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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

In the Matter of the 2021 REDISTRICTING PLAN.	)	Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI

MOTION TO REJECT AMENDED REDISTRICTING PROCLAMATION PLAN AND FOR MODIFICATION OF ORDER ON REMAND

Plaintiffs Felisa Wilson, George Martinez, and Yarrow Silvers (the "East Anchorage Plaintiffs"), by and through counsel, hereby move the Court to reject the amended proclamation plan submitted to the Court for approval on April 15, 2022, which fails to comply with the March 30, 2022 Order Following Remand (the "Order"). East Anchorage Plaintiffs also move for modification of the Order to adopt the amended plan with substitution of "Option 2," which was identified by the Alaska Redistricting Board (the "Board") for consideration but not adopted, for "Option 3B," which was adopted by the Board but fails to correct the constitutional error. Alternatively, East Anchorage Plaintiffs

move for modification of the Order to reiterate the Board's obligation to correct its constitutional error, clarify that all the unconstitutional pairings underlying Senate District K must be corrected, provide express deadlines for the adoption of the corrected districts, and identify consequences that will result from a failure of the Board to comply with the Order.

Despite clear direction from the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Superior Court, and repeated objections from East Anchorage Plaintiffs, the public, and even members of the Board itself, the Board corrected only one of the two senate pairings that resulted in the unconstitutional Senate District K. As a result, the Board preserved, and in many ways exacerbated, the unconstitutional political gerrymander rejected by this Court. So long as the objectives behind the Board's unconstitutional intent remain uncorrected, so too does the constitutional violations arising from them. The Board does not shed this Court's findings of unlawful intent on remand. Thus, on remand, the Board's intent to split Eagle River districts to increase the representation of the majority political party remains, and the only way to correct the dilutive consequences of this unlawful intent is to cure it. Approval of the Board's evasive actions not only sanctions the Board's unconstitutional conduct, it erodes public trust in the independence and integrity of the redistricting process, and in the protections afforded by the Alaska Constitution.

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

In East Anchorage Plaintiffs' December 13, 2021 First Amended Application to Compel the Alaska Redistricting Board to Correct Its Senate District Pairings in Anchorage, East Anchorage Plaintiffs sought an order from this Court which, among other aspects: (1) declared "the Eagle River senate districts and the resulting East

Anchorage/Eagle River Pairings unconstitutional;"[1] (2) enjoined "the State of Alaska from conducting any State election using the East Anchorage/Eagle River Pairings;"[2] and (3) directed the Board to adopt "lawful pairings that place both Eagle River house districts in a single senate district and pair East Anchorage house districts with contiguous communities of interest."[3] Such orders were necessary, East Anchorage Plaintiffs submitted, because, in part, the Eagle River districts and the East Anchorage communities with which they were paired are not "contiguous" within the meaning of the Alaska Constitution; because the resulting districts were violative of substantive and procedural due process; and because the Board's decision to create two senate seats for Eagle River intentionally increased majority senate districts while systematically circumscribing the voting power and influence of other Anchorage residents, in violation of the Alaska Equal Protection Clause.

In particular, East Anchorage Plaintiffs were concerned that pairing Eagle River house districts with those in Anchorage violated not only the equal protection rights of residents of South Muldoon, but also those of other areas of the East Anchorage community of interest – including the East Anchorage portion of House District 23 – Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage.[4] East Anchorage Plaintiffs demonstrated, both on the administrative record and through supplementation of that record, that the Board's arbitrary decision-making resulted directly from its express and implied intent to

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1 December 13, 2021 First Amended Application to Compel the Alaska Redistricting Board to Correct Its Senate District Pairings in Anchorage at 13.

2 *Id.*

3 *Id.* at 13-14.

4 *Id.* at ¶¶ 49-52.

increase the representation of the majority political party in the Alaska Senate by creating two senate districts for Eagle River at the expense of other districts and communities of interest.

In its February 15, 2022 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, this Court affirmed the validity of East Anchorage Plaintiffs' challenges, highlighting with particularity that each of Board Member Bethany Marcum's proposed senate pairing plans during the Board's initial process "split Eagle River districts to give Eagle River the opportunity for more representation."[5] The Court observed at page 69 of its Findings that the Board's adopted senate pairings, which split the East Anchorage and Eagle River communities of interest, "while contiguous in the strict definition of the word, ignore the communities of interest in Eagle River and Muldoon."[6] Further, the Court found that the insistence of Board Members Marcum, Simpson, and Binkley in adopting these pairings despite the great weight of public testimony ("the support for keeping Muldoon and Eagle River separate was loud and clear"[7]) was arbitrary and capricious.[8] The Court ultimately ordered that "[t]his matter should be remanded to the Board to address the deficiencies in the Board plan consistent with this order."[9]

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5 February 15, 2022 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order at 19, 58, 61, and 69.

6 *Id.* at 69.

7 *Id.* at 148.

8 *Id.*

9 *Id.* at 170.

This Court's Order firmly precluded the Board from adopting revised senate pairings which split the Eagle River community into separate districts to perpetrate the unlawful intent of the Board. The Alaska Supreme Court affirmed both "the superior court's determination that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution,"[10] and the Superior Court's remand to the Board "...to correct the constitutional error."[11]

On March 29, 2022, the Board filed an Expedited Request for Remand Order seeking further order from this Court as to the status of the remand proceedings. The next morning, this Court issued its March 30, 2022 Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court. That Order directed the Board to:

1. Correct the Constitutional errors identified by this Court and the Supreme Court in Senate District K;
2. To redraw House District 36 to remove the "Cantwell Appendage"; and
3. To make other revisions to the proclamation plan resulting or related to these changes.

The Court was explicit that "in light of the expedited nature of this proceeding, this Court is retaining jurisdiction to address any further issues arising from the Board's corrections or related issues in a timely manner."[12]

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10 *Id.* at 6.

11 *Id.*

12 March 30, 2022 Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court at 1.

Undertaking its duties on remand, the Board re-opened its written comment submission platform and scheduled meetings for a few hours on April 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, and 14, 2022. Like in its previous proceedings, the overwhelming majority of public comment supported pairing the Eagle River house districts together, as well as pairing the two Muldoon districts together.[13] Consistent with the Courts' orders and with this public testimony, on April 2, 2022, the East Anchorage Plaintiffs submitted a letter to the Board urging the Board to "act quickly, efficiently, and narrowly to correct the minimal errors identified by the Court."[14] The East Anchorage Plaintiffs explained that:

> the only correction that appears to preserve the Board's adopted pairings while correcting the unconstitutional Senate District K is as follows:
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> **Senate District E (Marcum)**
> House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier
> House District 10: Oceanview/Klatt
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> **Senate District F (Marcum)**
> House District 11: Lower Hillside
> House District 12: Far North Bicentennial Park
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> **Senate District G (Marcum)**
> House District 13: Campbell
> House District 14: Spenard
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> **Senate District H (Marcum)**
> House District 15: Sand Lake/Campbell Lake
> House District 16: Anchorage Airport

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13 *See* Exhibit A attached hereto, all written comments submitted in favor of pairing the two Eagle River house districts together. These comments total 206. *But see* Exhibit B, all written comments submitted in support of fragmenting the Eagle River community of interest, totaling 111. The majority of comments in support of fragmenting the Eagle River community of interest appear to have been submitted in response to an April 6, 2022 publication by Must Read Alaska blogger Suzanne Downing entitled "Conservatives needed to support Redistricting Board as it considers two maps of Senate pairings for Anchorage," attached hereto as Exhibit C.

14 Exhibit D, April 2, 2022 Letter from East Anchorage Plaintiffs to Board, at 1.

Senate District I (Bahnke)
House District 17: Downtown Anchorage
House District 23: Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage

Senate District J (Bahnke)
House District 18: Mountainview/Airport Heights
House District 19: U-Med

Senate District K (Bahnke)
House District 20: North Muldoon
House District 21: South Muldoon

Senate District L (Bahnke)
House District 22: Eagle River Valley
House District 24: North Eagle River/Chugiak[15]

This proposal received widespread public support, and came to be known as "Option 2" or "Plan 2."[16] This supportive public comment included a letter from Drs. Chase Hensel and Phyllis Morrow, urging the Board to preserve the Eagle River community of interest in its revised senate pairings.[17]

On April 6, 2022, Randy Ruedrich, former chair of the Alaska Republican Party, submitted written testimony proposing a different plan, which also involved four changes to the Board's 2021 Proclamation Plan senate districts.[18] This plan, which came to be known as Plan 3B, proposed the following pairings:

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15 *Id.* at 3.

16 *See* Exhibit A.

17 Exhibit E, April 8, 2022 letter from Dr. Chase Hensel and Dr. Phyllis Morrow to the Alaska Redistricting Board, urging the Board to preserve the Eagle River community of interest and noting that "[i]t would be harmful; to intentionally create districts that have a distinct fault line with Eagle River constituents continuing to orient towards the collective needs of the Eagle River community of interest. Pairing Eagle River with any other house district risks dividing other communities of interest." *Id.* at 6.

18 *See* Exhibit F attached hereto, April 6, 2022 written testimony of Randy Ruedrich.

District E (Ruedrich)
House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier
House District 22: Eagle River Valley

Senate District F (Marcum)
House District 11: Lower Hillside
House District 12: Far North Bicentennial Park

District G (Ruedrich)
House District 10: Bayshore/Klatt
House District 13: Campbell

Senate District H (Marcum)
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House District 21: South Muldoon.

District L (Marcum)
House District 23: Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage
House District 24: North Eagle River/Chugiak.[19]

While both Option 2 and Option 3B pair HD 21 – North Muldoon with HD 21 – South Muldoon in compliance with Court Order, Option 3B reiterates and successfully accomplishes the Board's unrelenting mission to provide Eagle River voters with more representation than other Anchorage residents, in violation of the Alaska Constitution. Recognizing that such a plan would run afoul of the express order of this Court, on April

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19 *Id.*

8, 2022, East Anchorage Plaintiffs again sent the Board a letter, by and through counsel, urging the Board to comply with this Court's order on remand.[20] East Anchorage Plaintiffs wrote:

> As expressed in the April 2, 2022 letter submitted by East Anchorage Plaintiffs, the Board has a legal obligation to correct the unconstitutional gerrymander perpetrated in Senate District K, which does not authorize it to disrupt other senate districts that are not needed to make that correction. Accordingly, the preliminary pairings initially adopted by the Board identified as "Plan 1" exceeded the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Similarly, "Plan 3B" exceeds the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Like the rejected Senate District K, Plan 3B splits Eagle River in two, but rather than pairing Eagle River Valley with South Muldoon, Plan 3B reaches over the mountain range to pair it with the Hillside, Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier. Any plan that perpetuates the political gerrymander recognized by the court, namely the fragmentation of Eagle River into two separate senate districts to increase representation by the majority political party in the Alaska Senate, exceeds the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Further, any plan that disrupts senate districts that are not necessary to correct the partisan gerrymander also exceeds the Board's authority on remand.
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> The Board's refusal to recognize its limited authority throughout this week's proceedings, and its continued consideration of plans that repeat the political gerrymander rejected by the court cause grave concern for East Anchorage Plaintiffs. Board Chair Binkley's acknowledgement of the court order regarding the "Cantwell Appendage" and then his express refusal to vote in compliance with that order was extremely concerning. Similarly, efforts by Board Members Marcum and Binkley to consider Plan 4, which would undo underlying house districts that had not been challenged in the application for correction of errors process, and thus were not at issue on remand lends credence to East Anchorage Plaintiffs' concerns.
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> East Anchorage Plaintiffs respectfully request that you remind members of the Board that the intent of the majority of its members to split Eagle River between two senate districts to increase representation for the majority political party in the State Senate has been proven by plaintiffs and found by the court to be intentional and illegal. In other words, the illegality of the Board's fragmentation of Eagle River, and the intention behind it, is not in question or up for interpretation. The Board's impermissible intent does not

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[20] Exhibit G, April 8, 2022 Letter from East Anchorage Plaintiffs to Matthew Singer, counsel for the Alaska Redistricting Board.

> somehow disappear simply because the Board replaces one group of diluted voters with another. The remand is a court mandate to correct the unlawful partisan gerrymander, not an opportunity for perpetrators of the initial unlawful gerrymander to gerrymander more artfully.[21]

Mr. Singer's response to this letter inexplicably, although not unexpectedly, recast East Anchorage Plaintiffs' concerns as wholly nonsensical claims that appeared to involve unanimous voting mandates and parliamentary procedures regarding member opinions. While Mr. Singer effectively dispelled the nonsensical claims he created, he did not address East Anchorage Plaintiffs' allegation that "Option 3B" exceeded the Board's authority on remand. Nor did he seek clarity from this Court on behalf of the Board regarding the scope of that order.[22]

On April 13, 2022, Board Members Bethany Marcum, Budd Simpson, and John Binkley voted to adopt Option 3B over the strong objections of Board Members Nicole Borromeo and Melanie Bahnke, and against the overwhelming weight of public testimony. Once again, the proven and unchanged unlawful intent furthered by Option 3B advocates permeated their pretextual justifications provided by the Board members. The only bases the majority Board members offered for again splitting the Eagle River community of interest was the notion that some members of the military live in Eagle River, inexplicably relabeling HD 23 as the "Military District" and championing the needs of Eagle River's military members to be represented both where they live, when they live in Eagle River, and where they work. Once again, the impact on military members that work on base but do not live in Eagle River was ignored. Similarly, voters in other areas of HD 23, including

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21 *Id.* at 1-2.

22 Exhibit H, April 11, 2022 correspondence from Matthew Singer to Holly Wells, at 1.

the Northeast Anchorage district, which mirrors in many ways the North Muldoon District, were again completely ignored by the Board. Beyond the need to put the newly declared "military district" with Eagle River, the only other justification for this pairing arose from the idea that Eagle River Valley and HD 9 – South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier – (districts on opposite ends of the Municipality of Anchorage by road) are both larger, slightly more rural districts, and that less than 100 residents of District 9 may hunt in the Eagle River Valley. No other rationale was given for adopting Option 3B and disregarding Option 2. The majority Board members were not receptive to Members Borromeo and Bahnke's pleas to adopt Option 2, and explicitly dismissed Member Borromeo's inquiry that "Eagle River is now going to have two senators; how is that not an advantage?" Further, in her closing comments, Board Member Marcum undermined the public confidence by stating that she had never viewed any incumbent information, despite her sworn deposition testimony to the contrary. Again, the intent and the evidence upon which that intent was found to be unlawful does not evaporate on remand.

After voting to adopt Plan 3B, Members Bahnke and Borromeo urged the Board to reconvene the following day to hear additional public comment, under the theory that one or more of the majority Board members might reconsider their decision to support Option 3B. However, the majority Board members rejected that suggestion.

II. DISCUSSION

A. The Board's Plan 3B Again Constitutes a Partisan Gerrymander

East Anchorage Plaintiffs demonstrated that the Board erred in splitting the Eagle River community of interest for the purpose of increasing representation of the majority political party without regard to the dilution of other Anchorage voters. Permitting the

Board to continue this gerrymander while merely shifting the resulting dilution and effect to alternate voters does not correct the error. The Board's intent has been proven and found unlawful. In light of this intent, there is no requirement under the Equal Protection Clause of the Alaska Constitution that East Anchorage Plaintiffs continue to prove the dilutive and discriminatory effect resulting from the Board's unconstitutional and discriminatory intent. So long as the intent and the gains from the exercise of that intent, namely two Eagle River senate districts, continues, so too does the constitutional violation. The Alaska Equal Protection Clause does not require a finding of discriminatory or dilutive effect when an unconstitutional intent has been determined. While the United States Supreme Court has indicated that "a mere lack of proportional representation will be insufficient to support a finding of unconstitutional vote dilution,"[23] and that plaintiffs must prove a pattern of intentional discrimination against a group and discriminatory effect on that group,[24] the Alaska Equal Protection Clause imposes a stricter and more protective standard than its federal counterpart and does not require proof of discriminatory effect where there is a *per se* illegitimate purpose.[25] The record in this case now demonstrates that the Board's intent was to dilute the voting power of a geographic group compared to another and thus the purpose underlying the Board's

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23 *Davis v. Bandemer,* 478 U.S. 109, 127 (1986).

24 *Id.* at 133.

25 *Kenai Peninsula Borough,* 743 P.2d 1352, 1371 (Alaska 1987); *Isakson v. Rickey,* 550 P.2d 359, 362–63 (Alaska 1976) (requiring a more flexible and demanding standard and noting that the court "will no longer hypothesize facts which would sustain otherwise questionable legislation as was the case under the traditional rational basis standard").

Eagle River pairings is *per se* illegitimate.[26] The only way to cure this illegitimate "purpose" is to undo its execution.

B. The Board's Refusal to Comply with Court Order is Knowing and Contemptuous

The majority members of the Board blatantly and willfully evaded the remand order to perpetrate their unlawful objective. These Board members ignored the Court's clear directive to correct the unconstitutional partisan gerrymander and instead orchestrated a pretextual hearing process that undermined the legitimacy and independence of the redistricting process. While East Anchorage Plaintiffs respect the "Herculean task" undertaken by the Board, respect for that effort does not shield the Board from the consequences of its direct and willful refusal to follow the constitutionally-mandated redistricting process. In Alaska, courts have "inherent power" to punish a party for contempt, "whether direct or indirect," where "necessary to preserve the dignity, decorum and efficiency of the court."[27] Here, the Board's conduct not only threatens "the dignity, decorum, and efficiency of the court", it impugns the dignity of our electoral system and the public's trust in that system. The Board's knowing failure to comply with this Court's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law is contemptuous, justifying any and all court action necessary to bring the Board into compliance with the order on remand and ensure

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26 *Kenai Peninsula Borough*, 743 P.2d at 1371-72 (finding a senate district unconstitutional where it was the product of "intentional geographic discrimination" such that the district "tend[ed] toward disproportionality of representation and its purpose [was] therefore illegitimate").

27 *Cont'l Ins. Companies v. Bayless & Roberts, Inc.*, 548 P.2d 398, 409 (Alaska 1976).

that Alaska voters have fair and effective representation when they cast their votes in the upcoming election.

III. CONCLUSION

For all of the reasons discussed in this motion, the Board's refusal to comply with this Court's Order on Remand resulted in the adoption of senate pairings that violate the Alaska Equal Protection Clause, depriving voters of fair and effective representation in the Alaska Senate. East Anchorage Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court correct the amended proclamation plan to substitute Option 2 for Option 3B. Alternatively, East Anchorage Plaintiffs request an order that:

1. Requires the Board to correct *both* of the unconstitutional pairings underlying Senate District K, pairing the Eagle River house districts together and the Muldoon house districts together and only disrupt the promulgated senate pairings to the extent necessary to effectuate these pairings;

2. Requires these corrections made and a corrected amended proclamation plan to be adopted and submitted to the Court within three business days of the issuance of the Court's modified order; and

3. Adopts the amended plan with Option 2 substituted for Option 3B as a contingent "interim plan" for use during the 2022 election cycle in the event a final amended proclamation plan has not been approved by the Court or the amended proclamation plan has been challenged on or before June 1, 2022, with the exception of actions for sanctions, fees or costs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of April, 2022.

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EXHIBIT A

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Date: April 2, 2022, 1:23 pm

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Last Name: **Hussein-Scott**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River Senate Pairing**

Public Comment: **Good afternoon,**

I have called Eagle River my hometown for over 15 years; I own my home and have raised my three children, who attended local public schools in this community. I have always enjoyed living in Eagle River and cannot imagine living somewhere else.

My concern is splitting Eagle River districts apart and pairing one community with a part of Anchorage that is so very different demographically and geographically from the CER community. The Public and the courts have recognized the gerrymandering nature and deemed it dishonest and unethical.

Please do the right thing and embrace the Senate pairings that Ms. Melanie Bahnke introduced in November. These pairings have been introduced to the Public and are supported by the majority of both communities. The pairings are respectful to both communities and stay clear of breaking communities apart for partisan political gain.

Ms. Bahnke's recommendations keep Eagle River together instead of separating the town.

I am kindly asking the Board to redo the pairings without delay so that we can eliminate the confusion of having a change in maps during the mid-election season, or at least at the onset of special elections. We don't want to discourage voters from voting on a technicality that you can fix.

Respectfully,

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April 1, 2022

Alaska Redistricting Board
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RE: Narrow Scope of Remand Authority to Correct Senate District K Pairings
Our File No.: 508532.2

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and validation to the Alaska Redistricting Board as it explains to the public the Board's limited discretion on remand as compared to the initial redistricting process. Unlike the initial redistricting process, the work of the Board is strictly limited to correcting the constitutional infirmities in House District 38 and Senate District K. Thus, while East Anchorage Plaintiffs genuinely appreciate the Board's inclusion of substantial public testimony and multiple public hearings on remand, they fully acknowledge that the Board cannot reopen all Anchorage senate or house districts without directly violating the court order and the Alaska Constitution. Similarly, East Anchorage Plaintiffs also recognize that the Board must move quickly and that while public testimony is important, the scope of the remand order does not afford the Board weeks to cure an error that took only a day to make, especially where this delay impacts the upcoming election.

While East Anchorage Plaintiffs have advocated zealously for public participation in the redistricting process and continue to emphasize the importance of the public's notice of and right to attend Board remand proceedings, the Board's duty this Saturday is to act quickly, efficiently, and narrowly to correct the minimal errors identified by the court. East Anchorage Plaintiffs are hoping that this letter validates the Board's narrow scope at the upcoming hearing and serves to remind the public that the Board does not have the authority to review the senate districts in Anchorage as a whole or more broadly reexamine house districts in addressing the "Cantwell Appendage," even if presented with public testimony supporting such action. Instead, the Board must act within the narrow confines of the remand order or face further legal consequences.

Similarly, in addition to the limitations on the Board's consideration on remand under the court order and the Alaska Constitution, East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognize that the ethical obligations of the Board, and the consequences that arise from the intentional violation of a court order or even undue delay in complying with such an order also inform the Board's narrow and swift corrective action.

East Anchorage Plaintiffs have provided a more in-depth examination of the legal constraints facing the Board, to further explain the differences in process between this narrowly tailored hearing and the initial November 8, 2021 hearing on senate pairings.

The Board's actions on remand are limited to the language of the court orders. The Alaska Supreme Court upheld the Board's actions and proclamations regarding every senate district and every house district *but for* Senate District K and House District 38. In so doing, the Alaska Supreme Court expressly recognized the limited scope of its ruling and remand, asserting with precision that:

> The superior court determined that Senate District K was unconstitutional on the grounds of equal protection, due process, and violating the public hearings requirement... We note that the superior court did not rule that the underlying house districts were unconstitutional and that no party asserts that the underlying house districts are unconstitutional. The superior court's determination relates solely to the senate pairing of house districts. We AFFIRM the superior court's determination that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution, and we therefore AFFIRM the superior court's remand to the Board to correct the constitutional error.[1]

Similarly, in its Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court issued on March 30, 2022, the Superior Court remanded to:

> 1) Correct the Constitutional errors identified by this Court and the Supreme court in Senate District K; ... and
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> 3) To make other revisions to the proclamation plan resulting or related to these changes.[2]

In its remand, the Superior Court was also careful to retain jurisdiction over the proceeding so that it could address any concerns on remand quickly.

In light of the limited scope of the remand by both the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Superior Court, the only senate pairings that may be disrupted are those that will be paired and unpaired to correct the equal protection clause violation in Senate District K.

In conducting the remand, any decision to disturb a lawful and promulgated district must be weighed against the constitutional requirement that districts be adopted in the manner *and within the time periods* identified in the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute. In other words, any effort by the Board to throw open the senate districts in Anchorage or beyond for a "redo"

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1 *In the matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases,* Supreme Court No. S-18322, Order Dated 3/25/22 at 5-6.

2 Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court, March 30, 2022.

would be blatantly unlawful and would effectively result in a failure by the Board to comply with time constraints imposed by the Constitution.

Accordingly, the only correction that appears to preserve the Board's adopted pairings while correcting the unconstitutional Senate District K is as follows:

Senate District E (Marcum)
House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier
House District 10: Oceanview/Klatt

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While East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognized the value of pairings proposed by others at the initial November 8, 2021 hearing, the court order and the proclamation process simply do not authorize the Board to take action beyond the action mandated by the court.

Finally, East Anchorage Plaintiffs commend the Board for not only adopting a predominately fair and effective proclamation plan, but for acting quickly and lawfully to make the

small corrections to that plan identified by the court. Each of the Board members should be extremely proud of this accomplishment and the great service they have provided all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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Fri 4/1/2022 6:27 PM

Dear Redistricting Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on revised State of Alaska senate district pairings as result of the Alaska Supreme Court decision (In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases, Order No. S-18332, Mar. 25, 2022). As noted in the decision, pairing the two Muldoon (east Anchorage) districts with Eagle River districts was a political gerrymander that violated Alaska's equal protection clause. My comments focus on two specific areas: 1) the optimal way to address the Supreme Court concerns is to adopt the senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke; and 2) the Board should revise its senate district pairings in a timely manner.

In its decision, the Alaska Supreme Court determined that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts (Eagle River with Muldoon) constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution. The obvious remedy is to pair the two Eagle River districts (HD22 and HD24) together in one senate district. But this this will result in "orphaned" districts HD21 and HD23 which cannot be paired because they are not contiguous; this required adjustment could result in a cascade effect of adjusting multiple senate district pairings. The easiest fix is the adoption of the senate pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke:

The Bahnke map addresses the issues underlying the unconstitutional gerrymander identified by the Alaska Supreme Court. They are common sense pairings that keep similar communities together. Not only does it pair the two Eagle River district together and the two Muldoon districts together, it keeps west Anchorage, midtown, and hillside together. These pairings have been presented to the public and the public has been provided the opportunity to comment (and comments have been received).
These pairings enjoy strong support from Anchorage residents as shown by public comments to the Board during the redistricting in late 2021.
These pairings are more legally defensible than what the Board has previously adopted.

The Board should make a decision on senate pairings quickly. The Alaska State Constitution requires that a final redistricting plan be identified within 90 days of receipt of census data. As result of the Board's constitutionally-flawed process and decisions, final determination of districts has been delayed well beyond that 90-day deadline. It is in the public interest and would avoid confusion and voter disenfranchisement for a final map to be swiftly adopted. Additionally, the Board needs to heed the Alaska Supreme Court's rationale and endeavor to produce a redistricting plan that will satisfy the Court's requirements. The Bahnke map can be adopted within 5 minutes of convening – it has been subject to notice and comment, it is legally defensible, and it enjoys wide support.

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In closing, the "fix" for the Board's unconstitutional gerrymander is clear. The Board should immediately adopt the senate pairings proposed by Ms. Bahnke upon completion of public testimony.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Michelle Turner
[redacted]
Anchorage, AK 99516

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Date: April 2, 2022, 12:12 pm

First Name: **Carolyn**

Last Name: **Clift**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **na**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **When I ran for Senate in 2020, I had to drive through two other House Districts to get from my home, in East Anchorage, to the southern part of the Senate District. I registered my complaint with the Board. Now, with the unconstitutional House pairing of Senate K, I would have to, again, drive through at least one other House District to get to the eastern (Eagle River) part of K. It would make sense for the two Muldoon districts to be paired together, and the two Eagle River districts to be paired together. I have heard that there are socioeconomic links to Eagle River, but there are no retail stores or restaurants in South Muldoon that do not already exist in Eagle River.**

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From: **Charlie & Jamie Rodriguez** <[redacted]>
Fri 4/1/2022 4:57 PM
To: The Alaska Redistricting Board

I am testifying from Anchorage about the Anchorage Senate pairings because I believe in fair maps, and honest work on behalf of ALL Alaskans no matter one's political affiliations.

I support going back to the second to the last Senate Pairings, the pairings presented by Ms. Bahnke.

These pairings have already been considered on the record, have been presented and meticulously explained, point by point by point, how they comply with the law and are fair to every Alaskan, no matter their political affiliation.

The Bhanke pairings consider public testimony, don't change the underlying deviation of districts, uphold the one person, one vote principle, and have created the most common sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (keeping Muldoon together, West Anc. together, and Eagle River together, etc.).

The Redistricting Board must act immediately to comply with the Court's requirements make our maps legal, and to minimize time, costs, and the confusion that will result if this process is dragged out. It's in the public interest to adopt legal maps with final senate pairings that check every box as outlined in law.

Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, BEFORE then have to learn about the new election system (RCV). On top of all that, we have a special election. The Redistricting Board has created a bit of a train wreck and they now need to right the train.

As public officials, the Redistricting Board has a sacred obligation to the public to resolve this quickly and fairly for every voter. No more delays, no more games, just abide by the law.

Thank you for your consideration.

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

March 30, 2022
Alaska Redistricting Board
c/o: Peter Torkelson
Executive Director

RE: Testimony related to Supreme Court decision and process on remand

Dear Board:

I write today in my personal capacity to provide public testimony regarding the Alaska Redistricting Board's mandate on remand.

On March 25, 2022 the Alaska Supreme Court issued an order largely affirming the process this Board went through, and its outcome. However, there was one notable exception—the Board's decision, on a 3-2 vote, to adopt a pairing for Senate District K was flatly rejected as a "partisan political gerrymander" and rightly so.

I reside in Anchorage, however I am not a resident of any of the house districts directly impacted by this pairing. Nevertheless, as someone who monitored the redistricting process closely, it was clear that the process and outcome of the Anchorage senate pairings resulting in District K was unacceptable and degraded the public's trust in the entire process.

I watched that process live. When the Board came out of executive session and adopted a brand-new senate map for Anchorage without any publication, notice, public comment, or meaningful discussion it debased the entire process. It looked like what it was—a brazen attempt to manipulate the process for partisan purposes. This outcome diminished the representation of several communities, including minority communities. However, I wish to note a stark exception to this criticism—the efforts of Board Members Melanie Bahnke and Nicole Borromeo who spoke up, with courage and conviction, against this manipulation.

I write now to implore the Board to avoid going down a similar road on remand. Do not try to once again manipulate the senate pairings for partisan purposes. Do not try to once again run roughshod over the concerns raised by Board Members Bahnke and Borromeo. As the Supreme Court has concluded, their original concerns were absolutely correct and the other three members of the Board were wrong.

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The time for debate has passed and the Board should swiftly perform the ministerial task of adopting the only logical senate map that the public has seen—the map offered by Board Member Bahnke, that was wrongfully rejected by the three-member majority of the Board.

Ms. Bahnke's map would leave most of the current Senate pairings in place, and would only impose the following changes, pairing:

- House District 17 with 23;
- District 18 with 19;
- District 20 with 21; and
- District 22 with 24.

Such a map should have consensus support and will not raise any other issues related to suppressing minority votes or partisan gerrymandering.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge that the vast majority of this Board's work was done properly, publicly, and in service of all Alaskans. The Senate District K process was unfortunate and absolutely cannot be repeated. I thank the Board for their service and ask that they avoid further controversy by promptly adopting the Senate pairings originally offered by Board Member Bahnke.

The public's trust in the constitutional process of redistricting has been shaken by the issues surrounding District K. Please restore that trust by closely adhering to the Supreme Court's decision and adopting the Bahnke map.

Sincerely,

Scott Kendall
Attorney
(907) 222-7932 (main)
(907) 222-7938 (fax)

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Date: April 2, 2022, 2:28 pm

First Name: **Yarrow**
Last Name: **Silvers**
Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]
Your ZIP Code: **99504**
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **District K**

Public Comment: **It's not too late to place the Alaskan people and one person/one vote principles above partisan maneuvering.**

Please redo the senate pairings without delay so that Alaskans can vote using a fully constitutional map for the full ten years, thus avoiding the confusion and disenfranchisement that a constantly changing map creates. Considering how past maps have changed over several elections, this would be an amazing accomplishment for the board and something to be proud of.

I want to advocate for the adoption of the pairings that Melanie Bahnke put forward during the redistricting process, as necessary to fix the constitutional errors. These pairings have been introduced to the public and enjoyed broad support because of the way they respect communities instead of breaking them apart for political partisan purposes.

Specifically, the 4 pairings of interest keep Eagle River as one community, Muldoon as one community, connect the Umed/Airport Heights area and reconnect the North and South sides of 4th Avenue downtown.

Please develop a system for truncation that is transparent and random. The actions of this board around truncation - voting down a random coin toss while stating that board members didn't know incumbent information, when at least two members looked at and discussed this information, on camera, before this series of votes - broke public trust, even amongst those that don't have a full understanding of truncation.

Also breaking trust was the actions taken around the South Anchorage pairing, which initially enjoyed board consensus, but was then inexplicably split apart at the last minute with no discussion or reasoning.

It seems likely that someone looked at political data over the weekend and decided that the new pairing gave a partisan advantage while splitting this community apart. These were egregious actions, and I ask that in fixing the errors, you follow our Alaska State Constitution, which does not allow for politically based mapping. These are people that you silenced with your actions, not tools in a partisan toolbox.

The public and the courts have seen and recognized the gerrymander and the truncation fix, both carried out dishonestly and unethically, still it is not too late to do the right thing and embrace the positive accomplishments of this board, while rejecting the actions taken that were unconstitutional and of questionable ethic.

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Date: April 2, 2022, 1:46 pm

First Name: **Bonnie**

Last Name: **Bladow**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Melanie Bahnke Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **Please act swiftly to comply with the court's requirements and adopt the redistricting senate pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke. These pairings are the result of prior public input and testimony and make the most sense for the Municipality of Anchorage. Furthermore, they do not change the underlying deviation of districts and uphold the one person, one vote principle. I believe that the current map disenfranchises minority votes from the South Muldoon by combining portions of this area with Eagle River. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.**

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Date: April 2, 2022, 12:28 pm

First Name: **Julia**

Last Name: **Bockmon**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting following S. Ct. remand order**

Public Comment: **I urge the Redistricting Board to act immediately to comply with the Supreme Court's Remand Order. Voters need time to familiarize themselves with their new districts, as well as the candidates for office representing their districts.**

I also urge the Board to adopt the Senate district pairings proposed by Melanie Bahnke for the districts that need to be revised to correct the improper gerrymandering. The Bahnke pairings are supported by previous public testimony and information of record. Most importantly, these pairings uphold the requirements for geographic contiguity, socioeconomic similarity, and reasonableness, upholding our overall American institution of one person, one vote. These pairings unite neighborhoods into compact areas as they should (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc., Eagle River w/ Eagle River etc.).

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: March 31, 2022, 12:47 pm

First Name: **Sergio F**

Last Name: **Acuna**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Hi, I live in Midtown near Lake Otis and Campbell Creek, and am writing to request that House Districts 13 and 14 be paired into a Midtown Senate district. This makes the most sense for our existing neighborhoods. It also makes sense to pair House Districts 18/19 and 20/21 into two East Anchorage Senate seats. These pairings would enable the Board to fix the Eagle River pairings as required by the Court, and maintain logical pairings in Anchorage.**

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Date: March 31, 2022, 12:56 pm

First Name: **Wes**

Last Name: **Canfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Thank you for the opportunity to submit additional comments on Senate pairings. My family lives in South Anchorage and I would suggest that the Board make only modest changes to Anchorage pairings after linking the two Eagle River House seats into a Senate district. The Board has already proposed logical pairings for West Anchorage and South Anchorage, and these could be maintained by adopting Downtown, Government Hill, JBER, and East Anchorage pairings previously proposed by Board Member Melanie Bahnke.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: March 31, 2022, 1:06 pm

First Name: **Kisha**

Last Name: **Guillen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board,**

As a resident of South Anchorage, I am writing to submit public comments on the revised Senate pairings. Thank you for accepting additional comment on this issue. It is important to get these boundaries resolved quickly, and I would suggest sticking with existing pairings proposed by the Board for South and West Anchorage. For Downtown/Government Hill and East Anchorage, using the pairings proposed by Board Member Bahnke would allow you to fix the Eagle River pairing as required by the Court and have logical pairings for the rest of the city.

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Date: April 1, 2022, 12:36 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Burtness**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99709**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Gerrymandering Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I believe East Anchorage does not fit in with Eagle River. They should be separate**

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Date: March 30, 2022, 4:11 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Jorgensen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Parings**

Public Comment: **I fully support the senate pairings put onto the record of my board member Bahnke at the November meeting. I support these pairings for the following reasons. First, it is imperative that the board adopt pairings that follow the guidelines set out by the constitution. Bahnke's parings do just that. Second, as a lifelong Anchorage resident, these parings make geographic sense and keep neighborhoods together. When communities are kept intact, they are able to wield their collective voice in the political process.**

I encourage the board to adopt these parings swiftly. Alaskans have been waiting long enough.

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: March 31, 2022, 12:44 pm

First Name: **Brandon**

Last Name: **Calcaterra**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate seat pairings**

Public Comment: **I live in Eagle River and first want to state my support for Eagle River's two House districts being unified in a Senate district as required by the recent Supreme Court ruling. Once the Eagle River House seats are paired, there is an even number of other House districts within Anchorage, so it is not difficult to pair these House districts into logical Senate districts. For example, the four East Anchorage House seats should break down into two Senate seats, and Downtown/Government Hill pairs into a Senate seat. This configuration leaves the other proposed Board pairings further south unchanged. Adopting this slightly revised map that fixes Eagle River and keeps East Anchorage seats together seems to meet Court requirements and would allow voters clarity on where they'll be voting in elections that are coming up soon.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 8:51 am

First Name: **Sheri**

Last Name: **Whitethorn**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508-3323**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Please adopt the Senate pairings map recommended by Melanie Bahnke from 11/10/21**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the Senate pairings that Melanie Bahnke introduced in November, I believe the map is dated 11/10/2021. The public has seen these pairings and have broadly supported them, and they are Constitutionally sound. They keep many of Anchorage's communities together in reasonable and responsible ways. More specifically, this set of pairings keep Muldoon together in East Anchorage, they keep downtown Anchorage together, they keep Spenard and Turnagain together, and they keep Eagle River together. These pairings make good sense all-around. Please adopt this replacement map quickly without any further delay so that any confusion is avoided in upcoming elections that are already starting to get geared up. Thank you for all your diligent work on this process.**

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Date: March 31, 2022, 12:49 pm

First Name: **James**

Last Name: **Dahl**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **As a voter from South Anchorage, I am writing to request that the Board adopt a synthesis of proposed Bahnke pairings and existing Senate pairings in South Anchorage. The two Eagle River House seats must be paired based on the Court ruling, and from there it makes sense to unify four East Anchorage House seats into two Senate seats. The Government Hill/JBER House seat then pairs with Downtown, leaving existing pairings in West and South Anchorage unchanged. This set of pairings keeps neighborhoods together to the maximum extent possible, and is the most compact arrangement. While compactness may not be required for Senate pairings, given the option of compact or non-compact pairings, all else being equal it is most fair to voters to establish compact and logical pairings so that people may easily understand their Senate as well as House districts.**

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First Name: **Paula**

Last Name: **Sayler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the court's recent requirements in an efficient and speedy manner. Adopt the Bahnke senate pairings. Keep senate pairings: Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc., Eagle River w/ Eagle River.**

Thank you.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 11:08 am

First Name: **Ellen**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern: **Please adopt the Bahnke senate pairings for Anchorage**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board and Staff:**

Thank you for all your hard work updating Alaska's maps. With the upcoming elections, I urge the Board to act immediately to address the Court's requirements. This will minimize voter confusion that would result from a long drawn-out process.

It is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, on top of a new election system (RCV) and an unprecedented special election. The redistricting board has an obligation to the public to resolve this quickly to avoid voter confusion and disenfranchisement

Here in Anchorage, the Board should adopt the Bahnke senate pairings, instead of trying to come up with new pairings. These pairings have already been presented and considered on the record, and were informed by public input and testimony.

These pairings do not change the underlying deviation of districts, and they do uphold the one person, one vote principle. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River etc.). I commented in favor of these pairing for my own neighborhood in the last round of public testimony.

Thank you again for your attention and efforts on this important work.

Sincerely,

Ellen Jaimes
[redacted]
Anchorage AK 99508

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Date: March 31, 2022, 11:52 am

First Name: **Zack**

Last Name: **Fields**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern: **Remand for Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board Members,**

Thanks for reopening public comments on Senate pairings following the Supreme Court decision. As we approach elections, I think it is in the public interest to finalize pairings consistent with the Court ruling so that voters can understand the legislative districts in which they'll be voting in the upcoming state primary and general elections. Since Anchorage has an even number of House districts, and since the Supreme Court ruling effectively requires pairing the two Eagle River House seats into a Senate seat, the only remaining question is how to pair the remaining even number of Anchorage House seats. Fortunately, existing Board pairings in South Anchorage and West Anchorage neatly pair with proposed Bahnke pairings in East Anchorage and Downtown to complete the map. These pairings would be:

17+23 (Downtown, South Addition, Govt Hill, JBER)
14+13 (Midtown)
16+15 (West Anchorage)
18+19 (East Anchorage)
20+21 (East Anchorage)
11+12 (Abbott Loop/Lower Hillside)
9+10 (Ocean View/South Anchorage)

Conveniently, these pairings are the most logical in terms of compactness and socioeconomic integration of neighborhoods. These boundaries also respect underlying Constitutional guidance with respect to watersheds and natural features.

As someone who represents Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods in Anchorage, I certainly see how these pairings are the most logical for neighborhoods I represent.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: March 31, 2022, 10:29 am

First Name: **Jo Ann**

Last Name: **Gruber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting - Senate Districts (Municipality of Anchorage)**

Public Comment: **Dear Alaska Redistricting Board,**

As you meet to ensure that you provide fair, equitable maps and senate pairings as directed by the court system, I would like to say Eagle River is a distinct, unique community. It should NOT be split into two different Senate districts for political gerrymandering purposes.

I live in Eagle River, and I expect fair representation. No more, no less. As a reasonable person, I do not expect more representation at the expense of others.

We have different land-use rules; and we currently maintain/manage our own roads and parks, too. Pairing a portion of Eagle River with South Muldoon made absolutely no sense.

I support the Senate pairings that were presented by Ms. Bahnke last fall. They were thoughtful, considerate, and fair to all communities within the Municipality of Anchorage.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber

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Date: March 31, 2022, 6:39 am

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **Bronga**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Scenic foothills community council**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings to fix gerrymandering**

Public Comment: **To correct the gerrymandering with senate districts I am asking that the board use the Senate pairings that Melanie Bahnke introduced in November. These pairings have been introduced to the public and received broad support. They are Constitutional and preserve two majority-minority districts in Anchorage. These pairings are respectful of Anchorage's communities rather than breaking them apart for partisan political purposes. Specifically, they keep Muldoon in East Anchorage together, they reconnect the North and South side of 4th Avenue downtown instead of separating downtown into 2 senate districts, they keep Turnagain and Spenard together, which has been requested by these communities, they keep Eagle River together, and they pair the two South Anchorage districts together as they were initially by consensus of the board before being split at the last minute.**

Please redo the pairings quickly, without delay, so that we eliminate the confusion of having maps change mid-elections.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 1, 2022, 1:38 pm

First Name: **Izzy**

Last Name: **Farris**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistrifting**

Public Comment: **I am writing to request that the board act immediately to comply with the Court's requirements and to minimize confusion if this process is dragged out.**

- In Anchorage, the board should adopt the Bahnke senate pairings, instead of trying to come up with new pairings.

- Board must act immediately: It is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, on top of a new election system (RCV) and an unprecedented special election. The redistricting board has an obligation to the public to resolve this quickly to avoid voter confusion and disenfranchisement

- The pairings, proposed by Melanie Bahnke, have already been presented and considered on the record, and were informed by public input and testimony. These pairings do not change the underlying deviation of districts, and upholds the one person, one vote principle. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings.

I live in Muldoon and we are very different from Eagle River. Our children don't go to school in Eagle River. We don't shop or play in Eagle River. We don't go to the doctor in Eagle River. We are a diverse community, which is very different from Eagle River.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Date: March 30, 2022, 4:15 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate K Pairings**

Public Comment: **Members of the Redistricting Board,**

I write today to urge you to move quickly to adopt the Senate pairings posed by Member Bahnke in November of 2021. That map has been shown to be constitutional, which is important to avoid further lengthy litigation. It also just makes sense- my area of West Anchorage stays with West Anchorage districts, Muldoon with Muldoon, and Eagle River with Eagle River. After attending many of the sessions about the maps, I remember many individuals testifying about this. In other words, Member Bahnke's map is constitutional and has the support of Anchorage communities. Again, I encourage you to take swift action on this decision by adopting Member Bahnke's Senate pairings so that Alaskans can start the process of relearning their House and Senate districts before they participate in our upcoming elections. If you are able to do this, this board will have accomplished something not done in the last few cycles -- giving Alaskans a map we can use for the entire decade. Thank you so much for your time.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: March 30, 2022, 3:51 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Baker**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **In light of the Supreme Court remand order, I support the following Senate pairings for Anchorage:**

22-24
20-21
18-19
23-17
16-14
13-12
15-10
11-9

These pairings were discussed (briefly) during the November hearings. There was no logical argument in opposition. They are common-sense pairings that support the natural boundaries and feel of Anchorage neighborhoods. I encourage the board to settle this issue quickly to ensure the public has time to educate themselves ahead of 2022 election cycle. Voters need time to digest their new districts, precincts, and voting location, on top of learning ranked choice. voting. Thank you for reading this testimony.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Jason Norris [redacted]
Wed 3/30/2022 2:02 PM

In addressing the issue surrounding District K, it is important that fixing this issue does not create new issues. Therefore, Districts 22 (Eagle River) and 24 (Chugiak and Eklutna) should be paired into one Senate Seat with Districts 20 (North Muldoon) and 21 (South Muldoon) paired into another.

This is also an opportunity to repair issues raised by the last minute change in Senate pairings produces in Executive Session. I am a resident of District 11 (Lower Hillside), which is currently paired with District 12 (Abbott Loop).

While I know that the Board is not as restricted by the Hickel Process on Senate pairings as it is on House District drawing, District 11 is a far better fit with District 9 (Upper Hillside, Turnagain Arm) than it is with District 12. Likewise, District 9 is a better fit with District 11 than it is District 10 (Bayshore/Klatt).

In short, I propose that Districts 9 and 11 be paired into a Senate seat, keeping the Anchorage Hillside in one District. Districts 10 and 15 are a fairly natural fit for one another in Southwest Anchorage and District 12 can easily be paired with either District 13 (Taku-Campbell) or 19 (U-Med) to accommodate this change.

Thank you for your time,
Jason Norris

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Pat Race <[redacted]>
Wed 3/30/2022 1:47 PM

Redistricting Board Members,
I hope to see the most simple and obvious correction to the Eagle River senate pairings. Eagle River with Eagle River and the two Anchorage districts together. I hope you will avoid a massive reshuffling of Senate pairings.

Thank you for your work on this,
Pat Race
Juneau

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 4:16 pm

First Name: **Belinda-Jane**

Last Name: **MacIntire**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Government Hill Community Council Member**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **currently planned Senate District Boundaries**

Public Comment: **I urge you to please revise the currently planned Senate district boundaries that combine Downtown and Government Hill with Chugiak, Eagle River and Eklutna. The currently planned boundaries are an example of partisan gerrymandering, and does not comply with the Alaska Constitutional guidelines of "compactness and contiguity", and "socioeconomic integration".**

People in Downtown and Government Hill would have to drive 20 or more miles to Chugiak, Eagle River and Eklutna! That is neither compact nor contiguous. Residents cannot drive or even walk through JBER to get to the rest of the district.

People in Downtown and Government Hill have drastically different properties, values and lifestyles, and have no socioeconomic factors in common.

I urge you to please pair House District 23 to House District 17, as the only pairing that would meet the Constitutional Guidelines.

Thank you so much for doing the right thing.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 2:30 pm

First Name: **Robert**

Last Name: **French**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Gerrymandering of Downtown and Government Hill**

Public Comment: **I urge you to revise the currently planned Senate district boundaries that combine Downtown and Government Hill with Chugiak, Eagle River and Eklutna. The currently planned boundaries are an egregious example of partisan gerrmandering, and does not comply with the Alaska Constitutional guidelines of "compactness and contiguity", and "socioeconomic integration".**

People in Downtown and Government Hill would have to drive through 3 different house districts before we would connect to the east Muldoon portion of the proposed district, and then drive another 20 or more miles to Chugiak, Eagle River and Eklutna! That is neither compact nor contiguous. Residents cannot drive or even walk through JBER to get to the rest of the district.

People in Downtown and Government Hill have drastically different properties, values and lifestyles, and have no socioeconomic factors in common.

I urge you to pair House District 23 to House District 17, as the only pairing that would meet the Constitutional Guidelines.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 3:25 pm

First Name: **Hans**

Last Name: **Thompson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting issues**

Public Comment: **Please end the partisan gerrymander that is linking Downtown Anchorage and Government Hill to a senate district that primarily represents Chugiak, Eagle River, and Eklutna. This is unfair and will cause this neighborhood to be unrepresented. They have to drive through three house districts to connect with another populated section of our district at the far edge of Muldoon and then 25 miles to the next population in our district. Those people have distinctly different values and ways of living. The only fair pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 2:38 pm

First Name: **Margaret**

Last Name: **Hughes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting hearing**

Public Comment: **Downtown / Government Hill/ JBER areas of Anchorage should not be included in the same district as Chugiak, Eagle River and Eklutna. This method is including very urban neighborhoods with much more rural areas. The mind frame and priorities of people in these areas are vastly different and those three communities' populations vastly outnumber the areas in Anchorage. These Anchorage neighborhoods will not receive proper representation and is akin to partisan gerrymandering. Please consider pairing House District 23 to House District 17.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 3, 2022, 7:26 pm

First Name: **Felisa**

Last Name: **Wilson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99506**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Borromeo and Banke map**

Public Comment: **It is best to put Eagle River with Eagle River in one Senate district and North Muldoon with South Muldoon in one senate district. All other districts need to be paired in the same configuration as before. The AK Supreme Court addressed the Eagle River with Eagle River and Muldoon with Muldoon. Residents have spoken and East Anchorage should remain intact.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Yarrow Silvers [redacted] Mon 4/4/2022 6:44 PM

Peter,

Please see the attached proposal for senate pairings.

Thank you,
Yarrow Silvers

MAXIMUM PRESERVATION PROPOSAL

Yarrow Silvers, George Martinez, and Felisa Wilson (the "East Anchorage Plaintiffs") hereby reiterate the proposed senate pairings included in their April 2, 2022 written testimony and officially present those pairings as an alternate proposal for senate pairing corrections. This proposal is designed to preserve the Anchorage senate districts adopted in the Proclamation Plan to the maximum extent possible, only substituting revised senate pairings when necessary to correct unconstitutional Senate District K. The intent of this "Maximum Preservation Proposal" is to ensure efficient and tailored correction of the court-identified error without inadvertently or intentionally making new ones, or unnecessarily delaying the Board's court-directed duties on remand.

Like the preliminary corrections adopted by the Board for consideration on April 4, 2022, this "Maximum Preservation Proposal" also advocates for the adoption of senate districts proposed by Board member Bahnke. However, unlike the Board's preliminary corrections, this proposal maximizes preservation of the Anchorage senate districts adopted by the Board, only substituting Anchorage senate districts proposed by Board member Bahnke in four out of the eight Anchorage senate districts and only when necessary to correct the unconstitutional pairing of House Districts 21 (S. Muldoon) and 22 (Eagle River Valley). East Anchorage Plaintiffs identified the four districts requiring revision by unpairing Senate District K and pairing its house districts with contiguous districts resulting in the least amount of disruption to other promulgated and constitutional senate districts. East Anchorage Plaintiffs substituted Board member Bahnke's pairings into its proposal as these were the only pairings presented during the initial redistricting hearings that were clearly presented, lawful, and enjoyed substantial support by Board member and public testimony. During the November 8 hearing, four out of five of the Board members raised no objections to these pairings. Indeed, even Board Chair Binkley acknowledged during that hearing that Board member Bahnke's proposed pairings were legally justified. Board members Borromeo and Bahnke vehemently supported the Bahnke pairings and provided constitutional and rational bases in support of these pairings.

For all of these reasons, and in an effort to narrowly and fully comply with the court order and to preserve the constitutionally promulgated senate districts to the maximum degree possible, East Anchorage Plaintiffs propose the following combinations of connected and preserved Anchorage senate districts:

Senate District E (Board Adopted: Marcum Proposed)
House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier
House District 10: Oceanview/Klatt

Senate District F (Board Adopted: Marcum Proposed)
House District 11: Lower Hillside
House District 12: Far North Bicentennial Park

Senate District G (Board Adopted: Marcum Proposed)
House District 13: Campbell
House District 14: Spenard

Senate District H (Board Adopted: Marcum Proposed)
House District 15: Sand Lake/Campbell Lake
House District 16: Anchorage Airport

Senate District I (Bahnke Proposed)
House District 17: Downtown Anchorage
House District 23: Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage

Senate District J (Bahnke Proposed)
House District 18: Mountainview/Airport Heights
House District 19: U-Med

Senate District K (Bahnke Proposed)
House District 20: North Muldoon
House District 21: South Muldoon

Senate District L (Bahnke Proposed)
House District 22: Eagle River Valley
House District 24: North Eagle River/Chugiak

These proposed corrections preserve all promulgated senate pairings that were not challenged in the Application to Correct Error process or rejected by the court, except where revisions are necessary to correct the unconstitutional Senate District K. This includes both the direct pairing of House District 21 and House District 22 as well as pairings resulting from the creation of that district. The corrections proposed in this "Maximum Preservation Proposal" align with public testimony for the revised districts. To the extent the Maximum Preservation Proposal deviates from public testimony supporting the adoption of all of Board member Bahnke's proposed senate pairings and not just her proposal for Senate Districts I-L, it does so

only to the extent necessary to preserve the senate districts adopted by the Board in the Proclamation Plan.

East Anchorage Plaintiffs fully acknowledge that Board member Bahnke presented senate pairings that serve the interests and needs of affected voters. Again, this Maximum Preservation Proposal is submitted based upon the limited scope of the court's order and is by no means intended to undermine the Bahnke Anchorage senate district pairings as a whole.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 6:42 pm

First Name: **George**

Last Name: **Snodgrass**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Eaglexit**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Eaglexit is completing its petition to the Local Boundary Commission to detach Assembly District 2 from the Anchorage Muni. A new borough will be created from AD2 for the communities of JBER, Eagle River, Chugiak, Birchwood and Eklutna. Districts 23 & 24 should be comprise the new Chugach Regional Borough. District 22 should stay in the Anchorage muni.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 2:07 pm

First Name: **Ronnie**

Last Name: **Clark**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Ronnie Clark**

Public Comment: **Here is a sample note...reword it to match your style and send to the email below:**

Please end the partisan gerrymander that is linking Downtown Anchorage and Government Hill to a senate district that primarily represents Chugiak, Eagle River, and Eklutna. This is unfair and will cause our neighborhood to be unrepresented. We have to drive through three house districts to connect with another populated section of our district at the far edge of Muldoon and then 25 miles to the next population in our district. Those people have distinctly different values and ways of living. The only fair pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Dixie D. Banner <[redacted]>

Mon 4/4/2022 7:16 PM

Don't adopt the Bahnke plan. The Board should take its time and do it right. The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. By rushing the process, it doesn't allow proper public participation. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. Eagle River should be heard, as a community they deserve for the process to be slowed down.

Thank you for your time and assistance!

Dixie Banner

Anchorage and Eagle River are two different locations and cultures! Allowing a selected few to decide where the lines drawn is totally wrong! Poor management decisions is why succession of ER is a must!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 6:26 pm

First Name: **Jeffrey**

Last Name: **Schroeder**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I'm not interested in having a district that joins two separate areas like Eagle River and downtown or Girdwood. Eagle River residents deserve to be represented by their neighbors, not someone from the other side of the municipality.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 3:18 pm

First Name: **jason**

Last Name: **alward**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **redistricting**

Public Comment: **As a resident of hillside I oppose a Senate pairing with Eagle River. We are different communities with our own respective issues and such a pairing makes little sense. We would be better paired with lower hillside or another South Anchorage district. I hope that you will take this testimony into consideration and not pair hillside and Eagle River. Thank you, Jason Alward**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 6:10 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Collins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Testimony of or input from Randy Ruedrich**

Public Comment: **I am opposed to the Board considering any input or testimony from Randy Ruedrich. He has violated the Ethics Act in Alaska for having committed abuses of office. He also advocated for the Senate District K pairing that was found to be gerrymandering, and therefore unconstitutional. For this reason, I believe the Board should disregard his testimony and any advice he has to offer regarding maps for any District other than his own. Thank you.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 8:20 pm

First Name: **Lois**

Last Name: **Epstein**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River Senate districts**

Public Comment: **Thank you for taking public comments at this time (my comment is dated April 5, 2022). I am out of state and unable to make this comment orally.**

Following the Anchorage public hearing on October 4, 2021 where I testified, I was speaking with Cliff Groh when Senator Lora Reinbold of Eagle River approached us. I introduced myself and Senator Reinbold said she liked parts of my testimony. I then asked Senator Reinbold about whether she wanted the Eagle River house districts to be paired together which I assumed she did and she strongly agreed. I am recounting this conversation which Cliff Groh heard as well because of its potential importance for the Alaska Redistricting Board's decision this week regarding the pairing of house districts. Given that Eagle River's current Senator wants the two Eagle River house districts to be combined, please do so. It is a commonsense outcome and any other approach would be an unacceptable political gerrymander. Thank you.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 4:52 pm

First Name: **Patrick**

Last Name: **Klump**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Democrat favorable map**

Public Comment: **Must read Alaska recently published an article stating democrats are coming droves to try to push through a democrat favorable map. I am sending this email in opposition. I believe the people of Anchorage need to have have free, fair, and equal elections. I support a map that gives favorability to no party. We should have equal representations.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Melissa Mayer <[redacted]m>

Tue 4/5/2022 7:53 PM

For the record, I support Option #2 pairing Districts 20 and 21 in order to keep Muldoon intact and bring the neighborhoods into a single united district. I spent years living in East Anchorage with my family near my mom who has lived in East Anchorage (Glencaren Court) since 1992. I value the socioeconomic diversity of the community; they deserve to elect a Senator that represents their united community. In addition, Mountain View, Russian Jack, Reflection Lake, and Chester Valley must be in the same district and allowed to elect a Senator that represents this unique diverse community; I support pairing Districts 18 and 19. The proximity of JBER, downtown, Fairview, and Government Hill should be paired based on proximity and shared areas; personnel living on JBER frequent downtown businesses and always have; I support pairing Districts 17 and 23.

Thank you,

Melissa Mayer
99517

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 7:33 pm
First Name: Craig
Last Name: Campbell
Group Affiliation, if applicable: Self
Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99577

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Equitable Senate Seat Districting Plan

Public Comment: The following was the testimony that I intended to provide during today's public testimony. I called in but was required to return to my work before I was able to provide verbal testimony. Please accept this as if I had testified via teleconference today.

Good Morning. My name is Craig Campbell. I am a 40 year resident of Eagle River. Today I want to provide testimony concerning Alaska redistricting and offer a suggested plan for the Anchorage area that preserves the unified senate district of Eagle River and Chugiak and creates equitable Senate seats for ethical representation.

I strongly recommend the redistricting board consider another approach, one that is based on the very values of fair elections and not one that is reconfiguring districts in favor of a political party, incumbents, or potential candidates. To that end I offer this proposal to create justifiable Senate seats that require no population adjustments. Specifically, I recommend:

-- Districts 22 and 24 (Eagle River and Chugiak) remain combined. This pairing aligns two very similar areas within a single Senate seat, and area that share common socio-economic and cultural characteristics.

-- Districts 20 and 23 (JBER and North Muldoon) should be combined as they represent an integrated community located both on-base and immediately adjacent to the miliary installation.

-- Districts 18 and 19 (Mountain View and Airport Heights) have similar housing patterns and are comprised of close-knit family units, also sharing a similar characteristic as the JBER and North Muldoon area. Neighbors work,

shop, go to school, and share recreational activities in this area, making it a well aligned district.

-- Districts 15 and 16 (Sand Lake and Airport), should remain combined as is the original plan. This should not be changed.

-- Districts 14 and 17 (Downtown and Midtown). Thee two areas are heavily business and commercial oriented which allows a single Senate seat to fairly represent the interest of all voters. While the housing stock is varied through the two areas, the characteristics of businesses and neighborhoods is very similar.

-- District 10 and 13 (Bayshore and Taku). This district was deemed satisfactory by the court and should not be changed.

-- Districts 11 and 12 (O'Mally and Abbott Loop). This district also need not be adjusted.

-- Districts 9 and 21 (South Hillside and South Muldoon). These two areas have been paired for the most current election cycles, in what is now known as Senate seat N and is considered a legal combination. To create this pairing, a minor change must be made swapping an area with no population, which is currently assigned to House District 22, and putting that area into House District 9. To reiterate, no population is affected.

Your task is daunting. You have received a lot of testimony from those who are demanding that you pass a partisan plan that is not characteristic of fair and equitable representation. I do not believe that in politics, â€œThe Loudest Voice Should Rule The Day. Rather, your job is to provide balance and fairness in determining the election districts for Alaska that will b e law for the next decade. I ask that you move forward with a fair and equitable plan the serves the best interest of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your time this morning.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 3:08 pm

First Name: **Stephanie**

Last Name: **A Kesler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **None**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Government Hill House District gerrymandered to Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Please end the mind blowing gerrymander that links Downtown Anchorage and Government Hill to a senate district that primarily represents Chugiak, Eagle River, and Eklutna. It is a blatant attempt at diluting Government Hill and Downtown and results under-representation of our issues and concerns.. We have to drive through three house districts to connect with another populated section of our district at the far edge of Muldoon and then 25 miles to the next population in our district - which is absolutely ridiculous and unconstitutional. Clearly, the obvious fair and constituional pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 2:44 pm

First Name: **steve**

Last Name: **gerlek**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I do not support redistricting Downtown Anchorage and Government Hill into a senate district that primarily represents the rural communities of Chugiak, Eagle River, and Eklutna. The effect of this will be to suppress the voice of many Alaskan families that live in our states urban core. The only fair pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 2:35 pm

First Name: **Donna**

Last Name: **Phillips**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Girdwood**

Public Comment: **I am writing today to oppose any Senate pairings that pair Girdwood with Eagle River. I am in support of the November 2021 proposed Senate pairings that keep Girdwood with South Anchorage.**

I have lived in Girdwood for 27 years and drive the Seward Highway everyday. I do my shopping in South Anchorage. I have enjoyed South Anchorage representation at the local level and the state level.

Girdwood and Eagle River are very different communities and I would have to drive all the way through Anchorage just to get there. That makes no sense.

I urge the board to choose a plan that keeps Girdwood with South Anchorage, like the November 2021 pairings put on the record by Member Bahnke.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 12:24 pm

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **McClear**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate paring for Eagle River (House 24 and 22)**

Public Comment: **I live in the Eagle River valley. My Senator should represent both the town center that I am closest to, House District 22 and the residential district I live in, House District 24. Eagle River Police and Fire services, Eagle River access to the Glenn Highway, and Eagle River/Chugiak parks are all much more relevant to my life than the services and parks of House District 9.**

My community deserves representation based around my neighborhood, not to be paired with a community an hour away by car. Please pair House Districts 24 and 22.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 9:35 am

First Name: **Brett**

Last Name: **Watson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Use High Schools for Anchorage Senate Paring**

Public Comment: **I would urge the board to adopt a KIS (Keep It Simple) principal in Anchorage Senate pairings, and generally follow the High School boundaries. High school boundaries are how many folks think of neighborhoods in the city. In ascending order: pairing 9 & 11; then 10 & 15 would align with South High. 12 & 13 paired would roughly align with Service HS. 14 & 16 paired; then 17 & 23 paired would align with West HS. 18 & 19 paired would align with East HS. 20 & 21 paired would align with Bartlett HS. Pairing 22& 24 would capture ER and Chugiak HS students.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Pat Race [redacted]

Tue 4/5/2022 11:42 AM

Eagle River should not be split into two Senate Seats. It's inconsistent and done purely to advantage the political power of that largely conservative community. You wouldn't consider giving Juneau two senate seats and this is just as ridiculous. Be consistent. Make good and fair decisions.

As I understand it there is only one plan for Senate pairings on the table for public comment at the moment, the Behnke plan. I'll support that.

Pat Race
Juneau, AK

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 10:58 am

First Name: **Joelle**

Last Name: **Hall**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings**

Public Comment: **I am listening to the public comment being given on April 5, 2022 and want to make some observations about the characterizations of previous ER pairings with Anchorage. In previous decades ER did not have enough populations to justify having a single senate seat. As a result of the 2020 census ER now has enough population to have their own seat. I live in this Senate seat and can see no justification to pair my house (24) with 23 (Muldoon JBER Govt Hill) when I can be paired with 22 the other half of my community ER/Chugiak. There is NO reason to break apart ER. We have sufficient population to merit our own seat, we are contiguous, shop at the same stores and go the same schools. Observations about previous decades pairings are moot in 2022 based on the fact that our community has enough population and does not need to pull from Anchorage or the Valley to make a whole senate seat. What is the opposition to pairing ER with ER? Any justifications to break up my community are unjustified.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 10:52 am

First Name: **Alyce**

Last Name: **Hanley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of AFFER proposed Senate Map**

Public Comment: **The court ruling that District K should be re-visited does not justify changes to all 8 senate districts. As a long time resident of District 15, I support The AFFER Senate map which preserves the pairing of Districts 15 and 16.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 9:26 am

First Name: **Winthrop**

Last Name: **Faulkner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **New district pairings**

Public Comment: **I live in West Anchorage and oppose the new Bahnke map which redraws all Anchorage pairings. The court ruled on just several pairing that are unfair - lets work on those and try not to impact ALL the others. If we are going to start the process entirely over each judges decision, we may never get through the process and will face endless court challenges. JUST FIX THE PROBLEM the court asked. House District 9 (South Anchorage) and House District 22 (Eagle River) have a lot in common. Pair those two.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 8:34 am

First Name: **reid**

Last Name: **bahnson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed map by AFFER putting Girdwood and southern Eagle River in the same district is an obvious attempt by the Republican party to dilute the influence of non -republican voters in Girdwood.**

Public Comment: **The pairing of Girdwood and Eagle River in a single voting district is absurd.**

Disparity in voting records and demographics between the two distinct communities are patently obvious. If there were ever a blatant case of attempted gerrymandering this potential pairing proposed by the former head of the Alaskan Republican party is it.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 8:31 am

First Name: **Rodney**

Last Name: **George**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Plan**

Public Comment: **Don't adopt the Bahnke plan. The Board should take its time and do it right. The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. By rushing the process, it doesn't allow proper public participation. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard. Please slow the process down.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 7:51 am

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Carhart**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99623**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **How does one fight Gerrymandering.**

Public Comment: **The redistricting committee was so biased in their approach to limit the voice of the conservative limited government rule. From day one in this process, we had to fight every single proposal, every map, every judge ruling, and now with only a couple weeks the entire makeup of all districts. I don't agree with any part of this.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 7:33 am

First Name: **Carleta**

Last Name: **Schroeder**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings in Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I have been a resident of Eagle River for over 10 years. I am very much AGAINST any Senate pairing that puts my house with downtown Anchorage instead of with my community and neighbors. Our home is immediately across the street from the other House seat which I consider my community. I want to be represented by someone who represents the issues of my community. Eagle River should be paired with Eagle River. Thank you.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 12:39 am

First Name: **Heather**

Last Name: **Clopton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Don't Adopt Bahnke plan**

Public Comment: **Don't adopt the Bahnke plan. The Board should take its time and do it right. The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. By rushing the process, it doesn't allow proper public participation. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. Eagle River should be heard, as a community they deserve for the process to be slowed down.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 11:38 pm

First Name: **Diamond**

Last Name: **Metzner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Maps make Anchorage too blue, backed by democrats**

Public Comment: **Our redistricting process should be fair and the lines drawn equally to benefit neither party. The new lines and comments are a partisan chop shop to benefit Democrats.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 10:33 pm

First Name: **Matthew**

Last Name: **Barth**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Map**

Public Comment: **I humbly request the board reject "2022 Proposed Revision: Bahnke v1" The Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the vast majority of the map submitted by the commission, and as such, the board should attempt to retain as much of the current map as possible. The Court clearly outlined three issues the redistricting committee should address. These issues are limited to Senate District K and House District 36. The Bahnke map goes way beyond the scope of the problems presented by the courts and adoption of Bahnke would undermine the countless hours of prior public input, due diligence, and due process. The board should attempt to resolve the three issues brought forward by the Courts with minimal impact. Additionally, focusing solely on the problems presented by the Court will limit further legal challenges and delays.**

In essence, the public has thoroughly vetted the current map and the board should do what is minimally required by the courts to protect the public process respectfully.

Sincerely,

Matt Barth

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:42 pm

First Name: **William.** Last Name: **Sola**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please end the partisan gerrymandering proposal that is attempting to link a small amount of Downtown Anchorage, and all of Government Hill to a senate district that primarily represents Chugiak, Eagle River, and Eklutna. This is unfair and will cause our neighborhood to be misrepresented, or vastly underrepresented.**

Government Hill is much like South Addition, Fairview, Mountain View and even Muldoon; a quasi-urban area with a lifestyle and accessibility that are directly linked with each of these areas.

Under the current ill-advised proposal, we would have to drive through three other house districts to connect with another populated section of our district at the far edge of Muldoon and then 25 miles to the next population in our district. The people of the northern side of Eagle River, Chugiak, Eklutna and beyond have distinctly different lifestyles and resource wants and needs. Several times in the past they have actually tried to secede from the Municipality of Anchorage.

Government Hill is moments away from the very epicenter of downtown Anchorage, while the "far north neighborhoods" are as far away as possible, there are very little true commonalities between us and them, with regards to issues such as planning and zoning, infrastructure, and even typical residential lot sizes.

Government Hill and Downtown each share an enormous amount of frontage with the industrial zone: heavy commercial, railroad yard, po rt of Alaska, and oil tank district that basically split us apart. Still, we face similar issues when dealing with that area, while the "northern neighborhoods" virtually have no interest in what goes on in the downtown area.

To put us in the same group with Chugiak, et. al., would make Government Hill nearly voiceless and not involved with any issues that would affect the Hill and its proximity, while the proposed northern communities would have no interest in our concerns. Likewise, we would have little in common with them.

Please support the fair pairing is House District 23 to House District 17.

Regards, Will Sola

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 8:41 pm

First Name: **Terry**

Last Name: **Drake**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Don't adopt the Bahnke plan. The Board should take its time and do it right. The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. By rushing the process, it doesn't allow proper public participation. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. Eagle River should be heard, as a community they deserve for the process to be slowed down.**

To: Alaska Redistricting Board

From: Gary Newman, Fairbanks

Date: April 5, 2022

Re: Response to Superior Court Remand of 2021 Proclamation following the Supreme Court's ruling.

I have participated for many months observing the activities of the Redistricting Board in creating a redistricting plan for Alaska for the next decade. It has been challenging and time consuming. Technology has made this process much more transparent and overwhelming at the same time. Not receiving the census results in a timely fashion added to the challenge. I thank the board members and staff for their time and diligence.

The rulings of the Supreme Court seemed pretty clear.

1. Put Cantwell back in the Denali Borough.
2. Address the gerrymandered pairing of Eagle River with two separate Senate seats, including one with Muldoon.

Cantwell

I believe the Board appears to be in agreement in resolving the Cantwell issue. While the original intent to respect ANSCA boundaries in this case with Ahtna, those are legally corporate boundaries and the Supreme Court found that government boundaries per the Constitution had precedent.

Muldoon

It seems that the Redistricting Board is accepting of the need to **pair Muldoon North and South House Districts 20 and 21 into a single Senate seat.** Do it.

Eagle River

Eagle River – it never made sense to split Eagle River into two Senate seats. Providing *'more representation'* wasn't a valid reason in my view and the view of others. That community should be kept together. The logic is to **pair Districts 22 and 24 into a single Senate seat.** Pairing Eagle River House districts into a single Senate seat leaves where to put District 23. *The suggestion of pairing District 24 and 9 opens the plan to further litigation.*

Adjustments following Muldoon-Eagle River fixes

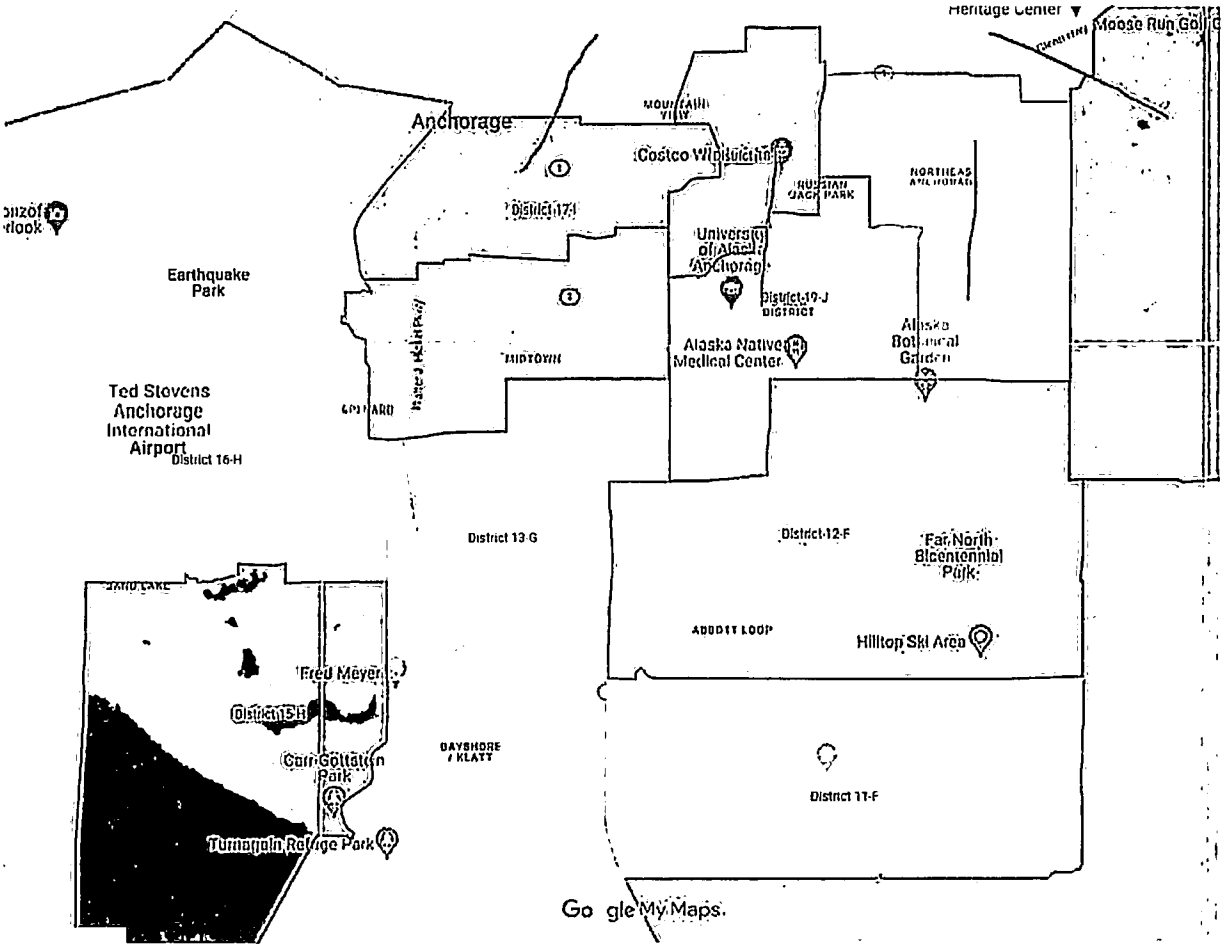
Several proposals have been put forth. While I would have offered further pairings, my recommendation would be to **make as few changes as possible from the 2021 Proclamation while respecting the rulings of the Superior Court and Supreme Court.** This will minimize the opportunity for further litigation and acknowledges the previous voluminous public testimony and the extensive work and deliberation that the Board has already invested in this process.

Pair Districts 23 and 17

Pair Districts 18 and 19

Because of the short timeline before the upcoming elections, I do recommend an **expeditious effort at a revised proclamation following the report to the Superior Court**, if possible in advance of the April 15 deadline. The public record is already quite long and the Board has heard many suggestions and alternates with many hours of testimony.

My suggestions are detailed on the map on the next page. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this historic process.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Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
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Municipality of Anchorage
Assembly Member Christopher Constant

christopher.constant@anchorageak.gov

4/5/2022

To: Alaska Redistricting Commission
From: Assembly Member Christopher Constant, Reapportionment Committee Chair
Re: Public Comments to Municipal Reapportionment Process

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in follow up to my testimony at the public hearing held on April 2, 2022. In this communication I will begin where I ended, expressing my gratitude for your hard work in generating a map that was found for the very most part to be constitutional and well crafted. I will expand on my concern with one senate pairing. I will begin concluding by describing the nature of the public comments received by the Anchorage Assembly during the 2022 Reapportionment process that has just concluded. And finally, I will share with you a table of public comments from individuals as well as community councils submitted to the public record.

First, the house maps you adopted in your final plan have proven to be workable for the vast majority of the 40 house districts. Having chaired the process for the Municipality of Anchorage, a subdivision of the State of Alaska, I can commiserate on how challenging it is to set a proportional map that respects historic boundaries, communities of interest, and maintains contiguity and compactness. Ours was a substantially smaller scale project and it took us scores of hours. Collectively hundreds. Thank you for your diligence.

I still maintain substantial concerns about the senate pairing of House Districts 23 and 24. In particular the stranding of a tiny population of Anchorage voters in a district centered 20 and 30 miles away separated by mountains and a secure military base. They will not be represented, no matter what gilded promises are made by political actors attempting to sustain this gerrymander. The harm, for the most part, is undone by simply pairing House District 23 with House District 17.

You have the power to right this.

I recognize the interest in opening up the map and shifting pairings across Anchorage. I believe the Bahnke map is the fairest approach. I think the board is bounded by two borders in its decision making. Either adopt the map previously presented or act narrowly to update only the unconstitutional pairing and the minimum number of pairings to correct the infirmity.

I believe restraint is in order here. That Superior Court Judge Matthews maintains jurisdiction over this matter should be a caution to all parties. It is a mandate to exercise restraint in the final stage of this process, exercising only the minimum level of action necessary to achieve the constitutional goal. This likely means adopting the principle of maximum preservation of all district pairings ruled constitutional, except for those that must be repaired to accommodate the mandatory change as a result of the court's finding that the adopted East Anchorage/Eagle River senate district is unconstitutional.

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Municipality of Anchorage
Assembly Member Christopher Constant

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*I ask **you** to be the hero by pairing House Districts 17 and 23 into a single senate district to protect two small neighborhoods whose interests are threatened to be subsumed into a larger district with completely different needs.*

Now, I will share a bit about the Anchorage Reapportionment Process. The Municipality is a subdivision of the State of Alaska and organized as a First Class Municipality exercising the maximum level of self-government allowed under the State Constitution. As such, the Municipality began its Charter required reapportionment mere days after the publication by this body of the State Final Plan map on November 10, 2021. We ran a robust public process with more than 20 opportunities for the public to be heard. We also had a public comment portal and received emails in our regular method of receiving public comments. We hired a contractor who proposed several maps and opened the map making process up to the public, from whom we receive several viable maps. In fact, the final adopted map was submitted by a member of the public.

One of the maps drafted by the contractors and an additional map submitted by a member of the public paired Chugiak Eagle River with Hillside in South Anchorage. That pairing was a lightning rod causing scores and scores of comments in opposition from the public. The comments came in through all channels. Phone calls to members, emails through our regular email system. Comments posted to the portal, and substantial in person testimony in opposition. The opposition was overwhelming that the pairing of Eagle River and Hillside is inappropriate and shouldn't be promulgated. *The Assembly listened.*

It is my hope the Alaska Redistricting Board will incorporate the comments of members of the public and community councils duly submitted to a subdivision of the State under a substantially similar and coordinated process. By including a sample of comments received by email, a near complete table of comments submitted via the portal, and the Community Council resolutions passed relating to the pairing of Eagle River and Hillside, the Redistricting Board will have substantive record of concerns and overwhelming oppositions from the public to an irrational pairing of Chugiak, Eagle River and South Anchorage Hillside. Comments opposing the pairing are highlighted in yellow.

Now, I will conclude where I started. Having walked through a similar process recently, I thank you for the diligence exhibited by members of the Board in crafting a redistricting plan map that meets the needs of most Alaskans. Please complete this process and let's get on with implementation of your new districts.

Respectfully,

Christopher Constant

Christopher Constant, Vice Chair
Anchorage Assembly, District 1
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Appendices

1. Sample email public comment via email
2. Community Council resolutions opposing Eagle River/Hillside Pairings
3. Select table of comments received through Assembly Reapportionment Comment Table

Appendix 1.: Example of public comments via email:

susanf7@
Mon 2/28/2022 5:00 AM
: IMAS Assembly Members

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Chugiak/Eagle River is not contiguous with South Anchorage or Downtown Anchorage. Please do not disenfranchise the 30,000+ residents that live and pay property taxes in Chugiak/Eagle River. Chugiak/Eagle River is separated from the other districts by the Chugach Mountains and is 10 miles from the nearest East Anchorage/JBER district.
It is common sense that Chugiak/Eagle River is contiguous with East Anchorage/JBER. Also, the people from South Anchorage and Downtown don't have any interest in being involved with Chugiak/Eagle River issues. Please listen to the people and do not gerrymander Chugiak/Eagle River with South Anchorage or Downtown.
Thank you,
Susan Fischetti
907 7909

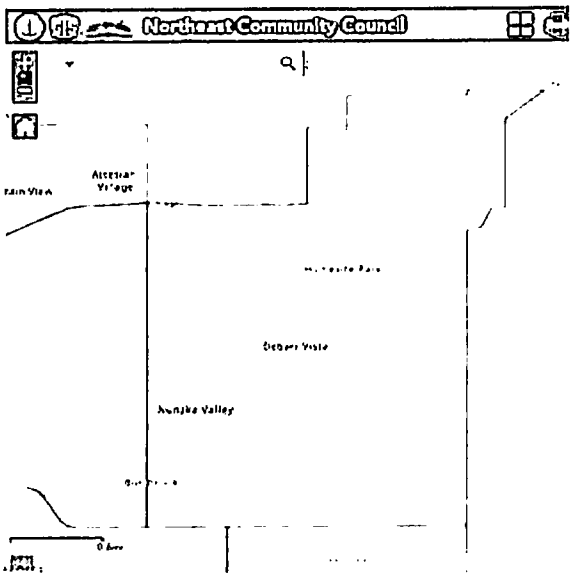
Appendix 2 and 3 follow.

Resolution 2022-01
Northeast Community Council (NECC)

January 20, 2022

Assembly Reapportionment

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community Council (NECC) is the Community Council that is the voice of the people of Northeast Anchorage and includes the following boundaries:



WHEREAS, according to Census data, Northeast Anchorage has one of the most ethnically and racially diverse populations in the United States;

WHEREAS, according to Census data, the Northeast Community Council area has a population of 29,266;

WHEREAS, The target population per district is 48,541. The total deviation in actual population to target population must be less than 10% (federal law), and ideally less than 5%.

WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is a distinct and socioeconomically integrated area with strong neighborhood identities very different than that of Eagle River;

WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is home to many active-duty service members and Veterans who frequent the businesses and services provided along Muldoon Rd and near the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Muldoon Rd. gate;

WHEREAS, in the past, portions of Northeast Anchorage have been included within the Eagle River district that is not socioeconomically similar and have very different legislative interests;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NECC respectfully asks the Anchorage Assembly to:

1. Protect our neighborhoods and maintain our neighborhood ties by including the entire NECC boundaries within one Assembly District;

2. Include Bartlett High School in our District to keep it connected to the families it serves.

Date: January 20, 2022

Votes for: 10 Votes Against: 0 Abstain: 1

Motion Passes / Motion Does Not Pass

President: _____ Secretary: _____

T'Shalla Baker Rachel Boudreau

HALO Reapportionment Resolution

Resolution to Defend the Representation of the Hillside

WHEREAS, the HOME AND LANDOWNERS ORGANIZATION is dedicated to the advancement of issues related to living in the Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage. We promote the Anchorage Hillside rural way of life in a community of low density so that the character of the community experience remains; and

WHEREAS, our community is bound by the Hillside District Plan and represented by five Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, our community bond relies on our shared community experience and location. Lot size, drinking water source, nor street maintenance source are not an important factor in our community definition. Our community is linked by lifestyle, shared location, and homestead history; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside has no community connection i.e., schools, churches, parks, shared stores, coffee shops, or community activities with Eagle River; and this connection between Hillside and Eagle River is only similar to any other part of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the population of Eagle River far outweighs the population on the Hillside proposed to move and therefore would divide our community and not represent the residents of the Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly must conduct Reapportionment after declaring itself malapportioned November 23, 2021, and has six months to reapportion itself and the Anchorage Assembly's Reapportionment Committee has presented ten maps for review; and

WHEREAS, Reapportionment must consider 1) Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2) The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained; and

WHEREAS, five of the maps remove portions of the Hillside and joins them with District 2 (Eagle River) which would remove a compact and contiguous district, and does not maintain 'one person one vote'; and

WHEREAS HALO does not support maps that divides our community citing lot size as a division in our community. We do not support bringing all or portions of Hillside into District 2; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HALO urges the Assembly to support our community identity and allow the Hillside to stay separate from Eagle River in our representation urging the support of maps that keep the Hillside in District 6.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HALO supports maps that keep the Hillside Districts together in one assembly district. Maps presented which keep the lower and upper Hillside together represent our community and forms a compact, contiguous, and socioeconomic integrated district.

Resolved this 3rd day of February 2022 by unanimous vote

Katie Nolan
President Home and Landowners Organization

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99503

February 8, 2022

To: Anchorage Assembly
Assembly Reapportionment Committee Members

RE: Reapportionment of the Anchorage Hillside neighborhood

The Hillside Community Council (HCC) Board of Directors appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the process of Municipal Reapportionment. We understand that the Draft Maps are still under consideration and revision; therefore, the HCC is not endorsing a specific map at this time. Our comments in this document are specifically intended to address any Draft Maps that divide the Anchorage Hillside by removing a portion of its residents from District 6 and reapportion them into District 2 (Eagle River).

The Hillside is a cohesive, well-established neighborhood within the city of Anchorage, with many shared connections among its residents, including but not limited to schools, programs, community outreach groups, sports and neighborhood organizations, and more.

We believe that Eagle River is its own separate and unique community within the municipality, with its own specific needs and issues. Additionally, Eagle River has no common community connections with Hillside residents.

We believe that combining an estimated 12,000 Hillside residents with the population of Eagle River will produce a disproportionate district. As a result, the reapportioned Hillside residents would be unfairly underrepresented in the new district, and their Assemblyperson would likely be someone unfamiliar with their neighborhood and community's specific needs.

In addition, representatives from the Boards of HCC, Huffman/O'Malley Community Council, Rabbit Creek Community Council and the Anchorage Home and Landowners Organization (HALO) attended a District 6 Constituents' meeting on February 5th, to discuss reapportionment. All representatives in attendance expressed support for keeping the Hillside neighborhood intact, and opposed grouping a portion of the Hillside residents with Eagle River.

The HCC Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Reapportionment Committee and Anchorage Assembly keep the Hillside's cohesive neighborhood intact, and not approve or recommend a map(s) that combines a portion of the Hillside with Eagle River.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmela Warfield, President
Hillside Community Council Board of Directors

HOCC Reapportionment Resolution

Resolution to Support the South Anchorage and Hillside Community

WHEREAS, the Huffman O'Malley Community Council (HOCC) is dedicated to the advancement of issues related to living in the South Anchorage and Hillside area of the Municipality of Anchorage. We promote the character of our shared community experience and interests; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside is a well-established, cohesive neighborhood whose residents share neighborhood road connections and many common community connections; and

WHEREAS, Hillside is one neighborhood and our community is bound by the Hillside District Plan and represented by five Community Councils; and

WHEREAS, our community bond relies on our shared community experience and location. Neither lot size, drinking water source, or street maintenance source are important factors in our community definition. Our community is linked by lifestyle, shared location, close road access, and homestead history; and

WHEREAS, the Hillside has little community connection i.e., schools, churches, parks, shared stores and coffee shops, or community activities with Eagle River; and this connection between Hillside and Eagle River is only similar to any other part of the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the population of Eagle River far outweighs the population on the Hillside proposed to move and therefore would divide our community and not represent the residents of the Hillside; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly must conduct Reapportionment after declaring itself malapportioned . That declaration was made November 23, 2021, and the deadline is to complete activity within six months to reapportion itself. We do not understand the rush to adopt maps with little time for boundary review. Anchorage Assembly's Reapportionment Committee has presented ten maps for review on February 9th, but these maps may not be the maps under consideration. This process seems rushed; and

WHEREAS, Reapportionment must consider 1) Districts must be compact, contiguous and a relatively integrated socioeconomic area, 2) The principle of equal protection and "one person, one vote" must be maintained.

WHEREAS , five of the maps remove portions of the Hillside and joins them with District 2 (Eagle River) which would remove a compact and contiguous district, does not keep common community interests together, and does not maintain 'one person one vote'; and

WHEREAS HOCC does not support maps that divide our community citing lot size as a division in our community. We do not support bringing all or portions of Hillside into District 2.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC urges the Assembly to support our community identity and allow the Hillside to stay separate from Eagle River in our representation. HOCC supports maps that keep the Hillside in District 6.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions and a compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated district.

Resolved this 9th day of February 2022

Signature

President, Huffman O'Malley Community Council

Title

RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCCC)
A Forum for Respectful Communication & Community Relations
1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 / Anchorage, AK 99503

RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS

At our February 10, 2022 meeting, the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) discussed draft maps currently under consideration for the required Assembly Reapportionment process. In doing so, the RCCC reminds the Assembly Reapportionment Committee that: legal requirements compel the Committee to create districts which are "compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area" (Municipality of Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part I, Article IV, Section 4.01). By a vote of 26 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention, RCCC approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Rabbit Creek Community Council:

- Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts.
- Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River.
- Emphasizes that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area.
- Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.

JUSTIFICATION

The RCCC strongly opposes any map that would combine the Rabbit Creek and neighboring Hillside areas with Eagle River because these two distinct, separate areas are not integrated through socio-economic interactions, land use patterns, businesses, roads and traffic patterns, or schools. Additionally, these areas are neither compact nor contiguous, thus further failing to meet the requirements of Section 4.01. Travel from the Hillside to Eagle River requires traversing several intervening districts. It is inappropriate to use the large, steep, uninhabited, and in some areas or to some people inaccessible, Chugach State Park as justification to combine Eagle River and Hillside into one Assembly district.

Common issues that distinguish the Hillside from most other parts of the Anchorage Bowl include resident concerns around wildfires and high winds, on-site water and septic systems, Limited Road Service Areas, drainage, water supply and other watershed features on steep slopes. Eagle River has different watersheds, an integrated road service district, its own park district, and facilities that have little or no daily relevance to Hillside residents, including a

Community College, its own branch library, a Wal-Mart, and a central business district. The local roads, trails, and recreation areas we use throughout the Hillside are completely different from the local roads, trails, and recreation areas used by Eagle River residents; the roads we travel to schools and local shopping/businesses, as well as to destinations in Midtown and Downtown, are completely different from the roads used by Eagle River residents.

We remind the Assembly that the 2010 Hillside District Plan (HDP) defines the boundaries of the Hillside. Much thought, effort, and an iterative public process were involved throughout the development of that Assembly-approved plan. The HDP sets a strong precedent for maintaining the cohesion of the RCCC area and the larger Hillside area in one district, with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River.

While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important than pushing for the smallest deviation in size of each Assembly district and will best achieve fair representation. We do appreciate the difficulty of this effort.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Ordinance and the strong precedent set by the Hillside District Plan, the RCCC area and larger Hillside of south Anchorage should remain in a single Assembly district with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River on the northeast side of Anchorage. Moreover, RCCC recommends that the Assembly take similar care to not split up other neighborhoods throughout Anchorage, and instead, support neighborhood continuity. The Assembly's overarching goal should be to ensure fair and effective representation for all residents.

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Michelle Turner, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Signed: February 13, 2022

Municipality of Anchorage--Reapportionment
Public Comment Portal Comments

Date	Topic	Commenter	Comment
12/31/2021	Map Three	Elizabeth Forsman	Map 3. I don't believe JBER should be included in downtown. I do believe the port should be.
1/11/2022	Map Five	Cheryl Lovegreen	I just looked through the map proposals for reapportionment. I may have more comments after I have studied the maps more closely, but today I am concerned about District 5, East Anchorage. In the recent state Redistricting process, East Anchorage was pasted onto Eagle River in a way that diluted the power of its diverse population. In the reapportionment, a similar thing happens in Map 3 by adding some South Anchorage residents and in Map 5 by Eagle River absorbing a section east of Muldoon Road. I hope the committee is sensitive to the integrity of our neighborhoods and "relatively integrated socioeconomic area" of each district.
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Comments highlighted in yellow oppose the Eagle River/South Anchorage pairing

Municipality of Anchorage–Reapportionment
Public Comment Portal Comments

Date	Topic	Commenter	Comment
1/21/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Denmer Wells	After reviewing my Map A and thinking about the shortcomings of some of the other maps, I made a second map: Denny's Map B: https://districtr.org/plan/103441 - Even smaller population deviation than Denny's Map A - Compact, mostly following major roads and other natural boundaries, except at the 3-way intersection of Districts 1, 4, and 5, where the boundary follows 36th to Elmore, then across 40th, and finally follows the South Fork of Chester Creek to Boniface. - District 5 includes Russian Jack, as in the current districts. - District 4 is more mid-town and less SW Anchorage. - The District 1/ District 3 boundary is at West Chester rather than the railroad.
1/21/2022	Map One Greene	Denmer Wells	Map 1: Matching Eagle River/Chugiak and upper Hillside with Girdwood/Indian is problematic because those areas are not only discontiguous, but they are significantly culturally different with significantly different issues.

Comments highlighted in yellow oppose the Eagle River/South Anchorage pairing

Municipality of Anchorage–Reapportionment
Public Comment Portal Comments

Date	Topic	Commenter	Comment
1/21/2022	Map Two	Denmer Wells	Map 2: This map, with almost surgical precision, increases the voting power of Eagle River at the expense of Muldoon by putting disparate population sizes in each district.
1/21/2022	Map Three	Denmer Wells	Map 3: As with Map 2, this map surgically increases the voting power of Eagle River at the expense of Muldoon. But it takes that disparity a step further by including lower Hillside with Muldoon. District 5 in this map is both discontinuous and merges significantly different populations.
1/21/2022	Map Four	Denmer Wells	Map 4: This map seems specifically targeted at fracturing the voting power of Muldoon. It splits the current Muldoon district into 3 sections – giving one section each to the Downtown and Eagle River districts, and then adding the significantly un-diverse U-Med area and lower hillside to the remaining skeleton of the diverse Muldoon district.
1/21/2022	Map Five	Denmer Wells	Map 5: This takes the problems of Map #4 and amps them up significantly. It is again specifically targeted at splitting the Muldoon district. This time, it gives even more of the district to Eagle River, and adds JBER to the remaining (even smaller) skeleton of Muldoon.

Comments highlighted in yellow oppose the Eagle River/South Anchorage pairing

Municipality of Anchorage--Reapportionment
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1/21/2022	Unclassified	Denmer Wells	Regarding all 5 proposed maps: In all 5 of the proposed reapportionment maps, my neighborhood along the north shore of Campbell Lake is included in District 6 with south Anchorage and the hillside rather than being included in District 3 with Sand Lake. This is irrational. The area South of Dimond, West of Arlene and North of Campbell Lake should be included in the same district with Sand Lake, as it is now. This area is zoned for Kincaid Elementary school, with our neighbors in Sand Lake. This area is in legislative districts (both current and pending with the new redistricting) with our neighbors in Sand Lake. In order to go from this area to South Anchorage and the rest of the district, we would literally have to transit the Sand Lake district. I understand that someone may draft a proposal with the Sand Lake/South Anchorage boundary at Dimond instead of at Campbell Lake, but that ALL FIVE of the current proposals make this change is irrational and speaks to an underlying problem in the process used to draft these maps. My neighborhood, bounded by Campbell Lake to the south and Dimond Blvd to the north should be included with Sand Lake for our Anchorage Municipal Assembly district. All 5 of these maps are gravely problematic, all in very similar ways. They ALL include the north shore of Campbell Lake with South Anchorage, they ALL advantage Eagle River or pair Eagle River with another dis-similar community in the municipality, and all but Map 1 explicitly disadvantage Muldoon. There is a pattern here. These plans should not be adopted.
1/21/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Denmer Wells	For your consideration, I propose the following map (made using the state redistricting board's tool). Let's call it Denny's Map A https://districtr.org/plan/101570 My proposed map has the following characteristics: - Smaller population deviation from the target than all but the original Map 1 proposal. - It follows major roadways and/or bodies of water for boundaries. No wonky carve-outs. Very compact. - Eagle River is in a district with JBER and Stuckagain Heights. JBER is rational, as it is currently in the Eagle River district, and Eagle River is a bedroom community for JBER. Stuckagain Heights is discontinuous, which is unfortunate, but the demographics and issues there are very similar to the demographics and issues in the neighborhood around the upper reaches of the South Fork of Eagle River.

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1/21/2022	Unclassified	Denmer Wells	As a real estate photographer, I have spent time in the homes of families all over Anchorage. I have shot more than 2000 homes in the municipality, in all parts of town, from the tiniest run down single-wide trailer to the most amazing million dollar homes, from places in the densest parts of South Addition to the furthest reaches of the Eagle River valley, from homes so new the paint was not yet dry to homes so old they are on historic building registers. I was mindful of that experience as I crafted my maps. I encourage you to be mindful of the whole community as you draft your final official maps. I urge you to adopt a map that is fair and compact. None of your initial 5 drafts fit those criteria. I believe my proposed maps are a step in the right direction. They are certainly more fair than the current 5 drafts, and much more compact than the 2012 district boundaries.
1/21/2022	JBER	Briana Sullivan	I am addressing any maps that include Military Land: Does it matter how many people are registered voters? Does it matter if population is considered Alaska Residents?
1/26/2022	Public Comment Process	Gretchen Stoddard	Please provide an email address to submit comments. I can not find an email for comments in your information. Thank you.
1/27/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Diane Shellenbaum	I live on the lower Hillside, currently in District 6. I have reviewed maps 1-10, and am strongly against any map that groups Eagle River with portions of the Hillside (maps 1 and 8 are the worst.) The issues of Eagle River are very specific and that population should be represented by Assembly members who can represent those. Hillside issues are different and I believe would be overwhelmed by Eagle River issues.

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1/27/2022	Map Five	Diane Thompson	Re Map 5: I am concerned about assigning East Anchorage east of Muldoon to Eagle River. I've lived on JBER (back when it was Ft. Richardson) and in Eagle River and Muldoon east of Muldoon road in the impacted area. My experience was that Ft. Rich/JBER was more similar to Eagle River than Muldoon is. I believe people living east of Muldoon Road, but in Muldoon, most closely resemble and would be better served by the same Assembly member as East Anchorage residents west of Muldoon Road.
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1/27/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Elizabeth Ellis	Hello, I support adopting map number eight for Anchorage. Thank you.

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1/28/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Helene Mikes	Proposed Map#1 makes no sense for anything besides numbers. Picking off the southernmost part of District 6 and putting it into District 2, with which there is no contiguous road, is absurd. I suppose the residents of Goldenview and Potter Valley should hike 2 days to meetings through the Chugach? (sorry, being sarcastic) Why do you want to move JBER into District 1 anyway? Maps 3 and 4 combine Basher (Stuckagain Heights) into District 1, again with no contiguous road. Slightly shorter hike, though. :-) Why? And why on earth would you want to split JBER, which has clear and consistent interests and is administered as a Joint Base? Map 5: Again, why include Basher in District 6? And why put Muldoon in with District 2? If there were concerns about having a driving connection to the rest of the district, neither of these makes any sense. Map 6: Not sure why Independence Park needed to be carved out of District 6. Map 7: I am absolutely opposed to having East Hillside lumped in with District 2. I live in Anchorage, not in Eagle River or Chugiak. Same for Map 8. If the intent is to combine neighborhoods by socioeconomic status, there are plenty of similar places in Anchorage to combine. Has anyone done that sort of analysis, by the way? It would be interesting to see it. Please especially refer my comments to my two assembly members, John Weddleton and Suzanne LaFrance.

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1/28/2022	Map One Greene	Helene Mikes	Proposed Map#1 makes no sense for anything besides numbers. Picking off the southernmost part of District 6 and putting it into District 2, with which there is no contiguous road, is absurd. I suppose the residents of Goldenview and Potter Valley should hike 2 days to meetings through the Chugach? (sorry, being sarcastic) Why do you want to move JBER into District 1 anyway?
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1/28/2022	Map Four	Helene Mikes	Maps 3 and 4 combine Basher (Stuckagain Heights) into District 1, again with no contiguous road. Slightly shorter hike, though. :-) Why? And why on earth would you want to split JBER, which has clear and consistent interests and is administered as a Joint Base?
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1/28/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Helene Mikes	Map 6: Not sure why Independence Park needed to be carved out of District 6.

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1/28/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Helene Mikes	Map 7: I am absolutely opposed to having East Hillside lumped in with District 2. I live in Anchorage, not in Eagle River or Chugiak.
1/28/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Helene Mikes	I live in Anchorage, not in Eagle River or Chugiak. Same for Map 8. If the intent is to combine neighborhoods by socioeconomic status, there are plenty of similar places in Anchorage to combine. Has anyone done that sort of analysis, by the way? It would be interesting to see it.
1/28/2022	Public Comment Process	Helene Mikes	Please especially refer my comments to my two assembly members, John Weddleton and Suzanne LaFrance.
1/28/2022	Map Four	Darryl Parks	Within the maps, map 4 makes the most sense from a boundary standpoint. The problem lies that by including JBER in any of the districts, you do that district a disservice. Many, a large portion, of the population on JBER are not registered voters in the state of Alaska, as many service members maintain residency in their home state, even though they benefit from the services provided by the municipality. JBER residents are a transient population with most serving for 3 years, then moving on to their next assignment. Including JBER impacts the voting power of any district that includes portions of the base since many of the residents are not eligible to vote in the district where they reside.

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1/31/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Curtis Smith	I would like to strongly advocate for the adoption of Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action for many reasons including the following: - Highly compact and contiguous - Closely resembles the current map except for the District 1, which understandably extends into Midtown due to the addition of a second representative - Better than Map #2, the next best map, for reasons that include: o Lower total deviation o District 4 in Map #6 includes the U-Med area while District 4 in Map #2 instead includes areas that nearly all people would normally consider to be associated with South Anchorage (e.g., O'Malley and Birch area in the present District 6) All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following: - Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights - Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families - Not compact--e.g., District 5 in Map #3 extends over an unacceptably large and varied area from the Glenn Highway all the way to Huffman Road None of the proposed maps is perfect, but I believe Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action is the best option for the reasons mentioned above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Curtis Smith

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1/31/22	JBER	Curtis Smith	- Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families
1/31/22	Map Three	Curtis Smith	- Not compact--e.g., District 5 in Map #3 extends over an unacceptably large and varied area from the Glenn Highway all the way to Huffman Road
1/31/2022	Map Two	Curtis Smith	District 4 in Map #2 instead includes areas that nearly all people would normally consider to be associated with South Anchorage (e.g., O'Malley and Birch area in the present District 6)
1/31/2022	Map One Greene	Curtis Smith	All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following: - Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights - Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families

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1/31/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Curtis Smith	All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following: - Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights
1/31/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Curtis Smith	All of the remaining maps have substantial issues including the following: - Not contiguous--e.g., Map numbers 1, 7, 9, 10 all pair Eagle River / Chugiak with parts of South Anchorage and/or Stuckagain Heights
1/31/22	Map Four	Curtis Smith	- Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families
1/31/22	Map Five	Curtis Smith	- Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families

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1/31/22	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Curtis Smith	- Placing all or part of JBER in Districts 1 or 5 (e.g., Map numbers 1, 4, 5, 7, 8) when JBER is best placed within District 2, an area that also has a significant presence of military personnel/families
1/31/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Curtis Smith	District 4 in Map #6 includes the U-Med area while District 4 in Map #2 instead includes areas that nearly all people would normally consider to be associated with South Anchorage (e.g., O'Malley and Birch area in the present District 6)
1/31/2022	Map Two	Curtis Smith	I would like to strongly advocate for the adoption of Map #6 proposed by Anchorage Action for many reasons including the following: - Highly compact and contiguous - Closely resembles the current map except for the District 1, which understandably extends into Midtown due to the addition of a second representative - Better than Map #2, the next best map, for reasons that include: o Lower total deviation o District 4 in Map #6 includes the U-Med area while District 4 in Map #2 instead includes areas that nearly all people would normally consider to be associated with South Anchorage (e.g., O'Malley and Birch area in the present District 6)

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2/1/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Denmer Wells	After the initial rounds of public feedback, I'd like to offer a revised map selection. Let's call this Denny's Neighborhood Cohesion map. I'd like to specifically offer it as a replacement for Denny's Map A, currently hosted as Map9 on the reapportionment page. This map can be found at It can also be found at https://districtr.org/plan/107533 and an image of it is attached to this comment. The message I heard at the public hearings, and through people who have reached out since, is that keeping neighborhoods together is a high priority for the community. I heard this at last Wednesday's meeting from Assembly Member Zalatel regarding Rogers Park. I heard this from residents who spoke at Thursday's meeting about keeping Hillside together. I heard this from Assembly Member Allard at Thursday's meeting regarding maps that paired Eagle River with distant communities along Hillside or Turnagain Arm. I heard this from Stuckagain Heights residents who reached out expressing a desire to stay connected with Anchorage districts. The public comments online also are generally critical of various Anchorage-Eagle River or Anchorage-JBER pairings. I know that Alaskan's for Fair Redistricting has advocated an extremely low per-district deviation to achieve as much voter-parity as possible. But their map makes clear that holding rigidly to such a target results in a deep disregard for neighborhood integrity. In addition to their unusual boundary splitting neighborhoods across the north end of Russian Jack and Muldoon, their low deviation target drove a really unusual break through the middle of Bayshore, the carving off of a single block in the neighborhood around Vernon Street south of Dimond, a circuitous cut through Goldenview, drawing a line through the middle of the neighborhood south of Campbell Elementary, and they cut Airport Heights in half. I appreciate the precision with which they achieved a low deviation, but I believe their map demonstrates the unintended consequences of only focusing on one measure of equitable districts (low deviation) without considering other measures. Some of the other maps were less concerned with deviation, but they also missed some neighborhood cohesion elements.

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2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Denmer Wells	The message I heard at the public hearings, and through people who have reached out since, is that keeping neighborhoods together is a high priority for the community. I heard this at last Wednesday's meeting from Assembly Member Zalatel regarding Rogers Park. I heard this from residents who spoke at Thursday's meeting about keeping Hillside together. I heard this from Assembly Member Allard at Thursday's meeting regarding maps that paired Eagle River with distant communities along Hillside or Turnagain Arm. I heard this from Stuckagain Heights residents who reached out expressing a desire to stay connected with Anchorage districts. The public comments online also are generally critical of various Anchorage-Eagle River or Anchorage-JBER pairings.With my Neighborhood Cohesion map, I stayed with major roadways and waterways as boundaries as much as possible, as with my earlier proposal. I made the districts as compact as possible. Unlike the other maps which extend District 1 either north into JBER or south into Midtown, I paired the existing Downtown district with Turnagain and South Spenard, with the additional boundaries being Minnesota Blvd and International Airport Way. This map also has a couple of possible revisions which could be considered, in case you want to further reduce deviation: or further enhance compactness. Variation 1: Deviation Reduction Swap Stuckagain Heights from District 5 to District 2, and swap the census track that encompasses the northern half of Russian Jack Park from District 1 to District 2. This reduces deviation to 3 _ 22%. It retains 2 majority-minority districts. But it does impart significant road travel for the District 2 representatives to visit Stuckagain Heights. Swapping the census track that encompasses the Tikahtnu Commons retail complex from District 2 to District 5 further reduces deviation to 3 19% Variation 2: Compactness Enhancement. Swap the area around Reka and East High with the area around Wesleyan between districts 4 and 5, making the new boundary a north-south line along the Pine Street corridor, bordered by parks on one side of the boundary through its entire course. You could also swap Far North Bicentennial Park from District 5 to either District 4 or District 6 this would be entirety about the appearance of compactness, as there is no population there. Deviation is still 4.22%, but district 5 is now only 49.7% minority, so there is only one majority-minority district. Variation 3: Combine Variation 1 and Variation 2. Deviation is now 3.19%. We again have 2 majority-minority districts, but just barely district 5 is now 50.1% minority. The only way to get a deviation lower than this is to combine Eagle River with some other significant population center either combining Eagle River with a portion of Muldoon, or with a portion of Hillside, or with Girdwood and Indian. The public feedback we have

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2/1/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Doug Robbins	The standards for drawing fair Anchorage reapportionment maps should be the same as the criteria for State Districts in the Alaska constitution. Districts should be near equal population, compact, contiguous, and represent related neighborhoods. By those criteria, the best proposed map is Map 6, submitted by Anchorage Action. The districts in this map are compact, contiguous, and connect related neighborhoods. Proposed Map 2 is also good, but has a higher overall population deviation than Map 6. Map 6: Good. Districts are contiguous and compact, connecting related neighborhoods, with a better population deviation than Map 2.
2/1/2022	Map Two	Doug Robbins	The standards for drawing fair Anchorage reapportionment maps should be the same as the criteria for State Districts in the Alaska constitution. Districts should be near equal population, compact, contiguous, and represent related neighborhoods. By those criteria, the best proposed map is Map 6, submitted by Anchorage Action. The districts in this map are compact, contiguous, and connect related neighborhoods. Proposed Map 2 is also good, but has a higher overall population deviation than Map 6. Map 2: Good. Districts are contiguous and compact; connecting related neighborhoods.
2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Doug Robbins	By no means should Eagle River be connected to the Anchorage Hillside, Girdwood, or Stuckagain Heights. These neighborhoods use entirely different municipal infrastructure than Eagle River, have different problems, and cannot be represented well by a single Assembly representative. You shouldn't have to drive through other districts to get from one side to the other side of a district. Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River.

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2/1/2022	Map One Greene	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 1: Bad. Joins SE Anchorage and Girdwood to Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Map Three	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 3: Bad. District 5 extends across unpopulated Bicentennial Park, connecting unrelated neighborhoods north and south from Glenn Highway to South Anchorage.
2/1/2022	Map Four	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 4: Bad. District 5 is not contiguous or compact; it extends across Bicentennial Park, connecting unrelated neighborhoods.
2/1/2022	Map Five	Doug Robbins	Maps 3, 4 and 5 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods across Bicentennial Park, or unrelated neighborhoods from north to south across east Anchorage. Map 5: Bad. District 5 is not compact; it connects JBER with a neighborhood adjacent to Dowling.
2/1/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 7: Bad. Stuckagain Heights and the Upper Hillside are connected with Eagle River.

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2/1/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 8: Bad. Lower & Upper Hillside, and Stuckagain Heights are connected to Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 9: Bad. Stuckagain Heights is connected to Eagle River.
2/1/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Doug Robbins	Maps 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are bad because they connect unrelated neighborhoods to Eagle River. Map 10: Bad. Stuckagain Heights is connected to Eagle River.

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2/1/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Nicole Branch	After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions. 1) JBER is a unique part of our community. JBER falls under a single community commander who is responsible for everything that happens on the base. Dividing JBER into more than one district, whether 1, 2, or 5, will not allow for the base commander to create a unified and cohesive base. The responsibilities of the base commander stretch into the community. The base commander should be focused on their "constituents" and not the juggling the responsibilities associated with multiple districts. Also, one needs to examine the actual number of Alaskan voters on JBER. Dividing them into multiple districts may not provide them with the best representation possible. 2) I also disagree with dividing the Hillside into district 2 or 6. The assumption is that Hillside voters align with ER voters due to lot size among other factors. If the Upper Hillside to Girdwood is placed in District 2, I believe that those in Bird thru Girdwood will be underrepresented. Should they become part of District 2, their representation will be invisible due to the strength of ER. The Hillside should closely mimic the school boundaries set by ASD creating a unified interest. It is nonsensical to have the district 2 representative drive every district to reach both ends of their district. Logic needs to drive the reapportionment, not creating the most favorable boundaries for elections.
2/1/2022	Map Three	Nicole Branch	After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.

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2/1/2022	Map Five	Nicole Branch	After studying the maps presented, Maps 3 and 5 are the most reasonable reapportionment suggestions.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Patrick Hoffmann	My concerns are limited to the general neighborhood in which we live, the Upper Hillside. We have nothing in common with Chugiak / Eagle River (CER) but elevation. Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10, as well as Anchorage Action map #6. Maps 2 & 4 could be tolerated, but the rest are unacceptable.
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2/3/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Patrick Hoffmann	My concerns are limited to the general neighborhood in which we live, the Upper Hillside. We have nothing in common with Chugiak / Eagle River (CER) but elevation. Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10

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2/3/2022	Map Two	Patrick Hoffmann	Maps 2 & 4 could be tolerated, but the rest are unacceptable.
2/3/2022	Map Four	Patrick Hoffmann	Maps 2 & 4 could be tolerated, but the rest are unacceptable.
2/3/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Patrick Hoffmann	Therefore I categorically reject any pairing of our neighborhood with CER. This limits my support to Denny Wells A and B, maps #9 and #10, as well as Anchorage Action map #6.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Catherine Larrea	After review of the proposed redistricting maps, I am strongly against any boundary changes that would lump any part of the Hillside area with Eagle River/Chugiak areas. These are completely different communities. The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8. I oppose any other current or future redistricting that combine any or all of the Hillside with Eagle River.
2/3/2022	Map One Greene	Catherine Larrea	The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8.

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2/3/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Catherine Larrea	The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8.
2/3/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Catherine Larrea	The maps proposals I appose are Map 1, Map 7 and Map 8.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Deirdre Schwartz	I have reviewed the redistributing maps and want to express concern over extending District 2 into the South Anchorage Hillside beyond the military boundary as shown in Map 8 and others. Eagle River and the non-military areas of Anchorage Hillside are very different politically, demographically, and environmentally. I would not expect an elected Assembly member to be able to fairly represent such diverse interests and priorities. Please do not dilute representation for either community by combining these disparate areas.
2/3/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Deirdre Schwartz	I have reviewed the redistributing maps and want to express concern over extending District 2 into the South Anchorage Hillside beyond the military boundary as shown in Map 8 and others. Eagle River and the non-military areas of Anchorage Hillside are very different politically, demographically, and environmentally. I would not expect an elected Assembly member to be able to fairly represent such diverse interests and priorities. Please do not dilute representation for either community by combining these disparate areas.

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2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cathy Foerster	The constituency and needs of the Upper Hillside are very different from those of Eagle River and Chugiak Please do not lump their representation.
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cindy Lelake	Listening to the first (virtual) muni redistricting conversation, I was struck by the fact that Independence Park, where I reside, seems to move at whim from map to map. The precise "character" of Independence Park, which seems to be a perennial question, also permeates state redistricting maps and efforts. In the current state redistricting plan, it joins the Lower Hillside in District 11. My perspective is that, as far as muni redistricting goes, the high-density housing situation of most of Independence Park makes it a poor candidate for combination with the Hillside assembly district, which for the most part consists of individual dwellings on relatively large property parcels. Thanks for considering my input! Cindy Lelake
2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Stephanie Cornwell-George	Leave Eagle River and Chugiak as they are. We are nothing like hillside or Girdwood. We each have our own concerns, a rep trying to speak for both would not be representative and would limit access. ERCC includes Birchwood, Peters creek, Eklutna and these areas are one of the few places left for anchorage to really grow. Eagle River already wants to separate, lumping us in with another community that has their own unique needs would only push that desire further.

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2/3/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Richard Emanuel	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to strongly object to Maps 1 and 8, which would put my home and neighborhood, presently in Dist 6, into Dist 2. I live in the mid-Hillside, near Huffman and Birch Roads. I know little about local issues as they affect Eagle River, which represents the heart of Dist. 2. Nor do I believe many residents of Dist. 2 know much about where I live. "Contiguous" means "being in actual contact or sharing a common boundary." My neighborhood is NOT in contact with Eagle River. That is an absurd assertion. If there is a "common boundary" here, it seems to be Chugach State Park. Are there any voters in the Park? Are there voting precincts in the Park? No, there are not. Now, I like Eagle River just fine. But the last time I was there was when I stopped at Jitters once last summer. I have friends in Eagle River who consider it a big deal to drive into "Anchorage," by which they usually mean Muldoon, or maybe the Center for the Performing Arts or the 5th Avenue Mall. They don't shop in South Anchorage, at the Dimond Center or anywhere else. They might visit the Alaska Zoo, but even so, neither the Zoo nor the Dimond Center are in Dist. 2 on either Maps 1 or Map 8. These proposals stretch the concept of "contiguous" well beyond the breaking point. Just because you can color in a section of Chugach State Park as if it were part of Dist. 2 does not establish a meaningful connection between Eagle River and my mid-Hillside neighborhood. Maps 1 and 8 are blatantly bogus reapportionment schemes, drawn for reasons I cannot fathom and without regard to reality. They are absurd. At present, I feel very well represented by the assembly persons for District 6. Please do not put me in District 2. The Hon. Jamie Allard would not well represent me or my family on the Assembly. And the representation works both ways: Believe me, Ms. Allard would not want me as a constituent. Vote NO on Map 1 and Map 8!

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2/3/2022	Map One Greene	Richard Emanuel	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to strongly object to Maps 1 and 8, which would put my home and neighborhood, presently in Dist 6, into Dist 2. Now, I like Eagle River just fine. But the last time I was there was when I stopped at Jitters once last summer. I have friends in Eagle River who consider it a big deal to drive into "Anchorage," by which they usually mean Muldoon, or maybe the Center for the Performing Arts or the 5th Avenue Mall. They don't shop in South Anchorage, at the Dimond Center or anywhere else. They might visit the Alaska Zoo, but even so, neither the Zoo nor the Dimond Center are in Dist. 2 on either Maps 1 or Map 8. These proposals stretch the concept of "contiguous" well beyond the breaking point. Maps 1 and 8 are blatantly bogus reapportionment schemes, drawn for reasons I cannot fathom and without regard to reality. Vote NO on Map 1 and Map 8!
2/3/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	Richard Emanuel	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to strongly object to Maps 1 and 8, which would put my home and neighborhood, presently in Dist 6, into Dist 2. Now, I like Eagle River just fine. But the last time I was there was when I stopped at Jitters once last summer. I have friends in Eagle River who consider it a big deal to drive into "Anchorage," by which they usually mean Muldoon, or maybe the Center for the Performing Arts or the 5th Avenue Mall. They don't shop in South Anchorage, at the Dimond Center or anywhere else. They might visit the Alaska Zoo, but even so, neither the Zoo nor the Dimond Center are in Dist. 2 on either Maps 1 or Map 8. These proposals stretch the concept of "contiguous" well beyond the breaking point. Maps 1 and 8 are blatantly bogus reapportionment schemes, drawn for reasons I cannot fathom and without regard to reality. Vote NO on Map 1 and Map 8!
2/4/2022	Map Two	Kenneth Kugel	I support Map 2. The new districts as drawn are compact and maintain neighborhood cohesiveness. There is minimal movement of the existing district boundaries so as to be the least disruptive to the voters.

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2/5/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Matt Burkholder	Please keep neighborhoods whole and districts contiguous. Please leave Eagle River in Eagle River and don't drag it down into South Anchorage. Thanks.
2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	I strongly object to any of the Hillside being combined with District 2. It is not contiguous. We are also our own separate community with shared interests and history. Large lots, wells and LRSA's do not wholly define a community. Eagle River has its own unique identity and issues that will overshadow the small population being proposed on the Hillside for District 2. Eagle River should be combined with JBER instead of Muldoon or the Hillside. Eagle River has a high percentage of military population living there, and is a much more obvious fit with JBER. I also urge you not to just focus on the variance, but community cohesion. It makes more sense for the Midtown District to move South and West into District 6, than to take off the Hillside to District 2.
2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	charles springer	The idea of combining Eagle River and the Hillside is absurd. Now if your reason is to dilute the representation of the Hillside then it represents the best in gerrymandering.
2/7/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Jodi Taylor	Maps that joinSouth Anchorage and Eagle River are putting together two communities with separate needs. Eagle River is clearly a bedroom community of Anchorage vs South Anchorage is part of the city - wishes of residents will be too varied and poor fit. Maps that leave Eagel River with JBER, were families go to school, shop, sports have worked and make sense. Leaving South Anchorage as a group also makes sense for families that shop, children attends same schools and use the same community areas therefore have stronger overlapping concerns. Please keep South Anchorage alone, and group JBER w Eagle River.

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2/7/2022	Map Two	Paula Davis	Hi Reapportionment Committee, Thanks so much for including the public in this very important process, since it could affect us all so much. I'd like to go on record for a preference for Map2 of the options displayed recently at the library. I had a hard time trying to figure out the districts from the movable map on line, so I really appreciated the nice visual, which I"m sure you must display from time to time. In a nutshell, Map 2 seems the best because it seems least disruptive and doesn't stretch out districts to include areas that do not seem related. Thanks for all your hard work. Sincerely, Paula Davis
2/7/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Cynthia Wentworth	Dear Assembly members, I strongly oppose creating District 2 Chugiak/Eagle River to include much of the eastern Hillside. These are two areas which differ socioculturally and which have very different issues. I feel the Hillside residents would be outnumbered and misrepresented.
2/8/2022	Map Five	Bryan Silva	I would be willing to accept all the apportionment maps as presented except #5. However, Eagle River should not be part of the Muldoon district. These are very different neighborhoods and need to be separated for voting purposes. Let the two neighborhoods be part of more similar voting districts.

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2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	John Yeafoli	Districts should be contiguous to the greatest extent possible, allowing citizens and representatives to focus on common issues. Maps 7 & 8 propose merging parts of District 6 Hillside and District 2 Eagle River. The Hillside has unique traits and issues and I am not in favor of mixing these two districts in order to make the numbers work. There are several other map proposals that balance the numbers without breaking up the District 6 hillside area.
2/8/2022	Map 7 Hockema	John Yeafoli	Maps 7 & 8 propose merging parts of District 6 Hillside and District 2 Eagle River. The Hillside has unique traits and issues and I am not in favor of mixing these two districts in order to make the numbers work. There are several other map proposals that balance the numbers without breaking up the District 6 hillside area.
2/8/2022	Map 8 Alaskans for Fair Redistricting	John Yeafoli	Maps 7 & 8 propose merging parts of District 6 Hillside and District 2 Eagle River. The Hillside has unique traits and issues and I am not in favor of mixing these two districts in order to make the numbers work. There are several other map proposals that balance the numbers without breaking up the District 6 hillside area.
2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside. The Anchorage Hillside is a compact, cohesive and well-established area represented by the Hillside District Plan for well over a decade. It has little in in common with Eagle River, and attempts to fly over the mountains and combine the two areas are obscene. Unlike the Anchorage Hillside, Eagle River has their own Parks & Rec department and their own road service area. Please ensure that the Anchorage Hillside is kept in one area, united as we have always been. Thank you.

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2/8/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.
2/8/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.
2/8/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Katie Nolan	I am hesitant to endorse any map as these are not yet set in stone; however, the version submitted by Anchorage Action and the A & B versions of Denny Wells map are the only choices for the Anchorage Hillside.
2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Nicholas Mazzolini	I believe that the combining of the hillside and Eagle River marginalizes the voters of these areas. For this reason, i would like to oppose this reapportionment. Nick Mazzolini and household

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2/8/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	John Kaufman	This is John Kaufman of Hillside O'Malley HOCC. I have read the maps and comments. The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent. Map 10 is also excellent. Above all, please observe the boundaries of the Hillside District Plan. Do not merge Eagle River with any portion of Hillside. Few population changes or movements exist that would justify dividing our traditional associations and boundaries into separate districts. Thank you
2/8/2022	Map 10 Wells B	John Kaufman	The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent. Map 10 is also excellent.
2/8/2022	Map 9 Wells A	John Kaufman	The maps and comments for maps A and B are excellent.

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2/9/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Huffman O'Malley Community Cou HOCC c/o Gretchen Stoddard	The Huffman O'Malley Community Council board met on 2/8/22 and unanimously passed a resolution related to Municipal Reapportionment. The HOCC supports reapportioned districts which keep the lower and upper Hillside together forming a district with boundaries similar to the Hillside District Plan and with road access to support community functions . The signed resolution is attached and has sent by email to the municipal assembly email addresses. Thank you Gretchen Stoddard President, Huffman O'Malley Community Council
2/9/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Katie Nolan	The addition of several new potential reapportionment maps has provided a map that meets the Hillside's unique needs. The John Weddleton Map 11 meets the needs of the Anchorage Hillside, most follows the boundaries of the Hillside District Plan, and keeps our distinct neighborhoods together. I urge endorsement of this map. Thank you.
2/12/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Peter Johnson	I have been following the reapportionment map proposals and am very concerned about maps that join Eagle River (district 2) with parts of the Anchorage Hillside (district 6). because of the population density of Eagle River and the low density of the Hillside, those from district 6 being placed in district 2 would lose any political voice they now have. Additionally, the Anchorage Hillside is a coherent community with common interests and values. Splitting the hillside into different districts does not make sense and must not be done. Of the maps presented, I support Anchorage Action V2. I am adamantly against the Robert Hockema V2 and the Anchorage for Fair Redistricting maps. Both of those maps will result in beefing up Eagle River's political influence and decrease South Anchorge's political voice.

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2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kim Mazzolini	I strongly disagree with the re-apportionment concept of combining Eagle River and the hillside. The very fact that these two communities are on polar opposite sides of multiple issues and the demographics are drastically different are are reason enough not to force them into the same voting district. In addition, growth in the anchorage area is in the direction of eagle river which will quickly create an imbalance. The combining of these two districts will also lead to a drastic marginalization of many of these citizens' votes and is not in the best interest of either of these districts. Reapportionment is not to be used as a political tool in an attempt to strengthen a liberal majority. Once again your push to control the Anchorage area voters needs to be called out. Unfortunately this constant conflict the assembly creates with the people of Anchorage is outrageous and needs to stop!
2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	EG Paul Mazzolini	I strongly disagree with the re-apportionment concept of combining Eagle River and the hillside. The very fact that these two communities are on polar opposite sides of multiple issues and the demographics are drastically different are are reason enough not to force them into the same voting district. In addition, growth in the anchorage area is in the direction of eagle river which will quickly create an imbalance. The combining of these two districts will also lead to a drastic marginalization of many of these citizens' votes and is not in the best interest of either of these districts. Reapportionment is not to be used as a political tool in an attempt to strengthen a liberal majority. Once again your push to control the Anchorage area voters needs to be called out. Unfortunately this constant conflict the assembly creates with the people of Anchorage is outrageous and needs to stop!

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2/14/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Courtney Weaver	As the deadline draws near for the approval of new district maps for Anchorage, I would like you all to consider approving district map 10. This map draws the boundaries of the districts at distinct and specific road systems. Anchorage residents can rely on map 10 because the boundaries are laid out along most major roadways and intersections. This map ensures all residents are equally represented on the assembly regardless of political leaning, beliefs, or creed. Please consider the approval and use of district map 10.
2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Vicki Herman	I do not support combining Eagle River and the Hillside into one district.
2/14/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Nicole Branch	To whom it may concern: I would like to place a rank order for preference of the remaining three reapportionment maps. 1. Weddleton map. Boundaries are clear and concise between districts. 2. Anchorage Action v2. Maintains integrity within the hillside. District 4 boundaries between Lake Otis and New Seward create some confusion in an otherwise cohesive area. 3. Hocksma v2. District 4 boundary has the same issue as the Anchorage Action map. Also, a portion of Hillside is placed in district 2. Not optimal for fair representation. Thank you, Nicole Branch

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2/14/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Nicole Branch	2. Anchorage Action v2. Maintains integrity within the hillside. District 4 boundaries between Lake Otis and New Seward create some confusion in an otherwise cohesive area.
2/14/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Nicole Branch	3. Hocksma v2. District 4 boundary has the same issue as the Anchorage Action map. Also, a portion of Hillside is placed in district 2. Not optimal for fair representation.
2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Scott Herman	I oppose combining the hillside and eagle river into one voting district.
2/14/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Irene Bortnick	As residents of the Rogers Park Community Council, our preference is for map 11 which leaves most of out community council intact. Irene and Alex Bortnick

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2/14/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Sandra Blomfield	Reapportionment Committee, I have reviewed the criteria and maps presented for consideration. I would like to endorse MAP #6. However, you might consider minor changes to the midtown area. Boundaries for a midtown area logically could include: NORTH BOUNDARY DEBAR ROAD SOUTH BOUNDARY TUDOR ROAD EAST BOUNDARY BONIFACE ROAD WEST BOUNDARY MINNESOTA The above boundaries offer Midtown residents their own representation and is not included with the Downtown district. Downtown district should include the port JBEAR should be included with Eagle River Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River. Thank you for your consideration. Sandy Blomfield
2/14/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Sandra Blomfield	Strong opposition to moving the Upper Hillside to Eagle River.

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2/14/2022	JBER	Sandra Blomfield	JBEAR should be included with Eagle River
2/15/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Nathan Andrews	I support the adoption and approval of proposed Map 10
2/15/2022	Map 12 Allard	Brad Chastain	I own four properties within the Municipality of Anchorage and fully support Map 12 offered by Assemblywoman Allard.
2/15/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	David Ferriera	I support map 6 and 7!
2/15/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	David Ferriera	I support map 6 and 7!

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2/15/2022	Unclassified	Daisy Smith	I support Map 11b for the strongest consideration. I see no cause for concern in this map. Districting lines stay mostly along natural lines and none of the current districts are carved up in some radical way. Thanks-
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Rebecca Judd	I'm very concerned that our rabbit creek hillside area is being considered in the same district as Eagle River. We have very little in common with people who live in ER other than some of us live in the mountains. We don't share the same services, roads, stores or schools. Their interests and ours are different and sometimes in conflict. Neither area will be represented fairly by the same individual. (I know there are several map revisions taking place, so I am not able to keep track of all of them.)
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Claire Steffens	I live in South Anchorage and request that the South Anchorage area be retained as a single, cohesive district, not broken into parts and pieces with other areas. I also request that the prevailing philosophy in re-districting returns to the values supporting what is good for our residents, not what is good for an individual Assembly member's political philosophy. Our grand children and great grand children deserve high integrity from political servants (which is what each Assembly member is - a political servant of his/her constituents). Let's get back to what is good in the long run, and makes common sense, not what is expedient at the moment. Thank you for listening.

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2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	JOHN RILEY	I oppose the combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River. I want to emphasize that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area. I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.
2/16/2022	Map 10 Wells B	JOHN RILEY	I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.
2/16/2022	Map 9 Wells A	JOHN RILEY	I support continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.
2/16/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Scott Bailey	I am submitting comments on Map 11b. This map should be adopted maintaining five contiguous communities including those of Eagle River/Chugiak. These communities have different neighborhood issues, infrastructures and are under a seperate Chapter of Title 21 from the rest of Anchorage. Birchwood, Peters Creek and Eklutna anchor the NE section of this Assembly District.

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2/16/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Scott Bailey	I am submitting comments on Map 11b. This map should be adopted maintaining five contiguous communities including those of Eagle River/Chugiak. These communities have different neighborhood issues, infrastructures and are under a seperate Chapter of Title 21 from the rest of Anchorage. Birchwood, Peters Creek and Eklutna anchor the NE section of this Assembly District.
2/17/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Cindy Lelake	Map 6v.2 is my favorite so far, because it preserves the integrity of Independence Park as a member of Abbott Loop rather than the Hillside.
2/17/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Jennifer Harlos	I support Map6v2. It keeps things more continuous, stays true to historic districts, and just makes sense. Putting this section of Anchorage with Eagle River makes no sense.
2/17/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Marc June	As a 35 year Hillside resident, I am outraged at Map 7.v.2 which puts my neighborhood in an Eagle River Assembly district. Effectively, this will mean I am unrepresentative as the Hillside has few, if any, local government issues in common with Eagle River. I encourage you to vote against Map 7.v.2. I support Assembly person Weddleton's proposed map.

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2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Marc June	As a 35 year Hillside resident, I am outraged at Map 7.v.2 which puts my neighborhood in an Eagle River Assembly district. Effectively, this will mean I am unrepresentative as the Hillside has few, if any, local government issues in common with Eagle River.
2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Jennie Bostick	I do not support any map that joins South Anchorage/Hillside with Chugiak/Eagle River. Thank you
2/17/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Gennifer Moreau	OPPOSE redistricting Glen Alps to be part of Eagle River.
2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Shannon Wileman	I have looked at the maps that are for up for consideration for reapportionment. Please do not combine Hillside with Eagle River. Those communities are not contiguous and have vastly different needs.
2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Trina Lovdahl	I am opposed to linking Hillside and Eagle River together in the reapportionment maps. Thank you

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2/18/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	sage cohen	I strongly support Map 11 Version 2 I strongly opposed Map 12
2/18/2022	Map 12 Allard	sage cohen	I strongly opposed Map 12
2/18/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	James Wileman	If you're going to combine south anchorage and eagle river-which is a stupid idea, just make all assembly seats at large.
2/19/2022	Map 12 Allard	Sandy Blomfield	As you continue to refine the reapportionment maps, and after review I endorse: Map #12

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2/19/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Catherine Coward	To whom it may concern, Thank you for taking public testimony regarding assembly boundaries. I have reviewed version 2 of the proposed maps and hope that you will approve Map 11, Version 2 (the John Weddleton map), as it appears to have the most clean cut and compacted districts. I live in East Anchorage, and appreciate that the my district boundaries are sensible. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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2/20/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Catherine Giessel	Dear Assembly members, I am writing in SUPPORT OF MAP 11v2. I believe it keeps well-identified neighborhoods intact, which is very important. A second choice is MAP 6v2. This is very much like our Assembly districts are today. It keeps the Hillside District Plan areas together and also seems to align with Community Council areas, which makes sense. I am OPPOSED to combining any portion of the Anchorage hillside with any portion of Eagle River. Thank you for your diligent work on this important issue. Best regards, Cathy Cathy Giessel, MS, RN, APRN, FAANP cgiessel@me.com 907.242.5450 12701 Ridgewood Rd, ANC 99516
2/20/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Catherine Giessel	A second choice is MAP 6v2. This is very much like our Assembly districts are today. It keeps the Hillside District Plan areas together and also seems to align with Community Council areas, which makes sense.

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2/20/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Catherine Giessel	I am OPPOSED to combining any portion of the Anchorage hillside with any portion of Eagle River.
2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Robert Polley	To whom it may concern: I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the potential redistricting which could allocate a portion of the Glen Alps neighborhood to the Eagle River district. As a resident of Glen Alps for the past 10 years, I can tell you we have zero connection to Eagle River, geographic or otherwise. Thank you for considering my input. Robert Polley
2/21/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Michele Martin	Comment on Map 7v2: Against my better judgement, I'm submitting this comment regarding the idiocy of combining the residents of Glen Alps with Eagle River. Why against my better judgement? Because the assembly is going to do what it wants to do so I'm basically wasting my time and energy on this. I have served on the Glen Alps Road Service Area (GARSA) Board of directors, since 2010, and intend to serve another 3-year term. The residents of Glen Alps have totally different issues than the residents of Eagle River. Just because the land "touches" does not mean they should be joined and put into the same pot. For those who don't live in either Eagle River or the Glen Alps area, you really don't know what you are talking about and you should leave well enough alone. You should rethink this decision; however, I know you won't.

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2/21/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joy Boston	I do not support map 7 version 2. Please do not divide Hillside community by combining it with Eagle River. Districts should be contiguous, not interrupted by other districts. Constituents should be able to drive across their home district without crossing through another district. Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable. I prefer map 11. Thank you
2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Joy Boston	Please do not divide Hillside community by combining it with Eagle River. Districts should be contiguous, not interrupted by other districts. Constituents should be able to drive across their home district without crossing through another district.
2/21/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable.
2/21/2022	Map 12 Allard	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable.

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2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Joy Boston	Maps 6v2, 11 and 12 are acceptable. I prefer map 11.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Carolyn Gove	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I have reviewed the proposed maps and consider Map 11, Version 2 to be the best alternative, as its boundaries are compact and follow natural divisions between neighborhoods.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Judy Caminer	I support Assembly Member Weddleton's map. There is no reason to include Glen Alps and areas north of Glen Alps Road in the Eagle River district. His option makes sense and keeps interests aligned with neighborhoods.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Julie Coulombe	I'm opposed to Map 7. I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside. I favor Map 11 v2.
2/21/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside.

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2/21/2022	Map 7 Hockema	Julie Coulombe	I'm opposed to Map 7. I will echo what many have been saying, do not combine the Hillside with Eagle River. It does not create equal representation for the people on the Hillside.
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Gene White	After reviewing the proposed redistricting maps, I highly recommend map #11, revision 2. This seems to be the most compact and makes the most sense. Thank You
2/21/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Maria Williams	I support the Weddleton map. I was born and raised in Fairview and live in South Fairview. I support this approach because it is bipartisan and aligns with geographical boundaries that reflect current Anchorage demographics
2/22/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Kathy Kuletz	I am a 30 year resident of Government Hill (Downtown). I have reviewed the proposed redistricting maps and I want the assembly to know that I support Map 11 (v2, Weddleton). This map makes the most sense. I reiterate my strong opposition to any gerrymandered map that was previously proposed, which tried to link a portion of the downtown district to Eagle River. Sincerely, Kathy Kuletz

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2/22/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Joy Boston	Please do not reapportion any part of the Anchorage Hillside area to Eagle River as depicted in map 7 version 2. Keep districts contiguous and do not combined Hillside with Eagle River.

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2/22/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Joseph Connolly	To all who are part of the district reapportionment process. I will keep my thoughts simple and brief about the 3 different plans that have been proposed. Specifically, Map 7v.2 should either be amended or removed from consideration for the following primary reasons: 1) This plan would apparently use Glen Alps Road as a dividing line between District 2 and 6, and divide our neighborhood in half. Essentially, The people across the street from us would be in district 2, and those of us south of Glen Alps road would be in District 6. This creates a host of issues - the obvious being.. if, for example, we are trying to alleviate a concern in our neighborhood, we would have to contact two different assembly members and assume they would work in unison to solve our problems. 2) It also dilutes the voting power of our neighborhood considerably.3) Eagle river is a 45 minute to an hour drive, depending on where you're coming and going from.. which is extremely far away. This would be like pairing Eagle River with Big Lake, or Sutton. We are not very far geographically, but by road and community it is a long way. 4) We are very much a "South Anchorage" community and in no way do we want to be forced to participate in Eagle River meetings or with Eagle River assembly members if we want our voice heard. Thank you for the consideration. Joe Connolly -Glen Alps Resident -Glen Alps Road Service Area Board of Supervisors Chairperson

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jan Carolyn Hardy	9040 Emerald Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99502 February 23, 2022 Honorable Members of the Anchorage Assembly, I am a resident of District 3 and an endorser of Map 11 v2 for the Anchorage Reapportionment of District Boundaries. 1. The Population Deviation Summary indicates there is a fair balance of population numbers in each District without giving preference to any individual group. The Boundaries are logical divisions by major roads and thoroughfares. There is an acceptable deviation of 4.16% +/- for each Districts population count. The shapes of the Districts are compact bounded by straight lines. 2. JBER is in one District as befits a more transient population. 3. East Anchorage is whole. There is no annexation of Stuckagain Heights into the Eagle River District. Stuckagain Heights is not contiguous with Eagle River. 4. Midtown remains its own District. Midtown is distinct from Downtown and South Anchorage. 5. Eagle River and Chugiak remain in their own distinct and unique geographical area. Map 11 v2 respects the integrity of Anchorage's diverse and distinct geographical areas. Neighborhoods and

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jan Carolyn Hardy	JBER is in one District as befits a more transient population.
2/23/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Jan Carolyn Hardy	East Anchorage is whole. There is no annexation of Stuckagain Heights into the Eagle River District. Stuckagain Heights is not contiguous with Eagle River. Eagle River and Chugiak remain in their own distinct and unique geographical area.
2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	David Kohler	I support the Weddleton Map for redistricting because it appears to be the most sensible and least partisan of the options. Thank you David Kohler Anchorage

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2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Tyler Watson	As a resident of East Anchorage I'm writing in support of Map 11. It's important to me that assembly districts represent actual communities in our city. The maps that pair parts of East Anchorage, Stuckagain Heights, and even Hillside with Eagle River divide communities and make the work for assembly members harder. By keeping common sense boundaries for communities constituents get better representation and assembly members can focus their work more effectively. Thanks for considering my testimony.
2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Sergio ACUNA	Dear Assembly members, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on proposed Assembly district boundaries. I live in Midtown and believe the Weddleton redistricting map is the strongest in terms of compactness and logical district boundaries. Using Dimond/Abbott as southern boundary of the new Midtown district creates a clear and understandable boundary, and the Weddleton map as proposed respects Midtown neighborhoods , including where I live near Lake Otis and Campbell Creek. Thank you for work to update Assembly district boundaries.
2/23/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	James Dahl	I appreciate that there is an opportunity granted to weigh in on draft redistricting maps. My family and I reside in South Anchorage, and believe that the Weddleton proposal (Map 11) does the best job in establishing compact, logical districts with boundaries that will be clear and understandable for voters. I do not support the Allard gerrymander, which seems clearly designed to manipulate district boundaries for partisan purposes. Thank you.
2/23/2022	Map 12 Allard	James Dahl	I do not support the Allard gerrymander, which seems clearly designed to manipulate district boundaries for partisan purposes.

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2/23/2022	Map 6v2 Anchorage Action	D. Matt Duncan	Dear Assembly Members, I want to thank you for this convenient online forum for everyone to make public comment, as well as thank you for all your hard work serving the citizens of our town. I have looked at the four maps very closely and would like to make comment as a homeowner in Anchorage, a member of Spenard Community Council (SCC) and most importantly community organizer for the Old Hermit Park Neighborhood. I am advocating in this public comment for the adoption of map 6v2. The guiding principle for my advocacy understands that the work of the community councils is vital to the success of our city. Each community council's work and identity is extremely valuable to the city and it is highly desirable to maximize representation for the community councils by not dissecting or diluting them into multiple assembly districts. Map 6v2 is the best map for maintaining integrity of Spenard. Map 7v2 is OK, but not as good as 6v2. Map 11v2 and 12 are unacceptable. The intent and function of maps 11v2 and 12 is to dissect and dilute the SCC. There is no place on earth like Spenard, and it is important that we protect Spenard's voice and identity. Thank you for your time and efforts dealing with these difficult topics. D. Matt Duncan, TSGT, AKANG Vice President Spenard Community Council
2/23/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	D. Matt Duncan	Map 7v2 is OK, but not as good as 6v2.

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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Victoria Parks	I oppose Map 7v.2, which lumps the East Hillside in with Eagle River. I'm currently in District 5, and I'm happy there. I don't think the East Hillside/Stuckagain Heights area is anything like Eagle River. Eagle River has its own set of problems which should stay in Eagle River. The active Eagle River secession efforts just highlight that; why would you lump Anchorage voters in with a district that might secede? That's completely unfair to voters who don't identify at all with Eagle River, and who are, in fact, geographically, a long way away from Eagle River.
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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Dorothy Parks	I'm opposed to map 7v,2. I live in Stuckagain Heights and consider it part of Anchorage and not Eagle River. I feel that East Anchorage and Stuckagain Heights should not be lumped with Eagle River. Geographically we may seem close but politically we are far apart. I have read comments from people in South Anchorage and the Hillside who also do not want to be lumped with ER and I agree it is a very bad idea. Thank you.
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2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Jillian Simpson	Greetings Anchorage Assembly, I live in Glen Alps in Anchorage and support either Map 11v2 (Weddleton) or Map 6v2 (Anchorage Action). Both keep our neighborhood fully intact and part of South Anchorage. I encourage you to throw away Map 6 v2 as it pairs us with Eagle River. We are not part of the Eagle River community. In fact, I haven't been to Eagle River since 2015. I have been up the Dalton Highway more frequently than I have taken the exit ramp to Eagle River. While we may have a mountain range in common, that is it. I would like to be represented by an Assembly member who is familiar with the issues and needs of my neighborhood- and preferably one who shares my values. Thank you for your consideration.
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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Colby Parks	Concerning area 7V.2: To merge my area (Stuck Again Heights) with Eagle River, is a disgraceful attempt to prevent local government.
2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Alex Baker	As a resident of Fairview, I am in favor of adopting Map 11. Map 11 keeps me in a district with my downtown neighbors and similar neighborhoods to the east. Map 11 draws common-sense districts for each of Anchorage's distinct geographic areas. The lines are straight and the districts are compact. I believe this map would give each district a fair opportunity to elect the representatives that fit their community and its needs. Thank you for reading my testimony.
2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Gabriel Hardy	As a resident of the Sand Lake area, I am writing to request the Assembly implement map 11 (Weddleton). Map 11 has the most logical boundaries for my district (West Anchorage), compared to other maps that have more jagged boundaries separating West Anchorage and Midtown from South Anchorage. I recognize it is a challenge to maintain fairly equal population and have boundaries that logically follow major roadways or drainages, but Map 11 seems to do the best job compared to other maps that have been advertised for public comment.

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2/24/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Greg Groeneweg	Sirs, I have resided in Anchorage since before statehood and have lived on the hillside(area by Hilltop Ski) since 1985. I have turned to my Assembly reps and community counsel from time to time over the years with assistance needed or that I offered. I am very concerned that I would be moved out of my district to Eagle River. That is a different area with different concerns. Please leave our hillside community intact. It is comforting to be connected with my physical neighbors. To be able to share "over-the-fence" so to speak. Please preserve our neighborhood representation. Thank you, Greg Groeneweg
2/24/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Kathy Privratsky	We live in Stuckagain Heights and have for 25 yr. We do not want to be part of the Eagle River district or south district. We want to support the interests of the East side of Anchorage. We DO NOT SUPPORT map number 12. We DO SUPPORT map 11 or any map that does not have us part of Eagle River. Thank you. Kathy and Ken Privratsky
2/24/2022	Map 12 Allard	Kathy Privratsky	We DO NOT SUPPORT map number 12.
2/24/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Kathy Privratsky	We DO SUPPORT map 11 or any map that does not have us part of Eagle River.

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2/24/2022	Map 7v2 Hockema	Todd Carroll	Hello, I have lived in various locations including JBER, Eagle River, Chugiak, West Anchorage, NE Anchorage, and the Hillside in the last 40 years so my interest once I looked at the proposals went further afield than I initial expected. With that in mind I have the following comments. Map - Robert Hockema 7.V2 - Makes little sense to me. If you want to know a bit more why, keep reading, otherwise, that is it. I don't support it. It would move Anchorage neighborhoods into the northern communities district 2. Simply geographically speaking this is a dead end for me. How would our Assembly member be attending meetings, including community council meetings on the Anchorage Hillside, Basher, and Northern Communities? How would I attend these meetings? Further, there is a completely different prioritization for someone that lives in Anchorage and drives, rides a bus, bikes, uses trails, or otherwise in Anchorage from someone living in the Northern Communities. I do not commute on the Glenn Highway and don't rely on it as the sole source of road travel to Anchorage. I also don't use Campbell Airstrip road as my sole means to access work and business in Anchorage. I have lived in those areas and they deserve their own separate representation. District 5 should keep Basher. Map 6.v.2 - seems ok. I like that District 6 goes direct down current boundaries and the other districts maintain close to their prior boundaries, although I would have cut district 1 at Northern Lights instead of south to 36th and left that in District 4. Map 11.v.2 Weddleton - seems ok. Similar comments to 6.v.2. Map 11.B - (12?) - prefer 6.v2 or 11v2, but this is ok. I would keep District 3 closer to its current boundaries. Seems like Turnagain is more an airport neighborhood than a downtown neighborhood and south of Cambell Lake, especially south of Klatt is more suited to District 6.

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2/25/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Diane Schenker	As a resident of the Stuckagain Heights/Basher community for over 25 years, and a lifetime Anchorage resident, I strongly oppose any plan to group our neighborhood with Eagle River, such as redistricting proposal 7. I support proposed redistricting maps 6 or 11, which keep us with adjacent neighborhoods that I visit, shop in, travel through, walk through, and regularly visit. I have not set foot in Eagle River for years, and have no reason to visit it. I will not be fairly represented by any person who is trying to address the needs of Eagle River, since I never go there, and I have no knowledge of or interest in the issues unique to that area. Likewise, my distant neighborhood would get short shrift from someone concerned with the majority of his/her constituents, Eagle River residents, who have no knowledge of or concern for my neighborhood or the areas physically around it. Residents of nearby neighborhoods do come to Stuckagain Heights to hike our trails or just enjoy a sightseeing drive, and therefore care about our road, crime, littering, vandalism, trailheads, wildlife, and other issues affecting all of us who spend time in the area. I doubt that most Eagle River residents even know where we are located, while residents of adjacent neighborhoods like Muldoon and Scenic Park, or anywhere else in East Anchorage are at least familiar with our location. Likewise, I am directly affected by what happens in East Anchorage neighborhoods adjacent to my neighborhood. I visit them daily or at least weekly to shop; I care about the same roads/traffic/transportation issues they do, and we share interest in issues such as location of homeless services in the area, parks improvements, zoning, housing projects, businesses where I shop regularly, and of course, crime. Look at an aerial map of Eagle River's huge, significant physical separation from Stuckagain Heights and tell me that grouping us with Eagle River isn't the very definition of gerrymandering, a blatant effort to rob us of fair representation on our Assembly.
2/25/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Diane Schenker	I support proposed redistricting maps 6 or 11, which keep us with adjacent neighborhoods that I visit, shop in, travel through, walk through, and regularly visit.

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2/25/2022	Map 12 Allard	Britton Goldberg	After reviewing the maps, map 12 seems to be the best of all the presented options. It makes sense, and has fewer strange borders that seem targeted to keep some houses in certain districts arbitrarily.
2/25/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Shannon o'neal	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on draft Assembly maps. I live in East Anchorage and believe that Map 11 does the best job keeping neighborhoods together, and has the district boundaries that will be most easily understandable for local residents. It makes sense for district lines to follow major roadways, and Map 11 keeps JBER together, which is a good thing for service members living on base. Thank you
2/25/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Greg Groeneweg	Sirs, I have resided in Anchorage since before statehood and have lived on the hillside(area by Hilltop Ski) since 1985. I have turned to my Assembly reps and community counsel from time to time over the years with assistance needed or that I offered. I am very concerned that I would be moved out of my district to Eagle River. That is a different area with different concerns. Please leave our hillside community intact. It is comforting to be connected with my physical neighbors. To be able to share "over-the-fence" so to speak. Please preserve our neighborhood representation. Thank you, Greg Groeneweg

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2/26/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Richard Fuller	I am referring to map 6 and map 11. The combining of Stuckagain Heights with Eagle River follows no logical reasoning in regards to infrastructured shared, issues directly affecting both areas, or maintaining voting integrity. Stuckagain Heights needs to remain in District 5.
2/26/2022	Map 6 Anchorage Action	Richard Fuller	I am referring to map 6 and map 11. The combining of Stuckagain Heights with Eagle River follows no logical reasoning in regards to infrastructured shared, issues directly affecting both areas, or maintaining voting integrity. Stuckagain Heights needs to remain in District 5.
2/26/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Richard Fuller	I am referring to map 6 and map 11. The combining of Stuckagain Heights with Eagle River follows no logical reasoning in regards to infrastructured shared, issues directly affecting both areas, or maintaining voting integrity. Stuckagain Heights needs to remain in District 5.
2/28/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Margaret Nelson	I support putting my neighborhood with the Anchorage Hillside or with Eagle River, as it does seem we have more in common with these neighborhoods. I would have liked to have seen those options. Nonetheless, I do believe the overwhelming support is for as close to the status quo as possible which it appears that is the way the assembly is leaning. However, I object to the carving out of Forrest Dunbar's house to another district. If this passes then I do believe that he should not be able to run again for assembly in a different district.

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2/28/2022	Map 11v2 Weddleton	Laura Bonner	I support Map 11 version 2 (Weddleton). It keeps me in a district with my neighbors on the Hillside and South Anchorage. It keeps Stuckagain Heights as a part of East Anchorage while respecting the common community interests of Eagle River and Chugiak. It has compact shapes and uses major roads and thoroughfares as common sense boundaries. The deviation of 4.16% is acceptable. I think it is the best and fairest map proposed.
2/28/2022	Unclassified	Sandra Thompson	As a longtime resident of the Muldoon area, I am in favor of the adoption of Map 11. I have lived in both Fairview and Muldoon in my 50 years in Anchorage. These are culturally diverse neighborhoods, and socio-economically different from Eagle River. Map 11 draws common-sense districts. I believe this map would give each district a fair opportunity to elect representatives that fit their communities.
2/28/2022	Unclassified	Elizabeth(Lizzie) Newell	I live in Independence Park(Abbott Loop CC; O'Malley/Hillside house district; HALO district 1) I have a strong preference for map 11 v2. It was made with community input and it's the best for keeping communities together. The problems with the other maps are as follows: Maps 6-7: Split Morningside Loop neighborhood(between Old and New Seward just south of Scooter) This is a dense neighborhood that probably is multiethnic and which has been underrepresented in the past. To my knowledge, these voters aren't very engaged, probably because their neighborhood has been split for years. Map 7: Fractions of Hillside and of Basher lumped with Eagle River. For assembly members to attend that number of community council meetings(6 in Eagle River 2 in Anchorage) is a logistical nightmare. Along with the impossibility of understanding the issues facing these 3 very different communities. Map 12: Splits Abbott Loop, cutting into the heart of the community council area. Map 11 does split off Independence Park, but it's along the logical boundary of Abbott, the same as the boundary between house districts 11 and 12. The best Map 11 v2: Keeps intact: Morningrise Loop, Abbott Loop, Hillside, and Basher.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Jo Ann Gruber	After spending time reviewing the four (4) maps, it appears to me that Map 7 is the most reasonable and fair; and it's the one that I support. Since Eagle River and its surrounding areas' populations are too small for a full district, they've always needed to pull population from portions of Anchorage. There are individuals who support leaving areas of Muldoon or other areas of Anchorage out of the district completely. This would be simply unfair to everyone in the Municipality since it would leave District 2 significantly underpopulated and violating the principle of one person, one vote. I live in Eagle River, and I believe it's extremely important to have equally populated districts to ensure that all districts have the same voting power. Leaving District 2 significantly underpopulated would give them more voting power than other districts in Anchorage. I understand that communities in Muldoon have felt disenfranchised by being included in the same district as Eagle River, so it's time to consider another pairing. I believe that Eagle River and the Hillside share much more in common than Eagle River does with any portion of Muldoon. Both communities (Eagle River & Hillside) are mainly rural with larger building lots. Both have limited road service areas and use well and septic systems. In addition, at an assembly meeting last year, I heard Mr. Weddleton and Ms. Allard discuss how similar both areas were. So, for the reasons stated above and the fact that it has the lowest deviation of the four maps still being considered, I support the boundaries proposed in Map 7 Version 2 submitted by Robert Hockema. Thank you for allowing us an opportunity to comment.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Sandy Blomfield	I have studied all twelve redistricting maps proposed to the assembly. The maps that the assembly has determined as semi-finalists need clarification and clear boundaries. It appears the redistricting process is being fast-tracked by the assembly in an effort to pass, once in a decade redistricting, for the benefit of sitting assembly members rather than for the good of our city. I studied the maps and worked within the confines of the semi-final maps which were pre-approved by the Anchorage Assembly Members who are also THE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE! Now there is a conflict of interest if I ever seen one! Moving geographical boundaries to secure your own assembly seat rather than what is in the best interest for the City of Anchorage. I do appreciate the considerable time and energy for residents and leaders who did make logical decisions to keep neighborhood boundaries intact. Ethnicity should not be a consideration as it has no relevance within the confines of neighborhoods. People want their representatives to properly decide on issues within congruent neighborhoods and geographical boundaries which include main arterial roads, secondary roads, limited road service districts, and community councils. The Anchorage Hillside and Eagle River residents have made their voices heard regarding placing both communities in the same non-contiguous district. The voices were a resounding NO! Likewise, Anchorage's Downtown needs to remain independent of any other neighborhoods. Release the proposed JBER stronghold by attempting to join our military base within the density of downtown Anchorage. This action does not make sense as the needs of Downtown are far different than the unique needs of JBER Military base. Combining Eagle River and JBER is the solution and meets the population density goals. I strongly suggest an amendment is made to extend the entire redistricting process and do a proper job rather than push this process through prior to the April 5, 2022 Municipal election. Assembly members, please approach this task as the finale of your terms and please do it right! Redistrict the Municipality of Anchorage properly for the next decade, through the 2030 Census.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Chris Twiford	I like 12 best. 11 is good 6 version 2 is acceptable NO WAY on #7
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Robin Brewster	After looking at the maps I am in favor of map 11. As second choice I would pick map 6. I DO NOT support Map 7 at all!! Eagle River should not be combined with Hillside. Keeping Eagle River with JBER makes the most logical sense to me.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Michael Vechter	Hello, I would like to express my support of two reapportionment maps; Map 6 v2 (by Anchorage Action) – AO 2022-37 and Map 11 v2 (by Weddleton) – AO 2022-37(S-1). These maps consider sameness of areas, and historical placement. I do NOT support other maps that attempt to gerrymander Anchorage to a more conservative minority as a false representation of our fair city. These maps are not legal, do not consider public comments, and are an obvious ploy to entrench a minority position as a force in city politics. Thank you, Mike Vechter.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	LuAnn Piccard	I am a member of the Basher Community Council, living in Stuckagain Heights. Our BCC voted overwhelmingly (65 to 5) to keep Stuckagain Heights with District 5 and NOT to join us with District 2-Eagle River (Map 7-Hockema). Specifically, I favor Map 11 v2 (Weddleton). I feel Map 11 represents balanced and proximate representation across Anchorage. I know this reapportionment process is challenging and I appreciate the hard work of the Repportionment Committee and everyone that has participated in this process. I want to be represented by people that live in Anchorage proper, not people living 45 minutes away in Eagle River. I want representatives who will show up, engage actively, and empathize with, understand and appreciate concerns within and across our adjacent East Side and South Hillside neighborhoods regarding traffic & roads, fire and safety, crime prevention, parks and recreation, and land-use. For example, I do not support a Mass Homeless Shelter at Elmore/Tudor, and I want local representatives who understand the negative impact this $35M white elephant project will have on the East side of Anchorage and the community as whole. While supporters claim this project will benefit our homeless people, most informed experts agree that no-threshold mass shelters don't work. Smaller, tailored facilities that meet people where they are at, where some level of accountability can be maintained, and that are spread across a community do work. Our experience with Sullivan and Brother Francis/Beans facilities, the people served, and the resulting impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods and commnunity resources provide factual evidence. Why would we support repeating the same doomed approach? Bronson's $35M megashelter vanity project will increase traffic incidents/deaths along one of our busiest and most dangerous traffic corridors. It will increase crime and safety issues for 10,000's of residents living in adjacent neighborhoods, at UAA APU, and healthcare facilities, and will compromise recreational facilities and trails nearby. It will increase the already dangerous wild-fire risk on the Hillside. It will simply transfer to East Anchorage the very same issues that we've seen at Sullivan and Brother Francis/Bean's locations. So far the concerns voiced by experts and the people most impacted have been met with indifference and fallen on the deaf ears of the current D2 representatives. The current representatives from D2 Eagle River have demonstated that they don't care about East Anchorage. They do not listen to or appreciate our concerns, despite significant public testimony at Assembly meetings and other forums when these issues have been discussed in depth. In fact I have never heard either

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Leon Jaimes	Hello, I support pairing Eagle River with Hillside in order to ensure that the district is as close as possible to 48,541 people. I oppose pairing Eagle River with Muldoon or Downtown because those are demographically different than Eagle River. The 2020 Census shows that Eagle River is 76% White, it shows that Muldoon is only 43% White. If we assume that the current Assembly Member from Eagle River accurately represents Eagle River right now, with ties to white supremacist groups like the Three Percenters, and with defensiveness of hateful symbols such as license plates that celebrate Nazi's then it would not make sense to pair an area with a large percentage of non-White people with a community who has elected a representative who is a threat to them. While this is certainly an unfortunate circumstance, and we would all hope to have an anti-racist Assembly Member for every district in our Municipality, we can not escape the racist reality in which we find ourselves. In conclusion, I will share some quotes from the private Save Anchorage group which Member Jamie Allard is a member of. These were in response to a story in the Alaska Watchman about the non-partisan group The Alaska Black Caucus who was organizing a march in September 2020 to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the March on Washington. G.O. said: "Wow. I cant believe just how many supporters of the terrorist organization there are in alaska" T.T. said: "So they think we have some store to loot? That won't go well for them." C.B. said "They better not come here at all if they know whats good for them!" C.P. said "lets meet them on the other side of the street.....we are not Calif. They showed up in other places and they were meet with guns, we can do the same" AND "Black lives don't matter, you are rioters not protesters" T.K. said "September 7th makes sense. Night has returned to Alaska. Easier to cause mayhem under the cover of darkness. BLM: Burn, Loot and Murder." P.W. said "Just a reminder to this BLM group. We are not Seattle or Portland. As much as our Mayor would like us to be." L.A. said "We are also heavily armed." T.K. said ""I have a dream! I dream of a country where a black man can loot Walmart and Target stores and there are no oppressive white police around to stop him!""

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Barbara Gingell-Farris	I urge you to keep Muldoon and any area in East Anchorage out of the Eagle River apportionment. Eagle River has nothing in common, socio-economically, with those of us who live in Muldoon. We don't share the same services, stores or recreational opportunities. We in Muldoon are a diverse population. And including Muldoon with Eagle River, white-washes and dilutes that diversity. Please consider adding a portion of the hillside to Eagle River. They are more similar physically and socio-economically to Eagle River.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Julie Barrow	After carefully looking at each proposed map, I believe map 11 would be the best choice for Anchorage Residents. Map 7 is absolutely ridiculous and should be thrown out, combining Hillside and Eagle River would be a the last two I would even think about combining.
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Jeffrey Sperry	Weddleton Map 11 v2 is the best choice of all of the maps. It maintains the current districts as much as possible and is very reasonable. It is the map that should be chosen above all of the others All of the other maps should be thrown away.
3/2/2022	Unclassified	Sandy Blomfield	Endorsement of Map #11, V3 with minor accommodations to keep neighborhoods intact

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3/15/2022	Unclassified	Jonathan and Margaret Isaacs	March 14, 2022 Dear Assembly Members: Re: AO 2022-37(S-1) Assembly Redistricting of Turnagain and West High Neighborhood With regard to Ordinance No. AO 2022-37(S-1), we are contacting you to express our opposition to include the Forest Park Drive-West High neighborhood, west of Minnesota Drive and south of Westchester Lagoon, in the Downtown Assembly District as part of the redistricting process. We have lived at our current address for the past 45 years. Our neighborhood has had nothing in common with the Downtown District for decades. During that period, we have been actively part of the Turnagain District and neighborhood, participating in neighborhood issues related to West Northern Lights Blvd traffic, Ted Stevens International Airport, Fish Creek and Turnagain Bog Wetlands, and Safe Routes to School Committees, among many other Turnagain area issues. Our community involvement is consistently reflected in Turnagain Community Council records. The character of our neighborhood– residential single family and duplex housing stock, lot size and zoning - has more in common with the Turnagain area than the Downtown area. In talking with our friends and neighbors, few are aware of the proposed assembly district change and how it will affect our neighborhood; once informed, they are uniformly opposed. We sympathize with the difficulties faced by the Assembly in the redistricting process, and understand that the current proposed redistricting leaves a lot of people dissatisfied. We have nothing but respect for the Downtown Assembly members, but feel that our neighborhood interests have been and will remain best represented by our two West Anchorage Assembly members. Therefore, we request that the assembly district boundaries for our neighborhood remain part of Assembly District 3, rather than as shown in Assembly Redistricting Map 11V2. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully Jon and Marnie Isaacs 2418 Forest Park Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99517 isaacs@gci.net

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3/15/2022	Unclassified	Cami Dalton	I realize that it is complicated and messy and is never going to be perfect, but after reviewing all the maps, complaints,etc, I am in favor of the reapportionment maps devised by John Weddleton.
3/15/2022	Unclassified	Less Hultquist	I want map 11 first to be approved and/or then map. 6 but NO WAY map 7
3/16/2022	Unclassified	Shelly Dalton	My vote is map 11... Seems very commonsensical and no on map 7!!
3/16/2022	Unclassified	Brenda Bergsrud	I would like to testify in favor of Chris Constant's amendment. I believe that this amendment takes into consideration public testimony as well the concerns that the Assembly members identified in work sessions. It is responsive to public testimony that asks for Turnagain to remain whole in West Anchorage, it keeps East Anchorage whole, and puts East High in East Anchorage, and keeps Rogers Park and upper Airport Heights in Midtown. Please accept the amendment put forward by Chris and continue the process so that we can move forward with the election of our new downtown assembly member.

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3/16/2022	Unclassified	Timbi Barron	I support Christopher Constant's amendments to Map 11.
3/17/2022	Unclassified	Barry Piser	I would like support the Constant Amended Map 11 v2. This amendment takes into consideration public testimony and concerns identified during community work sessions. The amendment summary does a good of job of highlighting the reasoning and positive outcome: moving three high schools back into their namesake districts. I am specifically opposed to the Kennedy Amended Map 11 v2. This amendment shows a lack of understanding regarding community identity in the proposed areas of change, while illegally splitting census blocks. Please accept the amendment put forward by Assemblyperson Christopher Constant. As a resident of District 1, please move forward as quickly as possible so that my district can achieve the equal representation that was overwhelmingly approved by Anchorage voters in 2020 with the passage of Propostion 12.
3/17/2022	Unclassified	Tiffany Ma	I would like support the Constant Amended Map 11 v2. As a mother of three children, I like that three high schools back into their namesake districts. I am specifically opposed to the Kennedy Amended Map 11 v2. As a former resident of College Village until 2020, I can see those working on this amendment do not understand some of the neighborhoods they propose splitting. Please approve Christopher Constant's amendment of Map 11v2. As a District 1 resident, I ask that you move quickly so that my district can have equal representation as intended by the passage of Propostion 12 in 2020.

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3/18/2022	Unclassified	Sheri Whitethorn	Dear Anchorage Assembly: I have heard generally good comments about the Reapportionment Map 11 V2 Constant Amendments in the various sections that are proposed for changes from that, with the exception of the proposed change to the Airport Heights area. Please do NOT accept this section of the Constant Amendment. Dividing Airport Heights in two does nothing helpful for the neighborhood or for Anchorage as a whole. Either leave this area as it currently is in Map 11 v2, without this amendment, or amend this section of the amendment's map in this area of town to make Northern Lights BLVD. the straight dividing line from West/District 3 through Midtown/4 all the way to District 3/East. This would make for clean, easy to understand and follow lines between districts. Because we are adding a new Assembly member to District 1, this reapportionment is more broad than the more usual tweaks that are done every ten years. Let's do this carefully in ways that make sense for specific areas as much as possible, while taking a broader view of what works best for Anchorage as a whole. Thank you all for your diligent work on this big project.
3/18/2022	Unclassified	Gretchen Stoddard	Thank you for all your work. It sounds like a lot of productive discussion in the reapportionment meeting this morning, that was adjourned at 3/18/22 by 10:50 or soon before 11 am. I am very appreciative the meeting is available online for viewing, thanks. Can we please have an update to the reapportionment timeline on the website? This is in Timeline and Participation Options. I told some people the wrong time for the reapportionment meeting today. That is not a significant problem, but I am not sure where we are going on the meetings. When I look now, 3/18 afternoon, I see a "2022-0228, Updated Reapportionment Timeline.pdf" This appears to be a press release from 2-28-22. It says there is a worksession today at 1 - 3 pm, and I think the meeting was adjourned before that time. Current information I see from the Muni Reapportionment website. This is a cut & paste from the Muni Reapportionment website I see now and the time of the 3/18 meeting probably changed. Not a problem, but it would be great to confirm the path forward here: - March 15: Public Hearing #3 at Regular Assembly Meeting, 6pm at Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library • March 18: Assembly Worksession on Reapportionment, 1-3pm at City Hall, Suite 155 • March 23: Special Assembly meeting re: Reapportionment and process for filling new Assembly seat, 6pm at Assembly Chambers at Loussac Library.....

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3/20/2022	Unclassified	Yarrow Silvers	I am strongly opposed to the Meg/Felix amendment for a couple reasons. This amendment was turned in after the public comment period, limiting public participation. Furthermore, unless someone specifically goes to the committee page, they would have no idea that this amendment had even been introduced for consideration as it is past the agreed upon and publicized period for introduction. This is way too important of a process to have last minute amendments sprung on the public, that they are unable to fully participate in. I oppose this amendment as well as any other last minute amendments, particularly anything that may be brought up during the assembly debate process. In the state redistricting process, the senate pairings were brought to vote without public comment, damaging public trust by springing on the public a gerrymander that the board knew would be unacceptable to the public; the courts found that this action was a violation of section 10 and remanded the maps back to the board to be redrawn. Please do not make this same mistake in your process. I also oppose this map because of the finger carving apart diverse neighborhoods in East Anchorage. This has the appearance of a gerrymander. East Anchorage is tired of fingers, tired of being gerrymandered, and tired of being treated as 2nd class citizens because of our largely low income residential status. I am in support of Chris Constant's amendment because it ticks all the boxes for the requests by the different areas of town - upper Airport Heights and Rogers Park in Midtown, East high, Bartlett and the Muldoon corridor in East Anchorage, and West High/Forest Park in West Anchorage, while keeping districts compact and with lines that make sense. I like the way East Anchorage appears very compact with no fingers or gerrymanders. After a multitude of public and assembly input that upper Airport Heights has a distinct Midtown identity, it defies reason that it has suddenly been thrust into downtown in this last minute amendment. Thank you for your consideration and for your hard work in this process. I continue to invite assembly members to consider Anchorage as a whole and to consider the importance of following a proper process, rather than approaching this with a Laser like focus on their own districts. Yarrow Silvers

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3/21/2022	Unclassified	Andrew Gray	I support Constant Amended Map 11 V2. I agree with the logic of restoring high schools to their namesake districts. Although the Kennedy Amended Map 11 V2 also restores high schools to their respective districts, the deviations benefit District 2 at the cost of all other districts; the Constant version benefits District 1 and 5 as well as District 2. To my mind, it is not fair to have a map that only benefits one district. Please note, I live in District 4 which actually is much closer to the goal number on the Kennedy version; so my comment is not selfish -- I still prefer the Constant version. I also believe that more than enough time has been given for consideration of the maps (almost three months with 16 different chances for the public to testify); I do not believe that additional time would make much difference at this point. I encourage the Assembly to vote yes on Constant Amended Map 11 V2.
3/22/2022	Unclassified	Michael Schechter	I am a West Anchorage resident and I support the Constant Amended S-1 as the best map for ensuring current communities are represented as districts. Kennedy S-1 makes the problems of the prior round of mapping worse and seems designed solely for the benefit of Eagle River rather than Anchorage as a whole.
3/23/2022	Unclassified	Irene Bortnick	As a 33 year member of the Roger's Park Community Council, I ask that you adopt AO 2022-37(S-1), Constant Amended Map 11 v2. The RPCC has been an active and engaged council for many years and it should be kept intact. In addition, keeping the high schools in the districts they are in now is important. It is time to take a vote and finalize the map. The more delays, the more amendments are proposed which leads to more delays. The public has had enough time to weigh in. The committee has had enough time to debate.
2/6/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Julie Coulombe	The Board of HALO has passed, with unanimous vote, the attached resolution against combining any or part of the Hillside with Eagle River (District 2).

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2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS At our February 10, 2022 meeting, the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) discussed draft maps currently under consideration for the required Assembly Reapportionment process. In doing so, the RCCC reminds the Assembly Reapportionment Committee that: legal requirements compel the Committee to create districts which are "compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area" (Municipality of Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part I, Article IV, Section 4.01). By a vote of 26 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention, RCCC approved the following resolution: RESOLUTION The Rabbit Creek Community Council: • Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts. • Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River. • Emphasizes that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area. • Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.

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2/13/2022	Map 10 Wells B	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	• Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River
2/13/2022	Map 9 Wells A	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	• Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River
2/13/2022	Eagle River\Hillside	Ann Rappoport, Co-chair	While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important than pushing for the smallest deviation in size of each Assembly district and will best achieve fair representation. We do appreciate the difficulty of this effort.

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2/21/2022	JBER	Rachel Boudreau	Please see the attached resolution from the Northeast Community Council. Resolution 2022-01 Northeast Community Council (NECC) January 20, 2022 Assembly Reapportionment WHEREAS, the Northeast Community Council (NECC) is the Community Council that is the voce of the people of Northeast Anchorage and includes the following boundaries: Northeast Com munity council 8 WHEREAS, according to Census data, Northeast Anchorage has one of the most ethnically and racially diverse populations in the United States; WHEREAS, according to Census data, the Northeast Community Council area has a population of 29,266; WHEREAS, The target population per district is 48,541. The total deviation in actual population to target population must be less than 10% (federal law), and ideally less than 50/0. WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is a distinct and socioeconomically integrated area with strong neighborhood identities very different than that of Eagle River; WHEREAS, Northeast Anchorage is home to many active-duty service members and Veterans who frequent the businesses and services provided along Muldoon Rd and near the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Muldoon Rd. gate, WHEREAS, in the past, portions of Northeast Anchorage have been included within the Eagle River district that is not socioeconomically similar and have very different legislative interests; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the NECC respectfully asks the Anchorage Assembly to: 1. Protect our and maintain our ties by including the entire NECC boundaries within one Assembly District; 2. Include Bartlett High School in our District to keep it connected to the families it serves. Date: January 20, 2022 Votes for: 10 Motion Passes President: Votes Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Motion Does Not Pass Secretary: T'Shalla Baker Rachel Boudreau
3/1/2022	Unclassified	Margaret Nelson	The Basher Community Council supports maps 6 and/or 11, per the attached resolution. We appreciate your consideration of the community's position. FYI about 70 people in the community were surveyed and the vote was overwhelming that the Stuckagain Heights area served by the Basher Community Council remain within Anchorage proper.

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3/1/2022	Unclassified	Margaret Tyler	Please see attached resolution from the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
3/18/2022	Unclassified	Gretchen Stoddard	Dear Chair LaFrance and Assembly Members: Huffman O'Malley Community Council thanks you and the reapportionment committee for the work toward redistricting efforts. After looking at the Amendments submitted and active on 3/17, we voted to strongly support the Weddleton map 11 v2. HOCC has monitored and commented on the redistricting process. We have studied each proposed map, and would take this opportunity to thank you for listening to our community concerns. The Huffman O'Malley Community Council had our monthly meeting on Thursday 3/17 starting at 7 pm. We voted unanimously to support the Weddleton map 11 v2. Thank you. Gretchen Stoddard Huffman O'Malley Community Council President Note/ Addition on 3/18. I apologize to the community and community council members. Last night (3/17 or 3/18 am) I thought I entered comments before the apportionment committeee meeting on 3/18 am. I did not successfully enter the comments correctly, and that was my operator error when using the commenting website. Our community council members evaluated 3 maps at our 3/17 meeting. We thought that was the total of the current maps. We evaluated (Weddleton) Map 11 v2; Kennedy S1 map 11 v2; and Constant S1 map 11 v2. I now see an addition to the website with an amended map from Zalatel Rivera S1 map 11 v2, and our council did not evaluate that map. If this is a current map to evaluate, we would appreciate a view of that map, but it seems these changes are north of our community council area and district. Thank you.

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3/21/2022	Unclassified	Anna Brawley	This comment is re-affirming Turnagain Community Council's priorities and position on AO 2022-37, Municipal Reapportionment, and amendments to be considered at this Wednesday's special meeting. Our original testimony is re-attached, expressing concerns with the current map under consideration (Map 11 v.2, Constant Amendment S-1) and also with Map 12, which has since been archived. Our original testimony at the March 1, 2022 meeting is attached for reference. Turnagain Community Council supports the proposed changes in the Constant amendment to restore the West High and Forest Park area of Turnagain in District 3, and opposes the increased amount of community council area removed from District 3 in the Kennedy amendment. We urge the Assembly to adopt the Constant amendment in the final map. Our reasons for supporting the Constant amendment are outlined in our original testimony, because we support keeping our community council area within the same district, and this particular area is strongly integrated with and identified as an important part of West Anchorage. Similarly, while the Kennedy amendment does not go as far as the prior Map 12 did in splitting up our district, is removes more of our council area from District 3, which conflicts with keeping our council area within one district. Again, we urge the Assembly to adopt the Constant amendment, then promptly approve that amended map as the final Reapportionment maps for Anchorage for the next decade. Thank you for the opportunity to engage in this thorough and complex process, and finding a balance that promotes fair representation in Anchorage.

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 11:11 pm

First Name: **Katherine**

Last Name: **McDonald**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: n/a

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Anchorage Senate

Public Comment: Good evening,

I would like to put on the record my thoughts regarding to Senate pairings.

First, I want to commend the Redistricting Board staff on their recent work on getting the Options 1, 2, and 3 maps on the website. They are easy to understand and the color coding showing the variances between the 2021 and the 2022 pairings is informative.

I've lived in the following Anchorage districts from least to most recent.

23 (JBER) 3 years

21 (South Muldoon) 1 year

12 (Abbott) 23 years

9 (Hillside) 2 years - Current

I did provide Senate pairing feedback on November 7th related to Anchorage and didn't even list districts 24 (Chugiak) and 23 (Eagle River) because I saw these districts as definitively distinct from the Anchorage bowl and therefore, they would unequivocally belong together.

Back in November when the Board was first discussing Anchorage Senate pairings, as a current district 9 resident, I was appreciative when the board on the morning of November 8th had determined that then numbered districts 9 (Hillside) and 15 (O'Malley/Huffman), which is now numbered as district 11, had unanimously been verbally agreed to be paired by the board. This aligns with my written testimony on November 8th applauding the board for proposing to pair these two districts. This was before the board went into executive session for hours that evening and the next

morning and came out wit h pairings with no justification on the record that no longer included the singular agreement of all the members of a Hillside and O'Malley/Huffman district pairing. This is because in my experience living in Anchorage, the needs, schools, roads, and community of these two districts best fit together. I have four households and 16 individuals within my immediate family that live in the proposed district 11, and the community concerns between our households are similar. We shop at the same establishments and have our children recreate at the same community places off of O'Malley and Old Seward.

However, I understand that Anchorage is more than just my district and that the top ranked pairing logically for my district may not fit within the pairings of other house districts to make the most sense of Anchorage as a whole. For that reason, I would look to the surrounding districts to rank which ones logically make sense to pair with it based on which districts physically touch. In order: district 11 (O'Malley/Huffman), district 10 (Klatt/Bayshore), district 12 (Abbott/Elmore), district 22 (Eagle River).

Therefore, the plans I support in order are:

Option 1: As a district 9 resident, my needs are most aligned with district 11. Many of the homes have septic and private wells, roads are shared, school boundaries are shared, community councils are shared, and I would come into contact with my neighbors at the playgrounds our children frequent and the Huffman Carrs many in our area shop.

Option 2: As noted above, I believe district 9 would fit second best with district 10. These areas both attend South Anchorage High School and Goldenview, shop at the Carrs on Huffman, and frequent the same stretch of the Seward Highway on our drives into work. I can understand how some testifiers would support this map over Option 1 as changing the least amount of Senate districts from the 2021 plan, while performing the n ecessary changes to comply with the court ruling, and importantly still ensuring districts pair with a logical house district to avoid similar legal issues that arose in the unconstitutional pairing in the lawsuit.

Option 3: I do not support this plan. As previously noted, Eagle River districts belong together. If you take politics out of it and ask a lay person who is not intricately involved in redistricting the following questions, the reason to not support the pairing of District 9 (Hillside) and District 22 (Eagle River) is apparent.

1. Within an urban community environment, does it make sense to pair a district with another district across a mountain range that would take driving through 7 other districts along the Seward to Glenn or 5 other districts along Huffman to Elmore to Martin Luther King to Muldoon to the Glenn?

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2. Within an urban community environment, does it make sense to try to pair districts together so there is some overlap in any type of school (elementary, middle, or high) environment?

3. Within an urban community environment, does it make sense to try to pair districts together where residents frequent the same supermarkets, community recreation areas, events, and community councils?

In an urban environment , it is inconceivable that South Anchorage be paired over a mountain range with no shared community places where one would run into members from the other district that share a Senator. The only times I venture into Eagle River is for an event like the Bear Paw festival that the entirety of Anchorage would also attend.

I implore the Board to please try to be non-partisan and logical from a lay person's perspective. This would be to support rather Option 1 if trying to best pair Anchorage districts from a clean slate or Option 2 if trying to maintain the least amount of change from the 2021 map while best aligning the house districts that touch th e districts noted in the litigation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine McDonald

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Date: April 6, 2022, 9:35 am

First Name: **Claiborne**

Last Name: **Porter, AIA**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **A very concerned citizen**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **The lack of recognition of the Dowmtown core as unique to the city's viability.**

Public Comment:

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Date: April 6, 2022, 7:43 am

First Name: **Steven**

Last Name: **Carhart**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99652**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **WE MUST STOP THE BAHNKE PLAN FROM BEING ADOPTED.**

Public Comment: **This is blatant gerrymandering by the Senate minority. They disregard any sensable approach to redistricting. Please defeat the Bahnke Plan.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 9:15 am

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Hello,**

I oppose the pairing of Eagle River and South Anchorage. I support the map proposed with the least amount of changes which would keep the Eagle River districts together and I believe the Muldoon District to gather that was proposed by the east Anchorage plaintiffs.

Thanks,

Leon Jaimes

Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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Date: April 6, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Glen**

Last Name: **Biegel**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Affected voter in Anchorage**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **The banke map upends previous work and does not meet the instructions of the court**

Public Comment: **The banke map upends previous work and does not meet the instructions of the court. Why try to rewrite all of Anchorage? The court didn't ask for that, and the process did not forward this map on.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 10:54 am

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Roderick**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting in East Anchorage**

Public Comment: **Greetings. I am a long-time resident of East Anchorage and a lifelong citizen of Anchorage. The Board should act immediately to comply with the court's requirements and minimize confusion if this process is dragged out. It is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, on top of a new election system (RCV) and an unprecedented special election. The redistricting Board has an obligation to the public to resolve this quickly to avoid voter confusion and disenfranchisement.**

In Anchorage, the Board should adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke instead of coming up with new pairings. These pairings, proposed by Melanie Bahnke, have been presented and considered on the record and were informed by public input and testimony. These pairings do not change districts' underlying deviation and uphold the one person, one vote principle. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River, etc.).

Thank you for taking testimony and standing up for rational districts in Anchorage.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 10:57 am

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Gaydos**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I am against pairing House District 17 and 23 (downtown and JBER) into one Senate seat.**

I am against the "Bahnke pairings", that is obvious gerrymandering.

Thank you,

John Gaydos

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Date: April 6, 2022, 11:02 am

First Name: **Randall**

Last Name: **Hagenstein**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Following the AK constitution and the AK Supreme Court directive**

Public Comment: **I'm tracking the hearings and public testimony. The shenanigans around pairing Eagle River with S. Anchorage are exactly the sort of thing that forced the Supreme Court to toss the previous senate map as unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering.**

Please cut the partisan shenanigans and do your damn job in a way that is non-partisan and honors the constitution. Jeez!

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Date: April 6, 2022, 11:06 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **The original Senate K pairing was struck down as a political gerrymander. These ongoing attempts to split Eagle River are the same effort. It is hypocritical that the original pairing was defended on the basis that some Eagle River people shop in Muldoon, but now they are trying to defend pairing Eagle River with South Anchorage, which have no such connection. While the guidelines for Senate pairing are fairly nebulous, the Supreme Court has determined these efforts to be political gerrymandering. The two Eagle River house districts should be paired. That is the obvious, simple solution. The only plans suggesting splitting Eagle River are proposed by those who stand to gain politically, and that speaks volumes not just about motives, but how splitting Eagle River would be viewed by the courts should a plan splitting Eagle River be adopted.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 11:16 am

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Allard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Plan**

Public Comment: **(no subject)**

Submitted the following:

Please DO NOT ADOPT THE BAHNKE PLAN The Board should take its time to carefully consider the future impact on the affected citizens! The Bahnke plan is clearly partisan. Redistricting should be balanced, fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. By rushing the process, it doesn't allow proper public participation. This process should be fair to all; not just a small group of partisan individuals.

Voting for the current Municipal election is tomorrow! To expedite this process, so quickly, shows a clear disregard for the opinions of the majority of the citizens that will be impacted! Expedited Redistricting plans are totally inappropriate and contrary to good public policy! The process should be informed by thorough public comment, input and discussion!

We've had muni elections and an avalanche that impacted those that should have input, yet had no utilities, phone service or internet service until Saturday. I'm in favor of the map which supports 9/22.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 11:19 am

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Allard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **(no subject)**

Submitted the following:

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We've had muni elections and an avalanche that impacted those that should have input, yet had no utilities, phone service or internet service until Saturday. Support map which includes paring of Eagle River and Jber. 23/24

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:12 pm

First Name: **tom**

Last Name: **brice**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99803**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River and Downtown**

Public Comment: **In the Senate, keep Eagle River House Districts paired for the Senate District and the two Downtown House Districts in a single Senate District**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:00 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Coumbe**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Keep Downtown Anchorage in Same Senate District**

Public Comment: **Downtown Anchorage has been separated into two House Districts by this Redistricting Board. As a resident in this part of town for more than 30 years, this makes no sense to me. However, since this wrong choice appears to be moving forward, the right choice for a Senate district is to keep downtown all in one district. I live downtown. I work downtown. I walk downtown. Downtown Anchorage is one compact and historic part of the city. Please do not separate this core of the city into separate Senate districts. Maintain Downtown Anchorage in one Senate district. Thank you.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 11:42 am

First Name: **Cindy**

Last Name: **Allred**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Government Hill resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Government Hill pairing**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board,**

I am a resident of Government Hill and I support the logical choice of pairing Government Hill with downtown Anchorage.

I do not support Government Hill being paired with Eagle River. The two areas are very diverse and it doesn't make sense.

Best,

Cindy Allred, Government Hill resident

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:15 pm

First Name: **Matthew**

Last Name: **Moser**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Breaking of Downtown Anchorage, splitting of Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I would like to make a comment in support of version 1, the Bahnke map.**

Eagle River should be in a single Eagle River Senate district.

Downtown Anchorage should not be split into two Senate districts. And, finally, South Anchorage should not be paired with Eagle River.

The proposal to pair Eagle River and South Anchorage is clearly being driven by partisan motivations. Please reject this gerrymandering and let common sense prevail.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:18 pm

First Name: **Brooke**

Last Name: **Dudley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**[redacted]

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I believe map 2 is the more fair and legal map.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:20 pm

First Name: **Jon**

Last Name: **Cecil**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please consider any proposed pairings of Downtown Anchorage, Eagle River, and South Anchorage as separate, individual (stand alone) districts. Thank you.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:22 pm

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Second of Marcum's motion to entertain Mr. Campbell's map**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

I am appalled that Member Simpson would further delay the remedy required by the court by entertaining Member Marcum's motion. If this stands, then it means that the board will need to entertain any submission by the public, regardless of whether or not they are constitutional. This disenfranchises the public, and it dishonors my time, and the time of other testifiers.

Thanks,

Leon Jaimes

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:22 pm

First Name: **Serena**

Last Name: **Green**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501-5722**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **V1 - Banhke**

Public Comment: **I am a lifetime Alaskan and I support the V1 map for several reasons. First there already has been a public hearing, which was Publicly presented and considered on the record and Informed by public input and testimony. Second, and more importantly, it does not change underlying deviation of districts and upholds one person, one vote principle. And finally, it adopts common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc. Eagle River w/ Eagle River etc.). Pairing Eagle River with Girdwood makes no logical sense and should be rejected. Instead, V1 map Banhke should be adopted. Thank you.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:25 pm

First Name: **Patrick**

Last Name: **FitzGerald**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Teamsters Local 959**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Please keep districts within logical boundaries. It makes no sense for someone from Girdwood to be represented by a senator from Eagle River. Not only for representative purposes but access to their law maker.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 12:48 pm

First Name: **Lizzie**

Last Name: **Newell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support senate pairing maps 1 or 2. NO to 3**

Public Comment: **I strongly oppose pairing South Anchorage with Eagle River. Doing so would split community council areas in both South Anchorage and Eagle River. South Anchorage has 9 community councils with 3 of them split(shared with my district). Eagle River HD22 has 3 community councils with 2 of them split with the other half of Eagle**

River. It's physically impossible for 1 senator to attend these 12 community meetings, not when it involves driving 70 miles or more through, or touching, on 11 other commmunity council areas. Its a burden I don't want to place on anyone. A senator simply can't effectively represent both South Anchorage and Eagle River.

While I prefer plan 1 (lower number of split CC areas) plan 2 is acceptable. Splitting and lumping South Anchorage and Eagle River communities is not. Such a pairing is not compact, contiguous, or socially integrated.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 1:33 pm

First Name: **Dennis J**

Last Name: **Knebel Jr**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **This is pretty simple like playing connect the dots. Eagle River is Eagle River, South Anchorage is South Anchorage and the Hillside is the Hillside. So connect the dots and get this done. It's so easy you should have been done yesterday. It's what the residents of Southcentral Alaska deserve.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 1:34 pm

First Name: **Betsy**

Last Name: **Connell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Girdwood Resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Combining Girdwood and Eagle River into One District**

Public Comment: **I strongly OPPOSE the redistricting map that combines Girdwood and Eagle River into one district. It makes far more sense to combine the areas that are connected by the Seward Highway - the Hillside/Rabbit Creek/Potter Marsh areas, Indian and Bird Creek, Girdwood, and Portage. Many issues in this area involve the Seward Highway. Issues that are important to areas along the Turnagain Arm are quite different than those related to suburban Eagle River. I look forward to you accepting a redistricting map that DOES NOT have Girdwood and Eagle River in the same district. Thank you.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 2:00 pm

First Name: **Spencer**

Last Name: **Moore**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Bahnke Plan**

Public Comment: **Please do not adopt the Bahnke plan, it seems partisan to me and does not represent the people of East Anchorage/Eagle River. I'd like to see more public debate on the issue and allow the public to decide the matter. Thanks!**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 2:10 pm

First Name: **Sally**

Last Name: **Kneeland**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting plan**

Public Comment: **Support option 2 which is a logical plan. It makes NO sense to pair Eagle River with Girdwood and South Anchorage.**

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Cat Coward <[redacted]>
Wed 4/6/2022 2:13 PM

To whom it may concern,
Please consider my comments regarding the redistricting boards proposals on the Anchorage senate pairings this week.
Option 2 represents the most contiguous and compact senate pairings of Anchorage house districts. Option 3 pairs Eagle River with the South Anchorage/Girdwood house districts, which is neither compact nor contiguous. Please select the option 2 pairing which complies with the Alaska State Constitution requiring districting to be compact and contiguous, respecting natural boundaries.

Thank you,
Catherine Coward
[redacted]
Anchorage 99507

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Date: April 6, 2022, 2:15 pm

First Name: **Catherine**

Last Name: **Coward**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate pairing of house districts**

Public Comment: **In favor of the selection of "option 2" of the senate pairings of house districts:**

Option 2 represents the most contiguous and compact senate pairings of Anchorage house districts. Option 3 pairs Eagle River with the South Anchorage/Girdwood house districts, which is neither compact nor contiguous. Please select the option 2 pairing which complies with the Alaska State Constitution requiring districting to be compact and contiguous, respecting natural boundaries.

Thank you

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Date: April 6, 2022, 4:07 pm

First Name: **Patricia**

Last Name: **Dooley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting for Senate - proposed corrections for previously gerrymandered map**

Public Comment: **Option #2 appears the most representative and provides more equal representation.**

It is straightforward and meets redistricting criteria. Option 3, which pairs Eagle River with South Anchorage/Girdwood (!) seems to be on par with the clearly gerrymandered Eagle River/East Anchorage pairing previously proposed and rejected by the judiciary. I believe Option 2 complies with Constitutional directives to respect natural boundaries (e.g. waterways) in drawing such district lines. The Eagle River/South Anchorage pairing in Option 3 is not a compact or contiguous pairing that respects constitutionally-required guidelines

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Date: April 6, 2022, 4:46 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Finley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Favor 2022 Proposed Parings: Option 2**

Public Comment: **Option 3 putting Eagle River and South Anchorage together is illogical**

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A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: April 6, 2022, 5:17 pm

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Smith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Please make Senate pairings to keep Downtown together, Hillside together and Eagle River together. The rational fix is obvious, pair Eagle River with Eagle River, Gov Hill/JBER with Downtown and Hillside with Hillside. Those pairings are 20/21 and 17/23 and 22/24 (Eagle River).**

I oppose Option 3 (Reudrich/Marcumn plan) and support Option 2. Eagle River deserves its own Senator.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 5:43 pm

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **Harun**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Downtown Anchorage needs to be kept together in the Senate plan downtown**

Public Comment: **Any senate pairing should keep downtown Anchorage whole. North of Fourth Ave. downtown Anchorage is in a Senate district with Chugiak. This makes no sense and will not provide for adequate representation under the Constitution.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 8:32 pm

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Kohler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Option 2 preference**

Public Comment: **I am in support of Option 2 for Senate District K. Thank you.**

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Date: April 6, 2022, 8:58 pm

First Name: **James**

Last Name: **McDonald**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate**

Public Comment: **I'm writing to share my input on the Senate district pairings. I've lived in Anchorage over three decades, mostly in the O'Malley district 11 near the zoo. I currently live in district 9 in south Anchorage.**

I am in support of Option 2. I'm a teacher in the Anchorage School District and I believe most individuals tend to think of Anchorage divided by the high school boundaries. I student taught at Chugiak High School and from 2014â€ 2017 I taught at Gruening Middle School in Eagle River. I unequivocally believe the two Eagle River districts (22/24) should remain together in a single Senate district. While some of my students came from military families, I don't think that supersedes the connection that Eagle River has together as a whole.

I have lived on the Anchorage hillside most of my life and currently live in district 9. My parents home on the hillside in district 11 is on septic and a well, a commonality on the upper hillside. The hillside is unique from Eagle River and should not be paired together. These two districts are literally on the opposite outskirts of Anchorage.

Thank you for your time.

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Date: April 6, 2022, 9:53 pm

First Name: **Kerry**

Last Name: **Quade**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I am opposed to the redistricting proposal of including Girdwood and Eagle River in the same district. These communities have vastly different needs as well as population sizes, this would essentially eliminate the voice of Girdwood voters who are already lacking critical infrastructure in a growing community. Please do not lump these two communities together.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Dear Redistricting Board -

Please accept the attached comments from the Rabbit Creek Community Council documenting our strong opposition to combining any parts of the Hillside with Eagle River for the purposes of government representation.

While our comments were submitted February 13, 2022, to the Anchorage Assembly as our position on the subject of Assembly redistricting to accommodate a new, 12th Assembly member and results of the 2020 census, they are completely applicable and also hold for your current task of redistricting for State and House representation in the Alaska Legislature. The Alaska Constitution provides requirements for the update of Legislative districts that occurs once each decade in response to the once each decade U.S. Census. Article VI of the Alaska Constitution, Section 6, outlines how House and Senate districts should be formed. The Constitution requires certain characteristics of the districts, noting that they should be:

- Contiguous
- Compact
- Nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socio-economic area
- Contain equal population "as near as practicable"
- Each senate district shall be composed as near as practicable of two contiguous house districts

Additionally, consideration may be given to local government boundaries.

Please note, the Anchorage Assembly, Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part 1, Article IV, Section 4.01 uses the same requirements of compact, contiguous, socioeconomically integrated, and of near equal population. Additionally, the Constitution's consideration to local government boundaries also speaks to the need to pay attention to the Anchorage Assembly districts which were decided in favor of keeping Eagle River with Eagle River neighborhoods; Hillside neighborhoods together with adjacent areas, and East Anchorage neighborhoods together with East Anchorage neighborhoods. As we emphasized in the attached comments, Chugach State Park is uninhabited; it does not create contiguity between the Hillside and Eagle River.

Given these considerations, as detailed in our attached letter, we urge the Redistricting Board to adopt a map that keeps our neighborhoods together! This can be accomplished with either the current proposed map for Senate Pairings, Option 2, or by going back to the original map proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke.

Thank you for your serious consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair & Michelle Turner, Co-chair

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RESOLUTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL ON THE 2022 ASSEMBLY REAPPORTIONMENT PROCESS

At our February 10, 2022 meeting, the Rabbit Creek Community Council (RCCC) discussed draft maps currently under consideration for the required Assembly Reapportionment process. In doing so, the RCCC reminds the Assembly Reapportionment Committee that: legal requirements compel the Committee to create districts which are "compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as practicable a relatively integrated socioeconomic area" (Municipality of Anchorage Code of Ordinance, Part I, Article IV, Section 4.01). By a vote of 26 yeas, 3 nays, and 1 abstention, RCCC approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

The Rabbit Creek Community Council:

- Affirms that the re-apportionment closely follow the legal requirements to create compact, contiguous, and socioeconomically integrated districts.
- Opposes combination of any portions of the Hillside with Eagle River.
- Emphasizes that Chugach State Park does not create contiguity between the populations of the Hillside and Eagle River, as it is uninhabited. Therefore, reapportionment maps should display it as a distinct, unpopulated area.
- Supports continued work with maps proposed by Denny Wells and Brice Wilkins that: work to keep neighborhoods intact across Anchorage; are considerate and encompassing of other Assembly member concerns; and keep the Hillside together in one district, separate from Eagle River.

JUSTIFICATION

The RCCC strongly opposes any map that would combine the Rabbit Creek and neighboring Hillside areas with Eagle River because these two distinct, separate areas are not integrated through socio-economic interactions, land use patterns, businesses, roads and traffic patterns, or schools. Additionally, these areas are neither compact nor contiguous, thus further failing to meet the requirements of Section 4.01. Travel from the Hillside to Eagle River requires traversing several intervening districts. It is inappropriate to use the large, steep, uninhabited, and in some areas or to some people inaccessible, Chugach State Park as justification to combine Eagle River and Hillside into one Assembly district.

Common issues that distinguish the Hillside from most other parts of the Anchorage Bowl include resident concerns around wildfires and high winds, on-site water and septic systems, Limited Road Service Areas, drainage, water supply and other watershed features on steep slopes. Eagle River has different watersheds, an integrated road service district, its own park district, and facilities that have little or no daily relevance to Hillside residents, including a

Community College, its own branch library, a Wal-Mart, and a central business district. The local roads, trails, and recreation areas we use throughout the Hillside are completely different from the local roads, trails, and recreation areas used by Eagle River residents; the roads we travel to schools and local shopping/businesses, as well as to destinations in Midtown and Downtown, are completely different from the roads used by Eagle River residents.

We remind the Assembly that the 2010 Hillside District Plan (HDP) defines the boundaries of the Hillside. Much thought, effort, and an iterative public process were involved throughout the development of that Assembly-approved plan. The HDP sets a strong precedent for maintaining the cohesion of the RCCC area and the larger Hillside area in one district, with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River.

While maintaining a low population deviation between districts is of obvious importance, it is not outlined as a consideration in Section 4.01, and therefore should not be granted more importance than the criteria that are included in Municipal ordinance. Respecting neighborhood continuity is more important than pushing for the smallest deviation in size of each Assembly district and will best achieve fair representation. We do appreciate the difficulty of this effort.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with Anchorage Municipal Ordinance and the strong precedent set by the Hillside District Plan, the RCCC area and larger Hillside of south Anchorage should remain in a single Assembly district with no part of the Hillside combined with Eagle River on the northeast side of Anchorage. Moreover, RCCC recommends that the Assembly take similar care to not split up other neighborhoods throughout Anchorage, and instead, support neighborhood continuity. The Assembly's overarching goal should be to ensure fair and effective representation for all residents.

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Michelle Turner, Co-chair
Rabbit Creek Community Council

Signed: February 13, 2022

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Nancy Pease [redacted]

Wed 4/6/2022 11:15 PM

To Re-districting Board:

I support the Option 2 Re-districting Map for new Senate Districts boundaries in the Anchorage area. I am adamantly opposed to any of the options that would combine parts of the Anchorage Hillside or South Anchorage with Eagle River.

Article VI, Section 6 of the Alaska Constitution requires that legislative districts be compact, contiguous, and represent areas that are socially and economically integrated. Those criteria are met by Option 2. Those criteria are not met by pairing any part of the Hillside or South Anchorage with Eagle River.

Hillside and Eagle River have entirely different infrastructure and community institutions. Eagle River has its own library, parks district, local road authority, schools, a community college, a central business district, etc. There is no social and economic integration. In addition, there is no way to call those two areas contiguous, because Chugach State Park is the only land linkage and it has only primitive, non-motorized trails through rugged terrain. Travel on the road system between Eagle River and the Hillside requires crossing intervening legislative districts. Hillside/ South Anchorage and Eagle River are not contiguous, nor compact.

I am a long-time resident of the Rabbit Creek area of South Anchorage. Our community council works collaboratively with nearby councils on the Hillside and along Turnagain Arm. Please respect and support our communities by including us all in the District shown in Option 2.

Nancy Pease

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Charlie & Jamie Rodriguez <[redacted]>

Thu 4/7/2022 1:37 AM

Under Alaska law, there are requirements that districts be contiguous, compact, relatively socioeconomically integrated, and as near as possible to the ideal population.

The NE Anchorage pairing was rejected by the courts as being a wild overreach. Of those requirements. The board then listened to a proposed replacement which, if adopted, would repeat the very same egregious overreach, only worse!!!

This replacement proposal, which would attach SE Anchorage's HD9 to Eagle River's HD22, essentially accomplishing the same goal of capturing another Senate seat for Eagle River to replace half of the NE Anchorage plan.

Egregious, yes, but now even more so! Because if they did not know better the first time, they certainly do now.

And Ridiculous! That's a good summation of pairing the farthest south in-town district with Eagle River. The argument that the two districts are contiguous is baloney. A high mountain might as well be a brick wall if there are no roads through. The only way to Eagle River is via the Glenn Highway.

Next, let's talk numbers as they'd affect the two districts:

The driving distance between HD11 in Eagle River and HD9 in SE Anchorage is 27 miles.

The driving distance between HD11 in Eagle River and HD9's Girdwood is 67 miles!

The driving distance between HD11 in Eagle River and HD9's Portage is 78 miles!

The driving distance between HD11 in Eagle River and HD9's Whittier is 87 miles! (and don't forget to plan your travel schedule for tunnel closures! You may want to come prepared with a sleeping bag and a tent!)

An insanely long distance to get to the opposite end of one's mostly urban House District

87 miles!! Let that sink in for a moment.

And that's not all! There's more!

Depending on the route taken, one must cross through 6-8 unrelated House Districts to get from Eagle River to SE Anchorage.

An impassable mountain is not contiguous and neither is the necessity to traverse 6-8 other House Districts.

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If the pairing in NE Anchorage was found to be unfair and in violation of state Redistricting rules, then how would it be fair to pair Eagle River with SE Anchorage? This is a brazen assault to the people of both HD22 & HD9!

This is not about politics for those testifying. This is about fairness and a fight against gerrymandering and potential disenfranchisement. This is a demand to respect election law and to do so in an honest and reasonable way. Alaska's election laws, have long been respected as amongst the most fair in the country. They should not be under assault!

We know why you're doing this. And we see you, Randy and Tuckerman, peeping out of that closet. You're not on the board, so go home. And let this board conduct its business.

I urge the Redistricting Board to do its job fairly and correctly, as outlined by law. And I leave you with one last thought. 87 miles. And that danged mountain!

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Jonathan Lang <[redacted]
Thu 4/7/2022 7:36 AM
Keep Downtown together. Keep Hillside together. Keep Eagle River together.

The Court's decisions have been clear. Unlike the other options, Option 2 clearly meets what the Courts have ordered with the fewest amounts of districts disturbed.

Please support Option 2.

Respectfully.

- Jon

Jonathan "Bearded Jon" Lang, Muldooner
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[redacted] - always on; not always answered

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Date: April 7, 2022, 9:34 am

First Name: **Laura**

Last Name: **Bonner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River districts**

Public Comment: **I live in South Anchorage. The most logical and fairest map to comply with the Supreme Court's decision is to pair the two House districts for Eagle River area into the same Senate district. Keep Girdwood in the south Anchorage district since the only proximity to to Eagle River Valley is through a mountain pass that can only to crossed by foot weather permitting. Pairing Eagle River with Anchorage Hillside is illogical when Eklutna is closer and should be the same district as the Eagle River area district. Keep Eagle River with Eagle River area, East Anchorage with East Anchorage, Hillside Anchorage and Girdwood with South Anchorage, and Anchorage downtown with Anchorage downtown. This is the fairest mapping for the residents of those areas.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Laura**

Last Name: **Bonner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River districts**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 9:59 am

First Name: **Jo Ann.** Last Name: **Gruber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern: **Support for Option 2 Anchorage Senate Districts**

Public Comment: Dear Alaska Redistricting Board Members,

I support the 2022 proposed pairings that are shown on the Option 2 map. It contains the most logical, fair, and equitable pairings.

I've watched the board meetings and have reviewed the two proposed Senate district revision maps that were unanimously adopted by the Board yesterday. Here are just a few of the reasons why I support Option 2 and oppose Option 3B.

- I live in Eagle River, and I support pairing Eagle River with Eagle River. I also support keeping downtown Anchorage paired together and keeping the Hillside paired together. These pairings make the most sense. The pairings in Option 3B do not make sense to me and appear to be more of the same political gerrymandering that got us to the point we find ourselves in today.

- I've heard and read many testimonies from those not wanting to be paired with Eagle River; and frankly, I donâ€™t blame them. A small, vocal group in my community wishes to secede from Anchorage and has made some very disparaging remarks about the rest of Anchorage. That small, vocal group does NOT represent the view of everyone in our community; but they certainly are the ones being heard. Itâ€™s no wonder that people in Anchorage donâ€™t want to be paired together with another community in the Municipality that appears to have little to no respect for them.

- Chugiak/Eagle River doesn't have a reasonable claim to JBER either. Military m embers and their families, who do not live on JBER, live in various areas throughout the Municipality of Anchorage. People who live on JBER frequent businesses throughout Anchorage, too.

For these reasons and others, I urge you to adopt and approve the Option 2 pairings. Please show that the Board is committed to providing fair, equitable, non-gerrymandered Senate pairings.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:04 am

First Name: **Lee**

Last Name: **Hammermeister**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Eagle River, Citizen**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River + JBER Map**

Public Comment: **Eagle River is only minutes away from JBER. As opposed to over an hour away girdwood. Eagle River and JBER and been closely related via demographics with a substantial military population living in eagle river and attending the school system. For these reasons, Eagle River and JBER should be grouped together, instead of Eagle River and Girdwood as the former pairing makes the most sense geographically and demographically, which is the entire purpose of organizing the districts to begin with.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:21 am

First Name: **Christopher**

Last Name: **Constant**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self (also an Anchorage Assembly member)**

Email or Phone Contact: **N/A**

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage (New House District 23)**

Public Comment: **Looking closely at the map, there is a small residential section on the west southern portion of House District 23 with a couple of thousand residents. On the far east southern corner of the same district, there is a tiny neighborhood on Muldoon with a few hundred residents. That population borders Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson and now these residents are suddenly part of South Eklutna. To get from one end of the southern portion of the district, you have to move through three Senate districts to get there - this division is harmful.**

The North Anchorage district should include Districts 17, 18, 20, and 23. The House districts work well, but the board was asked the consider how the narrow populations of the district in the two corners mentioned are in any way associated with the Chugiak-Eagle River community.

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:23 am

First Name: **Cliff**

Last Name: **Grove**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: **N/A**

Your ZIP Code: **Anchorage**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage**

Public Comment: **The board has heard some incisive and well-thought-out comments that Chris agrees with. The board's action items, in Chris's opinion, are short and simple.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:31 am

First Name: **Jacky**

Last Name: **Graham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Girdwood redistricting**

Public Comment: **As a 45 year resident of Girdwood community, I am writing to support option 2 to see a continued coherent district 9 and 11. Girdwood needs to stay paired with South Anchorage district 11. I strongly oppose pairing Girdwood with (too far away) Eagle River.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:33 am

First Name: **Kenneth**

Last Name: **Graham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting maps**

Public Comment: **I wish to submit strong opposition to the idea of pairing the community of Goodwood with Eagle River. I strongly support option two which is keeping a coherent district 9 contiguous to district 11. I have lived in Girdwood since 1977.**

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William Dougherty <[redacted]>

Thu 4/7/2022 10:46 AM

To the Redistricting Board:

My name is William Dougherty. I am a resident of Anchorage. My home is just off Upper DeArmoun Road in South Anchorage.

I'm taking time from a very busy day to write to oppose the ill-intentioned and unconstitutional redistricting proposal to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage. This is such a transparently partisan effort to increase Republican control of the Anchorage legislative delegation that you should be ashamed, but apparently that does not come naturally to you.

Allow me to state, as many already have, the blindingly obvious:

Eagle River voters should be with Eagle River voters. There is no legitimate justification for splitting them except to try to increase their political power by suppressing the political influence of other voters with entirely different interests and needs. If you attach Eagle River voters to South Anchorage, using the specious argument that they are "contiguous" – contiguous except for the huge wilderness between them – you will effectively disenfranchise myself and my neighbors. A politician who depends on majority support in Eagle River is not going to represent my interests. This would be an act of political sabotage done without any concern for the rights to which I am entitled under both the state and federal constitutions. Does that mean nothing to you?
So, I oppose Option 3B (the "Reudrich/Marcum plan") and support Option 2.

I understand you've received some testimony arguing that South Anchorage and Eagle River north are "similar" because we have limited road service areas. This is ludicrously irrelevant, but it's also a distortion. Both Eagle River house districts have the same service area -- called Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area (CBERRRSA). South Anchorage has completely different road service areas -- multiple Limited Road Service Areas -- with no connections between South Anchorage and Eagle River.

I've also heard the absolutely asinine argument that because there is a moose hunt in the Ship Creek valley, that constitutes common ground for residents of Eagle River and South Anchorage. Are you kidding? That is a contention so dumb the only consideration it deserves is ridicule.

If you are familiar with Anchorage, you know that people in Eagle River and South Anchorage do not regularly work, shop or play together. People from Eagle River do work and shop in Midtown and downtown. People from Anchorage – downtown, midtown or South Anchorage – do not work or shop in Eagle River. I personally haven't been to Eagle River for any purpose, except to drive through on my way north, in the last 20 years. Eagle River does not have anything I want or need that I can't get far closer to home.

Similarly, the people of Eagle River seem to view themselves as Eagle River residents, as much or more than as Anchorage residents. Some ER residents are proposing to completely separate

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Eagle River from the municipality. I'm not sure how I feel about that in general, but it would be irrelevant to South Anchorage in particular.

I resent the three obviously partisan Republicans on the redistricting board for their relentless effort to gerrymander, to disenfranchise, to cheat – and that's what it is: cheating. It's anti-democratic, unpatriotic and purposely hurts real, live, human beings. Why can't you just straighten up and do the right thing?

Keep Downtown together, Hillside together and Eagle River together. Don't split apart communities for partisan purposes. The obviously rational pairings are 20/21 and 17/23 and 22/24 (Eagle River).

I can see that you're trying to use a map drawn by a professional partisan using partisan data. I've been watching Randy Ruedrich do this for 30 years. His plans are your plans. His plans were the pairings the court threw out as an unconstitutional gerrymander. Don't replace one of his gerrymanders with another.

Before moving to South Anchorage, I lived on Government Hill for 20 years, then I became the landlord for a rental property there for another 20 years. I have had a wide variety of tenants, from newspaper reporters to lawyers to soldiers. Government Hill should not have an Eagle River senator. An Eagle River senator cannot adequately represent an affluent rural district and an urban, commercial and industrial district. To split downtown along 4th Avenue with the north half effectively under the political thumb of an entirely different kind of community 30 miles away would be, in my judgment, a form of civic vandalism.

Instead of these cockamamie plans, you should follow the direction of the court. Only change the affected districts and those touching them. Making major, unconnected or controversial changes such as pairing Eagle River and South Anchorage only invites additional lawsuits.

I could go on, but I need to get on to my other responsibilities.

Sincerely,

William Dougherty
[redacted]

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Susan C. Klein [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 11:00 AM

As a concerned resident of East Anchorage I see only one reasonable pairing for East Anchorage, Eagle River, Hillside and Downtown and that is Option 2.

The Eagle River Comprehensive plan is for Eagle River and does not include either Downtown or Hillside. Hillside has its own unique interest group - HALO and breaking that up to pair part of it with Eagle River does not make sense.

Please vote to pair the following house districts in one senate district 20/21 and 17/23 and 22/24.

Susan

Susan Klein
[redacted]

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Date: April 7, 2022, 11:13 am

First Name: **Nicholas**

Last Name: **Romeijn-Stout**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99587

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Senate Map 2 Support

Public Comment: I am a Girdwood resident. The proposal to pair us with Eagle River for a Senate district makes NO SENSE. It is a ridiculous and clearly partisan proposal. Stop it.

Option 2 makes sense. It is simple. Vote for option 2.

Duh. We all see what you are trying to do. Stop it.

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chelsea foster [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 11:29 AM

Good Morning Redistricting Board,

I am writing today to OPPOSE map 3B and SUPPORT map option 2. As a South Anchorage resident for the past 28 years, and as someone whose family lived in Peters Creek for over 30 years, CER (Chugiak Eagle River) and the Hillside of Anchorage are socioeconomically diametrically opposite. Not only are they dramatically different socioeconomically but we are also not contiguous in any shape or form.

CER (Chugiak Eagle River) and its representatives have spent the past two years stating how dark and disgusting Anchorage is, CER campaigns CER regularly on "not Inheriting Anchorages problems"

How can they effectively represent a part of Anchorage they loathe?

Jamie Allard a representative of CER is on record stating that she does not represent anyone that does not vote for her. Another reason we are not compatible, South Anchorage has a traditional history of transparency and integrity in its representatives, something Jamie Allard and Lora Reinbold have proven they are incapable of.

Also CER does not have a good friendly history with Anchorage, CER has tried many times to succeed from Anchorage, including currently at this time there is a push to succeed. The representatives in CER have made it clear, we are not compatible.

Do not continue gerrymandering this process in an attempt to gain more conservative control. It is obvious based on current litigation decisions that this board has a biased agenda, there will be more lawsuits should this board continue to go down this path. Which is not fiscally conservative. Do not waste any more tax payers money or time. Choose map 2.

Thank you for your time
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Chelsea Foster
Alaskan Activist
[redacted]
Dena'inaq elnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu. (Dena'ina)
I live and work on Dena'ina land.

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Date: April 7, 2022, 11:33 am

First Name: **Kelley**

Last Name: **Russell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I want to share my thoughts on senate pairings within Anchorage. I currently live in proposed House District 12 in the Abbott Loop area and have been in this district over two decades. I work off of Muldoon, doing therapy with Veterans. My patients live all over Anchorage, Eagle River, JBER and the Matâ€ Su valley and so I get to see socioeconomic variances in patients from specific areas.**

I support Option 2 for the following reasons:

1. Districts 20 and 21 in Muldoon make sense together due to their shared shopping, Bartlett High School, recreation areas.

2. Districts 24 and 22 both in Eagle River make sense together due to their shared shopping and recreation areas. They are buffered from the City of Anchorage from many miles of nonresidential land along the Glenn. In my work with former service members, while there are some service members who live in Eagle River, the same can be said for many areas of Anchorage. It isnâ€™t enough to warrant pairing districts 23 and 24 over pairing Eagle River with itself.

3. District 9 (Hillside) should never be combined with an Eagle River district. They share no common roads or schools. They merely share an uninhabited mountain range, a tenuous connection at best.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

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Date: April 7, 2022, 12:19 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Baker**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Option 2 support**

Public Comment: **I support option 2. As a resident of HD 17, the best senate pairing from my community is HD 23. Additionally, pairing South Anchorage (and Girdwood and Whittier!) with Eagle River makes little to no logical sense. It has the appearance of a partisan gerrymander and its adoption would compromise the integrity of the redistricting process.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 12:28 pm

First Name: **Cindy**

Last Name: **Lelake**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **In support of map 2**

Public Comment: **I urge the Redistricting Board to adopt current Map 2 Senate pairings, and reject Map 3b. South Anchorage should not be paired with Eagle River.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 12:38 pm

First Name: **Alice**

Last Name: **Sullivan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Redistricting Proposals**

Public Comment: **I URGE you to accept Option #2 which KEEPS Eagle River together and KEEPS Girdwood with their closest neighbors in South Anchorage. Pairing Eagle River with Girdwood--two communities that, geographically, could not be further apart, and a pairing is NOT LIKELY to be successful, primarily for communication and common concerns specific to each area.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 12:57 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support V2**

Public Comment: **I support version 2 as it keeps South Anchorage with South Anchorage, Downtown with Downtown, and Eagle River with Eagle River. Let's move this map and get everything settled.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 1:25 pm

First Name: **Adam**

Last Name: **Hays**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map versions**

Public Comment: **I support map version 2 because it keeps neighborhoods together. As someone who grew up in Eagle River and then spent my young adult years in Girdwood, I can't fathom connecting any part of Eagle River with Girdwood. These are two very disparate communities. Map 2 keeps Eagle River with Eagle River and South Anchorage with Girdwood, which makes sense. Please adopt this map.**

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Courtney Abad [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 1:28 PM

Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of approving and using Map 2 as this map pairs districts with similar interests and goals together.
Map 3 is not representative of the city nor does it make an effort to ensure citizen's voices and goals are well met. Option is a very obviously gerrymandered to overshadow the voices of people of color and give higher credence to Eagle River.

Please move forward with these comments in mind and approve map 2.

Thank you,

Courtney Weaver

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Hi Peter, here is my testimony from today with citations to the quotes.
Thank you

Yarrow Silvers
99504

I want to start off by thanking the board for your responsiveness in proposing maps that re-unite Muldoon. I also would like to thank the board for outlining a clear process with set dates, deadlines and expectations.

Now let's talk about the rest of the map. I just want to say that, if I was a board member, I would proceed with extreme caution to avoid the appearance or action of replacing what was found to be one unconstitutional gerrymander with another. The court order makes one thing very clear. Senate District K was unconstitutional because it split Eagle River into two separate senate districts for the purpose of increasing majority party representation and at the expense of East Anchorage voters.

If Plan 3B is adopted, the Board will once again split Eagle River into two separate senate districts for the purpose of increasing majority party representation at the expense of voters outside Eagle River. The Board's refusal to correct the gerrymander and its willingness to jeopardize everything to hold onto this gerrymander would not only be irrational, it blatantly and directly violates the court order.

Plan 3B does not correct the gerrymander, it only swaps out the voters who will be muffled. It also continues to tear Eagle River in two, despite consistent testimony from many in Eagle River who put their Eagle River community above their party and have asked that Eagle River remain united.

I would be cautious about adopting pairings that were introduced by an individual who not only chaired the republican party and uses political data to map, but also sent this board a chart that showed how that political data relates to proposed pairings, who the incumbents are, and even a column that appeared to indicate whether certain incumbents were electable or not, a chart which was referenced by at least two board members during the process, and whose initial suggested Eagle River pairings were found to be unconstitutional.

I believe that the most simple fix is the best; Keep Eagle River with Eagle River and Muldoon with Muldoon. Do not undo senate and house districts the Board already adopted unless necessary to keep Muldoon as one and Eagle River as one.

Please reject politically motivated pairings that circle all around the map, pairings that continue splitting apart communities and that continue to give Eagle River more representation at the expense of other communities of interest and please stop utilizing contiguity of a type that has been described by Supreme Court Justice Mathews as "second rate contiguity", and what has been described by Bud Simpson as basically a fiction. I will give you the full quotes here for context:

Located in the Feb 3, 2022 trial transcript at lines 1850-1851 is the following statement by Bud Simpson:

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"And so I could not ever describe 33 as compact. It's barely contiguous. And by barely I mean the part that connects the northern part of that to the southern part basically has almost no people in it, so it's just—it's basically a fiction, in my mind."

And in the Friday 3/18 video of Supreme Court arguments at 11:23 is the following conversion:

"Supreme Court Justice Matthews: I do like your concept of false contiguity when you said for example linking Girdwood with downtown Anchorage [inaudible] would be contiguous maybe if you went out into the salt water but would be false contiguity, doesn't that imply there would be a sort of natural scheme of things when you look at a map and when you instead use links that are unpopulated wilderness, use saltwater [inaudible] that really is 2nd rate in a way."

Singer: "that really was the board's perspective that it's 2nd rate."

So I think that if this board wanted to continue this trend of splitting apart communities and giving Eagle River more representation than they have population for, that they would need to have pretty good justification for why doing so was necessary. But I have read the testimony and listened to the testimony and the board members and I have not heard any rational justification for doing this, much less good justification.

I've heard Bethany Marcum state concerns that a section of JBER is in North Eagle and so they need to be paired so that all of JBER is represented together. I would like to assure Ms. Marcum, that, having looked at a map of this section, this area is a swath of trees with no infrastructure and likely no to few people living in it. Having the consistent representation for a swath of trees is not justification for breaking apart Downtown, Eagle River and South Anchorage using second rate contiguity.

I've heard concerns about service members living in Eagle River and the type of representation they recieve. I want to point out that service members live all over Anchorage and that they are represented in accordance with their place of residence, not their work place. Military service members living in Eagle River are already represented by an Eagle River representative.

I want to push back on this idea that the gated and inaccessible community of JBER that includes service members who both work and live on base can only be represented by Eagle River, when there is not even an Eagle River gate. There is a Government Hill Gate and a Muldoon gate however, as well as other Anchorage gates, where residents of JBER are closely integrated with the surrounding communities included in the North Anchorage district 17.

My point being that the connection between JBER service members who already live and receive representation in Eagle River is not adequate justification for splitting downtown, Eagle River, and South Anchorage neighborhoods, as well as splitting residents of JBER from their communities outside of the gates.

I've heard remarks about historical connections and how maps have looked in the past. I really just want to remind you that there is a reason that maps are changed every 10 years and that we are not mapping for the past, we are mapping for the people that are living here now. Also, in the past Eagle River's population was vastly different, requiring Eagle River to be split between two senate districts when now it finally has the opportunity to be in a single district.

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Now let's move to the justifications for splitting South Anchorage apart. I've heard people talk about how South Anchorage and Eagle River both have limited road service areas and independent snow removal and thus should be paired. I would like to support the many Eagle River residents who have testified for the preservation of their Eagle River community, and encourage the board to listen to them as they have pointed out the obvious: North Eagle River also has limited road service areas and independent snow removal and not only that but they have the same independent LSRA as South Eagle River, not a completely different LSRA which is not connected in any way physically or in implementation or funding.

I've heard that the two areas share a hunting route over Ship Creek. I would like to point out that there are 100 permits issued per year for the ship Creek moose hunt. So this idea that people mingling over hunting routes creates a justification for this pairing when these people do not work, shop, eat or play in the same area is tenuous at best and this pairing absolutely opens up the board for further lawsuits from negatively affected South Anchorage residents as well as Eagle River residents and proponents of Eagle exit.

I've also heard this idea that basic contiguity and the barest of a fix is all that matters and I'd like to remind the board that this idea of we will do it because we can has been said before and look where it got us.

Finally I want to discuss a rather more cynical thing that is happening in the background that I hope this board can, as professional public servants to the community in this mapping process, rise above. This involves political blogs that are urging people to testify based on politically motivated reasons such as saving a certain number of Republican senate seats.

This involves people calling from outside of Anchorage and quoting these statements and then hanging up because they do not have actual knowledge of the senate pairings they are calling in to support and are unable to respond to even the most basic clarifying questions, like "why do you support this district."

This involves people sending the same form letter each day and completely changing their testimony from what they said just one month ago in the municipal process, testimony that the Assembly listened to and that in doing so resulted in a built in 3.6% deviation in the municipal maps. In contrast, the Anchorage pairings under consideration here do not practicably change deviations.

So while this is inherently a political process, our constitution does not allow for political gerrymandering, which was recently reaffirmed by the courts. I hope that you can rise above the political noise and employ rational, logical justification for your actions while looking at communities and not parties in your final map.

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Pat Race [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 2:22 PM

Hi, thanks for the updates.

It looks like Option 1 has been eliminated so I now would like to state that I favor Option 2. Whatever the conclusion, it would be unfair and inconsistent to give Eagle River two Senate Seats.

Eagle River may be within the larger Anchorage municipality but they resemble many other contiguous communities in Alaska which you have not and would not considered splitting with a straight face. It's inconsistent and unfair to split Eagle River.

Pat Race
Juneau, AK

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Date: April 7, 2022, 2:31 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Meyer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Fair redistricting**

Public Comment: **The result of the Republican-slanted redistricting board's earlier failed gerrymander was struck down by the Alaska Supreme Court. The court chastised the redistricting board for ignoring public comments supporting fair redistricting maps.**

In this current round, the are still trying to cheat. Please support fair redistricting.

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Date: April 7, 2022, 2:57 pm

First Name: **John**

Last Name: **Gruber**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate Pairings - Support for Option 2**

Public Comment: **I have lived in Eagle River for 46 years. Iâ€™m writing in support of the senate pairings shown in Option 2.**

I support keeping the two Eagle River house districts together. It also keeps the Hillside communities together as well as the downtown Anchorage communities. Option 2 is the most reasonable, non-partisan option of the two options proposed.

Option 3B, which I do not support, appears to be another politically motivated gerrymander that was generated by someone utilizing partisan data along with information about incumbents.

I encourage you to adopt Option 2.

John B. Gruber

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LuAnn Piccard [redacted]>
Thu 4/7/2022 3:19 PM

Dear Redistricting Board,

I SUPPORT Option 2 and OPPOSE Option 3B.

I am a resident of Stuckagain Heights in Anchorage. During the Assembly Reapportionment process, our Basher Community Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of our community remaining part East Anchorage District 5 and against our neighborhood being attached to Eagle River District 2.

For the same reasons, I support Option #2 which aligns our neighborhood with other Hillside neighborhoods in South Anchorage, and I oppose Option 3B which would join us and other South Anchorage Hillside neighborhoods with Eagle River. Stuckagain Heights is not connected to Eagle River except by an uninhabited mountain range, and we are separated by almost 20 miles and 30 minutes driving time. From South Anchorage Hillside neighborhoods, the time and distance to Eagle River is even greater. We are also socio-economically consistent with South Anchorage Hillside and have many similar neighborhood concerns including Hillside wildfire risk, public safety, education, development, roads, traffic, and land use. For example, Stuckagain Heights and many South Anchorage Hillside neighborhoods have uniquely operated LRSAs, none of which are physically connected to Eagle River. Both Eagle River House Districts share the same LRSA so it would seem obvious for them to remain together.

To have fair and balanced representation we need to keep contiguous communities with similar needs, objectives, and concerns together. Option 2 keeps the Anchorage Hillside together, Eagle River together, and Downtown together. Option 3B creates irrational boundaries to bias voting and consolidate political power rather than keeping physically connected communities with similar needs together. Any new plan should address the court's concerns and not invite additional lawsuits due to making major, disconnected, and controversial changes to neighborhood groupings. Eagle River is almost 20+ physical miles away from Downtown and even farther away from the Anchorage Hillside, and worlds apart in the basic and common understanding of the daily needs and issues of those communities.

I want representation that listens, understands our needs, advocates for us, and shows up when we need them to address issues in our communities, not people who simply drive by or bypass our neighborhoods altogether on their way to somewhere else. I also want representatives that treats us with respect rather than contempt, which is unfortunately consistent with statements made about Anchorage by currently serving representatives from Eagle River along with many community members there that want to secede from Anchorage altogether. I suspect if someone from South Anchorage was elected to represent Eagle River, residents there would share the same concerns about lack of understanding and representation.

Thank you for considering my testimony and feedback.

Respectfully,

LuAnn Piccard
[redacted]

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Date: April 7, 2022, 3:47 pm

First Name: **Suzette**

Last Name: **Mizelle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **No group affiliation**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Option 2**

Public Comment: **As a former resident of both Muldoon and Eagle River, I am not in favor of splitting these two districts for the sake of an additional Senator for Eagle River.**

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Date: April 7, 2022, 5:22 pm

First Name: **Kay**

Last Name: **Brown**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **senate pairings**

Public Comment: **I support Option 2. Option 2 keeps the neighborhoods and communities of interest together, and is the most logical and legally defensible. Option 2 keeps together Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, Downtown with Downtown and southside with southside. Option 2 best complies with the court's decision and direction. Option 3 is not legally sound as it continues to divide and over-represent Eagle River.**

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Susan Soule [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 5:23 PM

I'm writing to express my support for redistricting Option 2. It makes the most sense to keep Downtown together, Eagle River together and Hillside together. Each of those districts has its own character, its own general social and economic characteristics. Each district should have the right to elect representatives who best represent its citizens. To divide them, as Option 3b would do, is classic gerrymandering.....creating illogical districts in order to increase the voting power of one party.

Gerrymandering undermines democracy. Do the right thing, the thing that best supports our democratic system. Support Option 2.

Susan Soule
Anchorage

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Charlie & Jamie Rodriguez [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 5:31 PM

To: The Alaska Redistricting Board
From: Jamie Rodriguez, Anchorage, HD9

Re: Driving Distances between Eagle River's HD22 & SE Anchorage's HD9. Watch the Numbers!

As people debate an Anchorage HD9/HD22 House District pairing with Eagle River, it appears that many or most testifiers are not aware of HD9's actual size and makeup. So, I'd like to enter that information into the record:

We are more than just SE Anchorage. We are SE Anchorage (inc Stuckagain Heights) + the Turnagain Arm Communities all the way to Portage and with a side of Whittier. So just popping over to NE Anchorage to catch the Glen Highway is no little thing. It's a trek for most.

The driving distance between Eagle River's HD22 and SE Anchorage is 27 miles.

The driving distance between River's HD22 and HD9's Girdwood is 67 miles.

The driving distance between River's HD22 and HD9's Portage is 78 miles.

The driving distance between River's HD22 and HD9's Whittier is 87 miles, (including the need to schedule one's time to get back & forth through the tunnel w/o being locked out or in)

ADDITIONALLY...

Depending on the route taken, one must cross through 6-8 unrelated House Districts to get from Eagle River's HD22 to SE Anchorage's HD9.

Please keep that in mind that an HD22/HD9 Senate pairing, especially where there are other possibilities available, 87 miles long urban district disenfranchises communities and makes no sense.

87 Miles!

Thank you for keeping this in mind

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Date: April 7, 2022, 5:36 pm

First Name: **DeLynn**

Last Name: **James**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings**

Public Comment: **As a 28 year Anchorage resident who has lived most of that time in the Abbott area (district 12), I am writing to support Option 2. Option 2 is the best map because communities of interest remain together. It is illogical to attempt to pair districts in Eagle River and the Hillside/Girdwood into a single senate district. While they â€œtouchâ€ on the maps presented because all land must be accounted when creating house districts, the areas that touch are through an unpopulated state park. How can anyone legally justify that as bordering when the border they share does not have anyone living in it? Please keep communities together in Anchorage when creating Senate districts.**

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Joclyn Reilly [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 5:49 PM

Dear Redistricting Board,
I am a homeowner in South Anchorage, and I support Option 2. Eagle River should be paired with Eagle River, not South Anchorage.

I don't appreciate the delay tactics, which wastes taxpayer money and time. The sooner this is done, the sooner candidates and voters can prepare for a fair election.

Thank you,

Joclyn Reilly
[redacted]

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Erik Gunderson[redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 7:15 PM

Dear esteemed members of the Alaska Redistricting Board,

To start, I'd like to thank you all for the extensive work you have done on the current house district map and your continued efforts to find a fair and constitutional plan for Anchorage's senate pairings. I know this is a herculean task and I am deeply grateful for your service to our state.

I am writing today regarding the proposed senate pairings adopted by the board. I'd like to start by saying I celebrated my first Birthday in Eagle River and have called it home for nearly 28 years. From personal experience, I can say that the idea that Eagle River should be paired with South Anchorage seems outrageous to ordinary Eagle River - Chugiak residents, including myself.

As can be noted in the Anchorage Municipal redistricting process, there was broad opposition to pairing these communities together with overwhelming testimony that these communities have little in common, do not live, work, or play in the same areas, and are not logical pairings. In fact, the few members in Eagle River who recently have called in to testify whose name's I recognize were among the loudest champions against these pairings during the municipal redistricting process. It seems that the only justification for such a pairing is to benefit a specific political interest at the expense of the Alaskans, which is antithetical to the duties of the Alaska Redistricting Board and why the Alaska Supreme Court threw out the prior Eagle River - Muldoon district.

The most logical, and I believe what the Alaska Supreme Court indicated would be more constitutionally sound, would be pairing the two Eagle River house districts, #22 and #24, together (as has been the case since 2013 with great success and no complaints from community members.) Of the current maps, Option 2 seems to be the best and I strongly encourage members to adopt this or another map that keeps Eagle River - Chugiak intact as one Senate District.

Respectfully,
Erik Gunderson

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Date: April 7, 2022, 9:24 pm

First Name: **Sean**

Last Name: **Murphy**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Eaglexit**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern: pairing of Eagle River communities with Anchorage

Public Comment: I am a resident of House District 22-Eagle River Valley under the promulgated 2021 redistricting plan.

I came to Alaska while serving in the Army. I met my wife in 1989 and we started a family in East Anchorage. We moved to Eagle River with two daughters 22 years ago. I am a retired Anchorage School District educator and administrator. We enjoy our time with two grandchildren who live in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough with their parents.

I am testifying on behalf of Eaglexit because I feel very strongly, as an Eagle River resident and an active volunteer in promoting the interests of Eagle River, that Eagle River districts should be paired with one another and our unified and very independent community preserved.

The Eagle River community is a unique unified community with interests and priorities that do not align with the other districts in Anchorage.

Based upon my personal experience and knowledge, the physical separation between Eagle River Valley and South Muldoon Road is very real. Not only are these two areas separated by about 15 miles and a stretch of highway, two bodies of water (a creek and Eagle River) and a sizeable valley, there is no way to get from here to there, or vice versa, without going through another district. Eagle River is our own community, boxed in between JBER and the Chugach Range and separated from Anchorage with the only bridge on the highway system that connects North Alaska and South Alaska. This connection is part of Eagle Riverâ€™s culture and commerce, but not at all a part of Anchorage.

Eagle River Valley and South Muldoon are very different places socially. It is my opinion that Eagle River residents are generally more affluent and educated per capita than East Anchorage and that Eagle River residents have the same or very similar religious beliefs, which can be seen in Eagle Riverâ€™s many long-standing churches.

Eagle River has its own commercial and cultural center. The store owners rely upon Eagle River resident shoppers, out-of-state tourists, and customers traveling from Anchorage to

the Valley. Eagle River businesses do not rely upon Anchorage customers.

Unlike Anchorage, Eagle River commerce continued to grow and thrive.

I am also very proud of the clubs, organizations, festivals, and activities that Eagle River sponsors and maintains. We have an Eagle River Elks Club, a VFW, and a Lions Club. It is Eagle River residents that support and rely on these clubs, not residents of Anchorage.

Culturally our community is different with its own Chamber of Commerce. We have the Bear Paw Festival during the summer. Boy Scouts still put up USA flags on our downtown strip. We are on the Iditarod historic trail, where the original dogs ran serum to Nome over the Crow Creek Pass from Girdwood to the Eagle River Science Center at the end of Eagle River Valley, almost. The holidays bring us the Merry Merchant Munch which has a long history of highlighting our local Eagle River businesses.

Economically, we have more land to develop than Anchorage. We have a separate Parks and Rec Department with its own budget separate from Anchorage. We have a private partnership with a local company to maintain roads. Most of our communities are covered by a volunteer fire department. Our homeowners love their larger properties. While Eagle River residents live in housing that includes large l ots, zero lot lines, and apartments, Eagle River does not have many trailer parks or homeless camps.

We have six Eagle River area Community Councils, the majority of which are very active in promoting and preserving the interests and needs of Eagle River residents.

I thought Anchorage and Eagle River were separated and different before I even realized it. I would explain to family and friends visiting from all over, who voiced their disbelief when I explained our communities out here are all under the Municipality of Anchorage.

Our school's communities have different needs. I saw first hand as an educator in Eagle River then as an administrator on the east side of Anchorage. Take a walk-through Chugiak or Eagle River high schools, then walk through Bartlett High School. The needs are different.

As an administrator on the east side and a resident in Eagle River, I saw road maintenance was different. My personal neighborhood in Eagle River is plowed and clean within a day or two at most. The streets around our walking only school on the east side would be a week or more before they were cleared. We have different needs than Anchorage.

Our communities of Eagle River, Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, and Eklutna are a community of interest. Why join with another district outside our communities? We are different and deserve our own representation, independence and self- governance.

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Date: April 7, 2022, 10:00 pm

First Name: **William**

Last Name: **Sola**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate District K Options 4/7/22**

Public Comment: **Thanks to all for going back to the drawing board! Plan 2 looks great overall, and as a resident of Government Hill this makes a lot of sense to be a part of the downtown area, and JBER. As previously stated, being a part of North Eagle River and beyond would make no sense at all, so Plan 3B would be ill-advised and minimize any of our neighborhood's issues or needs.**

Thank you once again for allowing us to comment.

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Mike Edgington (GBOS) [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 9:03 PM

At an April 5th Special Meeting, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors passed a unanimous resolution opposing option 3 / 3b and supporting options 1 or 2 for the Anchorage area Senate pairings.

The resolution is attached as a PDF

Thank you,

Mike Edgington
Co-Chair, Girdwood Board of Supervisors

Municipality of Anchorage

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Mike Edgington and Briana Sullivan, Co-Chairs
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Resolution 2022-08

Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD SENATE PAIRING MAPS 1 OR 2, AND OPPOSITION TO SENATE PAIRING MAP 3 OR ANY SIMILAR PROPOSED PAIRINGS WHICH COMBINE EAGLE RIVER AND GIRDWOOD

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors (GBOS) is the duly elected Anchorage municipal board representing the residents and tax payers of Girdwood Valley Service Area in the provision of multiple local services, and is also recognized under AMC 22.40.035 as representing the Girdwood community in an equivalent capacity to a Community Council; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board issued a 2021 Proclamation of Redistricting on November 10, 2021; and

WHEREAS, several legal challenges were filed to the 2021 Proclamation and, after rulings by the Superior and Supreme Courts, the Alaska Redistricting Board is now reconsidering senate pairings for the Anchorage area; and

WHEREAS, GBOS reviewed the proposed senate pairing plans (Maps 1, 2 & 3), which were the Alaska Redistricting Board's adopted draft senate pairing plans as of April 5th 2022; and

WHEREAS, maps 1 & 2 maps combine the geographically contiguous and culturally & socio-economically coherent communities of the Hillside, South Anchorage and Turnagain Arm/Girdwood/Whittier into senate seats; and

WHEREAS, map 3, or any similar map which combines Turnagain Arm/Girdwood with Eagle River, does not combine communities of similar interests, nor in any meaningful sense are the house districts contiguous, requiring traversing the width of the roadless Chugach Mountain Range to get from the northern to southern communities.

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the senate pairings represented by maps 1 or 2, and opposes the senate pairings represented by map 3, or any similar proposal that combines Eagle River with South Anchorage/Hillside/Turnagain Arm/Girdwood.

Passed and approved by a vote of 5 in favor to 0 against this 5th day of April 2022.

M Edgington

Mike Edgington, GBOS Co-Chair

Briana Sullivan, GBOS Co-Chair

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Date: April 7, 2022, 11:32 pm

First Name: **Yvonne**

Last Name: **Goldsmith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Option 2 Map**

Public Comment: **I support the Option 2 map, which treats the 2 Eagle River house districts and the 2 East Anchorage districts as separate entities under Senate representation. As a former East Sider, I believe the two areas have very different personalities. The residents should be represented by people who understand their needs.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 7:24 am

First Name: **Ricarda**

Last Name: **Lebman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Anchorage Hillside**

Public Comment: **I support option 2 for Anchorage hillside redistricting. I do not support other redistricting options that place us in communities that have no idea what are roads, sewer, schools, etc need. Compactness is vital and should be utilized to the highest degree.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 7:26 am

First Name: **David**

Last Name: **Mesiar**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Re-districting plan**

Public Comment: **I support the Bahnke plan (Option 2) for re-districting. Eagle River must be paired with Eagle River. Combining Eagle River with South Anchorage and Girdwood makes no sense and is as contrived as the Eagle River-Muldoon pairing recently rejected by the Court.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 8:05 am

First Name: **Kevin**

Last Name: **Apgar**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **redistricting proposals**

Public Comment: **I urge the board to support Option 2, combining downtown Anchorage with the military bases in a Senate district. There is more economic and social cohesion between downtown and the military bases than there is in the other option, which would combine part of Eagle River with the Seward Highway.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 9:09 am

First Name: **Teresa**

Last Name: **Sherwood**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Option 3B**

Public Comment: **I strongly oppose option 3B which would combine Girdwood with Eagle River. I support option 2. Girdwood and Eagle River are pole opposites politically and culturally. Girdwood's high school students attend school in south Anchorage as well as participate in sport clubs. It is where we shop and bank. We have very close ties to Whittier as well. I am the direct of Girdwood's Food Pantry and we make monthly deliveries to Whittier. Many Girdwood residents work or recreate in Whittier. Please do not pass option 3B and support option 2.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 10:13 am

First Name: **Cheryl**

Last Name: **Lovegreen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River**

Public Comment: **Thanks to the board for their many hours of service. I appreciate the time you've put into this process.**

I am still concerned about pairing Eagle River with other areas instead of the logical pairing of Eagle River with Eagle River. Please keep the two Eagle River House districts together, and make pairings with neighborhoods that have physical and socioeconomic connections to each other.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 10:30 am

First Name: **Peter**

Last Name: **Courtnage**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting options impacting Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I fully support/endorse option 2. Option 3b effectively dilutes my geographic representation and for that reason I oppose it.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 12:15 pm

First Name: **Gerald**

Last Name: **Fox**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Favor Option 2 and Oppose option 3**

Public Comment: **I am in favor of the option 2 redistricting map and opposed to the option 3 map. I live in Girdwood and have no link to Eagle River. I have been in Alaska for 42 years and have been in Eagle River proper once. I have gone by Eagle River on my way to the fair or to Fairbanks many times but not into Eagle River. I do my shopping in South Anchorage. Any medical issues I have are done in Anchorage. I have many friends in South Anchorage. To me it only makes sense to link South Anchorage and Girdwood in the same districts. Eagle River and Girdwood have very little in common. My understanding is that districts are supposed to be contiguous, compact, and represent areas that are socially and economically integrated. Option 3 does not meet these requirements. There is nothing that is socially and economically integrated between Girdwood/South Anchorage and Eagle River. Girdwood/South Anchorage and Eagle River are not contiguous as Chugach State Park is in between the 2 areas. It is over 60 miles from Girdwood to Eagle River. I believe that option 3 does not meet the courts requirement and would be found to be unconstitutional. We don't need more lawsuits and confusion as which politician is running for which seats. Thanks for considering my testimony.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:27 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99057**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Geographic Features as boundaries for Senate Pairings -- Option 3B**

Public Comment: **The Alaska Constitution requires that Senate District pairings should be contiguous, and consideration may be given to local government boundaries. But the constitutional requirement closes with the words, â€œDrainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries whenever possible.â€ The Chugach mountain range is a geographic feature that is a practically impassible barrier between South Anchorage and Eagle River. And it is certainly possible to join the two Eagle River districts together, and South Anchorage districts together. Option 3B under consideration by the Board clearly violates the geographic requirement for Senate pairings in the Alaska Constitution.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 12:29 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Community connections - Option 3B**

Public Comment: The Constitution's criteria for compactness, contiguity, socio-economic integration, and respect for local government boundaries are a long-winded way of saying community. The Constitution's broad intent is to create districts that represent communities. District option 2 respects communities in Anchorage, and Option 3B does not. The following list of community organizations, service areas, plans, councils, partnerships and residential areas shows communities which would be joined under Option 2, and violated by option 3B.

There are a large number of plans and organizations that support the community approach of Map 2 which respectively keeps the areas of Eagle River-Chugiak, East Anchorage, and Downtown Anchorage together. There has been a lot of anecdotal testimony, but this demonstrates the firm reality of community cohesiveness. This list is not exhaustive.

House districts 22 & 24

Eagle River, Birchwood, Chugiak, Peter's Creek, and Eklutna.

CEBERRRSA - Chugiak, Birchwood, Eagle River Rural Road Service Area

https://www.muni.org/Departments/operations/streets/Service/Pages/CBERRRSARoadBoard.aspx

Municipality of Anchorage map â€" Street Owners and Maintenance Providers

https://muniorg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=5cb0fa58740e4fdca9e209644110edfc&fbclid=IwAR1wSzZfD4B4bKvHXh3FhJizXADx-IoY2p7u31kwb 0JugVzeOGzynNpqyU

Eagle River/Chugiak Parks & Recreation

https://www.muni.org/Departments/ERparks/Pages/default.aspx?fbclid=IwAR0Vrms9ttEcQXJYNCBrvFkjB Zdzm8xqAMPmpvSkN4CiQF8oIRcOk2eii4

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Anchorage Park, Greenbelt and Recreation Facility Plan â€" Volume II: Chugiak-Eagle River-Eklutna 1985 (link not available)

Chugiak Eagle River Chamber of Commerce. www.cer.org/

The 6 Community Councils in this area frequently reference each other's work, and members collaborate on the Chugiak-Eagle River Advisory Board

https://onboard.muni.org/board/3916?fbclid=IwAR2DDSE-slShy1NOcUVe3xyl84oFcbORKeJxw7yrlzU_zyKjI2d2iRkB78A

Anchorage's Land Use code has a separate chapter for Chugiak-Eagle River

21.10.010 PURPOSE

The purposes of chapter 21.10 are to provide standards and regulations to implement the comprehensive plan elements of Chugiak-Eagle River, preserve and enhance the distinctive rural character, abundant natural environment, and unique lifestyle(s) of the community, while planning for growth and development, and to avoid overlap with standards and regulations applicable to other districts of the municipality.

https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Projects/t21/Documents/Chapter%2010.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0EM_ViOvOxXukZenhKhNDaxPK69GRcEGyXu3Akmf3_5oji6ElAGMZbnzg

There is even a Chugiak-Eagle River Comprehensive Plan. The first version of that plan was adopted in 1979, an update in 1993, and the latest in 2006, demonstrating decades of community cohesiveness.

Excerpt: â€œChugiak-Eagle River is a unique, dynamic community. Over the past half century, it has experienced continuing population growth and change. In response to rapid change, the community initiated development of its first comprehensive plan in the mid-1970s. The Eagle River-Chugiak-Eklutna Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1979, providing direction for development decisions and future growth in the Chugiak-Eagle River area.â€

https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Documents/Chugiak-Eagle%20River%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20Update%202006/Chugiak-Eagle%20River%20Comprehensive%20Plan%20Update%202006.pdf

North Anchorage Land Agreement (NALA) link not available

JBER â€" the large non-residential areas of JBER are within house districts 22 & 24

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House Districts 9, 10, 11, and 12
The Hillside Area Land Owner's organization, known as HALO encompasses the area east of the Seward Highway, and south of Dowling through Potter Marsh. This encompasses the entire residential areas of 11 and 12 as well as the bulk of 9's residents and an eastern portion of 10.

Map Option 2 keeps all of the districts served by HALO together.
https://anchoragehalo.org/

Map - https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/21ca44fb-dded-4339-aba2-01cda3eaf790/downloads/1cbb2h8fm 62812.pdf?ver=1649190153804&fbclid=IwAR34owxhGZFs SJu1KNqDc9Hz3bsorGrscls5WVTrsqjTQ1rHKW7cvjMXow

Hillside Wastewater Management Plan 1982
https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Documents/HWMP-CompleteDocument 1982.pdf

Hillside District Plan ALTERNATIVES: A Framework for Public Discussion 2008

https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Hillside%20District%20Plan/Framework Plan Final.pdf#:~:text=The%20Hillside%20District%20Plan%2C%20which%20was%20called%20for,will%20also%20replace%20the%20Hillside%20Wastewater%20Management%20Plan.

Hillside District Plan 2010

https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Pages/HillsideDistrictPlan2010.aspx

House Districts 17 & 23 â€" Downtown, Government Hill, JBER, NE Muldoon

House District 23 is made up of 4 distinct areas with low populations. Government Hill (pop ~1350), North Downtown (pop ~2200), JBER (pop ~11,500), and Northeast Anchorage (pop ~1800). The residential areas of JBER are within this district, Government Hill is a distinct neighborhood within this district, North Downtown is contiguous with Downtown, and NE Anchorage is a spillover from the Muldoon Senate district since the area's population is too large for one Senate district. House District 17 & 23 is the most logical pairing option for continuity and keeps downtown Anchorage together.

Anchorage Downtown Comprehensive Plan
https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Pages/CBD CompPlan Final07.aspx

Anchorage Downtown Partnership
https://anchoragedowntown.org/about/

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Government Hill Neighborhood Plan
https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Pages/GovernmentHillNeighborhoodPlan-2013.aspx

JBER https://www.jber.jb.mil/Portals/144/JBERHOME/AICUZ/PDF/JBER-AICUZ-Study.pdf

East Anchorage District Plan
https://www.muni.org/Departments/OCPD/Planning/Publications/Documents/East%20Anchorage%20District%20Plan-2014.pdf

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Date: April 8, 2022, 12:39 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Robbins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Unconstitutional Gerrymandering**

Public Comment: **The Board's pairing in Senate District K was ruled an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander by both the Superior Court and the Alaska Supreme Court. I'm really struck by the complete lack of remorse on the part of the Republican mapmakers for willfully proposing an illegal map, with the intent to leverage the Republican majority in Eagle River into an additional Senate seat. The lack of remorse is shown by the new proposal 3B, which repeats the error already ruled unconstitutional by the courts. The attitude of the Republican mapmakers then, and still, is to do whatever you can get away with. The remand to the Board was not a license to pursue new ways of unconstitutional gerrymandering. The remand is to fix the previous error. Option 3B is clearly the same kind of gerrymandering that was already rejected by the courts under the Equal Protection Clause of the Alaska Constitution.**

The Board has a reasonable alternative in the pairings represented by option #2.

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Date: April 8, 2022, 12:39 pm

First Name: **Rosa**

Last Name: **Meehan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **voter**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **redistricting choices**

Public Comment: **I reside in South Anchorage and I support Option 2 as that best represents voter interests in my district. I do not see any logic in splitting the two Eagle River districts as proposed in Option 3b. So I strongly support Option 2.**

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Date: April 8, 2022, 12:45 pm

First Name: **Sally**

Last Name: **Gates**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I OPPOSE redistricting option 3B**

Public Comment: **My name is Sally Gates. I am a resident of Girdwood. I am writing in OPPOSITION to the senate redistricting plan 3B which connects Eagle River with Girdwood and South Anchorage. This plan is nonsensical. I spend little to no time in Eagle River. I rarely spend any money there. I do however spend much time and money in South Anchorage and Girdwood.**

If a senator is required to serve a disconnected piece of Eagle River, it will dilute that person's ability to serve both Eagle River and South Anchorage/ Girdwood/ Whittier. Eagle River is impacted far more by what happens in East Anchorage than South Anchorage. Eagle River cares about the Glenn Highway more than the Seward Highway. And reasonably so, it impacts their lives far more. It serves no one to make one senator advocate against one part of their district in favor of another part.

It is clear the plan to plan to combine Eagle River with South Anchorage serves political motivations, but it doesn't serve the people of Eagle River or the people of South Anchorage/ Girdwood/ Whittier. This is not a complicated issue. Voting districts should serve constituents, not political parties (regardless of the party.) Voting districts should be practical geographically, make it easy for people to connect with those elected and serve the interests of the constituents in the district. Option 3B does NOT accomplish any of these goals.

I am writing in SUPPORT of redistricting OPTION 2. Option 2 makes sense.

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Date: April 9, 2022, 5:51 am

First Name: **Shannon**

Last Name: **Keegan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting of Girdwood**

Public Comment: **Please keep Girdwood in option 2 for redistricting purposes. This pairing has worked just fine. I strongly oppose being paired with Eagle River as proposed in option 3B. Girdwood is so small and so different than Eagle River. We will completely lose our voice. I vote in every election but if option 3B is chosen, my vote will never matter. Please go with option 2.**

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Date: April 9, 2022, 8:53 am

First Name: **Sheamus**

Last Name: **Lamb**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I live in the new district 19 in east Anchorage. We are more closely related to district 21 or 18 for Senate representation. We share local schools such as East High School, Wendler and Clark Middle Schools. We also are in the same district for Anchorage Assembly. Combining our neighborhood with a Spenard district 14 would make it harder for our neighborhood concerns to be addressed.**

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Date: April 9, 2022, 9:54 am

First Name: **Brittany**

Last Name: **Petry**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Keep Downtown together, Hillside together, and Eagle River together. The pairings that are the most logical are 20/21 and 17/23 and 22/24**

I oppose Option 3B (Reudrich / Marcumn plan) and support Option 2.

It is not partisan to keep communities together. It is partisan gerrymandering to crack them apart because you don't like the way they vote. I am an independent voter who doesn't want to see partisan gerrymandering in any direction hamstring our community in favor of some people's apolitical agendas and ideologies. I want to see commonsense and fairness prevail here.

Thanks for your time

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To Members of the Redistricting Board

My name is **Courtney O'Byrne King** and I am lifelong Alaska resident born in Fairbanks (College) and currently living in the Oceanview neighborhood in Anchorage. I have had the opportunity to reside in the following Alaska communities - College, Nome, Juneau, and Anchorage.

The redistricting plan process, to the extent the actual deliberative process has been available to the public for consideration, is so disturbing that it compels me to provide written comment for the first time in my life. In terms of the options currently before the Redistricting Board (the board), I vehemently oppose option 3B and support option 2.

As anyone who has lived in multiple communities throughout Alaska knows, the socioeconomic and cultural factors often differ wildly within the space of a few "road miles". The proposal (option 3B) to join an Eagle River district with South Anchorage, rationalized as being contiguous via hunting opportunities in the Ship Creek Valley and limited road service districts, is spurious and should not move forward.

In addition to the joining of an Eagle River district and South Anchorage in option 3B, the inclusion of downtown areas like Government Hill in an Eagle River District flies in the the face of logic. Eagle River is not contiguous, nor does it experience any commonality with downtown neighborhoods such as Government Hill. Eagle River districts should stay with Eagle River districts!

The ill-informed and clearly partisan proposal to pair Eagle River with South Anchorage appears to fly in the face of the recent judicial order regarding the board's unconstitutional gerrymandering and basic common sense.

It seems a lot of energy has been expended toward diluting the votes of diverse districts (e.g., South Anchorage & Government Hill). That energy would be more appropriately expended toward proffering a plan (e.g., option 2) that addresses both the letter and the spirit of the established Alaska redistricting process and the recent judicial order. This is the right thing to do for all Alaskans, not just Alaskans belonging to a particular political party.

The residents of Eagle River and South Anchorage do not regularly work, shop, or play together. While Eagle River residents may travel to work or shop in downtown or midtown Anchorage, South Anchorage residents do not travel to shop or work in Eagle River. Additionally, with the recently publicized sentiment of Eagle River residents' desires to separate from the Municipality of Anchorage, it is ludicrous to suggest those same residents represent highly diverse Anchorage communities. Eagle River districts should stay with Eagle River districts! (The NCAA rivalry between Duke and North Carolina comes to mind as an appropriate comparison.)

Please, let your actions demonstrate that the board is not a purely partisan entity and that it values the inherent differences among Alaskans and keep downtown together, Hillside together, and Eagle River together by supporting option 2.

Sincerely,
Courtney O'Byrne King 730 Bounty Drive Anchorage, AK 99515

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Dr. Chase Hensel and Dr. Phyllis Morrow
April 8, 2022

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524

RE: Board Plans to Split Eagle River for Senate Pairing Purposes

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The purpose of this letter is to provide further information about the Eagle River community of interest to aid in the work of the Board on remand. We will use the term Eagle River to mean Proclamation District ("PD") 22 and PD 24: Eagle River, Eagle River Valley and Chugiak, which together constitute the Eagle River community of interest. Currently, there are two plans before the board: Plan 2, which preserves the Eagle River and East Anchorage communities of interest, and Plan 3B, which splits the Eagle River community of interest and pairs PD 22 with PD 9. In light of the information discussed herein, it is our strong belief that the Eagle River community of interest, like the East Anchorage community of interest, can and should be preserved in a single, cohesive senate district in order to best comply with the narrow orders issued by both the Superior Court and Alaska Supreme Court. For these reasons, it is our belief that Plan 3B should be rejected.

As you will recall from the trial court proceedings, Dr. Hensel testified as an expert witness for East Anchorage Plaintiffs. Dr. Hensel has a B.A. from Cornell University, an MA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Anthropology, and a Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in Anthropology. Dr. Hensel has worked extensively on a variety of consulting projects throughout the state, including a previous redistricting case. Dr. Hensel worked on the constitutional challenge to the Alaska Official English Initiative. Dr. Hensel is a retired Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Dr. Morrow has also consulted on community-based projects throughout Alaska and in a variety of legal cases. Dr. Morrow has a B.A. from Harvard University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. She is Professor of Anthropology and Dean of Liberal Arts, Emerita, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

About Communities of Interest

The degree to which a community has shared interests that are relevant to their political representation is key to the redistricting process. To determine the existence, geographic extent, and strength of a community of interest we need to consider qualitative and quantitative data as indicators of commonality.

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Eagle River has all the characteristics of a clearly defined community of interest, not only in terms of its socioeconomic profile, with which the board is familiar, but in terms of its historical continuity and consistent representation as a distinct and separate entity. It is represented as such by both the members of the community and people outside of the community.

Sharing a community of interest is not just a matter of visibly similar demographic characteristics or voting patterns. More fundamentally, it is about shared needs for representation with respect to issues rooted in the experience of living in a specific location. In other words, members of a community of interest approach the political process with common experiences and needs. History, culture, geography and the accumulation of personal choices – all the opportunities and constraints that people live with – make places and their needs unique. This is why the notion of communities of interest is relevant to the political process.

Because a large data set informs the question of whether and to what degree a population constitutes a community of interest, it can be a judgment call as to where the boundaries of a community of interest lie. In the Eagle River case, however, there is no question: all the signposts point in the same direction.

The Eagle River Community of Interest

PD 22 (Eagle River Valley) and PD 24 (Eagle River/Chugiak) comprise a single community of interest.

Eagle River and Chugiak share a boundary that is largely along rugged geography, thus limiting points of access. To get from one to the other, however, the Glenn Highway provides an easy and direct route. With no competing routes or other main roads leading elsewhere, the highway links these two places more than the geography separates them. While the same highway also connects to Anchorage, the distance is approximately three times as far.

Where people have local infrastructure to allow them to pursue most of their routine activities, their primary sphere is generally close to where they live. The connections among people become denser and more continuous within such areas, reinforcing their orientation toward the local area. Residents of Eagle River may need to come to the Anchorage urban area to work or to obtain services unavailable near home, but they orient to their immediate community through schools, worship, recreation and shopping for sundries and groceries.

Though there is good road connection between urban Anchorage and Eagle River, residents of urban Anchorage, with its dense and diverse infrastructure, do not routinely travel there. Residents of urban Anchorage have the densely connected city as their sphere of activity, with access to resources within their own and surrounding sectors. The

one-way flow is significant: between well-connected populations, a reciprocal flow is to be expected.

In practice, Eagle River is treated as a separate community. When the Covid-19 epidemic led to travel restrictions between communities in the spring of 2020, the State of Alaska understood Eagle River to be a separate community within which most "critical personal needs" could be met, "common sense" dictating that discrete place names and local perceptions of "geographic separation" define a community.[1] Covid-19 Health Mandate 11 was structured in the form of FAQs. Concerning travel during lockdown, the answer to "How is 'community' defined?" was this:

> The prohibition on travel between communities is designed so that people must use the closest available services to fulfill critical personal needs. Common sense applies – normal usage of location names and understanding of geographic separation applies when asking about community boundaries. For instance, Eagle River, Palmer, Wasilla, and Anchorage are all separate communities. You may only travel to another community for critical personal needs if you cannot meet those needs in your community.

Even if one had to go to Anchorage for some essential purpose, the mandate instructed, e.g., filling the gas tank and getting food locally before leaving one's community. For epidemiological purposes, Eagle River was considered a closed community. This was, in other words, a situation in which, excepting critical needs, residents of Eagle River and Muldoon had no access to each other's areas.

As another example, although Eagle River schools are part of the Anchorage School District, the bus service has a different transportation provider, Reliant Transportation – Chugiak/Eagle River.[2]

In a variety of contexts, Eagle River residents represent themselves as a highly distinct community that is focused on place-based issues within the area they consider theirs:

The public Facebook page "Chugiak - Eagle River Area News and Info" has 2,400 members. A sense of community, sharing of information and a reference to the U.S. Constitution are all expressed in the group's dedication to: "All things Chugiak - Eagle River area. This local news and information Facebook group is 'for' the local community

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1 https://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2020/FAQs 03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-011-012.pdf.

2 https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5421.

and 'by' the local community including those with local information to share that may be of interest to those in the community."[3]

The area has a newspaper, the Alaska Star.[4] Its description as a "weekly community newspaper that has served Chugiak-Eagle River for more than 35 years" expresses longstanding identity as a distinct place. The newspaper's Instagram site identifies the area served as "Chugiak, Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna and Thunderbird Falls" recognizing the interconnections of subscribers/readers/residents in these named places. People orient to each other within this local area.[5]

The Chugiak-Eagle River Professionals Group refers multiple times to the distinctiveness of the community and its common interests.[6] The opening statement "About Us" is that "The Chugiak-Eagle River Community is unique!" The group's goal is that "Individuals who live, work, raise families, and play in our community will have a forum to meet others of like-minded interests, educate themselves both professionally and personally, stay up-to-date with local events & opportunities for coordinated volunteer/service projects, become familiar with our community's unique past and assist in making their own positive footprint in the future."

Local festivals are also an expression of place-based identities. The 2021 Official Guide to the Bear Paw Festival frames the event in terms of "coming together as a community to celebrate our successes, acknowledge the work we still have to do, and to enjoy a week in July that makes the Chugiak-Eagle River area the best place to call home." This characterization explicitly ties local needs for action with a sense of shared community in a shared place.[7] Self-described as "the largest and longest running community event in Chugiak-Eagle River," the festival features distinctively local events including "Slippery Salmon Olympics" and the "Chopped Salmon Throwdown."[8]

The Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board, "constituted in order to review and make recommendations on actions regarding potential changes in land use issues that impact multiple Community Council areas in the Chugiak Eagle River area," is another indication that the residents of the area share a set of distinctly place-based concerns.[9]

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3 https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 407722959839121.

4 https://www.alaskastar.com/.

5 https://www.instagram.com › starnewspaper.

6 https://www.cer.org/ government-structures-and-local-public-servic.

7 https://issuu.com/61degrees/docs/2021 eagle river official bear paw guide.

8 https://www.facebook.com/BearPawFestival/.

9 https://www.cer.org/government-structures-and-local-public-servic.

The language of EaglExit also appeals to shared history and to the sense of an enduring and distinct community that shares common needs in place:[10]

> *The Village of Eklutna was the beginning of local governance in our area. The homesteaders that came later also showed a strong desire for our own city separate from Anchorage. A Chugiak-Eagle River Borough existed for two years in the early 70s. Now our journey continues with a strong desire to form an independent local government built on the vision of its people. The new government and school district would be built from the bottom up, focusing on the very basic needs of our local residents.*

That EaglExit's goals echo multiple efforts over the decades, since the 1970s, to detach the area from Anchorage and form a separate governmental entity indicates an ongoing local dialogue around topics of autonomy and interdependence.[11]

From these sources, it is evident that Eagle River residents take as a given their historical continuity as a separate community. A strong community of interest tends to be a self-reinforcing entity: people are drawn there because of its character and they stay there because that character suits them.

In the extensive testimony on redistricting, adjectives people used to describe their areas were consistent with those that appeared in the non-political contexts cited above. Notably, people who identified as living in Eagle River recurrently used descriptors that suggested self-containment or self-sufficiency, like "separate," "stand alone," "separate on its own," "an independent community" and "unique."

Conclusions

Eagle River forms an obvious and clearly defined community of interest. It is our opinion that dividing a community of interest creates both dilution and friction in the political process.

Division of the Eagle River community of interest would dilute its voting power by splitting it between two districts. This harms the community thus divided. Residents would lose the ability to have their collective interests efficiently and effectively represented.

An undivided community of interest gets a senator's undivided attention. As an example, if a plurality of Eagle River community of interest residents wanted to form a separate borough, they would rely on concerted support from their state senator.

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10 https://eaglexit.com/about/.

11 https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2019/04/18/chugiak-eagle-river-residents-renew-effort-to-separate-from-anchorage/.

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Divided, a community of interest must compete for the attention of two Senators, each responsible for a broader, less cohesive district's concerns. Because Eagle River's interests are so collectively defined, any population outside of that community of interest with which half of Eagle River might be paired would also find itself competing for attention. This creates more friction among voters.

It is not that constituents in a single community of interest have the same opinions; it is that they share concerns about what is important to the people of their community, even when they have different approaches to dealing with those concerns. In a pairing of differing communities of interest, there is tension in the priorities as well as the possible approaches for addressing them.

It would be harmful to intentionally create districts that have a distinct fault line, with Eagle River constituents continuing to orient towards the collective needs of the Eagle River community of interest. Pairing Eagle River with any other house district risks dividing other communities of interest.

Pairing options are not always this clear cut, but when they are, the path of action is obvious. To divide Eagle River and pair the pieces with even more distant and disparate house districts would be to entirely disregard community of interest requirements.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chase Hensel

Dr. Phyllis Morrow

Pairing options are not always this clear cut, but when they are, the path of action is obvious. To divide Eagle River and pair the pieces with even more distant and disparate house districts would be to entirely disregard community of interest requirements.

Sincerely,

4-8-22

Dr. Chase Hensel

4-8-22

Dr. Phyllis Morrow

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Constant, Christopher <[redacted]>

Fri 4/8/2022 7:23 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Attached is a draft resolution authored by Assembly Leadership as testimony for inclusion in the record of your proceedings.

We are scheduled to deliberate and adopt this resolution supporting map #2 on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at our next regular meeting. A final version will be presented to the board shortly thereafter.

Upon adoption, it will be the formal policy of the Municipality of Anchorage.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Constant, Vice Chair

Anchorage Assembly

DRAFT

Submitted by: Assembly Chair LaFrance, Assembly Vice Chair Constant
Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: April 12, 2022

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING ANCHORAGE SENATE DISTRICTS REVISION OPTION #2 BEFORE THE ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD THAT PAIRS HOUSE DISTRICT 17 WITH 23, AND HOUSE DISTRICT 22 WITH 24.

WHEREAS, Alaska State Redistricting happens once a decade, concluding with the Alaska Redistricting Board (ARB) adopting a Final Proclamation of Redistricting (Proclamation) affecting communities for a decade; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Proclamation on November 10, 2021, triggered a Charter provision requiring the Anchorage Assembly to determine whether it was malapportioned and also triggered a Charter amendment passed by voters in 2020 directing the Assembly to add a 12th member. On November 23, 2021, with the passage of AR 2021-382 the Assembly declared itself malapportioned and began the reapportionment process; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly conducted extensive public outreach and recorded substantial public testimony between November 23, 2021 and March 23, 2022, concluding when Anchorage Ordinance AO 2022-37 (S-1), As Amended, was approved containing the new apportionment map; and

WHEREAS, in a legal challenge to the 2021 Redistricting Proclamation the Alaska Superior Court in Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI found that the Alaska Redistricting Board's pairing of House Districts 21 and 22 into Senate District K is unconstitutional and that this pairing must be changed on remand to the ARB; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Supreme Court on March 25, 2022 affirmed the superior court's determination that "the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution" and the remand to the ARB to correct it; and

WHEREAS, on remand, the Alaska Redistricting Board adopted proposed revisions to the 2021 Proclamation Plan Anchorage Senate District K (https://www.akredistrict.org/2022-proposed-revisions/), and as of April 8, 2022, Options 2 and Option 3B remain for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Proposed Option 3B joins south Eagle River with South Anchorage, Girdwood, Turnagain Arm including Portage, and even beyond the borders of the Municipality into Whittier in the Chugach Census Block; and

WHEREAS, during the recent Municipality of Anchorage Reapportionment process,

residents from Eagle River, South Anchorage and Girdwood spoke out overwhelmingly against proposals that would combine these communities with scores of comments opposing the combination; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board should not contemplate a pairing of House districts like presented in Option 3B, that combine geographically and demographically distinct areas and simply shifts the constitutional infirmity into other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Reapportionment Committee heard from five community councils and scores of individuals regarding their opposition to grouping Eagle River and South Anchorage on the basis that these are distinctly different regions with few shared communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts Option 2 combines House District 23 which is the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area with House District 17 covering the downtown area; and House District 22, the south Eagle River area, with House District 24, the north Eagle River area; and

WHEREAS, Option 2 more closely joins neighboring communities off common interest that interact through direct road access to shop, work, and play in their respective areas, in clear compliance with the Superior Court's Constitutional directives to respect natural boundaries where possible in describing boundaries (e.g. drainages and mountain ranges), and the testimony from communities of interest, while maintaining contiguity and compactness in drawing such district lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Anchorage Municipal Assembly supports the Alaska Redistricting Board's Proposed Anchorage Senate Districts Option 2 which pairs House Districts 17 and 23 to form one Senate district, and House Districts 22 and 24 to form another Senate district.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Chair _____

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:01 am

First Name: **Tyler**

Last Name: **Watson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Option 2**

Public Comment: **Hello, I'm submitting additional testimony since Option 1 was withdrawn. I urge the board to vote in favor of Option 2. As a resident of the south Muldoon area, I was pleased to see the court's decision striking down the pairing with Eagle River. Option 3 feels like the same attempt proposed by some to "increase" the influence of Eagle River. The most straightforward, simple, and common sense approach is to keep Eagle River unified in it's own senate seat, along with keeping Downton, and the south Anchorage/Hillside area unified respectively. Pairing Eagle River with the sprawling Upper Hillside to Portage district will not serve either community well in terms of representation in addition to making the work of the future senator harder. Please move quickly to support Option 2 so we as can move on to the election and know who are candidates will be. It's already an extremely busy year for elections and changes to our system, don't make this harder for voters.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:16 am

First Name: **Louis**

Last Name: **Theiss**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **As a 45 year resident and home owner in Girdwood, I remember when Mike Hawker's House district included South Eagle River, South Anchorage and Girdwood. Even though Mike Hawker was an open minded, fair, interested in serving and good representative, Girdwood still and little in common with Eagle River**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:31 am

First Name: **Louis**

Last Name: **Theiss**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Continued from earlier comment sent incomplete:**

Girdwood doesn't have much in common with Eagle River except that both are outliers.

Girdwood has been MOA's fastest growing economic district for the last few yrs and it is accelerating. Our closest neighbors - South Anchorage - is a much better match. It's where our High School is, where our contractors come from and where we shop. South Anchorage is willing to share representation.

On the other hand Eagle River has voted down every single Girdwood bond proposition going back over 20 yrs....even though they didn't have to pay for it!! Whereas Girdwood usually supports all bond props because it realizes that infrastructure is necessary for a civil society.

Girdwood will have better representation if aligned with South Anchorage

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:15 pm

First Name: **Leon**

Last Name: **Jaimes**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support map Option 2**

Public Comment: **Hello,**

I heard testimony yesterday from an in-person testifier that technology makes travel a non-issue with contiguity. I would contest that opinion strongly. These hearings have been fraught with technology issues, as is evidenced by the beginning of today's meeting. I also keep hearing that people say that 3B makes sense because everyone at JBER lives in Eagle River. Eagle River is a population of about 35,000 and JBER staffs about 32,000. Only 36% of Eagle River are classified as "Governmental" workers, so I would point out that that argument that many, or even most, of JBER staff live in Eagle River is false. The option 2 map is constitutional, and option 3b is not.

Thank you for your work on the board, and for serving honestly and with integrity, following our constitution.

Leon Jaimes

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:47 pm

First Name: **Ryan**

Last Name: **Peterson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting plans**

Public Comment: **I support option 2**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:52 pm

First Name: **Eric**

Last Name: **Steinfort**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Girdwood Resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I Oppose option 3B and support option 2**

Public Comment: **Option 3B would put Eagle River in the same voting district as Girdwood among others. This is an obvious intent to dilute Girdwood voters into Eagle River's obvious difference in political affiliation. I support option 2 that will allow the proper democratic process to flow.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:04 pm

First Name: **Donna**

Last Name: **Reisinger**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **No changes should be made and no districts should be redrawn. We don't have enough equitable representation as it is.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:22 pm

First Name: **Douglas**

Last Name: **Stern**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **As a Girdwood resident and constituent of proposed Senate District K, I would like to express strong opposition to Proposed Pairing: Option 3B, combining House Districts 9 and 22, and support for Option 2, joining Districts 9 and 10.**

Disricts 9 and 22, supposedly "contiguous", share a border only in the rugged Chugach Mountain wilderness. They are not contiguous in any practical sense. In order to drive from Girdwood to Eagle River one must drive many miles and traverse seven legislative districts (10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, and 23).

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:27 pm

First Name: **Lou Ann**

Last Name: **Poage**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support option 2 and I oppose option 3.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:34 pm

First Name: **Briana**

Last Name: **Sullivan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self (also Girdwood Board of Supervisors member)**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Option 2, Oppose 3b**

Public Comment: **Good Afternoon to the Alaska Redistricting Board**

My name is Briana Sullivan. I am a lifelong Alaskan and currently a Girdwood resident, who also sits in an elected seat on our Girdwood Board of Supervisors. Maybe trivial, but I spent my formative years living in close proximity to District 22 and now call District 9 Home.

Thank you for all of your work and time, and for holding additional meetings online, phone, and in person, in order to listen to thoughtful Public Testimony, to allow more weigh in, from Alaskans who care about the present - and future of their communities, small and large, and ostensibly the process of governance in across our great State. There have been numerous valid points brought forward to the Board. The task for you right now is to fix a problem, identified by the Superior and Supreme Court; to correct the Senate redistricting to be constitutional and not gerrymandered.

I know a lot of Girdwood residents, of all ages. Most of my peers are starting families or caring for theirs - they are busy working and enjoying their days. I am too, but unlike most of them, I paid attention to the Reapportionment by the Anchorage Assembly, because of my involvement in community and the significance of the potential changes for the coming decade. For the same reasons cited in reference to local government and acknowledging compact areas of town found during this thor ough process, the Senate Redistricting could also reasonably follow identified/voting, contiguous areas of the municipality.

Regarding the Senate Redistricting:

From the few written testimonials I read from various dates, and oral public testimonials I have heard over the last week, it seems apparent countless individuals have urged you to quickly make this next crucial decision, to not waste time, to not pair Eagle River with Girdwood, and to take the Alaska Supreme Court ruling into utmost consideration, when making these decisions. For example,

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The Supreme Court ruled that Eagle River should not be split, as this would unfairly give them more representation. Solving this issue would be prudent. Pairing districts 24 and 23 does what the Court already cautioned against. I urge you to revert to the pairing of 22 and 24.

Where the court urged against breaking districts and therefore their representation, please advise.

In public process, with the ideals of living fairly, equitably, and to allow for change and growth, enabling communities to operate to their best capacity through proper functioning and addressing the needs of society, begins with our roots, our neighbors, and then our communities and representatives. These public offices are held by residents of the areas in which they live, who understand the nuances of their towns and cities and thus have a vested interest in serving their constituents. Citizens have the opportunity to support and vote for their representatives, so it makes sense that these individuals be within reach, to be in contact - and physically be in places of need, to support, to represent.

Contiguous districts make sense and as such, do not substantially disrupt, break up, or divide communities. I acknowledge the uniqueness of communities and neighborhoods within the expansive Municipality of Anchorage. Because they are all connected by roads and bridg es and similarities, it's possible to group them within the Constitutional definition. The commonalities they share, are the proximity, culture, and most often, the terrain.

People feel tied to their communities, and identify with them, whether it's tangible or a line on a map.

The idea of connecting extremely distant districts, 9 and 22, where thick forest, rivers, drainages, and mountains stand firmly in between - causes confusion and seems far-fetched, when there is an alternative, practical option, in the way that the MOA is developed.

Moreover, having a representative of Girdwood, or Whittier, living in Eagle River, or a representative of Eagle River, living in Girdwood or along Turnagain Arm makes a very challenging and undesirable job for a representative. I'd like representatives to run for office that want to work for their constituents. Constituents need a voice and fair representation.

The communities of South Anchorage, Girdwood, (and farther South) and Eagle River exhibit distinctive and obvious differences already explained, and have a very long and unnecessary drive by car, with plenty of construction lately, connecting them. Also noted, 9 and 22 have 6-8 densely populated Senate Districts squished between. Based on public testimony, most comments from Eagle River do not want to be paired with South Anchorage and Girdwood and vice versa. We are humans with

habits and we are bound to roadways and plying the City of Anchorage for transportation, business, and commerce. Anchorage not only connects us, but the largest population in South Central Alaska, separates us. We are not wildlife that roam among or above the Chugach Mountains.

Regarding testimony on the size of the districts when looking at the horizontal map, some missing information is the topography. Hillside and South Anchorage have more in common with the Turnagain Arm and Girdwood Community than the majority of suburban Eagle River.

Last fall, Girdwood and the communities south of us - on the Kenai Peninsula - experienced a record Atmospheric River Event during our shoulder season, where our dominantly dirt roads and drainages and myriad culverts were overflowing and flooded, breaking records, making a massive mess, and making history. Our representatives had a challenging time speaking for us, in our state of emergency and disaster, as we were also cut off from the only access [road] to our Water Treatment Facility, our Transfer Station, and our Industrial Yard, where local operators store their heavy equipment. This heavy equipment was desperately needed to provide critical aid during and after this disaster. Girdwood is still repairing damage from the October 31st- November 2nd storm, and we haven't forgotten how close, and distant our representatives are physically, and virtually.

To the point of driving to speak with our Senators: For practical reasons, close to no one drives to their Senator unless they live in Juneau. The Senators mainly work and operate out of Juneau, the city without roads to the rest of the great state of Alaska. Our Senators have been working hard and are very available to us, all via the telephone and internet during this digital age. Most Alaskans can call and email our US Senators when reaching out. Technology today saves time, energy, and connects us.

I urge Board Member Simpson to strongly consider the Constitution as read, to listen to the outpouring of public and Representative support for Option 2, and to the countless people who are providing public testimony on this important issue. Furthermore, I encourage all Board Members to oppose Option 3B, which is unconstitutional, and support Option 2. Keep East Anchorage Districts together as they request, and Eagle River Districts together, as they request. Honor ethical and honest representation. The latter would obviously maintain most satisfaction and be tter functioning, already established of a healthy society. Do not further confuse anyone with more maps and please do not delay this process.

Thank you so much for your efforts and time in this matter.

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Penny Goodstein [redacted]

Sat 4/9/2022 1:44 PM

I am writing about the redistricting decisions. I am appalled that once again, Eagle River has one plan to split it.

It seems that this is political to increase representation for Eagle River at the expense of other areas.

Eagle River is a unit. Muldoon is a unit. The Hillside is a unit. Please keep Downtown together, Hillside together, and Eagle River together. Do not separate these units.

JBEAR is no more similar to Eagle River than to downtown. Many at JBEAR are not Alaskan residents; they retain their home residency and vote there. Other JBEAR military live throughout our communities and these, if they become Alaskan residents, are represented by their home district elected officials. Putting JBEAR with an Eagle River district makes as much sense and with downtown.

Penny Goodstein

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Date: April 9, 2022, 1:52 pm

First Name: **Marguerite**

Last Name: **Leeds**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage senate district option 2**

Public Comment: **Good afternoon,**

I'm writing in support of option 2, and against option 3b. As a long time resident of Girdwood, option 2 pairs me with South Anchorage/Hillside, people who have similar experiences and concerns, allowing those issues to be represented fairly. Option 3b pairs me in Girdwood with people who have very different concerns, who are demographically very different than I and live a very different experience. For one example, Eagle River has well developed infrastructure whereas Girdwood has underdeveloped critical infrastructure. Because Eagle River so outnumbers Girdwood, option 3b leaves me unrepresented.

Considering other neighborhoods, option 2 also gives representation to East Anchorage and maintains representation of Eagle River.

Option 3b violates the Alaska Supreme Court ruling, that Eagle River should not be split, as this represented partisan gerrymandering. This map would give no representation of my concerns at all and this may damage my town of Girdwood.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Leeds,

Girdwood resident

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Date: April 9, 2022, 2:01 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Van der Slice**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Option 2**

Public Comment: **I support the redistricting Option 2 map. The other 3b map is an attempt to gerrymander districts for political gain and would disenfranchise voters and is absolutely dispicable. Please support the Option 2 pairing of districts.**

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Date: April 9, 2022, 2:14 pm

First Name: **Kimberly**

Last Name: **Hunt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Hi- I commented before, and I was a little anxious. I support staying closest to the court's decisions as far as not combining districts and as far as keeping east Anchorage, Eagle River, and Hillside areas as their own communities. Combining the south Anchorage Hillside area and Eagle River as districts does not conform with the districting principles of geographical integrity. I also called on April 8th to clarify that I have had connections to Alaska since the pre-pipeline days; a member of the commission asked me what it was about the communities in pre-pipeline days I wanted to preserve. I'd like to maintain districts as close to the ones stipulated by the court; the ones without combining districts 9 and 22 in order to keep intact the "these are my neighbors" and "we have dinner with eachother's families" sense of community, along with the sense of "we're in this together," down-to-earth people who built and staffed award-winning libraries, designed cities with wonderful amounts of green space and public spaces, developed a highly politically active citizenry, and fostered a community that served its' citizens rather than one where neighborhoods are chopped up and neighbors can't work together for the needs of their particular areas. I'd like for the Anchorage area to be a community where neighbors take walks and have each other over for dinner, where libraries are not only award-winning, but they serve the community in meaningful, culturally respectful, and rele vant ways, and where we can focus on issues and human comfort instead of privatizing the care of people without their own homes. When people lose their voices because their neighborhoods are split up and they don't have someone who truly represents them, it's possible to put profits before people. My impression of Alaska was that we're just not like that up here so I support not combining districts and following the court ruling as closely as possible. I challenge you to look your fellow citizens in the eye and say hello and please and thank you. According to Chade Meng Tan, that's where world peace starts. Thank you for reading.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:16 pm

First Name: **Cindy**

Last Name: **Spanyers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **none**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99821**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Pairings**

Public Comment: **The most judicious way to accomplish the senate pairings and abide by the court decision is to keep downtown Anchorage together and keep Eagle River together. Option Two appears the best way to accomplish that. I oppose Option Three. Thank you.**

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 3:58 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Bortnick**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **option 2**

Public Comment: **Please support option 2, the best option for Anchorage**

I strongly oppose option 3

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WEBSITE RESPONSE

Yarrow Silvers [redacted]
Sat 4/9/2022 4:08 PM
Yarrow Silvers
99504
I would like to respond to various comments and characterizations that I've heard over the past week.

First I want to discuss this idea that I've heard that map two is partisan. I introduced this map, which was arrived at by the East Anchorage plaintiffs with the benefit of legal council who advised us that the approach of pairing Muldoon, pairing Eagle River, and then pairing the districts that were left unpaired was the method that would most closely follow the remand order from the court, which had ruled that the splitting of Eagle River in order to increase their representation, at the expense of muffling the voices of East Anchorage residents, was a partisan gerrymander violating equal protection.

No partisan data nor incumbent information was accessed, nor do I care to access it. Other than my own representatives in 21, I have no idea where any incumbent lives, nor what districts they represent for the vast majority of them. It is, however, a known fact that both independent makers of map 3B, Ms Marcum and Mr. Ruedrich, have looked at political and incumbent information during the mapping process.

By contrast, the pairings for map 2 were based solely on logic, reason, pairing like communities and the constitutional as well as remand requirements. In fact, I bucked the trend of a majority of testimony which favored map 1 to introduce map 2, which the ADN has quoted Cathy Geissel - who appointed John Binkley to the redistricting board by the way - as stating was "a very elegant solution", and one that she prefers.

I believe that the majority of support & testimony backs up the non-partisan and inherently fair nature of this map which indeed has broad bipartisan support. I've heard well reasoned and passionate testimony detailing in clear terms why map 3B is irrational from HALO, Girdwood board of supervisors, RCCC, Sean Murphy of EagleExit, Lloyd Thurman, Randy Phillips and many others, all of whom are obviously not partisan left-wing organizations or individuals.

In contrast, the majority of the testimony favoring map 3 is based on partisan considerations - number of Republican senate seats, specific incumbents, do it because you can, or one liners based on no reasoning at all.

Despite the quick time frame of this part of this process, we have the benefit of mounds of testimony against this same pairing in the municipal process. And yet, Mr. Binkley has indicated that all this testimony (from the municipal process) should be discounted because the numbers and the considerations are different and I ask, what numbers, what considerations, are different other than the clearly partisan ones? The false contiguity, distance, broken communities and lack of commonality are all the same.

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The one thing that is different is that lowest deviations were sacrificed in order to use meaningful contiguity in the municipal districts - which resulted in a municipal map with deviations of 5% and where Eagle River was underpopulated by several thousand people.

While it was originally believed by the mapmakers that South Anchorage and Eagle River had socio economic connections, South Anchorage and Eagle River residents were quick to correct this impression and the municipality listened. I also want to point out that this same compromise of deviations will not be required here. In municipal maps, population was being added to Eagle River to equalize population. In this process, Eagle River is being split despite having enough population for one senate seat.

I believe strongly in an inherently honest, ethical and fair process that hues closely to the constitution and I believe that most people want effective, local representation that reflects their unique communities regardless of their political affiliation, and map 2 reflects that. If this board instead chooses a map that does not provide these things, and that must use second rate or false contiguity for pairings, then the burden of proof falls on them to show why a more rational and constitutional map is not possible.

Now let's have a quick review of the justifications I've heard for the unconstitutional map 3B. Some are, quite frankly, beyond ridiculous. I heard yesterday that District 23 was actually not Eagle River. Well, pulling up the map I can clearly see that yes, district 23 does indeed include the northern part of Eagle River, including parts of its business district. Come on now, let's be honest please. Eagle River is literally cleaved in half and the only justification for that is an attempt at a false narrative? This is ridiculous.

I've heard that SA and ER share the longest border. I would like to ask the board to now consider how long the populated area along that border is as compared to unpopulated area - which Bud Simpson referred to as basically a fiction in reference to another part of the map. That number is not one single inch of populated area, and Bud's sentiment holds true here as well.

Even if it is possible to pair 9 and 22 just because they touch, it is wholly irrational to pair them when there is a pairing available that has meaningful contiguity.

Some people have said in reference to JBER and Eagle River that like communities should be paired together, while obtusely ignoring that the like communities of Downtown, Eagle River and South Anchorage have to be split apart to accommodate this false vision of JBER. Let's not forget that JBER is integrated heavily into all of the municipality, including government hill and downtown. In fact, there is a Government Hill gate that is used by the majority of service members that utilize the Elmendorf half of the joint base.

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Let's also not forget that Service members who live off base are already represented in their community of residence, while those living on base are most strongly connected to the communities within Anchorage proper outside their respective gates, not far away North Eagle River.

This supposed justification falls flat in the face of reality.

Some say it's been done historically. That doesn't make it the right choice for today and in fact one of the legislators that represented one of these past districts has testified about the irrationality of pairing 9 and 22.

The rest of the justifications for map 3B I have heard are mostly based on partisan considerations, which I briefly mentioned earlier, but will not spent any time refuteing due to the simple fact that partisan considerations are not permitted in our Alaska State Constitution.

I just want to close with this. I feel relief that through the legal remedy, East Anchorage residents have received their voice back, however I feel deep regret that in repairing one wrong, some members of this board seem tempted to simply shift the burden of harm and silence to another community. I implore this board to stop wasting time and money fighting for maps that you know to be unconstitutional and to choose to do the right thing instead.

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Date: April 9, 2022, 5:04 pm

First Name: **Sarah**

Last Name: **Paulus**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Senate Districts â€" Option 3B**

Public Comment: **First thank you for taking the time to allow for public comment on this issue. Think combining Eagle River with Girdwood for Senate Districts poorly represents to these two very distinct communities. Girdwood and Eagle River have very different needs. Girdwood is a mountain/coastal ski resort town with an active hippy forest vibe. Eagle River and the community up Eagle River road, are hard working people most work in Anchorage, and commute in. Eagle River is known for conservative values, bedroom communities and Girdwood is known for liberal values and outdoor recreation year round. Politically, Economically, Geographically and Socially these two communities are vastly different and combining them on the Senate level does a disservice to both unique township. I am against this proposed option, and would prefer to see other combinations which do not combined these vastly different communities.**

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Andrew Gray [redacted]

Sat 4/9/2022 5:15 PM

Alaska Redistricting Board:

Thank you for allowing me to testify on Friday morning, April 8th, at 10 am. I promised to send my testimony along with my references (please see below). I would like to make two points first:

After my prepared remarks, Ms. Marcum questioned me for several minutes. During our exchange, I asked her: "What is the harm of pairing Eagle River with Eagle River?" (House District 22 with 24). She replied, "There is only one Eagle River." Presumably House District 22. However, after reviewing the maps, I see that actually House District 24 includes the Eagle River Carrs, the Eagle River Fred Meyers, the Eagle River Business Blvd, and an entire residential area of Eagle River between Old Glenn and New Glenn highways between the main ER exit and North ER exit. So I believe there are indeed two Eagle River house districts, not one.

Ms. Marcum stated in our exchange that she feared JBER would be "orphaned" with Downtown (in a 23-17 pairing), and "There certainly can be no greater differences than Downtown and JBER," according to Ms. Marcum. She went on to discuss the similarity in values between JBER and Eagle River (I believe the similarities are exaggerated, seeing as JBER is much more racially diverse and lower income than Eagle River). But my question is: what about Girdwood being "orphaned" with Eagle River (in a 22-9 pairing)? Girdwood and Eagle River are completely different vibes -- more different in my opinion than JBER and Downtown. Where is the concern about Girdwood being ignored?

Having said all that, I know you must abide by what the constitution says. And as far as that goes, it has been demonstrated over and over again that travelling between house districts 9 and 22 is long and inconvenient. I agree with Bud Simpson who called contiguity across uninhabited land "basically a fiction." 9 and 22 are not practicably contiguous, and thus should not be a valid senate pairing.

Please support Map Option 2: Pair 24 with 22; 23 with 17; and 9 with 10.

Thank you for your service to Alaska.

Respectfully,
Andrew T. Gray
resident, House District 19

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My name is Andrew Gray, and I speak for myself only; I do not represent my employers in any way. I live in new house district 19 in Anchorage. My family moved into our home there in 2019 just two weeks before I deployed with the Alaska Army National Guard for 10 months, so I have a relationship with the military and with JBER and that's the bulk of what I will be testifying about. While on that deployment, I was having lunch with some enlisted soldiers in the dining facility, and I asked one where he had grown up. He said the trailer park across from the Northway Mall here in Anchorage. I remarked that I had never met anyone who had grown up in a trailer park, and after a pause all 4 enlisted soldiers I was seated with explained that they too had spent at least part of their childhoods in trailer parks.

I tell this story to illustrate a fact about the US military. Many young people who sign up to serve in the military do so to escape the poverty of their childhoods. You see, I as someone unfamiliar with trailer park living, was the anomaly; those with firsthand knowledge of it were the majority. "Three hots and a cot" is a popular saying describing the promise of food and shelter which for many 18-year-olds would not be a given without the military's help. A 2018 demographic analysis by the Council on Foreign Relations showed that over 60 percent of enlistments came from neighborhoods with a median household income between $38,345 and $80,912. 19% of recruits came from households with an income of less than $38,000 a year.[i] The average annual household income in Eagle River is $126,943, while the median household income sits at $111,388 per year.[ii] This means more than 80% of military recruits come from households unlike those in Eagle River. And if lower enlisted choose to live off base, they inevitably end up in lower-cost housing in Mountain View, north Muldoon, or even in my neighborhood in midtown.

And yet members of this board are insisting on pairing Eagle River with JBER.

What military members can afford to live in Eagle River? Higher ranking officers. The Congressional Research Service reports that 63% of enlisted service members are white; 37% non-white;[iii] JBER is actually even more diverse with 60.7% of the voting age population identifying as white; and just under 40% identifying as non-white. However, 88% of senior military officers are white, and it is these higher ranking officers who can afford to live in Eagle River. I should point out that the voting age population in Chugiak Eagle River is over 75% white.[iv] In recent litigation that made its way to the Alaska Supreme Court this Redistricting Board was found guilty of an unconstitutional gerrymander for creating a Senate district pairing an Eagle River House District with an East Anchorage house district. You may remember that case from a few weeks ago. I would argue that a Senate District pairing Eagle River with JBER is just as egregiously unconstitutional if not more so. The poor minority voices of JBER will be overridden by the rich white residents of Eagle River.

And that is what the goal is here: to increase the Senate representation of Eagle River. As Board Member Bethany Marcum so eloquently stated on the record, on November 5, 2021: "This actually gives Eagle River the opportunity to have more representation."

Why? Why would anyone want Eagle River of all places to have "more representation?" Well, the Chugiak Eagle River area has been a conservative stronghold since prior to Alaska Statehood. In fact, the area is so conservative that they actually opposed statehood in the 1950s. So if there were a way to increase their representation, one could enshrine a conservative advantage in the makeup of the Alaska Senate for the next ten years.

Yesterday Chairman Binkley explained to a testifier that she couldn't compare Anchorage reapportionment of Assembly Districts with Alaska Redistricting, that these were two completely different processes. Although the processes may be different, the conservative objective is the same: increase Eagle River's representation. During Anchorage reapportionment, Eagle River was guaranteed from the start two assembly members. So in that case in order to increase representation, the tactic was to minimize the population represented by those two Eagle River Assembly members. This was achieved by fierce testimony against pairing Eagle River with any other part of Anchorage. The option most strongly considered was a pairing of Chugiak-Eagle River with Hillside in South Anchorage. I would like to quote some of that testimony from a Town Hall held on January 27, 2022. Eagle River Assembly Member and current unopposed candidate for state house Jamie Allard said: "It was brought up the fact that if we are connected to Hillside or we are connected to Girdwood, you would literally have to ride a Dall sheep in order to get to those areas, unless we drove approximately from our location almost an hour . . . to get to hillside and an hour and a half to get down to Girdwood. I would also point out that when folks are saying that we have things in common over there, look at who their elected officials are: Suzanne LaFrance and John Weddleton, wonderful people, but you have to still ask what do we have in common with those areas? we don't."

Although I personally disagree with Ms. Allard's assessment that the only means of direct transport between these two districts is the riding of Dall sheep, I want to thank her for explicitly stating that this is a political process. And although the method is different here in redistricting, the goal is not.

By avoiding pairing the two Eagle River house districts with each other -- which by any metric is how you would create the most compact, contiguous, socio-economically integrated Senate district -- the Redistricting Board is seeking to expand Eagle River's influence on the Alaska Senate. We know from numerous studies that voter participation increases with family income. In the 2016 presidential election, 48% of voters in the lowest income category voted, while almost double that, a whopping 86% of voters in the highest income category cast a ballot.[v] This trend holds true for Eagle River. Eagle River consistently participates in elections at a significantly higher rate than their lower income neighbors. So, if Eagle River gets two senators, you can bet it will be Eagle River electing those senators, not the JBER house district nor the South Anchorage House District. We will get Two Lora Reinbolds; not two Bill Wielechowskis.

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Please allow me to again quote Bethany Marcum: "This actually gives Eagle River the opportunity to have more representation." She is absolutely right, and that's why this plan is absolutely wrong. Giving Eagle River extra representation is unconstitutional and should not be allowed.

So why is this board continuing with this ill-intentioned plan? Because there are no adverse consequences to the board adopting another unconstitutional gerrymander. There is only upside: There's a chance that no lawsuit will be brought forth and therefore the gerrymander will stand for the next ten years. Alternatively, litigation could be pursued, but it will take time. Even on an expedited schedule, it would take several months after an appeal to the Alaska Supreme court before you are sent back here to rework the senate pairings, and by then the November election would be approaching and it might be too close to print new ballots.

No one on this board will be held personally liable for unconstitutional pairings, so what have you got to lose? Nothing. What have you got to gain? Continued Republican control of the Alaska Senate.

With that knowledge I know I make my plea in vain, but nevertheless, I ask all five of you to please oppose the senate pairings in map 3B; please support the senate pairings in map Option 2, which keeps like parts together: Eagle River with Eagle River; South Anchorage with South Anchorage; and JBER with Downtown.

Thank you for allowing me to testify, and thank you for your service to the state of Alaska

[i] https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/11/29/how-the-u-s-military-became-the-exception-to-americas-wage-stagnation-problem/

[ii] https://www.point2homes.com/US/Neighborhood/AK/Eagle-River-Demographics.html

[iii] https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/politics/2020/09/01/military-diversity-army-shows-few-black-officers-top-leadership/3377371001/

[iv] https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/AK/RHI125220

[v] https://econofact.org/voting-and-income

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Date: April 9, 2022, 7:41 pm

First Name: **William**

Last Name: **Devine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map Option 3**

Public Comment: **I am writing to give my support to Map Option 2.**

Map option 3 pairs communities that do not share enough in common, and would dilute the voter base to give greater representation to one political party.

Splitting Eagle River and pairing it with Girdwood/South Anchorage and Downtown Anchorage as well as pairing Taku/Campbell with South Anchorage does not make sense in a geographic or socioeconomic basis.

Map Option 2 pairs communities with similar demographics and socioeconomic status that are in geographic proximity to each other, providing fairer representation.

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Date: April 9, 2022, 7:44 pm

First Name: **Alex**

Last Name: **Lindeman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99743**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support option 2. I think option 3 opens itself to blatant charges of partisan gerrymandering, which will cost the state time and money to deal with in court. just use the best and least objectionable one**

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Date: April 9, 2022, 7:52 pm

First Name: **Ellen**

Last Name: **Devine**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3**

Public Comment: **I am wiring to give my support to Map 2.**

Map 2 pairs communities that are aligned across geographic, political, and economic lines.

Map 3 pairs communities that do not share enough in common and could lead to residents being disenfranchised as their votes could be diluted from other districts in their pairings.

Map 2 is a fair map and is best for Alaska.

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Date: April 9, 2022, 8:02 pm

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Scherwin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **The pairing of Districts 9 and 10 with Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I strongly oppose pairing Girdwood's current voting district with that of Eagle River. Instead, I support contiguous districts 9 and 10 remaining together as originally proposed, without the addition and inclusion of a geographical entity with which we have no connection except a hiking trail though Crow Pass. I myself know no one personally in Eagle River, nor have I been there for at least 40 years, yet I consider South Anchorage an extension of my personal and business life: previously for employment, and currently for goods, services, healthcare, entertainment, and social interactions. I can see no reason to combine our small community with that of a large population district 2 hours away by car, except for obvious political gerrymandering that would render Girdwood opinions and voting irrelevant! Please reinstate and maintain Option 2. Thank you.**

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Date: April 9, 2022, 8:38 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Beavers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99755**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting- select Option 2**

Public Comment: **Anchorage district groupings in option 2 make geographic sense and should move forward. Discard option 3B which tries to split up Anchorage neighborhoods and group them with far flung areas. Option 3B looks like gerrymandering**

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Denny Wells [redacted]

Sat 4/9/2022 7:46 PM

Attached is a written version of my spoken testimony today, with a small post-script.

Thank you,

Denny Wells

To the State of Alaska redistricting board:

My name is Denny Wells. I'm a lifelong Alaskan. Born in Anchorage, raised in Fairbanks, back living in Anchorage for more than 20 years. I live in Sand Lake, but have also lived in Spenard, Muldoon, and Downtown. I have rental properties in Muldoon and Sand Lake and I am a real estate photographer regularly shooting houses throughout the Municipality of Anchorage.

As the board approaches the end of this initial round of Senate pairing testimony, I would like to focus in on what the court directed, and the realities of the shared boundaries in the house districts.

In creating the house districts, you were constrained by the number 18,335. That was your target number of residents per district. In the urban core of Anchorage, that number was small enough that it necessitated many neighborhood-splitting districts. You did your best to make those neighborhood divisions rational and equitable.

Now, with the Senate pairings, you have the opportunity to pair some of those communities that you divided in the house districts.

In decades past, this chore has also been a challenge because the population of Municipality of Anchorage did not divide neatly into an even number of house seats. This year, you are lucky. With the small addition of Whittier, the Municipality of Anchorage divides neatly into 16 house seats. Further, the Chugiak/Eagle River area fit neatly into 2 house seats. This gives you the maximum possible opportunity to bring communities back together with your senate pairings. Future boards may not be so lucky and may again need to pair Chugiak or South Anchorage with some community outside the municipality, or Eagle River may grow so large they need 3 house seats and will necessarily be divided again in the Senate. But today you are lucky. With the 2020 census data, you have no need to divide Eagle River or South Anchorage nor the need to pair one of them with another community.

The superior court said "Senate District K pairs two districts that, while contiguous in the strict definition of the word, ignore communities of interest in Eagle River and Muldoon." The court further stated "The Court sees the Senate Districts ignore the Muldoon and Eagle River communities of interest with very little justification." The court specifically reviewed your arguments, laid them out in their findings – the arguments you are still making today, that there is a JBER connection to Eagle River and that the mountains make contiguity – and still found they were "very little justification" for splitting both Eagle River and Muldoon.

So, what can you do? What communities are split by your House Districts that you could put together in your Senate pairings?

Both of the plans on the table put Muldoon together again, so let's start with Downtown Anchorage. You split Downtown Anchorage along 4th Avenue. This is the traditional startline of the Iditarod and Fur Rondy. This is the home of my favorite camera shop. For several years I

lived right on the boundary of this district at 315 Barrow St. I definitely lived downtown.

This is 4th avenue, splitting House Districts 23 on the left from 17 on the right. The ends of the chain holding the Iditarod sign in the air should be in the same Senate district.

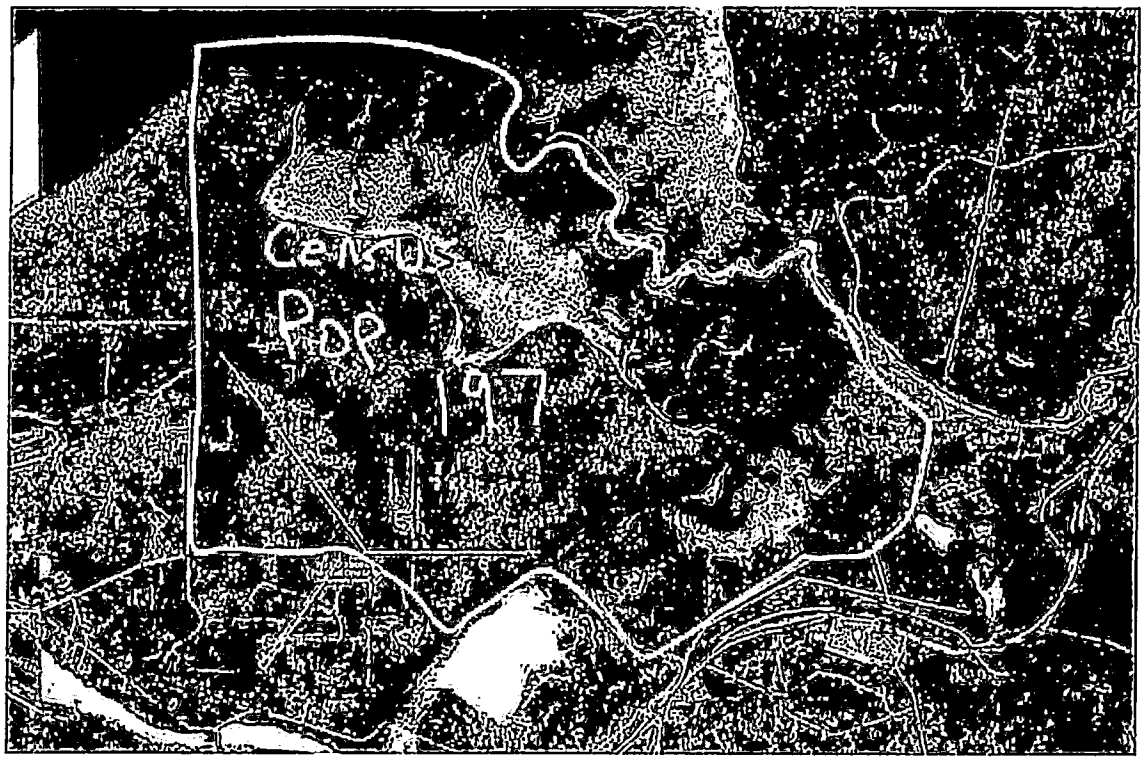
District 23 is comprised of 10,832 residents of JBER and 7191 residents of Anchorage. 2,389 of those Anchorage residents are in Muldoon, and the remainder in Downtown and Government Hill. If anyplace in Anchorage constitutes a community of interest, it is downtown – the heart of the city. You should pair Downtown with Downtown.

Next, let's consider Eagle River. You split Eagle River along the Glenn Highway, Old Glenn Highway, and Eagle River Road, but you also split along a residential street in the Eagle River Valley – War Admiral Road. I've shot the listing photos of houses on this road. It is a small neighborhood road where people definitely know their neighbors.

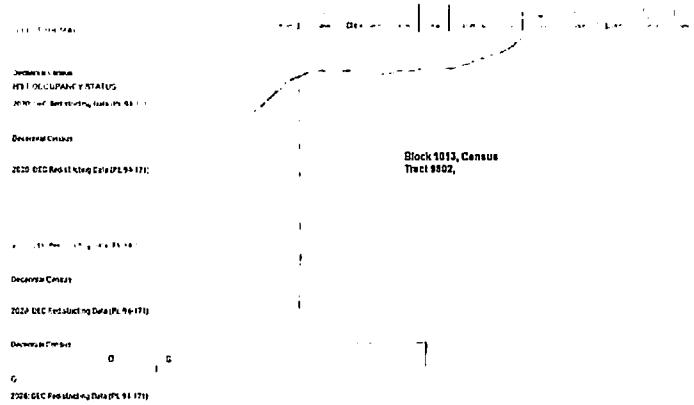
In this image, the houses on the left are in House District 24 and the houses on the right are in House District 22. The neighbors in this picture should be in the same Senate district.

In conversation with a community member at public testimony yesterday, Board Member Marcum stated "There's only one Eagle River House seat, the other seat is Chugiak, Peters Creek, and JBER." This is factually inaccurate. District 24 has 7,586 residents of the Eagle River and Eagle River Valley community councils, including the residents on the left side of this image. That's 33% of the total population of the Eagle River community councils. The Eagle River Carrs, Eagle River Fred Meyer, and the Eagle River Business Blvd are all in District 24. That is most definitely a second Eagle River seat.

The claim that District 24 is a district of JBER is true only in the most obscure academic sense. District 24 includes a small portion of JBER. But this portion of JBER has exactly 0 population, except in precisely one census block. That block appears to be noise from the census bureau's annonymization efforts. (For a discussion of the noise in the Census block level data, this is a pretty good article, and it links to the more academic discussion from the Census laying out the impacts of the data noise. https://fullstackeconomics.com/why-the-2020-census-has-9-fake-people-in-a-single-house/) That block has a stated population of 197 people, but no visible infrastructure in which those people might live. Further anomalies in the data for that block include that the population is 100% adult and 39% white (versus 74% Adult and 59% white for the rest of JBER). In my map drawing for Anchorage Assembly seats, I spotted several other anomalous census blocks like this in the Anchorage Bowl. The most obvious was a block that covered the Minnesota Dr/Hickel Pkwy between International Airport and Raspberry roads. It is not a census block that encompasses surrounding land, just the road itself. Yet it has a population of 19.



This image is a satellite view of Block 1013, Census Track 9802. When reviewing in the Census' own mapping tool at https://data.census.gov/cedsci/map?q=&y=2020&d=DEC%20Redistricting%20Data%20%28PL%2094-171%29&tid=DECENNIALPL2020.H1&mode=thematic&loc=61.3071,-149.7448,z12.2129&vintage=2020&cid=H1_001N you get the population of 197 when selecting the various race data sets, but when selecting the Occupancy data set, the value is 0, suggesting no residences, further reinforcing the fact that this block represents a data anomaly.



While State statute (Article 2, Section 15.10.200 (b)) precludes you from ADJUSTING the census numbers in your work, it does not preclude you from putting the census numbers in context. The context, in this case, is that District 24 is only a "JBER" district in as much as it has a single census block with a population of 197 which appears to be anomalous. In all likelihood, there will be no one living on JBER who will be able to provide the state an address that places them in District 24.

I have heard the District 23-24 pairing justified because Eagle River and Chugiak have a strong military connection. Anecdotally, I agree. I shoot a lot of homes of military officers in Eagle River. Also anecdotally, I shoot a lot of homes of military families in Anchorage. On Thursday, while you were hearing public testimony here, I shot military homes in both House District 22 and House District 18. I currently have military tenants in my duplex in District 21. I've had military tenants in my 3-plex in District 15 in recent years. Those people are all represented where they live.

I have heard the concern that demographically and socially JBER is more similar to Chugiak/Eagle River than Downtown. There are two problems with this argument. First, it ignores the 7200 residents of District 23 who live in Downtown and Muldoon. Those residents unequivocally have more in common with Downtown than Eagle River and Chugiak. They live in houses that are smaller, older, on smaller lots, on city water and sewer, on city maintained roads, versus the larger lots and newer houses and high frequency of wells and septic and local road maintenance in Eagle River and Chugiak. The parts of Downtown and Muldoon inside District 23 are only 40% white (43% if you restrict to Voting Aged Population). District 17 is 51% white (55% VAP). District 24 is 73% white (76% VAP). The Downtown and Muldoon parts of District 23 are absolutely more similar to the population of District 17 than District 24. The JBER part of District 23 is 59% white (60% VAP) – again, 59% is closer to District 17's 51% than District 24's 73%. As a whole, District 23 is 52% white. Taking a substantial minority population like that and burying it in a 73% white district when there are other good options available is a classic sign of a racial gerrymander.

The concern that JBER is more similar to Chugiak/Eagle River when it is demographically more similar to Downtown seems a weak justification for splitting two established communities like Downtown and Eagle River.

I have heard the District 22-9 pairing justified because both districts have rural road service, wells and septic, and they share a long contiguous border through the mountains. These exact same justifications also support pairing the Eagle River Districts 22 and 24. Districts 22 and 24 also both have many homes with wells and septic and they share a long contiguous border through the mountains. But the District 22 and 24 connection is even stronger because they not only share rural road service.... they share the EXACT SAME ROAD SERVICE AREA.

I have also heard the argument that the pairings in 3B are justified due to the Ship Creek hunting area. This is a really tenuous claim for 3 reasons. (1) People from all over the state can

apply for that hunt. (2) This hunt area is entirely contained in District 22. And (3) if you are relying on the constitutional verbiage about drainages to justify Senate pairings, the Ship Creek drainage would support pairing Districts 22 and 23 rather than 23 and 24. In fact, if you are using Drainages for justification, Districts 22 and 24 certainly belong together due to their sharing of the Eagle River drainage.

In the end you have house districts that divide communities by necessity and Senate districts that can pair those communities. Imagine if we were discussing pairings in my old home town of Fairbanks. Imagine you drew house districts which divide downtown Fairbanks along the route of the classic Open North American start line on 2nd Avenue. You would want to pair those two house districts in one Senate district if you could.

Or imagine we were discussing pairings in Nome and you had house seats that divided it down Front Street under the Iditarod Burled Arch. You would pair those house districts in one Senate District if you could.

Or imagine we were discussing Juneau and you had house districts that divided along North and South Franklin Street. You would pair those house districts in one Senate District if you could.

You have an option on the table that clearly corrects the error the court saw in splitting Eagle River and Muldoon. It puts together clear neighborhoods. It brings Muldoon together. It brings neighbors on War Admiral Street in Eagle River together. It puts the ends of the chain of the Iditarod sign on 4th avenue into one district. You should adopt Senate Pairings Map #2.

Thank you for your hard work and consideration. As a fellow map maker in the Municipality of Anchorage reapportionment process, I genuinely appreciate how hard this work is.

Denny Wells

Post Script:

There were two factual inaccuracies presented by subsequent speakers today that I would like to address.

1 - Jason Warfield (sp?) testified that the Municipality of Anchorage advocated for pairing Hillside with Eagle River during the Anchorage Reapportionment process. To be precise, neither the Municipality nor the Assembly ever advocated for such a pairing.

Early in the Anchorage Reapportionment process, there were 12 maps, including 4 provided by their mapping contractor, 6 presented by residents and various public interest groups (2 of

them were mine), and 2 provided by Assembly members (one was a map I helped draft). 4 of the 6 resident & interest group maps contained pairings of various parts of Anchorage Hillside or Turnagain Arm with Eagle River. The proponents of those maps, including at least one assembly member, presented similar arguments about lot sizes and road service and mountain contiguity that you are hearing here. One of those Eagle River-Anchorage pairing maps was mine, pairing Stuckagain Heights with Eagle River, which I defended as an unfortunate artifact of maintaining low deviation and because it was the closest part of Anchorage to Eagle River which shared the rural road and water service characteristics. I received a substantial amount of direct feedback against this particular detail, and moved on to drafting and advocating for maps that maintained neighborhood integrity even if they produced slightly higher deviations.

It is inaccurate to state that the Municipality or the Assembly argued in favor of these maps. The Assembly's Reapportionment Committee eliminated 3 of these Anchorage-Eagle River pairing maps (including mine) early on. Only one such map made it to the Assembly floor, and it was not forwarded by the Assembly for final consideration. The Assembly listened to the public testimony, and at the end of the process, even the Assembly Member who argued in favor of the Anchorage-Eagle River pairings voted for the final map which kept Eagle River and South Anchorage intact in their own districts.

2 - Representative Lance Pruitt stated that JBER students go to Eagle River High School. This is a factually accurate but misleading and incomplete statement. JBER High School boundaries are not included in maps from the Anchorage School District, but if you look up JBER addresses via the Anchorage School District School finder, you will see that addresses in the Richardson portion of the base, accessed via the Richardson gate, are zoned to Eagle River, while the addresses in the Elmendorf portion of JBER accessed via Government Hill, Boniface, and Muldoon gates are zoned to Bartlett. The Downtown and Government Hill portions of District 23 are zoned to West High School. In total, in district 23, the populations in the various High School boundaries are these:

Bartlett High School (inside District 23) – 8733 people
West High School (inside District 17) – 4802 people
Eagle River High School (inside District 22) – 4488 people

Two items of note in this data: (1) Eagle River is the smallest (by population) High School connection for District 23, and (2) even if you find the connection to Eagle River High School persuasive, Eagle River High School is the High School of District 22. The High School of District 24 is Chugiak High School. In fact, the school district boundary between Chugiak High School and Eagle River High School is very similar to the boundary you defined between District 22 and 24. If this High School argument is granted any weight, it should weigh in favor of pairing District 23 with 17 first, and District 23 with 22 second, and it establishes no particular connection between District 23 and 24.

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Christina Cope Hendrickson <[redacted]>
Fri 4/8/2022 10:56 AM

As a ten year resident of Girdwood, our home and Eagle River should not be paired.

The resort community balances seasonal changes to foster an outdoor recreation economy. Eagle River does not.

We have our own land use code to reflect our climate and our values. Eagle River does not.

As a service area, we have ad hoc advisory committees and a local public process for new developments. Eagle River does not.

We act as the gateway to the Kenai Peninsula, the Chugach State and National Forests and host passenger train stations in Girdwood and Portage. Eagle River does not.

We have 1500+ fulltime year residents with the majority being low wage service industry personnel. Eagle River does not.

Do not pair us. It is not tenable nor reflective of our community.

Christina Hendrickson
[redacted]

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Date: April 9, 2022, 12:39 am

First Name: **Tim**

Last Name: **Silvers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of Map option 2, Map 3b is inexcusable**

Public Comment: **I have been following the redistricting process from the beginning. I strongly support the proposed map Option 2 to redraw Anchorage Senate districts in compliance with the supreme court order to adhere to the law of our state constitution. Option 2 very efficiently pairs similar socio-economic districts in an equitable and logical manner.**

Allow me to add some background to my decision. At first I was optimistic that Alaska has a supposedly "independent" commission to draw redistricting maps after census. I soon learned that part of the board is not independent at all, rather it was clearly attempting to skew the pairings to gerrymander in support the Republican party. I used to vote almost exclusively Republican, but lately find myself doing so much less often. Why? Precisely because of these dishonest underhanded tactics to grasp at control, rather than putting forward a platform that appeals to the majority of people. I would be ashamed to call myself "conservative" these days as those conservatives I respected in my youth have vanished and been replaced by something unrecognizable.

The supreme court rightly declared the previous map an egregious gerrymander, diluting the voice of East Anchorage and giving Eagle River representation beyond its numbers. There can be no other reason for some board members to continue to push for "gerrymander redux" in the form of map 3b, other than they have imp licit orders to deliver a result favorable to Republicans. People in Eagle River don't want this pairing. South Anchorage doesn't want it. The rest of Anchorage doesn't want illogical pairings spanning across the city and in the case of units 22 and 9 across a mountain range. That people in Eagle River or South Anchorage would feel properly represented by a Senator from the other unit is absurd on it's face.

Please do the right thing and quickly move to adopt Map Option 2. Restore faith that the redistricting board respects our constitution and believes that one person, one vote principles still rule our land. Restore my faith that conservatives can once again put honestly above political gain. Thank you, Tim Silvers

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Date: April 9, 2022, 9:27 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **McBride**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K Pairing**

Public Comment: **I am a resident of District 22, support Option 2 and vehemently oppose Option 3B.**

Prior to submitting this testimony, I reviewed all written testimony from the Recent April 7-8 packet to learn if there was any testimony in favor of Option 3B that would sway me. There is not a single point made or any evidence offered in any written testimony in support of Option 3B. Conversely, every written testimony in support of Option 2 provides some rationale for that position. The most compelling include: Districts 22 and 9 are not meaningfully or realistically adjacent; and Districts 22 and 24 comprise the actual and recognized community of Eagle River-Chugiak which are meaningfully and realistically adjacent.

In the absence of any provided rationale for Option 3B and the overwhelming rationale provided for Option 2, I strongly urge you to choose Option 2. To do otherwise (Option 3B) leaves this decision open to the same criticism of gerrymandering rendered by the recent Alaska Supreme Court ruling.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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ate: April 10, 2022, 8:40 am

First Name: **Jasmine**

Last Name: **Boyle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 2 and 3**

Public Comment: **I support Map 2 which keeps communities together who have similarities and who are communities in name, location and activity - Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon and so on. The board needs to listen to the people who have overwhelmingly said repeatedly that communities do not want to be separated. Map 3 is not acceptable.**

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Date: April 10, 2022, 8:42 am

First Name: **Wade**

Last Name: **Boyle**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3b**

Public Comment: **The idea of pairing across a mountain range does not make sense. Keep communities together. I support Map 2.**

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Date: April 10, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Jon**

Last Name: **Grace**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B not appropriate**

Public Comment: **As a resident of South Anchorage I strongly and unequivocally support map 2 which keeps my contiguous community intact and does not use an uninhabited mountain range to pair my community with the unrelated 30+ minute distant south Eagle River community. I understand that redistricting may not always follow common sense boundaries in order to follow constitutional law of even division of the population but map 2 adheres to this rule with more logical boundaries and is clearly the superior option that will allow me to be more appropriately represented by my state representative. Thank you for your consideration.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:05 am

First Name: **Idamarie**

Last Name: **Piccard**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Personal; Anchorage resident for 46 years**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3b**

Public Comment: **Please support map 2 which keeps Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Map 3b breaks communities apart for no good reason and should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:22 am

First Name: **Julie**

Last Name: **Saddoris**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Map 2**

Public Comment: **I support Map 2 over 3B in the redistricting because it keeps communities together. I don't see how adding part of south Anchorage to Eagle River makes any sense, other than they are both Republican leaning (which seems like gerrymandering). These communities are separated by mountains and miles apart. Map 2 keeps communities together, which is more sensible than splitting them.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:57 am

First Name: **Kathleen**

Last Name: **Worthley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Anchorage Redistricing**

Public Comment: **I support map 2 which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Map 3b should not be considered as it breaks communities apart for no good reason and makes pairings over an uninhabited mountain range, which should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 12:38 pm

First Name: **Katie**

Last Name: **McBride**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **It makes no sense to group Eagle River with south Anchorage and Girdwood. To suggest that Eagle River is connected to Girdwood via Crow Pass is a stretch to say the least. Please adopt Map 2 of the redistricting maps.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 1:38 pm

First Name: **Amelinda**

Last Name: **Grace**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 2 is the best**

Public Comment: **While I am relatively new to Anchorage I have lived on both the west and south parts of town and seen how different they are. I have visited Eagle River and considered moving there before moving to South Anchorage and can firmly state my opposition to map 3B which inexplicably links these two distinct communities together. Please make the only reasonable decision and adopt map 2 which keeps my community together, appropriately represented, and distinct from Eagle River. If I had wanted to move there I wouldn't have moved 40 minutes away in the other direction!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 1:51 pm

First Name: **Diane**

Last Name: **Schenker**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Map 2**

Public Comment: **I live in Stuckagain Heights and shop, visit, recreate, and drive in adjacent districts, including East and South Anchorage. I do not drive to, shop, visit, or do anything else in Eagle River, ever. I consider Eagle River to be "out of town". To choose to put my neighborhood in a district with Eagle River, an area from which we are physically separated, which we can only get to by driving through other adjacent districts and traveling by highway, appears to be blatant gerrymandering for purposes the courts have already rejected. By comparison, I can and do walk to the South Anchorage district on the beautiful Chugach forest trails that join our neighborhoods; I also drive to, shop at, dine in and visit businesses in South Anchorage every week. My political interests would be better served by a Senator representing us and South (or East, although from what I see, that is not an option) Anchorage than us and Eagle River.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:10 pm

First Name: **Christina**

Last Name: **Neal**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairing**

Public Comment: **Dear Board: Regarding senate pairings, please adopt map 2 which keeps Anchorage Downtown with Anchorage Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. This approach follows the constitutional intent of representation, keeps established communities intact, and does not attempt to dilute voter type.**

Map 3b is a blatant gerrymander. It breaks communities apart and makes inexplicable pairings over an uninhabited mountain range.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 3:52 pm

First Name: **Irene**

Last Name: **Bortnick**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support for Map 2**

Public Comment: **Map 2 which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage has my endorsement. Map 3b breaks up communities and pairs communities that are not geographically contiguous. Please accept Map 2. Please settle this issue soon, it has gone on for too long.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 7:49 pm

First Name: **Amy**

Last Name: **McFarlane**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B makes no sense at all; adopt Map 2**

Public Comment: **Option 3B makes no sense at all. The communities of South Anchorage and Eagle River are not "contiguous" in the sense of a shared neighborhood. South Anchorage and Eagle River may share an essentially roadless boundary in the Chugach mountains, but that does not mean the interests of the constituents in the two areas are aligned. Eagle River is a separate community, with many residents pushing for Eagle Exit. It should not be paired with South Anchorage. I strongly urge the Redistricting Board to adopt Map 2, instead of Map 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 8:32 pm

First Name: **Brittany**

Last Name: **Petry**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support Map 2; communities should be kept together: Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. Why have a map (3B) that breaks communities apart for no good reason, making totally illogical pairings over geography that naturally separates them. Breaking communities up would erode public trust and demoralize their citizens. Please, let common sense and fairness prevail.**

Thank you

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

[redacted]

Sun 4/10/2022 10:06 PM

Reapportion Board Members:

I have reviewed the two current maps that are under consideration, and find many compelling reasons to support Map 2 and to oppose Map 3B.

Map 2 has logical pairings and makes sense with strong rationales behind each pairing. It keeps Downtown Anchorage paired with Downtown, it keeps Muldoon paired with Muldoon, it keeps South Anchorage paired with South Anchorage, and it keeps the Eagle River/Chugiak/Birchwood areas together with the other parts of the Eagle River area. It makes overall sense with the pairings of communities of interest. It also leaves intact four of the eight pairings from the previous submitted map, just correcting the court-declared illegal gerrymandered areas with re-pairing of the other four.

This is all contrasted with the pairings in Map 3B, which are pairings that cannot legitimately make the same claims. These pairings split up the Eagle River/Chugiak/Birchwood area for absolutely no good reason, split downtown Anchorage and then make for a strange pairing of Eagle River with South Anchorage. Then, it pairs JBER with the Chugiak/Eagle River area which makes little to no sense as JBER interacts with the areas where their gates are, which are NOT into Chugiak or Eagle River.

The gerrymandering that was identified by the courts in the previously submitted Senate pairings map is still present in Map 3B. Map 3B does not correct and eliminate the partisan gerrymandering, it just replaces the prior gerrymandered map with a different gerrymandered map.

Please do the right thing and keep communities of interest together and eliminate gerrymandering by adopting Map 2; it is fair and rational and is likely to meet legal muster to be acceptable to the courts.

Thank you,
Sheri Whitethorn
Anchorage, AK

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 10:16 pm

First Name: **Dolores**

Last Name: **Collins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting - Support for Option 2 & Opposition to Option 3B**

Public Comment: **Good evening.**

I have been part of the Eagle River community for 47 years, and I am writing in support of Option 2. In my opinion, it contains the most logical and fair pairings for all people who live in the Municipality. I do NOT support Option 3B.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Penny Goodstein <[redacted]>

Mon 4/11/2022 12:47 AM

I sent the message below on April 9.

What I did not do was reference the appropriate map that I think you should use.
I SUPPORT MAP 2. It keeps the communities together.

Please do NOT CONSIDER MAP 3b! It breaks apart these communities. It is designed as a political tool to keep specific representatives in power, not as a tool to make voting equal and fair.

Map 2 is the fair and equitable map.

Penny Goodstein

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Penny Goodstein <[redacted]>
To: testimony@akredistrict.org <testimony@akredistrict.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 9, 2022, 01:43:51 PM AKDT
Subject: the new redistricting plans

I am writing about the redistricting decisions. I am appalled that once again, Eagle River has one plan to split it.

It seems that this is political to increase representation for Eagle River at the expense of other areas.

Eagle River is a unit. Muldoon is a unit. The Hillside is a unit. Please keep Downtown together, Hillside together, and Eagle River together. Do not separate these units.

JBEAR is no more similar to Eagle River than to downtown. Many at JBEAR are not Alaskan residents; they retain their home residency and vote there. Other JBEAR military live throughout our communities and these, if they become Alaskan residents, are represented by their home district elected officials. Putting JBEAR with an Eagle River district makes as much sense and with downtown.

Penny Goodstein

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:27 am

First Name: **Eden**

Last Name: **Romeo**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **10549**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistructing**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board,**

I am writing to you today to urge you to adopt the Senate pairings proposed by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke instead of coming up with new pairings. These pairings, proposed by Melanie Bahnke, have been presented and considered on the record and were informed by public input and testimony. These pairings do not change districts' underlying deviation and uphold the one person, one vote principle. In addition, they are the common-sense geographic and socioeconomic pairings (keeping Muldoon w/ Muldoon, West Anc. w/ West Anc, Eagle River w/ Eagle River, etc.).

It is crucial that the voices of the Muldoon area are not watered down, and that each district receives fair and just representation. I also ask that you do this in a timely manner, as it is in the public interest to swiftly adopt a map with final senate pairings so that voters can familiarize themselves with their new districts, precincts, and voting locations, on top of a new election system (RCV) and an unprecedented special election.

Thank you for your time. Please vote to approve the pairings put forth by Redistricting Board member Melanie Bahnke.

Sincerely,

Eden

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 11, 2022, 9:42 am

First Name: **Joe**

Last Name: **Banta**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support for Current Map 2**

Public Comment: **Dear Redistricting Board: I now support map number two which keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage. As a south Anchorage resident, it's important to keep us together. Map 3b should not be considered as it breaks communities apart for no good reason and makes pairings over an uninhabited mountain range, which should not be done when there are better options. Map 2 is a better option. If you use map 3b, we will once again see the process in court which is a waste of money. Thank you. Sincerely, Joe Banta**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 11, 2022, 4:52 pm

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Map 2 should be the map chosen by the board. This map is truly nonpartisan, unlike map 3b. Map 2 keeps the communities of Downtown with Downtown, Eagle River with Eagle River, Muldoon with Muldoon, and South Anchorage with South Anchorage.. Please DO NOT consider map 3b because it breaks communities apart for truly no apparent reason. 3B is clearly a partisan map attempting to strengthen one political party. This map, if passed, will once again be litigated. We do not have the time nor the resources to waste. Please do the right thing and pass Map 2!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 11, 2022, 7:06 pm

First Name: **Annika**

Last Name: **Wolner**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **PO Box 1218**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting of South Anchorage and Eagle River**

Public Comment: **I support Option 2 and oppose Option 3B because Girdwood is politically and culturally different from Eagle River, and the pairing would not be beneficial for the Girdwood community. Option 3B would only be beneficial for Eagle River, and not giving Girdwood a voice at all.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Constant, Christopher [redacted]

Sun 4/10/2022 9:28 PM

Anchorage Downtowm Partnership passed a resolution about keeping the downtown connected. Please weigh this public testimony.

Christopher Constant
Anchorage Municipal Assembly, District 1

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, LTD.

A resolution of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. (ADP) Board of Directors expressing concern regarding the House District pairing between House District 23 (North Downtown) and House District 24 (Eagle River) for Senate District L.

Whereas, the United States Constitution empowers Congress to carry out the census every 10 years to count every person living in the United States and use that count to determine representation in Congress;

Whereas, the Alaska Constitution sets new boundaries for the Alaska house districts and senate districts after the decennial census of the United States;

Whereas, the Downtown Improvement District is currently represented by one House District and one Senate District;

Whereas, the final 2021 redistricting maps divide the Downtown Improvement District into two separate House seats;

Whereas, House District 17 includes the south side of 4th Avenue and stretches to Fireweed Lane;

Whereas, House District 23 includes the north side of 4th Avenue, Ship Creek, Government Hill and Joint Base Elmendorf and Richardson (JBER), and parts of Mountain View;

Whereas, House District 23 is paired with House District 24 to form Senate District L;

Whereas, House District 23 includes parts of the Central Business District, Downtown Improvement District, Port of Alaska and Alaska Railroad, JBER, and a commercial district of Mountain View;

Whereas, House District 24 includes Eagle River, which is predominately rural and residential;

Whereas, Downtown Anchorage has unique and specific issues as the urban core of our community is separate from rural and residential areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, RECOGNIZING THAT DOWNTOWN ANCHORAGE IS UNIQUE WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AND THE STATE OF ALASKA AS A STRONG URBAN CORE AND SHOULD HAVE COMPACT AND COHESIVE REPRESENTATION AS SUCH THE ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP, LTD, BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES:

SECTION 1: ADP will work to find ways to advocate for compact and cohesive maps to best reflect the interest of downtown.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. Board of Directors this 18th day of November 2021.

SIGNED:

DocuSigned by:
Gretchen W. Fauske
[illegible]

Board President
Gretchen W. Fauske

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Laile Fairbairn
[illegible]

Board Secretary
Laile Fairbairn

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 12, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Curtis**

Last Name: **Smith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I would like to strongly advocate for the adoption of the Option 2 senate pairing map, which has a much more natural pairing than Option 3B. There is no serious justifiable reason to split Eagle River by pairing District 22 with Girdwood and portions of South Anchorage. Such a pairing is in no way contiguous in the reasonable sense of the term since it requires many miles of driving through multiple other districts to travel from Eagle River to South Anchorage. It is significantly more logical to pair the two Eagle River districts.**

Frankly, I am embarrassed by our state. Over the years, I have read with disgust about all the gerrymandering in other states only to realize the same lack of integrity exists in Alaska. The last minute change in fall 2021 that paired Eagle River with South Muldoon was clearly an example of gerrymandering, and the Alaska Supreme Court agreed. Please avoid making the same mistake again. Adopt the Option 2 senate pairing map.

Sincerely,

Curtis Smith

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 12, 2022, 11:48 am

First Name: **Lynne'**

Last Name: **Langevin-Doran**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Briefly - Girdwood should remain in the same district at South Anchorage and Bayshore. To combine Girdwood with Eagle River makes no sense, we are more than an hour away from that community. Communities that are in close proximity should be represented together not the opposite.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 12, 2022, 3:52 pm

First Name: **Kristine**

Last Name: **Schmidt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99611**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **Dear Alaska Redistricting Board,**

This message is to support Board Option 2 for the Anchorage Senate districts (particularly Senate District K). Board Option 2 keeps downtown, the Hillside, and the Eagle River together in a coherent and sensible way.

And I oppose Board Option 3B, particularly with how it pairs South Anchorage with Eagle River, which is not coherent or sensible, and appears to be gerrymandering.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Rep. Matt Claman Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov

Tue 4/12/2022 10:55 PM

Juli & Peter:

Please deliver the attached comments to the Board in advance of Wednesday's meeting.

Thanks,
Matt Claman

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12 April 2022

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524 *Submitted electronically*

RE: Proposed Anchorage Senate Pairings Option 2 and Option 3B

Dear Chair Binkley and Members of the Board:

Since I provided public testimony on 2 April 2022, the Board adopted two proposals for public review and discussion: Option 2 and Option 3B. This letter updates my public testimony and provides specific comment on both Option 2 and Option 3B. It also provides my perspective on the Superior Court's Findings and Fact and Conclusions of Law (15 February 2022), affirmed by the Alaska Supreme Court (25 March 2022).

Option 2 comes as close as reasonably practicable to meet all the constitutional requirements of the remand from the Supreme Court and the Superior Court. There are 5 reasons for this conclusion:

1. Option 2 keeps Eagle River as a single senate district and does not separate this community of interest in violation of the equal protection clause.[1]
2. Option 2 makes HD 20 (North Muldoon) and HD 21 (South Muldoon) a single senate district, consistent with their community of interest, and protects those districts from the vote dilution that made the 2021 Board Proclamation for the Municipality of Anchorage unconstitutional.[2]
3. Option 2 satisfies the socio-economic integration requirement.[3]
4. Option 2 satisfies the compactness requirement.[4]
5. Option 2 takes into consideration "local government boundaries."[5]

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[1] *In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan*, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law at 39-73, Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI (15 Feb. 2022).
[2] *In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan*, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law at 67-70, Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI (15 Feb. 2022).
[3] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.
[4] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.
[5] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov

In contrast, Option 3B constitutes another "unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution."[6] This option appears to be driven by the goal of pairing HD 23 (JBER) with HD 24 (North Eagle River/Chugiak) even though military base population has never been a protected class under either state or federal law. While a portion of the southern border of HD 22 shares a portion of the northern border of HD 9, enough satisfy a minimum level of "two contiguous house districts,"[7] it fails to satisfy the other constitutional requirements for a senate pairing. There are four reasons for this conclusion:

1. Option 3B fails to satisfy the socio-economic integration requirement.[8]
2. Option 3B fails to satisfy the compactness requirement.[9]
3. Option 3B divides the Eagle River community of interest in violation of the equal protection provisions of the Alaska Constitution.[10]
4. Option 3B fails to take into consideration "local government boundaries."[11]

I write as a sitting legislator, former member of the Anchorage Assembly, and former Acting Mayor. In many of Alaska's rural legislative districts, it often quite difficult to visit some of the smaller communities. For example, the senator for Proclamation District S can reasonably visit some of the larger communities such as Bethel and Dillingham from time to time; but regular visits to the smaller, more remote communities like Sand Point, Unalaska, and Adak are difficult in the best of circumstances. In contrast, with eight senate pairings in the Municipality of Anchorage, constituents can and should reasonably expect to see their senator shopping in the local grocery store, dining in local restaurants, and patronizing local businesses. Pairing HD 9 with HD 22 will have the effect of depriving one of those two house district of having a senator who lives "in the neighborhood."

While the courts have not, to my knowledge, considered the "local government boundaries" provisions of Art. 6, § 6 in the context of Anchorage senate districts, the Municipality of Anchorage has long considered communities of interest in its six assembly districts. The Municipality has never even attempted to pair Eagle River (Assembly District 2) with the Hillside (Assembly District 6). As both an Assembly Member and as Acting Mayor, I always knew that Eagle River had distinct interests and concerns that frequently did not align with other parts of the Municipality. Indeed, in recent years, there has even been talk of Eagle River seceding from the Municipality. Consideration of how the local government has grouped communities of interest compels the conclusion that it is unconstitutional to pair an Eagle River house district with a Hillside house district into a single senate district that is divided by the Chugach Mountains: it is the least practicable senate pairing within the Municipality.

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[6] *In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases*, Supreme Court No. S-18332, p. 6 (Alaska 25 Mar. 2022).
[7] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.
[8] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.
[9] *Hickel v. Southeast Conference*, 846 P.2d 38, 62 (Alaska 1992).
[10] *In the Matter of the 2021 Redistricting Plan*, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law at 39-73, Case No. 3AN-21-08869CI (15 Feb. 2022).
[11] Alaska Constitution Art. 6, § 6.

Finally, I am also an active biker. I have frequently ridden my bike on the roads and trails throughout the Municipality, including Eagle River and the Hillside. To ride from my home on the north side of HD 16 (Turnagain) to the south side of HD 15 (Bayshore) takes 30-40 minutes. To ride on Muldoon Road from the north side of HD 20 (near the Glenn Highway) to the south side of HD 21 (near the curve where Muldoon turns into Tudor Road) takes 15-25 minutes. But to ride from downtown Eagle River in the north side of HD 22 to downtown Girdwood in the south side of HD 9 would take 3-4 hours—and riding to the entrance of the Whittier Tunnel would take another hour from Girdwood. From the perspective of a bicycle seat (I recognize that bicyclists are *not* a protect class), combining HD 9 with HD 22 into a single senate seat is not compact.

In his work as a trial attorney, Abraham Lincoln often counseled parties and other lawyers to find compromise and avoid trial. Adopting Option 3B will lead to further litigation and further uncertainty for Alaskans. The Board earlier removed Option 1 from consideration, which makes more changes across the Municipality than Option 2. Adopting Option 2, in contrast to Option 3B, is unlikely to lead to further litigation because the East Anchorage plaintiffs have proposed this option.

To provide certainty to Alaskans and move the redistricting process forward as expeditiously as practicable, I urge the Board to unanimously adopt Option 2.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew W. Claman

EXHIBIT B

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 11:45 am

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Avila**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the following Anchorage Senate pairings. Two options are listed and either of these would work and make the most sense because they put together communities that share socioeconomic similarities so I ask you pick one of the two pairings below. We also ask the Redistricting Board to take their time. This decision is too important to make this decision so quickly. People need time to process and testify.**

(Anchorage is also in the middle of an important assembly seat and we ask that you at least wait until after that election next week).

9 and 22 lower hillside and Eagle River
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
11 and 12 same as you have now
14 and 19 midtown and UMed
15 and 16 same as you have now
17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View
20 and 21 north and south Muldoon
23 and 24 JBER and Chugiak

or these combos
9 and 11 lower and upper hillside
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
12 and 21 Abbott Loop and south Muldoon
14 and 19 midtown and UMed
17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View
20 and 23 north Muldoon and JBER
15 and 16 same as what you have already decided.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 10:47 am

First Name: **Beth**

Last Name: **Farnstrom**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Public Comment: **I respectfully request one of the 2 following options for redistricting.**

We want true representation of all and these 2 options consider the likeness of the citizens of the communities being represented. These communities usually have similar values, socioeconomic likeness, wants and desires.

Your decision needs to be what is best for Anchorage and Alaska not your personal bias. I ask you to please pick one of the 2 pairings below. Your decision should include as much public comment as possible since your decision impacts us for the next 10 years.

I strongly support one of the following redistricting plans.

9 and 22 lower hillside and Eagle River
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
11 and 12 same as now
14 and 19 midtown and U med
15 and 16 same as now
17 and 18 downtown and Mt view
20 and 21 north and south Muldoon
23 and 24 JBER and Chugiak

Or

9 and lower and upper hillside
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
12 and 21 Abbott loop and south Muldoon
14 and 19 midtown and Umed
17 and 18 downtown and mt view
20 and 23 north Muldoon and JBER
15 and 16 same as you have decided

Thank you for the opportunity to share my personal views on what is being decided.

Sincerely,

Beth Farnstrom

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 2, 2022, 9:52 am

First Name: **Sherri**

Last Name: **Jackson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt the following Anchorage Senate pairings. Two options are listed and either of these would work and make the most sense because they put together communities that share socioeconomic similarities so I ask you pick one of the two pairings below. We also ask the Redistricting Board to take their time. This decision is too important to make this decision so quickly. People need time to process and testify.**

(Anchorage is also in the middle of an important assembly seat and we ask that you at least wait until after that election next week).

9 and 22 lower hillside and Eagle River
10 and 13 Klatt and Taku
11 and 12 same as you have now
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15 and 16 same as you have now
17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View
20 and 21 north and south Muldoon
23 and 24 JBER and Chugiak

or these combos

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17 and 18 downtown and Mountain View
20 and 23 north Muldoon and JBER
15 and 16 same as what you have already decided.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:22 pm

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **I encourage the Redistricting Board to adopt a revised district map that links House District 9 (South Anchorage) with House District 22 (Eagle River Valley). These districts share common characteristics justifying their inclusion in the same Senate District K:**

Each district encompasses many residents living on the foothills and upper slopes of the Chugach Mountains, and as such, one of the most significant common issues residents in these districts face is access to their homes, and their connections to the rest of Anchorage.

While much of the rest of Anchorage relies on municipal and state road maintenance, residents of these two districts rely to a great extent on Local Road Service Boards to provide for maintenance of their roads, including snow removal, graveling and repair.

Residents in each district face the challenge of managing the risks inherent in living along the urban-wildland fire interface, planning for and responding to wildlife incursions and hazards, less reliable utility service, extremes of weather, and other common issues.

The recent snow avalanche that has isolated District 22 residents in the Hiland Road area is a dynamic that is familiar to residents of District 9, who have themselves experienced the hazards of snowslides, traffic halts, and risk to property and personal safety.

It should go without saying that these two districts are socio-economically integrated by virtue each being fully within the Municipality of Anchorag e. They are also contiguous, being joined in the uplands of the Chugach Mountains â€" a standard that has already been found valid in earlier district maps that linked an Eagle River Valley House district across the Chugach Mountains to an adjoining House district to the south.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 9:18 pm

First Name: **Judy**

Last Name: **Eledge**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate District K**

Public Comment: **I encourage the Redistricting Board to adopt a revised district map that links House District 9 (South Anchorage) with House District 22 (Eagle River Valley). These districts share common characteristics justifying their inclusion in the same Senate District K:**

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 10:54 am

First Name: **Randy**

Last Name: **Ruedrich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern:**Proposed Anchorage Senate Pairing**

Public Comment: **Time for another look at the Anchorage Map. In November 2021 I testified that HD 22 could be paired with HD 20, HD 21 and HD 9. These are the contiguous districts that satisfy the Alaska Constitutional requirement for senate district pairing. Let's explore the third option HD 9.**

Three 2021 Map Senate Districts are acceptable as paired: District F: HD 11 & 12, the Anchorage Lower Hillside; District H: HD 15 & 16, Western Anchorage and District L: HD 23 & HD 24, Northern Muni Districts.

Senate District E pairs HD 9 & HD 22 which are the Muni uplands. Road service areas and snow management are common upland issues. 2001 Map combined major parts of this senate district in a single House District. Higher price single family homes are typical throughout District E.

Senate District G pairs HD 10 & HD 13 lie mostly west of Seward Highway. More than 75% of this proposed district is in District L today. Medium-priced single-family homes are present throughout proposed senate District G. The Dimond Blvd shopping and recreation is the focus of District G.

Senate District I pairs HD 14 & HD 17 in the center of Anchorage. Mid-town and Downtown share more multi-unit housing. Significant shopping in D 14 is used by D 17 residents.

District I covers the historical residential development of Anchorage. Redevelopment has been featured recently.

Senate District J pairs HD 18 & HD 19 in East Anchorage. The district boundary between 18 & 19 splits these similar neighborhoods. Each district has significant health care facilities.

Senate District K pairs HD 20 & D 21 in Muldoon/Baxter. This area is closely tied to JBER for jobs and off base housing. The commercial activities along Muldoon Road serve the entire Senate District.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 4, 2022, 2:08 pm

First Name: **Dan**

Last Name: **Saddler**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Eagle River Senate district pairing**

Public Comment: **I encourage the Redistricting Board to adopt a revised district map that links House District 9 (South Anchorage) with House District 22 (Eagle River Valley). These districts share common characteristics justifying their inclusion in the same Senate District K:**

- Each district encompasses many residents living on the foothills and upper slopes of the Chugach Mountains. As a result, one of the most significant common issues residents in these districts face is access to their homes, and their connections to the rest of Anchorage.

- While much of the rest of Anchorage relies on municipal and state road maintenance, residents of these two districts rely to a great extent on Local Road Service Boards to provide for maintenance of their roads, including snow removal, graveling and repair.

- Residents in each district face the challenge of managing the risks inherent in living along the urban-wildland fire interface, planning for and responding to wildlife incursions and hazards, less reliable utility service, extremes of weather, and other common issues.

- The recent snow avalanche that has isolated District 22 residents in the Hiland Road area is a dynamic that is familiar to residents of District 9, who have themselves experienced the hazards of snowslides, traffic halts, and risk to property and personal safety.

- It should go without saying that these two districts are socio-economically integrated by virtue each being ful ly within the Municipality of Anchorage. They are also contiguous, being joined in the uplands of the Chugach Mountains a standard that has already been found valid in earlier district maps that linked an Eagle River Valley House district across the Chugach Mountains to an adjoining House district to the south.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 5:51 pm

First Name: **Jody**

Last Name: **Sola**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Government Hill Community Council, president**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Please support the Bahnke redistricting map**

Public Comment: **First, thank you for your service, to our state and itâ€™s residents. I know you have given a tremendous amount of time, not only in meetings, but in "homework" as well. Know, also, that it does not go unnoticed.**

Your job is not an easy one, however, balancing the districts by sheer numbers alone does not give any of us "fair representation."

I am representing the Board of Directors from Government Hill. We are, respectively, asking you to support Melissa Bahnke's proposed changes to the redistricting map as it is the only one that makes sense for our residents. The South Chugiak area is rural Alaskan in distance, lifestyles, and values, and does not represent Government Hill, JBER, or downtown Anchorage. Please consider pairing house district 23 with 17.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak up, and thank you for your consideration.

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 4:22 pm

First Name: **William**

Last Name: **Nye**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support the Bahnke plan. Please adopt it. There is no relation between Chugiak/ER and Girdwood. It takes over an hour to drive between them and the communities are radically different.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Alex Gimarc <[redacted]>
Tue 4/5/2022 8:53 AM

The Alaska Supreme Court ruled that Senate District K (House 21 & 22) be revisited.

The proposed AFFER map pairs House District 22 and 9, creating Senate District E for east Anchorage and neighboring uplands. These districts share local service areas and snow management. The 2001 map combined major parts of the senate district in a single House District.

Making this change impacted four other Anchorage senate districts to make this action possible. Three Anchorage senate districts are unchanged. The proposed Bahnke map simply revises the entire Anchorage map, which the Alaska Supreme Court opinion did not call for. It appears that the Bahnke simply takes advantage of a court-opening as an excuse to redraw the boundaries Anchorage-wide, which was neither ordered nor requested.

The proposed AFFER Senate District K (combining House 22 and 9) are contiguous, economically similar districts which meet Alaska Constitutional requirements for Senate District parings/

Please approve the AFFER map. Thank you.

AG
John A (Alex) Gimarc
[redacted]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 10:34 am

First Name: **Randall**

Last Name: **Hagenstein**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **2022 proposed revision Bahnke V1**

Public Comment: **This looks like a sensible and defensible pairing. I fully support Bahnke v1**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 7:34 am

First Name: **Jason**

Last Name: **Norris**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate K and Cantwell**

Public Comment: **I write in support of the "Cantwell Fix" that aligns with the borough boundaries for the MatSu and Denali Boroughs. I also write in support of "Banhnke V1" for the Anchorage Senate Districts.**

I also humble offer the following for future consideration, partially as a fix for the issues surrounding Valdez/MatSu and Juneau-Skagway. Though I will not go into detail here, there is sound reasoning behind it and considers the four Hickel Process criteria as well as issues like Alaska Native representation. Thank you.

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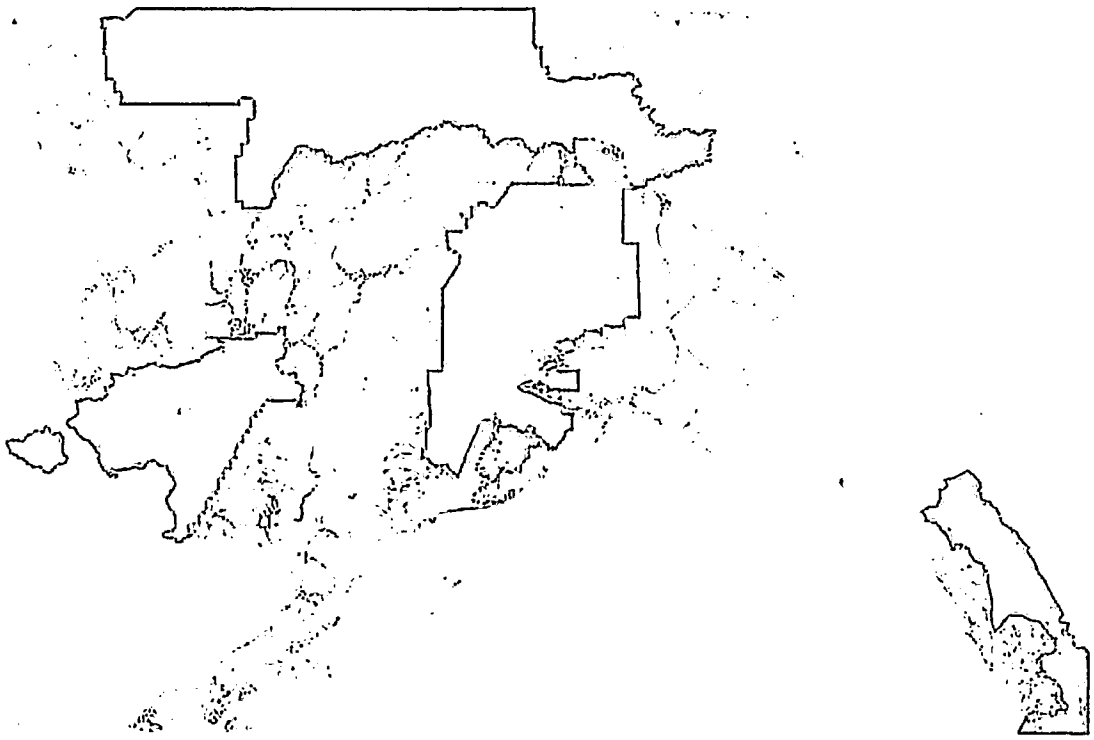

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 5, 2022, 7:10 am

First Name: **Vera**

Last Name: **Crews**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **My name is __vera crews_____. I live at _____2201 Romig place, Anchorage AK 99503_____. I encourage the Redistricting Board to adopt a revised district map that links House District 9 (South Anchorage) with House District 22 (Eagle River Valley). These districts share common characteristics justifying their inclusion in the same Senate District K:**

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The recent snow avalanche that has isolated District 22 residents in the Hiland Road area is a dynamic that is familiar to residents of District 9, who have themselves experienced the hazards of snowslides, traffic halts, and risk to property and personal safety.

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 6, 2022, 7:51 am

First Name: **Randy.** Last Name: **Ruedrich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501-4495**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Corrected Final Map of Anchorage Senate District - Replaces prior comments on topic**

Public Comment: **Time for final look at the Anchorage Senate Map. In November 2021 I testified that HD 22 could be paired with HD 20, HD 21 and HD 9. These three pairing create the contiguous districts that satisfy the Alaska Constitutional requirement for senate district pairing. Let's explore the third option HD 9.**

The entire Anchorage Municipality is socio-economically integrated as a matter of law. Hence all sixteen Anchorage Municipality House Districts are socio-economically integrated.

Four 2021 Proclamation Map Senate Districts are acceptable as paired: District F: HD 11 & 12, the Anchorage Lower Hillside; District H: HD 15 & 16, Western Anchorage; District I: HD 17 & 18, Downtown/Mountain View and District L: HD 23 & HD 24, Northern Muni Districts.

Senate District E pairs HD 9 & HD 22 which are the Muni Eastern uplands. Road service areas and snow management are common upland issues. 2001 Map combined major parts of this senate district in a single House District when their populations were smaller. Higher price single family homes are typical throughout the proposed District E.

Senate District G pairs HD 10 & HD 13 lie mostly west of Seward Highway. More than 75% of this proposed district is in District L today. Medium-priced single-family homes are present throughout proposed Senate District G. The Dimond Blvd sh opping and recreation is the focus of District G.

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 6, 2022, 8:47 am

First Name: **Elyce**

Last Name: **Santerre**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99567**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate pairings, Chugiak and the bases**

Public Comment: **I hadn't commented previously because I didn't think Chugiak had a dog in the fight about whether south Eagle River paired with South Anchorage (although I have to say, that seems to make sense culturally). I didn't realize that the other alternative being proposed was not to pair them with another section of Muldoon, or with the bases, but to take the bases away from pairing with us and pairing them with a downtown Anchorage district. That's just blatant gerrymandering. The bases have historically leaned conservative, but with low turnout. Democrat planners apparently can't stand the thought of them being paired with another conservative district, never mind the close cultural links between the bases and all the military retirees and off-base personnel in Eagle River/Chugiak. They're trying to nab an "extra" liberal senator for Anchorage, at the cost of the greater Eagle River/Chugiak area. I thought such concerns weren't allowed? I thought decisions were supposed to be made based on cultural affinity and contiguous geography? I and many of my neighbors work or worked for years on the bases. I still shop there. I don't want to see them "hijacked" for a political agenda. That's just not right. I'd testify in person, but I'm home sick and don't want to bring my coughing and sneezing out in public.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Andra Holmstrom <[redacted]>
Wed 4/6/2022 9:51 AM

As a lifelong Alaskan I am abhorred by the choices we are being given as Eagle River residents. Being lumped in with other communitites that do not match our demographic is really unfair.

Please accept my testimony as requesting you listen to an Eagle River resident that prefers Option 3 as the only choice left that is suitable for our demographic.

Thank you,

Andra Holmstrom

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 6, 2022, 10:15 am

First Name: **Burton**

Last Name: **Bomhoff**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **My name is Burt Bomhoff_. I encourage the Redistricting Board to adopt a revised senate district map that links House District 9 (South Anchorage) with House District 22 (Eagle River Valley). These districts share common characteristics justifying their inclusion in the same Senate District K:**

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Jodi Taylor <[redacted]>
Wed 4/6/2022 10:49 AM
Redistricting Board,

I support option 3 for the Senate seat redistricting. While not ideal compared to the first approved option, is best suits the needs of my South Anchorage community to be combined with Eagle River.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jodi Taylor

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Sandy Blomfield <[redacted]>
Wed 4/6/2022 3:06 PM

Redistricting Board,

Please consider Option #3 as the best you have offered to the public at this point.

Sandra Blomfield

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Lanet Spence <[redacted]>

Thu 4/7/2022 5:00 AM

I am emailing you to provide testimony regarding the current redistricting situation.

As a lifelong Alaskan I feel like Eagle River barely matches the demographics in any of the choices presented.

Please accept my testimony as requesting you listen to an Alaska resident that prefers Option 3 as the only choice left that is suitable for our demographic.

Thank you,

Lanet Spence

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ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Steve Carhart [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 7:27 AM

Dear Committee

This is a note to support Senate district K which included districts 9 and 22 South Anchorage and Eagle River

They do have a continuous boundary. One of the largest of any Senate seats. There is a community that looks to overlap both 9 and 22. Stuckagain.
Someone said that South Anchorage was a well-off community and Eagle River not so much. Another one of your Rich person's bad progressive stories. There are many connections between these areas as raised by the testimony. Fire, water systems, lot size, roads, or lack of roads, and recreation. Income, come on.

The reasons presented for not using these combinations was exactly what you did with the old District 8 now 30. A fast growing area around Big Lake is attached with included areas not linked by roads. Large distances between communities. The district has one of the largest population rankings in the state. Areas without a common cultural link. Some subsistence, some commuters, and clearly no connections between most of the communities in the new District 30. Blatant gerrymandering by the committee for District 30.

There seems to be a do only as the Big Ol lawyer Scott Kendal tells you to do. He has an agenda that he uses the threat of expensive lawsuits to include his whims.

I ask that you relook at this pairing before final submission.

Thanks for your time. Steve

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 8:36 am

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Tavoliero**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support the Alaska Senate District Option 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 8:59 am

First Name: **Sherri**

Last Name: **Jackson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please support Option 3 b**

It makes the most sense for everyone

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:28 am

First Name: **Paul**

Last Name: **Berger**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Public Testimony on Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Option 3B is our choice. I'll keep this brief. Thank you for your consideration.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:37 am

First Name: **Charles**

Last Name: **Jolin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:37 am

First Name: **Chris**

Last Name: **Twiford**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: **Na**

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I have reviewed the maps and am aware of the current redistricting situation. I SUPPORT MAP 3B please.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:38 am

First Name: **Tawana**

Last Name: **Jolin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:39 am

First Name: **Dwight**

Last Name: **Hill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support Map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:39 am

First Name: **Linda**

Last Name: **Hill**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support Map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Tim**

Last Name: **Toth**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:49 am

First Name: **Lois**

Last Name: **Turinsky**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:34 am

First Name: **Stephanie**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I support map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:54 am

First Name: **Cecelia**

Last Name: **Donelson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map B3**

Public Comment: **I support map B3**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:14 am

First Name: **Tim**

Last Name: **Delarm**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99523**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:18 am

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Brewster**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **MAP 3B**

Public Comment: **I support Map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:21 am

First Name: **Margaret**

Last Name: **Kircher**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:24 am

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Johnson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:26 am

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Berger**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment:

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:36 am

First Name: **michelle**

Last Name: **hough**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:42 am

First Name: **Heidi**

Last Name: **Jolin**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 11:53 am

First Name: **Shannon**

Last Name: **Wileman**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support Map 3b! Thanks so much!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:00 pm

First Name: **Marie**

Last Name: **Boyd**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **95404**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map B**

Public Comment: **I support Map B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Jodi Taylor [redacted]

Thu 4/7/2022 12:17 PM

Redistricting Board,

Let's get a balanced, fair shake on the senate seats, plan 3B offers that. Let's move forward in a common sense fashion, ER should be paired w South Anchorage (zoning similarities, demographics, and like minded on issues).

Thanks,

Jodi

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:30 pm

First Name: **Deanne**

Last Name: **Warburton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map B3**

Public Comment: **I support map3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:37 pm

First Name: **Sandra**

Last Name: **Graham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **62 year resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please consider Option B as the most workable plan!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:41 pm

First Name: **Sandra**

Last Name: **Graham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **62 year resident**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt option 3B!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:52 pm

First Name: **Matt**

Last Name: **Davis**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3b**

Public Comment: **I support map 3b. Thank you**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:57 pm

First Name: **Elizabeth**

Last Name: **Hersh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Please option B**

Thank you

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 12:59 pm

First Name: **Aaron**

Last Name: **Hersh**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99518**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Please adopt option B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:07 pm

First Name: **Sarah**

Last Name: **Crosswhite**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 1:49 pm

First Name: **Rebecca**

Last Name: **Berger**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: 99516

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): Alaska Redistricting

Public Comment: Keep map 3B

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 2:07 pm

First Name: **Mari**

Last Name: **Wood**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99688**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I support map 3B**

Public Comment:

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 2:18 pm

First Name: **Bruce**

Last Name: **Graham**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Please adopt option 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 3:22 pm

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Carhart**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **None**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99670**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate district k. 3b**

Public Comment: **I support map 3b. The one with 9 and 22. These are a contiguous connected and have people associated by fire issues, lot sizes, septic, road, and recreation.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 3:39 pm

First Name: **Angela**

Last Name: **Lopuhovsky**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support Map B3**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 3:43 pm

First Name: **Andria**

Last Name: **Dolan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Alaska Republican Party**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 3:48 pm

First Name: **brian**

Last Name: **evans**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I support 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3 B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 3:57 pm

First Name: **Carolee**

Last Name: **Gause**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I am in support of B3**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 4:20 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I SUPPORT MAP 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 5:36 pm

First Name: **Julie**

Last Name: **Barrow**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Map B3**

Public Comment: **I have lived in Anchorage for 38 years, I believe map B3 would be the most appropriate option.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 8:05 pm

First Name: **Penny**

Last Name: **Johnson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **In order to conform with fair redistricting reqs, map 3B is my choice. Far more equitable than the others.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:21 pm

First Name: **Jennifer**

Last Name: **Anderson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3b**

Public Comment: **I support map 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:46 pm

First Name: **Tamera**

Last Name: **English**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:48 pm

First Name: **Scott**

Last Name: **English**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting Anchorage**

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 9:50 pm

First Name: **Brian**

Last Name: **Ashley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I Support Map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 7, 2022, 10:56 pm

First Name: **Mary**

Last Name: **Andrus**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99501**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I support map 3b**

Public Comment: **I support map 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:29 am

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Templeton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support Map 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 5:08 am

First Name: **Tracy**

Last Name: **Johnston**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 5:09 am

First Name: **Kristi**

Last Name: **Johnston**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3B.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 6:27 am

First Name: **Geri**

Last Name: **Cannon**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support Map 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 11:08 am

First Name: **Scott**

Last Name: **Bailey**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed Map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support the adoption of Map 3B to continue Senate representation for Eagle River.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 11:59 am

First Name: **Jodie**

Last Name: **Menish**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **We support pairing Girdwood with Eagle River, Option 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

ate: April 8, 2022, 12:00 pm

First Name: **Doug**

Last Name: **Menish**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **We support pairing Girdwood wit Eagle River, Option 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 12:02 pm

First Name: **Melissa**

Last Name: **Bell**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99587**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Senate Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I am in support of option 3B as a Girdwood property owner.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 3:01 pm

First Name: **Steve**

Last Name: **Strait**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99517**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support Pairing HD 9 & 22**

Public Comment: **I am submitting testimony in support of joining House Districts 9 and 22 into a common Senate District as part of 2022 Redistricting plan.**

My name is Steve Strait, a long time resident of Anchorage who has lived on Anchorage's hillside for years.

First the Legal....
Alaska Constitutional Provisions - Article VI

â€œÂ§ 6. District Boundaries â€"Â The Redistricting Board shall establish â€¦...Each senate district shall be composed as near as practicable of two contiguous house districts. Consideration may be given to local government boundaries. Drainage and other geographic features shall be used in describing boundaries wherever possible.â€

The pairing of House Districts 9 and 22 does meet the legal standard for one senate seat by combining H.D. 9 & 22 because they are in fact Contiguous. Since these two districts are contiguous

1. H.D 9 and H.D.22 share a common boundary and therefore are contiguous.

2. Both H.D. 9 & 22 include large areas of elevated terrain and are substantially different from most other Anchorage bowl neighborhoods. Eagle River and Hillside to Girdwood include mountains that range from 2,000-7,000 feet. Both districts share large portions of Chugach State Park, a distinction not shared by other Anchorage house districts.

3. The history of Anchorage government jurisdiction and Chugach State Park is significant by being included into the City (former Bo rough of Anchorage) since the parks establishment. Chugach State Park reaches from Portage and Girdwood, includes the Anchorage Hillside through onto Eagle River and Knik bridge. The inclusion of Chugach State Park in the Muni of Anchorage is by design. The pairing

of H.D. 9 with 22 in a senate seat is consistent with the historical recognition the Park was and continues to be included in Anchorage boundaries.

4. What do Eagle River and South Anchorage share in common? -Chugach State Park

5. -Elevated Terrain

-Winding narrow pioneer homestead roads with associated independent local Road Service Areas of self taxation.

-Life threatening avalanches as recently occurred in E.R, associated with mountains not experienced in the Anchorage lowlands.

-Fire Danger. Spruce Bark Beetles have turned forested elevated hills above Anchorage into huge life threatening fire zones. How do you fight fires... with water of course. However both elevated areas of Eagle River and hillside south anchorage share a common problem.. non existent city provided water/sewer. Homeowners compensate with private water wells and septic systems. Fire hydrants are almost non existent in both elevated areas. Fire trucks must tanker in water up winding roads to fight home and wild fires. In the case of a wild fire residents are predicted to evacuate to lower elevation towards safety as the water trucks head uphill into fire zones leading to traffic conflicts. This known life safety fire danger is an existential threat not shared with lower suburbs of Anchorage or much of the MatSu valley.

-Also shared between HD 9 and 22 are the recreation trails between Girdwood, South Anchorage and Eagle River through Chugach State Park. Travel paths include bicycles, hiking, skiing between both communities

Chugach State Park was created in 1970, it is the third largest Park in the United States. While the Chugach St ate Park is common between H.D. 9 & 22. The historic Iditarod Trail (Crow Pass Trail) travels 28 miles connecting Girdwood to Eagle River as it traverses the Chugach Mountains. Today E.R and South Anchorage higher elevations are connected by hiking, skiing and bicycle trails. These Chugach mountains provide alpine water to both Eagle River and Hillside to Girdwood.

In 1975 the City of Anchorage merged with the Greater Anchorage Area Borough creating the Municipality of Anchorage. Municipal Anchorage includes almost all of Chugach State Park, because of this less than 10% of the Muni is populated. Much of Chugach State Park was intentionally included in the Muni so there is a history of the Park being geologically and politically part of Anchorage.

In summary I support joining House Districts 9 and 22 into one Senate District as part of 2022 Redistricting plan.

Steve Strait
2500 Douglas Drive, Anchorage 99517

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 5:37 pm

First Name: **Jenny**

Last Name: **Iwinski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **2022 proposed pairings option 3B**

Public Comment: **I am writing in support of district map 3B, pairing house districts 9 and 22.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 5:58 pm

First Name: **Michael**

Last Name: **Williams**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistrict**

Public Comment: **I support Map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 8, 2022, 7:26 pm

First Name: **Thomas**

Last Name: **Iwinski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Proposed map 3B**

Public Comment: **I am writing in support of map 3B and combination of districts 9 and 22.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:08 am

First Name: **Stephen**

Last Name: **Romanelli**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:10 am

First Name: **Brittany**

Last Name: **Tompkins**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **B3**

Public Comment: **I support purposed map B3**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:11 am

First Name: **Scott**

Last Name: **Myers**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **I support 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:11 am

First Name: **Jamie**

Last Name: **Donley**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. It's the only redistricting map that makes sense. The other redistricting maps look like they were put together by people with a political agenda. Thank you for your time.**

Jamie Donley

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:19 am

First Name: **Mike**

Last Name: **Keiffer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I am from Eagle River and I support plan 3b.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:28 am

First Name: **Wayne**

Last Name: **DeVore**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99654**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I'm a business owner in Wasilla and I'm concerned about the political agenda going on with the Redistricting board. Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The other maps look fishy they were put together with a political agenda. Thank you for your time. Why are more people not calling out the redistricting board for being manipulating and using it as a political tool to further one party or the other.**

Wayne DeVore

[redacted]

[redacted]

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:32 am

First Name: **Tammy**

Last Name: **Smith**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **SUPPORT 3B FOR OUR REDISTRICTING MAP**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of East Anchorage we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:38 am

First Name: **Rodney**

Last Name: **George**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:45 am

First Name: **Rachel**

Last Name: **Ries**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Supper for 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Anchorage we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:49 am

First Name: **Crystal**

Last Name: **Kennedy**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support of 3B and Opposed to Option 2**

Public Comment: **Option 2 is one of the most egregious attempts to minimize representation in the Chugiak Eagle River area ever devised. For at least the past 40 years, as the community of Chugiak Eagle River has grown, the area has been represented by two senators. For almost three of those decades the community was represented in these seats by people who lived in either Chugiak, Peters Creek or Eagle River specifically. With Option 2, all of the Chugiak Eagle River area becomes encased in one senate district and essentially the entire area (MOA's District 2) will have one senator.**

The Chugiak Eagle River area was recently acknowledged by the Municipality of Anchorage's own reapportionment plan as a compact and cohesive community by which it maintained its individuality and identity as a whole community. This recognized community is now being threatened with a significant decrease in representation in the Alaska State Senate that it has never been threatened with before should Option 2 be adopted. For over 50 years the community has jointly shared some of its representation with either Anchorage or with the Mat-Su Borough thereby allowing two senators to represent the entire area. To allow the reduction of that representation by 50% is unprecedented and unconscionable.

Option 3B, though not ideal, at least maintains Chugiak Eagle River's historical and current levels of representation in the Senate. Please be very co nscious of the damage that could be inflicted, a precedence that would be undone, and the history that would be ignored with Option 2. Instead, please support the fairness and continuation of the level of representation that this community has experienced and relied on and was apparently, at least up till now, entitled to by supporting Option 3B. Thank you!

Crystal Kennedy

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:53 am

First Name: **Kristen**

Last Name: **Bush**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:54 am

First Name: **Bernice**

Last Name: **Rhornton**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 11:55 am

First Name: **Peter**

Last Name: **Bush**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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A website response from the Map Comment form as been received with the following submission details.

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:05 pm

First Name: **Christine**

Last Name: **Banfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:06 pm

First Name: **Stephanie**

Last Name: **Taylor**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99504**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Anchorage, we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:09 pm

First Name: **Gordon**

Last Name: **Banfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:10 pm

First Name: **Makayla**

Last Name: **Banfield**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Map 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

First Name: **Karen**

Last Name: **Carson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99508**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **I prefer map 3B**

Public Comment:

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:29 pm

First Name: **Melissa**

Last Name: **Hickey**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:35 pm

First Name: **Lawrence**

Last Name: **Marshall**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Please support plan 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for the best representation for the Eagle River community on the redistricting map!**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 12:56 pm

First Name: **Terrence**

Last Name: **Shanigan**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Self**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99502**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **Support map 3B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:04 pm

First Name: **Meredyth**

Last Name: **Richards**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Support 3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Eagle River we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 1:16 pm

First Name: **Robin**

Last Name: **Platt**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:10 pm

First Name: **James**

Last Name: **Wojciehowski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting map 3-B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3-B. Eagle River deserves equal representation**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:12 pm

First Name: **Joyce**

Last Name: **Wojciehowski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting map 3B**

Public Comment: **I support map 3-B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 2:44 pm

First Name: **Louis**

Last Name: **Imbriani**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99577**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3-B**

Public Comment: **I urge the adoption of Map 3-B. As an Eagle River resident I want to be fairly represented in Juneau. This map does that. Combining parts of Anchorage with Eagle River will cause some residents voices to be silenced. They life styles and needs of those living in East Anchorage are different than those of Eagle River residents. Please adopt map 3-b.**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 3:46 pm

First Name: **Karrsen**

Last Name: **Brannon-Young**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99503**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **3B**

Public Comment: **Please support 3B for our redistricting map. The plan should be balanced and fair and accurately represent the people of Anchorage and Eagle River. This process needs to be fair to all not just a small group of individuals. As a resident of Anchorage we as a community deserve to be heard and request you support 3B for our redistricting map.**

Thank you!

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 9, 2022, 4:05 pm

First Name: **Margaret**

Last Name: **Nelson**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3b**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Date: April 8, 2022, 9:40 pm

First Name: **Kari**

Last Name: **MacDonald**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99516**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **2022 option 3B**

Public Comment: **In evaluating the consideration of remapping I firmly support 3B. This allows a solid mix of diversity and political affiliation to represent Alaska while maintaining the voice of our precious military. I support 3B and I hope you will support this as well.**

Thanks

Kari

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Date: April 10, 2022, 10:04 am

First Name: **Jeff**

Last Name: **Allen**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **Basher Community (Stuckagain Heights)**

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **None**

Public Comment: **I support map 3-B**

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
WEBSITE RESPONSE

Date: April 10, 2022, 11:44 pm

First Name: **Ashley**

Last Name: **Kobylinski**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99515**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable):

Public Comment: **I support map 3B**

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Date: April 11, 2022, 1:23 pm

First Name: **Susan**

Last Name: **Fischetti**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **N/A**

Email or Phone Contact: **N/A**

Your ZIP Code: **Eagle River**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **4/7/2022 ARB Meeting Verbal Public Testimony**

Public Comment: **Susan testified in support of a Chugach Mountain district as outlined in the Option 3-B Map for the following reasons:**

1) Districts 22 and 9 are the two large districts with several acres of parks and mountains; there are no other districts like this.

2) Upper Hillside and Eagle River have previously been combined as a Senate pairing and it is still logical to pair them.

3) Anchorage has become more urbanized. Eagle River and Hillside residents chose a suburban lifestyle surrounded by mountains and wildlife rather than the city.

4) Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) districts should remain intact and this map achieves that.

Susan agrees that there is public confusion with the Anchorage Assembly redistricting process where several community members testified to keep the Assembly districts separate. Now, the public is struggling with the changes being presented by the board and this may impact their willingness to call in.

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Date: April 12, 2022, 9:29 pm

First Name: **Brett**

Last Name: **Barringer**

Group Affiliation, if applicable:

Email or Phone Contact: [redacted]

Your ZIP Code: **99507**

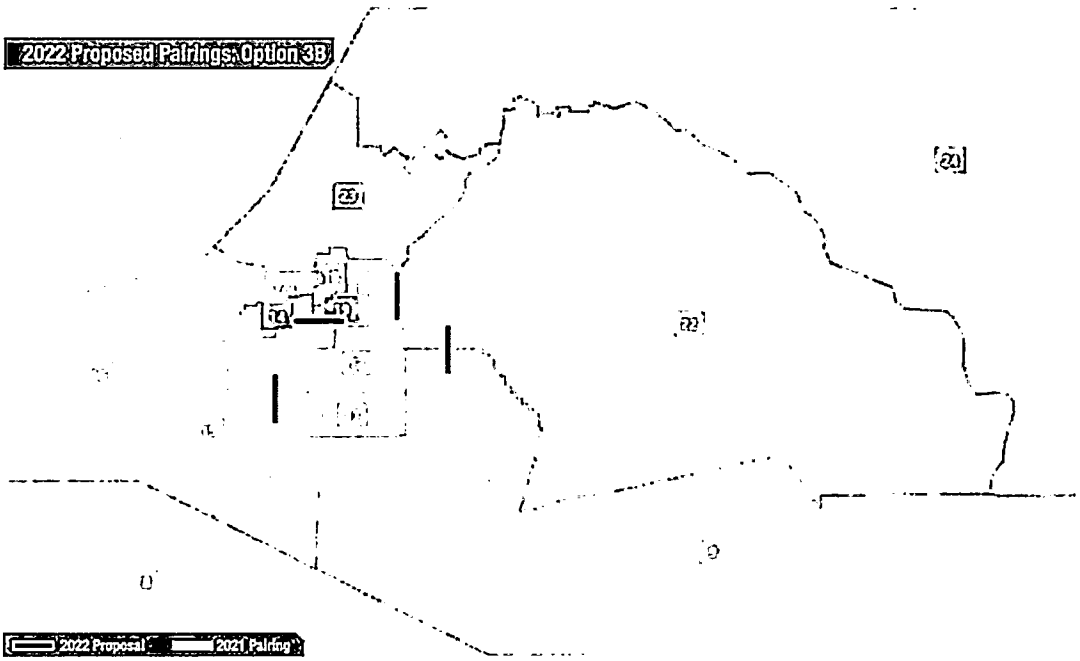
Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Redistricting**

Public Comment: **I'm writing in support of map 3-B. Thank you.**

EXHIBIT C

Conservatives needed to support Redistricting Board as it considers two maps of Senate pairings for Anchorage

By **Suzanne Downing** - April 6, 2022



Alaska State Sen. Tom Begich, a shadow member of the Alaska Redistricting Board, told the Redistricting Board this week that he was not involved at all in creating a map offered by one of his puppets on the board, Melanie Bahnke. But that is not what the record shows. Text messages show that the Bahnke Plan to divide up Senate districts in Anchorage is the exact plan provided to her by Tom Begich.

That was just one of the many dramas in Alaska redistricting capers this week as the Alaska Redistricting Board continues to try to find a Senate political boundary map that will pass legal muster, after the Supreme Court sent the last map back to the drawing board, saying that not enough time was allotted for public testimony.

Two plans are now being considered. The map offered by Bahnke has been withdrawn.

The first map being considered would give Democrats four Senate seats in Anchorage. It would also quash the military vote by pairing JBER with downtown Anchorage, making it pointless for military members to vote in local and legislative elections, as they would have their votes outnumbered by downtown liberals. If the military voters don't vote, then it can have an effect on presidential races.

The second map, which is less partisan, would maintain three Republican seats and give the Democrats two seats.

Conservatives are needed to testify in support of what is being called the 3-B map, which preserves most of the political boundaries.

Here are the opportunities to testify:

two plans now. pages of testimony bullets to testify.

The Bahnke plan is no more. Two plans left.

Marcum produced a plan for Anchorage that is .

they all agreed not having names on plans is best thing.

Number 2 is hard core Dem.

3-B is the nonparisatan fair plan. it maintains three of the districts – senate pairings as they are in the proclamation plan. only makes changes to four of eight districts. of those, is one almost the same as current district. district 10-13=seat L, almost the same boundaries.

one is same as we currently haven.

going to have new numbers and letters.

one is same s Dem propose., dis. 20-21.

new districts would be with biggest controversy.

dist. 22 major part of eagle river. paired with 9, which is south hillside.

23 district is Uber churciak and Peters creek.

districts 14-19, Spenard midtown and med. university lake

3 opp to tesimoney this week. one or two more next week.

Thursday at noon.

Friday at 10 am

Saturday at noon.

most important meeting is wed. 13 at 10 am., testimony, and then debate and decide.

in person at LIO, call number or written testimony.

Democrats pushing hard for 17 and 23 to go together. most of JBER with downtown. so different. trying to nullify the military vote.

working class vote. vs hoity toity vote.

quad the legislative but get rid of military for presidential race. up ticket down ticket.

Melanie and Nicole badgering and bullying testifiers. make fools of them they don't know answers to.

my testimony is give testimony and hang up.

make case for 9-22 together. eagle river with hillside. socioeconomic does not apply to senate pairings.

we have five republicans now.

plan 2 from democrats gives us 2 republicans. our plan gives us 3.

one more plan is hybrid of these plans, would give the dems four hard d seats. even worse than plan out there.

he is considering this hybrid plan. four hard d seats.

our plan is 3 republican and 2 democrats

theirs 2 republic 3 demo.

hybrid is four d seats.

The Alaska Redistricting Board will meet via Zoom. The public is invited to join the Zoom conference or attend in-person at the Anchorage Legislative Information office. Public testimony will be taken in-person or via teleconference using the phone numbers below.

Zoom Link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89928032095?pwd=aHVxTXdNVEhNNTNvL0xMeVhkaXc3QT09

In-Person Location:
- Anchorage Legislative Information Office
- 1500 W Benson Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99503
- Denali Conference Room, 1st Floor

When:
- **Thursday April 7 at Noon**

The public may listen or testify via the Legislative Teleconference System by dialing:

- Anchorage 563-9085
- Juneau 586-9085
- Other 844-586-9085

Thursday, April 7: 12:00pm (noon)

Public Testimony in Person at LIO or via Dial-in Teleconference

Teleconference public listen-in and testimony phone numbers: Anchorage 563-9085, Juneau 586-9085, Other 844-586-9085

Suzanne Downing

Suzanne Downing had careers in business and journalism before serving as the Director of Faith and Community-based Initiatives for Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and returning to Alaska to serve as speechwriter for Gov. Sean Parnell. Born on the Oregon coast, she moved to Alaska in 1969.

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Must Read Alaska is news of people, politics, policy, culture, and happenings in Alaska. It is edited by Suzanne Downing, who first landed in Alaska in 1969, and has called it home ever since.

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April 2, 2022

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524

RE: Narrow Scope of Remand Authority to Correct Senate District K Pairings
Our File No.: 508532.2

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The purpose of this letter is to provide support and validation to the Alaska Redistricting Board as it explains to the public the Board's limited discretion on remand as compared to the initial redistricting process. Unlike the initial redistricting process, the work of the Board is strictly limited to correcting the constitutional infirmities in House District 38 and Senate District K. Thus, while East Anchorage Plaintiffs genuinely appreciate the Board's inclusion of substantial public testimony and multiple public hearings on remand, they fully acknowledge that the Board cannot reopen all Anchorage senate or house districts without directly violating the court order and the Alaska Constitution. Similarly, East Anchorage Plaintiffs also recognize that the Board must move quickly and that while public testimony is important, the scope of the remand order does not afford the Board weeks to cure an error that took only a day to make, especially where this delay impacts the upcoming election.

While East Anchorage Plaintiffs have advocated zealously for public participation in the redistricting process and continue to emphasize the importance of the public's notice of and right to attend Board remand proceedings, the Board's duty this Saturday is to act quickly, efficiently, and narrowly to correct the minimal errors identified by the court. East Anchorage Plaintiffs are hoping that this letter validates the Board's narrow scope at the upcoming hearing and serves to remind the public that the Board does not have the authority to review the senate districts in Anchorage as a whole or more broadly reexamine house districts in addressing the "Cantwell Appendage," even if presented with public testimony supporting such action. Instead, the Board must act within the narrow confines of the remand order or face further legal consequences.

Similarly, in addition to the limitations on the Board's consideration on remand under the court order and the Alaska Constitution, East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognize that the ethical obligations of the Board, and the consequences that arise from the intentional violation of a court order or even undue delay in complying with such an order also inform the Board's narrow and swift corrective action.

East Anchorage Plaintiffs have provided a more in-depth examination of the legal constraints facing the Board, to further explain the differences in process between this narrowly tailored hearing and the initial November 8, 2021 hearing on senate pairings.

The Board's actions on remand are limited to the language of the court orders. The Alaska Supreme Court upheld the Board's actions and proclamations regarding every senate district and every house district *but for* Senate District K and House District 38. In so doing, the Alaska Supreme Court expressly recognized the limited scope of its ruling and remand, asserting with precision that:

> The superior court determined that Senate District K was unconstitutional on the grounds of equal protection, due process, and violating the public hearings requirement... We note that the superior court did not rule that the underlying house districts were unconstitutional and that no party asserts that the underlying house districts are unconstitutional. The superior court's determination relates solely to the senate pairing of house districts. We AFFIRM the superior court's determination that the Board's Senate K pairing of house districts constituted an unconstitutional political gerrymander violating equal protection under the Alaska Constitution, and we therefore AFFIRM the superior court's remand to the Board to correct the constitutional error.[1]

Similarly, in its Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court issued on March 30, 2022, the Superior Court remanded to:

> 1) Correct the Constitutional errors identified by this Court and the Supreme court in Senate District K; ... and
>
> 3) To make other revisions to the proclamation plan resulting or related to these changes.[2]

In its remand, the Superior Court was also careful to retain jurisdiction over the proceeding so that it could address any concerns on remand quickly.

In light of the limited scope of the remand by both the Alaska Supreme Court and the Alaska Superior Court, the only senate pairings that may be disrupted are those that will be paired and unpaired to correct the equal protection clause violation in Senate District K.

In conducting the remand, any decision to disturb a lawful and promulgated district must be weighed against the constitutional requirement that districts be adopted in the manner *and within the time periods* identified in the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute. In other words, any effort by the Board to throw open the senate districts in Anchorage or beyond for a "redo"

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1 *In the matter of the 2021 Redistricting Cases,* Supreme Court No. S-18322, Order Dated 3/25/22 at 5-6.

2 Order Following Remand from the Alaska Supreme Court, March 30, 2022.

would be blatantly unlawful and would effectively result in a failure by the Board to comply with time constraints imposed by the Constitution.

Accordingly, the only correction that appears to preserve the Board's adopted pairings while correcting the unconstitutional Senate District K is as follows:

Senate District E (Marcum)
House District 9: South Anchorage/Turnagain Arm/Whittier
House District 10: Oceanview/Klatt

Senate District F (Marcum)
House District 11: Lower Hillside
House District 12: Far North Bicentennial Park

Senate District G (Marcum)
House District 13: Campbell
House District 14: Spenard

Senate District H (Marcum)
House District 15: Sand Lake/Campbell Lake
House District 16: Anchorage Airport

Senate District I (Bahnke)
House District 17: Downtown Anchorage
House District 23: Government Hill/JBER/Northeast Anchorage

Senate District J (Bahnke)
House District 18: Mountainview/Airport Heights
House District 19: U-Med

Senate District K (Bahnke)
House District 20: North Muldoon
House District 21: South Muldoon

Senate District L (Bahnke)
House District 22: Eagle River Valley
House District 24: North Eagle River/Chugiak

While East Anchorage Plaintiffs recognized the value of pairings proposed by others at the initial November 8, 2021 hearing, the court order and the proclamation process simply do not authorize the Board to take action beyond the action mandated by the court.

Finally, East Anchorage Plaintiffs commend the Board for not only adopting a predominately fair and effective proclamation plan, but for acting quickly and lawfully to make the

small corrections to that plan identified by the court. Each of the Board members should be extremely proud of this accomplishment and the great service they have provided all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

BIRCH HORTON BITTNER & CHEROT

Holly C. Wells
Mara E. Michaletz
Zoe A. Danner

EXHIBIT E

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Dr. Chase Hensel and Dr. Phyllis Morrow
April 8, 2022

Alaska Redistricting Board
PO Box 240147
Anchorage, AK 99524

RE: Board Plans to Split Eagle River for Senate Pairing Purposes

Dear members of the Alaska Redistricting Board:

The purpose of this letter is to provide further information about the Eagle River community of interest to aid in the work of the Board on remand. We will use the term Eagle River to mean Proclamation District ("PD") 22 and PD 24: Eagle River, Eagle River Valley and Chugiak, which together constitute the Eagle River community of interest. Currently, there are two plans before the board: Plan 2, which preserves the Eagle River and East Anchorage communities of interest, and Plan 3B, which splits the Eagle River community of interest and pairs PD 22 with PD 9. In light of the information discussed herein, it is our strong belief that the Eagle River community of interest, like the East Anchorage community of interest, can and should be preserved in a single, cohesive senate district in order to best comply with the narrow orders issued by both the Superior Court and Alaska Supreme Court. For these reasons, it is our belief that Plan 3B should be rejected.

As you will recall from the trial court proceedings, Dr. Hensel testified as an expert witness for East Anchorage Plaintiffs. Dr. Hensel has a B.A. from Cornell University, an MA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Anthropology, and a Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in Anthropology. Dr. Hensel has worked extensively on a variety of consulting projects throughout the state, including a previous redistricting case. Dr. Hensel worked on the constitutional challenge to the Alaska Official English Initiative. Dr. Hensel is a retired Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Dr. Morrow has also consulted on community-based projects throughout Alaska and in a variety of legal cases. Dr. Morrow has a B.A. from Harvard University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. She is Professor of Anthropology and Dean of Liberal Arts, Emerita, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

About Communities of Interest

The degree to which a community has shared interests that are relevant to their political representation is key to the redistricting process. To determine the existence, geographic extent, and strength of a community of interest we need to consider qualitative and quantitative data as indicators of commonality.

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Eagle River has all the characteristics of a clearly defined community of interest, not only in terms of its socioeconomic profile, with which the board is familiar, but in terms of its historical continuity and consistent representation as a distinct and separate entity. It is represented as such by both the members of the community and people outside of the community.

Sharing a community of interest is not just a matter of visibly similar demographic characteristics or voting patterns. More fundamentally, it is about shared needs for representation with respect to issues rooted in the experience of living in a specific location. In other words, members of a community of interest approach the political process with common experiences and needs. History, culture, geography and the accumulation of personal choices – all the opportunities and constraints that people live with – make places and their needs unique. This is why the notion of communities of interest is relevant to the political process.

Because a large data set informs the question of whether and to what degree a population constitutes a community of interest, it can be a judgment call as to where the boundaries of a community of interest lie. In the Eagle River case, however, there is no question: all the signposts point in the same direction.

The Eagle River Community of Interest

PD 22 (Eagle River Valley) and PD 24 (Eagle River/Chugiak) comprise a single community of interest.

Eagle River and Chugiak share a boundary that is largely along rugged geography, thus limiting points of access. To get from one to the other, however, the Glenn Highway provides an easy and direct route. With no competing routes or other main roads leading elsewhere, the highway links these two places more than the geography separates them. While the same highway also connects to Anchorage, the distance is approximately three times as far.

Where people have local infrastructure to allow them to pursue most of their routine activities, their primary sphere is generally close to where they live. The connections among people become denser and more continuous within such areas, reinforcing their orientation toward the local area. Residents of Eagle River may need to come to the Anchorage urban area to work or to obtain services unavailable near home, but they orient to their immediate community through schools, worship, recreation and shopping for sundries and groceries.

Though there is good road connection between urban Anchorage and Eagle River, residents of urban Anchorage, with its dense and diverse infrastructure, do not routinely travel there. Residents of urban Anchorage have the densely connected city as their sphere of activity, with access to resources within their own and surrounding sectors. The

one-way flow is significant: between well-connected populations, a reciprocal flow is to be expected.

In practice, Eagle River is treated as a separate community. When the Covid-19 epidemic led to travel restrictions between communities in the spring of 2020, the State of Alaska understood Eagle River to be a separate community within which most "critical personal needs" could be met, "common sense" dictating that discrete place names and local perceptions of "geographic separation" define a community.[1] Covid-19 Health Mandate 11 was structured in the form of FAQs. Concerning travel during lockdown, the answer to "How is 'community' defined?" was this:

> The prohibition on travel between communities is designed so that people must use the closest available services to fulfill critical personal needs. Common sense applies – normal usage of location names and understanding of geographic separation applies when asking about community boundaries. For instance, Eagle River, Palmer, Wasilla, and Anchorage are all separate communities. You may only travel to another community for critical personal needs if you cannot meet those needs in your community.

Even if one had to go to Anchorage for some essential purpose, the mandate instructed, e.g., filling the gas tank and getting food locally before leaving one's community. For epidemiological purposes, Eagle River was considered a closed community. This was, in other words, a situation in which, excepting critical needs, residents of Eagle River and Muldoon had no access to each other's areas.

As another example, although Eagle River schools are part of the Anchorage School District, the bus service has a different transportation provider, Reliant Transportation – Chugiak/Eagle River.[2]

In a variety of contexts, Eagle River residents represent themselves as a highly distinct community that is focused on place-based issues within the area they consider theirs:

The public Facebook page "Chugiak - Eagle River Area News and Info" has 2,400 members. A sense of community, sharing of information and a reference to the U.S. Constitution are all expressed in the group's dedication to: "All things Chugiak - Eagle River area. This local news and information Facebook group is 'for' the local community

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1 https://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2020/FAQs 03272020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-011-012.pdf.

2 https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5421.

and 'by' the local community including those with local information to share that may be of interest to those in the community."[3]

The area has a newspaper, the Alaska Star.[4] Its description as a "weekly community newspaper that has served Chugiak-Eagle River for more than 35 years" expresses longstanding identity as a distinct place. The newspaper's Instagram site identifies the area served as "Chugiak, Eagle River, Peters Creek, Eklutna and Thunderbird Falls" recognizing the interconnections of subscribers/readers/residents in these named places. People orient to each other within this local area.[5]

The Chugiak-Eagle River Professionals Group refers multiple times to the distinctiveness of the community and its common interests.[6] The opening statement "About Us" is that "The Chugiak-Eagle River Community is unique!" The group's goal is that "Individuals who live, work, raise families, and play in our community will have a forum to meet others of like-minded interests, educate themselves both professionally and personally, stay up-to-date with local events & opportunities for coordinated volunteer/service projects, become familiar with our community's unique past and assist in making their own positive footprint in the future."

Local festivals are also an expression of place-based identities. The 2021 Official Guide to the Bear Paw Festival frames the event in terms of "coming together as a community to celebrate our successes, acknowledge the work we still have to do, and to enjoy a week in July that makes the Chugiak-Eagle River area the best place to call home." This characterization explicitly ties local needs for action with a sense of shared community in a shared place.[7] Self-described as "the largest and longest running community event in Chugiak-Eagle River," the festival features distinctively local events including "Slippery Salmon Olympics" and the "Chopped Salmon Throwdown."[8]

The Chugiak Eagle River Advisory Board, "constituted in order to review and make recommendations on actions regarding potential changes in land use issues that impact multiple Community Council areas in the Chugiak Eagle River area," is another indication that the residents of the area share a set of distinctly place-based concerns.[9]

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3 https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 407722959839121.

4 https://www.alaskastar.com/.

5 https://www.instagram.com › starnewspaper.

6 https://www.cer.org/ government-structures-and-local-public-servic.

7 https://issuu.com/61degrees/docs/2021 eagle river official bear paw guide.

8 https://www.facebook.com/BearPawFestival/.

9 https://www.cer.org/government-structures-and-local-public-servic.

The language of EaglExit also appeals to shared history and to the sense of an enduring and distinct community that shares common needs in place:[10]

> *The Village of Eklutna was the beginning of local governance in our area. The homesteaders that came later also showed a strong desire for our own city separate from Anchorage. A Chugiak-Eagle River Borough existed for two years in the early 70s. Now our journey continues with a strong desire to form an independent local government built on the vision of its people. The new government and school district would be built from the bottom up, focusing on the very basic needs of our local residents.*

That EaglExit's goals echo multiple efforts over the decades, since the 1970s, to detach the area from Anchorage and form a separate governmental entity indicates an ongoing local dialogue around topics of autonomy and interdependence.[11]

From these sources, it is evident that Eagle River residents take as a given their historical continuity as a separate community. A strong community of interest tends to be a self-reinforcing entity: people are drawn there because of its character and they stay there because that character suits them.

In the extensive testimony on redistricting, adjectives people used to describe their areas were consistent with those that appeared in the non-political contexts cited above. Notably, people who identified as living in Eagle River recurrently used descriptors that suggested self-containment or self-sufficiency, like "separate," "stand alone," "separate on its own," "an independent community" and "unique."

Conclusions

Eagle River forms an obvious and clearly defined community of interest. It is our opinion that dividing a community of interest creates both dilution and friction in the political process.

Division of the Eagle River community of interest would dilute its voting power by splitting it between two districts. This harms the community thus divided. Residents would lose the ability to have their collective interests efficiently and effectively represented.

An undivided community of interest gets a senator's undivided attention. As an example, if a plurality of Eagle River community of interest residents wanted to form a separate borough, they would rely on concerted support from their state senator.

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10 https://eaglexit.com/about/.

11 https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2019/04/18/chugiak-eagle-river-residents-renew-effort-to-separate-from-anchorage/.

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Divided, a community of interest must compete for the attention of two Senators, each responsible for a broader, less cohesive district's concerns. Because Eagle River's interests are so collectively defined, any population outside of that community of interest with which half of Eagle River might be paired would also find itself competing for attention. This creates more friction among voters.

It is not that constituents in a single community of interest have the same opinions; it is that they share concerns about what is important to the people of their community, even when they have different approaches to dealing with those concerns. In a pairing of differing communities of interest, there is tension in the priorities as well as the possible approaches for addressing them.

It would be harmful to intentionally create districts that have a distinct fault line, with Eagle River constituents continuing to orient towards the collective needs of the Eagle River community of interest. Pairing Eagle River with any other house district risks dividing other communities of interest.

Pairing options are not always this clear cut, but when they are, the path of action is obvious. To divide Eagle River and pair the pieces with even more distant and disparate house districts would be to entirely disregard community of interest requirements.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chase Hensel

Dr. Phyllis Morrow

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EXHIBIT F

ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD
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Date: April 6, 2022, 7:51 am

First Name: **Randy.** Last Name: **Ruedrich**

Group Affiliation, if applicable: **AFFER**

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Your ZIP Code: **99501-4495**

Issue of Concern (Please provide map name if applicable): **Corrected Final Map of Anchorage Senate District - Replaces prior comments on topic**

Public Comment: **Time for final look at the Anchorage Senate Map. In November 2021 I testified that HD 22 could be paired with HD 20, HD 21 and HD 9. These three pairing create the contiguous districts that satisfy the Alaska Constitutional requirement for senate district pairing. Let's explore the third option HD 9.**

The entire Anchorage Municipality is socio-economically integrated as a matter of law. Hence all sixteen Anchorage Municipality House Districts are socio-economically integrated.

Four 2021 Proclamation Map Senate Districts are acceptable as paired: District F: HD 11 & 12, the Anchorage Lower Hillside; District H: HD 15 & 16, Western Anchorage; District I: HD 17 & 18, Downtown/Mountain View and District L: HD 23 & HD 24, Northern Muni Districts.

Senate District E pairs HD 9 & HD 22 which are the Muni Eastern uplands. Road service areas and snow management are common upland issues. 2001 Map combined major parts of this senate district in a single House District when their populations were smaller. Higher price single family homes are typical throughout the proposed District E.

Senate District G pairs HD 10 & HD 13 lie mostly west of Seward Highway. More than 75% of this proposed district is in District L today. Medium-priced single-family homes are present throughout proposed Senate District G. The Dimond Blvd sh opping and recreation is the focus of District G.

Senate District J pairs HD 14 & HD 19 in mid-town Anchorage. Spenard and U/Med share higher density housing. These mid-town districts have been paired in prior Redistricting Board Proclamations

Senate District K pairs HD 20 & D 21 in Muldoon/Baxter. This district is closely tied to JBER for jobs and off base housing. The commercial activities along Muldoon Road serve the entire Senate District.

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RE: Notice of Violation of Remand Order
Our File No.: 508532.2

Dear Mr. Singer:

Felisa Wilson, Yarrow Silvers, and George Martinez (the "East Anchorage Plaintiffs") have been engaged in the remand before the Alaska Redistricting Board (the "Board") and are concerned by clear indications that members of the Board intend to ignore the limited scope of the Board's authority under the remand order and/or to expressly reject the order and refuse to comply with its direction.

As expressed in the April 2, 2022 letter submitted by East Anchorage Plaintiffs, the Board has a legal obligation to correct the unconstitutional gerrymander perpetrated in Senate District K, which does not authorize it to disrupt other senate districts that are not needed to make that correction. Accordingly, the preliminary pairings initially adopted by the Board identified as "Plan 1" exceeded the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Similarly, "Plan 3B" exceeds the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Like the rejected Senate District K, Plan 3B splits Eagle River in two, but rather than pairing Eagle River Valley with South Muldoon, Plan 3B reaches over the mountain range to pair it with the Hillside, Girdwood, Portage, and Whittier. Any plan that perpetuates the political gerrymander recognized by the court, namely the fragmentation of Eagle River into two separate senate districts to increase representation by the majority political party in the Alaska Senate, exceeds the Board's limited scope of authority on remand. Further, any plan that disrupts senate districts that are not necessary to correct the partisan gerrymander also exceeds the Board's authority on remand.

The Board's refusal to recognize its limited authority throughout this week's proceedings, and its continued consideration of plans that repeat the political gerrymander rejected by the court cause grave concern for East Anchorage Plaintiffs. Board Chair Binkley's acknowledgement of the court order regarding the "Cantwell Appendage" and then his express refusal to vote in compliance with that order was extremely concerning. Similarly, efforts by Board Members Marcum and Binkley to consider Plan 4, which would undo underlying house districts that had not

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been challenged in the application for correction of errors process, and thus were not at issue on remand lends credence to East Anchorage Plaintiffs' concerns.

East Anchorage Plaintiffs respectfully request that you remind members of the Board that the intent of the majority of its members to split Eagle River between two senate districts to increase representation for the majority political party in the State Senate has been proven by plaintiffs and found by the court to be intentional and illegal. In other words, the illegality of the Board's fragmentation of Eagle River, and the intention behind it, is not in question or up for interpretation. The Board's impermissible intent does not somehow disappear simply because the Board replaces one group of diluted voters with another. The remand is a court mandate to correct the unlawful partisan gerrymander, not an opportunity for perpetrators of the initial unlawful gerrymander to gerrymander more artfully.

In the event the Board fails to correct its unconstitutional action before the April 15, 2022 court update, East Anchorage Plaintiffs intend to file a motion with the court seeking a modification of its order to: (1) expressly prohibit the Board from perpetuating the partisan gerrymander and (2) mandate a date certain by which the Board must follow the court's direction. If East Anchorage Plaintiffs are forced to file such a motion, East Anchorage Plaintiffs will also seek sanctions and the maximum penalties available against the Board and its members under both law and equity.

Sincerely,

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Re: Alaska Redistricting Board
Our File No. 137696-262008

Dear Ms. Wells:

I write in response to your "notice of violation of remand order." The Alaska Supreme Court and the superior court directed the Board to make two corrections to the proclamation plan: to remove the "Cantwell appendage" from House District 36 and to replace Senate District K. The Board is in the process of making these two corrections. In so doing, the Board has been appropriately mindful of the scope of its authority on remand and has focused on accomplishing the tasks directed by the courts. The Board has moved swiftly and appropriately to initiate a new public process to accomplish the tasks directed by the remand orders.

Having previously alleged that the Board did not adequately consider public input, the East Anchorage plaintiffs, through your letter, now reverse course and seek to stifle the public process. Your letter seeks to foreclose the Board from even discussing some of the options presented by the public for new Anchorage senate districts. In making such a demand, the East Anchorage plaintiffs are seeking to interfere with a public process contemplated by the state constitution. Baseless legal threats will not dissuade the Board from fulfilling its constitutional obligations, including the obligation to consider and debate options available to it.

Much of your letter contains assertions so frivolous that they do not warrant serious response. The Board is not required, for example, to vote in unanimity. Nor are Board members precluded from expressing respectful disagreement with the court. Your assertion that the Board has violated the court's remand order despite the fact that the Board has yet to take any formal final action is legally incorrect on its face.

The Board has held several public hearings and is continuing to receive and review written testimony. The Board believes all testimony is important and will read and consider all submissions. The Board will meet again on April 13 and 14 to deliberate as it works towards its goal of issuing a revised proclamation plan.

Finally, if there are valid objections to the Board's revised proclamation plan, there is a process to address those concerns under Section 11 of Article VI, *after* the Board adopts its revised plan.

Sincerely,

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