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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Nick Lawyer
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 1:41:10 PM

From: Nick Lawyer nick.lawyer@montana.com
Residence: Plains

Message:

Respectfully – Map 12 is a mistake. It creates +10 and +30 R favored districts from a previously +13 R average margin of victory in 2020. IN FACT from the past 10 years only the 2018 election cycle (when the R candidate was arrested for assault) had a R margin of victory that was less than the +10 created in the western district from map 12. In other words – map 12 unduly favors the GOP and creates 2 districts that are solidly republican.

Authoritarianism are on the rise in Montana (increasing control by the state, restrictive legislation, etc). A healthy political discourse that encourages debate of our shared reality, not a mythic past, is necessary to ensure a free state. Without competitive elections the Republican Party will be unrestrained and certainly drift further into the darkness of fascism. Map 12 will enable a more extreme republican party and further suppress reasonable public discourse.

I encourage you to again revisit maps 6 and 8 as well as consider map 13 as possible better alternatives for re-districting Montana's new US Congressional Seat.

Sincerely,

Nick Lawyer

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From: [Nancy Leifer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment for November 9 Commission meeting
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 2:37:42 PM
Attachments: [LWV MT Comment for Nov 9 .docx](#)

Dear Sirs:

Attached please find public comment from the League of Women Voters of Montana for the November 9th Districting and Apportionment Commission meeting.

Sincerely,
Nancy Leifer

Nancy Leifer
President, League of Women Voters Montana
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Public Comment for November 9 Montana Redistricting Commission Meeting
From: Nancy Leifer, on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Montana

The League of Women Voters of Montana supports a map for Montana's Congressional Districts that meets the following goals:

1. Competitiveness. The League presented data analysis from 538.com that found the western district in Map 12 to have a 10% partisan lean in favor of the majority party. The League prefers a western district that is more competitive.
2. Native American community of interest. The Tribes presented comment that stated their first concern is to have a competitive western district. Their second concern is to have two reservations in the western district, if that can be accommodated while maintaining a competitive district. We are not aware of support from Native Americans for Map 12, and it was clearly opposed by some in the hearing on November 4.

The League supported Map 13 because it was more competitive and had two reservations in the western district. Map 11 was our second choice because it too was more competitive. Competitiveness fosters more voter participation in elections, encourages legislators to listen carefully to the needs of their constituents, and ultimately strengthens our democratic society. We regret that our preferred maps were not chosen but recognize that the process was fair and transparent.

It is difficult to compare data from different sources, as the type of measure and the data sources do not match. 538.com uses precinct level election data for elections from 2012 through 2020. Other data sources cited vary in their competitive rankings, but 538.com, Cook PVI and Dave's Redistricting all ranked Maps 11 and 13 as more competitive than Map 12. The League encourages the Commission to take into account analysis from multiple data sources in assessing the competitiveness of the western district and in assessing legislative districts in the future.

It is not possible to have a perfect map. The distribution of Montana's population makes it impossible to achieve a perfect balance of the criteria and goals the Commission adopted. The League of Women Voters commends the Commission on the openness, graciousness, and transparency of the process and for their hard work and commitment to the people of Montana.

It's our hope that both districts can renew voter enthusiasm and bring higher participation in Montana's electoral process. After all, democracy is not a Spectator Sport! With final adoption of the Map, let the prospective candidates for these seats make it their business to reach out to our citizens for their support.

From: [Tara Lee](#)
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: Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:21:12 PM

I feel CP 12 is a bad plan for the following reasons.

- 1)The public record is clear. Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it. That's wrong for this state.
- 2)This Commission should reconsider this tentative plan and adopt a map that meets all of the adopted Commission criteria and goals.
- 3) All tribes who spoke up on this critical issue, spoke with one voice. They wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representative can ignore their voices. This is yet another example of Montana's government ignoring tribal voices.

Please reconsider your choice. Thank you from the Flathead Valley.

Tara Lee

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From: [Carol Lee-Roark](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 6:58:10 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am a geologist living in The Bozeman vicinity since 1992.

Map 11 is most reasonable, least “gerrymandered”.

Most fair, most representative.

Thank you for your work, and commitment to democratic elections in Montana.

Regards,
Carol Lee-Roark
1550 Cottontail Rd
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

From: [catherine legge](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please reject CP 12 Map
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:06:23 PM

Commissioners,

Please reject CP 12 map and compromise with a map similar to CP 11 map that is fair. In a democracy all Montana voices need to be heard, not just Republican. The majority of Montanans do not support CP 12 because it is not competitive and shuts Democrats out of a possible US House of Representative seat for ten years. Show Montanans that your map is democratic and fair.

Sincerely,
Mike and Catherine Legge

From: [Dave Leitheiser](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Cc: ["Leitheiser, David"](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montana Congressional Districting
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:41:37 AM

Thank you for your considerations,

I fully support Map 10 (or updated version) and adamant oppose Maps 11 & 12.

David A. Leitheiser
Clancy, MT

From: [Jerilyn Lessley](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Congressional district
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:00:03 AM

Why can't we have a district that has very fair representation of our populous? I thought 'fair and equal' elections were the foundation of our country? You were chosen to do that one thing: give us equal representation.

Choosing the obvious one sided district is not the Montana way. At least, not the Montana I was born in.

District "11 even has the support of our tribal residents.

Please finalize the most fair to our citizens!

Jerilyn Lessley 112 N Kennedy St Belgrade MT 59714

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Jerilyn Lessley](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Congressional district
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:11:37 PM

We need the most fair district for a fair election. Those, who care for our country, want fair elections. The majority wants #11. Then, all of us feel the winner is our choice, no matter the winner. Please, please pick #11.--
Sent from Gmail Mobile

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Please support Map #11
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:58:11 AM

From: Montana Caregivers <mtcaregivervoices@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:58 AM
To: mailynn.smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please support Map #11

Hello, I'm writing to support redistricting map #11. I had initially liked Map 2 the best, but of the two remaining options this seems like the better map. I live in Libby but spend a lot of time in the Kalispell area for doctors appointments. Dividing Whitefish from the remainder of Flathead County makes sense. These are very different communities with different values and priorities. Having two representatives for one of the fastest growing counties in our state will also ensure more robust representation. Please support map # 11.

Lori List

Libby, MT

lorilist@yahoo.com

From: [Susan Lockner](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:50:52 PM

Hello,

I wish to make my choice known. I would like you to select maps 10 & 12.

Thank you,

Susan



From: [Catherine Logan](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose CP 12
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:32:29 PM

Again, please reconsider your latest map choice, CP 12, and choose CP 11.

Rather than dictate a political agenda, our Districting Commission should execute the will of all Montana citizens and Tribes. Showing a partisan bent, this commission has been forwarding map after map requiring almost daily comments from concerned citizens and tribal members, who have overwhelmingly favored map CP 11's more competitive structure. The commission's CP 12 map is a blatant slap to our state upholding our country's democratic process. Redistricting should not divide our communities, but should empower valid and balanced opportunities.

Thank you,
Catherine P. Logan
406-333-4850

From: [Jill Lombardi](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 2:02:13 PM

Hello-

I wanted to submit my testimony that I was not able to give today during the hearing due to work. Can you please submit this? Thank you.

Thank you Madame Chair and members of the commission. My name is Jill Lombardi and as a fourth generation and Helena resident I am here to testify in support of CP 11 and against CP 12 and 10.

Map 11 offers the best opportunity for voters to participate in the democratic process. In Montana we have prided ourselves on the fact that we know our voices will be heard and listened to and Map 11 creates the most competitive district – meaning that the people who represent us in Congress will be determined by Montanans, not by partisan politics. Map 12 is clearly not meeting any basic definition of competitiveness that this Commission unanimously adopted as a goal.

Additionally, Map 12 splits up communities that historically have been closely linked, and it is unfair to do so. Please keep my hometown of Helena in the Western district, as laid out in Map 11.

I urge you to vote to support map 11, and to reject map 12. Thank you for all of your work on this and I appreciate your time.

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Jill Lombardi
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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Helena Lovick
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 1:14:37 PM

From: Helena Lovick helenalovick@gmail.com
Residence: Great Falls, Montana

Message:

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your important work to redistrict our new congressional districts. I am writing to ask you to please reject the tentative selection of CP-12 as our final map. This map breaks apart voter groups with strong common interests and ties. This weakens the voice they will have with their new congressional representative.

Sincerely,
Helena Lovick

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Matthew Lyon
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:56:15 PM

From: Matthew Lyon indigostone@gmail.com
Residence: St Ignatius, MT

Message:

I would like to see Lewis and Clark Co as part of District 1. Helena's interests are more closely aligned with Western MT

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From: [Kathleen Gaines Madison](#)
To: [Districting](#); maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov; jeff.essmann@mtleg.gov; joe.lamson@mtleg.gov; dan.stusek@mtleg.gov; kendra.miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Strongly support map #11
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:40:28 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work to create a fair map for Montana's congressional districts. I am writing to ask you to reconsider your decision to push Map #12 forward. I strongly support Map #11 for the following reasons:

The Commission's tentative final plan does not meet the goals the Commission set for itself.

Republicans are favored heavily in both districts, all but ensuring a two Republican congressional delegation for the next decade. The plan is drawn to unduly favor a political party, and this Commission is going back on the promise it made when it passed its criteria.

All tribes who spoke up on this critical issue, spoke with one voice. They wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representative can ignore their voices. This is yet another example of Montana's government ignoring tribal voices.

The public record is clear. Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it. That's wrong for this state.

This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of kneecapping the voices of organized labor in this state. This plan makes it harder than ever for the voices of working families to be heard.

The greater Gallatin economy is severed under this plan. Townsend and Livingston belong with Gallatin County in a Congressional district. Our state's future will be increasingly driven by growth in the greater Gallatin economy. Intentionally chopping it up is the wrong decision for Montana.

Thank you again for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Best regards,
Katie Madison
Bozeman, MT

EXTERNAL] In Favor of CP 12

Joshua Manning joshuamanning23@gmail.com

Montana Redistricting Commissioners and staff--

(That's what I get for hitting enter too many times, apparently. Please consider this the formal letter to you all)...

From May 2019 through May 2020 I worked as a media specialist for Census 2020 in Montana (and tribal nations throughout the Dallas/Denver region). That job was one of the honors of life, and I served eight years in the Army. I knew in my heart that Montana had long eclipsed the one million resident mark and it would be the first state ever to reclaim a Congressional voice lost decades beforehand. It took agonizing days, weeks, months and years of organizing, but we turned out Montana to get counted. It was a success not just of census staff, but amazing and tireless groups throughout the state who partnered with this federal effort to ensure every Montana got what they deserved -- not just an additional voice in Congress but also the money and power communities across the state will need to rebuild from this two years of pandemic awfulness and the immense growth happening across the state.

Now it is on you all to ensure that district fairly represents a changing and growing state. You have to do this with disparate groups and political parties trying to pull you all in different directions. I have seen the various maps that came out in the last month and more and I wanted to see where you all would end up. If a proposed map fairly represented Montanans in the west and east parts of the state. With map #12, you are there. I do think Livingston and Park County and far more "western" than "eastern" and I will say that when driving from Commissioner Essmann's hometown of Billings back up to my home "office" in Helena, I always, ALWAYS, looked forward to finally seeing the mountains again as I approached Livingston. For me, the mountains always represented the western ruggedness of the state. And I am proud to call myself a westerner for that very reason.

I don't know how you all could make a fairer district that wholly contains tribal nations, major cities, rural communities, ecosystems and infrastructure needs. This isn't some snaking, spider, octopus district that so many other states draw just to appeal to special political interests. It is a concrete and even space, and one that will allow for actual political balancing.

Every group has a perfect map in their head just like every voter has a perfect candidate in their heads. Rarely, if ever, do the two things meet up. I think you all have done a marvelous job negotiating those disparate needs and groups by coming up with this near final map. A couple of "tweaks" and it could be what Montana needs to move forward.

I am writing you all in that independent spirit, not only as someone who fought like hell to get every Montanan counted (conservative, independent, liberal) but also as someone who has long wanted Montana to live up to its reputation as the "Last Best Place." This new congressional district you all could create is a "best place." I hope you all consider making some small changes to population on the margins but please keep this larger district intact. You have threaded a very difficult needle and you should be commended for it.

Please vote for this final map, even make some small adjustments, then let the organizers and voters work with the canvas put before them.

Respectfully,

Josh Manning

Formerly of Helena and Missoula, now of Tacoma, Washington

On Sun, Nov 7, 2021 at 2:59 PM Joshua Manning <joshuamanning23@googlemail.com> wrote:

Montana Redistricting Commissioners and staff--

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andrew Matheison
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:29:12 AM

From: Andrew Matheison a.matheison@hotmail.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I support the decision of the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission to advance CP-12 and hope the commission will unanimously approve CP-12 in its next meeting. I believe CP-12 avoids the most glaring shortcomings of CP-10 (by not dividing Gallatin county) and CP-11 (by not placing Kalispell in Montana's "eastern" district). To me, it is reasonable to combine the cities of Bozeman, Butte, Missoula, and Kalispell, as well as numerous smaller communities in the mountainous western region of the state; it is equally justified to place Great Falls, the Hi-Line, and Billings in a district together. As a resident of Helena, I suspected we would fall on one side or the other of this divide, and believe either choice is justified. I also believe keeping Helena in the same district as the nearby communities of Boulder and Townsend makes the most sense. I don't believe this map is perfect, but I believe it is the most imperfect partition of the state for our congressional elections, and I hope the commission agrees on that too. Thank you for providing Montana citizens with the opportunity to voice our opinions online, and I look forward to your final decision.

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From: [Judy Matson](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:04:28 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Judy Matson and I have been a resident of Missoula and West Riverside for 55 years.

Map 11 is my preference.

We are fortunate to have another congressional district. Map 11 would provide the most competitive district. Montanans have long been known for their independent thinking and a district not favoring either party would make for a competitive race.

Thank you for the time and thought put into this important process and for considering public comment.

Regards,
Judy Matson
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Bonner-west Riverside, MT 59851

From: [Jacquie Maughan](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional districting
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 2:53:42 PM

To: Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission,

I watched and listened with great interest the public comments to the Commission this morning at the State Capital.

I want to express my support for all of those who stood before you to express the reasons for you to agree upon Map 11 as you define the boundaries of Montana's two districts.

In addition, I hope you will consider the impact that your decision will have on the future of all of Montana. The definition of district boundaries today will have far reaching impact on critical decisions that will face us in the future.

There are two criteria that have been identified which I feel must be emphasized when you consider the impact on Montana and the world of climate change and on the re-structuring that must take place if we are to participate in the global response to the climate crisis - competitive, fair elections and shared resources and economies. We can only create the best way for our government leaders to address these and other issues (threats to agriculture, water resources, changes to clean energy, our rich natural resources, etc.) when you keep in mind the necessity for competitive elections that force our representatives to consider and represent all of Montanans, not just their party loyalists. And please keep in mind the shared interests and economies – keeping areas together which will represent all of the constituents of an area – e.g., keeping Lewis and Clark together with Jefferson and Silverbow Counties, keeping Park together with Gallatin County. The list goes on.

And finally, I urge you to hold fast to your responsibility to make sure that our tribal and reservation communities are represented. Please listen to the tribes as they speak for the fair definition of boundaries. Don't assume that by adding the Blackfeet Reservation to Flathead County that you have in some way given more voice to both the Salish-Kootenai tribes as well as the residents of the Blackfeet community.

Thank you for your diligence and your commitment to this fair and non-political determination and the impact it will have on the future of Montana.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Maughan

Helena, MT

From: [Linea Maxwell](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 9:58:20 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Linea Maxwell and I've live at my current address for more than two years.

I support map 11 because I believe that an impartial district is important to a fair and balanced election. I'm a Democrat but things have become far too polarized, and anything other than an impartial district would be a mistake.

In a time where, justified or not, the integrity of our elections have been called to question, anything but an impartial district would only divide our community even more.

This is an important decision that will have lasting consequences. I thank you for your time and for considering my words as you make your final decision.

Regards,
Linea Maxwell
525 Cottonwood St
Missoula, MT 59801

From: [Mary McFadzen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP 12 is not fair for Montana
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:00:16 AM

Hello,

As a resident of Montana for 35 years, I urge the Commission to support Proposal 11. This Commission should reconsider this tentative plan and adopt a map that meets all of the adopted Commission criteria and goals for the the following reasons:

The plan is drawn to unduly favor a political party, and this Commission is going back on the promise it made when it passed its criteria.

All tribes who spoke up on this critical issue, spoke with one voice. They wanted as many reservations as possible in a competitive district, and now their words are being twisted and used as a justification for a plan that puts every reservation in the state in a district where their Representative can ignore their voices. This is yet another example of Montana's government ignoring tribal voices.

The public record is clear. Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it. That's wrong for this state.

This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of kneecapping the voices of organized labor in this state. This plan makes it harder than ever for the voices of working families to be heard.

The greater Gallatin economy is severed under this plan. Townsend and Livingston belong with Gallatin County in a Congressional district. Our state's future will be increasingly driven by growth in the greater Gallatin economy. Intentionally chopping it up is the wrong decision for Montana.

Thank you for doing what is right for the people of Montana.

Mary McFadzen
PO Box 7185
Bozeman, MT 59771

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laura McGlasson
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 11:03:17 AM

From: Laura McGlasson lmcg@montanasky.tv
Residence: libby

Message:

Please stop the political gerrymandering, Flathead county is in no economic way connected to east of the mountains – other than vacationing, and state capitol. Follow common sense – basically the Republican approach.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Roxanna Mclaughlin
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 11:43:42 AM

From: Roxanna Mclaughlin hikerrox@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman MT

Message:

Hello and thanks for your work on this issue. I see that you are favoring Map 12. I disagree with this choice because it does not best meet the criteria the Commission unanimously adopted at the start of the redistricting process. The criteria are as follows:

Maps should not be drawn to unduly favor a political party.

The commission shall attempt to minimize dividing cities, towns, counties and federal reservations between two districts when possible.

(Maps should) consider keeping communities of interest intact.

(Maps should) consider ensuring the competitiveness of districts.

I hope you will look at this and re-evaluate your decision. We all want elections and representation to be fair, and results to best represent all the people, not just a select group. Do your part to keep elections in Montana something we can all trust. Thank you.

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From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: Redistricting
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:07:30 PM

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

From: KAY McOMBER <doodntim2@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

I strongly urge you to support Map 11.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kyle meakins
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:20:55 PM

From: Kyle meakins kmeaks1@gmail.com
Residence: Livingston Montana

Message:

Your decision today will have severe negative impacts on Montana for at least a generation. Please reconsider splitting park and gallatin counties. They belong in the same district, as do the gateway communities of Yellowstone national park. Livingston is one of THE bedroom communities of Bozeman, and hundreds of people commute to and from every day. Please correct this egregious error when drawing the final map.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jacqueline Mercenier
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:50:56 PM

From: Jacqueline Mercenier jacqueline.mercenier@gmail.com
Residence: Forest Grove, Montana

Message:

Dear Commission,

The strongest argument against Map 12, beside the public overwhelmingly supporting Map 11, is that Lewis and Clark County belongs in the Western half of the state. Map 12 puts it in an Eastern District and Map 11 puts it in a Western District, where it belongs. Please respect the will of the majority of public comments and move Lewis and Clark County to the Western District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jacqueline Mercenier
1333 Ancient Trl
Forest Grove, MT 59441

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

From: [David Mercer](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 12 stifles competition
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:59:07 PM

Commissioners,

The addition of a second congressional representative will give Montanans a stronger voice in Washington, D.C.

A simple equality of numbers does not equate to equality of representation, and I believe Map 12 is a lesser alternative to Map 11 and will stifle rather than foster competition, and thereby suppress rather than enhance political discussion in Montana and Washington.

It's unfortunate that the deadline looms and that a more extended and open discussion among the voters rather than the politicians was not possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Mercer
Bozeman, Montana



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From: sblissmercerc@gmail.com
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] New Montana Congressional District - Map 12 Is Not Competitive.
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:54:59 PM

To select Map 12 as the new congressional district because the population numbers come close to equal is the easy way out. You have relinquished your authority to construct a competitive legislative district that would represent Montanans from the democratic party. It is heavily favored for those in the republican party. The existing eastern district is already a slam dunk for the republican party. What sense does this make? Montana needs representative balance.

As a voter and taxpayer, the committee must go back and work harder at finding an equitable solution to representation. If it requires dividing a county or two, so be it. Make a truly competitive district that most democrats and republicans can live with - Include Park County in the west, not the east; from the news today, the tribes do not favor Map 12 so reconsider their viewpoint.

If Map 12 stands, it will be gerrymandering at its best.

Serena Mercer

Bozeman, Mt

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anne Millbrooke
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:41:58 PM

From: Anne Millbrooke anne27m@yahoo.com
Residence: Gallatin Gate, MT

Message:

You keep inviting public comment. That's good. But you keep ignoring public comment. That's bad. You even changed the rules at the end when you couldn't get what you wanted. Even then, the majority and the Tribes opposed CP12. You chose CP12, with the weasel words that you could correct it through amendment. Your credibility is already shot, but that anyone can be redeemed is an American ideal so i comment again.

1. Please consider what you dismantle when you disregard fairness in both process and outcome. Despite the commission having tainted the process, the product could still be fair IF fairness is a priority of the commission.

2. Please consider what's wrong with CP12.

- Places Lewis and Clark County in the not even remotely competitive eastern district.
- Separates the economically and socially related Helena and Butte
- Cuts commuters' homes in Butte, even in Bozeman, off from their place of employment Helena, and those in Jefferson County from jobs in Butte; this is crazy! given how unnecessary it is to divide a greater population/economic/social center.
- Severs the historical triangle of interest between Butte, Helena, and Bozeman.
- Similarly severs the economically and socially tied Livingston and Bozeman, as people routinely commute for jobs, movies, museums between the two communities.
- 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.
- Disregards the rural interests by splitting Pondera County. Reservations can be kept wholly in one district and exist in both districts without disregarding anyone and stimulating long-term hard feelings among the people of Montana; a district is long term!
- Weakens the rural vote in both districts which are urban-vote dominated as CP12 is drawn.

3. Consider the virtues of CP11.

- Includes tribes on undivided reservations in both districts.
- Keeps the labor axis of Butte–Helena connected.
- Keeps the mountain resort communities together (common interests and common environmental concerns).
- Keeps the economically and socially linked Bozeman–Livingston together.
- Splits no major population center.
– Flathead is split into three – it's hard tell why other than too strict population divide between East and West districts, but I read that Whitefish stays in the West with the Big Sky resort so that is appropriate.

4. Since CP13 is on the table still, consider it – briefly.

- Splits the Butte-Helena labor axis in a state with minimal labor voice as it is; totally unacceptable.
- Splits three counties disqualifies it in my opinion.

In conclusion, of what I think are the remaining four option (the commission is not even clear on its website), CP12 is the fairest.

Respectfully,
Anne Millbrooke
Bozeman mail address, Gallatin Gateway residence

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Molly M Miller
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:48:36 PM

From: Molly M Miller whitefishmmm@gmail.com
Residence: Whitefish

Message:

I oppose map 12 and favor map 11. Map 11 doesn't favor any political party, while map 12 is more politically biased. Map 11 creates the least division and preserves community, while map 12 does not.

Please choose map 11, not map 12.

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From: [Patty Miller](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 6:16:49 PM

I know these are canned talking points but I believe and agree with them. Please consider them and thank you.

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- The Commission asked the public to weigh in on CP 12, and Montanans overwhelmingly disapproved of it
- The Commission ignored the voices of Tribes in moving an uncompetitive map forward
- CP 12 gives Republicans a massive electoral advantage and all but ensures that no Democrat has a chance to hold either seat for the next decade
- Please find a compromise on Tuesday to make CP 12 more competitive so everyone has a voice in our democracy

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Kathryn Mohar
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:13:56 AM

From: Kathryn Mohar katka.meadows@gmail.com
Residence: Troy, MT

Message:

Here's what Dave Wasserman of the non-partisan Cook Political Report says about CP-12, so in other words NOT COMPETITIVE. "in a setback for Dems, the tie-breaking member of Montana's commission has sided w/ its GOP members to pick a map that would place Helena in an eastern #MT02 and make the western #MT01 Trump +7, very likely resulting in a 2R-0D delegation." Also doesn't weigh representation by economic drivers such as recreation. Park, Gallatin, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties should be in the western district.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: martin moore
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:26:35 PM

From: martin moore erdc2tails@mac.com
Residence: Noxon

Message:

Thank You for supporting option 12: it does the best job of minimizing problems.

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

From: [Marlene Moresi](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 5:15:51 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Marlene Moresi, Florence Mt, 6 yrs.

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It does not favor one political party

Thanks

Regards,
Marlene Moresi
322 Bullrun Rd
Florence, MT 59833

From: [Kerry Morris](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 11:26:53 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Hi! Thanks for this opportunity. I'm Kerry Morris, a business owner in Libby. Moved to Libby in 1993. I can't imagine living in any other State but Montana.

I would like to see a map that does not favor any one political party, doesn't divide a county, and attempts to recognize equally our Native American reservations. A tough call I'm sure, however, balance in representation matters. At this time I support map 11.

Think I've already stated my reasons. I believe Montanans share more in common than politics dictates. A smart Representation is obligated to listen to all it's population. We should never make decisions based on a party affiliation, but on the merit of the case at hand.

Thank you. I appreciate your efforts and your time.

Regards,
Kerry Morris
PO Box 319
Libby, MT 59923

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: BRENT MORROW
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:07:56 PM

From: BRENT MORROW HILEMANN@YAHOO.COM
Residence: BIGFORK

Message:

Map 12 is unfair, it represents gerry mandering to favor the Republican Party. Map 11 best represents a fair map for redistricting, and more equally represents the interests on Montanans.

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

From: [Montana Caregivers](#)
To: maylinn.smith@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fairness is a Montana Value - Support Map #11
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:10:26 AM

I think you should choose map #11. It does a better job of drawing fair boundaries that make sense and keep Congressional races competitive. I'm opposed to map #12 because it puts Helena in the eastern district where it has little in common with other communities. This is clearly an attempt to weaken the power of public sector unions and give Republican candidates an advantage in both districts!

Constance Moss

Arlee, MT

cnmoss@gmail.com

From: [Jerry P. Mullen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP map 12
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 11:33:36 AM

It is very obvious that CP 12, is designed to favor the interests of Republican politicians and is in no way a balanced choice as we add a second house seat to Montana's delegation. CP map 11 serves the interests of a large number of differing ideologies and groups and is by far the more balanced choice. We support map 11, please, let's try and represent all the views of Montanans!

Thank You, Jerry Mullen, Livingston, Montana

Sent from my iPhone

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: James Murphey
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 5:58:49 PM

From: James Murphey jpmurphey@juno.com
Residence: Bozeman MT

Message:

I do not believe that Map#12 best fit the redistricting guidelines, and hope that you will reconsider and choose Map#11, which I think is a better fit. Thanks!

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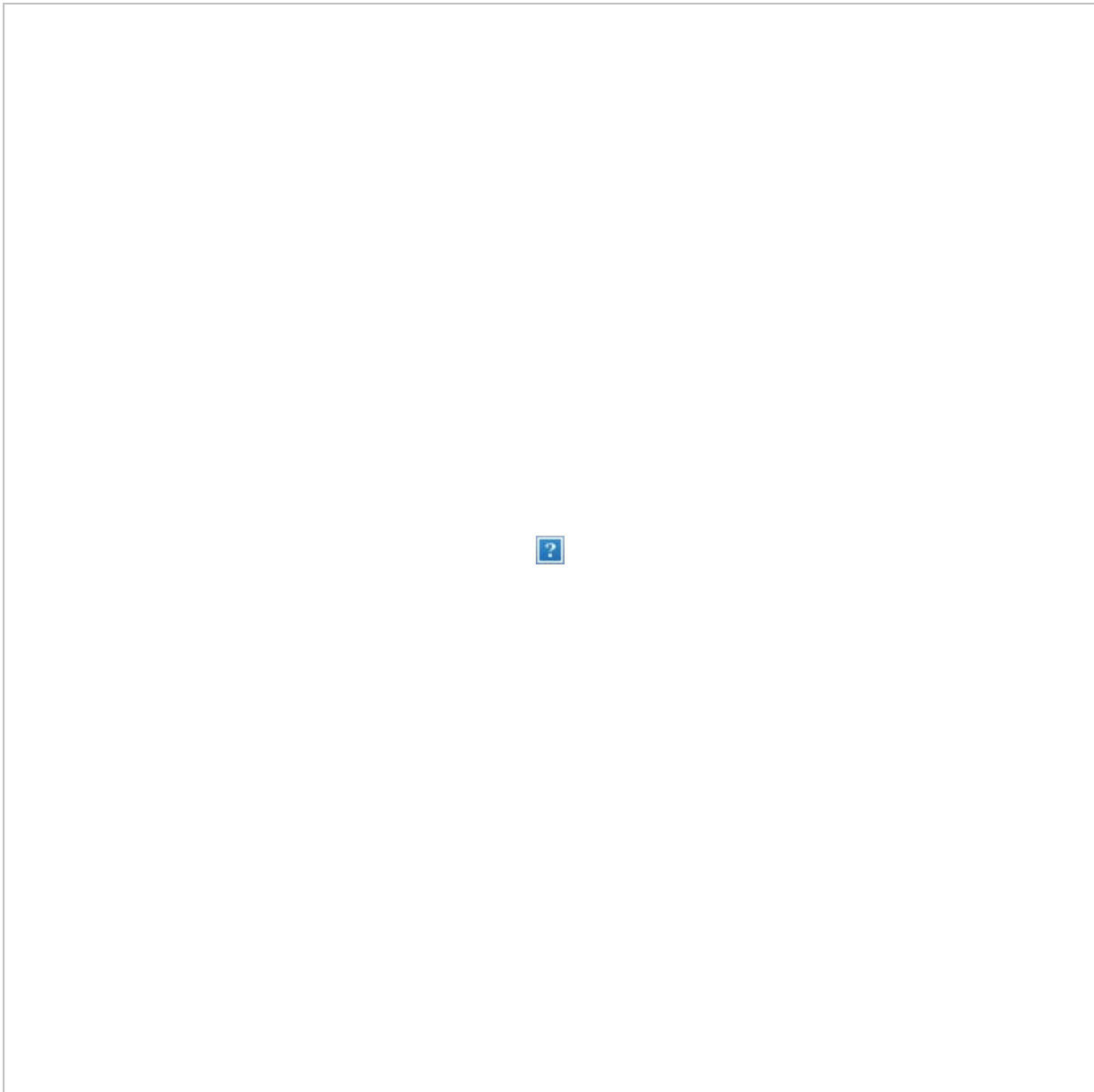
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From: [General Info](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: District Maps
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:36:00 AM

I'm am sorry. It sounds like since I submitted this email the change in map 10 has changed into map 12. I am now against both map 10 and 12 and for map 11.

On Friday, October 29, 2021, 05:04:24 PM MDT, General Info <flatheaddream@yahoo.com> wrote:

Actually, it sounds like map #10 has been revised and is now a good, fair map. I support 10 over 11 assuming the latest update to is stands. This is what I have for the current map #10.



On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 04:10:28 PM MDT, General Info <flatheadream@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Montana Redistricting Committee,

Thank you for the time you have spent on this endeavor. I would like to voice my support for Map #11. It seems like the best, fairest map. Map #10 clearly shows favoritism to one party and that is not what any of us want here in Montana.

Thanks again for working on this!

M. Murphy

Kalispell, MT

William G. Myers, Jr.
570 Lake Avenue
Bigfork, MT 59911-3667

NOV. 4, 2021

TO: DISTRICTING + APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
ATTN: MAY LINN SMITH, CHAIR
FROM: BILL MYERS 406) 837-5617
RE: CONSENSUS MAP

CHAIR SMITH,

I'M NOT A "R" OR "O"... BUT A BELIEVER IN CONSTITUTION.
YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD THE FIRST Few FACTS, BUT POSSIBLY
NOT THE FINAL ONE.

① ALL MEDIA IN WESTERN MT

- TELEVISION COMES FROM MISSOULA TO ALSO SERVE
THE FLATHEAD: NBC, CBS, ABC/FOX, MT PBS

- NEWSPAPERS: MISSOULA + DAILY INTELLIGENCE IN KANISPELL.

② HOSPITALS: MISSOULA BASED OR KANISPELL BASED
+ SHOPPING

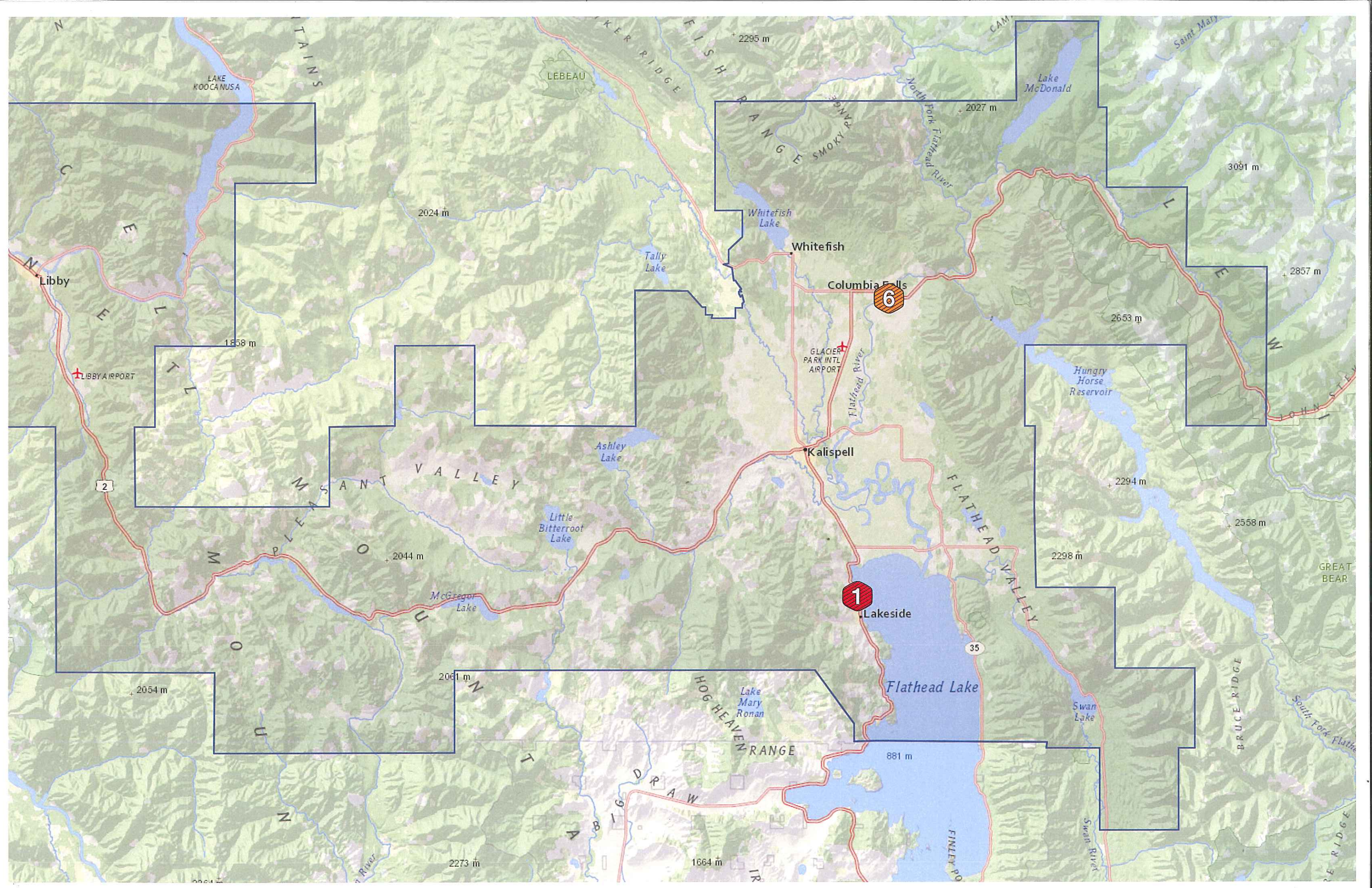
THE DIVIDING LINE @ YELLOW BAY / HALF WAY DOWN
FLATHEAD LAKE...

③ FLATHEAD ELECTRIC COOP
MISSION VALLEY POWER COOP: DIVIDING LINE

@ YELLOW BAY / HALF WAY DOWN FLATHEAD LAKE AT
THE RESERVATION BOUNDARY... ALL IN WESTERN MT.

CLEARLY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE CURRENT FLATHEAD ELECT.
COOP SERVICE AREA MAP, THE BOUNDARY IS THE
CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TO THE EAST. ALL OUR ELECTRICITY
IN THIS AREA HAS CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AS EAST BOUNDARY.

ELECTRICITY IS SOMETHING WE ALL USE + RELY ON. FLATHEAD
ELECT. ^{COOP} GETS POWERED FROM BONNEVILLE POWER (i.e. FROM
WEST). THEREFORE, FLATHEAD COUNTY MUST REMAIN INTACT
AS ELECTRICITY IS REGIONAL + NATIONAL IN IMPLICATION.



From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Donald W Nance
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:09:34 PM

From: Donald W Nance puzlrock@blackfoot.net
Residence: TROUT CREEK

Message:

I am 100% in favor of Map 12. I believe that both districts will be competitive, and will serve the people of Montana well in picking representatives. I thank you for your time and deliberations, a difficult job well done

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

From: [Susan Neff](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 10:23:29 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Greetings, My name is Susan Sylvester Neff , born in Montana and I have lived in Missoula for over 40 years.

I support Map #11

I support Map #11 because it does not favor one political party and makes for fairer elections.

Thank you for your time in drawing up fair and equitable maps to ensure that all of Montanans voices are heard in elections.

Regards,
Susan Neff
446 Speedway Ave
Missoula, MT 59802

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jonathan Nehring
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 7:33:27 AM

From: Jonathan Nehring jen@stonetip.com
Residence: Helena, MT

Message:

I am writing in support of either CP-11 or CP-13 – neither of which is as good as CP-2. But in contrast to maps 10 and 12 they do a better job of providing a district that represents the ultimate community of interest in Montana – those of us who are moderate, freedom-loving people who value our neighbors, our land, the wide variety that makes Montana unique. We are Republicans, we are Democrats, we are constructive people who want to get things done, with liberty and justice for all.

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From: [Robert Nell](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reject CP 12 as it stands!!
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:25:43 PM

Dear Montana Districting Committee,

Please remember these facts in your final deliberations:

The Commission asked the public to weigh in on CP12 and Montanans overwhelmingly disapproved of it.

The Commission ignored the voices of the Tribes in moving an uncompetitive map forward.

CP 12 gives Republicans a massive electoral advantage for the next decade.

Please find a compromise on Tuesday to make CP 12 more competitive so everyone has a voice in our democracy.

Remember it is up to you to ensure that Montana remains a place where every voice is heard.

Bob Nell
Homeowner and native Montanan
Bozeman, MT

Sent from my iPhone

From: gen758@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gail Nevin](mailto:Gail.Nevin)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Please PLEASE reject maps CP10 AND CP12!!!
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:37:28 AM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

.To: The Commissioners

Once again I plead with you to reject ANY map that does not meet your own priorities and requirements for basic fairness, for AT LEAST ONE of the two districts created to be COMPETITIVE!

And also to reject any map which splits communities or groups of communities which share common interests and identity! Adding 1 reservation to the western district will do nothing to improve representation for Native people IF that means that NEITHER district is likely to elect a representative who would listen to their concerns!

Please reject both maps that DO NOT fit your stated goal of COMPETITIVENESS in at least 1 district! PLEASE REJECT BOTH MAPS: CP10 and CP12

PLEASE SELECT CP11 map as it most closely satisfies your own stated priorities and goals! Otherwise, there will be a large and growing population with no chance, whatsoever, for representation in OUR Federal Government. As it is now, we already have very little (or NO) state or federal representation!

Sincerely,

Gail Nevin
2506 Valley View Dr
Missoula, MT. 59803

Sincerely,

Gail Nevin
2506 Valley View Dr Missoula, MT 59803-2525
gen758@outlook.com

From: gen758@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gail Nevin](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Reject CP10 and CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:24:24 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Sincerely,
Gail E Nevin
2506 Valley View Dr
Missoula, MT 59803

Sorry I could not get this to print below my comments!

Sincerely,
Gail Nevin
2506 Valley View Dr Missoula, MT 59803-2525
gen758@outlook.com

From: gen758@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Gail Nevin](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please use the criteria you voted for &reject CP10 and CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 8:17:28 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

To the Commisioners:

It is obvious that neither CP10 nor CP12 maps are

“Compromise” maps! Both of these new maps create extremely UNCOMPETITIVE congressional districts and therefore both violate your own stated goals and criteria which you adopted unanimously in July!

Also, CP12 splits communities that share close ties: Helena, Butte & Jefferson Co.

AND CP12 is abhorrent to hardworking MT laborers and unionized workers as it is obvious to all that it intentionally splits the union vote in order to prevent workers from being able to band together for common goals and better work conditions, etc!

Again: PLEASE stick to your own criteria and keep your word to create at least 1 COMPETITIVE district! CP11 is the only qualified map! Thank you

Sincerely,

Gail Nevin

2506 Valley View Dr Missoula, MT 59803-2525

gen758@outlook.com

From: [Jordan Newberry](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP 12
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:09:28 AM

The choosing of CP 12 as the new congressional district map shows a clear bias toward republican politicians. It totally separates Helena from the communities in the west that it most closely shares history and culture with. I would hope there would be some modification to the current selected map to more closely represent all communities.

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-Jordan

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Anthony Olvera
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 8:43:09 AM

From: Anthony Olvera antolvera75@gmail.com

Residence: Helena

Message:

I fully support map 1 for redistricting.

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From: [Karlene Khor](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reconsideration comments for Tuesday
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 7:08:13 AM

Map 13 has my support. It appears to me this whole exercise has shown that the Republicans in Flathead County have been very organized and have whipped their membership into ONE unified organized message to the committee on their wishes. Sadly, the Flathead County Democrats have not done the same and maybe this is just the difference between Republican and Democrat members way of responding but it doesn't help independents or folks who think there is a way of doing this without gerrymandering. When all is said and done the map you selected insures for a decade two Republican congressmen for Montana. Yes, congressMEN and definitely Republican as 5 percent is too large for any democratic candidate to overcome. Map 13 really was the best of all your maps and it is a very sad day you have not selected it. Karlene Osorio-Khor 229 7th Street West Kalispell Mt 59901.

From: noelieo2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Noel Osterman](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Reject CP10 and CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 4:37:10 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

I am a professional educator and have been following the process of selecting a congressional district map. Both of the final two redistricting maps (CP 10 and CP 12) violate your commitment to keeping your word by honoring the process you agreed to and do not meet the criteria you set forth. Please listen to Montana citizens and voters who care deeply about the process of ensuring a fair and balanced election system in our state. At this point I think it's time to reconsider other maps or go back to the drawing board and start again.

Sincerely,
Noel Osterman
PO Box 317 Belt, MT 59412-0317
noelieo2@yahoo.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andy Palchak
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:52:31 PM

From: Andy Palchak twotrees@centurytel.net
Residence: Kalispell, MT

Message:

Hi, Maylinn—Excellent! With two tribes in the Western district, the Republican candidate will need to pay closer attention to Tribal concerns than perhaps otherwise. And in front of the two tribes and without Helena and Livingston, the Democratic candidate will need to be less "woke" than perhaps Missoula and Bozeman might desire. Both parties will be pushed perhaps grudgingly toward the center, which is where most Montanans live.

Thank you. This stuff is hard work.

Andy Palchak

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Vicky Panasuk
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:48:11 PM

From: Vicky Panasuk vpanasuk@yahoo.com
Residence: Livingston, Montana

Message:
The redistricting map should not favor one political party.
Thanks
Vicky Panasuk

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

From: jparker3095@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Julie Parker](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Reject CP10 and CP12
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 6:08:57 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

KEEP YOUR WORD! We all live in Montana..protect our democracy and reject cp10 and cp12.

Follow your process and keep our elections fair and competitive. Isn't this doing exactly what you complain is happening in the US? Rigging elections!

Sincerely,
Julie Parker
3095 Duncan Dr Missoula, MT 59802-3273
jparker3095@yahoo.com

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: support for map #11
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:31:30 PM

From: Cynthia Parry <cfparry@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] support for map #11

Hello,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for redistricting plan #11. It is the only plan that meets the stated goals of the commission and creates competitive districts that respect historic and economic connections between communities in the western part of the state, and provides opportunity for tribal, rural, and minority representation. Now, more than ever, we need faith that our officials value the democratic process and will not favor one party's interests to the extent that it is impossible for opposing views to ever prevail. That is not democracy and I don't believe it reflects Montana values.

Please act in accordance with the principles that the commission has already put forth and accept this proposal.

Cynthia Parry
Helena, MT

From: Eva C Patten evapatten1@gmail.com

Residence: Bozeman, Montana. 59715

Message:

Redistricting is a difficult process and Commission members have put in many, many hours in the process. However Map #12 is a disappointment and I hope there is still time to reconsider.

– It is in no way a consensus map from Republicans and Democratic participants. This is obvious from the comments received thus far.

– It does not reflect the goal of making one of the districts competitive. You have heard many times how a competitive district means discussion of all views. Whoever the candidates are they need to listen and moderate their positions in order to win. Under map 12 this will not be the case.

– Think fairness, think of a state that has always had chances for both parties to have candidates elected. There is still an opportunity to follow your guidelines.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sharon S Patton-Griffin
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 1:15:43 PM

From: Sharon S Patton-Griffin pattongriffin@yahoo.com
Residence: Great Falls

Message:

I cannot believe that asking a question is not allowed, especially when additional time was granted me by another speaker ... but, here is my question and I would really appreciate an answer:

What happens if, after this redistricting decision has been made, the Courts find HB 506 to be unconstitutional? So much seems to be based on a law that many view as unconstitutional and that has been (in a similar form but different year and number) declared unconstitutional. If you have precluded consideration of competitiveness or demoted it in importance to other criteria/recommendations due to the law, does your decision become unconstitutional?

This seems to be an important question worthy of comment. I would like to hear/see an answer.

I do not mean to be disrespectful, and I understand that this is a very difficult undertaking, but I have found it to be confusing due to a lack of coordination and communication and manipulative due to decisions being made and transmitted to some people in a timely manner and not to others.

Please answer this question. I don't see a place for common folk to ask questions.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Harold & Norma Peabody
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:09:01 AM

From: Harold & Norma Peabody theatrnc@gmail.com
Residence: Terry

Message:
CP12 is the best way to divide Montana

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

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Denise Pengeroth
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 8:57:57 AM

From: Denise Pengeroth izzyandlucy@q.com
Residence: Helena montana

Message:

I would like to see Lewis and Clark county in the western district so that my state has at least one competitive race. As is, in this finalist map that's not possible and it makes it such that my vote will never count. Please redraw the line so that L&C county is in the western district.

Thank you!

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

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Working Montanans need a fair voice - Please support Map 11
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:09:34 AM

From: Montana Caregivers <mtcaregivervoices@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:08 AM
To: dan.stusek@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Working Montanans need a fair voice - Please support Map 11

Of the two maps I think that map 11 is more fair and does a better job of respecting historic boundaries. Especially keeping union-dense communities intact. At one time Libby was a union town, and unions did much to make sure that profits from the mines and mills were widespread and shared amongst the workers and their families. Splitting up Helena from Butte only serves to dilute the power of working people. However I do think it's okay to draw a line between Kalispell and Whitefish because those residents have very different values and political preferences.

Nancy Pernigotti

Libby, MT

nmp@frontiernet.net

From: [Candace Peterson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Go-12
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:13:50 AM

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jim Peterson
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 6:59:48 AM

From: Jim Peterson jimpetersonranch@gmail.com
Residence: Buffalo

Message:

Thank you for your latest proposal. It represents a thoughtful approach and good common sense which will lead to reasonable competitive elections.

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

From: [Randy Peterson](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:38:56 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Randy Peterson. I've lived in the Drummond area for 41 years, and am a native Montanan.

I favor map #11.

Map #11 seems to be the most competitive of the two.

Thank for your service and your concideration.

Regards,
Randy Peterson
W Mullan Rd
MT 59832

The Commission's tentative final plan does not meet the goals the Commission set for itself. Republicans are favored heavily in both districts, all but ensuring a 2 Republican congressional delegation for the next decade. The plan is drawn to unduly favor a political party, and this Commission is going back on the promise it made when it passed its criteria.

The public record is clear. Proposal 11 had the most public support, yet this Commission is passing a plan with little to no public record behind it. That's wrong for this state. This plan separates Butte from Helena and Jefferson County, which has the effect of kneecapping the voices of organized labor in this state. This plan makes it harder than ever for the voices of working families to be heard.

The greater Gallatin economy is severed under this plan. Townsend and Livingston belong with Gallatin County in a Congressional district. Our state's future will be increasingly driven by growth in the greater Gallatin economy. Intentionally chopping it up is the wrong decision for Montana. This Commission should reconsider this tentative plan and adopt a map that meets all of the adopted Commission criteria and goals.

Thank you!

Becky Petrashek
Kalispell, MT

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bob Phalen](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:55:05 AM

Chair Smith and Commissioners,

I support map CP12 because;

It keeps the Flathead County in the Western District.

It includes both the CSKT and the 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 (one) county.

Although I believe the one that was the best is CP1

Representative Bob Phalen HD36

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mary Pham
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 2:03:54 PM

From: Mary Pham mary.phammmmm@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

Thank you for adopting map CP12 as the final tentative map for Montana's two congressional districts. Montana will have common sense congressional districts that is fair and balance for all.

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From: [Juanita Polston](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 12
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 12:38:14 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I'm asking that you take another look and ask yourselves if this map REALLY meets the criteria you UNANIMOUSLY agreed upon at the beginning of this process?

Will this map give the people the privilege of electing leaders that share their values?

If you are unable to answer 'Yes' to these questions, then please do what is RIGHT for Montana.

Sincerely,

Juanita Polston
PO Box 190
Ulm, MT 59485

From: brittybee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of [Britten Postma](#)
To: joe.lamson@mtleg.gov
Subject: [spam]Please Reject CP10 and CP12
Date: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:20:50 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

Dear Commissioners,

I'm Britten Postma. A Missoula, MT citizen for 40 years. I writing again to remind you to keep your own criteria in mind. CP10 and CP12 DO NOT follow the criteria the Commission set at the beginning of this venture. They make some congressional districts uncompetitive and do not keep communities of interest intact. Please stick to your own criteria. These 2 maps are not it.

Sincerely,
Britten Postma
619 Hickory St Missoula, MT 59801-2643
brittybee@aol.com

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Atticus Proctor
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:06:20 AM

From: Atticus Proctor amp4montana@gmail.com
Residence: Helena, Montana

Message:

As a Montana citizen and voter I strongly oppose CP 12 as a potential congressional district map. CP 12 does not meet the criteria of 'compactness' within the districts. For example, putting Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district is the complete antithesis of 'compactness' given the county's eastern border is farther from Lewistown (the center of Montana) than the county's western border is from the MT-ID border! Additionally, having politically strong congressional districts leads to stronger candidates that must rise to the level of their office. As the saying goes, a rising tide floats all boats, and Montana voters want representatives that rise to level of the office they occupy. I am in support of maps CP 11 and CP 13, as I believe they do a better job of creating districts that benefit all Montanans and better ensure that Montana has the best representatives in D.C.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: michele puiggari
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 1:17:52 PM

From: michele puiggari michele@mpuiggari.com
Residence: Missoula Montana

Message:
Map 12 SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED.

The overriding goal should be to have the most competitive map that meets most (not all) of the criteria. Map 12 does not do this. It is not the most competitive map. The rationale that it was approved as it did not split the reservations is specious. The criteria was that the commission should consider keeping communities of interest intact—not that it was mandatory. The tribal community testified that they did not want Map 12 but though Map 11 was the best choice.

Map 12 unduly favors the Republican party and it is not the most competitive. Map 11 has been shown to be the most competitive. it does not unduly favor one political party and in fact leans towards the republican party but is still the most competitive.

If the commission wishes to engage voters and not make those in the minority feel disenfranchised IT MUST pick the map that is most competitive. that way people will feel their vote really does matter. Currently in this state, if you are not republican it feels that no matter how involved you are your vote does not count in any state level election. IF there was at least a map that was the most competitive it would matter what your vote was at least in the western district.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: George Quesenberry
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 7:12:37 AM

From: George Quesenberry mkkdques@aol.com
Residence: Livingston

Message:

A 37 year resident of Park County I approve of CP 12 , I do not want Park County in the West District. Thank you

George M. Quesenberry
189 Pray , Road
Livingston , Mt 59047

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark Walter Radzwion
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 5:56:34 AM

From: Mark Walter Radzwion mwradz@gmail.com
Residence: Troy MT

Message:

Please move forward with formal approval of CP12. It is the most logical common sense solution.

Best,
Mark Radzwion

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From: traci@hschiro.com
To: Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov;
Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov; [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I Support CP 11
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:18:06 AM

It is the fairest redistricting plan. It also more closely reflects the stated intentions of the redistricting board.

Traci Rasmusson D.C.
103 Ironwood Pl.
Missoula, MT 59803



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From: [Billie Musselman](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional District
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 7:24:17 PM

Appears the boundaries are pretty much fair. I do not understand the Democratic's continual attempt to have it their way. That is not the Montana way. Let's make and keep boundaries fair for both parties.

Billie Ratcliffe

Sent from my iPad

From: [Anne Ready](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting map #12 not competitive
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 3:27:23 PM

Dear Madam Chairperson and committee members,

Please reconsider your choice of maps for redistricting. Map 12 will not be competitive. 45% of our population will be silenced and have no representation in the House of Representatives. Very important ideas and perspectives - that are needed in a future full of major challenges - will not be heard. Our democracy needs competitive districts so that our Representatives will be responsive to their constituencies.

Please reconsider and **choose Map 11. Map 11 is competitive and it does not split up any communities.** No other map checks all the boxes for an ideal district like MAP 11.

This decision will shape the future for the next 10 years. Thank you.

Anne Ready
7104 Bristol Lane
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-595-5976

From: [Mary Lee Reese](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP 12
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 10:49:43 AM

It's disappointing to see that the selection was made for CP12 when the overwhelming support was for CP11. As it stands now CP 12 is non-competitive, favors the Republican party and is opposed by many for those very reasons. If CP12 can't be made more competitive and more fair, it should be scrapped. The citizens of Montana want fair districts that don't favor one party over another and are fair and approved by our native American tribes.

Please reconsider your decision to make the districts fair, competitive and favored by all.

Thank you,
Mary Lee Reese
PO Box 338
Bozeman, MT 59771
406-585-9423

From: [Weiss, Rachel](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: Public Input Inbox
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:36:52 AM

From: Adi Rex <adicrex@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 12:02 AM
To: Weiss, Rachel <RWeiss@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting: Public Input Inbox

Hello Ms. Weiss,

I hope you are doing well.

Thanks for hearing public input. I wanted to reach out to state that I support the #11 map.

Thank you.

Take care,
-Ida Rex

From: [Randy Reynolds](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:51:41 AM

Please be fair to all Montanans. Do the right thing. Vote yes on CP 12

Sherry Reynolds

From: [Laurel Rhodes](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Concerns about Map 12
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:48:19 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Montana citizens are roughly 60% Republican and 40% Democratic. CP 12 gives Republicans a noncompetitive advantage and all but ensures that no Democrat has a chance to hold either seat for the next decade. Livingston and Bozeman are two closely connected communities that are split on Map 12. I think it's important to keep communities of interest together. Please find a compromise on Tuesday to make CP 12 more competitive so everyone has a chance to have a voice in our democracy.

Map 11 gives the 40% minority including the Tribes at least a chance of being heard.

Thank you,
Laurel Rhodes

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Laurel Rhodes
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 8:40:34 PM

From: Laurel Rhodes drlmrhodes@gmail.com

Residence: Livingston

Message:

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: LORI C RICHARDS
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 2:05:44 PM

From: LORI C RICHARDS cgmarcom@outlook.com
Residence: LIVINGSTON

Message:

Livingston should be in the Eastern district. We have a donut situation in the city and county limits with a highly democratic majority in the town. Republican or independent voters can not get ahead in because of the majority of Livingston City is Democrats. Putting Park County in the Eastern part of the state will give conservatives and independents a fighting chance. I have lived in Livingston since 1996 and the majority of the population is independent or conservative, but the crazy liberals in the city are ruining our small town. Conservatives have given up running for office because the Liberals run a smear campaign against anyone who runs.

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From: envirogail@q.com
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov; Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Additional Public Comments against Maps 12 and 13
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:17:43 AM

Thank you for soliciting comment on additional maps. We are strongly for Map 11 (below) and strongly against Maps 12 and 13.

Map 12 is not in the least competitive thus it violates the Commission goal of competitive districts. It also separates Gallatin from Park County thus violating a community of interest. In addition it splits the union vote.

Map 13 splits Gallatin County, even neighborhoods, going against Commission goals.

We urge you once again to vote for Map 11, which is the fairest map submitted, for the reasons below.

Sincerely,

Gail and John Richardson
5263 Cimmeron Drive
Bozeman, MT 59715

From: envirogail@q.com <envirogail@q.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:18 PM
To: 'districting@mt.gov' <districting@mt.gov>; 'Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov' <Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov>; 'Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov' <Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov>; 'Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov' <Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov>; 'Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov' <Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov>; 'Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov' <Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov>
Subject: Public Comments for Map 11 and against Map 10

Thank you for your hard work in putting together these 2 maps for the redistricting of MT to include 2 congressional districts. We have lived, worked and recreated in MT for over 40 years and care deeply about our state's future. We remember our 2 congressional districts and how they reflected MT's diversity, communities of interest and gave all voters an equal chance to make their wishes known. We are indeed a lucky state because we have a redistricting commission and not a partisan legislative process that gives unfair advantages to one party over another.

We support Map 11 for the following reasons:

It moves only 2 counties for population equality and keeps within historical precedent. Bozeman and Livingston remain together as a community of interests which they obviously are, for commuters and economic vitality.

Winter recreation is huge in MT and we participate! Keeping the ski towns of Big Sky and Whitefish together makes perfect sense as a community of interest. It gives them more clout!

Native voters are given an essential and deserved voice in competitive districts.

The union towns of Butte and Helena which have so much in common are kept together as a community of interest.

So many commuters who work in Helena live in Broadwater or Jefferson counties and this map keeps them all together.

Agriculture and rural interests are enhanced by the High Line, Rocky Mountain Front and the Golden Triangle staying together.

We oppose Map 10 for the following reasons:

It breaks historical precedent by separating the 2 union towns of Helena and Butte, which have a community of interest.

It separates Gallatin and Park Counties which have a strong community of interest.

It unduly favors 1 party over another by creating 2 GOP districts.

It splits Helena from Broadwater and Jefferson Counties negating their community of interest.

It dilutes the rural farm and ranch vote.

It splits Big Sky from Gallatin Gateway in a partisan way and is an unnecessary division of towns

We expect a fair map in which either party can win because all voters must have an equal voice. We hope you will do the right thing by selecting Map 11.

Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,

Gail and John Richardson
5263 Cimmeron Drive
Bozeman, MT 59715

From: Tandy Miles Riddle <tandyriddle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Vande-Sandt, Heather <Heather.Vande-Sandt@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] further input

Hello Heather,

I did a very brief endorsement of Map #11 yesterday. I was so brief in part because after listening for hours I felt the way that I could most be of help was to be brief... However I do have lots to say about why I think Livingston should be included in the Western Division. Our voting block completely aligns with that division. To exclude us IS an act of gerrymandering that I feel the entire process was designed to preclude.

I am sorry to address this to you if that is the incorrect place to voice my concerns.

My understanding is that there is still some hope for us.

Please direct me. To whom should I be appealing?

Thank you, Tandy Miles Riddle

From: [Tandy Riddle](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] redistricting
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:28:41 AM

Commisioners:

I am very disappointed that Livingston and Bozeman were separated in the districting conclusion. I urge you to reconsider and put Livingston in the western district.

Thank you,

Tandy Miles Riddle

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Sherri Roberts
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 4:48:14 PM

From: Sherri Roberts rmtnest@yahoo.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

Map 12 does not best meet the criteria the YOU unanimously adopted at the start of the PHONY redistricting process. You are NOT even following your own requirements.

Map 11 is the only map that fulfills all YOUR OWN agreed-upon criteria.

Please reconsider Map 11, it does NOT unjustly give the advantage to a particular party...
Please follow YOUR rules...

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ivy Robertson
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 6:23:45 AM

From: Ivy Robertson ivyr@hotmail.com
Residence: East Helena MT

Message:

Please choose congressional proposal #11, it seems the most fair choice.

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From: [Kit Robinson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP10 and CP12
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 7:16:13 AM

Please add my name to the letter opposing these two map proposals: CP10 and CP12
Kit Robinson
2608 4th Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401

From: [Mike Robinson](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CP12
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 3:00:34 PM

This is the map that makes sense for Montana. Thank u for making a choice grounded in common sense

Mike Robinson
T. 406 589 9816
Whitefish MT

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jonathan Roe](#)
To: [Joe Lamson](#)
Subject: [spam]Public Comment for Final Maps
Date: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:54:51 PM

Dear Commissioner Joe Lamson,

My name is Jonathan Roe and I live at 543 Hillsdale St Helena Mt 50601

I support map 11

It doesn't unduly favor one political party,it makes a competitive district

Thanks for your time and your consideration

Regards,
Jonathan Roe
543 Hillsdale St
Helena, MT 59601

From: healdroot@wispwest.net
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 13
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:41:55 AM

Dear Redistricting Commission:

Please do not split Gallatin County as Map 13 suggests.

Thank you.

Ian Root
84 Cold Creek Loop Trail
Ennis, MT 59729

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Curtis Rosman
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 9:36:43 PM

From: Curtis Rosman c.rosman@montana.com
Residence: CHARLO, MT

Message:

I believe Map 11 best meets all the criteria. Although it would be nice to keep all counties and communities intact, sometimes division is essential to arrive at the best overall map.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Andrea Ross
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:32:21 AM

From: Andrea Ross arosswatson@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman

Message:

Redistricting to manipulate voter outcome is despicable. This goes against everything our forefathers fought for. If Republicans are allowed to do this and nullify the rights of all citizens, it would be equivalent to voting in The Soviet Union. As Americans, our right to vote should be protected no matter what party you choose.

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From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Terry Ross
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 10:30:18 AM

From: Terry Ross Rrosswatson@gmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, MT

Message:

I strongly support Map 11 redistricting as the most equitable division of Congressional districts.

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From: [Rita Rozier](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Redistricting
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4:10:08 PM

To the Districting Commission:

Please, please DO NOT select CP 12 as the map for Montana elections. CP 12 is most likely to herald in a decade of radicalism that would not serve any of our state's people well, but would empower wealthy politicians and their supporters. The consequences could be the end of our Montana way of life that relies on accessible multi-use public lands, clean and healthy rivers, family-owned farms and ranches, and working-class values.

Instead, please select CP 11 or 13 that would promote competitiveness and respect for constituent concerns and Montanans' shared values, and would help assure a healthy future for our children. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Rita T Rozier
39 Billman Lane
Livingston MT 59047
406-671-5446

From: [Vince Rubino](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Map 12
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 10:53:04 AM

Vince Rubino
Map 12 is unfair and not competitive

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone \[overview.mail.yahoo.com\]](#)

From: [Amber Rudd](#)
To: [Districting](#); Maylinn.Smith@mtleg.gov; Jeff.Essmann@mtleg.gov; Joe.Lamson@mtleg.gov;
Dan.Stusek@mtleg.gov; Kendra.Miller@mtleg.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Redistricting Map
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 8:57:05 AM

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,

Amber Rudd

702 Aspen Grove St. Whitefish, MT 59937

406-253-5343

amberpurvis@gmail.com

From: Roger Rudd roger.rudd@gmail.com
Residence: Whitefish, MT 59937

Message:

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Thank you for your consideration.

From: [MDAC](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Ben c Rush
Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:22:08 PM

From: Ben c Rush spdyb31@yahoo.com
Residence: Helena

Message:

As a lifelong Montana, I try my very best to be accepting of change and inward migration from other states and countries. I do not wish to be a Montanan who is xenophobic. All that being true of the person I wish to be, there is a connection I still feel to a place that is no more. The Mountains are beautiful and have drawn many to recreate and live amongst them. The mountains to the west and southwest as the continental divide flows towards Colorado have become a different culture within the State. Helena while having the appearance of lying within the mountains is truly just on the edge as it is only a 40 mile drive through the belts to arrive in the great plains of the United States. Please keep Lewis and Clark County in the eastern district. Democrats and Republicans may never find union but there is a remnant of MT that remains in the East. Please keep proposal 12 intact to allow for a culture and a place I loved as a child to remain.

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From: [Christina Russell](#)
To: [Districting](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Congressional Map
Date: Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:49:04 PM

Dear Commission Members,

There were only two finalists maps considered competitive using the Cook PVI score and CP 12 was NOT one of them. Please take this into consideration before your final vote on the 9th. Considering all congressional map criteria and goals, CP 11 is the fairest of the finalists. Not only is it competitive, but it also splits the fewest number of counties.

Thank you for reconsidering. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Christina Russell
Bonner, MT

Sent from my iPhone