate Center Sociology Program,

Chair, Search Committee, 1989-1990; Methods Subcommittee, 1986-1987; Computers Committee, 1987-1990.

Queens College, Committee on Fellowship Leave, 1990-1991; Queens College, Committee on Research and Sponsored Programs, 1982-1986; Ad Hoc Computer Committee, Division of Social Sciences, 1982-1986, 1994-1996, 1998-pres.; Official Representative to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), 1983--; Workload Committee, 2007-09; Executive Committee of College Personnel and Budget Committee, 2006-2011

Queens College, Department of Sociology, Chair 2006-18; Computer Committee, 1981-2005. (Chair most years); Queens College, Departmental M.A. Program Committee, 1981-2005 (Director and Chair, 1982-1987, 2001-2003, 2004-2006).

**CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Appointed Member of New York State [Census] Complete Count Commission, 2019-2020.

Yonkers Board of Education, Trustee 1986-1990. President, 1988-1989. Chair, Policy Committee, 1989-1990; Chair, Spelling Bee Committee, 1986-1988.

Yonkers Democratic Party, Second Vice-Chair and District Leader, 1991-1992; District Leader, 1993-1995.

Council of Large City School Districts, 1986-1991. Executive Committee, 1990-1991; Committee on School Choice, 1991; Lobbying Committee, 1989-1990.

New York State School Boards Association, Member Federal Relations Network, 1989-1990.

Long vale Homeowners Association, Board of Directors, 1983-1985. President 1985.

Yonkers Private Industry Council, 1988-1990. Chair, Program and Planning Committee, 1989-1990.

Founding Member and Vice-President, Citizens and Neighbors Organized to Protect Yonkers (CANOPY), 1987-1992.

Volunteer, Friends of Nicholas Wasicsko, 1989 and 1991.

Volunteer, Friends of Vincenza Restiano, 1983, 1985, 1987, and 1991.

Volunteer, Friends of Terence Zaleski, 1991.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 11:56

**Your Full Name:**

Doug Bohn

**Email Address:**

bohnco@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Victor, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear Committee Members and Fellow Montanans, Thank you for your dedication to the security, laws and rules for the equal representation of our State citizens. Regarding the redistricting efforts currently underway, I offer the following for your consideration and guidance. The following standards MUST be followed: A) All Congressional Districts MUST be allocated by population as accurately as possible. Previous efforts have proven that an accuracy of 1% or less is possible. This Must be your standard throughout this process. B) Prison allocation MUST be addressed through this process. C) Congressional Districts MUST BE contiguous. D) Congressional Districts MUST BE based solely on POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. Any diversion from these standards will expose this Committee to be insincere in their efforts to be as fair and non-political as possible. Sincerely, Doug Bohn  
Victor, MT

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**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:39:09 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 15:39

**Your Full Name:**

Barbara Bonifas

**Email Address:**

barbarabonifas@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

I appreciate your consideration of these comments. I am writing as a citizen of Montana with extensive volunteer election judge experience at Lewis and Clark County polling stations and 45 years of voting in Montana elections. I urge you to pass a redistricting plan that strongly complies with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. I urge you to support fair districts that do not unduly favor any political party. I believe it is vital to create legislative districts where candidates from all parties have the opportunity to compete for office. Thank you for representing all Montanans as you work to achieve this important task.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:59:28 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not rank the criteria that way each district can have flexibility in regard to meeting their unique needs and can respond to the public feedback they receive. Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a mandatory criterion. This will allow the commission to account for the oddities that occurred in the 2020 Census procedures and data because of the global pandemic. This is a better way to respond to the circumstances experienced in local communities. Thank for your attention to my concerns. Mary Brannin

Sincerely,

Mary Boschert-Brannin  
31 Virginia Dr Missoula, MT 59803-1233  
branninme@gmail.com

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:01:45 PM  
Subject: Fair Criteria

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings!

My name is Megan Brenna and I live in Livingston. As you begin the districting process, please please consider the rights of Indigenous Montanans, and how they are protected under the Voting Rights Act. Also, I would kindly request that you consider 5% deviation standard between districts, to consider oddities that may be a result of the of the 2020 Census.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Megan Brenna  
PO Box 397 Livingston, MT 59047-0397  
[montanameg30@gmail.com](mailto:montanameg30@gmail.com)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:15:39 PM  
Subject: Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Write your comments here)

I am a retired teacher and a life long Montanan. Please be sure your decision considers fairness for All Montanans ! Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Sincerely,  
Linda Briggeman  
4250 Lochsa Ln Missoula, MT 59802-9603  
lindabriggeman@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 21:18

**Your Full Name:**

Ann Brodsky

**Email Address:**

abrodsky@mt.net

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Members of Montana's Districting and Apportionment Commission: I'm writing with some brief thoughts and observations as to the important task ahead of you, which will impact all Montanans, who in some way or another will be affected by the composition of Montana's legislature and the state's congressional representation. I understand you are considering the criteria you will be using when embarking on this work. Though it seems like yesterday, 40 years ago I served as legislative staff to the Districting and Apportionment Commission that reapportioned legislative and congressional districts following the 1980 census. In addition to staffing the Commission, I served as research staff to the Montana legislature for 5 years, lobbied the legislature one session, and worked in the executive branch of government for most of my legal career, including on floor two of the capitol when Governor Schweitzer held office. I have followed the legislature for over 40 years, testified in person and in writing, attended rallies, and presented the Commission's reapportionment plan to the legislature meeting in joint session in 1983. I recognize the importance of the legislative branch of government and its responsibility to represent and reflect the diverse views of Montanans. While you must follow certain mandatory federal and state criteria when you develop districts, you will adopt discretionary criteria to use when creating districts, to which I confine my comments. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of remaining flexible in your criteria, as, ideally, each legislative district should "make sense" to the citizens within the district. In the 1980's, the Commission used the term "communities of interest" when developing district boundaries, a term I suspect you use today. Such communities can reflect other political subdivisions or tribal boundaries, rural/urban dichotomies, school districts, and they can reflect other ways people organize themselves and function as "communities." Montana is big, wide, and diverse, and what makes sense for creating district boundaries on the Hi-line may not make sense for district boundaries in our university towns, our mining towns, or our plains, valleys, and mountains that are each unique and help define their occupants. Rigidity in your criteria will not serve the people well as you establish district boundaries. Looking back at the Commission's report, I am reminded the 1980's Commission didn't formally attach a

relative weight to its criteria, and “[r]arely did a district satisfy all criteria.” The report further describes that “districting decisions often required the application of a balancing test among the competing interests. Often it was necessary to apply this balancing test not only to choices for individual districts but to regional and statewide repercussions of district choices.” I don’t have a lot of insight into drawing congressional boundary lines, as the Commission I worked for in the early 1980’s was able to create two congressional districts, which followed county lines, with an absolute deviation of +/- 47 people. That was a stroke of good fortune! My last comment, drawing from my experience, is the importance of involving and listening to people in their communities as you perform your work. Local people know their local communities. Thank you for considering my comments. I wish you the best in conducting your important work.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 17:33

**Your Full Name:**

sally brown

**Email Address:**

sallybrown6@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

missoula MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

YES! Redistricting must be done with the following criteria in mind: Strong compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Create fair districts that do not unduly favor any political part Creation of a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either party can win. Please do the right thing!

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:03

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls

**Your Comment/Input:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhWcTzxgreI&t=73s>

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:09

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls

**Your Comment/Input:**

<https://youtu.be/nyx94ewdC94>

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:10

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls

**Your Comment/Input:**

<https://youtu.be/nyx94ewdC94>

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**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:52

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls mt

**Your Comment/Input:**

<https://youtu.be/DmiEyRLR7OM>

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:59

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls

**Your Comment/Input:**

<https://youtu.be/VYsEy0QwQZA>

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 15:59

**Your Full Name:**

Josh Butterfly

**Email Address:**

butterflyjosh4@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Great falls

**Your Comment/Input:**

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:59

**Your Full Name:**

Chad

**Email Address:**

chadmar19@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Frenchtown Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please use common sense, and divide the state East and West. If you do the DONUT HOLE you will political divide the state even more then Bullock did while he was in office. Besides if you have not realized it more conservative are moving to the state. If you do the donut hole we might never get a Democrat Governor again for a long time.

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**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:41:59 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 09:41

**Your Full Name:**

Lark Chadwick

**Email Address:**

[larkwick@gmail.com](mailto:larkwick@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Thompson Falls, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Art I, Sec 2. US Const. says nothing about party affiliation, or communities of interest. Founding principles state we ALL are equal, so "equal in population" is ONLY about quantity not classification of persons. "Competitive Districts" designed on political party biases is classification, therefore an unequal criteria for districting. Continuity of boundaries, keeping political subdivisions as a criteria will help our Election Offices.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:03

**Your Full Name:**

Claudia Clifford

**Email Address:**

claudia.clifford57@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Your commission has a tough, but very important job to divide our state into new congressional and legislative seats that the public feels is fair and provides opportunity for voters to really chose between candidates of political parties. Districts that unduly favor a political party disenfranchise voters which only denigrates our democracy. Of course, there are parts of this state that are truly more Republican and Democratic districts, but there are many places that political views are quite mixed and this is where elections should be a fair contest. It is important to our democracy that there are plenty of districts where either party can win a seat. The criteria you use for redistricting should not only comply with the US and Montana Constitutions, as well as the Voting Rights Act, but go further to ensure fair and competitive elections. Strong compliance with section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is essential as it is key to assuring that all Montanans are treated equally in the voting process. We are a diverse population and our voting districts and elected officials need to reflect that. Finally, the redistricting criteria should not skew the chances of one party to hold political control for the next ten years. I appreciate the tough job you have taken on. Thanks for considering my brief remarks.

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:11:50 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support political fairness in completing the redistricting. Our government operates best when all voices and perspectives are considered so as to ensure one political viewpoint cannot completely dominate unchecked.

Sincerely,  
Adam Clinch  
4 Kevin Ct Helena, MT 59601-0345  
folf22@hotmail.com

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Dear appointed members of the MDAC,  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:18:12 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:04:33 PM  
Subject: Dear appointed members of the MDAC,

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Write your comments here)

Hello my name is Joe Cohenour, i was an elected school board trustee for 15 years and understand how difficult elections and (re)districting can be.

I believe that with the recent census and the difficulty getting an accurate head count in Montana we need to us the 5% deviation standard as a mandatory criterion (as supported by federal law).

We need to have the new legislative districts reflect current voting blocks of people, such as school districts, reservations, thus maintaining communities of interest.

Please keep an open mind when designing the districts until the end. We need flexibility throughout the selection process so each person equals one vote!

Sincerely,  
Joe Cohenour  
2610 Colt Dr East Helena, MT 59635-3442  
[utopiamt@prodigy.net](mailto:utopiamt@prodigy.net)

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam] Hoping for fairness in commission decisions on the Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:12:44 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:31:43 PM  
Subject: [spam] Hoping for fairness in commission decisions on the Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am really hoping that political fairness will drive your decision making on new lines for districts. Our Native American Montanans deserve to have seats that allow for red presentation that mirrors their population in Montana.

I would also ask that you not rank the criteria so that you all have the flexibility to adjust where needed. Rigidity in this process will harm the work you are doing.

Thank you for the work you are doing for our state. Thanks. - Senator Jill Cohenour

Sincerely,  
Jill Cohenour  
2610 Colt Dr East Helena, MT 59635-3442  
jillcohenour@gmail.com

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**From:** [Rob Cook](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Districting and Apportionment Committee 08-09 July  
**Date:** Monday, July 5, 2021 5:56:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [Comment, Rob Cook, 08-09 July.pdf](#)  
[Public Comment - 27 January 2014.pdf](#)

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Please accept the attached documents as public comment for the upcoming meeting of the commission,

Thanks,

Rob Cook  
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Conrad, MT 59425

(406) 868 3426  
[rcook@mtbus.net](mailto:rcook@mtbus.net)



## Districting and Apportionment Committee - Holdover Senator Criteria

Chairman Stusek and Members,

I am compelled to write this comment because I feel it is of the utmost importance that the Commission maintain the opportunity for public input on the issue of holdover Senators – rather than locking the Commission into a decision about how holdover Senators will be assigned before Census data has even been released.

In 2010, the Commission received written public comment that was persuasive and bipartisan. This comment convinced them that there was strong support for assigning holdover senators in such a way that Senator Llew Jones would be afforded the opportunity to run for a seat in the 2014 cycle instead of being locked out of the Senate for two years.

From the school board association, to the teachers union, to the school administrators association, incumbent Llew Jones enjoyed broad support from the education community who signed onto the public comment asking the Commission to consider leaving an open seat that he would have an opportunity to run in.

Democrats and Republicans from both chambers of the legislature also stood together and signed onto the request. I've sent a copy of the letter submitted last decade as public comment for the Commission's reference.

Despite specious legal arguments advanced by aggrieved former legislators and their gadflies, the Courts affirmed the right of this Commission to consider public comment and assign holdover senators in a way which considered the effects of incumbency.

This Commission is going to be considering reams of public comment and must make hard decisions about how districts are drawn. This may mean that a current legislative district is divided into three or even four pieces in some instances.

The criteria being advanced by Commissioners Essmann and Stusek advocating that holdover Senators be assigned based on which district contains the largest number of previous residents from the district they last represented will lock the public out of the process at the time when real proposed maps are before them. The public should have a say in holdover assignments and this is particularly salient in at least three instances:

- in instances where there is a nearly equal number of residents divided among multiple districts;
- in instances where the same legislative district contains the greatest number of residents for two senators; and
- in instances where the holdover senator can no longer seek reelection because of term limits.

Due to differences in residency requirements for legislative districts wholly contained in a single county versus those that cross county lines, holdover senate assignments have a more critical impact on rural areas where legislators are required to reside in the districts they run for. Rural Montanans deserve a voice in the assignment of holdover senate assignments at a time when we can actually see how lines will affect representation in our state. The proposed criteria for senate assignments does not impact all regions equally, and rural Montana would be most negatively impacted by adopting this criteria.

In Montana, our apportionment process has been transparent with many opportunities for the public to make their voices heard loudly and clearly. I have appreciated this Commission's commitment to allowing the public to comment at every turn in the process. I hope that commitment continues by allowing the public to robustly comment on the issue of holdover senators at the end of 2022 instead of making that decision for the public before most have tuned into the legislative redistricting process.

I thank you for your consideration of this public comment and for your service to our great state,



Former Representative Rob Cook

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27 January 2014

Chairman Regnier and Members,

We thank you for your service and your largely successful effort in defining Montana's new legislative districts. We are well aware of the difficulties inherent in the task you have agreed to undertake and we commend you for the transparency of your process.

However, we do feel that in the particular case of Senator Llew Jones, the commission's decision to leave him without a Senate district is a significant oversight. While serving three terms in the Montana House of Representatives and one term in the Montana Senate, Llew has demonstrated a long history of bipartisan policy making. As a consequence, he is well respected by both chambers of the Montana Legislature, by both sides of the legislative aisle, and by the executive branch.

Llew has always placed the state and its citizens above party wrangling and political showmanship. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the area of public education. Llew's recent, biennial long effort to craft a school funding bill that is acceptable to: labor and school boards, urban and rural, and east and west, is a perfect example of his legislative skill set and his personal commitment to do what is best for Montana.

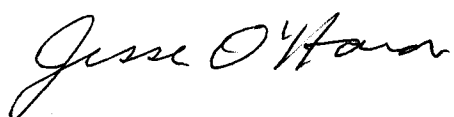
We are asking that the commission concur with our belief that Senator Jones represents those qualities of Montana's citizen legislature that we all wish to retain. The commission can accomplish this by redressing the current oversight. Please provide Senator Jones with a Senate district in which he can run during the upcoming (2014) elections. In our opinion, it would be prudent to assign the carryover Senators to those Senate districts that would naturally be open next election cycle. An example of this would be to assign Senator Ripley to Senator Lewis' seat, as Senator Lewis is termed out and unable to run anyway.

Again, we thank you for your time and hard work and we would like the commission to take note of the diversity inherent in the signatories to this request. Respectively,

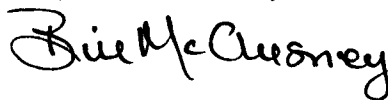
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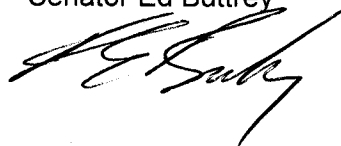
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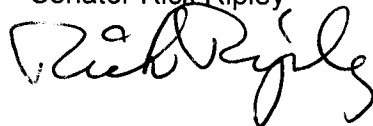
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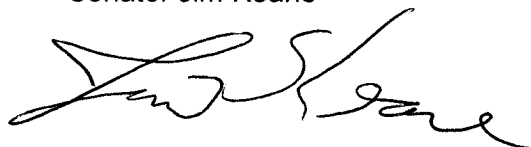
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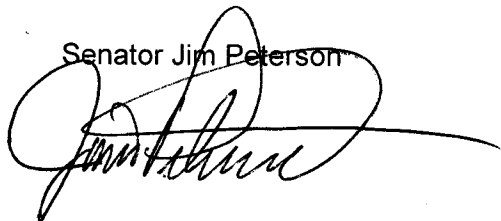
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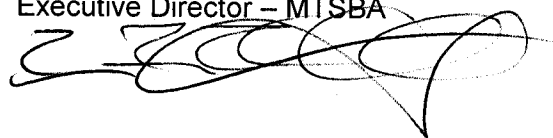


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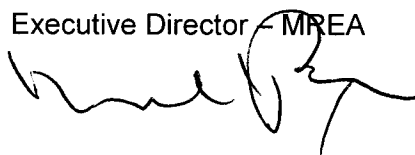
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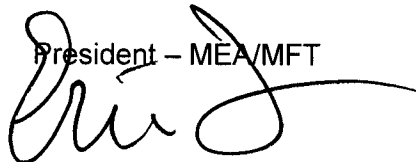
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**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:27:24 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:27

**Your Full Name:**

Lisa Cordingley

**Email Address:**

cord@mt.net

**City and State of Residence:**

HELENA

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please rely with fidelity on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. I would hope that Montanans' innate independent streak would guide decisions that resist the temptation to reduce this process to partisan power plays. I am grateful for your hard work and hopeful that the outcome will yield fair districting that reflects our diverse communities and ways of life.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:37:08 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts). We need fair elections where districts are not created for advantage of a specific party. Elections should be open to all eligible voters so we feel that our vote does count towards their candidate and not be hard to find a place to vote.

Sincerely,

Lynne Corneliusen  
416 Glee Pl Billings, MT 59102-4831  
blgscorn2000@yahoo.com

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:33:54 PM  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please ensure that during this important redistricting process we comply fully with the Voting Rights Act. Montanans will not benefit from giving an undue benefit to either political party. We must preserve the right of all Montanans to elect representatives of their choice.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Crane  
15 Velva Dr Kalispell, MT 59901-6327  
[beckycrane51@gmail.com](mailto:beckycrane51@gmail.com)

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**From:** [Carmen Cuthbertson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] July 8 meeting, criteria for redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:00:27 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

As you move forward with establishing the criteria for the redistricting of our state, I urge you to follow state law (MCA 5-11-115). This means, among other things, keeping the population deviation under one percent and creating contiguous, compact districts.

I object to Members of the Commission seeking greater flexibility to make their decisions by not adhering to these provisions.

Commission members are fulfilling a role, and must not bring their own ideas or desires into this process. The law is there to guide the Commission.

If the MCA feels too restrictive to a Member of the Commission, then said member should not serve on this Committee!

Respectfully,  
Carmen Cuthbertson  
Kalispell



**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
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**Date:** 6th July 2021 09:06

**Your Full Name:**

Gerald -Cuvillier

**Email Address:**

geraldcuvillier@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Trout Creek

**Your Comment/Input:**

I would like to see any division of the state into congressional districts made by either dividing the state east and west, or north and south. We do not need to make another salamander district. Please use common sense and do this right.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:24:30 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

As you continue work on the redistributing process, please keep the following things in mind to ensure that the boundaries created accurately reflect the diversity of our state:

- \*compliance with the Voting Rights Act as mandatory criteria in creating district boundaries
- \*account for the impact the pandemic had on the 2020 census but incorporating a mandatory 5% deviation standard between districts
- \*political fairness to ensure that the districts reflect the diversity of our state
- \*no ranking of criteria. If a criteria is important enough to be included, it should have equal weight.

Sincerely,

Leslie Dalbey  
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[lesliedalbey@gmail.com](mailto:lesliedalbey@gmail.com)

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:56:22 AM  
Subject: [spam]Please maintain the Fair voting rights act

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

It is imperative that you maintain the voting rights act for all of us, but especially for the indigenous people Montana!

Pat Darbro  
Retired MFPE member

Sincerely,  
Pat Darbro  
2346 W Beall # 3 Polson, MT 59860  
pat.darbro@yahoo.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:50

**Your Full Name:**

Lucy Dayton

**Email Address:**

[lbd@mt.net](mailto:lbd@mt.net)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

I am quite interested in adopting districts that will comply wholeheartedly in both the legal sense and the spirit of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. This is a task that should be approached with the goal of creating balanced districts which allow for competitive elections between candidates and avoids gerrymandering by any party for political advantage. Anything less than the establishment of truly "fair and balanced" opportunities for candidates will result in a diminished slate of options for the people of Montana on Election Day.

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**From:** [Jacqueline De Leon](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Samantha Kelty](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Testimony Submission for Tomorrow's meeting  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:25:58 PM  
**Attachments:** [NARF Public Comment Testimony 7.8.21 for Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission.pdf](#)  
[NARF Testimony 6.10.21.pdf](#)  
[NARF Public Comment Testimony 7.8.21.pdf](#)

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Hi Rachel,

I hope this finds you doing well. I apologize for not being within the 72 hours. Attached is written testimony for tomorrow's meeting. I hope to give this testimony orally as well during the public comment period. If that's ok I'd appreciate the zoom link at your convenience.

I've also re-attached my June 10<sup>th</sup> testimony since it comments on the criteria that will be addressed tomorrow and Friday.

Thank you!  
Jacqueline

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**From:** Jacqueline De Leon  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 3:39 PM  
**To:** 'districting@mt.gov' <districting@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Zoom Link Today

Hi Rachel,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. Attached is a copy of my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline

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**From:** Jacqueline De Leon  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:57 AM  
**To:** 'districting@mt.gov' <[districting@mt.gov](mailto:districting@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Zoom Link Today

Hi Rachel,

Apologies for the late notice, is it possible to please get the zoom link to provide public testimony today? I have a short statement in response to the publicly available proposed criteria plans.

Thank you!

*Jacqueline De León*  
Staff Attorney

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At the June 10<sup>th</sup> hearing, I expressed NARF’s criteria recommendations.<sup>1</sup> We have re-submitted that testimony. I would supplement our recommendation that Communities of Interest include tribal communities and Indian Reservations. Specifically, we recommend Communities of interest can be based on Indian reservations, urban interests, suburban interests, rural interests, **tribal interests**, neighborhoods, trade areas, geographic location, **demographics**, communication and transportation networks, social, cultural, **historic**, and economic **connections**, or occupation and lifestyles.

I also expressed NARF’s concern about the prioritization of school districts and divisions over other communities of interest.<sup>2</sup>

Today, I want to emphasize NARF’s position against using school boundaries as a districting criteria. School district boundaries were historically drawn in a way to discriminate against minorities, including Native Americans. Even after the United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* as schools in the south were desegregating, thousands

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<sup>1</sup> State legislative population deviations of at least 3%; leaving room for the consideration of functional compactness, rather than adopting one single definition; defining contiguity to simply mean that the district must be in one piece, rather than connected by maintained roads; including communities of interest as a discretionary category and expressly including reservations within its definition; and including political subdivisions as a discretionary criterion.

<sup>2</sup> Many reservations are divided into multiple school districts. Indeed, in the past these divisions were based upon purposeful discrimination and the legacy of those divisions may not reflect equitable boundaries. We fear that this criterion will lead to reservations and Native communities being divided into pieces.

of Native American children continued to attend segregated, English-only federal boarding schools.<sup>3</sup>

Such segregation is visible in the dilution of power on school boards. Wolf Point School District reached a settlement in January 2014 after Native voters alleged the majority White voting district had been electing one board member for every 143 residents, and majority Native American voting districts had been electing one board member for every 841 residents.<sup>4</sup>

These discriminatory school lines have had their intended effect. State public school education of Indians has a long history of failure and criticism.<sup>5</sup> Funding directed towards Native Americans has historically not met their very urgent and basic educational needs, and Native Americans still suffer higher rates of poor educational achievement.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission's Montana Advisory Committee studied Native American education in Montana and revealed that a decade earlier, only 23% of Native Americans in the state completed high school, compared with 51% of the general state population. In the 1994–1995 school year, Native American students dropped out of Montana high schools at a rate of 10.4%, 3.6 times more often than white students. In grades seven and eight, Native American students dropped out of Montana schools at a rate five times greater than their white counterparts.<sup>7</sup> The high dropout rates are attributed to irrelevant curricula, discriminatory practices, and insensitive teachers and administrators.<sup>8</sup> There persists a large backlog of unmet Native American educational needs to overcome a long history of neglect and discrimination.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Twelfth Annual *Brown* Lecture in Education Research: So That Any Child May Succeed: Indigenous Pathways Toward Justice and the Promise of *Brown* by Teresa L. McCarty published May 9, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> ACLU Montana, *Jackson, et al v. Wolf Point School District*, (2021), <https://www.aclumontana.org/en/cases/jackson-et-al-v-wolf-point-school-district>.

<sup>5</sup> See The Meriam Report: The Problem of Indian Administration, Public Schools and Indian Children, Part II, Chap. 9, at 415-18 (1928), available at [https://narf.org/nill/documents/meriam/n\\_meriam\\_chapter9\\_part1\\_education.pdf](https://narf.org/nill/documents/meriam/n_meriam_chapter9_part1_education.pdf); see also Indian Education: A National Tragedy - A National Challenge, Report Of The Committee On Labor And Public Welfare, United States Senate Made By Its Special Subcommittee On Indian Education Pursuant To S. Res. 80, Part I at 22-54 (1969) (Failure of Public Schools) (also known as “The Kennedy Report”) (1969), available at <https://narf.org/nill/resources/education/reports/kennedy/1-2.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> See U.S. COMM’N ON CIVIL RIGHTS, A QUIET CRISIS: FEDERAL FUNDING AND UNMET NEEDS IN INDIAN COUNTRY 43 (2003), at <http://www.usccr.gov/pubs/na0703/na0731.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> Montana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Educational Opportunity for Native American Students in Montana Public Schools, July 2001, pp. 4, 16.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 22.

<sup>9</sup> [20141129nativeyouthreport\\_final.pdf \(archives.gov\)](https://www.archives.gov/files/2014/11/29/nativeyouthreport_final.pdf)



Still today, school secessions are fairly common.<sup>10</sup> Laws in 30 states explicitly allow communities to form their own public-school systems, and since 2000, at least 71 communities across the country, most of them white and wealthy, have sought to break away from their public-school districts to form smaller, more exclusive ones.<sup>11</sup>

Given this problematic racist history and ongoing discriminatory effects of the current school systems in Montana, NARF implores this Commission to not use school boundaries in its legislative or congressional criteria.

Thank you again for your work on this process and for the opportunity to present to you today. We look forward to continuing to follow this important process.

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<sup>10</sup> [The Resegregation of Jefferson County - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

<sup>11</sup> [EdBuild | Fractured: The Accelerating Breakdown of America's School Districts](#)



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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the criteria for congressional and legislative districting in Montana. Under Montana’s system, this Commission has the power to adopt redistricting criteria for both of these processes, and we are grateful to submit our input as you make these important decisions.

I greatly appreciate Commissioners Essmann and Stusek posting their proposal for the criteria on the Commission’s website prior to this meeting. Our comments are mainly based on their plan because it was provided in advance. We are looking forward to providing further feedback based on this productive hearing. We do have several concerns about the criteria proposed by Commissioners Essman and Stusek:

1. The proposed limit on population deviation for state legislative districts to no more than one percent plus or minus difference from the ideal population is too limiting. The U.S. Supreme Court has allowed states to draw maps with up to ten percent total deviation. This allows states to have flexibility to draw districts that accurately reflect the communities that make up the state and provide the best representation. If this flexibility is abused, then courts can step in. However, limiting the Commission at this point in the process would be a mistake. **Instead, we recommend that the Commission follow federal guidelines, which provide enough of a guardrail to safeguard one person one vote while also weighing other compelling criteria.** It is conceivable that a tribal community, or any community, might prefer to be slightly overpopulated but be able to keep all community members within the district.
2. The definition provided of compactness as being greatest when a district’s length and width are equal is too narrow. Redistricters and courts have many ways to measure compactness, and it is important to look to functional compactness, as well as geographic compactness. Rather than adopting one single definition of compactness,

- we recommend that the Commission leave room for the consideration of functional compactness (based on factors like transportation and communication, as well as geography and general appearance).** Reservations are not shaped like circles. Tribal communities do not live in circles.
3. Similarly, **we do not recommend that the Commission's criteria require absolutely that areas be connected by maintained roads in order to be considered contiguous.** Contiguity should instead be understood to require simply that the district must be in one piece. We are very concerned that due to the rural nature of reservations and lack of maintained roads, this criteria would disadvantage Native communities.
  4. We agree with Commissioners Stusek and Essmann that communities of interest should be included as a discretionary category for both congressional and legislative districting. However, **we recommend that the Commission's definition of COIs explicitly include tribal communities and Indian Reservations as it did in the past.** Removal of this definition forces tribes and tribal communities to do the duplicative and time consuming work of proving they are a community of interest over and over, despite being self-evidently communities of interest. **We will also note that we do not recommend being overly reliant on just Indian reservation boundary lines.** The community may extend past the reservation boundaries if there is a significant tribal community outside the strict boundaries of the reservation.
  5. We are concerned about the prioritization of school districts and divisions over other communities of interest. Many reservations are divided into multiple school districts. Indeed, in the past these divisions were based upon purposeful discrimination and the legacy of those divisions may not reflect equitable boundaries. We fear that this criterion will lead to reservations and Native communities being divided into pieces. **We recommend that if school districts are considered at all, they be prioritized under communities of interest that include tribal communities and Indian reservations.**
  6. We are concerned that the criteria for both legislative and congressional districts change maintaining political subdivisions as a mandatory category. Instead, **we recommend that political subdivisions are made a discretionary criterion as has been done in the past.** Additionally, we do not agree that the criteria should outline so explicitly how decisions will be made when a political subdivision must be divided. The Commission should in each instance examine the communities at issue to determine how to most fairly draw districts in that region. In some tribal communities, a community of interest do not coincide exactly with the official lines of political subdivisions. Often, tribal communities are divided into multiple counties or school districts. And even reservation lines may not align exactly with the tribal community. Leaving this criterion as discretionary will allow the Commission to make decisions about how to prioritize these different criteria in different places, and will allow you to draw maps that accurately reflect how people live.

There is a reason that Montana has commissioners rather than computers draw these maps. Creating fair maps requires more than just number-crunching and overly strict criteria is not neutral. Commissioners will need to travel the state, listen to community members, and

understand how Montanans can best be represented. You will surely have to make hard decisions. It is important to develop criteria that will allow you to do just that.

Thank you again for your work on this process and for the opportunity to present to you today. We look forward to continuing to follow this important process.



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<sup>1</sup> State legislative population deviations of at least 3%; leaving room for the consideration of functional compactness, rather than adopting one single definition; defining contiguity to simply mean that the district must be in one piece, rather than connected by maintained roads; including communities of interest as a discretionary category and expressly including reservations within its definition; and including political subdivisions as a discretionary criterion.

<sup>2</sup> Many reservations are divided into multiple school districts. Indeed, in the past these divisions were based upon purposeful discrimination and the legacy of those divisions may not reflect equitable boundaries. We fear that this criterion will lead to reservations and Native communities being divided into pieces.

Today, I want to emphasize NARF’s position against using school boundaries as a districting criteria. School district boundaries were historically drawn in a way to discriminate against minorities, including Native Americans. Even after the United States Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* as schools in the south were desegregating, thousands of Native American children continued to attend segregated, English-only federal boarding schools.<sup>3</sup>

Such segregation is visible in the dilution of power on school boards. Wolf Point School District reached a settlement in January 2014 after Native voters alleged the majority White voting district had been electing one board member for every 143 residents, and majority Native American voting districts had been electing one board member for every 841 residents.<sup>4</sup>

These discriminatory school lines have had their intended effect. State public school education of Indians has a long history of failure and criticism.<sup>5</sup> Funding directed towards Native Americans has historically not met their very urgent and basic educational needs, and Native Americans still suffer higher rates of poor educational achievement.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission’s Montana Advisory Committee studied Native American education in Montana and revealed that a decade earlier, only 23% of Native Americans in the state completed high school, compared with 51% of the general state population. In the 1994–1995 school year, Native American students dropped out of Montana high schools at a rate of 10.4%, 3.6 times more often than white students. In grades seven and eight, Native American students dropped out of Montana schools at a rate five times greater than their white counterparts.<sup>7</sup> The high dropout rates are attributed to irrelevant curricula, discriminatory practices, and insensitive

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<sup>3</sup> Twelfth Annual *Brown* Lecture in Education Research: So That Any Child May Succeed: Indigenous Pathways Toward Justice and the Promise of *Brown* by Teresa L. McCarty published May 9, 2018.

<sup>4</sup> ACLU Montana, *Jackson, et al v. Wolf Point School District*, (2021), <https://www.aclumontana.org/en/cases/jackson-et-al-v-wolf-point-school-district>.

<sup>5</sup> See The Meriam Report: The Problem of Indian Administration, Public Schools and Indian Children, Part II, Chap. 9, at 415-18 (1928), available at [https://narf.org/nill/documents/meriam/n\\_meriam\\_chapter9\\_part1\\_education.pdf](https://narf.org/nill/documents/meriam/n_meriam_chapter9_part1_education.pdf); see also Indian Education: A National Tragedy - A National Challenge, Report Of The Committee On Labor And Public Welfare, United States Senate Made By Its Special Subcommittee On Indian Education Pursuant To S. Res. 80, Part I at 22-54 (1969) (Failure of Public Schools) (also known as “The Kennedy Report”) (1969), available at <https://narf.org/nill/resources/education/reports/kennedy/1-2.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> See U.S. COMM’N ON CIVIL RIGHTS, A QUIET CRISIS: FEDERAL FUNDING AND UNMET NEEDS IN INDIAN COUNTRY 43 (2003), at <http://www.usccr.gov/pubs/na0703/na0731.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> Montana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Educational Opportunity for Native American Students in Montana Public Schools, July 2001, pp. 4, 16.

teachers and administrators.<sup>8</sup> There persists a large backlog of unmet Native American educational needs to overcome a long history of neglect and discrimination.<sup>9</sup>

Still today, school secessions are fairly common.<sup>10</sup> Laws in 30 states explicitly allow communities to form their own public-school systems, and since 2000, at least 71 communities across the country, most of them white and wealthy, have sought to break away from their public-school districts to form smaller, more exclusive ones.<sup>11</sup>

Given this problematic racist history and ongoing discriminatory effects of the current school systems in Montana, NARF implores this Commission to not use school boundaries in its legislative or congressional criteria.

Thank you again for your work on this process and for the opportunity to present to you today. We look forward to continuing to follow this important process.

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<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 22.

<sup>9</sup> [20141129nativeyouthreport\\_final.pdf \(archives.gov\)](#)

<sup>10</sup> [The Resegregation of Jefferson County - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)

<sup>11</sup> [EdBuild | Fractured: The Accelerating Breakdown of America's School Districts](#)

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:39

**Your Full Name:**

Randy Dix

**Email Address:**

attfish@aol.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

I fully support redistricting that will accomplish the purposes of fairness and nondiscrimination in the voting/election process.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Fairness in creating Montana voting maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:01:34 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:50:13 PM  
Subject: [spam]Fairness in creating Montana voting maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries. Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a MANDATORY criterion, as supported by federal law, to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities.

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Please do NOT rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Ranking criteria prematurely will tie the commission's hands.

It is my sincere hope that you will consider the people of Montana and not the parties. Party politics has no place in our everyday lives and it is no fun being used as pawns in those games.

Thank you very much for listening.

Sincerely,  
Rebekka Dodge  
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[kdodge@aol.com](mailto:kdodge@aol.com)

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 16:09

**Your Full Name:**

Missey Dore

**Email Address:**

[misseyd@q.com](mailto:misseyd@q.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear Commissioner Essman, First of all, thank you for your work on the Montana Redistricting Commission. Your time, effort and care into the reapportionment process for our state is truly important for all and especially appreciated by me. My name is Missey Dore, and I am a 5th grade public school teacher in Bozeman. For several years, I've organized a field trip to Helena so that students experience state government personally. Next year, I'll be excited to share how Montana gained more political representation because our population increased. Second, I know you will be under much pressure from many interested parties. As an individual citizen, my basic interest is the Commission's independence from political pressure. I am speaking of gerrymandering, of course. I urge you to draw up the new district based on where the most growth has occurred. A natural line would be a western district and an eastern district. This delineation would be a return to the previous two congressional districts, and it reflects cultural differences and political leanings of our state. It is the most fair, un-skewed and manifests Montana's historically "purple" demographic. Third, please consider the unique needs and constitutionality--both federal and state--of how the redistricting will affect tribal nations. As an educator, I am charged with teaching Indian Education for All as outlined in our state constitution. In Bozeman School District, each grade level focuses on a few of the seven Essential Understandings. In fifth grade we examine the principle of sovereignty and citizenship. While non-native American citizens enjoy rights on the federal and state level, Native Americans claim three levels of citizenship: federal, state and tribal. It is imperative that the reapportionment process and boundary selection uphold federal law (The Voting Rights Act 1965) and allow for Indians to participate fully in the political process. Finally, please keep a 5% flexibility window as you count population and consider natural groupings like political boundaries such as counties; specific communities such as tribal nations, Hutterite colonies or ranch clusters; and geographical features such as large lakes or mountain ranges. Moreover, this 5% flexibility will allow for the uncertainty of the 2020 census due to the pandemic. I am proud that our state has earned this second congressional seat and that we continue our independent-minded approach with a non-partisan

commission to draw the new districts. I also am grateful for the opportunity to weigh in on the process as an ordinary citizen. I trust you will work collaboratively with the other Commissioners to examine legal ramifications, consider myriad perspectives of the many stakeholders, weigh public input and then reason what is best on the whole for our wonderful state. With aloha, Missey Dore

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Subject: [spam]Fair Criteria in MT Districting

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Hope you are enjoying our great state this summer as you carry on the work All Montana citizens.  
I am writing with intent that your action will work to offer FAIR criteria for Montana districting & voters.

First, that you will

PLEASE support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries. Many voters live beyond the boundaries of townships/ cities without consistent access to transportation. Though they survive -many without access to technology, as well, they represent Montana's chosen lifestyles and Choices under the Big Sky. Do not forget their voices or their VOTE.

Second,

Do Not rank criteria prematurely  
,but rather reflect a balance of power

Of political fairness, ensure candidates EARN the votes of their district, and maintain the 5% deviation standard between districts as Mandatory.

The pandemic has effected many elements of our Montana life— please consider the unique circumstances of ALL communities across MT.

In this current climate of too many unknowns our Vote Matters even more.

Thank you again for your work to keep Montana growing and Fair for all Write your comments here)

Sincerely,

Cynthia Duffy

4825 Carol Dr Great Falls, MT 59405-3817

cindylduffy@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:16

**Your Full Name:**

Susan Ewing

**Email Address:**

susanewing.mt@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Keep it fair to protect democracy and preserve the intention of our great state constitution. Creation of the new congressional and legislative districts should be fair and competitive. Thank you.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 07:18

**Your Full Name:**

Eric Feaver

**Email Address:**

[efeaver@mfpe.org](mailto:efeaver@mfpe.org)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

Commissioners - I urge your adoption of redistricting criteria that creates fair, winnable opportunity for either Republican or Democratic Party candidates. Partisan competition is a good thing. It defines the meaning of our democracy. Contrived monopolistic political control of political districts is not. It defies the meaning of our democracy. Give us, the people, a choice every election in who might represent us in congress and our state legislature. Thank you.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a MANDATORY criterion, as supported by federal law, to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Felchle  
2812 Brookway Dr Laurel, MT 59044-4801  
jlfelchle@gmail.com

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:50:28 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hi my name is Mitchell Todd Finstad, I am writing to please ask you to consider political fairness when deciding the congressional districts. Please draw up the districts to represent all Montanans. Don't favor one party over another. Consider any problems with the 2020 census for under counted individuals. Thank you for the very important task you are responsible for and again please remember all of Montana.

Sincerely,  
Mitchell Finstad  
1023 W Diamond St Butte, MT 59701-1401  
toddfinstad@hotmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 20:28

**Your Full Name:**

Steve Fitzpatrick

**Email Address:**

[steve.fitzpatrick@mtleg.gov](mailto:steve.fitzpatrick@mtleg.gov)

**City and State of Residence:**

Great Falls, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

I do not support the efforts of the Democratic Party to engage in gerrymandering by adopting criteria that will allow the commission to pack Republican leaning voters into high population districts. These efforts are nothing more than an attempt to increase the number of Democratic legislators at the expense of Republican leaning voters and to create a Legislature which does not represent the will of the people. Furthermore, I believe these efforts are contrary to the spirit of our Constitution and good government. As members of the redistricting commission, you should do everything possible to uphold the principle of one person one vote. As such, you should reject the proposal to use a population deviation of 5%. Every district should be as close as possible in population to ensure the principle of one person one vote is upheld. Furthermore, a population deviation of 5% only gives the Democrats more tools to engage in gerrymandering. In the 2000 cycle, this commission used the 5% deviation to draw small population districts in Democratic leaning areas and high population districts in Republican leaning areas. This is contrary to the spirit of our Constitution. Under the Montana Constitution, we are all entitled to equal protection of the law based upon our political beliefs. A Republican voter should not be treated differently than a Democrat voter and a Democratic voter should not have more voting power than a Republican voter. Therefore, it is totally inappropriate for this commission to use criteria to pack Republican voters into high population districts and enhance the voting power of Democrat voters by putting them into small population districts. Elections should be won or lost on the policy positions of the candidate and the party, not on gerrymandering.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 04:01

**Your Full Name:**

Diane Fladmo

**Email Address:**

dafladmo@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

I urge careful and complete compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Additionally, create a reasonable number of districts without contorting boundaries to assure victories of a single party. Rather, create districts wherein quality candidates regardless of party could prevail. Voters will benefit from hearing from for all candidates seeking office rather than voting a straight party ticket because the outcome is designed to be predetermined by gerrymandering. Create fair elections through your work.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:58

**Your Full Name:**

Scott Foster

**Email Address:**

fozzyscott@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Whitefish, Mt

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please keep the redistricting and creation of the new Congressional district fair and non-partisian.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:58

**Your Full Name:**

Scott Foster

**Email Address:**

fozzyscott@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Whitefish, Mt

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please keep the redistricting and creation of the new Congressional district fair and non-partisian.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:46:43 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name Is Ivanna Fritz. I grew up in Fairview Montana on the Eastern Montana/North Dakota border. I have spent the last 25 years in Western Montana in Kalispell. As I believe my voice should be heard no matter what part of the state I live in, I implore you to make our political system fair. The people of Montana should vote for their leaders the leaders should not redistrict to make that unfair. Please allow the 5% deviation criteria to allow for census undercounts especially in the past year of quarantine and stress. Fair maps are the most important part of fair elections. Gerrymandering for one political agenda is unethical. Please allow ALL voices to be represented in Montana elections.

Sincerely,  
Ivanna Fritz  
1128 1st Ave E Kalispell, MT 59901-5604  
Ivannafritz@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 5th July 2021 19:27

**Your Full Name:**

Amanda Garant

**Email Address:**

amgarant@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Thank you for your time and for working through this important process. I understand that there are many criteria you are considering at the moment. When you decide on the criteria you'll choose in drawing the map, I encourage you to consider un-ranking the criteria. Because each district is unique, different criteria may need to be prioritized for different circumstances. For example, while it isn't always possible to ensure that a district is competitive, striving to create competitive districts should be a highly ranked criteria when possible. Not only do competitive districts often allow for moderate candidates to win elections, but they also ensure that politicians remain accountable to us, the voters, because their seat is not guaranteed. Thank you, again, for allowing public testimony and I look forward to continuing to participate in this process. Sincerely, Amanda Garant Bozeman, MT 59715

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 11:15

**Your Full Name:**

Joan Gates

**Email Address:**

[gatesj136@gmail.com](mailto:gatesj136@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Kalispell MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Why do we even need districts? There are cities in this country with more people than our state! I feel like the Republicans in this state are doing everything in their power, which is currently considerable, to steal my vote!

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 5th July 2021 21:51

**Your Full Name:**

Travis Glidewell

**Email Address:**

mx473@hotmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Kalispell Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

MCA 5-1-115, where it clearly says in Section 2(a) “must be... within a plus or minus 1% relative deviation.” Please follow the current law when the discussion comes for redistricting

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Indigenous Voters and Redistricting  
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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:53:57 AM  
Subject: [spam]Indigenous Voters and Redistricting

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

My name is Linda Gryczan from Helena and I spent years advocating for issues in the Montana legislature that ranged from local food to civil rights.

In my years of advocacy, I learned the value of Native voices in the legislature.

Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act as a mandatory criterion in considering district boundaries.

Sincerely,  
Linda Gryczan  
800 8th Ave Helena, MT 59601-3715  
LindaGryczan@gmail.com

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Subject: Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings,

I am a fourth-generation Montanan who works in the education field. I am writing because I support the rights guaranteed in The Voting Rights Act and encourage your compliance with its specifications. Indigenous Montanans, especially, deserve your respect and concern as you determine Montana's districts.

Among my concerns are that you 1) support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a Mandatory criterion, and that you 2) support political fairness. Please avoid ranking criteria prematurely so as to limit the actions of the commission.

Please, please be fair as you evaluate the details and determine Montana's districts.

Thank you,  
Tami Haaland

Sincerely,  
Tami Haaland  
3816 Palisades Park Dr Billings, MT 59102-0132  
tami.haaland@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 09:36

**Your Full Name:**

Frances k Hagen

**Email Address:**

fkhagen@outlook.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bigfork

**Your Comment/Input:**

Use the 1% deviation and not the 5% deviation which has been misused in the past. Also the state should be broken into east west regions not carve out in some C shaped or district to make it impossible for a Republican to win in a Republican state.

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**Date:** 5th July 2021 18:48

**Your Full Name:**

Dr. William Nickolas Hagen

**Email Address:**

wnhagen@outlook.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bigfork

**Your Comment/Input:**

Use the 1% relative deviation rule for population not the 5% which is far to large and is not that accurate.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 16:31

**Your Full Name:**

Deborah Hanson

**Email Address:**

[hans\\_deb@hotmail.com](mailto:hans_deb@hotmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Miles City MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

My name is Deborah Hanson and I have been a voting resident of Miles City for most of the past 50 years. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the criteria for Congressional and Legislative Districts. The Discretionary Criteria crucial for the Commission to look at districts weighed through a handful of lenses. Following are the lenses I encourage you to strongly keep in mind. Preservation of communities of Interest: For the decades I have lived and voted in Miles City, we have largely had our own House District. This is key for our community - a mid-sized Montana town - because culturally, economically and otherwise we are distinct from our surrounding agricultural communities. We have been an eastern Montana hub. We have more in common with each other than with some of the immediate outlying areas. Miles City is not alone , e.g. Livingston and Havre should also be preserved to create a legislative district rather than chunked into pieces. Competitiveness: We all do better when our Congressperson or State Legislature compete for our votes. It requires them to be responsive to their constituents when they have to work for it, actually talk to their local constituents. In Miles City over the years we were considered a Legislative District that could switch from one party to the other regularly, depending upon the "person". That is very representative of the history of voting in Montana, paying attention to the candidate's policies and their efforts to actually hear from their constituents. This tradition has served us well. Native Majority Districts: The same principle applies to Montana's reservations. Wherever possible, reservation precincts should be kept together to preserve Montana's Native American-majority districts. I know you have a lot to balance in drawing districts. I encourage you to keep these criteria in mind as you proceed. Thank you for your time.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Write your comments here) Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries.

Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a MANDATORY criterion, as supported by federal law, to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities.

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Please do NOT rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Ranking criteria prematurely will tie the commission's hands.

Sincerely,

Sean Hire

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 07:12

**Your Full Name:**

John Hoeglund

**Email Address:**

[jhoeglund72@gmail.com](mailto:jhoeglund72@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

Ranking proposed legislative districts must adhere to guidelines as outlined in the Voting Rights Act. I oppose any special, (priority), ranking.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I write today to address a few different points in regards to the Districting and Appointment Commission and the districting process.

First, I voice my support for a 5% deviation standard between districts as a mandatory criterion of federal law to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities.

I also ask that you support criteria of political fairness, maintaining communities of interest (particularly tribal nations), and political competitiveness.

Finally I ask that you do not rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback, as ranking criteria prematurely will tie the commission's hands.

Sincerely,

Violet Hopkins

548 Colorado Ave Missoula, MT 59802-5501

[violetolivia@gmail.com](mailto:violetolivia@gmail.com)

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 10:50

**Your Full Name:**

Chris and Carol Hunter

**Email Address:**

chbabahunter00@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Hello Commissioners We are writing to urge you to adopt criteria for drawing up our new Congressional and legislative districts that comply with the Montana and US Constitutions and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. We do not support the proposed "priority ranking" proposal because we do not believe it complies with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. We are supportive of criteria that create fair districts that do not favor any political party and are a reflection of the diversity of views in the state. Thank you for your consideration and service to the people of Montana. Chris and Carol Hunter

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 08:52

**Your Full Name:**

David Hunter

**Email Address:**

davidhunter@mt.net

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

The legislature has a diminished ability to find middle ground. There are too many seats that are effectively one party seats. A larger number of competitive seats would mean that legislators would have to listen to voters of both parties and seek the middle ground. That would be better for Montana and more consistent with the history of the Montana legislature. I strongly recommend that the Commission adopt criteria that allow for creation of a maximum number of competitive seats.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 5th July 2021 21:13

**Your Full Name:**

john ilgenfritz

**Email Address:**

[jgilgenfritz@msn.com](mailto:jgilgenfritz@msn.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

As I understand it previous districting commissions have implemented criteria which was in line with both the U.S. and Montana Constitutions as well as Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. This adherence would seem to make sense and generate broad support by most Montanans. I sense that Montanans would benefit from more competitive districts, so voters would have a sense that their votes actually have an impact, in other words, their vote counts. Montanans generally benefit most when neither party has an overwhelming majority; legislatures in which parties have to work across the aisle, compromising when possible to craft legislation which has broader support. I remember when compromise was a good thing. I would like to see a return to those days. Legislation which benefits rural and urban as well as tribal entities. We need criteria in which folks whether they are conservative, moderate or liberal can believe that their communities and they were treated fairly in the districting process and their voices will not be muted by residing in districts, which have been structured primarily to benefit one party or the other. Hopefully, the final decision will not be decided on a 3 to 2 vote, but a unanimous decision in which Montanans, who do not follow such matters closely can say, "well done"! Criteria to create fair districts that do not unduly favor any political part The creation of a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either party can win.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 14:10

**Your Full Name:**  
David P Jacobson

**Email Address:**  
[rljdpj@gmail.com](mailto:rljdpj@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**  
Missoula, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

I support non-partisan, free and competitive election districts in Montana. I support discretionary criteria to consider boundaries of communities of interest. Let's keep toxic polarization of partisan politics out of Montana and make way for all citizens to participate fairly in our democracy and elections.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Elections should be won on the campaign trail not by unfair apportionment and districting. Rigging apportionment and districting in a partisan manner is nothing to be proud of. I hope you folks do the right thing. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Bill Janus  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 15:57

**Your Full Name:**

Tony Jewett

**Email Address:**

tonyjewett1@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear Montana Redistricting Commissioners: I write today to request your adherence to principals of fairness, equity, and competitiveness as you approach your work in designing a redistricting plan for Montana. Up until this year the great majority of Americans believed that our elections were fair, equitable and free of fraud. That is not the case now. A great number of Americans have opted to believe otherwise simply because they have been told by politicians that our elections are 'rigged', been swayed by lies perpetuated on social media and convinced by biased news outlets that that is the case - despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary (see analysis performed by the non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice, New York City School of Law - [https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Briefing\\_Memo\\_Debunking\\_Voter\\_Fraud\\_Myth.pdf](https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/analysis/Briefing_Memo_Debunking_Voter_Fraud_Myth.pdf)). This erosion of voter confidence is an erosion at the very base of our democracy and our democratic institutions. And the work you are embarking on has a fundamental place and part in helping reverse this devastating trend in our country or continuing to enable it. Gerrymandering is a contributor to voter cynicism. If a voter feels 'their vote doesn't count', they lose the motivation to participate. This Commission can, and should at the most fundamental level of its work and eventual product, insure that each and every voter in Montana feels that their vote does in fact count and that their vote can in fact make a difference. The route to this belief in each and every one of us in Montana is to create a redistricting product that emphasizes: a) competitiveness of districts, b) a just reflection of the diversity of the state and those who live in our established communities and rural geographies, and c) a voice for indigenous peoples. To that end I urge the Commission to reject the politics of partisan Gerrymandering and to forcefully be guided by principles as established in Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. I urge the Commission to create fair districts that endeavor in the best possible way to not favor one political party over another. I urge you to put your collective shoulders to the wheel and endeavor to create as many districts as possible in which the candidate from either party can win and in which the power of ideas and voter communication take sway over political labels and simple partisan rhetoric. In the end the work you do - like similar work being done right now across every state in this nation - should not be undermined by political gamesmanship. In the end we here are all Montanans and we have a shared belief in fairness and equity. We need to do our part to re-establish the full trust of our citizenry around the fairness inherent in our election system. That job begins with the work your are doing, and I ask you to follow those values of fairness, balance, and equity as you embark on your work ahead.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Thank you for serving on the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission! Montana has seen an increase in population according to the last census.

Due to the difficulties in gathering census information “ in the age of Covid”, please use the mandatory criteria of 5% deviation standard.

With respect and concern that ALL Montana voices be heard, please follow the Voting Rights Act, with special attention given to the seven reservations in the great state of Montana , that native people feel they have received the benefits of political fairness. This is an exciting time for Montanans to have regained a second congressional seat. Please make sure that your decisions are made with great care for every citizen of this state, from those whose ancestors were here before Lewis and Clark to those who moved here in the last year, and everyone in between!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Johnson  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please consider all Montanans and support compliance with the Voting Rights Act while redirecting Montana. Please do not favor one political affiliation over the other. All Montanans deserve to be represented.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Joyce

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:18

**Your Full Name:**

Don Judge

**Email Address:**

donjudge7@hotmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear commissioners: I want to thank you all for your service to Montana. During your deliberations I encourage you to maintain compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and embrace the theme of our State and US Constitutions - protection for the rights and security of all our citizens. Those rights include full participation in our democratic process of selection of those individuals elected to govern. Diversity of our population, especially in Indian Country, deserves to be recognized in our state legislature and in your deliberations. District lines should consider the political diversity of our state, as well. I believe it is in the best interest of our economy and Montana way of life to encourage voter participation by establishing as many swing districts as possible. Political gerrymandering showing favoritism only serves to further polarize our political institutions and discourage public participation. In short, I hope that your work will establish guidelines allowing for all Montanans to fully engage in our democratic process. Thank you, Don Judge

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 5th July 2021 17:49

**Your Full Name:**

Holly Kaleczyc

**Email Address:**

hkaleczyc@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Seeley Lake, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear Commissioners, I appreciate your service on the Redistricting Commission and ask that you create legislative districts that provide fair representation for all Montanans and resist the temptation to lock districts for either party. I come from a large family whose roots in Montana stem from our grandparents determination to survive and flourish on their homestead. Some of us are republicans and some are democrats and we all deserve fair representation. I know the temptation is great, but so is your responsibility to give fair voice to all Montanans. Thank you.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 15:57

**Your Full Name:**

Nancy Keenan

**Email Address:**

nancykeenan@icloud.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bonner Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Commissioners... Thank you for allowing your fellow citizens to comment on our most important redistricting plan that you are in the process of adopting. There are many Montana values that we share whether we live in the rural areas or more urban areas of our state and we expect that the Commission will continue to look to both the US Constitution and Montana's constitution to make sure all citizens can fully participate in free and fair elections as articulated in Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The Commissions criteria should encourage and ensure that there are more competitive legislative districts. In doing so, all Montanans will have a voice at the table in the legislature and the diversity of our communities, towns and cities will be broadly represented. I strongly recommend the Commission ensure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and that the criteria adopted ensure that legislative districts are drawn fairly so neither political party has an undo advantage over another. In addition, there should be a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates have a 50-50 chance and either party can win. To gerrymander the legislative districts so one party has a super majority not only flies in the face of fairness but does not represent the best of Montana values. Thank you for your service and for doing what is best for ALL Montana citizens...regardless of party affiliation and who call this place our home.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 14:17

**Your Full Name:**

Bob Kiesling

**Email Address:**

robertkiesling@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Is there anything in this entire country these days that is not subject to political partisan combat to the death? As a citizen grown sick of witnessing the hyper-partisanship of our supposedly vaunted two party system, count me as respectfully requesting that at least the Montana Districting Commission set aside partisan jockeying and make a good faith effort to create voting districts that don't show overt evidence of one party or the other putting their fingers and hands on the scale of fairness to the entire state. If ever there is a moment to expect equanimity from the Commissioners, it is now.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

PLEASE,

I am asking as a Montana voter to please be aware and conscientious about the redistricting process our great state will be undergoing.

This isn't about the Republicans versus the Democrats, instead it is about making sure all the communities are represented. I see a state full of diverse, competent, and concerned citizens, so do your job and include all Montanans in creating this new district.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Kivi  
522 4th Ave SW Great Falls, MT 59404-2932  
[cmkivi@gmail.com](mailto:cmkivi@gmail.com)

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello! Thank you for your time!

I am a teacher and want to encourage you to draw the fairest map possible for our state! I encourage and model fairness in my classroom everyday! I have to! You should too!

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Errin Koehler  
910 Cleveland St Missoula, MT 59801-3744  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I'm excited, as I am sure you are, that Montana is getting a second congressional seat. As you consider drawing boundaries for both the House and legislative districts, I hope you will try to make them as fair as possible, so that they don't necessarily favor either party. Competitive districts will help us elect politicians who listen to all the voters, not just members of their own party. When it comes to state legislative districts, I hope you'll also make sure the districts respect the Voting Rights Act, allowing Montana Indians the ability to elect voices that best represent them.

Sincerely,  
Martha Kohl  
307 Clancy St Helena, MT 59601-6302  
forgetmenotmt@icloud.com

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**Date:** 7th July 2021 11:29

**Your Full Name:**

Stephen Aaron Kramer

**Email Address:**

smkramer23@charter.net

**City and State of Residence:**

3113 Peregrine Lane Billings

**Your Comment/Input:**

I am an MD who has always believed in PP

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**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana"s Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 6:28:26 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I'm excited, as I am sure you are, that Montana is getting a second congressional seat. As you consider drawing boundaries for both the House and legislative districts, I hope you will try to make them as fair as possible, so that they don't necessarily favor either party. Competitive districts will help us elect politicians who listen to all the voters, not just members of their own party. When it comes to state legislative districts, I hope you'll also make sure the districts respect the Voting Rights Act, allowing Montana Indians the ability to elect voices that best represent them.

Sincerely,  
Martha Kohl  
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**From:** [lesliedalbey@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lesliedalbey@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Leslie Dalbey](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana"s Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:24:45 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

As you continue work on the redistributing process, please keep the following things in mind to ensure that the boundaries created accurately reflect the diversity of our state:

- \*compliance with the Voting Rights Act as mandatory criteria in creating district boundaries
- \*account for the impact the pandemic had on the 2020 census but incorporating a mandatory 5% deviation standard between districts
- \*political fairness to ensure that the districts reflect the diversity of our state
- \*no ranking of criteria. If a criteria is important enough to be included, it should have equal weight.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Dalbey  
35122 Caldbeck Ln Polson, MT 59860-8089  
[lesliedalbey@gmail.com](mailto:lesliedalbey@gmail.com)

**From:** [kdodge@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:kdodge@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Rebekka Dodge](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Fairness in creating Montana voting maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:50:20 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

(Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries. Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a MANDATORY criterion, as supported by federal law, to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities.

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Please do NOT rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Ranking criteria prematurely will tie the commission's hands.

It is my sincere hope that you will consider the people of Montana and not the parties. Party politics has no place in our everyday lives and it is no fun being used as pawns in those games.

Thank you very much for listening.

Sincerely,  
Rebekka Dodge  
5700 York Rd Helena, MT 59602-6441  
[kdodge@aol.com](mailto:kdodge@aol.com)

**From:** [branninme@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:branninme@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Mary Boschert-Brannin](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana"s Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:48:41 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not rank the criteria that way each district can have flexibility in regard to meeting their unique needs and can respond to the public feedback they receive. Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a mandatory criterion. This will allow the commission to account for the oddities that occurred in the 2020 Census procedures and data because of the global pandemic. This is a better way to respond to the circumstances experienced in local communities. Thank for your attention to my concerns. Mary Brannin

Sincerely,

Mary Boschert-Brannin  
31 Virginia Dr Missoula, MT 59803-1233  
[branninme@gmail.com](mailto:branninme@gmail.com)

**From:** [lenzee75@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:lenzee75@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Lena Zeeck](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:14:58 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please make sure the redistricting is in compliance with the Voting rights act and that both parties are represented.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Lena Zeeck  
8555 N Montana Ave Helena, MT 59602-8320  
[lenzee75@gmail.com](mailto:lenzee75@gmail.com)

**From:** [nodidyou@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:nodidyou@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Keith Leathers](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:26:51 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries.

Sincerely,  
Keith Leathers  
2704 2nd Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401-3337  
[nodidyou@gmail.com](mailto:nodidyou@gmail.com)

**From:** [cmkivi@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:cmkivi@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Colleen Kivi](#)  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

PLEASE,

I am asking as a Montana voter to please be aware and conscientious about the redistricting process our great state will be undergoing.

This isn't about the Republicans versus the Democrats, instead it is about making sure all the communities are represented. I see a state full of diverse, competent, and concerned citizens, so do your job and include all Montanans in creating this new district.

Sincerely,

Colleen Kivi

522 4th Ave SW Great Falls, MT 59404-2932

[cmkivi@gmail.com](mailto:cmkivi@gmail.com)



**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 09:40

**Your Full Name:**

Karol johnson Larsen

**Email Address:**

kbjlv@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Saint Regis Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Hi As you prepare for your meeting I wanted to remind you of the importance of your decision. In today's time of division in our country let's not add a Montana to be a divided state. You have the power to keep Montana safe, sane and balanced. Please ask for divine guidance as you guide Montana into her political future. Make a district that is balanced with rural as well as city population. Make it evenly represented. Make all of our voices heard equally! Thank you for your honesty and integrity in this matter.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
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Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

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Sincerely,  
Keith Leathers  
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**From:** [Damon Leishman](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting - East vs West/Cats vs Griz  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 9:19:05 AM

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Redistricting Committee,

The new redistricting lines should simply be Western Montana and Eastern Montana. Use the I-15 corridor to divide the two districts. This would give Western Montana the key cities of Missoula, Dillon, Hamilton, and Kalispell. Eastern Montana would counter-balance with Billings, Bozeman, Miles City, and Havre. The cities of Butte, Helena and Great Falls would split both districts along the I-15 corridor.

This plan ensures that the unique nature of Western and Eastern Montana's economies and lifestyles are represented by a single Congressperson. At the same time it gives a balanced fusion of the state with Helena, Great Falls and Butte representing both districts.

A "donut hole" where you combine the center of the state with Missoula, Bozeman, Helena, Butte and Great Falls against Billings and the rural areas would create an instant political stigma of Republican voters verses Democrat voters. It's a little "Balkanized" by dividing strictly on political leanings.

Let's divide Montana simply by East and West. That is, Cats verse Griz!

Damon Leishman  
Missoula, MT

**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:08:21 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 11:08

**Your Full Name:**

Adam Leishman

**Email Address:**

adam\_leishman@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

St.ignatius Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please do not gerrymander state of Montana, it should be split east vs west using i-15 corridor.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:13

**Your Full Name:**

Damon Leishman

**Email Address:**

damonleishman@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Missoula

**Your Comment/Input:**

The new redistricting lines should simple be Western Montana and Eastern Montana. Use the I-15 corridor to divide the two districts. This would give Western Montana the key cities of Missoula, Dillon, Hamilton, and Kalispell. Eastern Montana would counter balance with Billings, Bozeman, Miles City, and Havre. The cities of Butte, Helena and Great Falls would split both districts along the I-15 corridor. This plan ensures that the unique nature of Western and Eastern Montana's economies and lifestyles are represented by a single Congressperson. At the same time it gives a balanced fusion of the state with Helena, Great Falls and Butte representing both districts. A "donut hole" where you combine the center of the state with Missoula, Bozeman, Helena, Butte and Great Falls against Billings and the rural areas would create an instant political stigma of Republican voters verse Democrat voters. It's a little "Balkanized" by dividing strictly on political leanings. Let's divide Montana simply by East and West. That is, Cats verse Griz! Thanks for your attention.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Montana's Voting Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:05:27 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:53:00 PM  
Subject: Montana's Voting Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello! I'm a teacher from Bozeman and just wanted to take a moment to lend my support to your committee as you update our state voting maps. Thank you for your efforts!

In this highly partisan climate, which has been further aggravated by the pandemic, please do everything in your power to ensure equality in voting in Montana. Please draw the district lines to ensure equal representation regardless of party affiliation and include a 5% margin of error to adjust for census anomalies. Please safeguard the rights of our state tribal citizens to choose their own representation. Please uphold the federal voting rights act. Thank you for taking the time to read my message and best wishes to you and all committee members!

Sincerely,

Chandra Lind

535 Oxford Dr Bozeman, MT 59715-1788

[chandralind@gmail.com](mailto:chandralind@gmail.com)

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:44:29 PM  
Subject: Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please use fair criteria for when creating map district divisions including a 5 per cent deviation standard between districts.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Ludwig  
147 W Monroe Ave Chester, MT 59522-7833  
7patld@itstriangle.com

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:59:50 PM  
Subject: [spam]Develope Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am writing today because I have spent the last half a decade becoming a scientist, I now work as a scientist in Montana. One of my favorite classes was on population studies and the bias our sampling methods can cause in data collection, which is expanded upon during our analysis. I have read quite a lot about redistricting and specifically gerrymandering and I am fearful that as a resident this redistricting can lead to gerrymandering intentionally or accidentally. As a scientist and resident I demand that all peoples of Montana be fairly and accurately represented at the state level. In furtherance of this goal please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a MANDATORY criterion, as supported by federal law, to allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data caused by the global pandemic and to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities. Additionally it is essential to remain flexible at this stage of the process so I request that you do NOT rank criteria so there is the ability to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Without these provisions i fear Montana residents will not be fairly represented and prematurely tie the commission's hands of we rank the criteriabefore we begin.

Sincerely,  
Damion Lynn  
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lynn.damions@gmail.com

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**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 5:38:03 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 17:38

**Your Full Name:**  
Elizabeth M Madden

**Email Address:**  
[bethmadden64@gmail.com](mailto:bethmadden64@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**  
Bozeman

**Your Comment/Input:**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Montana's redistricting criteria – here are my comments. For mandatory criteria, I ask that you support compliance with the Voting Rights Act, especially as it relates to Native Americans Montanans to elect representatives of their choice. Also support a 5% deviation standard between districts, to allow the commission to better ensure that communities of interest and other important criteria are considered. (Note that federal law supports this level of deviation.) For discretionary criteria, please support communities of interest (like tribal nations) being considered and kept whole when possible. And please also support political fairness as discretionary criteria – this will ensure the legislative balance of power reflects that of the state as a whole and does not unduly advantage one party over the other. In closing, I am grateful we in Montana have this independent commission – and I thank for your important work in creating fair maps for Montana voters.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:26

**Your Full Name:**

Beverly Magley

**Email Address:**

Beverlymagley@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

First, Montana's redistricting process must employ balanced requirements that do not favor one political party. Fair criteria will result in fair representation for all citizens. Second, the process must remain in strong compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. It would be foolish and expensive to create a process that would ultimately be deemed illegal and hence nullified. We are better than that.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 13:20

**Your Full Name:**

Peter Mangels

**Email Address:**

mtredeye@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Polson, Mt

**Your Comment/Input:**

District 1 (West) includes Counties of Flathead, Powell, Jefferson, Gallatin and all Counties west of them. District 2 (East) includes Counties of Glacier, Teton, Pondera, Lewis and Clark, Broadwater, and all Counties East of them. By adding the 2021 census data, using Montana Population of 1,085,024 people, Dist. 1 : 547,788 Dist 2 : 537236. This gives a variance of populations of 10,552. That figure is about .09 %. Less than 1 %. In the Decades to follow, variations in the populations of counties will continue, as statistics show a decline in populations on the Easterly side, and in increases in population in Counties with higher populations. In order to adjust the Districts in 2030 census, the counties of Park, Jefferson, DistMeagher, Teton, and/ or Glacier would adjust from one District to the other, in order to provide the Lowest Possible Variance in populations of each District. This method controls gerrymandering, which I personally oppose. It takes into account Geography, Traditional County Lines, Demographics. I did not used 'Red' or 'Blue' county voting trends in my proposal. Good Luck, and compromise in order do what is Fair and Just. Read Aloud the Preamble to MT Constitution.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 2:50:55 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support criteria of political fairness (ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party), maintaining communities of interest (like tribal nations), and political competitiveness (ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of Montanans in their districts).

Montana is a diverse state and needs a diverse group of representatives.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Cheryl Martin

2548 Lillis Ln Billings, MT 59102-3842

[cmartinmt@gmail.com](mailto:cmartinmt@gmail.com)

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 10:29

**Your Full Name:**

Tori Matejovsky

**Email Address:**

torimatejovsky@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Wolf Point

**Your Comment/Input:**

I encourage and support the Montana districting commissions to use current criteria that comply with Montana and US Constitutions, and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. I support a plan that builds a legislature that represents the diversity of Montana's communities. I support criteria that create fair districts that do not unduly favor any political party and create a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either party can win.

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**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 10:31

**Your Full Name:**

Kenneth C Matthiesen

**Email Address:**

[xfirstsergeant@yahoo.com](mailto:xfirstsergeant@yahoo.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Plains, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

The committee needs to do what is right and honest for Montanans. Forget your petty party politics, put on your big girl/boy pants and FAIRLY split the state into two districts. If it smells of gerrymandering, it is gerrymandering and the reasonable, hard working and honest people of Montana will know it.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Use political fairness in creating Montana's Map  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:53:09 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 2:00:02 AM  
Subject: [spam]Use political fairness in creating Montana's Map

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

As a life-long Montana resident who chose to stay in Montana for my education and career, please adhere to the spirit of the Voting Rights Act as you consider redistricting Montana's Congressional and voting districts.

Please support criteria of political fairness. Please use standards that will ensure that there will be legislative balance of power that reflects the state and does not unduly advantage one party. Maintaining communities of interest (such as tribal nations), and political competitiveness will help ensure that candidates have to EARN the votes of Montanans in their districts.

I fear that Montana is becoming a state of emigres who wish to force non-Montana ideologies and values on those of us who have made Montana our lifelong home. You have the ability to keep Montana the intelligent and beautiful place that we all know and love. Please keep our elections and voting rights fair and just in creating the Montana Map of legislative districts. Thank you for your commitment to our state and your tireless service all these years. I appreciate you.

Sincerely,  
Judy McKenna  
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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 23:26

**Your Full Name:**

Mike McLaughlin

**Email Address:**

mike.rshack@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Livingston

**Your Comment/Input:**

Keep Montana the great Democratic state it has been without Fascism governing the voting process as you draw the Congressional voting districts for the next 10 years. While finalizing the redistricting for Montana for 2021 please comply with the Voting Rights Act. One (1) person one (1) vote all of which count to elect individuals who will represent all voters. Tribal areas should be separated and not lumped in with counties. Counties are a poor choice for voting districts. Livingston and Park County are good examples. Livingston is lumped in with Sweet Grass County and our votes do not count. Livingston should be in with Gallatin County in the western district not with Meagher or Sweet Grass County. Another example of why county lines are not appropriate. Gerrymandering county lines and moving tribal areas and voting areas to smother votes should not be the way voting districts are determined. Every person should be represented and their vote should count to elect someone who will hear their concerns about how their lives are affected by government. Dividing the state into an eastern and western district is the best way to allow all citizens to have representation as they should have in a Democracy. Support the 5% deviation between districts for population. If more population is needed for an Eastern District, Flathead County area or portions of it minus the Indian Reservations would be a good choice to add to the Eastern District to make voting fairer. Please support competitiveness so that all voters know that their representatives will actually be there to listen to their concerns. Do NOT use county lines exclusively as the voting district lines. The commission has a very serious job which affects the lives of all Montanans and this effect on lives for the next 10 years should be the top concern in your decision making. Thank you for your work on this commission and please make the results fair to all Montanans

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 23:24

**Your Full Name:**  
Mike McLaughlin

**Email Address:**  
[mike.rshack@gmail.com](mailto:mike.rshack@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**  
Livingston

**Your Comment/Input:**

Hi, I am Mike McLaughlin I am a 4th generation Livingston, MT resident. I own the local RadioShack store here and have worked with the public all of my life. These are the points I would hope you consider for redistricting Montana. please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act, especially as it relates to the rights of Indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice. please support a 5% deviation standard between districts, which will allow the commission to better ensure that communities of interest and other critical criteria are considered AND allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data due to the global pandemic. Federal law supports this level of deviation. please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act, especially as it relates to the rights of Indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice. please support a 5% deviation standard between districts, which will allow the commission to better ensure that communities of interest and other critical criteria are considered AND allow the commission to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data due to the global pandemic. Federal law supports this level of deviation. please support communities of interest (like tribal nations) being considered and kept whole when possible. please support political fairness as discretionary criteria, ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects that of the state as a whole and does not unduly advantage one party over the other. please support competitiveness as a discretionary criteria, when possible, creating a fair playing field and ensuring candidates have to earn the votes of the Montanans in their districts. Thank you for your important work and your help in creating fair maps for redistricting in Montana. Mike McLaughlin

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Fairness in creating Montanans congressional map  
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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:58:55 PM  
Subject: [spam]Fairness in creating Montanans congressional map

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act as a mandatory criterion in considering district boundaries. I feel this is especially important to the rising indigenous Montana's. Also please support criteria of political fairness maintaining communities of interest and political competitiveness. This is important to ensure that the legislative balance of power does not unduly advantage one party. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Patricia McMorris  
5320 Frontier Dr Billings, MT 59101-8917  
btmcmorr@msn.com

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**From:** [Thomas McNamee](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting and Apportionment Commission meeting of July 8-9, 2021  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:28:17 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the difficult challenges before you.

I would like you to consider the following as essential criteria in the delineation of new districts:

- “Communities of interest”—cities, counties, reservations, all the places Montanans call home, as they themselves define them—should be kept whole.
- There should be no partisan intention or partisan result.
- Because the coverage of the 2020 census has been particularly uneven owing both to the pandemic and to poor performance by the Census Bureau, a deviation of 5 percent between districts should be allowed.
- Compliance with the Voting Rights Act is of course mandatory, but there have been recent political developments that tend to restrict voting by certain groups, American Indians in particular. The new districts must respect the voting rights of all citizens equally.

Thomas McNamee  
216 S. 5th St.  
Livingston MT 59047

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 15:30

**Your Full Name:**  
Thomas McNamee

**Email Address:**  
[t\\_mc@comcast.net](mailto:t_mc@comcast.net)

**City and State of Residence:**  
Livingston

**Your Comment/Input:**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the difficult challenges before you. I would like you to consider the following as essential criteria in the delineation of new districts: • “Communities of interest”—cities, counties, reservations, all the places Montanans call home, as they themselves define them—should be kept whole. • There should be no partisan intention or partisan result. • Because the coverage of the 2020 census has been particularly uneven owing both to the pandemic and to poor performance by the Census Bureau, a deviation of 5 percent between districts should be allowed. • Compliance with the Voting Rights Act is of course mandatory, but there have been recent political developments that tend to restrict voting by certain groups, American Indians in particular. The new districts must respect the voting rights of all citizens equally. Thomas McNamee 216 S. 5th St. Livingston MT 59047

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 10:21

**Your Full Name:**

Tiffany Medrano

**Email Address:**

tiffanyapril\_87@yahoo.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Saint Ignatius

**Your Comment/Input:**

For redistricting the state please divide it along the I-15 corridor into East & West.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 13:08

**Your Full Name:**

Joan Miles

**Email Address:**

joanmiles03@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

I urge the Commission to adopt criteria that will result in fair districts, not unduly favoring any particular political party. Districts should not be intentionally drawn to result in biased districts. Everyone needs to believe they have a say in electing representation from these districts. There must be a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either political party can win. If one party is favored, it discourages people from voting. Thank you for considering these comments. Most importantly, Montana needs - and deserves - strong compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Sincerely, Joan Miles

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:46:29 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello, I am a life long Montana resident and want to ensure our redistricting process complies with the Voting Rights Act. Please support criteria of fairness and ensure our redistricting fairly represents all Montanans.

Sincerely,

Zach Morgan

1521 Topanga Ave Billings, MT 59105-5520

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:04:34 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:29:50 PM  
Subject: Pease maintain fair and competitive districts

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Thank you for taking on the work of establishing our new district boundaries in a wise and fair manner. I am writing to ask that you maintain political fairness and communities of interest with the new boundaries.

Shortly after I was first married, our district was reapportioned and we voted at the Kila Country Church. I remember some very unhappy voters at the poll that year who had to make the drive all the way from the Blacktail area in Lakeside to vote in person at Kila! While from a birds eye view of the map, the distance is not great, the reality is the distance by roads is quite long. We are currently in the same community but vote in another location now as we live on the other side of the highway.

Please maintain communities of interest and allow up to 5% of variation so people are able to vote in their own communities and do not have to drive long distances to other towns to vote in person.

Sincerely,  
Carrie Nelson  
149 Silver Cloud Trl Kalispell, MT 59901-9045  
cnelson1895@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:12

**Your Full Name:**

Bruce E Nelson

**Email Address:**

trianglen1978@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

I support: 1. Strong compliance with Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act. 2. Criteria that create fair districts that do not unduly favor any political party. 3. Creation of a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either major party can win. Thank you for your consideration. Bruce Nelson 9415 Star Lane Bozeman, Montana 59715

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:56:51 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:03:30 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am an educator and librarian in a rural district in Drummond. I was born and raised in Livingston where my 92 year old father still resides. Three of our four children work and live in western Montana. Please consider unique circumstances in local communities and maintain fairness in Montana districting so that my family may continue to raise their families and thrive in Montana. Sincerely, Jodi Oberweiser.

Sincerely,  
Jodi Oberweiser  
PO Box 272 Drummond, MT 59832-0272  
jodi.oberweiser@gmail.com

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 10:22

**Your Full Name:**

Mark O'Keefe

**Email Address:**

[mok6@mac.com](mailto:mok6@mac.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

As a former member of the Montana Legislature I am quite interested in adopting districts that will comply wholeheartedly in both the legal sense and the spirit of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. This is a task that should be approached with the goal of creating balanced districts which allow for competitive elections between candidates and avoids gerrymandering by any party for political advantage. Anything less than the establishment of truly "fair and balanced" opportunities for candidates will result in a diminished slate of options for the people of Montana on Election Day.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 09:12

**Your Full Name:**

Katherine J. Orr

**Email Address:**

[kjahnsorr@gmail.com](mailto:kjahnsorr@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena

**Your Comment/Input:**

Please be mindful of the fundamental fairness and enfranchisement that comes with apportioning districts that are non partisan and where candidates from either party can win.

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**From:** [Paul Pacini](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] 2nd Congressional District  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 1:18:44 PM

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Commission,

I have considered for days what I could contribute to the re-districting effort which would tend to fairly apportion the State of Montana into two Congressional Districts. This is a hard one, but considering that the western part of the state is more prone to a progressive outlook and the eastern part of the state to a conservative outlook, I have the following suggestion:

***Divide the state horizontally rather than vertically, to include roughly equal populations.*** The horizontal dividing line would produce two districts which would tend to represent a ***“cross-section” of the State.*** This should go a long way towards preventing Montana’s representation from negating each other with diametrically opposed philosophies.

I appreciate this opportunity to comment,  
Paul Pacini

303 State Street  
Helena, Montana 59601-5788  
U.S.A.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Carefully consider district boundaries  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:10:13 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 3:07:09 PM  
Subject: [spam]Carefully consider district boundaries

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

As a recently retired educator and a resident on the Flathead Indian Reservation, I am most concerned that our Native people and other citizens in small communities are properly represented in any Legislative house position. Strict compliance with the Voters Rights Act should be a mandatory piece when considering district boundaries. Every candidate should earn their votes to occupy any Legislative seat. Make political fairness and competitiveness a part of your process when considering district boundaries.

Sincerely,

Lori Peterson  
38143 Dubay Rd Polson, MT 59860-6959  
lupinelori@netscape.net

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Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 3:35:29 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please do your duty for fair elections

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please consider this for mandatory criteria:

Compliance with the voting rights act

A 5% standard deviation between districts

Do not rank criteria

Maintain communities of interest such a urban voters, ranching communities and tribal nations

By doing this right we set an example for all of the country that Montana's can be proud of: fairness, tolerance and integrity.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Beth Pfaff

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 13:02

**Your Full Name:**

Sanna Porte

**Email Address:**

sanna.porte@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Dear commissioners, As a 5th generation lifelong Montanan, I believe it is crucial to ensure fairness in the districting and apportionment process. To that end, I support: Strong compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Criteria to create fair districts that do not unduly favor any political party. The creation of a reasonable number of legislative districts where candidates from either party can win. I strongly urge you to support these criteria as well. Thank you for your work. Sanna Porte, Helena

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:33

**Your Full Name:**

Paul Reichert

**Email Address:**

[preichert@prosperamt.org](mailto:preichert@prosperamt.org)

**City and State of Residence:**

Bozeman, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Plan for change. plan for growing populations.

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 14:11

**Your Full Name:**

Adam Restad

**Email Address:**

[ajrestad@gmail.com](mailto:ajrestad@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Billings MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Montana gaining another seat in our national House of Representatives is an exciting moment for our state. As such, great responsibility is placed on the redistricting committee to ensure compliance with Montana and federal law, as well as to ensure an equal and just voting environment. Please remember that it is necessary to consider a 5% deviation standard between districts as a to account for oddities in the 2020 Census data to better respond to unique circumstances in local communities. Additionally, please group districts together by communities of interest, not solely for political gain. Montana is a great state, and I couldn't bear to see it Jerrymandered for one or another political party's gain. Let Montana be a leading example of democracy and fairness when it comes to electing our national representatives. Thank you.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:11:59 PM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act (especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice) as a MANDATORY criterion and,

Please do NOT rank criteria so there is flexibility to balance the unique needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback.

We have only one chance to get this right! So much is riding on your decisions. The easiest would be to go back the previous boundary when we had 2 Representatives. But at the very least, support criteria of political fairness.

Sincerely,

Bev Richardson

329 N Hunters Way Bozeman, MT 59718-1813

[bstrnad1987@gmail.com](mailto:bstrnad1987@gmail.com)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:53:32 PM  
Subject: Please Use Fair Criteria in creating Montana's legislative maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioner Eastman, Montana's native population deserves to have their voice fairly represented during the legislative process. It is critical that you support compliance with the Voting Right Act. Political fairness and competitiveness must be criteria used to make sure all candidates have an equal opportunity to earn the votes of their constituents.

Please support a 5% deviation standard between districts as a mandatory criterion in order to account for unique circumstances in local communities. In these challenging times I really hope you can support criteria that represents fairness and an opt for each district to meet their individual challenges.

Sincerely,  
Renee Rose  
582 Reserve Rd Libby, MT 59923-8924  
jreny@kvis.net

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Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:02:51 AM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please support criteria for political fairness to ensure the legislative balance of power reflects our great state instead of disadvantaging tribal nations and minimizing the votes of other Montana communities. Montana candidates need to earn the votes of their constituents rather than relying on a system that unduly advantages one party.

Thank you for your time and thank you for listening to Montanans.

Sincerely,  
Alexii Rummel  
1934 McDonald Ave Missoula, MT 59801-8402  
[alexiiiccornell@gmail.com](mailto:alexiiiccornell@gmail.com)

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:45:14 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:29:35 AM  
Subject: Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's MapsFair redistricting

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I ask you to protect the voting rights of all Montana citizens and avoid political advantage to one party in developing the redistricting and creation of the US Congressional districts.

Your work is vital to a Montana that protects the right of voting, thank you for your honest deliberations.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Ryan

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**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:42:15 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 08:42

**Your Full Name:**

PETER SAND

**Email Address:**

PETER.J.SAND@GMAIL.COM

**City and State of Residence:**

BOZEMAN, MT.

**Your Comment/Input:**

"Keep Montana the great Democratic state it has been without Fascism governing the voting process as you draw the Congressional voting districts for the next 10 years. While finalizing the redistricting for Montana for 2021 please comply with the Voting Rights Act. One (1) person one (1) vote all of which count to elect individuals who will represent all voters. Tribal areas should be separated and not lumped in with counties. Counties are a poor choice for voting districts. Livingston and Park County are good examples. Livingston is lumped in with Sweet Grass County and our votes do not count. Livingston should be in with Gallatin County in the western district not with Meagher or Sweet Grass County. Another example of why county lines are not appropriate. Gerrymandering county lines and moving tribal areas and voting areas to smother votes should not be the way voting districts are determined. Every person should be represented and their vote should count to elect someone who will hear their concerns about how their lives are affected by government. Dividing the state into an eastern and western district is the best way to allow all citizens to have representation as they should have in a Democracy. Support the 5% deviation between districts for population. If more population is needed for an Eastern District, Flathead County area or portions of it minus the Indian Reservations would be a good choice to add to the Eastern District to make voting fairer. Please support competitiveness so that all voters know that their representatives will actually be there to listen to their concerns. Do NOT use county lines exclusively as the voting district lines. The commission has a very serious job which affects the lives of all Montanans and this effect on lives for the next 10 years should be the top concern in your decision making. Thank you for your work on this commission and please make the results fair to all Montanans."

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 08:41

**Your Full Name:**  
STEPHANIE SAND

**Email Address:**  
STEPH.ORLUCK@GMAIL.COM

**City and State of Residence:**  
BOZEMAN, MONTANA

**Your Comment/Input:**

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Use Fair Criteria When Creating MT Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:54:08 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 9:46:54 PM  
Subject: [spam]Use Fair Criteria When Creating MT Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am writing to you as a Montana voter. When your commission creates the new voting districts, I ask you to do the following.

First, you must adhere to the Voting Rights Act, especially the part about the rights of Indian tribes to elect representatives of their own choosing.

Second, support a 5% deviation standard as a MANDATORY criteria, to account for irregularities in the pandemic-year Census.

Please keep in mind that political fairness is a key criteria. Don't unfairly favor one party. Keep Communities of Interest (like tribes) and political competitiveness.

Please DON'T rank the criteria. That would needlessly hamper the commission.

Thank you for reading this message.

Sincerely,

Margaret Schmidt

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 5:44:45 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 05:44

**Your Full Name:**

Peggy Schram

**Email Address:**

[peggy.schram@msubillings.edu](mailto:peggy.schram@msubillings.edu)

**City and State of Residence:**

Billings, Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

Should gerrymandering occur when putting together any and all redistricting maps I will make it my life's goal to make sure the ones responsible pay with their jobs. I will not stand for such behavior going on in other states with regard to redistricting. The current legislators and governor are in enough trouble for decimating our voting rights in Montana-what they have done to the poor, people of color and the indigenous population is obscene-so any attempt to create a gerrymandered map will be met with retaliation. I can canvass and man the phones with the best of them having done so my most of my life: I started when I was 11 years old. Be warned and be very, very careful. I am already speaking to people and writing on various forums just how bad the voting laws are in this state now. I am encouraging people to stay AWAY from Montana for what has already been done to our voting rights. I suggest you all do not add to the pile with this redistricting.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Equity in the districts  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:44:22 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:11:07 AM  
Subject: [spam]Equity in the districts

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I respectfully ask that you consider all of Montana's citizens when creating the guidelines for districting. I think that we are all getting weary from the constant fight for power. In the end all of us are Montanans and deserve fair and equitable elections.

Thank you for your service,  
Jeff Schultz

Sincerely,  
Jeff Schultz  
211 N Davis St Belgrade, MT 59714-3820  
boxcanyon15@aol.com

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:36:29 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 7th July 2021 08:36

**Your Full Name:**

David Severson

**Email Address:**

versever55@gmail.com

**City and State of Residence:**

Missoula, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Thank you for your work on the Commission for Redistricting. Please consider the following as you deliberate. Please follow the Voting Rights Act since that applies in Montana to Indian Country. Also, support drawing the boundaries with political fairness so there is not an overwhelming advantage one party, considering communities of interest (like tribes and particular communities) to be sure that candidates have an even advantage so they earn the votes of Montanans in their districts. I also heard about this idea of ranking criteria, which would be unfair and short sighted, so please do NOT rank criteria. We need flexibility to balance the needs of each district and be responsive to public feedback. Ranking criteria will tie the commission's hands. Thanks again for your work and considering my opinions.

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**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 4:05:11 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 16:05

**Your Full Name:**

Mary Sexton

**Email Address:**

[msexton@3rivers.net](mailto:msexton@3rivers.net)

**City and State of Residence:**

MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

Creating new legislative and Congressional districts in Montana is a most important task. Fortunately, we have a system that lends itself to objective, non-partisan determination of districts. I urge you to establish a number of districts that do not lean to one political party or the other. There are many segments of society in Montana - rural, urban, tribal, new comers and long-time Montanans. I am 3rd generation Montanan, but I appreciate the thoughts and interests of those who have recently moved here. ALL groups need the opportunity to be represented! And I urge you to closely adhere to the Voting Rights Act will lend itself to creating fair, competitive districts in Montana. Thank you for your dedication to this effort!

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**From:** [Judy Shaffer](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re-districting for a second House Representative  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:22:31 AM

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Montanans deserve fair redistricting which respects & reflects us all. Please use your power as an independent entity wisely.

Sincerely,

Judy Shaffer  
Bozeman, MT

**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: The Importance of Fair Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:03:10 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:31:44 AM  
Subject: The Importance of Fair Redistricting

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am writing you to share my concerns about redistricting. I am a 73 year old Montana native, born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley. I am a retired educator, volunteer fireman, hunter education instructor, school board trustee, and past member of the Montana House of Representatives.

I believe the Commission needs to be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act, especially in how it deals with Montana Native Peoples. The ranking of criteria must be flexible to meet the needs of the districts. Please do not rank the criteria prematurely before the results of the 2020 Census are fully known. This could be detrimental to the Commission's ability to do it's work fairly.

Thank you for your consideration in these very important matters.

Sincerely,

Wayne Stanford  
420 Dry Gulch Rd Stevensville, MT 59870-6024  
[wstanford@cybernet1.com](mailto:wstanford@cybernet1.com)

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please work to represent all Montanans in Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:02:39 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:47:38 AM  
Subject: Please work to represent all Montanans in Redistricting

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am a retired teacher, an eleven (11) year member of the Ravalli County Planning Board, past chair of the Ravalli County 4-H Council, 4-H leader, and Montana's elected representative to the National Education Association Board of Directors. I believe in being well informed and involved. That is why I'm giving you my input on Redistricting.

Redistricting for the Montana's electorate is of the utmost importance. EVERY Montanan's vote is important. The 5% deviation between voting districts in Montana should be maintained as part of your Mandatory Criteria.

Maintaining communities of interest and political competitiveness are vitally important criteria in redistricting. It is important that candidates are responsive to ALL of the voters in their district. Districts that are competitive will insure that voters choose their leaders.

Thank you for serving on the Commission and representing ALL Montanans.

Sincerely,  
KARIN Stanford  
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kstanford@cybernet1.com

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Political District Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 12:38:31 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:41:53 AM  
Subject: Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Political District Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am writing you to ask that when you meet to construct new maps for our national and state legislative districts that you support political fairness, ensuring the legislative balance of power reflects the state and does not unfairly benefit one party. Please support compliance with the Voting Rights Act, especially as it relates to the rights of indigenous Montanans to elect representatives of their choice as a MANDATORY criterion in considering district boundaries.

Sincerely,  
Staci Stolp  
2224 Tea Rd Helena, MT 59602-9151  
sstolp@highcountryinc.com

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 11:44:51 AM

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:51:55 AM

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From: "Jennie Tranel" <jennietranel@everyactioncustom.com>  
To: "joe lamson" <joe.lamson@mtleg.gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 8:04:42 AM  
Subject: [spam]Please Use Fair Criteria in Creating Montana's Maps

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I grew up in eastern Montana and now live in Bozeman, where I'm raising my children. I know firsthand how different eastern and western Montana are, which means we need legislators who understand and are willing to fairly represent those differences. Please make this possible by ensuring political fairness and competitiveness in creating Montana's legislative districts. Montanans pride ourselves on our work ethic and independent-mindedness, so make sure our legislators have to work for our votes. In addition, maintain Montana's election integrity by using the Voting Rights Act as a mandatory criterion in drawing the district boundaries. Thank you for your service on this critically important commission.

Sincerely,  
Jennie Tranel  
1213 S 4th Ave Bozeman, MT 59715-5559  
jennietranel@yahoo.com

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**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:41:55 AM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 6th July 2021 08:41

**Your Full Name:**

John Tubbs

**Email Address:**

[jtubbs1016@gmail.com](mailto:jtubbs1016@gmail.com)

**City and State of Residence:**

Helena Montana

**Your Comment/Input:**

It is critical for the commission to provide opportunities for all Montanans to be represented by assuring competitive legislative districts where no one political party has a choke hold on the Legislature or on our State's congressional offices. Voters should be able to chose competent candidates that appeal to voters through leadership not party. This can only be done by strict adherence to Section 2 of Montana's Voting Rights Act. Go beyond party and provide for fair and competitive elections in Montana.

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**From:** [Joe Lamson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: [spam]Please do not rank criteria  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:52:40 AM

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To: "joe lamson" <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 7, 2021 7:48:36 AM  
Subject: [spam]Please do not rank criteria

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please do not tie the commissioners' hands by ranking criteria. Please make fairness the overarching goal.

Sincerely,

Marla Unruh

1130 Cannon St # 1 Helena, MT 59601-2147

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**From:** [leg-noreply@mt.gov](mailto:leg-noreply@mt.gov)  
**To:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**Subject:** Submission from Redistricting Input Form  
**Date:** Monday, July 5, 2021 8:55:19 PM

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# Submit Your Input Regarding Redistricting in Montana

**Date:** 5th July 2021 20:55

**Your Full Name:**

Fred Van Valkenburg

**Email Address:**

[fvanvalkenburg@bresnan.net](mailto:fvanvalkenburg@bresnan.net)

**City and State of Residence:**

Missoula, MT

**Your Comment/Input:**

I served in the Montana Senate from 1978-1998, including three terms as Majority Leader and one term as President of the Senate. In addition, I was the elected Missoula County Attorney from 1998-2014. As such, I think I have pretty good appreciation for the geographic, economic, cultural and political diversity of our state. It is in this context that I make these comments regarding the creation of Congressional districts. To begin with, I support the adoption of standards which will keep Montana in compliance with the U.S. and Montanan Constitutions and the federal Voting Rights Act. In addition, I believe it is possible to create two districts, with various counties which are individually kept whole. Finally, I think the Commission should endeavor to create two districts that are fair and competitive for both the Republican and Democratic parties. In that regard, I suggest that the following division be made: District #1 District #2 County Population County Population Missoula 119600 Yellowstone 161309 Gallatin 114434 Flathead 103806 Lewis & Clark 69432 Cascade 81366 Ravalli 43806 Hill 16484 Silver Bow 34915 Glacier 13753 Lake 30458 Big Horn 13319 Lincoln 19980 Custer 11402 Park 16606 Fergus 11050 Jefferson 12221 Richland 10803 Sanders 12113 Roosevelt 11004 Beaverhead 9453 Carbon 10725 Deer Lodge 9140 Stillwater 9642 Madison 8600 Rosebud 8937 Powell 6890 Dawson 8613 Broadwater 6237 Valley 7396 Teton 6147 Blaine 6681 Pondera 5911 Choteau 5635 Mineral 4397 Toole 4736 Granite 3379 Mussellshell 4633 Total 533719 Phillips 3954 Sweet Grass 3737 Sheridan 3309 Fallon 2846 Liberty 2337 Wheatland 2126 Judith Basin 2007 Meagher 1862 Daniels 1690 Powder River 1682 McCone 1664 Garfield 1258 Carter 1252 Prairie 1077 Wibaux 969 Golden Valley 821 Treasure 696 Petroleum 487 Total 535068 These proposed districts are largely similar to the two districts Montana last had in the 1990s but they take into account the substantial population growth that has occurred in Western Montana since that time by shifting Flathead and Glacier Counties to District #2 and Pondera and Teton Counties to District #1. Missoula and Gallatin Counties which have also grown substantially are grouped together in District #1 because they have a very important common interest in the future of the University of Montana and Montana State University. No doubt some will find fault with my proposal but it

accomplishes the goals the Commission is charged with bringing about. Nothing is perfect and I look forward to responding to the comments of others. Thank you for considering this proposal.

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**From:** [troylibbyjbs](mailto:troylibbyjbs)  
**To:** [Maylinn Smith](#); [Jeff Essmann](#); [Joe Lamson](#); [Dan Stusek](#); [Kendra Miller](#); [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: New Congressional Districts  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 6, 2021 12:42:05 PM

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## Troy Libby Chapter

July 6, 2021

Commissioners Marylinn Smith, Jeff Essmann, Joe Lamson, Dan Stusek, and Kendra Miller:

We would like to thank Mr. Lamson for his response to our letter dated June 30, 2021, regarding the redistricting of Montana.

We have re-read the 1972 Montana Constitution and to his point; Article V, Section 14 (1) states in part:

**“Each district shall consist of compact and contiguous territory. All districts shall be as nearly equal in population as is practicable.”**

This reinforces our position that Montana can only be divided North/South or West/East and furthers our point that the division should closely resemble the maps we previously provided, based on the current population of Montana’s Counties.

We look forward to seeing the commission’s proposal when it is available for public comment, which follows the Montana Constitution, Montana State Law, and does not divide counties within Montana.

Thank you,

Mitchell Walters

Troy Libby JBS Chapter Leader

----- Original Message -----

On Thursday, July 1st, 2021 at 2:07 PM, Joe Lamson <[joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Walters,

Thank you for sharing the thoughts of the Libby John Birch Society. I appreciate the time and thought that obviously went into them.

I have always found the Society to be strict constitutionalists. I would urge you to reread Article V section 14 of the Montana Constitution.

The Constitution clearly vests all redistricting authority for preparing legislative and congressional districts with the independent, five citizen commission. The constitution assigns two specific roles for the legislature in the redistricting process. They appoint four of the commissioners and can make recommendations to the commission. The legislature has no constitutional authority to pass laws



dictating how the commission draws the districts.

Since 1973 the independence of the commission has been consistently upheld in Attorney General's opinions, three district court cases and two unanimous supreme court decisions.

Thanks again for your suggestions. Don't hesitate to share your comments as we continue the redistricting process.

Best regards.

Joe Lamson  
Commissioner

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**From:** "troylibbyjbs" <troylibbyjbs@protonmail.com>  
**To:** "Maylinn Smith" <Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov>, "Jeff Essmann" <Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov>, "Joe Lamson" <Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov>, "Dan Stusek" <Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov>, "Kendra Miller" <Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov>, districting@mt.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5:46:41 PM  
**Subject:** New Congressional Districts



## Troy Libby Chapter

June 30, 2021

Commissioners Marylinn Smith, Jeff Essmann, Joe Lamson, Dan Stusek, and Kendra Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Troy Libby Chapter, John Birch Society; located in Lincoln County Montana. We are very concerned about some of the current proposals for redistricting, in that they do not follow Montana law and are a clear attempt to gerrymander the districts in our State.

Our goal is to see that our elected officials and their appointments follow the laws, rules, and procedures that they created. We were disappointed that the Montana Supreme Court did not allow for public comment on the appointment of the commission's Presiding Officer, nevertheless, we expect that your commission will consider these two sections of the Montana Code Annotated very carefully:

5-1-115. Redistricting criteria Section 2,

(a) The districts must be as equal as practicable, meaning to the greatest extent possible, within a plus or minus 1% relative deviation from the ideal population of a district as calculated from information provided by the federal decennial census. The relative deviation may be exceeded only when necessary to keep political subdivisions intact or to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

(d) The districts must be compact, meaning that the compactness of a district is greatest when the length of the district and the width of a district are equal. A district may not have an average length greater than three times the average width unless necessary to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

Although, "the ideal population" is up for interpretation, we believe that each district must closely represent 50% of Montana's population, within 1% relative deviation, and section (d) states that the districts must be compact. Therefore, with only two districts, your commission has only two options; one that bisects the state North and South or one that bisects the state West and East. To create lines across this state in any other grouping is clearly violating Montana State law.

We have researched Montana's population, as of 2021, and believe that the only fair and equitable solution is either;

1. North/South District, which utilize current county lines (please see attachment 1.) North population of 546,929 and South with a population of 538,075, the difference of 8,854 and a relative standard deviation of 0.816%.

2. West/East District, utilizing current county lines (please see attachment 2.) West population of 537,789 and the East with a population of 547,215, difference of 9,426 and a relative standard deviation of 0.869%

Finally, we look forward to seeing your commission's proposal when it is available for public comment, which follows Montana State Law and does not divide counties within Montana.

Thank you,

Mitchell Walters

Troy Libby JBS Chapter Leader

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Commissioners: I write today to urge you to consider carefully the impact of the every ten year reapportionment process on the voters of Montana. Please do all you can to encourage voting by using a process that maintains competitiveness and avoids to the extent possible too many one-party districts. The past five districting commissions have all used criteria complying with the Montana and US Constitutions, and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. It is my hope you would maintain that practice and work for fairness and diversity. Attracting quality candidates results in quality office holders. A fair apportionment process is good for democracy. Thank you.

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The Redistricting Commission will best serve all Montanans by establishing a voting structure that complies with the Montana Constitution, the U.S. Constitution and Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. We also need a district structure that ensures electoral competitiveness and fairness. Only through such an approach will the resulting legislature represent the diversity of Montana's communities. And only through such an approach will our legislature retain the responsiveness to adapt to America's and Montana's rapidly changing political, social and economic landscape. In contrast, any approach that seeks to lock in political power for either party would be a complete disservice to Montana. Proposals that guarantee a stagnant political system only benefit entrenched interests, and deny the benefits of representative democracy to the vast majority of Montanans. Please work to establish an open, fair and responsive voting structure for all Montanans.

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please make sure the redistricting is in compliance with the Voting rights act and that both parties are represented.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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