

Public Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:21 AM
To: Districting
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sue Hoell

From: Sue Hoell S1hoell@msn.com
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Message:

The public is well-aware that it's easy to create more majority rural districts by carving out and adding suburban areas to majority rural areas to meet population requirements. The public can see that that tactic reduces the number of majority urban areas. So please stop doing that. It is gross corruption of public responsibility. Suburban residents share urban priorities of strong local government, efficient regulation of air, soil, and water usage, and support for human rights. When Montana suburban residents are placed in majority rural districts, they have no representation in the legislature.

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Public Comment for May 6 Meeting

From: Nancy Leifer, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana

Fifty years ago, the Montana League of Women Voters was instrumental in ensuring that Montana had an independent redistricting commission that operated in an environment of strong public participation and disclosure. Montana's independent redistricting commission has been effective over the years in creating districts that reflect fair partisan distribution and representation for the Native American community. Few states have the kind of proportion our Legislature now encompasses in terms of Tribal representation.

We ask you to honor that commitment to public participation on May 6 by establishing the timeframe, locations, and expectations for public involvement and hearings in the legislative redistricting process, to the extent practicable. Citizens need to be able to plan and articulate their concerns and preferences, and having more information now on the timeframe and expectations will help citizens be a more productive part of the process.

We also commend the Commission for its work in addressing prison gerrymandering.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sherley, Laura

From: Lola Sheldon-Galloway <lola4montana@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Districting
Subject: [EXTERNAL] House Districts

I would like to request that mail routes be considered in redrawing MT House Districts, especially in the larger cities of Montana.

As candidates send literature with a direct mailing option this saves them money in the fact that mailers do not get sent to households that don't vote in that HOUSE DISTRICT. It also allows the candidates the option to follow the easiest walking route through neighborhoods utilizing the knowledge of the mail personnel who do it everyday.

Thank you for your dedication to this process. It is my hope that your final map is fair to all the candidates/citizens who work so hard for the people of Montana.

Respectfully,

Representative
LOLA Sheldon-Galloway HD22
Sent from my iPhone