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Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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From: [Leonard](#)
To: [Leonard](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] To Districting Commission - MAP Choices
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:28:40 AM

DEAR COMMISION

AS A CITIZEN WHOSE FAMILY GOES BACK 120+ YEARS IN MONTANA HISTORY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE FUTURES OF MY CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN BE PROTECTED BY EVERY MOVE DONE BY GOVERNMENT TO UPHOLD THE LAWS IN PLACE AT EVERY TURN.

IN OUR HISTORY THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY DOUBT AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES EASTERN AND WESTERN MONTANA. AFTER ALL WE HAVE A CONTINEMTAL DIVIDE!!

MAPS CP-1 AND CP-5 COME THE CLOSEST TO UPHOLDING THE LAWS OF MONTANA

CP-12 IS SUPPORTED BY ALL MY FAMILY AS THE BEST MAP OF THE FOUR REMAINING

Leonard & Ruth Falk

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jenna Fallaw
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:58:34 PM

From: Jenna Fallaw jenna_grimm@hotmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

My name is Jenna Fallaw and I live in Bozeman, MT.

I support map #11. It doesn't split communities and it keeps federal reservations whole. Map #11 doesn't unduly favor a political party and it keeps districts competitive.

The map that splits Gallatin Valley in half splits up like-minded voters and therefore makes it harder for them to be able to have their voices heard and represented.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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From: [jessica falvey](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional map
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:38:51 AM

Please choose a fair map, a competitive.

Sent from my iPhone

From: jeff.farr
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - Please support CP-12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 7:41:14 PM
Attachments: [CP-12\[29\].pdf](#)

Chair Smith and Commissioners,
I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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From: [Christie Ferruzzi](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:30:10 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Christie Ferruzzi and I've lived with my husband Ed on our property in Trego, MT for 44 years; and we raised our 3 children here.

I support the choice of Map 11 that is competitive and does not favor one political party.

Map 11 is competitive and does not favor one political party.

Thank you for your time, public service and review of my comment.

Regards,
Christie Ferruzzi
252 Fortine Creek Rd
Trego, MT 59934

From: [Ronald Fick](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 8:54:22 PM

I strongly support Map Cp12. It keeps Flathead, Lewis and Clark, and Gallatin counties whole whole CP13 does not. I urge the commission to approve CP12. Thanks for your consideration. Ron Fick 2250 Eliason Lane Dillon
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Valerie Fick](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:03:24 PM

Please support CP12. I am strongly supporting CP12 for the following reasons: first, it keeps Flathead county in the western district and keeps it as well as Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties whole. Second, CP11 is not in the best interest of the people of Montana. Third, CP13 splits too many counties. Fourth, I do not believe that split counties benefit the people of Montana. Please consider adopting CP12 as the best solution for apportionment for Montana. Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Fick
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Dillon, Montana.

Sent from my iPhone

From: trina.filan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Trina Filan](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:37:50 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners:

To truly represent the voices and meet the needs of people in this state, we need to be able to have competitive elections. That's how good business functions in all cases - competition requires varied interests to work harder to meet their customers where they are. Competitive election districts in this state will keep both parties honest to their consumers, their constituents. Favoring one party over another goes against all of the beliefs of real Americans, who want competition to foster quality, in this case, quality in representation.

Your clear choice is CP11. Please be wise and use your power to make this state great.

Thanks.

Sincerely,
Trina Filan
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From: [denise fisher](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:58:00 AM

I see that a new map has been proposed, map# 12. This map is not acceptable either. This does not allow for equal representation or the ability for the minority to have a voice in this state. This map divides Park country from Gallatin County. Livingston is an integral part of Gallatin country for economic reasons, housing and has become a bedroom community to Gallatin county. They need to stay together.

Map 11 and even Map 13 are more viable than this.

Denise Fisher

Livingston, MT

Map 12 also divides Butte from Jefferson County. Again, these 2 counties share too much to be separated and makes no sense other than to divide the votes.

Map 12 also breaks up the union vote between Helena and Butte.

This map does not make competitive districts. Many of us in this state feel our votes don't matter. What we are losing is this state if we continue in this manner is our faith in our election system which has been truly tested this year. What you need to show the people of this state is that you believe in voting rights for ALL citizens and however they vote matters. It is up to the person running for office to try to win our votes with facts and actions and we have not seen that. What we are seeing is people running for office and selling fear and lies.

PLEASE make these districts competitive. It is imperative going forward. Map 12 does NOT do this.

Denise

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Fred Fisher
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:16:56 PM

From: Fred Fisher fredfisher810@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

I would like to request that the Committee advance Map 11, which is the only map under consideration that meets all the criteria and goals that the Commission has unanimously approved.

Map 11:

- Does not unduly favor a political party.
- Minimizes splitting of towns and counties.
- Considers communities of interest.
- Considers competitiveness.

Map 11 succeeds in not unduly favoring a political party. It splits only one county and does so in a way that does not split any communities or towns. It keeps all federal reservations whole. It keeps both Gallatin and Lewis and Clark counties in the Western District, in alignment with their cultural and economic interests.

Map 10 fails to meet these same criteria. It unduly favors a political party and fails to consider competitiveness by creating zero competitive districts. It also fails to minimize the splitting of towns and counties by dividing the communities of Gallatin Gateway, Big Sky, and the growing suburbs of Bozeman. Map 10 fails to adequately consider communities of interest, as it puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring both current and historic ties that Lewis and Clark County has with Western Montana, and Pondera County in the Western District, splitting it away from similar agricultural counties in the Eastern District.

Map 12 fails to meet the criteria of not unduly favoring a political party and considering communities of interest. It puts Lewis and Clark County in the Eastern District, ignoring current and historic ties between Lewis and Clark County and Western Montana. Likewise, it puts much of Pondera County in the Western District, despite its clear historic and cultural connection to other agricultural counties in Eastern Montana.

Map 13 fails to meet the criteria of minimizing the splitting of towns and counties. It splits three counties and does so in such a way that the growing suburbs of Helena and Bozeman are split from the rest of their respective cities.

Further, the last-minute introduction of Maps 12 and 13, despite overwhelming public support for Map 11, gives Montanans little time to comment and undermines the public's ability to participate meaningfully in the redistricting process.

I respectfully request that the Commission abide by its unanimously agreed-upon criteria and goals and select Map 11 as the final Congressional Map.

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From: dafladmo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Diane Fladmo](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:58:04 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commission Members:

Thank you for your work to find a fair redistricting map that will create competitive districts to assist in a more fair election process.

As a lifelong Montanan I look forward to having a second Congressional district and I support Map CP 11 since it has at least one competitive district while CP10 does not have a competitive districts.

CP 11 also keeps Gallatin whole and does not split any communities.

Please note that I am opposed to CP 10.

Thank you for your work and consideration.

Best regards,

Diane Fladmo
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Helena, MT 59601

Sincerely,
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dafladmo@gmail.com

From: [Karen Follett](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:03:10 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Karen Follett and I have lived in Montana (Whitefish) for 58 years. My parents, who are 93 & 95 years old have lived here (Whitefish) their entire lives.

Map 11

As MT citizens, we can't have mapping that favors one political party over another.

Thank you for listening to public opinion.

Regards,
Karen Follett
2484 E Lakeshore Dr
Whitefish, MT 59937

From: [Rob Foote](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Maps
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 12:53:30 PM

This last minute change for mapping is ridiculous. We had time to study the maps and comment now we have to start all over again. This is very sneaky and wrong. Chairwoman Smith is skirting her duty and the republicans are up to their usual dirty tricks. Do your duty and decide between the two previous maps.

From: [Marianne Forrest](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please OPPOSE Proposition 10
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:48:30 PM

GOOD AFTERNOON:

PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 11.

THANK YOU,
Marianne Forrest

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Adam Forslund
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 6:18:41 AM

From: Adam Forslund aforslund@hotmail.com
Residence: Miles City, MT

Message:

The simplest solution to redistricting is to have two at-large representatives.

Montana has a history of doing so in the past.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laurie Foster
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:00:33 PM

From: Laurie Foster lfoster0001@gmail.com

Residence: East Helena MT

Message:

Unsure how to select but voting for CP 12 as redistricting map.

Thanks

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Angela France
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:35:44 AM

From: Angela France angelaaaustin@gmail.com
Residence: Glendive MT

Message:

I fully support Map 12. Lewis & Clark county's economic and agriculture outputs belong in Eastern Montana's congressional district.

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From: jbkfkfjb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Kathy Francisco](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map!
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:31:59 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Redistricting is the first step in electing leaders who are accountable to voters and represent our communities. I am writing to urge the commission to support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map.

This proposal creates at least one district where neither party would be unduly favored, which would allow for a competitive race, ensuring that candidates have to spend time in the communities they represent.

This is the only map that firmly upholds the Voting Rights Act by placing more than one Tribal Nation within a competitive district, ensuring that candidates need to work for the confidence and votes of Indigenous people. By having at least two reservation communities within a competitive district, it will ensure that Tribal governments can have a more powerful government-to-government relationship with our next Congressperson.

Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map is the best map for folks across the state who don't feel heard by politicians. It is good for our communities and for Montana!

Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathy Francisco
1424 S 3rd Ave Bozeman, MT 59715-5508
jbkfkfjb@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Patricia A Franks
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:37:09 PM

From: Patricia A Franks patandgene1251@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I support map 12. I have researched all the maps and this map is the fairest for all Montanans.

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[\[mtredistricting.gov\]](https://mtredistricting.gov))

From: [John Fuller](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:07:25 AM

Dear Chair Smith and Commissioners,

Thank you for the transparency and open dialogue you have brought to this process. I truly understand the effort and time involved in trying to reach an agreement that follows the law, is equitable and yet satisfies the clamoring needs of all the constituents involved in the process.

Therefore, I believe that Map CP12 meets most of the necessary criteria. Most importantly, from my perspective, it keeps almost all counties intact, the districts are very compact and contiguous and by putting all of our Blackfeet friends in the West is the most fair representation for Indian country.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my views,

Sincerely,

John Fuller

Member, Montana House of Representatives

District 8

Sent from [Mail \[go.microsoft.com\]](mailto:John.Fuller@leg.mt.gov) for Windows

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From: Fortune1774@pm.me
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:36:02 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Thank you for your time.

Steph Gabbard

PO Box 190804
Hungry Horse, Mt 59919
406 253-1297
Fortune1774@pm.me

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave"
- Elmer Davis

From: Fortune1774@pm.me
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:27:49 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

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

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephany Gabbard
PO Box 190804
Hungry Horse, Mt. 59919
Flathead County

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave"
- Elmer Davis

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Debra Gale
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:35:03 AM

From: Debra Gale galemt@cybernet1.com
Residence: Corvallis

Message:

My name is Debra Gale. I have been a resident of Montana for 33 years. Living and working in the Big Hole Valley and Ravalli County in the field of natural resource management and recreation. Public lands constitute one of my strongest ties to Montana.

I support Map #11 because it best meets the selection criteria of the two alternatives. Map #11 best meets the selection criteria by keeping Gallatin County intact an obvious population and land unit of relative common interests. This single feature has significant impact on whether or not the congressional districts approach a reasonable degree of fairness and competitiveness in the elections ahead.

Map #10 does not conform with the stated objectives and selection criteria agreed to and outlined by the commission during the redistricting process. Splitting Gallatin County obviously does not meet the criteria for enhancing competitiveness in elections and keeping communities/populations of interest intact.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope that the commission fulfills its responsibility and promise to maintain a non-partisan objectivity and promotion of fair competition in our congressional representative elections.

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From: [Dawn Gandalf](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:39:45 PM

The addition of CP13 at this late time has been confusing to many. {what that the purpose?}
To be clear...originally I voted for 11 of the options presented.

After reviewing the 2 new maps, I favor the blending of 10/11 to = CP 13.

If this is what is needed to resolve and clarity than this is how I am voting.

IF CP 13 stands, then yes IF only 10 and 11 stand...then yes I vote for 11.

Dawn Gandalf
32 Dagny Court
Trout Creek Mt.
59874

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Susan Gardner
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:21:17 PM

From: Susan Gardner chr2828@blackfoot.net
Residence: Charlo

Message:
Susan Gardner

Susan Gardner Map 11 keeps communities of interest intact..

Creates a hostile division between rural and urban areas.

Thank you for all the time and study you have devoted to this important decision.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Janice Geer
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 10:13:49 AM

From: Janice Geer jlgeer@live.com
Residence: HAMILTON

Message:
I support the 10/11 Consensus Map.

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From: [Georgia C](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP-12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:31:50 PM

Upon review of 5-1-115 MCA, it appears that CP-12 best meets the criteria set forth; particularly in the area of equal population in the two districts.

Also it appears to be both compact and contiguous.

Also it is best for Flathead County to remain intact in the Western District for the reasons set forth by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

It allows for the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations to have a stronger voice.

It allows for Flathead, Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties to remain whole and only one county is split.

Thank you for your efforts. They are much valued.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Linda K. Gerard
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 6:51:36 PM

From: Linda K. Gerard gerard.lindak@gmail.com
Residence: Libby, Montana

Message:

I am in support of Proposal 10 – CP 10

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: darold girard
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:57:55 AM

From: darold girard banjogirard1@yahoo.com
Residence: Scobey

Message:

why do you not use the same lines we had when we had two congressman ?

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Louise Glimm
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 11:40:11 AM

From: Louise Glimm ljglimm@gmail.com
Residence: Conrad

Message:

I listened yesterday to all the speakers. Many in favor of leaving the Flathead in the West spoke. Were there any speakers in favor of Map 11 present from the Flathead? Please consider Map 12. It puts TWO Indian Reservation in the western district to fulfill that obligation. It leaves the Gallatin in the west and Lewis and Clark in the East. Pondera County as I understand it is the only county split. I live in Pondera and we have dealt with a split before. The Rocky Mountain front communities deal with big issues of grizzly bears and wolves compared to the eastern part of the county. We get along fine. Best to keep the Indian Reservation together and at least two in each district. Map 1 would be the best and suggested by several speaking at your hearing. Thank you for reading my comments after Saturday's hearing.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gail H. Goheen
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:22:47 PM

From: Gail H. Goheen gail@goheenlaw.com
Residence: Corvallis, MT

Message:

I support the adoption of re-districting map 11, as it is overall the most equitable and balanced; this recognizes Montana's history of fairness and even-handedness. Please adopt proposed redistricting map 11.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Derek Goldman
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 4:06:49 PM

From: Derek Goldman derekgold@hotmail.com
Residence: Missoula, MT

Message:

Dear Commissioners. I have lived and voted in Montana for 21 years. During that time, approximately an equal number of Democrats and Republicans have been elected to statewide office, (perhaps slightly more Democrats.)

So since Montana is basically split politically, it seems like we should have 1 D and 1 R represent us in the US House. So if an Eastern district is likely Republican, then it is only fair that the western district be likely Democratic.

Please approve a western district that is slightly more Democratic than Republican. It's the only fair thing to do to ensure that ALL Montanans are represented in the US House of Representatives. Thank you.

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From: autumngottschlich@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Autumn Gottschlich](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Congressional District Choice
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:38:24 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.I sent you an email earlier today, and now I realize I included my preference for district map 10 in error. I meant to write map 11. Please correct my previous email from two hours ago.

Thank you,
Autumn Gottschlich

Sincerely,
Autumn Gottschlich
380 Yodelin Ridge Rd Kalispell, MT 59901-3323
autumngottschlich@gmail.com

From: [Bruce Gourley](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Map 11
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:00:24 PM

Dear Maylinn, Jeff, Joe, Dan and Kendra:

Thank you for your deliberative work in striving toward a fair map.

After examining the alternative maps put forward in recent days, as a resident of rural Gallatin County I am writing again to voice my continued support for CP 11. Map 11 keeps Gallatin County together, the county that is the fastest growing, most dynamic county in the state, and a county which in totality collectively generates many thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars from tourism. Map 11 also places Park County -- also heavily dependent upon revenue generated from the Yellowstone National Park-area economy -- in the same district as Gallatin County, which makes economic sense.

Map 11 also meets the goal of one competitive district in which both parties would have to genuinely compete for the vote.

I oppose Map 12, which creates one district that has voted 100% Republican and another 75% Republican over the past 8 years. There is no competitiveness in Map 12. The lop-sided nature of CP 12 is reflected, among other things, in its separation of union-heavy Butte from the rest of Jefferson County, thereby penalizing the votes of working Montanans. Map 12 also places Gallatin County in a different district than neighboring Park County, diluting the voting power of both by dividing the counties' shared interests and economic base.

I also oppose Map 13, which takes a figurative scalpel to Bozeman, utilizing town streets as the dividing line for the two districts. Having one district on one side of town street and the other district on the other side of the street dilutes the Bozeman vote, which is bad not just for Bozeman, but for the state of Montana.

For a similar reason I oppose Map 10, which splits Gallatin County, dividing and weakening the voting power, influence and economic clout of the county.

For these reasons I support CP 11 and oppose the other 3 current proposals.

Thank you, again, for your good work on the Districting & Apportionment Commission.

Bruce Gourley
Churchill, MT
406-599-1754

From: [Kathleen Grant](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 10/30 meeting
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 6:55:39 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I watched yesterday's meeting on MPAC and am left feeling upset by the political maneuvers by Republican members. The work of this commission should be apolitical, transparent, and driven by the goals of making Montana's elections fair for all residents.

The Republicans introduced another new map yesterday, AFTER the public comment period. They acknowledged that they have been in possession of this map for some time and chose to hold it and not submit it prior to the period for public comment.

Mr. Stusek talked about a letter from 2 prominent, former Montana politicians supporting the work of the commission. This letter did not favor any particular map, but rather restated the goals of the commission. When Ms. Miller asked Mr. Stusek about the roll Senator Daines had in instigating the letter, Mr. Stusek's response was similar to a "deer in the headlights." He stammered, mumbled, and claimed that he didn't talk with his boss about this letter. While I have no evidence, his response was disingenuous. Mr. Daines is his boss, yet he claims that he hasn't talked to him about this work? I find that hard to believe. Protecting his boss is a practice of Mr. Stusek, just as he has personal knowledge of Mr. Daines' roll in the promotion of the "Big Lie," and the fundraising under fraudulent pretenses for the "steal."

If this commission is to create the most fair electoral regions for Montana, ALL members must be working in good faith. I did not see that yesterday.

thank you,

Kathy Grant

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andrew Haag
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 11:19:14 AM

From: Andrew Haag alhaag11@yahoo.com
Residence: KALISPELL, MT

Message:

NO on MAP 11. As a lifelong Flathead County resident I cannot fathom that you would consider placing Flathead County in the eastern district. Map 11 is a painful example of gerrymandering. How can someone with a straight face claim that map 11 is a good idea? Whitefish, Helena, Missoula, Bozeman, Butte in the same district is a Democrat dream that should not be taken seriously.

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From: [lois haag](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana districting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:30:39 PM

Please choose the CP-12 map option.

The CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District allows for a stronger voice for the tribes. It makes sense to keep Flathead County together.

Sincerely,

Lois Haag

1120 MT Hwy 209

Bigfork, MT 59911

406-270-4036

loishaag54@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Janet Haarvig](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New congressional districts
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:52:45 PM

I encourage you to vote for CP #11 for the following reasons:

It's population equal
It only splits one area (Flathead County)
It's the most competitive (Cook PVI Score of R+5)

Don't vote for CP#10 because:

It splits 2 areas: the city of Big Sky and Gallatin County.
It is **not** within the competitive range (Cook PVI Score of R+7)
It unduly favors a political party and does not take into account competitiveness, *ensuring candidates need to work for our votes*

Thank you,
Janet Haarvig
Missoula, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Bobbie Hafer
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:34:45 PM

From: Bobbie Hafer bkhafer@gmail.com

Residence: Dayton MT

Message:

I support Map CP12 because:

- it keeps Flathead County in the Western District
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
- it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
- it only splits 1 county

- I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.

- CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it

- CP13 splits too many counties

- keep Lewis and Clark county whole

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Shawn Hagestad
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:20:48 PM

From: Shawn Hagestad bzerker66@gmail.com
Residence: BOZEMAN

Message:

CP12 makes the most sense and is the closest to dividing the state evenly and with fewer breAk lines in a county.

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From: [Edwin Halland](#)
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:43:19 PM

Dear Redistricting Committee Members,

Of the last four Congressional District Maps submitted, I favor Map 12, it keeps Flathead County in the Western District. It also includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the same District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. It also keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties intact and only splits one county.

I dislike CP11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east, isolating it from the mining and forest product industries that it has in common with western counties. Please reject CP11.

CP13 splits too many counties, keep Lewis and Clark County whole. Reject CP13 also.

Again, please select CP12. Of the four maps it best represents the interests of all Montana.

Ed Halland
Bridger, Montana.

From: ahall08743@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Amy Hall](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please choose Map CP 11
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:44:26 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello,

Thank you for your work on this very important task.

I am writing in support of Map CP 11. In my opinion, it's critical to keep as many Montana communities intact as possible. We need more community connection in all of our towns, not less. It would only cause division to have communities like Gallatin Gateway and Big Sky served by two different Congresspersons. Map CP 10 is not a good choice.

Also, Map CP 10 doesn't create two competitive districts for the next 10 years. Even Map CP 11 only creates one competitive district, but one is better than zero.

Please vote for CP 11, the map that better serves Montana as a whole for the next 10 years, and does not overly favor one political party over the other.

Sincerely,
Amy Hall
2111 Cannon St Helena, MT 59601-1546
ahall08743@gmail.com

From: dnahalverson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Ann Halverson](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:09:03 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Folks: Please use MCP 11 as the new distract.

Ann Halverson

Sincerely,
Ann Halverson
13800 Hampton Dr Clinton, MT 59825-9735
dnahalverson@gmail.com

From: dnahalverson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Don Halverson](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 6:07:17 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Sirs/Madams; I feel MCP 11 would be best for Montana. Please choose MCP 11.

Don Halverson

Sincerely,
Don Halverson
13800 Hampton Dr Clinton, MT 59825-9735
dnahalverson@gmail.com

From: [Sandie Hammer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: [Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov](#); [Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov](#); [Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov](#); [Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov](#); [Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REDISTRICTING in MT November 1, 2021
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 7:20:16 PM

To: Chairman Smith and Commissioners

WE support Map CP 12. 2 votes

We have lived in Lake County 3 years since our retirement. I lived in the Gallatin County my whole life. I was an educator in Belgrade & a Realtor. My husband of 43 years was a lifelong cattle rancher in Manhattan & we had a grazing permit in the Gallatin Canyon up Taylor Fork near Yellowstone. We take a 5th wheel trailer to Fort McDowell, AZ Reservation at Eagle View Rv Park (last 10 years for 4.5 months in the winter) which is the Yavapai Indian Nation. We love & respect both reservations & its people & have even substitute taught for 2 Fall quarters & was very impressed with the education. We support Map CP 12:

MOST important: it keeps Flathead County in the Western District

- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
- it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
- it only splits 1 county

We don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.

- CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. This map is strongly biased as the UNION stronghold is evident and is obviously favoring Democrats.
- CP13 splits too many counties
- Keep Lewis and Clark county whole.

Thank you for your time and efforts: 2 votes for CP 12.

(#1 was the best) Sandra and Jerry Hammer 678 Hawk Drive
Polson, MT 59860. Phone #'s 406-581-3033 & 9635

From: [debihansen5](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MAP 12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:25:19 AM

I request Map 12 for the new Congressional District in Montana.
Thank you!!!!

Debra Hansen
603 MD Circle
Hamilton, MT 59840

406-381-7363

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Rose Hanser
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:52:09 AM

From: Rose Hanser rmhanser@gmail.com
Residence: Colstrip, MT

Message:

Please vote yes for CP12. Each district is contiguous and in one piece. Map CP12 meets the Committees Goals for Congressional Districts because, both districts are equal as possible and do not favor a political party. Montanan's vote for the candidates and not always the party. I noticed map CP12 complies with all the Mandatory Criteria for Congressional Districts that the Redistricting Committee has adopted since, the districts are equal in population by one person. These districts protect minority voting rights because it divides the Native American Reservation as equally as practical. I really appreciate that each district is compact as territories for travel and transportation, geography and communication. I believe this district plan will minimize dividing cities, towns, counties, and federal reservations between two districts. The division of Pondera County, which by the way, is the only county to be divided, to help balance Reservations is a benefit as well because CP12 places both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district. Communities of interest will remain intact; our Native American concerns, urban as well as rural interests will be better addressed. This will support and help keep intact neighborhoods, trade areas, geographic location, demographics, communication and transportation networks, social, cultural, historic, and economic interests and connections, or occupations and lifestyles as well. Map CP12 meets Montana Code.
Thank you.

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From: [Deborah Hanson](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:19:21 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Thank you all for your service and dedication to this important mission, drawing our new Congressional Districts. My name is Deborah Hanson, I reside in Miles City and have lived here since 1976.

I would like to state my support for Map 11 because it meets your criteria and it does not overtly favor one political party.

Competitive districts are healthy for a functioning democracy, instilling interest in the policies and in the whole process by encouraging more participation.

Also, Map 11 encourages the representative to pay attention to the communities of interest within their district.

Once again, thank you for your consideration of Map 11.

Regards,
Deborah Hanson
1002 Pleasant St
Miles City, MT 59301

From: [Stefanie Hanson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:25:33 PM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because it keeps flathead county together and in the western district. It keeps Lewis and Clark, flathead and Gallatin counties whole and only splits 1 county! It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the western district, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Stefanie Hanson, 194 Frontage Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, shanson@beckmansrealestatemt.com



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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jeffrey P Harker
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:49:03 AM

From: Jeffrey P Harker harkjs@aboutmontana.net
Residence: Columbia Falls, Montana

Message:

I am in favor of redistribution map CP-12, the Flathead county is in the western district of Montana and CP-12 more closely represents our historical geographic representation in Montana.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sarah Harne
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:53:44 AM

From: Sarah Harne sarah.harne@alliant.com
Residence: Helena

Message:
Lewis and Clark County is no doubt part of Western Montana and should be included the Western District.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Court Harris
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:55:51 AM

From: Court Harris courtvharris@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston

Message:

Please move a map forward that ensures that Park and Gallatin County are kept together, and creates at least one competitive district. • CP 12 slices Park County off from Gallatin. Livingston is a vital part of the greater Gallatin regional economy. A large number of Livingston residents commute to Bozeman for work as well as shopping, dining, and recreation. Livingston is a hot spot for Bozeman residents to dine, and enjoy the outdoors. Park county interests will be ignored in District 2. • CP 12 creates a district where Republicans have won over 75% of statewide elections over the last 8 years in one district and 100% of elections over the last 8 years in the other district. That's not competitive and intentionally drawing both districts to heavily favor the Republican party violates this Commission's goal of not unduly favoring a political party.

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From: [Karen Heald](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fair Maps
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:48:27 PM

At 3:45 Saturday afternoon, I recieved your request for input on today's vote ?

This cannot be serious.

I want to know who is funding this request.

Sincerely,

Karen Heald

Billings, Montana

From: [Chuck Heil](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Map 11
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:39:14 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Charles Heil, and I am a lifelong Montanan currently living in Kalispell. First off, I would like to thank the commission for the work they are doing on this difficult task, especially Commissioner Smith, who has the hardest job of all.

I strongly prefer map 11 as I believe it is the only map that fulfills all of the goals that were set forth in the beginning of this process.

Although I live in Kalispell now, I lived in Helena for years and have a deep appreciation for the shared values of Helena and Butte as Union towns. My grandfather, Joe Dzivi, was one of the first teamsters to bring unions to Montana. He was Sergeant at Arms for the Montana State District Council of Hod Carriers, Construction and General Laborers and an International Representative of the AFL-CIO. He fought tirelessly for the rights of workers, and I honor his memory by supporting this map.

Map 10 breaks with the historical precedent in Montana by separating the towns of Helena and Butte, diluting union strength and breaking apart a community of interest that's existed for over a century.

Also, Map 11 is the only map that actually gives fair representation for both parties. It is the clear choice to support the people of Montana in a non-partisan manner. I served this country for 23 years in the Air Force and I find the current divisive atmosphere in our state concerning. I watched as our last legislature put forth attacks on voting rights. This is not what I fought for. My support of Map 11 is also support for a return to stable Democracy.

Sincerely,
Charles Heil

From: [Lisa Heil](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Map 11
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:56:53 PM

Dear Redistricting Commission,

My name is Lisa Heil, and I currently live in Kalispell. I would like to thank the commission for the hard work they are doing on this difficult task, especially Commissioner Smith, who has the most challenging job of all.

I am writing in support of Map 11 as I believe it is the clear choice to honor the goals you put in place at the start of this process. Here are some examples:

As has always been the case when Montana had two congressional districts, the economic connection between Livingston and Bozeman is respected under Proposal 11, ensuring district lines don't divide the flows of workers, innovation, and dollars between the two communities.

This map keeps Jefferson and Broadwater counties together with Helena, making sure that most commuters are kept in the same district as their workplace.

I also support Map 11 because it offers more support to the reservations. Native Voices has spoken in favor of this map and our indigenous citizens deserve better treatment than they have received in the past.

Map 10 splits the towns of Big Sky and Gallatin Gateway, even though there is no clear reason to do so since Gallatin county could have been split in such a way to keep them together. This is a partisan cut of Gallatin County designed to crack apart Democratic votes and splitting two small towns for no reason violates your criteria on minimizing the unnecessary division of towns.

I also support Map 11 because I am deeply disturbed by the divisive nature of politics in this state. Map 10 clearly favors one party while Map 11 would create a competitive district. The rule of the day seems to have become bullying to get their way when it comes to the Republican party. I have seen threats to protest at School Board members' homes and many other examples of extremism where I live. What we need is a return to balance and civil Democracy.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Heil

From: [pat.h](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - I Support CP-12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:21:48 PM

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
- it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole
- it only splits 1 county
- I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.
- CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it
- CP13 splits too many counties
- keep Lewis and Clark county whole

Thank you for all your hard work and your numerous, numerous hours on this.

Pat Heil
511 Crestview Rd.
Kalispell MT, 59901

From: [Lyn Hellegaard](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:41:45 AM

After hearing comments Saturday, I still believe map CP-1 is the map which follows the law. However, since CP-1 is off the table. I would support CP-12 because it keeps Flathead County in the Western [District.as \[district.as\]](#) was voiced by multiple people at Saturday's hearing.

However, keeping Lewis & Clark county whole is certainly politically motivated, as was voiced by numerous speakers wanting to keep the union strongholds in one district

Best.

Lyn Hellegaard

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: David Hergesheimer
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:14:05 AM

From: David Hergesheimer dherge@js-cpa.com
Residence: Kalispell

Message:

Thank you for reconsidering the redistricting maps with the 2 new alternatives. I don't believe that splitting any county in Montana is wise, especially Flathead & Gallatin counties. CP 10, 11, & 12 makes Flathead County whole in the Western district & I voice support for CP 10 but could accept 11 & 12 as well.

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From: [Barb Hesler](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map selection
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:22:56 PM

I am writing to “vote” for either map 10 or 12 on the redistricting. Either of these maps reflect a fair representation of our state in the redistricting process and are more equitable than maps 11 or 13.

Barbara Hesler
Missoula, MT

From: [Diana Hicks](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:08:46 PM

In Taking the time to look at congressional maps proposals, I am for 10-CP12. We are Western Montana, and need to keep Kalispell and Bid Fork as part of the Western Montana

We truly rely on Kalispell for serious medical care and shopping, Industrial services not to mention the Airport and highway services. We are a community with shared experiences in many ways.

What happens here deeply affects each one of us in the west. Please take this into consideration, and not the politics. We need to have a say in what happens here, It will affect our daily lives in a real way.

Thank you so much for your time, and all you do.

Diana Hicks
102 W. Balsam #4
Libby, Mt 59923

From: [Joan Higgins-Smith](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please vote for Map 13
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:30:55 PM

Hello, as far as I can figure out from observing and listening I recommend that everyone votes for Map 13; seems like the most balanced option.

Thanks,
Joan Higgins-Smith

From: cmhinch@3rivers.net
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:07:26 PM

I am writing in regard to the proposals presented for the redistricting process as we continue to support CP11. This proposal would leave Lewis & Clark in the Western District and does not divide any rural counties, providing a fair distribution in two competitive districts. However, and if CP11 does not make the cut, please support CP13 that will still create competitive districts where candidates from either party will have the opportunity of representing all Montanans!

Most alarming is the CP12 proposal which creates two noncompetitive Republican districts and defeats the basic definition of competitiveness as adopted by the Commission. Consequently, we strongly oppose the obvious GOP gerrymandering in this proposal!

Thank you all for your hard work with this dynamic redistricting process and your efforts in working to ensure fair and competitive districts!

Charles & Marsha Hinch

95 S Fork Rd

Choteau, MT 59422

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Colleen Hinds
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:56:31 PM

From: Colleen Hinds colleenhinds@hotmail.com
Residence: Heron, Montana 59845

Message:

Why are the poor working class of Montana, Native Americans & Union workers being held hostage by the fearful tactics of the GOP?? Map 12 will at least give some competitiveness to the West district/ Isn't it about equal representation?? Our voices matter

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marian Hjortsberg
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:35:46 PM

From: Marian Hjortsberg mariansrh@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston

Message:

In all ways, as I see it CP12 is designed to separate voting districts, not make them more cohesive.

For example it proposes to separate Butte from Jefferson City which is cohesive in that many people commute from JC to Butte regularly.

It also ensures that rural voices will never be able to elect a congress person of their choice. This rearranging of the districts is gerrymandering at its most blatant and it will shatter any form of cohesiveness in the state of Montana.

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

From: [Kim Hoberecht](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP#11
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:44:38 PM

Pick this map for Montana redistricting.

Kim Hoberecht

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sue Hoell](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional District Maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:02:15 PM

Please use Map 11. Lewis and Clark County and Gallatin County residents both want their votes to matter. Both counties have more urban priorities than rural priorities.

If Map 11 is not selected then my second choice is two at large Congressional Districts where urban residents at least feel as if their votes weren't discounted by redistricting maps.

Montana is unique because it has such a geographically large rural area. That does not justify depriving Montana's urban voters of being able to weigh in on national public policy.

Sue Hoell
Lewis and Clark County

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

From: [jeff.hoffer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Mt CP 11
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:22:24 AM

Please support CP11. Keep voting fair.

Jeff Hoffer's I-pad

From: [James Holbrook](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 6:31:21 PM

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Helena and a union leader, I am writing today to voice my formal opposition to proposals 10 and 12 as proposed by the commission.

Both CP 10 and CP 12 divide Helena from the strongly union communities in Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda. This is in direct contradiction to this commission's goals of keeping communities of interest intact. Previous proposals considered, and adopted, by this commission have recognized and honored this community of interest and kept these communities in one district.

As someone who was born and raised in Billings and now lives in Helena, I can attest to the fact that Billings and Helena are very distinct communities, and question why they should be lumped together in a Congressional district.

These proposals should also be rejected as they will unduly favor one political party. It is important that Montana's representatives work to earn the vote of their constituents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

James Holbrook
Helena, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Eric Holm
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:34:38 AM

From: Eric Holm eholtm0@hotmail.com
Residence: Billings, Montana

Message:

I am in favor of Map CP 11. Gallatin County should not be split, since the entire county is interconnected for purposes of economic interests, tourism, geographic location, and local interests. Flathead County should be included in the eastern district over Lewis & Clark County, as this will preserve cultural, social, and lifestyle interests. I live in Yellowstone County, and the majority of my family lives in central Flathead County. Having experienced these two locales firsthand for many years, they have much more in common economically, socially, and culturally than Lewis & Clark County, which should be in the western district along with southwestern and western Montana. The congressional races would be much more competitive under Map CP 11 and more meaningful to the electorate.

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

From: [Grayce Holzheimer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New congressional map for Montana
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 1:48:31 PM

Hello,

I would like to comment on the new map being considered for our new congressional candidate.

I am a life long Montanan. I was born here and I stayed.

I am writing in support of congressional Map CP 11.

1. It is fair concerning population comparison

(Equal population in each district)

2. It meets the guidelines and criteria for a fair and balanced congressional district.

3. It is in the fair maps competitive range, Cook PVI: R+5 and it splits Flathead county accordingly.

As a life long Montanan, I remember when we had 3 congressional seats.

Let the new district be fair and balanced.

Please choose CP Map 11.

Thank you,

Ms. Grayce Holzheimer

917 Ave C NW

Great Falls, Mt. 59404

406-781-5996

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Grayce Holzheimer
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:22:54 PM

From: Grayce Holzheimer brazee63@icloud.com
Residence: Great Falls, Montana

Message:

This means that the final Congressional districts should:
be as close to equal in population as possible
be compact & contiguous while minimizing dividing communities of interest, cities, towns, counties, and reservations
comply with the Voter Rights Act
not unduly favor a political party and take into account competitiveness, ensuring candidates need to work for our votes.

I am asking you to adopt MAP CP #11

This map is:

population equal

splits Flathead County

is within the competitive range (Cook PVI: R+5)

Thank you for all your efforts to make Montanans new congressional district as fair and competitive as possible. Fair elections and fair representation is important to me.

Thank you for your time being on this board considering ALL Montanans, including those of us who never left and stayed in Montana.

Sincerely,

Grayce Holzheimer

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From: [mthonzel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] map choice
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:18:44 PM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

After reviewing the 4 maps, MAP 11 seems to be the most equitable.

In addition, I have reviewed comments by supporters of the different options. I am originally from Billings, considered eastern Montana. But I have lived and worked in Helena my adult life. I don't consider Helena "eastern Montana" either geographically or politically.

I am also ashamed to say that I inadvertently added my name to a letter for Map 12, thinking it was 11. I would definitely X it out if I could. That is not a good choice for Montana or for Montanans.

Sincerely,
Mary Honzel

From: [Jules Howard](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fair districting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:51:34 AM

I'm writing to implore you an appointed commission to select a districting map that is fair and complies with the Voter Rights Act! I've seen several of the Maps proposed and it's vital that one that favors one party over the other NOT be selected. Map CP #11 seems the most fair and falls within the goals you promised to uphold. Montana isn't just for Republicans ideals ! Please help us stay fair and equal in our elections. Please!!!

Sincerely,
Julie Howard
Bigfork 59911

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Susanne Huelsmeyer-Sinay
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:41:00 PM

From: Susanne Huelsmeyer-Sinay llama.susi.sinay@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston, MT

Message:
Ladies and gentlemen:

I urge you to implement a map that keeps Livingston with Bozeman in the Western District to reflect a balanced representation of the people of Montana.

Thank you.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Dorothy Huff
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:19:35 PM

From: Dorothy Huff dchuff@centurytel.net
Residence: Kalispell, Montana

Message:
Please vote FOR Map CP-12.
Thank you.

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From: [Dorothy Huff](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT Map CP-12 Montana Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:16:08 PM

TO: Maylinn Smith
Jeff Essmann
Joe Lamson
Dan Stusek
Kendra Miller

Hello,

Since Map CP-1 (apparently) is no longer an option, please select Map CP-12. It logically keeps Flathead County in the Western District and causes only one county to be divided in two. It is your responsibility to serve the citizens of Montana through the laws of our state. Please vote for Map CP-12.

Thank you,
Dorothy Huff
29 Meadowlark Drive
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 752-4712
dchuff@centurytel.net

From: [Chris Hunter](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:03:10 AM

Good Morning Commissioners

Thank you all for your hard work to come up with our second Congressional District and a new Eastern District. We are writing in opposition to CP12 and support of both CP11 and 13.

Early in this process you unanimously adopted criteria for the new district. One of those criteria was that the new district would not unduly favor one political party. CP 12 violates this criterion. This map creates two districts where Republicans have won 100% and 75% of statewide races. This map was created to virtually guarantee Republican victories in both districts. That means the hundreds of thousands of Democrats in this state would have no representation because Republican candidates could simply ignore the issues and concerns of Democratic voters without fear of losing an election.

As a resident of Helena and Lewis And Clark County I am especially appalled at the attempt to move us into an Eastern district. Helena and Lewis And Clark County have virtually nothing in common with Eastern Montana. We are not a rural or agricultural community. We are an urban community with an economy based on service industries and government. This is a clear attempt to gerrymander us into a district where we will have no representation.

Maps CP11 and 13 at least attempt to create a new Western District that is somewhat competitive while guaranteeing Republican victory in the East. This is important because candidates from both major parties will have to listen to and acknowledge the issues and concerns of their constituents in the new Western District.

We support the adoption of either map CP11 or CP13.

Thank you
Chris and Carol Hunter

From: [Kim HURTLE](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:34:24 PM

I advocate Map CP# 11

Kim Hurtle
543 3rd
Helena MT 59601

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: Support 11 or 13; strongly oppose 12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 6:16:25 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: John Ilgenfritz <jgilgenfritz@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:51 PM
To: Kolman, Joe <jkolman@mt.gov>; Sherley, Laura <LSherley@mt.gov>; Spencer, Nadine <NSpencer@mt.gov>; Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>; Maylinn.Smith@legmt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support 11 or 13; strongly oppose 12

Too many maps, too little time.

Frankly, I find this all very confusing. However, what is clear to me is that legislative districts as well as the State as a whole benefit its people most when races are for the most part competitive.

Competitive races encourages better candidates in both parties to run as they believe that their time, energy and resources of folks who support them are worthy of expending as they all have a real chance of winning. It also encourages candidates to actually campaign face-to-face, stating where they stand on issues and encourages them to be specific in what they want to do and how they want to achieve their objectives.

Through out history we have seen when one party controls both houses of legislatures and important state-wide offices. Such control is a recipe for disaster, disenfranchisement and disillusionment of voters. It leads to ill-thoughtout legislation in which one party can just ram poor through bills as they know they do not have to reach across the aisle to gain support.

I am old enough to remember when both parties consisted of liberals, moderates and conservatives. Today we are increasingly becoming a state and a country in which the "Extremes", not to be confused with the "Supremes" are gaining control.

In addition, Lewis & Clark County has no business being in the Eastern District.

The decision you make in the next few days will either encourage compromise and better legislation or seal our fate for the next ten years.

It's like that old (real old) Fram Oil commercial: "you can either pay me now or pay me later.

Support 11 or 13, but definitely not 12.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Patricia Irish
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:33:01 AM

From: Patricia Irish arpaacirish@gmail.com
Residence: Roundup, mt

Message:
Please CP12 is most equitable! Please consider

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Linda M. Jackson
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:52:57 AM

From: Linda M. Jackson vjack@centurytel.com
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

I support map CP12 for the new district. It keeps Flathead County intact in the western district. Also, two Reservations are included. Thank you.

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From: [Ginny James](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Map
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 6:36:24 PM

Montana needs a fair redistricting map. I support CP#11 as the map that does not unduly favor either party. Let's make it fair, folks!
Virginia James

From: [Gerry Jennings](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Vote
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:26:58 PM

I encourage you to vote against map 12. It is not a proper apportionment of political parties.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tony Jewett](#)
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Vote NO on Map #12; Please support Map #11 or #13
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:38:04 PM

Dear Commissioner Smith:

The map #12 submitted for consideration in recent days by the GOP members of the state redistricting commission is a travesty and blatant example of partisan gerrymandering. I am writing to urge you to reject this proposal. As a Montana resident of approaching 50 years, I have always treasured the political and social culture of our state - particularly the openness with which we have historically approached voting and the exchange of opinions and ideas. Map#12 would permanently alter for the next decade that foundational approach and disenfranchise residents like myself from having a part and say in our government; our voices would no longer be listened to as we would become marginalized in a state of 2 firmly entrenched Republican Congressional districts, represented by individuals who would feel no need or political reason to give credence to our thoughts and opinions.

Of the 2 districts created by Map#12, Republicans have won 75% of statewide elections in one district and 100% of statewide elections in the other. This unduly favors one party over another and disenfranchises all Montana Democratic voters whose vote, opinions and ideas would become meaningless over the next 10 years. In the 2020 elections, Republicans won every statewide election in both districts created by Map#12. I would ask : how does this Map meet any basic definition of fairness, inclusion and competitiveness? There are other substantive and foundational problems with Map#12: a) separating important communities of interest (and thus diluting the power of their collective voice), b) slicing away adjacent counties of aligned and shared economies and interests while not taking advantage of splitting some counties internally where distinct interests are geographically separated and reside, and c) disempowering rural Montanans in each proposed district as the urban vote carries an undue weight of power.

I would hope, Chairwoman Smith, that you oppose this plan of Map #12 and vote it down. I have written the Commission earlier with my thoughts and support for Map #11. I continue to strongly support that map as well as Map#13 as an alternative - mainly because both of those options provide the opportunity for myself and other non-GOP voters and residents in the state to participate in our democratic system in a meaningful way and to feel as if our vote - and our voice still matters.

Please **do not disenfranchise** hundreds of thousands of Montana voters and residents by throwing your support behind Map#12. I ask you to support Map #11 or #13.

Sincerely,

Tony Jewett
tonyjewett1@gmail.com

From: [Jim](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:25:35 PM

The fact that a bus-load of Republicans were allowed to monopolize Saturday morning hearings to tout map 12 , which heavily favors the Republican Party, shows me they are not interested in a fair process. I believe map 13 is much more equitable.

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dan Johnson](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; [Joe Lamson](#); Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting Commission
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:54:15 PM

Redistricting Commission,

Looking at the 3 new maps I feel like we took a step backwards. I really liked all of the aspects of CP 1. It was the best divide for our State in all aspects. It also followed all of the rules and didn't look like it was gerrymandered. I can certainly see the motive behind CP 11 and CP 13 with the removal or divide of Flathead County and it is very politically motivated. The bottom line is any map that puts Flathead County in eastern Montana will be viewed poorly by Montanans and perceived as a politically motivated steal for the democrats. Voters should determine election results and not redistricting. CP 12 is the best of the 3 new maps but it is far inferior to CP 1 in every aspect. Selfishly being a resident in Jefferson County I believe I would be better represented in the eastern district but as I have stated before I don't think Montanans would view the divide in Montana quite like any of the new maps depict it. I do however understand that the west is growing at a higher rate than the east and that makes it more difficult to draw a demographic representative district map with population densities as disproportionate as they are. One aspect I do however like that I didn't originally see or think of is the inclusion of the State Capital in the eastern district which does promote unity amongst the State. I am not sure if that was intentional by the commission but it would be a very good selling point for this map since there is an inevitable perception of exclusion felt by many folks on the far eastern portion of the State.

There are positive aspects that I see in all the maps in that they all have more evenly distributed Tribal representation from prior maps. They all have a north/south line separating east and west although I would hardly call Flathead county eastern Montana and the population numbers are evenly apportioned. That being said I don't want to come off as disrespectful to all of the commission's efforts as I know this is a difficult task.

To summarize I would recommend you adopt CP1 out of all the maps and if it is determined by the commission to only go with the last three proposed maps I would recommend CP 12.

Thank you once again for your efforts on this commission and thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Dan Johnson
County

Jefferson
406-570-2101

From: [michael johnson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Congressional Redistricting - Support CP-12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:31:57 AM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Thank you for your consideration,

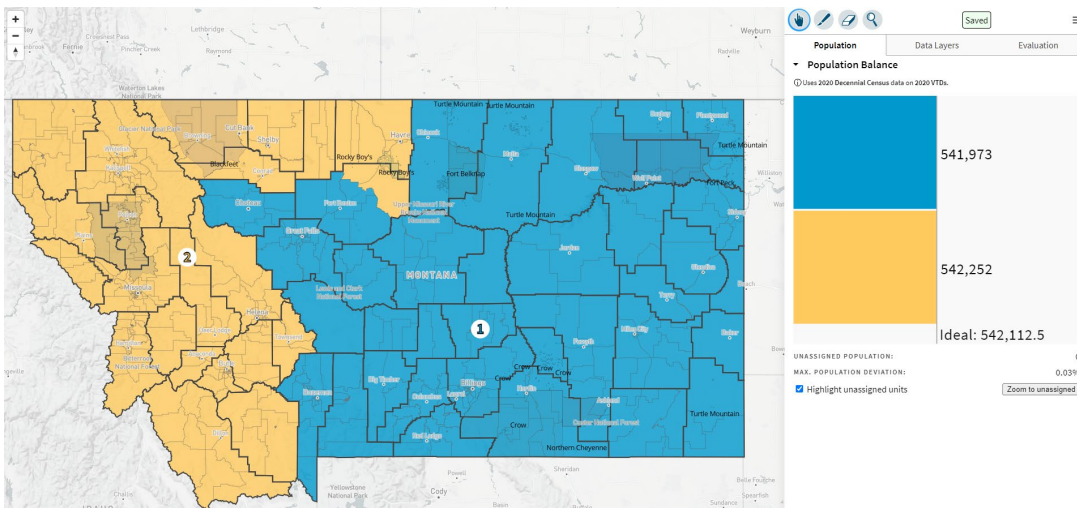
Michael Johnson
145 Black Bear Lane
Bigfork MT 59911
Mikeej7@gmail.com
406 314-1080

From: [Sam Johnson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Negotiating a final Congressional Map for MT
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:14:26 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)

Dear Commission,

Given the stalemate that we find ourselves having to settle on one of the two final maps, I think that there needs to be a new map put forth. Since each map (CP 10 and CP11) move towards splitting fast growing counties in the state, I believe the two sides need to retain the continuity of those two split counties (Flathead and Gallatin). Given the charter of the committee to uphold geographic compactness, minimize county splitting, work towards competitiveness (non-gerrymandering) and ensure tribal boundaries are respected, below is a proposed map that retains the fastest growing counties that were previously split, evenly divides tribal boundaries within the two districts, does not factor in previous election results, and only splits one county (Choteau). This map satisfies the charter of the commission and would demonstrate bipartisanship negotiation in a time of toxic partisanship.

<https://districtr.org/plan/73567> [districtr.org]



From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Tanya Johnson
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:04:56 AM

From: Tanya Johnson tanyaj015@gmail.com
Residence: Bigfork, Montana

Message:

Dear chair Smith and commissioners,

I reside in Flathead county and I am a small business owner in the tourism industry. I am writing to express my deep concern over the consideration to split and add part of Flathead county into the East side district of Montana. While I greatly admire my Eastern MT neighbors and all the unique industry of the East side, our West side of MT is very unique as well. In this situation however, it is important to point out that the West and East sides of MT are very different. We in the West have a very heavy tourism and small business industry and the East side is heavily agriculture and mining- each needs dedicated understanding and representation in Congress. Anywhere the Flathead county would be split would split our tourism and business attractions. Map CP 12 is in my opinion the best option because it keeps the Flathead and other large counties together and it keeps the CSKT and Blackfeet Indian reservations together giving them more dedicated representation as well.

I wish we could come up with a map that does not split any counties but at least CP12 splits only one county. I urge you to prioritize creating the two MT districts based on industries / types of business in common and on preserving strong native American representation by choosing CP 12 which would result in the fairest representation in Congress for all Montanans.

Thank you for your consideration,
Tanya Johnson
145 Black Bear Lane
Bigfork MT 59911
Cell: 949-292-9211

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From: [Joyce Jill](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Adopt Redistricting Map #CP11
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 8:18:18 AM

Good Day Commissioners,

I am writing today in firm support of Proposal 11 and against Proposal 10.

I am a registered voter and resident of Gallatin Gateway. I own several properties in Gallatin Gateway and along the Gallatin Canyon corridor.

I favor Map #CP11 because it does not split the community of Gallatin Gateway. It creates a fair, competitive, non-partisan district. Representation of the vast community of Gallatin Gateway would remain intact.

I oppose Map #CP10. The split of the community of Gallatin Gateway is arbitrary, disconnected and serves no purpose.

I urge you to adopt #CP11 and reject #CP10.

Sincerely,

Jill Joyce

638 Lower Tom Burke Road
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
(406) 581.7436

The way of love is not a subtle argument. The door there is devastation. Birds make great sky-circles of their freedom. How do they learn it? They fall, and falling, they're given wings.
--Rumi

From: [Don Judge](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional reapportionment
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:02:24 PM

Dear Commissioners, I was deeply disappointed to hear that the republican commissioners chose once again to bypass the hard work of the full commission by introducing yet another proposal that clearly intends to create GOP noncompetitive districts in both the East and the West. Montana has traditionally been a state in which both parties have been elected to office and as a fourth generation Montanan I am encouraging you to continue to promote competitive districts. I'm continuing to support option number 11 and opposing option number 12. Thank you for considering my input.

Don Judge
601 Peosta
Helena, MT 59601

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Droid

From: csjuneau@3rivers.net
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments on the Proposed Maps for Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:46:10 PM

November 2, 2021

Dear Chairwoman Smith and members of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission:

Thank you for your commitment in working on the creation of the two Congressional Districts that will represent Montana. I am so glad that we are going back to two representatives in Congress. Our voice will be stronger to insure that efforts to strengthen Montana's economy, educational systems, health care, justice, and family needs are given the necessary attention and action in Congress.

But, we must insure that all Montanans are represented fairly as we go forward.

I do support Map 13 and ask that you vote in favor of this plan. I particularly like the following points on Map 13:

1. I do appreciate that both the Blackfeet Reservation and Salish Kootenai Reservation are included. These two reservation communities currently make up a Senate District, so it is important that they stay together in the Congressional District plan. Montana's Native Political Voice has grown so much in the past 20 years and to insure that this voice continue it is important to have strong representation in both Districts. All candidates who seek the vote of Montanans must insure that they hear Native voters' issues and know that they have to be responsive to these issues.

Providing protection of minority rights are guaranteed in Article II, Section 4 of the Montana Constitution and through compliance with the Voting Rights Act. We as Native people of Montana cannot be provided with less opportunities than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and elect representatives of our choice. Map 13 is the best plan to achieve this.

2. It keeps many communities of interest intact including union towns and recognizes the importance of counties and cities.
3. It is Historical from the 1980's plan keeping many communities of interest as possible.
4. The population is equal in both districts.

Thank you again for the many hours of work, long meetings, and your efforts to insure that our Vote is important.

Carol C. Juneau

916 – 37th Avenue NE

Great Falls, Montana 59404

From: [Stacy Kandel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting map
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:56:42 AM

Dear Montana Districting and Apportionment Committee,

I urge you to please support of the CP12 map. CP12 is a competitive map that **follows all mandatory criteria**.

Thank you for your time,

Stacy Kandel

PO Box 1392
Trout Creek, MT 59874

From: [JONNIE KEELING](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I like Map 11
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:41:21 AM

Jonnie J Keeling

Sent from my iPad

From: [Shirlee Keffer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:54:21 AM

I ask for your support on map CP12
Shirlee Keffer
Columbus MT 59019

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ryan Kennedy
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:38:14 PM

From: Ryan Kennedy thirty32two@gmail.com

Residence: Helena

Message:

I'm against map 12, as is puts Helena in the East. Helena belongs in the west! Why on earth would Helena be part of Billings' district? This is a politically-driven map.

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From: [kristeen keup](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov;
Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 13 Compact Competitive Contiguous
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:02:16 PM

As a born and raised Montanan and retired Montana educator, I feel that it is critical to represent all of Montana in a fair and non-partisan manner. Montanans deserve to have a say and to have their unique voices heard.

I urge this commission to support Plan 13.

Plan 13 meets all three of your requirements for new districting:

1. contiguous, 2. compact, and most importantly, 3. competitive.

Competitive districts are necessary. When no party has a distinct advantage, each must answer to the other for their actions, providing balanced representation of all Montanans.

Competitive districts also require more general election voter contact to **listen** to voters. To truly create and maintain a government of the people, by the people and for the people, Montanans require this vital level of accountability.

Candidates who "win" a general election not by what they stand FOR, but by adding an R or D behind their name on the ballot, is not true representation, but politics. When gerrymandered districts heavily favor one party over the other, candidates do not have to work as hard to earn their constituents' trust; thus, they are not as likely to be held accountable for the votes they may or may not take while "representing" us. To truly represent us, decisions **MUST** be based on what is best for the people, not the candidate.

I hope the commission will keep your 3 C's: compact, contiguous and competitive, foremost in your minds when casting a final, FAIR vote for our Montana opportunity for a representative new congressional district.

Peace. Understanding. Light.
Kristeen M. Keup

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Florence Kiewel
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 10:03:57 AM

From: Florence Kiewel flowing@bresnan.net
Residence: Columbia Falls

Message:

I am not a republican nor a democrat. I have always voted for the person I felt would do the best job. Therefore, I am not here to argue a side. America, and especially Montana, has always been about democracy, equality, freedom; these are not ideals owned exclusively by any one party. What American politics demands at all levels is BALANCE. Your job is to ensure ongoing balanced political discussion in this state. Democracy, equality and freedom depend on that balance.

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From: [CHERYL KIPPEN](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:03:09 PM

Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.
- It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.
- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Sent from my iPad

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Gina Klempel
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 12:09:12 PM

From: Gina Klempel klemlog@aboutmontana.net
Residence: Kalispell

Message:
Dear Committee:

In looking at a myriad of maps it has come to my attention that CP-12 is the best all around it is fair and consistent with Montana as it stands. I do not want to go into a long diatribe on this map but wish to have your consideration in this map CP-12 as the fairest map that is now being presented.

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From: goodeggfarm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Leslie Kline](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]congressional map decision
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 11:56:45 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hi,

I'd like to weigh in on the congressional map, in favor of Map #CP11. It looks more fair and is more similar to the previous division of the state.

thanks for your work,

Leslie Kline

Sincerely,
Leslie Kline
50537 Moiese Valley Rd Ronan, MT 59864-8854
goodeggfarm@yahoo.com

From: [Quenby Klippenes](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of map CP-12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:48:26 PM

I am favor of CP-12 for the following reasons, it only splits one county amd you keep in tact Gallatin, Lewis and Clark along with Flathead counties whole

Thank you for your consideration,

Quenby Klippenes

openspacesrealestate@gmail.com

145 New Dracut Hill Rd, Vaughn, MT 59487

Cascade county

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Quenby Klippenes

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Great Falls, MT 59401

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openspacesrealestate@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Deb Knight
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:57:56 AM

From: Deb Knight debknight@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I support redistricting map number 13 as it offers the best potential for competitive districts. I don't want one political party to have an unfair and extreme advantage over the citizens of Montana. ALL voices deserve to be heard.

My second choice is map 11, if necessary.

Thank you.

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From: [Shawn Knopp](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:30:47 PM

- Maps should not favor one political party over another
- The Commission needs to minimize the splitting of counties, as stated in the Commission's goals. The Democrat Commission members map splits three counties total, while the Republican map only splits one.

From: [eric knutson](#)
To: [Eric Knutson](#); [Dan Stusek](#); [Districting](#); [Jeff Essmann](#); [Joe Lamson](#); [Kendra Miller](#); [Maylinn Smith](#); [tom@flatheadliberty.com](#); [Carrey Hirt](#); [Laura Lee Flathead Liberty](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:22:31 PM

I support map CP12 because it keeps Flathead County and Lake County in the western district.

From: eric.knutson
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: CALL TO ACTION - 2020 DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:24:35 PM
Attachments: [Agenda - 2021.11.04.pdf](#)
[CP-12.pdf](#)

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From: <tom@flatheadliberty.com>
Date: Mon, Nov 1, 2021 at 1:42 PM
Subject: CALL TO ACTION - 2020 DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
To:

Patriots,

Action Time: 15 minutes

Written Comments must be sent BEFORE Tuesday November 2, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

The Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission met Saturday to hear testimony on Maps CP10, CP11, CP12 and CP13. We had a great day! Republicans dominated the testimony - approximately 104 Republicans testified compared to 38 Democrats.

This week is our last opportunity to get Chair Smith on our side. Time is of the essence, so please do this as quickly as possible.

Let's now seal the deal and get CP-12 officially adopted!

We need YOU and all your friends to submit your comments by Tuesday November 2, 2021 @ 5:00 PM.

The Commission set the next meeting for public comments on Thursday November 4, 2021 @ 9:30 AM at the State Capitol, Room 317.

Chair Maylinn Smith specifically wants **public comment on Map CP-12**, which is the map put forward by the Republican Commissioners. So far, Chair Smith has been very receptive to public comment.

Written comments are crucial!

Here is how you can help:

- Comment directly on Map CP-12 [HERE \[app.mydistricting.com\]](#).
- Send comments directly to the Commissioners through their website: <https://mtredistricting.gov/contact/> [mtredistricting.gov]
- Send an email to the Chair and Commissioners here: districting@mt.gov
- Send the same e-mail directly to the Chair and Commissioners:

Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov

Subject: Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because:

- It keeps Flathead County in the Western District.

It includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

- It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead and Gallatin counties whole.
- It only splits 1 county

Thank you for your consideration.

Your Name, Address, Phone Number & Email Address (this is required information)

Attend the meeting virtually and provide your comments. Click below and follow the directions: <https://mtredistricting.gov/remote-participation-request/> [mtredistricting.gov]

You **MUST** request remote participation online by 5 PM on Wednesday November 3, 2021.

You will receive an email with the login information by midnight the night before the meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFO

Agenda for the commission meeting on Saturday is attached.

Pictures of the proposed new CP-12 is attached and posted below.

Please forward to friends, family, etc. who may be interested in this issue.

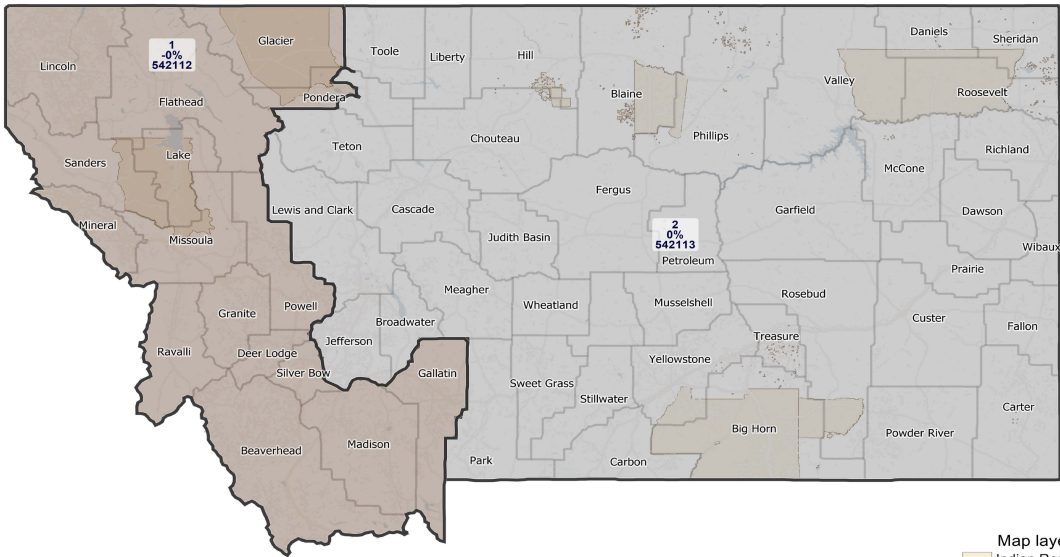
For Truth, Freedom and Health,

Flathead Liberty Coalition

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Congressional District Commission Proposal 12 - CP 12

Posted online October 29, 2021



Ideal district size for 2020 Congressional District is 542,113 people.



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From: k2r_30@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Errin Koehler](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map!
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 3:13:05 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Redistricting is the first step in electing leaders who are accountable to voters and represent our communities. I am writing to urge the commission to support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map.

This proposal creates at least one district where neither party would be unduly favored, which would allow for a competitive race, ensuring that candidates have to spend time in the communities they represent.

This is the only map that firmly upholds the Voting Rights Act by placing more than one Tribal Nation within a competitive district, ensuring that candidates need to work for the confidence and votes of Indigenous people. By having at least two reservation communities within a competitive district, it will ensure that Tribal governments can have a more powerful government-to-government relationship with our next Congressperson.

Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map is the best map for folks across the state who don't feel heard by politicians. It is good for our communities and for Montana!

Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Errin Koehler
Missoula, MT
k2r_30@yahoo.com

Darlene Kolczak
1818 Landusky Road
Zortman, MT 59546

November 2, 2021

Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee;

I support Map C10 and C12 because they keep Flathead County in the Western District.

Map C10 and Map C12 They includes both the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district.

Map C12 It keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole and only splits one county.

Map C10 and C12 is better for community interests with the Canadian interface for commerce and for medical facilities where as C11 and C13 separates the Canadian interface.

Map C10 and C12 are the most compact, contiguous, and close to being equal in population.

Map C11- I don't support because it puts most of Flathead County in the east.

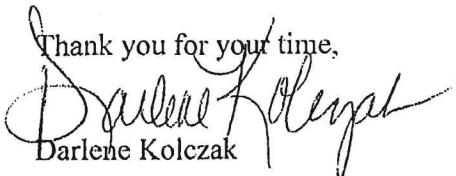
C11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it.

C13 I don't support it because it splits too many counties

Map C11 and Map 13 would be too far to travel in a state that is already huge with varying weather conditions.

I recommend Map C10 and C12 because they are the most fair to the people of the great State of Montana and map C11 and C13 do not have Montana's best interest at heart.

Thank you for your time.


Darlene Kolczak

From: [Richard Kotzin](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SUPPORT OF MAP CP 12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 8:06:48 PM

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- I don't like cp11 because it puts most of Flathead county in the east.

- CP11 is not in the best interest of Montanans. I don't support it

- CP13 splits too many counties

- keep Lewis and Clark county whole

RICHARD KOTZIN
P.O. BOX 562
LIBBY, MT 59923
(909) 268-2346

From: christinakramer08@gmail.com
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:29:30 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Christina Kramer, P.O. Box 10551, Kalispell MT 4062507108 &
christinakramer08@gmail.com

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:45:01 PM

From: Susan Krauss <suek2610985@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

The commission states that neither party controls the redistricting process, in which case the head of the commission should have been non-partisan. As it is the commission is basically three democrats versus two Republicans on the commission. We feel that a true bipartisan should be put in that position.. My husband and myself are glad that cp11 was not approved, and we hope that it will not be approved. It would have really shown the bias of the commission towards the democrats, not the will of montanans. As far as the two new maps go we need to take a closer look at them before we would comment on them. Thank you, Roger and Susan Krauss

From: [Joan Kresich](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] new district
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:26:46 PM

I am in favor of option number 11.

Thank you,
Joan Kresich
Livingston

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"All flourishing is mutual." Robin Wall Kimmerer

From: fkromkowski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Frank Kromkowski](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map!
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 4:11:13 PM

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Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. Frank Kromkowski
1207 Hauser Blvd Helena, MT 59601-2134
fkromkowski@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ted Kronebusch
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 7:25:39 PM

From: Ted Kronebusch tedandlori@3rivers.net
Residence: Conrad

Message:

I approve of map 12. Even though Pondera County is split it still keeps the reservation whole and gives our county the opportunity to see more candidates and gather more info. Thank you for your considerations.

Ted D. Kronebusch

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From: [Keith Kubista](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map - Support CP-12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:19:57 AM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support Map CP12 because it is the most compliant with all common sense and legal criteria the Commission is charged with in making their final decision.

It fits Montana best by population, compactness, communities of interest, economic well-being, and is non-political, contrasting extricating Flathead County from the western district where it belongs.

Time to cast out the subjective “competitive” argument and adopt Map CP-12.

Thank you for your consideration.

Keith Kubista

528 Redtailhawk Lane

Stevensville, Montana

406-360-7462

kredtailhawk@gmail.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Georgie Kulczyk
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:04:08 AM

From: Georgie Kulczyk georgianne1970@gmail.com
Residence: Glasgow, Montana

Message:

I am writing to support Map 12. The economic and ag outputs of Lewis & Clark county belong in Eastern Montana's congressional district

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From: [Caroline Kurtz](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In support of Larson-Miller CP10-11 Consensus Map
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 2:59:03 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice support for the CP10-11 Consensus Map proposed by Commissioners Lamson and Miller. We want Congressional districts that are population equal, compact AND consider competitiveness in order for our elected officials to be accountable to their WHOLE constituencies. Thank you, Caroline Kurtz

From: [Melissa Kwasny](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting new maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:41:53 AM

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing to object to Proposal #12. It is clearly not a competitive division. Only Republicans are for this map, as far as I can tell. Your charge is to make a map that is representative of all people, which means nonpartisan. It is time for Montana to take into account that we have a wide range of voters and the Independents and Democrats should have a voice, too.

Best,

Melissa Kwasny
Basin, Montana 59631

From: [Jessica Lahr](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Choose Map 11
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:46:02 AM

Good morning Commission Members,

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed redistricting maps. I strongly urge you to choose Map 11, which is a competitive option that does not favor one political party or another. A competitive map is a fair map, and that's important to me and so many other Montanans. As a resident of Gallatin County, I also do NOT support the proposed split of the country that Map 10 suggests.

It would have been nice if all map options currently available equally represented our Indigenous communities - that should have been a priority. I do understand, however, that it is difficult to create map options that everyone can agree on from the start.

Thank you for your work, I hope you can see the value in a competitive map choice and vote for that.

Best,
Jessica Lahr
Bozeman

From: [Nancy Langager](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:13:20 PM

To Chairwoman Maylinn Smith and the Redistricting Committee members:

Thank you for hearing public comments from Montanans regarding this very important issue; this is how democracy is supposed to work!

We feel strongly that CP12 is by far the best choice for Montana for the following reasons:

- it keeps Flathead County in the Western District
- It puts both the CSKT and Blackfoot Reservations in the Western District, allowing for a stronger voice for the tribes in the new western district
- it keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties whole
- it only splits 1 county

We don't like CP11 or CP13 for the following reasons:

- CP11 puts most of Flathead County, which is geographically in the western part of the state, into the eastern district. This is not in the best interest of Montanans, and we don't support it.
- CP13 splits too many counties, whereas CP12 keeps Lewis and Clark, Flathead, and Gallatin counties intact and only splits 1 county.

Thank you for recognizing these problems with CP11 and CP13. Vote to adopt CP12.

Respectfully,

*Sanford and Nancy Langager
Roberts, MT*

From: [Tayln Lang](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the 10/11 consensus map
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 11:09:23 AM

My name is Tayln Lang of Victor, MT, and I would like to officially and publicly voice my support for the 10/11 consensus map for the districting for Montana. It is VITAL that our maps not be partisanly gerrymandered and should be fair and competitive. This map achieves these goals in a fair way and I support it completely.

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Susan P. Lanning
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:01:35 PM

From: Susan P. Lanning suzqcp@gmail.com
Residence: Clyde Park, MT

Message:

I can support congressional districting maps 11 and/13 as they keep Gallatin and Park counties together as one district. Park county is part of the greater Gallatin regional economy and they need to heard together.

I cannot support map 12 for the following reasons which all give unfair advantages to republican voters

- map 12 slices parts of Park and Gallatin counties to disjoin them
- map 12 separates Butte from Jefferson county
- map 12 separates union workers in Helena, Butte, Anaconda and Deerlodge which is immoral

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary LaPorte
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:36:10 AM

From: Mary LaPorte marylaporte53@gmail.com
Residence: Missoula

Message:

I urge the Redistricting Commission to select the new MAP 13. This map provides the closest parity for political party representation. Additionally, this map meets the request of Native American communities and includes the minimum of 2 reservations. My second choice map is MAP 11.

Thanks for your consideration.

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From: MDAC
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Darcy Lard
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:09:47 AM

From: Darcy Lard darcy@flatheadtravel.com
Residence: Lakeside, MT

Message:
Montana Districting & Apportionment Committee

RE: Congressional Redistricting Maps CP10 and CP11

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

I am writing today in support CP 10. We respect and appreciate all of the work, outreach, and public process that you have lead this past year to get to two potential redistricting maps.

As a small business owner in Kalispell, I strongly oppose changing the Flathead County. Please leave it as is. It is critical to the success of our business.

The Flathead County is comprised of three cities and a vast geography of unincorporated communities and areas to include Bigfork and Lakeside-Somers. We are an interconnected trade region with Kalispell serving as the center. Our businesses and economic clusters are interrelated and rely on one another whether in tourism/hospitality, manufacturing, or health care. Tourism is our largest economic cluster and our partners stretch across the Valley, including Explore Whitefish, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, Glacier Country and others. In manufacturing, our supply chains and freight mobility align and run north to south – not east to west. To separate a small, but important, segment of our Flathead County would potentially fractionalize overall efforts to maintain a vibrant, growing and healthy economy in Flathead County

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From: michaeldlarsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Michael Larsen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 9:03:13 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Please chose the map that is the most fair to most Montanans. Map 11 is my choice and I encourage you to support it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Michael Larsen
920 Eaton St Missoula, MT 59801-3235
michaeldlarsen@gmail.com

From: redheronn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Sarah Larsen](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Choose Montana's Congressional Map Carefully
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 9:11:45 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

It is imperative that Democracy be supported by a fair and reasonable map. Splitting cities, counties, and creating unequal population representation is not the way to strengthen Montana's presence on the national stage. Please choose map CP11 and empower all the voices in our state to participate in crafting our country's future.

Sincerely,

Sarah Larsen

920 Eaton St Missoula, MT 59801-3235

redheronn@gmail.com

From: [Jim Larson](#)
To: maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:39:45 PM

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Billings and a long-time union leader, I am writing today to voice my formal opposition to proposals 10 and 12 as proposed by the commission.

Both CP 10 and CP 12 divide Helena from the strongly union communities in Butte, Deer Lodge and Anaconda. This is in direct contradiction to this commission's goals of keeping communities of interest intact. Previous proposals considered, and adopted, by this commission have recognized and honored this community of interest and kept these communities in one district.

Unions are fundamentally democratic bodies, and it's important that working people have a voice in our elections. That is why this commission should reject proposals 10 and 12, as both draw districts that unduly favor one political party. It is important that Montana's representatives work to earn the vote of their constituents.

Thank you for your service to Montana.

Sincerely,

Jim Larson
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
jlaron@teamsters190.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Russ Larson
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:17:40 PM

From: Russ Larson russlarsonmusic@centurytel.net
Residence: Kalispell MT

Message:

After reviewing 5-1-115 MCA, it appears that CP-12 best meets the criteria set forth; particularly in the area of equal population in the two districts.

Also it appears to be both compact and contiguous.

Also it is best for Flathead County to remain intact in the Western District for the reasons set forth by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

It allows for the CSKT and Blackfeet Reservations to have a stronger voice.

It allows for Flathead, Lewis and Clark and Gallatin counties to remain whole and only one county is split.

Thank you for your efforts. They are much valued.

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From: [scott lawhead](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 5:08:55 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hello! My name is Scott Lawhead and I've live in Columbia Falls for decades.

I am writing to you regarding the redistricting maps and to throw my support behind map CP-11. I believe a fair and more apolitical decision to represent the diverse population of Montana would be a proper choice. Please consider ALL Montanans that are residents of this State.

Thank you for the commenting opportunity.

Regards,
scott lawhead
1230 Riparian Dr
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

From: [Nancy Leifer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for Nov. 4th Commission Hearing
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 1:28:54 PM
Attachments: [LWV Nov 4 comments for Commission \(2\).docx](#)

Dear Commission staff:

Attached is a statement of public comment from the League of Women Voters for the November 4th Commission hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nancy Leifer

Nancy Leifer
President, League of Women Voters Montana
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
C: 406-207-9114
E: nanceifer@gmail.com



Date: November 2, 2021

To: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

From: Nancy Leifer on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana

The Montana League of Women Voters supports the Districting and Apportionment Commission developing two congressional districts that are fair to all Montana voters. The Commission adopted several goals to include in its deliberations. One of these goals is political parity, i.e., that the maps should contain districts that allow for approximately the same distribution of seats to political parties that corresponds to the share of voters in each party in the state. The goal of political parity requires taking into account the likely political impact of proposed districts, ensuring that the goal of not unduly favoring one party is not left to chance.

The non-partisan organization 538.com analyzed Montana's maps and is the source of the partisan lean data in the following descriptions.

Map 10 has two Republican dominate districts, one with a partisan lean of 28% and the other with a partisan lean of 11%. Map 10 honors the concerns of the Native American community to have at least two reservations in each district. To achieve this, Map 10 splits Gallatin County.

Map 11 creates two Republican dominant districts, one with a partisan lean of 34% and the other with a partisan lean of 7%. Map 11 does not honor the concerns of the Native American community to have at least two reservations in each district. Map 11 splits Flathead County.

Map 12 creates two Republican dominant districts, one with a partisan lean of 30% and the other with a partisan lean of 10%. Map 12 honors the concerns of the Native American community to have at least two reservations in each district. To achieve this, Map 12 splits Pondera County.

Map 13 creates two Republican dominant districts, one with a partisan lean of 34% and the other with a partisan lean of 7%. Map 13 honors the concerns of the Native American

community to have at least two reservations in each district. To achieve this, Map 13 splits three counties, Pondera, Lewis and Clark, and Gallatin.

Recent voting data indicates the overall political makeup of our state is approximately 55% Republican, 42.5% Democratic and 2.5% other. Mathematically, partisan parity representation would be 1.1 (55% of 2) Republican Representatives and 0.85 (42.5% of 2) Democratic Representatives. To achieve political parity, a map would have one district with as close to equal Republican and Democrat voters as possible. The expectation is that this district would regularly flip between the parties and allow more equal representation over time.

The League of Women Voters urges the Commission to look at partisan parity and choose a map that comes as close as possible to a 5% or less partisan advantage. Ultimately, what affects voters the most is the potential to elect the candidate of their choice. Both Map 11 and Map 13 come close with one district with a 7% partisan lean. The League endorses Map 13 for having at least two reservations in each district. Our second choice is Map 11.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and for your hard work in meeting this challenging responsibility.

From: [donnalee6259](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essman@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Following the law
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 12:41:29 PM

If it's not too late, I'd like to ask a question: If both districts virtually ensure the election of Republican candidates, how does that not unduly favor one political party?

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

From: janicling@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Janice Lee](#)
To: Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map!
Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 12:25:15 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

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Please support Proposal 10/11 Consensus Map. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Janice Lee
124 Hawthorne Ln Hamilton, MT 59840-9383
janicling@gmail.com

From: [Vickie](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:32:14 PM

Please reject Map 12 because it does not meet the mandatory criteria. This map unfairly favors the Republican party, it divides unions, splits communities of interest, and doesn't give rural voters a voice. I believe Map 13 meets the criteria set out.

Vickie Leigland
245 Rainbow Court
Great Falls, 59404

From: [Bob Levitan](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:51:32 AM

I am in favor of proposal 11

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android \[go.onelink.me\]](#)

From: [Nadine McCarty](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Lewis and Clark County Commission Letter
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:09:35 AM
Attachments: [Lewis and Clark County Congressional Districts Comments.pdf](#)

Please see attached a letter from the Lewis and Clark County Commissioners regarding the congressional districts.

Thank you,

Nadine

Nadine McCarty
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November 02, 2021

Dear Presiding Officer and Commissioners,

We, the undersigned (being all of the) members of the Lewis and Clark County Commission want to thank you for your work in trying to arrive at a reasonable way to divide our great state into two Congressional districts for the first time in 30 years.

We understand that there are some alternatives that would divide our County into two pieces, with part going to each Congressional district. Please do not divide Lewis and Clark County.

Some proposals would split the City of Helena away from the Helena Valley. Since most of the people who live in the Helena Valley, work in the City of Helena, we cannot imagine the logic that would prevent thousands of our Lewis and Clark County residents from voting in a Congressional district where they spend half of their waking hours. This idea certainly must violate the principle of common interest.

We understand that former Senator Max Baucus, former Governor Marc Racicot, and former Secretary of State Bob Brown have written letters opposing the idea of splitting counties and we heartily agree.

Please do not divide Lewis and Clark County.

Sincerely,

Lewis and Clark County
Board of Commissioners

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Marga R Lincoln
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:41:59 PM

From: Marga R Lincoln margalincoln@gmail.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

Dear Commission:

I am writing to urge you to vote for Map 13 because it comes closest to political parity than other maps that have been presented for consideration. It also has a minimum of two Indian reservations, which Native Americans in Montana have requested. I realize that Map 13 carves out Helena from Lewis and Clark County and puts it with other Western cities. I think this is a good idea because Helena is more closely aligned as a “community of interest” with Missoula than it is with large expanses of rural Lewis and Clark County or even East Helena.

Primarily, both Helena and Missoula have similar urban interests and issues in dealing with impacts of growth, planning, affordable housing and transportation as well as having large urban school districts.

I would like the new house district to be competitive for either political party, rather than having it overwhelmingly dominated by one party. Map 13 would not totally disenfranchise the minority party.

My second choice would be Map 11, which includes Lewis and Clark County in a new western district, but I think that would leave only one Indian reservation in the new district, which goes against the request of Native American citizens.

Sincerely,

Marga Lincoln

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From: nancyloeza@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Nancy Loeza](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please choose map #CP11
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:47:27 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.Dear Commissioners,

In this time of divisiveness and great partisanship, I ask that you to choose a map that allows for a district that will create some competitiveness. The eastern district is heavily republican in both maps. #CP11 creates a western district that still leans Republican, yet it gives the many Montana voices that are not represented in the US House, a chance to be. #CP10 is much less likely to do that. We are living in a world where obtaining power has become the goal, instead of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. #CP11 is the map that remains most true to the 1980 dividing line, and it is the map that best represent Montanans. Please choose a map for Montana, not for your party. Thank you for all the work you are doing for my beloved state.

Sincerely,
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From: [Sharon Lohss](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:07:56 PM

I am writing in favor of Proposal 11 and in opposition to Proposal 10.

Gerrymandering isn't OK, for either side, and I feel strongly Proposal 10 falls into the gerrymandering category.

Thank you,
Sharon Lohss

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 3:02:44 PM

I am writing in favor of Proposal 11 and in opposition to Proposal 10.

Gerrymandering isn't OK, for either side, and I feel strongly Proposal 10 falls into the gerrymandering category.

Thank you,

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From: [personal](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Districting Maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 3:35:23 PM

Commission-

I support Map CP 12. This map does not divide Helena and Lewis and Clark County. It makes the most sense not to divide this region for US House districts.

Thank you.

Jody Loomis

Helena

From: [Ruth Lott](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fair maps
Date: Sunday, October 31, 2021 8:37:46 AM

Hi there —

It seems clear that Map CP #11 should be the choice of the committee.

I hope the committee will choose it.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Lott
Cardwell, MT

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathy Love
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 7:00:00 PM

From: Kathy Love 0217klove@gmail.com
Residence: Hamilton, MT

Message:

Please use map CP 12! It is the most fair to everyone and meets the requirements by law! We don't need gerrymandering! We need fair to everyone!!

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kurt Love
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 6:30:51 AM

From: Kurt Love klove4560@gmail.com

Residence: Hamilton

Message:

Writing to support map cp12.

It is the most fair option that

Meets the criteria set forth in the

Law.

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From: [Georgia Lovelady](#)
To: [Districting](#); rachel@leg.mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Maps 13 and 11
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:46:50 AM

Dear Districting Commissions - I support Map 13, and if not 13, then Map 11. Both maps keep the university towns of Missoula and Bozeman together and our youth vote needs to be heard. Also, Helena, the seat of MT government, needs to be in the same district as Missoula and Bozeman. As a Helena resident, I couldn't stomach being in the eastern district and disenfranchised. Thank you for your careful consideration during the difficult redistricting process.

Georgia Lovelady

From: [SHELLEY LUSTMAN](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:50:18 PM

I Shelley Lustman kalispell Montana strongly recommend that CP12 map be adopted, as you are aware the Flathead county is very concerned, splitting up our county,It would surely result in many lawsuits including an not limited to a class action. Please be mindful of that, CP12 map is a comprise to the well liked CP1 map . Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation

Sent from my iPhone