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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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From: [Jim Fenn](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistrict
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:14:29 AM

Dear Members of the Districting Commission:

I am a citizen of the state of Montana and I am submitting this email as my written testimony to express my opinion regarding the upcoming decision to be made by the Commission concerning the proposed Congressional Districts. I respectfully request it be made a part of the official record of the Commission and be considered during your deliberations. I have reviewed the various maps and believe that Map CP-

1 <https://leg.mt.gov/content/Districting/2020/Maps/Congressional/Commission-Proposals/cp1-congressional-october-19.pdf> is the most appropriate choice for Montana in that it follows the law established in House Bill 506 https://leg.mt.gov/bills/2021/HB0599/HB0506_X.pdf passed during the most recent session of our Legislature.

Map CP-1 has the best configuration for compactness where the width and length of both districts are most equal. It has the minimal difference in populations between the two districts (plus or minus one). It divides the fewest number of counties (2).

CP-1 is the only map that best follows the intent of HB 506, which is the express will of the citizens of Montana. I believe that our Congressional districts must be formulated in accordance with HB 506.

There is an attempt by members of the Commission to ignore the law and gerrymander the boundaries of the two Congressional districts. Map CP-1 best meets the criteria set out in law by HB506 Section 1, as noted above. Of the nine (9) maps submitted/created, five clearly violate HB 506 and favor the Democrats and disadvantage Republicans. This is blatant partisan gerrymandering and completely unacceptable. These maps are offensive to all Montanans who believe in fair play and the rule of law.

In light of the foregoing, I most strongly urge you to adopt the boundaries for our proposed Congressional Districts as outlined in Map CP-1 and in accordance with the existing laws of Montana. Thank you for your time and attention to my concerns.

Jim Fenn
885 Swan Horseshoe Dr
Bigfork, MT 59911
406-253-2800
jimfenn54@gmail.com

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: Submission from Redistricting
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:57:05 PM

From: leg-noreply@mt.gov <leg-noreply@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: Submission from Redistricting

Submit Information to the Redistricting Commission

Date: 18th October 2021 16:55

Your Full Name:
Robert J Filipovich

Email Address:
bob.filipovich@live.com

Subject Line:
The least partisan districts are the best for Montanans.

Your Comment:
In his farewell address, President George Washington spoke against the creation and perpetuation of partisan governing. Such historic words as "We the people" and "Of, by, and for the people" remind us that of a democratic government is to endure, it must avoid partisan judiciary, executive, and law-making branches of government. Voting is the method we must use to create and keep a government that serves the best interests of all the people. Therefore, the congressional and legislative districts that are the least "safe" (as we too often say) are the districts that will keep our government on a collaborative, level, honest path toward a more perfect union. Those district maps that are the most obviously partisan must be the first ones to reject if our democracy is to survive and be of benefit to us all. Balance, commissioners, balance. Thanks for your essential work.

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Sent via uat.leg.mt.gov/districting/2020-commission/public-comment/

From: ash822@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ashlie Fleming](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:03:54 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Good afternoon,

As a Native Montanan, I am concerned about the redistricting map and ensuring that ALL are represented fairly. The CP2 map allows for equality in population and representation. Please keep the representation of Montana fair and balanced so that we may all be represented as opposed to minorities not being represented.

4, 6, 8, and 9 also are okay when it comes to Montana and those who truly live here.

Thank you for your time,
Ashlie

Sincerely,
Ashlie Fleming
1527 5th Ave W Columbia Falls, MT 59912-4152
ash822@hotmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: D Fogarty
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:20:29 PM

From: D Fogarty dcfogub@gmail.com
Residence: Butte

Message:

Dear Commissioners:

Hi, my name is Danelle and I was born and raised in Butte. I have lived in Butte, Missoula, and Billings (30 years).

All of the four goals agreed upon by the Commission matter to me, because Trump hijacked the Republican party by creating an environment that promoted and awarded bullying, hatred, lying, and theft. These are not the Montana Values I learned as a kid. They are: honesty, integrity, help those in need, and respect the rights of others.

I support the Commission's maps 6 and 9, because I believe they will honor our Montana values and keep our elections open, fair, and bipartisan. I think maps 6 and 9 also keep it simple as possible for counties to correctly count votes and does not make it unduly hard for people to vote.

Thank you for taking your task seriously and keeping our elections fair.

Respectfully,
Danelle Fogarty
3209 Yale
Butte MT

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From: paulafoster21@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paula Foster](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:25:25 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings,

I am a concerned Montana citizen and voter who wants to keep Montana with fair congressional districts. The district plan that I feel do this best are map CP6 which meets these criteria. We need to keep Montana represented for all of Montana! It represents our native people, rural, and city people. Please consider this when you chose a redistricting map.

Sincerely,
Paula Foster
1009 8th Ave E Kalispell, MT 59901-5055
paulafoster21@yahoo.com

From: [Jesse Franzen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] For CP2
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:59:19 PM

Thank you for your time and service to all residents of Montana. After reviewing the proposed maps, with the considerations to keep counties whole, keep an even population split, and to create competitive districts, I believe CP2 the best choice to create fair elections that will represent all individuals in Montana.

Thank you again,
Jesse Franzen
Helena resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android \[go.onelink.me\]](#)

From: [Joice Franzen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional District Maps
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:57:52 PM

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Thank you for serving residents of Montana with this important task of districting Congressional House Districts. After reviewing the 9 map proposals and the pros and cons for each I strongly support map 2
(<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Districting/2020/Maps/Congressional/Commission-Proposals/cp2-congressional-october-19.pdf>)

This map is the only map to not split counties. It also maintains equal population in the two districts. Also, all reservations have the same representative. I also think it makes sense to have a mostly rural and mostly urban district to best represent the diversity of living in Montana.

Thank you for your time.
Joice Franzen
Helena, MT

From: [Judith Fraser](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-Districting
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:14:33 PM

I like developed criteria. They show common sense.

9 Is my preferred proposal choice. I like it's cohesiveness and that it is compact.

#6 is fine too but the lines aren't as clean.

Thanks for your thought and hard work.

Judith Fraser
338 Cooper Lane
Hamilton, MT. 59840

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Carrie French
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:53:00 PM

From: Carrie French carrief3@hotmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I was born and raised in Bozeman, went to MSU, and have lived here for a combined total of 31 years.

I want to see fair maps drawn for Montana, that do not favor one political party. It is most important that our representatives truly represent the interests of Montanans, and we won't have that if one side is given an unfair advantage.

I support maps 6 and 9. I support 6 and 9 because they do not unfairly favor one political party.

Thank you for supporting fair maps and for your time and consideration.

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From: Ivannafritz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ivanna Fritz](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:40:33 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please choose map CP#2. As someone who grew up in Eastern Montana who now lives in Western Montana I feel it's important to have equal representation peris presentation. Having an urban in urban and rural representation is also important being a kid who grew up on a farm and a former MT State officer in FFA. Voices need to be heard and equality is key in redistricting!! Counties and Reservations should be held intact.

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

From: mwfurshong@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Matthew Furshong](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:58:32 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello,

I'm a Missoula resident who was born and raised in Helena, Montana. I support districts that minimize the splitting of counties for arbitrary reasons, keep reservations intact and in both districts, and avoid splitting cities. Maps 4 and 6 accomplish those goals and I would support either of them.

Sincerely,
Matthew Furshong
636 Howell St Missoula, MT 59802-2535
mwfurshong@mac.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Vincent Furst
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:56:24 PM

From: Vincent Furst vincej.1st@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Vincent Furst, Bozeman, Resident since 1973, seasonal resident since 1960. I moved here because I liked the people I met when here and I preferred a less urban culture than I had in Minnesota.

Many areas of Montana are clearly non-competitive and the people who live there know and accept it. Areas where population is significant and competitive should be kept intact to provide representation for everyone.

two and six seem the best in my view The non-competitive block with significant population is kept intact and the same should be provided for the significant competitive population area.

I thank the commission for their stated goals. They show intelligence and fairness. I hope they are followed.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anne Garde
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 4:19:16 PM

From: Anne Garde anniegarde@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula, Montana

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

Thanks you for being willing to participate on this Commission in the difficult and important mission of redistricting.

I have looked at the criteria and goals of the commission, for example, equal population in each district, districts compact and contiguous, districts not favoring one party, and minimizing the division of towns, counties and reservations. To my mind, maps 2,4,6,&8 meet those goals most successfully. I hope you will consider these as your main choices.

Maps 1,3,5 &7 are not competitive, and separate communities of interest. In addition, 3&5 are not population equal. Please do not choose any of those.

Thanks for taking the time to review my remarks. And again, thanks for your public service.

Sincerely, Anne Garde

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kenny Gasch
Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:33:48 AM

From: Kenny Gasch
Residence: Whitefish, Montana

Message:
Stop Gerrymandering for political advantage. Congressional districts should be open and fair to all voters without political preference.

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From: [K Gelderman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map Public Comment
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:56:16 PM

I believe the map in proposal 8 best meets the Commission-adopted criteria & goals.
Kiley Gelderman
Missoula, MT
59801

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kate Geranios
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:38 PM

From: Kate Geranios kgeranios@wildmontana.org
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Kate Geranios, I have lived in Missoula since 1993.

The redistricting process must be fair and not favor one political party. This is the only way to maintain a fair election.

I support maps 6 and 9. Maps 6 and 9 do the best job of representing the mandatory criteria the commission is legally required to follow.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Kenneth Gilbertson](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Redistricting Maps
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:43:10 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Ken Gilbertson, I live in Billings Montana and have lived here 31 years and all my life 72years in Montana.

My biggest priority is not unduly favoring a political party

I support map 4

Thank you for taking the time to read my email, and doing the important work you do.

Regards,
Kenneth Gilbertson
201 Stillwater Ln
Billings, MT 59105

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Doug Gledhill
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:35 PM

From: Doug Gledhill gledhill_d@yahoo.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

I'm Doug Gledhill. I have resided in Billings for over a decade and before that in Livingston.

I support the four goals outlined, in order to ensure the best representation can be obtained.

I support the adoption of either map 6 or 9, which I think would best accomplish the stated goals I do this because maps 6 or 9 would not favor a political party, while they would minimize splitting of counties, towns and reservations, while keeping communities of interest intact and keeping districts competitive.

Thanks for considering my opinion.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jennifer Goldman
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:40:13 PM

From: Jennifer Goldman categoldman@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Jennifer Goldman. I have lived in Montana for 17 years.

I am highly discouraged by the polarization of our state politics, and I urge you to ensure that we are not favoring political parties during redistricting.

I support maps 6 and 9. These maps best exemplify the Commissions stated goals, particularly non unduly favoring a political party.

Thank you for consideration of these comments.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark Good
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:28:26 PM

From: Mark Good mgood91700@gmail.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

To: Redistricting Committee members
Fr: Mark Good, 917 3rd Ave South, Great Falls, MT

Thank you so much for your service on the Commission. I have lived, worked and owned a home in Great Falls for almost 40 years. Along with my wife, we also own a house in Ulm, which is also located in Cascade County.

It is especially important to me to keep communities of interest intact while also creating competitive districts. This helps to ensure that voices of those with similar interests are not diluted or ignored and that all candidates will work to seek the vote of everyone. Our economy is becoming more complex and diverse, and our congressional delegation should represent the needs of both rural and urban residents.

Montana's demography and economy have significantly changed since we last had two congressional representatives, so the new districts should also reflect those changes while incorporating the goals of the committee. Yet most of the proposed maps would still unduly favor one political party; split counties, towns, and reservations; and fail to keep communities of interest and competitive districts intact. The maps which seem to best reflect these changes and meet the goals of the committee are maps 6 and 9. More than other proposed maps, they best balance the need to keep counties and communities of interest together while also creating competitive districts. Those interests include all seven Indian reservations in district 1 with the two largest universities and five largest communities in western Montana in district 2. Billings, the state's largest city helps to balance interests of urban residents. As such, these two maps better ensure that diverse interests and minority voices will be heard. Moreover, they evenly split the population, are compact, and do not split counties. Rural and urban residents will be well represented in both districts.

Importantly, these maps make both districts more competitive. I have voted in every election for the past 40 years, and Cascade County is one of the most competitive counties in the state – where almost all the legislative seats have flipped between parties at least once this decade. I want to live in a state where my vote makes a difference. A one-party state is not good for democracy and generally leads to more extreme candidates. An effective democracy needs legislators who represent the needs and interests of all Montanans.

I appreciate your consideration and thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns and desires related to this important redistricting process.

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From: [kim.gordon](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP2
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:12:38 AM

Good Morning,

I have lived in Montana my entire life and would like to encourage the committee to redistrict using the CP2 map as it does not divide counties and keeps the reservations as one voting district. The proposed CP2 map seems to best represent ALL Montanans in National Politics.

Thank you.

Kim

From: susan.haaglund1965@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Graham](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Map #CP4
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:21:56 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

While I oppose the splitting of Kalispell into two districts I think it is a better option than splitting Gallatin into two districts. Map #CP4 has an equal population rate and ensures that the east and west populations grow at the same rate over the next decade. Map #CP4 is the best option for keeping communities of like interest intact and it also keeps the reservations whole while providing equal representation in both the east and west districts. I support Map #CP4.

Sincerely,
Susan Graham
PO Box 82 Lolo, MT 59847-0082
susan.haaglund1965@gmail.com

From: [Carlotta Grandstaff](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:07:45 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Carlotta Grandstaff, and I've lived in the Bitterroot Valley for 45 years.

My biggest priority is not unduly favoring a political party

I support maps 4, 6, 8 and 9.

Thank you for your service in this important issue.

Regards,
Carlotta Grandstaff
844 Sleeping Child Rd
Hamilton, MT 59840

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary T Greenup
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:08:14 PM

From: Mary T Greenup t_greenup@msn.com
Residence: Whitefish, MT

Message:

Maps 6 and 9 best meet the goals that Montana's independent redistricting commission has set forth for drawing the two new Congressional districts. Based on past voting trends, one competitive district is present on maps 6 and 9, which is the most present on any of the proposed maps. Maps 1, 3, 5, and 7 have no competitive districts. Map 2 does not keep the Flathead Reservation intact, which divides a distinct community. Map 8 divides the City of Billings. Division would be preferable within a county versus the State's largest city. Maps 6 and 9 do the best to keep communities of interest intact.

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From: LindaGryczan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Linda Gryczan](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Support Map 4
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 11:00:16 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commissioners,

Of the eight maps drawn, I urge your support for map 4. Reasons:

- * It leaves reservations intact.
- * roughly equal population in both districts
- * it is the closest to the districts drawn when Montana had two representatives in the past.
- * unlike some of the other maps, it does not unnecessarily split towns and counties.

Sincerely,

Linda Gryczan
Helena

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Beth Hagan
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:31 PM

From: Beth Hagan bethhagan@hotmail.com
Residence: East Glacier Park Village

Message:
Hello,

My name is Beth Hagan and I have lived in East Glacier Park for close to 30 years. I've been a Park Ranger, a diner and motel owner, and an active volunteer in my community here on the Blackfeet Reservation.

I feel strongly that keeping Reservations and other communities of interest intact is a very important aspect of the redistricting process.

I believe maps 6 and 9 are the two best choices presented. These maps serve to keep Reservations intact.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration and for serving all Montanans fairly as you go through your decision making process.

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

From: twomedgrill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Pat Hagan](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's congressional districts.
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 6:46:53 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

To Whom it May Concern,

I have lived in Montana my whole life. I know our State's history as well as which way the wind is blowing. I am hoping you see fit to have ALL of Montana's voices represented in your districting. Ideally, our representatives would have a close to equal constituency. Ideally, they would have an equal number of democrats and republicans. And ideally, our representatives would represent their constituents voices more than their party.

To that end, I feel map CP 8 is the best choice for Montana.

Thanks
Pat Hagan
twomedgrill@hotmail.com
East Glacier, MT 59434

Sincerely,
Pat Hagan
PO Box 42 East Glacier Park, MT 59434-0042
twomedgrill@hotmail.com

From: [WH](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comment.
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 2:23:52 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to submit my support for map 2, 6, and 8 of the redistricting options. The choices seem to be the most fair and equitable, allow both parties an opportunity to succeed, and fairly split the population.

Thank you,
William Hanley
703 W Hallmark
Missoula, MT

From: ewhansen59353@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Edward Hansen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:48:08 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.the map seems to be fair to a acceptable degree is # 6 on the left.

Sincerely,
Edward Hansen
1210 N Kendrick Ave Glendive, MT 59330-1914
ewhansen59353@yahoo.com

October 16, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I am grateful for your service on the Districting and Apportionment Commission. I would like to take a moment to stress the importance of adopting a redistricting plan that is both fair and representative of our unique state of Montana.

Please adopt one of the plans 2, 4, 6, 8, or 9. They are fair, representative, and include a competitive district.

If redistricting is fair, of course, not every district in the state will be competitive: some will strongly prefer one party over the other just because of the local population. But competitive districts are vital to democracy, and mean that public officials will listen to all of their constituents, not just some. Competitive districts produce consensus-building and collaboration, and ensure that the voices of all Montanans are heard.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans should have an unfair advantage in a process whose outcome does not represent Montana. For congressional redistricting, a fair plan means one district that leans Republican and one district that is competitive, such that either side could win. Two safe Republican seats would not represent Montana.

I hope the Commission will create fair districts for all Montanans by adopting one of Plans 2, 4, 6, 8 or 9.

Thank you for your time.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alaina Hardie', written in a cursive style.

Alaina Hardie
Missoula, MT

From: [Joni Harman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maps
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:29:41 PM

I support maps 4, 6, 8, and 9 because they are population equal and competitive.

Thankyou,
Joni Harman

From: [Marjorie Harper](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional district maps
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:39:23 PM

My husband, Daniel Harper, and I like commission 8 cp8

Marjorie Harper, 3000 Marshall Canyon Road, Missoula, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathleen Harrington
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:28:47 PM

From: Kathleen Harrington harrington31@msn.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

I have been a citizen of Montana for over 50 years. I have worked for the Montana legislature as a researcher in the 1970's. I was a researcher for the Montana Board of Public Education and I ran two non- profits as well as a local business. I remember when political parties worked together to improve Montana.

I would like Montana to return to politics that recognize that parties representing both sides of the political spectrum can work together and normal push and pull of ideas give us the best options for moving forward.

I believe that maps 6 and 9 meet my criteria for moving to an efficient and balanced agenda. I believe that these maps allow all sides to be represented and ideas can be considered that are important to the total state rather than one political party or one private interest. Let the citizens find the representatives that give the best and most thoughtful ideas that will benefit Montana.

Thank you for spending your time to be open to the voices of Montana. Thank you for knowing that while you have ideas that have been formed by one party or another, you know that all laws work best if they have been fully vetted and originate in Montana not in major party headquarters out of state.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kim Hawkins
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:05 PM

From: Kim Hawkins adhwk@yahoo.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I am Kim Hawkins. I currently reside in Missoula. I graduated from University of Montana in 1988, and completed a post-graduate degree there in 2014. I relocated to Missoula in 2017 after working over 30 years in Kalispell.

I would appreciate a district that does not strongly favor one political party, and minimizes splitting cities, towns or reservations.

I support maps 6 and 9. Maps 6 and 9 most support the goals I presented: least favoring one political party over another with minimal splitting of cities, towns or reservations.

Thank you for considering my priorities for districting.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Susan Hayes
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:29:52 PM

From: Susan Hayes susankj81@yahoo.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I am a long time resident of Bozeman, MT and am interested in the current redistricting process.

Of the for goals the commission has the 2 that are most important to me are to not unduly favoring a political party and competitive districts. I believe these things result in less polarizing candidates and more constructive conversations and solutions that can benefit a majority.

I support maps 6 and 9. These 2 maps ensure that neither party is unduly favored and allow for at least 1 district to be competitive.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Charles Heil
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:03 PM

From: Charles Heil chuckheil67@gmail.com

Residence: Kalispell

Message:

My name is Charles Heil. I am a 23 year verteran of the US Air Force in Security Forces and lifelong resident of Montana currently living in Kalispell.

It is most important to me that the districts do not split up counties, towns and especially reservations. A tribe should not have to deal with focusing on two representatives who may have different goals and agendas. It is in the best interest of the tribe to focus their resources on working with a single representative who can specialize in the needs of the people.

I support Map 6 first and Map 9 second as the best choices for redistricting. I chose these maps because they keep the Flathead Reservation intact while also grouping Missoula and Gallatin counties together, which will be facing similar issues in the future such as housing shortages.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lisa Heil
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:29 PM

From: Lisa Heil floatswithclouds@yahoo.com
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

My name is Lisa Heil, and I have been a resident of Kalispell since 2018, when I married a life long Montanan. We love to hunt and fish and are passionate about the Montana way of life but feel that things are out of balance politically in the state currently.

The most important thing in this redistricting should be keeping communities of interest together. Cities that face specific challenges should be represented by somebody who can best address those issues.

I support Map 6 the most with Map 9 being by second choice. I think it is important to keep Missoula and Gallatin together because they are likely to face similar issues, such as a housing shortage, in the near future. I prefer Map 6 as it also includes the Flathead Reservation, which I think would be well served by a representative with similar principles to who the above counties would support.

Thank you for the time you are putting into this to serve our state.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rebecca Heimbuck
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:18:45 PM

From: Rebecca Heimbuck jollyjinglejellybean@gmail.com

Residence: Billings

Message:

My name is Rebecca Heimbuck. I live in Billings, Montana and was born and raised here.

I want the districts to be fair. Montana is a purple state with purple roots and that needs to be honored. All of the rules set up need to be followed by the committee. Montana Republicans AND Montana Democrats deserve equal and fair representation.

I support maps 6 and 9. I believe these maps best represent the fairness that Montana needs and deserves.

Thank you for your time and

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From: [John Helton](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Our new two representatives.
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:42:19 PM

Thank you for your consideration. Having looked at all the different options, I think option number 8 is the best option for engaging both east and west sides of our great state of MT.
Sincerely. John Helton

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Daphne Herling
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:37 PM

From: Daphne Herling daphne.herling@business.umd.edu
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Daphne Herling, I have lived in Missoula since 1995 and have spent many of those years exploring all Montana has to offer. My work has taken me all over the state, from Ekalaka to Troy and I love every inch of this state. My husband and I have also recreated throughout; hiking, backpacking, biking and paddling. Everyone we have met along the way have been mostly wonderful, caring people.

The commission committed to four goals. Of these four; creating competitive districts is the most important to me. All Montanans must have representation in the political process! Following that, the goal of minimizing splitting of geographically intact entities is important but not as much as competitiveness.

I support map 6 as the best and my second choice would be map 4. Map 6 creates two districts with similar populations; keeps the Flathead Reservation in tact and creates a truly competitive district so that all Montanans can expect fair representation in the upcoming congressional elections. I like Map 4 for similar reasons except I do not like splitting Flathead County.

Thank you for this opportunity to be heard on this important issue. Your time and efforts on the behalf of all Montanans has not gone unnoticed. Daphne

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From: [Valerie Hess](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional maps
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 1:39:51 PM

Hello and thank you for your service,

It seems to me that Map 2 is the best choice. Making districts that are as equally spread among population and political parties is the best for Montanans.

Sincerely,
Valerie Hess
5044 Mallory Ln, Lolo, MT 59847

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bruce Hietala
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:03:20 PM

From: Bruce Hietala Hietala8211@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade

Message:

We need two districts that divide Montana east and west or north and south. The most practical approach is east and west divided by population. Anything else is blatant gerrymandering. Please do the right thing.

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From: [colleen hinds](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fair Map Choice
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:42:19 AM

Hello districting Commissioners/ Please consider Map choice 6 for the most fair. for compactness, population, & competitive. Thank-you. Colleen Hinds / Heron, Montana

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jedediah Hinkle
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:50:46 PM

From: Jedediah Hinkle hinkle66@gmail.com
Residence: Belgrade, Montana

Message:

I ask that you support Map CP-1, thank you.

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From: [Beth Hodder](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 12:17:34 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I'm Beth Hodder, and I have lived in West Glacier for 36 years. I lived in Columbia Falls for seven years before that.

My biggest priority is ensuring that we have competitive districts throughout the state.

I am most strongly in favor of Map 8, which I feel supports my choice for competitive districts the most. I also support maps 4, 6, and 9, which are also mostly fair. I did not choose maps 1, 3, 5, and 7 because they are split in straight lines, an east - west delineation. They are not competitive at all; they split towns and counties in all proposals, do not provide fair representation for the Tribal reservations as a block, and most are not population equitable.

This is a huge undertaking with serious implications for the future of Montana. Please choose a fair, competitive, and equitable map for our wonderful state and keep it the last best place. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Regards,
Beth Hodder
12544 US-2
West Glacier, MT 59936

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Terri Hogan
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:03 PM

From: Terri Hogan terri_h86@yahoo.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

My name is Terri Hogan. I live in Helena and am a lifelong resident of Montana. I was born in Miles City. I've also lived in Missoula and Billings. I love Montana, and cannot imagine a life anywhere else.

Of the four goals identified by the Commission, the goal that matters most to me is keeping counties, towns and Montana's reservations intact – as much as possible. I do not see how splitting communities (like Billings or Bozeman, for example), or splitting a reservation would ever work. Each community I've lived in has unique characteristics that define it. I can see splitting a county to keep the boundaries of a reservation intact.

I think Map 9 does the best job of first, keeping reservation boundaries intact and second, keeping the counties intact – except for Missoula county – but only to accommodate a reservation boundary. Map 9 does not split any reservation boundaries, and only splits Missoula county to accommodate a reservation boundary.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Reed Howald
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:44:45 PM

From: Reed Howald howald.reed@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:
Commission members,

I am a voter, a retired chemistry professor, living in Bozeman. Please do not split Gallatin county in your redistricting decision.

The two most important criteria are keeping communities intact and not splitting counties. It is important not to split Gallatin county, and Bozeman and Missoula have joint interests and should be kept together.

Maps 6 and 9 are probably the best. For all of the reasons of fairness and keeping areas and community of interests together.

Thank you for your interest in seeing what the people want.

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From: montanasweet1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Samantha Humphrey](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:39:35 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please be fair in redistricting. Map CP-2 seems to be a fair and logical choice.

Sincerely,
Samantha Humphrey
PO Box 7 Boulder, MT 59632-0007
montanasweet1@gmail.com

From: [Cristi Hunnes](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District maps
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 8:02:23 PM

Hello!

I am a college professor at Rocky Mountain College. I have taught there 28 years in biology and chemistry. I was born and raised in Eastern Montana. Other than a few years away for schooling, I have lived in Montana my entire life. I love my state!

I feel strongly we need to have competitive districts. The eastern half won't be competitive no matter what. But let's make the western district competitive so Democrats have a chance. I think the best years for our state have historically been when we had a balance - one representative from each party.

I favor proposals 6 and 9. I feel those proposals are the only ones that are competitive. The other options favor Republicans in both districts which is not the best thing for our state.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Cristi Hunnes

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jeffery Hunnes
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:45:18 PM

From: Jeffery Hunnes jhunnes@hotmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

My name is Jeff Hunnes. I have lived in Billings Montana since 1983 and was born in Miles City. I am a lifelong Montanan.

Dont unduly favor any party and have competitive districts.

I support maps 6 and 9. I selected these maps because I believe they dont unduly favor a party Nd provide for competitive districts..

Thanks for considering my comments.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathleen Hunthausen
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:07:16 AM

From: Kathleen Hunthausen khunthausen@yahoo.com

Residence: East Helena, MT

Message:

Please consider options 2, 4, 6, 8, or 9. These are the most fair and the least partisan.

Thank you.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gerald Hurst
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:38:56 AM

From: Gerald Hurst aerowight@gmail.com
Residence: Marion, Montana

Message:

I like the middle map best. It is too bad there is not more detail and explanations for them.

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From: [m hutchins . art director-musician](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Cc: [m hutchins . art director-musician](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION: Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission: redistricting maps comments
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:41:04 AM

To the Commission,

Thank you for making the map choices available to Montanans for comment.

The maps to be given serious consideration are #CP 2 and 8, because population is equal, they are competitive, and #2 is interesting because it follows county lines.

I am not clear why two of the maps—#CP 3 and 5—are even being considered if they are not population equal nor are they competitive. What is the rationale here?

Thank you for your hard work,

Marlene

M Hutchins, Art Director & Musician

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Emmy Ibison
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:50:21 PM

From: Emmy Ibison emmyndave@gmail.com
Residence: Florence

Message:

My name is Emmy Ibison, Ive lived in the Florence area for over 24 years.

Redistricting should not favor any political party (Gerrymandering).

I support maps 6 and 9, they do the best job of not favoring one party over another

Thanks you for listening to the people of Montana

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From: najacobs38@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Noah Jacobs](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana Districting
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:28:52 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear sirs and madams, please ensure fairness when deciding the districting maps, by putting Gallatin County in the west district of the map. I understand this is all due to population, but this will give fairness to our election system. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Noah Jacobs

Sincerely,
Noah Jacobs
1236 N 14th Ave Apt 105 Bozeman, MT 59715-8519
najacobs38@gmail.com

From: alohajohnson499@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Aloha Johnson](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's Redistricting Map is Critical to the Integrity of Our Elections
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:38:40 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I appreciate the opportunity to add my voice to the redistricting conversation.

It is important to the integrity of our elections to have at least one of the districts able to run a highly competitive race. With that in mind, mas #CP8 appears to be the best fit. Maps CP2 and CP6 also look like they will provide the opportunity to run a competitive race. A choice between any of these three maps would show the people of Montana that their voices are important and essential to be heard.

Thank you for your work on this task and for providing the opportunity for public input.

Sincerely,
Aloha Johnson
3242 Warbler Way Unit 2 Bozeman, MT 59718-7736
alohajohnson499@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gerald G. Johnson
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:06:56 PM

From: Gerald G. Johnson 50jayjohn@gmail.com
Residence: Conner, Montana

Message:

TO: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission Members:
Re: Montana's New Congressional District Boundaries
Date: October 17, 2021

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important issue and for considering my comments.

I am a 4th generation Montanan, born in Billings and raised on the family farm in Carbon County. I am a graduate of Montana State University. I now live in Conner, Montana. I am selecting Maps 2 and 9 as the two that best meet the four goals outlined by you, the commission, in your deliberations. These maps do not favor one political party over the other. They minimize the division of cities, counties and Native American reservations, although Map 2 does exclude a small portion of the Flathead reservation and Map 9 cuts off a portion of Missoula County. They keep communities of interest intact, including our two major universities, and our reservations. And they are competitive so that each party has a chance of winning a seat in the districts outlined in each map.

Sincerely,
Gerald G. Johnson

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kay Joslin
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:33:46 PM

From: Kay Joslin westforkayj@cybernet1.co.com
Residence: Conner

Message:

I am a Montana native, born in the Bitterroot Valley, raised in Butte, the daughter and granddaughter of Butte miners. I am a graduate of the University of Montana.

I believe our Congressional districts should not unduly favor either party, they shouldn't split counties, towns and reservations unless deemed necessary, and they should be competitive, that is, either party has about a 50/50 chance of winning a seat.

I support maps 2 and 9. I believe Map 2 is competitive; it doesn't split any town or counties, although, regrettably, it does cut off a small portion of the Flathead reservation. It groups our universities together, ensuring that young people have a stronger voice. I favor Map 9 for the same reasons as above, but I like that it keeps the Flathead reservation intact. It does cut off a small portion of Missoula County, but I can accept that.

Thank you for allowing and considering public comment on this important issue.

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From: [Ann Karp](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:22:48 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hi, I'm a Missoulian and have lived in Montana since 2009. My husband grew up near Kalispell. I'm a small business owner. I have volunteered as an election judge many times in Montana and enjoy showing people how to exercise their right to vote in our democracy.

My biggest priority is not unduly favoring a political party. Gerrymandering from either side is a nasty way to rob citizens of their say and to let a few people hoard power and resources. I also care about competitive races. Competition helps candidates feel accountable to the people and keeps them from assuming a race is "in the bag" - they need to work to earn their seats, and show the people good results after being elected.

Maps 4, 6, 8 & 9 are the ones that are both population equal and competitive. These are the maps I support. I oppose the other maps.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to seeing the results of this commission's work.

Regards,
Ann Karp
117 Tremont St
Missoula, MT 59801

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Douglas Kary
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:14:52 AM

From: Douglas Kary Doug.Kary@mtleg.gov
Residence: Billings, MT

Message:

Encouraging the Commission to think ahead, there has been over a 20% increase in the population in the 1980 drawn map over the eastern district.

I would encourage moving the entire Gallatin county to the Eastern District for the sole reason that the Western District more than likely continue to grow and the Eastern District loose population in the next 10 years. By moving Gallatin County in it's entirety to the East will even out the growth more equally in the near future.

Thank You for the opportunity to submit my views.

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From: baranet80@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Mary Kelly](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Map # CP8
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 6:08:26 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.This was not an easy decision. There are so many fractures to consider. Several maps offered attractive features. However, I finalized my decision to map CP8 with CP6 as my second choice. Sincerely, Mary Kelly

Sincerely,
Mary Kelly
8135 Mourning Dove Dr Missoula, MT 59808-1118
baranet80@gmail.com

From: cathykendall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Cathy Kendall](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Assure that rural and urban areas have a voice
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:55:52 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

It is my belief that constituents are represented best when all reasonable and rational voices can be heard, that common interests are considered, reservations and high impact tourism areas receive consideration and that over time decisions are proved to be representative of all citizens in the state. For those reasons I ask you to give consideration to CP #2, 4 and 8.

Sincerely,
Cathy Kendall
1230 Stuart St Helena, MT 59601-2139
cathykendall@live.com

From: sindie.kennedy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sindie Kennedy](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:49:54 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I am Sindie Kennedy, a Missoula constituent and MFPE member.

Thank you for your great work on creating districting maps.

I am writing to encourage the commission to select a districting map that meets the goals of the commission. The maps that accomplish the established goals include maps #CP2, #CP4, #CP6, #CP8 and #CP9. Of all the maps, these represent Montana well, distribute the population fairly and are competitive.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sindie Kennedy
2428 S 4th St W Missoula, MT 59801-2128
sindie.kennedy@gmail.com

From: kristeen.keup@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kristeen Keup](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: Please Choose Montana"s Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:07:03 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please be sure that our congressional districts protect our strong Montana state constitution .

Please be sure there is no gerrymandering.

Map # 2 is the one map that honors county lines.

Other concerns are population equal (2,4,6,8,9) and competitive (2,4,6,8,9).

Reservations should be represented in both districts.

Urban and rural representation may be a tiebreaker (2,6,9).

Map 8 (N/S) offers a diverse population to BOTH representatives.

Sincerely,

Kristeen Keup

2523 Yellowstone Ave Billings, MT 59102-3852

kristeen.keup@fulbrightmail.org

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ruby Kikkert
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:41:40 PM

From: Ruby Kikkert kikkert47@yahoo.com

Residence: Philipsburg

Message:

I am a long time resident of Montana living in Philipsburg and am very concerned about the future of my grandchildren who also live here.

All of these are important but I feel most strongly about keeping counties intact and being non political in the process

Map 2 best meets my criteria because I don't think it's in the best interest of residents to split counties in this process

Thank you for your work on this matter. I hope you are able to come up with a fair, bipartisan solution.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ruby Kikkert
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:30 PM

From: Ruby Kikkert kikkert47@yahoo.com

Residence: Philipsburg

Message:

I am retired with family in Montana and have lived here in Western part of the state for 40 years.

I am in favor of all these goals but especially keeping this bipartisan ... which our legislature failed at this session AND keeping communities of interest intact.

I support map 2. Map 2 doesn't split any of the counties. I feel this is of utmost importance even though it does shave a small piece off the Flathead reservation.

I appreciate the difficult work the commission has done to keep this redistricting fair unlike so many other states. Kudos to you all.

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From: t_kime@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Thomas Kime](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:35:28 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.I like map 5

Sincerely,
Thomas Kime
1114 E 4th St Anaconda, MT 59711-2706
t_kime@hotmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Deborah Kimmet
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 7:29:49 PM

From: Deborah Kimmet deb@debkimmet.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Dear Commission,

I SUPPORT maps #2, #6, and #8 because these are the only maps that have a competitive district.

I OPPOSE maps #1, #3, #5, and #7 because they are not competitive.

Please be fair.

And thank you for all your hard work.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathy Kinzfogl
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:38 PM

From: Kathy Kinzfogl birdfrog@blackfoot.net
Residence: Bigfork

Message:

My name is Kathy Kinzfogl. For the last 40 years I have lived and worked in the Swan Valley of NW Montana. I am a regular voter and I care deeply about our state and our country.

Your 4 goals are all important for fair elections for the people of Montana.

I support maps 6 & 9. Both of these maps meet your 4 goals.... none of the other maps meet all 4 goals.

Thank you for your consideration Kathy Kinzfogl Bigfork 59911

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: lynn kirtley
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:44:35 PM

From: lynn kirtley lynn.kirtley03@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Hello, I am Lynn Kirtley, a 47 year resident of Montana, currently residing in Gallatin county.

The 4 goals the commission agreed on in setting the new congressional districts all matter to me to keep our representation fair, equal, and minimize splitting towns, counties and reservations to keep communities of interest intact. Our state has evolved into a red state and I prefer it to be purple to meet the needs of all constituents. The only way to do this is by achieving the majority of goals set forth by the commission.

I support maps 6 and 9 because they meet the majority of the commission's goals. Maps 6 and 9 minimize splitting of towns, counties and reservations, keep communities of interest intact, do not favor a political party and maintain one competitive district.

Please meet the needs of all Montanans by encouraging bipartisanship in the creation of a new redistricting map. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gerry Knight
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:42:03 AM

From: Gerry Knight dailyrider99@hotmail.com
Residence: Black Eagle, MT

Message:

My name is Gerry Knight, I live in Black Eagle, Montana. I'm writing to ask you to adopt map 4. As a life-long resident of Cascade County I think it's imperative that the larger area of Great Falls stay connected with the eastern side of the state. Great Falls is a commercial hub for the north-central region and we have a lot more in common with those smaller surrounding communities than we do with Missoula or Bozeman. I worry that if we were lumped in with them our voices would get drowned out and we would not get the representation we need and deserve. Please pick map 4. Thank you!

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Phil Knight
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:41:03 PM

From: Phil Knight pknight@q.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Phil Knight. I have lived in Bozeman since 1985. This is my long term home and I am dedicated to keeping Montana a great place to live and a place with a bright future.

I oppose splitting entities like towns and reservations. I also oppose favoring any one party. Counties and towns have common interests that may be unique to that place.

I support maps 6 and 9. Maps should keep political entities intact. Nor should any one party receive favor.

Please make sure Montanans are fairly and equitably represented in Congress and do not go down the road of Gerrymandering that creates districts with no real connections on the ground. Thanks for your hard work on this issue that will have long term consequences for Montana.

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ruth Kopec
Date: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:17:02 PM

From: Ruth Kopec
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

I believe Gallatin County should not be split between the two congressional districts being drawn for Montana. Local governmental units should be maintained. The only reason to split Gallatin County is to provide a partisan advantage which is an invalid reason for such an action.

I have lived in Gallatin County for over 18 years as a full time resident. Its future is important to me and the ability to have my vote matter in the future of the county, the state of Montana and this country is vital.

Gallatin County is one of if not the fastest growing communities in Montana. Its political influence should not be diminished by being split between the proposed congressional districts. As it continues to grow it will face many issues that may be impacted by congressional actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: LOIS KOTZIN
Date: Friday, October 15, 2021 4:07:30 PM

From: LOIS KOTZIN LOISJEAN01@MONTANASKY.NET
Residence: LIBBY MONTANA

Message:

Based on research, the following is a compilation of what I support and what I am vehemently opposed to, the latter which are obvious and blatant attempts of gerrymandering by the Democrat Party, ultimately to sabotage and unfairly block any voting voice of the Republican Party, as well as other parties that oppose their agenda. We will not tolerate gerrymandering that will consequently result in the State of Montana in becoming another red socialist Marxist state. Not over our dead bodies!:

Map 1 – I SUPPORT this map because

- It allows for two reservations to be included within the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- The population deviation is just 1 citizen (0%), creating one of the tightest maps by that measure, and both districts are almost the same shape, allowing for compact and contiguous parameters to meet the legal requirements in Montana.
- There are split counties in Cascade and Gallatin, but it keeps both major cities intact in the eastern district (Great Falls and Bozeman).
- This map splits the fastest growing 4 counties evenly between the east and west districts, allowing for the best reflection of population growth over the decade.
- When you follow the commissions' illegal goals of competitive, it is the closest number of voters for each party using the 2016 Governor's race and the 2018 Senate race for each district. This is the most competitive map for both parties in the choices available.
- This most closely resembles the historical divide Montana had for 80 years when we had two districts before, adjusting for population and tribe inclusion.

Map 2 – I OPPOSE this map because

- It is one of the worst examples of gerrymandering one could draw. Although it meets the population deviation requirement at 175 citizens (.02%), it is a travesty of compactness and a contiguous nightmare. A candidate would have to traverse over 700 miles to get from Libby to Miles City, spending 10 hours of time, and when they get to either, the needs of both communities are polar opposites as well.
- It obviously breaks the law, violating 5-1-115(3b,c,d) because when you search the political affiliation of registered voters in the counties represented, it creates a very strong democrat district in the SW, and a very strong Republican district everywhere else.
- This map creates only one congressional seat bordering the huge economic driver of Canada with the state.
- This map doesn't even begin to resemble the historical divide we had for 80 years with our previous two congressional seats, keeping communities of interest intact based upon the commonalities easily found in an east west divided map.
- It encircles Helena, Missoula, Butte and Bozeman to create a Democrat Super District, and should be voted "most likely to be sued by both the GOP and all Tribal governments" Map of 2021!

Map 3 – I SUPPORT this map because

- It has all the characteristics of the CP-1 map, with a slightly larger population deviation at -560 (-0.1%). The only difference is the southern part of Gallatin around West Yellowstone and Hebgen Lake Estates will be in the western drawn map. Slight changes in the western parts of the county as well, but the cities of Great Falls and Bozeman remain intact and in the east.
- It does not favor a political party. Either district could be won by Republican or Democrat.
- It creates both districts of almost the same shape, allowing for compact and contiguous parameters to meet the legal requirements in Montana
- It splits the fastest growing 4 counties evenly between the east and west districts, allowing for the best reflection of population growth over the next decade.

Map 4 – I OPPOSE this map because

- This gerrymandered map is the best example of violating keeping communities of interest intact. Kalispell is the county seat of government, is where all the airports reside, and is the social and economic hub for the county. When you look at the illegal criteria of competitiveness adopted by the Commission, the divide through the Flathead places all the strong republican precincts in the east, and the democrat ones in the west, linking them to the democrat strongholds of Helena with Butte and combines both major university town into one district. This has the double effect of dividing the political power of the strongest Republican county in the state. This obvious gerrymandering continues when you evaluate all the locations, creating another Democrat super district in the west, and a double digit political lead in the east for the Republicans.
- Looking at future growth, this map will obviously favor the western district, and we can be sure the population will quickly ruin the equality of both these districts over the next decade of growth. Let's vote this one "the most likely to render the Ravalli county Republican stronghold and the majority Democrat eastern tribes in Montana impotent in their new seats!"
- It has only one positive feature, allowing for two reservations to be included within the western district. However, that is outweighed because it violates the compact and contiguous tests with the partisan half taken from Flathead County, placing Kalispell in the eastern district.

Map 5 – I SUPPORT this map because

· It is an attempt to get three tribes in the western district as its primary goal, and falls just under the requirement of .75%, with 7551 population deviation (.7%). It could be argued to fall just under our requirements for compact and contiguous in the effort to get three tribes in the west, splitting the Rocky Boy Reservation components in Hill and Choteau counties off.

· It also closely resembles the historical divide Montana had for 80 years when we had two districts before, adjusting for population and tribe inclusion.

· It allows for an even divide of the 4 fastest growing counties in Montana, 2 on each side, thus insuring the population growth in both seats would keep things even as we grow in the next decade.

· It definitely keeps communities of interest intact and doesn't split any reservations. Again, if we consider the illegal requirement of competitiveness adopted by the commission, both of these districts are very competitive based upon 2016 Governor and 2018 US Senate race results, allowing for either major party in Montana a chance for victory. This map could easily be "the great compromise map of the lot."

Map 6 – I OPPOSE this map because

· It has almost all the failures of the CP-2 map, and is once again another violation of the legal requirements of compact and contiguous. Even though it complies with population deviation of 1 citizen (.0%), you have to drive through the other district to get to Mineral and Sanders counties.

· It splits Sanders County, only so you can maintain the boundary of the only Tribe in district (CSKT).

· Even though it splits up the 4 fastest growing counties evenly, it fails the communities of interest test and leaves one Congressman representing the Canadian interface.

· This map creates a Super Democrat District out of the west, and a super republican one, which by the way has all the other tribes in it, for the east. This one could be very competitive however for being voted "most likely to be sued by both the GOP and all Tribal governments" Map of 2021!

Map 7 – I SUPPORT this map because

· It most closely resembles the historical east west divide Montana had for 80 years, with the north south line actually being the Continental Divide for most of its length.

· It is tied with CP-1 for being the most compact and contiguous map in the mix, weighing in at just 9 citizens in population deviation (.0%).

· It keeps all communities of interest intact the very best, with farming in the east and forestry in the west, splitting only Gallatin county north of the expressway through Bozeman.

· Both districts have shared borders with Canada, as it should be.

· Both of these districts are within single digits for either party based upon the 2016 Governor and the 2018 US Senate races data, creating the second best "competitive map" for both districts.

Map 8 – I OPPOSE this map because

· It is another example of gerrymandering prowess, with the only legal component being the population deviation is 1 citizen (.0%).

· It has all the failures of CP-2, with the added insult of having just one seat border Canada and surprisingly, most of Idaho as well! This map does have the distinction of being the most in violation of compact and contiguous, as well as totally splitting communities of interest in the west.

· This map is the most radically different from our historical division of 80 years, and although it is an attempt to put two tribes in the west, it is the CSKT and the Crow, which have never been in the same community of interest (coal anyone?).

· This map literally splits the city of Billings from the West End, the Heights and Lockwood. This fiasco places almost all 3 of the 4 fastest growing counties in the state in one district, and there is no way that even pencils out over the decade for being fair with the potential growth.

· With the measure of competitiveness, this map gets the award for the most Super Democrat district in the new west, and the most super district for the Republicans in the east. These are double digit differences, so a sure lock for both parties.

Map 9 – I OPPOSE this map because

· It has all the failures of CP-2 map, including its only saving grace is the legality of its population deviation being 1 citizen (.0%). The biggest stand out failure of this map is in violation of Federal Election Law, where it actually has no tribal nations in the new western seat. This failure is compounded by the illegal competitive measure, when one realizes the new eastern seat is a double digit percentage favorite for the Republican Party, when looking at the 2016 Governor and 2018 US Senate race results. It still creates a Democrat super seat with the same power house groups of Cp-2 for the new western seat.

· It is an obvious violation of compact, contiguous and communities of interest, as well as once again allowing only one seat to represent the critical interface with Canada. The historical map also has nothing in common with this map, and honestly this maps only distinction will be "the most likely to be rejected first at the next Redistricting meeting."

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From: [Patricia Kouris](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting preference
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:48:00 PM

After carefully consideration of the nine maps proposed, I believe that District Map #8 presents the most fair representation.

Thank you for service on the Commission.

Sincerely

Patricia J. Kouris

From: [Susan Krauss](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 12:45:32 PM

Maps 1 and 3 along the continental divide make the most sense to my husband and myself. The maps where they put Kalispell and Libby in the eastern district are absurd.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jenny Kunka
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:02:15 PM

From: Jenny Kunka mjkunka@hotmail.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

I'm writing to ask that Cascade County not be split when the map is redrawn with the redistricting process. I feel that we should remain as a whole unit, represented by one US House member.

I've lived In Great Falls for over 16 years. It's a vital community with excellent schools and great access to wilderness.

Great Falls is a community that works together to make things happen and improve life for it's citizens. For this reason it makes sense to be kept whole within redistricting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ella Kuzyk
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:49:55 PM

From: Ella Kuzyk ellakuzyk@yahoo.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Hi Im Ella Kuzyk, my family lives in Bigfork mt and I am currently attending school in Bozeman

It is important to protect democracy and see that we do not have a District map that favors a political party.

I support maps 6 and 9. These maps do not unduly favor a political party; Minimize splitting of counties, towns, and reservations; and Keep communities of interest intact.

Thankyou for your consideration, Ella Kuzyk

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From: [Troy LaFleur](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Redistricting Maps
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:04:19 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Troy LaFleur and I live at 927 Parkhill Drive in Billings, MT. I've lived in Billings for 24 years.

My biggest priority is ensuring competitive districts

I support redistricting maps that create districts that are equal in population and which are "competitive" such that both created districts don't favor one party over the other party. A split where one party has the advantage in one district, and the other party has the advantage in the other district would be acceptable to me.

To that aim, I support maps 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9. Map 2 had the added benefit of following county lines which seems the most straight-forward. The downside in my opinion to Map 8 is that it appears to split Billings into both districts. Personally, I don't like this and it also seems to go against one of the Commission's goals to not split communities (and Billings is the largest community in the state). If the choice were mine, I'd choose map #2.

I'd like to thank the commission for their efforts to create several viable options for districts. Thank you for considering my comments.

Regards,
Troy LaFleur
927 Parkhill Dr
Billings, MT 59102

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sharon Lamar
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:32 PM

From: Sharon Lamar lamar@blackfoot.net
Residence: Condon

Message:

I am Sharon Lamar and have lived in Condon for 43 years.

In the spirit of cohesiveness, I believe the commission should not split communities, counties, and reservations.

I support map # 7 because the population is distributed equally and it is not politically competitive. No matter what our zip code is, Montanans should be allowed to pick our leaders without undue pressure from any political party.

Thank you for your efforts!

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Linda Lane
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:11:26 AM

From: Linda Lane LindaJohnsonLane@aol.com
Residence: Hamilton MT 59840

Message:

My family has been here since 1947. I am concerned about the redistricting and the impact it will have. I find it helpful to have criteria and am pleased that you are guided by them.

I much prefer Map 8 because it honors our tradition of balance and respecting each others' views. It is also important to me that the districts are competitive.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Cedar League
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:30:40 PM

From: Cedar League cedarleague@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

Greetings,

My name is Cedar League from Helena, MT.

I believe maintaining the competitiveness, and not favoring one political party is very important in this process. I also do not think any reservations should be divided.

I support Maps 6 and 9. Maps 6 and 9 best support the goals of maintaining reservations in tact, and not unduly favoring one political party. They also minimize dividing Cities and Counties better than the other proposed maps.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gail Leary
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:02 PM

From: Gail Leary deanandgail@icloud.com
Residence: Sheridan

Message:

My name is Dean Leary. I live in Sheridan, Mt. I was born and lived in Montana the last 71 years.

Not unduly favoring a political party. I feel gerrymandering is and has been the greatest threat to Our democratic republic, which I feel is very close to its death bed. Preserve everyones right to vote at all cost.

I support # 6 as the most honest and fair. Which I feel meets your 4 criteria the best.

Thank you for your honesty and your concern for the importance of everyones vote to count.

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From: [Myleen Leary](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing proposals
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 11:02:25 AM

Hello,

My preferred redistributing proposal is map #8 I also support the proposals in maps: #2 and 6.

I do NOT support the following maps: #1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9.

Sincerely,
Myleen Leary

From: cleipheimer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Leipheimer Christine](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Map#CP 6
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 6:55:53 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.I like the idea reservations on both sides. I also thin one rural and one urban seat are key for representation for many not living in cities.

Sincerely,
Leipheimer Christine
4661 Lost Creek Rd Anaconda, MT 59711-9259
cleipheimer@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Peggy Paugh Leuzinger
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:36 PM

From: Peggy Paugh Leuzinger peggy.paughleuzinger@elca.org
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

I was born in the Bozeman area and have lived in Baker, Livingston and Great Falls as an adult. I have served Lutheran congregations as a pastor in the state for the last 21 years.

Competitive districts matter the most to me. Montana has historically been a purple state and to draw redistricting lines that do not allow for 2 competitive districts disenfranchises many, including the native reservations.

I support maps 2, 6, 8 and 9. I see that maps 2, 6, 8 and 9 allow for competitive districts.

Thank you for taking into consideration my opinion.

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From: [MDAC](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Janet Linde
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 7:14:53 PM

From: Janet Linde janet1montana@hotmail.com
Residence: Plains

Message:

My name is Janet Linde and I live in Plains, Montana.

I think political neutrality in drawing district lines is critical.

I strongly support map 6 or map 9. Thanks for considering my view. .

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andrea Litt
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:55:36 AM

From: Andrea Litt arlitt@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Map 2 is the best choice for Montana, given the even population split, the competitive status of one of the districts, and not splitting any counties. Please forward this map to redistrict the state.

Maps 6 and 8 are less desirable alternatives, given the need to split several counties.

Please do not select a map that will not allow at least one district to be competitive.

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From: [Denece Lord](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:55:34 PM

Commission,

Why would maps that would not be competitive, have unequal population, or fail to rely on existing county lines be considered IF the goal is fairness? Does any map other than Map CP2 meet all those criteria?

Though becoming more and more skeptical that any “normal citizen” (e.g. not aligned with one or another political group for personal gain) can exert any influence I’m still trying.

It’d be reassuring to see non-partisan work!

Russell Lord

Red Lodge

From: blgscorn2000@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Corneliusen Lynne](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 2:18:35 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I would choose map 2 for redistricting. It would keep the votes equal and allow the same County to be in the same district instead of splitting the County. We need to also keep it competitive for whoever is running for the seat.

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Margaret MacDonald
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 3:36:01 PM

From: Margaret MacDonald macmargaret@gmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

I look forward to providing testimony on Tuesday. I wanted to share an excellent article in advance in hopes you might find time to read it. It addresses research on the role of competitiveness in reducing the highly charged and divisive partisanship that appears to have created gridlock in the House of Representatives. "The imminent impact of redistricting: sharper partisan elbows, less compromise by both sides in the House"

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From: [Margaret MacDonald](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Article on the effects of competitive districts
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:23:47 AM
Attachments: [Washington Post The Imminent Impact of Redistricting \(1\).docx](#)

Dear Commissioners,

I sent a link to this yesterday in hopes you would have a chance to read it before the hearing tomorrow. It occurs to me that you may not be able to open a link if there is a pay wall, so here is a word document with the aforementioned Washington Post article that details the state of redistricting nationally, and the fate of competitive House districts across the country.

Yours,

Margie MacDonald
Billings Montana

The Washington Post

The imminent impact of redistricting: sharper partisan elbows, less compromise by both sides in the House

By Colby Itkowitz

October 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. EDT

In Texas, a proposed Republican reworking of U.S. House districts would reduce the state's 12 competitive districts to one. In Oregon, the approved Democratic map shored up two competitive seats, making them more solidly blue. In Indiana, Republicans eliminated the state's only competitive seat by shifting it from a district former president Trump won by two percentage points to one he would have won by 16.

Redistricting is just getting started around the country, but the first maps released suggest a coming decade of even more deeply entrenched partisanship for Congress.

Most House lawmakers [already represent solidly partisan constituencies](#). Every two years, party control is determined by the outcome of only a few dozen seats. Next year, Republicans need to flip only a handful of seats to wrest power away from Democrats.

Of the country's 435 congressional districts, Trump or President Biden won just 50 of them by five or less percentage points. Those swing districts could be reduced by at least a third after redistricting, experts estimate.

"There are really only about three dozen truly competitive seats anyway and partisans have realized in these polarized times the best way to flip a district is to gerrymander it after the Census," said David Daley, a senior fellow for FairVote, [a nonpartisan voting rights advocacy organization](#), and author of two books on modern redistricting. "Now partisans are coming back for more."

Ahead of the 2022 contests, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee had listed two Texas districts currently held by Republicans as targets to flip in 2022, but [the proposed new map would push them out of reach](#). The 23rd, which stretches along the border from San Antonio to El Paso, would go from a district Trump won by less than two percentage points to one he won by seven, and the 24th, located in northern Dallas, would turn from one Biden won by five points to one Trump would have won by twelve.

Democrats had also hoped to target Indiana's lone competitive district, which will now become solidly Republican.

For its part, the National Republican Congressional Committee included both competitive Oregon districts, held by Democrats, on its target list. The new map makes both much safer for Democrats.

Oregon is the only state where redistricting is controlled by Democrats that gained a seat due to population growth. The state's redistricting chairwoman, Democratic state Rep.

Andrea Salinas, [announced this week that she may run for the new seat](#) — a deep blue district south of Portland that Biden would have won by double digits.

Rep. Christine Drazan, the Oregon state assembly GOP leader who sat on the legislature's redistricting committee, pointed to Salinas's move as evidence of partisan self-interest afoot during redistricting.

"Politicians should not be drawing political boundaries, no matter who they are," she said in an interview. "We are getting more polarized by nature of these maps. How do we stop being broken if we're not willing to recognize that the process itself is broken?"

The bitter polarization in American politics relies on many factors, but many critics of Washington's persistent gridlock point to partisan gerrymandering as a leading reason lawmakers in Congress have little incentive to compromise — indeed, are discouraged from it.

"If you're representing a district where you have to listen to both sides, you hear both points of view, and then you go to Washington and you find most everyone else comes from a district where they only hear one viewpoint," said former congressman Jason Altmire, who lost his reelection bid in the 2012 Democratic Pennsylvania primary after redistricting merged his district with one held by another Democratic incumbent. The primary winner, former congressman Mark Critz, lost in the general election to a Republican who was aided by the narrowly red district.

Altmire, a moderate Democrat from the Pittsburgh suburbs, was one of many casualties of redistricting in 2011, when Republican state officials in charge of the process in most of the nation's traditional battleground states redrew boundaries to increase their share of the seats and packed Democrats into as few as possible.

Before 2011, at least six congressional districts in Ohio had swung back and forth between Democrats and Republicans over the previous decade. When Barack Obama won Ohio in the 2008 presidential election, Democrats won 10 of the state's 18 House seats. Four years later, after Republicans redrew the lines to their advantage, Obama again won the state, but Democrats won only four seats. They have not flipped a single GOP seat in the last decade.

"Most of these guys have never faced the prospect of a real election with swing voters to decide it," said David Pepper, the former chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party. "It just shows you, if they can't beat you through the election then they'll just take your district away."

Pepper said eliminating competition also has the affect of suppressing the vote. And, he said, it handicaps Ohio Democrats' ability to recruit a deeper bench of candidates if there are only four viable seats in which they can run.

"If in a nonpresidential year every race is predetermined, why do people turn out to vote?" Pepper said. "If you've rigged every election so 99 percent of the elections were determined in 2011, it starts to pull any energy out of democracy entirely."

Ohio, which lost two seats a decade ago, is losing another one in the current mapmaking. Republicans, who control state government, have not yet released new congressional boundaries, but Democrats are bracing for the loss to come at their expense. That would reduce their representation to just three of 15 seats in a state in which Biden received more than 45 percent of the vote.

Nationally, Democrats lost the House in the 2010 tea party rout before redistricting, but new maps in 2012 made it much harder to win it back. In the next three congressional elections, Republicans had a net benefit of 16 to 17 seats because of partisan gerrymandering, according to [a 2017 analysis of election results](#) by the Brennan Center for Justice.

The GOP hold on the House lasted until 2018 when Democrats won back the majority largely because of a repudiation of Trump among suburban voters, boosted by netting three new Pennsylvania seats after the state Supreme Court ordered the state to redraw its gerrymandered map.

“The design is to bake in results. They are defensive gerrymanders ... it’s very much about creating safe districts,” said Michael Li, redistricting expert at the Brennan Center. “If you have competitive seats it’s because a commission or a court drew them.”

Democrats in Maryland [may gut the only Republican-held seat](#) in that state, creating an 8-0 Democratic delegation. And in states like North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Utah where the population is becoming more diverse and Democratic, particularly in the suburbs, Republicans in charge are expected to carve up the maps to heed off any potential Democratic gains.

“These are not short-term seat maximization gerrymanders; they are designed to build a wall around demographic change, designed with an eye on what the state will look like in 2026, 2030,” FairVote’s Daley said.

On Thursday, Republicans in Arkansas [finalized a new map that sliced Pulaski County](#) into three congressional districts, dividing voters in the most populous and racially diverse part of the state. The state’s 2nd Congressional District, which would have been a stretch but not impossible for a Democrat to win under the current lines, will now be safe for a Republican.

Nick Cartwright, a Democrat running to take on incumbent Rep. French Hill (R) in that district, said he believes the new lines were drawn to create a GOP firewall.

“This was the most competitive district in the state by far, there’s no doubt in my mind that [Hill] spoke to Republican buddies in the legislature about how to make it easier for him,” Cartwright said. “It’s unfortunate Republicans want to choose power over fairness, but I don’t think it’s a surprise either.”

Hill was not available for an interview but told a local radio station on Thursday that there had been “a lot of noise” about the redistricting.

“Look, my job is to represent that district and I will do my best everyday to represent the district drawn by the legislature,” he said. “I leave it in their hands as how to fine tune it and get political acceptance on it.”

The erasure of competitive districts also means the number of lawmakers willing to buck their party and vote with the other side will continue to diminish.

Two probable casualties of redistricting in next year’s election are Reps. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.) and John Katko (R-N.Y.), two of the 10 Republicans who joined Democrats to vote to impeach Trump over the former president’s role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riots.

In Illinois, which is losing a congressional seat, Democrats in control there [are expected to scrap Kinzinger’s district](#) and force him into a primary with another Republican incumbent. Katko, who already represents a district that tilts Democratic, is expected to find his Upstate New York seat become even bluer.

Kinzinger was not available for an interview, but in a written statement said state Democrats were a “prime example” of redistricting partisanship.

“Right now, Democrats in Illinois are picking their own voters behind closed doors — using their power to make sure their party stays in power. We see this on both sides of the aisle, and this adherence to party politics will only further the divide we have in this country,” he said. “Tribalism is absolutely ruining politics, and it’s leaving many to feel politically homeless as a result.” Katko was not available for an interview.

Other Republicans who voted to impeach Trump, like 18-term moderate Rep. Fred Upton of Michigan, may find themselves in redder, less familiar territory as redistricting makes them more vulnerable to a primary challenger who will then have a huge edge in the general election.

“If you draw a district that’s safe, the party no longer cares about recruiting a broadly appealing candidate,” said David Wasserman, a veteran analyst of election data for the Cook Political Report. “This is a vicious cycle in that the decline of competitive seats leads to a more extreme and dysfunctional Congress.”

Kevin Uhrmacher, Adrian Blanco and Harry Stevens contributed to this report.



By Colby Itkowitz

Colby Itkowitz is a national politics reporter for The Washington Post. She joined the Post in March 2014. Before coming to the Post, Colby was the D.C. correspondent for The (Allentown) Morning Call and transportation policy reporter at Congressional Quarterly.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/redistricting-partisanship-fighting/2021/10/08/e765d50c-2522-11ec-8831-a31e7b3de188_story.html

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Shari Lynn Maclay
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:03:24 AM

From: Shari Lynn Maclay slgelinas.57@gmail.com
Residence: Florence, MT

Message:

I would ask that the CP-1 Proposal be considered and ADOPTED.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Peggy Mahle
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 3:56:29 PM

From: Peggy Mahle pjsilva1@yahoo.com
Residence: Havre

Message:

This month, the independent districting commission is drawing the map for our new Congressional district and is taking public comment on the future of Montana's two Congressional districts. Some of the maps that have been submitted by the Commissioners suggest splitting both Cascade County and Havre between two US House districts. Specifically, Maps 1 and 3 would divide Cascade County, and Map 5 would divide Hill County, right through Havre.

We believe Cascade County and Havre are important communities of interest in Montana that deserves to be kept whole and not have its voice diluted.

Here is what we know:

Havre is the largest city and hearts of the Montana Hi-Line. Splitting Montana through Havre would divide a community of interest. Cascade County is the fifth-largest county in Montana and is connected by economic and social identities that deserve to have fair representation in its own district. Many maps submitted to the Commission split Cascade County and Havre to ensure there would be no competitive district. Counties and towns should only be split to better achieve other goals adopted by the Commission, not to ensure that districts will be noncompetitive and favor one party.

I am a long time Havre resident of approximately 45 years.

They should not be split for political gain.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chris Maul-Smith
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:40:01 PM

From: Chris Maul-Smith chrismaulsmith@gmail.com
Residence: Corvallis

Message:

Hello,

My name is Chris Maul-Smith. I am a 28 year Montana resident and a retired middle school Montana History teacher from Corvallis School District.

I feel that not unduly favoring a political party and keeping competitive districts is most important. I think reservations need to stay intact and be represented in both districts. Because a House seat is a national representation of people in our state, I think its essential that finding competitive districts is more important than borders of cities or counties.

In consideration of finding a competitive fair representation of the people of Montana, and also acknowledging the importance of the voices of the Montana's tribal nations as well, I believe that Map numbers 2, 6 and 8 have the best configurations. As a side note...Montana's state constitution also recognizes the importance of the 7 tribal nations and has mandated teaching about them through Indian Education for All in our state's public schools. These tribes should be honored in considering the map of our Congressional districts. These maps are most inclusive of our tribal nations and are most representative of our state's population.

Thank you so much for considering my thoughts on our state's future representation in Congress.

Sincerely,

Christopher Maul-Smith

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sandra McGovern
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 6:15:36 AM

From: Sandra McGovern skmcgovern@midrivers.com
Residence: Laurel, MT

Message:

Would it be possible to take the
Politics out of this decision and just do a North/South division through the middle of the state?

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From: btmcmorr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Patricia McMorris](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's congressional districts
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:36:28 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I urge the commission to support congressional redistricting maps that have equal population and do not split counties. I therefore urge you not to support CP1, CP3, CP5, and CP7.

I also feel having lived in both rural Montana and urban Montana the importance of having One urban District and one real district for better representation. Hi there for her due to support CP 2.

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

From: [Chase McQuillen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: [Mindy Kiser](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting Suggestion
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:47:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Chase McQuillen. I'm the Division Manager for Industrial Construction at Loenbro. We're an industrial contractor with Montana roots in Sun River. The company was started by 2 brothers, Paul and Jon Leach in 2000 and has seen significant growth since it's inception. A Montana Company with Montana roots.

In our opinion, Congressional District Map Number 7 is the best option for Montana. This opinion is based on the fact that population differences are minimal with this option. In addition, counties are kept largely intact and, generally, communities of interest are kept intact (e.g. agriculture and natural resources).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Chase McQuillen, P.E.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chase McQuillen
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:39:48 AM

From: Chase McQuillen cmcquillen@loenbro.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

I prefer Map Option Number 7. Population differences are minimal. In addition, counties are kept largely intact and communities of interest are kept intact as well (e.g. agriculture, natural resources).

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From: carmen.mcspadden@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Carmen McSpadden](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Timely -- Montana's Congressional Map RECOMMENDATION
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 10:55:45 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Apportionment Commission,

Please deeply consider the following maps. I appreciate the thought that went into these because of the following:

MAP CP#2 -- YES, it does not split a single county, it has equal population, keeps Indian nations whole

OR

MAP CP #9 -- I like the idea of one urban voice and one rural voice. The candidates and representatives would then FOCUS on those issues for Montanans.

Sincerely,

Carmen McSpadden

Sincerely,
Carmen McSpadden
815 Josephine Dr Bozeman, MT 59715-7441
carmen.mcspadden@gmail.com

From: marily.mcwilliams@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Marily McWilliams](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose A Fair Congressional Map For Montana
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:59:16 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.To the Redistricting Committee:

Thank you for considering citizen input regarding the redistricting of Montana's legislative districts. After examining the nine maps, I feel that Map #6 is the best choice. This option keeps towns, counties, and reservations whole, and it balances the district populations. It also allows for one district to be a more competitive district. As a retired middle school social studies teacher, I am especially concerned that our legislative districts fairly reflect the increasing diversity in our state. Map #6 allows a strong voice for both rural and urban areas, and it also provides for Native American input in both districts. Protection of minority rights is supported in both the Montana Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Marily McWilliams
451 Cayuse Trl Bozeman, MT 59718-8047
marily.mcwilliams@gmail.com

From: timmcw9093@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Tim McWilliams](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's Congressional Map
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:18:59 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.What's the point of having two congressional districts if at least one can't be competitive? Tribes should be represented in both districts, there should be an "urban/rural" split, and they should have equal populations. Therefore, I hope the commissioners will favor map #6. Thank you for allowing input.

Sincerely,
Tim McWilliams
451 Cayuse Trl Bozeman, MT 59718-8047
timmcw9093@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kyle Meakins
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:44:08 PM

From: Kyle Meakins kmeaks1@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston

Message:

Hello, my name is Kyle Meakins, and I live in Livingston, Montana.

It is important that the committee does not favor one political party, and creates competitive districts.

I support map 6 or map 9. These maps create competitive districts and keep towns, communities, and reservations intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sanjay Melwani
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 9:00:02 PM

From: Sanjay Melwani ashley.melwani@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Ashley Connell Melwani. I grew up in Missoula, and I live here today with my husband and two children.

The task before this Commission comes at a time when fairness and faith in democracy have been significantly undermined by events at the national and other levels of government. I believe it is essential that Montana's new districts are designed in a way that restores faith and fairness in elections rather than to erode them further. Most importantly, I believe, are that we maintain competitiveness, do not unduly favor a political party, and that we keep communities of interest intact.

I believe that CP 9 best achieves the goals of competitiveness and fairness, protection of minority rights, and minimizing the problem of dividing political subdivisions into different districts. CP 6 would be the next best choice. I thus urge the Commission to adopt either map 9 or 6.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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From: [Barbara Merrifield](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:50:50 PM

Please consider map #8 as the fairest split for our state.

Thank you,

Barbara Merrifield
Missoula

From: [Chris Merriman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional districts
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 8:04:11 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am a resident of Flathead county. Previously Missoula county. I feel that I have a diversity of friends and want to express my preference for map 2. I feel it meets the criteria of equal population, connect communities that represent the western part of our state, provides a equal split along political parties and will comply with the voter rights act.

Montana is an amazing state diverse in the land, occupations, densities, and growth. I feel number 2 best supports each citizen to be well represented.

I recently have learned that indigenious tribes would prefer map 8 so my second choice would be to respect their need to be equally represented in the layout of map 8.

I appreciate your hard work and the time to provide equable representation for each of us in the magnificent state.

Thank you, Chris

Christine Merriman
54 Ponderosa court
Whitefish, MT 59937

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Leslie Millar
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:41:19 PM

From: Leslie Millar sciencewomansociety@msn.com
Residence: Arlee

Message:

I have lived in Montana my entire adult life, since 1972. I am an artist who has been active in the Missoula area for 49 years. I consider myself a Montanan. I want the best for the state and actively work to protect the quality of life – our beautiful natural environment and talented population.

I hope for fair elections. Montana needs and deserves election integrity which truly reflects the votes of the people. We need truly competitive districts, not those which artificially favor the wishes and power of one particular party at the expense of representing a valid majority.

I support Maps 6, 8, 2 and 9. I have included those maps which overall reflect not favoring a particular political party, minimize splitting counties, towns and reservations and create competitive districts.

Thank you for taking my comments and preferences into consideration. I would wish for Montana to remain a Democracy, so that I am confident that our leadership has been duly and honestly elected by the citizen voters..

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christina Miller
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 11:08:28 AM

From: Christina Miller christinamiller@bresnan.net
Residence: Billings, Montana

Message:

Dear Sirs: I am in favor of proposal#8 as it seems to include the current and most likely future democratic trends in Montana. Also, it includes the Crow and Cheyenne reservations which often vote democratic.

My second choice would be proposal # 6 as it includes most of the current and possible future growth of democratic voters. These two proposals would give voters more fare representation by their party of choice whether they be democrat or republican. Thank you for your consideration.

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From: [Kendra Miller](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: *** REDISTRICTING CALL TO ACTION***
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 7:16:13 AM

Please include for the public record. Thanks.

From: "Western Montana Liberty Coalition" <info@westernmontanalibertycoalition.org>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 10:10:02 AM
Subject: *** REDISTRICTING CALL TO ACTION***

Western Montana Liberty Coalition



! ACTION ALERT !

If you can dedicate 30 minutes today, you can make a big impact for the future of Montana. Please read the urgent message below from Debbie Churchill, MTGOP Grassroots Director:

Good Morning Montana Patriots!

We are at the final stage of the process of selecting our two Congressional Districts for Montana! It is important that our voice be heard at the next Commission meeting.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO:

1. We need to convince the Commission to adopt a map that complies with Montana law and reject a gerrymandered district in the West with an overwhelming number of people to provide written public comments by 5:00 pm this Saturday.
2. We need as many people as possible to rally together at the next Commission meeting on Tuesday, October 19th @ 9 am at the State Capitol. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

STEP BY STEP PROCESS:

We **NEED** each one of you to do the following **TODAY** if possible:

1. Read the text below this section for all information.
2. Submit your written comments (**see instructions below**).
3. Make a list of 10 people you know who you can ask to submit their comments by Saturday at 5:00 pm. Include their name, phone number and email address.
4. Forward this email and attached document to all 10 people.
5. Follow up with a phone call to each person:
 - a. to make sure they received the email
 - b. help them through the process of submitting their comment.

c. find out if they are available on October 19th to attend in person or by Zoom

We need to act and **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW**. This is the **MOST IMPORTANT** thing we, as Republicans, can do for the next decade. This will not only affect the next Congressional election, but will set the standards for decades to follow.

Let's DO this!

Debbie Churchill MTGOP Grassroots Director, 1300 Aspen Street, Ste. B, Helena, MT 59601(406) 442-6469 (office)(406) 799-8506 (cell)debbie@mtgop.org

HOW TO MAKE COMENTS

The Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission met last week and put forward a total of nine maps for public comment. And while republican members of the commission put forward four maps that split the state into eastern and western districts and provide a balance between geographies, communities and populations similar to Montana's history with two districts (maps 1,3,5 and 7), Democrats proposed five partisan, gerrymandered maps that clearly draw one district in favor of their political party (maps 2,4,6,8, and 9).

Ways you can help:

1. Submit your written comments by **THIS SATURDAY, October 16th** no later than 5 pm. Pick one map that you like and comment on it. Then comment what you dislike on each of the gerrymandered maps. So you will comment on six maps total. Below is the process to do it, and many points you can pick from to make.

Step By Step Process For Submitting Comments:

1. Go to the commission website to submit your comments found [HERE](#) [a1e0.engage.squarespace-mail.com].
2. Click on the “Interactive Map” tab next to a map that you want to comment on. You will see either a red, green or yellow dot of comments already made. You can also read comments off to the right.
3. Off to the right, click on the “Add Comment” button. Next, click anywhere on the map. It will bring up the form to fill out.
4. Click either Like, Dislike or Opinion button. Continue filling out the form with your name, address, email and phone number. In the last box add your comments.

5. Then click ADD COMMENT to submit.

2. Rally together at the Capitol next Tuesday, October 19th at 9 am as the Commission will be holding a public hearing on the nine proposed maps put forward. The meeting will be taking place at the State Capitol in Room 102 and will begin at 10 am. You can find the full agenda for the meeting [HERE](#).

3. **Can't attend the meeting in person?** Be sure to [register to attend virtually \[a1e0.engage.squarespace-mail.com\]](#) no later than 5 pm on Monday, October 18th!

The redistricting process will determine the political makeup of our state for at least the next decade, and possibly even longer. Your participation is CRITICAL. We need your help to fight the gerrymandering by Democrats.

Thank you for all you do and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Sample comments for consideration, not intended to be all-inclusive, can pick and choose the points most important to you:

Map 1 – I like this map because

- it allows for two reservations to be included within the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- the population deviation is just 1 citizen (0%), creating one of the tightest maps by that measure, and both districts are almost the same shape, allowing for compact and contiguous parameters to meet the legal requirements in Montana.
- there are split counties in Cascade and Gallatin, but it keeps both major cities intact in the eastern district (Great Falls and Bozeman).
- this map splits the fastest growing 4 counties evenly between the east and west districts, allowing for the best reflection of population growth over the decade.
- when you follow the commissions' illegal goals of competitive, it is the closest number of voters for each party using the 2016 Governor's race and the 2018 Senate race for each district. This is the most competitive map for both parties in the choices available.
- most closely resembles the historical divide Montana had for 80 years when we had two districts before, adjusting for population and tribe inclusion.

Map 2 – I dislike this map because

- it is one of the worst examples of gerrymandering one could draw. Although it meets the population deviation requirement at 175 citizens (.02%), it is a travesty of compactness and a contiguous nightmare. A candidate would have to traverse over 700 miles to get from Libby to Miles City, spending 10 hours of time, and when they got to either, the needs of both communities are polar opposites as well.
- it obviously breaks the law, violating 5-1-115(3b,c,d) because when you search the political affiliation of registered voters in the counties represented, it creates a very strong democrat district in the SW, and a very strong Republican district everywhere else.
- this map creates only one congressional seat bordering the huge economic driver of Canada with the state.
- this map doesn't even begin to resemble the historical divide we had for 80 years with our previous two congressional seats, keeping communities of interest intact based upon the commonalities easily found in an east west divided map.
- it encircles Helena, Missoula, Butte and Bozeman to create a Democrat Super District, and should be voted "most likely to be sued by both the GOP and all Tribal governments" Map of 2021!

Map 3 – I like this map because

- it has all the characteristics of the CP-1 map, with a slightly larger population deviation at -560 (-0.1%). The only difference is the southern part of Gallatin around West Yellowstone and Hebgen Lake Estates will be in the western drawn map. Slight changes in the western parts of the county as well, but the cities of Great Falls and Bozeman remain intact and in the east.
- it does not favor a political party. Either district could be won by Republican or Democrat.
- it creates both districts of almost the same shape, allowing for compact and contiguous parameters to meet the legal requirements in Montana
- it splits the fastest growing 4 counties evenly between the east and west districts, allowing for the best reflection of population growth over the next decade.

Map 4 – I dislike this map because

- this gerrymandered map is the best example of violating keeping communities of

interest intact. Kalispell is the county seat of government, is where all the airports reside, and is the social and economic hub for the county. When you look at the illegal criteria of competitiveness adopted by the Commission, the divide through the Flathead places all the strong republican precincts in the east, and the democrat ones in the west, linking them to the democrat strongholds of Helena with Butte and combines both major university town into one district. This has the double effect of dividing the political power of the strongest Republican county in the state. This obvious gerrymandering continues when you evaluate all the locations, creating another Democrat super district in the west, and a double digit political lead in the east for the Republicans.

- looking at future growth, this map will obviously favor the western district, and we can be sure the population will quickly ruin the equality of both these districts over the next decade of growth. Let's vote this one "the most likely to render the Ravalli county Republican stronghold and the majority Democrat eastern tribes in Montana impotent in their new seats!"
- it has only one positive feature, allowing for two reservations to be included within the western district. However, that is outweighed because it violates the compact and contiguous tests with the partisan half taken from Flathead County, placing Kalispell in the eastern district.

Map 5 – I like this map because

- it is an attempt to get three tribes in the western district as its primary goal, and falls just under the requirement of .75%, with 7551 population deviation (.7%). It could be argued to fall just under our requirements for compact and contiguous in the effort to get three tribes in the west, splitting the Rocky Boy Reservation components in Hill and Choteau counties off.
- it also closely resembles the historical divide Montana had for 80 years when we had two districts before, adjusting for population and tribe inclusion.
- It allows for an even divide of the 4 fastest growing counties in Montana, 2 on each side, thus insuring the population growth in both seats would keep things even as we grow in the next decade.
- it definitely keeps communities of interest intact and doesn't split any reservations. Again, if we consider the illegal requirement of competitiveness adopted by the commission, both of these districts are very competitive based upon 2016 Governor and 2018 US Senate race results, allowing for either major party in Montana a chance for victory. This map could easily be "the great compromise map

of the lot.”

Map 6 – I dislike this map because

- it has almost all the failures of the CP-2 map, and is once again another violation of the legal requirements of compact and contiguous. Even though it complies with population deviation of 1 citizen (.0%), you have to drive through the other district to get to Mineral and Sanders counties.
- it splits Sanders County, only so you can maintain the boundary of the only Tribe in district (CSKT).
- Even though it splits up the 4 fastest growing counties evenly, it fails the communities of interest test and leaves one Congressman representing the Canadian interface.
- This map creates a Super Democrat District out of the west, and a super republican one, which by the way has all the other tribes in it, for the east. This one could be very competitive however for being voted “most likely to be sued by both the GOP and all Tribal governments” Map of 2021!

Map 7 – I like this map because

- It most closely resembles the historical east west divide Montana had for 80 years, with the north south line actually being the Continental Divide for most of its length.
- it is tied with CP-1 for being the most compact and contiguous map in the mix, weighing in at just 9 citizens in population deviation (.0%).
- it keeps all communities of interest intact the very best, with farming in the east and forestry in the west, splitting only Gallatin county north of the expressway through Bozeman.
- both districts have shared borders with Canada, as it should be.
- both of these districts are within single digits for either party based upon the 2016 Governor and the 2018 US Senate races data, creating the second best “competitive map” for both districts.

Map 8 – I dislike this map because

- it is another example of gerrymandering prowess, with the only legal component being the population deviation is 1 citizen (.0%).

- it has all the failures of CP-2, with the added insult of having just one seat border Canada and surprisingly, most of Idaho as well! This map does have the distinction of being the most in violation of compact and contiguous, as well as totally splitting communities of interest in the west.
- this map is the most radically different from our historical division of 80 years, and although it is an attempt to put two tribes in the west, it is the CSKT and the Crow, which have never been in the same community of interest (coal anyone?).
- this map literally splits the city of Billings from the West End, the Heights and Lockwood. This fiasco places almost all 3 of the 4 fastest growing counties in the state in one district, and there is no way that even pencils out over the decade for being fair with the potential growth.
- with the measure of competitiveness, this map gets the award for the most Super Democrat district in the new west, and the most super district for the Republicans in the east. These are double digit differences, so a sure lock for both parties.

Map 9 – I dislike this map because

- it has all the failures of CP-2 map, including its only saving grace is the legality of its population deviation being 1 citizen (.0%). The biggest stand out failure of this map is in violation of Federal Election Law, where it actually has no tribal nations in the new western seat. This failure is compounded by the illegal competitive measure, when one realizes the new eastern seat is a double digit percentage favorite for the Republican Party, when looking at the 2016 Governor and 2018 US Senate race results. It still creates a Democrat super seat with the same power house groups of Cp-2 for the new western seat.
- it is an obvious violation of compact, contiguous and communities of interest, as well as once again allowing only one seat to represent the critical interface with Canada. The historical map also has nothing in common with this map, and honestly this maps only distinction will be “the most likely to be rejected first at the next Redistricting meeting.”

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kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of CP 8
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:46:20 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in strong support of CP 8. This map reflects the political interest of Montanans by creating a district that strongly favors Republicans and another district that is highly competitive. I also like that this map has only a one-person difference between the two districts.

CP 8 also empowers the Native population. With three reservations in the competitive district, major candidates will have to work hard to earn the votes of Native Americans, and the elected Representative will be in a unique position to work with tribal nations.

Another strength of this map is its ability to ensure that people with similar interests are effectively represented. For example, the Southern district keeps the major universities together, giving young people a strong voice in congress. The Northern district offers farmers and ranchers a seat with a vested interest in agriculture. The Northern district also prioritizes a Representative who will fight for the interests of rural Montana, while the Southern district keeps the major urban centers together.

I believe this map, if selected, will allow our delegation to most effectively represent and fight for the interests of Montana. I urge you to move CP 8 forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Terry Minow
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Caitlin Mitchell
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 2:13:14 PM

From: Caitlin Mitchell caitlin.mitchell@student.montana.edu
Residence: Condon

Message:
Hello Commissioners,

My name is Caitlin Mitchell and I live in the rural Swan Valley in western Montana. I am pursuing my PhD at Montana State University where I study nutrient cycling in soils in central Montana trying to improve Montana's precious water resources while informing the necessary agricultural production of our state.

"Not unduly favoring political parties" is the most important goal to me because that would be gerrymandering and unconstitutional. Additionally, it would put neighbor against neighbor in a state where folks, in my experience aim to get along and find common ground over shared values of which there are many for Montanans.

I support map 9. Map 9 reduces polarization and maintains districts that reflect widely shared values. It also provides one competitive district that promotes collaboration amongst folks who think differently.

Thank you for your time in considering my thoughts on this very important opportunity for our wonderful state.

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From: jkgmogen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Joan Mogen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's Congressional Map
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:56:31 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings!

Thank you for your work in creating new congressional districts for Montana. I appreciate your service.

After considering the options presented I prefer either option two or nine. Both meet the criteria set forth for redistricting and I believe well represent the rural/urban nature of our state. They minimize county divisions and offer a good opportunity for fair representation.

Thank you again for your work.

Sincerely,

Joan Mogen

Sincerely,
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From: rmogen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Randy Mogen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Selecting Montana's Congressional Map
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 11:01:56 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello,

My name is Randy Mogen. I was born and raised in Park County. As a Montanan I am thrilled we are able to have a second representative in Congress. After reading about the unanimous goals adopted by the commission, I believe that we need to see that fairness exists with equal population for each district. I also believe that we need to increase voter confidence and election integrity by ensuring that the new map meets as many of the goals established by your commission. I have carefully reviewed the nine proposed maps. While some maps meets the goals better than others, the map that best meets the fairness for all Montanans is CP #2. I encourage you to do the very important job of creating a new congressional map that represents our state with integrity and what is best for the people of our state.

Sincerely,
Randy Mogen

Sincerely,
Randy Mogen
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Judy Molland
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:38:35 PM

From: Judy Molland judy@judymolland.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I am Judy Molland and I live in Missoula,MT

It is most important not to unduly favor a political party. Redistricting should not be about giving more power to one party than another.

I support maps 6 and 9. I support these maps because they do not favor a political party; they minimize the splitting of reservations, towns, cities and counties; they keep communities of interest intact.

Thank you for reviewing my comments!

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From: [Ashley Moon](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Yes to maps #CP 4 and 8.
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 7:18:49 PM

Hello Districting Commission,

I strongly urge you to vote for maps #CP 4 and 8. These maps are population equal and competitive. This means that there is a fair chance of either party winning a Congressional district. Since this map contains a competitive district, it encourages candidates to show up in the communities they're running to represent and that competitive district contains at least 2 Tribal Nations. These maps contain fair and equitable districts.

Thank you!

Ashley Moon
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: AS Moran
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 6:21:27 PM

From: AS Moran moran.wcl@gmail.com
Residence: Whitefish, MT

Message:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. For this redistricting, you have an obligation to represent this state AS IT IS—not some tortuous gerrymandering designed to get a particular effect. We have had enough! If the Dems don't like it, it's time they try to reflect what the citizens want and develop some decent policies (they have only themselves to blame for their failure in public opinion—used to vote for lots of Democrats, not sure I'll ever vote for another EVER again after the last 3 years). Divide the state into two halves—western and eastern—along the great divide. It's that simple.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: AS Moran
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 6:19:22 PM

From: AS Moran asm@digisys.net
Residence: Whitefish, MT

Message:

Thank you for this opportunity. You should stick with map 1, 3, 5, or 7. The other maps are BLATANT Democrat gerrymandering, it's ridiculous and not representative fo our state, and we the people of Montana has seen enough of that kind of baloney in the last election stuff and WE ARE SICK OF IT. My hope is that the committee will represent this state the way the state is: simply divide the state in half as the other maps do and go with those. The representation will fall where it may. If the Dems don't like it, maybe it's time for them to step up and develop some acceptable, mature, accountable policy and show that they can run a government—what we have Federally right now is anything but!

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From: sharonmorehouse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sharon Morehouse](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 9:41:55 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.To the MT Districting and Apportionment Commission,

After reviewing the 9 maps that are being considered for this most important task, I feel that 8 not only meets the goals that were set., but also ask that each representative listen to diverse voices in our state. I consider this an important skill for elected officials. I also like map 9, which likewise has the goals in mind, but additionally has one representative for rural and one for urban areas.

I hope you keep these goals in mind when you vote.

Thank you for your commitment and time to make this most important decision.

Sincerely,

Sharon Morehouse

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chris Moritz
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 7:41:18 PM

From: Chris Moritz cmoritz26@gmail.com
Residence: Columbia Falls

Message:
Howdo I vote?

not unduly favoring political party

I support map Congressional District Commission Proposal 1 CP 1 CP 1 and. CP7 seem to be best to divide the state

Thank you for making decisions for us

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Constance Moss
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:32:18 AM

From: Constance Moss cnnmoss@icloud.com
Residence: Arlee MT

Message:

I think you should adopt map #8. Most of the maps I've looked at are drawn on an eastern/western basis split, that would give larger communities more power in each district. I like that this drawn on a north/south split, keeping almost all of the urban communities together and giving people living in rural Montana a stronger voice for once! This is a better fit for our state that does not perpetuate the east/west divide.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lisa Mueller
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:11:34 PM

From: Lisa Mueller lisa@teamwavelength.com
Residence: Three Forks

Message:

My name is Lisa Mueller and I live in Clarkston, in Gallatin County on a small homestead near the Fairweather Fishing access.

I am very concerned to maintain a fair redistricting that does not favor either political party unduly and minimizes county, town and reservation divisions.

I strongly support either map 6 or map 9. I feel they both succeed in not overtly favoring one political party. I also feel that they minimize splits within counties, towns, and reservations.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

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From: pmuench@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Paul Muench](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Montana's Congressional Map
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 1:43:49 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am writing to encourage you to select a Congressional map for Montana that is competitive in both districts, ensures population equality, does not divide counties, and keeps communities of interest intact. Where possible, I also support keeping Indian reservations whole. Thank your for doing this important work.

Sincerely,
Paul Muench
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From: 5moonbugs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Susan Mullen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Democracy needs fair districting.
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 10:02:39 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

As a lifelong voter in Montana I know how important our new Congressional seat is to Montana's representation in Washington. It must reflect the voters, not the dominant party in the state. I urge you to adopt MAP #6 for that reason. Parties and partisan interests evolve and change over time but the citizen's of Montana are smart and deserve to make their own choices without a partisan interest leading them down a path of its choosing. Districting is of fundamental importance and I hope the republican legislators will be mindful of the voters of this state as they make this key decision.

Susan Mullen

Sincerely,
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From: mules2798@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Leslie and Phillip Mulette](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Fair Congressional Districts
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 5:27:29 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am a Montana native who currently resides in Missoula Montana along with my husband Phillip. We have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and would like to applaud you for all your work in putting these maps together. We have also reviewed the goals that your commission agreed on in proceeding with this process. We feel that the Maps that meet the goals that you have established are map numbers CP2, CP4, CP6, CP8 & CP9. I personally prefer map#8, as it equitably addresses the diversity within our large state. We feel that in a democracy it is important that all voices be heard. I prefer the Maps where counties are not split. I feel map CP 2 also addresses equitable representation.

Thanks again for all of your hard work and efforts on this project!

Sincerely,
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rick Mulligan
Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 5:28:00 PM

From: Rick Mulligan rangerrickm@hotmail.com
Residence: Darby

Message:
Rick Mulligan
Darby, Montana
Retired National Park Service Ranger, having worked and lived in 5 National Forests AND 5 National Parks

ALL OF THEM

Only Maps 6 and 9 should even be considered. Isn't it obvious without all the 'redundant repetition' involved here?
If you want to further legalize corruption and special interests, then choose some other map.

Thanks.

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From: runnerballerina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Jenny Murnane](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Conscientiously
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2021 2:42:32 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello commission,

Thank you for taking the time to consider fairness for all Montanans and your decisions about our new congressional district. In my opinion, map 8 is a fair choice for all Montanans. First, it is population equal. Second, it has reservations in both districts. Lastly, it makes geographic sense to have a north and south district. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Murnane
Helena, MT

Sincerely,
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