

Public Comments: N - Z

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
Comments received between 5 p.m. on October 27 and Noon on October
29, 2021

Distributed electronically October 29, 2021

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Clinton Nagel
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:23:54 PM

From: Clinton Nagel clint_nagel@yahoo.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Clinton Nagel. My wife and I live in Bozeman, MT and have for the last 10 years.

We very much favor map 11 out of the two that are apparently being considered. I don't understand why map 10 is even being considered due to the way it splits up communities, cities such as Bozeman and the county of Gallatin. If these are our two choices, then Map 11 is the best in that it meets the defined criteria and holds most communities in tact and is fairly equitable.

I support map 11. I support this map because it retains the homogeneity of Gallatin County. There is a strong relationship between all three communities of Bozeman, Big Sky and West Yellowstone. This map preserves the cultural and economic connections that occur in Gallatin County. This map also doesn't favor any one political party. I just answered this question for the most part in Q3. I believe map 11 is the best because it preserves the cultural and economic connection within Gallatin County. It does not favor any one political party and it meets the goals much more so than map 10. Map 11 does not divide up the fastest growing county in the state. This is key. To divide Gallatin County would weaken its standing and the voice of the people as it is constantly increasing in growth and all parts of the county have the same concerns.

Map 10 fails in that it splits towns and counties. Gallatin County needs to be kept whole as it is and has been fairly equitable and homogeneous in the way it votes. By splitting the county and communities up, it splits up homogeneity undermining and weaken our voice in southwest Montana.

Thank you for your work in this effort. I urgently request that Map 11 be our representation in the U.S. Congress.

--

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

From: [Nancy](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP choice
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:33:38 PM

I strongly support CP#11. It is the only choice that is at all reasonable.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Joel & Linda Nelson
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:50:54 PM

From: Joel & Linda Nelson knute251@charter.net
Residence: KALISPELL, MT.

Message:

We have reviewed the two latest Congressional redistricting map versions presented by the Montana Redistricting Commission for public comment by October 29, 2020. We support the CP #10 version. We feel the #CP #10 version follows the Montana Constitutional guidelines for redistricting by the Committee. This map version best represents the citizens of Montana. It only splits a county or two. Map CP #10 recognizes Montana's current population, and achieving an approximate 50/50 split of the population and in representation. This CP #10 version recognizes our state's differences in geography, cultural and social diversity and business economics. The west and east district boundaries are very well defined by the Continental Divide. The two districts created by the CP #10 version will provide dynamic and ever changing political diversity and competitiveness, as it has in the historical past. This is a case of keep it simple! If it is not broken, do not try to fix it with changes! We feel some committee members are taking liberties with Montana's Constitution in their roles on this redistricting committee. Stick to your charge and defined objective. We feel political games and gerrymandering are not acceptable in this process, and it is not acceptable to us as Montana citizens. Our comments and direction to you as commission members is we feel Map Version CP #10 is the best option. We hope you will support our comments and selection. Thank you for your work on this committee and for giving us, as citizens of Montana, the opportunity to comment on this important task for Montana.
Sincerely,

Joel & Linda Nelson
29 Gray Hawk Court
Kalispell, MT. – 59901
(406) 890-2429

--

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

From: [Madison N](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comments
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:28:59 AM

Hello,

I'm Madison Nelson, a resident in Gallatin county for the past five years.

I urge you to support map CP11, for the following reasons:

- Map CP11 doesn't split Gallatin county. As Bozeman continues to grow and the cost of housing increases, more people are commuting to Bozeman from surrounding communities like Belgrade, Livingston, and Gallatin Gateway. The communities in the Gallatin and Park counties form a tight economic unit. Map CP11 ensures that these communities remain intact and are not split by a district line.
- Map CP11 doesn't split any towns
- Map CP11 closely follows the precedent of the 1980's congressional districts, and achieves population equality
- MAP CP11 is **competitive** and does not unduly favor any political party. This allows for a better representation of the population.

Map CP10, on the other hand, has the following problems:

- Map CP10 is **not competitive**. CP10 creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. This violates one of the goals for congressional districts.
- Map CP10 splits Gallatin Gateway and Big sky in half, violating the criteria to minimize unnecessary town divisions
- Map CP10 splits Gallatin county, an area with strong economic connections and shared interests

Map CP11 is the most competitive map and violates the least number of goals for congressional districts. I strongly urge you to support Map CP11 to ensure a fair future for all Montanans.

Thank you for your time,
Madison Nelson

From: [Kathryn Noel](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP 11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:38:19 PM

The above is absolutely vital for fair distribution. Please do not use CP 10.

Kathryn Noel

Sent from my iPad

From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Catherine Nolan
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:33:16 PM

From: Catherine Nolan canolan4@outlook.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

My name is Catherine Nolan. I live in Missoula, MT. I am excited that we have a new congressional district.

I support Map 11.

Map 11 does the best job keeping communities with shared interest intact.

It keeps the counties of Gallatin and Park counties together, which have strong and longtime economic and cultural ties to one another.

It keeps the resort communities of Big Sky, Whitefish, and West Yellowstone in the same district. These resort communities have shared interests, challenges, and understanding.

Creates one competitive district that any political party can win.

It empowers Native voters because the competitive district will have a reservation. This means that every candidate will have to rely on Native votes to win the district, thus ensuring minority voices are heard. I support Map 11.

I do not support Map 10. Map 10 ignores the shared culture and history of Butte, Helena, and Jefferson County. Map 10 also places Pondera county in the western district, cutting it off from other agricultural counties in the Golden Triangle and eastern Montana. It does not include Native Voices.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. Thank you for being involved in making sure Montana has fair representation.

--

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

<[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://mtredistricting.gov_!!GaaboA!_cTfKzIAt2av_WB6CYoZOUeUSqWGT39ARsY-sJec8_MtUNQ5kh84ngyOAKfgx3BSJA\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://mtredistricting.gov_!!GaaboA!_cTfKzIAt2av_WB6CYoZOUeUSqWGT39ARsY-sJec8_MtUNQ5kh84ngyOAKfgx3BSJA$)>)

From: [Bob Norbie](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylenn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: In FAVOR of CP-11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:30:53 PM

Dear Districting and Apportionment Committee Members:

After reviewing the final two proposed districting maps, **we want to voice our support for CP-11.** After careful review, It seems to us that CP-11 is more in line with the 1980's congressional districts that will keep rural interests (of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line) intact and therefore providing a stronger voice among our farmers and ranchers. Additionally, CP-11 creates a more competitive district among our indigenous population.

Please support CP-11.

Sincerely,
Bob & Mary Lou Norbie
15 Prospect Drive
Great Falls, MT 59405

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Lauren Norby
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:22:43 AM

From: Lauren Norby laurennorby@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:

Map 11 seems to balance the two districts well in a fair way. I encourage you to choose map 11. Thank you for your efforts.

--

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

From: [Penny Nord](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting CP 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:32:23 AM

I strongly support the redistricting purposed by CP 11.
Penny Nord
Arlee, MT

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jacky Norris](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:10:16 PM

I sincerely feel that if only two districting maps, #10 and #11, are options, then #11 is the one that is not loaded in favor of one party or the other and provides the chance for representation for all citizens of the state. Please do not consider #10 as a viable option.

Thank you,
Jacqueline Norris
Missoula County

Sent from my iPad

From: [Gayle North](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Approach
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:26:31 AM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,
The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are bad ideas for redistricting as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration.
Gayle North

187 A Golf Terrace
Bigfork, MT 5991
406-250-4038
GNunlimited@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rebecca Norton
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:51:59 AM

From: Rebecca Norton rannenorton@icloud.com
Residence: Whitefish MT

Message:

I support this new map compromise in part-mostly because we have a deadline to get this done but disappointed that the Flathead is combined because I live in Whitefish and I have seen the elected officials of one party entirely disenfranchise the other party's perspective-to the point of endangering citizens during a pandemic, eliminating housing options for locals to support private profit, and causing intentional divisiveness through branding within our valley for partisan gain. I would prefer that Whitefish was united with more appropriately matched communities because of the danger that has been introduced into our valley by partisan politics as we represent people who have a variety of perspectives and are willing to engage in a wide and long discussion to reach consensus. All of the other parts of map 11 I concur with. Thank you for your time and service and for your very open and inclusive engagement in this important process. It is my favorite part of governance in Montana-that we celebrate the right and obligation to lead ourselves, above all others.

--

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

From: [sephrie](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:47:22 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph O'Rourke
197 Stage Bend Lane
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-253-5087
sephrie@protonmail.com

From: [John O'Connor](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:26:56 PM

I am writing to voice strong support for Congressional Proposal 11. It most accurately recreates what was the historical districting and creates the most balanced division. Thank you.

John O'Connor
Missoula, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: carol olson
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:15:40 PM

From: carol olson carol.olson.119@gmail.com

Residence: ronan

Message:

I support map number 11 because it is more competitive.

--

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

From: [Devin Olson](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP-11 v CP-10
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:13:40 PM

When reviewing the proposed splits of the Representative districts the choice should be obvious that CP-11 is the fair and equal voting for both parties while CP-10 allows for one side to more favored. As Montanans we need a fair balance for any candidates running to have an equal field. This allows every Montanan to have a voice and vote in their elected officials. I hope you take the time to review these proposed plans and districting with every Montanan in mind and with what the best choice for the future of Montana's election system is.

Thank You,

Devin M. Olson

406-661-2367

devinolson213@gmail.com

From: [Zehra Osman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Map #11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:32:19 PM

As your constituent and voting citizen of Montana, I support Map #11 for the following reasons.

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
- This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.
- Native voters are empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.

To be clear, I oppose Map #10!

Sincerely,

Zehra Osman

312 Sanders Avenue

Bozeman, MT 59718

From: [B. Palmer](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal 11 is best for Montana
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:13:43 PM

Greetings Montana Redistricting Commission:

My husband and I are 25 year residents of Montana, and after studying the maps and the pros and cons Proposal 11 comes out by far to be the best fit for our state.

Best regards to all,

Barbara & Nick Palmer

PO Box 727, Whitefish, MT 59937

406.471.4340

From: [Jim Parker](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re-Districting final Map proposals
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:37:31 PM

Dear Commission,

As a 30+ year resident of Montana, I am emailing you today to speak **IN FAVOR of Proposal 11** and in **opposition to Proposal 10**.

Proposal 11`is a much more equitable and fair map to use then Proposal 10 which favors one party over the other in a non balanced re-districting.

Please select the fairest of the remaining two maps which is Proposal 11.

Thank you.

Jim Parker

--

Jim Parker
3700 Rattlesnake Drive, #1
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 396-0985

From: [Monica Pastor](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Map #11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:01:11 PM

Dear Commission,

My name is Monica Pastor and I live at 715 blue heron drive, Whitefish MT 59937. I grew up in Bigfork and moved back to the Flathead Valley after graduate school, 23 years ago. I am urging you to choose Map #11 because it does not favor a political party and makes a competitive district. This gives us the best representation for Montanans of diverse interests and backgrounds. I have included my support and reasoning below for #11 and also outlined why I oppose #10. Thanks for all your hard work on this matter and for your consideration of citizen input.

Sincerely,
Monica Pastor
406-249-1136
Mlpastor@yahoo.com

My reasons for supporting Map #11 include:

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
- This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.
- Native voters are empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.

My Opposition to Map #10 follows:

- This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.
- This plan creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. With two congressional districts now instead of one, a fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.
- This plan dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple.
- This plan separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest.
- This plan splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.
- This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this community of interest.

From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Patti Pastor
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:14:30 PM

From: Patti Pastor josefwpastor@hotmail.com
Residence: Bigfork

Message:

My Name is Patti Pastor. My husband and I moved to Bigfork, Mt in 1975 and have lived here ever since. Our daughters attended Bigfork schools and both graduated valedictorians. Our eldest daughter still lives in the Flathead Valley. We have had numerous businesses here, Stageridge development, Bigfork Stage Stop, and the BF Mountain Lake Lodge. I worked for the USPS from 1981 to 1995 as a career employee. My husband, Joe, and I continue to be business members of the valley.

I support Map 11. Map 11 makes our two representative districts competitive . Our entire state voted for the REPUBLICAN candidate in all state races in the last election, and disenfranchised more liberal leaning voters, giving us policies we had no say in but are forced to follow. We pay all our taxes as well as giving good employment to numerous individuals. We have a right to equal representation, which Map #11 possibly affords.

Map #10 splits many counties, places of interest including Butte and Helena, Bozeman and Livingston, and creates essentially two Republican districts.

I hope our comment warrants consideration. We have been continually kept out of the political process in western Montana. It is time for fairness.

--

This e-mail was sent from a contact form on MDAC (<https://mtredistricting.gov> [mtredistricting.gov]
<[https://urldefense.com/v3/___https://mtredistricting.gov___;!!GaaboA!_3JzrRvwD9KxkaD5-JznuSBVehqrteU-W6vwTyMZf3flfX6QdhfOaHwqKC9UkluYpw\\$>](https://urldefense.com/v3/___https://mtredistricting.gov___;!!GaaboA!_3JzrRvwD9KxkaD5-JznuSBVehqrteU-W6vwTyMZf3flfX6QdhfOaHwqKC9UkluYpw$>))

From: [karen paugh](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maps
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:44:27 PM

I am in favor of map #11 being used for our new districts in Montana.
Karen Paugh
6605 Donaldson Road
Denton, MT 59430

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone \[overview.mail.yahoo.com\]](#)

From: [Erica Perlman-Hensen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional voting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:47:06 PM

Dear Commission,

Please choose map #11 for our new congressional map and allow Montanans to vote with their communities and similar interests.

Thank you,
Erica (Montana Resident in Gallatin County)

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bruce Peterson
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:25:50 AM

From: Bruce Peterson 34petewp@nemont.net
Residence: Fort Peck, Montana

Message:

My preference is to put similar together- all rural together, all cities together, all reservations together, all the “Boot” (as per previous governor description) of Montana together, and then still be contiguous. IMPOSSIBLE, but think Proposal 11 fits better. Do not like split counties, whether Flathead or Gallatin, but Gallatin more drastic so choose Proposal 11. Proposal 11 also gets more reservations in one district.

--

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

From: [Anita Philipsborn](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:43:48 AM

Dear Ms. Smith,
Please keep voting from being divided in partisan ways and vote for Proposal 11.

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Anita Philipsborn
108 Grizzly Peak Rd,
Red Lodge, MT. 59068

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Maddy Pope
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:45:02 AM

From: Maddy Pope mpope1508@icloud.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:
I oppose map #10 because it splits Gallatin County.

--

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

From: [Jack and Rachel Potter](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:46:49 PM

Dear Commission:

Thank you for serving on this difficult board with such an important task.

I live in Columbia Falls and have lived here for the past 45 years. I am 63.

Of the 2 maps under consideration, I strongly favor Map #11. It does not favor one party over another and keeps one district competitive, the best way to keep civility in our public life.

Thank you,

Rachel Potter
Columbia Falls, Montana

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Pamela Purinton
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:27:59 PM

From: Pamela Purinton pamspurinton@gmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:

It is my understanding that the original CP1 is the only option that meets the constitutional requirements, so would like to see that revisited before CP 10 or 11 is approved

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Pamela Purinton
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:24:35 PM

From: Pamela Purinton pamspurinton@gmail.com
Residence: Billings

Message:
I would like to see the adoption of C10 redistricting map.

--

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

From: [Jaq Quanbeck](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In favor of Proposal 11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:14:13 AM

What makes the most sense to me is to involve the citizens of Montana in an election. Having lived in competitive states regarding a presidential election, having the candidates visit the state, attracting more attention to the issues, was always inspiring. Montana has not been a competitive state in presidential elections. I would hope we could have districts close to competitive in Montana elections to give voters more information on the choices to be made in an election. If one party owns the election, there's little reason to be interested in the governance of the state.

Jaq Quanbeck
59102

From: [SorayaJoy](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional district map
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:32:57 PM

Redistricting Commissioners,

Please support map CP #11. Montanans deserve competitive districts.

Thank you,
Soraya Ramhormoz
Billings, MT

From: [Lois Randall](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Flathead county
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:13:05 AM

Hello

I live in Kalispell. It makes NO SENSE to include Flathead County in the eastern part of the state! It should be included in the western district. Lois Randall

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathe Randle
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:47:39 AM

From: Kathe Randle 1freedrad@gmail.com
Residence: Polson,Mt

Message:

I urge you to accept map 11 which is contiguous and best accomplishes the Commission goals.

We have enough political divisiveness without splitting neighborhoods.

Thank you for your efforts and attention.

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debbie Ray
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:24:35 PM

From: Debbie Ray dlay@midrivers.com
Residence: Roundup MT

Message:

CP 10 map is the best distracting boundary to best serve and represent the people of Montana.

--

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

From: [Jennifer Read](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing map
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:18:59 PM

Please support redistributing map #11. It is the only map that does not reflect political bias.

Thank you

Jennifer Read
1778 Jackson Creek Rd
Bozeman, MT 59715

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: samuel p redfern
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:16:41 PM

From: samuel p redfern ohbaroh@msn.com
Residence: missoula

Message:

I support the Democratic proposal. This districting map forms the only logically competitive district. Being competitive means whoever is elected needs to listen to all their constituents, not just those affiliated with their party (as demonstrated in our recent legislature). It makes our government accountable and buffers the extreme views of any position. A competitive district is good for all the citizens.

--

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

From: [Don Redfoot](#)
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistributing
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:39:48 PM

To the Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Redistricting is a difficult task, especially in the polarized political climate we are in today. Your work as a nonpartisan commission should be to create districts that most reasonably represent the diverse interests of the people of Montana. Proposal 11 meets this test and should be adopted by the Commission. Proposal 10, on the other hand, miserably fails the tests of fairness and reasonableness.

Proposal 11 closely follows the historical district lines when our state last had two representatives. It recognizes the strong connections and common interests of communities such as Bozeman and Livingston or Helena and Jefferson and Broadwater Counties. Frankly, it also promotes a more competitive district between the parties, which is good for democracy and fair representation.

For these reasons and others, I strongly urge you to support Proposal 11 and reject Proposal 10.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Redfoot
Red Lodge, MT

From: [Roland L. Redmond](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional district maps
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:13:56 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Based on what I know about the state (from living here for 45 years), I believe that Proposal #11 does the best job at creating at least one potentially competitive congressional district in the state. Proposal #10 in contrast, by leaving all of Flathead County in a western district, and placing Park and much of Gallatin counties in an eastern district, creates two uncompetitive districts that are likely to make most democrats and many independents in the state feel unrepresented in Congress. That said, I appreciate and am grateful for your service on this important commission.

Sincerely yours,

Roland Redmond
3321 Old Pond Road
Missoula, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gerda Reeb
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:22:02 AM

From: Gerda Reeb gerdareeb@gmail.com
Residence: Whitefish MT

Message:
I support #11.

--

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

From: [Leslie Reeder](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Mapping
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:11:06 PM

Hi,

I like map 10 because it keeps Flathead county in the western part of the state. The western part of the state shares similar community interests such as tourism, service industries and forest production which is the main income source for the residents. It is important to keep the shared medical communities (Kalispell and Whitefish) together because they serve the NW region of the state including the Blackfeet Reservation. This map includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district enabling a stronger voice for the tribes. Most importantly it keeps the main watershed tied together connecting major bodies of water in the western divide counties. I believe Map 10 provides a contiguous and nearly equal population and keeps communities of similar interest together avoiding split partisan. Map 10 complies with Montana and Constitutional law.

I do not like Map 11 because it places Flathead County east of the Continental Divide whereby Flathead has very little cultural, economic or political ties and interests with most of the Eastern Districts. Map 11 will fail at keeping community interest intact such as forestry and tourism that support households. This map also isolates one tribe from another which infringes on tribal community and voice. I feel map 11 is an attempt to split Flathead county for political gain and partisanship.

One last thing; Although it is illegal to consider competitiveness, it is clear that the Commission will ultimately choose a map based on competitiveness. If that is the case, then the Commission should define competitiveness and agree on the standard that will be used to determine competitiveness. Since this is a map that will determine two U.S. Congressional Districts, the best way to measure competitiveness is to use the U.S. House Races. In determining competitiveness the commission should use historical data Excluding 2020 races due to the questionable voter fraud and systems of those races.

Please hear my voice and consider this in your vote,

Leslie Reeder
Montana Resident

From: [Jennifer Reijgers](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting Map
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:05:52 PM

I support the CP #10 districting map.
Thank you for your time.
Jennifer Reijgers

From: [Mot Renztets](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mapping
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:18:34 PM

Correction to my last memo. Select map number 11 for the reasons I outlined in my memo sent three minutes ago.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mot Renztets](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mapping
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:00:37 PM

Select map number 10. Seems to me like it's the best chance of allowing Montanans a decent demographic which will give all of us a fair deal.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [paulette richter](#)
To: [Districting](#); MaylinnSmith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Maps
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:01:21 PM

To whom it May Concern:

I'm writing to support proposal number 11 and oppose proposal number 10.
I support proposal number 11 because it is closer to what has been precedent
in Montana and represents a fairer redistricting.

Thank You
Paulette Richter
Red Lodge, Mt.
Carbon County

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Madyson Rigg
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:53:26 AM

From: Madyson Rigg madysonrigg@gmail.com
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Dear Presiding Officer Maylinn Smith, Commissioners Essmann, Lamson, Stusek and Miller:

As a life-long Kalispell and Flathead County resident, I write to you today in support of CP10. I know that countless hours, many days and immense consideration has lead to the development of the potential redistricting map, and I want to sincerely thank you for your service to our great State.

The Flathead County is where I have lived, been educated, worked and recreated for my 25 years of life. We are one, whole community that collaborates to support a wide range of thriving industries. Throughout our valley you will find business geared toward hospitality and tourism, manufacturing, health care and beyond. Our workforces, supply chains and resources are deeply integrated between each city and unincorporated community– we work together to ensure that our businesses and communities thrive. Each distinct city and community has a vital role to play in the success we have here.

To separate our communities or to consider them in any way other than vitally integrated will have detrimental outcomes to my neighbors, my employers and to our millions of visitors. To separate even one part of our community from the other is to put unnecessary barriers within our synergistic economies.

We are one cohesive county that works together inspite of our difference in opinions. We are unified in our belief of the Montana ethos: hardwork, mutual respect, dedication to our place and care for one another. Separating us into two districts would jeopardize that unity. Ultimately causing us to find more disagreements, less common ground and bringing us to a place of division where the harmony we have worked hard to achieve and have come to depend on, no longer exists.

I strongly urge you to keep Flathead County whole and a part of the western districting solution – CP10. All parts of this valley are firmly aligned with the challenges, opportunities and economic vitality of the western communities of Montana.

Thanks you for your consideration and your service to Montana.

Madyson Rigg

--

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

From: robco@midrivers.com
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:11:14 PM

The CP-10 alternative is my preferred choice. Being from far Eastern Montana, we do not need to be ruled by the “big 7” (license plate #'s) from here to hereafter. You western Montana folks need to get in a car and travel about 500 miles east from time to time.

Sent from my iPad

From: robco@midrivers.com
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:20:13 PM

CP-10 is my preferred alternative for the new congressional districts.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Scott Rodich](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:51:35 AM

To whom it may concern,

Neither one of the district maps are truly fair to the Democrats but the district 10 map is particularly egregious, so as usual in politics, I support the lesser of the two evils and back map #11.

James (Scott) Rodich

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Support CP#11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:06:57 AM

From: Emily Rodway <emjaywallace@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:07 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support CP#11

Greetings,

I am a native Montanan raised by native Montanans. I am a voting constituent. I care about the people who live here. It's hard to believe that in a state as independent as ours, we would be letting our leaders pick their voters.

I strongly urge you to support CP #11. It's not perfect but it's the only map that doesn't unfairly favor one political party.

Montana voters should remain the ones who choose our leaders-- not the other way around.

Sincerely,
Emily Rodway
553 Highland St
Helena, MT 59601

--

Emily Rodway

From: [GRETCHEN ROONEY](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] map approval
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:40:59 PM

My name is Gretchen Rooney. I live in Helena Montana. I write today to urge you to vote for redistricting map CP11 as it is the only fair, democratic, non partisan map which gives Montanans a true choice. Thank you.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Curtis Rosman
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:57:41 PM

From: Curtis Rosman c.rosman@montana.com
Residence: Charlo

Message:

I have lived in Montana for about 46 years, including Helena, Plains and currently Charlo. I worked as a civil engineer, 8 years for the State of Montana and 33 years with the U S Forest Service. After retirement I

sold real estate for 8+ years. I currently lease out my land for pasture. Curtis Rosman

I support Map 11. Map 11 does the best job of meeting the criteria the commission is obligated to follow in developing districts. Keeping districts competitive while minimizing the splitting of communities is best accomplished by Map 11.

I do not believe Map 10 meets the criteria . It is not competitive between political parties. Dividing the state into 2 districts while minimizing splitting communities and counties and also considering fairness to Indian Reservations is critical. Map 10 does not do this well.

You have a difficult job with, I am sure, with a multitude of comments to review. I thank you for giving my comments your consideration.

--

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

From: [Bill Rossbach](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting: Support for CP 11, oppose CP 10
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:22:41 PM

Please excuse typo. I oppose CP10
Bill Rossbach

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 5:17 PM Bill Rossbach <warossbach@gmail.com> wrote:

Members of the Commission,

I am sending you my comments directly because I when I submitted them on the pin map application, the application froze and the comments would not go through.

I support CP 11 and oppose CP 12

Thank you.

Bill Rossbach

Bill Rossbach
2500 Sycamore St.
Missoula, MT 59802
warossbach@gmail.com

October 28, 2021

Members of the Legislative Re-Districting Commission:

Thank you to the hard work of the commission in developing these districts and thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment. I strongly support CP 11

In my lifetime Montana has always been a state with generally moderate politics at the statewide level, alternating between Republican and Democratic office holders, but with a notable majority of the major statewide office holders being Democratic for the past 70 years. For example, since 1950 Democrats have held the Governor's office for 40 of those years and the Attorney General's office for 52 years. From 2004 to 2016, if memory serves, Democrats held all five state-wide offices. Most notably for these comments, when Montana last had two Congressional districts, Pat Williams won the Western District 7 times with over 60% of the vote and then won twice more before he retired when we were reduced to a single district. When you look at the legislature which has been Republican for a long time now, the only reasonable explanation for that in the face of Democratic statewide office holders and previously two Democratic Senators during the same time frame is flagrant gerrymandering of the state legislative districts. CP 11 provides the only division of the state that is not gerrymandered and will provide fair representation of the interests of each geographic area. I therefore strongly support proposal CP 11 because it most closely follows the traditional split between congressional districts with each district having strong internal consistency and makes both districts potentially competitive.

Western Montana geographically heavily relies on the universities and tourism as drivers of the economy. A congressperson representing the Western District must attend to the resources and needs of the two great universities and protection of the environment upon which tourism depends. Likewise, in Eastern Montana from the Rocky Mountain Front, along the High Line, and through the vast crop and ranch lands of central Montana, agriculture and rural interests remain dominant and a congressperson from there would have to be sensitive to those concerns and a strong voice for those unique interests.

Finally, I see there are criticisms of this plan because Flathead County is divided. The problem is that something has to be divided to reach population parity and Flathead is the natural choice. It is very large geographically and by population, but also very diverse, combining agriculture and tourism. In contrast as those who pay attention to Montana's historic economic geography know, just like Missoula, where the population that works in Missoula has expanded up and down the Clark Fork and Bitterroot Valleys in Ravalli County, the working population in rapidly growing Bozeman and Helena has expanded into adjacent counties Park, Jefferson, and

Bill Rossbach
2500 Sycamore St.
Missoula, MT 59802
warossbach@gmail.com

Broadwater. CP10 ignores that historic and now expanding linkage of interests of those counties.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Rossbach

From: [Marianne Rozar](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting input
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:42:38 PM

Dear Commission,

My name is Marianne Rozar and I live at 601 Stovepipe Rd, Whitefish, MT 59937. I have lived in Whitefish since 1983. I am urging you to choose Map # 11 because it does not favor a political party and makes a competitive district. I have pasted my support and reasoning below for # 11 and also outlined why I oppose # 10. Thanks for all your hard work on this matter and for your consideration of citizen input.

Support Map #11

- This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.
- This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.
- This map keeps the union towns of Helena and Butte together, as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done.
- This map keeps all of the Rocky Mountain Front, Golden Triangle, and Hi Line intact, where agriculture remains such a vital part of the local economy. Rural interests are an important part of Montana's diversity and heritage that should be kept together for a stronger voice in Congress.
- Native voters are empowered under this plan, as there is a competitive district with a reservation, meaning that every candidate has to rely on Native votes to win the district. Non-competitive districts don't elevate voices and ensure accountability in the same way.

Oppose Map #10

- This plan breaks with the Historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.
- This plan creates two Republican districts, which unduly favors one party. With two congressional districts now instead of one, a fair map includes one competitive district that either party can win.
- This plan dilutes the power of Montana farmers and ranchers by breaking up the Golden Triangle and critical grain and cattle producing regions in Montana. This is cracking the farm and ranch vote pure and simple.
- This plan separates commuters that live in Jefferson county from the place where so many of them work in Helena. This is clearly breaking apart a community of interest.
- This plan splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.
- This plan separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with vital economic connections and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges this

community of interest.
Thank you, Marianne Rozar
rozar.marianne@gmail.com

From: [Rita Rozier](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support for map 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:54:43 PM

I am writing in support of map 11 and against map 10 for redistricting. Eleven reflects the close economic and income-related ties between Bozeman and Livingston (where I live) and follows historic precedents that worked well for Montana in the past. The even split of population related to income sources makes it more likely that we will all have an opportunity to be represented in Washington. Thank you.

--

Rita T Rozier
39 Billman Lane, Livingston MT 59047
Cell phone #: 406-671-5446

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Susan Ruiz
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:50:53 PM

From: Susan Ruiz dwolfdesigns@hotmail.com
Residence: Marion, Montana

Message:

The two newly proposed redistricting maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements. Please toss out these two maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

--

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

From: [Clarice Ryan](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CORRECTION: Preferred Choice - Map # 11 for redistricting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:42:45 PM

I prefer **Map 11** PRIMARILY for the following reasons:

This map will assure that the high percentage of Montana voters who favor the following state characteristics will be the most successful in having impact by our state legislature.

The **#11** map represents those Montana populations involved in productive enterprises. We are active in timber, agriculture, and tourism industries; small businesses and high tech enterprises. Many are operating from homes. All support and contribute to our government at all levels (local, state and federal) thus protecting against corruption and outside influence and threat.

The majority of our people are involved in preserving the strong foundations of our country and form of government. We hold high principles, values and beliefs in our life-style and history . We maintain close family ties and are active in our education systems , churches, and healthy forms of recreation and entertainment.

Our population has a high preponderance of people with sound patriotic values who will vote wisely in the election of those officials who will provide the policies to secure our communities, state and federal government now and in the future.

Clarice Ryan

253 Pine Needle Lane
Bigfork, Montana 59911
Flathead County
406-837-6929

From: lcsangmeister@nemont.net
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: I support CP#11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:12:02 AM

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

I want you to know that I support CP #11, the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party and I ***urge you to support CP #11 too.***

Thank you!

Lana Sangmeister
Nye, MT 59061

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: Submission from Redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:28:15 AM

From: leg-noreply@mt.gov <leg-noreply@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: Submission from Redistricting

Submit Information to the Redistricting Commission

Date: 29th October 2021 09:12

Your Full Name:

Beth Satre

Email Address:

bsatre@bresnan.net

Subject Line:

I favor Congressional District Commission Proposal 11

Your Comment:

Even though this is a proposal from the two Democrats on the committee, I wholeheartedly believe it is the right choice. Having a truly competitive district is important to continuing civic engagement on the part of a big chunk of the state's population. It also would help, I believe, help campaigns stay honest, message with facts, and also talk about state issues rather than the current tendency for nationalization. I also truly believe it would help the candidates focus on their (future) constituents -- what is best for them -- as opposed to what one party or another would really like to see.

Upload Information:

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

From: [Karin Schalm](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional District
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 7:37:39 AM

Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am reaching out as a Montana citizen in favor of Proposal 11 (opposition to Proposal 10) for our next Congressional districts.

Thank you for your service,
Karin

From: [Beth S.](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment - Choose CP#11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:55:22 PM

Hello. I wish to express my support for CP#11. I have offered comments at previous meetings throughout this process. The maps I preferred did not make it to this final round so at this time, I feel that CP#11 is the best option. CP#11 is certainly a higher quality choice than its rival, CP#10. I support CP#11 because it will give voters the most power to decide their political leadership. It is a more balanced and competitive map. This has never been more important to constituents like me.

Thank you for your service and I urge you to lend your support to CP#11.

Bethany Schatzke
Billings, MT

From: max@scheder.net
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana districting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:27:26 PM

I am a registered Voter in Big Sky. I am a lifelong GOPer (but did not vote for Trump).

I am writing to encourage the commission to select CP # 11. Dividing a county and a city as CP # 10 proposes is ridiculous and smells of gerrymandering.

While it might be politically preferable to do otherwise, please do the right thing and take a baby step towards healing our democracy. If for any reason - do it for our children so they can enjoy the same liberties as we did.

Thank you,

Max
707 324 9509
max@scheder.net

From: [Ronda Schiess](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Congressional Maps
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:33:57 AM

I write in support of Proposal 11. While Republican voters may make up a majority of the state, Democratic voters make up 40-45%, a sizable percentage. The only way for them to even have a chance at having their voices heard at the national level is by the adoption of Proposal 11. If the state truly wants more voter engagement, this is the map that will provide it. Map 10 will discourage participation, discourage divergent voices, and discourage Democracy.

Ronda Schiess
201 Pattee Creek Dr, Missoula, MT 59801

From: [C.Schloeder](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:10:41 AM

I am writing to express my support for Proposal 11 as the choice for redistricting. My reasons are as follows:

Only map 11 can be considered competitive and does not unduly favor a political party.

Map 11 does the best job not splitting communities. Both maps divide one county, but map 10 also splits multiple communities in Gallatin County (especially Big Sky, Bozeman, and Gallatin Gateway).

Map 11 does the best job keeping communities of interest intact. It places Lewis and Clark County in the western district, respecting the deep cultural connections and shared history of I-15 corridor communities like Butte, Helena, and Jefferson County. It puts Pondera in the eastern district, respecting its shared identity with other agricultural counties in the Golden Triangle and eastern Montana. Map 11 also puts Whitefish in the western district and Kalispell and Columbia Falls in the eastern district.

Regards,

Catherine Schloeder
Fortine, MT

From: [Peggy Schmidt](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Choose CP 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:00:44 PM

Please vote for CP 11, the only one of the two maps that gives an equal chance to both political parties. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Margaret Schmidt
Missoula MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anne Schumacher
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:51:26 AM

From: Anne Schumacher annebenschumacher@yahoo.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Anne Schumacher. I live in Bozeman, MT.

I support Map 11, not Map 10. I do not support Map 10 because it divides Gallatin County between the two districts. Also, Map 10 separates Bozeman and Livingston from each other, even though they have longstanding economic and cultural ties. Finally, Map 10 fails to create a competitive district and would jeopardize the minority voting rights of those on the reservation included in the western district. I support Map 11 because it not only keeps Gallatin County together, but also Bozeman and Livingston. In addition, it keeps the resort communities of Big Sky, Whitefish and Yellowstone together, which are all resort communities with shared interests. Finally, it allows for a competitive district that will protect the minority voting rights of those on the reservation included in Map 11.

Thank you for considering my comments.

--

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

From: [Mary Jo Schutte](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Boundaries
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:59:57 PM

My choice is Proposal 10. Flathead should be in the West and Bozeman in the East in my opinion.

MJ Schutte
Polson

From: [Cathy Schwenk](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional seat
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:12:34 PM

Good day,

I am a registered voter in Missoula county. My preference for the new congressional District is Commission proposal 11. Thank you for reading my message.

Cathy Schwenk

--

Cathy

Live simply so others may simply live.

St. Mother Theresa

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Carol Scott-Fowler
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:14:49 PM

From: Carol Scott-Fowler cscottnepal@msn.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Montana's Constitution calls for consideration of political subdivisions, including counties, as well as keeping "communities of interest" intact. Map 11 offers the best option of keeping communities of interest intact. In Map 11, Bozeman and Park Counties are together, thereby keeping Bozeman and Livingston, long-standing communities of interest, intact. Map 11 also keeps the resort areas of Whitefish, West Yellowstone and Big Sky, resort areas that have common concerns, in the same district. I believe Map 11 best meets the goals of the Commission and, therefore, strongly support its selection. Thank you,

--

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

From: [MARILYN seastone](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana"s Congressional districts
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:02:06 PM

I SUPPORT Proposal 11.
I OPPOSE Proposal 10.

Thank you,

Marilyn Seastone
405 Parkside Ln.
Missoula, MT 59802

From: [Teri Seth](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support Map 11 in the redistricting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:18:22 PM

Hello my name is Teri Seth. I live in Gallatin Gateway MT and have lived in Montana for 35+ years. Thank you for considering my views.

I believe Map 11 is the best choice for Montana and most effectively gives voice to the communities of interest within the state. Map 11 allows for at least one competitive District in the western part of the state. Map 11 effectively groups counties and cities with common interests like flagship universities, tourism, gateway communities to national parks, ski communities, commuter connections. Tribal and agricultural interests have a voice. Map 11 enables representation for the many diverse interests within the state. This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts. There are more people in the state now, but the demographics of economic and social interests remain very similar. Those lines served the state well then, and will again.

Map 10 on the other hand unduly favors the republican party by separating the communities and counties with populations that have a spectrum of political and social views. Map 10 splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway even though there is no clear reason to do so. Gateway and Big Sky are in the same house and senate districts for the state. It would be nonsensical to have our US Congressional seats be different. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes. Splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.

Map 10 would split Big Sky, Gallatin Gateway, Belgrade and Bozeman which all share a workforce. It also separates Park and Gallatin County from one another, cutting apart an area with another vital economic connection and shared interests. Plan 11 better acknowledges these communities of interest.

Again, please support Map 11 so that the diversity that is present in our great state has a voice. Candidates would have to work across party lines, regardless of party to best serve a varied constituency. Map 10 silences any voice of diversity by ensuring safe republican seats.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your service.

Sincerely, Teri Seth

From: [Susan Sheard](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Congressional Proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:13:32 PM

Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I am writing to you in favor of Congressional Proposal 11. Proposal 11 ensures competition and the following:

- Proposal 11 closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, moving only two counties to reach perfect population equality.
- Areas that heavily rely on ski tourism to support the local economy are kept in one district, forcing a Congressperson to pay attention to the needs of areas that use the winter outdoor recreation to drive economic growth.
- As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the deep economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.

Thank you for your time and service to Montana.

Susan Sheard
1116 S. Spruce Dr.
Bozeman, MT 59715

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark Sheets
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:29:23 PM

From: Mark Sheets msheets@blackfoot.net
Residence: Thompson Falls

Message:

I live in Thompson Falls and have been a resident of the state for 63 years.

Map 11 is the one I support! It meets all the criteria and keeps the economic base of the districts as intact as possible. As mentioned before, the economic base remains as joined as possible and communities trading areas are kept intact as possible. This is the best and most compact districts possible that meet the criteria.

I do not support map 10. Pondera and Glacier counties have no business being in the Western District. They do not have any economic ties to the west. Splitting up Park and Gallatin Counties also does not make sense. They are tied together economically.

Thank you for considering my comment of which District boundary I feel is the best solution.

--

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

From: [Earl S.](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:43:03 PM

I favor CP-11.
Thank you,
Earl Sheldon
723 50th St S
Great Falls, MT 59405

Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:go.microsoft.com) for Windows

From: [Jeannie Siegler](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:08:32 AM

Dear Commissioners,

We support Map #CP11. It meets the constitutionally required criteria of equal population and competitiveness.

Yours truly,

Chris & Jeannie Siegler

19475 Conifer Dr

Huson, MT 59846

From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David A. Skinner
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:44:55 PM

From: David A. Skinner daskinner@centurytel.net
Residence: Kalispell

Message:
Madam Chair and Commissioners:

If the two maps now under consideration are the only choices left, given that Hobbessan option, I simply must choose Map CP 10. I am utterly, vehemently, totally in opposition to CP 11, not just because it stabs nearly 100 miles into western Montana to split conservative Kalispell away from the progressive redoubt of Whitefish, but because it nearly guarantees another major redistricting in 2030 as Bozeman continues its ballistic-missile growth. CP 10 is much better at balancing the growth curves of East versus West with Gallatin (I don't care if Gallatin is kept "whole" if deviation exceeds 1 percent, because the deviation over time will be FAR less over the next decade.) Furthermore, in CP10 the "fake Eastern" district is more compact, further a fairer allocation of travel and geographic spread. The geography of even HALF of Montana is already a burden on elected officials, and CP11 will literally run the wheels off that Congresscritter, while the "western" Congresscritter has only short drives to schmooze and raise funds. If CP 11 is chosen, I'll be second in line as an aggrieved plaintiff. With my checkbook open. CP 10 is the only "fair" option. Any panhandling of Flathead is flatly unethical and will not stand adult review.

One commissioner is telling Beltway bonehead media that Republicans are "classic cracking. They're going to take 100,000 of our best votes and just put them in a deep sea of red and dilute them."

I need to beg pardon. As I testified previously, everyone sees irony that some Democratic supported proposals shifted tribal reservations totally away from any chance of being constituents of a Democrat congressman.

Rather, Democratic commissioners seem just peachy with throwing away 56,169 of their "best votes" in map 9, yes, 30,000 brought back into the Lazyboymander map 8, again 55,000 cracked out in map 2, 48,000 in map 6? In the maps the Dem commissioners think their party might win? That's "cracked" all right.

As to whether those votes are the best, I seem to remember the Legislature had 10 Indian members last session, of whom two are Republicans. Shocking, right? So maybe tribal voters aren't that "best" for Dems after all? They might turn Republican?

And then you have another commissioner saying there's no "eastern Montana seat anymore." I emphatically agree – it's rural versus urban and under the law, that's impossible to do and remain legal. Further, the rural-urban split is not total. Billings and Kalispell are full of people who still see their rural friends and neighbors as just that, neighbors, not backward peasants who vote wrong.

If you're going to still pretend there's East and West, then pray tell, where's the logic in adding far-western Republicans to the East? One commissioner told media that unbalanced fast growth is an issue, and where's the fastest growth? Gee whiz, Gallatin, furthest south and east in the "West." meaning there will be yet another major reapportionment in 2030 in which it's INEVITABLE that Gallatin goes in with Yellowstone? Or is THAT when you kids plan on cranking over the top to Ravalli County like in the cookie-monster-mander maps? Or grab Beaverhead?

If you really don't want East West, then by gosh, go North South, Hi Line Interstate!

I fully understand that some commissioners are telling Montana's media what conveniently advances the desire to artificially stack, pack and crack – they'll be quoted verbatim without comment, but in my eyes, the pretty words don't match what I, and everyone else who cares to look, can see clearly, right now. This process so far is a travesty, doomed to fail unless the adults in the room realize a certain partisan lust to retain declining power beyond that the Montana electorate would honestly give is so blatant here, it's shameful.

Nobody here seems to have the energy left to consider perhaps THIS particular map should be drawn with an eye toward empowering Montana as a whole before Congress, no matter the party? Let voters choose what policies they unify behind? No, it's more important to neuter Montana's impact in the US House? Gosh, I'm embarrassed for my state – we have persons in power who see Montana as an extractive colony, with the gold being not copper or timber, but votes to be cashed in, again not here, but at the Beltway Bank on the other end of the country.

Do the right thing.

--

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

<[\)](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://mtredistricting.gov_!!GaaboA!8XVNPOIdLeVmqY9KGw5X00OISPv3w0wZVscmcseDsi2gnvRS_ff2JuolIr8qRUIKOOQ$>></p></div><div data-bbox=)

From: [Mickey Smotherman](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:31:17 PM

I am writing to you today to OPPOSE CP#10 and SUPPORT CP#11 - ***the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party.*** Further, as a registered voter and resident of Bozeman & Gallatin County, I SUPPORT CP#11, because it doesn't split Gallatin County. CP#10 also arbitrarily splits the City of Bozeman, which is ludicrous. What sense does it make for my community to be represented by two different representatives, potentially of two different parties? What sense does it make for me and my neighbor across the street to have different representatives? Talk about Civil War – neighbor against neighbor. People with similar needs & interests should have the same representative.

Ira Smotherman
4263 Palisade Drive
Bozeman MT 59718

Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:go.microsoft.com) for Windows

From: [Mickey Smotherman](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:55:31 PM

Sorry for the way the words are broken up - something my computer did!

Wanted to make one other comment. In an article in the Missoulian on 10/26/21, Commissioner Essmann was quoted as saying that there is a "fallacy of trying to draw competitive districts when you've got a state that as a whole is trending in one direction....I don't have data, but I expect that's going to continue to happen." Apparently, Commissioner Essmann is talking about the Republicans' landslide in statewide offices in 2020.

Funny thing is that the Republicans have not had that success for the last two decades. How does one reach the conclusion that the 2020 election - heavily influenced by Trump voters - constitutes a "trend"? Sounds like Commissioner Essmann and his Republican colleagues just want to influence future elections (to establish a trend) by adopting a partisan map. Just like their pushing voter suppression bills through the 2021 legislature to combat "election fraud" in a year when they won elections by record margins. Huh? The Commission should reject this partisan power grab and adopt a map which creates competitive districts (which in turn makes every vote count).

Ira Smotherman

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 12:33 PM Mickey Smotherman <mickeysmo67@gmail.com> wrote:

I am writing to you today to OPPOSE CP#10 and SUPPORT CP#11 - the only map that doesn't unduly favor one political party. Further, as a registered voter and resident of Bozeman & Gallatin County, I SUPPORT CP#11, because it doesn't split Gallatin County. CP#10 also arbitrarily splits the City of Bozeman, which is ludicrous. What sense does it make for my community to be represented by two different representatives, potentially of two different parties? What sense does it make for me and my neighbor across the street to have different representatives? Talk about Civil War neighbor against neighbor. People with similar needs & interests should have th

e same representative.

Ira Smotherman
4263 Palisade Drive
Bozeman MT 59718

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: dtspencermt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Daniel Spencer](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Support for CP11 Map
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:09:51 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commissioners,

I write to offer my strong support for choosing Map #CP11 for the new division into two congressional districts. As a resident in the western half of the state, I believe CP#11 is the stronger of the two proposed maps, for several reasons. Perhaps most important to me is that it creates a politically competitive district, with no political party being unduly favored. It puts the university communities of Missoula and Gallatin counties with our shared interests and concerns in the same district (and avoids splitting Gallatin County), which increases the likelihood that our concerns will be taken seriously by our elected representative. It is closest to the historic congressional line, moving only 1.5 counties versus moving 4.5 counties in proposed #CP10. No towns are split under this proposal. For these and many additional reasons, I strongly support selecting Map #CP11.

Thank you for your work on this commission and for listening to my input.

Sincerely,

Dan Spencer, Missoula, MT

Sincerely,

Daniel Spencer

4285 Sundown Rd Missoula, MT 59804-7113

dtspencermt@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sandra Staudenmayer
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:18:05 PM

From: Sandra Staudenmayer sandystau@yahoo.com
Residence: Bigfork, Montana

Message:

If I understand this correctly, by moving Whitefish and the Glacier Park area to be considered Eastern Montana would be quite confusing for our tourism efforts. The Flathead Valley is also very much connected in many other important aspects, including health care. I am very much in support of CP10 and keeping the Flathead Valley intact as a whole in all aspects.

--

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

From: randallsteffan@netzero.net
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana's New Congressional Districts
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:54:35 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to support Congressional Proposal #11 with regard to the defining of Montana's Congressional districts.

The reason is simple. We need a map with congressional districts that best place Republican and Democrat candidates on a more even playing field. We need candidates who win based on their positions on the important issues that face Montana - not on the number of people in their party that live in the candidate's district.

Proposal #11 best insures an even split between Republican and Democrat voters. Anything less would be un-American, un-fair, un-Christian and un-ethical. Our new congressional districts must be based on honesty and integrity - not partisan finagling.

Thank you for your careful attention to this important matter.

Roger A. Steffan
Edgar, Montana

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Thomas W Stetzner
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:32:49 PM

From: Thomas W Stetzner renztets@gmail.com
Residence: Butte Mt

Message:

Please choose map number 11. It will give Montana's the best choice for a fair distribution of candidates for Congress.

--

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

From: [Margaret Strainer](#)
To: [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Districting](#); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cp#11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:48:31 PM

Redistricting map --- only CP#11 is fair ! Please vote CP#11! --
Margie Strainer
406-755-0887
212 E. Nicklaus Ave.
Kalispell, MT 59901

From: [Carolyn Swenson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mapping
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:05:54 AM

The mapping districts must be fair politically. Number 10 does not do this. Plus the splits are very confusing & impractical.

Between the two, #11 seems to be the better option.

I support #11.
Thank you.
Carolyn Swenson
528 Westgate
Bozeman Mt 59718

Sent from Carolyn's iPhone

From: [Denise Talarico](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:57:06 AM

Dear Commissioner,
I support Proposal 11 and am opposed to Proposal 10. Please vote for Proposal 11 as it is more fair and equitable for all Montanans.

Denise Talarico
Seeley Lake, MT

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Arlene Tande](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MT redistricting map
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:18:03 AM

I am in favor of redistricting map 11 and opposed to map 10.

Thank you,
Arlene Tande
2132 Collins Lane
Missoula, MT 59802

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ginny Wright Therriault](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Fair Map
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:29:38 PM

I support Map 11 because it doesn't support one political party over another. It has a competitive districting.

Please consider Map 11.

Ginny Therriault
223 E. Central Ave.
Missoula, MT 59801

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: marlene k tocher mike t tocher
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:56:09 PM

From: marlene k tocher mike t tocher miketocher@charter.net

Residence: BUTTE

Message:

We are encouraged and support the Democratic map for the state districting and apportionment . we feel this map best supports the citizens of our state of Montana. Thank you.

--

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

From: [Mary Tonkovich](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Proposal 11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:14:42 PM

To: Districting and Appointment Commission

ATTN: Maylinn Smith, Chair

My name is Mary Tonkovich, and I am a registered independent Montana voter, located in Choteau. I am writing today in opposition to Congressional Proposal 10 and **in favor of Congressional Proposal 11**.

I am in favor of Proposal 11 because it follows several historical precedents in maintaining population equality, respecting the economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman, and keeping union strongholds Helena and Butte together. Furthermore, I believe Proposal 11 will protect rural interests and empower the voices of Native American voters, both important priorities to protect Montana's heritage and diversity.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to vote in favor of Proposal 11 on October 30th.

Sincerely,

Mary Tonkovich
Choteau

From: [Ruth Towe](#)
To: [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essman@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](#); [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Congressional Districting Plan
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 5:51:31 PM

I urge you to support Congressional Proposal 11 as it is the only plan that gives the state at least one competitive district out of two. When one political party dominates a particular district, the general election results are decided in the primary election which disenfranchises minority-party voters. I have observed that primary candidates tend to take more extreme positions in order to cater to segments of their political party during the primary. These positions are often out of the main stream of what most Montanans want, and since primary elections traditionally have low voter turnout, it results in general election candidates being nominated and elected who do not represent many Montana voters **from both political parties** who then feel they are disenfranchised in the General Election.

Further, Proposal 11 keeps Gallatin & Park Counties together which is important because of their extensive economic interactions; it keeps the HiLine and heavily agricultural areas together; the area of our state most dependent on tourism is in one congressional district. It is by far the fairest of the two proposals.

From: [Tom Towe](#)
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting. Support Proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:19:08 AM

Dear Members of the Redistricting Commission,

I support proposal 11 and urge you to adopt it. Any proposal that overwhelmingly supports just one party, whether intended or not, will be viewed as gerrymandering. Proposal #10 does that. Proposal #11 does not.

Tom Towe

From: [Matt Trebella](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on maps 10 & 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:06:53 PM

Dear redistributing committee,

Having reviewed the two remaining proposals for redistributing maps, it is clear to me that map 11 is the superior choice for several key reasons.

The first and most important of these is keeping Gallatin county intact in a single congressional district. As many of the goals of the committee are to keep communities together and prevent the most extreme gerrymandering, only map 11 achieves these goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Matt Trebella
Bozeman, MT

From: wendiurie@gmail.com
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for districting proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:11:41 PM

Dear Committee,

Thank you for your time and diligent work to select new Congressional districts for Montana. It's a difficult but important effort!

I am writing to encourage you to select the proposed map that best allows for at least one competitive District while also representing portions of the population equally and keeps similar communities in the same district. I feel that proposal 11 best meets these goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendi Urie
Livingston Montana

From: [Andrew Valainis](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support Congressional Proposal 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:39:09 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for Congressional Proposal 11.

Sincerely,
Andrew Valainis
Missoula, MT

From: waterforworldpeace@gmail.com
To: [Districting](#); Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on Maps 10 and 11--Federal Infrastructure & Issues
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:46:53 PM

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

I have been a resident in and registered voter of Lake County since 2012. Please accept these comments for your October 30 hearing on Maps 10 and 11.

Of the two maps, my preference is for Map 10 because of the better integration of federal infrastructure and federal issues involving counties, Tribes, and the state which would benefit from focused Congressional representation. Federal infrastructure includes hydropower and associated reservoirs and irrigation projects; and federal reservations including national parks, forests, and the two largest Indian Reservations in Montana. In addition to the already existing federal presence, Glacier, Lake, Sanders, and Flathead Counties would all benefit from focused federal attention to taxation and land-into-trust issues, and on the implementation of two compacts—one with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the other with the Blackfeet. The citizens, Counties, and state of Montana, as well as both Tribal governments and their people, would benefit from a focused Congressional presence.

Map 11 provides for an impermissible splitting of Flathead Lake and thus federal infrastructure vital to the energy, agriculture, and tourism economy of northwestern Montana. In addition, Flathead County contains the major federal infrastructure central to the CSKT water compact and its recently-passed enabling federal legislation the Montana Water Rights Protection Act. Flathead County is integral to and cannot be removed from western Montana, and the splitting of Flathead County would divide the people of western Montana precisely at a time when we need to work together. Map 11 should be discarded completely from consideration.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment, and thank you for the work of the Commission on this important issue for Montana. In my humble opinion, the decision must rest on existing Montana law, with an eye toward maximizing the benefit to Montanans of having more Congressional representation.

With regards,

Catherine Vandemoer, Ph.D.
Water Resource Consultant
Ronan, Montana
406-552-1357; 520-369-1404



Virus-free. www.avg.com [[avg.com](#)]
[\[avg.com\]](#)

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christa VanDyke
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:08:13 PM

From: Christa VanDyke cvandyke@hotmail.com
Residence: Glendive, Montana

Message:

I am in favor of CP 10, keeping Flathead County and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in the western district.

--

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

From: [Mark Van Loon](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on CP 10, CP 11 -
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:11:35 PM

Both Republicans and Democrats agreed to attempt to make both districts as near equal in population as possible with the least splitting of counties, towns and communities. The Dems have achieved this while the Repubs. have not.

Republicans have also chosen to ignore the goal of competitive districts. This is disingenuous at best and disrespectful to the people of Montana. It's disheartening that Repubs. feel they must stack the deck. I guess Repubs. feel they can't win a fair fight.

The choice is clear to me. It must be CP 11.

Mark Van Loon
Hamilton. MT

--

From: [Paul Van Tricht](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support Map 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:17:11 AM

Dear Commission:

I support Plan 11 - Map 11 for Congressional Districts in Montana. There are many reasons but the main one is it does not divide up communities.

Thank you.

Paul Van Tricht
1134 North 23th Street
Billings, MT
ph: 406-371-5350

From: [Brenda VonBrach](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Best choice : # 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:16:13 PM

I am in favor of redistricting map # 11 as it is the fairest.

Please support map #11.

Brenda VonBrach

296 Rose Lane

Hamilton, Mt 59840

From: wahlberg.debra@gmail.com
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map for Congressional Districts
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:52:13 PM

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

I am providing my input as a registered voter in regard to the two maps under consideration for Montana's two US congressional districts.

It is critical that the map selected does not unduly favor one political party. I support CP#11 to establish Montana's districts for our two US Congressional seats.

Sincerely,
Debra Wahlberg

11 Chinook Trail
Bozeman, MT 59718

From: [Leland & Vicki Walbruch](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: ["LELAND "WALLY" & VICKI WALBRUCH"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am in support of Map # 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:33:14 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

I appreciate your diligence in working through this critical process.

I support map # 11 even though it splits up Flathead County. I also feel map #11 empowers native voters by making them more competitive as each candidate must rely on their votes.

I also reject Map #10 as it unduly favors one party. Splitting the Gallatin appears to be a way to divide Democratic voters.

Respectfully,

Leland Walbruch
134 Fairway Boulevard
Kalispell. MT 59901



Scanned by [McAfee \[home.mcafee.com\]](#) and confirmed virus-free.

[\[home.mcafee.com\]](#)

From: [Gail Waldby](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support the Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:02:23 AM

I support the Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map, seen in this interactive

<https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::fb8a975f-d4cd-48da-aafd-225fe4e683a8>
[\[davesredistricting.org\]](#)

- Districts are population equal, with only a one person difference
- Flathead and Blackfeet Reservations are in one competitive district, so candidates must win over Native voters to win.
- This plan does not unduly favor any political party.
- This plan keeps Flathead County whole.
- This plan keeps intact as many historical communities of interest as possible while achieving perfect population equality, acknowledging where Montanans currently live.
- Recognizes the importance of county lines, city limits, and communities of interest It splits no cities or towns and achieves population equality while keeping communities of interest intact in Lewis & Clark and Gallatin Counties.
- Tourism economies around Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks are included in one district, keeping a bipartisanly recognized community of interest intact.
- The Canadian border has representation in both districts.
- Both districts include sections of the Empire Builder Amtrak line, meaning both Representatives will have to advocate for funding for the train line.
- This plan ensures District 2 has strong rural voices. Of the major cities in Montana, only Great Falls and Billings are in District 2, ensuring one seat where rural voices will be a majority.
- This plan keeps the union towns of Helena, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, and Butte in the same district.

Gail Waldby MD
Livingston MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Waldow Luanne
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:09:59 PM

From: Waldow Luanne annietwaldoweos@gmail.com
Residence: Culbertson

Message:

Hi. Im Annie. Im an independent Montana woman. My husbands family homesteaded our tiny farm in 1903 and has been here continuously since then. My dad used to jokingly say that once you settle in Montana youre too broke and too frozen to leave. Before I married and moved onto the farm I worked all over Montana from the southwest corner to the northeastern. I graduated from college and got my masters here. My children were raised here, although they moved because of the discouraging growth of land takeovers and removal of much that once made Montana a welcoming place for those wishing to escape oppression.

I do support map 11 as it comes the closest accomplishment of the set out goals. Map 11 is better at keeping towns, reservations, and other areas more comfortably close to the goals. The most import aspect is not favoring one party over another.

I dont think map 10 supports community and cultural aspects of Montana as well as it should.

I appreciate you allowing my comments and thoughts. Thank you for reviewing my comments.

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David J Walker
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:11:29 PM

From: David J Walker djwalker@buyinmontana.com
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

I completely agree with your assessment. We need to keep the whole county together and keep our agendas aligned. CP10 is the way to go. Thank you.

--

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

From: [Adrienne Wallace](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support CP #11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:04:32 PM

I am a native Montanan. I am a voting constituent who cares about the people who live here. It's hard to believe that in a state as independent as ours, we would be letting our leaders pick their voters.

I strongly urge you to support CP #11. It's not perfect but it's the only map that doesn't unfairly favor one political party.

Montana voters should remain the ones who choose our leaders-- not the other way around.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Wallace
211 N Sweetgrass Ave,
Bozeman, Mt 59718

From: [Jan Wallace](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinnsmith@mtleg.gov; jeffessmann@mtleg.gov; joelamson@mtleg.gov; danstusek@mtleg.gov; kendramiller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:03:50 AM

Please vote for CP # 11, it seems the fairest to us. Thank you. Jack and Janet Wallace Butte, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Donna Wallace
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:50:03 AM

From: Donna Wallace dwallace@mt.net
Residence: Helena

Message:

My choice is Congressional Proposal 11. I think it makes more sense than 10.

--

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

From: [Betty J. Ward](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:23:13 PM

I want Map CP 10.
I do NOT want Map CP 11.

Betty J. Ward
Libby, Montana

Thank You Kindly,
Betty J. Ward

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Wesley L Webb
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:08:19 PM

From: Wesley L Webb wesley.lucas.webb@gmail.com

Residence: Whitefish

Message:

Please adopt map 11 to create competitive districts.

Thanks.

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary Suzanne Weber
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:11:00 AM

From: Mary Suzanne Weber jwdisciple@msn.com
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of MAP CP-1. Look at how MT voters voted --- conservatively -- this last year! DO NOT SELL US OUT ---- to MAPS CP 10 or 11, and --- please do YOUR JOB with keeping the VOTE ALIVE in MONTANA. We have travelled lately -- and realize HOW DEAD all other "liberal" states are. You have no idea what A TREASURE YOU HAVE HERE --- and how you need to TAKE CARE OF IT by recognizing the will of the voters. You have no idea how COMMUNIST -- some of the agendas are -- as I've been in those countries --- where maps like CP10 and 11 come from!!! PLEASE LISTEN TO GOD AND REASON AND ALL THE CONSERVATIVE, GOOD PEOPLE OF MONTANA.

Blessings, Suzanne Weber, Naturopath, Homeopath, Reverend, and Reading Specialist

--

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

From: [jwdisciple](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] YES - on MAP CP-1
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:03:16 AM

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of MAP CP-1. Look at how MT voters voted - - - conservatively - this last year! DO NOT SELL US OUT - - - - to MAPS CP 10 or 11, and - - - please do YOUR JOB with keeping the VOTE ALIVE in MONTANA. We have travelled lately - and realize HOW DEAD all other "liberal" states are. You have no idea what A TREASURE YOU HAVE HERE - - - and how you need to TAKE CARE OF IT by recognizing the will of the voters. You have no idea how COMMUNIST - some of the agendas are - as I've been in those countries - - - where maps like CP10 and 11 come from!!! PLEASE LISTEN TO GOD AND REASON AND ALL THE CONSERVATIVE, GOOD PEOPLE OF MONTANA.

Blessings, Suzanne Weber, Naturopath, Homeopath, Reverend, and Reading Specialist

Sent with [ProtonMail \[protonmail.com\]](#) Secure Email.

From: [Helen Weems](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] please vote for CP 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:54:17 PM

I am writing to support CP11 as it more closely meets the stated objective of competitiveness (CookPVI Score of R+5) and does not support one party over the other. Thank you for your important and hard work. As I resident of Whitefish, I believe it makes sense to separate Kalispell and Whitefish.

--

Helen Weems, MSN, APRN
she/her/hers
Family Nurse Practitioner
Director, All Families Healthcare



PO Box 4027 / 737 Spokane Ave
Whitefish, Montana 59937
406-730-8682
www.allfamilieshealth.org [allfamilieshealth.org]

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This e-mail or fax message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information protected by law. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.

From: [Roxane Weikel](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essman@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Map 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:22:07 AM

I support map #11 because it is closest to being competitive without clearly favoring any political party. It meets the goal of making the district competitive. It keeps Gallatin County whole, doesn't split any towns, keeps Helena in the Western District and it moves only 2 counties from the historic 1980's congressional line.

Thank you for your efforts.

Roxane Weikel
207 Takima Dr
Missoula, MT
59803

From: [Sandra Welgreen](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support CP#11
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:44:06 PM

Sent from my iPhone

NOTICE TO RECIPIENT: If you are not the intended recipient of this e-mail, you are prohibited from sharing, copying, or otherwise using or disclosing its contents. If you have received this e-mail in error, please notify the sender immediately by reply e-mail and permanently delete this e-mail and any attachments without reading, forwarding or saving them. v.173.295 Thank you.

From: sherry@sherrywellspottery.com
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] comments on redistricting map
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:22:17 AM

Sadly it seems to me either map picked favors the GOP, how about a map to make it as fair as possible, instead of favoring either party????

So very tired of watching so many state gerrymander their districts favoring the GOP!

Sherry Wells

From: [Jan Wenaas](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of CP-10
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:13:59 AM

We respectfully request that you approve CP-10. It equally distributes the Native American tribes, cities in MT and is a fair representation for future elections.

We originally supported CP-1 which I feel it is the fairest map of all proposed.

Best regards

Jan and Mark Wenaas
18 Riverwood Ln, Great Falls, MT 59405

From: [Karrie West](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP 11 should be supported
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:54:04 PM

Map CP 11 is preferable to CP 10 because it gives a competitive result while maintaining roughly equal population splits. Only CP 11 has a district that does not unduly favor one party over the other. Map CP 11 also keeps Park and Gallatin counties in one district, recognizing our close economic relationship.

Map CP10 is not competitive and creates two Republican districts. With two congressional districts, a fair map should include at least one competitive district that either party can win. Here in Montana, we, the voters, should get to pick our leaders, not the other way around.

Map CP 11 should be supported and CP 10 should be rejected.

Karrie West
406 N Yellowstone St
Livingston, MT 59047

From: [Kim West](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for redistricting map 11
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:38:18 PM

I support Map CP 11 as it ensures 1 competitive district in the state. Populations of the 2 districts are evenly split on this map and most important to me is that Gallatin and Park counties remain undivided and within the same district.

I oppose Map CP 10 because this map creates 2 Republican districts which unduly favors 1 party. With 2 congressional districts instead of 1, a fair map should include one competitive district that either party could win.

These maps will be the future of Montana for the next 10 years and ideally it would benefit our state to have 2 competitive districts, however creating 1 competitive district is the least we should expect.

Kim West
Livingston, MT 59047

From: [Ta'jin Perez](#)
To: maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; [Kendra Miller \(kendra.miller@mtleg.gov\)](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov); [Districting](#)
Cc: [Tracie Moss](#); [Ronnie Jo Horse](#); [Keaton Sunchild](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Submission: Western Native Voice Public Letter in Support of CP 11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:53:46 AM
Attachments: [Western Native Voice Public Letter - Support CP 11.pdf](#)

Commissioners of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Firstly, I, on behalf of our organization, would like to thank you all for your work during the Congressional redistricting effort. This work is no small feat and not devoid of strong emotions and opinions. Thus far, we are pleased to see the transparency with which the Commission has operated and encourage the same transparency when it comes time for our state legislative redistricting next year.

While our organization is disappointed that CP 4 did not make the most recent cut, we have decided that between the two remaining maps for which we have information available, our support lies with CP 11. Please see attached a letter with signatures from over 200 Montanans who join our organization in support of CP 11 as the next Congressional map for Montana.

Our organization looks forward to continued engagement with the Commission.

Ta'jin J Perez
(Pronouns: He/Him/His)
Deputy Director
Western Native Voice
1215 24th St W
Billings, MT 59102
406.869.1938 - office
406.696.0754 - cell
tperez@westernnativevoice.org



Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

Our democracy is at a turning point, both locally and nationally. Politicians are trying to choose their voters instead of voters electing policy makers to represent them. Elections have turned into a partisan landslide that the highest donor can buy rather than policy makers who work to build relationships and rely on their ideas to win. This must change now!

States across the country are redrawing the boundaries of who will represent our communities, families and futures. We are fortunate that we have an independent commission, the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission which adopted important criteria such as competitiveness, communities of interest and more. Additionally, the Commission has made the wise choice not to rank the criteria in order of importance, enabling everyone to have an equal voice in the process. The Commission has been tasked with determining how our state will be split into two Congressional districts. The independent Commission has narrowed down the choices of which map to adopt for the next 10 years to two maps: CP 10 and CP 11.

The undersigned are joining together with Western Native Voice to reject CP 10 as the next Congressional map for Montana. We represent community members from different Tribal Nations, urban areas and everywhere in between. We believe that strong Tribal representation is not just about how many tribes are in a district but how much power those tribes have. We also believe that competition in our democracy is essential to ensure no voice or perspective is made invisible. Because our democracy is in such dire partisan straits, we need competitiveness now more than ever so that a party is not unduly favored over another. We believe that ideas, not party affiliation, is what is more important. We believe that each person's vote must matter and that is only possible when an election can be determined by even a single vote. Therefore, we reject CP 10 because:

- There are no competitive districts
- An individual's vote will not matter and will have a chilling effect on turnout
- Tribes in this map are weakened to elect a candidate of their choice
- Native American voters are made invisible by candidates who may run for Congress
- Everyone loses when our democratic institutions are allowed to serve partisan agendas
- Those who have historically held power will have a tighter grasp and leave the people behind

We urge the Commission to reject CP 10 and adopt CP 11 as an antidote to a clear partisan move for power. We hope the Commission will do the right thing to protect our democracy by adopting CP 11 and will stand united to ensure accountability.



(406) 869-1938



info@westernnativevoice.org



1215 24 St. W, #115B ♦ Billings, MT 59102

Respectfully, the 232 undersigned Montanans,

Laurel	Hesse	Missoula	MT
Erin	White	Missoula	MT
Tricia	Kirkaldie	Browning	MT
Matthew	Kennedy	Missoula	MT
Olivia	Williamson	Crow Agency	MT
Patrick	Kujawa	Missoula	MT
Carroll	Passmore	Corvallis	MT
Jim	Gray	Missoula	MT
Smai	Fullerton	Missoula	MT
Allison	Howe	Bozeman	MT
Tara	Ashmore	Seeley Lake	MT
Zuri	Moreno	Missoula	MT
Mette	Fears	Billings	MT
Barbara	Bonifas	Helena	MT
Margaret	Perryman	Bozeman	MT
Wayne	Mortimer	Bozeman	MT
June	Ellestad	Lolo	MT
Madison	Ambrose Hall	Bozeman	MT
Bethany	Schatzke	Billings	MT
Zennith	DuBray	Browning	MT
Susan	Nienstedt	Sheridan	MT
Janis	Strout	Bozeman	MT
Brenna	Gradus	Missoula	MT
Sheri	Welch	Browning	MT
James	Waldby	Livingston	MT
John	Murray IV	Browning	MT
Michael	Sullivan	Butte	MT
Karen	Myers	Helmville	MT
Marisa	Neyenhuis	Hamilton	MT
Meghan	Boyce	Bozeman	MT
Patti	Steinmuller	Bozeman	MT
Corrina	Guardipee	Browning	MT

Aaron	Holland	Lolo	MT
Terry	Minow	Boulder	MT
Mary	Wall	Browning	MT
Laura	Smith	Browning	MT
Justin	Whitford	Havre	MT
Dixie	Guardipee	Browning	MT
Marguerite	Goodluck	Wyola	MT
Racheal	Briere	Browning	MT
Steve	Fox	Livingston	MT
Debra	Powell-Taylor	Babb	MT
Littlebird	Parks	Bigfork	MT
April	Maetin	Busby	MT
Debbie	Gervais	Browning	MT
Jeanette	Calarco	Bozeman	MT
Susan	Nienstedt	Sheridan	MT
Crystal	Old Chief	Browning	MT
Paul	Old Chief	Browning	MT
Della	Stump	Hardin	MT
Gregory	Zell	Missoula	MT
Renee	LaPlant	Browning	MT
Kathleen	Broere	Cut Bank	MT
Dana	Desrosier	Browning	MT
Cheryl L	Stiffarm	Harlem	MT
Meghan	Johns	Missoula	MT
Gail	Waldby	Livingston	MT
Billy	McWilliams	Bozeman	MT
Benjamin	Eckstein	Helena	MT
Karin	Kirk	Bozeman	MT
Robin	Pleninger	Ronan	MT
Carrie	McCleary	Hardin	MT
Luella	Brien	Crow Agency	MT
Zoe	Unruh	Billings	MT
Linda	Beischel	Helena	MT
edward	weymouth	Missoula	MT

Patricia	Hogan	Missoula	MT
Marshall	Mayer	Helena	MT
Jeannine	Cozzens	Billings	MT
Abigail	Huseth	Missoula	MT
Rochelle	Gravance	Columbus	MT
Annie	Heuscher	Missoula	MT
Grace	Benasutti	Missoula	MT
Caroline	Pharr	Helena	MT
Joan	Gates	Kalispell	MT
Roger	Ala	Helena	MT
Marlene	Miller	Butte	MT
Erin	Vang	Helena	MT
Caroline	Bingham	Missoula	MT
Rose	Spotted Bear	Browning	MT
Marijke	Stob	Whitefish	MT
Kristin	Cordingley	Helena	MT
Courtney	Smith	Bozeman	MT
Cathy	Stewart	Missoula	MT
Bob	Pyfer	Helena	MT
Wendy	Marsh	Helena	MT
india	maxwell	Bozeman	MT
Richard	Frazier	Whitefish	MT
Brian	Globerman	Bozeman	MT
Whitni	Ciofalo	Bozeman	MT
Linda	Young	Bozeman	MT
Carol	Scott-Fowler	Bozeman	MT
Phil	Williams	Bozeman	MT
Tammi	Corchero	Eureka	MT
Jo	Wagner	East Glacier	MT
peter	mickelsen	Lewistown	MT
Matthew	Trebella	Bozeman	MT
John	Smillie	Billings	MT
JoAnn	Hanson	Helena	MT
Sarah	Stewart	Gardiner	MT

Lea	tatsey	Heart Butte	MT
Mark	Pollock	Browning	MT
Maris	Fessenden's	Bozeman	MT
Iva	Croff	Browning	MT
Kathleen	Madison	Bozeman	MT
Robyn	Lauster	Bozeman	MT
Daniel	Biehl	Great Falls	MT
LJ	Morrison	Crow Agency	MT
Selma	Yellow Kidney	Browning	MT
Katie	Scherfig	Big Sky	MT
Laura	Trombley	Browning	MT
Kari	Gunderson	Swan Lake	MT
Brent	Morrow	Big Fork	MT
Steve	Lamar	Condon	MT
Erin	OBrien	Cut Bank	MT
Jarred	Malatare	Browning	MT
Kristal	Fox	Hays	MT
Patricia	Laplant	Browning	MT
Aaron	Foote JR	Browning	MT
Cheyenne	Foote	Browning	MT
William	Marceau	Browning	MT
Mary	Shaw	Condon	MT
Deb	Carstensen	Condon	MT
Joseph	Bullchild	Browning	MT
Jackie	Sharp	Browning	MT
Diana	McLean	Lame Deer	MT
Maggie	Bauer	Great Falls	MT
Major	Robinson	Helena	MT
Nellie	Means	Lame Deer	MT
Francine	Dupuis	Pablo	MT
Toni	Patterson	Hamilton	MT
Gale	Eversole	Bigfork	MT
Wanda	Martinez	Lame Deer	MT
Melveena	Malatare	Browning	MT

Roy	Bigcrane	Ronan	MT
Kimberlee	Guardipee	Missoula	MT
Janice	Speelman	Lame Deer	MT
Barbara	Schott	Bigfork	MT
Madison	Hebner	Bozeman	MT
Alina	Caudle	Missoula	MT
Marilyn	Guggenheim	Bozeman	MT
Sharen	Kickingwoman	Missoula	MT
James	Snow IV	Harlem	MT
Hannah	Lang	Bozeman	MT
Catherine	Card	Billings	MT
Austin	Wolf	Missoula	MT
Keith	Rock	Browning	MT
Eloise	Whitewolf	Billings	MT
Teague	GoodVoice	Missoula	MT
Kristen	Malatare	Browning	MT
Abbie	Bandstra	Livingston	MT
Margo	Ensz	Missoula	MT
Hans	Abbey	Billings	MT
Hannah	Honey	Missoula	MT
Michael	Wagner	Browning	MT
Joshua	Spotted Eagle	Browning	MT
Kyli	Gursky	Missoula	MT
Nathan	Skunkcap	Browning	MT
Colin	Gaiser	Kalispell	MT
Tyreese	Selam	Browning	MT
Arthur	Alden Jr.	Billings	MT
Natalie	Malaterre	Browning	MT
Curtis	Elkshoulder, Sr.	Busby	MT
Leah	Berry	Laurel	MT
Joel	Fenner	Great Falls	MT
Michael	Miller	Lame deer	MT
Carl	Eastman	Crow Agency	MT
Megan	Bowen	Bozeman	MT

Becky	Wall	Billings	MT
Monica	Garrahan	Havre	MT
Priscilla	Oscar	Browning	MT
Roxy	Burley	Billings	MT
Nick	Zachman	Bozeman	MT
Alissa	Snow	Missoula	MT
Daniel	LaForge	Billings	MT
Nicole	Edwards	Browning	MT
Larry	Woolf	Browning	MT
Genevieve	Goudy	Browning	MT
Keith	Spotted Eagle	Heart Butte	MT
Kiah	Abbey	Missoula	MT
Noah	Marion	Bozeman	MT
Annie	Warner	Missoula	MT
Jennifer	Nitz	Missoula	MT
Lynnel	Bullshoe	Browning	MT
Stacey	Haugland	Bozeman	MT
Rosemary	Seppi	Bizeman	MT
Elizabeth	Madden	Bozeman	MT
Melissa	Smith	Great Falls	MT
Tracie	Garfield	Townsend	MT
Ella	Smith	Missoula	MT
Brian	Hoffman	Marion	MT
Kate	Kahan	Missoula	MT
Janine	Pease	Billings	MT
Nonie	Woolf	Browning	MT
Aleksi	Rapt	Bozeman	MT
Faith	Price	St. Ignatius	MT
Arielle	Wolf Chief	Box Elder	MT
Jessica	Crist	Great Falls	MT
Ta'jin	Perez	Billings	MT
LauraA	Pippin	Helena	MT
Kiersten	Iwai	Bozeman	MT
Evelyn	Roundstone	Busby	MT

Hope	Freier	Missoula	MT
Meghan	Lockner	Bozeman	MT
Lander	Karath	Bozeman	MT
Pete	Coppolillo	Bozeman	MT
Tracey	Vivar	East Glacier Park	MT
Matt	Deserly	Wolf Point	MT
Elizabeth	Deserly	Wolf Point	MT
Brandon	Prior	Alberton	MT
Heather	Labbe	Missoula	MT
Pari	Kemmick	Billings	MT
Carlton	harris	Belgrade	MT
Dyani	Bingham	Billings	MT
Claire	Campbell	Missoula	MT
Jean	Weiskotten	Whitefish	MT
Shelby	Rogala	Helena	MT
Alyssa	Kelly	Missoula	MT
Kylie	Gursky	Missoula	MT
Marnie	Vaile	Browning	MT
Aaron	LaFromboise	Browning	MT
Ramona	Kipling	Browning	MT
Mary	Borris Pepion	Missoula	MT
Kelli	Parsons	Browning	MT
Marcella	Anderson	Martin City	MT
Sandy	Kindt	Bozeman	MT
Zhona	Tang	Billings	MT
Violet	Haugland	Bozeman	MT
Megan	Blauwkamp	Havre	MT
Malinda	Goldhirsch	Whitefish	MT
Marilyn	Rhodes	Browning	MT
Tracy	Galbreath	Babb	MT
Kathy	Koors	Condon	MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Brenda Westwood
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:01:42 PM

From: Brenda Westwood brenda@horsesensehealing.com
Residence: Kila

Message:

I am a resident of Flathead County and a Kalispell Chamber Member. I stand with my Chamber of Commerce to keep Whitefish and all of Flathead County in the proposed Western District. Flathead County, our industries, tourism and ways of life are Western Montana.

Thank you,
Brenda Westwood

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bonnie White
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:37:19 PM

From: Bonnie White bwhitemt@mac.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I would request that map 11 be the choice in the redistricting of Montana Western Congressional seat, because
It does not divide Gallatin county.

--

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Germaine White
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:19:56 AM

From: Germaine White germaineawhite@gmail.com
Residence: St Ignatius, MT

Message:
Please select Map 11

--

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

From: [Karl Whitmore](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support CP11!
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:47:31 PM

Hi Commissioners!

I support CP11 as it's the only way to split the state equally and provide for competitiveness (Cook PVI Score of R+5).

Thank you for your time and efforts!

Sincerely,

Karl Whitmore
1817 Stewart Loop
Bozeman, MT, 59718
505-697-2245

From: [Sharon Whitmore](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission proposed maps
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:14:34 PM

Of the two proposed maps, I support adopting **Map CP 11**. I believe it does a better job of including districts that don't unduly favor single political parties.

From: [Susan Whittinghill](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:34:06 PM

Hello,

I'm a 3rd generation Montanan deeply concerned about the current politics in Montana and our country. In looking at the two choices that have been narrowed down, one has to wonder if the Republican Party isn't overly obvious about wanting to control the state on the national level as well. Let's be realistic and honest; Map CP 11 is the only choice that doesn't unduly favor the Republican Party.

Please do the right thing and vote for map CP 11.

Thank you for your time,

Susie Whittinghill

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gary Wiens
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:17:59 PM

From: Gary Wiens garyjwiens@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

My name is Gary J. Wiens and I live in Helena. I urge you to select Map #11 for Montanas new congressional districts. Lewis and Clark County is historically connected to the western communities of the state and should be in the western district.

I strongly support Map #11. Map #11 keeps both Montana districts competitive. Map #10 unfairly places Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district, disenfranchising its residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

--

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

From: [Bradley Williams](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Only Map 1 is lawful and constitutional
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:51:00 AM

Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

The two newly proposed maps (CP-10 and CP-11) are terrible maps as they are based on trying to carve out specific party districts and as such do not comply with Montana statutes and constitutional requirements.

Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1 as it's the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bradley Williams
115 Ricketts Rd
Hamilton MT 59840
406-531-0937

Sent from my iPhone

From: jwoessner@bigsky.net
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Map #11 for Montana Re-districting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 5:51:48 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of the all the citizens of Montana.
I am writing in support of CP#11 for these reasons:

1. It is the only one of the two proposed which offers a competitive district, where a candidate from either party might be elected.
2. It keeps Gallatin County intact, and aligns areas with common interests (forest, ski and recreational economic interests as well as rural, ranching/farming economic interests)
3. It puts Native American tribal interests into both districts, where representatives will need to pay attention to their voices and needs.

Sincerely
Jean Woessner
Missoula, MT

From: [Twila Wolfe](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Proposal Opinion
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:19:37 PM

My choice is Proposal 10. Flathead should be in the West and Bozeman in the East in my opinion.

Twila Wolfe
Missoula

From: [Michael Wood](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map #CP 11 is the better choice
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:50:49 AM

Hello,

I'm just re-submitting some earlier comments, even though I've heard back from one of you already. It is vital to promote competition in our elections. Here are my comments from my previous email:

"Competition is the American way. It sharpens our arguments and forces us to consider what our competitor is doing. Without competition, we get lazy in our thinking and no longer strive for continuous improvement.

Competition is also the essence of strong democracy. Without competitive districts, winning candidates no longer need to consider alternatives to the current way of thinking, since there is no viable potential for candidates with opposing views to ever win the election. This condition opens the door to either complacency (the death nail of creativity and innovation), or to a system that seeks at all costs to defend itself against any change from the status quo. Neither of these outcomes is good for democracy or for America as a whole.

For these reasons, I am firmly in favor of MP #CP 11, the only remaining map that encourages competition in at least part of our state. Please consider my views when making your final decision on districting in Montana. Thank you."

Thanks again for considering my comments.

Mike

--

Mike Wood (he, him, his)
(928) 607-6356

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kimberly Wortman
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:28:08 AM

From: Kimberly Wortman kmwortman@gmail.com
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

It does not make sense to me to separate Whitefish from Flathead County. While separate cities are in the County, I feel that residents use and enjoy all the cities. We are too intertwined for Whitefish to be separate.

--

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

From: [shaker-yates](#)
To: [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith](#); [jeff.essmann](#); [Joe.lamson](#); [dan.stusek](#); [kendra.miller](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:54:56 AM

Hello, my name is Melissa Yates. I live at 660 Armory rd in Whitefish. I have lived in Whitefish for 31 years and in Montana for 47 years.

I am writing to you today in support of Map 11 for redistricting. I feel Map 11 supports all Montana's and is closest to what we had previously. I feel it doesn't favor one party over another.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter,
Melissa Yates

From: [Marta York](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map Selection
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:23:35 PM

I am writing to support Proposal 11 map be selected for the redistricting process. While it still doesn't lend itself to a completely unbiased formula it is more representative for the voters of the Western portion of the state of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Marta L York
martalyork@gmail.com

From: [Laurel Yost](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#); jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] District Map
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:51:56 AM

I support the proposed map 11! Even though I am a resident of Gallatin County and would prefer not to be split, map#11 creates the fairest apportionment and I am in favor of it.

Thanks for your work and careful consideration.

Sincerely,
Laurel Yost
311 N Church Ave, Bozeman, MT 59715

From: [Hugh Zackheim](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:23:49 PM

Members of the Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I strongly support Proposal 11 as the map that the Commission should adopt to establish Montana's two congressional districts. This map provides a fair and competitive framework for Montana elections over the next decade, and helps ensure that candidates effectively and honestly engage with Montana citizens and communities as they seek electoral support.

Thank you for your work and for your dedication to our democratic system.

Hugh Zackheim
33 S Howie St
Helena, MT 59601

From: gregzell406
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Support Congressional District Map CP 11.
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:13:19 PM

Dear Members of the Congressional District Commission:

In view of making the Congressional Districts equitable, fair, and competitive for the voting public of Montana, please support the adoption of the Congressional District Map CP 11.

Sincerely and Thank You for your Dedication to this Commission.

Gregory Zell
gregzell406@gmail.com
Missoula, MT

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Pam Zimmerman
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:21:37 PM

From: Pam Zimmerman mtprz@yahoo.com
Residence: Kalispell MT

Message:
To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly urge you to keep all of Flathead County whole and a part of the western districting solution. I urge you to use CP10.

Kind Regards,
Pam Zimmerman

--

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