

Commission Meeting - Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Time	Guest Name	Comment	Posted
10/11/2011 10:42	Nansen Malin	Question about the timeline: will the Nov 1 for maps internal deadline be met?	Yes
10/11/2011 10:46	Amanda Taub, GISP	Will GIS shapefiles be published of proposals in addition to the Google kml files? Amanda Taub, GISP from Douglas County GIS in East Wenatchee	Yes
10/11/2011 10:46	Nansen Malin	from Nansen Malin - Seaview WA.	Yes
10/11/2011 10:46	Nansen Malin	oops sorry	No
10/11/2011 10:47	Nansen Malin	from Nansen Malin in Seaview WA. Question about the timeline: will the Nov 1 for maps internal deadline be met?	No
10/11/2011 10:54	Nansen Malin	Nansen Malin, Seaview WA. Comment re: CD 03. Pacific Co economy is tied to the Columbia River. NOT to Grays Harbor as stated by Dem Commissioners. This historic and current transportation is also toward Vancouver/Portland along the Columbia River. South Pacific County would be completely isolated if moved out of CD 03. Looking at Oregon- they also include Clatsop County with Multnomah Co in their districting - recognizing the importance of the Columbia River connection.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:00	Gloria Hirashima	I am submitting the following comment on behalf of the City of Marysville, WA. A letter has also been submitted with signature. Thank you for your consideration.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:01	Nansen Malin	Nansen Malin, Seaview WA. Members of Congress should represent their constituents as locally as they can get. Why would Rep Dicks be entitled to Tacoma when Rep Smith lives 5 miles from downtown Tacoma? Why would Rep Smith represent more King Co votes while he lives in Pierce Co? Additionally: Why are the dem commissioners drawing extensions of districts outside city limits and communities of interest when they can easily be consolidated and unified within those communities of interest and city populations?	Yes

10/11/2011 11:06	Gloria Hirashima	<p>Dear Commission members:</p> <p>The City of Marysville has reviewed the Redistricting Commission's proposals for redistricting of state legislative and congressional boundaries. We submit the following comments regarding those proposals:</p> <p>State Legislative Plan. Marysville remains interested in consolidating our current legislative districts with respect to our city limits. Ideally we would like to be unified within a single district. The City is currently located in four legislative districts-38th, 44th, 10th and 39th. Commissioner Ceis and Commissioner Foster's proposals would result in Marysville being in either one or two districts. In Commissioner Ceis proposal, Marysville would be entirely within the 38th District. In Commissioner Foster's proposal, Marysville would be split between the 38th and 44th Districts. Either proposal would meet our goals. The City also submitted a proposal for redistricting that resulted in Marysville being entirely within the 44th legislative district. Marysville is closely aligned on regional issues with the 38th and 44th Districts, so we would prefer to remain in one or both of these districts. They are more representative of urban areas. Marysville is a city of 60,030 residents, and as a result, very representative of urban issues and priorities. The 10th and 39th Districts are more representative of lower density residential, rural and agricultural interests.</p> <p>Federal Congressional Plan. We have also reviewed the cong</p>	Yes
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10/11/2011 11:07	Sue Lani Madsen	Legislative Maps: Ceis pulls Adams County into the 13th District, Foster pulls Lincoln into the 13th District. Neither of these proposals makes sense. Lincoln and Adams County, while they do share an important border with Grant County, are economically and environmentally tied to eastern Washington, the dryland Palouse and the Spokane economy rather than the Central Basin. In addition, both maps clip of a corner of the Adams County panhandle into a central WA district, making it difficult for political organizations to stay meaningfully involved. Small rural counties should NOT be split legislatively or Congressionally. Either Huff or Gorton are preferable from the point of view of the Bi-County region of Lincoln and Adams county.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:12	Sue Lani Madsen	Edwall, WA	Yes
10/11/2011 11:12	Sue Lani Madsen	Edwall, WA Congressional: Foster, Huff and Ceis all split either or both Adams and Lincoln County between the 4th and 5th Congressional Districts. Gorton keeps each county intact in a single Congressional District. Small population, low density rural counties are a single community of interest. Dividing small population counties between two Congressional districts discourages participation and dilutes representation.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:14	Neal Traven	In my opinion, a "majority-minority" Congressional district won't accomplish the goals of its proponents. M-M districts work if there is a specific language/racial/national-origin group that dominates the district, but that is the antithesis of what would occur in a WA district.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:21	Sue Lani Madsen	FYI - Small, rural counties may surprise you with their GIS capability, but then they shouldn't be split up anyway.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:22	Neal Traven, Seattle	(oops, didn't mean to send so soon) In WA, an M-M district would have a smattering of dozens of groups, none of them coming close to dominating the voting population. A few percent apiece of African-Americans, Koreans, Salvadorans, Pakistanis, Eritreans, and on and on and on won't have a lot of commonality. In fact, some will be actively antagonistic to others (say, Iraqis vs. Iranians, or Indians vs. Pakistanis). In the end, by far the largest minority in such a district would be non-Hispanic whites. Note, however, that this argument doesn't really apply to Legislative Districts; one or two Latino LDs in Yakima and several LDs similar to the current 37th and 11th would make sense.	Yes

10/11/2011 11:26	Amanda Taub, GISP	I would say that the larger and mid-sized Counties have the GIS departments and divisions able to provide the detailed geographic analyses to assist the Redistricting Commission. It is the smaller counties on the peninsula and in eastern Washington that may not be able to provide these analyses simply because they do not have the resources necessary to do so. Amanda Taub, GISP in East Wenatchee	Yes
10/11/2011 11:33	Amanda Taub, GISP	Hopefully when the next Census in 2020 comes, then all of the Counties and Cities in Washington State will have invested in GIS. Unfortunately, not all Counties and Cities have this tool today.	Yes
10/11/2011 11:34	Marissa Beach	I strongly support the majority-minority Congressional district proposed by Commissioner Huff - with no incumbent. Creating a new district with the opportunity for new leadership makes sense given that our state received this new seat thanks in large part to the growth of immigrants and communities of color. The Commission would be promoting civic engagement in these communities of new voters and providing an opportunity for these families to elect leadership that will fight to fix the disparities these communities of mutual interest face.	Yes