

CP #	Opinion	Comment	Name	Email	City	State
CP1	Dislike	This map looks like it's just deliberately trying to separate Bozeman and Missoula, even though they're very similar cities and would make sense to be in the same district. It's hard to think of a reason for this except to keep either district from being competitive	Nate Norberg	natenorberg@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP1	Like	This map appears to be a good split between east and west.	Andi Kucirek	andi_mt@outlook.com	Kalispell	MT
CP1	Like	THIS IS THE ONE! It was used when we last had two congressional districts and is fair and adheres to our constitution. The commission should just do their duty. Quit screwing around and adopt CP1 MAP	LEONARD PRESCOTT	wage69@charter.net	Polson	MT
CP1	Opinion	I don't want to choose between map 12 or 13. They don't seem to meet the criteria required by law or our constitution. I believe map 1 would be the closest to meeting requirements.	Marilyn Enneberg	dandm@northerntel.net	Kevin	Montana
CP1	Opinion	I have to ask why all demarcations are East West. Why not North and South splits. Montana is a huge State with a majority of populations in the Western Half. This leaves the great expanse of the Eastern Plains with minimal input into future elections. The Eastern part of Montana represents a huge portion of the Ag Economy which is important to Montana. It is certainly a Partisan effort to control the new House seat by concentrating votes in the Western Counties which have higher concentrations of Democratic voters by far. It is unfair to include the Democratic strongholds of Missoula, Butte, Helena and Bozeman in one voter district.	Eric Olsen	ehoil@aol.com	Billings	Montana
CP1	Like	I believe CP1 is a fair, reasonable and legal alternative. CP1 is the fairest divide as it addresses the population. It is more arbitrary and properly does not address "competitiveness", or the Parties who are wishing to gain power by manipulating boundaries based on past voting records.	Jeremy Gingerich	jeremygingerich@msn.com	Manhattan	MT
CP1	Like	Map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.	Mike Fouhy	mikef@heisco.net	Billings	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose CP-10 because it divides Gallatin County. Gallatin County should not be separated; we should not be separated from our neighbors, our community, and our local businesses that face similar issues. Moreover, Livingston and Bozeman would be separated and our two communities are integrally tied to each other. Many local businesses operate in both towns. Individuals live in one town and work in the other. Separating these two communities ignores the cultural, economic, and community ties that show how these communities face similar challenges.	Emily Qiu	emilyqiu512@gmail.com	Belgrade	Montana

CP10 Opinion	<p>Of the 13 maps presented, CP-1 does the best job of complying with the MANDATORY criteria adopted for redistricting. MUST be equal in population; Race CANNOT be the predominant factor; SHALL consist of compact territory.</p> <p>Maps CP-2 through CP-13 all appear gerrymandered to prioritize GOALS rather than MANDATORY criteria. Shall ATTEMPT and MAY consider are not mandatory terms and while desirable, the focus on goals is detracting from concluding this process.</p> <p>Many of the maps appear to have been developed by skipping through the MANDATORY and GOAL criteria to the last item on the list - MAY consider competitiveness. This is evidenced by the wonky gerrymandered district lines as depicted in extreme on CP-6 where Ekalaka and Eureka are in the same district. Please reconsider and adopt CP-1</p>	Dan MacLean	oscart1998@aol.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP10 Like	<p>Of the maps that include Flathead County in the western district, CP10 appears to be most acceptable across the remaining population as well. I appreciate the work and the effort put forth by all involved.</p>	Ralph Giem	dghiem@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>Dear Commissioners, thank you for doing this difficult but important work. I opposed CP-10. I urge you to adopt CP-11.</p>	Elizabeth Moore	4lizmoore@gmail.com	Belgarde	Montana
CP10 Dislike	<p>This doesn't seem to keep the districts competitive enough. I also don't like that Gallatin county is split. Also it doesn't seem right to put Helena in the Eastern district.</p>	Hannah Schweitzer	hdschweitzer12@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	<p>I am opposed to CP 10 because it divides my community and neighbors into two districts (Three Forks school is fed by both Gallatin and Jefferson counties at Wheat Mt area on this map) and will further complicate our community relationships and functionality and identity.</p> <p>Also it divides Gallatin County, separating the communities of Gallatin Gateway and Big Sky from the rest of Gallatin County.</p> <p>It separates the cities of Bozeman and Livingston from one another, two communities that have long-standing economic and cultural ties.</p>	Janna Lauver	Janbanmarie@hotmail.com	Three forks	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>It does not create a competitive district, which means that it unduly favors one political party.</p>	Hugo Sindelar	rjphoto13@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>I oppose map 10. It creates an uncompetitive map and splits Gallatin County.</p>	Nicki Jimenez	nicki.g.jimenez@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Dislike	<p>I strongly oppose CP 10. This map unduly favors a political party and fails to consider competitiveness by creating zero competitive districts. It also a poor choice for Native voices to be heard at the polls because two districts with multiple tribes will mean nothing if there are not competitive districts. Competitive districts mean robust democratic participation and more accurate representation for the people of Montana!</p>	Kathleen Burt	commakaysie@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP10 Like	<p>Though I like this map--I like any of the propose choices other than Map 11--I prefer one that would keep Gallatin county intact. This would be a choice for me after Map 12</p>				

CP10	Opinion	Why don't you split the state by having a north and a south districts? That seems to be more equal of rural and urban populations. I just want to be out of the western half. Carve Three Forks & Logan out of the west.	RaeLeen Roadarmel	roadarmelinc@gmail.com	Three Forks	Montana
CP10	Dislike	This split of Gallatin County divides a large, growing community that is facing unified problems related to growth, planning, etc.	Linda Gale	lgalemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	CP 10 is NOT the best choice. CP 11 is a better map.	Mark McKinley	Bangpony@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP10	Like	YES to CP10. I get that the democrats (marxists) around here don't want to see Gallatin split. I don't either. I'd rather see that entire county sent to the eastern district. But if we have to choose between splitting Gallatin and splitting Flathead, I choose the former. There's no RATIONAL reason why a county in the far WEST end of Montana should be seated in the EAST. The only reason to do it is POLITICAL, which is to give the democrats (marxists) an attempt to have a political foothold in a state THEY DO NOT BELONG IN. If you want your democrat utopia, move to CA. It's perfect for all of you. For those that have never been there, it is best described as a hell hole. There's a reason people are fleeing that state and its not the weather. CP11 is just another example of the democrats (marxists) trying to corrupt something good and leverage a congressional seat out of a state that rejects their politics. NO to CP11. YES to CP10. If you can't handle that, move to your utopia in CA and stop trying to make one here. It's clearly made in your image.	Michael Noonan	mjn687@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10	Dislike	In the interest of overall balance for the state I prefer CP11.	patrick berryhill	berryhill_2000@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP10	Dislike	Splitting up the fastest growing county in the state is completely asinine.	forrest scott	fs221208@gmail.com	bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	I don't like dividing counties, but I've lived in both Kalispell and Bozeman and dividing the Flathead makes more sense than dividing the Gallatin. Bozeman's community extends far beyond Kagy and Sourdough and shouldn't be arbitrarily cut off to balance statewide populations.	Sam Kuhlin	samkuhlin@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP10	Dislike	I oppose proposal 10	Jennifer Crenshaw Pryor	wbcjcp@yahoo.com	Boulder	MT
CP10	Dislike	I disapprove of CP10 as it unnecessarily splits Gallatin and Park County when the two communities are closely linked and thus share many common issues and interests. Additionally, CP10 creates a non-competitive district, silencing Indigenous voices.	Emma Nguyen	nguyen.r.emma@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP10	Like	Map 10 is blatantly unfair. Dividing Gallatin County makes no sense if the goal to truly represent a cross section of Montana. This is gerrymandering.	Kristine E Thomas	krisethomas@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Dislike	I disapprove of this map Gallatin is split between districts. Most residents of Gallatin have similar issues and concerns. I also do not like that Park and all of Gallatin are not in the same district. Residents in Park and Gallatin have many common issues and concerns. There are many of us who thru residency, work, shopping and recreation have vested interests in both counties.	Albert Pendergrass	al.pendergrass@pm.me	Livingston	MT

CP10 Dislike	Map CP-10 is a terrible map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and it does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.	Mike Fouhy	mikef@heisco.net	Billings	MT
CP10 Dislike	It's abundantly obvious that this map is drawn without the intent of fairness.	David K McEwen	davidkmcewen@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP10 Like	I like this map because it is way better than map 10. But there is a much better map that does not split any counties and leaves the population division between the two districts at 50 people.  Here is the map...please go look at it. <a href="https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b">https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b</a>	Jack Marshall	Jmac@Jmacfinance.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Like	I oppose Map 10. It is not equitable to both parties.	Cathy Pasquarello	cpasco70@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP10 Like	I like this map because it puts two Native American lands into District 1...which is the best that can occur because of the huge distance separation between all the Native American Lands. I don't like this map because it is carving up Gallatin County. There is a much better map that does not split any counties and leaves the population division between the two districts at 50 people.  Here is the map...please go look at it. <a href="https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b">https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b</a>	Karen Marshall	Gallygosip@jmacfinance.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP10 Dislike	I oppose proposal 10. It creates two uncompetitive districts and boils down to GOP gerrymandering.	Michael Videon	mvideon@q.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10 Like	I support CP 10; this is a more accurate geographical split than CP 11. This will divide the population of Montana better; so we all have a "voice".	Diana Todhunter	Toadx5@itstriangle.com	Harlowton	MT
CP10 Like	I support Map 10 because I believe that it fairly bisects the state into equal represented areas from a geographic perspective and state demographics. I think this map of the two will ensure that all voters' voices are heard. It is important to keep the integrity of Montana's geography, communities, and demographics into consideration and I believe Map 10 does this by fairly balancing the politics of the two regions. Map 11 seems to segregate communities in an attempt to ensure strong tribal and native voice which I respect the vision and process, but I don't think Map 11 with its state bisection addresses the need for equality in both regions. The lines of Map 11 were drawn in a way that does not balance the two regions as a whole for the state of Montana. In this redistricting process, we must have fair and equal representation of all voices and Montana's demography; therefore, I think Map 10 is the most fair and equitable representation of the state.	Ashley McGrath	ashleycmgrath@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP10	Like	I was raised in Western Montana and have since moved to central Montana. I support CP 10 as central and eastern Montana have different issues than western Montana...this map also follows a more geographical split than CP 11. For these reason I support this map.	Jason Todhunter	Toadx5@itstriangle.com	Harlowton	MT
CP11	Like	Montana has a fair constitution and should have fair congressional districts, not districts which favor on party. Please choose this map	Teresa Knutson	rmtcons@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
		I support CP11.  The Gallatin City-County Health Dept. has been a leader in supporting the needs of public health. When they took measures to keep people safe and healthy, businesses & individuals complied for the most part, while Flathead (Kalispell in particular) did not and was and is splintered in its Covid response.  Gallatin County, the cities of Belgrade, Bozeman, and Manhattan are working collectively on a Regional Water & Sewer study to support infrastructure needs.  The Triangle Plan is a concrete example of the cities of Bozeman, Belgrade and Gallatin County working closely together to come up with a cooperative and comprehensive community plan for growth in the Triangle. This is a model of cooperation in problem-solving for land use development and keeping these entities together is in the communitiesâ€™ interests.  Keeping Gallatin in one district and putting Yellowstone and most of Flathead in another will equalize growth across both congressional districts over the next 10 yrs as these three counties are the fastest growing counties in the state.				
CP11	Like		Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	LIVINGSTON	MT
CP11	Dislike	The mere distance any candidate or elected official has to travel so that the people of their district know who they are is too extreme. This commission owes it to the people of Montana the ability to know those persons who they have elected to represent them.	Jim Canton	pennylane214@hotmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP11	Like	C11 provides 2 districts that share similar economic and social interests. Pros: It consolidates most Tribal Land; it keeps intact the most counties; it groups counties with shared economic and community interests; and gives the agricultural communities a consolidated voice/vote.	Maureen Byrne	byrnem4@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11	Like	These map formats are not easy to decipher. Why is it that only Map 11 includes Lewis & Clark County? I strongly support L&C to be in the west where it belongs.	Mary Honzel	mthonzel@bresnan.net	HELENA	MT

CP11 Like	Thank you for doing this difficult work. I prefer Map 11. It maybe nearly impossible to meet all goals including population, race, age, etc. being even in both districts, as well as the logic of geographical distribution. Given that achieving this desire for equality is difficult, the most important element is competitiveness. CP11 seems the most competitive, which then gives a stronger voice to all. Thank you.	Elizabeth C Schenk	ecschenk@msn.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I need more coffee, I have now made two mistakes. The earlier comment on this map should have read that I prefer map C11 - THIS map. C11. I support C11, not C12. If there's any way you can remove my other comment, I'd appreciate it.	Greg J Martin	yablonowitz@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map creates too much distance for any one candidate to travel in order to properly meet the people that they represent. You owe it to the people in the great state of Montana that they personally are able to know their Congressmen/women.	Penney Howe	penneylane214@hotmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP11 Like	I inadvertently put a favorable comment on C12. I don't know how to remove it but I strongly prefer C12. We need at least one competitive district and a map that respects tribal reservation boundaries. I support C12.	Greg J Martin	yablonowitz@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 because it creates a competitive district for both parties, which is one of the key purposes of this process. CP11 also keeps Gallatin County together in one district. Gallatin county faces similar challenges and issues as the fastest growing county and has integrally connected communities and businesses.	Emily Qiu	emilyqiu512@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Dislike	I disagree with CP11. Kalispell should not be considered as a part of Eastern Montana. Please revise.	Phill Christiansen	Phillip.christiansen@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11. It provides for competitive districts, which I thought was one of the goals of this process. Helena is rightly in the western district where it belongs. Please work together and choose CP11. Thanks!	Wendy Colleen Fox	lettucewend@yahoo.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	<p>I strongly support CP11. Of all 4 maps (though CP12 and CP13 should not be considered, since they were introduced too late in the process), it comes closest to meeting all the Commission's agreed-upon criteria.</p> <p>Of all the maps, CP11 is the most successful in not unduly favoring a political party. By creating one competitive district, it will encourage common-sense candidates and reduce polarization.</p> <p>CP11 splits only one county and does so in a way that does not split any communities or towns. It keeps all federal reservations whole. It keeps both Gallatin and Lewis and Clark counties in the Western District, in alignment with their cultural and economic interests.</p>	Alexander Blackmer	alexblackmer1@gmail.com	Helena	Montana

CP11 Like	This map is the fairest proposal. It achieves the goals the commission agreed on: to not unduly split communities of interest, not favor one political party over the other, minimize splitting counties and towns, and consider competitiveness in at least one district. This proposal follows our constitution and will be fair for Montanans. I urge the commissioners to adopt proposal CP 11.	Shibu Arens	shibuarensmt@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Now this is the FAIREST map I've seen. Please adopt Map no. 11. It keeps the traditional union-centric communities in southwest MT intact. Other maps would divide our voices and as a union member, that's unacceptable. Flathead is one of the fastest growing areas in the state and will be changing a lot in the next 10 years, so it makes way more sense for candidates of both parties (in 2 districts) to be learning about and earning the vote of the Flathead districts. Don't kill the union voice just to make the conservatives in the Flathead feel safe for another 10+ years. Map 11 is the Fairest of them all.	Nick Lockridge	nick.lockridge@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer this map (CP 11) to CP 12. It creates a more competitive district and keeps communities of interest intact such as Gallatin and Park counties. It keeps Lewis and Clark county in the western district and only splits Flathead county. It best achieves the commission's stated goals by minimizing splitting communities of interest and counties/cities/etc, and achieves equal population size and competitiveness (Cook PVI Score R+5).	Gina Himes Boor	ghimesboor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	Please do not adopt CP 11. CP 11 is a non-competitive, gerrymandered map. I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. Support CP 12 instead, CP 12 is a terrible map.	Lori Ruch	Pburgmates@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Dislike	I am STRONGLY opposed to CP 11. CP 11 is a non-competitive, gerrymandered map. I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. Support CP 12 instead.	Kaitlyn Ruch	Kaitlynruch4@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Dislike	I dislike this map because Flathead County should be kept intact and in the West. None of Flathead County should be in the east.	Deborah Wilson	dmwilson@acwei.com	Kila	MT
CP11 Like	This map keeps Helena and Lewis and Clark County together with Butte Silver Bow and Jefferson Counties. There are several communities of interest kept intact by doing so.  In addition, this map is one of two under consideration (CP 13 is another) that draws a truly competitive district. This will ensure that all voices are heard in our elections.	Amanda Lockridge	amandalockridge18@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	Montana needs a redistricting like this to make at least one of the Representative seats competitive.	John Mohar	mohar@frontiernet.net	Troy	MT

CP11 Dislike	CP 11 is not a competitive map because it dilutes communities of interest. Candidates are more competitive when their constituencies share similarities and live in relative proximity to each other, and when the local economies are influenced by the same trends. Flathead County has little in common with Eastern Montana, forcing candidates to run on a different set of issues in the far-flung corners of this district—this is not a recipe for competitiveness.	Charles Denowh	cd@montanagroup.net	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	Dear Commissioners, thank you for doing this difficult but important work. I urge you to adopt CP-11. I opposed CP-10.	Elizabeth Moore	4lizmoore@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP11 Dislike	I don't like this -- Flathead and Glacier Counties should be in the Western District. We are very different places with different issues than Eastern MT.	Ryan Bowman	ryansw@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	All of Flathead county should be included in the western district.	Andi Kucirek	andi_mt@outlook.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	Please keep Park County in District 1. Park and Gallatin Counties are historically and economically connected and should remain this way. The current rapid growth only increases this connection. I am in favor of of CP 11.	Mark Richard Rehder	Omnimore@earthlink.net	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	I like this map the best. It keeps everything competitive and keeps gallatin country whole and Helena stays in the western district.	Hannah Schweitzer	hdschweitzer12@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	Of the maps left, this is the fairest. It is unrealistic to expect that no counties will be split. This map results in competitive districts.	Mike Volesky	volesky5@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I am in favor of CP 11 because it keeps districts like mine intact with the communities nearby that feed its growth. I live in Three Forks and my husband and kids go to work and school here while I commute to Bozeman 4-5 days a week. Map CP11 Keeps Gallatin and Park counties together, which have strong and longtime economic and cultural ties to one another. It keeps the resort areas of Big Sky, Whitefish, and West Yellowstone in the same district. These resort communities have shared interests, challenges, and understanding. Creates one competitive district that any political party can win. It empowers Native voters because the competitive district will have a reservation. This means that every candidate will have to rely on Native votes to win the district, thus ensuring minority voices are heard. Thank you.	Janna Lauver	Janbanmarie@hotmail.com	Three forks	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11 because it creates the most competitive district that minimizes splitting of towns and counties and does not unduly favor one political party. CP 11 keeps communities of interest in tact especially Gallatin County.	Hugo Sindelar	rjphoto13@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I strongly support CP 11. This map creates competitive districts that do not unduly favor a political party. CP 11 minimizes splitting of towns and counties and it considers communities of interest. Finally, CP 11 it is the best proposal for Indigenous voices to be heard at the polls. Please advance CP 11.	Nicki Jimenez	nicki.g.jimenez@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT



CP11 Dislike	I strongly disagree with Map 11. Historically, when Montana had two districts, (1913-1993) the interests, issues and culture of the east and west sides were very different, just as they are today. Nothing has changed in the geography or economy of the state that might justify changing the districting as drastically as Map 11 proposes. The rough use of the continental divide was--and is--a reasonable dividing line, and splitting of counties should be limited as much as possible. As to "fairness" to both parties, history itself is evidence that Montanans are fiercely independent when it comes to party-line voting. Haven't we just completed 16 years with Democrat governors before the present Republican? How about the numbers and numbers of years Senator Daines' seat was held by Democrats? The pendulum swings back and forth and Montanans have had their favorite sons and daughters from both parties. Using the results of the 2020 election to draw illogical and contrived districting lines makes no sense in the long-term picture. Map 12 is my first choice, Map 10 my second and Map 13 my third. I totally object to Map 11. Thank you	Kathleen Burt	commakaysie@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Dislike	Terrible map! Flathead should not be put in the East, not only does it not keep communities of interest together, it also would cause our Congressperson to travel vast distances. The Canadian border should be of a more equal split and the same goes for the Native American tribes. This map only has one tribe, the Salish Kootenai, in the West. This map SHOULD NOT even be considered.	Connie Dale	ConstanceDale@yahoo.com	Bigfork, MT	MT
CP11 Dislike	I don't like Map CP11 because it splits Flathead county and puts it in the east, which is ridiculous! I completely agree with the comments of Edward Salmon!	Debbie M Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 comes closest to reaching the stated goal of fair and competitive districts. I also think this option best respects regional similarities in economy, culture, and service systems.	Doris Fischer	dfischer@3rivers.net	SHERIDAN	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11.This map keeps the union-dense communities of Helena, Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda in one, politically competitive legislative district without favoring one party over the other. Helena used to be in the Western District and should remain so going forward.	James Holbrook	jamesaholbrook@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 because it provides the most competitive congressional election districts. Keeping Park and Gallatin counties together is crucial, as (sadly) Park county is becoming a satellite population to Bozeman, and have similar political interests. It's really important that we have 2 districts that are competitive, so that Montana will finally have honest representation in the House.	Charlotte Freeman	cmf406@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	Dividing Communities doesn't make sense. Plan 11 creates a competitive Western seat than can be won by either party. Plan 12, as history has shown, creates an unfair advantage to one party. Congressional boundaries should be fair to both parties.	Jim Larson	jimlarson190@gmail.com	Billings	Montana

	I support Map 11. Of the finalist maps, only 11 does the best job of keeping community intact and not unduly favoring a political party. I think this is extremely important for voting blocs in Lewis and Clark County, Gallatin County, and Pondera County. Furthermore, several of the maps put entire counties that have historically never been in an Eastern District or that wouldn't otherwise be considered Eastern in the East. Therefore, I support Map 11.				
CP11 Like	Thank you for your time and for your consideration during this process.	Jacob Foster	jacob.foster1848@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	CP11 is the worst map of those being considered. By exiling the economic and healthcare hub in the northern end of the district in the east while simultaneously reducing the tribal representation to one entity, make it singularly unsatisfactory. The commonalities of this area include Glacier Park and Flathead Lake which bind us to our tribal neighbors in their management. This, combined with isolation by mountains, highways and weather from the eastern part of the state make splitting the Flathead and CP11 untenable. Please consider CP12 the best compromise	David Ingram	dli1957@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP11 Dislike	Just say NO, this is terrible putting the Flathead in the east makes no sense.	Alan wilson	acwilson@acwei.com	Kila	MT
CP11 Dislike	While I agree that splitting any county is not ideal, I believe splitting Flathead County creates a disproportionate disadvantage for our region, which is already notably more isolated than other counties under consideration for a split. Given its isolation and heavy reliance on tourism as an economy driver, the Flathead County must have a singular advocate focus on the area's overall considerations. Splitting out Kalispell and placing it in the Eastern District means that this community is certain to be underserved. Historically, when we had two districts, Kalispell and the entirety of the Flathead Valley was in the Western District. Kalispell aligns with the industries of the west and far removed from the eastern side of the state in comparison with a county such as Gallatin, which is on the Interstate and only two hours from either Helena or Billings. All Montanans deserve to have a voice and the opportunity to work with their congressional delegation - I believe CP-11 unfairly isolates Kalispell but regionally and economically. I believe CP-10, CP-12 or CP-13 strike a better compromise but CP-11 is an unacceptable solution.	Courtenay Sprunger	courtenaysprunger@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 because it achieves population equality, keeps Gallatin County and its cities whole, keeps Gallatin and Park Counties in the new district (Bozeman and Livingston have similar interests), and provides for more competitive Congressional elections. Please adopt CP11.	Brian R Globerman	bgloberman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	This is the map I would encourage the commissioners to pick as it keeps Gallatin County whole and keeps Gallatin and Madison County in the same district. The economies of both counties are fueled by outdoor recreation and tourism. Keeping them whole and in the same district keeps these two communities of interest together.	Cindy Gockel	redrockcin2@gmail.com	Ennis	MT

CP11 Like	I still think that map 11 is the most representative of what has been drawn. Gallatin County should not be split up as it is the fastest growing county in the state and it has much in common throughout the entirety of the county. To split the county would only lose the voice of many similar citizens and residents who have a lot in common.	Clinton Nagel	clint_nagel@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Dislike	Clearly gerrymandered to favor one political party. Is not compact. Is ridiculous to have Kalispell in East while Helena and Bozeman are in West.	Theron Nelson	terryndar@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP11 Dislike	I prefer to split the state in half as shown on some of the original maps I would pray you folks making the decision as to where the division is it be as the law states. I would also pray your decision be made with the utmost integrity. I also would not want to see any county split. Thank you	James E Buechle	buechlejim@gmail.com	kalispell	Montana
CP11 Like	Map CP11 is the most fair and even map of them all. Gallatin County should not be split because north and south Gallatin are so economically connected and together an important economic driver. Lewis & Clark belongs in the western district, not with Yellowstone County and rural eastern Montana. Please adopt CP11.	Eric Holm	eholm0@hotmail.com	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	I am writing to voice my support of apportionment map 11. (Congressional proposal 13 would actually be my first choice.) I believe these map options most pointedly address Montana's districting and apportionment objectives and have the best chance to ensure congressional representation that reflects the state's mix of voting interests. The decision of the committee will influence Montana's economic, cultural and environmental direction for years to come and fair representation of all of our citizen's priorities depends on your decision. Thanks for your work on this important task and for your sincere consideration and reflection as you reach a final decision.	Layne Rolston	layne.mt.layne@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Dislike	Violates MT Code 5-1-115 and the federal Voters Act. This is gerrymandering.	Ruth Wardell	rwardell@rocketmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	This is the best map for everyone	Jerry Gilbert	austinblindsay@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties should be included in the western half. Helena communities have more in common with communities west of the divide.	Ronald Jerryson	austinblindsay@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 is the better map.	Mark McKinley	Bangpony@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP11 Like	CP11 is the best choice. It gives both parties the opportunity to elect an official from their party. Without this map Democrats would not have any opportunity of being represented which represents nearly half of the state's population. Also, if a Republican is elected, maybe they will be more moderate if that species is not totally extinct.	Marjory McClaren	marjmcl@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Like	I support this map.	Elizabeth Paddock	epaddock11@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT

CP11 Dislike	NO to CP 11. Stop trying to make Montana into California. With a map like this, that is what will happen. Keep Flathead county together and in the western district, which is EXACTLY WHERE IT IS LOCATED -- in WESTERN Montana. Does anyone like CA? Does anyone favoring this map look at CA as an example to aspire to? Giving the party that destroyed that state power here is suicide. I don't care about competitiveness for democrats (marxists). All they do is take and destroy. Move to CA. Go enjoy the fruits of the destruction caused by your voting: power outages, water shortages, ruined schools, high crime and defunded police, overcrowding from an open border, zoning codes meant to end the suburbs, homelessness and tent cities, high taxes, businesses shut down because of covid policies, and open drug use in the public. None of that should ever come to Montana. Vote AGAINST CP 11.	Michael Noonan	mjn687@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is unacceptable because it divides Flathead County in a way that can only be explained by Democratic political self-interest. The reason Montana decided to create a bipartisan commission was to ensure that districts were drawn on the basis of legally recognized principles like shared community interests and compactness, not partisan politics. Flathead County functions as a unit culturally and commercially, with thousands commuting every day between its cities, and it also has important commercial ties with Missoula. As Rocky Mountain counties that contain parts of premier National Parks, Flathead County shares far more interests with Gallatin County than it does with the plains of Eastern Montana, and both belong in the western district.	Edward Salmon	esalmon@montanasky.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11, keeping communities compact and joined, rather than splitting towns and counties is far superior a way to have valid congressional districts.	Christopher Shoup	Christophershoup@gmail.com	Heart Butte	Montana
CP11 Opinion	After viewing all the submitted maps, I think CP11 is the best choice, altho I dislike splitting counties. Also strongly oppose any elected officials from having any input on this issue as it would absolutely be biased toward their party. We, the People are the ones that should help this commission make a final decision!	Jeanette Copeland	jeanette@bigsky.net	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP 11. It seems like the most fair option.	Rebeca C Bauder	rcbauder@gmail.com	Bigfork	Montana
CP11 Like	I support CP 11, District 1, for dividing up the electoral map of Montana. It's the only choice for an attempt at a fair election.	Donald H Bauder	bigern11@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP11 Like	map 11 gives everyone a fair chance. It makes the most sense	susan d rosen	susan.rosen374@gmail.com	Charlo	MT
CP11 Like	I don't like dividing counties, but I've lived in both Kalispell and Bozeman and dividing the Flathead makes more sense than dividing the Gallatin. Whitefish ideology is far different than Kalispell, so having separate congressional representation is actually quite sensible.	Sam Kuhlin	samkuhlin@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11 Dislike	This map is a clear gerrymander, so obvious. The people of Montana will not sit down for this. Flathead out of the west ridiculous!	Don Kaltschmidt	Don@donk.com	Whitefish	Mt
CP11 Opinion	I support proposal 11	Jennifer Crenshaw Pryor	Wbcjcp@yahoo.com	Boulder	MT

CP11 Like	In today's hyper partisan environment we need more than ever strategies to create competitiveness, ensuring candidates need all our votes. This is why I support Map 11. It meets the Commission adopted criteria and goals, meaning: 1) be as close to equal in population as possible, 2) be compact & contiguous while minimizing dividing communities of interest, cities, towns, counties, and reservations, 3) comply with the Voter Rights Act, and finally and most importantly, 4) not unduly favor a political party and take into account competitiveness, ensuring candidates need to work for our votes.	Amy Olson	amyolson55@gmail.com	Belt	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP11 as it does not split Gallatin County and keeps Gallatin and Park County together which is important since the two communities are deeply intertwined. CP 11 would also create a more competitive district, providing the best option for Indigenous voices to be heard.	Emma Nguyen	nguyen.r.emma@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP11 Like	Only Proposal 11 creates a competitive district for Montana. Proposal 11 splits one county (Flathead) but no towns to ensure perfect population equality between districts. Proposal 10 splits Gallatin County and the small towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway, while moving Helena to District 2 unlike any proposal thus far, and would gerrymander the state, creating two safe seats for Republicans.	Robert Hunter	bob@webpatent.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I prefer this map as Gallatin is not split between districts and Park and Gallatin counties are in the same district. Residents in Park and Gallatin have many common issues and concerns. There are many of us who thru residency, work, shopping and recreation have vested interests in both counties.	Albert Pendergrass	al.pendergrass@pm.me	Livingston	MT
CP11 Dislike	Map CP-11 is a terrible map that is based on trying to carve out specific party districts and it does not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please throw out this map and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.	Mike Fouhy	mikef@heisco.net	Billings	MT
CP11 Like	I support Map 11 because it looks fair to both parties. It's not giving either side an advantage.	Kenneth Cook	Kencook372@gmail.com	Wolf Creek	MT
CP11 Like	Map 11 is my choice of the 2 maps left. I oppose Map 10.	C. Ochsner	luminisone@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	Map 11 is the most fair in that it provides a balanced approach for both political parties.	Tom Woodgerd	woodtjw@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Dislike	I dislike this map because it's not representative of Montana. Montana is a vast rural, for the most part, land. This map is trying to put the two fastest growing counties together in the same district.  The worst part is it is chopping up Flathead County in order to keep the population even.  There is a much better map that should be considered. <a href="https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b">https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e0a5c47f-4434-47ff-b0a9-01233ba3a87b</a> This map does not split any counties and the population is within 50 people.	Jack Marshall	Jmac@jmacfinance.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I support Map 11. We need fair, competitive districts.	Cathy Pasquarello	cpasco70@gmail.com	Billings	Montana

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CP11 Dislike		Karen Marshall	Gallygosip@jmacfinance.com	Bizeman	Montana
CP11 Like	I support Map #11 as it creates a competitive district winnable by either party for the foreseeable future. Map #13 is also a good compromise choice as well, from my perspective.	DAVID SASLAV	dsaslav@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP11 Like	I am in support of proposal 11.	Michael Videon	mvideon@q.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12 as it is unfair, not competitive and intentionally draws both districts to heavily favor one party and slices and separates communities.	Bonita Ball	berrysoup67@gmail.com	Harlem/Fort Belknap	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not like this map. It appears to unfairly favor the ranking party. While it leaves Gallatin County intact, it is splitting up other counties that have more cohesiveness and would be well-served by Map 13(or 11). We need several districts that do not appear to lean into gerrymandering and provide all people with hope and a sense that democracy is being fairly served. Thanks for your humble efforts to make this redistricting as fair as possible.	Sheila Ann Shapiro	sheshapiro@centurytel.net	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Like	I am opposed to Map #12. I very much appreciate the hard work of this committee and I understand this is not an easy decision. But I would like to comment on Map number 12. This map disproportionately favors one party as well as splitting Silver Bow from Jefferson Co. During the last redistricting commission it was deemed that Silver Bow and Jefferson County are like communities with a lot in common. So much so that the previous commission decided that Butte and Jefferson County could share a Senate seat and be appropriately represented during legislative sessions. Silver Bow and Jefferson County share a very rich history and do not deserve to be fractured for the political gain of a single political party.	Pat Noonan	patnoons@gmail.com	Butte	MT

		I strongly oppose CP-12. The Commission unanimously approved mandatory criteria and goals for the maps, including that no plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party. CP-12 runs directly counter to that unanimously approved goal since it overwhelmingly favors Republican candidates and does show by splitting communities that have similar interests (e.g., Lewis & Clark County from Missoula County and Livingston / Park County from Bozeman / Gallatin County). Enacting this district would make it so that candidates and elected officials would not have to win a broad swath of support, but instead could appeal to only a small section of the population, leading to less responsive leaders, public policy, and leading to a less healthy democracy. As such, CP-12 does not uphold either the letter or the spirit of the Commission's adopted criteria and goals, and should be rejected.			
CP12 Dislike		(Apologies if I have submitted a duplicate comment -- the interactive map comment feature was acting glitchy earlier.)	Rachel Garwin	rachel.garwin@gmail.com	Missoula MT
CP12 Dislike		Helena should not be in the Eastern District. We have more in common with with District 1 than we have with Eastern Montana.	Jodi Medlar	jnmedlar@gmail.com	Helena MT
CP12 Dislike		Please choose fair and competitive districts and not a map that favors one party like this map12.	Teresa Knutson	rmtcons@yahoo.com	Kalispell Montana
CP12 Like		CP10 and CP12 do not meet the commission's criteria for competitiveness and divide like-minded communities such as Gallatin and Park counties. They silence the voices of union members and rural citizens. This is not how we conduct free and fair elections in Montana. Please reject these two maps. Thank you.	Brenda Moen	brendamoen691@gmail.com	Whitefish MT
CP12 Dislike		Map 12 is not representative of competitive and fair districts. Please listen to the will of the people and refrain from gerrymandering our districts.	Marye Wozniak	awwozniak@hotmail.com	Thompson Falls MT
CP12 Dislike		I do not support Map 12. It does not create a competitive district for Montana voters of any party. We need representation that seeks to meet all Montanan needs not just being bullied by Republicans who seem to be out of touch with everyday voters's struggles. Choose Map 11.	Linda L Henderson	Linda.henderson801@gmail.com	Missoula MT
CP12 Dislike		I definitely reject the choice of Map 12. CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin and the regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2. CP 12 also separates Butte from Jefferson. This makes no sense as people commute daily. It also splits a small rural county ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both congresspeople. CP12 ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our large urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice. Please select a map that represents a fair representation of all Montanans. The future of our state is on the line. This should not be a partisan decision. I think Map 11 is a much fairer, nonpartisan option.	Ren Evanoff	twocurlygal@yahoo.com	Livingston MT

CP12	Dislike	Strongly disagree with this. Just another attempt to gain more power and silence the people of Montana>	Daniel L Casey	montanadan62@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Like	I support selection of CP 12. With CP12, both Districts 1 and 2 have near equal populations, are compact and the division of counties is realistically minimal. Equal population and compactness of Districts should be of paramount importance.	James R McGill	j.mcgill@bresnan.net	Billings	MT
CP12	Like	This map is not competitive and does not meet the commission's goals.	Jerry Fahrenthold	jerryfahrenthold@gmail.com	Red Lodge	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not result in one of the districts being competitive as both are strongly biased towards the party currently in power over the state. Thus there is no foothold for the minority to establish competitive candidates in either district.	Daniel Biehl	dsbiehl@yahoo.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I oppose this map. It does not represent a competitive district. It comprises a district that would provide an unfair advantage to the GOP in all elections.	Sherry L Milburn	smilburn@bresnan.net	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I dislike Map 12, and strongly encourage the Commission to give us 2 districts that DO NOT favor 1 party over another. This "jerrymandering" of our districts needs to stop. Fair & Equal--that's what we Montanan's want!	Sharon Sweeney	ingarden@peoplepc.com	Huson	Montana
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CP12	Opinion	I oppose Map 12 because it does not support a competitive district and favors one political party. Competition is good for Montana. I think it is important to minimize splitting counties and communities. Map 11 is more competitive and fair and follows the rules set out by the committee.	Tammy L Minge	minge@frogrockdesign.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map CP-12 is not representative of competitive and fair districts.	GREGORY ZELL	gregzell406@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12	Dislike	I want to see Montana continue our proud tradition to vote for the individual and not whether a candidate has a D or R by their name. The best chance to do this is to have at least one of our districts be competitive, and thus forcing candidates to address issues and not hide behind their party leaders.	David Parsons	dparsons.mt@gmail.com	Florence	MT



Adopt Map CP-12

November 2, 2021

I strongly support Map CP-12 because:

• keeps Flathead County in the Western District.

• includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

• keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.

• only splits 1 county

After all the hard work and deliberations I believe that this is the best choice.

This option respects the Montana Constitution.

This option respects Montana law.

This option respects the true political landscape in Montana today.

For those who say that this option favors Republicans, I say that Republicans are winning elections not because they have manipulated voter redistricting but because they have the answers to today's problems and issues that Montanans support.

Democrats desire to win elections through the redistricting process. But they need to win elections by holding and presenting the best ideas and solutions to stop America's slide into totalitarianism, and thereby winning the votes of freedom loving Montanans.

Thank you for your consideration.

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CP12 Dislike	This map does not meet the commission's goals of having a competitive district and it clearly unduly favors one party over another. Looking at all the election data since 2014, Republican candidates have won the eastern based district 100% of the time and the Western based district 75% percent of the time. When you factor non-incumbent Democratic candidates, the Republican candidate wins the western based district 86% of the time. Finally, as an R+7 this district would be more Republican than any district currently held by a Democratic member of Congress. Common sense tells us that a map where one party wins one district 100% of the time and another district 75% of the time is not competitive and would unduly favor one party over the other.	Suzanne Trainor	trainor.suzanne@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I want to see Montana continue our proud tradition to vote for the individual and not whether a candidate has a D or R by their name. The best chance to do this is to have at least one of our districts be competitive, and thus forcing candidates to address issues and not hide behind their party leaders.	David Parsons	dparsons.mt@gmail.com	Florence	MT
CP12 Like	Map 12 is clearly the least partisan. Geographically it keeps counties and cities together, and follows the natural path of the divide. The alternate is designed for a political result of giving the party out of power as a whole, greater power than it deserves. Political advantage should come from convincing voters of the party's superior values and and ideas, not by district manipulation. Just because we have two major parties does not mean districts should be drawn to assign each a "party" house seat.	Lynn Grant	lgrantcashlaw@aol.com	Harlowton	MT
CP12 Dislike	As a person from Helena, I believe we should be on the western side.	Eva Hicks	swimmergirl406@outlook.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	First and foremost you need to be making sure that any map proposal meets the requirements of the Montana State Constitution. Map 12 does a much better job then ones I have previously seen. Kalispell is in the Northwest corner of Montana and should not be included in anyway with the eastern portion of Montana.	Brenda Miller	sammie01@centurytel.net	Kalispell	MT
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CP12 Like	I like the district 2 map as it is fair. Which is CP12. I think this is what you shoe use. Much more fair than the previous maps. Please vote for 12.	Elizabeth B Lamb	libbie4fun@aol.com	Butte	MT

	I support Map CP12 for many reasons: it keeps Flathead County, the county I've resided in for 14 years, in the Western District; it includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes; it also keeps Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties whole; CP12 only splits 1 county. I Do Not support Map CP11 nor CP13 because: CP11 puts most of Flathead county in the east, CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans, and CP13 splits TOO many counties.				
CP12 Like		Michelle Daniels	michelle.daniels40@gmail.com	Whitefish West	Montana
CP12 Like	I support map CP12 as it is the most logical choice and offers the best balance for Montana.	Tashina Smith	smitht2507@gmail.com	Yellowstone	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I oppose this map. It is not competitive.	Kathryn Schmidt	kaschmidt9@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12 because it does not support a competitive district and favors one political party. Competition is good for Montana. Additionally, as a resident of Park County, I think it makes more sense for our area to be included in the western district. I also think it is important to minimize splitting counties and communities.	Sarah Hubbart	sarahehubbart@gmail.com	Livingston	USA
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. It's time for a district that is competitive. Districts should not be drawn to favor one political party but to promote representation of the entire constituency. Oppose CP 12! It is not competitive.	Susan Elliott	elli@startmail.com	Red Lodge	MT
CP12 Dislike	Dear Mr. Lamson,  I am a resident of Livingston and oppose Map 12. Bozeman and Livingston are closely connected economically and socially. The needs and concerns of Livingston are closely in tune with Bozeman and quite out sinc with district 2. If Park county is split off from Bozeman and pushed into district 2, I feel like our voices will be silenced. Please don't let that happen to us or other small county communities. It seems most equitable to me to keep all of Park and Gallatin in one district and put Yellowstone and most of Flathead in another. Over the next 10 years, these will be the fastest growing counties in the state. Map 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin county. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy and our interests will be ignored in District 2. I would like county splits to acknowledge and respect communities of interest	Laurel Rhodes	drImrhodes@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12 Like	I support CP12, as it seems sensible and does not split Flathead County.	Mary Lou Johnson	nox2663@blackfoot.net	Noxon, Montana	MT

CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. It slices Park county off of Gallatin County. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy and our interests will be ignored in district 2. County splits should respect communities of interest.	Laurel Rhodes	drlmrhodes@gmail.com	Livingston	United State
CP12 Like	Of the maps that are currently under consideration, I support CP12, it best meets the intent of the legislation.	Raymond Vincent	rsvincent2020@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP12 Dislike	Only 49% of Montanans identify as Republican, yet you insist on considering maps that only favor Republican representation. What about the other 51% of us? Make at least ONE district competitive. Go back to Map 11!	SHIRLEY N ATKINS	zoolmntree@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT - Montan
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 does not meet the objectives of the commission. It places Lewis and Clark county and eastern Montana which is not contiguous politically or geographically, additionally it does not create any competitive district in the state of Montana. This would have the effect of further encouraging political discord and extreme views within both parties. It is a critical importance to the political future of Montana at a local and state level that a competitive district be created. Map 12 does not create a competitive district. Maps 2,6,8, and 13 do the best jobs at creating a competitive district which will help encourage more centrist and civil political positions.	Nick Lawyer	Nick.lawyer@montana.com	Plains	MT
CP12 Like	I support map 12.	Lola Jeffers	lrkacey@gmail.com	Three Forks	Montana
CP12 Opinion	I support Map CP12 because: it keeps Flathead County in the Western District Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Â· It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole Â· it only splits 1 county Â· I don't like CP11 because it puts most of Flathead County in the east. Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it Â· CP13 splits too many counties Â· Keep Lewis and Clark county whole	margaret williams	berkeleymarg@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Like	Please see linked comments	Theron Nelson	terryndar@hotmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	I am in favor of this map because it is competitive, fair, and equitable to both parties	Joe Young	joe@emmanuelbible.org	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 separates Lewis and Clark County from the western district and creates no competitive districts, and I do not support it. I favor CP11.	Micah Sewell	Micah.g.sewell@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map because it does not follow the mandatory criteria adopted by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission, July 2021	Deborah Horning	deborahjaffe@hotmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Like	I support map 12.	Georgia Icenoggle	icenogle@northerntel.net	Cut Bank	Montana

CP12 Like	I support map CP-12. I meets the legislative intent of HB506 better than Maps 10, 11, or 13. Map CP-1 is the very best map which the public has overwhelmingly supported because it has the least gerrymandering as intended by HB506.	Bruce Cartwright	bruce606@gmail.com	Pablo	MT
CP12 Like	I support map CP12. It divides Montana geographically as it should be. Attempts to divide Montana on a "non-competitive" basis is clearly an attempt at gerrymandering with the goal of giving one political party an undue advantage.	Joshua Zapata	joshuazapata@me.com	Worden	MT
CP12 Like	Most logical and sensible.	William Icenoggle	icenogle@northerntel.net	Cut Bank	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is not competitive. I favor Map 11.	Molly M Miller	whitefishmmm@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map deliberately divides areas with similar economic interests. It favors the party that drew the map and will disenfranchise many rural voters. We need a map that results in our voices being heard and this one does not do that.	Sheryl Stansbury	stansbury@midrivers.com	Glendive	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 10 and 12 create 2 non competitive districts, creating political bias on the part of the commission which has been set up to AVOID this very thing. Can we be any more clear? We want districts that will allow a fair competitive election. Stop gerrymandering and realize that creating non competitive districts goes against the decision criteria stated by the commission!	Cynthia Di Francesco	cyndifran@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map does not align with the stated goals of the Commission. Let's not divide communities even more than they already appear to be.	Sarah	s.rosenberg87@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Please do not select Map 12. Montanans value their independent streak. This is a state that benefits from a variety of perspectives but also manages to find a lot of common ground. Competitive districts ensure that government officials hear a variety of voices, seek out that common ground, and develop effective government that benefits a majority of Montanans. Please support Map 11 instead.	Katherine Nelson	kt.nelson02@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is non-competitive and does not meet the goals and criteria adopted by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission in July, 2021.	Dan Stone	dstone@mountainline.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I am in favor of map 13.	Lynn-Wood Fields	lynnwood13@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	L & C co in eastern district does not reflect voter majority leaning. Does not provide for competitive districts.	Joyce J Bateman	494evr@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	As a committee, you owe the people of this great state the ability to know their Congressmen/Women. This map affords those who are elected the ability to visit every community in their district, rather than being spread so thin that the people do not know them	Jim Canton	pennylane214@hotmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Dislike	This is a bad map. This makes it so only republicans will ever win.	Jake Brown	jakebrown406@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
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CP12 Opinion	Vote NO to Map 12! No way is it competitive and it violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party! It also intentionally cracks the union! In addition, the largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice. Just say NO to Prop 12!	Gloria Garceau-Glaser	gloinglendive@yahoo.com	Glendive	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 creates two non-competitive congressions districts and divides contiguous populations. In both of these, it fails to meet the unanimously approved guidelines for redistricting.	John Brock	john.m.brock@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	This map makes it easier for the people of the great state of Montana to know their Congressmen/Women in person as it will be easier for those elected to visit every community which they represent. As a committee, you owe that to the people	Penney Howe	penneylane214@hotmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Like	the best map	william curt shumaker	mtshus@gmail.com	Great Falls	Montana
CP12 Dislike	My earlier positive comment was regarding map C11, not this map. I do not support C12 - it makes two non-competitive districts in a state that is more "purple" than "red." The districting should reflect the political character of the state.	Greg J Martin	yablonowitz@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is uncompetitive and does not meet the criteria set forth by the commission	Matthew Purcell	perkpurcell17@gmail.com	Ennis	MT
CP12 Like	Map 1 should help ensure that Montana has a representative who better represents the people of the area. Face it the western part of the state with the universities, does skew Blue.	Patricia Jensen	patkatj@msn.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Opinion	Support for MAP11 Based on the decision criteria stated by the Redistricting Commission MAP 11 is the only map which satisfies these. Any other choice shows political bias on the part of the commission. Enough is enough.	Eric Scranton	eric_scranton@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
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CP12 Dislike	Support map #11 or #13	Sarah Sorensen	sarahesorensen@outlook.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	This is a bad map.	Jake Brown	jakebrown406@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Like	I support map CP12 as being better at meeting the legislative intent of HB506 better than maps 10, 11, or 13. I say this as the sponsor of HB506 because CP12 is the least gerrymandered of those 4 maps but is not as good as the original MAP CP-1 which the public has previously overwhelmingly supported. Comments that address political competitiveness or past election results should be disregarded because they are prohibited by law. If they are considered, then this commission is operating outside the law. If you can't follow the legislative intent of map CP1, then map CP12 is the next best option.	Paul Fielder	pcfilder@blackfoot.net	Thompson Falls, MT	MT
CP12 Dislike	I support Map 11 or 13	Kristin Nell Smith	knell7@yahoo.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 does not create any competitive district therefore not meeting the agreed upon criteria.	Pam Meissner	Pmeissner7@yahoo.com	Billings	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 puts Lewis & Clark County in the east and does not create a competitive district.	Stephanie Lindsay	stephanie.lindsay@montana.edu	Bozeman	MT

CP12	Dislike	Rural votes MATTER especially in Montana.	Paul Grove	bludatta@yahoo.com	Eureka	MT
CP12	Dislike	Dislike Map 12. This map creates no competitive districts which I am in favor of. Also, Lewis and Clark county should be in the Western District.	Lorinda Bollwitt	lbollwitt@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	This is not competitive. In July 2021, the Commission unanimously adopted criterion and goals that included adopting competitive districts when possible so as to not unduly favor a political party.	Christian Black	blackak@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I lived in Butte for 38 years. Many, many of my co-workers drove daily from Whitehall. It makes no sense to split them off into separate congressional districts!	Lawrence Maxwell	maxneva@montanasky.net	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP 12, which is little more than a blatant attempt to give republicans more favorability of control over both districts. Moreover, Helena/Lewis & Clark County belongs in the west not the eastern block.	Kyle Joyner	thewalkingdharma@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not support Map 12 because it creates no competitive districts. Without competitive districts, politicians will have no incentive to consider the diversity of perspectives in Montana and many Montanans will be denied the opportunity to gain representation in their government.	Evora Glenn	evoradglenn@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I DO NOT SUPPORT Map 12. Map 12 does NOT create competitive districts which is a stated goal of the Commission ! The criteria set forth by the Commission state that a map should not unduly favor either political party. I ask that the commission maintain independence and evaluate the maps based on the criteria initially put forth. The prolonged comment periods and changing of map numbers is complicated and polarizing the process.	Eric Scranton	eric_scranton@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I don't like map 12 because it doesn't create a competitive district. I have just as much of a right to have my voice heard as others. I understand some people don't want their count split but I believe that pales to knowing that I can have a chance at some representation. As of now my Congress person could care less what I say because I am in the minority in the state and they DON'T HAVE TO CARE. We deserve at least one competitive district.	michele puiggari	michele@mpuiggari.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP 12 because it creates non-competitive districts despite the Commission unanimously agreeing to include competitive districts in July 2021. Additionally, Gallatin and Park County communities are deeply intertwined and share common issues and should not be separated from one another.	Emma Nguyen	nguyen.r.emma@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12	Opinion	I support Map#11. It keeps Bozeman and Livingston together in the Western district. That works both geographically and ideologically. I urge you to make that map the delineation of our districts.	Tandy Miles Riddle	tandyriddle@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	By putting Lewis and Clark county in the East, this map creates NO competitive districts	Frances Tucker	fmtucker2@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Opinion	I dislike map 12 because it splits Gallatin County and is not competitive.	Gloria Edwards	mikeandgloria@bresnan.net	Manhattan	Montana 59

CP12 Dislike	It's not following MCA rules for redistricting to divide the YNP gateway communities of Park and Gallatin counties or Butte from Helena. These communities share economic and social interests that should not be divided. While Flathead County wants to be in the West, it is an agricultural area that share common economic interests with Eastern MT and should be included with the East.	Maureen Byrne	byrnem4@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike Map 12 as it contains no competitive districts and favors one political party. It violates the guidelines established by the Redistricting Committee. It is not fair to the citizens of Montana.	Jennifer N Macy	jnmacy@hotmail.com	Emigrant	Montana
CP12 Like	CP-12 is a much preferable layout of the districts. While I have supported CP-1 thus far, but I believe CP-12 to have some improvements over it. It's an equitable choice for all concerned. Stop all the political gerrymandering and proceed with this option.	Roy Ray Melton	roym51@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I strongly support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county. I have provided in person comments in Helena and now I am using the opportunity to once again reiterate my choice. Thank you for your consideration.	Linda J Shannon	Groovycowgirl@Hotmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Like	Like CP12 because, 1) The liberals who are against it cry that it's not competitive, and 2) as another comment pointed out HB506 is Montana law. Districts are not to be drawn with the goal of being competitive. (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan: (a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress; (b) political affiliations of registered voters; (c) partisan political voter lists; or (d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court	Gary Gackle	glgfarms@midrivers.com	Circle	Montana
CP12 Like	I heartily approve Map CP 12, and ask that the Commission do likewise. CP 12 keeps the Flathead in the West, and gives Montana an equitable split between the West and the East, and has a 0% deviation. It also only splits one county. I also like that it keeps Lewis and Clark, Gallatin and Flathead counties whole. Please select CP 12! Thank you.	Lauralee O'Neil	lauralee22@protonmail.com	Kalispell	MT



	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>â€¢ It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>â€¢ it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>â€¢ it only splits 1 county</li> <li>â€¢ I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> </ul> <p>â€¢ CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>â€¢ CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>â€¢ keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>				
CP12 Like		Randall V Rule	Randall.rule@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 fails to meet the standard of competitiveness that should be the goal. It splits communities that should remain together and, effectively, denies rural voices a chance to be heard.	Karen L Morris	busterm@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
CP12 Dislike	I support either Map 11 or 13. They most closely meet the stated goals of creating non-partisan districts. Map 12 creates 2 districts which have been shown to be non-competitive, resulting in poor representation of a large portion of voters.	Cynthia Williams	Cabingrammy@gmail.com	Proctor	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map 11. Map 12 is clearly very biased. It makes no attempt to be impartial.	Mary k Hoag	kayhoag6@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I prefer CP12 because it keeps most counties whole, it has divides the state in the most logical manner geographically and meets all the criteria given to the redistributing commission. Yes, for CP12.	Nancy Norberg	nnorberg0521@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Do not support CP12 as it separates communities of interest.	Kevin Ward	ward.kevinpatrick@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Like	CP12 is the best choice according to the law MCA 5-1-115 4 (b) the number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as small as possible.	Amy Lynn Elliott	elliotta73@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	<p>it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</p> <p>It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</p> <p>it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</p> <p>it only splits 1 county</p>	Mark Manoukian	manouk@mtintouch.net	Malta	Montana

CP12 Like	I support Map C12 â€” it is fair and follows the Commissionâ€™s Mandatory Criteria and Goals for Congressional Districts document that was published by you on or about July 9th. All other maps are clear gerrymandering for political leverage.	Veronica Bovee-Anderson	vbovee@msn.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12! Let's keep Lewis And Clark County Whole. Our votes should stay in the same county where our best interests lie. Also, lets allow a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. CP12 splits only 1 county and keep Lewis & Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin Counties whole.	Lori Page	iluvboox@live.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Dislike	The map doesn't meet the Commission-set criteria that a map should not unduly favor either political party. I ask that the commission maintain independence and evaluate the maps based on the criteria initially put forth. The prolonged comment periods and changing of map numbers is complicated and polarizing the process.	Chris Cordingley	cordingley.chris@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support cp12.	William C Seymour	billcmor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map12 is NOT competitive. I do NOT support CP12.	Jane Maahs	montana.jm554@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 is the map with the least amount of splitting counties and makes the most sense in a competitive standard. Gerrymandering by the democrats is completely wrong for Montana.	TC Thompson	huskerpower5904@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Like	please select CP12. It would not be horrendous to split Flathead County. We are a county as one. We belong on the west, as it would also be awful to split Helena from its county-- Helena belongs on the East. Causing more division among Montanans. -- The dems are claiming competitiveness is their reason to tear up two counties???????? We are unified as one county-- The Flathead and we have both liberals and republicans-- we have Whitefish and Kalispell-- And we are one, even though we may be opposites in political beliefs. Please Do not Split our county!	roseann quinn	Roseann@dquinnconst.com	Kalispell	N/A
CP12 Like	Montana needs a map that links communities with common interests and that leave at least one district competitive politically. These are political maps after all. C12 is the closet thing between the two finalists.	Greg J Martin	yablonowitz@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Opinion	I support either map 11 or 13!	Edie Journey	ediejourney@hotmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Like	I'm in favor of Map 12 as it best represents all the people of Montana . Map 12 will keep Flathead County in the West along with the two major tribes where they belong. This process is meant to be fair to all citizens and Map 12 accomplishes that goal. Thank you for all your hard work	Larry Ashcraft	lashcraft42@gmail.com	Polson	MT

CP12 Like	<p>Thank you for all the work you’ve put into these maps. I support CP12 because it competitively includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, giving them a bigger voice and more representation. According to the law Redistricting Criteria MCA 5-1-115 4 (b) the number of counties and cities divided among more than one district must be as small as possible, which CP 12 does by only dividing one county, keeping Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. I’m not in favor of CP 13 for this reason because it divides 3 counties. And I’m not in favor of CP 11 because it divides Flathead County and puts part of it in the Eastern District”and I don’t feel that that map is good for Montana. Out of all the maps, I feel that CP 12 is the best for Montana as a state and is the best competitive map for its residents.</p>	Rebecca Ondov	contact@Rebeccaondov.com	Corvallis	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>I don't approve of Map 12. It does not meet the Commission-set criteria that a map should not unduly favor either political party. The Commission has been trusted with a very important process and I worry choosing Map 12 will carry consequences for generations, including losing this decision to the partisan legislature.</p>	Kristin Cordingley	kristincordingley@gmail.com	HELENA	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>Even though I am a resident of Park County, I work part time in Gallatin County. As a result, I understand that Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Park County's interests will be ignored in District 2. The people of Park County should be included with Gallatin because the economy and social interests are more closely tied to Gallatin County than to eastern Montana.</p>	Caroline M Rehder	mtcorazon@earthlink.net	Livingston	MT

I'm in favor of Map CP12 because:

Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District

Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district

Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole

Â· it only splits 1 county

Â· I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.

Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it

Â· CP13 splits too many counties

Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole

I'm disappointed that several other maps that were more lawful are off the table now, not being considered, so being limited to only a few maps now, CP 12 is the closest of the few to being the fairest map.

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I oppose CP 12.

CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2.

CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party. Republicans won every single statewide election in both of these districts in CP 12 in the most recent election. There were 8 statewide races in 2020 and Republicans won all of them in both districts. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.

CP 12 separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day, and it makes no sense at all to separate the two communities.

CP 12 intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

CP 12 splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. County splits should respect communities of interest and large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.

CP12	Dislike	CP 12 ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas	Gail Waldby	gwaldby@pat7.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not meet the standard of competitiveness that we need.	Nicole Rosenleaf Ritter	rosenleaf@aya.yale.edu	Bozeman	MT

	I have made the trip to Helena to provide in person comments on this redistricting process. I truly believe that CP 12 best legitimately represents all the people of Montana. Map CP 12 will keep Flathead County in the Western District where it obviously belongs, it includes two Native American tribes to represent their voices, and it only splits one county. with the growing concerns about the legitimacy of the voting process we need a fair and honest redistricting map to represent all Montana citizens.				
CP12 Like	Thank you for your work.	Ted D Valentiner	TValentiner@Gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Dislike	Against CD-12 in favor of competitive districts.	Marc Dousset	mtdousset@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	looks good, fair	Geof Gratny	GGRATNY@GMAIL.COM	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	Lewis and Clark County is a part of Western Montana, so I disagree with Map CP12. While it might be difficult for an outsider to look at a map of Montana and understand how to draw districting lines that are competitive, I appreciate that this commission is trying so hard with multiple iterations to achieve cohesiveness and competitiveness. Please reject maps such as CP12 that are partisan. Thank you for your hard work.	Elizabeth Dove	elizabeth@elizabethdove.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map no. 12 as best meeting all of the criteria required.	Pamela Merrell	pkm0630@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike having Lewis and Clark Co in the Eastern District...	MARK EICHLER	meichler5@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I'm against CP-12. Maps 11 and 13 give a fair representation to all Montana voters.	Debra Hanneman	whgeol@gmail.com	Whitehall	MT
CP12 Opinion	Choosing Map 11 or 13 is a way to accomplish the mission of the commission which is to provide fair districting -not partial to either party. Map 12 is not a good choice as there are biases that favor one party over the other and this can disenfranchise some voters. I know your intention is to choose a map that is fair. I support Map 11 or 13.	Anthea	antheageorge@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I am against CP-12.	Jessica Zephyrs	jrzephyrs@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Opinion	Maps 11 and 13 are more fairly divided between political parties and that is important to keep from disenfranchising voters. Please do not choose 12 as reflects a division that is not fairly divided and I know that is what the commission's intention is to accomplish	Anthea	antheageorge@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is clearly not meeting the basic definition of competitiveness. It creates districts that are not competitive and intentionally draws both districts to heavily favor the Republican party which violates this Commission's goal. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2. Because Map 12 virtually guarantees that both seats will be safe for Republicans, it will promote extremism by allowing Republicans to safely nominate the most extreme candidates in primaries, who can still win both districts, essentially leaving some 43% of Montanans unrepresented. Map 11 is a far better choice that achieves all of the Commission's goals, as is Map 13 (although Map 13 divides neighbors in Gallatin County, which, by the end of the 10 year period, could rival Yellowstone as MT's most populous county).	Representative Rabbi Ed Stafman	edstafman@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana

CP12 Dislike	The Commission set criteria and goals unanimously, including not unduly favoring either political party and considering competitiveness. This map unduly favors the GOP because it not competitive. If this map were adopted it would violate the Commission's own criterion and goals.	Kiah Abbey	Kiah.abbey@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	Not competitive	Sandra Carpenter	sanzmt3@gmail.com	Glasgow	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Helena needs to be in the west. It does not belong in the east. Putting it in the east is solely for political leverage.	Joseph Swain	Josephswain2@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Lewis and Clark needs to be in the western district. This map seems to strongly favor single party control of both districts. Please support a competitive map.	Keith Losing	hunter.losing.mt@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	Putting Helena in the same districts as Great Falls and Billings is nothing but a political power grab.	Adam Clinch	ajclinch@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>	Cristina Mershon	mershon@mac.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	This commission unanimously chose "competitiveness" as a benchmark for a successful re-drawing. This plan unduly favors Republican blocs and separates rural and unionized districts. This is not the one.	Kenneth Grinde	grinde.ken@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I really prefer CP-1, but that got taken off the table. My next choice has to be CP-12. It is the more even of the two. My question is: Why do we go to all the trouble of redistricting instead of just adding representatives as the population grows in an area? This seems like such a PITA! People never seem to know which district they live in because it is always changing!!	Trina Radford	miiitymous@yahoo.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Dislike	Strongly oppose CP12. Takes the voice away from rural citizens/communities and favors one party. It is against the competitive districts promised by the Commission. DO support #13.	Joanne McBride	JOLMAC_2001@YAHOO.COM	LIBBY	Montana

CP12 Dislike	I am AGAINST CP12! We need competition in both districts and this map does not provide that opportunity. CP11 is the map that is the best so far. Please don't choose CP12. Thank you.	Linda Lee	lindaleemt@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	It keeps all of Flathead County in the Western District (unlike the CP11, which puts most of Flathead in the east). It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District. It only splits one county, unlike CP13. CP12 is a competitive map that follows all the mandatory criteria.	Robert Hall	mcbobhall@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do NOT support CP12. The districts here are not competitive. I am a Helena native and strongly believe Helena should remain in the western district where it has historically been (along with Butte). Thank you for considering my view.	Wendy Colleen Fox	lettucewend@yahoo.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12. First, I disagree with releasing additional maps after there had already been significant public comment on a different set of maps. Adding additional maps later in the process undermines public confidence in the redistricting process. Second, this map does not align with the criterion that the commission put forth. This map does not create a competitive district. This map would unduly favor a political party and divides communities of common interest. Lastly, the map should not split Lewis & Clark County. Map 11 is the only map that aligns with the commission's own criterion.	Maddy Munson	munsonmaddy@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 is not competitive. Park County belongs in the West and not divided. Based on the criteria, CP12 fails. I emphatically oppose this plan.	Robert F Ebinger	BUFFALOJUMPPICTURES@GMAIL.COM	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	There is no way anyone can read a map and see Helena in the East of Montana. Even East Helena is in the west of Montana, and this map separates us from the other communities we're similar to (Butte, Missoula) and puts us with communities we are not similar to (Billings&#x1d631) and that's just wrong. This is not a good choice, especially given that the others are so much clearer. Please don't choose this map.	Kevin Hamm	kevin.hamm@gmail.com	East Helena	MT
CP12 Opinion	I support CP12. Having read some of the comments, it is interesting that some perceive Bozeman and Livingston as similar communities. That is not correct in my opinion. Having lived here (Livingston) for nearly 60 years and although the counties have changed significantly, Bozeman and Livingston remain VERY distinct communities with their own "personalities". This decision should be based on what is best for the people living within that particular geographic area and not what is best for those who are merely interested in putting forth an ideological based opinion. Thank you.	Gwen O'Hair	gwen@legacylandslc.com	Livingston	MT



CP12 Like	I support map 12. It divides the general population so that everyone can be heard and doesn't cater to one idea. I like it because it gives equal population to each district with counties all being intact except 1. which allows the people to be represented by county which could be addressed respectively.	JJ HUNSEKKER	XRTHOMPSONFALLS@HOTMAIL.COM	THOMPSON FALLS	MT
CP12 Like	There is no way anyone can read a map and see Helena in the East of Montana. Even East Helena is in the west of Montana, and this map separates us from the other communities we're similar to (Butte, Missoula) and puts us with communities we are not similar to (Billings&#x1d62e) and that's just wrong. This is not a good choice, especially given that the others are so much clearer. Please don't choose this map.	Kevin Hamm	kevin.hamm@gmail.com	East Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map does not meet the commissions criteria mandate, there are better map choices, like #11	Steven G. Barkley	sbarkley18@msn.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP12 Dislike	I am opposed map 12. This plan ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice	Rebecca Riedl	rebeccariedl@hotmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 is NOT competitive - please reject it. Please give us one competitive district, as in maps CP 11 or 13. Your Commission unanimously adopted criterion that included adopting competitive districts when possible so as to not unduly favor a political party. Please abide by this - it is the most important aspect of the districting.	Elizabeth Madden	bethmadden64@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is not competitive, it does not meet the commission's own criteria, and it will not result in elected officials feeling like they need to listen to the concerns of various communities in order to earn their vote and keep it. I oppose this option.	Caitlin Piserchia	caitlin.piserchia424@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map because it divides communities (Butte and Helena). I have lived in a community in Idaho where the district dividing line ran through my neighborhood. It was confusing for the voters, even for the candidates sometimes. The people you worked with, the people you went to school with, the people in your morning coffee group, had different candidates to choose between, Shared issues were not represented by the same representative. It was frustrating and just plain wrong. Furthermore, I live in the mountains between Bozeman and Livingston and I know how much those communities share in terms of issues, workers, and residents. They should be in the same district.	Linda Kenoyer	lindakenoyer@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
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CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP 12 as it does not fall within the Cook PVI range needed to keep our elections competitive between parties. Any party, Democrat or Republican, should not have the power to disenfranchise voters through biased redistricting. We should choose maps that allow for all voter's choices to be heard and counted fairly and CP 12 does not reflect that choice.	ABBY KING	abbybking@gmail.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP12 Opinion	According to the options. I am in favor of CP12. People live in certain regions and counties because of the lifestyle they enjoy and how the area reflects their preferred way of life. I wholly disagree with splitting the counties.	Heidi Schrock	schrock.h@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	The commission agreed to competitive districts....this is not. I support #11 at this time. What are the republicans afraid of that they want districts that only favor them without competition. The reality is that the mountain regions & the population & college centers are more purple than red & everyone of those residents deserves representation just as much as low density, agricultural conservative regions. Land mass does not equate to a vote being greater than another vote. While splitting counties may not be preferable, due to the population distribution in wierdly drawn counties, it is less important than making districts competitive in a closely split state. we are neither "red" nor "blue" ....our house representatives should have to work for their votes.	Michelle Saurey	theedlands5@gmail.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I recognize how difficult this is. No community or county wants to be split. Keeping the population even, communities with like-minded intersts intact, fairness to the indigenous populations and competitive from a prospective voter pool is a near impossible task in our state. This map fails on several points including the fact it is completely non-competitive which is part of the a criteria for establishing the new district. I strongly oppose this option.	Jacqueline Robin	jackierobin99@gmail.com	Gallatin Gateway	MT
CP12 Dislike	In addition to CP12's failure to provide a competitive district or properly consider communities of interest (most worryingly by putting Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district and much of Pondera County in the western district), it represents a failure of process.  By introducing CP12 (and CP13) at the last minute after initially advancing only two finalists, the Commission has failed to give Montanans enough time to properly consider and respond to the new maps. In a process as critical as redistricting, maintaining public trust in the process is essential, and introducing new maps at the tail end will erode that public trust. For this reason, as well as its technical failings, CP12 should not be considered.	Alexander Blackmer	alexblackmer1@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not prefer this map as it does not meet the commission's adopted criteria of creating competitive districts	Bob Levitan	kasalel@yahoo.com	Helena	Montana

	Neither CP12 nor CP13 meet every requirement the committee must consider in creating two districts. Both split affinity groups and connected communities. The principal difference between the two maps is that CP12 creates two noncompetitive districts, while CP13 creates one noncompetitive and one competitive district.				
CP12 Dislike	For the benefit of all Montanans, CP13 is clearly the superior choice.	Nick Davis	shineheadswede@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	Keep the rule do not change our great state	Joseph R Robinson	Jrob980@gmail.com	KALISPELL	MT
	HB506 is Montana law. Districts are not to be drawn with the goal of being competitive. (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan: (a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress; (b) political affiliations of registered voters; (c) partisan political voter lists; or (d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court.				
CP12 Like		Evan H Comella	livebythebook@yahoo.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map because it separates communities of interest into different districts. In particular, Bozeman and Livingston share common interests and are divided, as are Butte and Helena. I prefer a map 11, where there is less division of areas that naturally work together	richard wolff	rwolff@montana.edu	Bozeman	MT

CP12 fails to meet the commission's agreed-upon criteria.

CP12 creates two non-competitive districts. By not considering competitiveness, this map would encourage increasing polarization and rather than respectful consensus building of the type that has historically set Montana apart.

Regarding considering communities of interest, CP12 fails significantly by putting Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District. Lewis and Clark County has much more in common - historically, culturally, and economically - with Western Montana communities like Butte, Jefferson County, and the rest of the I-15 corridor. These commonalities include, but aren't limited to, mining and strong labor traditions, along the shared identity of being near the Continental Divide. Certainly, Lewis and Clark County has much in common with these counties than it does with the strongly agricultural counties of the east. The interests of a logger in Lincoln, for example, are profoundly different than those of a sugar beet grower in Treasure County.

Likewise, CP12 splits Pondera County, putting much of it in the Western District, despite its clear historic and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in Eastern Montana, particularly with its neighboring Golden Triangle counties.

CP12 Dislike		Alexander Blackmer	alexblackmer1@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	This map or something very similar would be the logical way to divide the state.	James E Barkley	bar9jeb@gmail.com	Gildford	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP12. It separates communities with common interests and creates two districts which are not competitive. I do support CP11.	David Tyler	dave.tyler@lambandwool.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 appears to be the best division of the districts.	Cheryl Jensen	wccsjens@midrivers.com	Circle	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map Cp12 it appears to be a division that is fair and geographicly even	Thomas Dalton	tdaltonjr@bresnan.net	Kalispell MT	Yes
CP12 Like	I am in favor of Map CP 12. It exemplifies the following criteria. Protection of minority voting rights, it keeps the CSKT and Blackfoot tribes in the same district, amplifying their impact. The district is compact and contiguous. CP12 keeps communities of interest intact. It keeps Kalispell and Flathead County in the Western District, CSKT and The Blackfoot Tribes in the Western District, sharing common interests like Mining and Forest Products instead of farming and ranching which are more common in the Eastern District.	Edwin Halland	edhalland@reagan.com	Bridger	Montana
CP12 Dislike	CP-12 is non-competitive and the commission unanimously agreed to create competitive maps	Will Wright	willmwright1@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12 Opinion	I'm in strong support of Map CP12.	Katherine Anne Hoene	hoenek@yahoo.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is non-competitive.	CINDY BOWKER	cindybowker86@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT

CP12	Dislike	The goal of creating a new districting map should be creating one that is competitive and doesn't partisanly gerrymander the districts. This map does not accomplish that. I do not support this map.	Tayln Lang	taylnlang@gmail.com	Victor	MT
		While this map is equal population and a reasonably clean boundary, it is NOT competitive, which was a principle adopted by the commission.  It also separates communities of economic, social, and cultural interest from each other.				
CP12	Dislike	Competitive districts are more important at this point than keeping counties together, which is somewhat artificial in many cases given how irregular the county boundaries are.	Steven Allison-Bunnell	docswab@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Like	This map is the map that best represents all of Montana residents. It follows the requirements better than other maps. It only splits one county. It keeps Flathead County whole and in the Western District. It also keeps Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties whole. Additionally, it puts the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, which allows the tribes to have more of a voice in the Western District. Please adopt this map as it the most fair of all the maps.	Kate Hardman	kkhardman@hotmail.com	Thompson Falls	MT
CP12	Like	We support CP12 keeping all of Flathead County in the Western District. Please make it so.	Dan Graves	dangraves2@yahoo.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 is clearly not meeting the basic definition of competitiveness. It creates districts that are not competitive and intentionally draws both districts to heavily favor the Republican party which violates this Commission's goal.  Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2.	Lorene Bishop	mtmaui5@gmail.com	Polson	Montana
CP12	Like	I support this map because I believe it is legal and it follows the directions given by the chair to the commissioners. It also keeps Flathead county in the western district. I believe this is the best of the last two maps.	Ronald James Nason	r_snason@hotmail.com	Clancy, Montana	Montana
CP12	Like	I support CP12 as it keeps most of the counties whole and has the least amount of political bias.	Jeff Walla	genesis81@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	Insufficient time for public comment on these newly proposed maps. Lewis & Clark County is part of Western Montana.	Cara Orban	cara.orban@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not prefer this map as it does not meet the commission's adopted criteria of creating competitive districts.	Tyler Mortenson	trmortenson@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Like	Of the available choices I support CP12. Your service in this decision process is appreciated.	Don Held	comdrdon@yahoo.com	Billings	Montana
CP12	Dislike	This is not a fair democratic map. It is slanted toward the Republican party.	Gretchen Rooney	roong@aol.com	Helena	MT

CP12 Dislike	I oppose segregating Park County. Once again the Montana Republican dominated Legislature is up to its old tricks. Montana Democrats complain when things are unfair. Montana Republicans MAKE SURE things are unfair. This abuse of power has disturbed me for many years. The current map proposal in my estimation will disenfranchise Democrats and will unfairly favor installing a purely Republican and ultra-conservative balance to elections in our state. In the best interest of all involved, it would be counter-productive to instill a sense of hopeless apathy to Democrat voters because of the gerrymandering ways of the Republicans in charge.	Michael Lighthiser Sr.	jdmt1949@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12 because it is an attempt at favoring one party over the other. It separates Park and Gallatin County and it also separates Helena and Butte. These communities are interconnected and should not be separated. Also, this map creates a district where from 75% to 100% of elections have gone to one party. This does not meet the goal of not unduly favoring one party over the other.	Linda G Semones	lindasemones@hotmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP12 and urge the commissioners to follow their agreed on goal of drawing at least one competitive district. Beyond this map straightforwardly favoring one political party over the other in both districts, it cracks Montana's union vote, divides communities of interest in Jefferson County/ Butte and Park County/ Gallatin, and distributes all of Montana's cities in both districts so that rural Montana will never have its own say in electing either congressperson. I urge a fair map that follows our constitution and all applicable laws, that retains the competitiveness the commissioners agreed on. Thank you.	Shibu Arens	shibuarensmt@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP12 - it's fair and balance.	Mary Pham	Mary.phammm@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	This map makes the most competitive district.	Bud Lavery	budlavery64@gmail.com	Eureka	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP 12 because it is an ;attempt at a partisan district favoring Republicans. Park County does not belong in the eastern part of the state. Park and Gallatin Counties are interconnected economically and as a community. They should be together in the same district.	Bob Hughes	Rdhughes@umich.edu	Livingston	MT
CP12 Like	This is the most fair and balanced map that represents all of Montanans!	Sandra Sysum	ssysum@bresnan.net	Helena	MT

	<p>First of all, the timing of the release of the additional maps after there had been a large amount of public engagement on the existing maps, and leaving such limited time for additional comment seems a bit subversive and violates public trust in the process.</p> <p>Second, I've lived in Lewis &amp; Clark county almost my entire life, putting it in the East doesn't make any sense. I feel like our values and culture aligns far more with the West.</p> <p>Third, this map does not adhere to the criteria the commission has set for itself. It unduly favors a political party on both sides and divides communities of common interest. Please reject CP12 and accept CP11.</p> <p>Thank you for your work on this very important decision.</p>				
CP12 Dislike	Bob Ronan	Bob Ronan	sarasporkies@yahoo.com	East Helena	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>The only democratic, fair maps are 11 or 13. It is said that we get the government we deserve. And those supporting Republican gerrymandering (maps 10 and 12) should remember that democracy begins with everyone believing in Democracy and wanting fair representation - now - and in the future. Map 12 ensures that rural Montana will never have a voice - and it intentionally draws both districts to heavily favor the Republican party, which violates the Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.</p>	Nikki Eisinger	nikki.eisinger@icloud.com	Eureka	MT
CP12 Like	I like CP 12, because it only splits one county, unlike CP 13. CP 12 is a competitive map that follows all mandatory criteria.	Jeffrey C. Lasch	laschmt@bresnan.net	Great Falls	Montana
CP12 Like	I am in support of Map CP-12 as it is a fair and competitive split and meets the criteria. Make it so. Thank you	ALAN BRESSLER	AB.FOREVERWEST@GMAIL.COM	RED LODGE	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>Map 12 is drawn with the intent of providing a advantage to the GOP.</p> <p>It violates our constitution's intent of providing a balanced district for a fair election.</p>	Jeff Hoffer	Jthoffer@yahoo.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>While this map achieves the commission's stated goals of minimizing the splitting of counties, it does not meet other goals including creating a competitive district, or keeping communities of interest intact. The Cook PVI score for this map is R+6.5 which is above the score deemed fair and competitive and agreed to by the commission (i.e., R+/-5). While this map does keep Flathead county intact, it splits other regions with shared interests such as Gallatin and Park counties and Silver Bow and Jefferson Counties. The commission needs to decide which of their stated goals should be prioritized when they cannot all be achieved simultaneously and given equal weight. From the stated goals, it appears that the commission initially indicated that keeping communities of interest intact should have greater weight than keeping whole counties intact. This map does not do that.</p>	Gina Himes Boor	ghimesboor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12 as it puts Lewis & Clark County in a district that will not represent the interests of our county. We are much more aligned in interests with the western part of the state, not the eastern farming and ranching part of the state.	Janice Bacino	jbacino7@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Opinion	<p>I prefer CP-1. But if I have to accept a map that is not lawful I would choose CP-12. A question was asked on by a member of the commission on the 30th, why would CP-12 not be lawful. As outlined in MCA 5-1-115 (3)â€fA district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan:</p> <p>(a)â€faddresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress;</p> <p>(b)â€fpolitical affiliations of registered voters;</p> <p>(c)â€fpartisan political voter lists; or</p> <p>(d)â€fprevious election results, unless required as a remedy by a court.</p> <p>So, the question I would ask; was any map drawn with any of these political views in mind? If so, then their lawfulness are in question.</p> <p>Sincerely, Virgle Brite</p>	Virgle Brite	virglebrite@gmail.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. Although map 12 keeps two of the fastest growing counties, Flathead and Gallatin, intact, the map unduly favors the Republican party in both districts as referenced by the winners in both proposed districts in the last eight-ten state elections. Map 12 separates the common interests, daily communication, transportation, and economic endeavors of Gallatin County from those of Park County. Map 12 separates communities of interest of Butte from Jefferson County and Helena from those with common interests including union workers in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge. Although only one county, Pondera, is split, the west part of this agricultural county, is separated from other counties in the Golden Triangle, thus diluting the rural, agricultural voice. Overall, rural voters throughout the state will have less influence in either district than map 11 since the largest cities make up most of the population in both districts of map 12.	Patti Steinmuller	psteinmul@msn.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12 Like	I am in strong support of CP 12. CP 12 is a COMPETITIVE map that follows ALL mandatory criteria. I support CP 12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district, it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits one county.	Lori Ruch	Pburgmates@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	CP-12 seems best for all.	Glenn J Morrell	fatgeo@centurytel.net	Whitefish	MT



CP12 Like	I believe CP12 is the best solution for accurate representation in Montana. It is a tough problem to create two equal districts and only splits one county, but it's the best we have. Please approve CP12.	Doug Stokes	douglaswstokes@hotmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Dislike	I am AGAINST Map 12. It unduly favors a political party which violates the criteria set by the commission and it does not adequately consider communities of interest. It puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring current and historic ties between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana. Likewise, it puts much of Pondera County in the Western District, despite its clear historic and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in Eastern Montana. And lastly, it is inappropriate that two maps were added at the last minute, which makes things confusing and undermines trust in a transparent process.	Emily Cleveland	emilycleveland6@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12 and support May 11. Map 12 fails to meet the criteria of not unduly favoring a political party and considering communities of interest. It puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring current and historic ties between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana. It also does not create a competitive district which is critical.	Haley Eakin	heakin@wildmontana.org	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP12. It does not favor one party over the other. It aligns with natural geographic regions of Montana. This map is not gerrymandered - it gives Montanans fair representation across the state. That's what we want!	Roger Krug	montanafibertech@gmail.com	Joliet	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 fails to meet the criteria of not unduly favoring a political party and considering communities of interest. It puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring current and historic ties between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana. Likewise, it puts much of Pondera County in the Western District, despite its clear historic and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in Eastern Montana.	John Todd	johnptodd03@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I would like to live in a competitive district, and maps 10 and 12 do not include competitive districts.	Erin Clark	ecbasil@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I am in strong support of CP 12. CP 12 is a COMPETITIVE map that follows ALL mandatory criteria. I support CP 12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district, it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits one county.	Kaitlyn Ruch	Kaitlynruch4@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I am FOR the CP12 map. This map aligns with the geographic regions and the population of Montana. In addition, it does not favor one political party over the other. CP12 does the best job of giving Montanans fair representation across the state.	Carol Quinn	qrlquinn@aol.com	Columbus	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is truly gerrymandering. Putting Missoula and Bozeman together? Not the partisan favoring	Don Lorenzen	dlorenzen53@gmail.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP-12. It would create two districts that both unduly favor one political party. It would sever Park County from Gallatin County and from the rest of western Montana where Park has the strongest cultural and economic ties.	Sarah G. Hughes	sghughes@acm.org	Livingston	MT

CP12 Like	Map CP12 is a very competitive map, and is a good compromise. The Democrats get Bozeman and Missoula in the same district (the West), which they want, and the Republicans get the Flathead in the West, which they want. Anyone who says this map is gerrymandered is quite biased. It is not. It also follows and the Montana Code, and only splits one county. Hands down, the best option for all. One more thing to add - I don't think most people know that their red or green dots are tied to where they click on the map. I've seen several comments that are not tied to the map. That was not clear in the instructions, so the pins on the map are not accurate. Thank you.	Jay Russell	jstuartruss1805@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	I like CP 12 because it only splits one county, unlike CP 13. CP 12 is a competitive, that follows all the mandatory criteria. CP 13 splits too many counties.	Jeffrey C. Lasch	laschmt@bresnan.net	Great Falls	Mt.
CP12 Dislike	Please reject this hyper-partisan map.	Jason Pitt	pittjp@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I am excited about this map! It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole, only dividing one county which I assume is because of population. And, of course we want Flathead County in the western district.	Joi Gratny	jgratny@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I am FOR the CP12 redistributing map to be selected for the State of Montana. The affirmative reasons that others have stated makes perfect sense. Thank you.	Vera-Beth Johnson	verabethj@icloud.com	Shepherd	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP12. This map aligns with the geographic regions and the population of Montana. In addition, it does not favor one political party over the other. I like that it only splits one county and fairly divides eastern and western Native American Tribal interests. No redistricting map will be perfect; however, CP12 does the best job of giving Montanans fair representation across the state.	Jennifer Quinn	jenquinn04@yahoo.com	Joliet	MT
CP12 Like	I like Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District and intact. It only splits one county. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District so the tribes will have a stronger voice in the western district.	Deborah Wilson	dmwilson@acwei.com	Kila	MT

	<p>I have represented a mostly swing district for four terms in the Montana House of Representatives. That equal division of interests requires me to be balanced in my approach to governing and respect viewpoints from opposing sides. CP12 provides a much closer division of interests as it is my understanding that the House Districts have split their vote between the majority parties in previous election cycles.</p> <p>Likewise, as someone who grew up in Montana and raised a family here, I recognize the significant differences that exist between the priorities of those of us in the Flathead and those in Broadus over 600 miles away. Those differences should be respected and honored when we have an opportunity to do so. It makes little sense to divide those historic geographic, economic and cultural interests by splitting highly populated counties like Gallatin and Flathead. CP12 makes the most sense for the most people in this state when considering the important factors of balance, economic and cultural interests as well as historic boundaries in Montana.</p>				
CP12 Like		Frank Garner	frankgarnerhd7@gmail.com	KALISPELL	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I oppose Map 12 - CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.</p>	Colleen Martin	colleenmariamartin@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>C12 is the best option because it keeps most counties except one from being split. Also, the total population in both Districts is extremely close.</p>	Carrie Murnion	carriecmurnion@gmail.com	Jordan	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it does not favor 1 party over another. It is in the best interest of all Montanans. It only splits 1 county whereas CP13 splits 3 counties.</p>	Pamela Strong	pstrong3@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Like	<p>CP12 is a competitive map that follows all the mandatory criteria.</p>	Harriett R vaughn	victorycruser@yahoo.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I like map CP12 the best. It provides an even split in population and doesn't split Gallatin county. Given that there is no requirement for "competitiveness", this seems like the best choice that I have seen so far.</p>	Dan Artz	danartz@mt.net	Townsend	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I oppose the Republican's map #12 and support the Democrats map #11. I urge all government officials to remember that you are supposed to be working for the people and not your party. I say this to both sides. What is going on in the political arena across our country is deplorable.</p>	Sean Tobin	skitobin@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I am opposed to this map because it places Jefferson County ion Dist 2. We have a more like relationship with BSB and Madison counties than we do with Cascade or Fergus.</p>	Sally Buckles	pobox497@msn.com	Boulder	MT

CP12 is an effective solution in that it fairly fulfills the very difficult redistricting requirement of not unduly favoring one political party over another. Moreover, it minimizes splitting of counties, towns, or other community interests (only splits 1 county and keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole as well as fairly dividing eastern and western Native American Tribal interests). Any redistricting map will have pros and cons. CP12 is the best at giving Montanans fair representation across the state.

CP12 Like Ron Van Hoosear rev406@hotmail.com Absarokee MT

CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2.

CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.

Republicans won every single statewide election in both of these districts in CP 12 in the most recent election. There were 8 statewide races in 2020 and Republicans won all of them in both districts. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.

CP 12 separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day, and it makes no sense at all to separate the two communities.

CP 12 intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

CP 12 splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. County splits should respect communities of interest and large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.

CP 12 ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person

CP12 Dislike Gail Waldby gwaldby@pat7.com LIVINGSTON MT

CP12 Dislike	I prefer CP11 which leaves Montana with at least one district which is healthy for our Democracy by being at least competitive. If CP11 is rejected, my next pick would be CP13 which I believe keeps all counties whole and is less but still somewhat competitive.	John Mohar	mohar@frontiernet.net	Troy	MT
CP12 Like	I support map CP 12. It is more aligned with traditional geographical divisions of representation	Jeffrey Ellingson	jeffreyellingson@mac.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 as it corresponds more equally to the free market participants that live, work and breathe among those lands.	David Passieri	davidpassieri@protonmail.com	St Ignatius	Montana
CP12 Like	Map 12 is the only way to go	Lee Taylor	leedtaylor61309@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP12 and support CP13 because it more fairly distributes economic drivers, and thus representation, for our state.	Kathy Mohar	katka.meadows@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Like	Please go with CP12. Keep Lewis and Clark whole.	Wayne Beckman	wbmusic@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 as it corresponds more equally to the free market participants that live, work and breathe among those lands.	David Passieri	DAVID.PASSIERI@GMAIL.COM	St Ignatius	MT
CP12 Like	No gerrymandering! Base it on population and geography as Montana Constitution demands. Yes on map 12.	Susan Ellingson	susanellingson@icloud.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	Chair Smith and Commissioners, I have studied the maps, reviewed the criteria & have come to the conclusion that CP12 would be the best map for all the residents who live in this great State of Montana. It is important to keep Flathead County (with the major city of Kalispell) in the Western District because they are in the West and have the same Western values as the rest of that area on the Western side of the Continental Divide. It puts two important Native American Reservations in that district as well. I don't like CP 11 because most of Flathead County is included in the Eastern District, it is too far to the West for that District. Flathead has Western values not Eastern values. The Western part of the state is focused more on tourism than the Eastern. Eastern deals more with the rural, farming & agricultural issues. CP 11 is not in the best interest for Montana residents. As to CP13, that map splits too many counties which goes against the criteria. I am a Lewis & Clark resident & want to stress how important it is to keep this county as a whole & not split it. That is another reason I like CP 12. I also like this map because it only splits one county & has a contiguous line for both districts as per the criteria. The CP 12 map is fair, equitable & meets the criteria that the Redistricting Commission had put forth. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.	Becky Stockton	stockton.becky@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	We believe that CP12 produces two uncompetitive districts. That is not in line with the goals adopted by the commission.	Carolyn Hablinski	carolynhablinski@gmail.com	Troy	Montana

CP12 Like	As a resident of Pondera County, I support map variation CP-12. I view the division of Pondera County as a long term benefit that will provide our residents with increased access to both of our state's elected representatives.	Robin Cook	rcook@mtbus.net	Conrad	MT
CP12 Like	support Map CP12 because: Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole Â· it only splits 1 county Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it Â·	Charles McWilliam	chaynkt@sailingsprit.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP12 proposal, it seem to be the less disruptive in terms of splitting counties, only one as stated in the Commissionâ€™s goals. Also seem to be the fairest option for voters in terms of not favoring one party over the other.	Bob lippincott	Nwpeaks56@hotmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because: 12 keeps Flathead County in the Western District It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district 12 keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it CP13 splits too many counties It keeps Lewis and Clark county whole. Go 12!	Holly Clark	hollyberryor@gmail.com	Eureka	MT
CP12 Dislike	This partisan plan just makes for two non-competitive districts where Congress members won't have to go out and meet with the people to hear what THEY want.	Bryce Bennett	brycebennett1@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is unfair and gerrymanders to put one party over another.	Audrey Hall	photo@audreyhall.com	Livingston	MT

CP12 Like	<p>Thank you for taking comments on this very important decision. I support Map CP12 for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>• it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>• it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>• it only splits 1 county</li> <li>• I don't like CP11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> <li>• CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it</li> <li>• CP13 splits too many counties which does not make any sense.</li> </ul>	Rob Romsa	rob@rss-pos.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>Plan 12 produces two uncompetitive districts. That runs counter to any competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.</p>	Mark Randall Farr	mfarr1218@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Like	<p>CP12 is the better choice as it only divides one county and includes CSKT and the Blackfeet Reservations. CP13 appears to be a product of gerrymandering! A community/County should NOT have to deal with two representatives!</p>	Debby Wesselius	Dwesselius@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>• It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>• it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>• it only splits 1 county</li> <li>• I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> <li>• CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it</li> <li>• CP13 splits too many counties</li> <li>• keep Lewis and Clark county whole</li> </ul>	Douglas John Nicholson	douglas.nicholson@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>CP12 does not allow for competitive districts, which will forever allow one party to be in control in both districts. This is problematic. With Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, my vote will never matter in congressional elections. Please do not adopt this map, which will lead to the election of two congresspeople who will not represent me.</p>	McCall Flynn	mcflynn12@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support CP12, as it is the best representation for Montana voters. It is not split favoring political lines and does not favor one political party over another. CP12 only splits 1 counties, as stated in the Commission goals, where the other map, CP13, splits 3 counties. This map is the better choice of the two for representation.</p>	Elena Hesse	elehesse@gmail.com	Frenchtown	MT

CP12	Dislike	This gerrymandering puts Helena in the East, just to neuter their votes. Keep the eastern Representative focused on rural issues. Keep the western one focused on tourism, ski industry, etc.	Alvaro Freyre	alvarofreyre@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Like	I support Map CP12 because: Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole Â· it only splits 1 county Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it Â· CP13 splits too many counties Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole	Lyn Bennett	joylynbennett@yahoo.com	Whitefish	MT
<p>CP12 seems to be the most competitive map. Labor strongholds in Butte &amp; Andacoda have commonalities with places like Libby &amp; Whitefish, which have recently sent Democrats to the statehouse. There is an obvious coalition that Democrats will form in this wholly Western district to run competitively. That coalition would be diluted in the other maps.</p> <p>That said, political trends are hard to predict. Ten years ago the maps this Commission produced resulted in a 50-50 split in the state legislature. But over time politics shifted and now Republicans have a comfortable majority. Itâ€™s impossible to predict how things will shift over the next ten yearsâ€”what appears competitive today will inevitably look much different after a couple of election cycles.</p> <p>The best way to ensure lasting competitiveness in these districts is to keep communities of interest intact. In that way coalitions can form and candidates can focus on the commonalities that exist in their district. This is why CP12 is the optimal map.</p> <p>As a longtime Helena resident, I can tell you that my community has much more in common with Eastern Montana than Western.</p>						
CP12	Like		Charles Denowh	cd@montanagroup.net	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map will lead to the election of two congresspeople who don't represent me	Allison Dale-Riddle	allison_dale2004@yahoo.com	Helena	MT



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CP12 Like

Art Bennett

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Whitefish

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I support Map 12. Please follow the Constitution and the Montana State Law.

Robert Vaughn

Penrod

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Bigfork

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CP12 Like	Vaughn Penrod				
CP12 Like	I strongly oppose #12. It is not competitive and heavily favors the Republican party. It violates the key goal of the Commission by strongly favoring one party. It's a wacky map twisted unfairly for one party. I strongly support #11 as being the most fair.	Jane Van Dyk	vandykj@rocky.edu	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map CP12 does not create competitive districts, which was one of the goals unanimously adopted by the redistricting commission.	Rachel Reckin	rachel.reckin@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I really like this map. It's the best yet! It doesn't split Flathead County, but keeps it together in the Western district. Further, it includes both CKST and Blackfeet Reservations, which gives indigenous people a stronger voice.	Carol Buchanan	carol@carol-buchanan.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	Maps should not favor one political party over another The Commission needs to minimize the splitting of counties, as stated in the Commission's goals. The Democrat Commission members map splits three counties total, while the Republican map only splits one. Lewis and Clark County, Jefferson, and Broadwater Counties should be kept in the East. They are in the Missouri River drainage, which flows in the east. Like Eastern Montana, these three counties also rely on agriculture. Park County should also be put in the Eastern district. The county is located in the Yellowstone drainage, which also goes East. Between the two maps, it is clear CP12 is the best choice.	Cassandra Crosby	cassiec1026@yahoo.com	Frenchtown	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map. I currently live in a state congressional district that is very non competitive. I feel My vote has no weight here in this district. My state congressional district incorporates more than one county. I seen no problem with splitting a county. The Western district needs to be competitive.	Kathleen Turner	Kzanddaveturner@mt.net	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	Include Park County in the Western District. The current Western District should also include Helena/Lewis and Clark Counties.	Court Harris	courtvharris@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	This plan does not create competitive districts.	Lenora S Reckin	gnreckin@gmail.com	LIBBY	MT

CP12	Like	This is not the best map but better than 13!	Bette Shumaker	betterae1@gmail.com	Great Falls	Mt
		<p>I support map CP 12 because it complies with all the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts that the Redistricting Committee has adopted because,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· Districts are equal in population by one person.</li> <li>Â· District has protection of minority voting rights because it divides the Native American Reservation as equally as practicable.</li> <li>Â· Each district consists of compact territory in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography.</li> <li>Â· Each district is contiguous and in one piece.</li> </ul> <p>Map CP 12 meets the Committees Goals for Congressional Districts because,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· Both districts are equal as possible and do not favor a political party. Montanan's vote for the candidates and not always the party.</li> <li>Â· Minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts. Pondera County is the only county divided to provide closer balance of Reservations.</li> <li>Â· Keeps communities of interest intact, number of 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 interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles intact.</li> <li>Â· Places both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> </ul> <p>Map CP 12 meets Montana Code Annotated 5-1-115 requirements which the Commission has been charged with upholding.</p>				
CP12	Like		Cindia Ellis	cindia@midrivers.com	Miles City	MT
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CP12	Like	Thank you for your consideration.	Mark Carlstrom	homebase3139@hotmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	#12 is not based on equal representation	Ken Saunders	Kenlsaunders@gmail.com	Helena	Mt
CP12	Like	I support CP12, as it does not split Flathead county. By the way we pay real estate taxes in Flathead county.	Mary Lou Johnson	nox2663@blackfoot.net	Noxon, Montana	MT

CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it has historically been a part of Montana's Western culture. Keeping the CSKT and Blackfeet reservations in the Western District will give a much stronger Native American voice to the Western District. CP12 keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county. CP10 is also a good representation of what the Western District should look like.</p> <p>CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans because it puts most of Flathead County in the east. I do NOT support it.</p> <p>CP13 splits too many counties and is NOT a good choice. CP13 should NOT be considered. I do NOT support it.</p>	Steve Gunderson	sgunmthd1@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Opinion	<p>I support Map CP 12. It maintains Flathead County in the WESTERN district, and includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for stronger voice for tribes in this new district. Only one county is split on this map, keeping Flathead, Gallatin and Clark counties whole.</p> <p>Map CP 11 puts Flathead County in the Eastern district, when clearly this county is in the WESTERN portion of the state.</p> <p>Map CP 13 splits too many counties.</p>	Evelyn Cahalen	cahalene@att.net	Marion	MT
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CP12 Opinion	Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole	MarleneMcCluskey	mmcc@bresnan.net	Clancy	MT
CP12 Like	Splitting communities to create a more competitive map penalizes those communities unfairly. They deserve leaders who can represent the whole with a clear voice. It is more important that communities stay whole, and see this redistributing as a fair process, than to draw lines that split them up in attempt to engineer an outcome, whether that be â€œfairnessâ€ or any other pre-conceived outcome.	Chris Warden	Ckwarden@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	These districts do not seem competitive and Helena is in the eastern district which doesn't make sense.	Hannah Schweitzer	hdschweitzer12@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 doesn't meet the basic goals of having competitive districts and giving meaningful voice to the native vote. It fails the fairness test.	Mike Volesky	volesky5@msn.com	Helena	MT
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CP12 Like	Thank you for your consideration.	Anne Boychuck	Aboychuck@me.com	Bigfork	Montana

CP12 Like	CP12 seems like the most reasonable option available. All of Flathead County should quite obviously be left in the western district, where it is located.	Pete Stenros	yaakinpds@gmail.com	Troy	Montana
CP12 Like	CP12 gives credence to eastern Montana as it should not be considered to be part of Flathead County. The distance is vast, & there is nothing similar for the two areas which means representation would be jaded. It also allows the CSKT & Blackfeet tribes more opportunities for being together in the western district. CP12 is much more fair to both the eastern & western sides of the state.	Joy Novota	joyofmusic66@q.com	East Helena	Montana
CP12 Like	I believe CP-12 to be the best map for Montana. CP-1 would have been the best. A I donâ€™t like CP-11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. CP-11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it CP-13 splits too many counties	Karla Johnson	karladjohnson54@gmail.com	Absarokee	MT
CP12 Dislike	I strongly oppose proposal number 12. It is not in keeping with a balanced districting proposal!..	Kenneth Lousen	klousen@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP 12. It creates uncompetitive districts that unduly favor one political party and will result in disenfranchising Montana voters.	Hugo Sindelar	rjphoto13@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	I think this is the most fair map option put forth. Counties/communities are intact as much as possible. Rules are followed. Intent is followed. Itâ€™s not perfect but I think itâ€™s the best option with minimal politics involved. Several of the other maps submitted showed blatant Gerrymandering.	Dan Ewing	drewing999@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

I support Map CP12 because It keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it belongs. Efforts to divide these counties for what can only be political interests is blatant gerrymandering at its best. Counties need to be kept intact to the best of our ability.

CP12 includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District. This seems like a fair and effective way for these two tribes Who share similar interests to have fair representation.

Out of 56, only one county is split and for good demographic reasons that respect diversity in the county. Keeping counties intact is common sense.

CP11 looks like it has been drafted along political lines. Montana has always been one beautiful state with a dividing wall between the East and the west. There are different needs created by this barrier which can best be addressed by CP12

Lewis and Clark county should be kept as a unit.

When one looks at some of our other districts in Montana, it is obvious they have been drawn along political lines for political agendas. We have a chance here to stand apart from those abuses of the past and create a fair and reasonable split that meets all the criteria and violates none.

Thank you for your hard work and for giving us opportunity to comment

CP12 Like

ROBERT LARSSON andy@skinnersights.com

Saint Ignatius MT

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Terry Ewing

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Kalispell Mt

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CP12 Like

Joe Phillips

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Missoula MT

CP12	Dislike	I oppose CP 12. It splits communities of interest by splitting Butte and Anaconda from Helena, splitting Jefferson County from Butte, and splitting Livingston off from the greater Gallatin economy. It also creates uncompetitive districts which will discourage democratic participation disenfranchise voters.	Nicki Jimenez	nicki.g.jimenez@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	Not a good option...period	Paula Darko-Hensler	pdhensler@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12	Like	I dislike CP 12 because it splits Boulder from Butte and splits Helena from Butte and Anaconda.	Julie Thomas Hintz	juliethomashintz@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I support map #11. It enables voices of union voters to be heard, creates a competitive district where Native American votes can make a significant impact in elections enabling their voices and concerns to be heard, keeps economic interests in areas more closely aligned w workers issues, and it keeps agricultural areas intact so that rural voices and issues will be heard.	Deanna de Yong	deyong3@gmail.com	Kailpell	MT
CP12	Dislike	Helena has more in common with the western Montana, Rocky Mountain economies and issues than those of eastern Montana.	Sandra Brewer	sbrewer@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢CP12 divides Montanaâ€™s population equally.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 is fairer for minorities.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 keeps both Districts contiguous</li> <li>â€¢CP12 is fair to both parties, unlike CP11</li> <li>â€¢CP12 minimizes splitting counties there CP13 splits to many counties .</li> <li>â€¢CP12 keeps Indian Reservations together.</li> <li>â€¢CP13 Splits too many counties</li> </ul>	Barb Ellis	rockinspurranch@aol.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Like	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢CP12 equally divides Montanaâ€™s population.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 protects minority voting rights.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 meets the qualification to keep both Districts contiguous</li> <li>â€¢CP12 doesnâ€™t create an unfair advantage for either party unlike CP11.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 minimizes splitting counties unlike CP13.</li> <li>â€¢CP12 keeps communities of interest intact, especially for Indian Reservations.</li> <li>â€¢CP13 Splits too many counties</li> <li>â€¢CP11 Puts Flathead County in the Eastern District, where it doesnâ€™t belong</li> </ul>	Paul Ellis	ellispaul4@aol.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	I strongly oppose CP 12.	Bradley Dunn-meier	bradley.dunnmeier@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP12	Like	I support the adoption of Map 12 because it only splits one county.	Jeff Heimel	heimelfamily@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12	Like	Map 12 appears fair. It meets the criteria outlined by the commission. There is minimal county splitting.	Barbara Parell	saintfrancisfarm@yahoo.com	Conner	MT



CP12 Like	CP12 is better than CP11 but Helena should be in the west and Bozeman should be in the east. Neither of these maps are the best but if you are choosing between 11 & 12, go with CP12.	James Gomolka	realfoodwins-2@yahoo.com	PROCTOR	MT
CP12 Like	I support the adoption of Map CP12 because: Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District. This allows for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole Â· it only splits 1 county	Megan Heimel	meganheimel@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Dislike	The divisions outlined in this map don't match the best interests of Montanans, urban or rural.	Sarah Whitlatch	sarahwhitlatch@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	Helena belongs in the western district. It has no business being put in with Great Falls and Billings, etc. The culture and values are different. This is an entirely artificial, politically-driven redistricting, and therefore harmful to the communities involved.	Lorna McMurray	lornamcmurray@yahoo.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support map Cp12 because it keeps Flathead county in West district and because it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.	Renee russell	Rlynnruss@gmail.com	Great Falls	Mt
CP12 Like	Map 12 seems to make the most common sense. It utilizes a natural geographic dividing line, the Rockies, to divide districts and accommodates the very different cultures, issues and economies of the two sides of the state. I also appreciate that it does not take arbitrary "chaws" out of one side of the state or the other and leaves most of the counties intact. Of the remaining choices of maps, this is the best, by far. It comes closest to duplicating the model that existed for nearly three-quarters of a century when we last had two Montana congressional districts.	Kathleen Burt	commakaysie@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP12 Dislike	To me, striving to keep counties in tact is being trumpeted by people of one political party because - as their literature has instructed them - conveniently favors the anticipated benefits to their party. Very clever, but might counties have different constituents in different pockets and if so, might the respective stakeholders be better served split into districts that match their cultural identity (and voting patterns)?	William Starkey	starkey.william@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP12 Like	Map CP12 incorporates most of the criteria previously discussed by the commission by keeping Kalispell in the western district. CP12 is the option that splits up the least amount of counties making it the most fair to the people of our state	Amber Litzinger	joyfullifephoto@ymail.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP12 Like	This map keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and it only splits 1 county. I think this is a good map.	Natalie A Steve and Beth	natalieadams1219@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	We like this map because it only splits one county and keeps an East/West divide.	Hinebauch	bhineba@midrivers.com	Wibaux	MT
CP12 Like	Map 12 is the best option for Montanans, it splits up the least counties and I believe it is best for the political leanings of the majority of Montanans, not the transplants. Thank you	Daniel Litzinger	danlitzinger@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT

CP12 Opinion	The democrat powerhouses of Missoula, Bozeman, Butte, and Helena, will always dominate the western district, which does not comport with Goal 1. Assigning Gallatin County to the eastern district will negate that effect to some extent.	EA Andy Johnson	eandyj007@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Like	This is the best map. It keeps western Montana counties together in the same district and does not split up as many counties as CP13. It addresses the Commissions criteria without adding political criteria by attempting to consider a county's past voting history.	Cameo Flood	cflood@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I strongly oppose Map 12. Once again the Republican pair have put forth a map that does not include even one potentially competitive district. It doesn't matter that 2 reservations are included in a district if it is not competitive - this map actually dilutes the Native vote by having all the reservations in a non-competitive district. As for the argument that a small, divided county would have more voice because they would have 2 representatives, the same can be said, only more so, for larger counties. Both Congressional Representatives would be much more likely to come to the more populated counties than to a very sparsely populated county. And, for that matter, at a public meeting in either Flathead or Gallatin County, I doubt that they would be able to differentiate which side of the district line a speaker came from. Quite frankly, residents of the Helena area identify just as strongly with Western Montana as residents of Flathead County. If the choice has to be made, it is more important to keep the union towns as a community of interest. As I mentioned in previous testimony, although I grew up in and currently live in Libby, I have also lived in Kalispell, Browning, Helena, Bozeman, and St. Ignatius; they all identify with Western Montana. If there were a way to equitably divide the state without splitting a county or community of interest, we wouldn't be on maps 12 and 13. I believe Map 13 was a genuine attempt to come to a consensus, but as I listened during the work session, the Republicans would not even engage in conversation about it. Map 13 is less competitive, but it addresses many of the concerns expressed against previous Democratic maps, particularly by keeping Flathead County whole and including both the Blackfeet and CSKT Reservations at the expense of splitting northern from southern Gallatin County. This map not only dilutes the voices of Native Americans, but also of those of us in both districts who live in the rural parts of the state. Finally, there are many Montanans who do not consider themselves to be either Republican or Democrat. Their voices deserve to be heard as well. That can only happen only in a district that is competitive; where every vote makes a difference. Not one of the 13 maps that have been under consideration have created a district that would "guarantee" that a non-Republican or Democrat would always win. I support Map 13 as being the closest to what might be considered a consensus. But, I can also support Map 11 as being the most competitive; the one that would result in at least one candidate/representative having to take the diverse concerns of Montanans of all political persuasions into consideration. Again, I appreciate the time and effort each of you has put into this process and I certainly do not envy your having to make this difficult decision since you cannot possibly please everyone.</p>	Donna Martin	donnalee6259@gmail.com	Libby	MT

CP12 Like	This map is okay but I am still for CP1. CP12 at least keeps Flathead County and two Native American Tribes in the West. To me this map is bringing Gallatin County over to join up with Missoula and be "competitive" with FH County...which I don't believe was one of the criteria for drawing maps! The line dividing the state should be a North South line running near the Continental Divide.	Connie Dale	ConstanceDale@yahoo.com	Bigfork, MT	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>â€¢ It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>â€¢ it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>â€¢ it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>â€¢ I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>â€¢ CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it</p> <p>â€¢ CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>â€¢ keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>	Charles E Gilbert Gilbert	chjugilbert@yahoo.com	MT Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	See above comment.	Brian Walsh	azmtbriwal@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP-12 because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.</li> <li>2. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.</li> <li>3. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.</li> <li>4. It only splits 1 county</li> </ol>	Kristin Stockham- Baller	stockk@spu.edu	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Opinion	There are two big Native American reservations in the west, and three in the east. I see no way of making these equal. It is what it is.	EA Andy Johnson	eandyj007@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP 12: It's an opportunity to do what is right for all of Montana. By keeping the Flathead county in the western district it gives a stronger voice to the reservations and Map CP12 only splits one county allowing clearer representation. Please keep Lewis and Clark whole. Splitting counties might work in more populated areas but not here in Montana. Thank you for your consideration	Howard Plouffe	hxjaplouffe@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT

I support Map CP12 because:

- it keeps Flathead County in the Western District
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
- it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
- it only splits 1 county
  
- I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.
  
- CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it
  
- CP13 splits too many counties
  
- keep Lewis and Clark county whole

CP12 Like		Judy A Gilbert	chjugilbert@yahoo.com	MT Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	Would be nice if we could have a voice in rural Montana. Vote no on map 12.	Brian Walsh	azmtbriwal@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is not competitive -- it is self serving to the GOP.	Alyson Mike	ALYSON.MIKE@GMAIL.COM	Red Lodge	MT
CP12 Opinion	With boundary lines Both Maps 12 and 13 look as if the cookie monster took a big bite out of each western district. I do not this comports with the mandatory criteria for the districts. A more compact splitting would be the west side of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Gallatin counties -- two equal districts in population, shape, and form.	EA Andy Johnson	eandyj007@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Like	I like CP12 because it doesn't split any counties but one. Seems to to be a fair and equitable.	Carl Malesich	malesichranch@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP12 Dislike	This is the worst choice of available maps.This splits Park County from Gallatin, and would leave us in Park County unrepresented amidst a district with completely different economics, jobs, recreation, and a great many values. Park County is NOT Eastern MT in any way. Map 12 does the same thing to Butte and Jefferson County. You are going against your own rules by splitting communities. This map is also VERY non-competitive. We need equal representation and map 12 is a clear effort at gerrymandering. REJECT MAP 12! Please approve Map 11.	Ashea Mills	millsonthemountain@yahoo.com	Gardiner	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 is the best option available as it minimizes splitting counties and leaves Flathead in the western district though it puts both university towns in the west.	Daniel P Rausch	drdanrausch@gmail.com	Polson	MT

CP12 Dislike	Map 12 means there isn't a single district that is remotely competitive in terms of representing Democratic as well as Republican interests. CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. This is not competitive and violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring one political party. I support map 11 or map 13, which keep Park County and Gallatin County together in one district.	Sarah Elkins	sarahelkins@xinsys.net	Helena	Montana
CP12 Like	I support map 12 and the splitting up Montana. The republicans may have the Eastern counties, but they also get the crap that flows downriver. Most Blackfeet tribal members who decide to go to college mainly decide UM or MSU.	Arthur Weatherwax	aweatherwax1982@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP12 Opinion	It is unnecessary to split Ponera County. Splitting counties does not comport with Goal #2. A better district split would be the west sides of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Gallatin counties. The population split is +/- 0.2%. Also, this split gives more counties to the west division, 21/34 vs. 15/41, thus is more in keeping with the intent of our Constitution.	EA Andy Johnson	eandyj007@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support including the Helena area in the eastern district.	Melanie A Symons	msymons321@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 is not a good option for the people of Montana. I splits Butte from the people of Jefferson County which is not in the best interests of the constituents there. Park County needs to be aligned with Gallatin. Helena, Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda have like interests and should be together.	Diane Rewerts	dcrewerts@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>	Richard Kotzin	rkot@montanasky.net	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	This plan ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice.	jasmine krotkov	jasminekrotkov4mt@gmail.com	Neihart	MT

CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>	LOIS KOTZIN	LOISJEAN01@MONTANASKY.NET	LIBBY	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I do not support Map 12. Map 12 separates my county, Park County, from Gallatin County which makes no sense. Park County, and Livingston in particular, is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy and our interests will be ignored in District 2. In addition, Map 12 means there isn't a single district that is remotely competitive in terms of representing Democratic as well as Republican interests. CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. This is not competitive and violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring one political party. I support map 11 or map 13, which keep Park County and Gallatin County together in one district. Thank You!</p>	Laurie Talcott	laurietalcott408@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because - it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and it only splits 1 county.</p>	Michael Plummer	mhplummer1@msn.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I do not support Map 12. Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and creates at least one competitive district. â€¢ CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. A large number of Livingston residents commute to Bozeman for work as well as shopping, dining, and recreation. Livingston is a hot spot for Bozeman residents to dine, and enjoy the outdoors. Park county interests will be ignored in District 2. â€¢ CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.</p>	Laurel Rhodes	drlmrhodes@gmail.com	Livingston	Montana

CP12	Like	I believe that map 12 is the best option for the state as it splits up the least counties, and it places two of the reservations in the western district to balance it out better.	Stephen Miller	crackshot1996@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP12	Like	I support map CP12	LAWICKI KEZIAH	kcharles1027@gmail.com	BILLINGS	MONTANA
CP12	Like	I'm disappointed that the commission didn't approve map CP1; it was the most constitutional of all the maps drawn. If the choice has to be between cp 13 and cp 12, CP12 is the best choice and the only map that may pass the constitutional test.	Kandy Zanto	fynbistro@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12	Like	Why does my comment show up in North Dakota? I live in Clancy.	Debbie M Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP12	Like	From the options that are left, Map 12 I believe is the best option for re-districting. It splits fewer counties, includes two the Native American Reservation and keeps Flathead county in the Western District.	Sarah Miller	rauschse21@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP12	Like	Map CP 12 is the only current map that is close to being constitutional. Map CP1 is still the best choice and should have been adopted by the commission.	Lewis Zanto	lewzanto@protonmail.com	Great Falls	MT
		<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>2. it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District</li> <li>3. it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole, and</li> <li>4. it only splits 1 county</li> </ol> <p>I don't like Map CP11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east, which is ridiculous!</p>				
CP12	Like	Map CP13 should be rejected because it splits three counties, with no legitimate reason.	Debbie Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	CLANCY	MONTANA
CP12	Like	I think CP12 is the best map.	Lane Votapka	lvotapka@protonmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Like	<p>I like map CP 12 because it complies with all the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts that the Redistricting Committee has adopted because, â€¢ Districts are equal in population by one person. â€¢ District has protection of minority voting rights because it divides the Native American Reservation as equal as possible. â€¢ Each district consists of compact territory in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography. â€¢ Each district is contiguous and are in one piece. Map CP 12 meets the Committees Goals for Congressional Districts because, â€¢ Both districts are equal as possible and do not favor a political party. Montanaâ€™s vote for the candidates and not always the party. â€¢ Minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts. Pondera County is the only county divided because of the Blackfeet Reservation. â€¢ Keeps communities of interest intact, 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 interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles intact. â€¢ Both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Map CP 12 meets Montana Code Annotated 5-1-115 requirements.</p>	Nicky Swenson	nickyswenson@yahoo.com	Three Forks	Montana
CP12 Opinion	I support Map CP12!!!! It is fair and the best decision!	Misty Wohltman	misztee99@gmail.com	Corvallis	MT
CP12 Like	<p>This map is a good compromise. It includes almost all counties to include Blackfeet Indian Reservation which gives them better representation. It has two tribes in the west rather than one and has Flathead and Gallatin in the same district. It looks more like the original districts from the 1980s and it's compact and contiguous making it probably the only legal option.</p>	Dan Tidswell	danforbillings@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it incorporates most of the criteria previously discussed by the commission by keeping Kalispell in the western district, as it should be. Our own former senator, Max Baucus, said congressional districts should not split up counties. CP12 is the option that splits up the least amount of counties making it the most fair to the people of our state.</p>	Elijah Tidswell	etids@outlook.com	Billings	Montana
CP12 Opinion	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> <li>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> <li>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</li> <li>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</li> <li>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</li> </ul>	Chris Hegge	chegge1112@gmail.com	whitefish	MT



CP12 Dislike	<p>I'm adding my red dot to dist.1. My comment of appeal is already recorded but my dot didn't record .. now it is showing. PLEASE DO NOT to adopt this map. It's adds a big ol' thumb to the scale that is already beyond the pale, out of balance against rural voters and union folk. It's 100% wrong to stack the deck further out of reach. I appeal to your sense fairness.. that everyone should get a fair shake. THANK YOU!!</p>	laurie lee walsh	laurieboehlerwalsh@gmail.com	Libby	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>I like map CP 12 because it complies with all the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts that the Redistricting Committee has adopted because,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ Districts are equal in population by one person.</li> <li>â€¢ District has protection of minority voting rights because it divides the Native American Reservation as equal as possible.</li> <li>â€¢ Each district consists of compact territory in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography.</li> <li>â€¢ Each district is contiguous and are in one piece.</li> </ul> <p>Map CP 12 meets the Committees Goals for Congressional Districts because,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ Both districts are equal as possible and do not favor a political party. Montanaâ€™s vote for the candidates and not always the party.</li> <li>â€¢ Minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts. Pondera County is the only county divided because of the Blackfeet Reservation.</li> <li>â€¢ Keeps communities of interest intact, 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 interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles intact.</li> <li>â€¢ Both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> </ul> <p>Map CP 12 meets Montana Code Annotated 5-1-115 requirements.</p>	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>I am so disheartened as a person in rural MT. We can never have a say with this map. It also effectively silences (by dividing) union voices for the 1st time ever. This is so wrong on so many levels &amp; will effectively silence the "little guy." If this map carries the day.. the fix is in. PLEASE don't do this to us!</p>	laurie lee walsh	laurieboehlerwalsh@gmail.com	Libby	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>This is the better choice of the two bad maps. This map only splits one county to have Blackfoot reservation complete in a district. CP1 is the most constitutional map presented to the commission, I'm disappointed its not in the final choices of this commission's decision.</p>	Steven E Galloway	Galloway4MT@Gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	<p>This is the best map I've see. It keeps Flathead county in the west and seems to be close to the original redistricting split we had in the 80's. I think it would be competitive as well!</p>	Martin Shrock	punkshrock@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Like	We are given two final choices and of those two CP12 has the better alignment with the Montana Constitution. Only one county is split to include the complete Blackfoot Reservation. CP1 is still the most constitutional map this commission has seen and it should be in this final round.	LOLA Sheldon-Galloway	LOLA4Montana@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	This is a very good map. Keeps Flathead in the Western District and the 2 western tribes together in the same district.	Thomas Millett	simplytom65@yahoo.com	Marion	Montana
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 divides the historically unionized communities of Helena, Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda into two districts, thereby diluting the voice of working people in deciding their congressional representatives. This map puts Helena and Billings in the same district. As someone who was born in Billings, Helena has less in common with that community than they do with other communities in the West, including Missoula.	James Holbrook	jamesaholbrook@aol.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	Map CP12 keeps Flathead County in the Western District and includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the same district which allows for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.  Only 1 county is split - Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties are whole	Stefanie Cavalea	syanch@yahoo.com	kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. This is not "competitive".	Claudia L Davis	grmaclyde@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.	Cathy B Mitchell	longlakenmf@msn.com	Kalispell, MT	MT
CP12 Like	It only splits 1 county	Stacia Shapan	ssshapan@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12. It is the best choice for our state. Thank you for your time and consideration!				

CP12 Dislike	<p>Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and creates at least one competitive district.</p> <p>â€¢ CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. A large number of Livingston residents commute to Bozeman for work as well as shopping, dining, and recreation. Livingston is a hot spot for Bozeman residents to dine, and enjoy the outdoors. Park county interests will be ignored in District 2.</p> <p>â€¢ CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.</p>	Michael Smith	pmountain5@hotmail.com	Livingston	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>We need to quit adding maps. 1 was the best yet now of these 4 choices I would pick map12 as the fairest and most reasonable choice, It keeps Flathead county in the Western district where it historically has always been. Map 12 only splits one county and keeps most like minded population areas whole. While it does not keep a basic north-south division it is the best choice for like areas of interest and industry</p>	K. Bradley Lotton	bradlotton@yahoo.com	Havre, Mt. 59501	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it keeps flathead county together and in the western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county! It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Thank you for your time and consideration!</p>	Janet Shapan	jkshapan@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12. It seems to incorporate all of the criteria previously discussed and the comments provided so far by keeping Kalispell in the western district as it should be and keeping the districts compact and concise and limiting the splitting of counties to just 1. I support CP-12</p>	Andrew R Brekke	arbrekke@bresnan.net	Havre	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I like CP-12 because it most closely follows the law while minimizing the disruption to counties. It provides the opportunity to have two legislators who will both have to focus on Canadian trade, grow areas, and Tribal concerns increasing our message in Washington.</p>	Ann Ingram	anningram58@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map 12. It keeps all but one county whole. Given the population restraints, it's my opinion that this is the best map for re-districting.</p>	Chany Ockert	chany.reon@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT

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CP12 Like	<p>After reviewing all these maps several times over the past few weeks and seeing what the final choices are I have to select CP12. East and West Montana are very different and have different needs and issues. Keeping Gallatin, Lewis and Clark and Flathead intact and not split up counties is preferable and cost effective. The Blackfeet Nation territory in the Western district gives them a stronger voice as a whole which is very important. They were here first!</p>	Hill Mescall	Mescall.hillary04@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map 12. It only splits one county. It keeps Flathead county in the Western district. Flathead has more in common with the Western counties than with the flat mostly agricultural Eastern counties. Map 13 splits too many counties. Map 12 is more compact than 13.</p>	Evan H Comella	livebythebook@yahoo.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I do not support Map 12 as it does not meet the goals the Commission has set for itself. Regarding communities of interest, as someone born and raised outside of Helena, I can attest that Helena and L&amp;C County belong in the Western District. Helena has close historic ties to Butte and Silver Bow County as well as current social and economic ties to Missoula. It identifies strongly with western Montana and does not belong in the Eastern District. This map also falls outside of the range that all Commissioners agreed was competitive and fails to meet the criteria of not unduly favoring a political party. Montanans deserve to have at least one competitive district.</p>	Kayje Booker	kayjebooker@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP12 Like	I support this map, it keeps the Flathead in the west and only splits one county. Maps 11 and 13 are terrible as they split more counties and put the Flathead in the east.	Alan Wilson	acwilson@acwei.com	KILA	MT
CP12 Like	I prefer #12. It creates more contiguous representation. Western Montana and Eastern Montana have different issues. I am looking forward to a time when one representative doesn't have to cover the whole state. This map creates an opportunity to more fairly do that.	Susan M Lake	jlake@ronan.net	Ronan	MT
CP12 Like	The preferred map is CP12. Thank you for serving.	Bruce Arthur	butch1@midrivers.com	WINNETT	MT
CP12 Like	While no county likes being split, I am supportive of CP12 for several reasons. 1)It has an equitable population split between east and west. 2) It creates a competitive District in the west that the best candidate can win. 3) It keeps the Blackfeet Tribe whole. 4) For Pondera County, which has a small population, being able to speak to two Congressmen will be a net positive. Thank you for all your hard work. Llew Jones	Llewelyn Jones	ljones@mtbus.net	Conrad	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map 12. It keeps Flathead County intact and includes the CSKT & Blackfeet Reservations, which gives "teeth" and a stronger tribal voice in the Western District. CP12 also keeps Lewis & Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin Counties (three large counties) whole, rather than dividing and splintering them. Overall, CP12 represents a equitable redistricting of our state, provides fair representation for all Montanans, and aligns with MT Constitution. Thank you, Chair Smith & Commissioners, for all your hard work and diligence throughout this redistricting process.	Elizabeth Newsom	wijim.7@juno.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map because it places Lewis & Clark County in the eastern district. It is preferable to some of the other previous maps in that it does not split Gallatin County between districts, and it includes Gallatin County in the western district. I realize that it is quite a conundrum for the commission to create 2 districts equal in population, when so much more of the state's population resides in the western portion.	Tracy Donaldson	spikegrl@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 as it is as close to the original way Montana was split before we lost a Representative seat. It divides the State into reasonable geographic sections keeping the eastern district with their special needs and issues intact. It is similar with the Western District where issues such as growth, tourism and rising house prices are the main concern. Putting Flathead County into the eastern section of this state is a ridiculous idea which must only come from partisan politics. Splitting Gallatin County is another crazy idea. Keep our redistricting simple, fair and non-partisan by voting for Map CP12.	Mark Agather	markagather@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	cp12 is not perfect but it is the best map i have seen yet. i fully support cp12	bruce williams	bruchar@yahoo.com	lewistown	mt
CP12 Like	Map 12. No Gerrymandering.	Jack Thatcher	JDThatcher19@Icloud.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I stand with the people of Montana. Please follow the Constitution. Support Map 12.	Sandy Smith	SandyTorah@Aol.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Like	CP12 is the best map of those available at this time. It only splits one county which is already split functionally because of tribal boundaries. It keeps the Flathead in the west and does not split Lewis and Clark or Gallatin counties. By not splitting the Flathead, you retain the economic and healthcare delivery features of the region in one district so true concerns for Montanans are aligned. Hopefully the major goal of the districting effort is to produce two legislators who have many similar concerns regarding Montana to represent us in Washington.	David Ingram	dli1957@yahoo.com	Kalispell	Montana
CP12 Like	My initial preference is for Map 1. If that is out of the mix, then I give my full support to Map CP12. In looking at this map, it provides the coverage to both districts with our Canadian Border, meets the important criteria and representation to our Native American citizens without creating an imbalance, does not break Helena away from Lewis & Clark County, keeps Flathead County in one district, and most importantly is following our Montana Constitution. The deviation is within the Constitutional law and accounts for continued growth in our great state. I ask that you give this map due consideration.	Ruth Ann Rater	rrater406@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support CP12 because it creates a grossly uncompetitive district. As stated earlier, I believe CP11 is the best compromise for population distribution, minimizing breakup up of cities and counties, and achieving competitive Congressional elections.	Brian R Globerman	bgloberman@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP 12. Let's make a fair decision.	Sue Votapka	SueVotapka@Gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	Chair Smith and Commissioners. I support CP12 because I support Map CP12 because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>â€¢ it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>â€¢ It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>â€¢ it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>â€¢ it only splits 1 county</li>   <li>â€¢ I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> <li>â€¢ CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</li> <li>â€¢ CP13 splits too many counties</li> <li>â€¢ keep Lewis and Clark county whole</li> </ul>	Dick Pence	rapence45@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP12 Like	I support Map 12.	Debbie Waldenberg	DW@CentralMT.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Like	<p>Of the maps currently under consideration, CP12 is the best. It keeps Flathead in the West and combines Montanans with common cultural, economic and environmental concerns.</p>	Keith Regier	keithregier@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Chair Smith and Commissioners, I support Map CP12 because: It keeps Flathead County in the Western District and includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Three large counties remain whole: Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin. Only one county is split. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Will Parker	will@fmgw.net	KILA	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support MCP-12 because I feel it provides a fair, equitable compromise by keeping the Flathead County whole and in the Western District. Keeping the Flathead County whole is important for a number of reasons.</p> <p>First, Flathead County as a whole is isolated compared to many of Montana's other counties with significant urban populations - we are two hours from the interstate and divided from the eastern side of the state by a mountain range. This would make it incredibly hard for a representative of the eastern district to spend time in the Flathead County and understand the county's needs. Access to facetime with our congressional delegation is part of what makes Montana a great place to do business.</p> <p>Second, Flathead County's largest industries have little alignment with the primary industries of the eastern district, which are heavily weighted toward commercial agriculture and mining. To split off a section of Flathead County, where we rely on manufacturing and tourism for jobs, along with emerging areas such as biotechnology, and set it in the east is a huge disservice to our businesses and community. We cannot expect a representative to clearly understand or advocate for our industries alongside the majority of their constituents in agriculture and mining - it divides that representative's focus and leaves the Flathead Valley at a distinct disadvantage.</p> <p>Third, as a business owner and community leader, I can testify to the fact that our county coordinates closely to manage the benefits and impacts of our sizable tourist season, to deal with the complex freeze-thaw cycles that more rapidly deteriorate our roads in Flathead County, and to attract businesses and employees to the region. Splitting Flathead County would put our county at a gross deficit when compared with other options from an economic sense and an ability to access our representative.</p>	Courtenay Sprunger	courtenay@bigskypublicrelations.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Dislike	I urge the commissioners to reject this map. As someone who was raised in a union household, and freely belongs to one now (IBEW local 206), please don't break up our union families or 'communities of interest' as you call them by splitting Jefferson and Lewis & Clark away from Butte. Blue-collar families like mine have worked hard to have our voices heard by the higher-ups and elected officials of our state...don't divide that now. Please reject map No. 12	Nick Lockridge	nick.lockridge@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map 12. Please follow the Constitution and the Montana State Law.	William Ferst	ConstitutionFerst@Gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because it most meets the Constitutional guidelines and seems the most fair and equitable way to split the state. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district and keeps Flathead County intact.	Karen Mueller	karmymueller@protonmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	I support MCP-12 because it keeps Flathead County intact and in the Western district. The CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations remain in the new Western District. Lewis and Clark, the Flathead and Gallatin counties remain whole. Geographic boundaries are better aligned along with the cultural interests between Western and Eastern Montana.	Janet Clark	jc@clarkmontana.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Opinion	My map of choice is #1, however if looking at 12 or 13 I would choose #12 as it has the most fair distribution of the two.	Gayle Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- it keeps Flathead County in the Western District where it belongs.</li> <li>- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.</li> <li>- It only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>I don't support cp11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It splits Flathead county and puts most of it in the east which makes no sense.</li> <li>- It splits too many counties</li> </ul>	Richard Franklin	rick@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	Montana
CP12 Like	I like this map the best of the remaining alternatives you seem willing to consider, CP1 is by far the best one proposed and probably the only truly "legal" one by MT. law but it look's like that "ship has sailed". This one keeps L&C, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county. It also puts BOTH truly western MT. tribes together in the west district where they themselves have told you over and over again they WANT to be ! As an added bonus, the population split is literally as good as it gets. Vote YES on CP12 and you might even keep yourselves out of court for letting dreams of partisan gerrymandering interfere with your duty to our constitution. MT. is 60% plus Republican and no amount of "progressive" whining is going to change that fact !	Perry Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT.



CP12 Like	I support this map because it only splits 1 county and keeps Flathead in the Western District. Of the two choices left, it appears to be the one that most closely follows the directions given to the commissioners by the Chair.	Sharon Nason	rsnason3875@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because it will keep Flathead County in the Western District, it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District (allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district) and, it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. This map only splits 1 county. Further, I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans, it splits too many counties - keep Lewis and Clark county whole!	Patty Franklin	Patty@thefranklinhouse.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	Please do not split Flathead County. I support CP 12 because it makes sense. Let the vote fall where it falls.	Dave Hutton	DHutton1960@Gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole	Kris Mishler	krismishler@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District, and it only splits 1 county.	Lindsey Mishler	lnmishler@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	Those who oppose this map repeat only one reason: they say it is not "competitive." But "competitive" is not among the lawful criteria for deciding how to define Montana's congressional districts. The unforgivable fault with Map 11 is that Flathead County belongs to western Montana. So, Map 11 out on that basis alone. Map 12 best represents the economic, social, and cultural divisions of Montana, and it best balances large cities and universities between both congressional districts.	Edwin Berry	ed@edberry.com	Bigfork, Montana / USA	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map CP12 because: Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole Â· it only splits 1 county	Glenda Edgeworth	gedgeworth@aol.com	Stevenville	Montana
CP12 Like	Keeping Flathead County in one district is clearly the most rational. I think the Blackfoot Reservation should be in the Eastern Dist, but so be it. Looks like this map most closely follows the law in physical division of the state, dividing the fewest number of counties and leaving Flathead County in the Western Dist. Dividing Flathead County is ridiculous - especially since the mountains provide a natural division for the state. Map CP 12 seems to most closely follow the law as well as natural geographic division.	Sonya Skelton Quackenbush	sonyaquack@yahoo.com	Missoula	MT

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because it keeps flathead county together and in the western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county! It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

CP12 Like

Jill Brass

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Kalispell

MT

This plan creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.

Republicans won every single statewide election in both of these districts in the most recent election. There were 8 statewide races in 2020 and Republicans won all of them in both districts. That is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.

This plan separates Butte from Jefferson County. People commute from Jefferson County into Butte every single day, and it makes no sense at all to separate the two communities.

This plan intentionally cracks the union vote to separate workers who have banded together for more equitable workplace standards. Separating Helena union workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge isn't just bad policy. It's immoral.

This plan slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Galaltin regional economy, and their interests will be ignored in District 2.

This plan splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. County splits should respect communities of interest and large counties have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically and ensure real representation for communities divided within a county.

This plan ensures that rural voices can never carry the day in any Congressional district. Our largest urban areas are equally split between the two districts, meaning that rural Montanans can never elect a Congress person of their choice

CP12 Dislike

Anne Thomas

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Bozeman

MT

I urge the commission to reject this map for several reasons.

1. As a union member, I am incredibly frustrated that this map separates the union communities of Helena from their neighbors in Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda. Montanans who voluntarily join together to advocate for their rights in the workplace are a strong community of interest. It is important for working people to have a strong voice in our elections, and this map dilutes that voice.

2. This map creates two congressional districts that both unduly favor one political party. There is little chance that the Western District will be won by anyone other than someone running on the Republican Party ticket. And that means that neither of our congressional seats will require a candidate to work to earn the vote of their constituents.

CP12 Dislike		Amanda Lockridg	amandalockridge18@gmail.com	Helena	MT
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CP12 Like	I support map 12! 11 would be a disaster for Montana! LETS GO MONTANA!	McKenzie Carl	kenzie.carl@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
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My support for CP-12 is tepid at best as it is the least objectionable unlawful map. Sadly CP1, the only legal map, was quickly scuttled early in the process.

The benefits of CP12 are as follows:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

CP12 Like		Chris Amyes	cjamtPA@pm.me	Kalispell	MT
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I support Map CP12 because it keeps flathead county together and in the western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county! It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

CP12 Like		Stefanie Hanson	shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com	Kalispell	MT
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CP12 Like	<p>Chair Smith and Commissioners,  I support Map CP12 because:  • keeps Flathead County in the Western District.  • includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.  • keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.  • only splits 1 county  Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Bradley W Abell	abell_1959@yahoo.com	Columbia Falls, Mont	Mt
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:  • it keeps Flathead County in the Western District  • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district  • it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole  • it only splits 1 county</p>	Dan Boychuck	dboychuck@me.com	Bigfork	MT
CP12 Like	I support CP 12 as is the best map for ALL Montanans!	Sonja Godin	sgodin59@gmail.com	Superior	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:  • it keeps Flathead County in the Western District  • It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district  • it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole  • it only splits 1 county</p> <p>• I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>• CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it</p> <p>• CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>• keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>	Diane Dietsch	dianedietsch@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	Split the state like it used to be. Do not put the Flathead in the East. I support map 12!	Fawn Mckenzie	FawnMacMT@Gmail.com	Eureka	MT
CP12 Like	I support map CP12. KEEP ALL OF FLATHEAD in the west!	Evelie Reid	ereid@nwmtheadstart.org	Kalispell	Montana
CP12 Like	I support map CP12. KEEP ALL OF FLATHEAD in the west!	James Carl	josh42065@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Like	Initially, I was in support of Map CP-1, however, given the choice between Maps CP-12 and CP-13, Map CP-12 much better serves all the people of Montana, particularly the Native American population of Montana, and splits fewer counties. And CP-12 is in accordance with the Montana Constitution and Statutes.	Robert H Moss	rhm458@centurytel.net	Swan Lake	Montana
CP12 Like	District 12	Evelie Reid	ereid@nwmtheadstart.org	Kalispell	Montana
	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>				
CP12 Like	Flathead County IS in western Montana and should remain in western Montana !!!!!	WAYNE D. APPL	arohwayne@gmail.com	Kalispell, Montana	Montana
CP12 Like	I support map CP12 mainly because it keeps Lewis & Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits one county which makes the most sense. It also keeps both the CSKT and Blackfeet reservations in the Western District. I dislike CP11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east. I dislike CP13 because it splits too many counties.	Deb Sjostrom	78sjos@gmail.com	Malta	MT
CP12 Like	Map#12 is a reasonable solution to current redistricting efforts. Flathead County needs to be intact, as #12 reflects. Amputating the Flathead does great disservice to the state at large, as "The Flathead's" population is a source of vocal and powerful community.	barbara a. austin	austinbarbara97@gmail.com	kalispell	mt

I support Map CP12 because:

Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District

Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district

Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole

Â· it only splits 1 county

Â· I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.

Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it

Â· CP13 splits too many counties

Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole

CP12 Opinion		Lillian Ostendorf	tlostendorf@rangeweb.net	Powderville	MONTANA
CP12 Dislike	I prefer map 11 as the best one to meet all criteria. It keeps economic interests together for better representation. I do not like maps 10 or 12. They are too convoluted and split economic interests.	Mark Sheets	msheets@blackfoot.net	Thompson Falls	Montana
CP12 Like	I am submitting reasons as to why we need to accept Map#12.	barbara a. austin	austinbarbara97@gmail.com	kalispell	mt
CP12 Dislike	This map fails to create a competitive district. Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. Further, this map divides the communities of interest of Bozeman and Livingston, and it splits up the union towns of Helena and Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge.	Julia Shaida	juliashaida1@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

I support Map 12. I would have preferred and still believe the best map was Map 1. However, as a compromise which is necessary, I can support Map 12.

At least we have progressed to the point that the silly idea of a north-south split has gone away, and we are closer to districts that reflect what Montana truly isâ€”one state divided by the Continental Divide and the Rocky Mountains.

Map 12 also gets rid of the equally silly idea of putting Flathead County, except for Whitefish of course, in the east. That idea was the most blatant example of gerrymandering left once the north-south split maps were tossed.

Map 12 keeps the Blackfoot and CSKT Reservations in the west, keeps businesses and communities of like interest together, gives each district a border with Canada, and meets most of the legal criteria for how districting and apportionment is required to be done.

Most importantly, I believe it is the responsibility of this committee to settle districting without selecting a map so divisive the final outcome is decided by litigation. If this committee cannot come to an accommodation that avoids a decision being handed down not by legislators but by the judiciary, then it will have failed, and a stain would be upon all five members that would never wash out.

I support Map 12.

CP12 Like Tracy Alan Sharp    Theknowbetters@gmail.com    Polson    MT

- I support Map CP12 because:
- Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District
  - Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
  - Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
  - Â· it only splits 1 county
  
  - Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.
  - Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it
  - Â· CP13 splits too many counties

CP12 Like Shelly Rummel    tskkee94@gmail.com    Plains    Montana

I support this map because it seems to be the best option based on the directions given to the commissioners.

CP12 Like KATRINA RAUSCH    katrinaraus62@gmail.com    POLSON    MT

CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> <li>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li> <li>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</li> <li>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</li> <li>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</li> </ul>	Tamara Choat	tamarachoat@gmail.com	Terry	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>This map falls short on several fronts. First, it does not create any competitive districts. Second, it divides communities of interest - both Livingston from Bozeman, and Helena from our union communities of Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge. This map is a blatant attempt to separate the power of workers who have fought together for decades and it should be rejected.</p>	Megan Harbaugh	megan.harbaugh46@gmail.com	Helena	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>#12 creates a map that violates the Commission's goal of not favoring a political party and not meeting a basic definition of competitiveness.</p> <p>I urge rejection of #12 for these reasons.</p>	Diane Fladmo	dfladmo@yahoo.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it makes the most sense of all the options that have been presented. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District and it includes both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole, which makes common sense! And it only splits 1 county. I don't like map cp 11 because it splits Flathead county putting most of it in the east. This map cp 11 is not in the best interest of Montanans.</p> <p>I also don't like map cp 13 because it splits too many counties. You need to keep lewis and clark whole.</p>	Mike Schauf	mschauf@att.net	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Not in favor or CP 12. It divides Park and Gallatin Counties, which have similar economic and demographic interests. Biggest thing. It's not competitive. That's should be the main critical criteria.</p>	Billy McWilliams	billymc@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT



CP12 Like	CP12 is the best option available. It splits less counties, keeps Flathead in the Western district and provides for Native American representation in both congressional districts. Having grown up in the Flathead valley, and now living in Eastern Montana, it makes absolutely no sense to include Flathead county in the Eastern district. CP12 is by far the best choice to allow fair representation for all Montanans.	Will Peterman	wpeterman23@gmail.com	Hardin	MT
CP12 Like	Map # 1 is my preferred map, however, of the two maps we were told to consider, Map # 12 and Map # 13, I prefer map # 12, as it meets the Montana Constitution and applicable Statutes and is the most fair distribution of those two.	Ron P. Wirth	ron.wirth1971@outlook.com	Victor	Montana
CP12 Dislike	I feel that the values of going with option 11 are in line with a more ballanced honoring of the views of the peole in the distinct areas of the state and feel that it best allignes the areas so that there is equal opportunity for all citizens voices to be heard.	Steven Donnell McArthur	stevemcarthur@aol.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	As a native, and having lived in both Eastern and Western Montana, there are great cultural and economic differences. This map is a reasonable split and gives democrats the 2 most Democratic counties in the state. This is a great and historic opportunity, and the committee needs to do it right and reject the blatant gerrymandering evident in map 11. Keeping counties together and giving 2 Tribes to the Western district are also big pluses for this map.	Phiip L Barney	barnowitz@yahoo.com	Polson	MT
CP12 Like	CP 12 is the most reasonable and fair for all.	Jolene Regier	regierjolene@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	This map--#12 should now be the choice. It best meets the criteria set by the commission and best aligns with the criteria set up in the MCA. Map #1 & #3 also did these, but with the newest released maps, this is the best one for the state!	Noelle Johnson	noleeeefb@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Opinion	Please support CP12. Common sense would keep all of Flathead County in the Western District as well as the CSKT and Blackfoot lands. Please reject all other options. Thank you.	Greg Hinkle	gghink44@blackfoot.net	Thompswon Falls	Montana
CP12 Like	This map divides only one county, keeping communities of like interest together, and makes the population on both sides as equal as possible. This is the best map between CP 11, CP 12, and CP 13 as ALL concerned parties have a voice in both districts. But I still like map 7 and 1 better.	Ruth Wardell	rwardell@rocketmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	Please chose Map 12 I accidentally hit 11. Thank you!	Kathy Workman	Kathyworkman@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Like	Choose map 12, it more closely fits the criteria set forth in the Montana annotated codes and your commission.	Corinne Frick	cfrick76@hotmail.com	Great Falls	MT

CP12 Like	<p>I strongly urge you to adopt Map CP12 because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. it keeps Flathead County in the Western District,</li> <li>2. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District allowing a stronger voice for the tribes in the new district, and</li> <li>3. it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole and it only splits 1 county</li> </ol> <p>I urge you to reject the other maps as they are not in the best interest of Montanans</p>	David A. Johnson	swansong@montanasky.us	Bigfork	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I oppose this map. Its creators cherry-picked areas in order to specifically silence a large group of Montana citizens who oppose their partisan agenda. Our constitutional framers intended for each Montana voter's voice to be weighted the same. The opinions and experiences of those voters should be seriously considered by anyone who wants to be or is elected to represent us in Congress. This map muffles the voices of too many Montanans.</p>	PJ McNeal	pjmceal@blackfoot.net	Superior	MT - Montan
CP12 Like	<p>I support map 12. It is the most in line with our laws of those maps currently being considered. I believe map 1 to be most constitutional according to 506, and 1-1-115. I echo comments made by Victoria Wirth, Agatha Kerry, and especially Jeremy Gingrich. It keeps most counties whole and I favor a watershed line that puts Helena in the East. It is beneficial for the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations. Map 1 or map 12.</p>	Susan and Stephen smith	Susbosmith@gmail.com	helena	montana
CP12 Like	<p>CP12 will do. It follows most of the criteria, only splits one county. I can live with this choice.</p>	vicky ohara	VICKYOHARA63@HOTMAIL.COM	Fort Benton	Mt
CP12 Like	<p>Map CP12 is the preferable map because it includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western district, giving the tribes a stronger voice. Further, this map keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole, while only splitting one county. This map also does a decent job of following natural geographical boundaries and respecting the cultural differences between Eastern and Western Montana. In contrast, CP11 splits too many counties and attempts to put Flathead County in the eastern district, which makes no sense aside from political bias.</p>	Melisa Schelvan	mbschelvan@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support CP12 because it placed Flathead County into the western district. It also only splits one county. It satisfies the tribal concerns of having at least one nation in each district. It mostly groups counties with similar interests and concerns together, and is a compact split of the state.</p>	Wendy Beye	wbeye@bitterroot.net	Roundup	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I strongly oppose Lewis and Clark County being in the "eastern" district. It is culturally part of western Montana. The Continental Divide does not and never really has been the dividing line between the districts per-1996 (Bozeman and Helena both east of the divide but both in the old western district) so given that reality, It makes far more sense to put the Flathead into the "north and east" district, as it keeps like-minded communities together.</p>	Brenda Wahler	Wahlerlaw@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP12 Like	This map hits the most points for fulfilling the constitutional directives. Keeping counties and communities in tack, dividing the population evenly, staying compact.	justin cleveland	huskers@3rivers.net	FAIRFIELD	MT
CP12 Like	i believe cp # 12 is the most logical.	frank vetere	veterefrank@yahoo.com	great falls	mt
CP12 Like	I support Map CP 12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western district where it belongs. It also keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. I do NOT support CP 11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.	Wendy Williams	tawewilliams@mt.net	Helena	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District</li> <li>Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li> </ul> <p>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</p> <p>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</p> <p>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</p> <p>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</p>				
CP12 Like		Victoria Wirth	vwirth1972@gmail.com	VICTOR	Mt
CP12 Like	I like CP-12 because it keeps Flathead County in the west where it belongs and keeps Gallatin, Lewis & Clark and Flathead Counties whole.	Ed Regan	edregan@rytimber.com	Townsend	MT

I support Map CP12 because:

- Â· it keeps Flathead County in the Western District
- Â· It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
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CP12 Like

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Whitefish

Montana

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CP12 Like

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Manhattan

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CP12 Like

This map, CP 12, is in the best interest of Montanans. It is the most fair, reasonable map presented thus far.

Phyllis Eliasson

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Roundup

MONTANA

CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12. I live in Flathead County in the Western District. It makes no sense to put Flathead into the Eastern District, across the continental divide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Â· CP12 includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district</li> <li>Â· it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole</li> <li>Â· it only splits 1 county</li>   <li>Â· I donâ€™t like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.</li>   <li>Â· CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I donâ€™t support it</li>   <li>Â· CP13 splits too many counties</li>   <li>Â· keep Lewis and Clark county whole</li> </ul>	Kimberly R Kerry	krkerry@aol.com	Whitefish	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>This map is not competitive. It splits Park County from Gallatin County and Jefferson County from Butte even though there is much social and commercial interaction between the pairs. Lewis and Clark County does not belong in the same district as Great Falls. Dividing counties should not be an obstacle because county boundaries are for the most part arbitrary and counties vary greatly in shape and area. But the division lines should be placed in areas of low population density, not along city boundaries.</p>	Noreen Breeding	rog7nor@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support Map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District. I couldn't possibly like Map CP11 because it places most of Flathead county in the east. CP13 has too many splits altogether.</p> <p>Importantly, CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations are in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work and hope of coming to a consensus through so much public comment.</p>	Dianne Hansen	diannedave2@gmail.com	Eureka	Montana
CP12 Dislike	<p>Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties should be included in the western half. Helena communities have more in common with communities west of the divide.</p>	Jordan Mullosk	austin.lindsay@mt.gov	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>This map is not competitive, and makes several separations of communities of interest, including Gallatin/Park, and Silver Bow/Jefferson.</p>	Charley Carpenter	carpentc@carpenterlawfirmplc.com	Missoula	MT

CP12	Dislike	Please reject this map. It splits Bozeman and Livingston from each other, two communities which are integrally tied together socially and economically. It also fails to create a competitive district in the west.	Thomas Cuezze	tcuezze@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	In the interest of overall balance for the state I prefer CP11.	patrick berryhill	berryhill_2000@yahoo.com	GREAT FALLS	MT
CP12	Like	This Map is more like Montana.. although I don't think Gallatin should be in the West.. to have a fair compromise I like it.	Debra Kaltschmidt	dkaltschmidt@yahoo.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Like	I like CP-12 It keeps Park County in the east. We get our local TV news ABC, CBS and NBC out of Billings, Montana. We are involved in Yellowstone River Water rights adjudication process which all eastern counties along the Yellowstone River. We want to be represented by someone from eastern Montana who is familiar with our agricultural concerns not by a western Montana representative who would have less concern for those of us who live in the Yellowstone River Drainage.	Edwin Johnson	edwin@montanaguide.com	Gardiner	MT
CP12	Like	Edwin Johnson Park County Republican State Committeeman	Edwin Johnson	edwin@montanaguide.com	Gardiner	MT
CP12	Like	This is the best of the four currently active proposals, as it keeps Flathead and Gallatin Counties whole and in the western district where they belong. It would be even better if tweaked to put the I-90 corridor between Bozeman and Butte in the western district as well.	Edward Salmon	esalmon@montanasky.com	Columbia Falls	MT
CP12	Dislike	And a FYI, if you haven't realized, when you issued these last two maps (12 and 13) under the cloak of darkness, and because you issued them in the first place -- at all, you officially took this too far. You lost your credibility. You lost people's trust. THIS wasn't necessary. So go ahead and gerrymander until your heart's content, draw a line here and there, draw an outline of Quasimodo or Medusa. Give them the hand of Freddy Krueger and the feet of Frodo Baggins. You're not going to listen to anyone anyhow. Who will stop you in this process now? WE'LL just see you at the ballot box. And come 2022, the cheating will be no more.	Tammy T	scrubbingeustace@gmail.com	worden	mt

CP12 Dislike	<p>As we learned with every other complaint, we simply cannot divide counties. People find it offensive and don't like it. You must see, Montana "culture" and "values" are no longer just that -- "Montana culture and values." No, no, no. What we've witnessed is a schism reminiscent of the 11th century Church. This is truly Biblical. No longer is a Montanan just a Montanan, oh no; as he travels along the interstates and highways of our most altered state, he must prepare for the cultural shock he'll encounter when he leaves the uncultured wasteland of rural Montana -- a dusty old hellhole where biology still lags behind: men can't yet birth children, teachers still call their students Boys and Girls, and married couples -- a true symbol of the backwardness so prevalent in the Eastern District -- don't rely on ANY funds from the government to pay their way. With the vast differences in culture and values from one side of the state to the other, the shock one will undergo as he travels from Lewistown to Dillon, from Havre to Cut Bank, or from Billings to Bozeman, is indescribable. This divide is ever so fragile. The divide must not offend a person in any way, shape, or form. If someone doesn't like the boundary, as a child doesn't like their best friend at recess in first grade, the divide must be redone. This new Montana MUST reflect that there is no longer the Montana we once knew. Create with caution, mind the two distinct peoples, and don't hurt anyone's feelings.</p>	Tammy T	scrubbingeustace@gmail.com	worden	mt
CP12 Like	<p>I like that this map keeps county integrity for the most part, except for Pondera, but you need to include the severed part with the Blackfeet Reservation.</p> <p>As to trying to make this map competitive, that is pointless. The Democrats are not going to succeed this next election no matter how the map is drawn, and Montana has a long tradition of retaining incumbents. You need to make the selection based on equality of size (to the extent possible) keeping local government in play within one district, and consider the issues of people near each other.</p> <p>Lastly, this map needs to last ten years. There will be demographic changes in the future that cannot be predicted, but if you start out fair, those issues will resolve themselves in 2030.</p>	Steve Eschenbacher	seschenbac@yahoo.com	Polson	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I would prefer Lewis and Clark county - particularly Helena be placed in the western district.</p>	Lucy Morell-Gengler	IMPORTANTMAIL@BRESNAN.NET	HELENA	Montana
CP12 Like	<p>This map as a first real attempt at compromise should be selected because of its continuity of counties and communities. Two first people nations in the west looks to be the only county split, but I think everyone recognizes the importance of keeping the strongly associated northwestern tribes together. Gallatin county is kept whole and in the west... this seemed to be one of the biggest objections to previous maps. Clearly rural Park county is in the east as well, Balance seems to have been achieved in this map (as close as is possible), and counties (save one) remained whole. I support this map.</p>	Mark R Smith	mark@aspen-island-ranch.com	Lavina	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I'm a lifelong Montanan from Helena and to put Helena in the same district as the rural trade centers of Great Falls and Billings makes no sense. An entirely different community, both in culture and values. Belongs in the western district.</p>	Eric Grove	egrove61@gmail.com	Helena	MT



CP12 Like	This map is a good compromise .... It includes all counties whole except Ponderay to include Blackfeet Indian Reservation. It has two tribes in west rather than one and has Flathead and Gallatin in same district. It looks more like the original districts from 1980s and its compact and contiguous. Reject CP11 and yes on CP12	Don Kaltschmidt	don@donk.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Dislike	While this new map does a decent job of keeping most counties intact (including mine, Gallatin County) and it also includes two reservations in the Western district, I think Map #11 is the best of all the maps at keeping communities of interest together (including Gallatin and Park Counties) and providing for a competitive district in the West. No doubt this is why Map #11 has so many positive comments from Montanans who care about fair representation and dialing down the corrosive political divisiveness plaguing much of our nation. Montanans are better than that. Let's stick with the plan that best represents our common ground, common interests and common sense. Map #11 should be a keeper. Thanks for all your hard work on this!	Garth Neuffer	gneuffer@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	I like that 2 tribes are in western	Hank McClain	hank.mcclain@gmail.com	Clinton	MT
CP12 Like	Let's keep the political football out of this and do what is best for the voters of MT.	Bruce Arthur	butch1@midrivers.com	WINNETT	MT
CP12 Dislike	It makes no sense to put any part of Bozeman in the western district. Any attempt to do so is gerrymandering as this map clearly is. It is not compact and does not group areas with similar issues.	James Gomolka	realfoodwins-1@yahoo.com	Proctor	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is horrible and the whole process has become a farce after listening to the hearing today. The rest of us did not have the re-warning to get organized and get a bus to come to Helena. This hearing makes this process look like a Republican-manipulated game with people who didn't have prior knowledge and Derek Skees to organize us. How could you do this? Which map won the first "round"? Why are we doing this again unless it is to make it look like all Mt want Map 1.	Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Opinion	I believe each map under consideration should be competitive; this one IS NOT.	Jeannine M Cozzens	jmcozzens@gmail.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP12 Like	This map makes a lot of sense. Minimal county splitting, even population, compact. This is the most fair, reasonable map.	Forrest Mandeville	forrestmandeville@gmail.com	Columbus	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map puts Helena and Park County in the eastern district which disenfranchises large segments of Montana voters and, therefore, suppresses free speech.	Sue Beland	csbeland@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP13 Like	I really liked Map 11, but evidently that fell by the wayside. I think Map 13 is a good compromise and allows the reservations to stay intact as well as the Flathead County. It would have been ideal to keep Gallatin intact as well, but we can work with that. This map allows more equitable division amongst the parties while not favoring the ranking party as perhaps the previous maps have done, except 11. Very nice job. Appears to be the best of the last 2 choices.	Sheila Ann Shapiro	sheshapiro@centurytel.net	Whitefish	MT

CP13 Dislike	That this map divides one of the fastest growing areas in the country in literally half is a giant red flag. If the goal is to divide and suppress an important area of the state, then this is the map. Otherwise Gallatin County, especially the valley area, should remain whole.	Andrew Rowse	aw.rowse@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP13 Opinion	I believe in compromise, but I truly hate dividing Bozeman from its suburbs. This is not reasonable representation. It is not as bad as some of the other maps that divide Bozeman, but it is not the best choice.	Linda Kenoyer	lindakenoyer@hotmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP13 Dislike	I oppose this map (CP13) because it splits up three counties. Therefore I am more inclined to support (CP12).	Ronald James Nason	r_snason@hotmail.com	Clancy, Montana	Montana
CP13 Like	I support CP13 as a reasonable alternative. It is fair to both parties and generally keeps counties with common interests together.	Bob Hughes	Rdhughes@umich.edu	Livingston	MT
CP13 Like	Map 13 is a good compromise map. It splits Gallatin County, which it would be preferable not to do. But this is part of the compromise, and would be acceptable should this map be chosen as it would also keep the Flathead whole and place 2 reservations in the western district. This is a good compromise.	Linda G Semones	lindasemones@hotmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT
CP13 Dislike	This map splits Gallatin county and separates the cities of Bozeman and Livingston, two communities that have long-standing economic and cultural ties. This map also does not create a competitive district.	Emily Billard	emilyqiu512@gmail.com	Belgrade	MT
CP13 Like	CP13 not quite as competitive as CP11 but so much better than any of the Republican alternatives. Montana needs a competitive alternative. Thank You for your efforts.	John Mohar	mohar@frontiernet.net	Troy	MT
CP13 Like	I support either CP-11 or CP-13 as they provide for fair and balanced representation.	Kathy Mohar	katka.meadows@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP13 Dislike	CP13 appears to be a product of political gerrymandering. Splitting communities and Counties weakens their voice and undermines their ability to unite for the good of the whole. Though not the best, CP12 is a better choice.	Debby Wesselius	Dwesselius@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Dislike	I do not support map CP13. It splits 3 counties for political favor. One of the Commissions goal was to not split counties. This map also places Missoula, Bozeman and Helena in the same district; these growing cities should not be placed in the same district.	Elena Hesse	elehesse@gmail.com	Frenchtown	MT
CP13 Dislike	Maps should not favor one political party over another. This Map is unfair and is not in the best intrest for Montanas. I vote for CP12	Cassandra Crosby	cassiec1026@yahoo.com	Frenchtown	Montana
CP13 Dislike	These districts do not seem competitive and it splits 3 different counties which doesn't seem like a good idea. I especially don't like Gallatin county split. It also doesn't make sense that Helena would be in the eastern district.	Hannah Schweitzer	hdschweitzer12@gmail.com	Bozeman	Montana
CP13 Like	While I favor CP 11 the most, CP 13 is the next best alternative, especially because it puts two Tribal Nations in one district ensuring that the representative will have to listen to Native voices. It also creates competitive districts.	Nicki Jimenez	nicki.g.jimenez@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Dislike	Doesn't meet the criteria like CP12 does	Paul Ellis	ellispaul4@aol.com	Bozeman	MT

CP13	Dislike	Not Fair	Barbara Ellis	rockinspurranch@aol.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Dislike	Map CP13 should be rejected - it splits way too many counties, and is not in the best interest of Montanans.	Megan Heimel	meganheimel@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Dislike	This splits too many counties. Not a good map!	Natalie A	natalieadams1219@gmail.com	BOZEMAN	Montana
CP13	Dislike	We do not like this map. It splits too many counties. It looks like somebody is just shopping for votes.	Steve and Beth Hinebauch	bhineba@midrivers.com	Wibaux	MT
CP13	Dislike	I do not like this map. It is gerrymandered as can be seen because Map CP13 splits three counties, for no justifiable reason. Please reject it.	Cameo Flood	cflood@bresnan.net	Missoula	MT
CP13	Opinion	Nobody likes this map. That must mean its an okay compromise. Since it seems I've got to choose between this one and CP12, I'll choose this one. It doesn't give in entirely to the tyranny of the majority.	jasmine krotkov	jasminekrotkov4mt@gmail.com	Neihart	MT
CP13	Dislike	Map CP13 should be rejected because it splits three counties, with no legitimate reason.	Debbie M Churchill	debbie.churchillmt@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP13	Dislike	This is unconstitutional in design. It splits 3 counties, the city Helena cut out and only makes one competitive district. For all the effort of this commission and our constituents, we have not risen to the occasion! Lets get sensible about this and quit with the gamesmanship! Do not approve this MAP!	Steven E. Galloway	Galloway4MT@Gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Dislike	This map is a perfect example of creating only one competitive District in Montana. All democrat dominate cities are in this map Whitefish, Butte, Bozeman, Missoula, Helena and Livingston. To cut out Helena saying its a "city of interest" is forgetting all the people that live in Jefferson City, Boulder, East Helena, Clancy, Elliston, Avon and Townsend that work in Helena. This map is a constitutional nightmare and should not be this commission's final choice.	LOLA Sheldon-Galloway	LOLA4Montana@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Dislike	I do not support CP-13. This map is worse than the last proposal in some ways and splits even more counties. There are countless ways to avoid that and should be first and foremost in the minds of the commissioners that communities must not be split. There were other submissions before this which did a better job with this. CP12 is the best option at this point.	Andrew Brekke	arbrekke@bresnan.net	Havre	MT
CP13	Dislike	This map splits 3 counties while the rest split only 1. Our capital shouldn't be split off from the community of like interest East Helena. Map 1 seemed to have the most support just judging by the comments yet it is no longer under consideration. Why?	K. Bradley Lotton	bradlotton@yahoo.com	Havre, Mt. 59501	Montana

CP13 Opinion	<p>CP-13 is not my favorite of the maps the commission is reviewing but I feel we could live with it because it maintains Flathead County in the western district. The disadvantages the Flathead County will incur if split are far greater than that of other counties due to the isolated northwestern location of Flathead Valley. As someone who travels for work across the state, the Flathead, as opposed to Gallatin, Missoula, and Silver Bow Counties, is far removed because it is off the I-90 in the NW corner of the state. Practically speaking, it will already be challenging for a representative of the Western District to serve and visit the Flathead let alone one from the Eastern District who would additionally be separated by a full mountain range. Though I understand the reasons no community of interest/county would wish to be split, splitting the Flathead puts it at a comparatively large disadvantage and it is therefore not a reasonable option. Economically speaking, the Flathead shares far less industrial commonality with the east than other areas under consideration for splitting. We are primarily a tourism and manufacturing center unlike the east, which is agricultural and mining. Nothing is going to be perfect but aligning the mining/oil communities that are in Butte, Helena, Billings, and Colstrip makes more sense to me from an economic perspective and a representative's ability to work on their behalf.</p>	Courtenay Sprunger	courtenaysprunger@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP13 Dislike	<p>Sorry i forgot! Way to go Tammy T! But tell us how you Really Feel !!! If i wasn't such a "hunt and peck" typist, i would have done a comment JUST LIKE YOUR"S. Save our Republic MT !!</p>	Perry Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT.
CP13 Dislike	<p>Wow, so this is map # lucky 13 for the GERRYMANDERING attempts of the "progressive" minority to carve out a "stacked" district by shoehorning all the Republicans possible - And Then Some More !- into an eastern district. What a blatant display of "Rules are for thee, but not for me" power politics, i guess it's OK to split multiple counties when it benefits the "progressives", but a "White Privilege" horror show if/ when it goes the other way. This monstrosity will be awfully hard to defend, even with 1 of your "living Constitution" judges presiding. Save yourselves the humiliation of losing in front of any jurist that has an ounce of respect for MT.'s constitution and adopt CP12.</p>	Perry Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	MT.
CP13 Opinion	<p>I still like Map #1 -- what is it with all these ridiculous options?? You should quit adding new maps. It did not need to be this confusing. You were spot on with Map #1 and I believe most Montanans have voiced this to you. This map #13 violates Montana Code 5-1-115 and federal voters act. You continue with the gerrymandering with this one. You had it correct the first time. Just stop with adding more and more maps. Why don't you listen to us and reintroduce Map #1? Guess that would be too easy and less confusing for everyone. What a sham!</p>	Gayle Helt	ghelt.1@netzero.com	Columbus	Montana
CP13 Dislike	<p>This map splits 3 counties while Map 12 only splits 1 county. It also does not seem to follow the guidelines given by the Chair as well at Map 12.</p>	Sharon Nason	rsnason3875@gmail.com	Clancy	MT
CP13 Opinion	<p>I like the idea of including more tribal lands in District 1. However, I dislike splitting up Gallatin county and Lewis and Clark county. Please consider putting more of Flathead county in District 2 and including all of Gallatin county and Lewis and Clark county in District 1.</p>	Anne L Christensen	annelchristensen@gmail.com	BOZEMAN	MT

CP13	Dislike	This map violates Montana Code 5-1-115 thus violating the federal Voters Act It splits 3 counties unnecessarily and continues with gerrymandering.	Ruth Wardell	rwardell@rocketmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Dislike	Map 13 basically split a community urban vs rural that does not need to happen. 12 is a better map, keeping counties and communities in tack.	justin cleveland	huskers@3rivers.net	FAIRFIELD	MT
CP13	Dislike	I strongly oppose the concept of splitting the Helena Valley at basically the edge of town; it divides a community of interest. This map will put me into the eastern district and completely disenfranchise me from my own local community where I live and work. If the county must be split, the split should be the ridgeline of the North Hills, thus putting most people who work in Helena into the same district. If there are population balance issues, put more of the Flathead into the east, that would not divide a community.	Brenda Wahler	wahlerlaw@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Like	I think this is the best map yet. A competitive western district, avoiding diluting the votes of rural Montanans in the east with urban areas that have more of a western sensibility, keeping important communities of interest together.	Charley Carpenter	carpentc@carpenterlawfirmplc.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	<p>CP13 is not preferred. It splits Gallatin County and puts Park County in the western district, neither of which seems wholly appropriate.</p> <p>CP12 is the more balanced and should be the preferred of the finalists. It more closely matches the natural geographical boundaries of the Continental Divide, and the cultural differences of eastern and western Montana. We should try to follow John Wesley Powell's recommendation that our political boundaries should be more aligned with watershed boundaries.</p> <p>CP12 does not split Gallatin County and places it in the western district, which can easily be considered appropriate. CP12 also does not split the Blackfeet Reservation and places it in the western district, which again can be considered appropriate.</p> <p>CP11 is obviously gerry-mandered to create a "competitive" district. Flathead County/Kalispell is not part of eastern Montana, but CP11 puts it there to create a non-competitive eastern district and a competitive western district.</p> <p>Further, regarding "competitiveness", there is no constitutionally or practically valid rationale that any congressional district be "competitive". They should be representative of the people and the landform.</p>	Jeremy Gingerich	jeremygingerich@msn.com	Manhattan	MT

CP13	Dislike	Please do not split up Bozeman from Belgrade and Manhattan. They are communities of similar interest. Please do not split more than 1 county. Splitting counties will make it harder on counties during elections.	Jerry Gilbert	austinblindsay@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Dislike	It is very important for Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties to be included together on one side. The communities are similar considering the out reaches of Helena go into Jefferson County. CP 11 is better. Additionally, the communities in these two counties are more closely similar to communities west of the divide.	Jerry Gilbert	austinblindsay@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Dislike	Here would be my day to day with this map: I would wake up in District 2 (Bozeman address just south of Huffine and east of Gooch Hill), go to my office in District 1 in Bozeman, come back to District 2 to change, head out to ride my horse in District 2 just north of Gallatin Gateway, and then head out to feed my retired horse who is also in Gallatin Gateway but in District 1. How does splitting up the Gallatin Valley community make any sense to the Commission? This is gerrymandering.	Whitni H Ciofalo	wciofalo@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Like	It seems that Map 11 or 13 best represent the populations of citizens within Montana based on economics, educational, and infrastructure concerns.	Dennis LaBonty	lg36738@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP13	Like	It's the fairest option yet.	Connie Ostrovsky	conoboza@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Dislike	I dislike map CP13 because does not meet the committee goal of minimize dividing cities, towns, and counties between two districts because it divides Gallatin, Pondera, and Lewis and Clark Counties.	Bill Ellis	billellis58@aol.com	Miles City	Montana
CP13	Dislike	I prefer map 11, this map spilts Gallatin county and members of our community that consider themselves part of Bozeman. I live 3 miles outside the boundary, but work and sent my children to school in Bozeman- we should be represented in the Western district, we have much more in common with communities in the Western district. I also object to the last minute insertion of new maps, if you aren't following this carefully the public has no time to respond.	Wendy Pierce	wendy.piercemt@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Dislike	The only reason I can imagine for why this map has been proposed is that the Democratic members of the commission, chastened by the outcry over their attempt to arbitrarily split Flathead County for partisan purposes, decided to try splitting Gallatin and Lewis & Clark Counties along even more arbitrary lines. Montana created the bipartisan commission to ensure that districts were drawn on the basis of legally recognized, apolitical principles like shared community interests and compactness. There is no way to explain, based on such principles, why Bozeman and Helena should be in different districts than their adjacent suburbs, or separated from the highway corridors connecting them with each other and with Butte. It is time for Democrats to accept that it is impossible to put all of Lake County, Missoula, Butte/Anaconda, Helena, and Bozeman in the western district without having an uneven population split or dividing counties along inevitably partisan lines that break up communities with shared interests and close commercial ties. As the state capital in the foothills of the Rockies, where the interests of all parts of the state come together, Helena is the community it makes more sense to put in the eastern district.	Edward Salmon	esalmon@montanasky.com	Columbia Falls	MT

CP13	Opinion	I still prefer CP11 but I appreciate the effort in this map to keep Helena with the western district - I do not like CP12.	Lucy J Morell-Gengler	importantmail@bresnan.net	Helena	MT
CP13	Dislike	I see my initial comments were green, but make no mistake, I am against this map because of my prior comments... RED = NO	Mark R Smith	mark@aspen-island-ranch.com	Lavina	MT
CP13	Like	Actually splitting Gallatin county? I can't help but see this map as a poor attempt. The disregard for first nation commonality in the previous map 11, and now splitting Gallatin county: this map 13 simply reveals how democrat commission members view people as pawns, and can so easily abandon the constitutional mandates for redistricting. It seems to me that every person who supported map 11 and protested splitting Gallatin of map 10 should join me on this map 13 with big red "NO" circle.	Mark R Smith	mark@aspen-island-ranch.com	Lavina	MT
CP13	Dislike	<p>It seems like the Commission is looking to diversify rather than consolidate populations. I, in particular, disagree with not putting all the Reservations in one district. You marginalize the Indian population by making them a small proportion in each district. The tribes will be a force in one District.</p> <p>I also disagree with not keeping the conservative population in one District. Kalispell is much more like Glasgow than the liberal block in the SE corner of the state. How does a Representative avoid demonstrations outside their house and offices day after day if you put Kalispell and Missoula together.</p> <p>My view isn't based on who wins the Districts. At the moment, I find both parties to be doing a terrible job of governing at the national level.</p> <p>What I want is to put like-minded people together, give them the power to influence their Representative, and get away from the chaos that we have at the national level as soon as possible.</p> <p>Map 9 is by far the best at getting us back to our Representatives behaving like the late Senator Mansfield - whom I consider our State's greatest statesman. He did the right thing, not the political thing. We need to seek harmony in this redistricting!</p>	Jere L Kolstad	jerekolstad@clarusime.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	I appreciate the Commission taking on this "mission impossible". Thank you all.	Jere L Kolstad	jerekolstad@clarusime.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	And, what a disappointment. This could have been a great learning experience for the state. But, if you read comments, it's all based on FEELINGS, how people FEEL about the MAPS, if they LIKE the map or not. Does it work better for them to get their way? Montana may not be a democratic Leftist state, but, what can be done so they a BETTER CHANCE to WIN, to DETERMINE THE OUTCOME before anyone has even CAST A VOTE. Does everyone get a Participation Trophy? The LEGAL aspects, established POLICY, it doesn't matter when FEELINGS are at stake. A JOKE.	Tammy T	scrubbingeustace@gmail.com	worden	mt

WAS A DEMOCRAT FOR OVER A DECADE, but YOU LOST ME LAST YEAR WHEN I REALIZED THIS WAS NO LONGER a PARTY for REAL HUMAN BEINGS. MY DEPARTURE is just one of MANY, and only the BEGINNING of MORE. LOOK AT YOURSELVES: HATING the POLICE who RISK their LIVES DAILY-THREATS of POLICE DEFUNDED and GUNS GRABBED, TORCHING CITIES-then LOOTING the WALMART and AUTOZONES, NORMALIZING the (\*GASP\*) CAPITALIST ABORTION BUSINESS, DEPRIVING \*OUR CHILDREN\* OF OXYGEN-WHAT THEY'RE \*ALLOWED\* TO BREATHE is CONTAMINATED by a MASK that REMOVES THEIR SMILES and STIFLES THEIR LAUGHTER, YOU FORCE MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION lest the HEALTHY PERSON with an IMMUNE SYSTEM LOSES their LIVELIHOOD, you STAGE RACE RIOTS, PLANT BRICK PALLETS, YOU LABEL CONCERNED and ANGRY PARENTS as DOMESTIC TERRORISTS while YOU \*actually IMPORT\* UN-VETTED people from a TERRORIST COUNTRY and WELCOME MILLIONS of \*UN-TESTED\* and \*UN-VACCINATED\* illegals this YEAR-GIVE \*THEM\* IVERMECTIN-BUS and FLY them into MIDDLE AMERICA for the MIDDLE CLASS TO PAY FOR, your ATTEMPT after ATTEMPT to FEDERALIZE ELECTIONS-trying desperately to seize from individual STATES their CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS because you know YOU WILL NEVER WIN IN AN HONEST ELECTION, YOU'RE LEGALIZING DRUGS to KEEP PEOPLE DAMAGED, YOU'RE DAMAGING OUR ENERGY CAPABILITIES to KEEP PEOPLE DEPENDENT, YOU GIVE FREE this and FREE that to KEEP PEOPLE NEEDY-WANTING, the PLANNED INFLATION we haven't even SEEN YET, a PRESIDENT who won't ANSWER QUESTIONS unless they're PRE-APPROVED from a PRE-SELECTED REPORTER, an ADMINISTRATION that DELIBERATELY LEAVES AMERICAN CIVILIANS, ALLIES, and TROOPS-yes, TROOPS-BEHIND for a BARBARIC PEOPLE to HAVE, a vice president who bailed ANTIFA and BLM RIOTERS out of jail so they could RETURN TO THE STREETS AS QUICKLY as POSSIBLE, the TAXES IMPOSED TO TAKE a SON'S INHERITED FAMILY FARM, RENT MORATORIUMS IMPOSED TO TAKE an OWNER'S PROPERTY, PLANS to SPY on our BANK ACCOUNTS if we SPEND \$600, PLANS to OVERTAKE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS and CREATE a CRADLE-TO-COLLEGE \*FREE\* SYSTEM, an \*FDA APPROVED\* COVID VACCINE that DOESN'T EVEN EXIST-ASK YOUR PHARMACIST for "COMIRNATY" the "FDA-APPROVED" VAXX-it's NOT REAL, YOU KEEP BLACK PEOPLE on the MENTAL PLANTATION-easier TO CONTROL, YOU KEEP WHITE PEOPLE as OPPRESSORS-easier to CONTROL, your PEOPLE POSE as WHITE SUPREMACISTS in VIRGINIA to hinder the Gubernatorial GOP candidate-ABSOLUTELY SICK, NORMALIZING the REPLACEMENT of "I WANT TO BE FREE" with "I WANT TO BE TAKEN CARE OF"- "I'M ENTITLED TO FREE THIS and FREE that," YOU SILENCE and DELETE PEOPLE who ATTEMPT to SHARE the

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CP13	Like	I like map 13 the best of the newest proposals. I like that it gives each district at least two reservations. I like that it puts the counties that surround both Glacier and Yellowstone in the same district (minus Carbon) as these counties share SO MANY of the same issues surrounding forest, wildlife, and tourism management. These counties along with the others included in the proposed District 1 share similar economies based on tourism, education, forest products, and ranching, while proposed District 2 is centered on farming and fossil fuels. Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston, and Whitefish should all be together as they have so many shared lifestyle characteristics. The same goes for Billings, Lewistown, Miles City, Great Falls, and Glasgow. Im not a fan of splitting counties, but the split of Gallatin in this proposal is much more sensical than in previous proposals. THIS IS THE BEST PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN PUT FORTH! Thanks!	Jeff Brown	Merlin4180@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	While this new map includes two reservations in the Western district, which is good, it also literally splits my home in Bozeman and Bridger Canyon in two, which is not so good. I'm not sure how competitive this one is, but I think Map #11 does the best job of all the maps at keeping counties, reservations and communities of interest together (including Gallatin and Park Counties), and also providing for a competitive Western district. No doubt that's why Map #11 has so many favorable comments from those who are looking for fair representation and to dial down the political divisiveness corroding so much of our nation. Montanans are better than that. Let's lead by example and stick with the redistricting plan that best represents our common ground, common interests and common sense. I think map #11 should be our keeper. Thanks for all your hard work on this!	Garth Neuffer	gneuffer@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Like	Map 13 seems like the best choice. One person in population, 2 Indian reservations, keeping most areas of common interest together, (Helena and outlying areas where people live, and Helena where they work etc.) It should make people work for the votes in the district. Make it more competitive. Thank you for continuing to work this very sticky problem.	Mary Barbachano	mebarb47@yahoo.com	Butte	MT
CP13	Like	This appears to be the most favorable map of those proposed. Equal population is very important. This is the least partisan plan that I have seen	Judith C Goodman	jcgoods145@yahoo.com	Polson	Montana
CP13	Like	I like map 13 the best. Equal population, it establishes 2 competitive districts, the national parks and are in the same district so too are the Flathead and Blackfoot Reservations allowing them a chance for significant input.	Gary J Goodman	gjgoods@gmail.com	Polson	Montana

CP13 Like	In today's hyper partisan environment we need more than ever strategies to create competitiveness, ensuring candidates need all our votes. This is why I support Map 11 and/or MP 13 as a Consensus Map of 10/11. It meets the Commission adopted criteria and goals, meaning: 1) be as close to equal in population as possible, 2) be compact & contiguous while minimizing dividing communities of interest, cities, towns, counties, and reservations, 3) comply with the Voter Rights Act, and finally and most importantly, 4) not unduly favor a political party and take into account competitiveness, ensuring candidates need to work for our votes.	Amy Olson	amyolson55@gmail.com	Belt	MT
CP13 Like	Map 13 looks straightforward to the eye and is evenly divided by population and keeps the primary interests of each half intact. The rural and farming interests of the Eastern district are going to be represented in this map without a doubt. I like that both the Flathead and Blackfoot Reservations are together and Both Glacier and Yellowstone NP are together. This map follows the historical precedent of the 1980's congressional map keeping intact as many historical communities of interest as possible.	Leslie Wallace	leewallace11@gmail.com	Ronan	MT
CP13 Opinion	Whatever map "wins", I ask that end result is fair to both political parties.	Jeanette Copeland	jeanette@bigsky.net	Missoula	MT
CP13 Like	I really like Map 13. Let's go with that. David.	David William Carlson	3dncarlson@gmail.com	Billings	Mt
CP13 Opinion	I am not crazy about Gallatin County being split but this is a much better split of our county than in Map #10 but I do suggest that all of Bozeman be in the Western district. A town should not be split up. This map is competitive which is a very important consideration. We need at least one competitive district since MT is a purple state after all.	Katie Scherfig	katieinmt@hotmail.com	Big Sky	MT
CP13 Like	Map 13 would not be ideal but is definitely more competitive than many of the other maps. Competitive voting with the right for all voters to have their vote heard and not buried under the predominant political parties should be a major consideration. The other new map 12 is gerrymandered toward the Republican party in both districts and defeats the purpose of voting and thus free speech. One Party government leads to extremist laws and an attack on all of our freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. One Party government leads to not only suppressing votes but further ignoring voter concerns and dictatorial not democratic rule. My first choice is map 8, 2nd choice map 11, and 3rd choice map 13. Please select one of these maps and keep Park and Gallatin County in the western district.	Sue Beland	csbeland@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP13 Like	My support is based on the Cook PVI score, which is lowest for this map.	James E. Amonette	jeamonette350@gmail.com	Big Timber	MT
CP13 Like	I believe this map is the most fair and competitive	Jeff D Griffin	jeffreygriffin@live.com	Great Falls	MT

CP13	Opinion	Go back to CP-1. This map has a strange attempt to include Bozeman in the West when it should clearly be in the east.	James Gomolka	realfoodwins-1@yahoo.com	Proctor	MT
CP13	Like	This map keeps most counties together and puts at least 2 tribes in each district. The hearing today and having 2 new maps dropped on us makes this process a farce. Which map won the first vote?	Sharon S Patton-Griffin	pattongriffin@yahoo.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Like	This map addresses the major points the commission sets out: equal population, competitive, maintaining reservation boundaries. It avoids partisanship and will encourage consensus-building and respect for disparate concerns. I appreciate the process the commission has taken to reach its goals, one of transparent iteration, listening to feedback, and improvement. It makes sense that the last maps would offer solutions to earlier mapping concerns because they responded to the comments of constituents.	Elizabeth Dove	elizabeth@elizabethdove.com	Missoula	MT
CP13	Dislike	Map 13 is not competitive and is so far skewed Republican that Democratic would never be able to gain that district. Doesn't Montana have enough Republican representation? If Bozeman can be carved out, so can Kalispell. If Gallatin County can be split, so can Flathead. Considering +/- 1 population is a poor criteria to be weighted so heavily as compared to competitiveness. Population changes by the day. Both Flathead and Gallatin, Kalispell and Bozeman are among the fastest growing areas in the State. Map 11 is the more competitive of those remaining. Western Native Voices advocates for Map 11. While it would be better for the Blackfeet Reservation to be included in the western district along with the CSKT, a fair, open and competitive Democracy is the higher value to consider as a defining criteria.	Claudia Narcisco	cdnarcisco@gmail.com	Missoula	Montana
CP13	Dislike	I dislike Lewis & Clark Co. assigned to the eastern district, and the fact that several counties are split between districts	Tracy Donaldson	spikegrl@hotmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13	Like	I think competitive districts are the democratic principles of the US. I like Map 13 as it is the closest as it comes to fair. People should chose their politicians, not the other way around.	Wanda J Walker	wandwalker@gmail.com	Billings	Montana
CP13	Like	Hello! and thanks for your persistent work to arrive at Map 13 which I support. I am pleased to see Flathead County back in the west where it belongs. Although our fastest growing region of Gallatin County gets chopped up, I can see the benefit of having two Congressional Reps attentive to their needs. A little competition for district 1 is a good thing, keeps people on their toes.	Leonard Benjamin Duberstein	lennyduber@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP13	Dislike	Divides Gallatin County	CINDY BOWKER	cindybowker86@yahoo.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Like	I support this plan, it's certainly has some flaws, but it it good points as well. This plan is population equal, and it does not favor any political party because it establishes a truly competitive district. Because this plan includes the Flathead and Blackfeet reservations in a competitive district, it will insure that any candidate will need to take the needs and issues of Native voters seriously in order to win an election. This plan seems to be a major move toward consensus, which is something we desperately need in our state in order accomplish anything.	Sandra Baril	sandrabaril@yahoo.com	Sheridan	Montana

CP13	Like	As long as the redistricting is competitive and population is equal, then I consider it a good choice. I see nothing wrong with splitting counties and/or cities.	Jeannine M Cozzens	jmcozzens@gmail.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP13	Like	This map maybe splits a few too many counties but does really well in keeping Bozeman and Helena in the western district while balancing Indian reservations well and creating a competitive district. All in all, a good map.	Thomas Cuezze	tcuezze@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP13	Like	I FULLY support this map. It makes the districts competitive and fair and ensures there is no partisan gerrymandering taking place.	Tayln Lang	taylnlang@gmail.com	Victor	MT
CP13	Like	I support Map #13 as it leaves Cascade County intact, leaves tribal communities intact, balances populations evenly, and creates a competitive district winnable by either party for the foreseeable future. Map #11 is also a good choice from my perspective.	David Saslav	dsaslav@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT
CP13	Dislike	Bizarre splits of Gallatin and Lewis and Clark Counties, apparently for political purposes. This is a bad, gerrymandered map. Do better.	Forrest Mandeville	forrestmandeville@gmail.com	Columbus	2454753
CP13	Like	<p>CP 13 is the best redistricting option:</p> <p>This plan is population equal, with only a one person difference between the two districts.</p> <p>This plan includes the Flathead and Blackfeet Reservations in a competitive district, meaning that any candidate who runs for the seat on either side of the aisle must win over Native voters in order to win.</p> <p>This plan does not unduly favor any political party because it establishes a truly competitive district.</p> <p>This plan keeps Flathead County whole, and is a major move toward consensus, which has taken a lot of give and take on both sides.</p> <p>This plan follows the historical precedent of the 1980's congressional map, keeping intact as many historical communities of interest as possible while achieving perfect population equality that acknowledges where Montanans live today.</p> <p>This plan recognizes the importance of county lines, city limits, and communities of interest. It splits no cities or towns and achieves population equality by acknowledging community of interest concerns in Lewis &amp; Clark and Gallatin Counties.</p> <p>The tourism economies centered around Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are both included in the western district, keeping a bipartisanly recognized community of interest intact.</p> <p>The Canadian interface has representation in both districts, which addresses a concern raised by citizens along the border.</p> <p>Both districts include sections of the Empire Builder Amtrak line, meaning both Representatives will have to advocate for funding for the train line.</p> <p>This plan ensures District 2 has strong rural voices. Of the major cities in Montana, only Great Falls and Billings are in District 2, ensuring one seat where rural voices will be a majority.</p>	Lorene Bishop	mtmaui5@gmail.com	Polson	Montana

CP13	Like	Well, at least one district will be competitive and the population is split evenly. Nobody gets everything they want, it's called compromise and fairness. This is the best compromise for all sides.	Maria Loeza	<a href="mailto:gabyhidde@gmail.com">gabyhidde@gmail.com</a>	Helena	MT
CP13	Like	This map is horrible; it is very gerrymandered. Please consider my original map, #18, which places Flathead in the West, Lewis and Clark in the East, splits Broadwater, and places Gallatin in the West. It only splits one county with a population of 6774.	David Ball	<a href="mailto:balldt@gmail.com">balldt@gmail.com</a>	Bozeman	MT
CP2	Like	This is one of the better maps for grouping the voters of Montana (rather than just dividing the dirt). Missoula and Bozeman are very similar cities and it makes sense to keep them in the same district. This also has an added benefit of keeping that district actually competitive.	Nate Norberg	<a href="mailto:natenorberg@gmail.com">natenorberg@gmail.com</a>	Bozeman	MT
CP2	Like	This is by far the best map because it does not split the counties. Splitting counties is hard on the counties for elections. It is also obvious gerrymandering. The only problem with this map is that all the reservations are in District 2.	Jerry Gilbert	<a href="mailto:austinblindsay@gmail.com">austinblindsay@gmail.com</a>	Helena	Montana
CP4	Dislike	Just no. This one is terrible. There are better maps, like all of them.	Sandra Brewer	<a href="mailto:sbrewer@gmail.com">sbrewer@gmail.com</a>	Helena	MT