

# Public Comments: A - B

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support CP 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:33:58 AM

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I am writing to urge you to support CP 11 as Montana's new congressional map. It is important that all voices be heard and represented in Montana. This map provides the best opportunity for all voices in Montana — liberal and conservative voices — to be heard and represented in Washington DC. Our second congressional seat should be used for this purpose.

Thank you.  
Robin Abeshaus

3331 Hollis St.  
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**From:** [skyvt1908@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:skyvt1908@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Robert Abraham](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please select CP 11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:04:30 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings and thanks to all of you for your efforts in this districting and apportionment process. Its a relief to see the maps narrowed down to two. Of these two- - myself and many of the voters living here in the Flathead County hope that CP11 is chosen. The competitiveness of the districts is maintained and Montana voters such as myself truly desire competitiveness in this districting and apportionment process.

Robert Abraham

Sincerely,  
Robert Abraham  
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**From:** [lyda adair](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Supporting Congressional Proposal #11 for Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:04:39 PM

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As a registered voter in Yellowstone County, I support Proposal #11, as fairest method to provide our citizens right to be heard when voting in Congressional elections.

Thank you for all the work you are doing in this process on the Commission.

Lyda Adair

**From:** [rcadair@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:rcadair@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Roberta Adair](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please consider the points below in making your Congressional District choice.  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 5:05:28 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I have reviewed both proposed Congressional district maps, and I support alternative Map #CP11 for the following reasons.

- 1) It does not split any towns. Map #CP 10 splits the town, Big Sky, and the County, Gallatin, in which I live.
- 2) It provides for one competitive district, while CP10 unduly favors one political party.
- 3) It follows the 1980s precedent more closely and thus is less disruptive over all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roberta Adair

Sincerely,  
Roberta Adair  
2120 Lone Walker Rd Big Sky, MT 59716  
[rcadair@mac.com](mailto:rcadair@mac.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Alex Adams  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:07:51 PM

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From: Alex Adams alexkadams@gmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:  
Dear Commissioners,

My name is Alex Adams and I am a physician researcher who works to build health equity for rural and Native populations in Montana. I am based in Bozeman but we have partners in over 20 counties- mostly rural in MT.

I support Map 10 as it keeps communities and counties most intact. Map 10 minimizes splitting counties, towns and cities. It does not unduly favor one party over another and gives us the best chance of fair elections that fully represents the wishes of the electorate.

Map 11 splits up counties and reservations and is not a fair representation of how the state works. Splitting communities makes no sense and unfairly favors one party over another.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marianne Adams  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:57:39 PM

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From: Marianne Adams [mariannekadams@gmail.com](mailto:mariannekadams@gmail.com)

Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

Thank you for your hard work. After looking over the choices I strongly encourage you to choose map #11.

Thank you!

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**From:** [Suzanne Albano](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] District proposals  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:00:30 AM

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Good morning

I would like to submit my desire to see Montana's new legislative districts to look like Proposal 11.

I believe that leaving Gallatin County intact and moving Flathead County to the east is the best proposal for our state.

I encourage you to make a similar decision

I am a 65 yr old native Montanan. I have voted in all the elections of my life. I have always lived in the eastern district of the state.

Thank you  
Suzanne Albano  
Billings MT

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Marjorie Albers](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Use #11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:00:06 PM

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I think that the districts should be competitive and more even in population. Thus I think that you should use Congressional Proposal # 11.

Thank you,  
Margie Albers

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jeanie Alderson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:10:23 AM

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From: Jeanie Alderson [jeaniealderson@gmail.com](mailto:jeaniealderson@gmail.com)  
Residence: Birney, MT

Message:  
For the redistricting of Montana Please choose CP 11.  
Thanks

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jeffrey N Aldrich  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:30:31 AM

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From: Jeffrey N Aldrich [jroaldrich@msn.com](mailto:jroaldrich@msn.com)  
Residence: Helena Montana

Message:

Please choose Map 11 for redistricting in Montana. It is the most fair in not favoring one political party. It does not divide counties, and it more closely resembles maps previously used in Montana. Fairness is the most critical piece to consider, especially in the divisive time in which we live. People need to feel confident in the results of elections.

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**From:** [finsteach@everyactioncustom.com](mailto:finsteach@everyactioncustom.com) on behalf of [Pamela Aldrich](#)  
**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please choose map 11 for redistricting.  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 8:59:38 AM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

This is Pam Aldrich and I support choosing map 11 for redistricting in Montana.

This map shows equal population and moves Helena to the western district. It is a better choice as it does not favor any political party. This seems way more fair. I also like the fact that this map does not split any towns and it follows the congressional line from the 1980s.

Map 10 favors one political party which right off the bat is wrong. It splits the towns of Gallatin Gateway and Big sky. This map also makes more change to the congressional line from the 1980s.

Please support and choose map 11 for redistricting in Montana.

Sincerely,  
Pamela aldrich

Sincerely,  
Pamela Aldrich  
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[finsteach@msn.com](mailto:finsteach@msn.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: John Randolph Alford  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:12:39 PM

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From: John Randolph Alford [mtjra@protonmail.com](mailto:mtjra@protonmail.com)  
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I think you should choose a map that does not strongly favor either party in either district. Map CP-11 strongly favors Democrats in District 1 and strongly favors Republicans in District 2. If you choose this map you will see a Democrat win every election in District 1 and a Republican win every election in District 2. Map CP-10 is less gerrymandered to give each party a safe district than map CP-11, but if you are sincere about creating competitive districts you should choose map CP-1, which more evenly balances the parties in both halves of the state.

Thank you for your time and for considering my comment.

John Alford

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support Map #11!  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 1:28:30 PM

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Here are the reasons I support Map #11:

- **Map CP 11 ensures vital communities of interest remain intact:** as the community of Bozeman continues to face rising housing costs, more and more Montana workers and families find themselves commuting from Belgrade, Gallatin Gateway, and Livingston to Bozeman for work. **CP 11 ensures this critical economic connection isn't divided by district lines.**
- CP 11 is competitive -- ensuring our votes matter as much as our neighbors by **not unduly favoring one political party.**
- CP 11 closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980s Congressional districts, achieving **perfect population equality.**

**Please think about our future and do the right and just thing. Every vote needs to matter in a democracy. I believe in this whole heartedly, even if it means my party doesn't win. This map is fair and not skewed to favor one party over another, which should be the goal.**

**Thank you all for your hard work on this!**

**Emily Allison**

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Larry Altenbrun  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 8:16:35 PM

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From: Larry Altenbrun [larryaltenbrun@msn.com](mailto:larryaltenbrun@msn.com)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:  
I believe #11 is the most fair.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] CP #11  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:05:58 PM

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Thank you for your work and the time you have put into this issue. I strongly urge you to support CP #11. It is the only map remaining that is fair, as it doesn't unduly favor one party. Please uphold the principles of our democracy.

Thank you,

Liz Ametsbichler

(2405 Raymond Ave, Missoula 59802)

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**From:** [Mark Ammondson](#)  
**To:** [George Torp](#)  
**Cc:** [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendia.Miller@meleg.gov](#); [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Redistricting maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:09:32 PM

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Well said!

On Wed, Oct 27, 2021, 12:57 PM George Torp <[gtorp@bresnan.net](mailto:gtorp@bresnan.net)> wrote:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the redistricting commission,

First I want to thank all of you for your very important service to our great State of Montana and to the United States of America with all citizens of every creed color or religion. My father was an immigrant (1917) and a good friend to Senator Mike Mansfield. Both are turning over in their graves as they watch what is happening to this still great country which is being taken over by some corrupt, money hungry socialists and politicians, that will do anything to end life as we know it and which I have enjoyed all of my 81 years.

I feel Montana is one of the few states in our nation that can place itself above all others and maintain a culture and living standard, outpacing all others. I Thank God ever day for leaders who can see the handwriting on the wall and are willing to fight to keep AMERICA GREAT!

With that said I count on you to overlook politics and do the right thing for all citizens or have your names on a list that caused the take down of this great land.

Personally I don't like either Map 10 or 11—probably would prefer Map 7 or return to the old map of 40 years or more.

In closing please read this writing I received a few days ago, written by Carl Ibsen, former Missoula Sheriff.

“Hard times create strong men. Strong men create good times. Good times create weak men. Weak men create hard times.

Does anyone else think that this might be the future of our coming times? Can't help but think that we, as a people and a nation,

are in for some really bad times, which will be worse than the Great Depression. This has been coming for a few decades, but

has been highlighted by the administration of Dementia Joe, who is the PINO (President In Name Only). Whoever is pulling his

puppet strings is quickly destroying America. We may never recover. We, certainly, will not recover in my lifetime, since we,

apparently, are not willing to fight, in one form or another, for the survival of this once great country.”

What more can I add? It's not about Democrat or Republican, it's about survival of this great country and our way of life—freedom from ternary! Freedom to Worship, Thank God.

Submitted by George Torp, 3023 Martinwood Road, Missoula, 59802, 406-543-4228, [gtorp@bresnan.net](mailto:gtorp@bresnan.net). Thank You

**From:** [Chris Amyes, Kalispell MT](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 7:45:29 PM

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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.

Chris Amyes  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Citizen Input regarding Montana Districting & Apportionment Commission  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 5:53:25 PM

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Dear Districting and Apportionment Commission,

As a Montanan I strongly urge you to select redistricting that encourages political competitiveness to the greatest extent possible. Our political processes should not be winner-takes-all, zero sum power struggles but rather should create an environment that encourages dialogue to offer up, discuss, debate and decide upon policies and communal undertakings that foster the best we can hope to offer up for our children, our grandchildren, our neighbors and ourselves. To that end, my understanding is that Map 11, as currently drawn, best achieves competitiveness in one of the new districts. Please utilize it.

Beware endorsement of a “tyranny of the majority”. If that is allowed to prevail in American politics we are inviting further erosion of individual liberty, coarsening of civil discourse and creating an existential threat to American democracy, vis-a-vis the January 6, 2021 new-fascist, insurrectionist attack on the epicenter of American Democratic discourse, the United States Capitol Building. Competition within the marketplace of ideas, carefully considered by a well informed electorate is our best hope for a sustained, viable republic of free individuals.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Montana. We acknowledge that you may belong to disparate political parties but you have been called to serve the State of Montana and its citizens, not your own self interests, or those of your respective political parties. May your judgements and your votes reflect that.

John Andenoro, M.D.  
Kalispell, Montana  
23 Oct 2021

**From:** [Mark Anderlik](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:59:17 PM

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Neither CP 10 nor 11 were my preferred choice for redistricting.

That said, CP 11 is the best of the remaining two.

I think both maps do a good job at keeping contiguous areas together. Both maps follow more or less historical district lines as well and minimize splitting counties.

Why I think CP 11 is superior is that it also maintains the political balance that has long been a prominent feature of Montana politics. For a very long time Montana has not had a long-term domination by one party over another. And that has ended up serving Montanans well in that candidates and elected officials need to appeal and be responsive to a wide range of voters. CP 11 accomplishes best the goal of “each and every Montanan is entitled to an equal voice in the halls of the U.S. Congress. . .”

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mark Anderlik  
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Missoula, MT 59802  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Heidi Anderson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:33:18 PM

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From: Heidi Anderson [sysyrinchium@yahoo.com](mailto:sysyrinchium@yahoo.com)  
Residence: Gardiner

Message:

Hi,

My name is Heidi Anderson. I live in Gardiner Montana and have lived here since 2002. I live, work, and play in Montana because I love the landscape and people.

I support map 11. I believe map 11 is the only map that meets all of the agreed upon criteria.

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.

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). I covered this in the last question. However Map 11 minimizes splitting counties and keeps communities intact.

Both maps divide one county, but map 10 also splits multiple communities in Gallatin County (especially Big Sky, Bozeman, and Gallatin Gateway).

As for keeping communities intact, map 10 puts Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district and Pondera County into the western district. This has not been proposed in any previous map and 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.

Thank you for considering my comments and thank you for working on the redistricting.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sarah Anderson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:19:41 PM

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From: Sarah Anderson mosaicsarah@gmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Sarah Anderson, I live in Bozeman & have lived in Montana for 25 years

The better of the two is Map 11 At least Map 11 does not split Gallatin County/ Bozeman/ Big Sky

The final two maps selected are not the best options.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Scot Anderson  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 8:51:00 PM

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From: Scot Anderson sandemt@gmail.com  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I am writing to document my input about redistricting in Montana and the recently proposed maps from the Commission. I prefer Proposal 11 for the following reasons.

First, Proposal 11 would not split Cascade, Gallatin, or Missoula Counties, although it does split Flathead County. This is an improvement over Proposals 1, 3, 7, and 9. The Commission has minimized dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts when possible.

Second, Proposal 11 would include all Native American tribal reservations except one, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai (Flathead) reservation, in one district which would enhance the influence of Native peoples. The Commission has kept these communities of interest intact to the extent possible.

Third, Proposal 11 would create functionally compact districts in terms of travel and transportation, communication, and geography.

Finally, Proposal 11 would create a reasonably competitive western district, rather than two districts which would be dominated by Republicans and would never be competitive.

I believe the next district lines should be drawn in a manner that adequately reflects and fairly represents my community's interests. Please approve Proposal 11, my favored alternative, as the final Congressional district map.

These maps will be the basis for our political representation for the next decade and it's important that the maps fairly reflect our communities. Thank you for taking the time to read my public comment.

Scot Anderson  
3825 Trails End Rd., Missoula, MT 59803

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**From:** [bonnieandes](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I oppose map 10  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:31:18 AM

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It splits Gallatin County. It makes both districts uncompetitive for Democrats. Map 10 splits the cities of Livingston and Bozeman, which are shared economic cities.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Andes  
16 E Julie Ct, Bozeman, MT

Sent from my Galaxy

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for map 11  
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I would like to support map 11. It keeps Gsilkatin County whole. It makes for a competitive district. It empowered native American voices to be heard, instead of broken up.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Andes

16 E Julie Court, Bozeman, MT 59718

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Janet Weeks Andrew  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:31:53 AM

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From: Janet Weeks Andrew 211katz@gmail.com  
Residence: Helena MT 59601

Message:

Both map 10 and 11 do not appear to fairly represent Democrats and Republicans. A truly competitive map should have a 5% differential which is not the case. I ask that you reconfigure map 11 to not so strongly favor Republicans over Democrats. I appreciate the hard work you have done to get to this point so please don't stop now.  
thank you,  
Janet Andrew

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**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map #11!  
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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

It is apparent to me that Map#11 is clearly the FAIR and appropriate choice for our new Congressional district. It clearly divides the state in historical sections without dividing Helena. It really is outrageous to think of dividing our state capital in two districts!

Please make the ethical choice: map #11 for Montana.

Marjorie Appelman  
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Sincerely,  
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**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:48:54 PM

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From: Heide Lyn Arneson [h.arneson@bresnan.net](mailto:h.arneson@bresnan.net)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

After carefully reviewing the maps, I find Map #11 to be most representative of Montana, especially by not splitting Gallatin County.

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From: Phyllis Arthur [arthurs@midrivers.com](mailto:arthurs@midrivers.com)  
Residence: WINNETT

Message:

The voters of Montana, in the last election spoke very loudly and clearly. We desire less government in our lives, more fiscal responsibility, less spending, and less partisan bickering. I vote for Map CP-10. Thank you for giving your time and effort.

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**From:** [Tom Arvidson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fair districts  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:44:08 PM

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It strikes me the proposal number 11 will do a better job of keeping some competition in the electoral process over proposal number 10. Number 10 appears to be a republican gimme. Please choose number 11.

Best regards,  
Tom Arvidson  
Missoula

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Elizabeth A Avila  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 12:58:09 PM

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From: Elizabeth A Avila ulicny7@msn.com  
Residence: Ronan, Montana

Message:

I believe map cp11 best suits the needs for a new legislative district. It seems to be non political and includes the reservation. Again I believe map 11 is best.

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**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] redistricting maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:31:43 PM

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Dear Chairwoman Smith and Redistricting Committee Members,

I have examined the two latest redistricting maps submitted by Commission members and I strongly favor Proposal 11. I believe Proposal 11 is vastly more beneficial for Montana because it is at least somewhat competitive, and I feel strongly that more Montanans will have their voices and opinions listened to when candidates who are supposed to represent us run in and serve in competitive Congressional districts. We are a huge state geographically with a significant rural/urban divide. Our heritage is rural but Montana's urban areas are our economic drivers and where most of us live. Ideally, Montana should have two competitive districts, but having at least one is an absolute necessity in order for the most Montanans to be truly represented.

I have lived in Montana over 40 years and I remember when we did have two Congressional districts. And I remember losing one of them. We will squander our great opportunity now if we don't use it to give fair representation to the most Montanans. Please select Proposal 11.

Thank you.  
Adela Awner  
Billings

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**From:** [T Baer](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Cp 10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:52:04 PM

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My name is Tammi Baer  
My address is 626 6th Av Sw Ronan Montana  
My number is 4065298275

I am sending in my support of CP 10 if those 2 maps are the only ones being allowed consideration. I prefer CP 1

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Chris Bakwin  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 11:15:28 AM

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From: Chris Bakwin bakwinranch@hotmail.com  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I think the Republican suggestion is by far superior, reaching all the way west to include parts of Flathead County is the opposite of what we should do. I also think splitting counties is not the preferred way to go. I would suggest that all of Gallatin county go into the eastern district and the population could be offset by some of the far north counties going into the western district (like Toole and Liberty...).

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**From:** [Jean Bardwell](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map #11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:16:09 AM

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We support Map 11 as the most competitive map. Thank you for listening.  
Douglas & Jean Bardwell  
Frenchtown, MT

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Denise Barford](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support 11 map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:14:22 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Becka Barkley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please support map #11  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:40:16 AM

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Dear Districting Commission,

Of the two maps you have proposed, I support map 11 as being the best possible division of our state. I deeply disagree with dividing Big Sky into two different districts (which map 10 does), and even though map 11 still (disappointingly) divides a county (Flathead) I think it is the best solution you have offered. It also appears to be the best at achieving the goal of creating competitive districts.

Thank you for your time,  
Rebecca Barkley,  
Bozeman resident since 1998

**From:** [Janet Barkow](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map splitting  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 9:07:06 AM

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Th Whom It May Concern:

I would like to see the map put forth by the Democratic commissioners -the map carving through Flathead County, putting Whitefish into a western district.

Thank you-

Janet Barkow

Bozeman, MT 59715

**From:** [Weiss, Rachel](#)  
**To:** [barnowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:barnowitz@yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** [Spencer, Nadine](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Districting and Apportionment Map and Comment  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:44:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [TDA101384.pdf](#)

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Hello Mr. Barney,

I believe you might have meant to send a map instead of the Trading Authorization Agreement. If you would like to resend the comments with the map attached, we would be happy to provide that to the commissioners.

Sincerely,

Rachel Weiss  
Legislative Research Analyst  
406-444-5367

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**From:** Phil Barney <[barnowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:barnowitz@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 4:39 PM  
**To:** Districting <[districting@mt.gov](mailto:districting@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting and Apportionment Map and Comment

Dear members of the committee, Attached is a map which I believe best represents the Traditional and Best East-West split for our federal Congressional districts. It has only a 0.2% population deviation and complies with the Montana Constitution. It recognizes the great differences in issues between the East and West parts of Montana. Please use this map for redistricting. Thank you for your efforts.

Philip Barney  
40491 Melita Island Rd  
Polson, Mkt 59860  
[barnowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:barnowitz@yahoo.com)  
(406) 546-1958



**From:** [Philip Barney](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed congressional district maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:39:40 PM

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I wish to strongly support the map CP-10 for the new congressional districts as being the best option. The CP-11 map is a ridiculous gerrymandering that puts Flathead county with far Eastern Montana in order to combine Democrat counties. It should be rejected. We need the traditional East/ West districts. Thank you for your efforts.  
Philip and Sandra Barney  
40491 Melita Island Rd  
Polson, MT 59860  
406-546-1958

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Linda Barnsley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] In support of Map#11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:23:36 PM

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I urge you to please support redistricting map #11 as I believe it most fairly sets boundaries. I live in Park County and feel it should be with Gallatin County as we are closely related economically.

Thank you!

Linda Barnsley

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Stephen R Barry  
**Date:** Thursday, October 21, 2021 7:58:14 PM

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From: Stephen R Barry [srbarry@charter.net](mailto:srbarry@charter.net)  
Residence: Helena MT

Message:

Finally, we're seeing proposals that appear to be reasonably arrived at. For a variety of reasons I believe including Helena and Bozeman in the Eastern district is preferable. Both are east of the divide and absent other criteria both should be aligned with that district.

Thanks for your consideration.

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**From:** [JJ Bateman](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 3:03:39 AM

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Dear Commission,  
Map CP 11 is the only map that does not favor a political party. Please choose this map. Thank you for considering my input.  
Joyce Bateman  
Helena, MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bobbie Bateson  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:50:43 PM

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From: Bobbie Bateson [batesonb@gmail.com](mailto:batesonb@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Bobbie Bateson. I am a Montana native and have been living in Bozeman for over 30 years. I grew up in Billings and resided in Helena prior to our move to Bozeman.

Both redistricting maps 10 & 11 unduly favor the republican party. One maps divides Gallatin county and fails to keep communities of interest intact!

I support map 11 with some revision. I urge the Montana's Districting and Apportionment Commission to fine-tune Map 11 to achieve one 5% or less Republican dominant district. This would be in keeping with the commissions commitment to keeping communities intact and would make this district truly competitive.

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider this comment. Thank you for serving our state!

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: John Battaglia  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:24:16 AM

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From: John Battaglia johnbattaglia0@gmail.com

Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

I urge the commission to select Congressional Proposal II as the fairest redistricting map that will insure a balance in the next election and in future ones.

Thanks.

John Battaglia

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**From:** [John Battaglia](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] new districting map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:18:55 AM

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I urge the commission to select the new redistricting map provided by the Democratic party. It is the fairest of the two and will insure a better balance in the next election. Thanks for listening.

John Battaglia  
205 Dean Stone Dr.  
Missoula, MT

**From:** [Lisa Bay](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on New Congressional District  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:11:20 PM

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Dear Commission Members:

Proposal 11 would create a fair and competitive district for Montana. I support Proposal 11 and oppose Proposal 10, which overly favors seats for Republicans.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration of my comments.

Lisa bay

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*Lisa Bay*  
31 Division St.  
Helena, MT 59601  
(406)461-7620  
[lisamaebay@gmail.com](mailto:lisamaebay@gmail.com)



**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: George Beatty  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:08:00 AM

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From: George Beatty old1sg@yahoo.com  
Residence: TOWNSEND

Message:

Allowing the majority of largest cities lumped together is totally wrong. To do this will destroy equal representation for this state.

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**From:** [Logan Beck](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:09:21 AM

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Hi all,

I strongly support Proposal 11 in redistricting. I believe all candidates must rely on Native votes to some degree to ensure accountability towards that important population in Montana.

Thank you,

Logan Beck  
[loganbeck406@gmail.com](mailto:loganbeck406@gmail.com)  
(406) 425-4412

**From:** [Joan Beckham](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistributing  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:48:08 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing in support of Congressional Proposal 11. This map gives Montana an equal distribution of the population.

Thank you,  
Joan Beckham

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeanne Bender](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:49:29 PM

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We favor Proposal 11 as it is the fairest and most logical choice. It does not split Gallatin County as that makes no sense.

Jeanne and Ron Bender  
Billings

**From:** [Mari Bender](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposal #11!  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:05:34 PM

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I am asking you to consider proposal #11 because it is more fair and balanced which I consider vitally important for all Montanans to have a voice.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Barbara Benish  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 12:27:43 PM

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From: Barbara Benish [bbenish59@gmail.com](mailto:bbenish59@gmail.com)

Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

Please consider choosing the map that allows the most competitive options for Republicans & Democrats. I urge you to choose Map # 11. Thank You, Barbara Benish

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**From:** [Deb berglund](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] congressional districting maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:41:43 PM

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The idea of splitting Gallatin County for the districting of congressional seats is at the very least ludicrous. I live in Gallatin County, just east of Bozeman and with the boundaries suggested I would not know what side of the boundary I live in. Keep Gallatin County whole. It is growing so fast that a dividing line is absurd.

Deborah Berglund

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Edwin Berry  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:18:20 AM

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From: Edwin Berry [ed@edberry.com](mailto:ed@edberry.com)  
Residence: Bigfork, Montana / USA

Message:

The good news is that Maps 1 through 9, except 7, are history. This leaves is with 7, 10, and 11.

Maps 10 and 11 seem to be negotiating positions rather than serious maps. The only serious map is 7 which turns out to be a compromise between 10 and 11.

Therefore, there are two useful approaches:

Start with Map 11 and move Flathead to the west, Park and Gallatin to the east. Maybe split Gallatin.

Start with Map 10 and move Glacier and Pondera to the east, and L&C and Broadwater to the west. Maybe split Gallatin.

Lo and behold, the result of the compromise is Map 7, the best map of all.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Paul Bertelli  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:52:48 AM

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From: Paul Bertelli paulb@jlfarchitects.com

Residence: Bozeman, Mt

Message:

I support using map 11 as an appropriate redistricting of my beloved state of Montana.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anne and Jon Bertsche  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:51:41 AM

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From: Anne and Jon Bertsche [annejon@montana.com](mailto:annejon@montana.com)  
Residence: Missoula MT

Message:

We prefer Map 11 but ask the Commission reconsider its configuration by looking at how Flathead County is divided and whether it can be fine-tuned to balance the western district to a 5% or less advantage for Republicans. We want the Western district to be truly competitive.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [Lisa Bessasparis](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fair maps  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 6:27:43 PM

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We need a Congressional District map that doesn't favor any one particular party. Map 11 was the better choice. I am highly disappointed and discouraged that politics is blinding fairness as usual. I expect better of my state.

Lisa Bessasparis  
4101 King Ave. E. #2  
Billings, MT 59101

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mya Bessette  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:58:25 AM

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From: Mya Bessette myamrobertson@hotmail.com  
Residence: Bigfork, Montana

Message:  
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.

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**From:** [mya\\_robertson](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Montana Redistricting Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:54:51 AM

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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.

Sincerely,

Mya Bessette  
248 Lake Hills Drive  
Bigfork, MT 59911  
406-871-5299  
[myamrobertson@hotmail.com](mailto:myamrobertson@hotmail.com)

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Johnnie Bilunas  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 11:05:31 AM

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From: Johnnie Bilunas [johnniegoldfish@gmail.com](mailto:johnniegoldfish@gmail.com)  
Residence: Manhattan, MT

Message:

Dear Honorable Commission,

As a non partisan voter, self described Libertarian, I feel proposal 1, CP1 is the fairest divide as it addresses the population and not the Party's who are wishing to control by past voting records. If Republicans or Democrats wish to get more votes in any particular section it is up to them to convince the people why they better represent us.

Sincerely  
Johnnie Bilunas  
11B Eliza Drive  
Manhattan, MT  
208-807-3162

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**From:** [John Marks](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Maps  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:43:13 PM

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I support the proposal that puts Missoula, Gallatin, and Lewis & Clark counties in the same electoral district. I believe it is #11. Thank you.  
Janice K. Bishop

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lorene Bishop](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov); [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov);  
[Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting proposals #10 and #11  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:24:32 PM

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First, let me thank the committee members for the time spent working on the Montana state redistricting proposals; it's not an easy task trying to fairly divide such a large and politically-complex arena. However, in all fairness, we need to place more emphasis on proportioning the districts to provide fair and unbiased representation in Congress. CP-10 is clearly designed to give Republicans a distinct advantage in both districts, rather than being politically competitive. CP-11 is not much better, but would be a bit more fair than CP-10. My preference would have been map #8 because Tribal representation is semi-adequate. It would be a much better nation if the people representing our state would try to work together as non-partisans, rather than seeking to divide the people of this country!!

Sincerely,  
Lorene K Bishop  
820 11th St E  
Polson, MT 59860  
406-885-3070



**From:** [mbiskupiak@bresnan.net](mailto:mbiskupiak@bresnan.net)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed congressional Districts  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:57:06 PM

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I would like to submit my support of **Congressional Proposal 11**. In my opinion it fits the most equitable division to create two Montana congressional districts.

Thank you.

Mary C Biskupiak  
3512 Wylie Dr  
Helena MT 59602

**From:** [Anne Black](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on two options  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 8:51:59 AM

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Re-districting is difficult, so kudos to the group for getting to this point. As a long-time Montanan, I'd be curious to see what the last 2 Congressional district map looked like. I've called Montana home for 40 years and I've lived and continue to do business and recreate on both sides of the Divide, and in both potential Congressional Districts. Maybe I've missed that comparison ... but then, what matters today is current demographic and voting patterns and how to split the state to create two 'equal' districts: equal in population and in competitiveness. Times have changed since the 1980's that's for sure! I used to work in central and eastern Montana and then you could count on about a third of voters identifying as 'independent' - which to them meant neither Republican or Democrat, but whomever they felt most genuine and suited for the task. Times have changed since the 1980's!

For compactness, both of the current proposals seem to fit that intuitive bill.

Both split a county, both counties that are growing faster than others. Both seem to make the split between rural and urban portions of the county. One county will therefore have possibly a greater logistical burden during Congressional elections, and placing this on a larger county (ostensibly with greater resources and ability to bear that burden) makes sense.

One split is in the mountains but east of the Divide, the other in the mountains west of the Divide. You could look at culture to assist and in would seem Flathead county is 'western' but Blackfeet Reservation 'eastern', but keeping Flathead in western (along with Gallatin) and Blackfeet in eastern would certainly not create competitive districts, so putting one community in eastern and one in western seems the appropriate way to go. Bozeman is east of the Divide, an old 'cow town' yet has a strong libertarian leaning that has toppled some of the State's most popular Democratic leaders. And, the notion of 'culture' is changing as more and more people from Georgia, Texas, and California move into mountainous Montana... the simplistic notion of western Montana being resource extraction and eastern Montana being agricultural production is breaking down.

Of the two, CP # 11 seems to do the best job of threading this complex needle.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Anne Black,  
Missoula and Carbon Counties

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Christian Black  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 2:48:56 PM

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From: Christian Black [blackak@gmail.com](mailto:blackak@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Hello, my name is Christian Black and I live in-between Belgrade and Bozeman in Gallatin County.

I support Map 11. This map keeps communities intact.

I do not like the idea of splitting up Gallatin County.

Thanks for your consideration.

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October 27, 2021

Honorable Members of the Montana Redistricting Commission,

First and foremost, thank you for your tireless work and efforts on this exciting opportunity for Montana as we gain a 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Seat. Although I understand the challenges of how to divide up the two districts, I write this as a third generation Flathead Valley resident as well as long time business owner in the Flathead Community. Growing up and living in Flathead County nearly all my life, although there are many different cities in the county, our identity has always been as one large area often termed "The Flathead". Our geographical location in the heart of Northwestern Montana has helped us become a heart of the tourism economy for Western Montana as well as always playing a major role in the continued use of our Natural Resource sector with our efforts in Forest Products.

I write in support of CP 10 as it will keep Flathead County whole and in the Western District of the State where its economy and businesses interest more closely align with the other Western Counties.

Thank you for your consideration and continued work on behalf of the citizens of Montana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Blasdel".

President of the Senate Mark Blasdel

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Leslie E Blouin  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:23:49 AM

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From: Leslie E Blouin [petelotion@charter.net](mailto:petelotion@charter.net)  
Residence: Missoula

Message:

....anythang the dumbocrats touch is crap....leftists wreck everythang they endeavor to "help".....crap i say

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**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting maps comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:14:38 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

Please keep **Gallatin county** intact! Dividing this county along political map lines (isolating out Bozeman alone) will only serve to disrupt communities further. And keep the two counties containing the states' two flagship universities in the same / western district—Gallatin and Missoula counties. They share similar values and given their growth as urban centers, also share the same issues.

I also support keeping **Park County** in the west, as it shares demographics, geographies and cultural heritage with Gallatin county.

**Blackfeet Reservation:** I strongly support keeping this in the western district where there will be more chance of their voices being heard and acted upon. Otherwise, almost all of Montana's reservations will be in the east---no chance of any balance. Don't understand why the Dems would place in the east district...

**Lewis and Clark County:** the republican proposal to move this county from historically in the western district to the east smells a bit like gerrymandering.

**Flathead:** I support both Kalispell and Whitefish in the western district.

I urge you not to be lead by Essman's comments about Montana leaning right at large—admittedly not based on data, and given the population growth in the west by people from further west of Montana, his purported trend is dubious at best.

Thank you so much for your hard work on this very critical decision!

Melissa Blunt  
Missoula

Melissa Blunt  
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**From:** [NELSON](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] proposed district maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:41:03 PM

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Dear commission members:

I'm writing to express my support for the redistricting map originally labelled cmp#11. It seems to me that it allows for a more competitive election among the parties. Thanks for your consideration

Nelson Bock  
1120 Highland St.  
Helens 59601

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Phyllis Bock/Robert Nichol  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 9:07:59 AM

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From: Phyllis Bock/Robert Nichol nicholbock@gmail.com  
Residence: BOZEMAN MT

Message:  
October 24, 2012

An important principle in our democracy is to recognize minority party voter rights in our governing process. Protecting minority rights is currently being decimated. This makes it even more important that in our redistricting process that each district should be competitive. All of our citizens in this divisive political climate should be represented. Common interests should be represented with a common voice. Therefore, all of Gallatin County should be placed in the southern portion of the western district.

Good luck! This is not an easy job!  
Phyllis Bock  
Robert Nichol  
Bozeman MT

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kenneth Bogner  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 4:49:14 PM

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From: Kenneth Bogner [kennethbogner@gmail.com](mailto:kennethbogner@gmail.com)  
Residence: Miles City Montana

Message:

As someone who currently represents the southeastern most legislative district and was also a part of a statewide campaign headquartered in Flathead County I know just how dissimilar these two locations are from each other. I do understand that the population dispersion of the state won't allow for close proximity or perfect geographical alignment but the inclusion of Flathead County into the eastern district drawn in CP11 adds an economic and geographic aspect to the east that would otherwise align best with the dynamics of the western district. I urge you to avoid using this map or it will be at the expense of the most similar and efficient representation of Montanans in the United States Congress.

Thank you,  
Ken Bogner

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**From:** Philip Boland  
**To:** Districting; maylenn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I'm for Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:56:07 PM

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I would like to introduce myself as a three year resident of Whitefish joining my family who've been here for 30+ years. I share their concerns and ardently support Proposal 11 as clearly the very best choice for Montana Redistricting per the following map:

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Kind regards,

Philip Boland  
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406 209 9995

**From:** [deb and charlie](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:34:55 PM

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Please select Map 11. Although it is not as good as Map 8 it does represent the native voice and keeps important areas together. It is important that all Montanans have a voice not just one party. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Debra Bond  
Whitefish Montana

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**From:** [Debbie Bonk](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Support for Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:11:07 PM

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To whom it may concern —

I am encouraging you to support Proposal 11, the only one that creates a competitive district. I am opposed to Proposal 10.

Deb Bonk  
Missoula, MT

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Faye Boom](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting maps  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 2:22:41 PM

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One of the guidelines in redistricting is to make sure that there is not undue advantage for one party over another. I believe Map 11 comes closest to this ideal. Also, Map 11 provides for a competitive district for the Native reservations which are otherwise left out in the other maps set forward.

I would urge the Commission to choose Map 11 as the best, although not perfect, map for evenly distributing voters.

**From:** [Cindy Bowker](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map #11  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 11:26:14 AM

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I strongly agree with today's Bozeman Chronicle editorial, map #11 is the bet choice. The goal with this challenge was to be fair and by far map #11 is the fairest of the two as it does not favor a single political party. Please make #11 your choice.

Cindy Bowker  
Bozeman

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bruce Bowler  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 7:33:21 AM

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From: Bruce Bowler [bruceebowler@gmail.com](mailto:bruceebowler@gmail.com)  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Of the two finalist maps, the one that includes Lewis and Clark, Gallatin and Park counties in the Western district will provide for more equitable representation of the diversity of views in the state of Montana. I urge the commissioners to choose this congressional map.

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**From:** [Pam Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:52:38 AM

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I am writing to show my support for Proposal 11. The new district has to ensure competition. I strongly oppose Proposal 10. It makes unnatural and uncompetitive divisions.

Pamela Boyd  
221 Eddy Ave  
Missoula Mt.



**From:** [Patricia Bradley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:50:18 PM  
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I urge the Montana Congressional District Commission to adopt Proposal 11-CP1. It complies with all the criteria of contiguity, compactness, does not split counties or communities of interest, it is competitive.

Map 10-CP does not follow the criteria and is drawn for political advantage and gerrymandering. Thank you. Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges.

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**Date:** Wed, 27 Oct 2021 15:15:08 -0600

**Subject:** Comment on redistricting maps

I urge the adoption of Congressional District Commission Proposal 11 - CP1. This map provides equity. It is compact. It has contiguity and does not split counties or communities of

interest. It is competitive. The requirements of all of the criteria are met.

Map 10-CP does not meet the criteria and is drawn for political or gerrymandering reasons.  
Thanks.

Pat Bradley, Twin Bridges MT

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Claire Brady  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:21:27 PM

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From: Claire Brady [pldinc@comcast.net](mailto:pldinc@comcast.net)  
Residence: Whitefish, Montana

Message:  
Chair Smith and Commissioners,

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

Please throw out these two new maps and select map CP-1, as this is the best map that adheres to the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:38:00 AM

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From: Leo Brandt [jerry315@centurytel.net](mailto:jerry315@centurytel.net)  
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Keep the Flathead Valley in the Western District as we are in the west not east

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary e Brauer  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:45:40 PM

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From: Mary e Brauer [mbrauer723@gmail.com](mailto:mbrauer723@gmail.com)

Residence: Bozeman

Message:

i would like to see Map #11 chosen since it keeps Gallatin and Park counties together.

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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Paula Braun  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 9:27:00 AM

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From: Paula Braun cottonwoodcr@msn.com  
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Dear Reader,

After review of the proposed voting maps, I strongly encourage you to adjust Map 11 to include less than 5% Republican dominance. As these districts will be in effect for a long time, it's important they provide residents a fair seat at the table in shaping Montana's political future.

Thank you in advance for your efforts!

Paula Braun

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**From:** [LAURA BRAY](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Districting  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 8:59:46 AM

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Dear commission members,

After carefully considering the 2 maps being put forward I strongly support map #11 and am against # 10.

The primary considerations being that #11 keeps Park and Gallatin counties together which is key because of the shared interests and economies that are tied together. Many many people live in one of the counties but work in the other, splitting them up would leave people voiceless in a district that they make their livelihood in. Another strong consideration is keeping the one district competitive rather than handing both of them over to one party. This is similar to how things were when Montana last had 2 districts and it served Montana well.

Thank you for considering this input for the sake of a fair Montana election.

Laura Bray  
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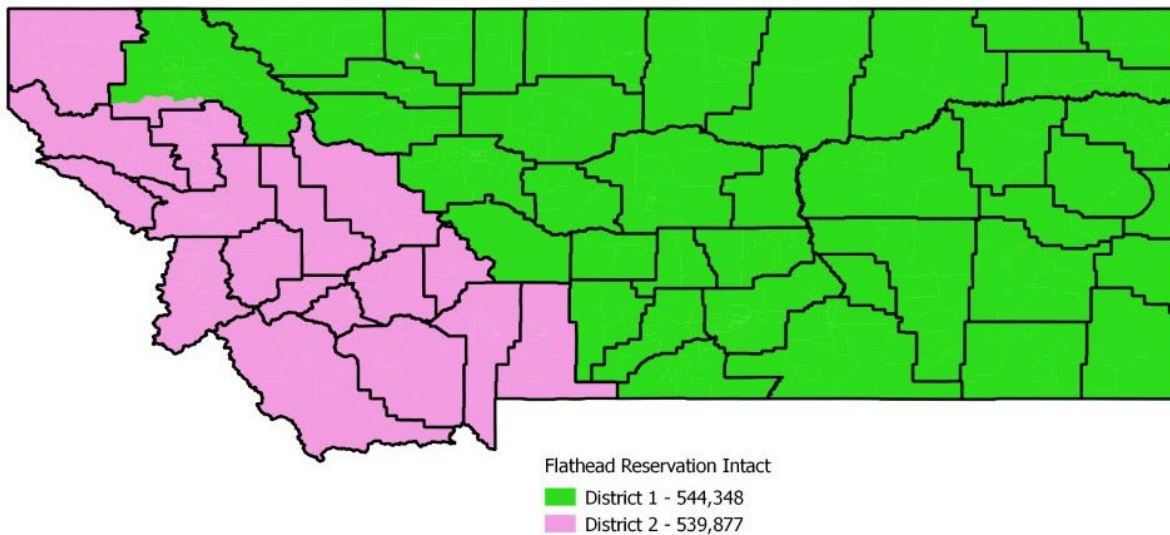
**From:** [Noreen and Roger Breeding](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Modify map CP11 and eliminate map CP10  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 7:16:57 PM

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The best alternative is to not divide any county. Given the large number of counties and their varying shapes and areas, creating two Congressional districts with equal populations is an unrealistic goal. Additionally, the population numbers have already changed from when they were counted in 2020 and will continue changing. Total population numbers for each district that differ by a few thousand is a reasonable goal.

Equal population is not a good justification for splitting a county. That said map 11 changed to keep all of Flathead County together in District 2 is the best option.

The next best option is to split Flathead County in order to keep the Flathead Indian reservation intact. (See attached map.)



Since the population density of Flathead County is half that of Gallatin County, it is illogical to split Gallatin County rather than Flathead County. Splitting Gallatin County along the Bozeman city boundary, which is rapidly changing, is an outrageous partisan ploy that will lead to turmoil and political headaches in the near future. Map 10 should be rejected.

Noreen Breeding

Bozeman



**From:** [Noreen and Roger Breeding](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Adopt Map 11  
**Date:** Saturday, October 23, 2021 8:18:24 PM

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Commissioners,

Map 10 has severe shortcomings, notably dividing Montana's 4th largest city in two. The district boundary follows the boundary of Bozeman city limits which will undoubtedly change soon as the city is growing fast, faster than any other city in Montana. This map will put me in a different district than my walking distance neighbors and separate me from my community of interest in Bozeman. My street address is in Bozeman. The district boundary should be in a sparsely populated rural area not a metropolitan area. It is obviously contrived for partisan advantage.

Map 11 meets most of the redistricting requirements well. Kalispell is kept whole as the district boundary lies well outside the city limits. Flathead County is much larger in area than Gallatin County, and therefore, more easily split without separating closely related communities. Gallatin and Park Counties are intertwined socially and economically, particularly Bozeman and Livingston and Gardiner and West Yellowstone, and deserve to be contained within a single district.

Thank you for considering comments.

Noreen Breeding

Bozeman

**From:** [abrodsky@mt.net](mailto:abrodsky@mt.net)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Cc:** [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:14:53 PM

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Chair Smith and D&A Commissioners:

I want to applaud you for your work and, in particular, the encouragement of Chair Maylinn Smith, to go back to the table to try to come closer together on congressional redistricting proposals. Some of you may know I staffed the Commission following the 1980 census, and although there was unanimous consent on the congressional boundary lines at that time, that Commission was not without its own divisions on legislative boundaries. So I understand and appreciate the challenge.

I'm writing to express my support for Proposal 11 for Montana's congressional district boundaries. I know this doesn't make everyone happy. No proposal will. But, in my opinion, Proposal 11 is preferable to Proposal 10, in two major ways. I have lived in Helena since 1977, and in my opinion, Helena/Lewis and Clark County are more aligned with the more urban, western part of the State than the more rural, eastern half. Secondly, the two main University campuses in Montana are located in Missoula and Gallatin Counties, and those counties deeply identify with their university-identities. Thus, for the same reason I urge you to keep Lewis and Clark County in the western district (compatibility and communities of interest), I believe placing Missoula and Gallatin Counties in the same congressional district supports those college communities.

Again, thank you for your hard work. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Ann Brodsky

**From:** [Gary Brooks](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Proposal feedback  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:39:28 AM

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To whom this may concern,

My vote for the new Congressional district would be Congressional Proposal 11. While both Republicans and Democrats have tried to benefit themselves a bit in this process, proposal 11 seems to offer voters the most fair and reasonable chance at an equitable and balanced/competitive election. As Montana's Constitution requires this in creating boundaries for Congressional districts, Proposal 11 is the only real option.

Sincerely,  
Gary Brooks  
Missoula

**From:** [Julie Brooks](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] New congressional district  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:34:30 PM

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I am writing to encourage the redistricting committee to adopt proposed map 11 as the newly drawn district lines for Montana. I believe this is a crucial step in making both districts a bit more competitive and equitable, which is required by our state constitution. This is important for all voters' voices to be heard. A strong democracy relies on diverse opinions that can be stated in fair voting districts. Please adopt proposed map 11.

Julie Brooks

**From:** [Barbara Brown](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#); [maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov](mailto:maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov); [jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov](mailto:jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov); [dan.stusek@mtleg.gov](mailto:dan.stusek@mtleg.gov); [kendra.miller@mtleg.gov](mailto:kendra.miller@mtleg.gov)  
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Please select Map 11. It is the only one which does not favor a political party. It's also compact.

Barbara

**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Glenda D. Brown  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 8:50:49 AM

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From: Glenda D. Brown [gdylinab@gmail.com](mailto:gdylinab@gmail.com)  
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Greetings to all involved in this important endeavor. Please just use common sense to divide the state as equally as possible regarding population centers, native peoples, and college towns. Simple.

Thank you

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**To:** [joe.lamson@mtleg.gov](mailto:joe.lamson@mtleg.gov)  
**Subject:** [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 5:46:07 PM

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Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commission,

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing to fairly redistrict Montana's Congressional Map. It is very important work and will impact out state and each of us in it for a long, long time.

That said, I encourage you to accept Map 11. It is cleaner. By that I mean it does not split towns, keeps Gallatin county whole, and puts Helena in the western district. Map 10 is distinctly different and seems to favor political parties unduly.

Please choose Map 11.

Sincerely,  
Sally Brown

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [MDAC](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Scott Bryant  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:42:59 AM

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From: Scott Bryant [scottbryant@gmail.com](mailto:scottbryant@gmail.com)  
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Commission,

Thank you for your hard work. This is a nearly impossible task. It seems to make sense to balance the population, keep counties intact if possible and balance Republicans and Democrats. Therefore, I support Map 11 which leaves Gallatin county intact in the West and divides part of Flathead County. Thanks!

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**From:** [Carol Buchheit](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please adopt Proposal 11  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:40:06 PM

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I urge the redistricting committee to adopt Proposal 11 for many reasons. The main one is that I am a lifelong voter and believe that everyone's vote can and should count. Votes should not be null before votes are even cast because Montana has reorganized our state into two completely one-party dominant districts. Your work is so important because this will affect all of us for the next decade, at minimum.

Redistricting according to Proposal 11 comes closest to the ideal of representative democracy by allowing one of the two districts to be competitive. I believe this will serve our voters and our State government best.

Better than any of the other proposals advanced, Proposal 11 supports:

- population equity
- balancing specific economic interests within districts. This includes
  - 1) support for winter sport/outdoor recreation concerns in one district and
  - 2) agriculture interests in one district. Both the tourism and agrarian industries that are the foundations of our current economy need to have their vital interests front and center.
  - 3) undiluted Native voters in one district so their voices may be heard, as is the case for
  - 4) union voices recognized, by keeping the towns of Helena and Butte together as every redistricting plan in Montana has previously done
  - 5) avoiding splits of contiguous communities with common interests, such as Livingston/Bozeman, Helena with Jefferson and Broadwater Counties

Proposal 11 works to avoid the pitfalls of undue power/influence, as best can be done.

Thank you for your work and concern for getting this right.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 12:23:14 PM

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As a Montana citizen and long-time resident, I urge you to select CP-11 as the fairest and best choice for Montana's two new Congressional districts. CP-11 meets all the necessary criteria, and it is the most equitable division of population. It also does not split communities in two like the other alternative. Please pick CP-11 as the new map for Congressional districts. Thank you.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Proposed Montana Congressional Districts  
**Date:** Friday, October 22, 2021 1:15:00 PM

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I have reviewed the two proposed congressional districts and feel the map nominated by the Democrats most nearly reflects the liberal/conservative split of the State that currently exists. Why not a more liberal western district and a more conservative eastern district? This will assure balance and fair representation in Congress for all Montanans.

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**From:** [Roxy Burley](#)  
**To:** [Districting](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting  
**Date:** Monday, October 25, 2021 4:51:55 PM

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I am writing today to express my thoughts about the final 2 redistricting maps presented by Maylinn Smith.

I am asking the commission to choose map #11, as it is the most competitive one of the 2 maps.

This plan closely follows the historical precedent of the 1980 Congressional districts, moving only 2 counties to reach perfect population equality.

It is important that Native voices be heard and counted. Map #11 does a much better job of ensuring Native communities fair representation.

I feel map #11 is really the only map of the two, where those of us who tend to vote for democrats would have our constitutional rights to fair representation.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Roxy Burley

**From:** [Cassie](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Map  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:53:08 AM

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Please support map 11.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps - Public input  
**Date:** Sunday, October 24, 2021 10:05:09 AM

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**Good morning Madam Chair and committee members,**

We are residents of Ravalli County and would like to submit our thoughts on redistricting maps CP 10 and CP 11.

**We are in favor of MAP 11.**

**CP Map 11 creates the best possibility for competitive elections - and isn't that an important facet of our democracy? It will give representation to indigenous peoples, representation for western rural communities as well as providing population equality between the districts. This map gives representation to voices which have not historically been well-represented, as well as a voice to independent, moderate voters who do not vote a party line, and also gives both political parties the opportunity to win an election.**

We are not in favor of Map 10, which splits apart the cities of Bozeman and Missoula into separate districts and transfers liberal areas into a very conservative district and a conservative area into a liberal district -- which effectively keeps competition out of Montana's elections. Please do not create an assurance of two republican-winning districts instead of a fair competition/election between the two parties which will result in elected officials that will more fully represent the desires of their constituents.

Thank you very much, to each committee member, for your hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Holly Butlett](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:10:40 AM

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Please do not change the maps when it comes to voting areas. Flathead , Kalispell are good .

Please select CP-1 map. Thank you.

Holly Butlett