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12/29/2011 10:34	Sue Lani Madsen	FYI - the comment window is showing up under the TVW window on the screen. Can you put it back up on the right hand side of the TVW screen?	Yes
12/29/2011 10:35	chadlupkes	I strongly approve of the new guidelines for public comments during the chat. Well conceived and presented. This chat is a social networking tool as well as a public comment collection tool. It's good to have it be treated as such.	Yes
12/29/2011 10:36	Patti Ensor	From Patti Ensor, Davenport, Lincoln Co., WA	Yes
12/29/2011 10:45	Amanda Taub Douglas Co	Douglas County has reviewed the two proposed plans for Legislative Districts in eastern Washington. Here are our comments. Commissioner Tom Huff's plan would keep the whole of Douglas County in the 12th Legislative District with Chelan County and parts of Okanogan and Grant Counties. This plan is preferred by Douglas County as Douglas County is currently all in the 12th Legislative District. Commissioner Dean Foster's plan would split Douglas County between the 12th and 13th Legislative Districts. The map seems to show that the majority of Douglas County would move from the 12th into the 13th District. We are unclear as to whether the Cities of East Wenatchee, Bridgeport and our portion of Coulee Dam will be in District 12 or 13. The map does not show enough detail to make this determination. Are there GIS files available for Commissioner Foster's plan or can we see a more detailed map centered on Douglas County?	Yes
12/29/2011 10:47	West Sider	Am I to understand that the state's legislative West side is pretty well settled?	Yes
12/29/2011 10:49	Brian Goss Sammamish	It's disappointing to see racial gerrymandering come to Washington. Gary Locke was elected Governor twice, Ron Sims was elected King County Executive three times, Norm Rice was elected Seattle Mayor twice, and so on. It's unfortunate that the congressional map in King County is so illogical now due to the unnecessary minority-majority district.	Yes

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12/29/2011 10:52	Mathew Tomaskin Yakama	If we are being asked to act as adults, I strongly encourage the Commissioners to act accordingly too.....	Yes
12/29/2011 10:59	Brian from Spokane	So much of the efforts in Eastern Washington are about protecting Lisa Brown and where she lives on the South Hill in Spokane. Knock it off!!	Yes
12/29/2011 11:05	Brian Goss Sammamish	The minority-majority congressional district greatly benefits the GOP in Western Washington's congressional map. And a full-blown minority-majority 15th legislative district would benefit the Democrats. I think a congressional district is worth a lot more than a legislative district. I can't help but conclude that Commissioner Huff is unwilling to accept a compromise, even one that is very favorable to his party.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:08	Mathew Tomaskin Yakama	What Comissioner Ceis just said was very disturbing, I said this in testimony in Yakima, the redistricting as a whole is flawed, look at the make up of the commission and it's staff, there is not one person of color on the comission or it's staff.....which if there was a person of color this would be a true representation of Washington as a whole	Yes
12/29/2011 11:09	Matt Watkins	Pasco is definitely a community of interest. While I appreciate Mr. Huff's points I still have difficulty with splitting Pasco up. If Mr. Foster's plan could be slightly modified to include Pasco in one district we'd appreciate it.	Yes

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12/29/2011 11:09	Tino Gallegos	My name is Tino Gallegos and I am from Seattle. It does not matter how evenly you distribute the Latino community in districts in Central/Eastern Washington, if any district does not reach above 50% Latino population, our community will be outvoted in every single election. The history of Latinos in Central/Eastern Washington has been a history of a group of people who work at the lowest wage and most dangerous jobs in their communities. Those needs have persisted to the present. The Latino community in Central/Eastern Washington has a very distinct need from state government that is not currently being met through their current political representation. Failure to guarantee the ability of that community to access state government through the political process is to foreclose the political process to them. That is why Dean Foster's concerns should be given due consideration.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:11	Brian Spokane	Tina: Commissioner Huff's maps have TWO districts with a Latino majority. Commissioner Foster's has only one.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:13	Mathew Tomaskin Yakama	I support Mr. Huff's proposal, stick to your guns Mr. Huff	Yes
12/29/2011 11:14	Collin from Seattle	I am frustrated that the commission is proposing to divide the Eastside into multiple congressional districts. Medina and Clyde hill have very little in common with rural Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Likewise, Sammamish and Issaquah have little in common with Chelan and Wenatchee. Please do not divide these communities that currently share so much in common.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:14	Brian Goss Sammamish	But only Foster's map would create a district where Latinos are actually a majority of the voters.	Yes

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12/29/2011 11:16	Collin Jergens	(resubmitted with full name) I am frustrated that the commission is proposing to divide the Eastside into multiple congressional districts. Medina and Clyde hill have very little in common with rural Whatcom and Skagit Counties. Likewise, Sammamish and Issaquah have little in common with Chelan and Wenatchee. Please do not divide these communities that currently share so much in common.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:17	Brian Goss Sammamish	I agree with Collin. The Eastside shouldn't be split into three districts when it only has about 400,000 people.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:22	Sue Lani Madsen	Edwall: Likewise, Lincoln County should not be split in two legislative districts when it only has about 10,000 people.	Yes
12/29/2011 11:31	Karen Martin	Walla Walla County should not be split, we are mostly rural and do not a lot in common with the mostly metroplitan areas of Benton and Franklin Counties.	Yes
12/29/2011 12:00	Lori Sotelo	It would be nice to completely identify the speakers.....concerned citizen doesn't cut it. Lorena Gonzalez, concerned citizen, Vice President One America, Fe Lopez, concerned citizen, Latino PAC of Washington.	Yes

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12/29/2011 12:03	David Bain	<p>I trust that the Gorton and Ceis legislative and congressional maps are fair as far as Republican-Democratic balance is concerned. However, they do a poor job of respecting community boundaries. I suggest a final "scrub" in which the maps are adjusted to respect community boundaries and checking whether those adjustments will affect the balance sufficiently to disrupt bipartisan support.</p> <p>There are many small cities in the Seattle area. Rather than splitting many of these, I would encourage the commission to respect city boundaries, and use populations from Seattle, Bellevue, and unincorporated areas to balance districts. For example, I see no justification for splitting Kirkland among three legislative districts. I would take Kirkland out of the first. To make up for that loss in population, I would put the remainder of Mountlake Terrace in the first. I would also include the unincorporated areas southeast of Lynnwood in the first. I would extend the 32nd to include all of Edmonds. The 21st could extend through Everett. The 38th could extend through Arlington. The 48th could include all of Kirkland. All of Redmond could be placed in the 45th with Woodinville.</p> <p>With respect to the boundaries between the first and second congressional district, I would have preferred to see the second be in the north, consisting of all of San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, and Island counties. The balance of the required population would be made up from Snohomish County. I'd suggest exten</p>	Yes
12/29/2011 12:08	Ryan Grant Medical Lake	I'd like to echo what others have said about not splitting Lincoln County. I'd also like to say a word for keeping the western portion of Spokane County in the 7th LD; we're rural out here, and wouldn't really be a great fit for the suburban 6th LD.	Yes
12/29/2011 15:05	chadlupkes	Ok, works now	No



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12/29/2011 15:09	Sue Lani Madsen	This is a mobile society, as testified to by the young people who used to live in the Hispanic precincts of the Yakima Valley but now live on the west side. Communities of interest need to be based on real communities not theoretical people.	No
12/29/2011 15:09	Dave Koch Spokane County	There seems to be too little sunshine on this process.	Yes