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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Natalie Adams
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:42:01 AM

From: Natalie Adams natalieadams1219@gmail.com Residence: BOZEMAN, MT

Message:

I would like to submit my comments in support of CP12 Map and encourage the Commission's actions to adopt CP12. Thank you, Natalie

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From:	Chris Amyes, Kalispell MT
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map – Keep Map CP-12
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 2:46:04 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

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

Kalispell, MT (406)890-2457 cjamtPA@pm.me Support Hillsdale College: https://urldefense.com/v3/\_https://www.hillsdale.edu/\_\_:!!GaaboA!\_fZ77ne9WpbwxzBmGRmc9D5Y094LuCaDTLG622R9clK79FUCe5m88QaMGAU6OHJXmgS Support Judicial Watch: https://urldefense.com/v3/\_https://www.judicialwatch.org/\_\_:!!GaaboA!\_fZ77ne9WpbwxzBmGRmc9D5Y094LuCaDTLG622R9clK79FUCe5m88QaMGAV0g4ce5swS [image]

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chris Amyes
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:54:50 AM

From: Chris Amyes cjamtPA@pm.me Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Please hold firm on map CP12. Though not perfect, it is the lease objectionable aside from CP1.

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# From: Tom Arvidson To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Districting Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 12 is not the best choice Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 10:41:20 AM

The Commission's tentative final plan does not meet the goals the Commission set for itself.

- Republicans are favored heavily in both districts, all but ensuring a 2 Republican congressional delegation for the next decade. It does not meet the competitive standard the commission set.
- The tribes are in a district where they can be ignored.
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Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it.

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This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of kneecapping the voices of organized labor in this state. This plan makes it harder than ever for the voices of working families to be heard.

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The Greater Gallatin area should not be split up, it is set to become a larger and larger part of Montana's economy and population and should be kept whole.

- Proposal 11 is a better choice.
- Thank you for your consideration.
- Tom Arvidson, Missoula

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kris Ashcraft
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:23:55 AM

From: Kris Ashcraft eldermessiah@gmail.com Residence: Sidney

Message: I support the proposed common sense redistricting proposal.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tammi Baer
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:34:47 PM

From: Tammi Baer honeybeemaria73@gmail.com Residence: Ronan

Message:

I am pleased that cp 12 has been selected. Although it lacks the amount of territory that we should have in the west, it is still competitive and keeping 2 tribes in each zone is competitive and unifying. The tribes, outside of voting, dont like each other anyway. I live on the CSKT reservation, I am very aware of that fact.

We need to end this portion of redistricting and move on to finding qualified people to represent us.

I heard the only way to be fair is for both to be unhappy. I am not happy with this map because I support CP 1. But I am pleased to have CP 12 as an alternative. Let's move on to unifying now instead of being so competitive.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Cynthia Baker
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:42:42 AM

From: Cynthia Baker cyndiann101@hotmail.com Residence: Great Falls Montana

Message:

I am in agreement with the choice of the tentative map that was chosen and would like to see that one become our permanent map.

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From: Julie Baldridge juliebravo@gmail.com Residence: Kalispell, MT

#### Message:

I'm writing to you in SUPPORT of the CP12 map that was adopted as the final "tentative" map, and ask that you PLEASE STAND STRONG in tomorrow's Commission Meeting in voting for the CP12 as the Final map.

My reasons for supporting CP12 are that it keeps Flathead County (my county) in the Western District and that only splits 1 county (where other maps, particularly CP13, split multiple counties).

My reasons for not supporting CP11 are that it puts us (Flathead County) in the east and that it is simply not in Montanan's best interest.

Please oppose any moves to reverse CP12 as the final map, and make it the final map!

Sincerely,

Julie Baldridge Kalispell

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve Barkley
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:55:03 PM

From: Steve Barkley sbarkley18@msn.com Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Map 12 does not address the criteria you're bound to. It's beyond me how you can justify this. Please consider adopting map 11 which does. Thank you

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From:	Linda Beischel
To:	maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov
Cc:	Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Disappointed in the tentative congressional district map choice, please be open to small changes to Map 12
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:09:15 PM

Hello Chair Smith, and other members of the Commission,

Thank you for your thoughtful service as chair of the Districting Commission. As someone who commented online and in person multiple times, I am among the many who are disappointed with your deciding vote that tentatively selected Map 12. I can't quite understand how you could pick a noncompetitive map that favors one political party. I realize that as a tie-breaking vote, you are in a difficult position. However, this is going to be the case for you in all the decisions made by the Commission, especially those upcoming for legislative districts. Due to family obligations, I am unable to attend yet another in-person (or Zoom) meeting Nov. 9. I simply request that you give serious consideration tomorrow to any small changes proposed by the Commissioners to make tentative Map 12 more competitive. The 40 to 45% of Montana voters (at least) who currently have a completely unresponsive single representative in Congress are pinning their hopes on you. Please form at least one district to give us a fighting chance for representation. Note, not an advantage, not even an equal chance, just a fighting chance. Map 12 doesn't even provide that possibility. Please reconsider this tentative plan and adopt a map that meets all of the adopted Commission criteria and goals.

## I and many others believe CP12 is a bad plan for Montana. Here are a few reasons:

• The Commission's tentative final plan does not meet the goals the Commission set for itself. Republicans are favored heavily in both districts, **all but ensuring two Republican congressional delegation for the next decade**. The plan is drawn to unduly favor a political party, and this Commission is going back on the promise it made when it passed its criteria.

• All tribes who spoke up on this critical issue, spoke with one voice.

[publicnewsservice.org] They wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representative can ignore their voices. This is yet another example of Montana's government ignoring tribal voices.

• The public record is clear. **Proposal 11 had the most public support**, yet this Commission is passing a **last minute plan** with little to no public record behind it. That's wrong for this state.

• This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of kneecapping the voices of organized labor in this state. This plan makes it harder than ever for the voices of working families to be heard.

• The greater Gallatin economy is severed under this plan. Townsend and Livingston belong with Gallatin County in a Congressional district. Our state's future will be increasingly driven by growth in the greater Gallatin economy. Intentionally chopping it up is the wrong decision for Montana. Thank you for your consideration, Linda Beischel Helena 406-431-6672 <u>lindabee7999@gmail.com</u>

From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Beverly Bilyeu-Carkeek
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 9:59:43 AM

From: Beverly Bilyeu-Carkeek carkeek@nemont.net Residence: Ballantine, Mt

Message:

("add comment" on map not working-have done it before so don't know problem-so using this method to be sure I still get my "say")

I "like" map 12;

I think it is as good of a compromise as can be accomplished and comes as a result of a lot of ideas and points of view. None of us will get all we would like but, of course, we'd all like to gerry-mander for the benefit of our "team". I think drawing out the process beyond this step would be counter-productive. Thanks for the effort you folks have put in to reaching this crucial decision.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sandra Birrell
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:50:54 PM

From: Sandra Birrell mtbirrell@bresnan.net Residence: Bozeman, MT

#### Message:

The Commission made the correct decision in choosing Map 12. Of the two maps, 12 and 13, Map 12 fulfilled the criteria of Montana Code Annotated 2021 the best. Both maps met the population and contiguous criteria, but Map 12 only cut 1 county, where Map 13 split 3 counties. Map 12 was also the better map for being compact. I am glad to see the Commission did not consider "competitiveness", as that is not a criteria listed in the Code.

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**Subject**: Congressional Redistricting Map – Keep Map CP-12

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District, where it belongs.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new Western District.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county.
- AND...I am sick of all the government manipulation and what's happening to our great State.

Thank you in advance for your time, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alfred Eric Blair 475 Cayuse Ln. Unit B Kalispell MT, 59901 406-212-3022 eblair@me.com

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Alfred Eric Blair
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:29:15 PM

From: Alfred Eric Blair eblair@me.com Residence: Creston, MT

Message: KEEP CP-12! Kalispell needs to stay where it is

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- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Blair

545 2nd Ave West, Kalispell MT 59901

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Erin Blair, LE CHC Acne Specialist + Nutrition Coach Creator of The Clearly Method ClearlyBetterSkin.com [clearlybetterskin.com]

From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Veronica Bovee-Anderson
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:40:44 AM

From: Veronica Bovee-Anderson vbovee@msn.com Residence: Libby, MT

#### Message:

Thank you Commissioners, I am pleased to hear that you have fully vetted all proposed maps and have concluded that CP12 is the most fair and complete map for Montana. CP12 divides the State into two equal districts while keeping communities and neighbors together. Thank you again for your fair and honest approach to this difficult task.

Veronica Bovee-Anderson Libby, MT

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anne Boychuck
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:30:13 PM

From: Anne Boychuck aboychuck@me.com Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

I like Map CP 12 as it keeps the district, compact, contiguous and equal in population. Flathead County, Glacier County & Glacier Park belong in the West with communities of like interest. Please continue to support map CP12 as it is drawn.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Dan Boychuck
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:24:40 PM

From: Dan Boychuck dboychuck@me.com Residence: Bigfork, MT

#### Message:

As a resident of Flathead county, I strongly feel that CP 12 best represents an equitable representation for our new congressional seat. To divide Flathead county and have part of us represented with eastern Montana not only makes if very difficult physically to represent such a large area but does not allow for the vast differences in people's needs. Please do not make this final decision based on political agendas but on how to best represent 2 different congressional districts.

Thank you for your consideration Dan Boychuck

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Carol Brenner
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:31:57 PM

From: Carol Brenner brennercd@gmail.com Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I fully support CP12 and the Commission's actions to adopt CP12. No more messing around with the map. CP12 is great!

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From:	<u>Virgle Brite</u>
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map – Keep Map CP-12
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 2:48:44 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

it keeps Flathead County in the Western District.

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

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

It only splits 1 county.

And it is the map that least violates MCA 5-1-115 (3) A district may not be drawn for the purposes of favoring a political party or an incumbent legislator or member of congress. The following data or information may not be considered in the development of a plan:

(a) addresses of incumbent legislators or members of congress;

- (b) political affiliations of registered voters;
- (c) partisan political voter lists; or
- (d) previous election results, unless required as a remedy by a court.

It seems to me that every comment on being competitive is in violation of this law. If competition is necessary then this law should be addressed first. We don't circumvent the law for a desired outcome.

Thank you for your consideration

Virgle Brite

From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Raymond D. Brown
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 9:24:40 AM

From: Raymond D. Brown rayb003@gmail.com Residence: Helena, MY

Message:

Please, please, please reconsider. Map 12 does not meet the established criteria. Map 11 does not only for the citizens of Lewis & Clark County but for the citizens of all Montana.

Thank you.

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Karol Bossler Cady
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:30:06 AM

From: Karol Bossler Cady ednaweed@gmail.com Residence: Missoula

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

Proposed map 12 is not politically competitive as it favors Republican voters and so would drown out half of western Montanans' voices, including mine.

Placing the stanchly conservative Flathead County into the western district will tip the political scale from purple to red. Placing Lewis and Clark County, the county where I was born and raised, into the overwhelmingly conservative eastern distict would bury the county's liberal voices.

I wrote earlier to you advocating for proposed maps 6 and 8, then for map 11. None of these have apparently made the cut. Flathead County belongs in the eastern district, where its conservative residents can vote with like-minded Montanans. Lewis and Clark County belongs in a purple western district, where either side would have a fighting chance.

The new district should not be delineated to favor one party over the other, as proposed map 12 clearly does. Voting rights are being restricted nationwide by conservative legislatures, including our own. The new restrictions aim to silence liberal voices. I would hope this commission will not vote to place a House district boundary that will jerrymander our beloved Montana's political system.

Thank you for your consideration and for your hard work, Karol Bossler Cady

From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rebecca M. Caldwell
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:18:38 PM

From: Rebecca M. Caldwell lovaqat@outlook.com Residence: Libby, MT 59923

Message:

Asking again that the Commission give final approval to map #12. It's the most straightforward, sensible way to divide the two districts, with no more splitting of counties than necessary, and no more playing off communities like gameboard pieces.

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Please support map CP 12.

Dianna Carvey Eureka, MT

Sent from my iPhone

From:	<u>MDAC</u>
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tamara Choat
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:53:27 PM

From: Tamara Choat tamarachoat@gmail.com Residence: Terry, Montana

Message:

As a resident of Eastern Montana, a small business owner, and a lifelong participant of our Montana culture, I strongly support the CP12 map. This map creates boundaries that mimic the demographics, economics and culture of our state. To pursue any other route would be detrimental to a large population of our residents, particular those of us in Eastern Montana. Please listen to the voice of the people and adopt CP12.

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- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
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Thank you for your consideration.

Georgia Christianson Kalispell, MT

From:	<u>Pam</u>
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Vote NO on Proposal 12
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:52:16 PM

What happened to the popular Proposal 12 that garnered the most public support at your last hearing? The Commission should reject the new tentative plan #12 and adopt a redistricting map for Montana that is approved by the majority of people in our state. That redistricting decision needs to align with the Commission's criteria and goals.

I am concerned with the fracturing of reservation voices with #12. The native people are a vulnerable population and deserve to support each other and be unified in their representation. 12 serves to reduce them further as our Silent Americans.

As to dilution/separation of union workers in Helena and Butte, Proposal 12 is unfair to both communities and the people who work and live there.

Please reject this very partisan #12 and seek a fairer, more equitable division for Montana. Public opinion should be the voice that contributes to the final outcome. Proposal #11 was not perfect but produced a fairer outcome than #10. Vote NO on tentative proposal #12.

Thank you, Pam Chute Kalispell

Sent from my iPhone

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Connie Ciabatoni
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 11:13:23 AM

From: Connie Ciabatoni ConstanceDale@yahoo.com Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message:

1. Great decision putting Flathead County, Glacier County & Glacier Park in the West with communities of like interest.

2. Happy to see the Salish Kootenai now joined by the Blackfoot Indian Reservation giving them a much stronger voice.

3. Pondera, the one small County that is split, nice to know the Commissioners have said they are okay with it.

4. The Districts are equal in population.

5. The Districting Commission has made their decision based on the Laws, HB506 and the MCA 5-1-115.

6. It's refreshing to see government following the Laws.

Thank you for your hard work. Sincerely, Connie C.

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From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lorraine Clarno
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:53:58 PM

From: Lorraine Clarno l.clarno@kalispellchamber.com Residence: Kalispell, Mt

#### Message:

The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce is in support of CP12. Keeping Flathead County whole and in the western district is vital to the health and vitality of our economy. We are west of the Rocky Mountains geographically and align far more with our neighbors in south western Montana than we do the communities and economies in eastern Montana. Keep us whole and intact, and in the western district.

On behalf of the Board of Directors – lorraine Clarno President/CEO Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<u>https://mtredistricting.gov</u>])

From:	Joseph Cleary
То:	Joe Lamson
Subject:	[spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date:	Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:49:56 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Mike Cleary, I live in Divide, Montana, having lived here on and off for over 50 years.

After reviewing the two final redistricting maps selected by the commission, I believe only one of the two maps, cp11, is truly competitive, and does not favor one political party over another. In contrast, map cp10, is not competitive, and is biased toward protecting party incumbency.

Map cp11 is the most competitive because it is the least skewed and unbiased, given the current demographics of the two major political parties.

I urge the commission to select the fairest and most competitive map, cp11, and I want to sincerely thank you for the invaluable service you are doing for all Montana voters for the decade to come, and for taking my comments under consideration.

Regards, Joseph Cleary 910 Pumphouse Rd Butte, MT 59727 Chairperson Smith, Commissioners,

Once again thank for your time you have spent on the task at hand of going thru all the directives outlined in the constitution to select the boundaries for the two congressional districts. As CP-12 is the map that has been selected for a final vote on 11/09/2021, I encourage you to complete this process as it meets the needs of Montanan's and vote to use CP-12 as the way Montana will be redistricted.

I know there are people who are happy, some angry and some that just don't really care, but if you as a committee follow the guidelines of the constitution at the end of the day you have done what you were appointed to do.

Thanks,

Justin Cleveland Fairfield, Mt.

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Faith Conroy
Date:	Sunday, November 7, 2021 5:12:27 PM

From: Faith Conroy faithconroy@yahoo.com Residence: Cameron, Montana

#### Message:

As a Montana voter, I am extremely disappointed in the commission's decision to abandon previously agreed to criteria for establishing the new Congressional district in the state. The commission agreed maps should not be drawn to unduly favor a political party, that you would minimize dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts when possible, that communities of interest should be kept intact, and that the competitiveness of districts should be ensured. Map 12 does not achieve these goals.

I support adoption of Map 11 and hope the commission will reconsider its decision. Map 12 does not provide proper representation for our fellow Montanans.

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Honorable Commissioners,

If the record shows that Proposal 11 garnered the most support from the public, why are you supporting Proposal 12? And why, after all the tribes took a unified stand on how to create a map that guarantees that their voices will be heard, did you choose a plan that ensures the opposite? And why would a state chop up representation of its major economic driver, Gallatin County?

There is a single answer to these questions: grossly lopsided partisan politics.

Why don't we pretend that we still live in a democracy and use the proposal that the public supported -11.

Sincerely, Claire Conway Whitefish

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christine Cook
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 2:22:14 PM

From: Christine Cook ccook08@centurytel.net Residence: Rollins

Message:

Please support the CP 12 voting district map. Very important for the people of Montana. Thank you for your support Christine Cook Rollins

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From:	Laura Cova
To:	Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
	Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Map 12 is not the best choice
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:33:57 PM

Proposal 11 is a better choice and has more public support. Stand with the people and meet the goals of the commission! Choose Map 11, not 12.

Thanks,

Laura Cova, Missoula

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Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Cramer, 287 Sir Arthur Dr., Bozeman MT 59718, 406.589.4260, dantana89@protonmail.com

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From:	Roberta Crane
То:	Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
	Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Please support map 11
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 10:22:34 AM

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For many reasons I think map 11 is the most fair. One of my major concerns is fairness to the Native American population. All tribes who spoke up on this said they wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representative can ignore their voices. This is another example of Montana's government ignoring tribal voices. Please support the tribes as well as most Montanans and support map 11. Sincerely, Roberta Crane A fair districting would be using CP 11.

Thank you,

Kathy and Thomas Crawford 1300 Dry Creek School Rd Belgrade, Mt

## Committee Members;

I oppose Redistricting Map CP-12 because:

• The Commission's proposed final plan does not meet the goals the Commission set for itself at the beginning of the process.

• Republicans are favored heavily in both districts, all but ensuring a 2 Republican congressional delegation for the next decade. This is the very definition of gerrymandering. The plan is drawn to unduly favor a political party, and this Commission is going back on the promise it made when it passed its criteria.

• All tribes who spoke up on this critical issue, spoke with one voice. They wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representatives can ignore their voices.

• The public record is clear. Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it.

• This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of diminishing the influence of organized labor in this state. Ordinary working families in this state will suffer

• The greater Gallatin economy is severed under this plan. Townsend and Livingston belong with Gallatin County in a Congressional district. Our state's future will be increasingly driven by growth in the greater Gallatin economy. Intentionally chopping it up is wrong.

• P-12 should be removed and a new redistricting plan adopted that meets all of the Commissions adopted criteria and goals.

Charles W. Davis II 205 Barnes Lane Columbia Falls, MT 59912

chipdavis1915@gmail.com

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Fazil Dawoodani
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:17:17 PM

From: Fazil Dawoodani fazildawoodani@gmail.com Residence: Buffalo, NY

Message: I don't like any of the maps. I want the 8th proposal.

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Chair Maylinn Smith,

Thank you so much for your support of Map CP-12 related to the redistricting plan for Montana. You are greatly appreciated!

Michele DeMaris 139 Buffalo Stage Kalispell, MT 59901

425-375-3520 cell

From:	Terry Dennis
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Map 12
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 10:51:52 AM

Billings, Great Falls, and Kalispell have similar attitudes and priorities. Missoula, Bozeman, and Helena have similar attitudes and priorities. They should each be in the same district. Does this make the West district more competitive? Yes but more importantly it improves the likelihood these cities will have a representative whether Republican or Democrat that represents their priorities and has to work to get elected. Dis-infranchising Kalispell and Helena is a bad idea. Map 11 addresses this issue. Map 11also only splits one county. The partisans from Kalispell pushing Map 12 should be careful what they wish for.

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: STEPHAN DICOMITIS
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 9:38:35 AM

From: STEPHAN DICOMITIS dicoman@charter.net Residence: MISSOULA, MONTANA

Message:

I do approve of the new alignment. This should make it fair for all voters.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Duane Dierenfield
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:37:38 PM

From: Duane Dierenfield duanemt@gmail.com Residence: Kalispell

Message:

I like CP-12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole. It only splits 1 county

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Cynthia Di Francesco
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:20:44 PM

From: Cynthia Di Francesco cyndifran@gmail.com Residence: Livingston

## Message:

Contrary to Republican spin, Map 12 is NOT supported by the vast majority of Native people in Montana. Map 12 would silence the voice and the vote of Native people again and this seems clearly by design in this redistricting effort which we voters can see is heavily gerrymandered by Republicans.

The legal and right thing to do is provide two competitive districts. Only Map 11 achieves that. You must accept that map.

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<u>https://mtredistricting.gov</u>])

From:	Alice Ebi
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Redistricting map decision
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 10:55:30 AM

Dear Commissioners.

I am writing to urge the District and Apportionment Commission to change your decision to make Map CP12 the final redistricting map and instead adopt Map CP13. Map CP12 unduly favors one political party in both districts. Map 13 fits the commission's own criteria the best. It has a good demographic split, even populations, and a competitive Cook PVI score for district one. Map CP13 also preserves Tribal Nations communities of interest, which upholds article II section 4 of the Montana Constitution and complies with the Voting Rights Act. Map CP13 is the best choice for equitable redistricting. I urge you to reject Map CP12 and adopt Map CP13.

Thank you, Alice Ebi 635 6th St W #3 Kalispell, MT 59901 To: Redistricting Committee

I want to Thank You the Redistricting Committee for the hard work that you did, and congratulate you for coming up with one map that meets your Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts and Goals for Congressional Districts.

I support map CP 12 because it is the most fair map of the over 200 maps submitted.

Thank You for your hard work for the residents of the great State of Montana on its 132 Birthday.

Bill Ellis 5108 Valley Drive East Miles City, MT 59301 Custer County

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kim Enkerud
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:28:03 PM

From: Kim Enkerud lacey@nemont.net Residence: Glasgow, MT

Message:

I support the final "tentative" redistricting map CP12. Much time, work and effort have been put forth by the committee and the citizens of Montana to achieve this map. The process involved all who took the time to get involved and CP12 is the result of this. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Larry Eslick
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:42:54 PM

From: Larry Eslick assurance@startmail.com Residence: Marion, MT

Message:

Just wanting to reinforce our support of adopting Map CP-12 as the final redistricting solution.

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From:	William Ferst
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:13:31 PM

I have been a Democrat and a Republican - I am now an Independent. I don't let any party dictate to me, I read the Constitution and Map CP12 is the most sensible way to go.

Please choose Map CP12.

Regards, William Ferst Bigfork, MT. Thank you Maylinn Smith

Sent from my iPad

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tyler Fortier
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:17:02 PM

From: Tyler Fortier 406s2deuce@gmail.com Residence: Helena MT

Message: Chair Smith – Stay the course on-CP12 Thanks for your commitment!

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From:	<u>MDAC</u>
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Darin Gaub
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:13:49 PM

From: Darin Gaub daringaub@protonmail.com Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

Thank you for adopting CP-12 as the only alternative of the maps remaining that nearly accomplishes the legislative intent of HB506 and MCA 5-1-115. It's not the best of the maps that was produced in the commission, but might avoid the courts.

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From:	Jane Gillette
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] Rep. Gillette: Thank you to Ms. Smith and Committee
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:51:12 PM

Thank you for advancing Map 12. Map 12 addresses the concerns heard from the Committee, while at the same time adhering to process standards. There was quite a bit of public input regarding not splitting Lewis and Clark, Gallatin, and Flathead. I'm impressed that the committee developed Map 12 in response the the public's input.

Warmest,

Dr. Jane Gillette Representative HD64

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve Gist
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 6:07:46 AM

From: Steve Gist giststeve@gmail.com Residence: Cascade MT

Message: It's time to advance CP12 and get it moving forward. Thank you

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: James Gomolka
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 2:44:19 PM

From: James Gomolka realfoodwins-2@yahoo.com Residence: PROCTOR

Message:

I support CP12 and am very opposed to CP11. I do think that CP12 is not as good as earlier versions which put Bozeman in the east district. The Flathead should definitely be in the west. Why does CP11 put Bozeman in the west when it has more in common with the east? I think that the only reason could be political results...which should not be considered. If CP12 is "tweaked", put Bozeman back where it belongs...in the East district.

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Please choose the CP-12 map.

Thank you Chair Smith for making the deciding vote!

Joi Gratny cell: 406-250-4256

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve Grimes
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:34:18 PM

From: Steve Grimes sealteamsteve@gmail.com Residence: Victor

## Message:

The bottom line is this: ANYTHING that the Dimocraps propose will be UNAMERICAN AND FRAUDULENT—just like the current criminal enterprise in Washington DC right now doing their best to flush the USA down the toilet. It sounds too simplistic, but it is absolutely true: the Left will try ANY sort of cheating, crime, mandates, whatever, to destroy what we once enjoyed as the United States of America. So I don't need to see what they propose as redistricting; it will be anti-American/anti-Montanan and pro-socialist/communist whatever it is. They are truly domestic terrorists and should be treated as such—in the same manner as we treat foreign terrorists (or how we used to treat them).

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From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rep. Steve Gunderson
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 5:24:47 AM

From: Rep. Steve Gunderson digicus599@gmail.com Residence: Libby Montana

Message: Pass CP12! Finalize this and complete the map selection.

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jane Lee Hamman
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 12:15:42 PM

From: Jane Lee Hamman janeleehamman@aol.com Residence: Clancy, MT

Message:

I highly commend you for adoption of CP 12 as the Congressional District Commission Proposal. You achieved my highest priority recognizing the important and integrity of local county governments by making the smallest possible number of county divisions. As the price of vehicle fuel continues to rise, local government services will become more and more important to residents of far-flung Montana. The two districts also are as equal in population as they could be.

Although it seems a bit strange to think of Lewis & Clark with Wibaux County and Eastern Montana, this CP 12 decision was the best of the various alternatives that could have divided the Flathead or the Bozeman area.

Thank you for all of your dedicated redistricting work.

Sincerely, Jane Hamman

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gary Hammill
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 2:29:58 PM

From: Gary Hammill doug@dochammill.com Residence: Saint Ignatius

Message:

I urge the commission to consider choosing plan 11 over plan 12 for the reason that plan 12 does not meet the original criteria established for this process as well as plan 11. I am impressed with the criteria chosen for the redistricting process and believe that plan 11 meets them better than plan 12 when all the criteria are considered.

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Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Stefanie Hanson, 194 Frontage Park, Kalispell, MT 5990, shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com

This is the only map that is both fair and meets the criteria for a competitive district.

Please support Map #11!

Thank you,

Melissa Hartman Whitefish MT

From:	<u>MDAC</u>
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debor Havlik
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 3:34:50 PM

From: Debor Havlik dddhavlik@yahoo.com Residence: 2867. Kalispell Montana 59901

Message:

Keep map CP 12 as is and pass this map as submitted I feel that this was the best possible compromise with all things considered. It keeps most counties whole and counties with like minded issues together. Thank you for your hard work on the task on our behalf Debor Havlik

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<u>debor havlik</u>
Districting
[EXTERNAL] Chair Mrs Smith
Monday, November 8, 2021 3:42:24 PM

I want to personally Thank You for doing the right thing as to the matter of map CP 12. Sitting in your spot is never easy on such an emotional issue as this has been but We The People Trusted You To Do The Right Thing and you did not let us down! Thank You Debor Havlik

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone [overview.mail.yahoo.com]

From: Linda Hicks scruffchk@gmail.com Residence: Bigfork, MT

Message: I am unable to attend the zoom meeting, but I want to express my support for CP 12.

Please don't let us lose Montana to the Democrats!!! This is the last best place.

Thank you,

Linda Hicks

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gary Hill
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:22:52 PM

From: Gary Hill GaryHill@JeneanHill.com Residence: Kalispell, MT 59901

Message:

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Gary Hill – 99 Sunset Ct., Kalispell, MT 59901 jenean@jeneanhill.com

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From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jenean Hill
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:36:09 PM

From: Jenean Hill jenean@jeneanhill.com Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

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Jenean Hill – 99 Sunset Ct., Kalispell, MT 59901 jenean@jeneanhill.com

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From: Rebecca Himsl bjhimsl@gmail.com Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Map 12 DOES NOT meet the criteria the Commission unanimously adopted at the start of the redistricting process:

1-Maps should NOT be drawn to unduly favor a political party!

2-The commission shall MINIMIZE dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts!

3-Maps should consider keeping communities of interest intact.

4-Maps should consider ensuring the competitiveness of districts.

The Commission has selfishly failed at this task by adopting Map 12 and shows the people of Montana they only care about greed and power.

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From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Steve and Beth Hinebauch
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 1:43:37 PM

From: Steve and Beth Hinebauch stevehinebauch@midrivers.com Residence: Wibaux, MT

Message:

It is time to stop making new maps and decide on one. The districts are supposed to be divided equally per population as much as possible, which is what CP12 does. The districts are also supposed to be representative, not split by political party. CP12 is the best map for this purpose. Please accept CP12 and let's move on.

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<u>Janet Howard-Ducsay</u>
Districting
[EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Monday, November 8, 2021 8:09:33 AM

On the meeting on Tuesday please reevaluate your decisions regarding selecting CP12 map. This is not the public consensus on what is best for Montana. Everyone deserves to be represented and it is sadly blatant that the choice is leaning in a very partisan way. Please represent all people. Janet HowardDucsay Ennis MT

Sent from my iPad

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hi my name is Forrest Hoyt. I am from Hamilton. I have called the Bitterroot valley home for 21 years.

I support map 11 because it does not favor one political party over another.

I believe by not favoring one party over another it makes a competitive district.

Thank you for your time and considering my comments. I appreciate your service.

Regards, Forrest Hoyt 353 Grantsdale Rd Hamilton, MT 59840

From:	MDAC
То:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Dorothy Huff
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 4:20:59 PM

From: Dorothy Huff dchuff@centurytel.net Residence: Kalispell

Message: Please vote for Map CP-12. Thank you!

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TO: Maylinn Smith Jeff Essmann Joe Lamson Dan Stusek Kendra Miller

Map C-12 logically keeps Flathead County in the Western District and causes only one county to be divided in two. Please serve the citizens of Montana through the laws of our state. Please vote for Map CP-12

Thank you, Dorothy Huff 29 Meadowlark Drive Kalispell, MT 59901 (406) 752-4712 <u>dchuff@centurytel.net</u>

From:	MDAC
To:	Districting
Subject:	[EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christopher M Hyle
Date:	Monday, November 8, 2021 10:11:13 AM

From: Christopher M Hyle Chrishyle55@gmail.com Residence: Butte

Message: I fully support CP 12 recently approved by the redistricting commissioner.

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