

Public Comments

Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission
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Sherley, Laura

From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:59 AM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Jaysen Anderson

From: Jaysen Anderson locke023@hotmail.com
Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Message:

I am writing to point out, what I hope would be obvious to a board dedicated to the redistricting maps, that maps #2 and #3 of Bozeman are far from "compact" but rather snake in and out in an obvious attempt to group rural farming voters, like myself, within the city limits. Not only does this unfairly dilute our vote within the community, but it always clearly ignores state law that redistricting of the map cannot take previous election results into consideration; or how else would one so cleverly weave such an elaborate web of districting lines. The results are far from compact and, as such, need to be rejected as a fair solution.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Stephen Armiger <acearmigr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2022 11:40 AM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Voter Input

Hello, I received postcards from a group calling itself representMT. I visited their website and watched a video about the maps. In the video the maps were evaluated according to four criteria. Only two of the maps passed the test.

If the information presented by representMT is fair and correct, I think it is worth the committee's time to look into it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Stephen Armiger
509 South California Street
Dillon Montana
406-660-1078

Sent from my iPad

Sherley, Laura

From: Janet Henderson <janethend1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 12:29 PM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting comments

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service and for considering this vital matter of democracy at the local level.

I strongly support using either map HDP2 or HDP3, to make seats competitive, as Montanans have made it clear they want. Great Falls has a chance to do the right thing here, the democratic thing. Please do that.

Sincerely,
Janet Henderson

Sherley, Laura

From: David Hilliard <dahilliard76@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 10, 2022 8:30 AM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Districts

Dear redistributing committee,

I grew up in this state and brought my family here because it has always been a community of open discourse and communication. A place where neighbors can put aside their political ideals and dig another out of the snow or help with a distressed animal.

In my opinion this culture should be matched and supported in our representatives. A balanced map in which we the people have as many chances as possible to join the discussion with our vote is in order. Any map that disproportionately favors one party is not a proper representation of MT culture and values.

Thank you,
David Hilliard
406-240-8463
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Sherley, Laura

From: laida talcott <laida1080@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:37 AM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Redistricting

Dear Chair and Redistricting Commissioners,

I support district maps HDP-2 and HDP-3. They both represent how Montanans have historically voted and do not unfairly favor any party over any other. Both maps also consider and respect Indian Country as separate and important communities of interest.

Thank you for your efforts to maintain fair district maps for Montana that safeguard our democracy.

Sincerely,

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From: MDAC <contact@mtredistricting.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 2:11 AM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MDAC Comment from: Mark David Schaefer

From: Mark David Schaefer markdschaefer@gmail.com
Residence: Roberts, MT

Message:

Blatant gerrymandering weakens our democracy. If you can't win on the issues you need to re-think your platform not re-draw the map. Gerrymandering plays fully into the hands of Americas enemies.

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Sherley, Laura

From: Carol Zimny <cazimny@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 1:25 PM
To: districting@mt.gov
Subject: [EXTERNAL] HDP-2

Madam Chair and Members of The Commission,

My name is Carol Zimny. I live in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana. I'm writing to express my support for HDP-2. This map best represents a fair and competitive district. It accurately reflects historical votes and does not unfairly advantage any party. Redistricting is a tremendous undertaking, and the Commission is endowed with significant public trust. It is of the utmost importance that redistricting is fair, competitive, and legal. HDP-2 is the best choice considering these factors. Importantly, HDP-2 also respects Indian Country as a separate but important community equally deserving of fair and competitive maps. I urge you to prioritize not only the intent of the nonpartisan commission, but the will of the citizens. We want fair districts.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Carol Zimny