



## 2011 UNITY MAPS PROPOSAL

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# Summary

United for Fair Representation is a coalition of leaders and organizations serving communities of color across WA state. The coalition formed to educate and encourage our communities of interest to be involved in the redistricting process as a means to achieve steps towards fair representation.

Our coalition submits the following Unity Map proposals:

- 1) 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in South King County with a majority of people of color.
- 2) Include Yakima and Tri-Cities in one Congressional District.
- 3) Three legislative districts in King County with a majority of people of color.
- 4) One legislative district in Tacoma/Pierce County with a majority of people of color.
- 5) One legislative district in Yakima County with a majority of people of color.

The Unity Maps include corresponding links to download shapefiles, block assignments, race statistics and CDP (census-designated place) files on the [www.fairrepresentationwa.org](http://www.fairrepresentationwa.org) website.

Our coalition has worked tirelessly to educate our communities of interest about this important process. From Bellingham, Spokane, Yakima, Tacoma and South Seattle – about 500 supporters attended hearings and 200 testimonies have been heard on the need for fair representation for communities of color.

We especially urge the creation of a new 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in South King County as a “community of interest” for the following reasons:

- History of Institutional Racism – For example, before passage of the 1968 Fair Housing Act, people of color were not allowed to buy or rent housing north of Madison Street. These lines still represent an important dividing line that should be respected.
- Respects Political Boundaries - Unlike current congressional district boundaries, this proposed district keeps the following cities completely contained: Renton, Kent, Tukwila, SeaTac – all majority-minority cities – as well as the diverse cities of Des Moines, Newcastle and Federal Way.
- Fairness - Given that one out of four Washingtonians is a person of color, it is only fair to have at least one Congressional District comprise a majority of people of color. This is not necessarily about electing a person of color as it is about accountability and fairness.
- Civic participation - Creating a majority people of color congressional district will be a critical step in ensuring that voters in this community feel that their votes matter.

We strongly urge the adoption of our Congressional and state legislative Unity Maps

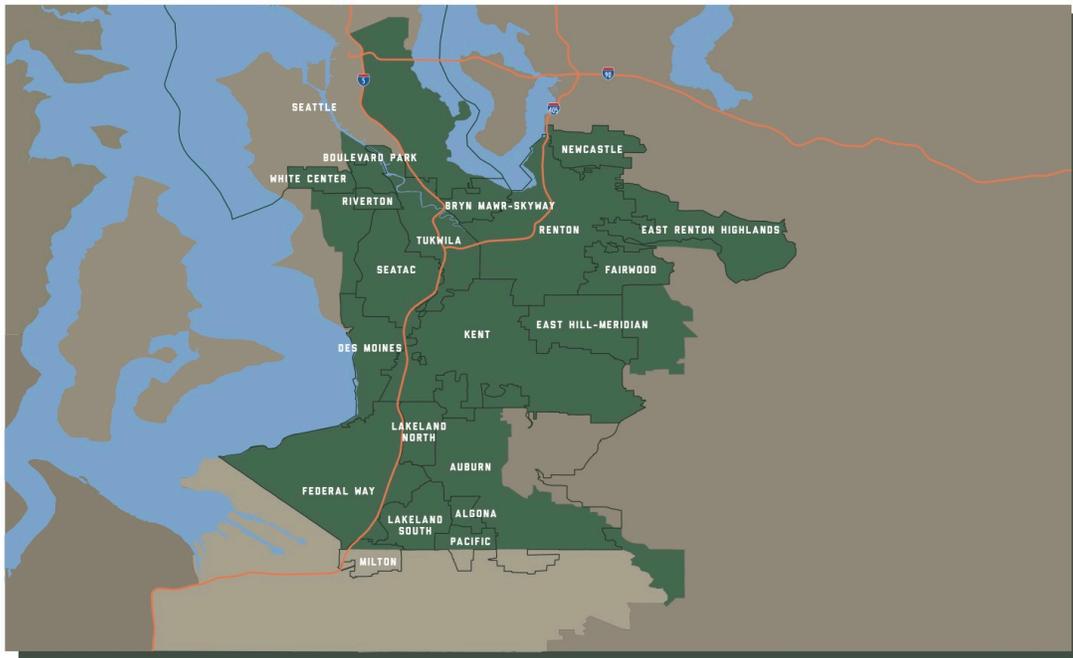


Diverse attendees testify at Aug 9, 2011



WA Redistricting Public Forum in South Seattle. Photo credit: One America

## UNITED *for* FAIR REPRESENTATION | 2011 UNITY MAP



**PROPOSED NEW 10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT** *South King County*  
TOTAL POPULATION 672,493 | TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 346,460 | PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 51.5%

FILES: <http://fairrepresentationwa.org/10th-congressional-district/>

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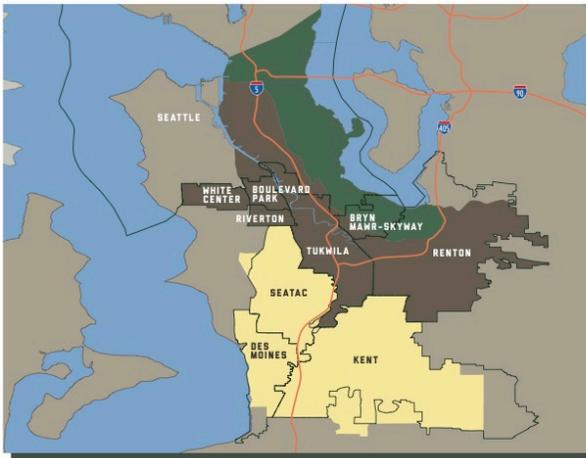


### PROPOSED STATEWIDE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

TOTAL POPULATION 6,724,540 | TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 1,847,736 | PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 27.5%

FILES: <http://fairrepresentationwa.org/statewide-congressional-districts/>

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## PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS *King County*

**GREEN**  
 TOTAL POPULATION 136,536  
 TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 83,616  
 PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 61.2%

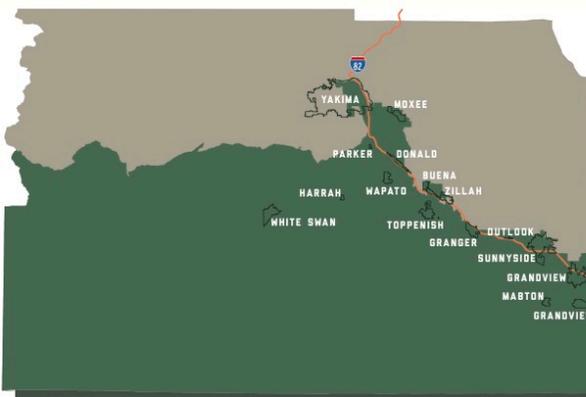
**BROWN**  
 TOTAL POPULATION 135,851  
 TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 80,596  
 PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 59.3%

**YELLOW**  
 TOTAL POPULATION 137,374  
 TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 72,513  
 PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 52.8%



## PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT *Pierce County*

TOTAL POPULATION 137,334  
 TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 72,896  
 PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 53.1%



## PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT *Yakima County*

TOTAL POPULATION 131,302  
 TOTAL PEOPLE OF COLOR 95,958  
 PERCENTAGE PEOPLE OF COLOR 73.1%

FILES: <http://fairrepresentationwa.org/state-legislative-districts/>