

CP #	Opinion	Comment	Name	Email	City	State
CP1	Like	This is the best map. It splits the population, reservations and college towns evenly without gerrymandering.	Desma E Meissner	desma.meissner@yahoo.com	Great Falls	31
CP1	Like	This map CP1 actually seems the most logical giving cities and rural populations equal representation.	Virginia Richardson	merchmont@midrivers.com	Circle	MT
CP10	Dislike	Splitting Gallatin County seems a very blatant disregard to the redistricting criteria.	Nicholas P Maffei	maffei.nick@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP10	Dislike	I do not like this map because it has a Cook PVI score that is anti-competitive. Please reject this option.	James Amonette	jeamonette350@gmail.com	Big Timber	MT
CP10	Dislike	This map violates the commissions own criteria. It is not competitive. It divides linked communities and silences rural and union voters. Please reject this map.	andrew burns	spookburns@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP10	Like	Of the two maps up for final consideration by the redistricting committee, I like CP10 better than CP11 because it keeps Flathead County in the western district and it keeps two reservations in the western district.	KATRINA RAUSCH	katrinaraus62@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP10	Like	I agree with this map. It keeps Flathead county in the Western district. I don't like in general the options of splitting counties as it will cost the counties more for elections. However, if a county is going to be split Gallatin county I believe would be able to handle this more readily than smaller counites such as Pondera.	Sarah Miller	rauschse21@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP10	Opinion	I like this map, but I believe CP12 is better and meets the criteria set for better.	Robert Michael Walters	robertmichaelwalters@gmail.com	Dillon	Monta
CP11	Dislike	I do not like CP11. It is a prefect definition of gerrymandering, the practice of redrawing electoral districts to gain an electoral advantage for a political party. By putting both college towns, which tend to vote democrat, in the west and Flathead, which tends to vote republican, in the east the committee is trying to make a Democrat district and Republican district. I believe their buzz word is "competitive" not gerrymandering.	Desma E Meissner	desma.meissner@yahoo.com	Great Falls	31
CP11	Like	This is the best map of all the options. It doesn't split any cities or towns, keeps historic communities of interest together and is competitive.	Kathleen Hadley	kathyh1016@gmail.com	deer lodge	MT
CP11	Dislike	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	Tom Finkle	jabsog002@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP11	Like	This map is the only one left that creates a competitive district. It does the best job of doing that while keeping counties whole and those with connected interests together. This map allows ALL Montanans a chance to have their interests represented.	Kathleen Kennedy	kkennedy68@hotmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP11	Like	This is the best remaining map. It keeps Park and Gallatin, which are interdependent, together. It's fair and population equal, and only splits one county	Graham Ian Cummins	grahamiancummins@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP11 Dislike	This seems definitely not a good choice for rural Montana. This also splits too many counties. CP1 and 12 are much better.	Virginia Richardson	merchmont@midrivers.com	Circle	MT
CP11 Like	This map best meets the stated goals of the commission. It creates a competitive district that does not unduly favor one party. It keeps communities of interest together and provides a chance for all voters to be heard. It keeps reservations whole and aligns Gallatin and Lewis and Clark County with the western part of the state where they are better aligned historically and economically. Fair elections are key to our democracy. Please act in accordance with the commissions stated goals and Montana values.	Cynthia Parry	cfparry@msn.com	Helena	Monta
CP11 Dislike	CP11 puts Kalispell in western district. Looks like some serious gerrymandering to me! Let's go with CP12.	Forrest Zimmerman	fzimmer357@gmail.com	Helena	Monta
CP11 Like	CP11 remains the best option to put the priority of creating competitive districts over a misguided reverence for county lines in other maps. Competitive districting, not keeping counties wholly within one district, underpins everything that makes our democratic republic function successfully.	Joseph M. Cleary	josephmcleary@gmail.com	Divide	MT
CP11 Like	I like map 11 because it meets all mandated criteria and goals of the commission. It is extremely important is to create a competitive district - not favoring one party over the other. Read the criteria here: https://leg.mt.gov/content/Districting/2020/Topics/Criteria/adopted-criteria-congressional-dac-july-2021.pdf	Robin Paone	pbiz@att.net	Whitefish	MT
CP11 Dislike	I do not agree with this map. It is a gerrymandering attempt by putting the Flathead region in the eastern district.	Dan MacLean	oscart1998@aol.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP11 Like	I think this is the fairest map. It makes for one competitive district (which I think fairly represents Montana), and leaves Helena in the western district. I support CP11.	Alaina Hardie	alainahardie@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP11 Like	Keeping L&C county with the west, fairly equal population, and a reasonable attempt at geographical distribution make this map the strongest attempt.	Nicholas P Maffei	maffei.nick@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP11 Like	This is the best option. As you can see from the comments it has the most support. It is fair and simple. It keeps communities of interest intact and is competitive.	andrew burns	spookburns@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP11 Like	I support CP-11 because it's the only map that produces a competitive district for Western Montana which has a rapidly-growing, diverse population best served by a representative who must compete for voters. The voices from Indian Reservations and university towns are more likely to be heard by candidates competing for the western district seat as proposed in CP-11.	Michael Enk	trouter@q.com	Great Falls	MT

CP11 Like	I think Map 11 is the fairest of the maps still being considered for the following reasons: (1) It keeps Gallatin County intact and linked in the same district with Park County [as all previous congressional maps have done], two counties that have been strongly linked economically and culturally for over 100 years; (2) It will establish a competitive district in the western half of the state, one that still leans Republican but which a Democrat could win, respecting the principle of not unduly favoring one political party; (3) It keeps towns whose economies depend on ski tourism all in the same district, which will help ensure that their shared interests are adequately represented by their Congressperson; (4) It keeps the union strongholds of Butte and Helena in the same district, as all previous Congressional maps have done.	Will Swearingen	wds59hp@gmail.com	Bozeman	Select
CP11 Like	I am in favor of CP11. The division of Flathead county can be debated, but the fact that much of Flathead country is grouped in District 2 actually makes sense given the shared cultural interests of Native American groups across the northern tier of MT. CP11 best meets the Commission's criteria of competitiveness and keeping intact most counties (all but one) and communities of interest (historically and culturally).	Charles Janson	chjsbny@yahoo.com	Huson	MT
CP11 Like	CP 11 keeps Helena in the western district with Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge which share a common union history and shared community interests. It is fair and does not favor one political party over the other. It simply set up more competitive elections throughout the state.	Alan Ekblad	al.d.ekblad@gmail.com	Helena	Monta
CP11 Dislike	Wow. Who came up with this one? Nancy Pelosi's staff? Not competitive at all, more like a participation trophy to a party that has ill served the states wellbeing for years.	Robert Michael Walters	robertmichaelwalters@gmail.com	Dillon	Monta
CP11 Dislike	This map is inferior to CP12 for two main reasons: 1) geographically, it is illogical to put communities in the Flathead region into District 2, and 2) it is imbalanced demographically: District 2 has 35,521 more non-white voters than District 1--more than twice the difference between the two districts in CP12, which is inequitable. Given the locations of non-white voters, an exact balance between districts is difficult without significant gerrymandering, but CP12 does a much better job of achieving demographic balance than does CP11.	Lorraine Roach	lroach@thrgroup.com	Stevensville	MT
CP11 Opinion	I do not like this map. It is gerrymandering at it's lowest and strives to give a seat to people who will not fairly represent the majority of Montana. It also fails to meet the criteria set forth.	Robert Michael Walters	robertmichaelwalters@gmail.com	Dillon	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP12 and urge the commissioners to follow their agreed-on goal of drawing one competitive district. CP12 favors 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. CP12 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. I support map 11.	Diane Lanning	lanningdll@outlook.com	Missoula	Monta

In your final consideration of an optimal set of congressional districts for the voters of Montana, I ask that you embrace a fundamental nonpartisan axiom of our representative form of government: that the association of voting groups into districts allow as much as possible for a fair and even playing field such that voters of all stripes feel that they have a voice and a reason to participate, and that the election outcome be not determined by inadequate or unfair election design.

We know that the State currently has a diverse voting public, and that those voters represent a shifting partisan demographic that breaks naturally into majority and minority camps. The Commission's difficult role is to honor this uneven electoral landscape with a district construct that upholds and celebrates the inherent democratic values promoting balanced bipartisan civic debate and voter participation. Most importantly, the design must ensure that elections be not predetermined due to inadequacies or biases of fundamental election mechanics, including district mapping.

No outcome will be perfect, but after much reflection I would ask the Commission to consider Map 11 as the most balanced of the choices, where the tilt of the electoral playing field is dramatic, and where electoral outcomes are less at risk for being pre-determined.

In contrast, adoption of Map 12, whether intended or not, will introduce a significant structural imbalance to Montana elections that will favor one party over the other, an outcome that must be avoided at all costs. Please oppose Map 12.

CP12 Dislike		Sen. Chris Pope	chris.pope@mtleg.gov	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not like proposal 12, this map does not meet the criteria that the Commission decided on to allow for equal representation of voters	Keegan Medrano	keeganmedrano@gmail.com	MISSOULA	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12 because it does not meeting the stated goal of competitiveness in at least one district. No districts in CP12 are competitive based on national standards for defining competition. Because of this, CP 12 clearly favors a political party by almost certainly guaranteeing an outcome before an election has begun. This will lead to less responsive and more extreme candidates and a less healthy democracy. I also oppose having Helena and Lewis and Clark county in the eastern district. I live in Helena every other winter and I also travel for work in eastern Montana frequently. Based on that experience, I believe Helena clearly shares more communities of interest with the western half of the state. Please reject CP12	Noah Marion	noahmarion29@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP12 Dislike	I do not support CP12.	Ashley Moon	admoondesign@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 does not meet the objectives of the commission as I understand them. Communities of interest in the Gallatin/Park Counties area share economic, transportation, education, and healthcare interests in a high growth area that will need strong support by our representative. Butte and Jefferson County are also part of a key community of interest. This map also perpetuates political interests of one party over another. Montana is unique in that it has a commission that is charged with getting as close to a non-partisan solution as possible. Map 12 does not achieve that objective.	Ann Kieffaber	akieffaber@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. It 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. Please choose Map 13. It has the potential to let everyone's voice be heard, it respects your criteria, Montana law, and the Montana Constitution. Reject #12 which unduly favors one political party. Thank you.	Lynn Stanley	lynn.stanley14@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	I urge you to vote against CP12; it is an example of egregious gerrymandering to favor conservative voters by realigning districts so that they are not competitive. The votes of Native peoples will be diluted.	Katherine Whitlock	whitlockkj@gmail.com	Missoula	United
CP12 Dislike	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.	Denise M Silva	neech2000@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is clearly inferior in meeting the goals set by the redistricting commission. CP 12 is not competitive, so that the Republicans would not have to compete in either district, and this map deprives the minority party of the ability to compete, and this outcome is not what our democracy is based on. Competition ensures that candidates have to appeal to the vast majority of voters instead of extreme views in either party, and so there is more chance of a return to compromise and moderation, which would be good for us. Competition brings out votes, it encourages them to participate in their democracy. CP 12 is drawn to eliminate the threat of the competition of ideas and service, and to ensure that one party dominates.	Linda Young	lindayoung.ly@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support the structure of this map or its design. It clearly segregates parties and misrepresents the people, their needs, and values.	Chelsey Murphy	chelseyevans6415@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 does not create a competitive district. This violates the commissions goal to avoid partisan gerrymandering. This plan favors a political party. CP 12 needs to be rejected.	Patricia A Thums	danpat@bridgeband.com	Livingston	MT

CP12 Dislike	I'd like a map that keeps Park and Gallatin Cties together, creating at least 1 competitive district. CP 12 splits a small rural county. That means its voters will be ignored by both Congresspeople. I really don't like that, with CP 12, rural voices will 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. Thank you.	Beth Judy	beth.judyjudyjudy@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 does not provide a representative district.	Lon Withrow	with1949@gmail.com	Geraldine	Monta
CP12 Dislike	A stated goal of the Commission is to draw competitive districts. CP12, in my opinion, goes against that stated goal. Please reject CP12.	Dale Sexton	sexton@montana.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	I urge you to drop CP12. CP12 is clearly a gerrymandering endeavor made to separate shared interests in more liberal communities in Montana. The offensive obviousness of this is beyond what I can fathom for a state that I have been proud to be a part of. Vote no on CP12.	Lily J Clarke	lilyjaneclarke717@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I think map 12 is a poor voter split for the state. Frankly, I agree with comments submitted by Ray Gross. Map 12 is not equitable or competitive. It loads the statewide vote in favor of Republicans, splits Butte and Helena to separate the union votes, and splits Park County from Livingston, to which it is economically tied. Please do not divide the state this way.	Terri Roach	terriroach@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map does not make any competitive districts for when it comes to state elections. While others are commenting that it is good that Native American reservations are split up, all it does is weaken their voices across the state. On top of that, Park County and Gallatin County are so close to each other in growth and community that they should be represented in the same district. Just looking at the larger cities in those two counties, Bozeman and Livingston have both experienced a large boom since the last census and people frequently drive/work between the two cities. Not only does this map aim to weaken and split up common voices, it also lacks one of the main criterion that the committee chair has been looking for: at least one competitive district.	Alix Irvine	alirvs@hotmail.com	Bozeman	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP-12.	Shannon B Heath	Sbheath@icloud.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map CP12 creates two districts which unduly favor one political party, effectively disenfranchising a large portion of the state population including the voices of our tribal nations.	Mark Thane	mt59801@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I don't like this map. It is not competitive at all and it divides communities of interest.	Kathleen Hadley	kathyh1016@gmail.com	deer lodge	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	Tom Finkle	jabsog002@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

I strongly oppose CP-12. This plan creates District 1 (western) where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years and District 2 (eastern) where Republicans have won 100% of elections over the last 8 years. The Commission's discretionary criteria based on traditional redistricting principles include "No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party." CP-12 runs directly counter to that goal since it overwhelmingly favors Republican candidates. CP-12 splits communities that have similar interests. For example, my city of Helena shares strong support for Union goals of fair worker representation with Butte, Deer Lodge, and Anaconda. The map proposals from the Democratic Commissioners certainly do not unduly favor their party. Instead, CP-11 and CP-13 recognize that in a Montana with TWO congressional districts, at least one district should give voters across the political spectrum a fighting chance to elect a representative responsive to their views. Call that "competitiveness" or call it simple justice, I see it as the Montana way. I hope the Commission will agree and reject CP-12. Thank you.

CP12 Dislike

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district. It clearly is gerrymandered to produce a second guaranteed Republican Congressional district in Montana.

I once had great faith that Montana would have at least one competitive district because the Commission unanimously adopted criteria that "No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party." Yet that is EXACTLY what Map CP12 has done. As things stand right now in our state, our sole Congressional rep has no reason to ever listen to any voice that disagrees with him, and he does not listen. Map CP12 has been drawn to now unduly favor one political party in two districts, which guarantees we'll now have two representatives who can safely ignore constituent voices they don't want to hear. Map CP12 insures a significant number of Montanans will continue to not have representative government. The nonpartisan Cook Report gives Map CP12's District One a Partisan Voter Index score that is outside the competitive range. Map CP12 should be rejected for this reason alone.

In addition, Map CP12 puts Helena in the Eastern District when it clearly belongs in the Western District. Helena has common interests with, and is tied economically to Silver Bow, Deer Lodge and Missoula counties. CP12 also foolishly separates Butte from Jefferson County and separates Park County from Gallatin County, in both cases, dividing communities with essential economic ties and common interests. Furthermore, Park County is not like the counties in the Eastern District in any way given it's growing recreation-based economy and ties to other recreation-based communities in the Western District. Lewis and Clark, Silver Bow and Jefferson Counties must be in the same District, as must be Gallatin and Park Counties. These communities all have common interests that can best be served by the same Representative rather than Representatives from two different Districts. Separating these communities of vital common interests is reason enough to reject Map CP12.

Finding the perfect map may be impossible, but Map CP11 was far superior to Map CP12. Ideally, we would not have to divide counties. But if we do need to divide counties to balance the population of each District, then county splits must respect communities of interest. Large counties such as Flathead County have distinct communities of interest within them that can be split more logically than a smaller county. Map CP11 took that into consideration where as Map CP12 does not.

I urge you to reject Map CP12. It separates too many communities of interests and creates a new district that has no chance of being complete. Map CP11 was just barely competitive and it likely would also favor

CP12	Dislike	Chloe S. Fessler	ChloeFessler@aol.com	Missoula	MT
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CP12 obviously favors republicans, and violates the goal of the commission, which is to avoid a partisan gerrymander.

Park and Gallatin counties are linked in interest and should not be split.

CP12	Dislike	Daniel C Thums	danpat@bridgeband.com	Livingston	MT
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Map 11 represents a more equitable scenario.

CP12 Dislike	I believe we need engagement and representation from and for all Montana citizens. This is best done by holding to the standard of having competitive districts. Proposal 12 will minimize the voice and representation of close to half of Montana's population. I want to be fairly represented by our representatives! Thank you!	Leslie Jo Newhall	jnewhall@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not like proposal 12, this map does not meet the criteria that the Commission decided on to allow for equal representation of voters	Paul Miller	pmillermt@hotmail.com	Billings	Monta
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	Tom Finkle	jabsog002@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	We live in Park County and are bonded tightly with Gallatin County. We have doctors in Bozeman, shop in Bozeman, recreate in Gallatin County and many Livingston and Park County residents work in Gallatin County every single day! We are urban areas that are strongly interconnected these days and by splitting off Park County our interests will be totally ignored. Where is the competition in that?	Mary Swanson	maryfswan@gmail.com	Pray	MT
CP12 Dislike	These are not competitive districts !!	Peter Murray	pmwm12@gmail.com	Pray	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is not at all competitive. You have a responsibility to create districts that are competitive so that ALL Montanans might be represented. Of the choices left, only 11 does that.	Kathleen Kennedy	kkennedy68@hotmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12 Dislike	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 also 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.	Katherine Smith	qclaresmith@gmail.com	Hamilton	Mo
CP12 Dislike	First I would like to thank you all for all the work you have put into this. Second, I would like to share that I am not in favor of Map 12. I feel that we as Montanans are a mix of parties and values. Map 12 does not indicate that mix and doesn't seem competitive. With that, I do favor both maps 11 and 13. Thank you!	Sara Novak	novak4hd77@gmail.com	Anaconda	MT
CP12 Dislike	Maps 12 fails to meet the goal of respecting communities of similar interest by putting Lewis and Clark County into the eastern district. In contrast, CP 11 keeps historically union-dense communities like Butte and Helena intact in a district that does not unduly favor a single political party.	Denver Henderson	denverleehenderson@gmail.com	Missoula	Monta

CP12	Opinion	I do not like proposal 12 as it creates a GOP stronghold, with 75% of the statewide elections on the last 8 years in one district, and 100%, yes, 100% of elections in the last 8 years in the other, so Conservative Republicans will completely undermine any other voice.	Joan Vetter Ehrenberg	jve2000@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map is similar to map 13 but it omits Helena from the western District, even though many residents of Helena have expressed their strong identity, affinity, and economic ties to the communities just west of the Divide, including Butte, Anaconda, and Deer Lodge. I prefer map 13.	Thompson Smith	trs@blackfoot.net	Charlo	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not like proposal 12, this map does not meet the criteria that the Commission decided on to allow for equal representation of voters	Paul Miller	pmillermt@hotmail.com	Billings	Monta
CP12	Dislike	<p>As a lifelong Montana resident I have grave concerns with CP-12, and cannot support it, nor do I believe it would withstand judicial scrutiny.</p> <p>I grew up in Bozeman, graduated as student body president of Bozeman High School and have always considered Livingston a key portion of the greater Bozeman area, both economically and culturally. It shares writers, painters, and artisans who sell their work in the bi-county area at fairs, festivals, bookstores, and art galleries from Big Sky to Gardiner, Four Corners to Emigrant, and in Bozeman and Livingston.</p> <p>Currently, I'm a resident and voter of Lewis and Clark County. The county seat, Helena, is a strong union town with the public employees being the backbone of the community and sharing the work ethic and blue collar mentality aligning closely with the Gibraltar of unionism in Montana and America, Butte, and Anaconda.</p> <p>Please oppose CP 12. This map is not competitive, and it clearly attempts to split the union vote by separating the voices of workers in Helena from their brothers and sisters in Butte and Anaconda. Lewis and Clark County should be in the western district, and I urge the commission to move forward a map that more accurately represents the interests of our county, and state.</p>	Nathan Kosted	Nathan.kosted@gmail.com	Helena	Monta
CP12	Dislike	This map does not meet the criteria that the Commission decided on. It unduly favors a political party in one of the districts. The Commission should own the criteria that they decided upon and choose a map that best adheres to the criteria.	Hannah Pate	patehannah2015@gmail.com	Great Falls	MT

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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.

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CP12	Dislike		Raymond Gross	raygross0144@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
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I would like to live in a competitive district, and maps 10 and 12 do not include competitive districts.

CP12	Dislike		Catherine Wiechmann	catwiechmann@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
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CP12	Dislike	person of their choice.	Raymond Gross	raygross0144@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP12	Dislike	This redistributing does not allow for equal representation of all voters.	Cecily Ryan	cloganbryan@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Like	This map CP 12 shows the fairest divisions of any presented.	Gary H Eliasson	ccar@midrivers.com	Roundup	Monta

	CP12 does not support the Montana tradition of a competitive district that is responsive to diverse Montana values. My family has been here in Montana for five generations and while we have not always been in agreement with the congressional delegations it is only recently that we feel that our voices are ignored completely.				
CP12 Dislike	Competitive districts are the only way to insure responsive representation.	Charles K Brewer	ckbrewer01@gmail.com	Florence	MT
	Dear Member of the Commission, Thank you for your work in drawing the two congressional districts. You have put in long hours and I appreciate that. That said, I am strongly opposed to CP 12. This past summer the Commission established several criteria for drawing the map. One of the critical criteria was to draw a map creating competitive districts. CP 12 does not meet that established criteria. In addition, CP 12 puts Helena in the Eastern District. Those of us who have been around a while know that when we previously had two congressional districts, Helena was always in the Western District due to Helena residents being economically tied to Silver Bow, Deer Lodge and Missoula counties as well as with other Western Montana counties. Oppose CP 12, let's keep those parts of Montana which have common interests together.				
CP12 Dislike		Willis Curdy	wcurdy@bridgemail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 is the most appropriate division considering population and ideals of Montanans. It honestly appears to be the most fair representation of our great state.	Virginia Richardson	merchmont@midrivers.com	Circle	MT
	All you Democrats who oppose this map crack me up. The Republicans have made a huge concession here! You're getting what you wanted in this map. You're getting Missoula & Gallatin counties both in the same district ! I don't know how you think you're going to get a larger advantage than this in a state that splits 56.4% Rep vs 43.6 Dem and still abide by the no-gerrymandering rules. I put forward a map that doesn't split any counties and gives a population deviation of +/- 50 ppl [https://district.org/plan/45763] which I believe is the best map, but if I have to choose between CP 12 & CP 13, then I choose CP 12 because it only splits 1 low-population county and it puts 2 Native American lands into District 1. The thing I don't like about this map is that it puts the fastest growing counties all in the same district (#1) which will create a huge population imbalance in a very short period of time...but Democrats should love this!				
CP12 Opinion		Tonia Dyas	tonia@tbase.biz	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Please reject Map 12. Lewis and Clark county has always been part of western Montana. This map will result in the Republicans having much greater chance of winning both districts all the time.	Barbara J Lodman	lodman@sbcglobal.net	Lewistown	MT
CP12 Like	I fully support CP12 and believe that all the negative comments from the folks that support the Democratic Party mean that CP12 is probably the most equitable division of the State into two districts.	mitchell maycox	mjmaycox@midrivers.com	lewistown	monta
CP12 Dislike	Helena belongs in the Western district objectively, this map is unfairly drawn to favor Republican control	Valan Anthos	anthosvz10@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 is the most geographically balanced map that maintains equal population between districts. It has my vote.	Forrest Zimmerman	fzimmer357@gmail.com	Helena	Monta

Thank you for your hard work on the commission. Your service is appreciated.

On July 9, 2021, criteria were established by you to keep district populations as equal as possible to ensure districts are compact and contiguous and to protect minority voter rights. In addition, you have heard much public comment about the importance of keeping this new district competitive. The value of not heavily favoring one party is important to give a voice to all.

While time consuming and exhausting to you, it is difficult for those of us watching the process to understand the reasoning behind CP 12 which guarantees two Republican Representatives for 10 years. This is not the outcome that you agreed upon as you began this process.

Montana's demographics are changing as I write this. Splitting Park County at this time is inappropriate with its ongoing growth and vital economy. Splitting Helena and Butte is only designed to split the union vote. CP12 heavily favors the Republican Party and is against the criteria you have been working so hard to value. It violates the commission's intent to not unduly favor a political party.

Please do not choose CP 12. CP 12 is a serious threat to our state and our values.

Thank you.

CP12 Dislike		Connie Keogh	conniekeogh33@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I am totally opposed to map 12. Helena belongs in western Montana, not east. That's common sense.	John Lewis	jlewm@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map goes against the stated goals of the commission by unduly favoring one party. It does not respect historic ties between Helena and Butte and disenfranchises thousands of voters by placing them in a district which is not remotely competitive. Please help to establish districts that allow all of us to have a voice on a level playing field.	Cynthia F Parry	cfparry@msn.com	Helena	Monta
CP12 Like	Map CP12 is a competitive map that meets all the mandatory criteria.	Scott Hoag	Shoagjr@yahoo.com	Bozeman	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map 12. This map places Lewis & Clark County into the Eastern District. The county should be in the Western District where it aligns with similar geographic, economic and political leanings. This map will result in 2 Republican Districts for the State of Montana. There are many pressing issues facing our state and one party does not have the answer to them all. All voices of Montanans need to be heard and represented in government.	April Barnes	ajunebarnes@gmail.com	Manhattan	Monta
CP12 Like	I don't agree that Map 12 is fair. It puts non competitive districting into place.	Blair Bodie	blairbodie@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Our democracy is in danger. It is vital we uphold a Montana tradition of competitive democracy. Map 12 does not favor competition or democracy.	David Lehnherr	mtxdoc@gmail.com	Red Lodge	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map #12 was drawn with a misguided objective, putting the maintenance of county boundaries as a priority over competitive districting. Creating competitive districts, not avoiding the splitting of a few counties, is the bedrock of the political process in our democratic republic.	Joseph M. Cleary	josephmcleary@gmail.com	Divide	Monta

CP12 Dislike	CP12 provides the opposite of fairness and competitiveness. This plan is designed to separate Butte from Jefferson County, Helena from Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge; and Park County from Gallatin. These splits destroy common interests in those areas. This plan in its entirety creates districts the 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. Thousands of Montanans would be disenfranchised by CP12 with no chance of their candidates of choice winning elections.	Katharin Kelker	katharink70@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not like Districting 12 as it has less conformance to the topography (agricultural), does not have competitive districts and bears less resemblance to the older districting than Districting 11	Peter Guynn	Peter.guynn51@gmail.com	Condon	Montana
CP12 Like	It seems like a reasonable plan to consolidate the counties as much as practical and balance the population between the two. Counties are a clean way to separate political boundaries.	Tryg Dahle	starward@tutanota.com	Gallatin Gatew	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map does not represent Montana's traditional values in election of political parties. The western district needs a closer split to represent Montanans historically choosing a balance of political parties. Rarely do we have a sweep of one party. The western district need to reflect that tradition and not unduly favor one party. Choose Map 11 over Map 12.	Katie Catlett	katecat1872@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12. It does not create competitive districts.	Alaina Hardie	alainahardie@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 does not meet the goals adopted by the commission. I oppose CP12.	James Robertson	jamierob@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 does not offer a fair and competitive voting district.	Pamela Willison	pamgwillison@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 actually defiles the basic truths of America, the right to equal voice and also the commissions' own pledge that "No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party." How can this be even considered?	Addrien Marx	addrienmarx@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I would like map 12 to be rejected as it is not fair in its distribution of voters from both parties, but rather favors the Republican Party. The Reservations need to be kept intact. Please do not vote for this map. It does not follow the criteria.	Sheila Shapiro	sheshapiro@centurytel.net	Whitefish	MT
CP12 Dislike	Vote against CP 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.	Bonita Reishus	nox0109@blackfoot.net	Noxon	MT
CP12 Like	Map 12 creates no competitive districts and wrongly puts Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district, which is not fair at all to the people who live there because they have always related much more to western Montana.	Fred Brewer	ted_brewer@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Vote no on CP12. Helena belongs in the Western part of the state, not the Eastern. This map is solely for political purposes People before party!	Ryan Kennedy	thirty32two@gmail.com	Helena	MT

CP12	Dislike	I want competitive politics in Montana. I do not believe Map 12 does this. Therefore, I dislike Map 12.	James Prime	jamgreg@msn.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Like	I support map CP12 as it is the most logical choice and offers the best balance for Montana.	Aimee Ann March	Montanamarch@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map 12 and ask you to choose Map 11. If Map 12 is selected, it pretty much guarantees two Republican Representatives for 10 years. This does not represent the changing demographics of Montana. The GOP across the country is doing everything they can to seize and maintain power at the expense of democracy. Our country is changing right before our eyes and if we are not extremely careful, we will be in a authoritarian state. Please choose Map 11.	Virjeana Brown	jbrown89531@live.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not create any competitive district by having Lewis and Clark in the east. Therefore this map does not follow the agreed upon criteria.	Pam Meissner	Pmeissner7@yahoo.com	Billings	Montana
CP12	Dislike	I oppose map 12 and favor map 11. Lewis and Clark county should not be divided.	Kay McOmber	doodntim2@msn.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern part of the state. Our interests will be totally ignored if this is the result of redistricting. We will be no better represented or listened to than we are today. Please do not approve Map 12.	Ellen J Feaver	efeaver@outlook.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 does not create any competitive district by having Lewis and Clark in the east. Therefore without being competitive it does not follow the agreed upon criteria.	Pam Meissner	Pmeissner7@yahoo.com	Billings	Montana
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 creates 2 non-competitive districts and is wrong for a truly representative government. I favor Map 11 in that it creates a competitive district which does not favor one party. Only 1 county is split but no communities are split. It keeps tribal reservations whole, and keeps Gallatin and Lewis and Clark counties in the Western District, in alignment with local interests.	Kathy Robins	kurobins@aol.com	BILLINGS	MT
CP12	Dislike	Another blatant attempt to unfairly repress the democratic voice of the people of Montana.	Jesse A. Logan	logan.jesse@gmail.com	Emigrant	MT
CP12	Like	CP12 looks to be the most appropriate division, I ask for your support .	Jeanna Massar	jeanna@midrivers.com	Circle	MT
CP12	Dislike	I am strongly opposed to CP 12. When Republicans have won over 75% of the races in this map, it shows just what the intentions of the Republican Commissioners are. Fair, competitive districts will make our candidates and electeds more responsive to their constituents. Please do not support CP 12. Thanks to all-- the Commissioners, the Chairwoman, and legislative staff for all of your hard work.	Robyn Driscoll	robyn@robyndriscoll.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I prefer any map other than 12, I expect if 12 is chosen their will be a court battle - Lets eliminate that probability and go with a fair map.	Robert Barta	bbarta@bartabuilt.com	Lewistown	MT

Good morning. My name is Lance Fourstar, I am the Vice Chairman of the Fort Peck Democratic Tribal Committee and the Treasurer for the Montana Democratic Party. The purpose of this letter is to request that you stand strong on the principle that gerrymandering is not good for Montanans, the key feature of Republican Proposal 12. I join other Montanans in the stance that the Republicans are attempting to intimidate and bully you specifically to gerrymander this state for the next 10 years. I implore you not to give in to these tactics. I've included key points of Republican Proposal 12 and why it is not good for Montana for the next ten years.

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 Galatin 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 Congress people. 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.

I thank you for your attention to this matter, I would have driven to Helena to say this all myself, it is a long drive from Wolf Point. Please take these key points into consideration in opposition to Republican

CP12	Dislike	Proposal 12. Thank you for keeping Montana the last great place.	Lance Fourstar	lancefourstar2017@gmail.com	Wolf Point	MT
CP12	Dislike	I OPPOSE 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.	Kathy Braunberger	braunber1000@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT

CP12 Dislike	CP12 unduly favors one political party over another - is it not enough that one of the two MT districts is not competitive? Further, my real issue with CP12 is the way it was introduced on the last day of public comment to counter the potential adoption of CP11 as the final redistricting map. Some of the arguments/comments about splitting counties are disingenuous. Basically Flathead county residents are saying, "Don't split our county, but go ahead and split several others in order to leave ours intact." (NIMBY) If "having two representatives serving Pondera Co. is a good thing,' then maybe it's good for Flathead Co., too.	Margaret Cordell	peggycordell56@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	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.	Nicholas P Maffei	maffei.nick@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is not a fair distribution. You are supposed to draw unbiased districts and this map is Republican gerrymandering at it's very best. It also splits trade areas and assures that rural voters are always out voted by city voters. Please reject Map 12.	Kristin Aus	ausranch.kristin@gmail.com	GLENDIVE	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I oppose redistricting map CP 12. It does not offer competitive options for many of us citizens who live in more rural parts of our counties, but need to commute in order to work in our more urban, neighboring towns. CP 12 is partisan to the Republican Party and would be an undemocratic redistricting choice! Please do better for all Montanans. Thank you.	Catherine P. Logan	catherineplogan@gmail.com	Emigrant	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not favor map 12 because it favors one political party over the other.	Sharon Lamar	lamar@blackfoot.net	Condon	MT
CP12 Like	CP12 WOULD LOCK IN PARTISAN ADVANTAGE IN THE STATE. THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE AND PROMOTE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT BY ALL CITIZENS IS TO PROMOTE COMPETITIVENESS IN AT LEAST ONE DISTRICT. PLEASE DO NOT FURTHER DILUTE THE VOICE OF A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF MONTANANS THROUGH ADOPTION OF CP12.	CHRISTOPHER NEHER	NEHER@montana.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 relegates Lewis & Clark to the east, significantly reducing the competitiveness of the west district.	ALLEN SMITH JR	mtla.alsmith@gmail.com	HELENA	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 violates the commission's own criteria because it is not competitive and unduly favors a political party.	KATHERINE HUSO	khuso@mkhattorneys.com	Billings	Monta
CP12 Like	This creates two districts that lean heavily to one party. We really need more than two parties but this map assures the Rs will win both seats in Montana. It does not represent Montanans.	Carole Boerner	carole.boerner@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not believe Map 12 is a fair and equitable map. I believe it favors one party over the other and I believe Lewis and Clark County should be in the Western District!	Veronica Whitaker	rwhitakermsw@bresnan.net	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I support Map 13	Mark Dirstine	mark.dirstine@gmail.com	Libby	Monta

CP12 Dislike	The commission's unanimously adopted criterion and goals specifies that "No plan may be drawn to unduly favor a political party." CP12 would violate the commission's own criteria. I support CP11 as it would result in a competitive district. Thank you.	Rachel Severson	rachel.severson@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I'm opposed to Map 12 because it is not competitive. I prefer Map 13.	Kristin Newgard	krisnewgard@gmail.com	Troy	MT
CP12 Like	This is the best option of the maps being considered. It keeps the geographic locations mostly intact and doesn't split communities based solely on their politics. Keeping roughly an equal percentage of each party makes both districts winnable by either. If one of the districts is made "competitive" the remaining district will have almost no chance of being won by a Democrat. This goes against the common refrain that making one district competitive will help prevent extreme candidates. It will encourage exactly the opposite in the "non-competitive" district.	Seth Berglee	sethberglee@gmail.com	Joliet	MT
CP12 Opinion	Against Proposed map 12	Sandy Darrah	darrah@midrivers.com	Glendive	MT
CP12 Like	No on 12	Sandy Darrah	darrah@midrivers.com	Glendive	MT
CP12 Dislike	This is a clear attempt at gerrymandering. Why does one political party have such a fear of letting every vote count equally??	Jay Forsyth	forsythlaw1@gmail.com	Libby	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 ignores the longstanding economic ties between Butte and Jefferson County, and Bozeman and Park County. Both Jefferson and Park Counties have much more in common with western Montana, than with eastern Montana. On its face, CP 12 looks like a deliberate attempt to render the new western district noncompetitive and create two strongly Republican districts.	Doris Fischer	dfischer@3rivers.net	SHERIDAN	MT
CP12 Like	I support Map 11 because I believe it is a fair and equitable map. Living in Helena I also don't like having it split.	Veronica Whitaker	rwhitakermsw@bresnan.net	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose map 12 because it separates Park and Gallatin County and it also separates Helena and Butte. These communities should not be separated. Helena should be in the western district.	Dennis LaBonty	lg36738@gmail.com	Polson	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 creates non-competitive districts. Montana deserves competition, not locked up districts. Do better.	Logan J	Logan.J@outlook.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	I disapprove of CP12 for two reasons. One is because it splits Park and Gallatin counties into separate districts. These two counties are deeply interconnected socially and economically, sharing many challenges and goals. Secondly, this map is a blatant attempt to make both districts non-competitive, flying in the face of the stated goals of the commission.	Albert Pendergrass	al.pendergrass@pm.me	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	Please be fair. I taught social studies, so I understand the temptation to rig the future elections.	Bonnie Ayre	bonnieayre@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	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 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. This is the intent and that is dishonest and sad.	Jamie L Isaly	jamie.isaly@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

CP12	Like	CP-12 Keeps like type counties together	Kraig Trippel	kraig.trippel@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12	Dislike	I don't like this map because it is gerrymandered--it is made to favor one political party over another. It divides many communities of interest. It doesn't even meet the basic criteria of the Commission itself.	elaine l caton	elainecaton@gmail.com	Ovando	MT
CP12	Dislike	No on this map. It is a non competitive map that doesn't keep communities of interest together.	Karen L Hinman	klhinman@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Dislike	No on CP-12. CP-11 is the only fair map, only one county and no cities split.	Donald H Bauder	bigern11@gmail.com	Bigfork	MT
CP12	Like	I believe this map is an equitable distribution of Montana's populace into two fair Congressional Districts.	Edward Connors	connorse@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	I have commented on other proposals and will reiterate here. If you adopt this map, there will be no point in Democrats voting for the foreseeable future. Why would you do that, other than to award naked power to one party over another. Please follow your own adopted guidelines and keep like interests together while balancing population in the state. This proposal does not accomplish that.	Carol Buchheit	2csbuch@nemont.net	Fort Peck	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not like this map because it has a Cook PVI score that is outside the competitive range.	James Amonette	jeamonette350@gmail.com	Big Timber	Monta
CP12	Dislike	This map separates vital community interests. Livingston is split from Bozeman, Butte from Jefferson county. It is not competitive which was a main goal of the commission. The new districts should represent the new areas of growth and allow for opportunities for both parties to win elections.	Tom Lewis	judylewis809@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	No on Map 12: it would create two republican districts and effectively disenfranchise democrats. The western district needs to be competitive; fairness, decency and the Montana way should guide you to map 11.	Geoff Stephens	stephens.geoff@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Like	This map seems fair to me but why not have two congressmen at large? They would both represent all the citizens that way.	Gerald Hurst	aerowight@gmail.com	Marion	Monta
CP12	Dislike	Besides being politically uncompetitive, this map divides Park and Gallatin counties. This could, potentially, disenfranchise many voters given the Republican targeting of early and absentee voting, as thousands of residents of Bozeman and Livingston live in one county but spend their days working in another. Also, the social, economic, cultural and recreational ties between the two counties are uniquely strong and unlike any other in the state.	Andrew Scott	adsmt512@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map is not competitive.	Mike O'Connell	moconnell@oconnelldesigns.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map violates the commissions own criteria. It is not competitive. It divides linked communities and silences rural and union voters. Also it does not make sense to put Helena in the east. Please reject this map.	andrew burns	spookburns@hotmail.com	Bozeman	MT

I oppose Map 12 as the choice for creating the new congressional districts in Montana. One of the stated goals of the commission is to create no map that favors one political party over another. Map 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. Obviously, this map favors the Republican party over the Democratic party and does not meet the basic definition of competitiveness for at least one district. The plan also separates Park County from Gallatin County. Livingston has become a bedroom community to Bozeman, like it or not. Thus, the two cities are facing common problems generated by the unusual growth occurring in both areas. Moreover, these two communities are access points to Yellowstone National Park, thus having mutual interests in how to provide services to the park. They also face mutual problems created by such proximity that may well need to be addressed by a single member of Congress. By creating divided representation, Map 12 enhances the possibility, and even the probability, of competing interests when addressing such problems.

This same situation exists due to the separation of Butte from Jefferson County. Again, these two communities are linked by the availability of living accommodations in Jefferson County for the workforce in Butte. Thus, the interests of those people living in Jefferson County and working in Butte are similar if not identical to those residents of Butte.

For these reasons, I oppose Map 12.

CP12 Dislike		Ruth Kopec	rkopec@bridgeband.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose CP12. Also I don't know what putting a pin on the map is supposed to mean. I selected dislike although I very much like the place on the map I clicked on. So???	John Ryan	kleos.1959@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I support this map. Simple and fair.	Tena M Coulter	tenac@centurytel.net	WHITEFISH	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 is not competitive, favors one party over another and does not give just representation to new growth in the urban areas. It separates communities of interest, like Livingston and Bozeman. Splitting the urban areas weakens the rural voice. This is not a fair map.	Judy Lewis	judyLewis809@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map #12 is not a good one if you are trying to create a competitive voting district. We do not want two representatives from our state that have been pre-determined to be from the same party. Our representation in DC should represent all Montanans... not just one party.	Sheri Burden	sheridanb@montana.com	Swan Lake	MT
CP12 Like	I like Map CP12 because it is simple - dividing east and west - and fair.	Sue-Ann S. Jacobson	sueannjac@aol.com	Belgrade	MT
CP12 Dislike	I'm opposed to Map 12 because it essentially precludes any competition for the District 1 seat while also guaranteeing that District 2 will be held by a Republican. Montana's growing and diverse population deserves a map that provides for fair competition and representation in the new Western District.	Michael Enk	trouter@q.com	Great Falls	MT
CP12 Dislike	I oppose Map CP12.	Katrina Thorness	katrinathorness@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP12 Like	I support map 11. It keeps citizens with similar needs in business and finance together. We need people to be able to work together for common causes... not divide them. Gallatin and Park have common causes. Helena, Butte, Anaconda and Deer Lodge should be together. Please vote for map 11.	Sharon Potenza	srpotenza@hotmail.com	Townsend	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map CP12 is NOT an improvement over CP11 as there is little balance of populations of ethnicities nor political interests. The notion of encouraging competitiveness and representation would be thrown out the window with this one!	Linda Mahr	linda@ciboria.org	Livingston	MT
CP12 Like	I like this map because it has a more balanced native american population split. It is also more compact and contiguous. It also does not split Flathead county which is clearly not in the eastern half of montana. A lot of the commenters want to split Flathead but not Gallatin county. Why split any county? If the population of the east district is half a percent more than the west, that difference will be made up rather quickly. Certainly less than 10 years! Please think about this. Compact and contiguous is certainly better than exactly equal population which cannot last anyway! Thank you for your consideration and hard work.	brian fraker	bkraker@gmail.com	livingston	mt
CP12 Dislike	No on cp12! Create one competitive district and listen to tribal comments to adopt cp11.	Deana DeWire	birdondewire@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 is not a competitive district and unduly favors one political party. It's an unacceptable map and goes against the independent spirit Montana has long prided itself in displaying when it comes to picking political leaders. Additionally, this plan splits a rural county which makes it easier for those voters to be more easily ignored by whoever is elected. If counties need to be split, those counties be larger counties that share mutual interests and ties so the citizens can more easily communicate their needs.	Mat willey	willey.mat@gmail.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Dislike	I strongly oppose map CP12 because it favors one party over the other and separates Park and Gallatin counties. Livingston and Bozeman are very connected economically and socially and should not be separated.	Linda Barnsley	cobaltbison@gmail.com	Livingston	Monta
CP12 Dislike	Separating the mountainous counties and pushing some into the district with the plains counties pulls apart the ideals of Western MT versus Eastern MT. Separating Livingston from Bozeman also pulls apart the two interlinked economies and thus political landscapes.	Nathan Turner	nathnlturner68@gmail.com	Butte	MT
CP12 Like	I like or vote to have map CP-12. CP-12 does not split the Flathead and includes 2 Reservations. As I stated before, I don't think that the State needs to be split into two districts. I think that our two Representatives should be able to represent the whole state of Montana since we are a small population. This would end all the squabbling on how to divide the state into two districts. But if we need to choose a map that has two districts, I choose Map CP-12. Thanks for allowing my opinion. Douglas Newton	Douglas L Newton	doogles@hotmail.com	Roundup	Monta

CP12 Dislike	Map #12 is classic gerrymandering, intentionally splitting Helena & Butte, Park & Gallatin County from one another. In addition, these populations will not remain equal for long as the west is growing far quicker than the east. Why do we continue to stall this process, listen to the people! Remain committed to a nonpartisan effort!	Josh Rassi	joshuaaaron1978@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map CP-12 is all wrong for Montana's communities that are being split down the line of political gains. This map has no moral back-bone to support the rural voters. I give this map a Big Fat No.	Candice Stewart	photogirl1968@msn.com	Noxon	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map looks to be created to guarantee only republicans will ever be elected: that is the definition of gerrymandering. Giving us a map that includes more democrats in a district does not guarantee that only democrats will win; it just gives both sides a chance to be heard. Give us a map that gives voters real options for a two-party choices.	Diane Bickenheuser	bickenheuserdiane@gmail.com	Plains	MT
CP12 Dislike	This map is a transparent effort to gerrymander the two districts to favor one party. The district lines should be drawn to promote democratic competition, not suppress it.	Andrew Scott	adsmt512@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	I simply believe that map # 11 is the most logical, most balanced, and the fairest of all the proposed maps.	URI N BARNEA	u_barnea@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP12 Like	I like map 11, because it most closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality. This will create one district that is competitive in elections. That district will include a reservation, ensuring that every candidate in that district will have to rely on indigenous votes to win elections, thereby elevating the interests of indigenous people, which is good for the whole state.	Blaine Jensen	b.squires@hotmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	I support map 12 as the Best option for Montana's Congressional Districts.	James Y Wilson	jy@jywilson.com	Billings	Monta
CP12 Dislike	Congressional districts should allow for political competitiveness. Montanans should be able to make their votes matter, regardless of which party they vote for. Map 12 clearly does not do this and aims to create two districts that will essentially render dissenting votes meaningless. If Montana seeks to continue its tradition of political independence, it should design congressional districts that reflect that.	Eva Bruce	evabruce619@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	I support map 12. It keeps counties intact. Flathead needs to be in the west where it is physically located. Please vote for Map 12	Sandra Schneller	retopro@charter.net	Kalispell	Mt
CP12 Like	CP12 is the most fair and balanced option. Why would you put part of the Flathead in Eastern district like some other options?	Norman Patten	NEPATTEN@YAHOO.COM	Kalispell	Monta

		Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and create at least one competitive district. 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. The result is not competitive and is intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party, which violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.	Amy Chadwick	achadwick@greatwesteng.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	CP 12 is not a good map and does not accurately represent Montana	Ella Krumm	ellankrumm@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map ignores the close ties between Park County and Gallatin County, and other western Montana counties. This map does not align with the standards and commitments the Commission agreed to, and would hinder fair elections.	Amy Chadwick	achadwick@greatwesteng.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	Map 12 promotes 1 party rule in both districts. This leads to a dictatorship. Montanans have long voted for the best person to do a job. Why have Montanans elected people to offices which pass laws directing them how to work and live that they would not hire to work in their business? We all need the chance to evaluate the candidates that have so much control over our lives. Just because someone is likeable or a good party members does not mean they should hold public office. The days of electing the best person to do the job needs to return to Montana. Map 12 separates working people's votes by dividing Helena and Jefferson County from Butte. This map will only lead to deeper partisanship and disenfranchise voters especially when Park and Gallatin county are also separated. Park and Gallatin are closely tied together because of medicine, education, work, housing, recreation, banking, and so on. Historically Park and Gallatin were in the western district and both should remain in the western district. Please don't gerrymander Helena, Butte, and Park from Gallatin Counties for another 10 years so that the voters cannot have their voices heard at the poles.	Sue Beland	csbeland@yahoo.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Like	I'm okay with this map, no map is going to please everyone, but the division needs to be as equitable as possible without being too complicated.	Patti Hane	elf_friend55@yahoo.com	Fort Shaw	MT
CP12	Dislike	Helena should not be separated from its Western neighbors.	Elsie Harrington	elsie.m.harrington@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12	Dislike	This map favors one political party. The Commission unanimously agreed that competitiveness is a goal of redistricting. Please honor your word by rejecting this map.	Liz Barnea	l_barnea@yahoo.com	Billings	MT
CP12	Dislike	Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and create at least one competitive district.	Aubree Roth	aubree.roth@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not think this map creates fair competitive districts.	Amelia H-D	ameliahd@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	As much as I appreciate and respect Eastern Montana, Helena is not a part of Eastern Montana. Please leave Helena in the western district. I do not support Map CP 12.	Mark Van Alstyne	mva@onewest.net	Helena	MT

CP12 Dislike	I dislike Map 12. It creates two solidly Republican districts, violating the principle of not unduly favoring one political party. In addition, it severs Gallatin County from Park County, two counties having a strong shared community of interest economically and culturally for over 100 years. Many residents of Livingston commute daily to Bozeman to work, and the southern ends of the two counties are the principal gateways to Yellowstone Park. Map 12 also breaks up the union labor vote, separating Helena workers from their brothers and sisters in Butte and Anaconda, which violates the principle of keeping communities of interest intact.	Will Swearingen	wds59hp@gmail.com	Bozeman	Select
CP12 Dislike	This is a partisan map that does not consider the long-term population distribution due to community growth in the West. I would support a fair map that represents the actual distribution of beliefs in Montana	Emma Sihler	emma.sihler111@gmail.com	Helena	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I dislike this map since it obviously is slanted toward a republication win.	Peter Saunders	petersaunders1957@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	Thank you for doing diligence and listening to our voices to come up with this map! It keeps the big counties together with two in each district! It has two tribes in the West and two in the East which gives the tribes a voice! The split along the Continental Divide makes sense geographically and will give the House Representative in each District the chance to easily travel and get to know constituents in order to effectively represent us in Congress. Each district also borders Canada, which is fantastic. This map feels fair and nonpartisan and if the margin between opinions is narrow, the Representative will get to do their job and move to the center. People will have to work together. There will be no extremes. Thank you for doing your job fairly and coming up with this map. Have a nice day.	Nicole Schubert	nicolejschubert18@gmail.com	Kalispell	Monta
CP12 Dislike	Putting all the fastest growing communities in the West will make map #12 less and less unbalanced as time goes on. Population projections should be considered.	Jan Clinard	j.clinard@bresnan.net	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	This is not a good choice because it favors one party. Everyone in the state of Montana deserves to have an equal chance for representation.	Louden Maureen	mblouden@hotmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	I support a fair and competitive map that doesn't favor one part.	Sawyer J Connelly	Sawyer.Connelly@gmail.com	MISSOULA	MT
CP12 Dislike	It looks like all the fastest growing cities are in one district. In 10 years, the number of people will be very uneven.	Laura Wagner	rlw4551@nemont.net	NASHUA	MT
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 is totally unfair and does not meet the regulations for setting up this new congressional district. The map gives the Republicans a better chance to win election so it is not competitive. Choose Map 11 which is competitive. If you don't do this, you prove you are political instead of a non-political breaker of a tie.	Patricia Simmons	psimmons100@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT

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CP12 Dislike		Patricia Simmons	psimmons100@gmail.com	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	This is the best map!	Carmen Cuthbertson	cuthbertsoncarmen@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP 12 does not create competitive districts and would misrepresent Montana.	Sarah Hamblock	s.e.hamblock@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	The map fails to meet the criteria set by the Commission by unduly favoring one political party over the other. It it divides communities of common interest. I am against map CP 12	Karen Myers	mysully2@yahoo.com	Helmville	MT
CP12 Like	Of the current maps #12 is the best option. A map should look like an even split, not be strange "gerrymandered" shape, and split as few counties as possible. The idea that a map has to make a "competitive" (democrat) district IS gerrymandering and is against Montana law. Follow the law!	Jon Cuthbertson	carmenjon@centurytel.net	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Dislike	I appose CP-12 because it intentionally separates communities	Gordon Craker	gords93@yahoo.com	Harlem/Fort B	MT
CP12 Opinion	It is critically important for democracy to be as fair as possible to allow the voices of the people to be heard. CP 11 is the most fair map thus far, and includes more diversity. CP 12 should not be finalized as it is clearly problematic and would not fairly represent our state. Montana has a long history of tolerance and moderation, with many citizens evaluating who the best candidate is and splitting ballots between parties. This works best with fair maps. I strongly encourage the adoption of CP 11.	James F Bennett	Jemezjim@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike map #12. It puts Lewis & Clark County in the East, thereby creating two non-competitive districts, which is against the commission's stated goals.	Karen Booker	mtkbooker@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	Montanans should not be asked to accept a map that favors just one party any party.	Jock Conyngham	Jockconyngham@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	Most people in Montana favor a east /west split districts that are historically competitive. Don't cave in to partisan pressures,	Frank haidle	eurekarob74@yahoo.com	Eureka	Monta
CP12 Dislike	I object to this map because of the very large disparity in population between District 1 and District in population in a difference of about 20,000 currently - but that difference will grow to District 1 having almost 70,000 more people by 2030 which is the next time these maps can be drawn. That is hugely unfair to the voters in Eastern Montana. I urge the Commission to consider these forecasts in making the decision. Thank you, Mary Craigle	Mary Craigle	mcraigle63@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I dislike map #12. It puts Lewis & Clark County in the East, thereby creating two non-competitive districts, which is against the commission's stated goals.	Karen Booker	mtkbooker@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

CP12 Like	<p>Certainly Republicans love this map because it eliminates any ability for any other party to compete or win. Why is this an issue? Over the long term it codifies how the state has worked in the past and doesn't acknowledge the change, the growth and the money that is increasing yearly. We will be competing with other states for worst educated and highest rate of poverty if we refuse to acknowledge our changing state by trying to keep it the same.</p>	Rob Tossberg	rob@planitgreenprinting.com	Hamilton	Monta
CP12 Dislike	<p>I dislike CP12, as it highly noncompetitive. Unlike the claims in some other comments here, it does not keep communities intact any better than CP11 (both split one county), and CP12 places some communities (Lewis and Clark, Pondera) into districts with little historical or current cultural shared values.</p>	Charles Janson	chjsbny@yahoo.com	Huson	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and create at least one competitive district.</p> <p>CP 12 cuts off Park County from Gallatin County. As a Montana resident who calls Livingston home, I know that Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy - whether we like it or not, and our interests will be ignored in District 2. In this map, CP 12 splits a small rural county, ensuring that its voters will be ignored by both elected Congresspeople.</p> <p>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. â€”</p> <p>These maps should be competitive, yes. What is more important is that the maps provide two districts where the elected representatives must be and will be most responsive to their constituents.</p> <p>Finally, CP 12 is problematic and should not have the Commission's vote because 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 of their choice.</p>	Kirsten Gerbatsch	k.gerbatsch@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>I prefer #13 to #12 because #13 is more competitive districting, which is good for MT.</p>	Andrea Olsen	AndreaOlsenHD100@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Dislike	<p>Reject CP 12! This map is not competitive or fair - plan and simple. Please think about the future of Montana - our elected officials need to work for us.</p>	Whitney Tawney	whitney.tawney@gmail.com	Bozeman	Monta

CP12 Dislike	I oppose this map. It is not competitive and will dilute the rural vote. Drawing a map that is competitive will ensure that both parties put forth their best candidates. Montanan's want competitive districts that do not favor one party over the other!	Christine Mullaney	chrismullaneyrl@gmail.com	Red Lodge, MT	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support proposed redistricting option 12 because it divides communities with shared interests and is inconsistent with the stated goals of the commission.	Catherine Thompson	lou@helenet.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	I do not support proposed redistricting option 12 because it divides communities with shared interests and is inconsistent with the stated goals of the commission.	Catherine Thompson	lou@helenet.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	CP12 does not make sense, as putting Helena in District 2 does not make sense. Simply viewing the amount of red pins around Helena shows the people of Helena agree.	William Hanley	runningfromtrees@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12 Like	Looks Good to us. We know the Dumocrates will fight it.	John W Robinson	ajjr@montana.com	Missoula	Monta
CP12 Opinion	I am not in favor of Map 12 and I am supportive of Map 11. Helena belongs in the western district. Map 12 heavily favors one political party. Map 11 is less partisan and hopefully less divisive.	Karla Ekblad	karlaplugger@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP12 Dislike	It makes not sense to put Helena in the Eastern District when the other proposals have it in the West. This is a blatant attempt to marginalize the union worker vote. It breaks up the communities of Helena, Boulder, Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda which share a common history and interests. The map fails to meet the criteria set by the Commission by unduly favoring one political party over the other. This map looks like an attempt to make sure neither district is competitive and that only one party can win.	Alan Ekblad	al.d.ekblad@gmail.com	Helena	Monta
CP12 Like	This map is good for Montana.	William Arnold	WA_ARNOLD@MSN.COM	Fishtail	MT
CP12 Dislike	clearly not competitive enough	Lane McKoy	montanamckoy@icloud.com	Kalispell	MT
CP12 Like	This map (CP12), of all the available choices, most embodies the criteria set forth by the guidelines (unlike the weird gerrymandering of some of the other maps). It doesn't split counties and the populations are closely matched between the two districts. The political distributions inside the districts will most likely match the actual populations of the state, as opposed to some maps which strive to forcefully change the districts into "fair" playgrounds by wrapping one district around all the major cities in Montana. Unfortunately those maps don't meet the criteria set forth and are blatant attempts by one side to grab a district seat they haven't earned. But I'm a little strange, I'm concerned that Montana's representatives will be fighting for our way of life, our economy and industry and not whatever divisive special interest groups and issues the other national party decides is important to them at the moment.	Robert Michael Walters	robertmichaelwalters@gmail.com	Dillon	Monta

CP12 Like	<p>Montana Code Annotated 2021 lists the criteria for drawing the redistricting lines: Populations need to be within +/-1%; boundaries must coincide with political subdivisions of state to the greatest extent possible; districts must be contiguous and compact. Of the 2 maps under consideration, Map 12 meets these criteria the best. Both meet the population criteria and are contiguous. In Map 12 only 1 county is split, vs 3 split counties on map 13. Map 12 is also more compact. The code does not list "competitive" as criteria.</p>	Sandra Birrell	mtbirrell@bresnan.net	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Of the maps currently being considered, Map CP-12 is the best choice as it follows the guidelines established in law MCA 5-1-155. It keeps Flathead County undivided and in the Western District which is appropriate, and it also keeps Lewis & Clark and Gallatin counties undivided. Only one county is split. It is the best map currently in the running that allows the people of Montana to be fairly and accurately represented. It is the choice that best follows Montana law.</p>	Elizabeth Walters	ebervywalters@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP12 Like	<p>I support CP12. There are some areas or county divisions that could be changed a little, but I'm very opposed to dividing the Flathead County or putting it with the eastern district! That makes NO sense! As for all the complaints, some seem legit in regards to specifics of where they are located, but most are just a political complaint from those wanting to minimize Republican influence. Republican and Democrat areas are such because they reflect what the majority of the residents of those areas want. This division seems fair and equitable and should not be discarded just so the few in certain areas will have a better chance of outshouting the many.</p>	Susan Robison	Susanr_@yahoo.com	Kalispell	MT

attributes such as common geography, economic relations and interests, and established community relationships between jurisdictions for the purpose of creating the new districts. Native American community advocates also requested at least two reservations in each district. Though many expressed concerns regarding the splitting of one or more counties, many people recognized that it was not a realistic expectation to try to create a redistricting plan that had no counties divided between the two districts.

The question of political competitiveness was apparently less important to many people. It was also repeatedly noted that current state law and constitutional language does not allow such a political consideration in the redistricting effort. Selective enforcement of laws is a source of many current problem in the US. I hope that Montana does not impose such afflictions upon itself.

Therefore, between the two maps presented on 30 Oct, CP 12 and CP 13, I recommend the commission select CP12 for the following reasons, among others:

1. It keeps Flathead County in the Western District
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
3. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
4. It only splits 1 county

On the other hand, of the other most recent maps, CP 11 and CP 13, they are unsuitable and I recommend against them because:

1. CP 11 puts most of Flathead county in the east. It also is not compact and includes only one reservation in District 1. It is not in the best interest of Montanans.
2. CP 13 splits too many counties

If CP10 is included in those to be reconsidered, it has several attributes that make it a better choice than either CP 11 or CP 13.

CP12 Like

Marc L Sabin

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Corvallis

MT

I do NOT support CP12. It favors one political party. In July 2021, the Commission unanimously adopted their criterion and goals for the Congressional mapping process. The goals adopted include both not unduly favoring either political party and considering competitiveness. A competitive district is one where no party is favored. CP 12 does not meet your own standards.

CP12 Dislike

James Szerwo

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Helena

MT

	<p>This map is a travesty in its design and gerrymandering 101.</p> <p>At what point, does the committee do what is in the best interest for Montana rather than the best interest of the GOP.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This map diminishes and disregards the rural vote of which I am one. 2. It separates counties arbitrarily in a way that is counterproductive to its residents. 3. Its simply unfair <p>I am still not clear why this 11th hour map was added to the mix at such a late date.</p>				
CP12 Dislike	Please do what is right for Montana - and this map is not it.	Alyson Mike	ALYSON.MIKE@GMAIL.COM	Red Lodge	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Montana Code Annotated 2021 lists the criteria for drawing the redistricting lines: Populations need to be within +/-1%; boundaries must coincide with political subdivisions of state to the greatest extent possible; districts must be contiguous and compact. Of the 2 maps under consideration, Map 12 meets these criteria the best. Both meet the population criteria and are contiguous. In Map 12 only 1 county is split, vs 3 split counties on map 13. Map 12 is also more compact. The code does not list "competitive" as a criteria.</p>	Sandra Birrell	mtbirrell@bresnan.net	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Like	<p>Montana Code Annotated 2021 lists the criteria for drawing the redistricting lines: Populations need to be within +/-1%; boundaries must coincide with political subdivisions of state to the greatest extent possible; districts must be contiguous and compact. Of the 2 maps under consideration, Map 12 meets these criteria the best. Both meet the population criteria and are contiguous. In Map 12 only 1 county is split, vs 3 split counties on map 13. Map 12 is also more compact. The code does not list "competitive" as a criteria.</p>	Sandra Birrell	mtbirrell@bresnan.net	Bozeman	MT
CP12 Dislike	None	Annika Nehring	Anehring11@icloud.com	Helena	Monta
CP12 Dislike	Map 12 dilutes my voice to the point it would never be heard. Adoption of this map would lead to lower voter participation, as it is not competitive and favors one party, contrary to the redistricting commission criteria.	Russell Lawrence	lmbookshelf@gmail.com	Hamilton	MT
CP12 Like	<p>This map seems balanced geographically and demographically. The population in each district is identical. District 1 has 17,458 more white voters than District 2, and District 2 has 17,811 more minority voters than District 1. Given that only 13% of the statewide population is non-white, the differences are difficult to balance given the geographic locations of non-white voters without significant gerrymandering. The committee had a tough job.</p>	Lorraine Roach	lroach@thrgroup.com	Stevensville	MT
CP12 Like	This is the only map that meets the set criteria. It's the most fair and the most reasonable. The people opposed are clearly partisan. The opposition comments reek of "robo" comments.	Lisa Legan	lislegan@netscape.net	Great Falls	Monta
CP12 Dislike	CP-12 slices Park County from Gallatin County even though our issues are entwined.	William Campbell	williamcampbell2@me.com	Livingston	MT

CP12	Dislike	I oppose Map 12 since it doesn't meet the Commission-set criteria that a map should not unduly favor either political party.	Kaetlyn Cordingley	kaetlyn.cordingley@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not like this map. All voices need to be allowed to be heard, not have one party take control.	Gabriella Weida	Huckleberry406@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP12	Dislike	I do not like CP 12 as it does not make a competitive district. This does not provide for individuals in the district to fully express their view regardless of political opinions.	Dorothy DeHart	sweetot913@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP12	Like	I support the selection of map CP-12.	Frank Engelbert	yuri44@gmail.com	TOLEDO	OH
CP12	Dislike	I don't like this map	Lucy Olivia Schindler	lucyolivia2021@gmail.com	Whitefish	MT
CP12	Dislike	I am opposed to Map 12 as it does not support competitive districts.	John Wozniak	jlwoz@hotmail.com	Thompson Fall	MT

governor-appointed member of the Flathead Basin Commission for 3 terms, 12 years, from 2005 to 2017, including several years as chair.

I am writing to urge you to support redistricting map 13. I believe it is the fairest of the options still under consideration and would best ensure proper representation of Montanans in Congress.

Many of the comments from participants in the hearing yesterday stressed the need of the Commission to follow the law in making your decision, but some were not acknowledging that part of the difficulty you face is that the laws call on you to draw the lines in consideration of a number of factors which can pull you in different directions.

There was little mention of one of the most important of those laws, even though it is noted on the website of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission: 42 USC 1973, which states that no district, plan, or proposal for a plan is acceptable if it affords members of a racial or language minority group "less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice." In addition, as your website also notes, the Commission must consider "communities of interest."

In Montana, the "racial or language minority groups" of primary concern, acknowledged in our state Constitution, are our Indigenous citizens and communities. They are also groups that have historically been underrepresented. In the political process that non-Indians imposed upon Indigenous communities, they have been harmed more often than given voice over the past 132 years.

When we are drawing lines in regard to these provisions and mandates as they affect Indigenous people in Montana, it is therefore appropriate that we give careful consideration to the comments from representatives of those communities.

CP13	Like	The sole Indigenous testimony, to my knowledge, at the October 30 hearing was from Shelly Fyant,	Thompson Smith	trs@blackfoot.net	Charlo	MT
CP13	Like	The CP13 map has a low Cook PVI score, indicating it is more competitive, less partisan, and more fair.	Alexandra Amonette	abamonette@gmail.com	Big Timber	MT
CP13	Dislike	I dislike the fact that so many counties are split.	Phyllis Eliasson	ccar@midrivers.com	Roundup	Monta
CP13	Dislike	This map does not represent Montana- It splits too many counties.	Gary H Eliasson	ccar@midrivers.com	Roundup	Monta
CP13	Dislike	This can't map can't even be considered logical. It splits too many counties and would not represent Montana equally.	James & Virginia Richard	merchmont@midrivers.com	CIRCLE	MT

CP13 Dislike	This map splits way too many counties. There a much better map that splits ZERO counties and gets the population between the districts within 50 people but for some reason y'all just keep ignoring this submission... [https://districtr.org/plan/45763] . If I have to choose between CP 12 or CP 13, CP 12 is the better choice because it only splits 1 county and that county's population is small in comparison to many MT counties.	Tonia Dyas	tonia@tbase.biz	Bozeman	MT
CP13 Like	I support CP 13. Although I felt that CP 11 and more so CP 7 were much better maps, CP 13 is an acceptable compromise map. Whereas CP 12 is overly favorable to to having a republican bias by comparison. Furthermore, as a Helena resident, I believe that those of our city would be better represented by the western district while those of L&C county would be better represented by the eastern district which makes the county division acceptable.	Kyle Joyner	thewalkingdharma@gmail.com	Helena	MT
CP13 Like	Map 13 does appear to keep populations with mutual interests together and is relatively compact. This division into districts doesn't unduly favor only one party, so that many people feel that they are not represented at all. I prefer this map over Map 12. Thank you for a very difficult job.	Jeanne F Olson	jeaolson@cyberport.net	Kalispell	Monta
CP13 Like	Yes to this map. It does a good job of establishing a fair district that can represent a number of communities of mutual interest, both rural & urban/suburban.	Karen L Hinman	klhinman@gmail.com	Whitefish, MT	MT
CP13 Opinion	While I don't like that 3 counties are split up and I am not sure if it is competitive enough, it does seem to split up districts into areas that contain people of similar interest.	Hannah Schweitzer	hdschweitzer12@gmail.com	Bozeman	Monta
CP13 Dislike	This map is out to lunch! Splits a bunch of counties and is not very compact and contiguous. Why do this? Looks like a lawsuit to me. A 1/2 to 1% difference in population in favor of the east is certain to be made up very quickly so why split counties? Not a good map! thank you.	brian fraker	bkfraker@gmail.com	livingston	mt
CP13 Dislike	Please do not chose this unfair map that favors one party over the other.	Kathy J Whitman	mika59802@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Dislike	Please do not chose this unfair map that favors one party over the other.	Kathy J Whitman	mika59802@gmail.com	Missoula	MT
CP13 Opinion	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 - holding that representative accountable for that official to be as responsive as in the second district. It also creates competitive districts.	Kirsten Gerbatsch	k.gerbatsch@gmail.com	Livingston	MT
CP13 Dislike	This one is closer than some of the other previous options but Map 12 is better because it takes the four big counties and puts two in each district without splitting them. Gallatin has a weird split here it looks like. Thank you for your time and considering all our voices. I definitely like 12 because of the split.	Nicole J Schubert	nicolejschubert18@gmail.com	Kalispell	Monta
CP13 Like	I like this map, as it creates two competitive districts and keeps the reservations in tact.	Peter Saunders	petersaunders1957@gmail.com	Kalispell	MT
CP13 Like	I strongly support Map 13 and Map 11. They provide the most balanced representation for the state, without political bias.	Regina Sievert	wenonah@centurytel.net	Polson	MT

CP13 Dislike	Map 13 does not meet the redistricting criteria detailed in Montana law 5-1-115, whereas Map 12 does. Three counties are divided in Map 13 vs 1 county in Map 12, and Map 12 is much more compact than the sprawling Map 13. The code does not list "competitive" as a criteria, so that should not factor into any decisions. Do not choose this map. Thank you.	Elizabeth Walters	ebervywalters@gmail.com	Dillon	MT
CP13 Like	I strongly support this map as it appropriately creates a competitive district, which is in-line with the Commission's mission.	Kaetlyn Cordingley	kaetlyn.cordingley@gmail.com	Missoula	MT

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