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I urge you to support the Communities Plan for Southwestern Montana.

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From: Annie Lilly [troyannie@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2012 10:20 AM
To: Redistricting
Subject: redistricting

To the members of the Redistricting Commission,

I understand there are proposals before the commission for new legislative boundaries that used election results as a basis for drawing lines. This may be something that is common in Washington, D.C., New York or California, but it's not the Montana way.
I believe it is impossible to follow the criteria you adopted while also taking into account political data.
Relying on statistics about how areas vote lead to many of the problems of the current map: urban domination of suburban and rural areas,.
I find it unnecessary to splitt counties and cities, and inconsistently apply districts.
Please do not adopt any map that uses such statistics or has any resemblance to the current map.

It appears the commission has at least three good proposals put
together by non- partisan staff members (urban-rural, deviation, subdivision).
Please stay away from manipulating lines for political purposes and stick to the state constitution.
Thank you for your work and for listening to regular Montanans.

Sincerely,
Annie Lilly
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Troy Montana

Weiss, Rachel

From: Mary Lu Berry [berryml@midrivers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Re-districting

Golden Valley County Board of Commissioners feels that the Communities Plan would be the best option for good representation of our small communities.

Mary Lu Berry
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A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour!

June 13, 2012

Chairman Regnier and members of the
Districting and Apportionment Commission:

I appreciate your difficult task of listening, assessing data and then determining a districting plan for the state of Montana.

As you contemplate the information presented and propose your final plan, I strongly urge you to reject any partisan politics in the redistricting effort. For constituent continuity, I believe it is imperative to keep cities and rural areas intact rather than splitting them into strong voting areas, as some plans propose. I believe the urban-rural 100 map seems to be a common sense approach to what I believe is in the best interest of Montana.

I look forward to following the work that you are doing.

Sincerely,

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June 14, 2012

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To the members of the Apportionment Committee:

We appreciate the difficult task before you, and we hope that you will work together to identify a partisan outcome of the new legislative district plan, while giving the people their fair representation. Many counties and communities have taken the time to offer reasonable suggestions for their impacted areas, so please take these considerations seriously.

We strongly oppose the "Communities Plan" as it slices Richland County into three strangely shaped legislative districts, unnecessarily splitting up the county, as well as being inconsistent with deviation allowances.

The "Urban-Rural Plan" appears to be the most common sense approach, as it takes into consideration the differences between the cities and the rural areas of the state, while keeping many counties and towns together whenever possible. By identifying the interests of rural, suburban, and urban voters, you demonstrate an understanding of the different priorities as well as the benefits of separate representation.

Richland County's population has increased for the first time in decades, and as the energy development continues to draw more and more population to Eastern MT, it is now more important than ever to have accurate and knowledgeable representation. Richland County meets all four of the mandatory criteria within the 3% deviation, so we urge the Apportionment Committee to keep things simple and utilize the county line as the legislative line as well. We urge you to adopt the "Urban-Rural Plan".

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Rep. Robert "Bob" Mehlhoff

House District 26

Westside of Great Falls, Sun Prairie, and Vaughn area

June 16, 2012

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to ask for your approval of the "Communities Plan" as it pertains to changes in now House District 26 and the future House District 27 under the plan. The changes that the "Communities Plan" would make to House District 26 are to remove Vaughn and the surrounding area and part of the Fairfield Bench area that is in Cascade County and add Valley View which now adjoins the district and at one time was part of the district.

1. **The plan keeps the geographic area more compact.** Valley View is a natural fit to be reunited with the present House District 26. The geographic area of the district would be condensed in length because the Vaughn area and part of the Fairfield Bench area would then not be part of this district. It also would not add further distance to the area that one proposal has that adds Sun River to the district. Another proposal would add part of the Fox Farm area cutting across 10th Avenue South and the Sun River which has always acted as a natural barrier between now District 18 and District 26.

2. **The plan has communities of common interest.** The "Communities Plan" proposal would reunite an area that has traditionally had many common interests with now HD-26. One area of common interests is a common school district that would not be the case if Sun River were to be part of the district. The new district with Valley View included would be almost exclusively part of the Great Falls School system and almost all would attend C.M. Russell High School. That would not be the case if rural area were added. If part of the Fox Farm area were added there would be no common interest between the mostly high income professionals and business owners of Fox Farm and the moderate to low income working class and retired people of the Westside and Sun Prairie. If asked, Valley View residents overwhelming would be happy to identify themselves as "Westsiders" and would

agree that they have many common interests with the proposed district in the "Communities Plan". The Fox Farm area and Vaughn/Sun River would not make the same claim.

3. **Urban and suburban interests would be kept together.** The new district would unite urban and suburban areas if Valley View were added to the district, and it would become a district with common interests and needs. Adding the Sun River area to this district would only add to Urban/Rural conflict in representing the district fairly. Adding the Fox Farm area to the district would combine dissimilar interests of high income professionals and business owners and the working class of District 18 and moderate income retired residents of House District 26.

Comparing putting the Vaughn/ Sun River area rather than Valley View in new District 27 is clear. Valley View was a part of the district at one time and is made up of working class, urban/suburban residents who work in an urban environment for the most part and send their children to a common school district. Sun River and the Vaughn areas are rural areas that feed into different school districts and would better fit into a more rural district or at least one with similar political interests. Political differences between the rural area of this district and urban working class areas are stark. It would make it very difficult for one representative to represent both areas in Helena. If asked, Sun River would be very unhappy being merged with the Westside of Great Falls and would rather stay where they are now or even be put into a more rural setting. Adding part of the Fox Farm area would add people of different backgrounds and interests together.

As someone who has proudly represented House District 26 for two terms, I would say, if my district cannot be left as is, I would support the "Communities Plan". The "Communities Plan" would best meet the criteria of realignment that has been set forth as goals of redistricting.

Sincerely,

Robert Mehlhoff

Representative Robert Mehlhoff

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Weiss, Rachel

From: Tylene Eaton [shaneetn@midrivers.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Public comment on Montana Redistricting
Attachments: MONTANA REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION.docx

Hello,

Please find the attached public comment submitted by the Dawson County Republican Central Committee. Please keep me aware of any public comment opportunities that we may participate in.

Thank you,

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MONTANA REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

The Dawson County Republican Central Committee, DCCRCC, proposes the following resolution to be considered by the Montana Redistricting and Apportionment Commission members in their effort to redistrict Montana's legislative districts.

1) Whereas the last Redistricting Commission implemented a map that was influenced heavily by election results and political data. The current map was a political map put forth by the Montana Democratic Party in an effort to manipulate elections and win seats to the legislature. The current map does a very poor job of keeping political subdivisions and communities of interest together in the same district.
2) Whereas DCCRCC endorses plans that keep political subdivisions and communities of interest together in legislative districts. Counties should also be kept intact as much as possible in the plan the Commission chooses. The current map of Dawson County is an example of the effortless job put forth by the last Commission to keep political subdivisions, communities, and counties together.
3) Whereas DCCRCC believes that Dawson County should be kept in one entire legislative district. This is the best choice for the citizens of Dawson County. The current map of Dawson County, by any layman's account, makes complete absolute nonsense.
4) Whereas the "Communities Plan" put forth by the Democratic Party is the worst of the choices available to the Commission for obvious reasons when compared to the other plans put forth by the Legislative Services. DCCRCC would recommend this plan not even be considered by the Commission, and at the very most; we consider the "Communities Plan" to be the last choice available to the Commission.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the DCRCC endorses the "Subdivisions Plan" for the Commission to use as the next Redistricting Map for the State of Montana. We believe the plan is nonpartisan, keeps communities and counties intact as much as possible, and pays special attention to existing urban political subdivisions.

We appreciate the hard work and great amount of integrity that Commission members will use in their examination of the redistricting proposals. We also respect the non-biased and honest approach the Commission is using in their effort to create a map that does the best job for all voters of Montana.

Dawson County Republican Central Committee

May 14th, 2012

Weiss, Rachel

From: Steven Eschenbacher [seschenbac@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 12:28 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Proposed Plans

I would like to voice my objections to the proposed Community plan and the existing boundaries plan. Both of these dilute unfairly the votes of those districts that are overpopulated. I urge you to keep the deviation to the lowest amount possible so that we can all be equally represented.

Sincerely,

Steven N. Eschenbacher
Polson, MT

"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters."
- Frank Lloyd Wright

Weiss, Rachel

From: kimmillerhd71@gmail.com on behalf of Kim Miller [kimmiller@3rivers.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 9:22 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Public Comment for Southwest Montana Districting

TO: Districting and Apportionment Commission

FROM: Kim Miller

DATE: July 11, 2012

RE: Madison County and House District 71

I would like to request that House District 71 boundaries not move during your redistricting project. I believe it is important to avoid at all cost breaking up counties and therefore implore the commission to not cut out sections of Madison County in order to meet the needs of surrounding population areas.

After studying the five proposed plans and the need to either add or take away .5 of a house seat from Butte/Silver Bow, I would like to offer the following suggestion:

1) Keep HD71 as is.

2) Place the .5 house seat from Silver Bow into Beaverhead County.

It is Beaverhead and Silver Bow Counties that have lost the population base to warrant a boundary change not HD71 and I believe the simplest way to address southwest Montana redistricting would be to move the .5 from Silver Bow into Beaverhead County along their shared boundary rather than busting up a currently whole county and a whole House District which has not lost any of their numbers.

Silver Bow may not like this idea, but why should HD71 experience the repercussions of Silver Bows population loss? Whitehall and Madison County share common mores and it is important to keep them in tack. Above that, they currently meet the numbers required to fill one house seat – HD71.

the great falls area chamber of commerce

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Chairman Regnier and District and Apportionment Commissioners
P.O. Box 201706
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Chairman Regnier and Commissioners,

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to participate and offer local suggestions in the redistricting process. As we have said in previous testimony, it is our hope that the commission will work to create legislative districts that are based on common-sense boundaries, such as neighborhoods, school districts and trade areas.

As you are aware, the Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce worked with other interested parties to create a suggested map for Cascade County and the city of Great Falls. During the presentation of our map, we discovered a few areas that we felt needed change or more explanation. Please accept this written testimony as an addendum to that presentation.

Black Eagle: Our proposed map inadvertently split the community of Black Eagle into two different House Districts. This was not our intent. We would ask that the Commission correct this and include the portion of Black Eagle that is west of 15th Street in the district that includes the remainder of Black Eagle.

This would remove about 100 people from the proposed Riverview District that is already a bit short. When creating the Riverview District, our goal was to keep this neighborhood intact and we thought that we were within the acceptable deviation by stopping at the Great Falls City Limits. There is substantial residential growth just north of the city limits that could reasonably be incorporated into this proposed House District to bring them within the deviation guidelines. The children in this area attend schools in Riverview and would be a natural fit for this area. We ask that the Commission consider making this change in your final map.

Rural Population Deviation: As you may know, we used a fairly simple computer program to assist with the creation of our suggested map. Due to this, our two proposed rural areas are substantially off in population. However, the amount one is over, is about the amount the other is under!

We would ask that you still attempt to keep the two rural areas totally within the boundaries of Cascade County and that you keep Malmstrom Air Force Base whole in your final map. With those two suggestions in mind, it is our hope that you would direct your staff to make the changes necessary to these two proposed House Districts so that they fit within the population deviation.

Overage: Recognizing that the census count in Cascade County is going to create a district that crosses county lines, we would ask that the Commission limit this to just one district and keep the remainder of our population in districts that are contained within county lines.

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Further, we would suggest that the Commission cross county lines on the northern boundary of Cascade County. As we have stated previously, we do not really have a preference whether this would go to the Northeast, toward Chouteau County or the Northwest, toward Teton County, but we believe it should be on the northern border. Both of the areas to the north of Cascade County are in the greater Great Falls trade area and have a lot in common with Great Falls and Cascade County. The same communities of interest are not found on our southern border.

The Great Falls Chamber appreciates the Commission's consideration of our proposal. It is our hope that when creating a final redistricting map for Cascade County, the Commission will take our suggestions and make the changes necessary to create a map with correct deviations that represents our existing neighborhoods and communities.

Please feel free to contact our lobbyist, Ronda Wiggers, if you have questions or need more information concerning this proposal.

Sincerely,

GREAT FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Percy "Steve" Malicott
President/CEO

Weiss, Rachel

From: BJ Blackburn <edge3115@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2012 9:45 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Fairness NOT politics

It is my hope that fairness in any districting change will be the guiding light, not the politics of corporations thru the Chamber of Commerce plan. You know that that plan comes as a blue print from a central office of the Chamber which is not concerned with Montana and certainly isn't concerned with peoples' voting rights. They are concerned with major corporations' support, and they do the corporate bidding. Please accept the Community Plan for redistricting in the Billings area.

Please Do the RIGHT THING!! We need heroes who stand up for the people and principle.

Thank you for taking my comment.

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TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION
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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Jefferson County, I am totally opposed to having Jefferson County split up for the benefit of Butte/Silver Bow County. Each of the four plans submitted by the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission and the plan submitted by the Democrats on the Commission all put some portion of Jefferson County into Butte/Silver Bow County. This is simply unacceptable.

If you are going to consider the three discretionary criteria you set up at the beginning of this process, you will understand why none of these proposals make any sense.

1.) Following the lines of political units. Jefferson County is about 1,500 people over the ideal district size. Since our existing district is most of Jefferson County, we should start there and make every effort to keep Jefferson County as whole as possible, the remain population staying with its Community of Interest in Madison County .

2.) Following geographic boundaries. The Continental Divide separates Jefferson and Butte/Silver Bow Counties. That is a very distinct geographic boundary between our counties that should be respected.

3.) Keeping communities of interest intact. Many people live in Jefferson County because they don't want the impacts and influences of urban areas. Most of Jefferson County should be one district, with an area of the county South of Interstate 90 remaining as part of the district that represents Madison County. The Whitehall Elementary and Whitehall High School District both include portions of Madison County. The Jefferson Valley Rural Fire District also extends into Madison County. Kids from Jefferson County participate in 4-H and the Madison County Fair in Twin Bridges. Jefferson and Madison Counties share an MSU Extension Agent. In short, Southern Jefferson County and Northern Madison County are clearly a "Community of Interest", and should remain together.

Jefferson County is located between three large urban counties, Lewis and Clark, Butte/Silver Bow, and Gallatin. It is important that we keep our own district so that we can maintain our proud identity. Please keep Jefferson County as whole as possible and allow a portion of Southern Jefferson County to remain with their "Community of Interest" in Northern Madison County.

Thank

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Field, Dawn

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Subject: FW: Redistricting
Attachments: HouseSenate01.pdf

Public comment from Mr. Thomas.

From: Fred Thomas [mailto:FThomas@wsi-insurance.com]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2012 2:11 PM
To: Kolman, Joe
Cc: Fred Thomas; 'Bob Lake'
Subject: FW: Redistricting

Joe,

This is the map I mentioned from Ravalli County. It is a much better map than the other ones proposed due To it keeping most of Corvallis together with Hamilton. The other districts are similar but there is only so Much you can do with Stevensville. You need numbers with the Florence area. Most of Stevensville area is together and then the South end of the County is keep together staying out of the other towns of Pinesdale, Corvallis and Hamilton.

Please have this included as a proposal from Ravalli County.

Thank you, Fred Thomas

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From: Bob Lake [mailto:lakemill@montana.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2012 9:20 PM
To: Fred Thomas
Subject: Fw: Redistricting

Bob,

I think this is the map I sent to you. I hope this is what you were looking for. Let me know if I misunderstood the message my staff left for me.

Thanks,

Regina

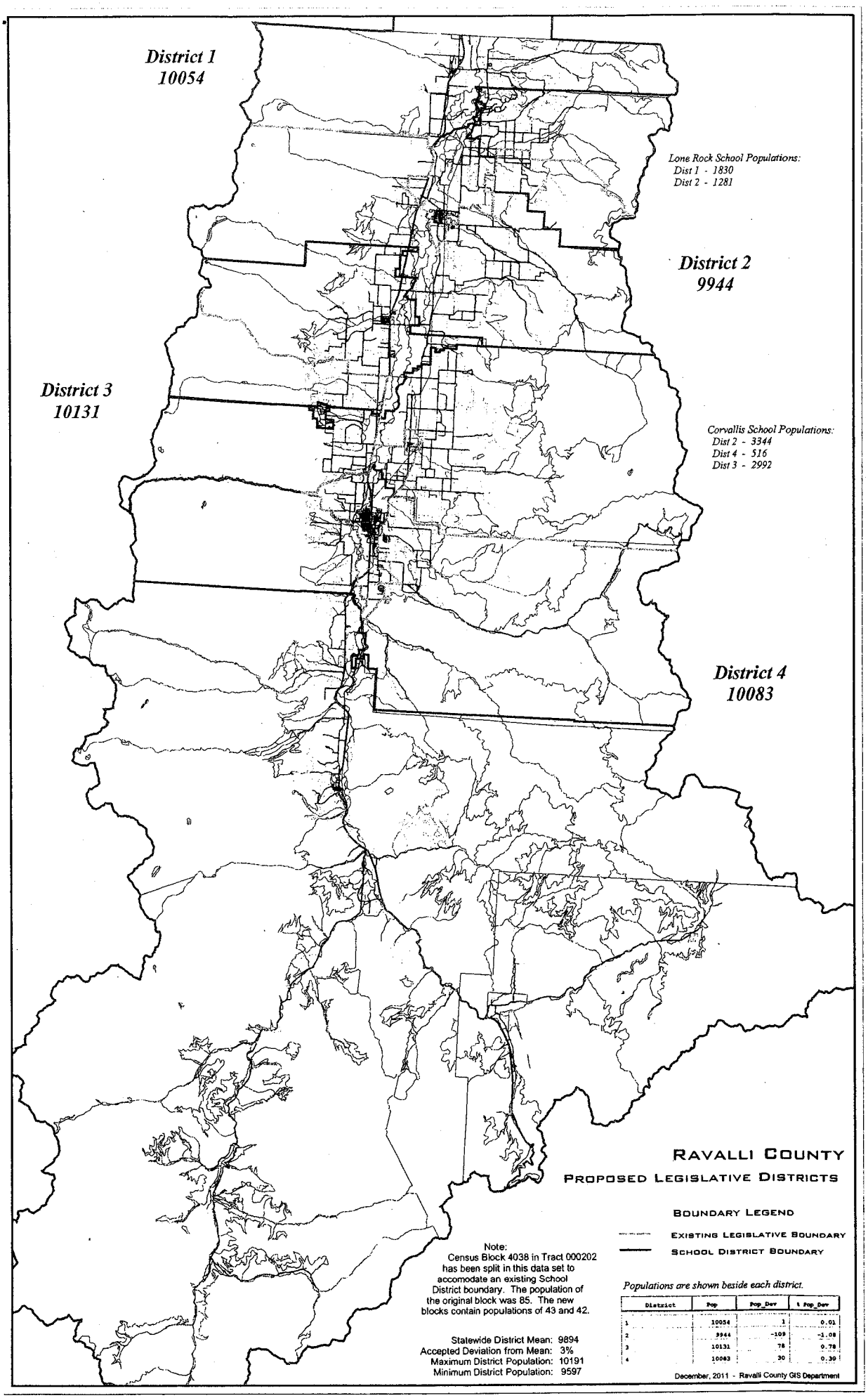
From: Regina Plettenberg
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 8:56 AM

To: Bob Lake; Gary MacLaren; Edward Greef; Ronald J. Ehli; Patrick Connell
Subject: Redistricting

Gentlemen,

I hope you all had a great Christmas. I hate to mention any kind of work since we are still in the Holiday season, but Ken was able to get a map put together for you based on the prior legislative districts but taking into account the shift in population. I have attached it to this email for you to view and do with what you will. I feel I can make precincts out of this modification. A few will be small but we have that issue right now. It won't make it better but it shouldn't make it worse. I like how this split Lone Rock in half and kept the towns together. Let me know if you have any questions.

Regina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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
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SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY
Note:
Census Block 4038 in Tract 000202 has been split in this data set to accomodate an existing School District boundary. The population of the original block was 85. The new blocks contain populations of 43 and 42.
Statewide District Mean: 9894
Accepted Deviation from Mean: 3%
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1 | 10054 | 1 | 0.01
2 | 9944 | -109 | -1.08
3 | 10131 | 78 | 0.78
4 | 10083 | 30 | 0.30
December, 2011 - Ravalli County GIS Department

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From: Jan Rogers [typistjan@netzero.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 11:02 PM
To: Redistricting
Subject: Maps

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Thank you for your work on this important project. I look forward to watching your progress as you complete your work.

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